



Δ Momentum in CM

$$\begin{cases} \text{kinetic momentum} & \vec{p} = m \dot{\vec{x}} \\ \text{canonical momentum} & \vec{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} \end{cases}$$

L : Lagrangian

Δ In EM background.

$$L(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{m}{2} \dot{x}^2 - q\phi(x) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{x} \cdot \vec{A}(x)$$

canonical: $\vec{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m \dot{x} + \frac{q}{c} \vec{A}(x) \neq \vec{p}_{\text{kinetic}}$

Δ Question: Which corresponds to the momentum operator in QM?

Ans: The canonical one:

reasons: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta \text{ (Hamilton's equation)} \\ \Delta \text{ It's the canonical one in } \dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \quad p = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{x}} \\ \Delta \text{ By Noether's theorem (symmetry} \rightarrow \text{conserved charge)} \end{array} \right.$

$L(\vec{x}, \dot{\vec{x}})$
 $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + \epsilon \vec{n}, \quad \delta \vec{x} = \epsilon \vec{n}$
 $\delta \vec{x} = \frac{d}{dt}(\delta \vec{x})$

L invariant $\Rightarrow \dot{\vec{x}} = \delta L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i \right) - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \right) \delta \dot{x}_i$$

by E.O.M

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \delta \dot{x}_i \right] \text{ is conserved}$

or $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{n}$ is conserved. $\Rightarrow$ if $\vec{n}$ is isotropic
all $\vec{p}$ are const.

$\Rightarrow$ here, it is the canonical momentum again

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In CM, momentum is regarded as the generator of translation.
eg. $f(x, p)$, ^{some} function of x & p .

define a classical translation operator $T_{cl}(a)$, such that

$$(T_{cl}(a)f)(x, p) = f(x-a, p) \quad \text{moves } f(x, p) \text{ forward in } x \\ \text{leaves } p \text{ intact.}$$

If a infinitesimal

$$(T_{cl}(a)f)(x, p) \approx f(x, p) - \underline{a \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}} + O(a^2)$$

This term can be expressed in terms of Poisson bracket

$$- \vec{a} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{x}} = \{ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}, f \}_{\text{poisson}} \quad \text{according to Sakurai's convention}$$

$$\{ A, B \}_{\text{poisson}} \equiv - \sum_i \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

let's check

$$\{ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}, f \}_{\text{poisson}} = - \sum_i \left(\frac{\partial (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p})}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p})}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

$$= - \sum_i a_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} = - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f$$

move function f by
 $\Rightarrow$ An infinitesimal displacement $\vec{a} = \frac{\text{pairing up}}{\text{acting}} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p})$ and f with the poisson bracket

$\Rightarrow$ finite displacement can be built up by ~~an~~ infinitesimal ones.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{a}}{\Delta}$$

$$T(a)f = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \{ \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}}{N}, f \}_{\text{poisson}} \right)^N f$$

$$= e^{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}} f$$

$$: A : B \equiv \{ A, B \}_{\text{poisson}}$$

$\Rightarrow$ The generator is the canonical momentum !!

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Maybe I will spend 1-hr to review the CM. ^{quickly}

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We conclude that

The momentum in QM should correspond to the canonical momentum in CM, not the kinetic.

QM should respect the salient symmetry $\Leftrightarrow$ conserved quantities
(e.g. momentum is conserved for free particle $\Leftrightarrow$ invariant under translation)

Generator of Translations (in QM)

$$T(a) |x\rangle = |x+a\rangle$$

~~Fully~~ Taylor expansion

$$T(\vec{a}) = \mathbb{1} + \vec{a} \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial \vec{a}}(0) + \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow T(0) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\text{define } \hat{k} = i \frac{\partial T}{\partial \vec{a}}(0) \quad (\text{a vector operator})$$

$$\text{Then } T(\vec{a}) = \mathbb{1} - i \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} + \dots \quad (\text{Notice that } \hat{k} \text{ is independent of } \vec{a})$$

The "i" makes $\hat{k}$ Hermitian, because

$$\begin{aligned} T(a) T(a)^\dagger &= (\mathbb{1} - i \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} + \dots) (\mathbb{1} + i \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} + \dots) \\ &= \mathbb{1} - i \vec{a} \cdot (\hat{k} - (\hat{k})^\dagger) + \dots = \mathbb{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{k} = (\hat{k})^\dagger \Rightarrow \text{it corresponds to some physical measurement.} \quad \text{vector}$$

write $\vec{a} = s \vec{n}$, $\vec{n}$: a unit vector

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} T(s \vec{n}) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{T((s+\epsilon) \vec{n}) - T(s \vec{n})}{\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(s \vec{n}) T(\epsilon \vec{n}) - T(s \vec{n})}{\epsilon} \\ &= \left(\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(\epsilon \vec{n}) - \mathbb{1}}{\epsilon} \right) T(s \vec{n}) \end{aligned}$$

from above

$$\& \quad T(\epsilon \vec{n}) = \mathbb{1} - i \epsilon (\vec{n} \cdot \hat{k}) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} T(s \vec{n}) = -i (\vec{n} \cdot \hat{k}) T(s \vec{n}) \Rightarrow \text{first order DE. with B.C. } T(0) = \mathbb{1}$$

