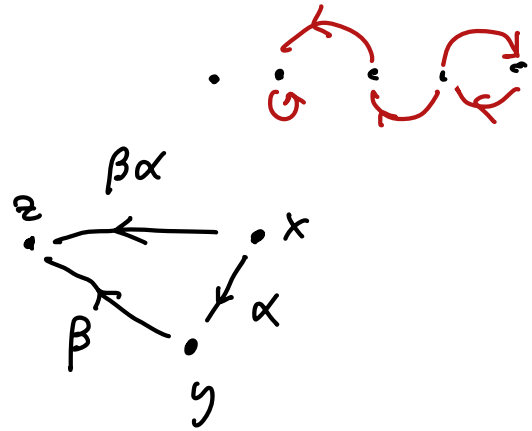


Geometry of Quantum Mechanics

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Intro to Groupoids:

- objects
- arrows between objects
- composition law on arrows (associative)
- every obj has identity arrow
- every arrow has an inverse

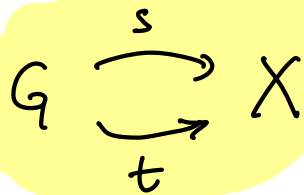


objects: X "base"

arrows: G "groupoid"

each arrow has a source and target object

i.e.



maps

Identity

$$\text{id} : X \rightarrow G$$

$$x \mapsto \text{id}_x$$

Inverse

$$i : G \rightarrow G$$

Composition:

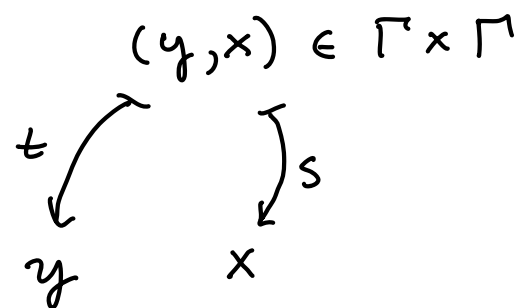
$$G^{(2)} \xrightarrow{m} G$$

$$\{ (g_2, g_1) : t(g_1) = s(g_2) \}$$

Ex.: Pair groupoid of set Γ

$$G = \Gamma \times \Gamma$$

$$X = \Gamma$$

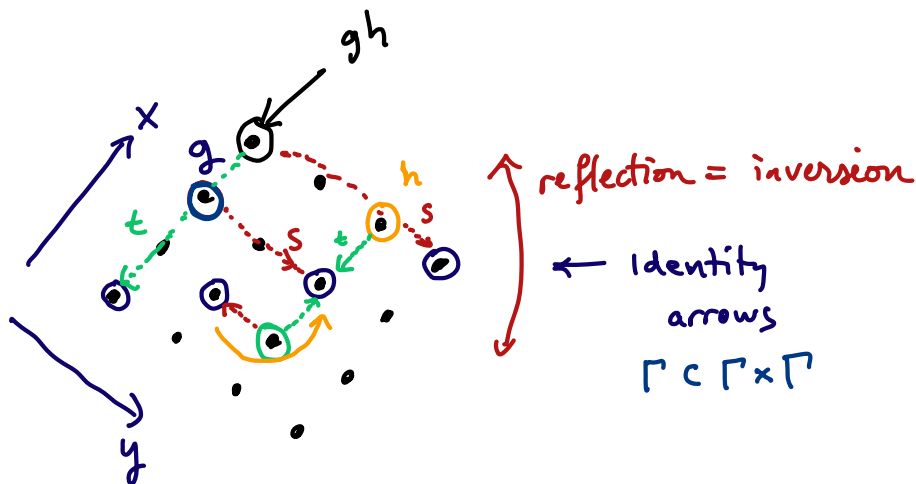


$$m((z, y)(y, x)) := (z, x)$$

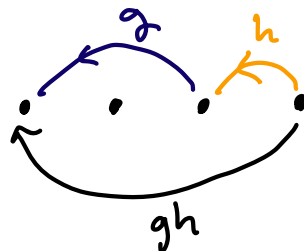
$$i(y, x) = (x, y)$$

$$id_x = (x, x)$$

$$\Gamma \times \Gamma$$



$$\Gamma = \{ \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \}$$



Rydberg - Ritz combination principle:

if ν_{mn} and ν_{lk} are observed frequencies
(corresp. to $\frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}$ and $\frac{1}{l^2} - \frac{1}{k^2}$)

and if $n=l$ then $\nu_{mn} + \nu_{nk} = \nu_{mk}$
is observed. (almost always true)

