

Discrete basis  $\{|i\rangle\}$   $|N\rangle = \sum_i \psi_i |i\rangle$

Vectors:  $\underline{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$

$\psi_i = \langle i | N \rangle$

$\langle N | = \sum_i \langle i | \psi_i^*$

Operators:  $\hat{A} = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j|$   $A_{ij} = \langle i | \hat{A} | j \rangle$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\phi\rangle = \hat{A} |N\rangle = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j| \sum_k \psi_k |k\rangle = \sum_{i,j,k} A_{ij} \psi_k |i\rangle \underbrace{\langle j | k \rangle}_{\delta_{jk}}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{A_{ij} \psi_j}_{\phi_i} |i\rangle = \sum_i \phi_i |i\rangle \quad \phi_i = \sum_j A_{ij} \psi_j$$

$$\underline{\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = A \underline{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Expectation:

$$\langle A \rangle = \langle N | \hat{A} | N \rangle = \sum_i \psi_i^* \langle i | \sum_{j,k} A_{jk} |j\rangle \langle k | \sum_l \psi_l |l\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \psi_i^* A_{jk} \psi_l \frac{\langle i | j \rangle}{\delta_{ij}} \frac{\langle k | l \rangle}{\delta_{kl}} = \sum_{i,j} \psi_i^* A_{ij} \psi_j = \underline{\psi}^\dagger A \underline{\psi}$$

( $\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, \dots$ )

Continuous basis Position (1D)

$\hat{q}$  position operator  $\hat{q} |q\rangle = q |q\rangle$

$\langle q' | q \rangle = \delta(q - q')$

$\psi(q) = \langle q | N \rangle$

$|N\rangle = \int dq \psi(q) |q\rangle$

$\hat{A}$   $A(q', q) = \langle q' | A | q \rangle$

$| \phi \rangle = \hat{A} | N \rangle$   $\mathbb{1} = \int dq' |q'\rangle \langle q'|$

$|N\rangle = \sum_i \psi_i |i\rangle$

$$\phi(q) = \langle q | \phi \rangle = \langle q | \hat{A} | N \rangle = \int dq' \underbrace{\langle q | \hat{A} | q' \rangle}_{A(q, q')} \underbrace{\langle q' | N \rangle}_{\psi(q')} = \int dq' A(q, q') \psi(q')$$



# Two level systems

Two basis states  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^1 c_k |k\rangle$$

$$\underline{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Hermitian op:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10} & A_{11} \end{pmatrix}$

$$A^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} A_{00}^* & A_{10}^* \\ A_{01}^* & A_{11}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^\dagger = A \Rightarrow A_{00}, A_{11} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A_{10}^* = A_{01} = b - ic$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b - ic \\ b + ic & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

Basis for  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian matrices

$$\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_0 \quad \sigma_x = \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = a_0 \mathbb{1} + \sum_m a_m \sigma_m = \sum_{m=0}^3 a_m \sigma_m$$

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

$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if two index eq.} \\ 1 & \text{for even perm. of } 123 \\ -1 & \text{odd} \end{cases}$

$$\epsilon_{123} = 1$$

$$\epsilon_{132} = -1$$

$$\epsilon_{312} = 1$$

$\vdots$

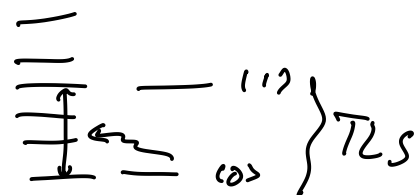
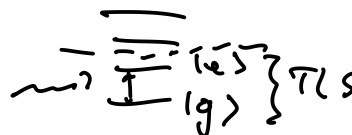
$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = i \sum_k \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k + \delta_{ij} \mathbb{1}$$

Physical systems:

- spin -  $\frac{1}{2}$

- photon polarization

- Atom

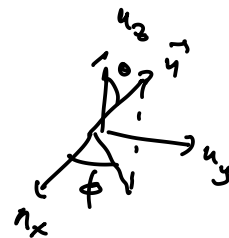


# "Rotated" Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_n = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \quad |\vec{n}| = 1$$

$$\vec{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$$

$$\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$$



$$n_x = \sin\theta \cos\phi$$

$$n_y = \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$n_z = \cos\theta$$

$$\sigma_n = n_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + n_y \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + n_z \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n_z & n_x - i n_y \\ n_x + i n_y & -n_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ \sin\theta e^{i\phi} & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:  $|\sigma_n - \lambda \mathbb{1}| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta - \lambda & \sin\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ \sin\theta e^{i\phi} & -\cos\theta - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= -(\cos\theta - \lambda)(\cos\theta + \lambda) - \sin^2\theta = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

Exercise:

Eigenvectors:  $\lambda = +1$ :  $\underline{\psi}_{+n} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda = -1$ :  $\underline{\psi}_{-n} = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\phi} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \\ \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle \vec{\sigma} \rangle = \langle \psi_{+n} | \vec{\sigma} | \psi_{+n} \rangle = \vec{n}$$

General state:  $\underline{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{\psi}^\dagger \underline{\psi} = (c_0^*, c_1^*) \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = |c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$$

Claim:  $\left. \begin{matrix} c_0 = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ c_1 = e^{i\phi} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \psi_{+n}$