

Worksheet 8

Numerically solve the 1-d Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} - 2[V(x) - E]\psi(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

for the following potentials written in Hartree units.

Problem 1 Infinite Well Potential:

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= 0 & |x| \leq L/2 \\ &= \infty & |x| > L/2 \end{aligned}$$

Find the ground state energy and the wave function.

Problem 2 Finite Well Potential:

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= -V_0 & |x| \leq L/2 \\ &= 0 & |x| > L/2 \end{aligned}$$

Find the ground state energy and the wave function.

Practice Problems: (a) Excited states (b) Quantum harmonic oscillator