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$$\Rightarrow T(s\vec{n}) = \exp(-i s \vec{n} \cdot \vec{k}) \quad \vec{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

$$\text{or } T(\vec{a}) = \exp(-i \vec{a} \cdot \vec{k}) \\ = 1 - i(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k}) - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k})^2 + \dots$$

This can be compared to the classical one.

Expand the product $T(a)T(b)$

$$T(a)T(b) = \left[1 - i(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k}) - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k})^2 + \dots \right] \left[1 - i(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{k}) - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{k})^2 + \dots \right] \\ = 1 - i(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{k} + \frac{1}{2} \left[(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k})^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{k}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{k})^2 \right] + \dots$$

but $T(a)T(b) = T(b)T(a)$, therefore $[\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k}, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{k}] = 0$
for arbitrary $\vec{a}$ & $\vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow [k_i, k_j] = 0$$

$\vec{k}$ is a vector operator.
commuting and Hermitian

* Check the commutator, $[\hat{x}_i, T(\vec{a})] = a_i T(\vec{a})$

$$\hat{x}_i T(\vec{a}) = \int d^3\vec{x} \, x_i T(\vec{a}) |\vec{x}\rangle \langle \vec{x}| = \int d^3\vec{x} \, x_i |\vec{x} + \vec{a}\rangle \langle \vec{x}| \\ = \int d^3\vec{x} \, (x_i + a_i) |\vec{x} + \vec{a}\rangle \langle \vec{x}| \\ = \int d^3\vec{x} \, T(\vec{a}) |\vec{x}\rangle \langle \vec{x}| (\hat{x}_i + a_i) \stackrel{c\#}{=} T(\vec{a}) \hat{x}_i + a_i T(\vec{a})$$

* Expand $[\hat{x}_i, T(\vec{a})] = a_i T(\vec{a})$ in $\vec{a}$

$$\hat{x}_i (1 - i\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k} + \dots) - (1 - i\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k} + \dots) \hat{x}_i = a_i (1 - i\vec{a} \cdot \vec{k} + \dots)$$

To the leading order

$$[\hat{x}_i, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{k}] = i a_i \Rightarrow [\hat{x}_i, k_j] = i \delta_{ij}$$

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* The Momentum in QM.

$\hat{K}$: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{generator of displacement} \\ \text{it's Hermitian, (physicist)} \\ \text{it's vector operator, } (\vec{x}, \vec{p}; \text{ what else it can be?}) \\ \text{it does not commute with } \vec{x} \end{array} \right.$

Dimension of $\hat{K}$: $\left(\frac{1}{L} \right)$

Momentum : $\frac{ML}{T}$

we need a conversion factor with dimensionality $\left\{ \frac{ML^2}{T} \right\}$, the ^{reduced} Planck const $\hbar$

SI unit

$$\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$[T] = [E] = \left(\frac{ML^2}{T^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{p} \equiv \hbar \hat{K}}$$

the definition of momentum in QM.
(the sign is a convention)

- * The definition is beyond the postulates of QM, we are looking for a vector operator, and with the help of CM.
- * $\hbar$ has to be ~~measured~~ determined by exp.
- * The universality must be examined by exp.

* Anyway, the above definition gives:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{p} \quad (\text{de Broglie wavelength})$$

this can be tested by ~~exp~~ Bragg diffraction.
and eventually confirmed

* Silicon - n interferometer $\Rightarrow$ phase shift in gravitational field in 1970's

That

* $\hbar$ is universal was known to Planck (& others) in the 1890's in the expression for the spectrum of black body radiation.

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Also, Planck realized that $h = h(2\pi)$, c , G could be combined to form a unit for distance, time & mass.

$$l_p = \sqrt{\frac{hG}{c^3}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm} \quad t_p = \frac{l_p}{c} \approx 10^{-44} \text{ sec} \\ m_p \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$ G.U.T.

$$T(\vec{a}) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{h}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p})\right) = 1 - \frac{i}{h} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{p} + \dots$$

All we have learnt:

$$[x_i, x_j] = [p_i, p_j] = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

These are the Heisenberg - Born commutation relations.

