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Introduction to Semiconductor Devices

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Chapter 2 Introduction to Quantum Mechanics



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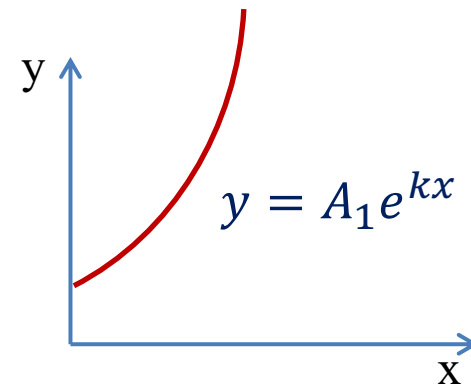
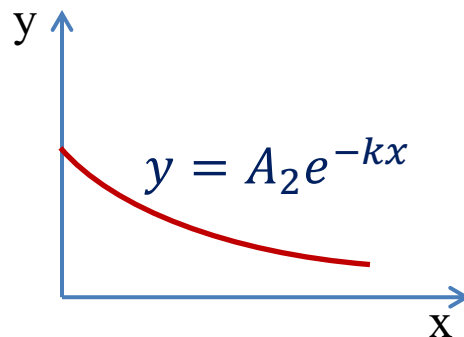
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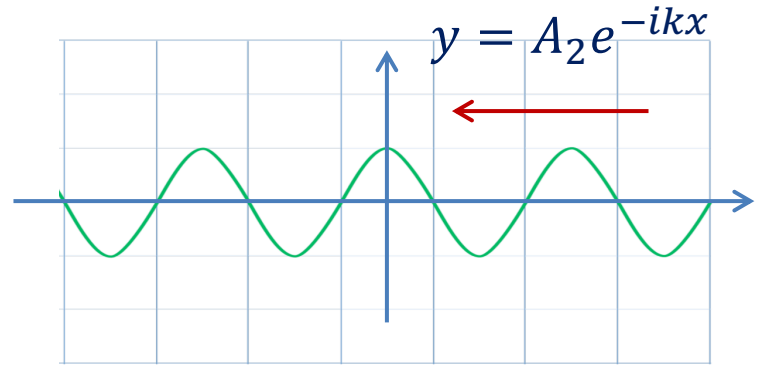
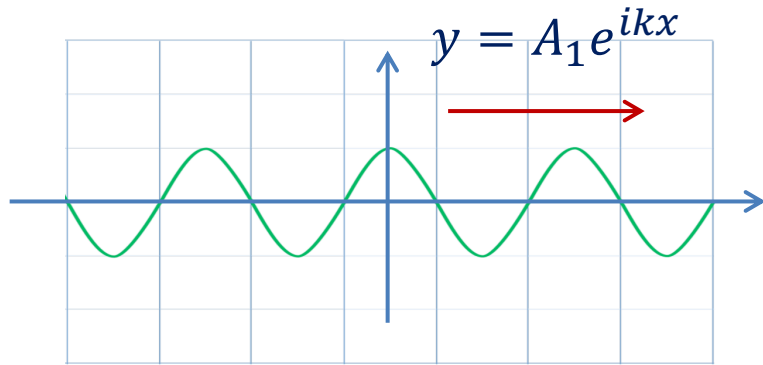
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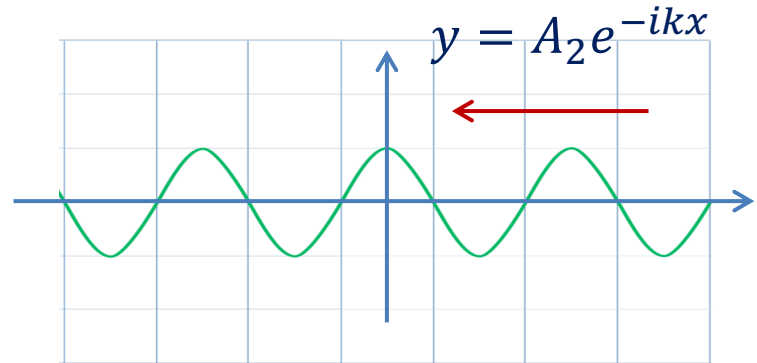
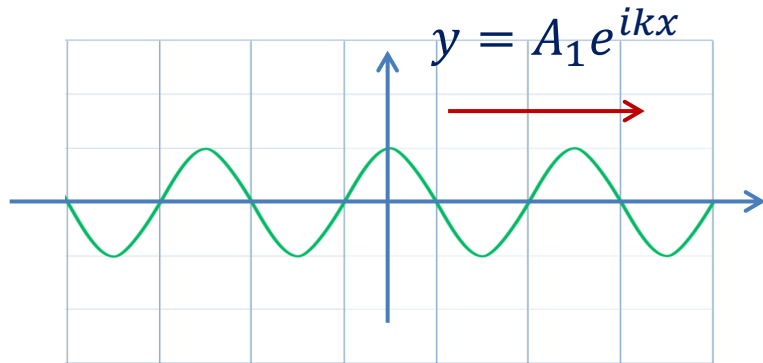
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2.1 2nd order differential equations and waves



