

$$|a', t\rangle = |a'\rangle e^{-i E_{a'} t / \hbar}$$

↑ picks up a phase modulation only.

In particular:

$$\langle a', t | A | a', t \rangle = a' = \langle a' | A | a' \rangle \text{ Time-independent}$$

$\Rightarrow [A, H] = 0 \iff A$ is a constant of the motion

In principle, you can repeat the above analysis with multiple compatible observables that commute with the Hamiltonian.

The Time-Dependence of Expectation Values.

Say the system starts in an eigenstate of observable A . $[A, H] = 0$.
Now what is the time dependence of B , an observable that may not commute with either A or H ?

$$|a', t_0=0; t\rangle = U(t, 0) |a'\rangle$$

$$\langle B \rangle(t) = \langle a', t_0=0, t | B | a', t_0=0, t \rangle$$

$$= \langle a' | U^\dagger(t, 0) B U(t, 0) | a' \rangle$$

$$= \langle a' | e^{i E_{a'} t / \hbar} B e^{-i E_{a'} t / \hbar} | a' \rangle = \langle a' | B | a' \rangle = \langle B \rangle(t=0)$$

$\langle B \rangle$ is constant as well. We call $|a'\rangle$ a stationary state.

If you consider a superposition of stationary states:

$$\langle B \rangle = ? \quad \text{when} \quad |\alpha, t=0\rangle = \sum_{a'} c_{a'} |a'\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle B \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{a'} c_{a'}^* \langle a' | e^{iE_{a'}t/\hbar} \right\} \cdot B \cdot \left\{ \sum_{a''} c_{a''} e^{-iE_{a''}t/\hbar} |a''\rangle \right\}$$

$$\langle B \rangle = \sum_{a', a''} c_{a'}^* c_{a''} \langle a' | B | a'' \rangle e^{\frac{it}{\hbar}(E_{a'} - E_{a''})}$$

↑
oscillations w/ frequency

$$\omega_{a''a'} = (E_{a'} - E_{a''})/\hbar$$

Correlation Amplitude and the Energy-time Uncertainty Relation

How are beta at different times related to each other.

$$|\alpha\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Time evolution}} |\alpha, t\rangle$$

Correlation Amplitude: $C(t) = \langle \alpha | \alpha, t \rangle = \langle \alpha | U(t, 0) | \alpha \rangle$

If $|\alpha\rangle$ is an eigenket of the Hamiltonian: $|\alpha\rangle = |a'\rangle$

$$C(t) = \langle a' | U(t, 0) | a' \rangle = e^{-iE_{a'}t/\hbar}$$

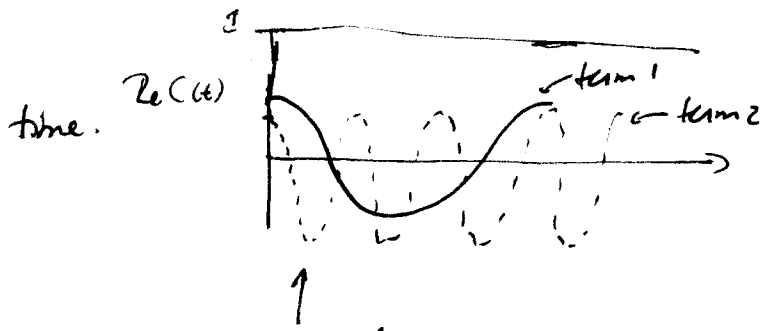
If $|\alpha\rangle$ is a superposition of two eigenkets:

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{a'} c_{a'} |a'\rangle$$

$$C(t) = \sum_{a'} c_{a'}^* \langle a' | \cdot \sum_{a''} c_{a''} e^{-iE_{a''}t/\hbar} |a''\rangle$$

$$C(t) = \sum_{a'} |c_{a'}|^2 e^{-iE_{a'}t/\hbar} ; \text{ at } t=0 \quad C(0) = 1$$

correlation between the terms should decrease for non



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cancellation ↗

To understand this better, consider many eigenkets in each band of energy \rightarrow quasi-continuous spectrum.

