

Matrix formulation of Quantum mechanics

Matrix Algebra

operator matrix
matrix

Matrix is a special type of operators

generally used in quantum mechanics. This quantum matrix was developed by Heisenberg in 1924.

Matrix - definition:

A system of numbers arranged in rectangular array or square array of rows and columns is called matrix.

In general The matrix can be represented as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

Matrix is a vector quantity but it cannot be expressed as in terms of simple numbers as determinants.

Properties of matrix

1. Two matrices will be equal if they are corresponding components (elements) are equal.

In general, $A = B$ if $A_{ik} = B_{ik}$

2. Two or more linear transformations successively applied can be combined to a single linear transformation.

$$x'' \xrightarrow{B} x$$

$$x_i'' = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} x_j'$$

$$x' \xrightarrow{A} x$$

$$x_i' = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} x_k$$

$$x'' \rightarrow x_i''$$

$$x_i'' = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} x_j' = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} x_k \right)$$

element we get $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^* & A_{21}^* \\ A_{12}^* & A_{22}^* \end{bmatrix}$ which is equal to H^T

(*) A matrix is hermitian, (or) self adjoint, if it is equal to its hermitian adjoint. $H = H^T$ and it is evidently proved that only square matrices (*) are hermitian

Theorem

* Hermitian adjoint of product of series of matrices is the product of their adjoints, in the reverse order
 $\therefore (ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T$

(*) * The Eigen Values of hermitian matrices are all real. If A be a hermitian matrix and u be a eigen vector of A belonging to eigen value λ , $Au = \lambda u$

$$u^* A u = \lambda u^* u$$

$$u^* A u = \lambda^* u^* u$$

$$0 = (\lambda - \lambda^*) u^* u$$

$$\lambda = \lambda^*$$

Unitary matrix:

A matrix is a unitary, if it is hermitian adjoint is equal to its inverse $\therefore U^T = U^{-1}$ (or) if $UU^T = I$ and $U^T U = I$ Unitary matrices of any finite ranks must be square.

with complex valued matrices

Hilbert Space: Each mechanical system acts as a series of n -dimensional axis

* Now let us define, Hilbert space and show, how the operators are represented as matrices.

And wave functions as vectors and finally show the connection of various representations with quantum theory and their usefulness in quantum mechanical problems.

Operation on a ket vector from the left with Ω produces another ket vector $\Omega|P\rangle = |P'\rangle$
 operation on a bra vector from the right with Ω produces another bra vector $\langle\alpha|\Omega = \langle\alpha'|$ complex.

Matrix element of Ω between the states α and β is a number and can be written as bra and ket form

$$\Omega_{\alpha\beta} = \int \Psi_{\alpha}^*(\vec{r}) \Omega \Psi_{\beta}(\vec{r}) d^3r$$

$$= (\Psi_{\alpha}, \Omega \Psi_{\beta}) = (\Omega^T \Psi_{\alpha}, \Psi_{\beta})$$

$$= \langle\alpha|P'\rangle = \langle\alpha'|P\rangle = \langle\alpha|\Omega|P\rangle$$

number
 Ω operator
two different
between two states

Ex: The scalar-pn Schrodinger equation,

$$H\Psi_n = E_n\Psi_n \quad H\Psi_n - E_n\Psi_n = 0$$

can be written in bracket notation

$(H - E_n)|n\rangle = 0$ Ψ_n state in 3D Cartesian wave function can operate H

$$H_{nm} = \int \Psi_n^* H \Psi_m d^3r$$

$$= (\Psi_n, H\Psi_m) = \langle n|H|m\rangle$$

Same state - normal
diff state orthogonal

The bra vectors are the basis vectors of representation and they form a complete orthogonal set
 Set $\langle n|m\rangle = \delta_{nm}$ orthogonality and the closure relation is expressed as $\sum |n\rangle\langle n| = I$ (unit matrix)

According to expansion postulate any arbitrary state vector, may be expressed as a linear combination of base vectors namely $\Psi_p = \sum_n a_n \phi_n$

Dirac's notation, this expansion postulate states any arbitrary ket may be expressed as interms of base ket
 Therefore, the new notation for the expansion postulate

can be written as $\Psi_p = \sum_n a_n \phi_n \rightarrow$ thus equals to

$$|p\rangle = |n\rangle\langle n|p\rangle$$

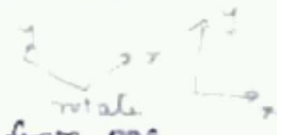
For ex: if ψ_α, ψ_β are two state vectors then its Norm is defined as

$$(\psi_\alpha, \psi_\beta) = \psi_\alpha^\dagger \psi_\beta = \int \psi_\alpha^*(\vec{r}) \psi_\beta(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r} = 1$$

