

Calculate Heisenberg uncertainty for Gaussian wave packets

$$\|\psi_x(x)\|^2 = \frac{1}{d\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{d^2}\right) \quad \text{let's consider } \psi_x(x) \text{ as: } \psi_x(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} d} e^{ikx - \frac{x^2}{2d^2}}$$

Now you want to calculate moments of  $\|\psi_x(x)\|^2$ . so let's remember characteristic function.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e^{\lambda x} \rangle &= \int dx \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2} d} e^{(\lambda x - \frac{x^2}{d^2})} = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2} d} \int dx e^{-\left(\frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4} + \frac{x}{d}\right)^2} e^{\frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4}}}{\pi^{1/2}} \int e^{-v^2} dv = e^{\frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\langle \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} (\lambda x)^n \right\rangle = \sum_m \frac{1}{m!} \left( \frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4} \right)^m \longrightarrow \langle x^{2n+1} \rangle = 0$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{(2n)!} (\lambda x)^{2n} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{d^2 \lambda^2}{4} \right)^n \quad \langle x^{2n} \rangle = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{(2n)!} \lambda^{2n} \langle x^{2n} \rangle = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^{2n}}{4^n} \lambda^{2n} \implies \langle x^{2n} \rangle = \frac{(2n)!}{n!} \left( \frac{d^2}{4} \right)^n$$

$$\text{therefore, } \langle x \rangle = 0, \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = 2 \frac{d^2}{4} = \frac{d^2}{2}, \quad \Delta x = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = \frac{d^2}{2}$$

as we know from general characteristic function how obtain moments in 3D space we can do it for here but I don't want discuss about them now.

Now it's turn of momentum.

$$\langle p | \psi \rangle = \int dx \langle p | x \rangle \langle x | \psi \rangle = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} x p} \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} d} e^{ikx - \frac{x^2}{2d^2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} d} \int e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} x (p - \hbar k) - \frac{x^2}{2d^2}} dx$$

$$\frac{u^2}{2d^2} = a^2, \quad 2ab = \frac{i}{\hbar} u(p - \hbar k) \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \frac{1}{d} b = \frac{i}{\hbar} (p - \hbar k) \Rightarrow b = \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{i}{\hbar} (p - \hbar k)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} d} \int \exp \left( - \left[ \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}d} + \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{i}{\hbar} (p - \hbar k) \right]^2 - \frac{d^2}{2} \frac{1}{\hbar^2} (p - \hbar k)^2 \right) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} d} \exp \left( - \frac{d^2}{2} \frac{1}{\hbar^2} (p - \hbar k)^2 \right) \int \exp(-v^2) dv (\sqrt{2}d)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{d}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}}} \exp \left( - \frac{d^2}{2} \frac{1}{\hbar^2} (p - \hbar k)^2 \right)$$

$$\|\psi(p)\|^2 = \frac{d}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left( - \frac{d^2}{\hbar^2} (p - \hbar k)^2 \right) \longrightarrow \langle p \rangle = \hbar k, \quad \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2d^2}$$

$$\sigma_p \sigma_u = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}d} \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \square$$