

(2). If the function $\psi(x)$ and its second derivative $\psi''(x)$ had the same sign, then what would happen at a critical point x_0 where first derivative is zero.

$$\psi'(x) \Big|_{x=x_0} = \psi'(x_0) = 0$$

If $\psi(x)$ were positive at the critical point, $\psi''(x)$ would have to be as well. This can be understood from

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

$$\text{if } E < V(x) \Big|_{x=x_{\min}} \Rightarrow E < V_{\min} \Rightarrow (V_{\min} - E) > 0$$

Then positive sign of ψ refer positive $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$

Negative sign of ψ refer negative $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$

Sign of $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$ also defines curvature. Thus ^{for} positive $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$,

the wave function would be concave up. Since $\psi''(x_0) > 0$ the values of $\psi(x)$ near x_0 would be larger than $\psi(x_0)$ and $\psi''(x)$ would never change sign.

As a result, the wavefunction would just get larger and larger, getting away from the critical point (at x_0). Since the wave function couldn't reach zero for extreme values of x , the wave function wouldn't be normalizable.

(2) Expectation Value.

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle = \int \psi^* \hat{p} \psi dx = -i\hbar \int \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx.$$

Now, $\psi(x) = e^{ikx} \phi(x) \Rightarrow \phi(x) \text{ is real} \Rightarrow \phi^*(x) = \phi(x)$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = ik e^{ikx} \phi(x) + e^{ikx} \phi'(x)$$

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle = -i\hbar \int e^{-ikx} \phi^*(x) \left[ik e^{ikx} \phi(x) + e^{ikx} \phi'(x) \right] dx$$

$$= -i\hbar \int ik \phi^2(x) dx - i\hbar \int \phi \phi' dx$$

$$= \hbar k \int \phi^2(x) dx - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \int \frac{d}{dx} (\phi^2) dx$$

$$= \hbar k \int \phi^2(x) dx - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \phi^2 \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$\boxed{\langle \hat{p} \rangle = \hbar k \int \phi^2(x) dx}$$

3(a)

Given wave function is

$$\psi(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x)$$

where $\alpha(x)$ and $\phi(x)$ are real.

So, we know that

$$P = \psi^* \psi$$

$$P = e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \cdot e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) = \phi^2(x)$$

or

$$P = |\phi(x)|^2$$

$$J(x) = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} [\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*] \quad \text{when } v = v^*$$

$$J(x) = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \left[e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \} - e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \left[e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \{ e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi'(x) i\alpha'(x) + \phi'(x) e^{i\alpha(x)} \} \right. \\ \left. - e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) \{ e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) (-i\alpha'(x)) + e^{-i\alpha(x)} \phi'(x) \} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \left[\phi^2(x) i\alpha'(x) + \cancel{\phi(x)\phi'(x)} + i\alpha'(x)\phi^2(x) - \cancel{\phi(x)\phi'(x)} \right]$$

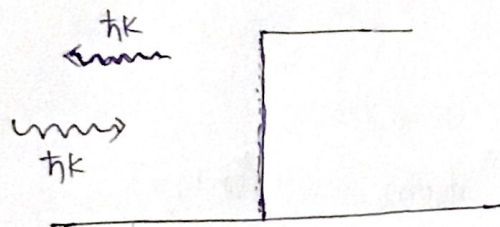
$$= \frac{-i^2\hbar}{2m} \cdot 2\alpha'(x)\phi^2(x) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \alpha'(x)\phi^2(x)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{J(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{\hbar}{m} \alpha'(x)}$$

$$(b) \psi(x) = A e^{ipx/\hbar} + B e^{-ipx/\hbar}$$

we can re-write it,

$$\psi(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

$$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

de broglie wavelength.

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

$$\boxed{p = \hbar k}$$

So, current density for this wave.

$$J = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} [\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*]$$

for $v = v^*$

$$\nabla \psi = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx} \}$$

$$= A e^{ikx} (ik) - B e^{-ikx} (ik)$$

$$= ik \{ A e^{ikx} - B e^{-ikx} \}$$

$$\psi^* \nabla \psi = (A^* e^{-ikx} + B^* e^{ikx}) ik (A e^{ikx} - B e^{-ikx})$$

$$= ik (|A|^2 - A^* B e^{-i2kx} + B^* A e^{i2kx} - |B|^2)$$

$$\psi \nabla \psi^* = (ik) \{ -|A|^2 + AB^* e^{i2kx} - BA^* e^{-i2kx} + |B|^2 \}$$

$$J = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} [\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*]$$

$$= \frac{-i\hbar ik}{2m} \left[|A|^2 - \cancel{A^* B e^{-i2kx}} + \cancel{B^* A e^{i2kx}} - |B|^2 + |A|^2 - \cancel{AB^* e^{i2kx}} + \cancel{BA^* e^{-i2kx}} - |B|^2 \right]$$

$$J \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar k}{2m} \cdot 2 [|A|^2 - |B|^2] = \frac{\hbar k}{m} (|A|^2 - |B|^2)$$