That is the inner product of two state vectors ψ_α, ψ_β and is also a number

when α, β are in same state is equal to Norm (1)

when the inner product vanishes, the state vectors are said to be Orthogonal (0)



A unitary transformations from one representation to another corresponds to a rotation of axes in the Hilbert space without change in state vectors

∴ The matrix element

$$\psi_\alpha^\dagger \Omega \psi_\beta = (\psi_\alpha \Omega \psi_\beta)$$

Ω - operator
operate with two state vectors

Then the inner product of state vectors ψ_α and $\Omega \psi_\beta$

Dirac's bra and ket notations

The transformation theory develop can be put in to an extremely compact form by making use of a notation, invented by Dirac

We describe a state function represented as ψ_α or ψ_β and state vector represented by a_α or b_α

by a ket or ket vector $|\alpha\rangle$ and the hermitian adjoint state $\psi_\alpha^\dagger, \psi_\beta^\dagger, a_\alpha^\dagger$ or b_α^\dagger by a bra or bra vectors $\langle\alpha|$

$$\langle\alpha| \psi\rangle = \psi^\dagger | \alpha \rangle$$

The inner product of two state vectors is written as $\psi_\alpha^\dagger \psi_\beta = \langle\alpha| \beta\rangle$ and is called bra-ket notation which is a number

(A geometrical picture that is often used as a state function such as ψ_{α} , a_{α} and b_{α} as state vectors - infinite dimensional space called Hilbert space). Each dimension corresponds to one of the rows of one column matrix that describes the state and the component of the state vectors along that axis of the Hilbert space is numerically equal to the corresponding element of the matrix.

For ex: The Energy representation, corresponds to choosing the axes in such a way that a state vector oriented along one of these axes is an eigen state of the Hamiltonian.

Hence Hilbert space is a vector space (if it is complex) and of countable infinite dimensions such that all infinite series occurring in it are convergent.

The Norm of the State Function:

^{norm} [In Quantum mechanics, a state function ψ represents all physically relevant information about a physical system at a given instant of time is represented by a vector. Along a direction in the Hilbert space.

If ψ represents a physically realizable state then ψ and constant multiple of ψ both represent the same state.

The arbitrary representable vector of the ray is usually normalized to 1.

$$|\psi\rangle \langle \psi| = 1 \quad |\psi|^2 = 1$$

The Norm of the state function is just the square of the length of the corresponding state vector Hilbert space.

For ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{Trace } A = A_{11} + A_{22}$$

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$$

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$$\text{Tr}(B^{-1}AB) = \text{Tr}ABB^{-1} = \text{Tr}A \Rightarrow \text{Similarity transformation}$$

Transformation matrix

If A is a matrix of order $m \times n$, then the transpose of A is $n \times m$ matrix

The adjoint of any square matrix A is obtained by replacing every $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ element of A by the co-factor of i, j^{th} element in $|A|$

Hermitian and Unitary matrix

For ex:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \frac{1}{|A|}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 14 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hermitian and Unitary matrix:

A matrix is hermitian, (or) self adjoint, if it is equal to its hermitian adjoint

Thus, H is a Hermitian matrix, if H is equal to

$$H^\dagger \quad (\text{i.e.}) \quad H = H^\dagger \quad \text{where } H^\dagger \text{ is hermitian adjoint. The}$$

hermitian adjoint A^\dagger of the matrix A , is the matrix

obtained by (interchanging rows and columns and

taking the complex conjugate of each element)

$$\text{So, if } A \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ then}$$

interchanging the rows and columns,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and taking complex conjugate of each}$$

Inverse, Singular, non-singular matrices:

If $AB = I$ then matrix B is called inverse or reciprocal of A . That is $B = A^{-1}$ (inverse)

$$(ie) B = A^{-1}$$

$$AA^{-1} = I \quad \text{or} \quad A^{-1}A = I$$

$$BB^{-1} = I$$

$|A| \neq 0$. That is its determinant does not vanish

AA^{-1} always exist.

A is said to non-singular matrix, if it possess and inverse or its determinant does not vanish

A is said to singular matrix, if it does not possess inverse or its determinant vanishes.

For non singular matrices A, B, C , $(ABC^{-1})^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$

Diagonal matrix:

The diagonal matrix has zero element everywhere except for elements in principle diagonal. Unit matrix is a special case of diagonal matrix.

for example,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = D_i \delta_{ij} \quad \text{where} \quad \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Two diagonal matrices commute to each other.

(ie) Product of two diagonal matrices is again a diagonal matrix.