$$\sum_{a'} \rightarrow \int dE \rho(E)$$

$$c_{a'} \rightarrow g(E) \Big|_{E=E_{a'}} \quad \swarrow \text{ \# states between } E \text{ and } E+dE = \underline{\text{Density of States}}$$

$$\Rightarrow C(t) = \int dE |g(E)|^2 \rho(E) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \quad \text{with the normalization}$$

$$\text{condition } \int dE |g(E)|^2 \rho(E) = C(0) = 1.$$

say $|g(E)|^2 \rho(E)$ is peaked at E_0

$$C(t) = e^{-iE_0 t/\hbar} \int dE |g(E)|^2 \rho(E) e^{-i(E-E_0)t/\hbar}$$

large $t \rightarrow$ oscillations kill the integral

if $\sqrt{|E-E_0|} \approx \hbar/t$ is narrower than $\Delta E \Rightarrow C(t) \rightarrow 0$
the interval

so at $t \approx \hbar/\Delta E$ $C(t)$ starts to decay strongly.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t \Delta E \approx \hbar} \quad \text{Time Energy Uncertainty Relation}$$

Not like x, p ↗

The Schrödinger vs. the Heisenberg Picture

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Note we thought about time evolution as: $|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow U|\alpha\rangle$

Consider the time evolution of a matrix element:

$$\langle\beta|X|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \langle\beta|U^\dagger X U|\alpha\rangle$$

In fact, we can apply the above to every unitary operator U acting on the state kets.

There are two equivalent ways to discuss the above result.

Approach 1: $|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow U|\alpha\rangle$ operators unchanged but the state kets evolve under the unitary transformation

Approach 2: $X \rightarrow U^\dagger X U$ operators evolve under the unitary transformation but the state kets are unchanged.

An example from translations:

1. $|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{i\vec{p} \cdot d\vec{x}'}{\hbar}\right)|\alpha\rangle$ and $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}$

2. $|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow |\alpha\rangle$

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{i\vec{p} \cdot d\vec{x}}{\hbar}\right)\vec{x} \left(1 - \frac{i\vec{p} \cdot d\vec{x}}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + \frac{i}{\hbar} d\vec{x} \cdot [\vec{p}, \vec{x}] = \vec{x} + d\vec{x}$$

Either way: $\langle\vec{x}\rangle \rightarrow \langle\vec{x}\rangle + \langle d\vec{x}\rangle$

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Looking at the Heisenberg picture in more detail:

take $t_0=0$ $U(t) = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$

$$A^{(H)}(t) = U^\dagger(t) A^{(S)} U(t)$$

↑ Heisenberg operator

↑ Schrödinger picture observable.

Recall: The state kets in the Heisenberg picture do not evolve in time:

$$|\alpha, t_0=0, t\rangle_H = |\alpha, t_0=0\rangle \text{ for all } t.$$

Heisenberg Equation of Motion: $A^{(H)} = U^\dagger A^{(S)} U$

$$\frac{dA^{(H)}}{dt} = \frac{\partial U^\dagger}{\partial t} A^{(S)} U + U^\dagger A^{(S)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{i\hbar} U^\dagger H A^{(S)} U + U^\dagger A^{(S)} H U \frac{1}{i\hbar}$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left\{ -H U^\dagger A^{(S)} U + U^\dagger A^{(S)} U H \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dA^{(H)}}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [A^{(H)}, H]}$$

Free Particles: Ehrenfest's Theorem

For a physical system with a classical analogue, we assume that the quantum Hamiltonian can be constructed by replacing the classical variables (x, p) by operators:

Using this principle consider a free particle

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$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \Rightarrow \frac{d p_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [p_\alpha, H] = 0$$

↑ The momentum is

a constant of the motion.

In general if A is an observable such that $[A, H] = 0$,

$\frac{dA}{dt} = 0$ \leftarrow it is a constant of the motion.

