

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI-HYDERABAD CAMPUS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2022-2023**  
**COURSE HANDOUT- (QM I)**

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**Course No.** : PHY F242  
**Course Title** : Quantum Mechanics I  
**Instructor-in-Charge** : Asrarul Haque  
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**Course Description:** Origin of the quantum theory - black body radiation, photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, electron diffraction, Bohr model of hydrogen atom, Frank-Hertz experiment, Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization condition; notion of wave function, statistical interpretation of the wave function, issues of normalization, the Heisenberg uncertainty relation; Schrodinger equation, stationary states and time independent Schrodinger equation, energy eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, one-dimensional problems – potential wells, potential barriers, the harmonic oscillator; Hilbert space formalism – state vectors, Dirac's bra-ket notation, observables as Hermitian operators, eigenvalues and eigenstates of Hermitian operators, the measurement postulate, Three dimensional problems- Particle in a three-dimensional Box, The Schrodinger equation in spherical polar coordinates, Angular momentum and spherical harmonics, The hydrogen atom.

**Scope & Objectives:**

The course on QM I aims to

- provide a thorough basic understanding of the fundamental principles of quantum physics,
- furnish insight in the microscopic structure of matter and
- develop an ability to employ the principles of quantum mechanics to solve a variety of simple quantum systems and

**Text Book:**

**T1:** Principles of Quantum Mechanics, R. Shankar

**Reference Books:**

**R1:** Modern Quantum Mechanics by J J Sakurai, **R2:** Quantum Physics (2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition), Stephen Gasiorowicz, **R3:** Introductory Quantum Mechanics L. Liboff, **R4:** Quantum Mechanics (Vol1) , Cohen-Tanudji

**Course Plan**

Lecture	Learning Objectives	Topics to be covered	Reference
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Number			Chapter/ Section
1-5	The wave function	The statistical interpretation, Normalization condition, Probability density and current	5.3 (T1), 2.8(R3)
6-8	The uncertainty principle	Superposition of plane waves, The uncertainty principle	9.2 - 9.4 (T1)
9-11	Postulates of quantum theory	Postulates of quantum mechanics and its implications	4.1-4.2 (T1)
12-15	Time-Dependent Schrödinger equation	The Schrödinger equation, The Ehrenfest Theorem, The continuity equation for the probability density	4.3(T1), 3.4-3.5(R3)
16-18	Time-Independent Schrödinger equation	Stationary states, Boundary and continuity conditions, degeneracy, Orthogonality of eigen functions, parity	1.8, 4.2, 4.3, 11.4 (T1)
19-28	One-dimensional problems	The free particle, The infinite square well, The finite square well, The potential step, The potential barrier, The delta function potential, The harmonic oscillator	5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 7.1-7.3 (T1)
29-32	Formalism	Hilbert space, state vectors, Dirac's bracket notation	Chapter 1 (T1)
33-40	Three dimensional problems	Particle in a three-dimensional Box, The Schrodinger equation in spherical polar coordinates, Angular momentum and spherical harmonics, The hydrogen atom	10.2, 12.4-12.6, 13.1-13.3 (T1)

#### Evaluation Scheme:

EC No.	Evaluation scheme	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date, Time	Nature of component
1	Quiz(zes)	50 min	25		Open book
3	Mid semester exam.	90 min	35	15/03 9.30 - 11.00AM	Closed book
4	Comprehensive Exam.	180 min	40	12/05 FN	Closed Book

- **Notices:** Notices for the course will be displayed on **Physics Group** notice board or/and uploaded on **CMS**.
- **Make-up Policy: Very strict to genuine cases only** i.e.

(i) **Sickness leading to hospitalization.** (No make up for stomach-ache, diarrhea, vomiting, head-ache unless seriousness is verified by medical test.)

(ii) Out of station with **prior intimation & permission.**

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:**

Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

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