Trace of the matrix:

The sum of principal diagonal matrix elements of a square matrix is called trace of the matrix.

$$\text{But } |c| = |A| |B|$$

- Associative law of multiplication is given as,

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

- Distributive law of matrices is given by,

$$A(B+C) = AB+AC$$

Null and Unit matrices:

The null matrix is defined by the equation.

$$OA = AO = O$$

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From which follows that, all the elements O are 0 , where A is any matrix.

The Unit matrix I is defined by,

$$IA = A \quad (\text{or}) \quad AI = A$$

$$(i.e.) \quad IA = AI = A$$

If A is a square matrix, then I the unit matrix will also be a square matrix.

The unit matrix will have unit element along its principle diagonal. And 0 else where.

Example 1:

The element of I are square to

kroncker symbol $\delta_{kl} = 0$ if $k \neq l$

$$\delta_{kl} = 1 \quad \text{if } k=l$$

$$\therefore I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(re) \quad C_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n B_{ij} A_{jk}$$

$$x_i'' = \sum_{k=1}^n C_{ik} B_k$$

$$C_{ki} = (BA)_{ki}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n B_{kj} A_{ji}$$

Addition of matrix:

The matrices can be summed up if they have same order of rows and columns as A is of order $m \times n$.

properties of matrix addition:

1. Suppose A, B, C are three matrices of same order $m \times n$. then $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$ This is called as associative law of addition of matrices

2. $A + B = B + A$ This law is called as commutative law of addition of matrix

$$3. \quad A - B = A + (-B)$$

Multiplication of Matrices:

$$\lambda A = A \lambda$$

where λ is a scalar quantity. A is a $(m \times n)$ matrix

If A is $(m \times n)$ matrix and B is another $(n \times m)$ matrix then the product of two matrices given by $C = BA$.

But in general, $AB \neq BA$.

Generally is not commutative.

• But, if (A, B) is equal to (BA) $AB = BA$

Then the matrices are said to commute.

angular momentum matrices - (combination of angular momentum states) - Eigen values of the total angular momentum - Clebsch-Gordan coefficient - Recursion relation
 construction procedure - $j_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $j_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ 10

Unit - 2

Approximation methods for Bound states

(i) Stationary Perturbation theory - non degenerate case - first order perturbation - Evaluation of first order energy - [evaluation of first order correction to wave function - Zeeman effect without electron spin] - [I^{PB} order Stark effect in hydrogen atom - variation method] : Expectation value of energy -

Application to excited states - Ground state of helium atom - Variation of the parameter z 10.1 - 10.3, 10.5, 10.7

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Newton's law of motion
 classical dynamics = Mechanics

1) law - concept of force
 2) change of momentum

Physical meanings of matrix elements:

$\int \psi^* A \psi dx$ - expectation value
 $\int \psi^* \psi dx$ - Eigen value
 $\langle A \rangle$ - operator
 $I |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$
 $O|\psi\rangle = 0$

Matrix representation of the operator is hermitian operator

bra-ket notation representation of the operator
 simple → bra, ket notation system → matrix

* The diagonal matrix element of an operator which is in the diagonal form are just the eigen values.

* Determining the eigen values of the given operator A, occasionally refer to as solving the eigen value problem for the operator amounts to finding the solution to the eigen value equation.

$$\hat{A} |\psi\rangle = a_\psi |\psi\rangle$$

This is written out in terms of the matrix representation of the operator with respect to some set of orthonormal basis vectors. This eigen value equation is given by,

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

* If the operator is not in diagonal form, the diagonal matrix elements are the expectation values of operators for states that are normalized.

More generally, $\frac{\langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle}$ is the expectation value of

the operator for the state represented by the normalized ket $|\alpha\rangle$.

6. Dynamic state

$$\Psi = \sum_n C_n \psi_n$$

linear combination, $C_n = \int \psi_n^* \Psi d\tau$.

The relationship between Quantum mechanics, operators has helped to present the concepts in the form of some postulates. They are

1. $\hat{A}\psi = a\psi$

State of the system is described by a wave fn $\psi(x, y, z, t)$.

2. Every observable physical property of a system can be characterised by a linear operator, eg. position (x) is characterised by operator \hat{A} , (for ex $0 \rightarrow \hat{0}$)

3. The possible values of any physical quantity of a system are a_n by eigen value (a) in the operator equation.

4. When an op \hat{A} is operated on a fn ψ , an average result obtained is a_n by

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \hat{A} \psi d\tau}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \psi d\tau}$$

5. As all the w.fn are time dependent, (ie) $\psi(x, y, z, t)$ then its subsequent behaviour should be described by time dependent Schrodinger eqn. which is

$$\frac{-i\hbar}{2\pi} \frac{\partial \psi(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \psi(x, y, z, t).$$

\hat{H} - Hamiltonian operator on the system.

$$\therefore \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle \right).$$

1. State of system: The state of any physical system at a t_n time can be represented by state vector $|\psi(t)\rangle$ (ket) in Hilbert space.

