

Due December 2

1. This problem concerns the momentum representation.

- a. Show that

$$\hat{x}|p\rangle = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dp}|p\rangle$$

Hint: Look at the overlap between two momentum operators, insert the identity operator in an appropriate place and use the following facts:

$$\hat{1} = \int dx |x\rangle\langle x| \quad \langle x|p\rangle = \frac{e^{ipx}}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}}$$

- b. Show that the explicit x operator in momentum on the momentum space wave function $\phi(p)$ is given by

$$\hat{x}\phi(p) = i\hbar\phi'(p)$$

- c. Show that momentum space Schrodinger equation is given by

$$\left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + V(i\hbar\partial_x) \right) \phi(p, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \phi(p, t)}{\partial t}$$

2. The purpose of this problem is to show that the momentum operator is the generator of translations. We will do this in two ways: acting on a wavefunction and on an abstract eigentstate of x.

- a. Show that

$$e^{i\hat{p}a/\hbar}\psi(x) = \psi(x+a)$$

Hint: Differentiate both sides with respect to a. demonstrate the validity and then integrate.

- b. Show that

$$e^{i\hat{p}a/\hbar}|x\rangle = |x-a\rangle$$