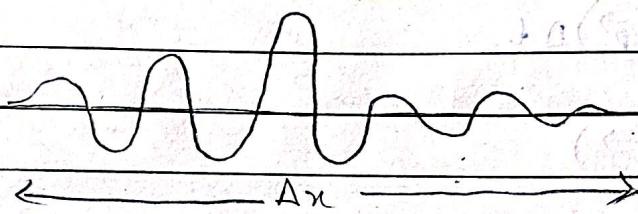


Wave Packet :-

Any material particle is represented by the wave function $\psi(x, t) = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$. This wave spreads out over the infinite extent in one dimensional space in order to describe the particle localised in certain region (Δx). It is necessary that the wave function should be zero everywhere except in the region Δx where the particle is located a wave of finite extent is shown in the figure is called wave packet.



In order to obtain a wave packet it is necessary to modulate the amplitude of the wave in such a way that it is non-zero in region Δx and zero outside. This can be done by adding the number of waves of slightly different frequencies and amplitude. If we suppose n numbers of waves then the function can be written as

$$\psi(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i e^{i(k_i x - \omega_i t)}$$

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

This wave function represents a wave packet which describes the localized particle. Hence we conclude that a localized particle is always associated with the wave packet.

Uncertainty principle:

According to uncertainty principle it is impossible to measure simultaneously and precisely both the position and the momentum of the particle if Δx is the

uncertainty in position and Δp is the uncertainty in momentum then

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p_x \geq h$$

$$h = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

which states that if we try to measure the position and the momentum of the particle simultaneously then the product of uncertainties Δx and Δp_x cannot be less than $\frac{h}{2\pi}$

$$\Delta p_x \geq h$$

$$\Delta x$$

$$\Delta x = 0$$

$$\Delta p_x \geq \frac{h}{0} \geq \infty$$

This means that the momentum of the particle is completely unknown if $\Delta p_x = 0$

$$\Delta x \geq \frac{h}{\Delta p_x}$$

$$\Delta x \geq \infty$$

Hence the particle is completely unlocalized and spreads out all over the ~~one~~ space.

In 3-D $\Delta x \cdot \Delta y \cdot \Delta z \geq \frac{h}{\Delta p_x \cdot \Delta p_y \cdot \Delta p_z}$

~~The uncertainty principle becomes~~

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p_x \geq h$$

$$\Delta y \cdot \Delta p_y \geq h$$

The uncertainty principle indicates that we cannot find the exact position and momentum of the particles or atomic dimensions

Born Interpretation of wave function:

Max. Born extend the concept of wave packets associated with the material particle the motion of the electron travelling in x direction with constant momentum is controlled by the metal wave associated with the wave function which is given by

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

The square of the wave function plays an important role in the metal waves it measures of the probability per unit length of finding the particle at position x and time t .

$$|\psi|^2$$

ψ^* Complex Conjugate

$$P(x, t) = \psi(x, t) \psi^*(x, t)$$

where P is the probability density

The Born interpretation of wave function means the local of the particle cannot be defined precisely but the wave function can predict only the probability density for finding the particle

Expectation value :-

The expectation value is the average value of function in quantum mechanics the expectation value of a function $f(x)$ is represented

$$\langle f(x) \rangle = \int \psi^*(x, t) f(x) \psi(x, t) dx$$

Expectation value of momentum :-

The x component of expectation value of momentum can be written as

$$\langle P_n \rangle = \int \psi^*(x, t) P_n \psi(x, t) dx - \text{---} (1)$$

We know that the wave function of a free particle moving in x direction is given by

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

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \cdot ik$$

$$= ik A e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = ik \psi(x, t)$$

$$P = ik$$

$$k = p$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{i p}{\hbar} \psi(x, t)$$

$$\frac{k}{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = P_n \psi(x, t)$$

$$P_n \psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{i} \times i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$P_n = i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\langle P_n \rangle = \int \psi^*(x, t) - i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi(x, t)$$

$$\langle x \rangle = x, \langle y \rangle = y, \langle z \rangle = z, \langle P_n \rangle = -i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \langle E \rangle = i \hbar$$

* Probability Current :- Consider a wave plane is represented by the wave function.

