

$$(2.55) \quad \{f, g\} \leftrightarrow -i[\hat{q}, \hat{p}], \quad \{f, g\} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i} \xleftrightarrow{i} [\hat{q}, \hat{p}] = \hat{q} \hat{p} - \hat{p} \hat{q}.$$

Classical ↔ Quantum, The corresponding association between the two mechanics.

$$(2.56) \quad \{f, H\} \leftrightarrow -i[\hat{F}(t), \hat{\omega}]$$

Thus, we see that we can introduce a *Hamilton operator* \hat{H} we have the relationship

$$(2.57) \quad \hat{H} \leftrightarrow \hat{\omega} \quad \text{or even}^{57} \quad \hat{H}_\omega = \hbar \hat{\omega}.$$

We have that the frequency operator is synonymous with the *Hamilton operator*, which provides the quantum energy. Planck's constant \hbar is a constant relationship between the angular frequency and the quantum energy.

You can choose $\hbar=1$, when the unit of measure for $\hat{H} \sim E_\omega$ and $\hat{\omega} \sim 2\pi f$ is the same. E.g.:

- Quantum energy E_ω can be measured in $[(2\pi)\text{Hz}]$, which is the angular radian rotation [per second], or
- Angle frequency ω may be measured in [eV] or [Joule], which are units of energy.⁵⁸

2.2.3.3. Schrödinger Picture

We look at an arbitrary stationary probability function $|\psi\rangle$ and compare it with *quantities* of the type \tilde{q}_ω from the circle oscillator.

$$(2.58) \quad |\psi_\omega\rangle \sim \tilde{q}_\omega$$

The parameter dependent probability function (2.47) is compared with (2.42);

$$(2.59) \quad |\psi_\omega(t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} |\psi_\omega\rangle \sim e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} \tilde{q}_\omega = e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} (\tilde{q}_\omega) \sim \varphi_\omega(t).$$

By further comparing with (2.43) we get the possibility of an evolutionary probability function

$$(2.60) \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} |\psi_\omega\rangle \sim q(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \tilde{q}(\omega) \sim \varphi(t).$$

By incorporating $|\psi(t)\rangle \sim \varphi(t)$ in (2.40) we get the equation

$$(2.61) \quad \boxed{i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{\omega} |\psi(t)\rangle}.$$

Here we write the evolution of a probability *quantity* $|\psi(t)\rangle$ as a parameter-dependent complex oscillation operator $e^{-i\hat{\omega}t}$ given by the frequency operator $\hat{\omega}$, acting on a constant complex start probability *quantity* $|\psi\rangle = |\psi(0)\rangle$, see (2.47), thus

$$(2.62) \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} |\psi\rangle.$$

From here rewritten (2.61)

$$(2.63) \quad i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{-i\omega t} |\psi\rangle = \hat{\omega} e^{-i\omega t} |\psi\rangle$$

When the operator $\hat{\omega}$ is a constant, $u_\omega(t) = e^{-i\hat{\omega}t}$ is a solution to the equation (2.61), i.e.

$$(2.64) \quad i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{-i\omega t} = \hat{\omega} e^{-i\omega t}.$$

By rewriting $\hat{H} = \hbar \hat{\omega}$ in equation (2.61) we have the famous parameter dependent

$$(2.65) \quad \text{Schrödinger equation} \quad \boxed{i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle}$$

2.2.4. Stationary Eigenstates and Eigenvalues

With the use of Dirac's $\langle \text{bra} |, | \text{ket} \rangle$ notation, e.g. about probability functions $\psi(y)$, as $|\psi\rangle$ vectors in a Hilbert space, $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$, we defined the scalar product $\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle$.

We consider the operator \hat{H} as one linear transformation (possibly a matrix) which act on \mathcal{H} .

⁵⁷ Attention, this is not a definition, but a possible assumed connection from physics to the cyclical oscillator idea.

⁵⁸ The example is also mentioned in § 1.3.4.3. In quantum physics in the 20th century, it has been a tradition of measuring ω in [eV]. You could instead use the more fundamental unit radians per second $[\text{Hz}/2\pi]$ for energy by providing a better understanding of the relationship with frequency.

