

## LECTURE 32

de Broglie hypothesis: wave particle duality.

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

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = hf.$$

$h$  = Planck's const.

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}.$$

$$E = \hbar \omega.$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \hbar k$$

— Wave delocalized.

— Way to localize:

$$e^{i(kx - \omega t)}.$$

$$\psi(x) = \int dk A(k) \cos kx.$$

$$= \int dk A(k) e^{ikx}.$$

$$- \quad A(k) = A_0 e^{-(k-k_0)^2 / 2(\Delta k)^2}$$

$$\psi(x) = A_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{-(k-k_0)^2 / 2(\Delta k)^2} e^{ikx}$$

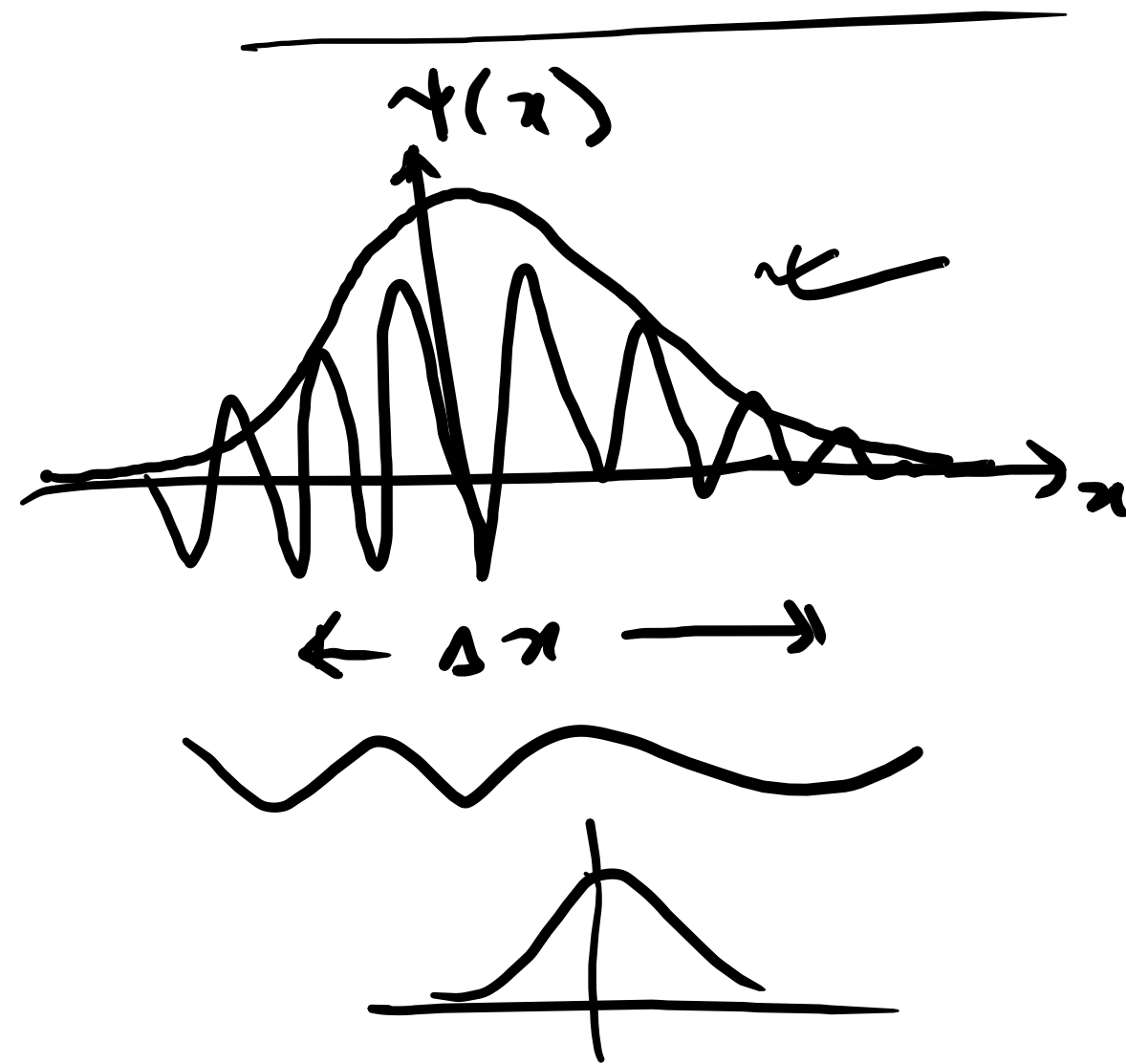
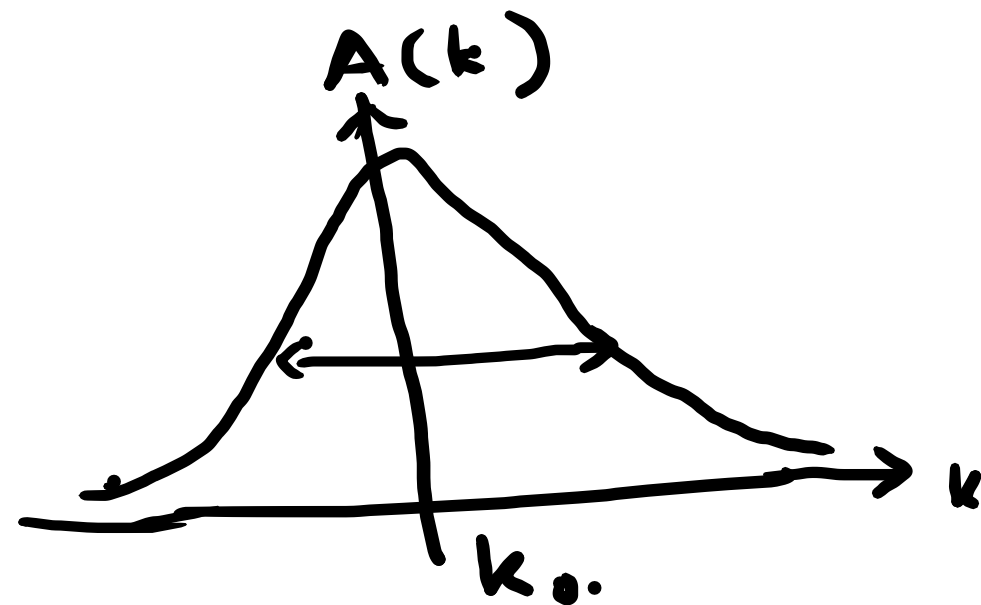
$$= A_0 \Delta k e^{-(\Delta k x)^2 / 2} \cos(k_0 x)$$