What about x ?

$$\frac{d x_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [x_\alpha, H] = \frac{1}{2m i\hbar} [x_\alpha, p^2]$$

Recalling from Chapter 1: $[x_\alpha, F(p)] = i\hbar \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_\alpha}$

$$\frac{d x_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{2m i\hbar} 2 p_\alpha (i\hbar) = \frac{p_\alpha}{m} \Rightarrow$$

$$x_\alpha(t) = x_\alpha(0) + \frac{p_\alpha(0)}{m} t \leftarrow \text{The Heisenberg operators}$$

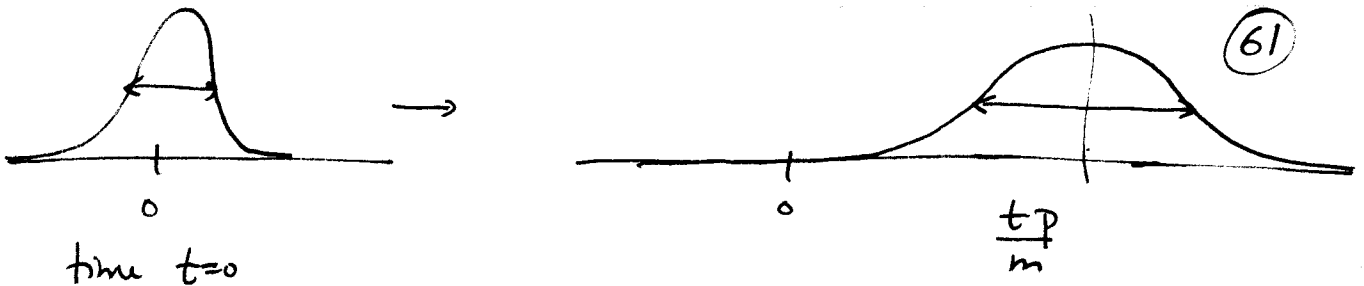
evolve in time just like their ~~classical~~ analogous classical variables. But, this is not classical mechanics! Consider:

$$[x_\alpha(t), x_\alpha(0)] = \left[\frac{p_\alpha(0)t}{m}, x_\alpha(0) \right] = -\frac{i\hbar t}{m}$$

The x -operators at different times do not commute.

$$\Rightarrow (\text{Uncertainty Relation}) \quad \langle \Delta x_\alpha^2(t) \rangle \langle \Delta x_\alpha^2(0) \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2 t^2}{4m^2}$$

The uncertainty in the particle's location grows in time



Consider the motion of a particle in a potential $V(x)$:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$$

$$\frac{d p_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [p_\alpha, V(x)] = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_\alpha}; \quad \frac{d x_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [x_\alpha, \frac{p^2}{2m}] = \frac{p_\alpha}{m}$$

{ Using $[p_\alpha, G(x)] = -i\hbar \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_\alpha}$ }

And it is easy to check:

$$\frac{d^2 x_\alpha}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[\frac{d x_\alpha}{dt}, H \right] = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[\frac{p_\alpha}{m}, H \right] = \frac{1}{m} \frac{d p_\alpha}{dt}$$

so $\frac{d^2 x_\alpha}{dt^2} = - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_\alpha} \Rightarrow m \frac{d^2 x_\alpha}{dt^2} = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_\alpha}$: Newton's 2nd Law

Thus:

$$m \frac{d^2 \langle \vec{x} \rangle}{dt^2} = - \langle \vec{\nabla} V(x) \rangle$$

Ehrenfest's theorem (1927)

The expectation value evolves in time just like a classical particle.

Comparing the S- and H-picture: Base kets and Transition amplitudes

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S-picture:

$$A|a'\rangle = a'|a'\rangle$$

↑
Base ket v of observable A .
and eigenvect

Since A does not change. The eigenvalue condition requires $|a'\rangle$ to be stationary in time as well.

