

Exercise 7 : solution.

$$e^{\hat{n}\phi} = (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + 1)^{-1/2} \hat{a}$$

$$e^{\hat{n}\phi} |n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N+1}} \cdot \hat{a} |n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N+1}} \sqrt{n} \cdot |n-1\rangle = |n-1\rangle$$

$$[e^{\hat{n}\phi}, \hat{n}] |n\rangle = n |n-1\rangle - (n-1) |n-1\rangle = |n-1\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow [e^{\hat{n}\phi}, \hat{n}] = e^{\hat{n}\phi}$$

$$[e^{\hat{n}\phi}, e^{-\hat{n}\phi}] |n\rangle = e^{\hat{n}\phi} e^{-\hat{n}\phi} |n\rangle - e^{-\hat{n}\phi} e^{\hat{n}\phi} |n\rangle = -\delta_{n,0} |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow [e^{\hat{n}\phi}, e^{-\hat{n}\phi}] = -P_0 = -|0\rangle\langle 0|$$

$e^{\hat{n}\phi}$ is NOT unitary because of vacuum state, i.e.

$$e^{\hat{n}\phi} e^{-\hat{n}\phi} = \mathbb{1}, \quad e^{-\hat{n}\phi} e^{\hat{n}\phi} = \mathbb{1} - P_0$$

$$\sin\phi = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}), \quad [\sin\phi, \hat{n}] = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}) = \frac{1}{i} \cos\phi$$

$$e^{i\phi} |+\rangle = E |+\rangle$$

$$\langle m | e^{i\phi} |+\rangle = \langle m+1 |+\rangle = \psi_{m+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{m+1} = E \psi_m \Rightarrow \psi_m = (E)^m \psi_0$$

$$|e^{i\phi}\rangle \rightarrow \psi_m = e^{im\phi}$$

$$\int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} |e^{i\phi}\rangle \langle e^{i\phi}| = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \sum_{m,m'} e^{im\phi} |m\rangle \langle m'| e^{-im'\phi} = \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m| = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\psi(\phi) = \langle e^{i\phi} | \psi \rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} |e^{i\phi}\rangle \langle e^{i\phi} | \psi \rangle = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \psi(\phi) \cdot |e^{i\phi}\rangle$$

uniquely defines $|\psi\rangle$

$\psi(\phi) = \sum_n e^{-in\phi} \psi_n \Rightarrow \psi(\phi)$ only has "non-positive" Fourier components
 is periodic in 2π .
 basis are phase waves \leftrightarrow Fock states

coherent state $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{|\alpha\rangle}(\phi) &= \langle e^{i\phi} | \alpha \rangle = \sum_n e^{-in\phi} e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \\ &= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_n \frac{|\alpha|^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{in(\alpha - \phi)} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{|\alpha|^n}{\sqrt{n!}}$ is max for $|\alpha| \approx \sqrt{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{|\alpha|^n}{\sqrt{n!}} &\approx n \log |\alpha| - \frac{n}{2} \log n \approx n_{\max} \log |\alpha| - \frac{n_{\max}}{2} \log n_{\max} + \\ &+ \delta n \log |\alpha| - \frac{\delta n}{2} \log n_{\max} - \frac{n_{\max}}{2} \frac{\delta n}{n_{\max}} + \frac{n_{\max}}{4} \left(\frac{\delta n}{n_{\max}}\right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{\delta n}{2} \frac{\delta n}{n_{\max}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

max for $\log |\alpha| = \frac{\delta n}{2} (\log n_{\max} + 1) \approx \frac{\delta n}{2} \log n_{\max}$

width $-\frac{\delta n^2}{4n_{\max}} \Rightarrow \delta n \approx \sqrt{2n_{\max}} = \sqrt{2} |\alpha|$

$$\psi_{\text{coh}|\alpha\rangle}(\phi) = e^C \cdot \int dm e^{im(\theta_0 - \phi)} e^{-\frac{(m - m_{\text{ex}})^2}{4m_{\text{max}}}}$$

$$\sim e^{-(\theta_0 - \phi)^2 m_{\text{max}}}$$

⇒ gaussian centered at θ_0 , with $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}|\alpha|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} m_{\text{max}}}$

$$H = \frac{\hbar X m^2}{2}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\theta) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle e^{i\theta\hat{p}} | \psi(t) \rangle = \langle e^{i\theta\hat{p}} | H \psi \rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \psi_n |n\rangle \Rightarrow H|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \frac{\hbar X m^2}{2} \psi_n |n\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\theta) = i\hbar \sum_n e^{-in\theta} \frac{\hbar X m^2}{2} \psi_n = -\frac{\hbar X}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \psi(\theta)$$

$$\left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\theta) = -\frac{\hbar X}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \psi(\theta) \right)$$

eigenstates $\psi_m(\theta) = e^{im\theta}$, $E_m = \frac{\hbar X m^2}{2}$

⇒ number states

initial state: $|\text{coh}|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \psi(\theta) = e^{-\frac{(\theta_0 - \theta)^2}{2|\alpha|^2}}$

$$\Phi \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}, \quad m = \frac{\hbar}{X}, \quad X \rightarrow \phi$$

$$\Delta p \sim \frac{\hbar}{\Delta x} = \hbar \sqrt{2} \cdot |\alpha|$$

$$\Delta x \sim \frac{\Delta p}{m} = \frac{\hbar \sqrt{2} \cdot |\alpha|}{\hbar/X} = \sqrt{2} X \cdot |\alpha|$$

expands to $[0, 2\pi]$ within $t_{\text{coll}} \sim \frac{1}{X|\alpha|} = \frac{1}{(X|\alpha|^2) |\alpha|}$ MF object grows for $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$

periodic boundary conditions in x , revival possible:

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 X}{2} n^2 \quad \text{for } t_{rev} = \frac{2\pi}{X/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\hbar} E_n \cdot t_{rev} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\hbar^2 X}{2} n^2 \frac{2\pi}{X/2} = 2\pi n^2$$

integer multiple of 2π

\Rightarrow revival of the phase

at $t_{rev}/2$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(t_{rev}/2)\rangle &= \sum_n e^{-i|x|/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-iX/2 n^2 t_{rev}/2} |n\rangle = \\ &= \sum_n e^{-i|x|/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} (-1)^n |n\rangle = |\alpha\hbar : -\alpha\rangle \end{aligned}$$

at $t_{rev}/4$:

$$|\psi(t_{rev}/4)\rangle = \sum_n e^{-i|x|^2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2} n^2} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n \text{ even} \\ -i & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A|\alpha\rangle + B|-\alpha\rangle &= \sum_n e^{-i|x|^2} \frac{A\alpha^n + B(-\alpha)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle = \\ &= \sum_n e^{-i|x|^2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} (A + (-1)^n B) |n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$A+B=1, \quad A-B=-i$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1-i}{2}, \quad B = \frac{1+i}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow |\psi(t_{rev}/4)\rangle = A|\alpha\rangle + B|-\alpha\rangle$ Schrödinger cat

$t_{rev} = \frac{4\pi}{X} = \frac{4\pi}{X|\alpha|^2} \cdot |\alpha|^2$ grows as $|\alpha|^2$, while $t_{coll} \sim |\alpha|$