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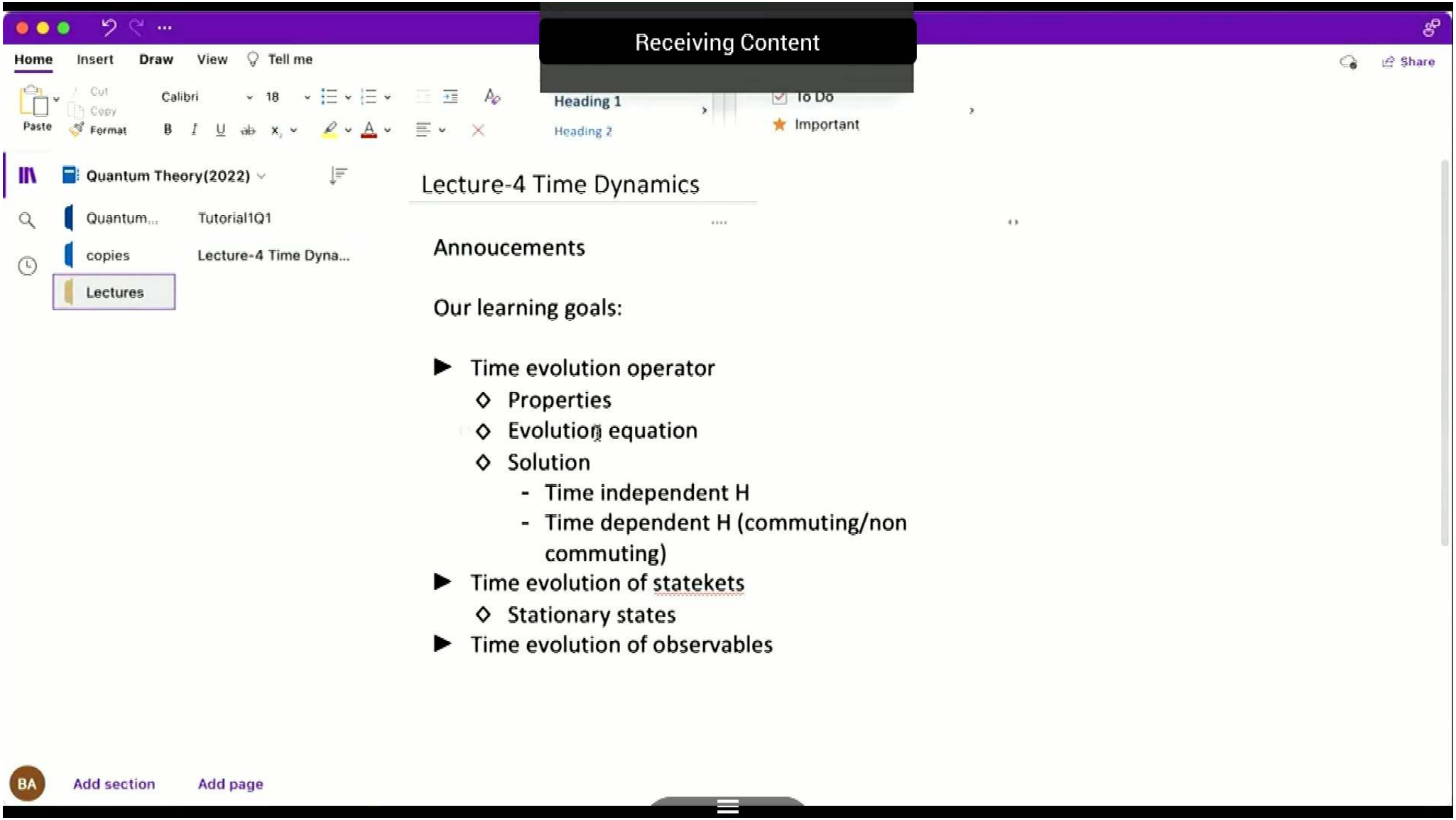
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