

UNIT I  
Quantum Physics and Introduction to  
Solids

1Q. Write any two properties of matter waves.

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ANS (a) If heavier is the particle, smaller is the wavelength i.e.,  $\lambda \propto \frac{1}{m}$ .

(b) If smaller is the velocity of the particle, greater is the wavelength i.e.,  $\lambda \propto v$

(c) If  $v=0$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . This means if particle is at rest, wavelength can not be determined.

(d) If  $v=\infty$ ,  $\lambda=0$ . This implies that when velocity of the particle is infinity, wavelength can not be determined.

(e) Velocity of matter waves is greater than the speed of light.

(f) Matter waves are not physical (mechanical or electromagnetic waves) waves.

(g) Matter waves are neither radiated nor absorbed.

(h) Matter waves require medium.

2 Q. What is dual nature of matter and radiation?

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Ans: Either matter or radiation behaves like particle or wave depending on the situation. This is known as dual nature of matter and radiation. This hypothesis is proposed by De-Braglie.

But it should be noted that particle nature or wave nature can not be exhibited by either matter or radiation simultaneously.

3 Q. Mention the types of symmetry in solids.

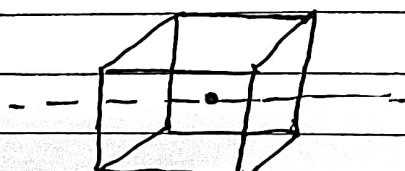
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Ans. The following are the types of symmetry in solids

- (a) Center of symmetry or line of symmetry
- (b) Translational symmetry or plane of symmetry
- (c) Rotational Symmetry or axis of symmetry.

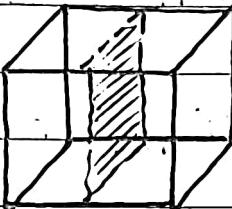
(a) Center of symmetry or point symmetry  
or line of symmetry

" If an imaginary line is drawn through a point inside the crystal such that it intersects the faces of the crystal at equal distances on either side of the point, then the crystal is said to have center of symmetry



(b) Translational symmetry or plane of symmetry.

"An imaginary plane passing through the crystal which cuts the crystal into two equal parts such that one part is the mirror image of the other part."



(c) Axis of symmetry or rotational symmetry.

"An imaginary line through which when a crystal is rotated, and if it appears more than once as it was in beginning in a complete rotation ( $360^\circ$ ) then the crystal is said to have rotational or axis of symmetry"

Q. Define photoelectric effect and write photoelectric equation (Einstein's photoelectric equation)

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Photoelectric effect: The phenomenon of ejection of electrons from a metal surface when a suitable frequency incident upon it is called photoelectric effect.

The following mathematical expression is given by Einstein in order to explain photoelectric emission phenomenon which is known as "Einstein's photoelectric equation".

$$h\nu = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\max}^2 + \phi$$

where  $h\nu$  is the energy of incident  
 $v_{\max}$  is the maximum velocity of electrons  
 $\phi$  - work function of the metal surface

The above equation can also be written as

$$h\nu = KE_{\max} + \phi.$$

5Q. Write the physical significance of wave function.

The wave function  $\psi$  has no direct physical meaning. As  $\psi$  is complex wave function  $\psi \psi^* = |\psi|^2$  represents the probability of finding the particle in a given volume.

$$\Rightarrow \int |\psi|^2 dxdydz = 1.$$

1Q. Write the differences between matter waves and electromagnetic waves.

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matter waves

em waves

1. Matter waves are generated by both charged and uncharged particles. EM waves are generated by only accelerating charged particles.

2. Velocity of matter waves is not constant. It changes with the speed of particle.

2. The velocity of EM waves is constant for a homogeneous medium.

3. Matter waves do not propagate in space. They require medium.

3. Electromagnetic waves propagate in space as well as in medium.

4. Matter waves are neither radiated nor absorbed in a medium.

4. Electromagnetic waves are either radiated or absorbed by the matter.

$$5. \lambda = h/p$$

$$5. \lambda = c/v$$

6. Velocity of matter waves is greater than the speed of light.

6. Velocity of em waves is equal to speed of light in space or vacuum.

2. Q. Write the laws of photoelectric effect.

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1. The velocity of emitted electrons is independent of the intensity of incident light and depends only on frequency of incident light no matter how high or low is the intensity.

2. Photo electric current (or the number of photo electrons emitted per second) is proportional to the intensity of incident light.

3. For a given metal, there exists a certain minimum frequency of incident light at which the electron emission takes place, above which the electron emission completely takes place. This frequency of incident light is called 'threshold frequency'.

4. Photoelectron emission is an instantaneous process. So there is no time lagging b/w the incidence of light and emission of electrons.

Q. Compute the work function of sodium metal, if its threshold wavelength is  $5040 \text{ \AA}$ .

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Sol: Given data

$$\lambda = 5040 \text{ \AA} = 5040 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Work function

$$\phi = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.625 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{5040 \times 10^{-10}} \text{ Joules}$$

$$= \frac{6.625 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{5040 \times 10^{-10} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-9}} \text{ eV}$$

$$\approx 2.46 \text{ eV.}$$

Write the main postulates of Sommerfeld free electron theory of metals.

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Sommerfeld free  $e^-$  theory also known as quantum free  $e^-$  theory. To solve the difficulties faced by the classical free  $e^-$  theory which was proposed by Drude-Lorentz, in 1928 Sommerfeld developed quantum free  $e^-$  theory. In developing the postulates he has used the concepts of quantum mechanics and Fermi-Dirac distribution statistics.

The following are the assumptions (postulates) of Sommerfeld quantum free  $e^-$  theory:

- 1) The free  $e^-$ s in a metal can have only discrete (quantized) energy values. Electrons are considered to be moving in a 3-D potential well.
- 2) The electrons (free) obey Pauli's exclusion principle. According to this, there can not be more than 'two electrons' in any energy level. In other words, no two electrons have the same energy state as they have different quantum numbers.
- 3) The potential due to positive immobile ion cores is uniform throughout the crystal lattice which will be considered as zero for solving eigen values.
- 4) The force of attraction between  $e^-$ s and lattice ions, the force of repulsion between the electrons is negligible.

