

For  $|\alpha\rangle, |\beta\rangle$

$$\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle = \int dx' \underbrace{\langle \beta | x' \rangle}_{\psi_\beta(x')^*} \underbrace{\langle x' | \alpha \rangle}_{\psi_\alpha(x')} = \int dx' \psi_\beta(x')^* \psi_\alpha(x')$$

→ Probability amplitude for state  $|\alpha\rangle$  to be found in state  $|\beta\rangle$

$$\langle \beta | \hat{A} | \alpha \rangle = \int dx' \int dx'' \underbrace{\langle \beta | x' \rangle}_{\psi_\beta(x')^*} \underbrace{\langle x' | \hat{A} | x'' \rangle}_{\text{Matrix element}} \underbrace{\langle x'' | \alpha \rangle}_{\psi_\alpha(x'')}$$

$$= \int dx' \int dx'' \psi_\beta(x')^* \underbrace{\langle x' | \hat{A} | x'' \rangle}_{\text{Matrix element}} \psi_\alpha(x'')$$

Matrix element

e.g.,  $\hat{A} = \hat{x}^2$

$$\rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{x}^2 | x'' \rangle = \langle x' | \underbrace{x''^2}_{\text{scalar}} | x'' \rangle = x''^2 \langle x' | x'' \rangle = x''^2 \delta(x' - x'')$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \beta | \hat{A} | \alpha \rangle = \int dx' \psi_\beta(x')^* x'^2 \psi_\alpha(x')$$

has to be reduced to single integral  
(otherwise, Dirac delta will quench everything)

4-2. Momentum space operator.

Goal:  $\langle x' | \hat{p} | \alpha \rangle = ?$

previously {

$$\hat{k}' = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$$

↓  
 $\hat{p}$

$$\hat{T}(\Delta x') |\alpha\rangle = \left( \mathbb{1} - \frac{i\hat{p}\Delta x'}{\hbar} \right) |\alpha\rangle$$

$$= \int dx' \hat{T}(\Delta x') |x'\rangle \langle x' | \alpha \rangle$$

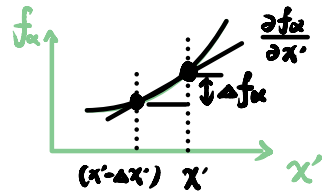
$$= \int dx' |x' + \Delta x'\rangle \langle x' | \alpha \rangle$$

$$= \int dx' |x'\rangle \langle x' - \Delta x' | \alpha \rangle$$

$$= \int dx' |x'\rangle \left( \underbrace{\langle x' | \alpha \rangle}_{f_\alpha(x')} - \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle \Delta x' \right)}_{\Delta f_\alpha(x')} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dx' |x'\rangle \langle x' | \alpha \rangle - \int dx' |x'\rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle \Delta x'$$

$$= \left( \mathbb{1} - \frac{i\hat{p}\Delta x'}{\hbar} \right) |\alpha\rangle$$



$$\Rightarrow \hat{p} |\alpha\rangle = \int dx' |x'\rangle \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{p} | \alpha \rangle = \int dx'' \langle x' | x'' \rangle \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x''} \langle x'' | \alpha \rangle \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{p} | \alpha \rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\text{also } \Rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{p}^n | \alpha \rangle = (-i\hbar)^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x'^n} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  matrix element of  $\hat{p}$  in the  $x'$ -representation.

$$\text{set } |\alpha\rangle = |x''\rangle \Rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{p} | x'' \rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | x'' \rangle$$

$$= -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \delta(x' - x'')$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \beta | \hat{P} | \alpha \rangle = \int dx'' \int dx' \langle \beta | x'' \rangle \underbrace{\langle x'' | \hat{P} | x' \rangle}_{\text{Matrix element}} \langle x' | \alpha \rangle$$

$$= \int dx' \psi_{\beta}^*(x') \hat{P} \psi_{\alpha}(x')$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \beta | \hat{P}^n | \alpha \rangle = \int dx' \psi_{\beta}^*(x') (-i\hbar)^n \left( \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x'^n} \right) \psi_{\alpha}(x')$$