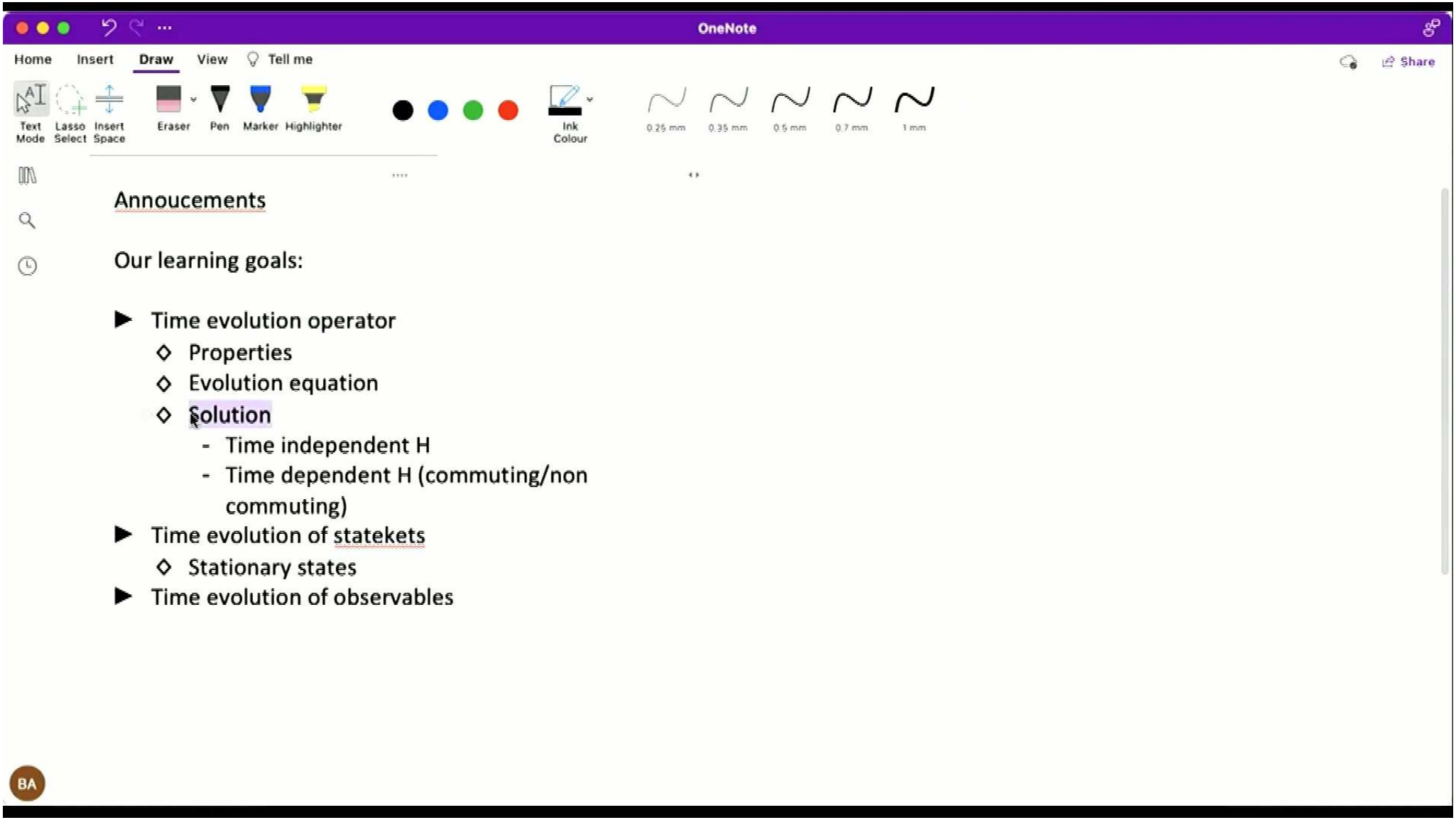
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# Time Evolution operator.