5) The distribution of velocities, KE among the free electrons obey Fermi-Dirac statistics. The probability distribution function in FD statistics is given by

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} + 1}$$

### 50. Explain Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle

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Ans: Matter waves are not physical waves. Matter waves are represented by a group of waves called 'wave packet'. If the width of wave packet is smaller, number of wave pulses in the wave packet is less. Therefore wavelength can not be determined precisely. Similar if the width of wave packet is larger wavelength can be determined, but the location of particle can't be determined accurately. On the otherhand radiation (light) showed both particle property and wave nature.

Based on the above interpretations, Heisenberg formulated a principle known as Heisenberg's Uncertainty principle.

According to this principle, "It is impossible to determine the position and momentum of a particle simultaneously"

If  $\Delta x$  represents the uncertainty in the position of a particle and  $\Delta p$  represents

the uncertainty in the momentum, then mathematically uncertainty principle is given as

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

where 'h' is plank's constant

$$h = 6.624 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$\Delta x$  and  $\Delta p$  are called conjugate physical parameters.

Similarly, if  $\Delta E$  is the uncertainty in the measurement of energy and  $\Delta t$  is the uncertainty in the measurement of time, then

$$\Delta E \cdot \Delta t \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

And if  $\Delta J$  represents the uncertainty in angular momentum and  $\Delta \theta$  represents uncertainty in the angular displacement, then

$$\Delta J \cdot \Delta \theta \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$

The significance of HUP is:

- It helps us to understand why electrons can not exist inside the nucleus.
- It helps us to calculate greatest velocity and largest frequency of radiation.
- It helps us to understand dual nature.
- It helps us to calculate the possible energies of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  radiations.

1Q

Derive Schrödinger time independent wave equation

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Ans

Schrödinger wave equation is a fundamental equation in quantum mechanics which describes the dynamical behaviour of microscopic particles such as  $e^-$ s, protons etc using boundary conditions like Newton's laws of motion used for macroscopic particle.

Consider a second order partial differential equation for the motion of plane wave along  $x$ -axis as is given by

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = v^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where ' $y$ ' is the displacement and ' $v$ ' is velocity. If ' $\psi$ ' is the displacement (amplitude) of the matter waves, then eqn (1) becomes

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dt^2} = v^2 \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The solution of eq (2) is given by

$$\psi = \psi_0 \sin(\omega t - kx) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$\psi_0$  - maximum amplitude of matter waves

and  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$ ,  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$

$\nu$  - frequency of matter waves

differentiating eq ③ twice w.r.t time  
we get

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dt^2} = -\gamma 4\pi^2 v^2$$

$$\text{but } v = \frac{\lambda}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dt^2} = -\gamma 4\pi^2 \frac{v^2}{\lambda^2} \quad (4)$$

from eq ② and ④

$$\sqrt{\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}} = -\gamma \frac{4\pi^2}{\lambda^2} v^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{4\pi^2}{\lambda^2} \psi = 0$$

$$\text{Now let us use } \lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{h^2}{m^2 v^2}$$

using the above,

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{4\pi^2 m^2 v^2}{h^2} \psi = 0 \quad (5)$$

Now for an e<sup>-</sup> moving through a potential difference of V volts, the total energy E is given by

$$E = P.E + K.E$$

$$\Rightarrow E = V + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$E - V = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$2(E - V) = mv^2$$

$$(or) m^2v^2 = 2m(E - V) \quad \textcircled{6}$$

Substituting \textcircled{6} in \textcircled{5} we get

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{4\pi^2}{h^2} 2m(E - V)\psi = 0$$

$$(or) \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{8m\pi^2}{h^2}(E - V)\psi = 0$$

by letting  $k = h/2\pi$ , we get

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{k^2}(E - V)\psi = 0 \quad \textcircled{7}$$

The above equation is known as time independent SWE in 1-D.

If  $e^-$  assumed to be moving through a constant potential field, then  $V$  can be taken as zero, i.e.,  $V = 0$ . In this case  $e^-$  is said to have only KE and hence it is a free particle. The eq \textcircled{7} becomes

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{k^2} E \psi = 0 \quad \textcircled{8}$$

In 3-D,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0$$

where  $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}$

and  $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  called  
Laplacian operator.

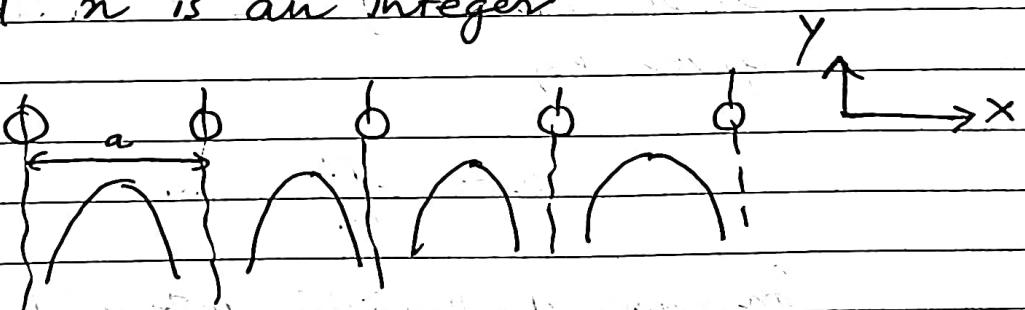
- Q. Define periodic potential and write Schrödinger wave equation for a periodic potential function using Bloch theorem. Derive an expression for effective mass of an electron.

