

Two State Systems Continued

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The most quantum state is characterized by a ket vector $|\psi\rangle$:

$$|\psi\rangle = c_1|1\rangle + c_2|2\rangle$$

$|1\rangle, |2\rangle$

$\langle 1|2\rangle = 0$

$\langle 1|1\rangle = 1$

$\langle 2|2\rangle = 1$

Exchange operator:

$$\hat{E} = |1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|$$

$\hat{E}|1\rangle = |2\rangle$; $\hat{E}|2\rangle = |1\rangle$

$\hat{E}^2 = \mathbb{1}$ $\hat{E}^2|1\rangle = |1\rangle$, $\hat{E}^2|2\rangle = |2\rangle$

$$\hat{E}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{E}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{E}^2|1\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{E}^2|2\rangle \\ \langle 2|\hat{E}^2|1\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{E}^2|2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{E}^2 = (|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|)(|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|)$$

$$= |1\rangle\langle 2|1\rangle\langle 2| + |1\rangle\langle 2|2\rangle\langle 1| + |2\rangle\langle 1|1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1|2\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\hat{E}^2 = \underbrace{|1\rangle\langle 1| + |2\rangle\langle 2|}_{\sum_{i=1}^2 \mathbb{P}_i} = \mathbb{1} = \sum_{i=1}^2 |i\rangle\langle i| = \mathbb{1}$$

The Eigenvalues of \hat{E} can have the form:

$e^{i\phi}$ since $|e^{i\phi}|^2 = 1$

However, $\hat{E}^\dagger = \hat{E}$

$$\hat{E}^\dagger = (|1\rangle\langle 2|)^\dagger + (|2\rangle\langle 1|)^\dagger$$

$$= |2\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 2| = \hat{E} \Rightarrow$$

Eigenvalues must be real
 $\Rightarrow \pm 1$

What are the eigenkets of \hat{E} ?

$$\hat{E}|\pm\rangle = \pm|\pm\rangle$$

$$|\pm\rangle = c_1^\pm|1\rangle + c_2^\pm|2\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} (c_1^\pm |1\rangle + c_2^\pm |2\rangle) = \pm (c_1^\pm |1\rangle + c_2^\pm |2\rangle)$$

$$c_1^\pm |2\rangle + c_2^\pm |1\rangle = \pm (c_1^\pm |1\rangle + c_2^\pm |2\rangle)$$

$\langle 2|$

$$c_1^\pm = \pm (0 + c_2^\pm)$$

$$c_1^\pm = \pm c_2^\pm$$

$$c_1^+ = c_2^+$$

$$c_1^- = -c_2^-$$

$$|+\rangle = c_1^+ (|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$$

$$c_1^+ =$$

$$\langle +|+\rangle = 1$$

$$|-\rangle = c_1^- (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)$$

$$c_1^- =$$

$$\langle -|-\rangle = 1$$

$$\langle +|+\rangle = |c_1^+|^2 (\langle 2| + \langle 1|) (|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$$

$$= |c_1^+|^2 (\langle 2|2\rangle + \langle 1|1\rangle) = 2 |c_1^+|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |c_1^+| = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

Likewise,

$$c_1^- = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

The Eigenkets of \hat{H} are:

$$| \pm \rangle = \frac{|1\rangle \pm |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\langle +|-\rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{H} | \pm \rangle = \pm | \pm \rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|2\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

"In its own basis"

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i a_i |i\rangle \langle i| = |+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|$$

$$\hat{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \langle +|\hat{H}|+\rangle & \langle +|\hat{H}|-\rangle \\ \langle -|\hat{H}|+\rangle & \langle -|\hat{H}|-\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \begin{pmatrix} + \\ - \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues

Recall that any operator \hat{Q}

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_n q_n |q_n\rangle \langle q_n| ; \quad \sum_n |q_n\rangle \langle q_n| = \mathbb{1}$$

\hat{H} in the $|1\rangle, |2\rangle$ basis:

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{H}|1\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{H}|2\rangle \\ \langle 2|\hat{H}|1\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{H}|2\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

Let us try to find the matrix

$$\langle i | \hat{E} | j \rangle \Rightarrow \hat{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1 | \hat{E} | 1 \rangle & \langle 1 | \hat{E} | 2 \rangle \\ \langle 2 | \hat{E} | 1 \rangle & \langle 2 | \hat{E} | 2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

Let's define an operator T_+ such that $T_+ |-\rangle = |+\rangle$

$$\hat{T}_+ \equiv |+\rangle \langle -| \quad ; \quad \hat{T}_- \equiv |-\rangle \langle +|$$

$$\hat{T}_+ |+\rangle = |-\rangle ; \quad \hat{T}_+ |-\rangle = 0 ; \quad \langle + | - \rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{T}_- |+\rangle = |-\rangle \quad \hat{T}_- |-\rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{E}, \hat{T}_+] &= \hat{E} \hat{T}_+ - \hat{T}_+ \hat{E} = (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) (|+\rangle \langle -|) \\ &\quad - (|+\rangle \langle -|) (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) \\ &= |+\rangle \langle -| + |+\rangle \langle -| \\ &= 2 |+\rangle \langle -| \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{E}, \hat{T}_+] = 2 \hat{T}_+}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{E}, \hat{T}_-] &= (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) (|-\rangle \langle +|) \\ &\quad - (|-\rangle \langle +|) (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) \\ &= -|-\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle +| = -2 \hat{T}_- \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{E}, \hat{T}_-] = -2 \hat{T}_-}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{T}_+, \hat{T}_-] &= (|+\rangle \langle -|) (|-\rangle \langle +|) - (|-\rangle \langle +|) (|+\rangle \langle -|) \\ &= |+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -| \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{T}_+, \hat{T}_-] = \hat{E}}$$

