

# Numerov Method for Solving Schrodinger Equation

The differential equation is,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = q(\lambda, x)y(x) + r(x)$$

Terms needed for solution:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2 \left( 1 + \frac{5h^2}{12} q(\lambda, x_{i-1}) \right) \\ b &= - \left( 1 - \frac{h^2}{12} q(\lambda, x_{i-2}) \right) \\ c &= \frac{h^2}{12} (r(x_i) + 10 r(x_{i-1}) + r(x_{i-2})) \\ d &= 1 - \frac{h^2}{12} q(\lambda, x_i) \\ y(x_i) &= \frac{a}{d} y(x_{i-1}) + \frac{b}{d} y(x_{i-2}) + \frac{c}{d} \end{aligned}$$

## Propagator with Numerov Method

Function: `propNumerov`

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In [1]: def propNumerov(pr, q, r, x, y, dx):  
    '''  
    q = q(lambda, x), r = r(x)  
    x - x array of propagation  
    y - y array of propagation  
    yy - returned y array  
    dx - increment along x axis  
    '''  
    N = len(x)  
    yy = [y[i] for i in range(N)]  
    for i in range(2,N):  
        a = 2*(1 + 5*dx**2/12 * q(pr, x[i-1]))  
        b = -(1 - dx**2/12 * q(pr, x[i-2]))  
        c = dx**2/12 * (r(x[0]) + 10*r(x[i-1]) + r(x[i-2]))  
        d = 1 - dx**2/12 * q(pr, x[i])  
        yy[i] = a/d * yy[i-1] + b/d * yy[i-2] + c/d  
    return yy
```

## Solving eigenvalue equation using Numerov method

Function: `NumerovEigVal`

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In [2]: def NumerovEigVal(prMin, prMax, q, r, x0, y0, xN, yN, y1, dx, nodes, mxItr):
    ...
    prMin, prMax - lower and upper limit of eigenvalue
    q = q(lambda, x), r = r(x)
    x0, y0 - left boundary conditions
    xN, yN - right boundary conditions
    y1 - next y value after y0
    dx - increment along x axis
    nodes - no. of nodes of eigenvalue
    mxItr - maximum allowed iteration
    pr - value
    x - x array of solution
    yy = y array of solution
    ...

    N = int((xN-x0)/dx)
    dx = (xN - x0)/N
    x = [x0 + i*dx for i in range(N+1)]
    y = [0 for i in range(N+1)] # zero List
    y[0], y[1], y[N] = y0, y1, yN
    itr = 0
    tol = 1e-6 # tolerance

    while abs(prMax-prMin) > tol and itr < mxItr:
        pr = 0.5*(prMin + prMax) # proceeding to bisection method
        yy = propNumerov(pr, q, r, x, y, dx)
        cnt = 0
        for i in range(1, N-2):
            if yy[i]*yy[i+1]<0:
                cnt += 1
        if cnt > nodes:
            prMax = pr
        elif cnt < nodes:
            prMin = pr
        else:
            if yy[N-1] > yN:
                prMin = pr
            elif yy[N-1] < yN:
                prMax = pr
        itr += 1
    if itr < mxItr:
        return pr, x, yy
    else:
        return None, None, None