1. Give a wave propagating along x with a wavelength λ_0 , please write the static 2nd order differential equation that governs the behavior of this wave.

2.1 2nd order differential equations and waves

- Electromagnetic (EM) wave

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot E = 4\pi\rho \\ \nabla \times E = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot B = 0 \\ \nabla \times B = \frac{4\pi}{c} J + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \end{array} \right.$$



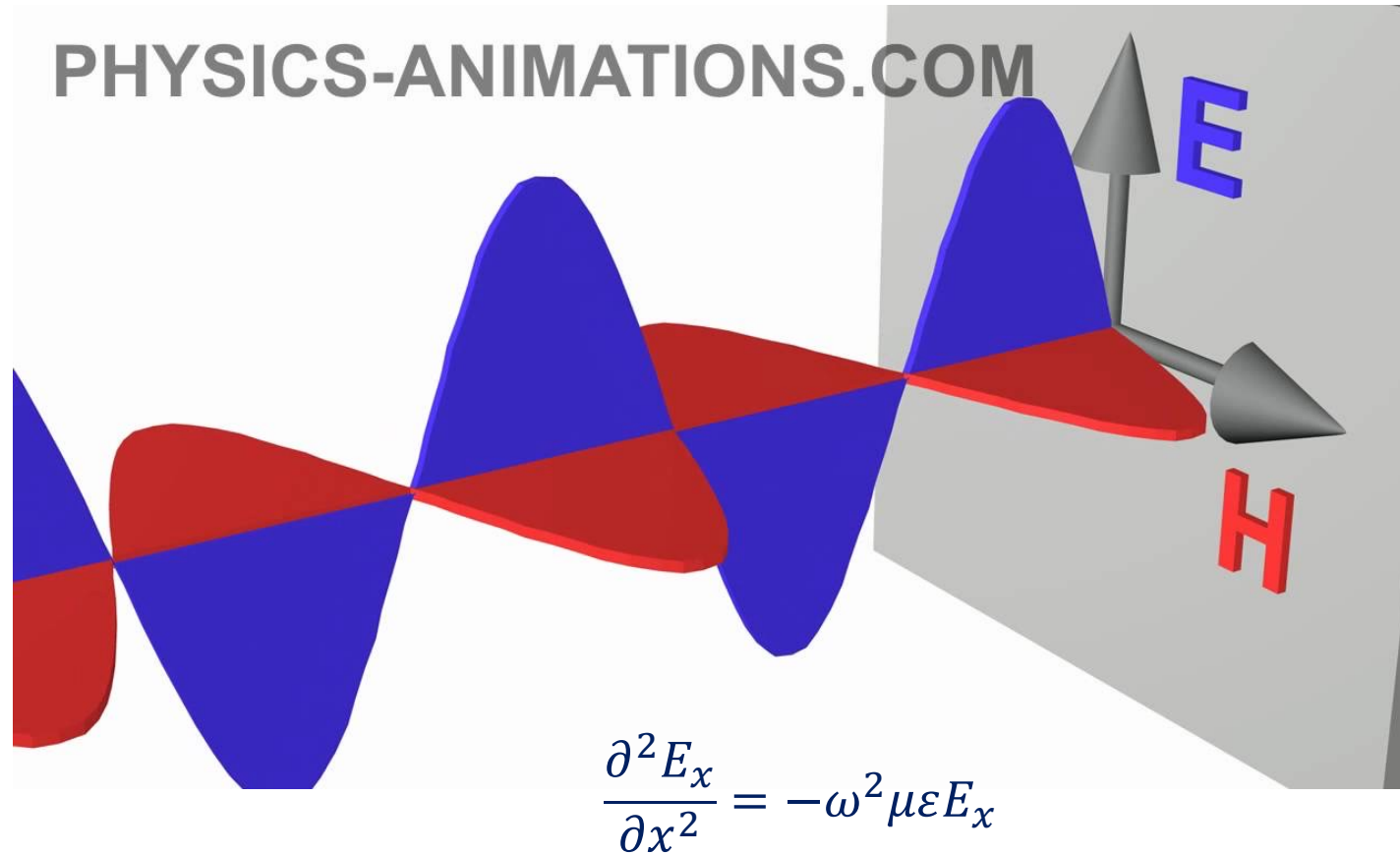
James Maxwell

Static differential equation describing the electromagnetic wave

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial x^2} = -\omega^2 \mu \varepsilon E_x = -(\omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon})^2 E_x \quad E_x = E_{x0} e^{-i\omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon} x}$$