$\hat{T}_+, \hat{T}_-, \hat{E}$ form a closed algebra!

$$\text{Defn: } \left. \begin{aligned} \hat{T}_1 &\equiv \frac{\hat{T}_+ + \hat{T}_-}{2} & ; & \hat{T}_2 \equiv \frac{\hat{T}_+ - \hat{T}_-}{2i} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\hat{T}_2 \equiv \hat{E} / 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\hat{E} \quad \hat{E}$$

$$\hat{T}_3 \equiv \frac{\hat{H}}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$[\hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2] = \left[\frac{\hat{T}_+ + \hat{T}_-}{2}, \frac{\hat{T}_+ - \hat{T}_-}{2i} \right] = \frac{1}{4i} \left\{ -[\hat{T}_+, \hat{T}_-] + [\hat{T}_-, \hat{T}_+] \right\}$$

$$[\hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2] = -\frac{1}{2i} \hat{H} = i \hat{T}_3$$

$$[\hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2] = i \hat{T}_3 \quad ; \quad [\hat{T}_3, \hat{T}_1] = i \hat{T}_2$$

$$[\hat{T}_2, \hat{T}_3] = i \hat{T}_1$$

In summary, $[\hat{T}_i, \hat{T}_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{T}_k$ * The operators \hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2 & \hat{T}_3 form a close algebra

This is the same commutation relation of the angular momentum operators!

$$[\hat{L}_i, \hat{L}_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{L}_k \quad * \quad \hat{L} = \hat{r} \times \hat{p}$$

$$[\hat{r}_i, \hat{p}_j] = i \delta_{ij}$$

In the $| \pm \rangle$ basis:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{T}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * ; \hat{T}_1 = \frac{\hat{T}_+ + \hat{T}_-}{2} = \frac{|+\rangle\langle-| + |- \rangle\langle+|}{2} ; \hat{T}_2 = \frac{\hat{T}_+ - \hat{T}_-}{2i} \\ \hat{T}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \hat{T}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\hat{T}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i \quad \sigma_i : \text{Pauli Matrices}$$

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 2i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$$

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$$

$$\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} = 2 \delta_{ij}$$

In the T 's in the $|1\rangle, |2\rangle$ basis:

$$\hat{T}_1 = \frac{\hat{T}_+ + \hat{T}_-}{2} = \frac{|+\rangle\langle-| + |- \rangle\langle+|}{2} \quad *$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |+\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} ; \quad |-\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle - |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right\} \text{Eigenvals of } \hat{T}_3$$

$$\left(|+\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right); \left(|-\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle - |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left. \vphantom{\frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}} \right\} \hat{T}_3$$

$$|+\rangle \langle -| = \left(\frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\langle 1| - \langle 2|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

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

$$|-\rangle \langle +| = \left(\frac{|1\rangle - |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\langle 1| + \langle 2|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

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

$$\hat{T}_1 = |1\rangle \langle 1| - |2\rangle \langle 2| \quad *$$

$$\hat{T}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad *$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{T}_1 |1\rangle &= |1\rangle \\ \hat{T}_1 |2\rangle &= -|2\rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Eigenkets of } \hat{T}_1$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}; |-\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle - |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|1\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}; |2\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle - |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

In the $|\pm\rangle$ basis $|+\rangle$ is the column vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{T}_3 |\pm\rangle = \pm |\pm\rangle$
 $|-\rangle$ is the column vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{T}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\hat{T}_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|\pm\rangle$ in the $|1\rangle, |2\rangle$ basis:

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|+\rangle \\ \langle 2|+\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In Q.M. $|\psi\rangle, e^{i\theta}|\psi\rangle$ both rep. the same state

$$\langle +|+\rangle = (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad \langle -|-\rangle = (0 \ \pm 1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$\langle +|-\rangle = (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$\langle + | - \rangle = (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad = 1$$

$$\hat{T}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} \langle + | + \rangle & \langle + | - \rangle \\ \langle - | + \rangle & \langle - | - \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{T}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{T}_+ = \begin{cases} |+\rangle \langle -| \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & |+\rangle \text{ basis} \\ |1\rangle \langle 1| - |2\rangle \langle 2| \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & |1\rangle, |2\rangle \text{ basis} \end{cases}$$

The eigen kets of \hat{T}_1 are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ transforms from the $|+\rangle$ basis to $|1\rangle, |2\rangle$ basis.

$$\hat{T}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow S \hat{T}_3 S^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S \hat{T}_3 S^{-1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{T}_1$$

The Hamiltonian in a two state system:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij} H_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j| = H_{11} |1\rangle \langle 1| + H_{22} |2\rangle \langle 2|$$

$$+ H_{12} |2\rangle \langle 1| + H_{21} |1\rangle \langle 2|$$

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{22} & H_{21} \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{H}^\dagger = \hat{H} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} H_{11} = H_{11}^* & H_{12}^* = H_{21} \\ H_{22} = H_{22}^* & \end{matrix}$$

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$$H_{ij} = \langle i | \hat{H} | j \rangle$$