

# PH 107: Quantum Physics and applications

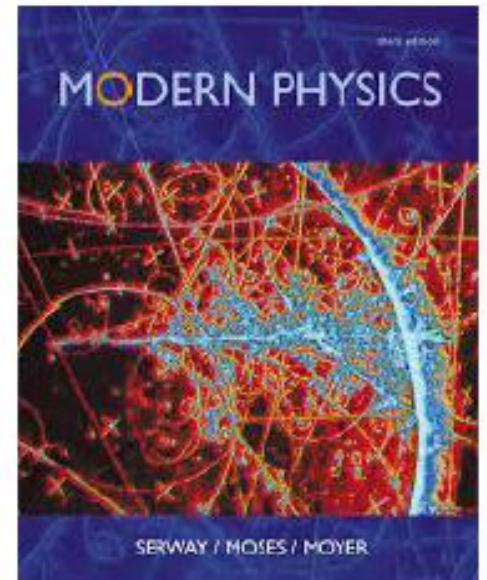
TDSE, properties of WF and operators

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# Recommended Readings

Schroedinger equation, sections 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.



# Recap

- Newton's Equation  $\vec{F} = m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2}$  does not apply to wave-like system at all.
- Wave Equation,  $\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2}$  cannot be used for wave packets since all constituent waves have different velocity.
- **Time independent Schrödinger Equation.**

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

Note the note V (here) and U (previous slide) represent the same parameter.

# Doubt regarding uncertainty of gaussian function/wave packet ?

## Doubt regarding uncertainty relation for Gaussian



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Dear Students,

The calculations and hence the results obtained for uncertainty relation in  $x$  and  $p$  for Gaussian distribution function and Gaussian wave packet using Fourier Transform relations as discussed in today class/slides are correct.

When you calculate the same using the operator form of averages ( as defined in quantum theory), you arrive at minimum uncertainty of  $\hbar/2$ . This will be demonstrated in class after introducing the operators for various observables.

Best,

**Check slide from #23-33 in this file**

# The time dependent Schrödinger Equation

Let one of the component waves of the wave packet representing a **free particle** (*which is a particle that is not under the influence of any forces and therefore pursues a straight path at constant speed.*) . Consider an Broglie wave of the form (single wave number/plane wave),

$$\Psi(x, t) = e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

where  $\omega = \frac{E}{\hbar}$  (E is Electron energy)  
and  $k = \frac{p}{\hbar}$  (p is electron momentum)

Differentiating  $\Psi(x, t)$  once w.r.t. to  $t$   $\longrightarrow$   $\frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t} = -i\omega \Psi(x, t)$

Differentiating  $\Psi(x, t)$  twice w.r.t. to  $x$   $\longrightarrow$   $\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \Psi(x, t)$

# The time dependent Schrödinger Equation: “Derivation”

$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -i\omega \Psi$ $\Rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hbar\omega \Psi = E\Psi$	$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \Psi$ $\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \Psi$
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For a free particle,  $\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{p^2}{2m} = E;$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = E\Psi$$

Thus, we can write

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

This is the **time dependent Schrödinger Equation**.

The solution will be satisfied by a wave function of the form  $\Psi(x, t) = e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

But  $\Psi(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$  is a wave of infinite extent.

# Wave Packet and the Schrödinger Equation: “Derivation”

For the equation to govern the evolution of the QM particle, we rather need a **wave-packet**, constructed out of linear superposition of these “plane waves” to satisfy it. So, we consider

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(x, t) &= \int A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk \\ i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} &= i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk \\ &= \int \hbar \omega(k) [A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)}] dk \\ &= \int \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk \\ &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \int [A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)}] dk \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$



**Time dependent  
Schrödinger Equation**

# The Schrödinger Equation

So, we can write, 
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + V\Psi(x,t)$$

This is the one-dimensional **Time-Dependent Schrodinger Equation** (TDSE).

