

Lecture 6



$$E = E_0 e^{-i(kx + \omega t)}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Born Interpretation:

$$\psi(r, t) \Rightarrow \psi^* \psi = |\psi|^2(x, y, z, t)$$

probability density
of finding particle at (x, y, z) at t

$$\text{probability} \Rightarrow |\psi|^2 dx dy dz$$

Normalization condition:
(particle must exist somewhere)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \psi d\underline{u} \Big|_t = 1$$

* ψ must be continuous.

* $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$ is continuous

Schrodinger Equation:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V = E \psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

$\psi(r, t) \Rightarrow$ soln to Schrodinger Equation.

\hookrightarrow origin comes from the wave equation.

Components of S.E:

1) $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \rightarrow$ Kinetic Energy

2) $V \rightarrow$ Potential Energy

3) $E \rightarrow$ Energy Eigen value

4) $\psi \rightarrow$ Wave function / eigen vectors

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V \right] \psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

\rightarrow Interacting force fields generate the potentials.

\hookrightarrow eg: Electrostatic, Lorentz, Nuclear, etc.

\star Time independent force fields.

$$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x) \cdot \omega(t)$$

↳ possible when potential is time independent.

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V \right] \psi(x) \omega(t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi(x) \omega(t))$$

$$\omega(t) \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V \right] \psi(x) = i\hbar \psi(x) \frac{\partial \omega(t)}{\partial t} = E \psi$$

↳ these are eigen expressions:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = E \psi \quad \text{Let soln: } \psi = A e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$-i\hbar i\omega \psi = E \psi \Rightarrow E = -i^2 \omega \hbar$$

$$\boxed{E = \hbar \omega}$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \frac{E}{\hbar}}$$

for time independent potential

$$\omega = A e^{-\frac{iE}{\hbar} t}$$

→ Ψ cannot be measured, we can measure only $|\Psi|^2 = \Psi^* \Psi$

$$\psi^* \psi = \psi^* \psi = e^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}} \cdot e^{\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}$$

→ Probability does not depend on time. $= \underline{\underline{1}}$

↳ Free Electron: $V=0$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = E \psi \quad \psi = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$$

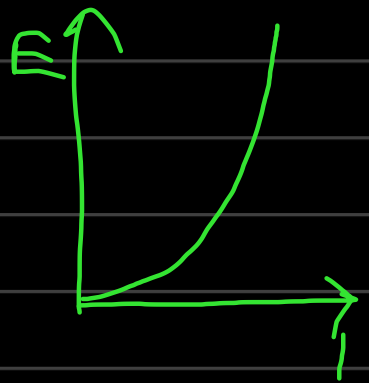
$$\psi(x, t) = Ae^{ikx} \cdot e^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (Ae^{ikx}) = E (Ae^{ikx})$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (ik)(ik) = E$$

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

dispersion relation



Normalization condition:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \psi dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A^* A dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A|^2 dx = 1$$

$$|A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx = 1$$

→ $\Psi(x,t) \Rightarrow$ plane travelling wave
 ↳ is not normalizable.

↳ As a result of Heisenberg uncertainty principle:

↳ If we have k to be finite, position x cannot be determined.

Case 2: Bounded Potential Well:

Diagram of a bounded potential well. The potential is infinite outside the region $0 \leq x \leq a$ and zero inside. The wave function is given by $\Psi = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}$ inside the well.

$$\Psi(x \leq 0) = \Psi(x \geq a) = 0$$

$$\psi(u=0) = A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=-A$$

$$\psi(u) = A(e^{iku} - e^{-iku})$$

$$\psi(u) = 2A \sin ku$$

$$\psi(u=a) = 2A \sin ka = 0$$

$$ka = n\pi \rightarrow \text{principal quantum number.}$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

→ k has become quantized, no longer continuous.

$$\psi(u) = 2iA \sin\left(\frac{n\pi u}{a}\right)$$

$$|\psi|^2 = \psi^* \psi = \left(-2iA \sin\left(\frac{n\pi u}{a}\right)\right) \left(2iA \sin\left(\frac{n\pi u}{a}\right)\right)$$

$$|\psi|^2 = 4A^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi u}{a}\right)$$