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4-3. momentum space wavefunction.

$$\hat{x} | x' \rangle = x' | x' \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{p} | p' \rangle = p' | p' \rangle$$

$$\langle x' | x'' \rangle = \delta(x' - x'')$$

$$\rightarrow \langle p' | p'' \rangle = \delta(p' - p'')$$

$$| \alpha \rangle = \int dp' | p' \rangle \underbrace{\langle p' | \alpha \rangle}_{\phi_{\alpha}(p')} \quad \underbrace{\langle x' | \alpha \rangle}_{\psi_{\alpha}(x')}$$

$|\langle p' | \alpha \rangle|^2 dp'$  is the probability of finding

the particle w/  $p'$  in the interval of  $dp'$

if  $|\alpha\rangle$  is norm.ed.  $\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 1$

$$= \int dp' \langle \alpha | p' \rangle \langle p' | \alpha \rangle$$

$$= \int dp' \phi_{\alpha}^*(p') \phi_{\alpha}(p')$$

$$= \int dp' |\phi_{\alpha}(p')|^2 = 1$$

\* The connection between  $x$ - &  $p$ - representation.

recall transformation matrix ( $\hat{U}$ )

$$|b_i\rangle = \hat{U}|a_i\rangle \Rightarrow \langle a_j | \hat{U} | a_i \rangle = \langle a_j | b_i \rangle$$

matrix element of  $\hat{U}$

old.  $\swarrow$   $\searrow$  new eigenbasis.

$\Rightarrow \langle x' | p' \rangle$  matrix element transforming  $x'$ - to  $p'$ - representation.

$$\Rightarrow \langle x' | \hat{p} | p' \rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | p' \rangle$$

$$\langle x' | p' | p' \rangle$$

$$\frac{p' \langle x' | p' \rangle}{f_p(x')} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \frac{\langle x' | p' \rangle}{f_p(x')}$$

$$\Rightarrow p' f = -i\hbar \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \Rightarrow \int \frac{i p'}{\hbar} dx' = \int \frac{df}{f}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \langle x' | p' \rangle = N e^{\frac{i p' x'}{\hbar}}$$

Plane wave.

const.  $\swarrow$   $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$

Probability amplitude of momentum eigenstate specified by  $p'$  to be found at  $x'$

$$\text{For } N: \frac{\langle x' | x'' \rangle}{\delta(x' - x'')} = \int dP' \frac{\langle x' | P' \rangle}{N e^{\frac{iP'x'}{\hbar}}} \frac{\langle P' | x'' \rangle}{N^* e^{-\frac{iP'x''}{\hbar}}}$$

$$= \int dP' |N|^2 e^{iP'(x' - x'')/\hbar}$$

$$= |N|^2 \cdot 2\pi \cdot \hbar \cdot \delta(x' - x'')$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik(x-\alpha)} dk = \delta(x-\alpha) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \hbar}} \Rightarrow \langle x' | P' \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \hbar}} e^{iP'x'/\hbar}$$

\* How position-space wavefunction is related to momentum-space wavefunction:

$$\langle x' | \alpha \rangle = \psi_{\alpha}(x') = \int dP' \frac{\langle x' | P' \rangle}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \hbar}} e^{\frac{iP'x'}{\hbar}}} \frac{\langle P' | \alpha \rangle}{\phi_{\alpha}(P')}$$

$$\langle P' | \alpha \rangle = \phi_{\alpha}(P') = \int dx' \frac{\langle P' | x' \rangle}{\frac{\langle x' | P' \rangle^*}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \hbar}} e^{-\frac{iP'x'}{\hbar}}}} \frac{\langle x' | \alpha \rangle}{\psi_{\alpha}(x')}$$