In 3 dimensions, TDSE is written as

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

**Time-Dependent Schrodinger Equation** in 3D.



# Properties of $\Psi(\mathbf{x},t)$

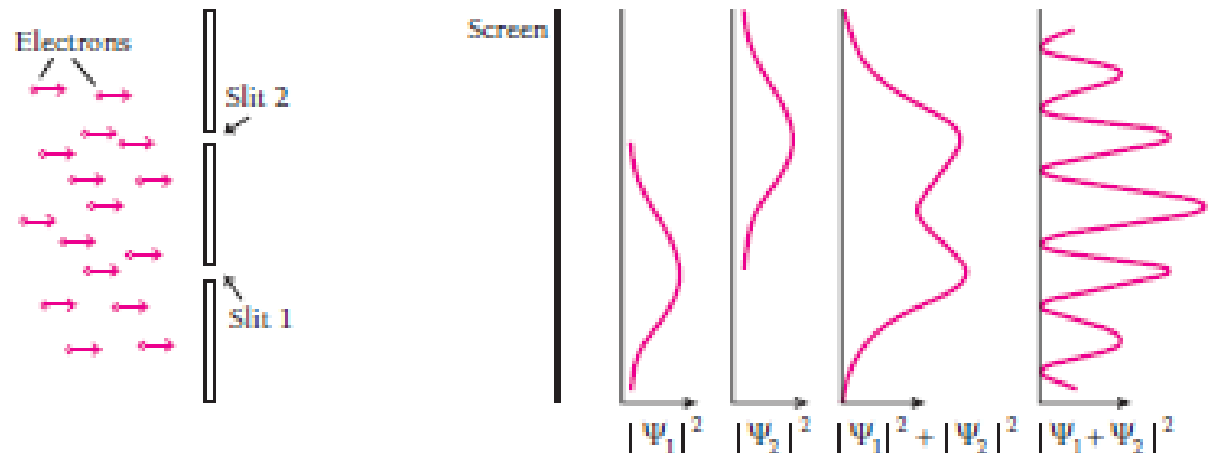
- $\Psi$  is wave function and is a function of  $(\mathbf{x},t)$ . In general  $\Psi \equiv \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (1D).
- It contains all information about the physical properties of the particle.
- $\Psi$  is not a physically measurable quantity
- The probability of finding the particle between  $x$  and  $x+dx$  at time  $t$  is given by  $|\Psi|^2 dx$ .
- SE is linear in  $\Psi$ . It implies if  $\Psi_1$  and  $\Psi_2$  are two solutions of SE, then  $\varphi = a\Psi_1 + b\Psi_2$  is also a solution.
- Wave functions add but **NOT** probabilities

$$P_1 = |\Psi_1|^2$$

$$P_2 = |\Psi_2|^2$$

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2$$

$$P \neq P_1 + P_2$$



# Properties of the Wave function $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

**Normalization:** We discussed earlier that  $\int_a^b |\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 d\mathbf{x}$ , is the probability of finding the particle between  $a$  and  $b$  at time  $t$ .

Since, the total probability of finding the particle in all space should be one. In 1D,

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

In 3D,

$$\longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2 d^3r = 1$$

Where  $d^3r = dx dy dz$ , or  $d^3r = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

# Probability Density, $P(x)$ and Normalization of $\Psi(x)$

$|\Psi(x)|^2$  is product of complex conjugate with itself and represents the intensity of the matter wave and

$$P(x) = |\Psi(x)|^2 = \Psi(x)^* \Psi(x)$$

$P(x)$  is the probability density (per unit length).

Note  $\Psi(x)$  itself is not a measurable quantity  $P(x)$  is measurable and tells us about the probability for finding the particle at the point  $x$  at time  $t$ .

Since *the particle must be found somewhere along the  $x$  – axis (1D), the probabilities summed over all values of  $x$  must be = 1*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(x)|^2 dx = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Psi(x) \text{ is normalized}$$

## Normalization of the wave function (Ex:1)

Let us look at an example: Lets say that we are given a wave function

$$\Psi(x, t) = Ae^{-a(\frac{mx^2}{\hbar} + it)}$$

where  $A$  and  $a$  are positive **real** constants

Lets normalize the wave function: In other words, lets find  $A$  such that

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

$$\longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Ae^{-a(\frac{mx^2}{\hbar} + it)} Ae^{-a(\frac{mx^2}{\hbar} - it)} dx = 1$$

$$A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2a\frac{mx^2}{\hbar}} dx = 1 \longrightarrow A^2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi\hbar}{2ma}} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \Psi(x, t) = \left(\frac{2ma}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} e^{-a(\frac{mx^2}{\hbar} + it)}$$

## Normalization of the wave function (Ex:2)

If we consider a “free” wave, i.e.  $\Psi(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

it is immediately seen that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(x, t)|^2 dx = A^* A e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} = 1$$

$$\longrightarrow |A|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx = 1$$

cannot be normalized.