H-picture: $A^{(H)}(t) = U^\dagger A(0) U$

~~U^\dagger A(0) U~~ $U^\dagger A(0) U |a'\rangle = a' U^\dagger |a'\rangle$ or

$$A^{(H)}(t) (U^\dagger |a'\rangle) = a' (U^\dagger |a'\rangle)$$

If we continue to claim that the eigenvects of A form our basis set: $\{U^\dagger(t) |a'\rangle\}$ must be our basis in the H-picture.

$$|a', t\rangle_H = U^\dagger(t) |a'\rangle \text{ or}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |a', t\rangle_H = -H |a', t\rangle_H \quad \text{Base kets evolve in time according}$$

to a backwards Schrödinger Eq.

Note: The eigenvalues a' do not evolve in time! ↗

$$A^{(H)}(t) = \sum_{a'} |a', t\rangle_H a'_H \langle a', t|_H = \sum_{a'} U^\dagger |a'\rangle a' \langle a'| U$$

$$A^{(H)}(t) = U^\dagger \left(\sum_{a'} |a'\rangle \langle a'| a' \right) U = U^\dagger A^{(S)} U(t)$$

Of course, the expansion coefficients of a state ket in terms of base kets are the same:

$$C_{a'}(t) = \underbrace{\langle a' |}_{\text{base ket}} \underbrace{(\mathcal{U} | \alpha, t_0=0 \rangle)}_{\text{Time-evolving state ket.}} \quad \text{S-picture}$$

$$C_{a'}(t) = \underbrace{(\langle a' | \mathcal{U}(t))}_{\text{base bra}} \underbrace{|\alpha, t_0=0 \rangle}_{\text{Stationary state ket.}} \quad \text{H-picture.}$$

Consider Transition Amplitudes:

A state is prepared at $t=0$ to be in $|a'\rangle$, $A|a'\rangle = a'|a'\rangle$
observable \nearrow

At time t what is the probability amplitude for the system to be found in $|b'\rangle \leftarrow$ an eigenket of obs. B ?

S-picture of Transition Amplitude:

$$\underbrace{\langle b' |}_{\text{base bra}} \underbrace{\mathcal{U}(t) | a' \rangle}_{\text{state ket}}$$

H-picture of Transition Amplitude:

$$\underbrace{(\langle b' | \mathcal{U}(t))}_{\text{base bra}} \underbrace{| a' \rangle}_{\text{state ket}}$$

Either way $\Rightarrow \langle b' | \mathcal{U}(t) | a' \rangle$

Summary of S- and H-Picture.

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| | S | H |
|------------|---|---|
| State ket | Moving $ a, t\rangle = U_t a\rangle$; $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} a, t\rangle = H a, t\rangle$ | $ a\rangle$ Stationary |
| Observable | Stationary. | $A^H = U^\dagger A U$, $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [A, H]$ |
| Base ket | Stationary | Moving backwards. $ a, t\rangle = U^\dagger a\rangle$ $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} a, t\rangle = -H a, t\rangle$ |

The Simple Harmonic Oscillator

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2} \quad \omega = \sqrt{k/m} \text{ natural frequency of the oscillator.}$$

Define two non Hermitian operators:

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left(x + \frac{ip}{m\omega} \right) \quad a^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left(x - \frac{ip}{m\omega} \right)$$

annihilation operator

creation operator.

$$[a, a^\dagger] = \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(-i [x, p] \frac{1}{m\omega} + \frac{i}{m\omega} [p, x] \right)$$

$$= \frac{-i}{2\hbar} \left([x, p] - [p, x] \right) = \frac{-i}{2\hbar} (i\hbar - (-i\hbar)) = 1.$$

Define the number operator: $N = a^\dagger a$ ← Clearly Hermitian.