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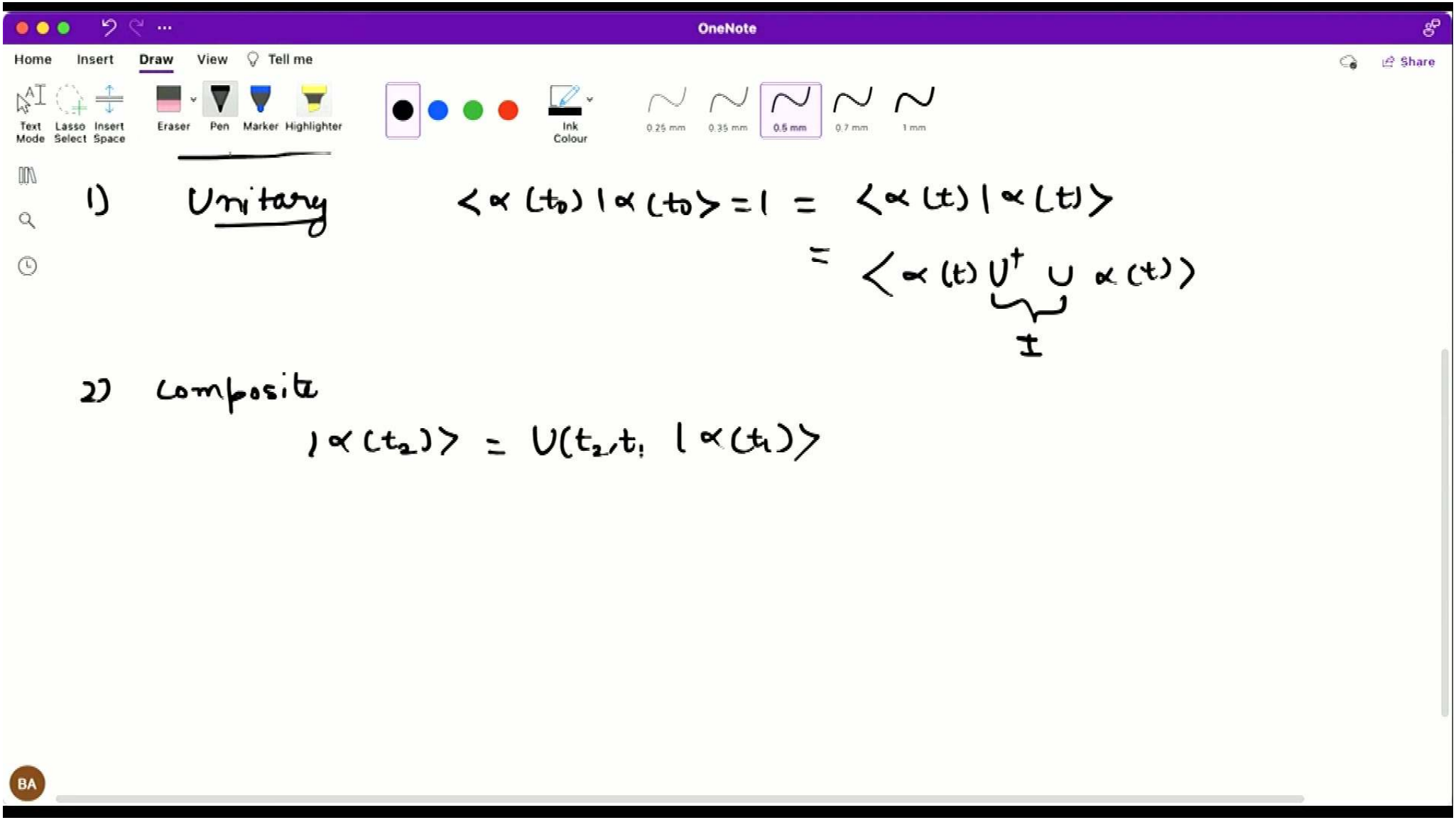
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\alpha\rangle = H|\alpha\rangle$$