Taylor expansion of operator

$$T(\vec{a})|\vec{x}\rangle = \left(1 - \frac{i}{h} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{p} + \dots\right)|\vec{x}\rangle = |\vec{x} + \vec{a}\rangle$$

$$= |\vec{x}\rangle + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla} |\vec{x}\rangle + \dots$$

} Taylor expansion of the ket

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{p} |\vec{x}\rangle = i\hbar \vec{\nabla} |\vec{x}\rangle}$$

$\vec{p}$ on $|\psi\rangle$? (i.e., prove that $\vec{p}$ is Hermitian)

$$\langle x | \vec{p} | \psi \rangle = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \langle x | \psi \rangle = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \psi(x)$$

$\Rightarrow$ We arrive the familiar result that

$\vec{p}$ is represented by $(-i\hbar \vec{\nabla})$ in the position representation
the operator

$$(\vec{p}\psi)(x) = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \psi(x)$$



usually, in a very confusion way

$\vec{p}\psi(x) = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \psi(x)$ (X) mess up things!!

remember that operators can have many diff representations !!!

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* The momentum Representation

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$\hat{P}$ is a vector of commuting, Hermitian operators

→ possess a simultaneous eigenbasis,

We write $|\vec{P}\rangle = \vec{P} |\vec{P}\rangle$
 → eigenvalues
 → eigenket

In the configuration representation, $\psi_p(x) \equiv \langle x | p \rangle$

$$\langle \vec{x} | \hat{P} | \vec{P} \rangle = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \langle \vec{x} | \vec{P} \rangle = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \psi_p(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P} \langle \vec{x} | \vec{P} \rangle = \vec{P} \psi_p(x)$$

⇒ $\psi_p(x)$ is the eigenfunction of the operator $(-i\hbar \vec{\nabla})$ with eigenvalue $\vec{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_p(\vec{x}) = A e^{i \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}}$$

is the solution

A: a normalization plus a phase.

we pick the normalization

$$\langle \vec{P}_1 | \vec{P}_2 \rangle = \delta^3(\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2)$$

& because $\int d^3\vec{x} e^{i(\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{x}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2)$ from Fourier transform.

$$\text{or } \int d^3\vec{x} e^{i \frac{(\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2) \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}} = (2\pi\hbar)^3 \delta^3(\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{x} | \vec{P} \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} e^{i \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}}$$

a plane wave, with de Broglie wave length

Momentum eigenstates are not degenerate. $\vec{P}$ form a complete set of operator commuting observables.

⇒ momentum representation

$$1 = \int d^3\vec{P} |\vec{P}\rangle \langle \vec{P}|$$

, the wave function of the state $|\psi\rangle$

in the momentum representation is.

$$\phi(\vec{P}) \equiv \langle \vec{P} | \psi \rangle$$

$$\text{so. } |\psi\rangle = \int d^3\vec{P} |\vec{P}\rangle \langle \vec{P} | \psi \rangle = \int d^3\vec{P} |\vec{P}\rangle \phi(\vec{P})$$

expansion coefficients in this representation.

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$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &\equiv \langle x | \psi \rangle = \int d^3 \vec{p} \langle x | \vec{p} \rangle \langle \vec{p} | \psi \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{i \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}} \phi(\vec{p})\end{aligned}$$

& its inverse

$$\phi(\vec{p}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{x}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{-i \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}} \psi(x)$$

$$(\text{from } \langle \vec{p} | \psi \rangle = \int d^3 \vec{x} \langle \vec{p} | \vec{x} \rangle \langle \vec{x} | \psi \rangle)$$

$\phi(\vec{p})$ & $\psi(x)$ are Fourier transforms of one another

In the momentum representation, $\hat{p} \Rightarrow \vec{p}$ (a c-#)

$$\langle \vec{p} | \hat{p} | \psi \rangle = \vec{p} \langle \vec{p} | \psi \rangle = \vec{p} \phi(\vec{p})$$

$$\text{or } (\hat{p} \phi(\vec{p})) = \vec{p} \phi(\vec{p})$$

similarly, $\hat{x}$ in the momentum representation

$$\langle \vec{p} | \hat{x} | \psi \rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial \phi(\vec{p})}{\partial \vec{p}} \quad \text{cf.} \quad \langle \vec{x} | \hat{p} | \psi \rangle = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \psi(\vec{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{p} | \hat{x} | \psi \rangle &= \int d^3 \vec{x} \langle \vec{p} | \vec{x} \rangle \langle \vec{x} | \hat{x} | \psi \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{x}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{-i \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}} x \psi(x) \\ &= i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{x}}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{-i \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}{\hbar}} \psi(x) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}} \phi(\vec{p})\end{aligned}$$

★ Multiparticle wT.

$$\psi(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N) \equiv \langle \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_N | \psi \rangle$$

$$\phi(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_N) \equiv \langle \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_N | \psi \rangle$$