

Q1

Gauge Freedom and Deep Physics

changes which do not affect eqns of motion and hence path of particle

$$V(y) = mgy$$

$$F_y = -\frac{dV}{dy} = -mg$$

$$y \rightarrow y + y_0$$

leaves F_y unchanged

Similarly

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi + c$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \quad \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla}\Lambda$$

QM $\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \psi(x)$

$|\psi(x)|^2$ unchanged

But what if $e^{i\alpha(x)} \psi(x)$ still same $|\psi(x)|^2$

But $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x)$
 ∇^2 act on $\alpha(x)$

∇^2 in 3D

Q2

$$i\hbar \vec{\nabla} \rightarrow i\hbar \vec{\nabla} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{A} \Rightarrow \vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \frac{c\hbar}{e} \nabla \alpha$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow e^{i\alpha(\vec{r})} \psi(\vec{r})$$

} leave Schrödinger
Eqn invariant

Demanding QM be invariant under local changes of phase

\Rightarrow Must introduce EM fields!!!

Similarly with more complex high energy theory

Kronecker Delta

$$\delta_{nm} = \begin{cases} 1 & n = m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases} \quad n, m \text{ integers}$$

(1) Set of orthonormal vectors $\{\vec{v}_n\}$

$$\vec{v}_n \cdot \vec{v}_m = \delta_{nm}$$

orthogonal $\rightarrow 0$ $n \neq m$

normalized $\rightarrow 1$ $n = m$

(2) Elements of identity matrix $\mathbb{I}_{nm} = \delta_{nm}$

(3) Components of basis vectors

$$\hat{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\hat{e}_n)_m = \delta_{nm}$$

Many many cases where δ_{nm} arises