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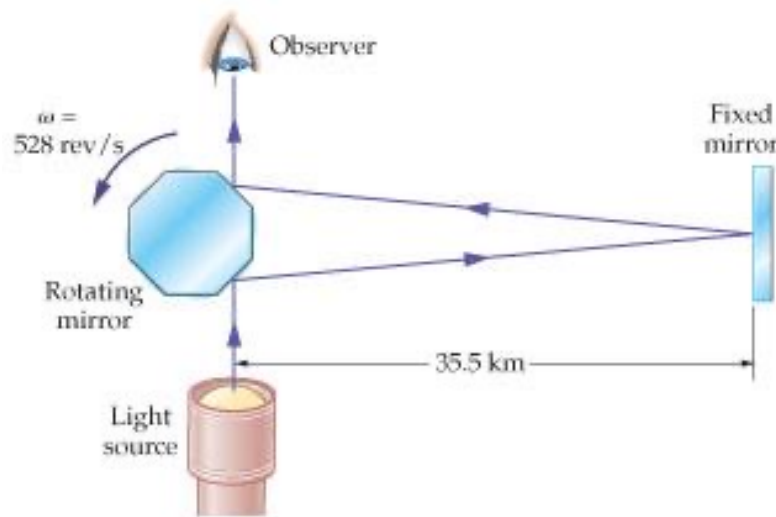
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2.2 Historic events in developing quantum mechanics

① Speed of light in 1862 $v = 2.98 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$



Leon Foucault

Rotation mirror

2.2 Historic events in developing quantum mechanics

② Maxwell Equations in the year 1865

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Light is an electromagnetic wave!

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2.2 Historic events in developing quantum mechanics

③ Light wave-particle duality in 1905

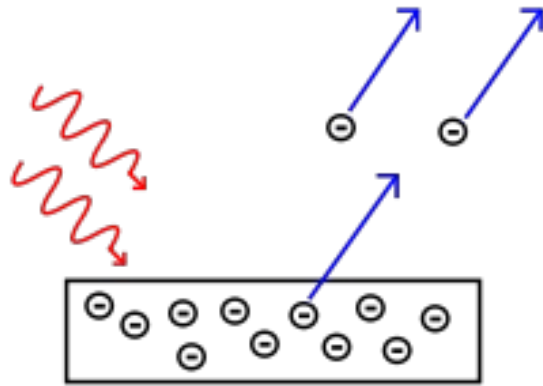
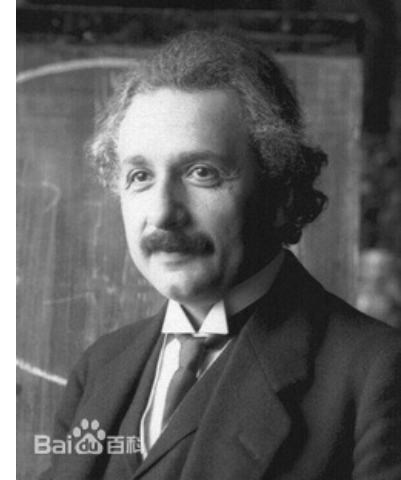


