

1 I. Wave Packets

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \langle \Phi | p \rangle \langle p | \Phi \rangle \\
 &= A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp e^{-\frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\sigma}} = A^2 \sqrt{2\sigma\pi} = 1 \\
 \therefore A &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2\sigma\pi}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle x | \Phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \langle x | p \rangle \langle p | \Phi \rangle \\
 &= A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{ipx/\hbar} e^{-\frac{(p-p_0)^2}{4\sigma}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2\sigma\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \sqrt{4\pi\sigma} e^{-\frac{\sigma(x+a)^2}{\hbar^2}} e^{i\frac{p_0(x+a)}{\hbar}} \\
 &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} e^{-\frac{\sigma(x+a)^2}{\hbar^2}} e^{i\frac{p_0(x+a)}{\hbar}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \Phi | \hat{P} | \Phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp' \langle \Phi | p \rangle \langle p | \hat{P} | p' \rangle \langle p' | \Phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp' \langle \Phi | p \rangle p \delta(p - p') \langle p' | \Phi \rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \langle \Phi | p \rangle p \langle p | \Phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \Phi_p^* p \Phi_p \\
 &= A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp p e^{-\frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\sigma}} = p_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Similarly, } \langle \Phi | \hat{X} | \Phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \Phi_x^* x \Phi_x \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x e^{-\frac{2\sigma(x+a)^2}{\hbar^2}} = -a
 \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta X)^2 &= \langle (x - \bar{x})^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \bar{x}^2; (\Delta P)^2 = \langle P^2 \rangle - \bar{p}^2 \\
 \langle \Phi | \hat{X}^2 | \Phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \Phi_x^* x^2 \Phi_x \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-\frac{2\sigma(x+a)^2}{\hbar^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy (y^2 - 2ay + a^2) e^{-\frac{2\sigma y^2}{\hbar^2}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy y^2 e^{-\frac{2\sigma y^2}{\hbar^2}} + a^2 \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma}\right)^{3/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + a^2 \\
\therefore (\Delta X)^2 &= \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma}{\pi\hbar^2}} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma}\right)^{3/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{4\sigma} \\
\langle \Phi | \hat{P}^2 | \Phi \rangle &= A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp p^2 e^{-\frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\sigma}} = \frac{2\sigma}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma(3/2) + p_0^2 \\
\therefore (\Delta P)^2 &= \sigma; \Delta X \Delta P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{4\sigma}} \sigma = \frac{\hbar}{2} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

The equality is satisfied only when (1) $\Delta \hat{P} | \Phi \rangle \propto \Delta \hat{X} | \Phi \rangle$, (2) $\langle \Phi | [\Delta \hat{X}, \Delta \hat{P}]_+ | \Phi \rangle = 0$, following is the details:

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \hat{P} | \Phi \rangle &= (\hat{p} - p_0) | \Phi \rangle = \left(-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} - p_0\right) [A e^{-\sigma(x+a)^2/\hbar^2} e^{ip_0(x+a)/\hbar}] \\
&= \left[-i\hbar \left(\frac{-2\sigma(x+a)}{\hbar^2} + \frac{ip_0}{\hbar}\right) - p_0\right] | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \frac{2i\sigma(x+a)}{\hbar} | \Phi \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Meanwhile, } \Delta \hat{X} | \Phi \rangle = (\hat{x} - \langle x \rangle) | \Phi \rangle = (x+a) | \Phi \rangle \propto \Delta \hat{P} | \Phi \rangle$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | [\Delta \hat{X}, \Delta \hat{P}]_+ | \Phi \rangle &= \langle \Phi | [\hat{p} - p_0, \hat{x} + a]_+ | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \langle \Phi | [\hat{p}, \hat{x}]_+ - 2p_0 \hat{x} + 2a \hat{p} - 2p_0 a | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \langle \Phi | [\hat{p}, \hat{x}] + 2\hat{x} \hat{p} | \Phi \rangle + 2p_0 a + 2p_0 a - 2p_0 a \\
&= -i\hbar + 2 \langle \Phi | \hat{x} \hat{p} | \Phi \rangle + 2p_0 a \\
&= -i\hbar + 2 \langle \Phi | x \left(\frac{2i\sigma(x+a)}{\hbar} + p_0\right) | \Phi \rangle + 2p_0 a \\
&= -i\hbar + \frac{4i\sigma}{\hbar} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4\sigma} + a^2 - a^2\right) - 2p_0 a + 2p_0 a \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

2 II States in a one-Dimensional Oscillator

1. It is easy to prove $\overline{X} = 0; \overline{P} = 0$, thus $(\Delta X)^2 = \langle \Phi | \hat{X}^2 | \Phi \rangle; (\Delta P)^2 = \langle \Phi | \hat{P}^2 | \Phi \rangle$