We will look at the set of eigenvectors $|\phi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$, which are mutually orthogonal $|\phi_1\rangle \neq |\phi_2\rangle \Rightarrow \langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle = 0$ with associated scalar eigenvalues E_ϕ , which meet the condition

$$(2.66) \quad \hat{H} |\phi\rangle = E_\phi |\phi\rangle.$$

If \hat{H} is a Hermitian operator, its eigenvalues are real, $E_\phi \in \mathbb{R}$.

The interpretation of these eigenvalues is the *quantum energies* E_ϕ of a physical *entity* Ψ .

The Schrödinger equation for the circle oscillator is given by (2.61) and the stationary eigenvalue equation

$$(2.67) \quad \hat{H}_\omega |\psi(t)\rangle \doteq E_\omega |\psi(t)\rangle$$

can be written in the form, $\hbar \hat{\omega} |\psi(t)\rangle \doteq E_\omega |\psi(t)\rangle$, and further

$$(2.68) \quad i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} |\psi\rangle = \hat{\omega} e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} |\psi\rangle \doteq \frac{1}{\hbar} E_\omega e^{-i\hat{\omega}t} |\psi\rangle.$$

We say from (2.62)-(2.64), that the circle oscillators have the continuous eigenvalue spectrum

$E_\omega = \hbar \omega$ with eigenvector functions of the type $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\omega t} |\psi\rangle$.

We often put $\hbar = 1$ and omit \hbar , and simply apply $E_\omega = \omega$. See also (2.57).

2.2.5. Commutator Relations

Above in (2.56) the quantum mechanical commutator was associated by correspondence with the classical Poisson brackets, see (2.26)–(2.28)

$$(2.69) \quad -i[\hat{F}(t), \hat{H}] \leftrightarrow \{f, H\}$$

Similarly, the Hamilton formalism for the canonical quantities q and p (2.34) we transfer to the commutator between the **canonical conjugate operators** \hat{q} and \hat{p}

$$(2.70) \quad [\hat{q}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar \sim \{q, p\} = 1.$$

Further on, we will apply $\hbar = 1$.⁵⁹

As in the classical picture of an *entity* Ψ_Σ , the quantum mechanical picture can consist of a set of the **canonical conjugate operators** $\{\hat{q}_j\}$ and $\{\hat{p}_j\}$ for $j=0,1, \dots, N$

With inspiration from the classical Poisson brackets (2.32)–(2.34), from (2.70) we write

$$(2.71) \quad [\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k] = i \delta_{jk}, \quad [\hat{q}_j, \hat{q}_k] = 0, \quad [\hat{p}_j, \hat{p}_k] = 0 \quad \text{for } j, k = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

These **commutator** relationships are fundamental to quantum mechanics.

Looking at an arbitrary operator $\hat{F}_{(\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k)}$, that does not depend explicitly on the parameter $t \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$,

so that $\frac{\partial \hat{F}}{\partial t} = 0$, we can write (2.53) as

$$(2.72) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \hat{F}_{(\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k)} = -i [\hat{F}_{(\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k)}, \hat{\omega}] = i [\hat{\omega}, \hat{F}_{(\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k)}].$$

The assumption $\frac{\partial \hat{F}}{\partial t} = 0$ is reasonable because we prohibit $t \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ advancing causality.

If you anyway construct a $\hat{F}_{(\hat{q}_j, \hat{p}_k, t)}$ design, so that it is explicitly dependent on $t \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ and

enables $\frac{\partial \hat{F}}{\partial t} \neq 0$, *the human mind has taken power over physics!* – Or at least power over the

operator idea. We remember that t is constructed as a parameter, not a physical *quantity*.

We should also remember that if we try to interpret t as time, time is transcendental for us, as an internal property of our minds (memory). You cannot know your own mind per se! only that it exists. Put more directly; t cannot be measured, since it is the measuring parameter itself.

(see Chapter 1 – If you are lucky, you can synchronise t with a count of a ω_c clock.)

⁵⁹ $\hbar = 1$ can be achieved when the energy and the angular frequency have the same measure.