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

The time dependent schrodinger wave equation :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V \psi \quad (1)$$

Multiply by ψ^* on both sides

$$i\hbar \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi^* \nabla^2 \psi + \psi^* V \psi \quad (2)$$

Taking the complex conjugate of the above equation,

$$-i\hbar \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi \nabla^2 \psi^* + \psi V \psi^* \quad (3)$$

Subtract the eq (3) from eq (2)

$$i\hbar \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + i\hbar \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \psi^*) + \cancel{V^* \psi^* - \psi V \psi}$$

$$i\hbar \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \psi^*)$$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi^* \psi) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \psi^*)$$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = i \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*)$$

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \nabla (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \nabla (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{i\hbar}{2m} (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \nabla J = 0$$

$$J = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*)$$

Time independent schrodinger wave equation:-

The one dimensional dependent mutual wave equation is

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x) [\psi(x) \psi(x, t)] \quad (1)$$

In quantum mechanics the potential energy is not a function of time. In such case, it is possible to separate space and time variables in the wave equation. Let us assume $\psi(x, t)$ is a product of functions

$$\psi(x, t) = \psi(x) T(t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(x) T(t)}{\partial t} \Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x) T(t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \psi(x) T(t)$$

$$i\hbar \psi(x) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} T(t) \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \psi(x) T(t)$$

Divide the above eqn by $\psi(x) T(t)$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(x) T(t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} T(t) \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{V(x) \psi(x) T(t)}{\psi(x) T(t)}$$

$$\frac{i\hbar}{T(t)} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m \psi(x)} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{V(x)}{\psi(x)}$$

In the above equation left hand side is a function of $T(t)$ only and right hand side is a function of x only. Therefore, we can write

$$\frac{i\hbar}{T(t)} \frac{dT}{dt} = E$$

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

$$0 = E - V(x) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + [E - V(x)] \psi(x) = 0$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(x)] \psi(x) = 0$$

$$\text{In three dimensions} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(r)] \psi(r) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(r)] \psi(r) = 0$$

Linear Harmonic Oscillator :-

A system in which linear harmonic force is directly proportional to displacement from the equilibrium position and is directed opposite to the displacement is called linear harmonic oscillator. If $x=0$ is the equilibrium position the force is proportional to $-x$.

$$F = -kx$$

$$F = -kx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Where k is the constant of proportionality

F is known as the force constant

V is the potential energy function then we know that

$$\bullet F = -\frac{dV}{dx} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From eqn ① & ②

$$kx = \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$dv = kxdx$$

$$v = \int_0^x kx dx$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

This gives the potential energy of the linear harmonic oscillator.
The time independent wave equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - v) \psi = 0$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - \frac{1}{2} kx^2) \psi = 0$$

$$K = \omega^2 m \quad [\text{for harmonic oscillator}]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} - \frac{\omega^2 m x^2}{2} \right) \psi = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 x^2}{\hbar^2} \right) \psi = 0 \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$\beta^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}, \quad \alpha^2 = \frac{\omega^2 m^2}{\hbar^2}$$

On solving the equation - \textcircled{A} we obtain

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \rightarrow 2n+1, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{2mE}{\cancel{k^2}} = 2n+1$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 m^2}{\cancel{k^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2E}{\hbar\omega} = 2n+1$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}(2n+1)$$

$$E_n = \hbar\omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

This gives the energy of the linear harmonic oscillator.

~~$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$$~~

This energy known as zero point energy.

Hence the particle executing simple harmonic motion can have only

discrete energies of LHO

$$\begin{array}{c} n=3 \\ \hline n=2 \\ \hline n=1 \\ \hline n=0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \hbar\omega \uparrow \\ \hbar\omega \uparrow \\ \hbar\omega \uparrow \\ \hbar\omega \uparrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega = E_3 \\ \frac{5}{2}\hbar\omega = E_2 \\ 3\hbar\omega = E_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega = E_0 \end{array}$$