

Q13 $(\Psi, \Phi) = \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^*(r, p) \Phi(r, p) dr$

$\hat{A} = a \left(p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} - br \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)$ is self-adjoint if

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{A} | \Phi \rangle = \langle \Phi | \hat{A} | \Psi \rangle^*$$

For this to be true we must have

$$a \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \left(p \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial p} - br \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right) = \left[a \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Phi^* \left(p \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial p} - br \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) \right]^*$$

Clearly if scalar product defined as above

$\Psi, \Phi(r, p) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} 0$ and $\Psi, \Phi \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 0$ fast enough. *

So integrate by parts.

$$a \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \left(p \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial p} - br \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right) = a \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \Phi \Big|_0^\infty - ab \int_0^\infty dp r^2 \Psi^* \Phi \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$- a \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \Phi - a \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r p \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial p} \Phi + ab \cdot 2 \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \Phi$$

$$+ ab \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial r} \Phi$$

The first two terms vanish due to *

Terms $\int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \Phi - ab \int_0^\infty dp \int_0^\infty dr r \Psi^* \Phi$ cancel if $b = \frac{1}{2}$

and we have hermiticity (self-adjointness)

if $a = ik$ where k is real.

$$\therefore a = ik \quad k \text{ real}, \quad b = \frac{1}{2}$$