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Ans: A potential field in a crystal lattice defined by the following function is called periodic potential

$$V(x) = V(x + na)$$

where 'a' is the periodicity of the lattice and n is an integer



For a periodic potential the SWE modifies as given below

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V(x)) \psi = 0$$

where  $V(x) = V(x+na)$

The solution above equation is of the form

$$\psi(x) = \psi_0 e^{\pm ikx}$$

where  $u_k(x)$  is periodic function such that  $u_k(x) = u_k(x+a)$  and where  $u_k(x)$  is called block function.

finally the solution becomes

$$\psi(x+a) = \psi_0 e^{\pm ik(x+a)}$$

Effective mass of an  $e^-$ :

"The mass of an  $e^-$  in a periodic potential due to an applied external field is called effective mass"

If 'E' is an electric field applied, the acceleration of an  $e^-$  in the field is given by

$$a = \frac{eE}{m} \quad \text{①}$$

In case of periodic potential field we can write eq ① as

$$a = \frac{eE}{m^*} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

When  $\vec{e}$  moves through a periodic potential it moves with matter waves. Hence free  $\vec{e}$  associates with wave packet. Then

$$V_g = \frac{dw}{dk} \quad \text{--- (3) where } V_g \text{ is the group velocity.}$$

$$\text{but } w = 2\pi\nu$$

$$dw = 2\pi d\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g = \frac{2\pi d\nu}{dk}$$

$$\text{Again } \epsilon = h\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\epsilon}{dk} = h \frac{d\nu}{dk}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g = \frac{2\pi}{h} \frac{d\epsilon}{dk}$$

$$\frac{dv_g}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{h} \frac{d^2\epsilon}{dk^2 dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv_g}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{h} \left( \frac{d^2\epsilon}{dk^2} \right) \frac{dk}{dt} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Now } p = k \cdot k$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = m \frac{dk}{dt}$$

$$\text{but } \frac{dp}{dt} = F \text{ Newton's second law}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dk}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} F \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{from (4) and (5)} \quad \frac{dv_g}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{h} \times \frac{1}{m} F \left( \frac{d^2\epsilon}{dk^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1}{h^2} \frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} (F)$$

but  $\frac{dv}{dt} = a$  and  $F = eE$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{h^2} \left( \frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} \right) eE \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

from eq (2) and (6)

$$m^* = \frac{h}{\left( \frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} \right)} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

3Q Derive an expression for De-Broglie wavelength

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Ans: According to De-Broglie, material particles are associated with matter waves when they are in motion. The wavelength of matter waves is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \quad \begin{matrix} h - \text{Planck's constant} \\ p - \text{linear momentum} \end{matrix}$$

Derivation: (a) According to Einstein's mass energy relation

$$E = mc^2 \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad c - \text{speed of light}$$

(b) According to Planck's quantum hypothesis

$$E = h\nu$$

but  $c = \lambda \nu$

$$\Rightarrow \nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = h \frac{c}{\lambda} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) and (2)

$$mc^2 = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{h}{mc}$$

If 'v' is the velocity of the particle, then

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{h}{P}$$

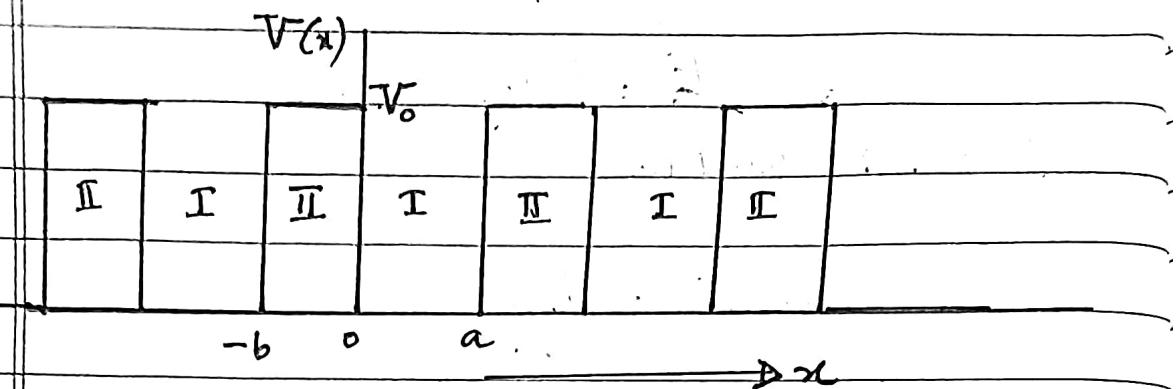
Q. Explain Kronig-Penney model for the motion of electron in a crystal lattice. Also discuss the features of this model.

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To determine allowed energy of electron in a periodic crystal lattice, Kronig and Penney suggested a simplified model in which periodic potential consists of alternate potential wells and potential barriers in rectangular form as shown in Figure.

The periodicity of the lattice is considered as "a+b".

Here 'a' is the width of the potential well, and 'b' is the width of the barrier.



- (i) for  $0 < x < a$   $V(x) = 0$  Region
  - (ii) for  $-b < x < 0$   $V(x) = V_0$  Region
- Applying SWES in region I and II,

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0 \quad (0 < x < a)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V_0] \psi = 0 \quad (-b < x < 0)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E = \alpha^2 \text{ and } \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V_0 - E) = \beta^2$$

The above equation can be written as

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 \psi = 0 \quad \textcircled{1} \quad (0 < x < a)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} - \beta^2 \psi = 0 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad (-b < x < 0)$$

From Bloch theorem, the solutions of above equations become

$$\psi(x) = \psi_0 e^{\pm ikx} u_k(x)$$

where  $U_k(x) = U_k(x+a)$

Solving equations ① and ② by applying boundary conditions, we get a final expression of the following form

$$P \frac{\sin da}{da} + \cos da = \cos ka \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