Photo-electric experiment

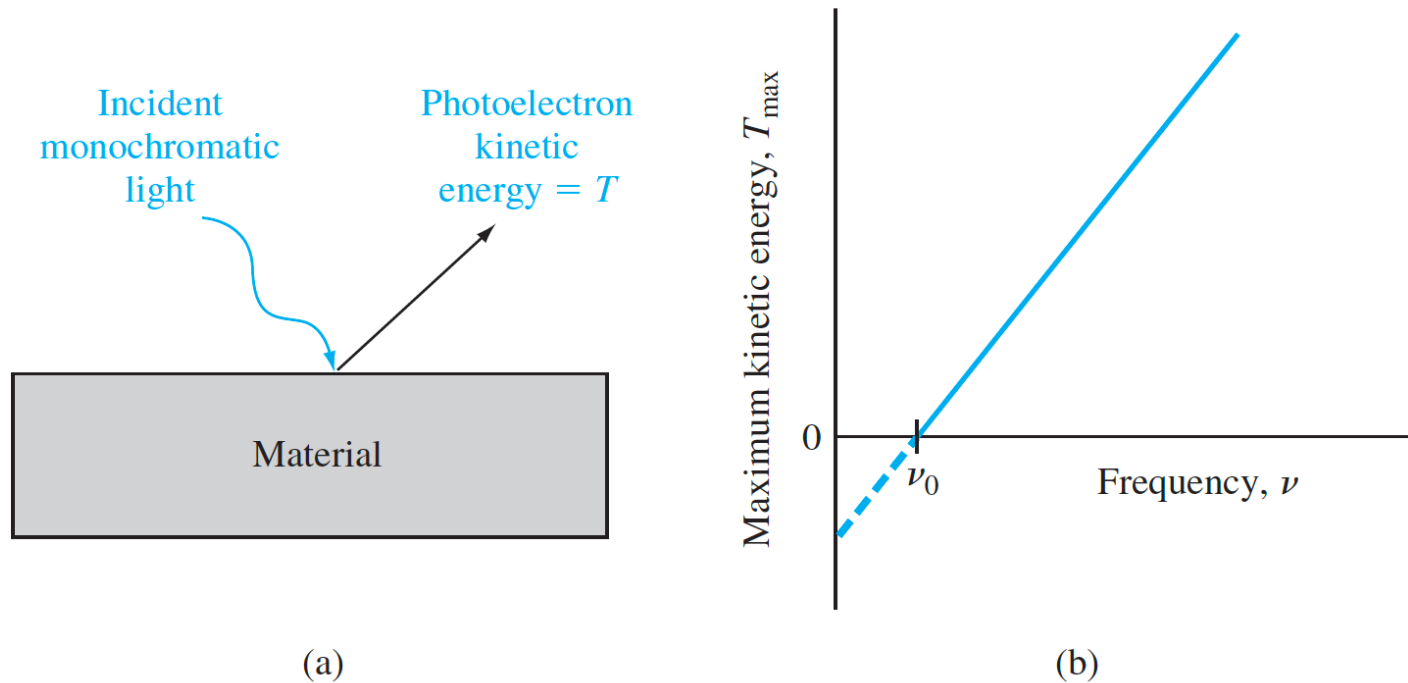


Albert Einstein
Nobel Prize 1921

- ☐ Light frequency higher than a certain frequency \rightarrow electron ejection
- ☐ Not a function of light intensity

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□ Light wave is a particle: $h\nu = K_{\max} + W_c$

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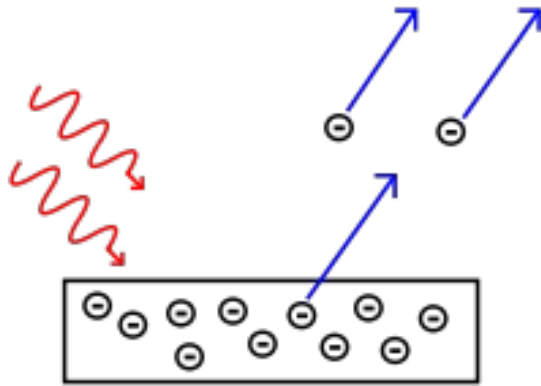
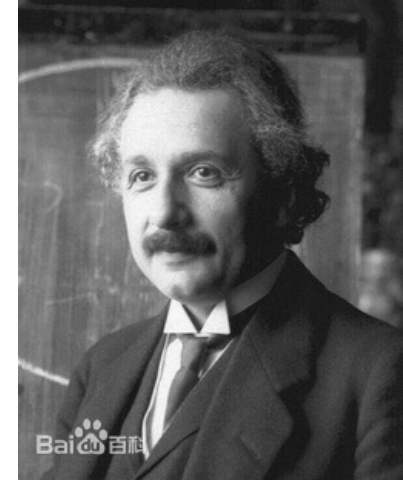


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$$E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$$

$$E = mc^2$$

$$p = mc = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \hbar k$$

Light is a particle!

