

## Wave-function:-

for De-Broglie waves or matter waves associated with a moving particle, the quantity that vary with space and time is called wave function of the particle.

The temporal and spatial evolution of a quantum mechanical particle is described by a wave function  $\psi(x, t)$  for 1-D motion and  $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$  for 3-D motion. It contains all possible information about the state of the system.

Conditions for a physically accepted, well behaved, realistic wave function:-

- (i)  $\psi(x, t)$  should be finite, single-valued and continuous everywhere in space.
- (ii)  $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$  should be continuous everywhere in space.

But  $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$  may be discontinuous in some cases as follows:

- (a) If the potential under which the particle is moving has an infinite

## Numerical

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1. Which of the following wave function is acceptable as the solution of Schrodinger equation for all values of  $x$ ?

(a)  $\psi(x) = A \sec x$

(b)  $\psi(x) = A \tan x$

(c)  $\psi(x) = A e^{x^2}$

(d)  $\psi(x) = A e^{-x^2}$

Sol  $\psi(x) = A \sec x$  and  $\psi(x) = A \tan x$

is not finite at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\psi(x) = A e^{x^2}$  is not finite at  $x = \pm \infty$

$\psi(x) = A e^{-x^2}$

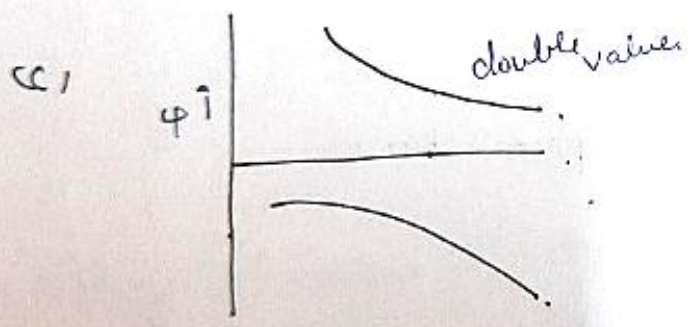
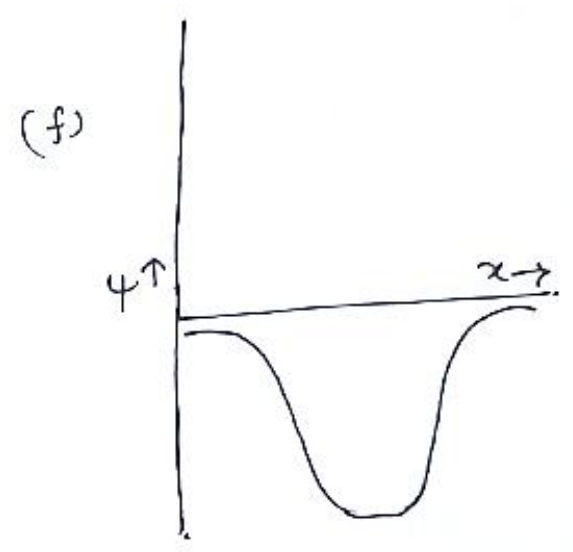
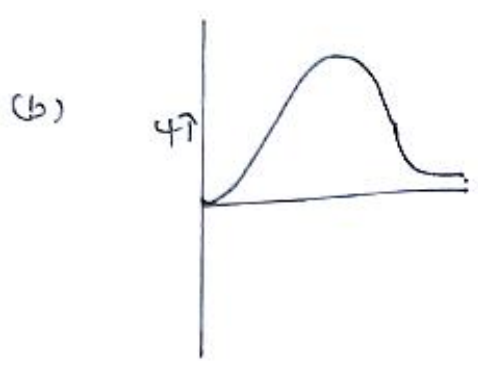
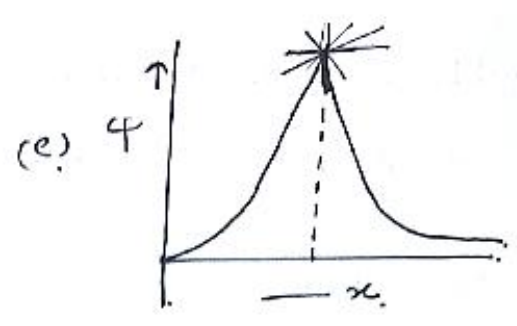
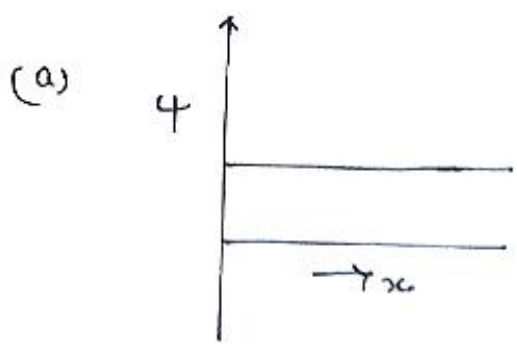
is finite everywhere in space  $\pm \infty$

