

Lecture 8N-particles in higher dimensions Q.M.In Distinguishable particlesA. One dimension

Look at Hilbert space of 2 particles

- $[x_i, p_i] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}$

- states:  $|n\rangle \rightarrow |n_1, n_2\rangle$

Ex: word basis:

$$\hat{x}_i |x_1, x_2\rangle = x_i |x_1, x_2\rangle$$

Similarly  $|p_1, p_2\rangle$ , etc.

$$\rightarrow \langle x'_1 x'_2 | x_1 x_2 \rangle = \delta(x'_1 - x_1) \delta(x'_2 - x_2)$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{p}_i \rightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{wavefnc: } \langle x_1 x_2 | \psi \rangle = \psi(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\rightarrow P(x_1, x_2) = |\langle x_1 x_2 | \psi \rangle|^2 = |\psi(x_1, x_2)|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \int dx_1 dx_2 |\psi(x_1, x_2)|^2$$

Formally Hilbert space of a 2 particle system is a direct product of two 1 particle Hilbert spaces:

- $\mathbb{H}_{1,2} \equiv \mathbb{H}_{1 \otimes 2} = \mathbb{H}_1 \otimes \mathbb{H}_2$   
 $\underset{\text{dimensional}}{N_1 N_2} \quad \underset{\text{dimensional}}{\uparrow_{N_1}} \quad \underset{\text{dimensional}}{\uparrow_{N_2}}$  - dimensional  
 Namely:
- $|n_1, n_2\rangle = |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{particle 1 in state } n_1 \\ \text{particle 2 in state } n_2 \end{cases}$   
 $\neq \langle n_1 | n_2 \rangle$  (inner product)  
 $\neq (|n_1\rangle \langle n_2|)$  (outer product)  
 vectors from same space.
- Note: direct product is a linear operation  
 $(\alpha_1 |n_1\rangle + \alpha'_1 |n'_1\rangle) \otimes \beta |n_2\rangle = \alpha_1 \beta |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle + \alpha'_1 \beta |n'_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle$
- $\mathbb{H}_{1 \otimes 2}$  is spanned by  $|n_1\rangle \times |n_2\rangle$  if  
 $|n_1\rangle$  &  $|n_2\rangle$  respectively span  $\mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2$ .
- Note:  $|4\rangle = \sum_{n_1, n_2} a_{n_1, n_2} |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle$   
 not every element of  $\mathbb{H}_{1 \otimes 2}$  is a direct-product state.

- inner product:  $\langle x_1' x_2' | x_1 x_2 \rangle =$   
 $= (\langle x_1' | \otimes \langle x_2' |)(|x_1\rangle \otimes |x_2\rangle) = \langle x_1' | x_1 \rangle \langle x_2' | x_2 \rangle$   
 $= \delta(x_1' - x_1) \delta(x_2' - x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x_1 x_2 | \psi \rangle \equiv \psi(x_1, x_2) = \langle x_1 | \psi \rangle \langle x_2 | \psi \rangle$$

simplest example:  $|4\rangle = |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{n_1, n_2}(x_1, x_2) = \psi_{n_1}(x_1) \psi_{n_2}(x_2)$$

- operators acting in  $\mathcal{H}_{1 \otimes 2}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X}_1 \rightarrow \hat{X}_1^{1 \otimes 2} = \hat{X}_1 \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$$

$$\text{such that: } \hat{X}_1^{1 \otimes 2} |x_1 x_2\rangle = (\hat{X}_1 \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}})(|x_1\rangle \otimes |x_2\rangle)$$

$$= \hat{X}_1 |x_1\rangle \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} |x_2\rangle = x_1 |x_1\rangle \otimes |x_2\rangle = x_1 |x_1 x_2\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{P}_2 \rightarrow \hat{P}_2^{1 \otimes 2} = \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{P}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{more generally direct product of } \mathcal{O}_1 \text{ & } \mathcal{O}_2$$

is  $\mathcal{O}^{1 \otimes 2} \equiv \mathcal{O}_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_2$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 only acts      only acts  
 on  $\mathcal{H}_1$       on  $\mathcal{H}_2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{matrix representation: } \langle n_1 n_2 | \mathcal{O}^{1 \otimes 2} | m_1 m_2 \rangle = \langle n_1 | \mathcal{O}^{(1)} | m_1 \rangle \langle n_2 | \mathcal{O}^{(2)} | m_2 \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  distributive, associative, commutative.

Example:

$\mathbb{H}_1$  - two dimensional, spanned by  $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$

$\mathbb{H}_2$  - three dim., spanned by  $|1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{(1\otimes 2)} = \mathbb{H}_1 \otimes \mathbb{H}_2$  is spanned by

$$|+\rangle \otimes |1\rangle, |+\rangle \otimes |2\rangle, |+\rangle \otimes |3\rangle, \quad \left. \right\} 2 \times 3 = 6 \\ |-\rangle \otimes |1\rangle, |-\rangle \otimes |2\rangle, |-\rangle \otimes |3\rangle \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle n_1 | \Theta^{(1)} | m_1 \rangle = \Theta_{n_1 m_1}^{(1)} = |+\rangle \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle & |-\rangle \\ a_1 & b_1 \\ |-\rangle & c_1 \\ d_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } a_1 = \langle + | \Theta^{(1)} | + \rangle, \text{ etc. } |1\rangle \quad |2\rangle \quad |3\rangle$$

$$\langle n_2 | \Theta^{(2)} | m_2 \rangle = \Theta_{n_2 m_2}^{(2)} = |1\rangle \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_2 & e_2 & f_2 \\ g_2 & h_2 & i_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{with } a_2 = \langle 1 | \Theta^{(2)} | 1 \rangle, \text{ etc. } |1\rangle \quad |2\rangle \quad |3\rangle$$