$\Psi(x, t)$ , is **not square-integrable**, and therefore does not represent the state of a real particle.

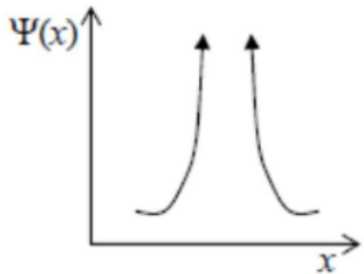
# Restrictions on the Wavefunction $\Psi(\vec{r}, t)$ , (Well-behaved wave function)

What are the restrictions on  $\Psi(x, t)$  which satisfies the SE ?

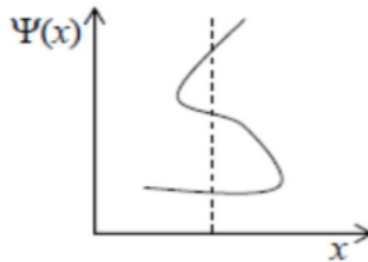
1. Normalization.
2. Square integrable.
3. Single-valued.
4. Wavefunction and derivative must be continuous.

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

The wavefunction must be square-integrable, i.e.

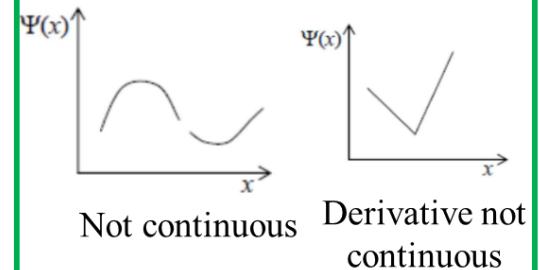


The wavefunction needs to be single-valued at all  $x$



Not single-valued

The wavefunction and its **first derivative** (both w.r.t to  $x$  and  $t$ ) must be continuous at all  $x$



(Not across a boundary where  $V(x)$  diverges)

# Introduction to Observable and operators

**Observables:** An observable is any particle property that can be measured. For e.g, the position and momentum of a particle are observables, as are its kinetic and potential energies.

**Operators:** An operator is “**something**” that acts on a function and converts it to another function.

If  $\hat{O}$  is an operator , let say derivative operator then  $O = \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\hat{O}f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) ; \text{ if } f(x) = \sin kx$$

$$\longrightarrow \hat{O}f(x) = k \cos kx$$

In quantum mechanics, we associate an *operator* with each of the observables. Using this operator, one can calculate the average value of the corresponding observable.

In quantum physics we come across several operators. **For every physical quantity (observable) there is an operator ,**

**Momentum operators** ( $\hat{P} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  )

**Energy operators** (and  $\hat{E} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ )

are examples of **differential operators**

However, not all operators need to be differential. We can call  $\hat{X}$  an operator which multiplies  $\Psi(x, t)$  with  $x$  to give a new(wave)function.

i.e.  $\hat{X}\Psi(x, t) = \phi(x, t) = x\Psi(x, t)$

Measurable parameters in QM are associated with operators (with a special property)



# Eigen Values and Eigen Functions

Consider an operators such that  $\hat{O}$  such that ;

$$\hat{O} \Psi(x, t) = \alpha \Psi(x, t)$$

$\hat{O}$  is an **operator**, operation on  $\Psi(x, t)$  gives back  $\Psi(x, t)$  .

- $\Psi(x, t)$  is an **eigen function** for operator  $\hat{O}$  .
- $\alpha$  is an **eigen value**.