$e^{-\infty} = 0$

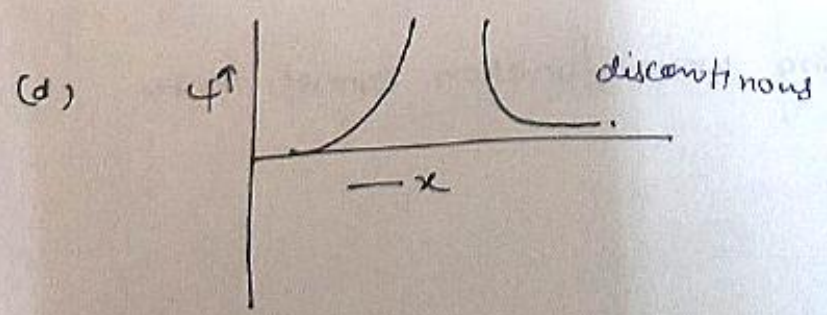
correct option is (d)

2.) Which of the following wave-function cannot have physical significance





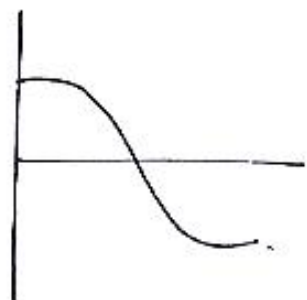
Sol:- a, b, and f have physical significance.



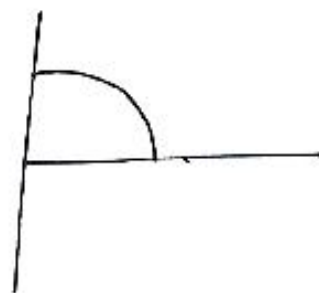
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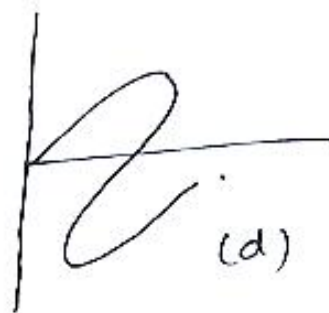
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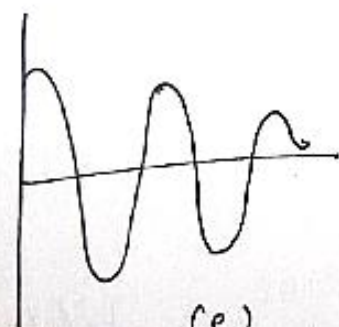
(b)



(c)



(d)



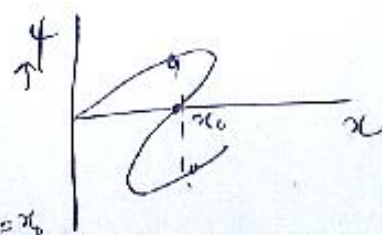
(e)

(a) finite, single valued, continuous.