Heisenberg: what we actually observe are "virtual oscillations"
corresponding to $E_m - E_n$ differences.

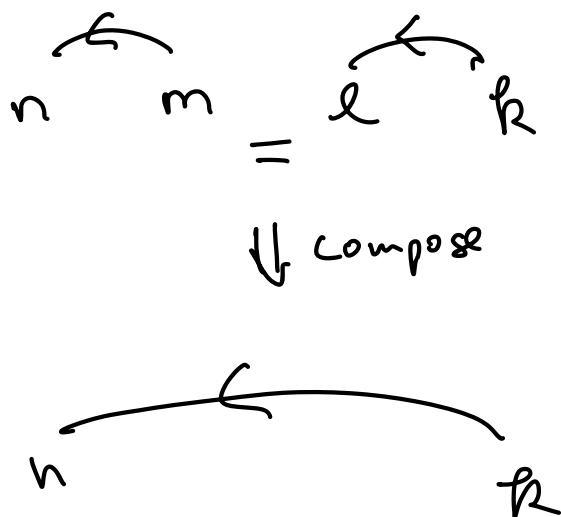
Rydberg - Ritz \iff Composition in groupoid
arrows $(n, m), (l, k)$
are composable only if
 $S(n, m) = m$

coincides with

$$t(l, k) = l$$

and comp. is

$$(n, k)$$



G
 \Downarrow
 X

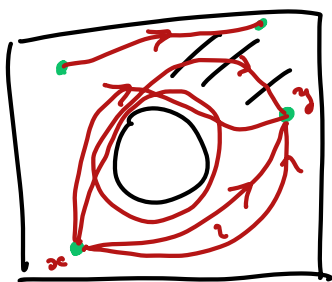


Ex.:

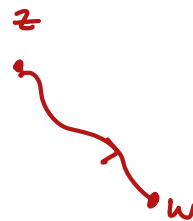
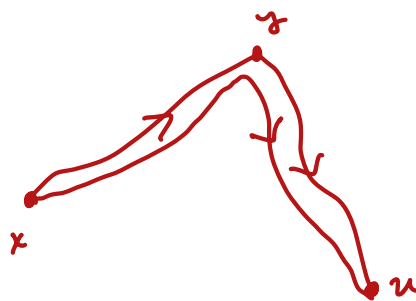
$\pi_1 X$
 \Downarrow
 X

objects = points in X

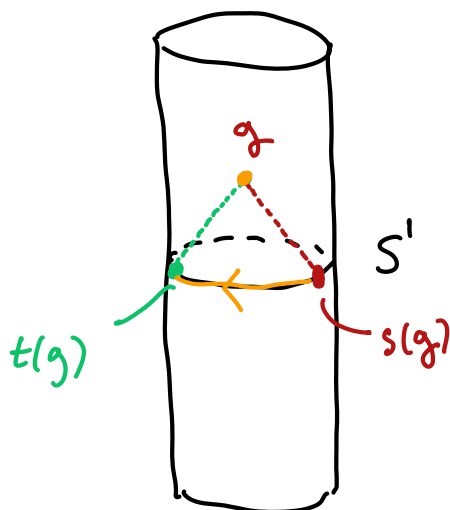
arrows = paths in X up to homotopy fixing endpoints



$$X = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus D(1)$$



$\pi_1(S^1)$



Heisenberg's main idea: observable quantities (f^n s of state) have Fourier representation involving frequencies $\nu_{ik} : \Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $\nu_{ki} = -\nu_{ik}$

