

# Coherent state quantization and the Heisenberg uncertainty principle in the quaternionic setting

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<sup>1</sup>Adler, S.L., *Quaternionic quantum mechanics and Quantum fields*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1995.

# Quaternions

The quaternion field is

$$\mathbb{H} = \{ \mathbf{q} = q_0 + q_1i + q_2j + q_3k \mid q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

where  $i, j, k$  are imaginary units such that

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, \quad ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i \quad \text{and} \\ ki = -ik = j.$$

The quaternionic conjugate of  $\mathbf{q}$  is

$$\bar{\mathbf{q}} = q_0 - q_1i - q_2j - q_3k.$$

The quaternion norm is

$$|\mathbf{q}| = (\bar{\mathbf{q}}\mathbf{q})^{1/2} = \sqrt{q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2}.$$

Also  $|\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}| = |\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q}|$ . for  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{H}$

# Quaternions

Quaternions by  $2 \times 2$  complex matrices:

$$\mathbf{q} = q_0 \sigma_0 + i \mathbf{q} \cdot \underline{\sigma}, \quad (1)$$

with  $q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \mathbb{I}_2$ , the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix, and  $\underline{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, -\sigma_2, \sigma_3)$ , where the  $\sigma_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, 3$  are the usual Pauli matrices. The quaternionic imaginary units are identified as,  $i = \sqrt{-1}\sigma_1$ ,  $j = -\sqrt{-1}\sigma_2$ ,  $k = \sqrt{-1}\sigma_3$ . Thus,

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} q_0 + iq_3 & -q_2 + iq_1 \\ q_2 + iq_1 & q_0 - iq_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

and  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q}^\dagger$  (matrix adjoint) .

# Quaternions

Introducing the polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}q_0 &= r \cos \theta, \\q_1 &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \psi, \\q_2 &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \sin \psi, \\q_3 &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi,\end{aligned}$$

where  $(r, \phi, \theta, \psi) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \pi] \times [0, 2\pi)^2$ , we may write

$$\mathbf{q} = A(r)e^{i\theta\sigma(\hat{n})}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$A(r) = r\sigma_0 \quad (4)$$

# Quaternions

and

$$\sigma(\hat{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi e^{i\psi} \\ \sin \phi e^{-i\psi} & -\cos \phi \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

The matrices  $A(r)$  and  $\sigma(\hat{n})$  satisfy the conditions,

$$A(r) = A(r)^\dagger, \quad \sigma(\hat{n})^2 = \sigma_0, \quad \sigma(\hat{n})^\dagger = \sigma(\hat{n}) \quad (6)$$

and  $[A(r), \sigma(\hat{n})] = 0$ .

# Quaternion

Let

$$\mathbb{S} = \{I = x_1i + x_2j + x_3k \mid x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1\},$$

we call it a quaternion sphere.

## Proposition

<sup>a</sup> For any non-real quaternion  $q \in \mathbb{H} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ , there exist, and are unique,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $y > 0$ , and  $I_q \in \mathbb{S}$  such that  $q = x + I_q y$ .

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<sup>a</sup>Gentili, G., Struppa, D.C., *A new theory of regular functions of a quaternionic variable*, Adv. Math. **216** (2007), 279-301.

## Quaternion Slice

For every quaternion  $I \in \mathbb{S}$ , the complex line  $L_I = \mathbb{R} + I\mathbb{R}$  passing through the origin, and containing 1 and  $I$ , is called a quaternion slice. It can be seen that

$$\mathbb{H} = \bigcup_{I \in \mathbb{S}} L_I \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcap_{I \in \mathbb{S}} L_I = \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$

Further,

- 1  $L_I \subset \mathbb{H}$  is commutative.
- 2 Elements from two different quaternion slices,  $L_I$  and  $L_J$  (for  $I, J \in \mathbb{S}$  with  $I \neq J$ ), do not necessarily commute.



## Right quaternionic Hilbert space

### Definition

Let  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  be a linear vector space under right multiplication by quaternionic scalars. For  $f, g, h \in V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  and  $q \in \mathbb{H}$ , the inner product

$$\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle : V_{\mathbb{H}}^R \times V_{\mathbb{H}}^R \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}$$

satisfies the following properties

- (i)  $\overline{\langle f | g \rangle} = \langle g | f \rangle$
- (ii)  $\|f\|^2 = \langle f | f \rangle > 0$  unless  $f = 0$ , a real norm
- (iii)  $\langle f | g + h \rangle = \langle f | g \rangle + \langle f | h \rangle$
- (iv)  $\langle f | gq \rangle = \langle f | g \rangle q$
- (v)  $\langle fq | g \rangle = \bar{q} \langle f | g \rangle$

where  $\bar{q}$  stands for the quaternionic conjugate.

## Right quaternionic Hilbert spaces

We assume that the space  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$




- 1 is complete under the norm given above.
- 2 together with  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  this defines a right quaternionic Hilbert space.
- 3 we shall assume it to be separable.

Quaternionic Hilbert spaces share most of the standard properties of complex Hilbert spaces. In particular, the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality holds on quaternionic Hilbert spaces as well as the Riesz representation theorem for their duals. Thus, the Dirac bra-ket notation can be adapted to quaternionic Hilbert spaces:

$$|f\rangle q = |f\rangle, \quad \langle f q | = \bar{q} \langle f |,$$

for a right quaternionic Hilbert space, with  $|f\rangle$  denoting the vector  $f$  and  $\langle f|$  its dual vector, see for more detail <sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup>Thirulogasanthar, K., Twareque Ali, S., J. Math. Phys., **54** (2013), 013506.   

## Right quaternionic Hilbert spaces

The field of quaternions  $\mathbb{H}$  itself can be turned into a right quaternionic Hilbert space with

$$\langle q \mid q' \rangle = q^\dagger q' = \bar{q}q'.$$

Further note that, due to the non-commutativity of quaternions the sum  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} p^m q^m / m!$  cannot be written as  $\exp(pq)$ . However, in any Hilbert space the norm convergence implies the convergence of the series and

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |p^m q^m / m!| = e^{|p||q|}.$$

## Right quaternionic square integrable functions

Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $\mathbb{H}$  the field of quaternions, then

$$\left\{ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \mid \int_X |f(x)|^2 d\mu(x) < \infty \right\}$$

is a right quaternionic Hilbert space which is denoted by  $L^2_{\mathbb{H}}(X, \mu)$ , with the (right) scalar product

$$\langle f | g \rangle = \int_X \overline{f(x)} g(x) d\mu(x), \quad (8)$$

where  $\overline{f(x)}$  is the quaternionic conjugate of  $f(x)$ , and (right) scalar multiplication  $f\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathbb{H}$ , with  $(f\mathfrak{a})(\mathfrak{q}) = f(\mathfrak{q})\mathfrak{a}$ <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Viswanath, K., *Normal operators on quaternionic Hilbert spaces*, Trans. Am. Math. Soc. **162** (1971), 337i;  $\frac{1}{2}$ 350.