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

2.2 Historic events in developing quantum mechanics

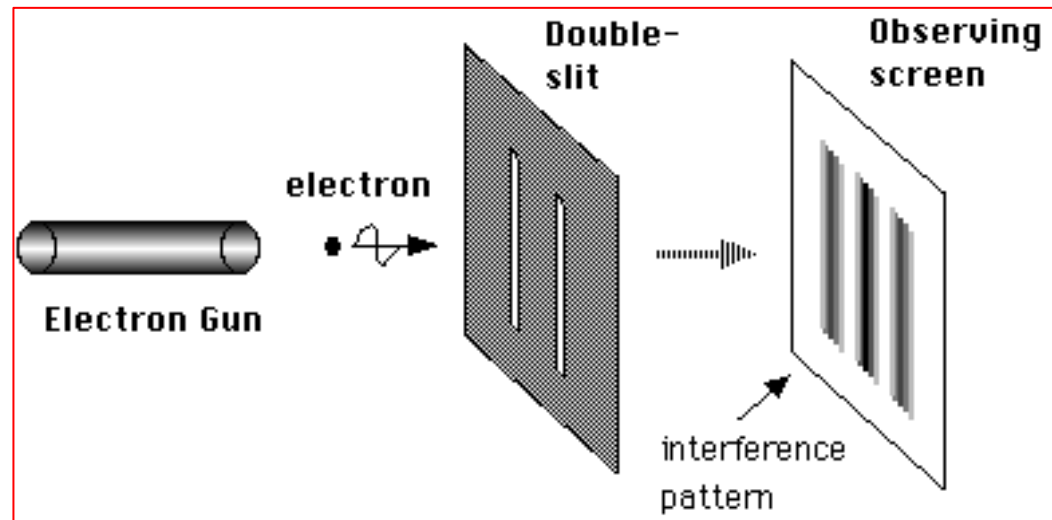
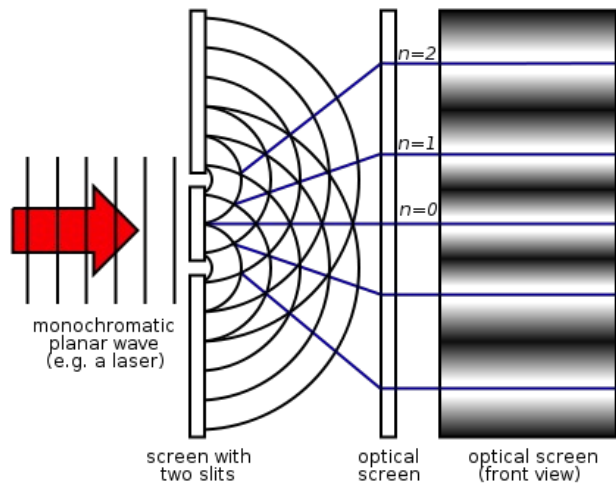
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Nobel Prize 1929

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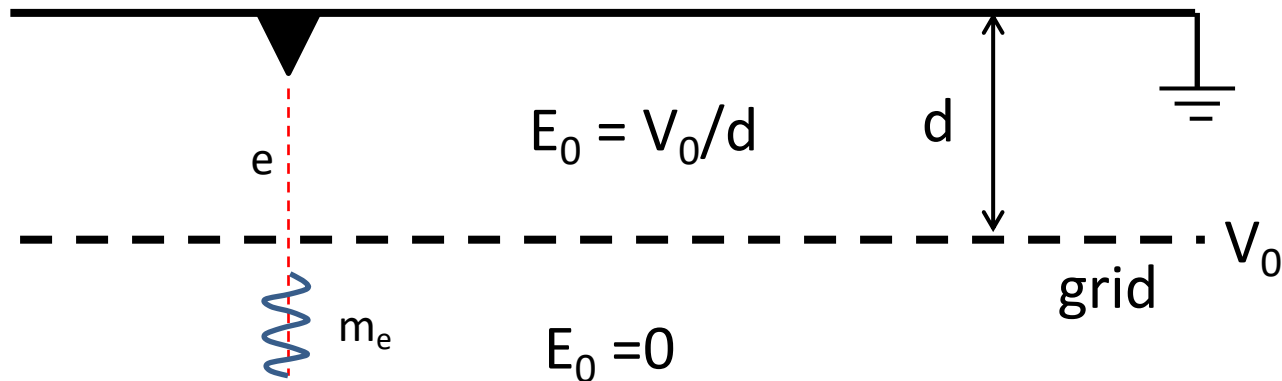
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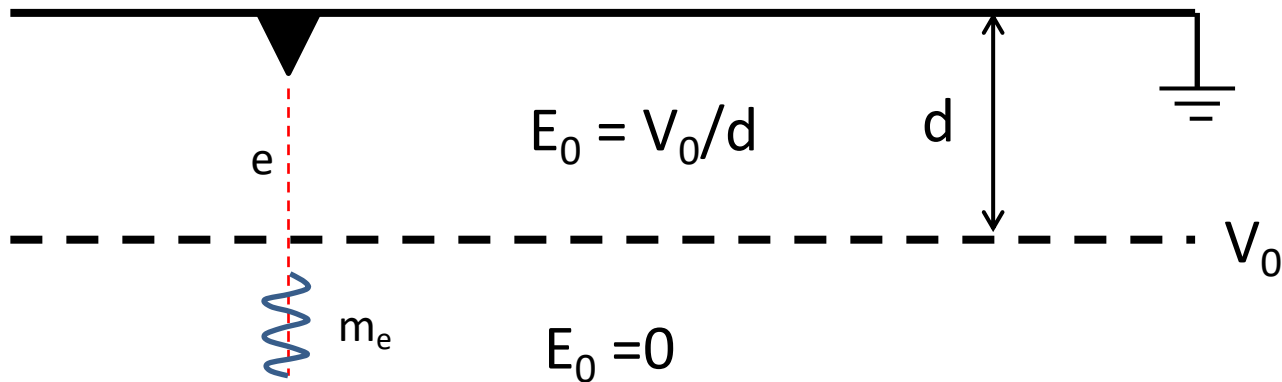
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Quiz #1:



Can you find a differential equation that governs the wave behavior of electrons?

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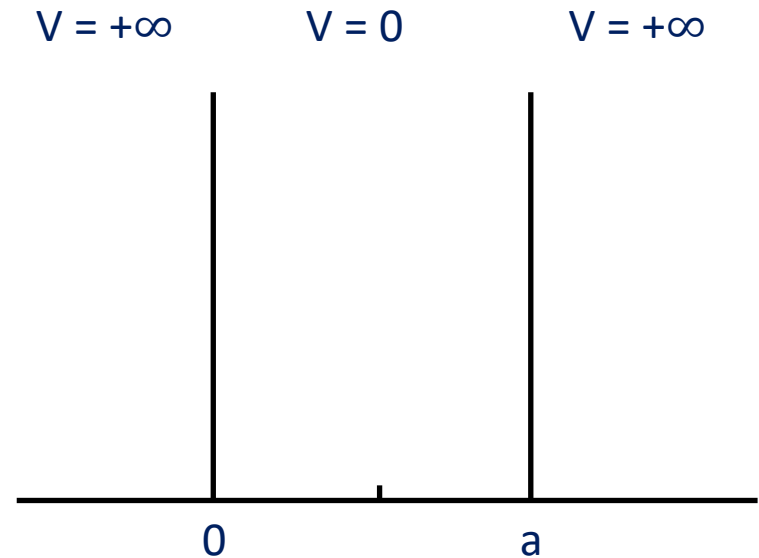
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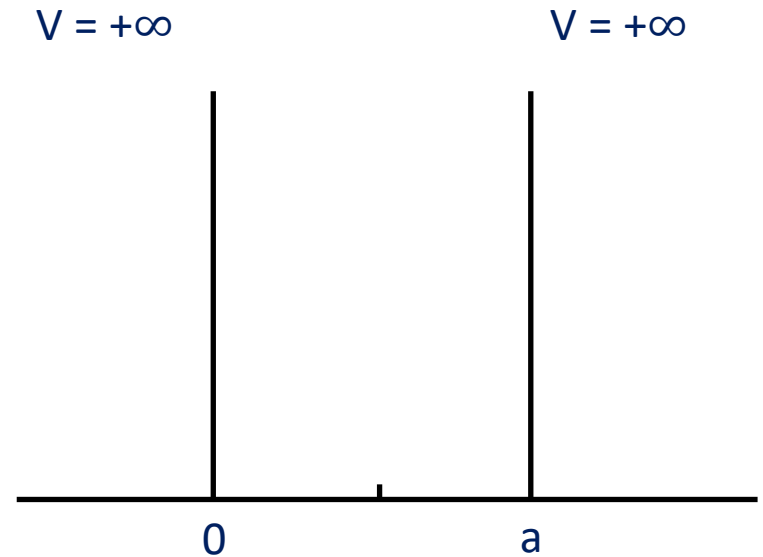