$$|\dot{\alpha}(t_0)\rangle = |\alpha(t_0)\rangle$$

$|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow$ state ket

$|a'\rangle \rightarrow$ basis ket

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{a'} C_{a'} |a'\rangle$$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1) Unitary
$\langle \alpha(t_0) | \alpha(t_0) \rangle = 1 = \langle \alpha(t) | \alpha(t) \rangle$
$= \langle \alpha(t) U^\dagger U \alpha(t) \rangle$
$U^\dagger U = \mathbb{1}$
2) Composite
$|\alpha(t_2)\rangle = U(t_2, t_1) |\alpha(t_1)\rangle$
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2) Composite

$$|\alpha(t_2)\rangle = U(t_2,t_1)\,|\alpha(t_1)\rangle$$

$$= U(t_2,t_1)\,U(t_1,t_0)\,|\alpha(t_0)\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t_2)\rangle = U(t_2,t_0)\,|\alpha(t_0)\rangle$$

Time-reversal

$$U(t_2,t_1)\;U(t_1$$

Time reversal

$$U(t, t_0) = U^{-1}(t_0, t)$$

$$U^{\dagger} U = \mathbb{I}$$

$$U^{\dagger}(t_0, t)\, U(t_0 t) = \mathbb{I}$$

$$U^{-1}(t_0 t) = U^{\dagger}(t_0 t)$$

$$U(t, t_0) = U^{\dagger}(t_0, t)$$

Relation b/w H & U

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = U(t, t_0)\,|\alpha(t_0)\rangle$$

$$|\dot{\alpha}(t)\rangle = \dot{U}(t, t$$

$$U^{+}(t_0, t)$$

$$i\hbar|\dot{\alpha}\rangle = H|\alpha\rangle$$

$U^{\dagger}(t_0, t)$

Relation b/w H & U

$i\hbar|\dot{\alpha}\rangle = H|\alpha\rangle$

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$|\dot{\alpha}(t)\rangle = \dot{U}(t, t_0)\,|$

Relation b/w H & U

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$$= \dot{U}(t,t_0)\;U(t_0,t)\,|\alpha(t)\rangle$$

$$= \dot{U}(t,t_0)\;U^{+}(t,t_0)\,|\alpha(t)\rangle$$

$$i\hbar\,|\alpha'(t)\rangle = \underbrace{i\hbar\dot{U}(t,t_0)\,U^\dagger(t,t_0)}_{H}\,|\alpha(t)\rangle$$

$$H^\dagger = H$$

$$H = \underbrace{i\hbar\,\dot{U}(t,t_0)\,U^\dagger(t,t_0)}_{\text{Hermitian}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{U(t,t_0)\,U^\dagger(t,t_0) = I}$$

Take derivative.

$H$

$H^\dagger = H$

$$H = i\hbar\, \dot{U}(t, t_0)\, U^\dagger(t, t_0)$$

Hermitian

$$\Rightarrow \left[ U(t, t_0)\, U^\dagger(t, t_0) = I \right]$$

Take derivative.

$\dot{U}U^\dagger \rightarrow$ antihermitian

$i$

$$\dot{U}U^\dagger + U\dot{U}^\dagger = 0$$

$$\dot{U}U^\dagger = -U\dot{U}^\dagger$$

$$\dot{U}U^\dagger = -(\dot{U}U^\dagger)^\dagger$$

$|\alpha(t)\rangle = U(t, t_0)\,|\alpha(t_0)\rangle$

$U$ follow $\Rightarrow$ $\boxed{i\hbar\dot{U} = HU}$.

Solution of time evolution operator

$i\dot{U}U^{\dagger}$

$|\alpha(t)\rangle = U(t, t_0)\,|\alpha(t_0)\rangle$

$[H(t_0), H(t)] = 0$

$H \quad H(t) \quad H(t) \longrightarrow [H(t'), H(t)] \neq 0$

$U$ follow $\Rightarrow$ $\boxed{i\hbar\dot{U} = HU}$

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Solution of time evolution operator

I $\hat{H}$ $H(t)$ $H(t)$ $\rightarrow$ $[H(t), H(t)] = 0$

II $H(t)$

$[H(t_0), H(t)] = 0$

III $H(t)$

$\rightarrow [H(t_0), H(t)] \neq 0$

$B_x(t_0)$ $B_y(t)$

$[S_x, S_y] \neq 0$

operators / matrices

$$U = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$$

$$U = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{-iHt}{\hbar} \right)^n$$

I H time independent

$$i\hbar \dot{U} = HU$$

$U = ?$

H, U are numbers

$$\int i\hbar \frac{dU}{U} = \int H\, dt$$

operators / matrices

H time independent [ ]

$U = e^{iHt/\hbar}$

$$U = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{it}{\hbar} H\right)^n$$

$$\dot{U} = -\frac{iH}{\hbar} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{itH}{\hbar}\right)^{n-1}$$

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II H is time dependent

$$\dot{U} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H(t)\, U \quad \checkmark$$

$$U = \exp\left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(t')\, dt' \right\} \rightarrow$$

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$$U = \exp\left\{ \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(t')\, dt' \right\} \rightarrow$$

$$\dot{U} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^n (n-1) \left[ \int_0^t H(t')\, dt' \right]^{n-1} \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t H(t')\, dt'}_{\dot{H}(t)}$$

$$\left[ H(t'), H(t) \right] = 0$$

$$\dot{U} = -i H \dot{H}$$

$$U = \exp\left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(t')\, dt' \right\}$$