Let  $\{|f_m\rangle\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ . For  $q \in \mathbb{H}$ , the coherent states are defined as vectors in  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  in the form

$$|q\rangle = \mathcal{N}(|q|)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |f_m\rangle \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{\rho(m)}}, \quad (9)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}(|q|)$  is the normalization factor and  $\{\rho(m)\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$  is a positive sequence of real numbers. <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>Thirulogasanthar, K., Honnouvo, G., Krzyzak, A., *Coherent states and Hermite polynomials on Quaternionic Hilbert spaces*, J. Phys.A: Math. Theor. **43** (2010), 385205.

The resolution of the identity is,

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} | \mathbf{q} \rangle \langle \mathbf{q} | d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi) = \mathbb{I}_{V_{\mathbb{H}}^R}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathbb{I}_{V_{\mathbb{H}}^R}$  is the identity operator on  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ .

Particularly, if  $\rho(m) = m!$ , then the normalization factor  $\mathcal{N}(| \mathbf{q} |) = e^{|\mathbf{q}|^2}$ . The resolution of the identity is obtained with  $d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi) = \frac{r}{2\pi} e^{-r^2} \sin \phi dr d\theta d\phi d\psi$ .

When  $\rho(m) = m!$ , the (CS) defined by (9) are called *right quaternionic canonical coherent states*. For the purpose of quantizing the quaternions we shall use these canonical set of CS.

# Quantization of quaternions

Since  $(\mathbb{H}, d\varsigma(r, \theta, \phi, \psi))$  is a measure space, the set

$$\left\{ f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \mid \int_{\mathbb{H}} |f(\mathbf{q})|^2 d\varsigma(r, \theta, \phi, \psi) < \infty \right\}$$

is the space of right quaternionic square integrable functions and is denoted by  $L^2_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbb{H}, d\varsigma(r, \theta, \phi, \psi))$ .<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Muraleetharan. B., Thirulogasanthar, *coherent state quantization of quaternions*, J. Math. Phys., **56** (2015), 083510.

## Quantization of quaternions

Define the sequence of functions  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  such that

$$\phi_n : \mathbb{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}$$

by




$$\phi_n(\mathfrak{q}) = \frac{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}^n}{\sqrt{n!}}, \quad \text{for all } \mathfrak{q} \in \mathbb{H}. \quad (11)$$

Then  $\phi_n \in L^2_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbb{H}, d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi))$ , for all  $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$  and  $\langle \phi_m | \phi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$ . That is,

$$\mathcal{O} = \{\phi_n \mid n = 0, 1, 2 \dots\}$$

is an orthonormal set in  $L^2_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbb{H}, d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi))$ . The right quaternionic span of  $\mathcal{O}$  is the space of anti-right-regular functions <sup>6</sup> (the counter part of complex anti-holomorphic functions).

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<sup>6</sup>Thirulogasanthar, K., Twareque Ali, S., J. Math. Phys., **54** (2013), 013506.   



## Quantization of quaternions

Let  $\mathfrak{H}$  be a separable right quaternionic Hilbert space with an orthonormal basis

$$\mathcal{E} = \{ |e_n\rangle \mid n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$$

which is in 1 – 1 correspondence with  $\mathcal{O}$ . Then the coherent states (9) become

$$|\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}\rangle = e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_m\rangle \overline{\phi_m}. \quad (12)$$

Using the set of CS (12) we shall establish the coherent state quantization on  $\mathfrak{H}$  by associating a function

$$\mathbb{H} \ni \mathbf{q} \longmapsto f(\mathbf{q}, \bar{\mathbf{q}}).$$

## Quantization of quaternions

Now let us define the operator on  $\mathfrak{H}$  by

$$f(\mathfrak{q}, \bar{\mathfrak{q}}) \mapsto A_f, \quad (13)$$

where  $A_f$  is given by the operator valued integral

$$A_f = \int_{\mathbb{H}} |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle f(\mathfrak{q}, \bar{\mathfrak{q}}) \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}| d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{|e_m\rangle J_{m,l} \langle e_l|}{\sqrt{m! l!}}; \quad (14)$$

where the integral  $J_{m,l}$  is given by

$$\iiint\limits_{[0, \infty) \times [0, \pi] \times [0, 2\pi]^2} \frac{\mathfrak{q}^m f(\mathfrak{q}, \bar{\mathfrak{q}}) \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^l}{e^{r^2}} d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi).$$

## Quantization of quaternions

By direct calculation we can see that if  $f(q, \bar{q}) = q$ , then

$$A_q = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_m\rangle\langle e_{m+1}| \quad (15)$$

and if  $f(q, \bar{q}) = \bar{q}$ , then

$$A_{\bar{q}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_{m+1}\rangle\langle e_m|. \quad (16)$$

Moreover if  $f(q, \bar{q}) = 1$ , then  $A_1 = \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

## Quantization of quaternions

Since

$$\langle A_{\bar{q}}g | f \rangle = \langle g | A_q f \rangle; \quad \text{for all } |f\rangle, |g\rangle \in \mathfrak{H},$$

$A_{\bar{q}}$  is the adjoint of  $A_q$  and vice-versa.

Now if  $\mathfrak{H} = \overline{\text{span}\mathcal{O}}$  (right linear span over  $\mathbb{H}$ ), then it is a subspace of  $L^2_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbb{H}, d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi))$  and

$$A_f : \mathfrak{H} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{H} \quad \text{by}$$

$$A_f(u) = A_f |u\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{H}} |\gamma_q\rangle f(q, \bar{q}) \langle \gamma_q | u \rangle d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi),$$

for all  $u \in \mathfrak{H}$ . Moreover, for each  $u \in \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $A_f |u\rangle \in \mathfrak{H}$ .