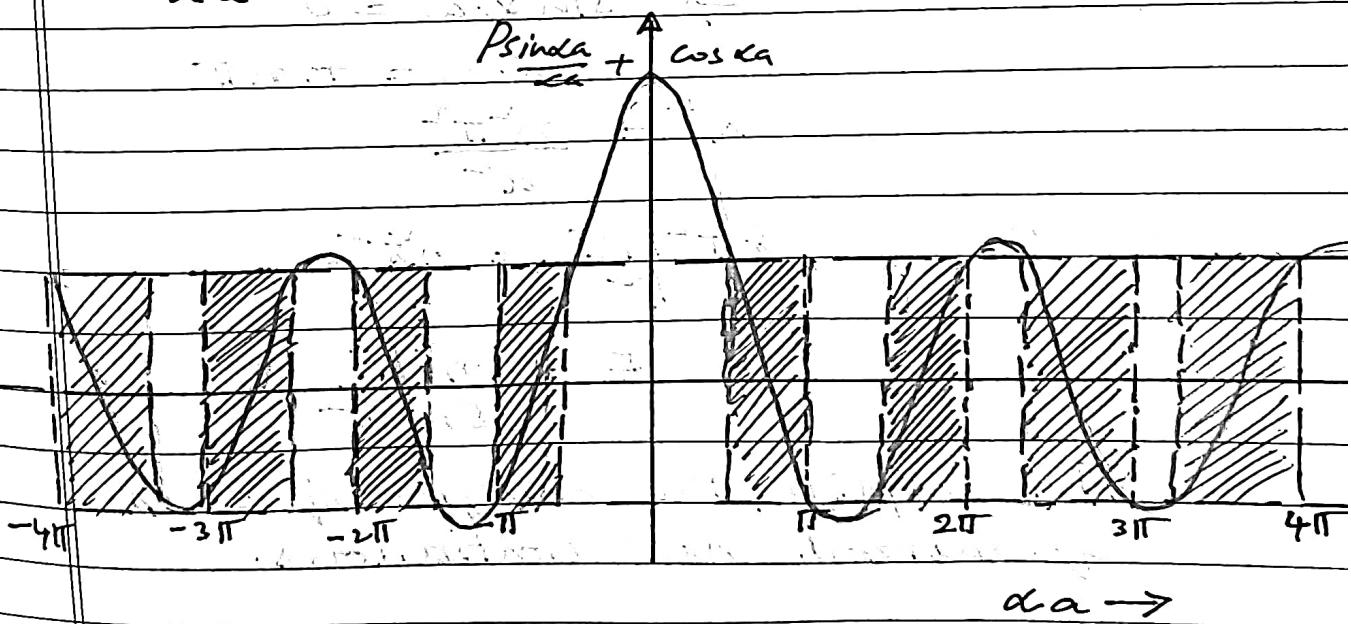
where 'P' is called barrier strength and is given by

$$P = \frac{mv_0^2 ab}{h^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2 m E}{h^2}}$$

The RHS of equation ③ varies between +1 and -1. LHS of equation ③ depends on barrier strength or scattering power.

The following graph is plotted between

$$P \frac{\sin da}{da} + \cos da \quad \text{and} \quad da \quad \text{for } P = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$



## Inferences (Features)

- 1) The energy spectrum of  $e^-$  in a per potential consists of alternated allowed energy regions called 'allowed bands' (shaded regions) and forbidden energy regions called 'forbidden bands' (unshaded regions)
- 2) As  $\alpha_a$  increases, the width of allowed bands increases and width of forbidden bands decreases.
- 3) If  $P$  is large, width of allowed band decreases and width of forbidden increases.
- 4) If  $P \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\sin \frac{\alpha_a}{\alpha_a} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \frac{\alpha_a}{\alpha_a} = 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha_a}{\alpha_a} = \pm n\pi$$

$$h^2 = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{8\pi^2 m E}{h^2} = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8ma^2}$$

This implies, the energies of  $e^-$  are quantized not continuous.

for  $n = 1$ ,  $E_n = E_1$

for  $n = 2$ ,  $E_n = E_2$  ...

so  $E_2 = 4E_1$ ,  $E_3 = 9E_1$ ,  $E_4 = 16E_1$  ...

5) If  $p = 0$   $\cos \alpha_a = \cos k_a$

$$\alpha_a = k_a$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = k$$

(or)  $\alpha^2 = k^2$

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E = k^2$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$\text{but } p = \hbar k \Rightarrow E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

(or)  $E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$

Hence in this situation, electron behaves as free particle. This mean binding energy of  $e^-$  tends to zero.

Q Draw  $E-k$  diagram for an electron in a periodic potential lattice. From the graph explain Brillouin zones.

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Ans : Brillouin zones are the boundaries that are marked by the values of propagation vector 'k' in which the electron can have allowed values without diffraction. Since 'k' is a vector it has different values in different directions.

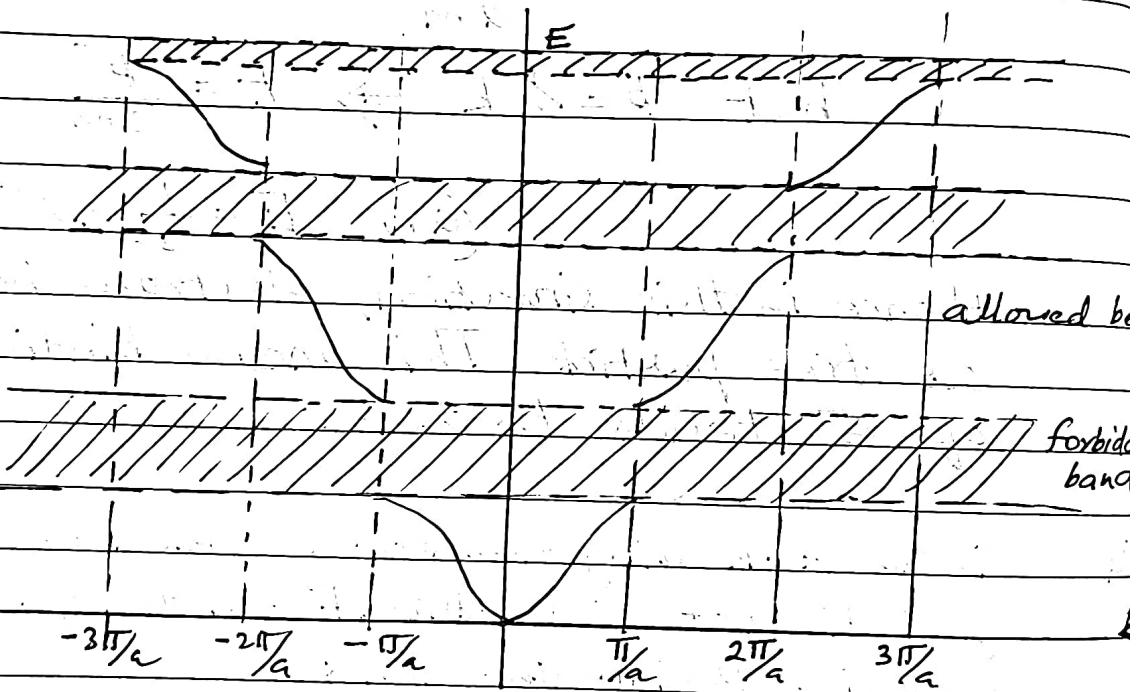
The relation between 'k' and 'E' of an electron in a periodic potential is given by

$$E = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8 m a^2} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{but } k = \pm \frac{n\pi}{a} \quad (\text{since } \alpha = k)$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{1} \text{ & } \textcircled{2} \quad E = \frac{k^2 h^2}{8 m \pi^2} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

A plot is made between the total energy and the wave vector 'k' for various values of  $k$  with  $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$



For  $k = \pm \frac{n\pi}{a}$ , the curve is a parabola with discontinuities.