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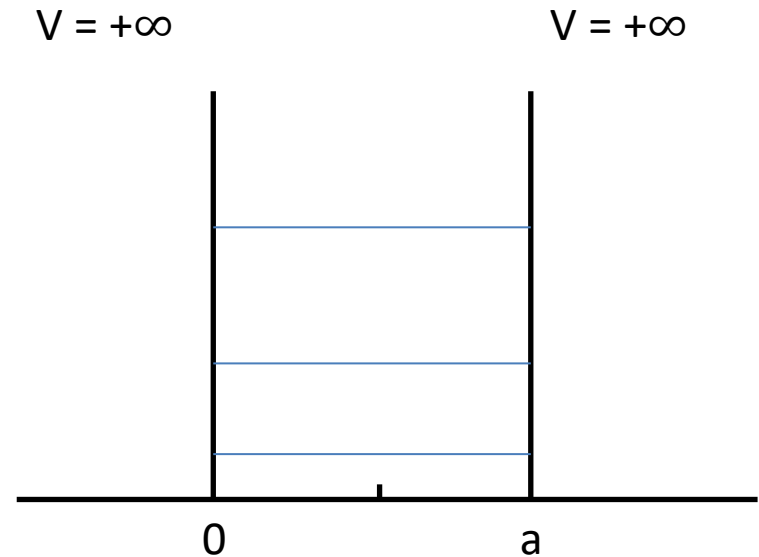
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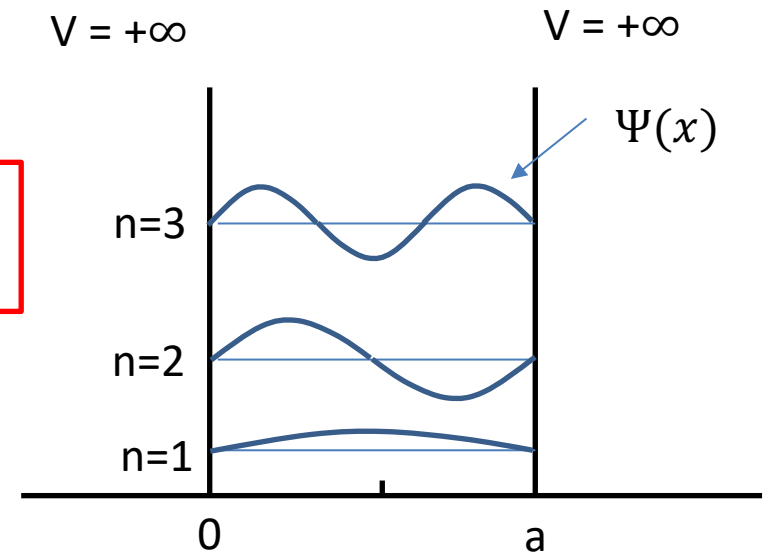
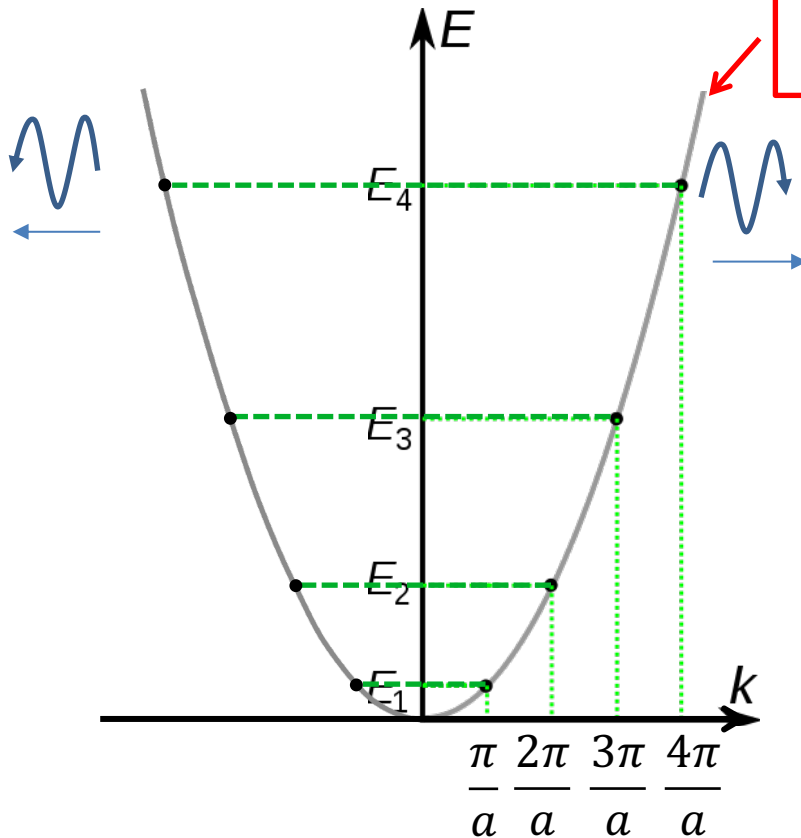


