

Matrix Representation:

The ket $|\psi\rangle$ is represented by the set of numbers,

$$|\psi\rangle = a_n = \langle \phi_n | \psi \rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi_1 | \psi \rangle \\ \langle \phi_2 | \psi \rangle \\ \langle \phi_3 | \psi \rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $\langle \chi |$ be an arbitrary bra

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi | &= \langle \chi | \hat{I} = \sum_n \langle \chi | \phi_n \rangle \langle \phi_n | \\ &= \sum_n \langle \phi_n | \chi \rangle^* \langle \phi_n | \\ &= \sum_n b_n^* \langle \phi_n | \end{aligned}$$

or

$$b_n^* = \langle \chi | \phi_n \rangle$$

$$\langle \chi | = \begin{pmatrix} b_1^* & b_2^* & b_3^* & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \chi | \phi_1 \rangle & \langle \chi | \phi_2 \rangle & \langle \chi | \phi_3 \rangle & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \langle \chi | \phi_1 \rangle \langle \phi_1 | \chi \rangle \langle \phi_2 | \chi \rangle \dots$$

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The scalar product is

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \chi | \psi \rangle &= \langle \chi | \hat{1} | \psi \rangle \\ &= \sum_n \langle \chi | \phi_n \rangle \langle \phi_n | \psi \rangle \\ &= \sum_n \phi_n^* a_n\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \sum_n |a_n|^2 = 1 \geq 0$$

$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle$ is a number, $|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

is a matrix

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1^* & a_2^* & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_1^* a_1 & a_1^* a_2 & \dots \\ a_2^* a_1 & a_2^* a_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix elements of an operator A are

$$A_{mn} = \langle \phi_m | A | \phi_n \rangle$$

where

$$A_{mn} = \langle \phi_m, A \phi_n \rangle = \int \phi_m^\dagger \hat{A} \phi_n dx$$

The matrix elements can be arranged in a square matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi_1, A \phi_1 \rangle & \langle \phi_1, A \phi_2 \rangle \\ \langle \phi_2, A \phi_1 \rangle & \langle \phi_2, A \phi_2 \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Since

$$b_m = \sum_n A_{mn} a_n$$

In matrix notation

$$b = Aa$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

The transpose of A_{mn} is A^+

$$A_{mn}^+ = A_{nm}$$

The adjoint A^+ of A is defined by

$$A_{mn}^+ = \langle \phi_m, A^+ \phi_n \rangle = \langle \phi_n, A \phi_m \rangle$$

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$$A_{mn}^+ = (A \phi_m, \phi_n) = (\phi_n, A \phi_m) \\ = A_{nm}^+$$

If A is Hermitian, $A^+ = A$, then

$$A_{mn} = A_{nm}^* = A_{mn}^+$$

Some Identities:

$$(AB)^+ = B^+ A^+$$

$$\det A^+ = \det A$$

$$\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$$

$$(AB)^* = A^* B^*$$

$$\det A^* = (\det A)^*$$

$$\det A^+ = (\det A)^+$$

Some Properties:

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$$\text{Real: } A = A^*, \quad A_{mn} = A_{mn}^*$$

$$\text{Imaginary: } A = -A^*, \quad A_{mn} = -A_{mn}^*$$

$$\text{Symmetric: } A = A^T, \quad A_{mn} = A_{nm}$$

$$\text{Anti-Symmetric: } A = -A^T, \quad A_{mn} = -A_{nm}$$

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$$\text{Hermitian: } A = A^\dagger, \quad A_{mn} = A_{nm}^*$$

$$\text{Anti-Hermitian: } A = -A^\dagger, \quad A_{mn} = -A_{nm}^*$$

$$\text{Orthogonal: } A^T = A^{-1}, \quad AA^T = I$$

$$\text{Unitary: } A^\dagger = A^{-1}, \quad AA^\dagger = I$$

$$\text{Diagonal: } A_{mn} = A_{nm} \delta_{mn}$$

Theorem: Prove that $\sum_p A_{mp} \cdot B_{pn} = (AB)_{mn}$

The product of two matrix representations is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_p A_{mp} \cdot B_{pn} &= \sum_p (\phi_m, A \phi_p) (\phi_p, B \phi_n) \\ &= \sum_p \int \phi_m^* A \phi_p dx \int \phi_p^* B \phi_n dx' \end{aligned}$$