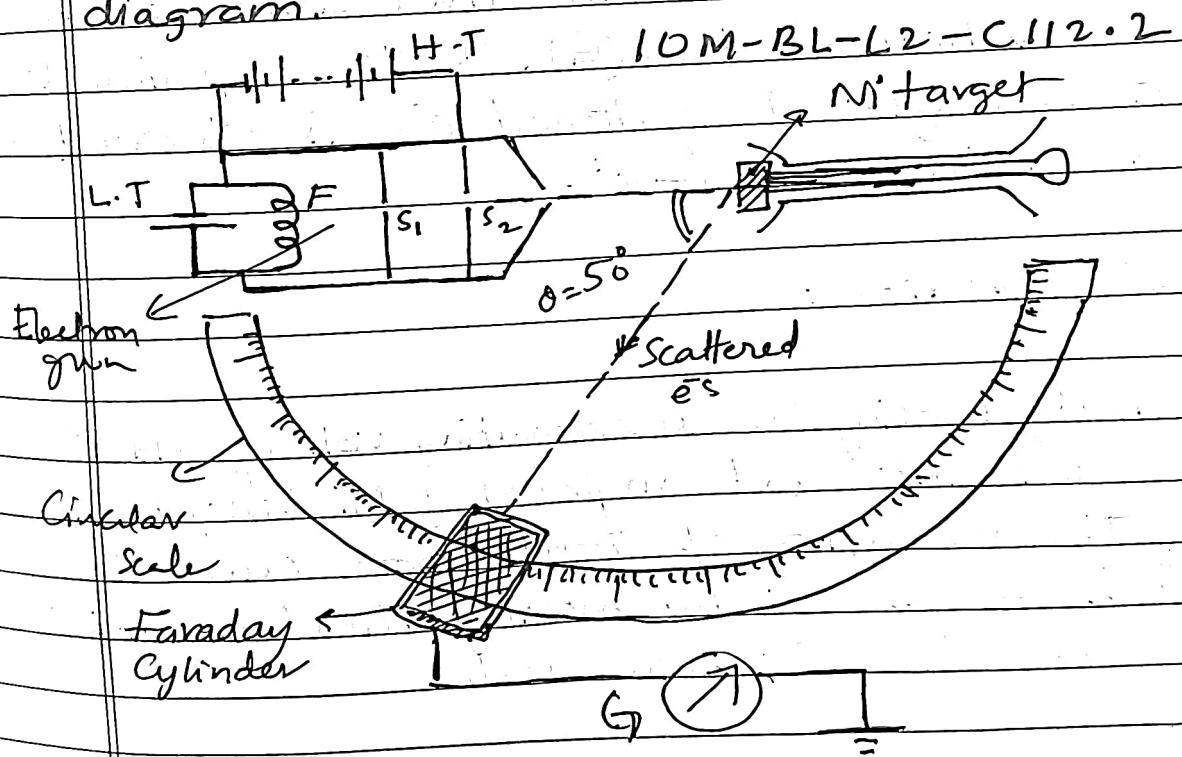
It is clear that the graph shows a discontinuity in the electron energy from  $k=0$  to  $\pm \frac{\pi}{a}$  and scatters.

The range of allowed energy values between  $\frac{\pi}{a}$  to  $-\frac{\pi}{a}$  is called first Brillouin zones.

The range of allowed energy values from  $\frac{\pi}{a}$  to  $2\frac{\pi}{a}$  and then from  $-2\frac{\pi}{a}$  to  $\frac{\pi}{a}$  is called second Brillouin zone and so on..

This implies electron can go from B.Z to another B.Z when it is supplied with energy equal to for bidden gap.

Q) Describe the construction, working of Davisson-Germer Experiment with the help of neat diagram.



The figure shows the construction of Davisson-Germer Experiment for the proof of existence of matter waves.

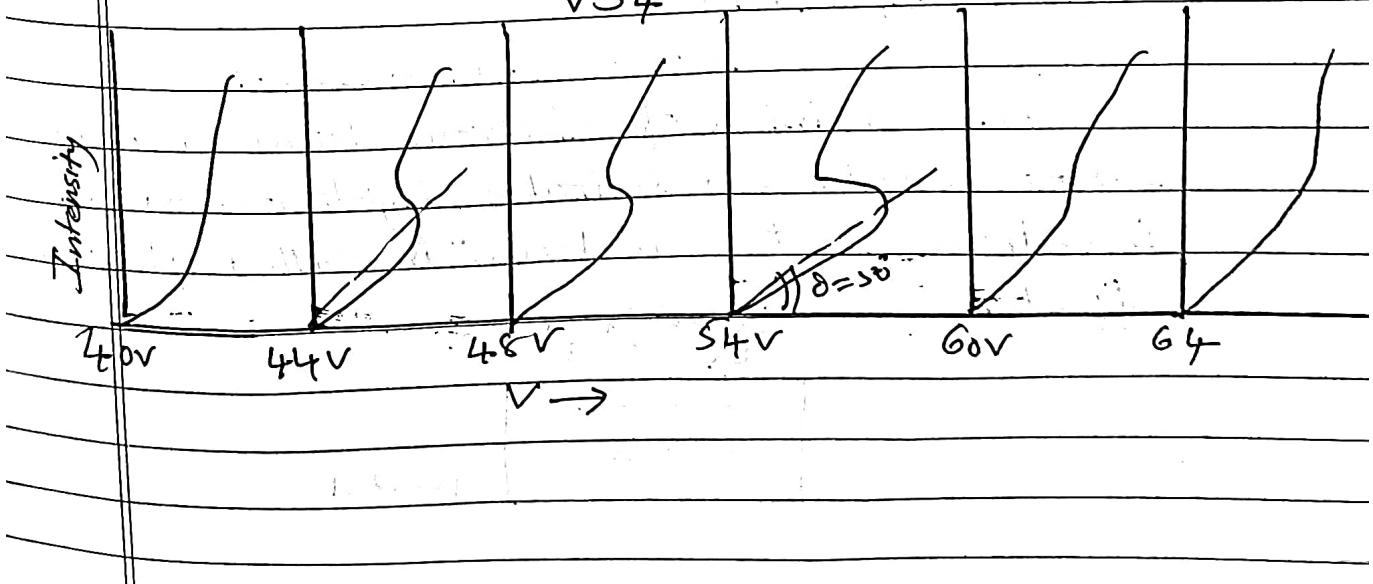
In the figure, a filament is heated by a low tension battery to emit  $e^-$ s by thermoionic emission. A high tension battery is connected across the evacuated glass tube to accelerate the ejected  $e^-$ s. Electrons travel through slits  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  in the form of fine pencil beam and incidence on the 'Ni' target. The angle ( $\theta$ ) of scattered  $e^-$ s is measured with the help of circular scale. The intensity of scattered  $e^-$ s is measured by means ionization current caused in the Faraday cylinder (F<sub>C</sub>) which can move on the circular scale and connected to a Galvanometer (G). In the experiment the angle of scattered  $e^-$ s is observed to be between  $29^\circ - 80^\circ$ .