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$$\boxed{\dot{U} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H U} \qquad \dot{U} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \dot{H} U$$

$$\left[ H(t'), H(t) \right] = 0$$

$$H(t') H(t) = H(t) H(t')$$

Case III $H(t)$ $[H(t), H(t)] \neq 0$ $\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)\,B(t)]$

$$U = \exp\left[\frac{-i}{\hbar}\int_0^t dt' H(t')\right]$$

$$= 1 + \int_0^t dt' H(t') + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t dt' H(t') \int_0^t dt'' H(t'') + \cdots$$

$$\dot{U} = H(t) + \frac{1}{2} H(t) \int_0^t dt'' H(t'')$$

$$\dot{U} = \frac{-i}{\hbar} H U$$

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$$[H(t'), H(t)] = 0$$

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**Case III** $H(t)$ $\quad [H(t'), H(t)] \neq 0$ $\quad \frac{d}{dt}[A(t)\, B(t)]$

$$U = \exp\left[\frac{-i}{\hbar}\int_0^t dt' H(t')\right] \cdot X$$

$$= 1 + \int_0^t dt' H(t') + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t dt' H(t') \int_0^t dt'' H(t'') + \cdots$$

$$\dot{U} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H(t) U$$

$U(t_0, t_0) = 1$

integrate

$t = t_0$

$$U(t, t_0) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^{t} H(t') U(t', t_0) \, dt'$$

integrate $t = t_0$

$$U(t,t_0) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\int_{t_0}^{t} H(t')\,U(t',t_0)\,dt'$$

$$U(t,t_0) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t dt'\,H(t') + \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^2 \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt''\,H(t')\,H(t'') + \cdots$$

$$\cdots \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^{n-1} \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \int_0^{t''} dt''' \cdots \int_0^{t^{n-1}} dt^n\,H(t')\,H(t'')\cdots H(\cdots$$

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(Time ordering)

$$\cdots \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^{n-1} \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \int_0^{t''} dt''' \cdots \int_0^{t^{n-1}} dt^n\, H(t')\,H(t'')\cdots H(t^n)$$

$0 < t' < t$

$0 < t'' < t' < t$

$0 < t^n < t^{n-1} \cdots < t' < t$

$$U(t,t_0) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t dt' H(t') + \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^2 \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \underbrace{H(t')H(t'')}_{\text{Time ordered}} + \cdots$$

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Time ordering

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$n!$

$0 < t' < t$ $\quad 0 < t'' < t' < t$

$< t' < t$

$$U(t,t_0) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t dt' H(t') + \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar}\right)^2 \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' H(t') H(t'') + \cdots$$

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$n+1$

$U(t)$

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$|\alpha(t)\rangle \to |\alpha(t_0)\rangle$

$H(t)$, $[H(t),H(t')] \neq 0$

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$n+1$

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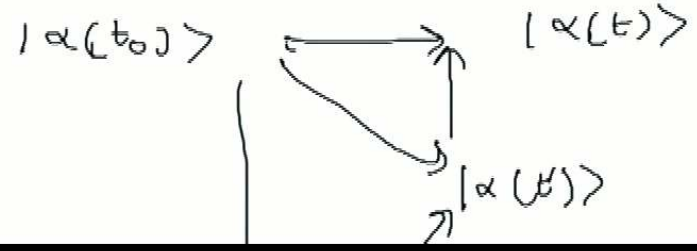

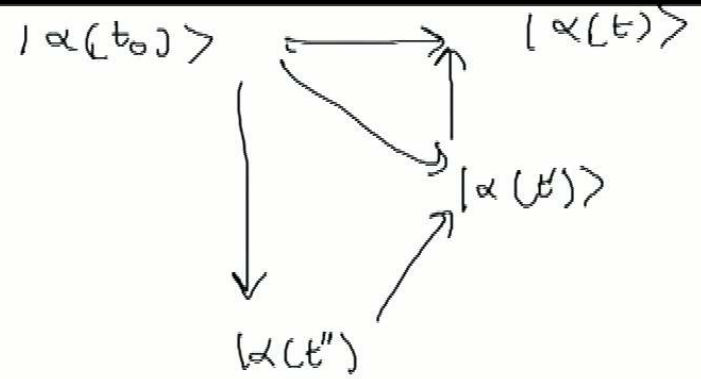


positive time ordered exponential (Dyson series).

