

1. Check the following operators regarding their properties: linearity, hermiticity (antihermiticity), and unitarity when applied on the function $\psi(x)$!

$$\begin{aligned}
 a) & 3i \frac{d^3}{dx^3} \psi(x) & b) & e^{\psi(x)} & c) & \left\{ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \sin(x) \right\} \psi(x) & d) & x \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} \\
 e) & \psi(x) \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} & f) & 2i \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} + 3 & g) & 3i \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} & h) & \left\{ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2x \right\} \psi(x) \\
 i) & \exp\left(i \frac{d}{dx}\right) \psi(x) & j) & \exp\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) \psi(x) & k) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx} \psi(k) dk & l) & \psi^*(x) \\
 m) & \frac{1}{\psi(x)} & n) & \left(x^2 + i \frac{d}{dx}\right) \psi(x) & o) & \psi(x+10) \cdot \psi(x) & p) & \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx}
 \end{aligned}$$

Results:

Not linear: b, e, f, l, m, o

Hermitian: a, c, g, h, i, n Antihermitian: p

Not hermitian: d, j, k Unitary: j, k

2. A commutator is the difference operator of a product of two operators in different order: $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$

Show that products of operators can be expressed as:

$$[\hat{A}\hat{B}, \hat{C}] = \hat{A}[\hat{B}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{C}]\hat{B} \quad \text{or} \quad [\hat{A}, \hat{B}\hat{C}] = \hat{B}[\hat{A}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]\hat{C}$$

The elementary commutators of the coordinates and of the components of momentum are considered as basic knowledge. (The indices l and $k = 1, 2, 3$ written in the tensorial way, represent the Cartesian coordinates x, y, z).

$$\text{Show that:} \quad [\hat{x}_k, \hat{x}_l] = 0, \quad [\hat{p}_k, \hat{p}_l] = 0, \quad [\hat{p}_k, \hat{x}_l] = \frac{\hbar}{i} \delta_{kl} = -i\hbar \delta_{kl},$$

with $\delta_{kl} =$ Kronecker symbol.

3. Check the results of the following commutators:

(The operator notation $\hat{}$ is omitted for the coordinates, because the operator \hat{x} is identical with the value x of the coordinates. \hat{L}_k are the components of the angular momentum.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{p}_z, z^3] &= 3z^2 \frac{\hbar}{i}, & [\hat{p}_z, xy^2] &= 0, & [\hat{p}_x^2, \frac{1}{x}] &= -\frac{2\hbar^2}{x^3} + \frac{2i\hbar}{x^2} \hat{p}_x, & [\hat{p}_x, e^{ix}] &= \hbar e^{ix} \\
 [\hat{p}_x, f(x)] &= -i\hbar f'(x), & [y, \hat{p}_y^2] &= 2i\hbar \hat{p}_y, & [\hat{p}_y, \hat{L}_z] &= i\hbar \hat{p}_x, & [\hat{p}_x, \hat{L}_z] &= -i\hbar \hat{p}_y, \\
 [\hat{L}_z, z] &= 0, & [\hat{L}_z, y] &= -i\hbar x, & [\hat{L}_z, x] &= i\hbar y, & [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}^2] &= [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}^2] = [\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}^2] = 0, \\
 [\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_x] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_y, & [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_z, & [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_x, & [\hat{p}_z, x^2 + y^2 + z^2] &= -2i\hbar z.
 \end{aligned}$$