

In quantum mechanics all observables in the end are expressed in the form:

$$\text{Probs} = |\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle|^2$$

Any symmetry S must be such that

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{S} |\psi'\rangle = \hat{U} |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\varphi\rangle \xrightarrow{S} |\varphi'\rangle$$

$$|\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle| \xrightarrow{S} |\langle \psi' | \varphi' \rangle| = |\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle|$$

$$\cancel{**} |\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle| = |\langle \varphi | \psi \rangle| \quad \cancel{**} \cancel{**}$$

This allows for two possibilities:

$$\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \xrightarrow{S} \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \quad \text{" } \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^{-1} \text{" } *$$

$$\text{or } \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \xrightarrow{S} \langle \varphi | \psi \rangle \quad \text{" } \hat{U} \text{ will be antiunitary" } \\ \text{(Time reversal operator)}$$

$$\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \xrightarrow{S} \langle \psi' | \varphi' \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} | \varphi \rangle \\ = \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \Rightarrow \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} = \mathbb{1} \quad * \\ \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^{-1} \\ \hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger = \mathbb{1}$$

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## Groups Definition

Group is a set of elements:  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\} : G$   
with the following four properties:

1) There  $\exists$  a binary operation, called the group multiplication rule, that associates two group elements  $G$  with a third group element in  $G$ .

$$g \cdot g' = g'' \quad \exists g, g', g'' \in G \\ \uparrow \\ \text{binary operation}$$

Note that in general  $g \cdot g' \neq g' \cdot g$   
when  $g \cdot g' = g' \cdot g$  the group is abelian

2) Associative property:

$$g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot g_3) = (g_1 \cdot g_2) \cdot g_3 \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{g'} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{g''}$$

3) Identity Element  $e \Rightarrow g \cdot e = e \cdot g = g$   
 $\forall g \in G$

Note:  $e$  is unique!

4) For group element  $g \exists g^{-1} \forall g, g^{-1} \in G$

$$\Rightarrow g \cdot g^{-1} = e \Rightarrow g^{-1} = g^{-1}$$

$$g \cdot g^{-1} = e \Rightarrow g^{-1} \cdot g = e$$

Note: That  $g^{-1}$  is unique

Example 1) The set of all integers is a group under addition.

Identity is zero

Inverse of  $N$  is  $-N$

This is abelian group  $(\cdot) = (+)$

$$N_1 \cdot N_2 = N_1 + N_2 = N_2 \cdot N_1 = N_2 + N_1 \quad \checkmark$$

Abelian.

2) The set of all real numbers under multiplication,

Identity element: 1

For  $x$  the inverse  $1/x \neq 0$

We have to exclude zero.

## Rotations

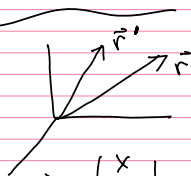
$$\vec{r} \xrightarrow{R} \vec{r}'$$

$$\vec{r}_i \xrightarrow{R} \vec{r}'_i$$

$$\vec{r}'_i = R_{ij} \vec{r}_j$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}' \Rightarrow R^T = R^{-1}$$

"Orthogonal Matrix"



$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Identity Element  $\vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{It is represented by } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}_{3 \times 3}$$

$$R^T R = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\det(R^T R) = 1$$

$$\det R^T \det R = 1 \Rightarrow (\det R)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \det R = \pm 1$$

(For  $(-1)$  case can be obtained by combining rotations w/ reflections)