# Quantization of quaternions

For  $|u\rangle, |v\rangle \in \mathfrak{H}$ , it can also be considered as a function

$A_f : \mathfrak{H} \times \mathfrak{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} A_f(u, v) &= \langle u | A_f | v \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{H}} \langle u | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle f(\mathbf{q}, \bar{\mathbf{q}}) \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | v \rangle d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi). \end{aligned}$$

## Quantization of quaternions

Since  $|\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}\rangle$  is a column vector and  $\langle\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}|$  is a row vector, we can see that the operator  $A_f$  is a matrix and the matrix elements with respect to the basis  $\{|e_n\rangle\}$  are given by

$$(A_f)_{mn} = \langle e_m | A_f | e_n \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{H}} \langle e_m | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle f(\mathbf{q}, \bar{\mathbf{q}}) \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | e_n \rangle d\varsigma(r, \theta, \phi, \psi).$$

We have

$$\langle e_m | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle = \mathcal{N}(|\mathbf{q}|)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \overline{\phi_m(\mathbf{q})}$$

and

$$\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | e_n \rangle = \overline{\langle e_n | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle} = \mathcal{N}(|\mathbf{q}|)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \phi_n(\mathbf{q}).$$

## Quantization of quaternions

Therefore

$$(A_f)_{mn} = \int_{\mathbb{H}} \mathcal{N}(|\mathbf{q}|)^{-1} \overline{\phi_m(\mathbf{q})} f(\mathbf{q}, \bar{\mathbf{q}}) \phi_n(\mathbf{q}) \cdot d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi).$$

Hence, it can easily be seen that

$$(A_{\mathbf{q}})_{k,l} = \langle e_k | A_{\mathbf{q}} | e_l \rangle = \begin{cases} \sqrt{k+1} & \text{if } l = k+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l \neq k+1, \end{cases}$$
$$(A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}})_{k,l} = \langle e_k | A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} | e_l \rangle = \begin{cases} \sqrt{k} & \text{if } l = k-1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l \neq k-1. \end{cases}$$

## Quantization of quaternions

Let us realize the operator  $A_f$  as annihilation and creation operators. From (15) and (16) we have  $A_q | e_0 \rangle = 0$ ,

$$A_q | e_m \rangle = \sqrt{m} | e_{m-1} \rangle; m = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$A_{\bar{q}} | e_m \rangle = \sqrt{m+1} | e_{m+1} \rangle; m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

That is,  $A_q, A_{\bar{q}}$  are annihilation and creation operators respectively.



## Quantization of quaternions

Moreover, one can easily see that  $A_q | \gamma_q \rangle = | \gamma_q \rangle q$ , which is in complete analogy with the action of the annihilation operator on the ordinary harmonic oscillator CS. We can also write

$$| e_n \rangle = \frac{(A_{\bar{q}})^n}{\sqrt{n!}} | e_0 \rangle.$$

## Quantization of quaternions

Now a direct calculation shows that

$$A_q A_{\bar{q}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+1) |e_m\rangle \langle e_m|$$

and

$$A_{\bar{q}} A_q = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+1) |e_{m+1}\rangle \langle e_{m+1}|.$$

Therefore the commutator of  $A_{\bar{q}}, A_q$  takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} [A_q, A_{\bar{q}}] &= A_q A_{\bar{q}} - A_{\bar{q}} A_q \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_m\rangle \langle e_m| = \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}. \end{aligned}$$

## Quantization of quaternions

### Remark

The operator  $A_f$  in (14) is formed by the vector  $|\gamma_q\rangle f(q, \bar{q})$ , which is the right scalar multiple of the vector  $|\gamma_q\rangle$  by the scalar  $f(q, \bar{q})$ , and the dual vector  $\langle\gamma_q|$ . Instead if one takes

$$A_f = \int_{\mathbb{H}} f(q, \bar{q}) |\gamma_q\rangle \langle\gamma_q| d\zeta(r, \theta, \phi, \psi), \quad (17)$$

then it is formed by  $f(q, \bar{q}) |\gamma_q\rangle$  (a left scalar multiple of a right Hilbert space vector) and the dual vector  $\langle\gamma_q|$ , which is unconventional. Further, due to the non-commutativity of quaternions, an  $A_f$  in the form (17) would have caused severe technical problems in the follow up computations.


# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Let  $N = A_{\bar{q}}A_q$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} N |e_k\rangle &= A_{\bar{q}}A_q |e_k\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_{m+1}\rangle \langle e_{m+1} | e_k\rangle (m+1) \\ &= |e_k\rangle k. \end{aligned}$$

Thereby  $N$  acts as the number operator and the Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{H}$  is the quaternionic Fock space <sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>Alpay, D., Colombo, F., Sabadini, I., Salomon, G., *The Fock space in the slice hyperholomorphic setting*, Hypercomplex Analysis: New perspective and applications, Trends in Mathematics, Birkhäuser, Basel (2014), 43-59. 

# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

As an analogue of the usual harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian, if we take  $\mathcal{H}_h = N + \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_h |e_n\rangle = |e_n\rangle(n + 1)$ , which is a Hamiltonian in the right quaternionic Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{H}$  with spectrum  $(n + 1)$  and eigenvector  $|e_n\rangle$ .

# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Following the complex formalism, for  $q \in \mathbb{H}$  if we take  $q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q + \bar{q})$ , then we can have a self-adjoint position operator as

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(A_q + A_{\bar{q}}).$$

## Remark

In the complex quantum mechanics, for the canonical CS  $|z\rangle$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , the lower symbol or the expectation value of the number operator,  $\langle z|N|z\rangle$ , is precisely  $|z|^2$ . The position and momentum coordinates are  $q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(z + \bar{z})$  and  $p = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(z - \bar{z})$  and by linearity one infers that the position and momentum operators as  $Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(A_z + A_{\bar{z}})$  and  $P = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(A_z - A_{\bar{z}})$ . The CS quantized classical harmonic oscillator,  $H_c = \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$ , is  $A_{H_c} = A_{|z|^2} = N + \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}_c}$ , where  $\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}_c}$  is the identity operator of the complex Fock space  $\mathfrak{H}_c$ . The operators  $Q$  and  $P$  satisfy the commutation rule  $[Q, P] = i\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}_c}$  and are self-adjoint. If one simply takes the canonical quantization of the classical Hamiltonian it becomes  $\hat{H}_c = \frac{1}{2}(Q^2 + P^2) = N + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}_c}$ .<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Gazeau, J-P., *Coherent states in quantum physics*, Wiley-VCH, Berlin (2009).

## Non-self-adjointness of $P$

In the case of the momentum operator, the complex formalism does not transfer to quaternions. In the case of quaternions we have three imaginary units,  $i, j$  and  $k$ , and if we try to duplicate the complex momentum coordinate with one of  $i, j$  or  $k$ , that is, if we take

$$p = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(q - \bar{q}),$$

then the operator  $P$  becomes

$$P = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})$$

and due to the non-commutativity of quaternions  $P$  is not self-adjoint.