2. observables and operators:

observable or dynamical variable

Every physically measurable quantity (for ex 0) is known as observable or dynamical variable.

In general, $H_I \neq H_S$, $H_{0I} \neq H_{0S}$ and π'_S, π'_I, H'_I are all different. Differentiation of the first of eqn B gives for the eqn of motion of $|\alpha_I(t)\rangle$.

we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle &= -H_{0S} e^{\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} |\alpha_S(t)\rangle + i\hbar e^{\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} \frac{d}{dt} |\alpha_S(t)\rangle \\
 &= -H_{0S} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle + e^{\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} H_S e^{-\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle \\
 i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle &= e^{\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} \frac{H'_S}{\hbar} e^{-\frac{iH_{0S}t}{\hbar}} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle \quad \text{--- (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

By differentiation of the ~~II~~ eqn of (3).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\alpha_I}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} [\alpha_I, H_{0S}] \quad H_{0S} = H_{0I} \\
 \frac{d\alpha_I}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \alpha_I}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} [\alpha_I, H_{0I}] \quad \text{--- depends on } \textcircled{+} \leftarrow \text{dynamical}
 \end{aligned}$$

In this picture, the state vector change in accordance with H'_I and the dynamical variables ^{change} in accordance with H_0 . This picture is useful, if H'_I is a small disturbance or perturbation, since the dynamical variables have their unperturbed forms, and the state functions are nearly constant in time.

dynamical - H_0 avoid!
 state vector - H'_I perturbation
 small disturbance.

since p is hermitian, the energy eigen values $\langle k | H | l \rangle = E_k \langle k | l \rangle$ can be zero. Only if the matrix elements, $\langle k | p | j \rangle$ and $\langle k | x | j \rangle$ are zero for all j .

Hence we can say, the energy eigen values are always positive. Next step is to calculate the commutator bracket of x and p with H .

$$xH - Hx = \frac{i\hbar p}{m} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$pH - Hp = -i\hbar Kx$$

changing the eqns (4) to dirac's notation,

$$\langle k | x | j \rangle \langle j | H | l \rangle - \langle k | H | j \rangle \langle j | x | l \rangle = (E_l - E_k) \langle k | x | l \rangle$$

$$pH - Hp = i\hbar (H - H) = \frac{i\hbar}{m} \langle k | p | l \rangle = \text{--- (5)}$$

$$(E_l - E_k) \langle k | p | l \rangle = -i\hbar K \langle k | x | l \rangle \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

derive (5) and (6)

Eliminating x on both sides, $\langle k | x | l \rangle$

$$(E_l - E_k) \langle k | x | l \rangle = \frac{i\hbar}{m} \langle k | p | l \rangle$$

$$(E_l - E_k) \langle k | p | l \rangle = -i\hbar K \langle k | x | l \rangle,$$

and multiply,

$$(E_l - E_k)^2 \langle k | p | l \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 K}{m} \langle k | p | l \rangle$$

$$(E_l - E_k)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 K}{m}$$

$$\therefore (E_l - E_k) = \pm \hbar \sqrt{K/m}$$

we know, for a harmonic oscillator,

$$\sqrt{K/m} = \omega_c$$

$$\therefore (E_l - E_k) = \pm \hbar \omega_c \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

where ω is angular frequency.

The above relation, ω_c shows the only possible states are whose eigen values, differ from each other, by integral multiples of $\hbar \omega_c$.

$K = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_c^2$
 $\frac{K}{m} = \omega_c^2$
 $K = m \omega_c^2$

(for classical harmonic oscillator)

1) Theory of harmonic oscillator:

The one dimensional motion of a point mass attracted to a fixed centre by a force that is proportional to that displacement from that centre point. One of the fundamental problem of a classical

Therefore 1D harmonic oscillator very important for quantum mechanical treatment for problem that is the vibrations of individual atoms, in molecules, and in crystals. And the energy of the harmonic oscillator is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

where

ω - is the angular frequency of vibration.

Hence the force F is equal to $-kx$.

$$F = -kx \quad (\text{hook's law})$$

where

x - displacement

F - Force potential energy is written as, $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$.

Now this system can be treated by matrix theory.