#### Observation :

- 1) By keeping the accelerating voltage (H.T) constant and angle ( $\theta$ ) of Ni target fixed the variation of ionization current is measured by moving Faraday cylinder over the circular scale.

- 1) Experiment is repeated by changing the value of accelerating potential and angle of Ni target ( $\theta$ ), and current is noted.
- 2) It is observed that at  $\theta = 50^\circ$  and at 44 V a bump begins to start and the bump becomes larger at 54 V indicating the maximum intensity of scattered electrons.
- 3) After 54 V further increase in applied voltage the bump gradually disappeared.
- 4) The above observations showed that the variation of intensity of scattered e<sup>-</sup>'s is in accordance with the diffraction pattern.
- 5) The wavelength of e<sup>-</sup> beam is calculated as below

$$\lambda = \frac{12.26}{\sqrt{54}} \approx 1.67 \text{ \AA}$$



Further the electron wave nature is confirmed by Bragg's condition

$$2d \sin \theta' = n \lambda$$

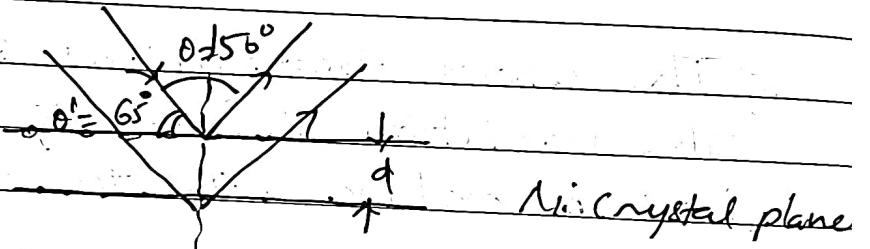
for  $n = 1$

$$d = 0.91 \text{ \AA} \text{ (Ni target)}$$

$$\theta' = 65^\circ$$

$$\lambda \approx 1.65 \text{ \AA}$$

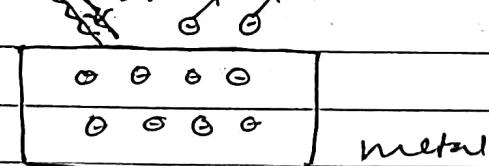
where 'd' is interplanar spacing  
 $\theta'$  - glancing angle



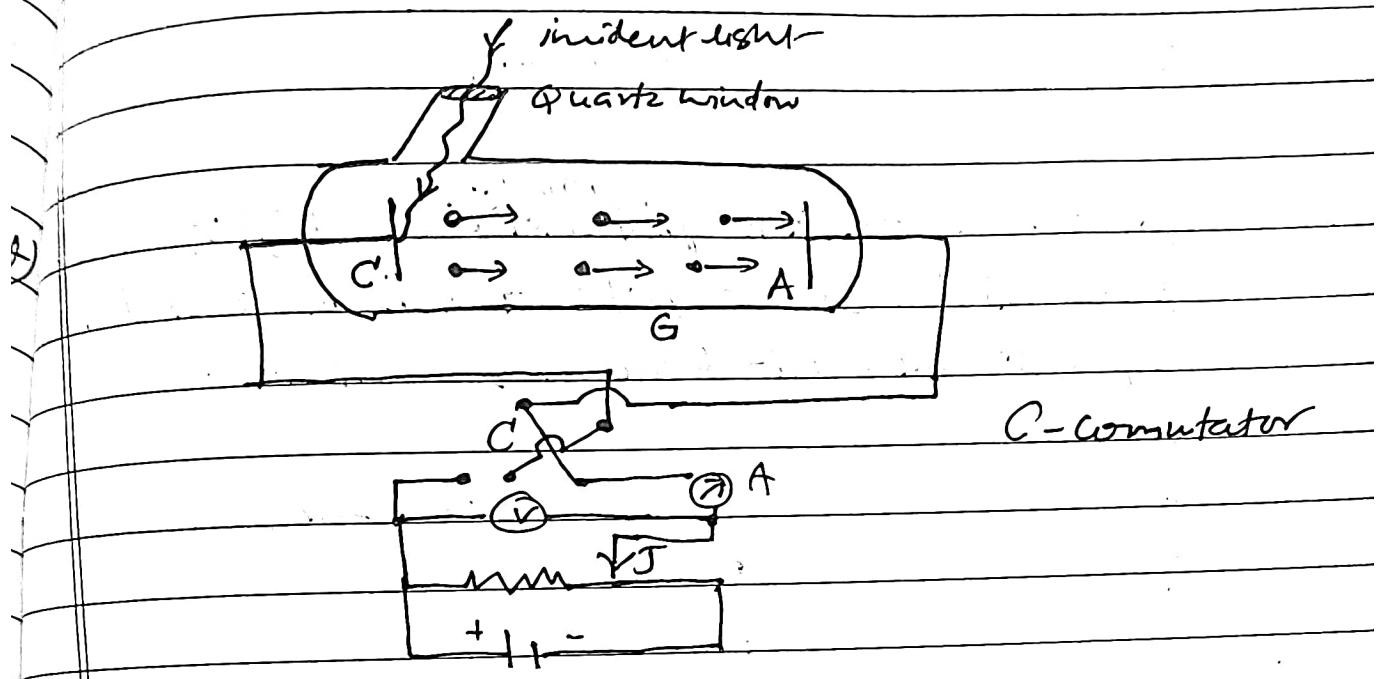
Q. Define photoelectric effect. Explain the experimental observations in photoelectric effect experiment.

