

# Quantum mechanics and quantum computing

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## Part I

# Quantum mechanics

# Chapter 1

## Quantum mechanics

### 1.1 Pure quantum states

#### 1.1.1 Discrete states as vectors

#### 1.1.2 Observables as linear operators

#### 1.1.3 Orthonormal basis

#### 1.1.4 Constructing a Hermitian matrix for an observable

#### 1.1.5 Spin of a single particle

### 1.2 Mixed quantum states

#### 1.2.1 Mixed quantum states

#### 1.2.2 Probability amplitudes

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### 1.3 State evolution

#### 1.3.1 Indexing states to time

We have state defined at each time  $t$ .

$\Psi(t)$ .

#### 1.3.2 Wave functions

We have state  $\Psi(t)$ .

$$\psi(x, t) = \langle x | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

This is the wave function.

### 1.3.3 Schrodinger

#### Discrete time

With discrete time we can use a canonical operator for moving between discrete states in single jumps.

With discrete time there must a countable number of states.

We can index time to the integers.

At time 0 we have  $v$

At time 1 we have  $\Psi v$

At time 2 we have  $\Psi\Psi v$

We can write this as  $\Psi(t_1, t_0) = \Psi^{t_1 - t_0}$

### 1.3.4 Representation theory for the time group

Time is a linear operator

Instead, we describe the time operator as a Lie group, using Lie algebra.

$$\Psi(t_b - t_a) = e^{(t_b - t_a)X}$$

#### States are vectors

We can remove a degree of freedom by using norm of 1 for vectors

For each dynamic system we define a set of possible states.

We can describe a state  $v \in V$ .

#### Finite state spaces

We can describe a system like heads or tails.

#### Infinite state spaces

This can describe continuous position, or an angle.

### 1.3.5 Indexing time to the real numbers

Sloan's theorem

### 1.3.6 Continuous time with Lie algebra

We use  $X = iH$ , what are the implications of this compared to other choices?

Lie algebras with  $n \times x$

This loops back? multiple dimensions, infinite, so maybe not?

With continuous time we do not have a single operator to describe movements. There is always one smaller.

With continuous time there must be either a single state, or an uncountably infinite number of states.

$$U = M_n^n$$

$$U = (I + \frac{1}{n}G_n)^n$$

$$U = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I + \frac{1}{n}G)^n$$

Now:

$$UU^* = I$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{n}G)(I + \frac{1}{n}G)^* = I$$

$$(I + \frac{1}{n}G)(I + \frac{1}{n}G^*) = I$$

$$G = -G^*$$

$$G = iH$$

$$iH = -(iH)^*$$

$$H = H^*$$

$H$  is Hermitian

$$U = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I + \frac{1}{n}iH)^n$$

This isn't quite right, need defined for different time jumps.

### 1.3.7 Unitary time

Why? What's the interpretation here? Is this an assumption, or just a modelling choice?

$$\Psi(t_b - t_a)^* \Psi(t_b - t_a) = e^{(t_b - t_a)X^*} e^{(t_b - t_a)X}$$

$$\Psi(t_b - t_a)^* \Psi(t_b - t_a) = e^{(t_b - t_a)(X^* + X)}$$

$$X = iH$$

$$\Psi(t_b - t_a)^* \Psi(t_b - t_a) = e^{(t_b - t_a)(-iH + iH)} = I$$

$$\Psi(t_b - t_a) = e^{(t_b - t_a)iH}$$

### 1.3.8 The time-depedendent general Schrödinger equation

$$v(t_b) = e^{(t_b - t_a)X} v(t_a)$$

$$v(t + \delta) = e^{\delta X} v(t)$$

$$v(t + \delta) = (I + \delta X)v(t)$$

$$\frac{v(t + \delta) - v(t)}{\delta} = Xv(t)$$

$$\frac{\delta v(t)}{\delta t} = Xv(t)$$

$$\frac{\delta v(t)}{\delta t} = iHv(t)$$

### 1.3.9 The energy operator and the time-indepedendent general Schrödinger equation

$$E = i\hbar \frac{\delta}{\delta t}$$

$$Ev(t) = Hv(t)$$

## 1.4 Infinite dimensional quantum states

### 1.4.1 Position

### 1.4.2 Velocity

### 1.4.3 Momentum

### 1.4.4 Moving to 3 dimensions

### 1.4.5 The action integral

### 1.4.6 Renormalisation

## 1.5 Quantum entanglement

## 1.6 Other

### 1.6.1 The Hamiltonian of quantum mechanics

### 1.6.2 Plank's constant

We can add Plank's constant, due to the arbitrary scaling of time.

**1.6.3 Phase shift**

**1.6.4 Density matrix**

**1.6.5 Born rule**

**1.6.6 Spin-statistics theorem**

**1.6.7 Heisenberg's uncertainty principle**

Result of spin-statistics theorem?

**1.6.8 The Dirac equation**

**1.6.9 The quantum harmonic oscillator**



## Chapter 2

# Quantum Field Theory (QFT)

### 2.1

## Chapter 3

# The hydrogen atom

### 3.1 Introduction

#### 3.1.1 Atomic states

transition matrix can be v complex

#### 3.1.2 Factored states

+ can store rules for simply

finite atomic: permutation matrix inf atomic: how to represent?

basis state dynamic to comp sci??

factored: how to model atomic as factored?