## Examples:

$$\hat{O} = \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$f(x) = e^{\alpha x}$$

$$\hat{O}f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} e^{\alpha x} = \alpha f(x)$$

$$\hat{O} = x \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$f(x) = ax^n$$

$$\hat{O}f(x) = nf(x)$$

$$\hat{O} = \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$f(x) = \sin kx$$

$$\hat{O}f(x) \neq nf(x)$$

$f(x)$  is not an eigenfunction of  $A$

# Momentum and Energy Operators

We note that for  $\Psi(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

$$\hat{P} \Psi(x, t) = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Psi(x, t) = \hbar k A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} = \hbar k \Psi(x, t) = p \Psi(x, t)$$

and

$$\hat{E} \Psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x, t) = \hbar \omega A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} = \hbar \omega \Psi(x, t) = E \Psi(x, t)$$

# Schrödinger Equation in Operator Language

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

$$\text{i. e. } \hat{E}\Psi = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \left[ -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \Psi$$

or

$$\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \Psi = \hat{E}\Psi$$

This is the dynamical equation governing the evolution of a free particle, i.e. particle not subject to any external force.

# Wave function and expectation values

If we make measurements of a dynamical variable (energy, momentum, position) on a large number of identical particles with the same wave function, we can talk of a expected (average) value of the variable.

**Expectation value** is the average value of an operator (O) that one would get after a very **large number of measurements** are made on **identical systems**.

The operator is sandwiched between  $\Psi^*$  and  $\Psi$  and integrated over the whole space.

The expectation value of  $x$

$$\langle \hat{X} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \hat{X} \Psi dx$$

where  $\Psi^*$  is the **complex conjugate** of  $\Psi$ .

This is true, provided  $\Psi$  is normalized. Otherwise,

$$\langle \hat{X} \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \hat{X} \Psi dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \Psi dx}$$

# Wave function and expectation values

Likewise

$$\langle \hat{X}^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* x^2 \Psi dx$$

provided  $\Psi$  is normalized.

If  $\Psi$  is not normalized,

$$\langle \hat{X}^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* x^2 \Psi dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \Psi dx}$$

We can also calculate the expectation values of energy, momentum etc., but now we need to make use of the corresponding operators.

# Wave function and expectation values

The expectation value of energy  $\hat{E}$

$$\langle \hat{E} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \hat{E} \Psi dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \left( i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \Psi dx$$

The expectation value of  $\hat{P}$

$$\langle \hat{P} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \hat{P} \Psi dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \Psi dx$$

We could also write,

$$\langle \hat{X} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^* \hat{X} \Psi dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^*(x) x \Psi dx$$

The operator is sandwiched between  $\Psi^*$  and  $\Psi$  and integrated over the whole space.

# Doubt regarding uncertainty of gaussian function/wave packet ?

For large number of **measurements** on the system

Average  $\langle x \rangle = \bar{x}$

Standard deviation  $\sigma_x$  = Uncertainty in measurement  $\Delta x$

$$\sigma^2 = \langle (x - \bar{x})^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

To get the uncertainty relation, we need to calculate

$$(\Delta x)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

$$(\Delta k)^2 = \langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2$$

Uncertainty is the square root of the variance

# Doubt regarding uncertainty of gaussian function/wave packet ?

In Quantum Physics, We define averages as follows:

**Average**  $\langle O \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t) O \psi(x, t) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t) \psi(x, t) dx}$

if wave function is normalized, i.e.,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t) \psi(x, t) dx = 1$

$$\langle O \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t) O \psi(x, t) dx$$



## Important points to note

- For a Gaussian wave packet

$$a(k) = A \exp\left(-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)$$

$$\psi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

$\sigma_k$  is uncertainty in  $a(k)$        $\sigma_x = 1/\sigma_k$  is uncertainty in  $\psi(x)$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_k = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x \Delta k = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x \Delta p_x = \hbar$$

- A Gaussian wave packet has minimum uncertainty
- Uncertainty relation for wave packet

$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \hbar$$

## On the other hand

When one calculates the uncertainties in **measurement** using relevant wave functions, one obtains

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \textit{Heisenberg's Uncertainty Relation}$$

Here  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta p$  are uncertainties in the measurement of observables  $x$  and  $p$ .

