

CHEM 455 Physical Chemistry

From Classical to Quantum Mechanics

| Blackbody radiation

Description	Equations
Energy quantization	$E = nh\nu$
Average energy of an oscillating dipole	$\langle E_{\text{osc}} \rangle = \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1}$
Spectral radiation density of blackbody (Planck)	$\rho(\nu, T) d\nu = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1} d\nu$
Spectral radiation density of blackbody (classical)	$\rho(\nu, T) d\nu = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} k_B T d\nu$

| Wave-particle duality

Description	Equations
Energy of light	$E = h\nu$
Photoelectric effect Kinetic energy of ejected photoelectron	$E_k = h\nu - \Phi$
de Broglie relation	$p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$
Kinetic energy	$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

| Atomic spectra of hydrogen and Bohr's model

Description	Equations
Hydrogen emission lines $n_2 > n_1$	$\tilde{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$
Bohr's radius	$r = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{m_e e^2}$
Energy level in Bohr's model	$E_n = -\frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2 n^2}$
Emission of hydrogen atom $n_2 > n_1$	$\nu = \frac{m_e e^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^3} \left(\frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$

| Waves

Description	Equations
Classical nondispersive wave equation	$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$
Wave number	$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
Frequency	$\nu = \frac{1}{T}$

Description	Equations
Angular frequency	$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi\nu$
Wave speed	$v = \lambda\nu$
Euler's formula	$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$
Solution of wave equation	$\Psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$ $= \text{Re}(Ae^{i(kx - \omega t + \phi)})$
Interfering traveling waves give standing wave	$\Psi(x, t) = A[\sin(kx - \omega t) + \sin(kx + \omega t)]$ $= 2A \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t)$ $= \psi(x) \cos(\omega t)$
Time-independent Schrodinger equation	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$
Time-dependent Schrodinger equation	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2\Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x, t)\Psi(x, t) = i\hbar\Psi(x, t)$
Stationary states are standing waves	$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)e^{-i(E/\hbar)t}$
Normalization	$\ f(x)\ = \int_D f^* f dx = 1$
Orthogonality	$\int_D f^* g dx = 0$
Use quantum mechanics when ...	1. $\lambda_{\text{particle}} \sim L_{\text{problem}}$ 2. $\Delta E \gtrsim k_b T$ (discrete energy spectrum)

Quantum-Mechanical Postulates

1. The state of a quantum-mechanical particle is completely specified by a wave function $\Psi(x, t)$. The probability that the particle will be found at time t_0 in a spatial interval of width dx centered at x_0 is given by $\Psi^*(x_0, t_0)\Psi(x_0, t_0)dx$
2. For every measurable property of a system, there exists a corresponding operator.
3. In any single measurement of the observable that corresponds to the operator \hat{A} , the only values that will ever be measured are the eigenvalues of that operator.
4. If the system is in a state described by the wave function $\Psi(x, t)$, and the value of the observable a is measured once on each of many identically prepared systems, the average value (expectation value) of all of the measurements is given by

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

5. The evolution in time of a quantum-mechanical system is governed by the time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}\Psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

| Operators

Description	1D	3D
Position	$\hat{x} = x$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}$
Linear momentum	$\hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$	$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = -i\hbar \nabla$
Kinetic energy	$\hat{T} = \frac{\hat{p}_x^2}{2m} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$	$\hat{\mathbf{T}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2$
Potential energy	$\hat{V} = V(x)$	$\hat{\mathbf{V}} = V(\mathbf{x})$

Description	1D	3D
Total energy Hamiltonian	$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x})$

Simple Quantum Systems

| Stationary states

Description	Equations
Time dependent Schrodinger equation	$\hat{H}\Psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t}$
Time independent Schrodinger equation	$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$
Stationary state wave function	$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)T(t)$
Time component of wave function	$T(t) = e^{iEt/\hbar}$
Probability of finding particle in an interval	$\text{Prob}(x, x+dx) = \Psi(x, t) ^2 dx = \psi(x) ^2 dx$
General solution as linear combination of stationary states	$\psi(x) = \sum_n c_n \phi_n(x)$
Expansion coefficients	$c_n = \langle \phi_n \psi \rangle = \int \phi_n^* \psi dx$
Normalization	$\sum_n c_n = 1$

| Particle in a 1D box

Description	Equations
Time independent Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right] \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$
Wave function $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$
Energy eigenvalues	$E_n = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} n^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} n^2$

| Particle in a 3D box

Description	Equations
Time independent Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) \right] \psi(\mathbf{x}) = E\psi(\mathbf{x})$
Wave function $n_x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ $n_y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ $n_z = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(\mathbf{x})$ $= \psi_{n_x}(x) \psi_{n_y}(y) \psi_{n_z}(z)$ $= \sqrt{\frac{2}{L_x}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L_y}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L_z}\right)$
Energy eigenvalues	$E_n = \frac{h^2}{8m} \left(\frac{n_x^2}{L_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{L_y^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{L_z^2} \right)$

| Finite potential well

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Potential	$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [0, L] \\ V_0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$
Reflection probability	$R = \frac{(\sqrt{E} - \sqrt{E - V_0})^2}{(\sqrt{E} + \sqrt{E - V_0})^2}$
Transmission probability	$T = \frac{4\sqrt{E(E - V_0)}}{(\sqrt{E} - \sqrt{E - V_0})^2}$

