

Fourier Analysis:

Define the fourier transform of $\psi(x)$ as

$$\psi(k) = \int dx e^{-ikx} \psi(x).$$

This is a different convention than the book, but the most common convention in the physics literature. Also note the sloppy physicist notation for $\psi(k) \neq \psi(x)$.

Theorem: Then $\psi(x) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikx} \psi(k)$,

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &= \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikx} \int dx' e^{-ikx'} \psi(x') \\ &= \int dx' \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ik(x-x')} \psi(x'), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ik(x-x')} = \delta(x-x')$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \int_{-N}^N \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ik(x-x')} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e^{iN(x-x')} - e^{-iN(x-x')}}{i(x-x')} \\ &= \frac{\sin(N(x-x'))}{\pi(x-x')} \end{aligned}$$

The function $\frac{\sin(N(x-x'))}{\pi(x-x')}$ satisfies $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(Nx)}{\pi x} dx = 1$

and it becomes infinitely narrow and peaked as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\therefore \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-N}^N \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikx} = \delta(x) //$$

Sometimes we will also use

$$\psi(p) = \int dx e^{-i\frac{p}{\hbar}x} \psi(x)$$

$$\psi(x) = \int \frac{dp}{2\pi\hbar} e^{i\frac{p}{\hbar}x} \psi(p)$$

Normalization of $\psi(p)$:

$$1 = \int dx \psi^*(x) \psi(x)$$

$$= \int dx \left(\int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-i\frac{p_1}{\hbar}x} \psi(p_1)^* \right) \left(\int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} e^{i\frac{p_2}{\hbar}x} \psi(p_2) \right)$$

$$= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* \psi(p_2) \int dx e^{i\frac{(p_2-p_1)}{\hbar}x}$$

$$= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* \psi(p_2) \underbrace{2\pi\delta\left(\frac{p_2-p_1}{\hbar}\right)}_{2\pi\hbar\delta(p_2-p_1)}$$

$$= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* \psi(p_1)$$

$$= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} |\psi(p_1)|^2$$

Momentum operator in momentum representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle p \rangle &= \int dx \psi^*(x) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x) \\
 &= \int dx \left(\int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-\frac{i p_1 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_1)^* \right) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} e^{\frac{i p_2 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_2) \right) \\
 &= \int dx \left(\int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-\frac{i p_1 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_1)^* \right) p_2 \left(\int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} e^{\frac{i p_2 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_2) \right) \\
 &= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* p_1 \psi(p_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Position operator in momentum representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle x \rangle &= \int dx \psi^*(x) x \psi(x) \\
 &= \int dx \left(\int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-\frac{i p_1 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_1)^* \right) x \left(\int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} e^{\frac{i p_2 x}{\hbar}} \psi(p_2) \right) \\
 &= \int dx \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \text{"} \end{array} \right) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dp_2} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \text{"} \end{array} \right) \\
 \text{or } &= \int dx \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \text{"} \end{array} \right) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dp_1} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{"} \\ \text{"} \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* \psi(p_2) \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dp_2} 2\pi\hbar \delta(p_1 - p_2) \\
 &= \int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi\hbar} \int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_1)^* \left(i\hbar \frac{d\psi(p_2)}{dp_2} \right) 2\pi\hbar \delta(p_1 - p_2) \\
 &= \int \frac{dp_2}{2\pi\hbar} \psi(p_2)^* i\hbar \frac{d}{dp_2} \psi(p_2)
 \end{aligned}$$