**Given**  $a(k) = A \exp\left(-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)$

$$\psi(x) = A\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_k \exp(ik_0x) \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2 / 2)$$

**Calculate**  $(\Delta x)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$

let  $C = A\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_k$

$$\psi(x) = C \exp(ik_0x) \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2 / 2)$$

$$\psi^*(x) = C \exp(-ik_0x) \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2 / 2)$$

$$\psi^*(x)\psi(x) = C^2 \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2)$$

$$\psi(x) = C \exp(ik_0 x) \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2 / 2)$$

$$\psi^*(x)\psi(x) = C^2 \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2)$$

(a)

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) x \psi(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx}$$

$$= \frac{C^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2) dx}{C^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2) dx} = 0$$

$$\because x e^{-\sigma_x^2 x^2} \text{ is odd function of } x \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp(-\sigma^2 x^2) dx = 0$$

**(b)**

$$\psi(x) = C \exp(ik_0 x) \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2 / 2)$$

$$\psi^*(x)\psi(x) = C^2 \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2)$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx} = \frac{C^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2) dx}{C^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-\sigma_k^2 x^2) dx}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sigma_k^3} \frac{\sigma_k}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-\sigma^2 x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \exp(-\sigma^2 x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sigma^3}$$

Thus we have

$$\langle x \rangle = 0 \qquad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2}$$

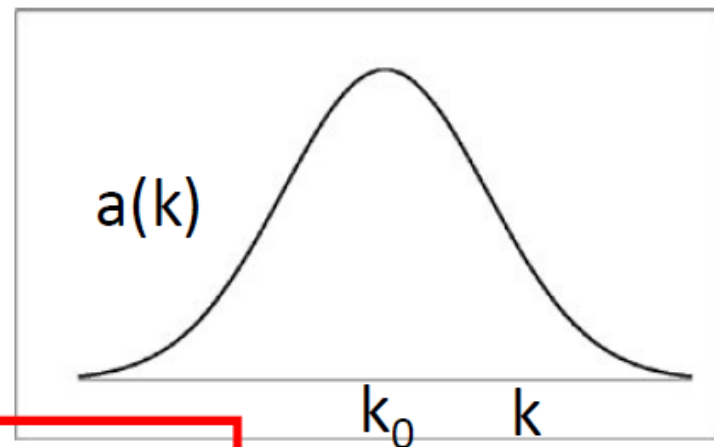
$$(\Delta x)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_k}$$

**Uncertainty in the measurement of x**

$$a(k) = A \exp\left(-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)$$



Calculate  $\sigma_k^2 = (\Delta k)^2 = \langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2$

Note:  $\sigma_k^2 = (\Delta k)^2 = \langle (k - \bar{k})^2 \rangle$

$$\therefore (\Delta k)^2 = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (k - k_0)^2 a^*(k) a(k) dk}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a^*(k) a(k) dk}$$

$$\bar{k} = k_0$$

$$(\Delta k)^2 = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (k - k_0)^2 a^*(k) a(k) dk}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a^*(k) a(k) dk}$$

$$= \frac{A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (k - k_0)^2 \exp\left[-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{\sigma_k^2}\right] dk}{A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{\sigma_k^2}\right) dk}$$

$$(\Delta k)^2 = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \kappa^2 \exp\left[-\frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma_k^2}\right] d\kappa}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma_k^2}\right) d\kappa} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \sigma_k^3}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} \sigma_k} = \frac{\sigma_k^2}{2}$$

**Uncertainty in the  
measurement of k**

$$a(k) = A \exp\left(-\frac{(k - k_0)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}\right)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-\sigma^2 x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \exp(-\sigma^2 x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sigma^3}$$

*Let  $\kappa = k - k_0$*

$$\Delta k = \frac{\sigma_k}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Therefore, for a Gaussian wave packet, the uncertainties in measurement of  $x$  and  $k$  are

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_k} \qquad \Delta k = \frac{\sigma_k}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Delta x \Delta k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_k} \frac{\sigma_k}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\Delta x \Delta p}{\hbar}$$

$$\therefore \Delta x \Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

*The uncertainty product is minimum for Gaussian wave packet.*

**In General,**  $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$  **Heisenberg's Uncertainty Relation**

# Key Points : Wave Functions and Operators

Wave function  $\psi(x, t)$

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

*Probability of finding a particle at  $x$  at time  $t$ .*

Normalization 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t)\psi(x, t)dx = 1$$

Average 
$$\langle O \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x, t)O\psi(x, t)dx$$

# Key Points : Wave Functions and Operators

Observable	Symbol	Associated Operator
Position	$x$	$x$
Momentum	$p$	$\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
Potential energy	$U$	$U(x)$
Kinetic energy	$K$	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$
Total energy	$E$	$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$