## Non-self-adjointness of $P$

Further, a simple calculation shows that, the analogue of the complex operator  $H_c$  in remark (4) is  $H_h = \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2) \neq |q|^2$ . However, the lower symbol of  $N$  is  $\langle \gamma_q | N | \gamma_q \rangle = |q|^2$  and through a rather lengthy calculation we can see that  $A_{|q|^2} = N + \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

## Non-self-adjointness of P

For a complex scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and an operator  $T$  in a complex Hilbert space, the adjoint of the scalar multiple,  $\alpha T$ , is taken as

$$(\alpha T)^\dagger = \bar{\alpha} T^\dagger.$$

However, in general, this is not true for a non-real quaternionic scalar multiple of an operator on a quaternionic Hilbert space.

## Non-self-adjointness of P

The quaternion field  $\mathbb{H}$  with the inner product  $\langle p|q \rangle = \bar{p}q$ ;  $p, q \in \mathbb{H}$ , is a right quaternionic Hilbert space. The identity operator,  $\mathcal{I}$ , on  $\mathbb{H}$  is self-adjoint. For a fixed  $\alpha \in \mathbb{H} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ , if  $(\alpha\mathcal{I})^\dagger = \bar{\alpha} \mathcal{I}^\dagger$ , then for  $p, q \in \mathbb{H}$ , we have

$$\langle p|(\alpha\mathcal{I})(q) \rangle = \langle p|\mathcal{I}(q)\bar{\alpha} \rangle = \langle p|q\bar{\alpha} \rangle = \bar{p}q\bar{\alpha}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\alpha\mathcal{I})^\dagger(p)|q \rangle &= \langle (\bar{\alpha}\mathcal{I}^\dagger)(p)|q \rangle = \langle (\bar{\alpha}\mathcal{I})(p)|q \rangle = \langle \mathcal{I}(p)\alpha|q \rangle = \langle p\alpha|q \rangle \\ &= \bar{p}\alpha q = \bar{\alpha} \bar{p}q. \end{aligned}$$

## Non-self-adjointness of $P$

### Example

For example, if  $\alpha = i + 2j$ ,  $\mathfrak{q} = j$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = k$ , then we get

$$\langle \mathfrak{p} | (\alpha \mathfrak{J})(\mathfrak{q}) \rangle = 1 - 2k \quad \text{and} \quad \langle (\alpha \mathfrak{J})^\dagger(\mathfrak{p}) | \mathfrak{q} \rangle = 1 + 2k.$$

Therefore

$$(\alpha \mathfrak{J})^\dagger \neq \bar{\alpha} \mathfrak{J}^\dagger.$$

## Solution with quaternion slice

However, if we restrict ourselves to a quaternion slice, then we can have self-adjoint position and momentum operators with all the expected properties of their complex counterparts.

## Solution with quaternion slice

In order to exhibit this, let us see the structure of CS on a slice.

- Since elements in a quaternion slice commute, a quaternion slice is isomorphic to the complex plane. That is, for each  $I \in \mathbb{S}$ ,  $L_I$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- While we are on a slice,  $L_I$ , the set of CS is formed with elements from the slice  $L_I$  and the CS belongs to the right quaternionic Hilbert space over the field  $L_I$  and we denote this Hilbert space by  $\mathfrak{H}_{L_I}$ .
- Let  $q_I \in L_I$ ,  $q_I = r e^{I\theta}$ ;  $r > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , then the normalization factor of the CS, over the slice  $L_I$ , is given by  $\mathcal{N}(q_I) = e^{-|q_I|^2}$  and a resolution of the identity is obtained with the measure  $d\mu_I(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} r e^{-r^2} dr d\theta$ .

## Solution with quaternion slice

Even though a quaternion slice is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ , Hilbert space over a slice is not similar to a complex Hilbert space. In particular, the inner product of two elements from a slice-Hilbert space does not commute with the elements of the slice. For  $q_I \in L_I$ , let us define the position and momentum coordinates by

$$q_I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q_I + \bar{q}_I) \quad \text{and} \quad p_I = \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}}(q_I - \bar{q}_I),$$

then, since commutativity holds among  $I$ ,  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$ , the Hamiltonian can be calculated as

$$H_I = \frac{1}{2} (q_I^2 + p_I^2) = |q_I|^2.$$

## Solution with quaternion slice

Recall that on a right quaternionic Hilbert space operators are multiplied on the left by quaternion scalars. From the position and momentum coordinates, using linearity, we get the position operator,  $Q_I$ , and the momentum operator,  $P_I$ , as

$$Q_I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (A_{q_I} + A_{\bar{q}_I}) \quad \text{and} \quad P_I = \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} (A_{q_I} - A_{\bar{q}_I}).$$

Since  $(A_{\bar{q}_I})^\dagger = A_{q_I}$  and  $(-I)^\dagger = I$ , the operators  $P_I$  and  $Q_I$  are self-adjoint. Using the fact  $(qO_R)|f\rangle = (O_R|f\rangle)\bar{q}$  we can see that  $A_{\bar{q}_I}(IA_{q_I}) = IA_{\bar{q}_I}A_{q_I}$ .



## Solution with quaternion slice

With the aid of this we get

$$Q_I P_I = -\frac{1}{2}I [A_{q_I}^2 + A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} - A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I} - A_{\bar{q}_I}^2]$$

and

$$P_I Q_I = -\frac{1}{2}I [A_{q_I}^2 - A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} + A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I} - A_{\bar{q}_I}^2].$$

## Solution with quaternion slice

Thereby we have the commutator

$$[Q_I, P_I] = Q_I P_I - P_I Q_I = I [A_{q_I}, A_{\bar{q}_I}] = I \mathbb{H} \mathfrak{H}_{L_I}.$$

We also have

$$Q_I^2 = \frac{1}{2} [A_{q_I}^2 + A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} + A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I} + A_{\bar{q}_I}^2] \quad \text{and}$$
$$P_I^2 = -\frac{1}{2} [A_{q_I}^2 - A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} - A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I} + A_{\bar{q}_I}^2]$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_I &= \frac{Q_I^2 + P_I^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}[A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} + A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I}] \\ &= A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I} + \frac{1}{2}[A_{q_I} A_{\bar{q}_I} - A_{\bar{q}_I} A_{q_I}] = N_I + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}\mathfrak{h}_{L_I},\end{aligned}$$

which is in complete analogy with the complex case in the sense of *canonical quantization*, which simply replaces the classical coordinates by quantum observables (corresponding self-adjoint operators).

