

”Anyone who is not shocked by quantum theory has not understood it.“ – Niels Bohr

**Problem 1.** *Double Slit Experiment*

Consider the sketched double slit experiment. If only one slit is opened, the wave amplitude on the screen is

$$\psi_1(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{i(\omega t - ay)} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\psi_2(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{i(\omega t - (a+b)y)}, \quad (2)$$

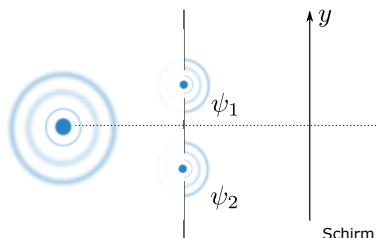
if the other slit is opened. Compute the total intensity  $I$  on the screen if:

**(a)** The intensities are summed as

$$I = |\psi_1(y)|^2 + |\psi_2(y)|^2. \quad (3)$$

**(b)** The wave functions are summed as

$$I = |\psi_1(y) + \psi_2(y)|^2. \quad (4)$$



**Problem 2.** *Wave Functions*

Let the wave function of a particle in one dimension be

**(a)**  $\psi_1 = A_1 e^{-\frac{x^2}{4}}$

**(b)**  $\psi_2 = A_2 x e^{-\frac{x^2}{8}}$

**(c)**  $\psi_3 = A_3 \left( e^{-\frac{x^2}{4}} + x e^{-\frac{x^2}{8}} \right)$

Determine the absolute value of  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . Note that wave functions are normalized

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |\psi_j|^2 = 1. \quad (5)$$

**Problem 3. Operators**

The following operators are given:

- (i)  $\hat{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  with  $\hat{D}\psi(x) = \frac{\partial\psi(x)}{\partial x}$
- (ii)  $\hat{1}$  with  $\hat{1}\psi(x) = \psi(x)$
- (iii)  $\hat{F}$  with  $\hat{F}\psi(x) = f(x)\psi(x)$
- (iv)  $\hat{P}$  with  $\hat{P}\psi(x) = \psi(x)^3 + 3\psi(x)^2 - 4$
- (v)  $\hat{Q}$  with  $\hat{Q}\psi(x) = \int_0^1 dx\psi(x)$ .

- (a) which of these operators are linear?
- (b)  $\hat{A}^{-1}$  with  $\hat{A} = \hat{D}, \hat{1}, \hat{F}$  is the inverse of  $A$  iff the inverse of  $A$  exist. Construct the inverse of  $A$ .
- (c) Show that  $i\hat{D}$  is self-adjoint.

**Problem 4. Adjoint Operators**

Show:

- (a)  $(\hat{A}\hat{B})^\dagger = \hat{B}^\dagger\hat{A}^\dagger$
- (b)  $(\hat{A}^\dagger)^\dagger = \hat{A}$
- (c) If an operator  $\hat{B}$  has the eigenvalue  $b$  with  $b \neq b^*$ , then  $\hat{B} \neq \hat{B}^\dagger$ .

The *commutator* of two operators  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$  is defined as

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \equiv \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}. \quad (6)$$

- (d) Show: If  $\hat{A} = \hat{A}^\dagger$  and  $\hat{B} = \hat{B}^\dagger$  then

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]^\dagger = -[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \quad (7)$$

**Problem 5. Complex Conjugation**

Consider an operator  $\hat{C}$  with the following property

$$\hat{C}\psi(x) = \psi(x)^* \quad (8)$$

- (a) Is  $\hat{C}$  hermitian?
- (b) What are the eigenfunctions of  $\hat{C}$ ?
- (c) What are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{C}$ ?

Consult "Introductory Quantum Mechanics" by Richard Liboff chapter 2 and chapter 4.