$$\hat{\Theta}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{\Theta}^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1\otimes 2)} \Rightarrow \langle n_1 n_2 | \Theta^{(1\otimes 2)} | m_1 m_2 \rangle \\ = \begin{pmatrix} |+1\rangle & |+2\rangle & |+3\rangle & |-1\rangle & |-2\rangle & |-3\rangle \\ |+1\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_1 a_2 & a_1 b_2 & a_1 c_2 \\ a_2 a_1 & b_1 b_2 & b_1 c_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} b_1 a_2 & b_1 b_2 & b_1 c_2 \\ b_2 a_1 & b_2 b_1 & b_2 c_1 \end{pmatrix} & |+1\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 a_1 & a_2 b_1 & a_2 c_1 \\ a_1 a_2 & b_2 b_1 & b_2 c_1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 b_2 & a_2 c_2 & a_1 b_2 \\ b_2 a_2 & b_2 b_2 & b_2 c_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ |+2\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_1 d_2 & a_1 e_2 & a_1 f_2 \\ a_2 d_1 & e_1 e_2 & f_1 f_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} b_1 d_2 & b_1 e_2 & b_1 f_2 \\ b_2 d_1 & e_1 e_2 & f_1 f_2 \end{pmatrix} & |+2\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 d_1 & a_2 e_1 & a_2 f_1 \\ d_1 a_2 & e_1 e_2 & f_1 f_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 d_2 & a_2 e_2 & a_1 d_2 \\ d_2 a_2 & e_2 e_2 & f_2 f_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ |+3\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_1 g_2 & a_1 h_2 & a_1 i_2 \\ a_2 g_1 & h_1 h_2 & i_1 i_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} b_1 g_2 & b_1 h_2 & b_1 i_2 \\ b_2 g_1 & h_1 h_2 & i_1 i_2 \end{pmatrix} & |+3\rangle & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 g_1 & a_2 h_1 & a_2 i_1 \\ g_1 a_2 & h_1 h_2 & i_1 i_2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} a_2 g_2 & a_2 h_2 & a_1 g_2 \\ g_2 a_2 & h_2 h_2 & i_2 i_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ |-1\rangle & \{c_1 a_2, c_1 b_2, \dots\} & \{d_1 a_2, d_1 b_2, \dots\} & |-1\rangle & \{d_1 a_2, d_1 b_2, \dots\} & \{d_2 a_2, d_2 b_2, \dots\} \\ |-2\rangle & \{\vdots\} & \{\vdots\} & |-2\rangle & \{\vdots\} & \{\vdots\} \\ |-3\rangle & \{\vdots\} & \{\vdots\} & |-3\rangle & \{\vdots\} & \{\vdots\} \end{pmatrix}$$

$6 \times 6$  matrix.

- For simplicity of notation will often suppress  $\hat{P}_1 \otimes \hat{P}_2$ , where obvious.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}}: (\hat{P}_1 + \hat{P}_2)^2 = \hat{P}_1^2 + \hat{P}_2^2 + 2\hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_2$$

$$\equiv (\hat{P}_1 \otimes \hat{1} + \hat{1} \otimes \hat{P}_2)^2 = \hat{P}_1^2 \otimes \hat{1} + \hat{1} \otimes \hat{P}_2^2 + \\ + 2 \hat{P}_1 \otimes \hat{P}_2. \quad \checkmark$$

- coordinate representation:

states:  $|4\rangle = \sum_{n_1, n_2} c_{n_1, n_2} |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(x_1, x_2) \equiv \langle x_1 | \otimes \langle x_2 | ) |4\rangle = \sum_{n_1, n_2} c_{n_1, n_2} \langle x_1 | n_1 \rangle \langle x_2 | n_2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n_1, n_2} c_{n_1, n_2} \Psi_{n_1}(x_1) \Psi_{n_2}(x_2)$$

↑ simple product,  
distinguished by  $x_1, 2$   
argument.

operators: ex.  $\hat{P}_1^{1 \otimes 2} = \hat{P}_1 \otimes \hat{1}$

$$\langle x_1 | \hat{P}_1^{1 \otimes 2} | x'_2 \rangle = \underbrace{\langle x_1 | \hat{P}_1 | x'_1 \rangle}_{-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}} \underbrace{\langle x_2 | \hat{1} | x'_2 \rangle}_{\delta(x_1 - x'_1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x_1, x_2 | \hat{P}_1^{1 \otimes 2} | x'_1, x'_2 \rangle$$

$$= -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \delta(x_1 - x'_1)$$

$\uparrow$  partial derivative ensures that  
 $\hat{P}_1 \otimes \hat{1}$  only acts on  $H_1$ .

- Evolution in  $\mathbb{H}^{1 \otimes 2}$   
formally

$$\hat{H}(\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2, \hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2) |\psi\rangle = i\hbar \partial_t |\psi\rangle$$

Simple if  $\hat{H}$  is separable:

$$\hat{H}(p_1, p_2, x_1, x_2) = \hat{H}_1(\hat{p}_1, \hat{x}_1) + \hat{H}_2(\hat{p}_2, \hat{x}_2)$$

i.e. in formal notation:

$$\hat{H}^{1 \otimes 2} = \hat{H}_1^{(1)} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes \hat{H}_2^{(2)}$$

otherwise not separable.

