

PHY 741 Quantum Mechanics
12-12:50 PM MWF Olin 103

Plan for Lecture 13:
Reading in Shankar: Finish Chapter 10
Skim Chapter 11
Start Chapter 12

1. Multiparticle systems

- a. Distinguishable, Fermi, Bose
- b. Second quantized formalism

2. Angular momentum

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Course schedule
(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment	Due
1 Mon, 8/28/2017	Chap. 1	Review of basic principles	#1	9/6/2017
2 Wed, 8/30/2017	Chap. 1	Linear vector spaces	#2	9/6/2017
3 Fri, 9/01/2017	Chap. 1	Linear vector spaces	#3	9/6/2017
4 Mon, 9/04/2017	Chap. 4	Principles of Quantum Mechanics	#4	9/8/2017
5 Wed, 9/06/2017	Chap. 5	Examples in 1 dimension		
6 Fri, 9/08/2017	Chap. 5	Schrödinger equation in one-dimension	#5	9/13/2017
7 Mon, 9/11/2017	Chap. 5	Schrödinger equation in one-dimension		
8 Wed, 9/13/2017	Chap. 7	Schrödinger equation in one-dimension	#6	9/19/2017
9 Fri, 9/15/2017	Chap. 7	Schrödinger equation in one-dimension	#7	9/20/2017
10 Mon, 9/18/2017	Chap. 5 and 7	Schrödinger equation in one-dimension		
11 Wed, 9/20/2017	Chap. 9	Commutator formalism	#8	9/22/2017
12 Fri, 9/22/2017	Chap. 10	Quantum mechanics of multiparticle systems	#9	9/25/2017
13 Mon, 9/25/2017	Chap. 10-12	Multiparticle systems and angular momentum		
14 Wed, 9/27/2017	Chap. 12	Eigenstates of angular momentum		
15 Fri, 9/29/2017	Chap. 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12	Review		
Mon, 10/02/2017		Take-home exam -- No class		
Wed, 10/04/2017		Take-home exam -- No class		
16 Fri, 10/06/2017				

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Quantum mechanical treatment of multiparticle systems

For a non-interacting system:

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = h(\mathbf{r}_1) + h(\mathbf{r}_2) + \dots h(\mathbf{r}_N)$$

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Energy eigenstates:

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = E \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

Simplification for separable Hamiltonian

For: $h(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1) = \varepsilon_a \phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1)$

$$h(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) = \varepsilon_b \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

Solution to the many particle problem

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) \dots \phi_z(\mathbf{r}_N)$$

$$E = \varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b + \dots \varepsilon_z$$

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Refinement of the results for treatment of distinguishable or indistinguishable particles

For distinguishable particles:

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) \dots \phi_z(\mathbf{r}_N)$$

Two types of indistinguishable particles:

Fermi particles: $\psi_F(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = -\psi_F(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_F(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}} (-1)^{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P}(\phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_c(\mathbf{r}_3) \dots \phi_z(\mathbf{r}_N))$$

Bose particles: $\psi_B(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = +\psi_B(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_B(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \sum_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P}(\phi_a(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_c(\mathbf{r}_3) \dots \phi_z(\mathbf{r}_N))$$

Energy eigenstates: $H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = E \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$

$$E = \varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b + \dots \varepsilon_z$$

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Treating multiparticle systems using "second" quantization formalism

Consider a non-interacting system:

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = h(\mathbf{r}_1) + h(\mathbf{r}_2) + \dots h(\mathbf{r}_N)$$

For a system of non-interacting identical particles, the single particle Hamiltonians $h(\mathbf{r}_i)$ are also identical.

Eigenstates of the single particle Hamiltonian:

$$h(\mathbf{r}) \phi_a(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_a \phi_a(\mathbf{r})$$

$$h(\mathbf{r}) \phi_b(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_b \phi_b(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$h(\mathbf{r}) \phi_z(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_z \phi_z(\mathbf{r})$$

We now assume that the single particle eigenstates $\{\phi_a(\mathbf{r})\}$ span the function space available to each particle.

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Treating multiparticle systems using "second" quantization formalism -- continued

$$h(\mathbf{r}_1) = \sum_{\alpha} |\varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1)\rangle \varepsilon_{\alpha} \langle \varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1)|$$

$$\langle \varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) | \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \rangle = n_{\alpha}$$

=number of times basis function $\varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1)$ appears in the product representation

Second quantization representation:

$$|\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)\rangle \Rightarrow |n_a n_b n_c \dots n_z\rangle$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \Rightarrow \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} N_{\alpha}$$

where the number operator acts as follows:

$$N_{\alpha} |n_a n_b n_c \dots n_z\rangle = n_{\alpha} |n_a n_b n_c \dots n_z\rangle$$

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In general, the number operator can be expressed in terms of a product of two operators. For the case of Bose particles, these operators are very similar to the raising and lowering operators of the harmonic oscillator.

$$N_{\alpha} = b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\alpha}$$

Bose particle commutation relations:

$$[b_{\alpha}, b_{\beta}] \equiv b_{\alpha} b_{\beta} - b_{\beta} b_{\alpha} = 0$$

$$[b_{\alpha}^{\dagger}, b_{\beta}^{\dagger}] = 0$$

$$[b_{\alpha}, b_{\beta}^{\dagger}] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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Second quantization for Bose particles, continued

$$b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\alpha} |n_{\alpha}\rangle = n_{\alpha} |n_{\alpha}\rangle$$

$$b_{\alpha} |n_{\alpha}\rangle = \sqrt{n_{\alpha}} |n_{\alpha} - 1\rangle$$

$$b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |n_{\alpha}\rangle = \sqrt{n_{\alpha} + 1} |n_{\alpha} + 1\rangle$$

