

1 QUANTUM MECHANIC

1.1 Wave Function

- Schrodinger function

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + V\Psi$$

- Actually, V is called potential function and is independent of time t and it reference to the potential energy of particle

According to the definition of potential function

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{r})$$

\mathbf{E} is a electrical field function

- hence Schrodinger function can be discribe as

$$\Psi = \psi(x)\phi(t)$$

$\psi(x)$ is the position-dependent portion of wave function and $\phi(t)$ is the time-dependent portion of wave function.

- hence ,we can write the wave function as

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial(\psi(x)\phi(t))}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2(\psi(x)\phi(t))}{\partial x^2} + \psi(x)\phi(t)V(x)$$

$$i\hbar\psi(x)\frac{\partial\phi(t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\phi(t)\frac{\partial^2\psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + \psi(x)\phi(t)V(x)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \phi(t)}{\phi(t) \partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\psi(x) \partial x^2} + V(x)$$

- For the left portion of the function is only related to t and the right portion is only related to x , hence both two parts are constant. Denote this constant by η ,then

$$\eta = i\hbar \frac{\partial \phi(t)}{\phi(t) \partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\psi(x) \partial x^2} + V(x)$$

$$\phi(t) = C e^{-j \frac{\eta t}{\hbar}}$$

And according to eular therom we can get ,

$$\phi(t) = C (\cos(\frac{\eta t}{\hbar}) - j \sin(\frac{\eta t}{\hbar}))$$

It's a sinusoidal wave, with $\omega = \frac{\eta}{\hbar}$,then we can get ,

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\eta} = \frac{h}{\eta}$$

$$\nu = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\eta}{h}$$

$$\eta = h\nu = E$$

η refrence to the energy of the sinusoidal wave.

- hence ,

$$E = \eta = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\psi(x) \partial x^2} + V(x)$$

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

1.2 Physical Meaning of Wave Function

- $|\Psi(x, t)|^2$ refers to the probability density of finding the particle.

$$\phi(t) = Ce^{-j\omega t}$$

$$|\Psi(x, t)|^2 = \Psi\Psi^* = |\psi(x)|^2 Ce^{-j\omega t} Ce^{j\omega t} = C^2 |\psi(x)|^2$$

We can incorporate C into $\psi(x)$, then

$$|\Psi(x, t)|^2 = |\psi(x)|^2$$

1.3 Boundry Conditions

- The function need to be normalized , for it is a discription of probability density , hence

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$$

- If the energy E and the $V(X)$ is both finite ,then there will be two boundry conditons:
 1. $\psi(x)$ must be finite , single-valued , continous
 2. $\frac{\partial \psi(x)}{\partial x}$ must be finite , single-valued , continous

1.4 Application of Wave Function

1.4.1 Electrons in free space

- When there is no force acting on the particle , so $V(x)$ must be a constant .

we have

$$E = h\nu = E_k + V(x)$$

$$E_k = \frac{h^2}{2m}$$

$$E - V(x) = \frac{h^2}{2m}$$

- $E_k \geq 0$ in free space , hence $E \geq V(x)$
Assume $V(x) = 0$,

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi(x) + \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

The solution of linear differential equation with constant coefficients of the second order is as follows :

if the characteristic function has

1. 2 different real root

$$y = C_1 e^{y_1 x} + C_2 e^{y_2 x}$$

2. 2 same real root

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{y_1 x}$$

3. 2 conjugate complex root

$$y = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x))$$

$$y_1 = e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) \quad y_2 = e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$$

- hence , the solution of the partial differential equation is :

$$\psi(x) = C_1 \exp\left[\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} ix\right] + C_2 \exp\left[-\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} ix\right]$$

Assume,

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

then ,

$$\psi(x) = C_1 \exp[ikx] + C_2 \exp[-ikx]$$

- hence , recall the time-dependent function $\phi(t)$, there is

$$\Psi(x, t) = \exp[-j\omega t](C_1 \exp[ikx] + C_2 \exp[-ikx])$$

We can assume that the particle motion direction is +x then there is $C_2 = 0$

- The relationship between k and λ can be derived as follows :

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

And because $V(x) = 0$, hence $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

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

And according to

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

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

And ultimately , we get the result of Ψ

$$\Psi(x) = C_1 \exp[j(kx - \omega t)]$$

$$\Psi\Psi^* = C_1 C_1^*$$

$\Psi\Psi^*$ is independent to position, when the particle's momentum is well-defined

1.4.2 The Infinite potential well

- In infinite potential well, there is

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < a \\ \infty & x > a \quad x < 0 \end{cases}$$

When $x > a$ or $x < 0$, if E is finite then, $\psi(x) = 0$

When $0 < x < a$, there is

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi(x) + \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

we define :

$$\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = k^2 \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

the solution is like :

$$\psi(x) = A \sin(kx) + B \cos(kx)$$

- According to boundary condition, when $x = a$ and $x = 0$, $\psi(x) = 0$

hence $B = 0$ and $A \sin(ka) = 0$, hence $ka = n\pi$.

For $k \neq 0$ or $a \neq 0$, $kx \neq 0$, hence $n\pi \neq 0$ or $n \neq 0$

And when $n < 0$, for $A \sin(-n\pi) = -A \sin(n\pi)$ the negative ones can be combined into A

$$\psi(x) = A \sin(kx) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

Normalization :

$$|\Psi(x, t)|^2 = |\psi(x)|^2$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Psi(x, t)|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 = \int_0^a A^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) = \frac{aA^2}{2} = 1$$

hence ,

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

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

1.4.3 The Step potential function

- The potential function is :

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ V_0 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- The incident flux and reflected flux are neither 0 ,
- hence in the region $x < 0$

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi(x) + \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

the solution is like :

$$\psi_1(x) = A_1 e^{ik_1 x} + B_1 e^{-ik_1 x}$$

And $k_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$

- The first term is a traveling wave in direction of $+x$
The second term is a traveling wave in direction of $-x$
So , the first term refers to incident wave and the second term refers to the reflect wave.
- In th region of $x > 0$, $V(x) \neq 0$, Assume $V(x) > E$, then

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

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

$$k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V(x) - E)}}{\hbar}$$

$$V(x) = V_0 \quad k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}{\hbar}$$

Then there will be :

$$\psi_2(x) = A_2 e^{k_2 x} + B_2 e^{-k_2 x}$$

According to the boundry condition of finite $A_2 = 0$

$$\psi_2(x) = B_2 e^{-k_2 x}$$

According to the boundry condition

$$\psi_1(0) = \psi_2(0) = A_1 + B_1 = B_2$$

According to my comprehension , the variation of perticle at the two sides of $x = 0$ is equal then ,

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1(0)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi_2(0)}{\partial x}$$

$$ik_1 A_1 - ik_1 B_1 = -B_2 k_2$$

Then there will be :

$$B_1 = \frac{ik_1 + k_2}{ik_1 - k_2} A_1$$

$$B_2 = \frac{2ik_1}{ik_1 - k_2} A_1$$