Look at separable case:

$$\hat{H}|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \partial_t |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iE t / \hbar} |E\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H}|E\rangle = E|E\rangle$$

$$(H_1(p_1, x_1) + H_2(p_2, x_2))|E\rangle = E|E\rangle$$

$$\text{but } [H_1(p_1, x_1), H_2(p_2, x_2)] = 0, \text{ since } [p_i, x_j] =$$

$\Rightarrow$  diagonalizable simultaneously.

$$= -i\hbar \delta_{ij} \text{ etc.}$$

$$|E\rangle = |E_1\rangle \otimes |E_2\rangle$$

$$(H_1 \times \mathbb{1})|E\rangle + (\mathbb{1} \times H_2)|E\rangle = E|E\rangle$$

$$H_1|E_1\rangle = E_1|E_1\rangle, \quad H_2|E_2\rangle = E_2|E_2\rangle$$

$$\text{with } E_1 + E_2 = E$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Psi(t)\rangle = |E_1\rangle \otimes |E_2\rangle e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E_1 t} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E_2 t}$$

coordinate representation

project all of above steps onto  $|x_1\rangle \otimes |x_2\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(x_1, x_2; t) = \langle x_1 | \otimes \langle x_2 | |\Psi\rangle = \langle x_1, x_2 | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle x_1, x_2 | \hat{H} | x_1', x_2' \rangle, \text{ etc. . .}$$

$$\Rightarrow H\left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, x_1; -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, x_2\right) \Psi(x_1, x_2, t) \\ = i\hbar \partial_x \Psi(x_1, x_2, t)$$

$$\text{Separable: } H = H_1\left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, x_1\right) + H_2\left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, x_2\right)$$

Ex. of particle in a potential:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + V_1(x_1) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + V_2(x_2)$$

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2, t) = \Psi_E(x_1, x_2) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + V_1(x_1) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + V_2(x_2) \right] \Psi_E(x_1, x_2) = E \Psi_E(x_1, x_2)$$

Assume/Try:  $\Psi_E(x_1, x_2) = \Psi_{E_1}(x_1) \Psi_{E_2}(x_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Psi_{E_1}(x_1)} \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + V_1(x_1) \right] \Psi_{E_1}(x_1) +$$

fnc of  $x_1$ , only  $\Rightarrow$  const  $E_1$

$$+ \frac{1}{\Psi_{E_2}(x_2)} \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + V_2(x_2) \right] \Psi_{E_2}(x_2) = E$$

fnc of  $x_2$ , only  $\Rightarrow$  const  $E_2$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + V_1(x_1) \right] \Psi_{E_1}(x_1) = E_1 \Psi_{E_1}(x_1)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + V_2(x_2) \right] \Psi_{E_2}(x_2) = E_2 \Psi_{E_2}(x_2)$$

&  $E = E_1 + E_2$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_E(x_1, x_2, t) = \Psi_{E_1}(x_1) \Psi_{E_2}(x_2) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_1 t} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_2 t}$$

Note: even  $\hat{H}$  not separable in one set of vars  
 if may become separable in another set of  
 coordinates  $\Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \rightarrow$  normal modes of  
 e.g. harmonic oscill.  
 (then usually still call separable)

Important Example: 2 interacting particles  
 $\Rightarrow V(x_1, x_2) = V(x_1 - x_2)$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2^2}{2m_2} + V(x_1, x_2)$$

considerable simplification even if not separable in  $x_1, x_2$ , but only due to mutual interaction  $\Rightarrow V(x_1, x_2) = V(x_1 - x_2)$

$\Rightarrow$  guaranteed new coordinates in which separable:

transform center of mass  $\rightarrow$  relative coordinates:  
to:

$$x_{cm} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \quad X = x_1 - x_2$$

("normal modes" of this problem)

$$\rightarrow x_1 = x_{cm} + \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} X, \quad x_2 = x_{cm} - \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} X$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = m_1 \dot{x}_1 = m_1 \dot{x}_{cm} + \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \dot{X} \quad | \quad m_1 + m_2 = M$$

$$p_2 = m_2 \dot{x}_2 = m_2 \dot{x}_{cm} - \underbrace{\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}}_{\equiv \mu} \dot{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = \frac{m_i}{M} P_{cm} \pm p \quad \equiv \mu - \text{reduced mass}$$

where  $P_{cm} = M \dot{x}_{cm}$ ,  $\mu \dot{X} \equiv p$

verified a posteriori from new  $\hat{H}$ .

$$\boxed{P_{cm} = p_1 + p_2}, \quad \boxed{p = \frac{m_2}{M} p_1 - \frac{m_1}{M} p_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{tot}} = \frac{P_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{P_2^2}{2m_2} + V(x_1 - x_2)$$

$$H_{\text{tot}} = \frac{P_{\text{cm}}^2}{2M} + \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + V(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{tot}} = H_{\text{cm}} + H_{\text{relative}} \leftarrow \text{now separable}$$

Note:  $H_{\text{cm}} = \frac{P_{\text{cm}}^2}{2M} \Leftrightarrow \text{free } (V_{\text{cm}}(x_{\text{cm}}) = 0)$

$$H_{\text{rel}} = \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + V(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{a particle of mass } \mu \text{ moving in potential } V(x)$$

→ Many examples:

- Earth around Sun  $\Rightarrow M = m_E + m_S, \mu = \frac{m_E m_S}{m_E + m_S}$
- e in a Hydrogen atom  $\Rightarrow M = m_e + m_p, \mu = \frac{m_e m_p}{m_e + m_p}$

etc.

$$\rightarrow \dot{x}_{\text{cm}} = \{x_{\text{cm}}, H\} = \frac{P_{\text{cm}}}{M} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x} = \{x, H\} = \frac{P}{\mu} \quad \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow$  Canonical quantization:

$$[x_{\text{cm}}, P_{\text{cm}}] = i\hbar, [x, p] = i\hbar$$

$$P_{\text{tot}} V = -i\hbar \sum_{i=1}^N \partial_i (V(x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3, \dots, x_1 - x_N, x_2 - x_3, \dots))$$

clearly vanishes since  $(\partial_1 + \partial_2) V(x_1 - x_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow [P_{\text{tot}}, V] = 0 \Rightarrow [P_{\text{tot}}, H] = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow \Psi_E(x_m, x) = \frac{e^{ip_m x_m/\hbar}}{(2\pi\hbar)^{1/2}} \Psi_{E_{\text{rel}}}(x)$$

$$E = \frac{p_m^2}{2M} + E_{\text{rel}}$$

CM drifts like free particle  $\rightarrow$  convenient to study problem in co-moving CDM frame  
 $\Rightarrow p_m = 0 \Rightarrow$  reduces to relative coord. prob.

