

Determinate state. $\sigma_Q = 0$, $Q = Q^\dagger$
(is the eigenstate of Q)

$$\sigma^2 = \langle \psi | (Q - \bar{Q})^2 | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | (Q^\dagger - \bar{Q}) (Q - \bar{Q}) | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle (Q - \bar{Q}) \psi | (Q - \bar{Q}) \psi \rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{Q} \psi = \bar{Q} \psi$$

e.g. $\hat{H} \psi_1 = E_1 \psi_1$, $\hat{H} \psi_2 = E_2 \psi_2$

ψ_1 and ψ_2 are determinate state of $\hat{H}$

but $\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2$ is not

$$\hat{H} (\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2) = \alpha E_1 \psi_1 + \beta E_2 \psi_2$$

$$\langle \hat{H} \rangle = |\alpha|^2 E_1 + |\beta|^2 E_2 \quad (\langle H \rangle)^2 = (|\alpha|^2 E_1 + |\beta|^2 E_2)^2$$

$$(\hat{H})^2 (\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2) = \alpha E_1^2 \psi_1 + \beta E_2^2 \psi_2$$

$$\langle (\hat{H})^2 \rangle = |\alpha|^2 E_1^2 + |\beta|^2 E_2^2$$

if $|\psi\rangle$ is normalized $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$. let $|\alpha|^2 = p$, then $|\beta|^2 = 1-p$

$$p E_1^2 + (1-p) E_2^2 = p E_1 + (1-p) E_2$$

$$= p E_1^2 + (1-p)^2 E_2^2 + 2p(1-p) E_1 E_2$$

$$\Rightarrow p(p-1) E_1^2 + (1-p)(1-p) E_2^2 + 2p(1-p) E_1 E_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(1-p) [(E_1 - E_2)^2] = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\text{(i)} E_1 = E_2 \\ &\text{(ii)} p = 0, p = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Back to postulates of QM

(1) Σ

(3) Hermitian complete operator A

(5) $\text{Prob}(A = a_n) = \langle \psi | P_n | \psi \rangle$

(2) any $|\psi\rangle$

(4) $A = a_n$ ($A = a(x)$)

$P_n = |u_n\rangle\langle u_n|$

$P_A = \int \delta(x - a) dx$

$$\frac{\langle \psi | P_n | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

(6) $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_n |\psi\rangle$

example. 2-state system

$|1\rangle, |2\rangle$. $\mathcal{E}$ is 2-dimensional

$$|1\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |2\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

any state can be $|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

A physical operator A must be hermitian.

$$A = A^\dagger, \text{ for instance, } H$$

the most general $H \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^* & \delta^* \\ \beta^* & \gamma^* \end{pmatrix}$
 α and γ are real $\beta = \delta^*$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

what is its eigenstate?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,L} \\ u_{2,L} \end{pmatrix} = E_{1,2} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,L} \\ u_{2,L} \end{pmatrix}$$

The question is equivalent to the diagonalization of $\hat{H}$

$$(\alpha - \lambda)(\gamma - \lambda) - |\beta|^2 = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma \pm \sqrt{(\alpha - \gamma)^2 + 4|\beta|^2})$$

consider a simple case $\alpha = \gamma$ (real), β (real)

$$\hat{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad (\alpha - \lambda)^2 = \beta^2 \quad \text{or } \lambda = \alpha \pm \beta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha \pm \beta) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha u_1 + \beta u_2 = (\alpha + \beta) u_1 \Rightarrow (u_1 = u_2) \\ (\alpha - \beta) u_1 \quad (u_1 = -u_2) \end{cases}$$

two normalized energy eigenstate

$$|A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |B\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

such that $\langle A|A\rangle = \langle B|B\rangle = 1, \quad \langle A|B\rangle = \langle B|A\rangle = 0$

and $\hat{H}|1\rangle = (\alpha + \beta)|1\rangle$, $\hat{H}|2\rangle = (\alpha - \beta)|2\rangle$

★ $\exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \Delta t) |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle$

$(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \epsilon) |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle$ Note: there is no x-depend.

namely $\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle - |\psi(t)\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{|\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle - |\psi(t)\rangle}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle}$

and $|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|e_1\rangle + |e_2\rangle)$

