Documentation for Quantum.h and Quantum.c

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Example program: VSEsim2.c

Written 1/00. Routines have been moderately tested. Works with Metrowerks C.

These routines are for numerical computations of quantum mechanics, using wavefunction representations. Many functions use wavefunctions called psi, psib, or psik, where b and k stand for bra and ket wavefunctions; these are all complex vectors, using the Cn.c complex style. They also always require xr to be a real vector of corresponding x values and n to be the number of real values in xr and the number of complex values in psi. Where units are required, all functions here use the small SI unit convention, used in Constants.h.

psiH0 is the normalized harmonic oscillator wavefunction equation, where x is the position, n is the energy level (n is an integer ≥ 0), k is the force constant, and m is the mass.

Bracket does a Dirac bracket computation, siblpsik>, returning the result.
Normalket both normalizes a ket and returns the real factor by the wavefunction
was multiplied. Hamiltonian computes the hamiltonian bracket, siblHlpsik>,
where H is $-h'^2/2mass \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + v(x)$. Dipole computes the dipole bracket, for
either state or transition dipole moments, <psiblµlpsik>, where µ=qx and q is the
particle charge.

TimeEvolve, EQMFshrod, and TKFplotpsi are all used for integrating Schrödinger's equations of motion for a particle in a one dimensional potential, using the dynsys.c integrators and other routines. In general, only TimeEvolve needs to be called from externally, although it may need some tinkering to get the desired output format. Call it with ur as the potential function (identical to v in Hamiltonian), m as the particle mass, and Dt as the amount of time to be evolved. These routines assume the xr vector is uniformly spaced, although it would be easy to generalize if desired. EQMFshrod takes in a wave function, as a field dependent phase point, and outputs its time derivative, using the collection of parameters in k for constants and for work space. TKFplotpsi plots the complex wavefunction every 1 fs, showing the real part in black and the imaginary part in red. One trick these routines use to reduce unneccessary rotations of the wavefunction, which is generally irrelevent to the user, is to subtract the expectation energy from the input potential and then separately keep track of the overall phase factor using the first scalar element of the phase point structure. Here's the actual equation used by EQMFschrod:

$$\partial \psi' / \partial t = -i\hbar' / 2m \partial^2 / \partial x^2 \psi' + i/\hbar' [V(x) - \langle \psi_0 H | \psi_0 \rangle] \psi'$$

where ψ ' is the wavefunction, minus the overall phase factor, and ψ_0 is the initial wavefunction.

DippCorr is very similar to TimeEvolve, but it outputs a complex dipole correlation function, using the assumption that the bra is an eigenfunction of the potential. It uses TKFdippcorr to compute the correlation function during the integration. The result function, dip, needs to be pre-allocated before DipCorr is called, and it needs to be Dt complex elements in size (i.e. 2*Dt). Here's some math to show what it does, and how that was derived:

$$C(t) = \langle \psi_{b} | \mu(t) \mu(0) | \psi_{k} \rangle$$

= $\langle \psi_{b} | U^{\dagger}(t) \mu U(t) \mu | \psi_{k} \rangle$
= $q^{2} [\langle \psi_{b} | U^{\dagger}(t)] x [U(t)(x | \psi_{k} \rangle)]$
= $q^{2} / N_{xk} \exp(-i\omega_{b}t) \langle \psi_{b} | x [U(t)(N_{xk} x | \psi_{k} \rangle)]$

Thus, the normalized wavefunction, defined as x times the input ket, is time evolved using EQMFschrod, and the dipole correlation function is determined each femtosecond using this equation.

DipTransform inputs a complex dipole correlation function, the time step between each data point, the number of data points, and the minimum frequency, and returns a spectrum for it.

EigenketAHO uses the variational principle and a random search method to find the lowest energy eigenket for an anharmonic oscillator. It does this by adding the optimal amounts of many higher energy harmonic oscillator wavefunctions to the harmonic oscillator ground state wavefunction.