## Heisenberg Uncertainty on slices

In the following we shall show that the RQCS saturate the Heisenberg uncertainty relation and thereby they form a set minimum uncertainty states.

For Notational simplicity we use the same symbols for the operators and vectors as for  $\mathbb{H}$ . However they are now restricted to a slice-Hilbert space. For example:

$$A_q = A_q|_{V_{L_I}^R}.$$

## Heisenberg Uncertainty on slices

In order to compute the expectation values of the involved operators recall that  $A_{\mathfrak{q}}|e_0\rangle = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\mathfrak{q}}|e_m\rangle &= \sqrt{m}|e_{m-1}\rangle; \quad m = 1, 2, \dots \\A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}|e_m\rangle &= \sqrt{m+1}|e_{m+1}\rangle; \quad m = 0, 1, \dots\end{aligned}$$

and

$$A_{\mathfrak{q}}|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle = |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle \mathfrak{q}. \tag{18}$$

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Using (18) we can easily see that

$$A_q^2|\gamma_q\rangle = A_q|\gamma_q\rangle q = |\gamma_q\rangle q^2.$$

Hence, as  $\langle\gamma_q|\gamma_q\rangle = 1$ , we get

$$\langle\gamma_q|A_q|\gamma_q\rangle = q \quad \text{and} \quad \langle\gamma_q|A_q^2|\gamma_q\rangle = q^2.$$

Let  $a_m = \sqrt{m+1}$  and  $b_m = \sqrt{(m+1)(m+2)}$ . The action of the operators,  $A_{\bar{q}}$ ,  $A_{\bar{q}}^2$ ,  $A_{\bar{q}}A_q$  and  $A_qA_{\bar{q}}$  on the RQCS takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\bar{q}}|\gamma_q\rangle &= e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_{\bar{q}}|e_m\rangle \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \\ &= e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_{m+1}\rangle a_m \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{m!}}, \end{aligned}$$

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and similarly,

$$A_{\bar{q}}^2 |\gamma_q\rangle = e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_{m+2}\rangle b_m \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{m!}},$$

$$A_{\bar{q}} A_q |\gamma_q\rangle = e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_{m+1}\rangle a_m \frac{q^{m+1}}{\sqrt{m!}}$$

and

$$A_q A_{\bar{q}} |\gamma_q\rangle = e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |e_m\rangle a_m^2 \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{m!}}.$$

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The dual of the CS is

$$\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | = e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \langle e_m |.$$

Thereby we get the expectation values

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \langle e_m | e_{n+1} \rangle a_n \frac{\mathbf{q}^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^{m+1} \mathbf{q}^m}{m!} \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \bar{\mathbf{q}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\mathbf{q}|^{2m}}{m!} \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{q}}, \end{aligned}$$



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and similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}^2 | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \bar{\mathbf{q}}^2, \\ \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} A_{\mathbf{q}} | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \bar{\mathbf{q}} \mathbf{q} = |\mathbf{q}|^2, \\ \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | A_{\mathbf{q}} A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= 1 + |\mathbf{q}|^2.\end{aligned}$$

## Heisenberg Uncertainty on slices

Using the above expectation values we can get the expectation values of  $Q$  and  $Q^2$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | Q | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}} + A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle + \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathfrak{q} + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}),\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | Q | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{q}^2 + 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2).$$

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Now for  $Q^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | Q^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}}^2 + A_{\mathfrak{q}} A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} + A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} A_{\mathfrak{q}} A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\mathfrak{q}^2 + 1 + |\mathfrak{q}|^2 + |\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\mathfrak{q}^2 + 1 + 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the variance of  $Q$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 &= \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | Q^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | Q | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle^2 \\ &= 1/2. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

## Heisenberg Uncertainty on slices

For the momentum operator  $P$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle &= \left( \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} [A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}] \right) |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle \\ &= ([A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}]|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle) \overline{\left( \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \right)} \\ &= ([A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}]|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle) \left( \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thereby we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | P | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle &= \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= [\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle] \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= (\mathfrak{q} - \bar{\mathfrak{q}}) \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

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hence, as  $I^2 = -1$ , we obtain

$$\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | P | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{2}(-\mathfrak{q}^2 + 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 - \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2).$$

Now for  $P^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | P^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | A_{\mathfrak{q}}^2 - A_{\mathfrak{q}} A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} A_{\mathfrak{q}} + A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathfrak{q}^2 - 1 - |\mathfrak{q}|^2 - |\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathfrak{q}^2 - 1 - 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the variance of  $P$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta P \rangle^2 &= \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | P^2 | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | P | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle^2 \\ &= 1/2. \end{aligned}$$

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That is,

$$\langle \Delta P \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

As the conclusion of the above, we have

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle \langle \Delta P \rangle = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Further, since  $[Q, P] = I\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [Q, P]|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle &= (I\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}})|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle = (\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle)\bar{I} \\ &= |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle(-I). \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore

$$\langle \gamma_q | [Q, P] | \gamma_q \rangle = \langle \gamma_q | \gamma_q \rangle (-I) = -I.$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{2} |\langle [Q, P] \rangle| = \frac{1}{2} |-I| = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The above can be recapitulated in one line as

$$\langle \Delta Q \rangle \langle \Delta P \rangle = \frac{1}{2} |\langle [Q, P] \rangle| = \frac{1}{2}.$$

That is, the RQCS  $|\gamma_q\rangle$  saturate the Heisenberg uncertainty, which is in complete analogy with the canonical CS of CQM.

## Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

### Solution with left scalar multiplication:

The left scalar multiple of vectors on a right quaternionic Hilbert space is an extremely non-canonical operation associated with a choice of preferred Hilbert basis.

Since the Hilbert space  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  is separable it has a Hilbert basis

$$\mathcal{O} = \{\varphi_k \mid k \in N\}, \quad (19)$$

where  $N$  is a countable index set.



## Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

The left scalar multiplication ‘ $\cdot$ ’ on  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  induced by  $\mathcal{O}$  is defined as the map  $\mathbb{H} \times V_{\mathbb{H}}^R \ni (\mathfrak{q}, \phi) \mapsto \mathfrak{q} \cdot \phi \in V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  given by

$$\mathfrak{q} \cdot \phi := \sum_{k \in N} \varphi_k \mathfrak{q} \langle \varphi_k | \phi \rangle, \quad (20)$$

for all  $(\mathfrak{q}, \phi) \in \mathbb{H} \times V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ . Since all left multiplications are made with respect to some basis, assume that the basis  $\mathcal{O}$  given by (19) is fixed in the rest of this presentation.

# Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

## Proposition

[17] The left product defined in (20) satisfies the following properties. For every  $\phi, \psi \in V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  and  $p, q \in \mathbb{H}$ ,

- (a)  $q \cdot (\phi + \psi) = q \cdot \phi + q \cdot \psi$  and  $q \cdot (\phi p) = (q \cdot \phi)p$ .
- (b)  $\|q \cdot \phi\| = |q| \|\phi\|$ .
- (c)  $q \cdot (p \cdot \phi) = (qp \cdot \phi)$ .
- (d)  $\langle \bar{q} \cdot \phi \mid \psi \rangle = \langle \phi \mid q \cdot \psi \rangle$ .
- (e)  $r \cdot \phi = \phi r$ , for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (f)  $q \cdot \varphi_k = \varphi_k q$ , for all  $k \in N$ .

## Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

### Remark

One can trivially see that  $(p + q) \cdot \phi = p \cdot \phi + q \cdot \phi$ , for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{H}$  and  $\phi \in V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ . Moreover, with the aid of (b) in above Proposition (6), we can have, if  $\{\phi_n\}$  in  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  such that  $\phi_n \longrightarrow \phi$ , then  $q \cdot \phi_n \longrightarrow q \cdot \phi$ . Also if  $\sum_n \phi_n$  is a convergent series in  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ , then  $q \cdot (\sum_n \phi_n) = \sum_n q \cdot \phi_n$ .

## Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

For any fixed  $\mathfrak{q} \in \mathbb{H}$  and a given right  $\mathbb{H}$ -linear operator  $A : \mathcal{D}(A) \longrightarrow V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ , the left scalar multiplication ‘ $\cdot$ ’ of  $A$  is defined as a map  $\mathfrak{q} \cdot A : \mathcal{D}(A) \longrightarrow V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  by the setting

$$(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A)\phi := \mathfrak{q} \cdot (A\phi) = \sum_{k \in N} \varphi_k \mathfrak{q} \langle \varphi_k | A\phi \rangle, \quad (21)$$

for all  $\phi \in D(A)$ . It is straightforward that  $\mathfrak{q} \cdot A$  is a right  $\mathbb{H}$ -linear operator.

## Left Scalar Multiplications on $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$

If  $\mathfrak{q} \cdot \phi \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , for all  $\phi \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , one can define right scalar multiplication ‘ $\cdot$ ’ of the right  $\mathbb{H}$ -linear operator  $A : \mathfrak{D}(A) \longrightarrow V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  as a map  $A \cdot \mathfrak{q} : \mathfrak{D}(A) \longrightarrow V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$  by the setting

$$(A \cdot \mathfrak{q})\phi := A(\mathfrak{q} \cdot \phi), \quad (22)$$

for all  $\phi \in D(A)$ . It is also right  $\mathbb{H}$ -linear operator. One can easily obtain that, if  $\mathfrak{q} \cdot \phi \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , for all  $\phi \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{D}(A)$  is dense in  $V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ , then

$$(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A)^\dagger = A^\dagger \cdot \bar{\mathfrak{q}} \quad \text{and} \quad (A \cdot \mathfrak{q})^\dagger = \bar{\mathfrak{q}} \cdot A^\dagger. \quad (23)$$

## Action with left multiplication

Further, real numbers commute with quaternions. Therefore according to (21), for example, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})^2 |e_0\rangle &= (\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})|e_0\rangle \\ &= (\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}|e_0\rangle) \\ &= (\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})(\mathfrak{q} \cdot |e_1\rangle)\sqrt{1} \\ &= (\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})|e_1\rangle\mathfrak{q} \\ &= \mathfrak{q} \cdot (A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}|e_1\rangle)\mathfrak{q} \\ &= \mathfrak{q} \cdot (|e_2\rangle\sqrt{2})\mathfrak{q} \\ &= |e_2\rangle\mathfrak{q}^2\sqrt{2!}.\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\frac{(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})^2 |e_0\rangle}{\sqrt{2!}} = |e_2\rangle\mathfrak{q}^2$ . By induction, for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have  $\frac{(\mathfrak{q} \cdot A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}})^n |e_0\rangle}{\sqrt{n!}} = |e_n\rangle\mathfrak{q}^n$ .

## Action with left multiplication

Using this one can see that

$$\begin{aligned}(e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \cdot e^{\mathbf{q} \cdot A_{\overline{\mathbf{q}}}}|e_0\rangle &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \cdot (e^{\mathbf{q} \cdot A_{\overline{\mathbf{q}}}}|e_0\rangle) \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \cdot \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathbf{q} \cdot A_{\overline{\mathbf{q}}})^n |e_0\rangle}{n!} \right] \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \cdot \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |e_n\rangle \frac{\mathbf{q}^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \right] \\ &= |\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $|\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}\rangle = (e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \cdot e^{\mathbf{q} \cdot A_{\overline{\mathbf{q}}}}|e_0\rangle$ .

## Action with left multiplication

The following Proposition gives the commutativity between quaternions and the operator  $A_q$  under the operations of left (21) and right (22) scalar multiplication of right linear operators. This result plays an important role in having momentum operator.

### Proposition

For each  $x \in \mathbb{H}$ , we have  $x \cdot A_q = A_q \cdot x$ .

### Proof.

For an arbitrary  $x \in \mathbb{H}$ , calculating  $x \cdot A_q$  and  $A_q \cdot x$  manually, the equality can be obtained. □



## Proof in detail.

Let  $\mathfrak{x} \in \mathbb{H}$ , and  $\phi \in \mathfrak{H}$ , now

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathfrak{x} \cdot A_{\mathfrak{q}})\phi &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |e_n\rangle \mathfrak{x} \langle e_n | A_{\mathfrak{q}} \phi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |e_n\rangle \mathfrak{x} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{m+1} \langle e_n | e_m \rangle \langle e_{m+1} | \phi \rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{n+1} |e_n\rangle \mathfrak{x} \langle e_{n+1} | \phi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

## Proof in detail.....

and

$$\begin{aligned}(A_q \cdot \mathfrak{x})\phi &= A_q(\mathfrak{x} \cdot \phi) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{n+1} |e_n\rangle \langle e_{n+1} | \mathfrak{x} \cdot \phi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{n+1} |e_n\rangle \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \langle e_{n+1} | e_m \rangle \mathfrak{x} \langle e_m | \phi \rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{n+1} |e_n\rangle \mathfrak{x} \langle e_{n+1} | \phi \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $(\mathfrak{x} \cdot A_q)\phi = (A_q \cdot \mathfrak{x})\phi$ . Since  $\phi \in \mathfrak{H}$  is arbitrary, we have  $\mathfrak{x} \cdot A_q = A_q \cdot \mathfrak{x}$ . Similarly  $\mathfrak{x} \cdot A_{\bar{q}} = A_{\bar{q}} \cdot \mathfrak{x}$  can be obtained. Hence the result follows.