We only need to

focus on  $\det R = 1$

Note: For  $\det R = -1$ ;  $\det(R_1 R_2) \neq -1$

In 3-d space  $R$  is characterized three continuous parameters

$$\Rightarrow R_{ij} \approx \delta_{ij} + \omega_{ij} \quad \text{small in some sense}$$

$$R^T R = 1 \Rightarrow (R^T)_{ik} (R)_{kj} = \delta_{ij}$$

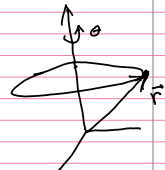
$$R_{ji} R_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$(\delta_{ji} + \omega_{ji})(\delta_{ij} + \omega_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\delta_{ij} + \omega_{ij} + \omega_{ji} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

$$\omega_{ij} = -\omega_{ji} \quad \Rightarrow \omega_{ii} = -\omega_{ii} = 0$$

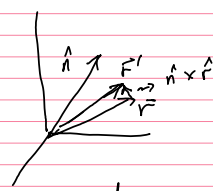
$\left. \begin{matrix} \omega_{12} & \omega_{13} & \omega_{23} \\ \omega_{21} & \omega_{23} & \omega_{31} \\ \omega_{31} & \omega_{32} & \omega_{33} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow 3 \text{ indep. parameters}$



$$\Delta \vec{r} = \hat{n} \times \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} + \hat{n} \times \vec{r} (\alpha)$$

$$r'^2 = r^2$$



$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r}_\perp + \vec{r}_\parallel$$

$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r}_\perp' + \vec{r}_\parallel$$

$$r_\perp'^2 = r_\perp^2$$

$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} + \hat{n} \times \vec{r} \xi \quad \vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}' = r^2$$

$$\hat{n} = \hat{n}(\theta, \phi) \quad \vec{r}' \cdot \vec{r}' = r^2 + a^2 (\hat{n} \times \hat{r})^2$$

$$a = a(\psi) \quad |\hat{n} \times \hat{r}| = \sin \xi$$

$$\xi = \xi(\theta, \phi)$$

$$R_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk} \psi_k$$

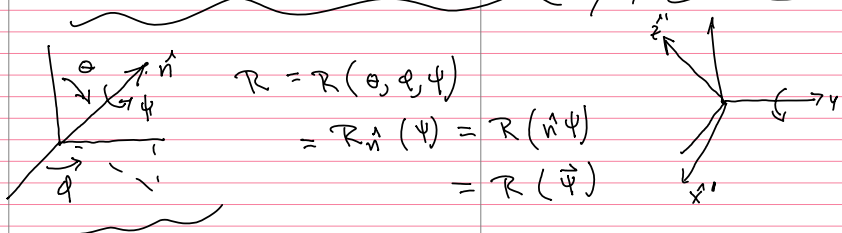
$$\psi_k = (\theta, \phi, \psi)$$

In general any  $N \times N$  antisymmetric matrix has

$$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} \text{ indep parameters}$$

likewise any  $N \times N$  symmetric matrix has

$$\frac{N(N+1)}{2} \text{ indep. parameters}$$



The ket vectors under Rotations

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{R} |\psi'\rangle$$

$$|\psi'\rangle = U(R) |\psi\rangle \quad U^\dagger = U$$

$$R = \mathbb{1}; \quad U = \mathbb{1}$$

for an infinitesimal rotation:  $R_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \omega_{ij}$

$$U(\delta_{ij} + \omega_{ij}) = \mathbb{1} + \left(\frac{i}{\hbar}\right) \omega_{ij} J_{ij}$$

convention

$$U^\dagger U = 1 = \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega_{ij} J_{ij}^\dagger\right) \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega_{ij} J_{ij}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} (\omega_{ij} \hat{J}_{ij} - \omega_{ji} \hat{J}_{ji}^{\dagger})$$

$$= 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{ij} \hat{J}_{ij} = \omega_{ji} \hat{J}_{ji}^{\dagger} \Rightarrow \hat{J}_{ij} = \hat{J}_{ji}^{\dagger}$$

