

Similarly, we can show that

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_-] = \cancel{2\hbar\hat{L}_-} - \hbar\hat{L}_-$$

$$\& [\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}_-] = 2\hbar\hat{L}_z$$

(b) Commutation of $\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z$ with $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$.

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{L}_x, \hat{x}] &= (\hat{L}_x \hat{x} - \hat{x} \hat{L}_x) \\ &= \left[y \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) - z \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \right] \\ &\quad - x \left[y \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) - z \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

If $\psi(x)$ is a function of x then

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{L}_x \hat{x} - \hat{x} \hat{L}_x) \psi &= \left[y \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x\psi) \right) - z \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x\psi) \right) \right] \\ &\quad - x \left[y \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) - z \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\hat{L}_x, \hat{x}] = 0$$

$$\text{Similarly, } [\hat{L}_x, \hat{y}] = i\hbar z, \quad [\hat{L}_x, \hat{z}] = -i\hbar y$$

$$[\hat{L}_y, \hat{y}] = 0, \quad [\hat{L}_y, \hat{z}] = i\hbar x$$

$$[\hat{L}_y, \hat{x}] = -i\hbar z, \quad [\hat{L}_z, \hat{y}] = -i\hbar x$$

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{z}] = 0, \quad [\hat{L}_z, \hat{x}] = i\hbar y$$

© Commutation of \hat{L} with \hat{p}

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_x] = 0$$

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{p}_y] = -i\hbar p_z$$

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{p}_z] = +i\hbar p_y$$

etc.

Dirac notation :-

Dirac notation reduces the labour of writing the integrals of wave function products.

For example, if ψ_1 and ψ_2 be two wave function then,

$$\int \psi_1^* \psi_2 d\tau$$

is written as $\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle$ and is called as scalar product of ψ_2 with ψ_1 .

The condition of normalization of ψ_1 and ψ_2

$$\int \psi_1^* \psi_1 d\tau = 1$$

is written as

$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_1 \rangle = 1$$

Similarly, the condition of orthonormality of ψ_m, ψ_n

$$\langle \psi_m | \psi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn} \quad \text{where, } \delta_{mn} = \begin{cases} 1 & m=n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

If \hat{A} is an Hermitian operator then in Dirac notation

$$\langle \Psi_1 | \hat{A} \Psi_2 \rangle = \langle \hat{A} \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle$$

also be written as

$$\langle \Psi_1 | \hat{A} | \Psi_2 \rangle$$

Properties of eigenfunctions and boundary condition :-

The expectation values $\langle x \rangle$ or $\langle p \rangle$ evaluated from a well-behaved wave function $\Psi(x)$ turn out to be well behaved.

For this to happen $\Psi(x)$ and $\frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx}$ require to obey the following conditions

- i) $\Psi(x)$ and $\frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx}$ must be single valued
- ii) $\Psi(x)$ and $\frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx}$ must be finite.
- iii) $\Psi(x)$ and $\frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx}$ must be continuous

If in a one-dimensional case, the particle lies between x_1 and x_2 then the periodic boundary condition require

$$i) \Psi(x_1) = \Psi(x_2)$$

$$ii) \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right)_{x_1} = \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right)_{x_2}$$

These B.C.s are used in the analysis from mathematical view pt to obtain discrete energy values of a particle.

Probability current density:

The time derivative of the position probability density ρ over a finite volume τ is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\tau} \rho(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \int_{\tau} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi^* \psi) d\tau$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\rho}{dt} = \int_{\tau} \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \psi \right) d\tau$$

Now time-dependent Schrödinger equation is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

The complex conjugate of the above eqnⁿ is

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi^* + V\psi^* = -i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi \right]$$

$$\& \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi^* + V\psi^* \right]$$

$$\therefore \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} - \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left[\psi \nabla^2 \psi^* - \psi^* \nabla^2 \psi \right]$$
$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \psi^* - \psi^* \nabla \psi)$$

The probability current density is defined as the probability of a particle passing through a unit cross-sectional area normal to its direction of motion per unit time.

$$\rightarrow \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left[\psi \nabla \psi^* - \psi^* \nabla \psi \right]$$

$$\therefore \int_{\tau} \left(\psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) d\tau = - \int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} d\tau$$

So the time rate of change of total probability P is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= - \int_{\tau} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} d\tau \\ &= - \oint_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \left(\text{from Gauss' divergence theorem} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\tau} \psi^* \psi d\tau = - \int_{\tau} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\tau} \left[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} \right] d\tau = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0}$$

→ Represents the conservation of probability density.

$$\left[\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \right] \frac{\hbar}{m} = \frac{\hbar \psi^* \psi}{m} + \frac{\hbar \psi \psi^*}{m}$$

$$(\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*) \cdot \nabla \frac{\hbar \psi^* \psi}{m}$$

The probability current density is defined as the probability of a particle passing through a unit cross-section of area normal to the direction of motion per unit time.

$$\left[\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^* \right] \frac{\hbar}{m}$$