## Momentum Operator with left multiplication

In the case of the momentum operator, the complex formalism does not transfer to quaternions. In the case of quaternions we have three imaginary units,  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$ , and if we try to duplicate the complex momentum coordinate with  $i$ ,  $j$  or  $k$ , that is, if we take

$$q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q + \bar{q}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$p_i = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(q - \bar{q}),$$

$$p_j = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}}(q - \bar{q})$$

and

$$p_k = \frac{-k}{\sqrt{2}}(q - \bar{q})$$

## Momentum Operator with left multiplication

then the momentum operators with respect to the above coordinates becomes

$$P_i = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}}),$$

$$P_j = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}})$$

and

$$P_k = \frac{-k}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}})$$

respectively.

## Momentum operator with left multiplication

Now for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , the operators  $Q$  and  $P_\tau$  are self-adjoint. For, It is trivial to say that the position operator  $Q$  is self-adjoint. Since  $A_{\bar{q}}$  is the adjoint of  $A_q$  and vice-versa, we have, for any  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_\tau^\dagger &= \left[ \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}}) \right]^\dagger \\ &= (A_q^\dagger - A_{\bar{q}}^\dagger) \cdot \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{by (23)} \\ &= (A_{\bar{q}} - A_q) \cdot \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}}) \quad \text{by Proposition 8} \\ &= P_\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , the operators  $P_\tau$  is self-adjoint.

## Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Thus for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , the operators  $P_\tau$  is self-adjoint. We can have the generalized Hamiltonian with respect to  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$  that  $H_\tau = \frac{1}{2} (|q|^2 + |p_\tau|^2) = |q|^2$ . Moreover, there is another Hamiltonian which we can have as a combined one in terms of all of above three coordinates, as follows

$$H_c = \frac{1}{2} (q^2 - p_i^2 - p_j^2 - p_k^2) = |q|^2.$$

The lower symbol of  $N$  is  $\langle \gamma_q | N | \gamma_q \rangle = |q|^2$  and through a rather lengthy calculation we can see that  $A_{|q|^2} = N + \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$ .

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Now for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , it can be obtained that

$$\begin{aligned}
 QP_\tau\phi &= \left[ \frac{(A_q + A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ (-\tau) \cdot \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \phi \\
 &= \left[ \frac{(A_q + A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ (-\tau) \cdot \left( \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \phi \right) \right] \\
 &= \left[ \frac{(A_q + A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (-\tau) \right] \left[ \left( \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \phi \right) \right] \quad \text{by (22)} \\
 &= \left[ (-\tau) \cdot \left( \frac{(A_q + A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \left[ \left( \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \phi \right) \right] \quad \text{by Proposition 8} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}\tau \cdot [A_q^2 + A_{\bar{q}}A_q - A_qA_{\bar{q}} - A_{\bar{q}}^2]\phi
 \end{aligned}$$

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and

$$\begin{aligned} P_\tau Q \phi &= \left[ -\tau \cdot \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \left[ \frac{(A_q + A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \phi \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \tau \cdot [A_q^2 - A_{\bar{q}} A_q + A_q A_{\bar{q}} - A_{\bar{q}}^2] \phi, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\phi \in V_{\mathbb{H}}^R$ . Thereby for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , we have the commutator that

$$[Q, P_\tau] = Q P_\tau - P_\tau Q = \tau \cdot [A_q, A_{\bar{q}}] = \tau \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}.$$

We can also obtain, in a similar fashion, for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 &= \frac{1}{2} [A_q^2 + A_{\bar{q}} A_q + A_q A_{\bar{q}} + A_{\bar{q}}^2] \quad \text{and} \\ P_\tau^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} [A_q^2 - A_{\bar{q}} A_q - A_q A_{\bar{q}} + A_{\bar{q}}^2] \end{aligned}$$



# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Hence for each  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_\tau &= \frac{Q^2 + P_\tau^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}[A_{\bar{q}}A_q + A_qA_{\bar{q}}] \\ &= A_{\bar{q}}A_q + \frac{1}{2}[A_qA_{\bar{q}} - A_{\bar{q}}A_q] \\ &= N + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}},\end{aligned}$$

which does not depend on the choice of  $\tau \in \{i, j, k\}$ , and is in complete analogy with the complex case in the sense of *canonical quantization*, which simply replaces the classical coordinates by quantum observables (corresponding self-adjoint operators).

# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Let us try with the momentum coordinate

$$p^* = -\frac{(i + j + k)}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(q - \bar{q})}{\sqrt{2}}$$

to define another momentum operator  $P$  as

$$P^* = -\frac{(i + j + k)}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(A_q - A_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

One can realize that  $P^*$  is self-adjoint, and the Hamiltonian  $H$  becomes

$$H^* = \frac{1}{2} (|q|^2 + |p^*|^2) = |q|^2.$$

# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Furthermore, we have

$$[Q, P^*] = \frac{(i + j + k)}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$$

and

$$\hat{H}^* = \frac{Q^2 + P^{*2}}{2} = N + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}.$$

In more general, we can define the momentum coordinate for each  $I \in \mathbb{S}$ , such that

$$p_I = \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathfrak{q} - \bar{\mathfrak{q}}), \quad \mathfrak{q} \in \mathbb{H}$$

and the momentum operator

$$P_I = \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}).$$

# Number, position, momentum operators and Hamiltonian

Then the Hamiltonian  $H_I = \frac{1}{2} (|q|^2 + |p_I|^2) = |q|^2$ . Also we can have

$$[Q, P] = I \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$$

and

$$\hat{H}_I = \frac{Q^2 + P_I^2}{2} = N + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}.$$

In quaternion case, we have a set of self-adjoint momentum operators as

$$\mathfrak{P} = \left\{ P_I = \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_q - A_{\bar{q}}) \mid I \in \mathbb{S} \right\}.$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