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Psi_{E_{\text{rel}}}(x) + V(x) \Psi_{E_{\text{rel}}}(x) = E_{\text{rel}} \Psi_{E_{\text{rel}}}(x)$$

Straightforward generalization to N particles:

$$H_N = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + V(\{x_i\})$$

but even if just particle interaction, even if just 2-body (2 at a time)

$$H_{\text{2body}}^{(N)} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \sum_{i \neq j} V(x_i - x_j)$$

still cannot reduce to decoupled H's, even though can factor out free  $x_m(t)$  motion.

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{rel}} = \sum_i p_i = -i\hbar \sum_i \nabla_i \text{ is conserved!}$$

Prominent exception, where via normal modes can decouple  $H^{(N)}$  into  $N$   $H^{(1)}$ 's is  $N$ -coupled harmonic oscillators;  $N$  atoms in a crystal  $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$   $N$  independent normal modes of vibration  $\rightarrow$  phonons must make sure that new vars are canonical i.e. satisfy canonical comm. relations (Unitary translat.)

## B. Generalization to N particles in d-dimensions

$$\underbrace{x, p}_{\text{2 vars.}} \rightarrow \underbrace{x_i, p_i}_{\text{2N vars.}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{x}_i, \vec{p}_i}_{\text{2Nd vars.}}$$

1 particle  $|x\rangle \rightarrow |\vec{r}_i\rangle$  with  $\langle \vec{r}'_i | \vec{r}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \underbrace{\delta^d(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})}_{\delta(x' - x)}$

N particle state in d-dim:

$$|\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{r}_N\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{(dN)} \text{ dN-dimensional Hilbert space.}$$

$\delta(y' - y)$   
 $\delta(z' - z)$

Ex. 3d infinite square box:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < x < L, 0 < y < L, 0 < z < L \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi_E(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{r}) \Psi_E(\vec{r}) = E \Psi_E(\vec{r})$$

↑ separable

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_E = \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \sin(k_{n_x} x) \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \sin(k_{n_y} y) \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \sin(k_{n_z} z)$$

$$E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = E_{n_x} + E_{n_y} + E_{n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m L^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

$$n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 0$$

More generally if  $H = H_x + H_y + H_z \rightarrow$  separable  
 $\Rightarrow$  reducible to d 1d probs.  $\Rightarrow$  easy!

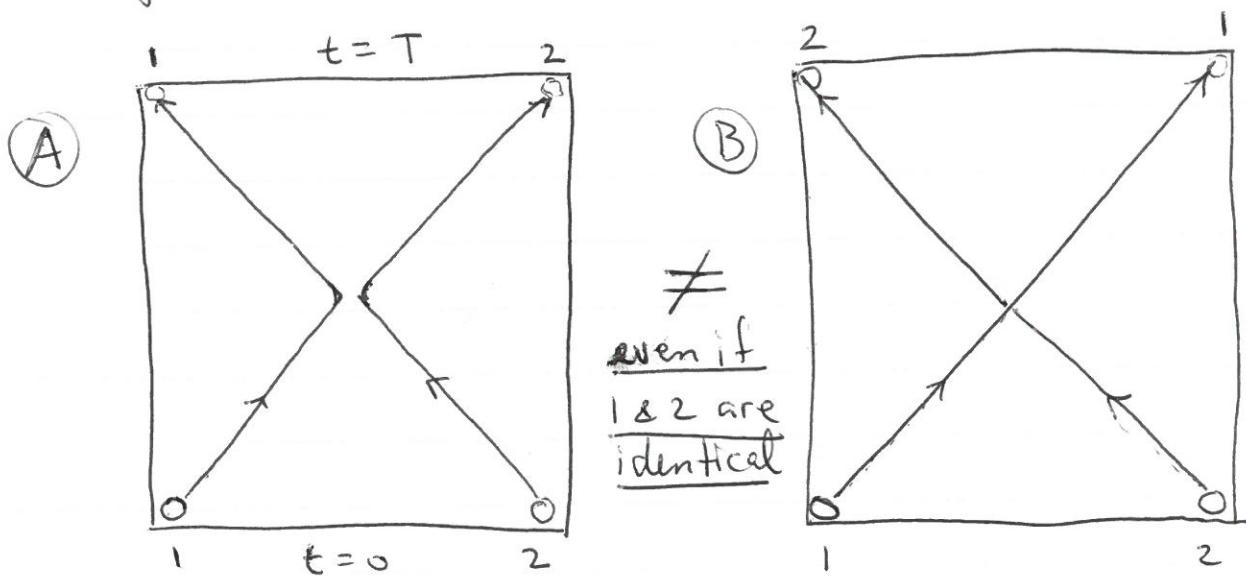
## II. Indistinguishable particles

One-Dimension

Very different meaning classically & quantum mechanically!  $\rightarrow$  Q.M. much stronger.

Why?

Classically can follow trajectories of two identical particles  $x_1(t)$  &  $x_2(t)$  without disturbing them  $\Rightarrow$  identical classical particles are distinguishable via distinct trajectories:



$\Rightarrow |1,2\rangle$  state at  $t=T$  is distinct from  $|2,1\rangle$  state  
i.e. two distinct events A & B!