Problem 4.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n.$$

similar for matrix

$$f(M) = f_n M^n.$$

Solⁿ

we know that

$$e^{i\theta} = 1 + i\theta + \frac{(i\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta)^3}{3!} + \frac{(i\theta)^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\theta)^n}{n!}$$

standard form of Taylor series Expansion:-

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z-z_0) + \frac{f''(z_0)(z-z_0)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \theta^{(2n+1)}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \frac{\theta^8}{8!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \theta^{2n}}{2n!}$$

as we know Taylor series expansion also possible for matrix.

$$e^{iM\theta} = 1 + iM\theta + \frac{(iM\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(iM\theta)^3}{3!} + \frac{(iM\theta)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + iM\theta - \frac{M^2\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{iM^3\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{M^4\theta^4}{4!} + \frac{iM^5\theta^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{M^2\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{M^4\theta^4}{4!} - \dots\right) + iM \left(\theta - \frac{M^2\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{M^4\theta^5}{5!} - \dots\right)$$

$$\text{So, if } M^2 = \mathbb{I} \text{ or } M^{2n} = \mathbb{I}.$$

Then,

$$e^{iM\theta} = \mathbb{I} \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots\right) + iM \left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots\right)$$

$$e^{iM\theta} = \mathbb{I} \cos \theta + iM \sin \theta$$

$$A(\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$B(\theta) = i \sin \theta$$

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Prob. 5

a) The unnormalized state is

$$|\psi\rangle = (1+i)|z, +\rangle - (1+i\sqrt{3})|z, -\rangle.$$

To make it ~~normalized~~ normalized let us take the inner-product.

$$\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = |1+i|^2 + |1+i\sqrt{3}|^2$$

Note, while deriving the inner-product we have used the orthonormal conditions

$$\langle z, + | z, + \rangle = 1, \quad \langle z, - | z, - \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle z, - | z, + \rangle = 0, \quad \langle z, + | z, - \rangle = 0$$

So $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 6$, and the state after normalization becomes -

$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [(1+i)|z, +\rangle - (1+i\sqrt{3})|z, -\rangle].$$

$$\left[\text{Note } (1+i) = \sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}; \quad (1+i\sqrt{3}) = 2 e^{i\pi/3} \right]$$

So we have

$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/4} |z, +\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i\pi/3} |z, -\rangle$$

$$= e^{i\pi/4} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |z, +\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i\pi/12} |z, -\rangle \right]$$

$$= e^{i\pi/4} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |z, +\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i(\pi/2 + \pi)} |z, -\rangle \right]$$

We ignore the global phase — then -

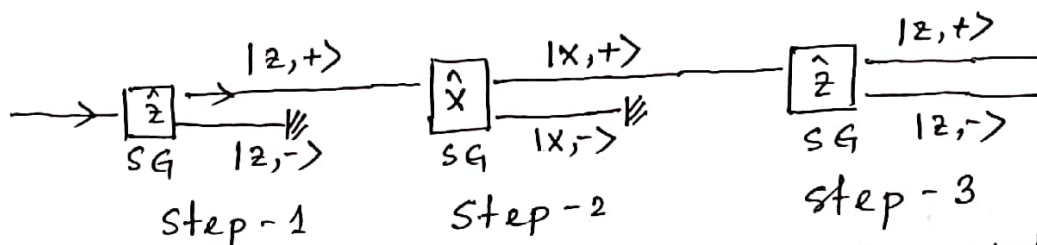
$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |z, +\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{i\pi/12} |z, -\rangle \right].$$

A spin state along a vector \vec{n} is given by

$$|n, +\rangle = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |z, +\rangle + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} |z, -\rangle$$

Now you can find out the θ & ϕ .

(b)



* Of all atoms that entered the 2nd-magnet 50% will be found in the state ~~$|1, +\rangle$~~ .
~~Of that 50%~~ $|1, +\rangle$.

Out of all these $|1, +\rangle$, 50% will be in $|2, +\rangle$ & 50% will be in $|2, -\rangle$ after passed through the third-magnet.

So 25% of all atoms entered in the second magnet will be found in $|2, +\rangle$ after third-magnet. This is also same for the state $|2, -\rangle$.

The fraction that never made it to the third-magnet is 50% and this is due to the fact that 50% in $|1, -\rangle$ did not enter in the third-magnet.