

Schwarz Inequality

Consider two kets $|\varphi_1\rangle$ and $|\varphi_2\rangle$

not necessarily orthogonal, nor normalized, but

neither is the zero ket: $\langle \text{zero} | \text{zero} \rangle = 0$

Define $|\psi\rangle = |\varphi_1\rangle + \lambda |\varphi_2\rangle$

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_1 \rangle + \lambda \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle + \lambda^* \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle + \lambda \lambda^* \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\text{choose } \lambda = -\frac{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle}, \quad \lambda^* = -\frac{\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle}$$

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_1 \rangle - \frac{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle} - \frac{\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle} + \frac{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle} \geq 0$$

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_1 \rangle - \frac{\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle}{\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle} \geq 0$$

multiply $\langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle$

$$\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_1 \rangle \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle - \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_1 \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_1 \rangle \langle \varphi_2 | \varphi_2 \rangle \geq |\langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2 \rangle|^2 \quad \text{equality iff } |\varphi_1\rangle = -\lambda |\varphi_2\rangle$$

Generalized Uncertainty Principle

for observable \hat{A} (hermitian $\hat{A}^\dagger = \hat{A}$)
in state $|\psi\rangle$

$\langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle$

$\langle \hat{A} \rangle$ is a number

$$\sigma_A^2 = (\Delta A)^2 = \langle (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle \psi | (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle$$
$$= \langle (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle) \psi | (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle) \psi \rangle = \langle f | f \rangle$$

where $f \equiv (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle \mathbb{1}) | \psi \rangle$

$$\sigma_B^2 = \langle (\hat{B} - \langle \hat{B} \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle g | g \rangle$$

where $g \equiv (\hat{B} - \langle \hat{B} \rangle \mathbb{1}) | \psi \rangle$

Schwarz Inequality Assume $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$ normalized

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 = \langle f | f \rangle \langle g | g \rangle \geq |\langle f | g \rangle|^2$$

For any complex number z : $|z|^2 = [\text{Re}(z)]^2 + [\text{Im}(z)]^2 \geq [\text{Im}(z)]^2$

Let $z \equiv \langle f | g \rangle$

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 $|\langle f | g \rangle|^2$

$$\text{Im}(z) = \frac{z - z^*}{2i}, \quad \text{Re}(z) = \frac{z + z^*}{2}$$

$$|z|^2 \geq [\text{Im}(z)]^2$$

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq |\langle f|g \rangle|^2 \geq \left(\frac{\langle f|g \rangle - \langle g|f \rangle}{2i} \right)^2$$

$$\langle f|g \rangle = \langle (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle) \psi | (\hat{B} - \langle \hat{B} \rangle) \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi | (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle)(\hat{B} - \langle \hat{B} \rangle) | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi | (\hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{A}\langle \hat{B} \rangle - \hat{B}\langle \hat{A} \rangle + \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle) | \psi \rangle$$

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$$= \langle \psi | \hat{A}\hat{B} | \psi \rangle - \langle \hat{B} \rangle \underbrace{\langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle}_{\langle \hat{A} \rangle} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \psi | \hat{B} | \psi \rangle + \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$$

$\leftarrow \langle \hat{B} \rangle$
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 $\langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle \underbrace{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}_1$

$$= \langle \hat{A}\hat{B} \rangle - \langle \hat{B} \rangle \langle \hat{A} \rangle - \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle + \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle$$

$$= \langle f|g \rangle = \langle \hat{A}\hat{B} \rangle - \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle$$

$$\langle g|f \rangle = \langle \hat{B}\hat{A} \rangle - \langle \hat{A} \rangle \langle \hat{B} \rangle$$

$$\langle f|g \rangle - \langle g|f \rangle = \langle \hat{A}\hat{B} \rangle - \langle \hat{B}\hat{A} \rangle = \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle$$

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \left(\frac{\langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle}{2i} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Let } \hat{A} = \hat{x}, \quad \hat{B} = \hat{p}$$

$$\sigma_x^2 \sigma_p^2 \geq \left(\frac{\langle [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \rangle}{2i} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{i\hbar}{2i} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

Schrödinger vs. Heisenberg Pictures

$$|\psi_s(t)\rangle = \hat{U}(t, t_0) |\psi_s(t_0)\rangle$$

\hat{U} unitary time evolution operator

$$\hat{U}(t, t_0) = e^{\frac{-i\hat{H}_s(t-t_0)}{\hbar}}$$

$\hat{A}_s(t)$ operator in S. picture

$$\langle \psi_s(t) | \hat{A}_s(t) | \psi_s(t) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi_s(t_0) | \underbrace{\hat{U}^\dagger(t, t_0) \hat{A}_s(t) \hat{U}(t, t_0)}_{\hat{A}_H(t)} | \psi_s(t_0) \rangle$$

$$\equiv \hat{A}_H(t)$$

Three dimensions

$$\text{TDSE: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

2nd-order, linear in Ψ , homogeneous, Partial D.E

$$\text{Laplacian } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \text{ in Cartesian coords}$$

$$[\hat{r}_i, \hat{p}_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij} \text{ e.g. } [\hat{y}, \hat{p}_x] = 0 \parallel [\hat{r}_i, \hat{r}_j] = 0 = [\hat{p}_i, \hat{p}_j]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}, \sigma_y \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}, \text{ but } \sigma_x \sigma_y \text{ is unrestricted}$$

We saw previously the 3-dim infinite square well,
3-dim quantum harmonic oscillators, both in Cartesian