For example: $b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |0_{\alpha}\rangle = |1_{\alpha}\rangle$

$$b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |1_{\alpha}\rangle = \sqrt{2} |2_{\alpha}\rangle$$

$$(b_{\alpha}^{\dagger})^n |0_{\alpha}\rangle = \sqrt{n!} |n_{\alpha}\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow n_{\alpha} = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

To represent 3 particles: $|n_1 n_2 n_3\rangle = \frac{(b_3^{\dagger})^{n_3} (b_2^{\dagger})^{n_2} (b_1^{\dagger})^{n_1}}{\sqrt{n_3!} \sqrt{n_2!} \sqrt{n_1!}} |0\rangle$

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Second quantization for Fermi particles

$$N_\alpha = f_\alpha^\dagger f_\alpha$$

Fermi particle anticommutation relations:

$$\{f_\alpha, f_\beta\} \equiv f_\alpha f_\beta + f_\beta f_\alpha = 0$$

$$\{f_\alpha^\dagger, f_\beta^\dagger\} = 0$$

$$\{f_\alpha, f_\beta^\dagger\} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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Second quantized creation and annihilation Fermi operators

$$f_\alpha^\dagger f_\alpha |n_\alpha\rangle = n_\alpha |n_\alpha\rangle$$

$$f_\alpha |n_\alpha\rangle = \sqrt{n_\alpha} |1 - n_\alpha\rangle$$

$$f_\alpha^\dagger |n_\alpha\rangle = \sqrt{1 - n_\alpha} |1 + n_\alpha\rangle$$

Non-trivial operations:

$$f_\alpha |0_\alpha\rangle = 0 \quad f_\alpha |1_\alpha\rangle = |0_\alpha\rangle$$

$$f_\alpha^\dagger |0_\alpha\rangle = |1_\alpha\rangle \quad f_\alpha^\dagger |1_\alpha\rangle = 0$$


$\Rightarrow n_\alpha = 0$ or 1

To represent 3 particles: $|n_1 n_2 n_3\rangle = (f_3^\dagger)^{n_3} (f_2^\dagger)^{n_2} (f_1^\dagger)^{n_1} |0\rangle$

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More general treatment of multiparticle system

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N h(\mathbf{r}_i) + V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

 interparticle interaction

Often: $V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N v(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)$

In this case, the second quantized forms can be written

$$H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \Rightarrow \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} v_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\beta}^{\dagger} b_{\gamma} b_{\delta} \quad \text{for Bose particles}$$

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Here $v_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ denotes matrix elements such as

$$v_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \int d^3 r_1 \int d^3 r_2 \varphi_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{r}_2) v(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_{\delta}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

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Back to single particle treatments; 1-3 dimensional space

Consider linear momentum in the x direction:

$$P_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$P_x |\psi(x)\rangle = -i\hbar \left[\frac{\partial \psi(x)}{\partial x} \right]$$

Note that $\psi(x+u) = \psi(x) + u \frac{\partial \psi(x)}{\partial x} + \frac{u^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + \dots$

$$\psi(x+u) = \psi(x) + u \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} P_x \right) \psi(x) + \frac{u^2}{2!} \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} P_x \right)^2 \psi(x) + \dots$$

Formally: $\psi(x+u) = e^{u \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} P_x \right)} \psi(x)$

\Rightarrow The operator $e^{iuP_x/\hbar}$ is the "generator" of linear translations

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Now consider angular momentum

Angular momentum in three dimensions

$$L_x = YP_z - ZP_y$$

$$L_y = ZP_x - XP_z$$

$$L_z = XP_y - YP_x$$

Consider:

$$[L_x, Y] = [YP_z - ZP_y, Y] = -Z[P_y, Y] = i\hbar Z$$

$$[L_x, P_y] = [YP_z - ZP_y, P_y] = P_z[Y, P_y] = i\hbar P_z$$

$$[L_x, L_y] = [YP_z - ZP_y, ZP_x - XP_z] = i\hbar L_z$$

Summary:

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z \quad [L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x \quad [L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y$$

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Summary:

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z \quad [L_y, L_z] = i\hbar L_x \quad [L_z, L_x] = i\hbar L_y$$

Consider $\mathbf{L}^2 = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2$

$$[\mathbf{L}^2, L_z] = [L_x^2 + L_y^2, L_z]$$

$$= L_x[L_x, L_z] + [L_x, L_z]L_x + L_y[L_y, L_z] + [L_y, L_z]L_y$$

$$= -i\hbar L_x L_y - i\hbar L_y L_x + i\hbar L_y L_x + i\hbar L_x L_y$$

$$= 0$$

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Consider L_z in spherical polar coordinates:

$$L_z = XP_y - YP_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}$$

Following the same logic that we used for linear momentum

$$e^{i\alpha L_z/\hbar} \psi(x, \theta, \varphi) = \psi(x, \theta, \varphi + \alpha)$$



generator for rotations

Need to find eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of L^2 and L_z .

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