```

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In [3]: print(f'propNumerov: {propNumerov.__doc__}')
        print(f'\nNumerovEigVal: {NumerovEigVal.__doc__}')
```

propNumerov:

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## Example 1

Differential Equation:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\lambda y(x)$$

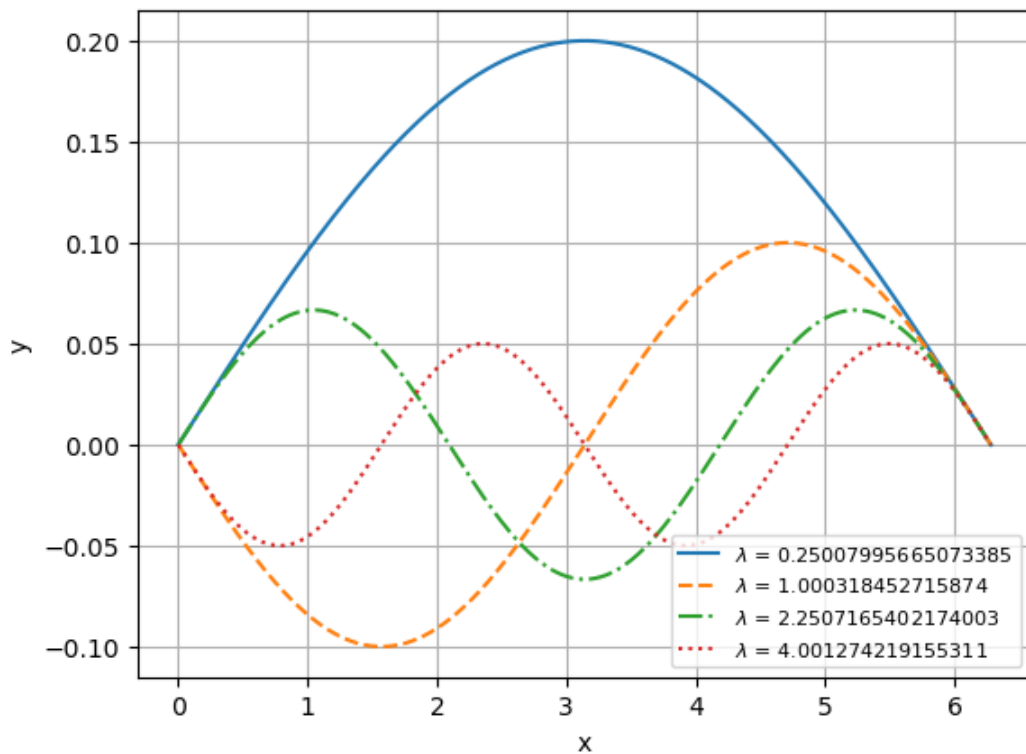
Boundary Conditions:  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(2\pi) = 0$ .

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In [4]: import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [5]: def q(lam, x):
        return -lam
        def r(x):
            return 0

        dx = 0.001
        mxitr = 100
        lmin, lmax = 0.1, 30
        x0, y0, xN, yN = 0, 0, 2*np.pi, 0

        sty = ['-', '--', '-.', ':']
        for nodes in range(4):
            y1 = (-1)**nodes*1e-4
            lam, x, y = NumerovEigVal(lmin, lmax, q, r, x0, y0, xN, yN, y1, dx, nodes, mxitr)
            plt.plot(x, y, sty[nodes], label=f'$\lambda$ = {lam}')
            plt.xlabel('x')
            plt.ylabel('y')
            plt.legend(loc='best', prop={'size':8})
        plt.grid()
        plt.show()
```



## 1D potential box

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m_e}{\hbar^2}(E - V(x))\psi(x)$$

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In [6]: import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import scipy.constants as const
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In [7]: me = const.electron_mass
        hcut = const.hbar
        e = const.elementary_charge
        eV = const.electron_volt
        print(me, hcut)
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9.1093837015e-31 1.0545718176461565e-34
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In [8]: L = 10e-15 # Length

        N = int((xN-x0)/dx)
        dx = (xN - x0)/N
        x = [x0 + i*dx for i in range(N+1)]
        y = [0 for i in range(N+1)] # zero list
        y[0], y[1], y[N] = y0, y1, yN
        mxitr = 100
        lmin, lmax = 0.1e3*eV, 30e6*eV
        x0, y0, xN, yN = 0, 0, L, 0
        dx = 1e-18

        # Potential
        for i in range(N+1):
            if 0<x[i]<L:
                V = 0
            else:
                V = 1e10*eV # a large no.

        def q(En, x):
            return -2*me/hcut**2 * (En - V)
        def r(x):
            return 0

        sty = ['-', '--', '-.', ':']
        for nodes in range(4):
            y1 = (-1)**nodes*1e-18
            En, x, y = NumerovEigVal(lmin, lmax, q, r, x0, y0, xN, yN, y1, dx, nodes, mxitr)
            plt.plot(x, y, sty[nodes], label=f'$\lambda$ = {lam}')
            plt.xlabel('x')
            plt.ylabel('y')
            plt.legend(loc='best', prop={'size':8})
            plt.grid()
        plt.show()
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    27 for nodes in range(4):
    28     y1 = (-1)**nodes*1e-18
--> 29     En, x, y = NumerovEigVal(lmin, lmax, q, r, x0, y0, xN, yN, y1, dx, node
s, mxitr)
    30     plt.plot(x, y, sty[nodes], label=f'$\lambda$ = {lam}')
    31     plt.xlabel('x')

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q, r, x0, y0, xN, yN, y1, dx, nodes, mxItr)
    39     itr += 1
    40     if itr < mxItr:
--> 41         return pr, x, yy
    42     else:
    43         return None, None, None
```

```
UnboundLocalError: local variable 'pr' referenced before assignment
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