Doing the multiplication:

$$a^\dagger a = \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(x^2 + \frac{p^2}{m^2\omega^2} + \frac{i}{m\omega} [x, p] \right)$$

$$N = \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2 + \frac{1}{2\hbar} \frac{p^2}{m\omega} + \frac{1}{2\hbar} (-i)\hbar \Rightarrow$$

$$N = \frac{1}{\omega\hbar} \left(\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2} + \frac{p^2}{2m} \right) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{H}{\omega\hbar} - \frac{1}{2}$$

or $\boxed{H = \omega\hbar(N + 1/2)}$ $\leftarrow \hbar\omega, [N, H] = 0$

Consider the ~~eigenvalues~~ eigenkets of N : $N|n\rangle = n|n\rangle$

These are also energy eigenkets: $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$;

$$E_n = \hbar\omega(n + 1/2)$$

The relation between a , a^\dagger , and N .

$$\begin{aligned} [N, a] &= [a^\dagger a, a] = a^\dagger [a, a] + [a^\dagger, a] a \\ &= 0 + (-1)a = -a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [N, a^\dagger] &= [a^\dagger a, a^\dagger] = a^\dagger [a, a^\dagger] + [a^\dagger, a^\dagger] a \\ &= a^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

So, what does that mean?

$$N a^\dagger |n\rangle = ([N, a^\dagger] + a^\dagger N) |n\rangle = (1+n) a^\dagger |n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow a^\dagger |n\rangle = \underbrace{c}_{\text{c-number}} |n+1\rangle$$

Similarly,

$$N|n\rangle = ([N, a] + aN)|n\rangle = (-1+n)a|n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow a|n\rangle = c|n-1\rangle \text{ c-number.}$$

How do we get these c-numbers?

$$\langle n|a^\dagger \cdot a|n\rangle = \langle n|N|n\rangle = |c|^2 = n$$

so $a|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$ ← Pick the phase to be 0.

Similarly $a^\dagger|n\rangle = |n+1\rangle$; $\langle n|a^\dagger = |c|^2$

$$|c|^2 = \langle n|a^\dagger a|n\rangle = \langle n|a^\dagger a + [a^\dagger, a]|n\rangle = n+1$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| = \sqrt{n+1} e^{i\varphi} \text{ again, pick } \varphi=0.$$

$$a^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$$

What values of n can we take?

Suppose we keep applying a to a ket |n>:

$$a|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle \quad a^2|n\rangle = \sqrt{n(n-1)}|n-2\rangle$$

$$a^k|n\rangle = \sqrt{\prod_{g=0}^{k-1} (n-g)}|n-k\rangle$$

if $n > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, eventually $n-g = 0$ and we stop!
if $n \notin \mathbb{Z}$ or negative, the sequence can go on forever

but this leads to new problems!

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$$\langle n|N|n\rangle = \langle 0|a^\dagger a|n\rangle = \langle \alpha|\alpha\rangle \Rightarrow 0 \text{ so we can never have } n \text{ negative!}$$

$$|\alpha\rangle = a|n\rangle$$

The sequence of kets must stop with $n=0$. and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus, we can identify the ground state $|0\rangle$

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega.$$

To get the excited states, we apply the creation operator a^\dagger

$$|1\rangle = a^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$|2\rangle = \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle = \frac{a^{\dagger 2}}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle$$

$$|3\rangle = \frac{a^\dagger}{\sqrt{3}} |2\rangle = \frac{a^{\dagger 3}}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 3}} |0\rangle \text{ so in general}$$

$$|n\rangle = \frac{a^{\dagger n}}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle$$

$$E_n = \hbar \omega (n + \frac{1}{2})$$

Energy eigenvalues.