Acceptable wave function (a), (b), (c)

(d) Not acceptable

Multiple value at  $x = x_0$





(c)  $\psi(x) = \text{finite, single value, continuous}$

(4)

$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = \text{amplitude is dec in this case.}$

If amplitude is not decreasing then it is cos type curve.  
So there is some decreasing function is multiplied with cos function as  $e^{-\lambda x} \cos x$ .

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = \text{continuous}$$

at every point tangent is one.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx = \text{finite}$$

Physical significance

Only (d) wave function is not acceptable.

Among the following wave function which represent the physically acceptable wave function.

(i)  $3\sin\pi x$

(ii)  $4 - |x|$

(iii)  $\pm\sqrt{x}$

(iv)  $e^{-Ax}$

Note  $e^{-\infty} = 0$

(i)  $3\sin\pi x$

for  $x = +\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

$\sin\theta = -1$  to  $1$

$\psi$  finite for single value of  $\theta$ .

$\psi$  will be single valued continuous.

(ii)  $\frac{d\psi}{dx} = 3\pi \cos\pi x$

at  $x = \pm\infty$   $\cos\theta = -1$  to  $1$ .

$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = \text{finite}$

Square integral:  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx = \text{finite}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 3\sin\pi x \cdot 3\sin\pi x dx \\ &= 9 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sin^2\pi x dx \end{aligned}$$





$$g \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{1 - \cos 2\pi x}{2} \right] dx$$

$$g \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \cos 2\pi x dx$$

$$\frac{g}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \cos 2\pi x dx$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\infty$

So This wave is not acceptable.

(2)  $f = \pm \sqrt{5x}$

It is not finite, for  $x = \infty$   $f = \infty$

for single value of  $x$ ,

$f$  gives double value

Suppose  $x = 2$

$$f = +\sqrt{10}, -\sqrt{10}$$

Square integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 4^x 4 dx$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sqrt{5x} \cdot \sqrt{5x} dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 5x dx$$

$$= 5 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x dx$$

$$= \infty$$

{ This wave <sup>func</sup> is acceptable..

$$f = 4 - |x|$$

$$x = \infty, f = \infty$$

for  $x \rightarrow$  single valued,  $f$  is single value.

At  $x=0$ ,  $f$  is finite.

$$x=0, f=4.$$

Continuous

$$\frac{df}{dx} = -1 \quad \text{for +ve side } f = 4 - x.$$

$$\text{for -ve side } f = 4 + x$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = 1$$

At  $x=0$ , function is single valued but its derivative has  $\infty$  no of values.

$$\frac{df}{dx} \text{ is discontinuous}$$

{ This wave function is not acceptable? }

# Which of the following wave function represent acceptable wave function of the particle in the range  $-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$

(a)  $\phi(x) = A \tan x, A > 0$

(b)  $\phi(x) = B \cos x, B = \text{real}$

(c)  $\phi(x) = C \exp\left(\frac{-D}{x^2}\right), C > 0, D < 0$

(d)  $\phi(x) = E x e^{-Fx^2}, E, F > 0$



(a)  $\phi(x) = A \tan x$

$x = \pm \infty$

$\phi(x) = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\sin \infty}{\cos \infty} = \text{Not finite.}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi(x) = \infty$

for single value of  $x$ ,  $\phi(x)$  is single valued.

Continuous

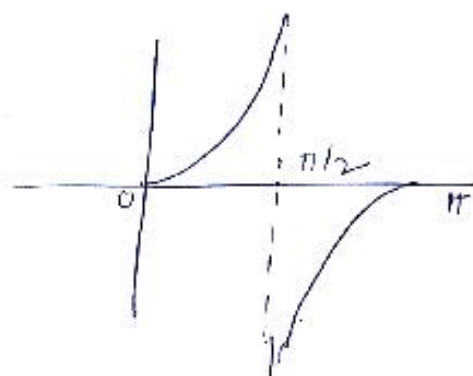
At  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , continuous.