Quantum mechanically A & B do not correspond to distinct states since no concept of trajectories

$\Rightarrow A \Leftrightarrow B!$  i.e.  $|1,2\rangle \Leftrightarrow |2,1\rangle$  same Q.M. state.



Note: of course for nonidentical particles, e.g. e & p

$$|a b\rangle \neq |b a\rangle$$

↑  
 (particle 1 in state a  
 particle 2 in state b)

-||— state b  
 -〃— state a

So for Q.M. identical particles 1, 2 measured to be at  $x_1 = a$  &  $x_2 = b$  the state is neither  $|a,b\rangle$  nor  $|b,a\rangle$ . They are in a state  $|\Psi(a,b)\rangle$  s.t.  $\Psi(a,b) = \alpha \Psi(b,a)$

- measure a, b coordinates  $\Rightarrow$  particle at  $x=a$  & particle at  $x=b$ .  
 $\nRightarrow x_1=a, x_2=b$
- but does give  $\hat{X}_1 + \hat{X}_2$  has eigenvalue of  $a+b$  definitely  
 similarly  $V(\hat{X}_1 + \hat{X}_2) \rightarrow V(a+b)$ , etc.
- $\Psi(a,b) = \beta |ab\rangle + \gamma |ba\rangle$  require  $= \alpha [\beta |ba\rangle + \gamma |ab\rangle]$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = \alpha\gamma, \gamma = \alpha\beta \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 1$

$$\beta = \alpha \gamma, \gamma = \alpha \beta \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\beta = \pm \gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Psi_s(a, b)\rangle \equiv |ab, s\rangle = |ab\rangle + |ba\rangle \leftarrow \text{symmetric}$$

$$|\Psi_A(a, b)\rangle \equiv |ab, A\rangle = |ab\rangle - |ba\rangle \leftarrow \text{antisymmetric}$$

$P |\Psi(a, b)\rangle \equiv |\Psi(b, a)\rangle = \alpha |\Psi(a, b)\rangle$   
↑  
exchange operator
↑ required by identical particles

$$P^2 |\Psi(a, b)\rangle = \alpha^2 |\Psi(a, b)\rangle = |\Psi(a, b)\rangle$$

↑ since expect double exchange  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{1}$

$$\text{In 3d } \alpha^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 1$$

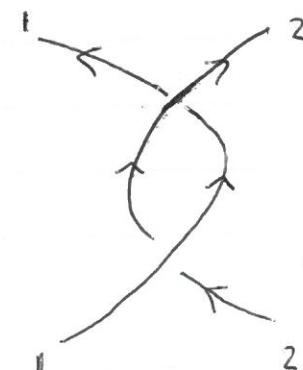
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However, in 2d  $\alpha^2 = e$ , i.e. inner-products returned to same values (e.g. probab.) but wavefunc. acquired a phase  $\phi$  after  $2\pi$  rotation, double exch.

Why? b.c. in 2d can exchange without bringing close together & distinguishing two states by braiding of particle world-lines  
 $\Rightarrow$  multi-valued  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$



$\neq$   
in 2d



Leinaas & Myrheim  
(1977)  
 $\Rightarrow$  Anyons

See e.g.  
"Fractional Statistics  
& anyons S.C."  
2 by F. Wilczek.

Note:  $\hat{P} \hat{H} \hat{P} = \hat{H}$ , i.e.  $[\hat{P}, \hat{H}] = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  any linear combination of

$$|n_1, n_2\rangle = (\alpha |n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle + \beta |n_2\rangle |n_1\rangle)$$

but the only ones occurring in nature  
are bosons ( $\beta = +\alpha$ ) &  
fermions ( $\beta = -\alpha$ ) ! exp. fact

$\Rightarrow$  Two types 2-particle wavefnc's  
symmetric  $\rightsquigarrow$  antisymmetric

Experimental fact: every particle in nature falls into one of these two classes & does not change this property  
no mixed symmetry particles!

Bosons (e.g. photons, phonons, pions,  $\text{He}^4$ , graviton) have many-particle wavefnc, that is symmetric under interchange of any two.

Spm - statistic theorem: Bosons  $\leftrightarrow$  integer spin  
 $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots)$

Fermions (e.g. electron, proton, quark,  $\text{He}^3$ )

have many-particle wavefnc, that is antisymmetric under interchange of any two  
(Finkelstein & Rubenstein '68)

Spm - statistics thm: Fermions  $\leftrightarrow$  half-integer spin.  
 $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots)$

i.e.  $|4\rangle = \alpha |n_1, n_2; S\rangle + \beta |n'_1, n'_2; A\rangle$   
not observed in nature!

Ex. of 2 particles in 2 states

—  $n_1$

Bosons : 3 states

—  $n_2$

(BEC)

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Fermions : 1 state

Fermi  
Sea

classical : 4 states

$n_2$  —

$n_1$  —

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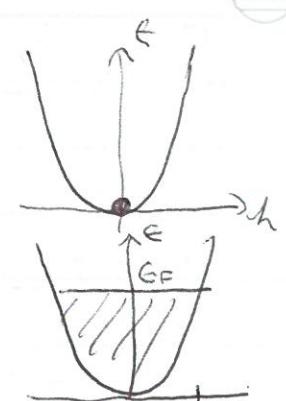
$|n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle$

BEC, Fermi Sea  
(laser)

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$|BEC\rangle = |k=0\rangle |k=0\rangle |k=0\rangle \dots |k=0\rangle$$

$$|FS\rangle = |k=0\rangle |k=\frac{2\pi}{L}\rangle |k=-\frac{2\pi}{L}\rangle \dots |k_r\rangle |k_r\rangle$$



$$E_{gs} = 0 \text{ (Bosons)} , \quad E = \frac{3}{5} \epsilon_F N \text{ (Fermions)}$$

