

Completeness of Eigen function: - Prove $\sum_n |n\rangle\langle n| = 1$

Consider, the eigen ket $|n\rangle$ of real linear operator then, they will satisfy following conditions: -

(i) They form a complete set, i.e. any $|p\rangle$ can be expressed as a linear combination of eigen ket.

$$|p\rangle = \sum_n a_n |n\rangle \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(ii) They are orthogonal and normalised. i.e. they satisfy the condition of orthonormality

$$\text{i.e. } \langle n|m\rangle = \delta_{n,m} ; \delta_{n,m} = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq n$$

$$\delta_{n,m} = 1 \quad \text{for } m = n$$

(iii) they are linearly independent, i.e. no eigen ket can be represented in terms of the other

$$\text{thus, if } \sum_n a_n |n\rangle = 0$$

then, each term must be zero

$$\text{and } \therefore a_n = 0$$

$$(iv) \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| = I \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where, I is the unit linear operator

$$\text{i.e.} \rightarrow I \cdot |p\rangle = |p\rangle$$

then, for orthonormal set of eigenfunction

$$\rightarrow |p\rangle = \sum_n a_n |n\rangle \quad \text{by eq}^n (1)$$

multiply both side by $\langle m|$

$$\rightarrow \langle m|p\rangle = \sum_n a_n \langle m|n\rangle$$

$$= \sum_n a_n \delta_{m,n} \quad \text{by eq}^n (2) \\ (m=n)$$

$$= \sum_n a_n \quad \text{--- } (*)$$

$$= a_m = a_m$$

then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle m|p\rangle &= a_m \\ \text{or } \langle n|p\rangle &= a_n \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (4)}$$

$$|p\rangle = \sum_n a_n |n\rangle$$

$$|p\rangle = \sum_n |n\rangle a_n$$

$$\text{i.e. } |p\rangle = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n|p\rangle \quad \text{--- by eq}^n (*)$$

$$\text{or } \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| = I \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{by unit linear} \\ \text{operator eq}^n (3) \end{array} \right.$$

Hence proved