Commutators and Uncertainty

Description	Equations
Commutator	$[A, B] = AB - BA$
Condition of commutation	$[A, B] = 0$
Standard deviation (uncertainty)	$\begin{aligned} \sigma_A &= \sqrt{\langle (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 \rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2} \end{aligned}$
Heisenberg uncertainty principle (general)	$\sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \frac{1}{2} \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle $
Heisenberg uncertainty principle (position-momentum)	$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$

Spectroscopy

| Dimer model

Description	Equations
Hamiltonian of dimer	$\mathbf{H}_{\text{dimer}} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2m_2} + V(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)$
Total mass	$M = m_1 + m_2$
Reduced mass	$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$
Position in center of mass (COM) coordinate	$\mathbf{X} = \frac{m_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{x}_2}{M}$
Momentum in center of mass (COM) coordinate	$\mathbf{\Pi} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2$
Position in relative coordinate	$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \equiv \mathbf{r}$
Momentum in relative coordinate	$\mathbf{p} = \frac{m_1 \mathbf{p}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{p}_2}{M}$
Hamiltonian of dimer	$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\text{dimer}} &= \mathbf{H}_{\text{free}} + \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{\Pi}^2}{2M}}_{\text{COM coord}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu} + V(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{rel coord}} \end{aligned}$
Free particle Hamiltonian	$\mathbf{H}_{\text{free}} = \frac{\mathbf{\Pi}^2}{2M}$
Internal Hamiltonian	$\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu} + V(\mathbf{x})$
Dimer wave function	$\Psi_{\text{dimer}} = \Phi(\mathbf{X})\psi(\mathbf{x})$
Free particle (COM) wave function	$\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = e^{\pm i\mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{X}/\hbar}$

Description	Equations
Internal Hamiltonian Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi(\mathbf{x}) = E\psi(\mathbf{x})$
Laplacian in spherical coordinate $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$	$\nabla^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)}_{\text{radial breathing KE, vibration}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}}_{\text{angular breathing KE, rotation}}$
Dimer Hamiltonian	$\hat{H}_{\text{dimer}} = \hat{H}_{\text{COM}} + \hat{H}_{\text{vib}} + \hat{H}_{\text{rot}}$
Dimer total energy (see below)	$E = \frac{\Pi^2}{2M} + \hbar\omega_0 \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2I}$

| Vibration: quantum harmonic oscillator

Description	Equations
Vibrational Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + V(r) \right] \psi(\mathbf{x}) = E\psi(\mathbf{x})$
Wave function	$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = R(r)Y(\theta, \phi)$
Harmonic approximation	$V(r) \approx \frac{1}{2}kr^2$
Spring constant	$k = \mu\omega_0^2$
Vibrational Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{2}kr^2 \right] \psi(r) = E\psi(r)$
Wave function $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\psi(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 n!}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} H_n(\sqrt{\alpha}r) e^{-\alpha r^2/2}$
Hermite polynomials	$H_n(r) = (-)^n e^{x^2} \left(\frac{d^n}{dx^n} \right) e^{-x^2}$
Constant	$\alpha = \frac{m\omega_0}{\hbar}$
Energy eigenvalue $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar\omega_0$
Transition dipole moment	$\vec{\mu}_{fi} = \frac{d\vec{\mu}(x_0)}{dx} \langle \psi_f \hat{x} \psi_i \rangle$
Vibrational selection rule	$\Delta n = \pm 1$

| Rotation: rigid rotor

| Classical rigid rotor

Description	Equations
Angular momentum	$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{p} = I\vec{\omega}$
Linear velocity	$\vec{v} = R_0\vec{\omega}$
Moment of inertia	$I = mR_0^2$
Rotational kinetic energy	$E = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = \frac{L^2}{2I}$

| Quantum rigid rotor

Description	Equations
Angular momentum operator	$\hat{\mathbf{L}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}$
z-component of angular momentum operator	$L_x = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$
Magnitude of angular momentum operator	$\hat{\mathbf{L}}^2 = L^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right]$
Components of $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ does not commute	$[\hat{L}_i, \hat{L}_j] = i\hbar \hat{L}_k$
Components of $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ commute with its magnitude	$[\hat{L}_i, L^2] = 0$