SF

$$C_v \sim T^d$$

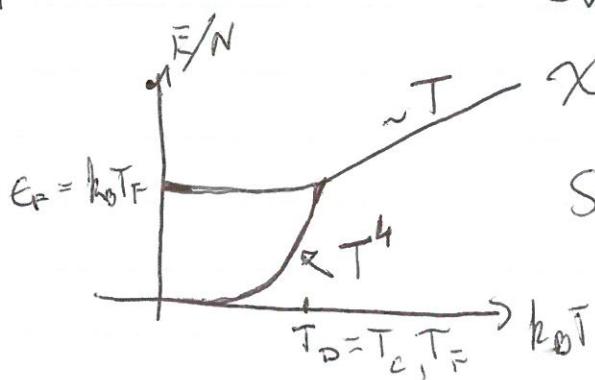
$S = \frac{1}{2}$

Fermi - Liquid

$$C_v \sim \frac{T}{\epsilon_F} k_B$$

$$\chi \sim \frac{\mu_B}{T_F}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$$



Hence: measure location of two identical particles to be  $a \& b$ , then if:

$$\text{Bosons: } \Rightarrow |\Psi_B\rangle = |ab\rangle + |ba\rangle \equiv |ab; S\rangle$$

$$\text{Fermions: } \Rightarrow |\Psi_F\rangle = |ab\rangle - |ba\rangle \equiv |ab; A\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  Pauli Exclusion Principle (PEP):

Fermions in state:

$$|n_1, n_2; A\rangle = |n_1 n_2\rangle - |n_2 n_1\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |n, n; A\rangle = |nn\rangle - |nn\rangle = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  two fermions cannot be in the same quantum state!

$\Leftrightarrow$  occupation number of any q. state by fermions can only be 0 or 1.

PEP - at the heart of quantum stat. mech., makes matter what they are, nuclear physics, astrophysics (neutron stars, etc.) ...

- Note:
- any # of bosons  $\rightarrow$  composite boson  
(like even #'s)
  - odd # of fermions  $\rightarrow$  composite fermion  
(like odd #'s)
  - even # of fermions  $\rightarrow$  composite boson
- ex.  $\text{He}^3 = \underbrace{2p + 1n + 2e}_{5 \text{ fermions}}$
- ex.  $\text{He}^4 = \underbrace{2p + 2n + 2e}_{6 \text{ fermions}}$

- Two particle Hilbert space breaks up into bosonic & fermionic  $\mathbb{H}$ 's.

$$\mathbb{H}_{1\otimes 2} = \mathbb{H}_s \oplus \mathbb{H}_A$$

- Normalization:

$$\underline{\mathbb{H}_{1\otimes 2}^{(2)}}: |\underline{n_1, n_2, S/A}\rangle = N(|n_1, n_2\rangle \pm |n_2, n_1\rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \langle n_1, n_2, S/A | n_1, n_2, S/A \rangle = |N|^2 \left( \underbrace{\langle n_1, n_2 | n_1, n_2 \rangle}_1 + \underbrace{\langle n_2, n_1 | n_2, n_1 \rangle}_1 \pm \underbrace{\langle n_1, n_2 | n_2, n_1 \rangle}_0 \pm \underbrace{\langle n_2, n_1 | n_1, n_2 \rangle}_0 \right) \quad \text{if } n_1 \neq n_2 \text{ or } \text{orthogonal}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\underline{n_1, n_2, S/A}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|n_1, n_2\rangle \pm |n_2, n_1\rangle)$$

$$P(n_1, n_2, S/A) = |\langle n_1, n_2, S/A | \Psi_{S/A} \rangle|^2$$

$$1 = \sum_{n_1 \geq n_2} P(n_1, n_2, S/A) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} P(n_1, n_2, S/A)$$

e.g.  $1 = \int \frac{dx_1 dx_2}{2!} P_{S/A}(x_1, x_2)$   
 to compensate double counting  
 $x_1, x_2 \leftrightarrow x_2, x_1$

Sometimes convenient to absorb  $\frac{1}{2}$  into  $P(n_1, n_2)$

&  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  in  $\Psi_{S/A}(n_1, n_2)$  i.e.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Psi_{S/A}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle x_1, x_2; S/A | \Psi_S \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle x_1, x_2 | \Psi_S \rangle \pm \langle x_2, x_1 | \Psi_S \rangle \right]} \quad \text{since } \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \text{ symm} \Leftrightarrow \langle x_1, x_2 | \Psi_S \rangle$$

~~2D case~~

particles are representations of Branch groups.

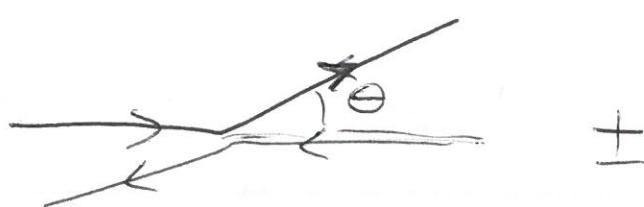
In 2D wind one around the other  $\Rightarrow P^2 \neq 1$

1d representation  $\Rightarrow$  mult. by  $e^{i2\theta}$

$\theta$  depends particle statistics.