As before, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_q | A_q | \gamma_q \rangle &= q \\ \langle \gamma_q | A_q^2 | \gamma_q \rangle &= q^2 \\ \langle \gamma_q | A_{\bar{q}}^2 | \gamma_q \rangle &= \bar{q}^2, \\ \langle \gamma_q | A_{\bar{q}} A_q | \gamma_q \rangle &= \bar{q}q = |q|^2, \\ \langle \gamma_q | A_q A_{\bar{q}} | \gamma_q \rangle &= 1 + |q|^2.\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 &= \langle \gamma_q | Q^2 | \gamma_q \rangle - \langle \gamma_q | Q | \gamma_q \rangle^2 \\ &= 1/2.\end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Let  $I \in \mathbb{S}$ , then for the momentum operator  $P_I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_I |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle &= \left( \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot [A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}] \right) |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle \\ &= \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot ([A_{\mathfrak{q}} - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}}] |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{-I}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (A_{\mathfrak{q}} |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle - A_{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}} |\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle). \end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Now one can see that

$$I \cdot A_{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_m\rangle I \langle e_{m+1}|.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (I \cdot A_{\mathbf{q}}) | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_m\rangle I \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle e_{m+1} | e_n \rangle \frac{q^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_m\rangle I \frac{q^{m+1}}{\sqrt{m+1!}} \end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

and

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | (I \cdot A_{\mathbf{q}}) | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | e_m \rangle I \frac{\mathbf{q}^{m+1}}{\sqrt{m+1}!} \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^n}{\sqrt{n!}} \langle e_n | e_m \rangle I \frac{\mathbf{q}^{m+1}}{\sqrt{m+1}!} \\ &= e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^m}{\sqrt{m!}} I \frac{\mathbf{q}^{m+1}}{\sqrt{m+1}!} \\ &= \left( e^{-|\mathbf{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}^m I \mathbf{q}^m}{m!} \right) \mathbf{q} = \mathfrak{E}_I \mathbf{q};\end{aligned}$$



# Heisenberg Uncertainty

where  $\mathfrak{C}_I = e^{-|q|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{q}^m I q^m}{m!}$  and this series absolutely converges to 1, i.e.  $|\mathfrak{C}_I| \leq 1$ . It is nice to note that,  $\bar{\mathfrak{C}}_I = -\mathfrak{C}_I$  and  $|\mathfrak{C}_I|^2 = -\mathfrak{C}_I^2$ . From this, one can say that, there exist  $\mathcal{J} \in \mathbb{S}$  and  $r \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\mathfrak{C}_I = r\mathcal{J}$ .

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Also we can find that

$$(I \cdot A_{\bar{q}}) |\gamma_q\rangle = e^{-|q|^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{(m+1)} |e_{m+1}\rangle I \frac{q^m}{\sqrt{m!}}$$

and

$$\langle \gamma_q | (I \cdot A_{\bar{q}}) |\gamma_q\rangle = \bar{q} \left( e^{-|q|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{q}^m I q^m}{m!} \right) = \bar{q} \mathcal{E}_I.$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | P_I | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | (I \cdot A_{\mathbf{q}}) | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | (I \cdot A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}) | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathbf{e}_I \mathbf{q} - \bar{\mathbf{q}} \mathbf{e}_I).\end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_q | P_I | \gamma_q \rangle^2 &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{E}_{Iq} - \bar{q} \mathfrak{E}_I)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{E}_{Iq} + \overline{\mathfrak{E}_{Iq}})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(\mathfrak{E}_{Iq})^2 + 2|\mathfrak{E}_{Iq}|^2 + (\overline{\mathfrak{E}_{Iq}})^2].\end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Since  $I^2 = -1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | P^2 | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | A_{\mathbf{q}}^2 - A_{\mathbf{q}} A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} - A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} A_{\mathbf{q}} + A_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}^2 | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{q}^2 - 1 - |\mathbf{q}|^2 - |\mathbf{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathbf{q}}^2] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{q}^2 - 1 - 2|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathbf{q}}^2]. \end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Therefore the variance of  $P_I$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2 &= \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | P_I^2 | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} | P_I | \gamma_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{q}^2 - 1 - 2|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathbf{q}}^2] - \frac{1}{2}[(\mathfrak{E}_I \mathbf{q})^2 + 2|\mathfrak{E}_I \mathbf{q}|^2 + (\overline{\mathfrak{E}_I \mathbf{q}})^2].\end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

Since  $\langle \Delta Q \rangle, \langle \Delta P_I \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 \langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}[(\mathfrak{q}^2 - 1 - 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2) + ((\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q})^2 + 2|\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q}|^2 + (\overline{\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q}})^2)] \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{4}[(\mathfrak{q}^2 - 1 - 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2) + ((\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q})^2 + 2|\mathfrak{q}|^2 + (\overline{\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q}})^2)] \quad \text{as } |\mathfrak{E}_I| \leq 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}[(\mathfrak{q}^2 + \bar{\mathfrak{q}}^2) + ((\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q})^2 + (\overline{\mathfrak{E}_I \mathfrak{q}})^2)] \end{aligned}$$

# Heisenberg Uncertainty

From this,

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 \langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2| &\geq \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} (|\mathbf{q}|^2 (1 + |\mathfrak{C}_I|^2) + |\bar{\mathbf{q}}|^2 (1 + |\mathfrak{C}_I|^2)) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{q}^2| (1 + |\mathfrak{C}_I|^2) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} - |\mathbf{q}^2| \quad \text{as } |\mathfrak{C}_I| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|\langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 \langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2| \geq \frac{1}{4} - |\mathbf{q}|^2$ . Likewise, it is not difficult to see that  $|\langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 \langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2| \leq \frac{1}{4} + |\mathbf{q}|^2$ .



# Heisenberg Uncertainty

As a summary, we have

$$|\langle \Delta Q \rangle^2 \langle \Delta P_I \rangle^2 - \frac{1}{4}| \leq |\mathfrak{q}|^2.$$

From this, one can say that

$$\lim_{|\mathfrak{q}| \rightarrow 0} |\langle \Delta Q \rangle \langle \Delta P_I \rangle| = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Further, since  $[Q, P_I] = I \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [Q, P_I]|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle &= (I \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}})|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle = I \cdot (\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{H}}|\gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle) \\ &= |I \cdot \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore

$$\langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | [Q, P_I] | \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle = \langle \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} | I \cdot \gamma_{\mathfrak{q}} \rangle = e^{-|\mathfrak{q}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\mathfrak{q}}^m I \mathfrak{q}^m}{m!} = \mathfrak{C}_I = r\mathcal{J}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{2} |\langle [Q, P_I] \rangle| = \frac{1}{2} |r\mathcal{J}| = \frac{1}{2} r \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

as  $r \leq 1$ . As a conclusion we can say that

$$\lim_{|\mathfrak{q}| \rightarrow 0} |\langle \Delta Q \rangle \langle \Delta P_I \rangle| \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [Q, P_I] \rangle|.$$

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