

28. Calculate the expectation values of \hat{x} , \hat{x}^2 , \hat{p} , and \hat{p}^2 for the n^{th} eigenstate of a harmonic oscillator.

$$\hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}} \hat{p} \quad \hat{a}^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}} \hat{p}$$

$$\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger = 2\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \hat{x} \Rightarrow \hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega}} \frac{1}{2} (\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger)$$

$$\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}} \hat{p} \Rightarrow \hat{p} = \frac{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}}{2i} (\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{x} | n \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega}} (\langle n | \hat{a} | n \rangle + \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega}} (\sqrt{n} \langle n | n-1 \rangle + \sqrt{n+1} \langle n | n+1 \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{x} | n \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega}} (\sqrt{n} (0) + \sqrt{n+1} (0)) = 0$$

$$\langle n | \hat{p} | n \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}}{2i} (\langle n | \hat{a} | n \rangle - \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle) = \frac{\sqrt{2m\omega\hbar}}{2i} (\sqrt{n} \langle n | n-1 \rangle - \sqrt{n+1} \langle n | n+1 \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{p} | n \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle n | \hat{x}^2 | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\langle n | \hat{a}\hat{a} | n \rangle + \langle n | \hat{a}\hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle + \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} | n \rangle + \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{x}^2 | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\sqrt{n(n-1)} \langle n | n-2 \rangle + \sqrt{n(n)} \langle n | n \rangle + \sqrt{(n+1)(n+1)} \langle n | n \rangle + \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)} \langle n | n+2 \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{x}^2 | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (n + n + 1) = \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} (n + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\langle n | \hat{p}^2 | n \rangle = -\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2} (\langle n | \hat{a}\hat{a} | n \rangle - \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} | n \rangle - \langle n | \hat{a}\hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle + \langle n | \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}^\dagger | n \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{p}^2 | n \rangle = -\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2} (\sqrt{n(n-1)} \langle n | n-2 \rangle + \sqrt{n(n)} \langle n | n \rangle - \sqrt{(n+1)(n+1)} \langle n | n \rangle + \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)} \langle n | n+2 \rangle)$$

$$\langle n | \hat{p}^2 | n \rangle = -\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2} (-n - n - 1) = m\omega\hbar (n + \frac{1}{2})$$