

Problem 1 (25 marks)

The state of a system is specified by its momentum wave function

$$\psi(p) = \langle p | \rangle = \begin{cases} C(p_0 - |p|) & \text{for } 0 \leq |p| \leq p_0, \\ 0 & \text{for } 0 < p_0 \leq |p|. \end{cases}$$

First, determine the normalization constant $C > 0$ in terms of p_0 . Then, express the expectation values $\langle X \rangle$, $\langle X^2 \rangle$, $\langle P \rangle$, $\langle P^2 \rangle$ as integrals involving $\psi(p)$. Now, calculate the spreads δX and δP and verify that they obey the uncertainty relation.

Problem 2 (25 marks)

Operator F is a function of position operator X and momentum operator P that is specified by

$$\langle x | F | p \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x/x_0)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(p/p_0)^2},$$

where x_0 and p_0 are positive constants. Calculate the traces $\text{tr}\{F\}$, $\text{tr}\{F^\dagger\}$, and $\text{tr}\{F^\dagger F\}$.

Problem 3 (25 marks)

Operator Γ is a function of position operator X and momentum operator P that is given by

$$\Gamma = aP/\hbar + (X/a)^2 \quad \text{where } a > 0 \text{ is a constant length parameter.}$$

The eigenvalues γ of Γ comprise all real numbers, $\Gamma|\gamma\rangle = |\gamma\rangle\gamma$. Find the position wave function $\langle x|\gamma\rangle$ to eigenket $|\gamma\rangle$ with the convention

$$\langle x|\gamma\rangle = (\text{a } a \text{ dependent pre-factor}) \times (\text{a function of } \gamma \text{ and } x/a),$$

with the pre-factor determined by the normalization condition $\langle \gamma|\gamma'\rangle = \delta(\gamma - \gamma')$.

Problem 4 (25 marks)

A particle (mass M , position operator X , momentum operator P) moves along the x axis under the influence of the Hamilton operator $H = \frac{1}{2M}(P + M\omega X)^2$ where $\omega > 0$ is a constant frequency parameter.

- (a) State the Heisenberg equations of motion for $P(t)$ and $X(t)$, and solve them.
 (b) Use these solutions to evaluate the commutators

$$[X(t_0), X(t)], \quad [P(t_0), P(t)], \quad [X(t_0), P(t)], \quad [P(t_0), X(t)]$$

in terms of the elapsed time $T = t - t_0$.