In  $D > 2$  (3D, ...)  ~~$B_n = P_n$~~  with  $P^2 = 1$

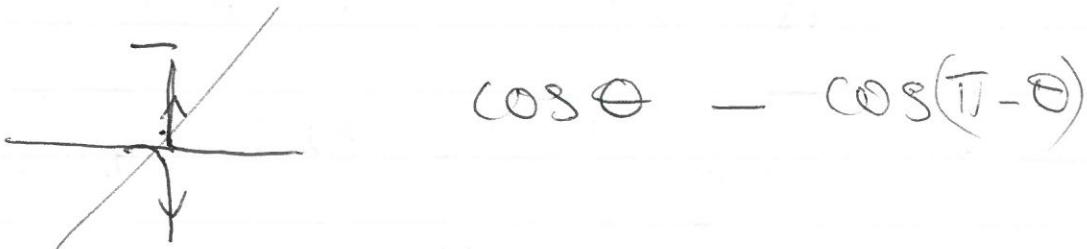
$\Rightarrow e^{i2\theta} = e^{i2\pi\theta} = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0, \pi$



cancel for fermions (-)

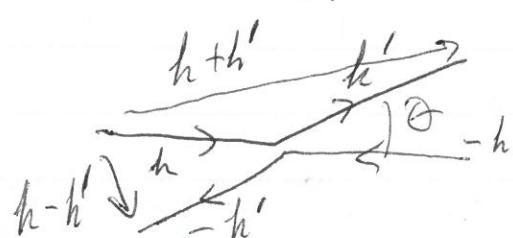


for  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$



$$\cos \theta - \cos(\pi - \theta)$$

$$f_{B/R}(\vec{h}, \vec{h}') \propto U(|\vec{h} - \vec{h}'|) \pm U(|\vec{h} + \vec{h}'|)$$



$$h^2 + h'^2 = 2hh' \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = -\cos \theta$$

$$|\vec{h} - \vec{h}'| = |\vec{h} + \vec{h}'|$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

## Identical particles in Q.M.:

→ unitary interchange operator  $P_{12}^{i\theta}$

$P_{12}|ab\rangle = |ba\rangle = e^{i\theta}|ab\rangle$

$[P_{12}, H] = 0 \Leftrightarrow P_{12}^+ H P_{12} = H$  unchanged.

$\Rightarrow H|ba\rangle = E|ba\rangle, H|ab\rangle = E|ab\rangle$

$$|\Psi_{ab}\rangle = \alpha|ab\rangle + \beta|ba\rangle$$

$$P_{12}^2 = 1 \Rightarrow P_{12}|ab\rangle = e^{i\theta}|ab\rangle$$

$P_n$  groups. representations are particles  
 $\pm 1 \rightarrow$   $B$  &  $F$ 's.  $\theta = 0, \pi$

$$\rightarrow P_{ij}|N \text{ identical bosons}\rangle = +|N \text{ i. b.'s}\rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\text{spn}}$$

$$P_{ij}|N \text{ i. f.'s}\rangle = -|N \text{ i. f.'s}\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{\text{spn}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  no mixed symmetry particles; exp. fact.  
 (could in principle if internal q.#'s, e.g.  $\text{spn}.$ )

$\rightarrow$  spn - statistics theorem law of nature.

Relat. QFT

Finkelstein & Rubenstein  
 Lénaas & Myrheim.

$\rightarrow$  props. PEP & SF.

all of  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{atoms} \\ \text{molecules} \end{array} \right.$   
chemistry  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{photon} \\ \text{metals} \end{array} \right.$

insulators

scattering.

$B_n$  Braid groups.



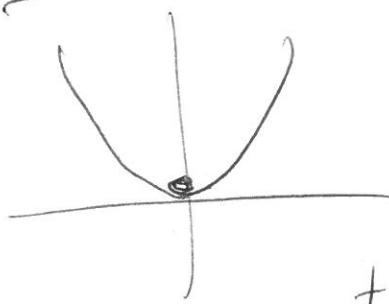
$T_i$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{q}{\pi} \sum_k \partial_k \varphi.$$

single part  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

so  $\hbar k > \ell \Rightarrow (x/\hbar) = \ell$

Bosons



$$T_d = T_{BEC} = \frac{\hbar^2 n^{2/3}}{2m}$$

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scattering  $T_F$   
non interacting

$$\Psi_{\{n\}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \psi_{n_1}(x_1) \psi_{n_2}(x_2) \dots ?$$

$\vec{h} \cdot \vec{x}$

$N_e = \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} = \frac{BA}{\frac{4\pi}{e}} =$

$\frac{N_e}{A} = \frac{B}{\frac{4\pi}{e}} = \frac{1}{2m(\ell)^2}$

Fermions

$\prod (z_i - z_j)^{\frac{1}{m}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_i)^2}$

$\prod (z_i - z_0) \psi^{(m)}$

$e + m\chi_0 = \bar{\rho}$

$\frac{1}{m} e + \chi_0 = \bar{\rho}$

$\Theta = \frac{\pi}{m}$

$B$

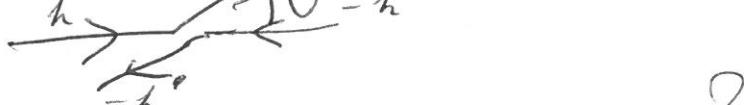
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$\begin{array}{c} F \\ n \\ p \\ e \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 19 \\ 19 \end{array} \} 40$

$\begin{array}{c} B \\ K39 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n \\ p \\ e \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 20 \\ 19 \\ 19 \end{array} \} 39$

K41

$\begin{array}{c} n \\ p \\ e \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 22 \\ 19 \\ 19 \end{array} \} 41$



Slater det / perm.

example.



Symmetries:

$P(x_1, x_2)$   
Bosons

3d

$$S = \frac{e}{2\pi}$$

Only bosons & fermions.

$$(z_i \rightarrow z_j)$$

$$P_{12}\Psi(x_1, x_2) = \Psi(x_2, x_1) = e^{i\Theta} \Psi(x_1, x_2)$$

$$q = \frac{1}{m}$$
$$p = \frac{\partial \Psi}{m}$$

$$\Theta = 0, \pi$$

why?

