

THE NONCOMMUTATIVE DIRAC EQUATION FOR SOME WAVE FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we will analyzed the noncommutative Dirac equation which was introduced in the paper [7], for some wave functions. For instance, we will study the movement of an electron inside of an atom using the noncommutative Dirac equation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the paper [7], we construct the "noncommutative Dirac equation", which was:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(t, x) = Q(x, \partial_x) \psi(t, x) \quad (1)$$

Here $Q(x, \partial_x)$ represent the noncommutative harmonic oscilator which is the second-order ordinary differential operator:

$$Q(x, \partial_x) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \left(-\frac{\partial_x^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha\partial_x^2}{2} + \alpha\frac{x^2}{2} & -x\partial_x - \frac{1}{2} \\ x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} & -\beta\frac{\partial_x^2}{2} - \beta\frac{x^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

where α, β are two constants, $\alpha, \beta > 0$. $\psi(x, t)$ represent the wave function and \hbar represent the Planck constant.

The wave function $\psi(x, t)$ describe the probability distribution in time and space of an particle.

For instance, the wave function $\psi(x, t)$ for an electron which is moving inside of an atom in the fundamental state, defined for $n = 1$ in the equation $E = -\frac{me^4}{8\epsilon_0^2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2}$, have the following wave function (see [4]): $\psi(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \cos \omega t$ where $a = \frac{\hbar^2 \epsilon_0}{\pi m e^2}$ and r represent the radius of the orbit of an electron.

2. MAIN RESULT

THEOREM 2.1 *For the wave function $\psi(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \cos \omega t$, which represent the wave function of an electron which is moving inside of an atom, the noncommutative Dirac equation is: $\hbar \omega \tan \omega t = x \partial_x + \frac{1}{2}$.*

Proof. Starting with the noncommutative harmonic oscillator :

$$Q(x, \partial_x) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha \partial_x^2}{2} + \alpha \frac{x^2}{2} & -x \partial_x - \frac{1}{2} \\ x \partial_x + \frac{1}{2} & -\beta \frac{\partial_x^2}{2} - \beta \frac{x^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and using the *noncommutative Dirac equation*, one obtain :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha \partial_x^2}{2} + \alpha \frac{x^2}{2} & -x \partial_x - \frac{1}{2} \\ x \partial_x + \frac{1}{2} & -\beta \frac{\partial_x^2}{2} - \beta \frac{x^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} \psi(t, x)$$

In this equation we take

$$\psi(t, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \cos \omega t$$

and we get:

$$i\hbar \omega e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} (-\sin \omega t) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha \partial_x^2}{2} + \alpha \frac{x^2}{2} & -x \partial_x - \frac{1}{2} \\ x \partial_x + \frac{1}{2} & -\beta \frac{\partial_x^2}{2} - \beta \frac{x^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \cos \omega t$$

Using the matricial representation for the complex numbers, $i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, one obtain :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t, x)}{\partial t} \\ -\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t, x)}{\partial t} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(-\frac{\alpha \partial_x^2}{2} + \alpha \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \psi(t, x) & \left(-x \partial_x - \frac{1}{2} \right) \psi(t, x) \\ \left(x \partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \psi(t, x) & \left(-\beta \frac{\partial_x^2}{2} - \beta \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \psi(t, x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Identifying, one obtain the following equation:

$$\hbar\omega e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} \sin \omega t = \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a^3}} e^{-\frac{r}{a}} \cos \omega t$$

Finally, one obtain: $\hbar\omega \tan \omega t = -x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2}$, so the theorem is proved.

In the paper [7], we obtain the noncommutative Dirac equation for a free particle as:

$$\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x, t) = - \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \psi(x, t) \quad (2)$$

LEMMA 2.2. *If we take the deBroglie wave function $\psi(t, x) = Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}$, (where E represent the total energy), using the noncommutative Dirac equation (1), one obtain the total energy:*

$$E = -\frac{1}{i} \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}}{Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}}.$$

Proof. Applying equation (1) to the de Broglie wave function (2) , one obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \hbar \left(A \frac{iE}{\hbar} e^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} - B \frac{iE}{\hbar} e^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} \right) &= - \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} \right) \Rightarrow \\ iE \left(Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} - Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} \right) &= - \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, one obtain:

$$E = -\frac{1}{i} \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} + Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}}{Ae^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} - Be^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}}$$

so, the lemma is proved.

COROLLARY 2.3. *If we consider a plane wave function: $\psi(t, x) = ce^{(-\frac{i}{\hbar}Ap x - \frac{iEBt}{\hbar})}$, where A, B are constants, using noncommutative Dirac equation one obtain the total energy:*

$$E = -\frac{1}{\hbar B} \left(px + \frac{\hbar}{2i} \right).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(ce^{\left(\frac{ipAx}{\hbar} - \frac{iEBt}{\hbar}\right)} \right) &= - \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) ce^{\left(\frac{ipAx}{\hbar} - \frac{iEBt}{\hbar}\right)} \Rightarrow \\ \hbar ce^{\left(\frac{ipAx}{\hbar} - \frac{iEBt}{\hbar}\right)} \left(-\frac{iEB}{\hbar} \right) &= - \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) ce^{\left(\frac{ipAx}{\hbar} - \frac{iEBt}{\hbar}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

So, finally, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} iEB &= x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \\ E &= \frac{1}{iB} \left(x\partial_x + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{\hbar B} \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{i^2} x\partial_x + \frac{\hbar}{2i} \right) = \frac{1}{\hbar B} \left(px + \frac{\hbar}{2i} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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