

QRM - SHEET 2

1) CONSIDER 1D-FUNCTIONS, $f(x) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ (i.e. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$)

THE OPERATOR P_x IS DEFINED AS:

$$\hat{P}_x f(x) = -i \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \quad [h = 1]$$

SHOW THAT \hat{P}_x IS HERMITIAN: $\hat{P}_x^\dagger = \hat{P}_x$.

SHOW EXPLICITELY THAT: $[\hat{x}, \hat{P}_x] = i$.

2) A SYSTEM IS DESCRIBED BY THE ONC BASIS $\{|E_1\rangle, |E_2\rangle\}$

WHERE $\hat{H}|E_1\rangle = E_1|E_1\rangle$, $\hat{H}|E_2\rangle = E_2|E_2\rangle$, \hat{H} BEING THE HAMILTON-OPERATOR OF THE SYSTEM.

2 a) SHOW THAT $\hat{H} = E_1|E_1\rangle\langle E_1| + E_2|E_2\rangle\langle E_2|$ IS THE HAMILTONIAN.

2 b) CONSIDER THE INITIAL STATE $|\psi(0)\rangle = \alpha_1|E_1\rangle + \alpha_2|E_2\rangle$
(with $|\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 = 1$) DETERMINE $|\psi(t)\rangle \forall t$.

2 c) WHICH IS THE PROB. TO FIND THE ENERGY E_1 IF WE PERFORM A MEASUREMENT OF THE ENERGY AT THE INSTANT t ?

3) \hat{A} LINEAR OPERATOR, $\hat{A} = \sum_{j_1, j_2} |f_{j_1}\rangle\langle f_{j_2}|$ VERIFY THAT IT IS LINEAR AND DETERMINE \hat{A}^\dagger .

4) \hat{A}, \hat{B} HERMITIAN OPERATORS. SHOW THAT $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]$ IS ANTIHERMITIAN.
(RECALL: \hat{O} IS ANTIHERMITIAN IF $\hat{O}^\dagger = -\hat{O}$).