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"The emission of electrons from a metal surface when a suitable light or radiation incidence on the surface" is called photoelectric effect!



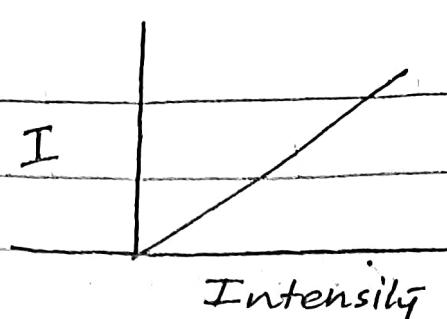
The figure shows the experimental arrangement for the demonstration of photoelectric effect.



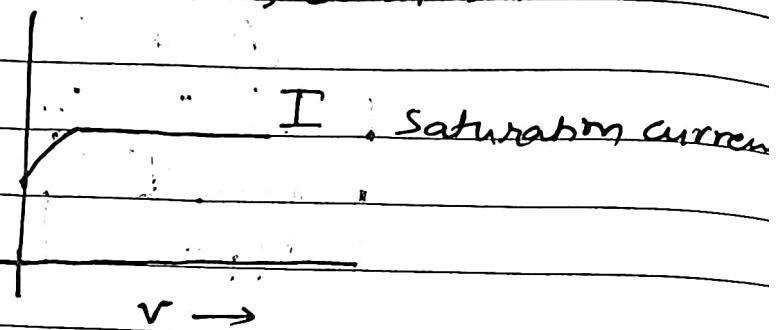
- 1) The cathode C is photosensitive material and A is metallic anode. G is an evacuated glass tube.
- 2) When voltage is applied b/w Cathode and anode ejected e<sup>-</sup>s reach anode.
- 3) The function of commutator is to reverse the direction of applied voltage when required.
- 4) Light or radiation is allowed to fall on cathode through a Quartz window.

Observations:

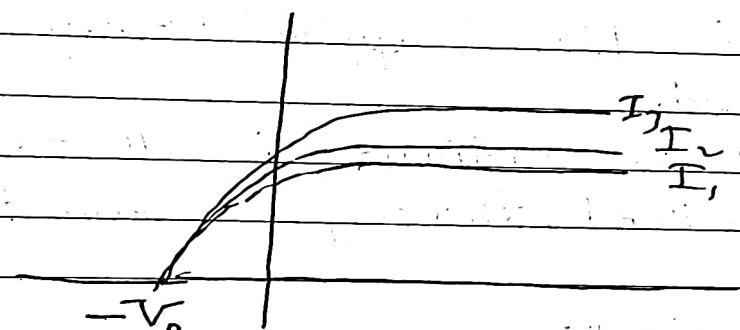
- 1) When intensity of incident light is increased the photocurrent also increased



2) At a constant ~~intensity~~ <sup>intensity</sup> of light, when applied anode potential is increased the photo current becomes constant.



3) When Anode potential is reversed wrt Cathode, the photocurrent decreases and reaches a zero value at a particular reverse anode potential. This potential at which the photocurrent becomes zero is called stopping potential.

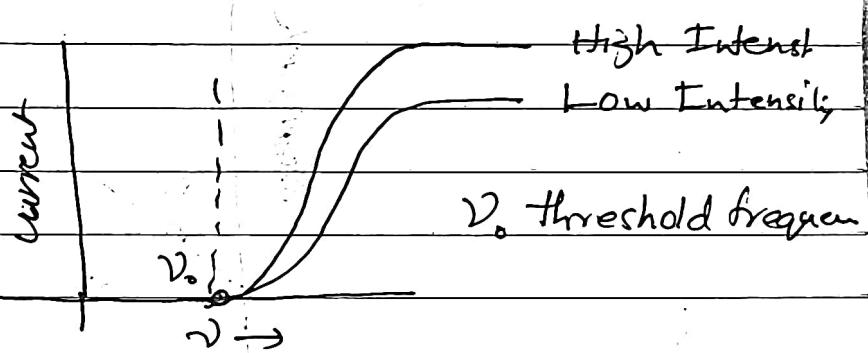


Stopping potential is independent of intensity of incident radiation.

At stopping potential the K.E of electrons is maximum which is equal to work done.

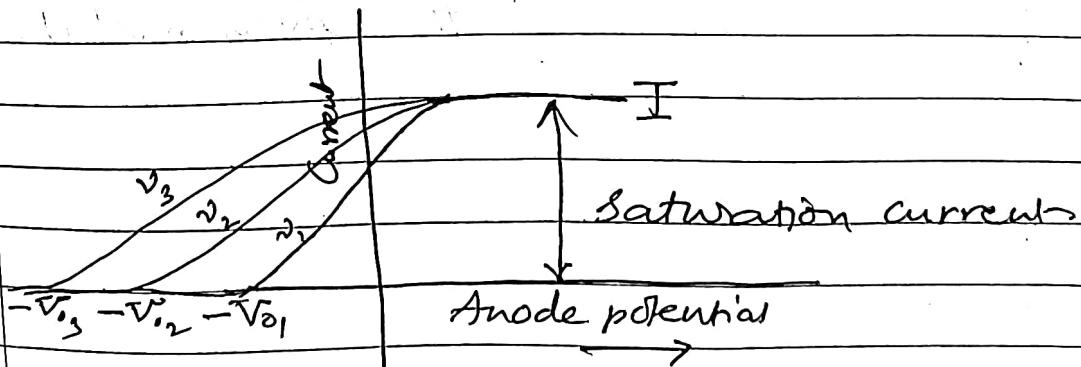
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m V_{max}^2 = K.E_{max} = eV_0$$

When intensity of radiation and anode potential kept constant, by changing frequency of incident radiation photo current is measured. The following graph shows that the photo current is zero until a minimum frequency is reached above which the photocurrent increases and saturates.