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle \Phi | \hat{P}^2 | \Phi \rangle + \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \langle \Phi | \hat{X}^2 | \Phi \rangle$$

$$= \frac{(\Delta P)^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2}(\Delta X)^2 \geq \omega(\Delta P \Delta X) \geq \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$$

The Inequality becomes equality only when:

$$(1) (\hat{P} - \bar{P})|\Phi\rangle = c(\hat{X} - \bar{X})|\Phi\rangle, (2) \langle\Phi|[\hat{P}, \hat{X}]_+|\Phi\rangle = 0, (3) \frac{(\Delta P)^2}{2m} = \frac{m\omega^2}{2}(\Delta X)^2,$$

let us check each one:

$$(1) \hat{P}|\Phi\rangle = -i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{i\hbar}{2a^2}x|\Phi\rangle = c\hat{X}|\Phi\rangle;$$

$$(2) \langle\Phi|[\hat{P}, \hat{X}]_+|\Phi\rangle = \langle\Phi|[\hat{P}, \hat{X}] + 2\hat{X}\hat{P}|\Phi\rangle = -i\hbar + 2\langle\Phi|\hat{X}\hat{P}|\Phi\rangle = -i\hbar + \frac{i\hbar}{a^2}a^2 = 0$$

$$(3) \Delta P = \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta X} \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{8m(\Delta X)^2} = \frac{m\omega^2}{2}(\Delta X)^2 \Rightarrow \Delta X = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$$

$$\text{Meanwhile } (\Delta X)^2 = \langle\Phi|X^2|\Phi\rangle = a^2; \text{ Thus } a = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\Phi|[\hat{T}, \hat{V}]|\Phi\rangle &= \frac{\omega^2}{4}\langle\Phi|\hat{P}^2, \hat{X}^2|\Phi\rangle \\ &= \frac{\omega^2}{4}\langle\Phi| -2i\hbar(\hat{X}\hat{P} + \hat{P}\hat{X})|\Phi\rangle \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar\omega^2}{2}\langle\Phi|[\hat{X}, \hat{P}]_+|\Phi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

3. Set $\Delta\hat{T} = \hat{T} - \langle T \rangle$; $\Delta\hat{V} = \hat{V} - \langle V \rangle$, according to Shankar's, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta T)^2(\Delta V)^2 &\geq \frac{1}{4}|\langle\Phi|[\Delta\hat{T}, \Delta\hat{V}]_+|\Phi\rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4}|\langle\Phi|[\hat{T}, \hat{V}]|\Phi\rangle|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}|\langle\Phi|[\Delta\hat{T}, \Delta\hat{V}]_+|\Phi\rangle|^2 + \frac{\hbar^2\omega^4}{16}|\langle\Phi|[\hat{X}, \hat{P}]_+|\Phi\rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Based on Part 1(2), $\langle\Phi|[\hat{X}, \hat{P}]_+|\Phi\rangle = 0$, meanwhile, $\langle T \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{8ma^2}$ and $\langle V \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2 a^2}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\Phi|[\Delta\hat{T}, \Delta\hat{V}]_+|\Phi\rangle &= \langle TV + VT \rangle - 2\langle T \rangle\langle V \rangle \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2\omega^2}{4} \left[2\langle\Phi|\Phi\rangle + 4\langle\Phi|X\frac{d}{dx}|\Phi\rangle + 2\langle\Phi|X^2\frac{d^2}{dX^2}|\Phi\rangle \right] - \frac{\hbar^2\omega^2}{8} \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2\omega^2}{4} \left[2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \right] - \frac{\hbar^2\omega^2}{8} = -\frac{\hbar^2\omega^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Delta T \Delta V \geq \frac{\hbar^2\omega^2}{8}$ and the equality is true when $\Delta\hat{T}|\Phi\rangle \propto \Delta\hat{V}|\Phi\rangle$, we can check here:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\hat{T}|\Phi\rangle &= (\hat{T} - \langle T \rangle)|\Phi\rangle \\ &= \left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{-1}{2a^2} + \frac{X^2}{4a^4} \right) - \frac{\hbar^2}{8ma^2} \right] |\Phi\rangle \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{8ma^4} (a^2 - X^2) |\Phi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{while, } \Delta\hat{V}|\Phi\rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2}(x^2 - a^2)|\Phi\rangle;$$

Thus, $\Delta\hat{T}|\Phi\rangle \propto \Delta\hat{V}|\Phi\rangle$ and it is true that $(\Delta T)(\Delta V) = \frac{\hbar^2\omega^2}{8}$