The hamiltonian H of the harmonic oscillator can be written

$$\text{as, } H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \quad - (1)$$

where

p - momentum coordinate x - position coordinate p, x are hermitian.

as they are physically measurable dynamical variable.

we know, the quantum condition,

$$xp - px = i\hbar \quad - (2)$$

Energy representation:

Now our aim is to obtain, the energy eigen values and eigen functions.

Now eqn (1) may be written in Dirac's notation as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k | H | l \rangle &= E_k \langle k | l \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \langle k | p^2 | l \rangle + \frac{1}{2} k \langle k | x^2 | l \rangle \quad - (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\langle j | p | l \rangle = \langle l | p^\dagger | j \rangle^* = \langle l | p | j \rangle^* \quad \text{Thus for}$$

(since p is hermitian, \therefore the diagonal elements

Interaction picture: derivation of

In the Schrodinger and Heisenberg picture neither the state vectors nor the dynamical variables, specifying the physical system in time. But both can be altered, by means of Unitary transformations, $e^{-iHt/\hbar}$ then the two pictures obtained are equally valid. The quantities that are not altered or the matrix elements of dynamical variable calculated between a pair of states $(\langle \alpha | \dots | \beta \rangle)$. This provides a complete theory to arrive at Eigen values, Expectation values and transition properties. \therefore An especially use ful

third picture can be specified by dividing the hamiltonian into two parts, $H = H_0 + H'$ - (1)

where, H_0 does not depend on time explicitly. H' may be potential energy. H_0 may be kinetic energy. H' may be potential energy.

(or) H_0 may be hamiltonian for a simple potential such as coulomb's field.

H' may be, due to the interaction with an external electromagnetic field.

Hence, H' depends on time explicitly.

Let us define the interaction picture by the equation,

State vector: $|\alpha_I(t)\rangle = e^{\frac{iH_0 t}{\hbar}} |\alpha_S(t)\rangle$ operator

$|\alpha_S(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{iH_0 t}{\hbar}} |\alpha_I(t)\rangle$ const in time

- (2)

So that interaction Heisenberg picture are the same when H' is zero.

$H_H = H_S$
 $H_{0I} = H_S$

This corresponds to a Hermitian operator \hat{O} whose eigen vectors form a complete basis

3. Measurement and eigen values of the operator:

Measurement of an observable o is obtained by the action of operator \hat{O} , on a state vector $|\psi(t)\rangle$

$$\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle = a_n |\psi_n\rangle.$$

The result of measurement of o on the state vector $|\psi(t)\rangle$ is one of the eigen value a_n .

$|\psi(t)\rangle \rightarrow$ before the measurement

$|\psi_n\rangle \rightarrow$ after measurement.

4. Probabilistic outcome of measurements:

Discrete ^{systems} measurement observable O of a system in the state $|\psi\rangle$. The probability of obtaining one of the eigen value a_n of the corresponding operator \hat{O} is written as,

$$P_n = \frac{|\langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \frac{|a_n|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

5. The evolution of systems:

The ^{evolution} time of a state vector $|\psi(t)\rangle$ of a system can be expressed in terms of time dependent Schrodinger eqn.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi(t)\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

\hat{H} - Hamiltonian operator

Total energy of the system.

Since $g(x)$ is arbitrary, this and the other commutators may be written as operator equations.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x p_x - p_x x &= -i\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x \right) = i\hbar \\ x p_y - p_y x &= -i\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x \right) = 0 \\ xy - yx &= 0 \quad p_x p_y - p_y p_x = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} - (6)$$

These are in agreement with the classical equations (4) when the substitution (3) is made.

The second observation is that the algebraic properties of the commutator brackets are identical with those of the Poisson brackets. It is readily verified from

$$\{A, B\} = \sum_{i=1}^f \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

that is

$$\{A, B\} = -\{B, A\} \quad \{A, c\} = 0 \quad \text{where } c \text{ is a number,}$$

$$\{A_1 + A_2, B\} = \{A_1, B\} + \{A_2, B\}$$

$$\{A, A_2, B\} = \{A, B\} A_2 + A_1 \{A_2, B\}$$

$$\{A, \{B, C\}\} + \{B, \{C, A\}\} + \{C, \{A, B\}\} = 0$$

The order of possibly noncommuting factors has not been altered. Dirac has shown that the form of the Quantum Analog of the Poisson bracket is determined by eqns (7) to be the right side of (3). The constant \hbar is of course, arbitrary so far as this discussion is concerned.

* ~~(*)~~ Postulates of Quantum mechanics.