The minimum frequency of incident radiation at which the photo electron emission takes place is called threshold frequency ( $v_0$ ).

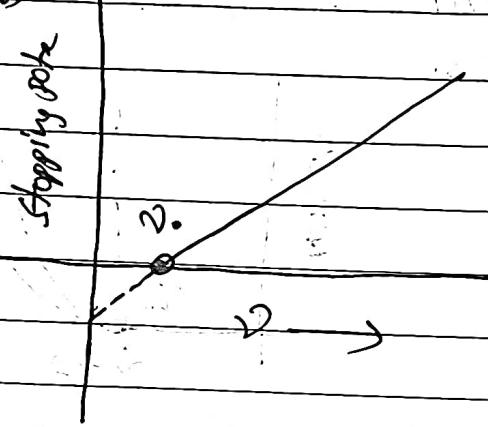
- 6) By keeping intensity constant, frequency versus stopping potential are measured with photocurrent.



It is clear from the graph that as the frequency of incident radiation increases stopping potential increases.

This means the K.E of electrons is a function of incident radiation freq.

- 7) When frequency vs stopping potential is plotted, a straight line intersect the x-axis which represents threshold frequency ( $\nu_0$ )



From the above experimental observations Einstein derived photoelectric equation

$$h\nu = \frac{1}{2}mv_{max}^2 + \phi$$

where  $\phi$  is work function of the given metal.

Discuss eigen values and eigen functions  
for an electron moving in an infinite  
square well potential box.

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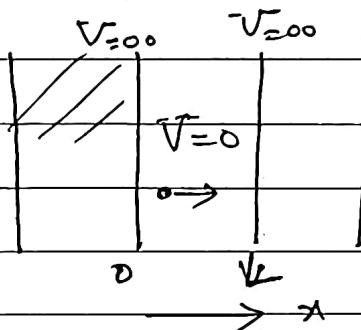
Consider an  $\bar{e}$  moving along  $x$ -axis  
in an infinite square well potential as  
shown in figure. When electron reaches  
the wall it experience an abrupt force.

$L$  - length of the potential box.

Boundary conditions

$$V(x) = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$V(x) = \infty \quad x \leq 0, x \geq L$$



Applying SWE

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0 \quad 0 < x < L \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + k^2\psi = 0 \quad \text{where } k = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The solution of the above equation is  
given as

$$\psi(x) = A \sin(kx) + B \cos(kx) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

(a) At  $x=0 \quad \psi(0)=0$

At  $x=L \quad \psi(L)=0$

This gives  $B=0$

$$\Rightarrow A \sin(kL) = 0$$

$$\therefore kL = n\pi$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2mE}{h^2} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$\text{or } E = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8m L^2}$$

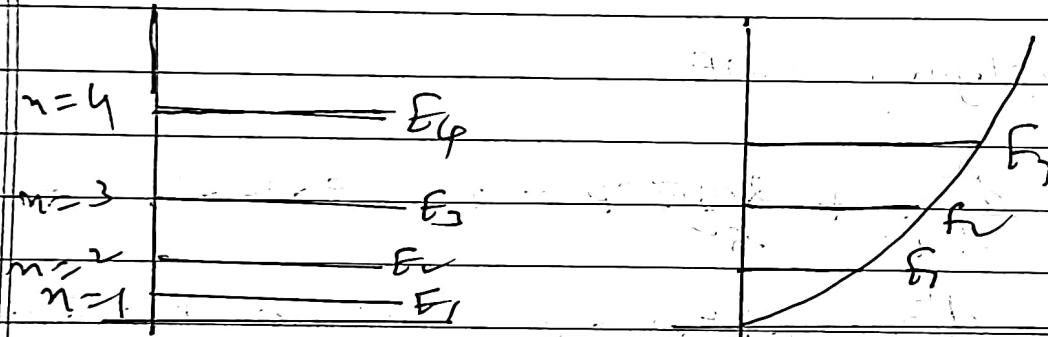
$$\text{In general } E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8m L^2}$$

$$\text{for } n=1, E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8m L^2}$$

$$n=2, E_2 = 4 \frac{h^2}{8m L^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_2 = 4E_1$$

$$\text{By } E_3 = 9E_1 \text{ etc}$$



Determination of constant A:

When  $B = 0$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

The constant 'A' is determined by using normalised condition.

$$\int_0^L |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L \left\{ A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\}^2 dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 1$$

$$A^2 \int_0^L \left( 1 - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right)}{2} \right) dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A^2}{2} \left[ x - \frac{L}{2n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_0^L = 1$$

The second term in the bracket is zero at  $x=0$  and  $x=L$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A^2}{2} L = 1$$

$$(0, v) A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

The above equation represents the eigen (wave) function for an electron in the potential box.

Evaluation of eigen functions:

$$\text{Case 1: } n=1 \quad \psi_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$

at  $x=0, x=L$

$$\psi_1 = 0$$

at  $x = \frac{L}{2}$

$\psi_1$  is m

at  $x=0, x=L$

$$\psi_1^2 = 0$$

at  $x=0, x=L$

$\psi_1^2$  is ma

Case 2:  $n=2 \rightarrow \psi_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} 8L 2\pi x$

at  $x=0, x=\frac{L}{2}, x=L$   $\psi_2 = 0$

at  $x = \frac{L}{4}, x = \frac{3L}{4}$

$\psi_2$  is m

and at  $x=0, x=\frac{L}{2}, x=L$   $\psi_2^2 = 0$

at  $x = \frac{L}{4}, x = \frac{3L}{4}$

$\psi_2^2$  is ma

Case 3:  $n=3 \rightarrow \psi_3 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} 8L \frac{3\pi x}{4}$

at  $x=0, x=\frac{L}{3}, x=\frac{3L}{4}, x=L$

$$\psi_3 = 0$$

$$\psi_3^2 = 0$$

at  $x = \frac{L}{6}, x = \frac{L}{2}, x = \frac{5L}{6}$   $\psi_3$  is ma

$\psi_3^2$  is ma

The above results are depicted in  
the following figure