From the closure relation.

$$\sum_p \int \Phi_p^*(x) \Phi_p(x') = \delta(x-x')$$

$$\sum_p A_{mp} B_{pn} = \int \Phi_m^* A \delta(x-x') B \Phi_n dx$$

$$\int \delta(x-x') dx' = 1$$

$$= \int \Phi_m^* A B \Phi_n dx$$

$$\boxed{\sum_p A_{mp} B_{pn} = (AB)_{mn} \text{ Proved}}$$

Eigenvalue Problem:

Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$A \Phi_n = \lambda_n \Phi_n$$

with $(\Phi_m, \Phi_n) = \delta_{mn}$. In the basis $\{\Phi_n\}$ the matrix A is diagonal, with the diagonal elements as the eigen-values.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{mn} &= (\Phi_m, A \Phi_n) = \lambda_n (\Phi_m, \Phi_n) \\ &= \lambda_n \delta_{mn} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & & 0 \\ & A_{22} & \\ 0 & & A_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of an operator in a basis of the eigenfunctions of that operator is diagonal.

Q. The matrix representation of eigenfunctions Φ_n (basis).

The column vector representation of the eigenfunctions Φ_n (basis) are the co-efficients $\{a_m^{(n)}\}$ in the expansion

$$\Phi_n = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \Phi_m$$

Multiplying both sides by Φ_p^* from the left and integrating over all space.

$$\int \Phi_p^* \Phi_n dx = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \int \Phi_p^* \Phi_m dx$$

$$S_{pn} = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} S_{pm}$$

$$\hat{S}_{pn} = a_{p.}^{(n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{1.}^{(1)} \\ a_{2.}^{(1)} \\ a_{3.}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad - \text{for } n=1$$

$$\phi_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{1.}^{(2)} \\ a_{2.}^{(2)} \\ a_{3.}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad - \text{for } n=2$$

$$\phi_3 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{1.}^{(3)} \\ a_{2.}^{(3)} \\ a_{3.}^{(3)} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad - \text{for } n=3$$

Q The Eigenvalue Equation in the form of Matrix Representation:

The eigenvalue equation can be written as

$$\hat{A}\phi_n = \lambda_n \phi_n$$

we know

$$\phi_n = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \phi_m$$

or. $\langle \phi_n, A \phi_m \rangle = \lambda \langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle$ (28)

$$\sum_m \langle \phi_n, A \phi_m \rangle \underbrace{\langle \phi_m, \psi \rangle}_{a_m} = \lambda \sum_m \underbrace{\langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle}_{\delta_{nm}} \underbrace{\langle \phi_m, \psi \rangle}_{a_m}$$

$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \delta_{nm} = 1$

$$\sum_m (A_{nm} - \lambda \delta_{nm}) a_m = 0$$

or.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} - \lambda & A_{12} & A_{13} & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} - \lambda & A_{23} & \dots \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} - \lambda & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

For the non-trivial Sol:

$$D(\lambda) = \det (A_{nm} - \lambda \delta_{nm}) = 0$$

This is known as the characteristic of secular equation.

then

$$\sum_m A a_m^{(n)} \phi_m = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \lambda_n \phi_m$$

multiplying both side by ϕ_p^* and integrated over all space,

$$\sum_m \int \phi_p^* A \phi_m dx a_m^{(n)} = \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \lambda_n \int \phi_p^* \phi_m dx$$

$$\sum_m a_m^{(n)} \int \phi_p^* A \phi_m dx = \lambda_n \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \delta_{pm}$$

$$\sum_m a_m^{(n)} (\phi_p, A \phi_m) = \lambda_n \sum_m a_m^{(n)} \delta_{pm}$$

$$\sum_m a_m^{(n)} A_{pm} = \lambda_n a_p^{(n)}$$

for $a^{(3)}$ the eigenvalue equation is $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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For $A^{(n)}$, $n=4$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & & & \\ & A_{22} & & 0 \\ & & A_{33} & \\ 0 & & & A_{44} \\ & & & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

