

Quantum Mechanics Griffiths Notes

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1 Ch1 Wave Function

1.1 Schrodinger Equation

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

Probability of finding particle between a and b at time $t = \int_a^b |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx$

1.2 Probability

For a Discrete Variable j :

$$\langle j \rangle = \frac{\sum j N(j)}{N_{total}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j P(j)$$

$$\langle f(j) \rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(j) P(j)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle (j - \langle j \rangle)^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle j^2 \rangle - \langle j \rangle^2}$$

For a Continuous Variable x :

$$P(c \in [x, x + dx]) = \rho(x) dx$$

$$P(x \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b \rho(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x) dx = 1$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \rho(x) dx$$

$$\langle f(x) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \rho(x) dx$$

1.3 Normalization

From the Born's Statistical Interpretation of Ψ :

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx = 0$$

Hence once the wave function is normalized at any t its normalized for all t .

1.4 Momentum

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_D \Psi^*[x] \Psi \, dx$$
$$\langle p \rangle = \int_D \Psi^*[-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}] \Psi \, dx$$

1.5 Uncertainty Principle

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

2 Time Independent Schrodinger Equations

2.1 Stationary States

Let $V(x)$ be independent of time and $\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)\varphi(t)$. From Schrodinger Equations we get the TISE:

$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V\psi = E\psi}, \quad \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = -\frac{iE}{\hbar}\varphi \implies \varphi(t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$

Where $\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)e^{-iEt/\hbar}$ are stationary states as the probability density and every expectation value is independent of time.

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x), \quad \boxed{\hat{H}\psi = E\psi}, \quad \langle H \rangle = E$$

TISE yields an infinite number of solutions each associated with an allowed energy. Any wave function can be written as a linear combination of these infinite stationary states:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i \Psi_i(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \psi_i(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$

Where $|c_i|^2$ represent the probability of the measurement of energy returning E_i . Thus:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |c_i|^2 = 1, \quad \langle H \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |c_i|^2 E_i$$

2.2 Infinite Square Well

We define $V(x) = 0$ when $x \in (0, a)$ else, $V(x) = \infty$. TISE becomes:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} = -\left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}\right)^2 \psi(x)$$

Resembling the Simple Harmonic Oscillator ($\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 f$). Applying boundary conditions $\psi(0) = 0$, $\psi(a) = 0$ and solving we get:

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
$$E_n = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2}$$

$\psi_n(x)$ are alternatively even and odd w.r.t to $x = a$. $\psi_i(x)$ has $i - 1$ nodes. Also they are orthonormal:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m(x)^* \psi_n(x) \, dx = \delta_{mn}$$

They are also complete:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) e^{-it(n^2 \pi^2 \hbar / 2ma^2)}, \quad c_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) \Psi(x, 0) \, dx$$

This is nothing but the Fourier series.

2.3 Harmonic Oscillator

Defined by the potential- $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$. Most arbitrary potentials can be expressed in this form;

$$V(x) = V(x_0) + V'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2}V''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

where x_0 is a minima. As

2.3.1 Algebraic Method

2.3.2 Analytic Method

2.4 Free Particle

2.5 Delta-Function Potential

2.5.1 Bound States and Scattering States

2.5.2 Delta-Function Well

2.6 Finite Square Well

$$4. \quad V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \times V = \frac{10k}{10k + 20k} 5V = 1.67V$$

$$V_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V = \frac{20k}{10k + 20k} 5V = 3.33V$$

$$I_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times I = \frac{2k}{1k + 2k} \times 15mA = 5mA$$

$$I_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \times I = \frac{1k}{1k + 2k} \times 15mA = 2.5mA$$

$$C_{12} = \frac{C_1 \times C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \Rightarrow \frac{20mF \times 30mF}{20mF + 30mF} = 12mF$$

$$C_{34} = C_3 + C_4 \Rightarrow 40mF + 20mF = 60mF$$

$$C_{total} = \frac{C_{12} \times C_{34}}{C_{12} + C_{34}} \Rightarrow \frac{12mF \times 60mF}{12mF + 60mF} = 10mF$$

$$Q = C_{total} \times V_{total} \Rightarrow 10mF \times 30V = 300mC$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q}{C_1} \Rightarrow \frac{300mC}{20mF} = 15V$$

$$V_2 = \frac{Q}{C_2} \Rightarrow \frac{300mC}{30mF} = 10V$$

$$V_3 = \frac{Q}{C_{34}} \Rightarrow \frac{300mC}{60mF} = 5V$$

$$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \Rightarrow 10k\Omega + 20k\Omega + 30k\Omega = 60k\Omega$$

$$C_{total} = C_1 + \frac{C_2 \times C_3}{C_2 + C_3} \Rightarrow 10nF + \frac{20nF \times 20nF}{20nF + 20nF} = 20nF$$

$$L_{total} = \frac{L_1 \times (L_2 + L_3)}{L_1 + L_2 + L_3} \Rightarrow \frac{10mH \times (4mH + 8mH)}{10mH + 4mH + 8mH} = 5.45mH$$