
 CC4 about the *uncertainty principle*. The 26/11/2021 (30mn)

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Let $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C})$ be a function in the Schwartz space (the set of functions whose derivatives are rapidly decreasing). We assume that ψ is of norm 1 in $L^2 \equiv L^2(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C})$. Let X be the position operator (defined by the multiplication by x) and P be the momentum operator (defined by $-i\partial_x$). Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$, introduce

$$\langle \Delta_\psi^a X \rangle := \langle (X - a)\psi, (X - a)\psi \rangle^{1/2} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - a)^2 |\psi(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2},$$

$$\langle \Delta_\psi^b P \rangle := \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle (P - 2\pi b)\psi, (P - 2\pi b)\psi \rangle^{1/2}.$$

Denote by $\hat{\psi}$ the Fourier transform of ψ . By convention and Plancherel theorem, we have

$$\hat{\psi}(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} \psi(x) dx, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\psi(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

1. Determine the value $a_m(\psi)$ of a for which $\langle \Delta_\psi^a X \rangle$ is minimal. Justify the answer.

$$a_m(\psi) =$$

2.1. Show that $\mathcal{F}(P\psi/2\pi) = \xi \hat{\psi}(\xi)$.

2.2. Compute $\langle \Delta_\psi^b P \rangle$ in terms of $\hat{\psi}$. $\langle \Delta_\psi^b P \rangle =$

2.3. Determine the value $b_m(\psi)$ of b for which $\langle \Delta_\psi^b P \rangle$ is minimal.

$$b_m(\psi) =$$

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3. Determine α and β adjusted in such a way that the unitary operator $U : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$ given by $U(\psi) = e^{-2\pi i \alpha x} \psi(x + \beta)$ satisfies $a_m(U\psi) = 0$ and $b_m(U\psi) = 0$.

$$\alpha =$$

$$\beta =$$

4. Prove that the product $\langle \Delta_\psi^a X \rangle \langle \Delta_\psi^b P \rangle$ can be bounded below by a positive constant to be determined.

5. Let $a \in S^m$ be a symbol of order m . We recall that the pseudo-differential operator associated with a is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Op(a) : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ u &\longmapsto Op(a)(u)(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} a(x, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

5.1. We denote by $[Op(a), \partial_j]$ the commutator of $Op(a)$ with the derivative with respect to the j^{th} variable. Compute its symbol.

$$[Op(a), \partial_j] = Op\left(\quad \right).$$

5.2. Same question with the multiplication by x_j .

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