$|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|e_1\rangle - |e_2\rangle)$

so, $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |1(t)\rangle = (\alpha + \beta) |1(t)\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |1(t)\rangle = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha + \beta) t) |1(t=0)\rangle \\ |2(t)\rangle = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha - \beta) t) |2(t=0)\rangle \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{no}$

For a given state $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_2\rangle$

$\Rightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha + \beta) t) |1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha - \beta) t) |2\rangle$

$= e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \left(\underbrace{\frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i\beta t}{\hbar}} |1\rangle}_{|1\rangle + |2\rangle \over \sqrt{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{+\frac{i\beta t}{\hbar}} |2\rangle}_{|1\rangle - |2\rangle \over \sqrt{2}} \right)$

$= e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{aligned} &2a \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |1\rangle - 2b \sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |2\rangle \\ &- 2b \sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |1\rangle + 2a \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |2\rangle \end{aligned} \right) \right)$

If at $t=0$, $a=1$, $b=0$,

$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) \\ -\sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) \end{pmatrix}$

$\rightarrow$ oscillation
between
 $|1\rangle$ & $|2\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\langle Q \rangle &= \frac{d}{dt}\langle \psi | Q | \psi \rangle \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}\langle \psi | \right) Q | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | Q \left(\frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle \right)\end{aligned}$$

also we know

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle = \hat{H} | \psi \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$$

and ~~$\langle \psi | \frac{d}{dt}$~~

$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | = \langle \psi | \hat{H}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | \hat{H}$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | \hat{H} Q | \psi \rangle - \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | Q \hat{H} | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, Q] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{dt}\langle Q \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, Q] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \rangle}$$

e.g. $Q = x, \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\langle x \rangle &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle -\frac{\hbar^2}{m} p \rangle \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle p \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = 0, \quad [H, Q] = \frac{1}{2m} [p^2, x]$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{2m} (p^2 x - x p^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (p p x - p x p + p x p - x p p) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (-p[x, p] + -[x, p]p) \\ &= -\frac{i\hbar}{m} p\end{aligned}$$

~~60~~ $E_1 = \alpha + \beta$ $E_2 = \alpha - \beta$

$$P_1 = |e_1\rangle\langle e_1| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle + |2\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 1| + \langle 2|)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|1\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1| + |2\rangle\langle 2|)$$

its matrix representation is $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

similarly $P_2 = |e_2\rangle\langle e_2| = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)(\langle 1| - \langle 2|)$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we see that $\sum_{i=1}^2 P_{e_i} = P_1 + P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}$$

For a state $|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

if we measure $H = E_1$

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_1 |\psi\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle$$

$$\text{Prob}(H=E_1) = \frac{\langle \psi | P_1 | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \frac{(a^* \cdot b^*) \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{a+b}{2}}{|a|^2 + |b|^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} |a+b|^2}{|a|^2 + |b|^2}$$

Why? Let's understand

$$|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}(|e_1\rangle + |e_2\rangle) + b \frac{|e_1\rangle - |e_2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_2\rangle$$

So the prob. finding $|e_1\rangle$ in $|\psi\rangle$ is $\frac{\left|\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2}{\left|\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{a-b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} |a+b|^2}{|a|^2 + |b|^2} \checkmark$

consider 2 operators $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$[A, B] = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

A has eigenvalue ± 1 with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

$+1: \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad -1: \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|P_{A+}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad 2|e_1\rangle \quad |P_{A-}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad 2|e_2\rangle$

B has eigenvalue ± 1 with $+1: \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $-1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

For a state $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, $|P_{B+}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $|P_{B-}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

measure A $\rightarrow +1$ $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \propto |e_1\rangle$ Prob = $\frac{\frac{1}{4}(a+b)^2}{(a^2+b^2)}$

$\rightarrow -1$ $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \propto |e_2\rangle$ Prob = $\frac{\frac{1}{4}(a-b)^2}{(a^2+b^2)}$

next measure B

$B = +1$ $\frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$B = -1$ $\frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$B = +1$ $\frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$B = -1$ $\frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$A = +1 \Rightarrow |\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{prob } 1/2} A = +1 \quad \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad 100\%$