1. $P = |\psi^* \psi|^2 = 1$
2. Principle of Superposition $\psi = c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2$
3. operator \rightarrow Energy
 \rightarrow momentum
4. \hat{A} operator $\hat{A} \psi = \epsilon_m \psi$
5. Expectation value, $\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int \psi^* A \psi d\tau}{\int \psi^* \psi d\tau}$

$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\alpha_s(t)\rangle = \langle \alpha_s(t) | H | \alpha_s(t) \rangle = \langle \alpha_s(t) | H - \text{E} \rangle$$

Since H is Hermitian

b.s.o

The solution for above two equations can be easily written.

if H is independent of time let us assume, the solution of

$$\text{the form } |\alpha_s(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\alpha_s(0)\rangle$$

The operator $e^{-iHt/\hbar}$ is an infinite sum of H

Each power of H Each of which is a dynamical variable, that can be written as an operator or a square matrix.

∴ The series as a whole is also dynamical variable and the operators H is found to be unitary since it is

hermitian.

∴ $e^{-iHt/\hbar}$ is unitary and the Norm of the ket

is unchanged. The time rate of change of the matrix element of a dynamical variable Ω_s in the Schrodinger

picture can be easily found, with the help of eqn (1)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \alpha_s(t) | \Omega_s | \beta_s(t) \rangle = \left[\frac{d}{dt} \langle \alpha_s(t) | \right] \Omega_s | \beta_s(t) \rangle +$$

$$\langle \alpha_s(t) | \frac{d\Omega_s}{dt} | \beta_s(t) \rangle +$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \alpha_s(t) | = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \langle \alpha_s(t) | H - \langle \alpha_s(t) | \Omega_s \left[\frac{d}{dt} | \beta_s(t) \rangle \right]$$

$$= \langle \alpha_s(t) | \frac{\partial \Omega_s}{\partial t} | \beta_s(t) \rangle + \frac{1}{\hbar} \langle \alpha_s(t) | (\Omega_s H - H \Omega_s) | \beta_s(t) \rangle - \text{(4)}$$

The first term on RHS, is the change in the matrix element, due to explicit dependents of Ω_s with respect to time

Second term, change in the State vector with respect to time.

The operator in second term is a commutative operator. An interesting thing above eqn (4) is

\mathcal{O}_S commutes with H and has no explicit dependence on time. \therefore RHS = 0. And all matrix elements of \mathcal{O}_S are constant in time. \therefore the dynamical variable is said to be constant of motion.

Heisenberg's picture: $|\alpha_H(t)\rangle$ - Heisenberg

We know from eqn (3)

$$|\alpha_S(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\alpha_S(0)\rangle \quad \text{as eqn (3)}$$

$$\langle \alpha_S(t) | = \langle \alpha_S(0) | e^{iHt/\hbar}$$

It depends on time

LHS Now Sub eqn (3) in (4)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \alpha_S(t) | \mathcal{O}_S | \beta_S(t) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \langle \alpha_S(0) | e^{iHt/\hbar} \mathcal{O}_S e^{-iHt/\hbar} | \beta_S(0) \rangle \\ & = \langle \alpha_S(0) | e^{iHt/\hbar} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_S}{\partial t} e^{-iHt/\hbar} | \beta_S(0) \rangle + \\ & \quad \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \alpha_S(0) | [e^{iHt/\hbar} \mathcal{O}_S e^{-iHt/\hbar}, H] | \beta_S(0) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

H commutes with $e^{\pm iHt/\hbar}$

We know H commutes with $e^{\pm iHt/\hbar}$

So let us define, the time independent state vectors through,

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_H(t)\rangle & = |\alpha_S(0)\rangle \\ & = e^{iHt/\hbar} |\alpha_S(t)\rangle \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$t=0$ Heisenberg picture

and time dependent dynamical variable through,

$$\mathcal{O}_H = e^{iHt/\hbar} \mathcal{O}_S e^{-iHt/\hbar} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Unless \mathcal{O}_S commutes with H , \mathcal{O}_H depends on time. even if \mathcal{O}_S has no explicit time dependence.

Here the subscript H represents Heisenberg's picture.

If $t=0$, the ket vectors and operators in Schrodinger's picture and Heisenberg's picture are the same.