i.e. homomorphism $\text{Pair}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\nu} (\mathbb{R}, +)$

i.e. given $(k, j), (j, i) = (k, i)$
in $\text{Pair}(\Gamma)$

have $\nu_{kj} + \nu_{ji} = \nu_{ki}$

i.e. a f^n of state (observable)

has form $q : \text{Pair}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (Fourier coeffs)

s.t. $q(i, j) = \overline{q(j, i)} = q^*$

i.e. $\boxed{i^* q = \overline{q}} \iff \overline{i^* q} = q$
matrix version: self-adjoint.

To get dynamics: specify an observable

For the atoms above:

$$H(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ h\nu_i & i = j \end{cases}$$

ν_i freq. of i^{th} state

$$\text{Pair}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{H} \mathbb{C}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\Gamma$$

Time evolution: $\left(\text{c.f. } \frac{dq}{dt} = \{H, q\} \right)$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{2\pi i}{h} \underbrace{(H * q - q * H)}_{[H, q]}$$

$$(q_1 * q_2)(j, i) = \sum_k q_1(j, k) q_2(k, i)$$

convolution product of fns on a groupoid.

(automatically associative due to fact groupoid is)

matrix multiplication

$$(H * q)(j, i) = \sum_k H(j, k) q(k, i)$$

$$= h \chi_j q(j, i)$$

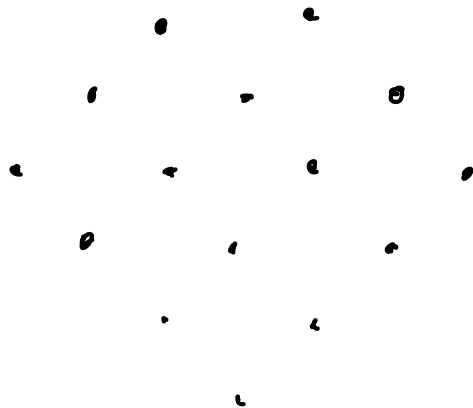
$$(q * H)(j, i) = \sum_k q(j, k) H(k, i)$$

$$= \hbar \nu_i q(j, i)$$

$$[H, q] = \hbar \underbrace{(\nu_j - \nu_i)}_{\nu_{ji}} q(j, i)$$

$$\dot{q}_{ji} = \frac{2\pi i}{\hbar} (\nu_{ji}) q_{ji}$$

$$q_{ji} = q_{ji}(0) e^{i \nu_{ji} t}$$



In this way, Heisenberg identified quantum analogue of

- f^{ns} on state space
- Hamilton's evol. of such f^{ns}

What are the states themselves?

Born: states = nonzero vectors in \mathbb{C} v.space
spanned by Γ objects

$$= \mathbb{C}^\Gamma = \text{functions } \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

if $\Gamma = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ a state: $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n$ $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$

the coefficients $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ are probability amplitudes

for finding system in corresponding basic state $\in \Gamma$

prob. amplitude determine prob. via $|a|^2$

Details: Equiv. rel. on quantum states $f_1 \sim f_2$ in \mathbb{C}^Γ
when $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ $\lambda f_1 = f_2$

True QM state space: Complex 1-d subsp. of \mathbb{C}^n
 $= \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ projective space.

Born rule: given a state

$$\tilde{\psi} = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \quad a_i \in \mathbb{C}$$

normalize:
$$\psi = \frac{a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n}{\sqrt{|a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2}} \quad |\psi|^2 = 1$$

