

## Commutation Relations تبادلية

Let  $A, B$  be operators, so the commutator is defined by

$$[A, B] = AB - BA \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} [x_i, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] &= (x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} x_i) \psi \\ &= x_i \cancel{\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_j}} - x_i \cancel{\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_j}} - \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} \psi \\ &= -\delta_{ij} \psi \\ \Rightarrow [x_i, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] &= -\delta_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad [\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, x_i] = +\delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta.

Example 8

$$[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] = 0 \quad (\text{order of differentiation } \overset{\text{diff}}{\underset{\text{diff}}{\leftrightarrow}} \text{ Commute})$$

Example 9:  $[x_i, x_j] = 0$  (Real numbers also commute)

Example 3 An operator  $O_i$  is defined by

$$O_i \psi(x) = x_i \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x) \cdot \text{Check for its linearity?}$$

$O_i$  is not linear  
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$$\theta_1 \{ C_1 f_1(x) + C_2 f_2(x) \} = x \frac{d}{dx} \{ C_1 f_1(x) + C_2 f_2(x) \}$$

$$= x \left\{ C_1 \frac{df_1}{dx} + C_2 \frac{df_2}{dx} \right\}$$

$$= C_1 x \frac{df_1}{dx} + C_2 x \frac{df_2}{dx}$$

Again,  $C_1 \theta_1 f_1(x) + C_2 \theta_1 f_2(x)$

$$= C_1 x \frac{df_1}{dx} + C_2 x \frac{df_2}{dx}$$

Hence operator  $\theta_1$  is linear.

H.W. Example / An operator  $\theta_2$  is defined by

Check whether it is a linear operator or not.  $\theta_2 \psi(x) = x^3 \psi(x)$

Sol.  $\theta_2 \{ C_1 f_1(x) + C_2 f_2(x) \} = x^3 \{ C_1 f_1(x) + C_2 f_2(x) \}$

$$= C_1 x^3 f_1(x) + C_2 x^3 f_2(x)$$

$$= C_1 \theta_2 f_1(x) + C_2 \theta_2 f_2(x)$$

Hence operator  $\theta_2$  is linear.

Remark If there are  $A, B, C$  one linear operators, one has :

$$1. [A, B] + [B, A] = 0$$

2.  $[\hat{A}, \hat{A}] = 0$

3.  $[\hat{A}\hat{B}, \hat{C}] = A[\hat{B}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{C}]\hat{B}$

4.  $[\hat{A} + \hat{B}, \hat{C}] = [\hat{A}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{B}, \hat{C}]$

5.  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}\hat{C}] = [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]\hat{C} + \hat{B}[\hat{A}, \hat{C}]$

6.  $[\hat{A}, b] = 0$ ,  $b$  is a constant.

Examples: مثلاً، معمولٌ بديهيٌ

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\hat{x}, \hat{P}_y] = 0 \quad \text{"commute"} \\ [\hat{x}, \hat{y}] = 0 \\ [\hat{P}_x, \hat{P}_y] = 0 ; [\hat{P}_x, \hat{T}_K] = 0 \\ [\hat{x}, \hat{P}_x] \neq 0 \quad \text{"not commutative"} \end{array} \right.$$

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Formulation of operators in Q.M.

(Let be  $\psi(x, t)$  a wave function describes the state of a system, that:

$$\psi(x, t) = A e^{i(Kx - \omega t)}$$

$$\text{if } E = \hbar\omega, P = \hbar K \Rightarrow \psi(x, t) = A e^{i(Px - Et)/\hbar}$$