$|\alpha(t)\rangle \to |\alpha(t_0)\rangle$

$H(t)$, $[H(t), H(t')] \neq 0$

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Time order

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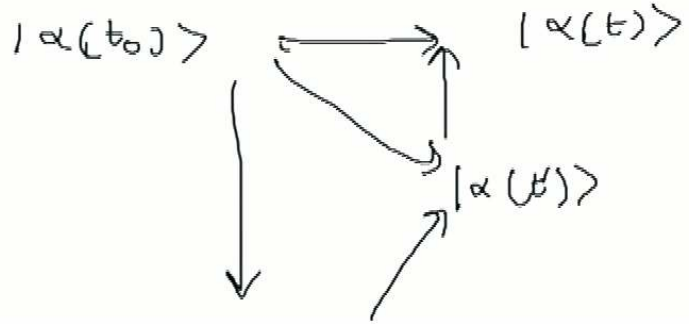

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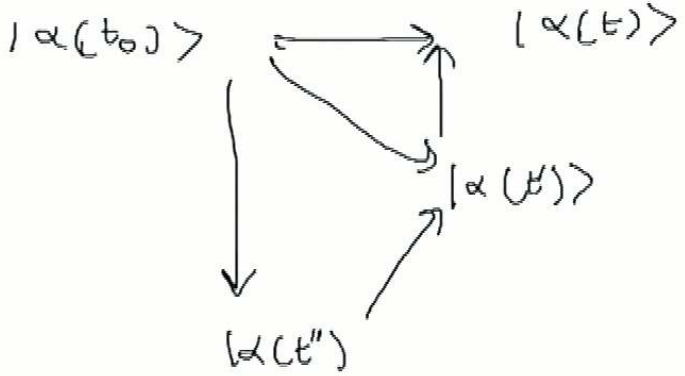

$[H(t'), H(t)] \neq 0$

$\exp(\;\;) \rightarrow [H(t'), H(t)] = 0$

SP H is not time dependent

Observables associated

$\langle A(t_0) \rangle = \langle \alpha(t_0) | A | \alpha(t_0) \rangle$

$\langle A(t) \rangle = \langle \alpha(t) | A | \alpha(t) \rangle$

$= \langle \alpha(t_0) U^{\dagger} A U \alpha(t_0) \rangle$

Approach → $\langle \alpha(t_0) | U^\dagger A U | \alpha(t_0) \rangle$ → HP.

Schrodinger picture

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = \sum_{a'} C_{a'} |a'\rangle \qquad H|a'\rangle = E_{a'}|a'\rangle$$

$U = ex$

$$U = \exp\left(-i \frac{H t}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = \sum_{a'} \exp\left(-i \frac{H t}{\hbar}\right) C_{a'} |a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \sum_{a'} (a(t_0)\,|a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = |a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} |a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \sum_{a'} (a(t_0)|a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = |a'\rangle$$

$$|\alpha(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_{a'}t/\hbar}|a'\rangle$$

Expectation value of observables $|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = |a'\rangle$

$$\langle B \rangle = \langle a' | B | a' \rangle$$

$$= \langle a' e^{+iE_{a'}t/\hbar} | B | e^{-iE_{a'}t/\hbar} | a' \rangle$$

$$= \langle a' | B | a \rangle$$

$$\langle B \rangle = \sum_{a' a''} C_{a'}^{*} C_{a''} \, e^{-i(E_{a''} - E_{a'}) t/\hbar} \, \langle a' | B | a'' \rangle$$

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Harmonic Oscillator

(b) $|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$

$n = 0 \qquad E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$

$n = 1$

$t$ ?

$|\alpha(t)\rangle$ using time evolution operator ($H$ time independent)

(td) $|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$

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$n=1$

$t$ ?

$|\alpha(t)\rangle$ using time evolution operator ( time independe

$|\alpha(t)\rangle$

at $t$ find $\langle x \rangle_S$ =

Harmonic oscillator

$n=0 \qquad E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$

$n=1$

(t2) $|\alpha(t_0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle + |1\rangle\right)$

$t$ ?

$|\alpha(t)\rangle$ using time evolution operator ($H$ time independent)

$\hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}\left[a + a^\dagger\right]$

$|\alpha(t)\rangle$

at $t$ find $\langle x \rangle_S$ =