Since  $\omega_{ij} = -\omega_{ji} \Rightarrow \hat{J}_{ij} = -\hat{J}_{ji}$

$$\hat{J}_{12}^{\dagger} = \hat{J}_{12}; \hat{J}_{14}^{\dagger} = \hat{J}_{14}$$

$$\hat{J}_{13}^{\dagger} = \hat{J}_{13}$$

$\Rightarrow 3$  indep. operators

Since,  $R_1 R_2 = R \Rightarrow U(R_1) U(R_2) = U(R)$  \*

$O(3) \sim SU(2)$  Homomorphism  $\Rightarrow U(R_1 R_2) = U(R_1) U(R_2)$  \*

This implies conditions on  $\hat{J}_{ij}$

Look at  $U(R^{-1}) U(R_{\omega}) U(R) = U(R^{-1} R_{\omega} R)$   $R_{\omega} = 1 + \frac{\omega}{\hbar}$

$$U(R^{-1}) \left( 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega_{ij} \hat{J}_{ij} \right) U(R) = 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} (\underbrace{R^{-1} R_{\omega} R}_{\omega'_{lm}})_{lm} \hat{J}_{lm}$$

$$\frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega_{ij} U(R^{-1}) \hat{J}_{ij} U(R) = \frac{i}{2\hbar} (R^{-1} R_{\omega} R)_{lm} \hat{J}_{lm}$$

$$U(R^{-1}) = U^{\dagger}(R) = \omega_{nk} R'_{nl} R'_{km} \hat{J}_{lm}$$

$$U^{\dagger}(R) \hat{J}_{ij} U(R) = R'_{nl} R'_{km} \hat{J}_{lm}$$

Recall that under Rotations any vector

$$V_i' = R_{ij} V_j$$

$$T_{ij}' = R_{il} R_{jm} T_{lm}$$

$$U(R') = 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega'_{lm} \hat{J}_{lm} \quad R_{nl} = \delta_{nl} + \omega'_{nl}$$

$$U^{\dagger}(R') = 1 - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega'_{lm} \hat{J}_{lm}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega'_{lm} [\hat{J}_{lm}, \hat{J}_{nk}] = \omega_{km} \hat{J}_{nm} + \omega_{nl} \hat{J}_{lk}$$

$$= \underbrace{\omega_{lm}}_{-\omega_{ml}} [\underbrace{\delta_{kl} \hat{J}_{nm} - \delta_{nl} \hat{J}_{mk}}_{\text{only anti-symm. contributes}}]$$

$$[J_{jm}, J_{nk}] = \frac{\omega_{jm}}{2} [\delta_{km} J_{nn} - \delta_{nm} J_{kk} - (\delta_{km} \hat{J}_{nj} - \delta_{nj} \hat{J}_{mk})]$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{J}_{jm}, \hat{J}_{nk}] = i\hbar [\delta_{km} \hat{J}_{nn} - \delta_{nm} \hat{J}_{kk} - \delta_{km} \hat{J}_{nj} + \delta_{nj} \hat{J}_{mk}]}$$

$$U = 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega_{ij} \hat{J}_{ij}$$

↳ generators of rotation

$$\hat{J}_{jm} = -\hat{J}_{mj} \Rightarrow \hat{J}_{jm} = \epsilon_{jmi} \hat{J}_i$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{J}_i, \hat{J}_k] = i\hbar \epsilon_{ikl} \hat{J}_l}$$

↑ generators

$U|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$

⇒ The complete set of operators must contain  $\{H, \hat{J}^2, \hat{J}_3, \dots\}$

⇒ States are characterized by the eigenvalues  $\{E, j(j+1), m, \dots\}$

$$U \approx 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega_{ij} \hat{J}_{ij} \dots$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \omega_{ij} \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{J}_k$$

$$= 1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{J}$$

↑ in infinitesimal

$$\vec{\Theta} \equiv (\vec{\omega}) N \quad \delta\vec{\Theta} = \left(\frac{\vec{\omega}}{N}\right)$$

$$\epsilon_{nji} \Theta_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{nji} \epsilon_{ilm} \omega_{lm}$$

$$\Theta_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijm} \omega_{jm}$$

$$U(R(\vec{\Theta})) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{\vec{\Theta} \cdot \vec{J}}{N} \right)^N$$

$$[\hat{\Theta}_i \cdot \hat{J}, \hat{\Theta}_j \cdot \hat{J}] = 0$$

$$e^x = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{N} \right)^N$$

For finite rotations  $U(R(\vec{\Theta})) = e^{i/\hbar \vec{\Theta} \cdot \vec{J}}$