

Introduction to Quantum Mechanics by David J. Griffiths Notes

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- The Schrödinger equation

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

is to quantum mechanics what Newton's second law is to classical mechanics. Given suitable initial conditions — typically $\Psi(x, 0)$ — the Schrödinger equation determines $\Psi(x, t)$ for all future time.