Description	Equations
Rotational Schrodinger equation	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu R_0^2} \left[\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] Y(\theta, \phi) = EY(\theta, \phi)$
Spherical harmonics	$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = (-)^m \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$
Legendre polynomial	$P_l^m(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (x^2-1)^l$
Energy eigenvalues $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$E_l = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I} l(l+1)$
Angular momentum eigenvalues $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$L^2 Y = \hbar^2 l(l+1) Y$
z-component eigenvalues $m = -l, \dots, 0, \dots, l$	$L_z Y = \hbar m Y$
Transition dipole moment	$\mu_{fi} = \langle \psi_f \mu_z \cos \theta \psi_i \rangle$
Rotational selection rule	$\Delta l = \pm 1, \Delta m = 0$

| Hydrogen atom

Description	Equations
Hydrogen atom Schrodinger equation	$\left[-\frac{\hbar}{2m_e} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\vec{L}}{2m_e r^2} - \frac{e^2}{r} \right] \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$
Effective potential	$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\hbar l(l+1)}{2mr^2} - \frac{e^2}{r}$
Wave function $n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\psi_{nlm}(x) = R_{nl}(r) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$
Energy eigenvalues $n = 1, 2, \dots$	$E_n = -\frac{e^2}{2a_0} \frac{1}{n^2} = -\frac{m e^4}{2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{R_H}{n^2}$
Rydberg's constant	$R_H = 2.179 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$
Bohr's radius	$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{m e^2}$
Radial probability distribution	$P_{nl}(r) dr = r^2 R_{nl}^2(r) dr$

Many Electron and Proton System

| Many electron atom

Description	Equations
Helium Schrodinger equation	$E\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \left[\underbrace{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla_1^2}_{\text{KE of } e_1^-} - \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla_2^2}_{\text{KE of } e_2^-} - \underbrace{\frac{2e^2}{ \mathbf{x}_1 }}_{e_1^- \text{ -N attraction}} - \underbrace{\frac{2e^2}{ \mathbf{x}_2 }}_{e_2^- \text{ -N attraction}} + \underbrace{\frac{e^2}{ \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 }}_{e_1^- \text{ -} e_2^- \text{ repulsion}} \right] \psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) =$
Orbital approximation	$\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_1)\phi(\mathbf{x}_2) \dots \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$
Hartree orbital equations	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_i^2}{2m} - \frac{Ze^2}{ \mathbf{x} } + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N \int \frac{e^2 \phi_j^*(\mathbf{x}') \phi_j(\mathbf{x}')}{ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' } d^3 \mathbf{x}' \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \varepsilon_{ii} \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$

| Spin

Description	Equations
Components of $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$ does not commute	$[\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}_j] = i\hbar \hat{S}_k$
Components of $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$ commute with its magnitude	$[\hat{S}_i, S^2] = 0$
Eigenvalue of $\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2$	$\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2 \leftrightarrow \hbar^2 s(s+1)$
Eigenvalue of \hat{S}_z	$\hat{S}_z \leftrightarrow \hbar m_s$

| Electron spin

Description	Equations
Electron spin	$s = \frac{1}{2}$
Spin up function	$\alpha(m_s) = \begin{cases} 1 & m_s = +\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$
Spin down function	$\beta(m_s) = \begin{cases} 0 & m_s = +\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & m_s = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$
α is eigenfunction of \hat{S}_z	$\hat{S}_z \alpha = +\frac{1}{2} \hbar \alpha$
β is eigenfunction of \hat{S}_z	$\hat{S}_z \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \hbar \beta$
α, β are eigenfunctions of \hat{S}^2	$\hat{S}^2 \alpha = \hbar^2 s(s+1) \alpha = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \alpha$ $\hat{S}^2 \beta = \hbar^2 s(s+1) \beta = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \beta$
Normalization	$\sum_{m_s} \alpha^* \alpha = \sum_{m_s} \beta^* \beta = 1$
Orthogonality	$\sum_{m_s} \alpha^* \beta = \sum_{m_s} \beta^* \alpha = 0$

| Identical particles

Description	Equations
Spin-spin permutation operator	$P_{ij} \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$

Description	Equations
Doing nothing	$P_{ij} P_{ij} = 1$
Symmetric eigenvalue	$\lambda = 1$
Anti-symmetric eigenvalue	$\lambda = -1$
Fermions (e.g. electron)	$\frac{1}{2}$ -integer spin, anti-symmetric
Bosons	integer spin, symmetric
Pauli exclusion principle	$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) =$ $-\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = 0$
Slater determinant	$\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \chi_N(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \chi_N(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_N) & \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_N) & \cdots & \chi_N(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{vmatrix}$
Hartree-Fock orbital equations	$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} - \frac{Ze^2}{ \mathbf{x} } \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{j=1}^N \left[\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \int \frac{e^2 \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r})}{ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' } d^3 r' - \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \int \frac{e^2 \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i(\mathbf{r})}{ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' } d^3 r' \right] = \varepsilon_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r})$
Molecular orbital by linear combination of atomic orbitals (MO-LCAO)	$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 \phi_1(\mathbf{x}) + c_2 \phi_2(\mathbf{x})$ $\text{MO} = c_1(\text{AO}) + c_2(\text{AO})$
Variational principle	$E = \frac{\langle \psi H \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi \psi \rangle}$