break

So At  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}$

$\phi(x)$  is discontinuous

Not acceptable



(b)  $\phi(x) = B \cos x$

for  $x = -\infty$  to  $+\infty$ ,  $\phi(x) \rightarrow \text{finite}$

Single valued

$\phi(x) = B \cos x$

It is continuous

$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = -B \sin x$

Square integral =  $|B|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \cos^2 x dx = \infty$

Not acceptable

$$(3) \quad \phi(x) = C \exp\left(\frac{-D}{x^2}\right)$$

$$x=0, \quad \phi(x) = \infty$$

in all space

$$\phi(x) = C \exp\left(\frac{D}{x^2}\right)$$

becoz  $D < 0$

Not acceptable.

$$(4) \quad \phi(x) = E x e^{-Fx^2}$$

This is the product of two functions  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$ ,

$$\psi_1 = x, \quad \psi_2 = E e^{-Fx^2}$$

$$\text{At } x = \pm\infty, \quad \psi_1 = \pm\infty, \quad \psi_2 = 0$$

But for the product

$$x=0$$

$$\phi(x) = 0 \times 1 = 0$$

$$x \uparrow, \quad \psi_1 \uparrow \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2 \downarrow$$

$\psi_1 \rightarrow$  increasing function

$\psi_2 \rightarrow$  decreasing function.

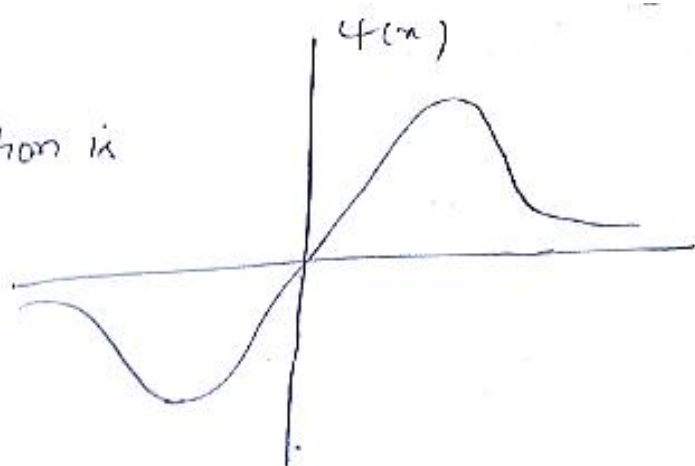
Slope of  $\psi_2$  is larger than  $\psi_1$  (slope of  $\psi_1$  is constant)

So total product  $\downarrow$



$$\psi = \psi_1 \psi_2$$

The slope of decreasing function is large



So Total slope tends to 0.

for  $x = -1$

$$\psi_1 = +x$$

$$\psi_2 = E e^{-F x^2} = E e^{-F(-1)^2}$$

$\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  both are decreasing functions.

So product is dec. upto some value and then it starts to tend to zero

\* If there is addition of two functions then

$$\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2$$

$\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are continuous then  $\psi$  will be continuous

Some condition for derivative.

$\psi$  is continuous and  $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$  is also continuous

Square Integrable:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx$$

$$|E|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 e^{-2Fx^2} dx$$

$$2|E|^2 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-2Fx^2} dx$$

= finite

Acceptable

②  
 $\psi$  should be normalized

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi|^2 d\tau = 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi d\tau = 1.$$

meaning of normalized

at  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  within the given range particle will present

# A particle of mass  $m$  is confined in the 1-D box extending from  $-2L$  to  $2L$ . The wave function of the particle in this state.