The following two equations. There is a strong resemblance between

$$\frac{dA_H}{dt} = \frac{\partial A_H}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} [A_H, H] \quad - (1)$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \{F, H\} \quad - (2)$$

This two eqns suggests that quantum analog of the classical equations of motion can be found in general by substituting the commutator bracket divided by $i\hbar$ for the Poisson bracket,

$$\{A, B\} \rightarrow \frac{1}{i\hbar} [A, B] \quad - (3)$$

and working with the Heisenberg picture

There are two observations that lend support to this suggestion. The first concerns the classical conditions for a contact transformation from one set of canonical variables q_i, p_i to another Q_i, P_i

$$\{Q_i, P_j\} = \delta_{ij} \quad \{Q_i, Q_j\} = 0 \quad \{P_i, P_j\} = 0 \quad - (4)$$

where the Poisson brackets are calculated with respect to the original variables q_i, p_i . We saw a successful transition from classical to quantum theory could be made by substituting the differential operator $-i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)$ for p_x etc. The commutator of x and p_x can then be found by letting it operate on an arbitrary function $g(x)$ of the coordinates.

$$(x p_x - p_x x) g(x) = -i\hbar x \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xg) = i\hbar g(x) \quad - (5)$$

If the time $t = t_0$, then $e^{\pm iHt/\hbar}$ will be replaced by $e^{\pm iH(t-t_0)/\hbar}$

Since $|\alpha_H(t)\rangle$ does not depend on time, the time derivative on the left side of eqn (b) can be taken inside the matrix element and the eqn becomes,

$$\langle \alpha_H | \frac{d\Omega_H}{dt} | \beta_H \rangle = \langle \alpha_H | \frac{\partial \Omega_H}{\partial t} | \beta_H \rangle + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \alpha_H | [\Omega_H, H] | \beta_H \rangle$$

$$(ie) \quad \frac{\partial \Omega_H}{\partial t} = e^{iHt/\hbar} \cdot \frac{\partial \Omega_S}{\partial t} \cdot e^{-iHt/\hbar}$$

\therefore The eqn of motion in the Heisenberg's picture is can be written as,

$$\frac{d\Omega_H}{dt} = \frac{\partial \Omega_H}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} [\Omega_H, H]$$

Variable are Ω_S In Schrodinger's picture, the dynamical variables are constant in time. and the state vectors varies with time.

But in Heisenberg's picture, the state vectors are constant in time. and the dynamical variable varies with time.

* Poisson brackets \leftrightarrow commutator brackets
 \downarrow classical mechanics \downarrow Quantum Mechanics

both same.

Hamiltonian eqn in classical mechanics,

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \{f, H\} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

maybe any other f - momentum
 position coordinate

Heisenberg eqn in quantum mechanics,

$$\frac{d\hat{f}}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{f}, \hat{H}] + \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial t}$$

[] \rightarrow commutator

Poisson bracket \leftrightarrow canonical transformation. q - canonical coordinate, p - momentum. $f(q, p, t)$ depends on phase space, time.

using (5) we get,

$$\frac{dF_{mn}}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int \left\{ \psi_m^* (FH) \psi_n - \psi_m^* (HF) \psi_n \right\} dq$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int \left\{ \psi_m^* (FH - HF) \psi_n \right\} dq + \int \psi_m^* \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \psi_n dq$$

$$\frac{dF_{mn}}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [F, H]_{mn} + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right]_{m,n} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

This is Heisenberg's form of matrix equation of motion of a dynamical variable.

According to eqn (8), F is a constant of motion if

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 0.$$

This happens when, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 0$ which implies

F is an explicit function of time. And commutative

bracket $[F, H] = 0 \therefore F$ commutes with H.

When F is not an explicit function of

time, then $\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [F, H]$

Matrix representation of wave function

The wave function can be expressed in matrix representation by 3 phase.

To define the eqn of motion

1. Schrodinger's picture
2. Heisenberg's picture
3. Interaction picture.

dynamical variable \rightarrow time, position, ...

time independent
S - Schrodinger

Schrodinger's picture:

Schrodinger equation

in terms of time

H. The equation becomes,

writing the hermitian adjoint eqn of motion, the eqn (1) becomes

Let us consider the time dependent

$$E\psi = H\psi$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi$$

writing the above equation, ket S - Schrodinger picture and the hamiltonian ket

$$|\alpha_s(t)\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\alpha_s(t)\rangle = H |\alpha_s(t)\rangle \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

* Representation of the operators as matrices makes it possible to introduce in direct fraction hermitian operator.

That is $A = A^\dagger$. \therefore the matrix representation of the operator equation is $A|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$.

* Many Properties of operators can be expressed in terms of properties of their representative matrices.

$$I|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

$$0|\psi\rangle = 0$$

where I is unit matrix, 0 is null matrix.