The Secular Equation:

Let us consider the eigenvalue problem

$$A\psi = \lambda\psi$$

ψ is an eigenfunction of A with eigenvalue λ . Let us work in the basis $\{\phi_n\}$

$$\langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$$

$$\psi = \sum_n a_n \langle \phi_n, \psi \rangle$$

with

$$a_n = \langle \phi_n, \psi \rangle$$

From the eigenvalue equation, we

$$\langle \phi_n, A\psi \rangle = \lambda \langle \phi_n, \psi \rangle$$

Unitary Operator — Matrix Elements

Def. The Hermitian adjoint U^\dagger of an operator is equal to U^{-1} i.e.

$$U^\dagger = U^{-1}$$

then U is said to be unitary.

The matrix elements of U satisfy

$$(U^\dagger)_{nm} = U^{-1}$$

$$(U_{mn})^\dagger = (U^{-1})_{nm}$$

$$(U^\dagger)^\dagger = U^{-1}$$

$$U U^\dagger = \hat{I}$$

$$(U U^\dagger)_{nm} = \delta_{nm}$$

$$\sum_p U_{np} (U_{mp})^\dagger = \delta_{nm}$$

Since $(AB)_{nm} = \sum_p A_p B$

Traces:

The trace of a matrix A is the sum over its diagonal entries

$$\text{Tr } \hat{A} = \sum_q A_{qq}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{A}\hat{B}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{B}\hat{A})$$

$$\text{Tr}(ABCD) = \text{Tr}(BEDA) = \text{Tr}(CDAB)$$

$$\text{Tr}(A+B) = \text{Tr} A + \text{Tr} B$$

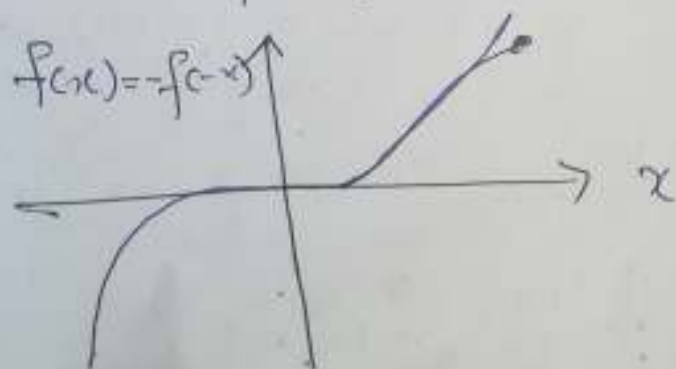
$$\text{Tr}(AB-BA) = \text{Tr}[A, B] = 0$$

$$\text{Tr} A = \text{Tr}(UAU^{-1})$$

Parity operator:

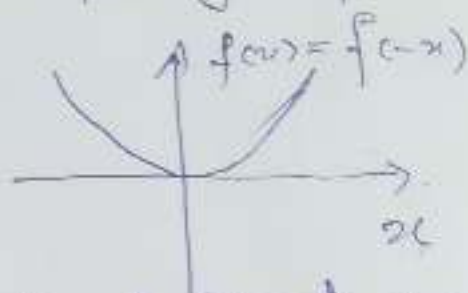
A function has odd parity if

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$



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A function has even parity if
 $f(x) = f(-x)$



A parity operator \hat{p} is defined as

$$\hat{p} f(x) = f(-x)$$

Let us look at the eigenvalue of operator \hat{p} . Let α be the eigenvalue of \hat{p}

$$\hat{p} f(x) = f(-x) = \alpha f(x)$$

$$\hat{p} \hat{p} f(x) = \hat{p} f(-x) = f(x) = \alpha^2 f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 1 \text{ or } \alpha = \pm 1$$

For $\alpha = +1$, we obtained

$$f(-x) = f(x) \text{ even parity.}$$

For $\alpha = -1$

$$f(-x) = -f(x) \text{ odd parity.}$$

Example: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.19, 2.20

Solved Prob: 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.16

Exercise: 2.1-2.8, 2.16, 2.18, 2.21, 2.29-2.34