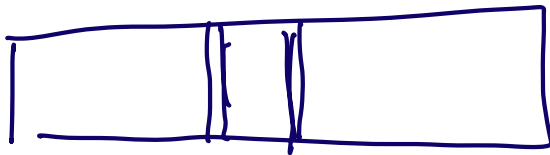
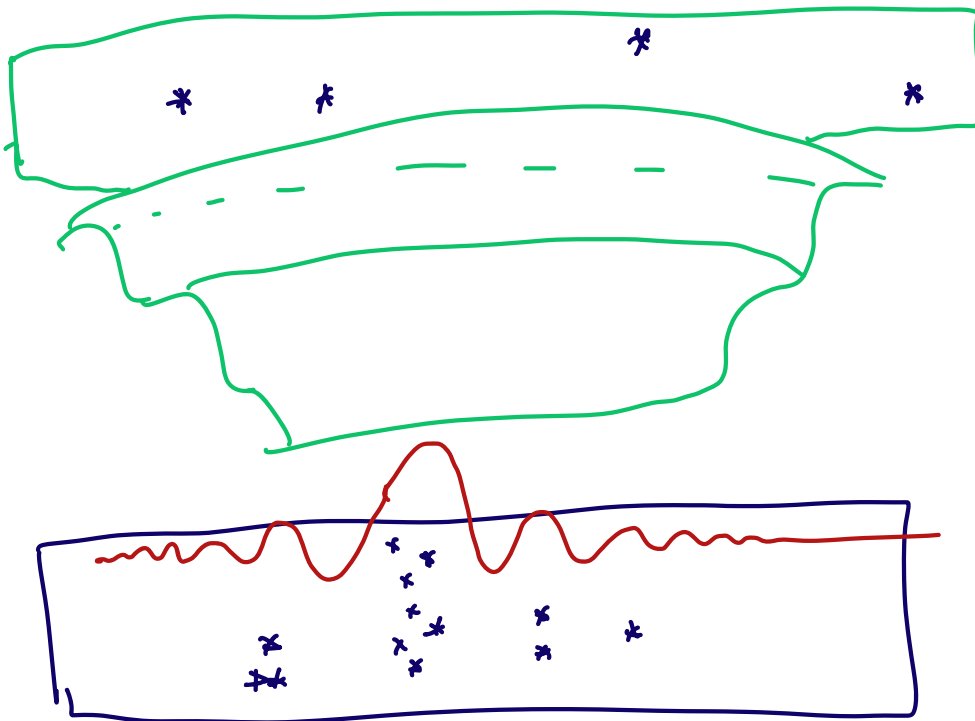
prob. amplitude for finding system in basic state x_i

is
$$\frac{a_i}{\sqrt{|a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2}} \in \mathbb{C}$$

\Rightarrow prob. for finding system in x_i is
$$\boxed{\frac{|a_i|^2}{\sum_k |a_k|^2}}$$

probabilistic ideas derive from wave nature of light (solⁿ to wave equation) in which waves can be added (vectors in a v-space)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{amplitudes add} \\ \text{intensity } |a_1 + a_2|^2 \end{array} \right.$



interference pattern (the EM wave)

has intensity predicting probability of detecting photon

Born: ① We can only predict probabilities (sometimes 100%)

② there are probability amplitudes
(beyond standard prob. theory)

can be added, govern observables,
evolution equation controls them,
we solve for them.

Main conceptual difficulty:

"Measurement" problem: when we observe a
system, we always
get a basic state

$$x_i \in \Gamma$$

Kinematics: states $\mathbb{C}^\Gamma \leftrightarrow$ vectors
observables (f^n s on state space) $\mathbb{C}^{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \leftrightarrow$ matrices

dynamics det. by $H \in \mathbb{C}^{\Gamma \times \Gamma}$ st. $\overline{i^* H} = H$
via evol. eqn
(Heisenberg eqn).

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C} \quad f^n \text{ of 2 variables} \\
 \downarrow \scriptstyle t & & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad \psi \quad} & \mathbb{C} \quad f^n \text{ of one variable}
 \end{array}$$

$$(K\psi)(\ell) = \sum_k K(\ell, k) \psi(k)$$

$$K\psi = t_* (K s^* \psi)$$

If H Hamiltonian is given

We can evolve states:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \psi = \frac{i}{\hbar} H \cdot \psi$$

and can evolve observables

$$\frac{d}{dt} q = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, q]$$