$$\psi(x) = \psi_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right)$$

Where  $\psi_0$  is constant.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi d\tau = 1$$

$$\int_{-2L}^{+2L} |\psi|^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) dx = 1.$$

$$|\psi|^2 \int_{-2L}^{+2L} \frac{1}{9} \left(1 + \cos\frac{2\pi x}{4L}\right) dx = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{9} |\psi|^2 \left[ x - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{4L}\right) \times \frac{4L}{2\pi} \right]_{-2L}^{+2L} = 1.$$



$$\frac{1}{2} |\psi_0|^2 \left[ 2L - \frac{4L}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{4L} \cdot 2L\right) + 2L + \frac{4L}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{4L} \cdot 2L\right) \right] = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [4L - 0] |\psi_0|^2 = 1$$

$$|\psi_0|^2 = \frac{2}{4L}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2L}$$

$$|\psi_0| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}}$$

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$\psi = N x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$  calculate the normalization constant

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

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} N x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \cdot N x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = 1$$

$$N^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \exp(-x^2) dx = 1$$

$$N^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = 1$$

$$N^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = 1$$

$$N = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\psi = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{1/2} x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\# \quad \psi(x) = A \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) \exp(ikx)$$

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find normalization constant

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

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} A \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) \exp(ikx) \cdot A \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) \exp(-ikx) dx = 1$$

$$A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{2x^2}{a^2}\right) dx = 1$$

$$A^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2/a^2}\right)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{a}$$

Expectation Value:-

for a dynamical variable expectation value

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\int_{\text{all sp}} \psi^* A \psi dx}{\int_{\text{all space}} \psi^* \psi dx}$$

(3)



The expectation value of  $p^2$  in this state is  $\psi = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right)$

(a) 0      (b)  $\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{32 L^2}$       (c)  $\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{16 L^2}$       (d)  $\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8 L^2}$

range  $-2L$  to  $2L$

$$P = -\hbar^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \int_{-2L}^{+2L} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \right) \left( -\hbar^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \right] dx$$

$$= -\hbar^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-2L}^{+2L} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \times \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( -\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right) \right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right)^2$$

$$= +\hbar^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-2L}^{+2L} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right)^2 dx$$

$$= \hbar^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2L} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4L}\right)^2 \int_{-2L}^{+2L} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2L} \left( \frac{\pi}{4L} \right)^2 \cdot 2 \int_0^{2L} \frac{1 + \cos \frac{2\pi x}{4L}}{2} dx$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2L} \left( \frac{\pi}{4L} \right)^2 \left[ 2L + \frac{2L}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \times 2L \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{16L^2}$$

# Calculate the expectation value of  $P$  and  $P^2$  for wave function?

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right), \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$= 0$$

otherwise.

$$\langle p \rangle = \int_0^L \psi^*(x) \left( -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi(x) dx$$

Wave is already Normalized  
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \psi = 1$

$$= \int_0^L \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \left( -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \left( -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \right) \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} (-i\hbar) \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \times \frac{\pi}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \times (-i\hbar) \times \frac{\pi}{L} \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} dx$$



$$= \frac{\pi}{L^2} (-i\hbar) \left[ \cos \frac{2\pi x}{L} \right]_0^L \left( \frac{L}{2\pi} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{2L} [\cos 2\pi - \cos 0]$$

$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{2L} (1-1) = 0$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \int_0^L \psi^* \left( -\hbar^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \psi dx$$

$$= -\hbar^2 \int_0^L \frac{2}{L} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ -\cos \frac{\pi x}{L} \right] x \left( \frac{\pi}{L} \right) dx$$

$$= \hbar^2 \cdot \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{L} \right) x \left( \frac{\pi}{L} \right)^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{2\hbar^2}{L} \left( \frac{\pi}{L} \right)^2 \int_0^L \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{L^3} \int_0^L \left( \frac{1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{L}}{2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{L^3 \cdot 2} \left[ x - \frac{\sin \frac{2\pi x}{L}}{\frac{2\pi}{L}} \right]_0^L$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2\hbar^2}{L^3} \left[ L - \frac{\sin 2\pi}{2\pi/L} - 0 + 0 \right]$$

$$\boxed{\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi^2\hbar^2}{L^2}}$$