$$e^{-(\Delta k x)^2 / 2}$$

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-ax^2}$$

$$\propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{a}}$$

$\psi \rightarrow$  wave function.



— Intuitively,  $\Delta x$  = "uncertainty" in position  
 $\Delta k$  = " " " " in  $k$ .  $\psi(x)$

$$p = \hbar k.$$

$$\Delta x \propto \frac{1}{\Delta k} \quad \text{OR} \quad \Delta x \propto \frac{1}{\Delta p}.$$

## HEISENBERG'S UNCERTAINTY RELATIONS.

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

— If  $x$  is completely specified, ( $\Delta x = 0$ ),  $\Delta p \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., momentum is completely unknown and vice versa.

▣ GENERALIZE TO WAVE-PULSES/PACKETS IN MOTION.

$$\psi(x) = A [\cos k_1 x + \cos k_2 x]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x,t) &= A [\cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) + \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t)] \\ &= 2A \cos \frac{k_1 x - \omega_1 t + k_2 x - \omega_2 t}{2} \cos \frac{k_1 x - \omega_1 t - k_2 x + \omega_2 t}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2A \cos \left( \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} x - \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} t \right) \cos \left( \frac{\Delta k}{2} x - \frac{\Delta \omega}{2} t \right).$$

$$c = \lambda f = \left( \frac{2\pi}{k} \right) \left( \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{\omega}{k} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = \frac{\omega}{k}} \Rightarrow \text{Phase velocity.}$$

$\cos(kx - \omega t)$

$$- v_{\text{group}} = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta k}.$$

$$- \text{Generalizing to infinitesimal limit: } v_{\text{group}} = \frac{d\omega}{dk}.$$

- Group vel: of de Broglie waves:

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

$$E = hf = \hbar \omega.$$

For free particle  
 $E = p^2/(2m)$

$$= \hbar k.$$

$$v_g = \frac{d(E/\hbar)}{d(P/\hbar)} = \frac{dE}{dp} = \frac{p}{m} = v_{\text{particle}}.$$

$$\text{Ex: } v_{\text{phase}} = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}, \quad v_g = ?$$

$$v_{\text{phase}} = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad (\text{by defn}).$$