Permutation group of  $N$  particles

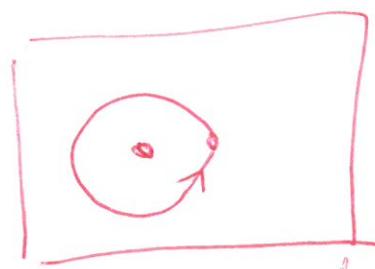
$$\text{assum} \quad \text{in 3d took } P_{12}^2 = \mathbb{1} = e^{i2\Theta} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{double interchange } P_{12}^2\Psi = \Psi$$

$\uparrow$  identity element

But in 2D

topologically  
distinct configuration



$2\Theta \neq 0, 2\pi \leftarrow \Psi$  is not physical on  $\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle$

Braid group  $B_N$

(no distinction in 3D).

$i\theta_{12}$  cannot be defined  
unambiguously

Look at F.P.I.

Classical is valid, but only about close traj., but not topological classes.

Topological classes tracked by  $P_n$  in  $d \geq 2$  & by  $\sigma_d$ .

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \langle \Psi_{S/A} | \Psi_{S/A} \rangle = \iiint dx_1 dx_2 |\Psi_{S/A}(x_1, x_2)|^2 \quad (8.19)$$

• Note: Slater determinant / Permanent

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{n_1, n_2}^{(A)}(x_1, x_2) &= \langle x_1, x_2 | \Psi_A \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \Psi_{n_1}(x_1) \Psi_{n_2}(x_2) - \Psi_{n_2}(x_1) \Psi_{n_1}(x_2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \Psi_{n_1}(x_1) & \Psi_{n_2}(x_1) \\ \Psi_{n_2}(x_2) & \Psi_{n_1}(x_2) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \det(\Psi_{n_i}(x_j)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi_{n_1, n_2}^{(S)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{det but with} \\ \text{no } (-1)'s}}{\text{Permanent}}(\Psi_{n_i}(x_j))$$

•  $\Psi_A$ ,  $\Psi_S$ ,  $\Psi_D$  distinguish. have very drift.  $P(x_1, x_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{S/A}(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\Psi_{n_1}(x_1) \Psi_{n_2}(x_2) \pm \Psi_{n_2}(x_1) \Psi_{n_1}(x_2)|^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underbrace{|\Psi_{n_1}(x_1)|^2 |\Psi_{n_2}(x_2)|^2 + |\Psi_{n_2}(x_1)|^2 |\Psi_{n_1}(x_2)|^2}_{2P_D(x_1, x_2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \pm (\Psi_{n_1}^*(x_1) \Psi_{n_2}(x_1) \Psi_{n_2}^*(x_2) \Psi_{n_1}(x_2) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \Psi_{n_2}^*(x_1) \Psi_{n_1}(x_1) \Psi_{n_1}^*(x_2) \Psi_{n_2}(x_2)) \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{interference of exchange!} \right] \end{aligned}$$

→ Analog of interference between amplitudes of drift. way of going through two slits.

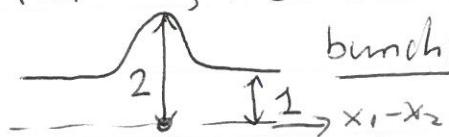
i.e. no assignment of labels to particles 1, 2 just like cannot say "went through slit 1 or 2"

Also vanishes as  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

→ Key in scattering problems; e.g. 2 identical fermions  $\rightarrow$  ranking.  $\rightarrow$  Dual to spin  $\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\hbar}$

Very different  $P_S$  &  $P_A \Rightarrow$  distinguish bosons from fermions.

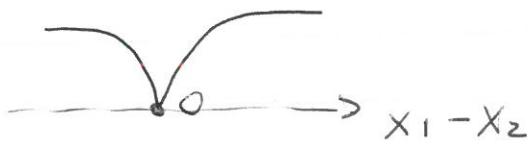
$$P_S(x_1 \rightarrow x, x_2 \rightarrow x) = 2 \left[ |4_{n_1}(x)|^2 / |4_{n_2}(x)|^2 \right].$$



twice as big as  $P_D(x, x)$ .

$$P_A(x_1 \rightarrow x, x_2 \rightarrow x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow PEP$$

Also,  $P_A$  vanishes for all  $x_1, x_2$  when  $n_1 = n_2$



Bosons (Fermions) — obey Bose-Einstein (Fermi-Dirac) statistics.  
e.g. metals, S.C.'s.

Note: If particles are confined by a potential to be far apart e.g. Earth & Moon or even two atoms in a crystal state the interference term is negligible since exp. small overlap  $\Rightarrow$   $\approx$  no need to symmetrize/antisym.

### N fermions & N boson states:

$$|H|^{(N)} = |H|_S^{(N)} \oplus |H|_A^{(N)} \quad (\text{no particles "in-between" observed})$$

↑      ↗

fully antisymmetric

fully symmetric  
on all 2 particle exchanges

only if  $n_1 \neq n_2 \neq n_3 \neq \dots \neq n_N$   
otherwise  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \rightarrow (C_N^{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N})^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{n_1! \dots n_N!}{N!}}$

$$|n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N; S/A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} [ |n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_N\rangle \pm |n_2, n_1, n_3, \dots, n_N\rangle \pm \dots ]$$

$$\Psi_{\{n_i\}}^{S/A}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \text{Perm} / \det (4_{n_i}(x_j))$$

or  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_N)$  in state 1, 2, 3, ...

Note: det vanishes if  $n_i = n_j$  for any  $i, j$ .