# find the expectation value of position and momentum of a particle whose wave-function is

$$\psi(x) = e^{-x^2/2a^2 + ikx} \text{ in all space.}$$

Calculate  $\langle p \rangle$  and  $\langle x \rangle$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* x \psi dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* x \psi dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2/2a^2 - ikx} \cdot x \cdot e^{-x^2/2a^2 + ikx} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot e^{-2x^2/2a^2} dx$$

$$= 0$$

this wave function is odd integral will be zero

$$\langle p \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2/2a^2 - ikx} \left( -ik \frac{d}{dx} \right) e^{-x^2/2a^2 + ikx} dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2/2a^2 - ikx} \cdot e^{-x^2/2a^2 + ikx} dx}$$

$$= \frac{-ik \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2/2a^2 - ikx} e^{-x^2/2a^2 + ikx} \left( \frac{-2x}{a} + ik \right) dx}{2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-2x^2/2a^2} dx}$$

$$2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2/a^2} x dx$$



$$= \frac{-ik \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{2x^2}{a^2}} \left( \frac{-2x}{a} + ik \right) dx}{2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x^2/a^2} dx}$$

$$= \frac{-ik \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x^2/a^2} ik dx + \overbrace{e^{-2x^2/a^2}}^{ip} \left( -\frac{2x}{a} \right)}{2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x^2/a^2} dx}$$

$$= \frac{hk \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x^2/a^2} dx}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x^2/a^2} dx}$$

$$\boxed{= hk}$$

### Eigen Value and Eigen function:

for every observable quantity, there is a linear operator.

Let  $\psi(x)$  be a well-behaved function in a given system.

Now, if this is operated on by the operator  $\hat{A}$  such that it satisfies the equation given below

$$\hat{A}\psi(x) = a\psi(x) \rightarrow \textcircled{A}$$

Where  $a$  is eigen value

The wave function that satisfies the eq  $\textcircled{A}$  or the operator  $\psi(x)$  is known as eigen function and corresponding observable quantity  $a$  is called eigen value and the eq  $\textcircled{A}$  is called eigen value eq. for  $\psi = e^{ax}$   $\hat{A} = \frac{d}{dx}$ .

## Operators:-

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If  $D_x = i \frac{d}{dx}$  and  $D_x^2 = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$  and for both cases  $\psi(x) = \sin kx$

$$\psi(x) = \sin kx$$

find  $D_x$  and  $D_x^2$  are only operators.

$$D_x = i \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$= i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi$$

$$= i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin kx) = i \cos kx \times k$$

$$D_x^2 = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi$$

$$= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (\sin kx)$$

$$= \sin kx \cdot k^2$$

$$= k^2 \psi(x)$$

The operator  $(x + \frac{d}{dx})$  has the eigen value  $\alpha$ . Determine the corresponding wave function.

$$\text{Eigen value equation } (x + \frac{d}{dx}) \psi = \alpha \psi$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = \alpha \psi - x\psi$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = (\alpha - x)\psi$$



$$\int \frac{d\psi}{\psi} = \int (\alpha x - \frac{x^2}{2}) dx$$

$$\ln \psi = (\alpha x - \frac{x^2}{2}) + \ln \psi_0$$

$$\psi = \psi_0 \exp\left(\alpha x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

# find the constant B which makes  $e^{-\alpha x^2}$  an eigen function of the operator  $\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - Bx^2\right)$  What is the corresponding eigen values?

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - Bx^2\right) e^{-\alpha x^2} = (4\alpha^2 x^2 - 2\alpha + Bx^2) e^{-\alpha x^2}$$

for  $e^{-\alpha x^2}$  to be eigen function of the operator

$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - Bx^2\right)$  then the eigen

$(4\alpha^2 x^2 - 2\alpha - Bx^2)$  must be independent of  $x$  i.e.

$$(4\alpha^2 - B) = 0$$

$$B = 4\alpha^2$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - Bx^2\right) e^{-\alpha x^2} = -2\alpha e^{-\alpha x^2}$$

eigen value of the operator is  $(-2\alpha)$