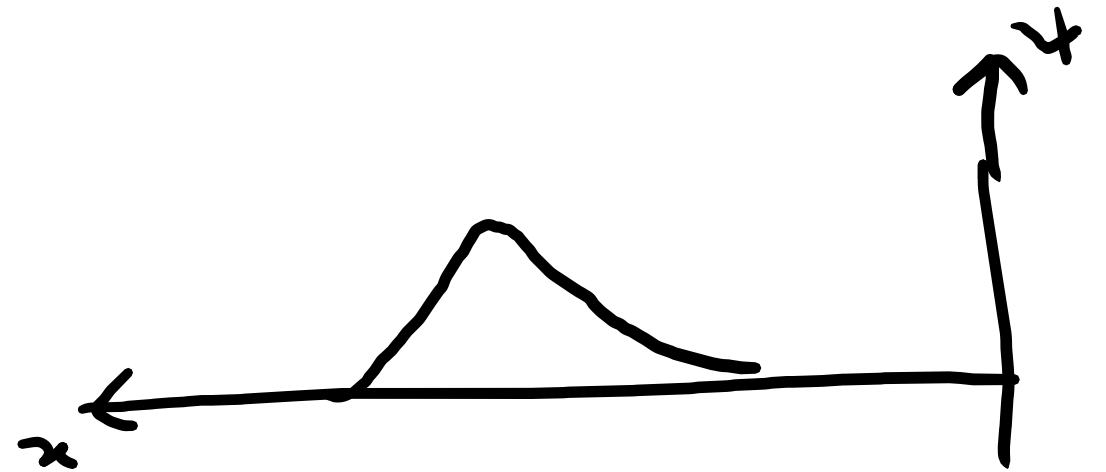
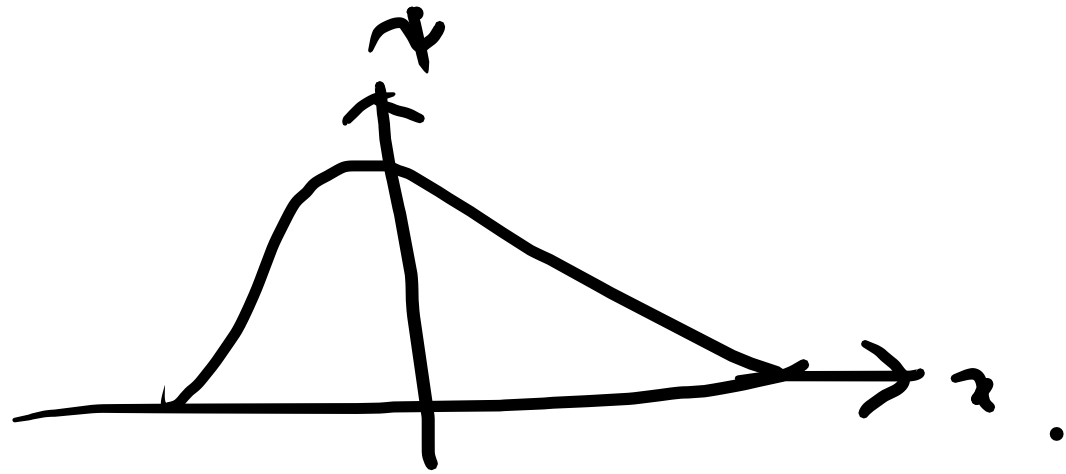
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{gk}.$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} =$$

Summary: — Possible to localize a wave to a region,  
but not to a specific point.  
— Uncertainty related to a wave packet.



# BORN INTERPRETATION

Probability of finding a particle associated with  $\psi(x, t)$  in the region between  $x$  and  $x + dx$  is,

$$P(x, t) dx = |\psi(x, t)|^2 dx.$$

—  $\psi(x, t)$  is not physically significant on its own.



$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega t)}.$$

$$E = \hbar \omega, \quad p = \hbar k.$$

$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dp A(p) e^{i(px - Et)/\hbar}.$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dp \phi(p) e^{i(px - Et)/\hbar} \quad \left( \text{change notation for convenience} \right).$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x).$$

$$\psi(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dp \phi(p) e^{i\left(px - \frac{p^2}{2m}t\right)/\hbar} e^{-iV(x)}$$