

my Quantum Mechanics cheat sheet

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Table 1: QM cheat sheet

	Position Operator X	Momentum operator P	Hamiltonian operator H
Eigenvalue eigenvector relation	$X x\rangle = x x\rangle$ where x is the eigenvalue (size) of the $ x\rangle$ which is the position vector associated with x measured.	$P \phi_p\rangle = p \phi_p\rangle$ where p is the momentum of the particle.	$H \Psi_{E_i}\rangle = E_i \Psi_{E_i}\rangle$ where E_i is the energy level of the particle.
Normalization relation	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x\rangle \langle x \, dx = 1$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_p\rangle \langle \phi_p \, dp = 1$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi_{E_i}\rangle \langle \Psi_{E_i} \, dE = 1$
orthogonality	$\langle x x'\rangle = \delta(x - x')$	$\langle \phi_p \phi_{p'}\rangle = \delta(p - p')$	$\langle \Psi_{E_i} \Psi_{E_j}\rangle = \delta(E_i - E_j)$
Matrix element of operator	$\langle x X x'\rangle = x'\delta(x - x')$. Operator X is diagonal matrix.	$\langle x P x'\rangle = -i\hbar\delta(x - x')\frac{d}{dx'}$ where momentum operator P is expressed in position operator $ x\rangle$ basis. Note that operator P is not a diagonal matrix.	$\langle x H x'\rangle = ?$
Function form of the state function $ \Psi\rangle$	N/A ?	$\begin{aligned} P \phi_p\rangle &= p \phi_p\rangle \\ \int P x'\rangle \langle x' \phi_p\rangle \, dx &= p \int x'\rangle \langle x' \phi_p\rangle \, dx \\ \int \langle x P x'\rangle \langle x' \phi_p\rangle \, dx &= p \int \langle x x'\rangle \langle x' \phi_p\rangle \, dx \\ \int -i\hbar\delta(x - x')\frac{d}{dx'}\phi_p(x') \, dx &= p \int \delta(x - x')\phi_p(x') \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi \Psi\rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \Psi x\rangle \langle x \Psi\rangle \, dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle x \Psi\rangle \langle x \Psi\rangle \, dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^*(x)\Psi(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^L \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)^2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$
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Vector form to function form	$\langle x \Psi \rangle = \Psi(x)$	$\langle x \phi_p \rangle = \phi_p(x)$	$\langle x \Psi_E \rangle = \Psi_E(x)$
Expansion of state vector $ \Psi\rangle$	$ \Psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x\rangle \langle x \Psi\rangle \, dx$	$ \Psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_p\rangle \langle \phi_p \Psi\rangle \, dp$	$ \Psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_i\rangle \langle E_i \Psi\rangle \, di$
State function $ \Psi\rangle$ For infinite potential deep well of width $x < 0 < L$	todo	todo	todo
Probability of measurement	<div>1. Probability of measuring x given system is in state $\Psi\rangle$ is $\langle \Psi \Psi\rangle ^2$. For infinite potential deep well of width $x < 0 < L$ this becomes</div> <div>$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi \Psi\rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \Psi x\rangle \langle x \Psi\rangle \, dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle x \Psi\rangle \langle x \Psi\rangle \, dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^*(x)\Psi(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^L \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)^2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{2} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$</div> <div>2. Probability of measuring x given system is in state ϕ_p</div>	$ \Psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_p\rangle \langle \phi_p \Psi\rangle \, dp$	$ \Psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_i\rangle \langle E_i \Psi\rangle \, di$