3 III Equation of Motion of Operators

1. Set the time evolution operator $U(t) = e^{\int -i\hat{H}dt/\hbar}$;

$$\hat{X}(t) = U^\dagger(t)\hat{X}U(t); \quad \hat{P}(t) = U^\dagger(t)\hat{P}U(t).$$

$$|\Phi\rangle_S = U(t)|\Phi\rangle_{t=0} = U(t)|\Phi\rangle_H$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{d\hat{X}(t)}{dt} &= [\hat{X}(t), \hat{H}] = [\hat{X}(t), \frac{\hat{P}^2}{2m}] = i\hbar \frac{\hat{P}(t)}{m} \\ \therefore \frac{d\hat{X}(t)}{dt} &= \frac{\hat{P}(t)}{m} \\ i\hbar \frac{d\hat{P}(t)}{dt} &= [\hat{P}(t), \hat{H}] = [\hat{P}(t), \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\hat{X}^2 + f(x)\hat{X}] \\ &= -i\hbar m\omega^2\hat{X} + f(t)(-i\hbar) \\ \therefore \frac{d\hat{P}}{dt} &= -m\omega^2\hat{X} - f(t); \\ \therefore \frac{d^2\hat{X}(t)}{dt^2} + \omega^2\hat{X} &= -\frac{f(t)}{m} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Which is just the equation of motion for the harmonic oscillator with external force.

4 IV Quantum Measurement with Photons

1. Set $|x\rangle = (1, 0)$; $|y\rangle = (0, 1)$; $|R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, +i)$; $|L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -i)$; $|\psi\rangle = (a, b)$

$$\text{Thus } \hat{P}_x = \frac{\hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_3}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{P}_y = \frac{\hat{I} - \hat{\sigma}_3}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{P}_R = \frac{\hat{I} + \hat{\sigma}_2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{P}_L = \frac{\hat{I} - \hat{\sigma}_2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle\psi|\hat{P}_x|\psi\rangle = (a^*, b^*) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a^*a$$

$$P_x = |\langle x|\psi\rangle|^2 = a^*a;$$

$$\langle\psi|\hat{P}_y|\psi\rangle = (a^*, b^*) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = b^*b$$

$$P_y = |\langle y|\psi\rangle|^2 = b^*b;$$

Similarly, we could prove that $P_R = |\langle R|\psi\rangle|^2 = \langle\psi|\hat{P}_R|\psi\rangle$, $P_L = |\langle L|\psi\rangle|^2 = \langle\psi|\hat{P}_L|\psi\rangle$, Actually, based on the definition of projection operator.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}_x &= |x\rangle\langle x| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hat{P}_y &= |y\rangle\langle y| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (0, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hat{P}_R &= |R\rangle\langle R| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & i \end{pmatrix} (1, -i) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ +i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hat{P}_L &= |L\rangle\langle L| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -i \end{pmatrix} (1, +i) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & +i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}P_x &= \text{Tr}(\hat{P}_x\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c^* \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}\right] = a \\ P_y &= \text{Tr}(\hat{P}_y\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c^* \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}\right] = b \\ P_R &= \text{Tr}(\hat{P}_R\hat{\rho}) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c^* \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}\right] = \frac{1}{2}[a + b + i(c^* - c)] = \frac{1}{2}[1 + i(c^* - c)] \\ P_L &= \text{Tr}(\hat{P}_L\hat{\rho}) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c^* \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}\right] = \frac{1}{2}[a + b + i(c - c^*)] = \frac{1}{2}[1 + i(c - c^*)]\end{aligned}$$

$$3. \langle \hat{L}_z \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{L}_z\hat{\rho}) = \hbar\text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c^* \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}\right] = i\hbar(c^* - c);$$

$$4. \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2) = \text{Tr}\left[\begin{pmatrix} \cos^2\theta & e^{i\Phi}\sin\theta\cos\theta \\ e^{-i\Phi}\sin\theta\cos\theta & \sin^2\theta \end{pmatrix}\right]^2 = \cos^4\theta + 2\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta + \sin^4\theta = (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)^2 = 1$$

Thus this density matrix represents a pure state and we can set $|\psi\rangle = a|x\rangle + b|y\rangle = (a, b)$;

$$\hat{\rho} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} (a^*, b^*) = \begin{pmatrix} aa^* & ab^* \\ a^*b & b^*b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2\theta & e^{i\Phi}\sin\theta\cos\theta \\ e^{-i\Phi}\sin\theta\cos\theta & \sin^2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, $a = \cos\theta$, $b = \sin\theta e^{-i\Phi}$ and $|\psi\rangle = \cos\theta|x\rangle + \sin\theta e^{-i\Phi}|y\rangle$

$$L_z = i\hbar(c^* - c) = i\hbar(e^{-i\Phi} - e^{i\Phi})\sin\theta\cos\theta = 2i\hbar\sin\theta\cos\theta\sin\Phi = \hbar\sin 2\theta\sin\Phi$$