

14. Summary

The main material of each of the Chapters is listed below:

Chapter 1 :- Physical interpretation of wave functions
- Basic mathematical background for the course

Chapter 2 :- Hilbert spaces, orthogonal subspaces
- \oplus = Direct sums
- \otimes = Tensor products
 \Rightarrow Application : * Spin- s particle wave functions
* N -particle states

Chapter 3 :- Bounded operators = $B(\mathcal{H})$
- Adjoint in $B(\mathcal{H})$
- Unitary operators
- Observables, states and C^* -algebraic formulation of QM

Chapter 4 :- Strongly continuous unitary semigroups = quantum dynamics
- Uniform, strong & weak convergence

Chapter 5 :- Unbounded operators : closure & adjoint
- self-adjoint & essentially self-adjoint operators
- Stone's theorem : infinitesimal generator of strongly continuous unitary semigroups & its domain
- Multiplication operators
- Spectral decomposition : Spectrum, projection valued measures, operator calculus (Thm 5.24), eigenvalues

Chapter 6 :- Free Schrödinger evolution on \mathbb{R}^d

- Schwartz test function spaces \mathcal{S}_d and Fourier transform on \mathcal{S}_d
- Fourier transform on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ as a unitary operator
- Differential operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- Solution of the free evolution using an explicit integral kernel $K(x, y; t)$.

Chapters 7 & 8 :- Basics of distribution theory

- Wigner function $W[\psi]$ & "QM phase space"
- Wigner transform $W_{\psi}(\psi)$
- * Theorem 3.7: Easy transport equation if $\psi(t) = e^{-iH_0 t} \psi_0$.

Chapter 9 :- Self-adjoint extensions of symmetric operators

- ... can be done using the Cayley-transform
- \Rightarrow Classification result based on deficiency spaces & indices in Theorem 9.6.
- Boundary conditions on $L^2([0, 1])$

Chapter 10 :- Relatively bounded operators

- Kato-Rellich theorem
- $\Rightarrow H := H_0 + V$ is self-adjoint on $D(H_0)$ if $d \leq 3$ and $V \in L^\infty + L^2$.
- If V is bounded from below, then $H_0 + V$ can be defined "in the sense of distributions"

Chapter 11 :- Examples of various potentials: 1D step potentials, Harmonic oscillators, Hydrogen atom

- Kato's theorem & Molecular Hamiltonians
- Physical systems requiring different H_0 :
 - * Magnetic fields
 - * Relativistic particles

Chapter 12 - "Variable- N " particles systems

- & Fock space $\mathcal{F}^{(0)}$
- "N-body potentials"
- Totally antisymmetric subspace $\mathcal{F}^{(-)}$ and fermions
- Totally symmetric subspace $\mathcal{F}^{(+)}$ and bosons
- 2nd quantization and tensor products of operators
- Creation & annihilation operators:
 - * 12.4 : on $\mathcal{F}^{(0)}$
 - * 12.4.1 : on $\mathcal{F}^{(-)}$ belong to $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F}^{(-)})$
 - * 12.4.2 : on $\mathcal{F}^{(+)}$ are unbounded but generate a self-adjoint field operator $\Phi(f)$
- \Rightarrow Weyl algebra for $W(f) = e^{-i\Phi(f)}$

Chapter 13 - Fermionic lattice systems

- = $\mathcal{F}^{(-)}$ with one particle space $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$
- One- and two-body interactions B_1 and B_2 given by a_+^* and a_- .

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