Eigenkets

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Note that a^\dagger connects consecutive states $n, n+1$ or

$n, n-1$.

$$\langle n'|a|n\rangle = \sqrt{n} \langle n'|n-1\rangle = \sqrt{n} \delta_{n',n-1}$$

$$\langle n'|a^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} \langle n'|n+1\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} \delta_{n',n+1}$$

Considering $x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger)$

$$p = \frac{i\sqrt{m\hbar\omega}}{\sqrt{2}} (a^\dagger - a)$$

We can easily work out the matrix elements of x, p in $|n\rangle$ basis:

$$\langle n' | x | n \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \left[\sqrt{n} \delta_{n', n-1} + \sqrt{n+1} \delta_{n', n+1} \right]$$

$$\langle n' | p | n \rangle = i \sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}} \left[\sqrt{n+1} \delta_{n', n+1} - \sqrt{n} \delta_{n', n-1} \right]$$

with N . \uparrow Not diagonal. Of course x, p do not commute

What do the energy eigenkets look like in position space?
i.e. what are the stationary state wavefunctions?

$$a|0\rangle = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle x' | a | 0 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \langle x' | \left(x + \frac{ip}{m\omega} \right) | 0 \rangle = 0$$

This is a differential equation for $\langle x' | 0 \rangle$:

$$0 = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left\{ x' \langle x' | 0 \rangle + \frac{i}{m\omega} (i\hbar) \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \langle x' | 0 \rangle \right\} \text{ or}$$

$$0 = \left(x' + x_0^2 \frac{d}{dx'} \right) \langle x' | 0 \rangle \quad \text{with} \quad x_0' = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$

$$x_0^2 \frac{d}{dx'} \langle x' | 0 \rangle = -x' \langle x' | 0 \rangle \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx'} \log(\langle x' | 0 \rangle) = -\frac{x'}{x_0^2} \Rightarrow \langle x' | 0 \rangle = A e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x'^2}{x_0^2}}$$

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Choose A by normalization \Rightarrow

$$\langle x'|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} X_0^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x'^2}{X_0^2}}$$

We can get all the excited state wavefunctions by applying the creation operator.

$$\langle x'|1\rangle = \langle x'|a^+|0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \langle x'| \left(x - \frac{i p}{m\omega}\right) |0\rangle$$

$$\langle x'|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} X_0} \left(x' - \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} \frac{d}{dx'}\right) \langle x'|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} X_0} \left(x' - X_0^2 \frac{d}{dx'}\right) \langle x'|0\rangle$$

$$\langle x'|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2!}} \langle x'|a^{+2}|0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2!}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} X_0}\right)^2 \left(x' - X_0^2 \frac{d}{dx'}\right)^2 \langle x'|0\rangle \quad \text{etc.}$$

In general

$$\langle x'|n\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} \sqrt{2^n n!}} \frac{1}{X_0^{n+1/2}} \left(x' - X_0^2 \frac{d}{dx'}\right)^n \langle x'|0\rangle e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x'}{X_0}\right)^2}$$

Looking at the expectation values of x^2 and p^2 in the ground state
 \Rightarrow Implications for the uncertainty relation

$$x^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (a^2 + a^{+2} + a^+a + aa^+)$$

$$\langle 0|x^2|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\langle 0|a^2|0\rangle + \langle 0|a^{+2}|0\rangle + \langle 0|a^+a|0\rangle + \langle 0|aa^+|0\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (0 + 0 + 0 + 1) = \frac{X_0^2}{2}$$

Do the same for p^2 :

$$p^2 = -\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}(a^{+2} + a^2 - a^+a - aa^+)$$

$$\langle 0|p^2|0\rangle = -\frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}(-1) = \frac{m\hbar\omega}{2}$$

$$\hbar\omega \langle 0|\frac{p^2}{2m}|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{4} = \frac{\langle H \rangle}{2}$$

$$\langle 0|\frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2}|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{4} = \frac{\langle H \rangle}{2}$$

Agrees with the
Virial theorem.

$$\langle 0|x|0\rangle = \langle 0|p|0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}; \quad \langle (\Delta p)^2 \rangle = \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega m}{2}$$

The product

$$\langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle \langle (\Delta p)^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \leftarrow \text{minimum possible}$$

for the excited states we get:

$$\langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle \langle (\Delta p)^2 \rangle = (n+1/2)^2 \hbar^2 \quad \text{Please check this yourself.}$$

Time-Development of an Oscillator.