Equation of motion in matrix form:

Let q and p represents the position and momentum vectors. The operator $q = q$.

$$p = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \leftarrow \frac{i\hbar}{i^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q}$$

$$[q_i, q_j] = q_i q_j - q_j q_i = 0$$

$$[p_i, p_j] = p_i p_j - p_j p_i = 0$$

$$[q_i, p_j] = q_i p_j - p_j q_i = i\hbar \delta_{ij}$$

matrix \rightarrow commutation bracket
 $\textcircled{1}$ Poisson bracket

considering p and q as matrices, the eqn $\textcircled{1}$ may be expressed as:

$$[q_i, p_j] = 0$$

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$$[q_i, p_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij} \cdot I \rightarrow (i,i)$$

0 - null matrix

$\textcircled{2} I$ - unit matrix

In terms of elements, eqn (ii) is written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P_i, q_j)_{mn} &= \int \psi_m^* \left\{ q_i \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} q_j \right\} \psi_n dq \\
 &= \frac{\hbar}{i} \int \psi_m^* \left\{ q_i \frac{\partial \psi_n}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial \psi_n}{\partial q_i} q_i \right\} dq \\
 &= i\hbar \int \psi_m^* \psi_n dq \\
 &= i\hbar \delta_{mn} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } i=j \\ \text{if } i \neq j \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (3)} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the eqn of motion for any function (F) of P and Q, let us write time dependent Schrodinger eqn.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi \quad \text{--- (4a)}$$

write the complex conjugate of above equation,

$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = H^* \psi^* \quad \text{--- (4b)}$$

As hamiltonian operator is hermitian, we have,

$$\int \psi^* H\psi dq = \int (H^* \psi^*) \psi dq \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

So, therefore the matrix F_{mn} is defined as,

$$F_{mn} = \int \psi_m^* F \psi_n dq \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

differentiate eqn (6), with respect to time, we get

$$\frac{dF_{mn}}{dt} = \int \left\{ \frac{\partial \psi_m^*}{\partial t} F \psi_n + \psi_m^* \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \psi_n + \psi_m^* F \frac{\partial \psi_n}{\partial t} \right\} dq \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

we know, time dependent Schrodinger equation,

apply Sch eqn for 1st and 3rd term

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi \quad \frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} H\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{dF_{mn}}{dt} &= \int \left[\left\{ -\frac{1}{i\hbar} H^* \psi_m^* \right\} F \psi_n + \psi_m^* F \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar} H \psi_n \right) \right] + \\
 &= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int \left\{ \psi_m^* \left(FH \right) \psi_n - \left(H^* \psi_m^* \right) F \psi_n \right\} dq + \\
 &\quad \int \psi_m^* \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \psi_n dq
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the operator P associated with the dynamical variable is said to be Hermitian. If its average value in any state ψ is real, which implies that the average value of P for the state ψ , is to be real then the expression $\int \psi^* P \psi d\tau$ must be real (or) in other words, the imaginary factor must be zero

$$\text{Im} \int \psi^* P \psi d\tau = 0$$

For any arbitrary normalizable ψ .

Equation of motion: operator form

The hamiltonian operator, H has the real eigen value so that it is hermitian also the operator H does not change with time and but it is a function of position momentum x_{op} and p_{op} alone the time dependents of the state is contained in the wave function. If the symbol A is defined to mean an operator whose expectation in any state ψ is the time derivative of the expectation of operator A of ψ is given by

Time dependent Schrodinger equation,

For particle

$$H\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \quad - (1)$$

the expectation value of operator A

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int \psi^* A \psi d\tau}{\int \psi^* \psi d\tau} = (\psi, A\psi) = \langle \psi^* | A | \psi \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle A \rangle = \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}, A\psi \right) + \left(\psi, A \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} &= \frac{H\psi}{i\hbar} = \frac{iH\psi}{i \cdot i\hbar} = -\frac{iH\psi}{\hbar} \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \left\{ (H\psi, A\psi) - (\psi, A H\psi) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We know H is a Hermitian operator,

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} \langle A \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} (\psi, (HA - AH)\psi)$$

Integrate on both side

$$\dot{A} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, A] \quad - (2)$$

That is the time derivative of A is the commutator of H and A multiplied by i/\hbar .
eqn (2) is called equation of motion of A . In quantum mechanics the equation of motion of a dynamical variable is the equation telling what operator is to be associated with the time derivative of the dynamical variable.

According to eqn (2),

The operator associated with $\dot{x} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, x]$ - (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \left(\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \right) x - x \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial x^2} + x \cdot V(x) \right) + \left(\frac{x \hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - x V(x) \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial x^2} - x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{1}{m} (-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{p}{m} \quad - (4)$$

If the given system is conservative, H is independent of time

$$\dot{H} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, H] = 0 \quad - (5)$$

$$\dot{H} = 0 \quad \frac{dH}{dt} = 0 \quad \therefore H = \text{constant of motion.}$$

So that the energy of so any operator which commutes with the hamiltonian of the system and does not depend explicitly on it. is called 'constant of motion' of the system.