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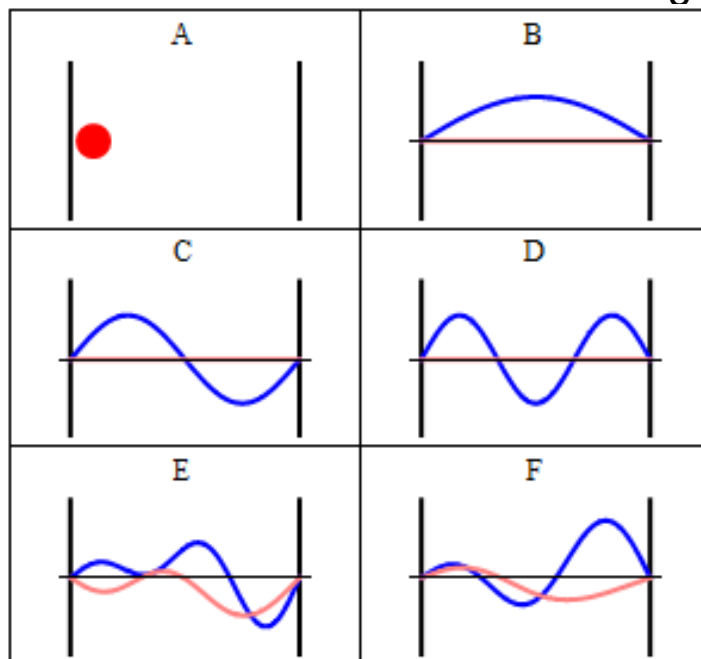
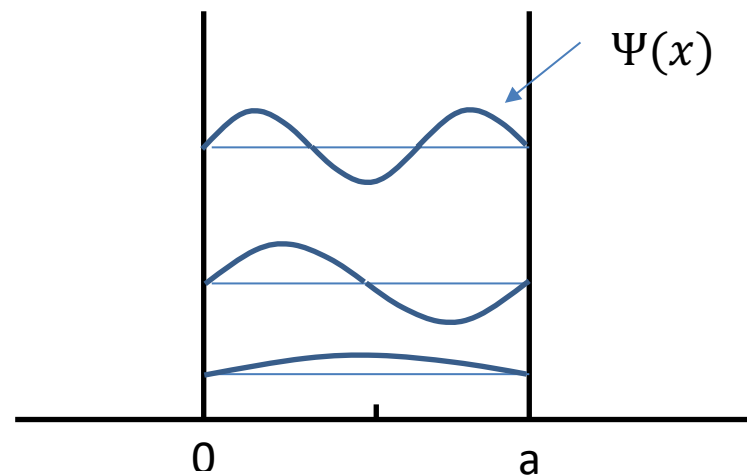
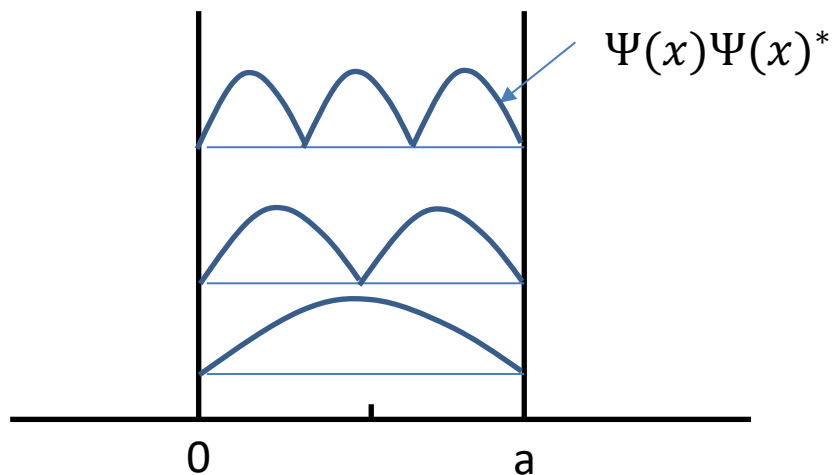
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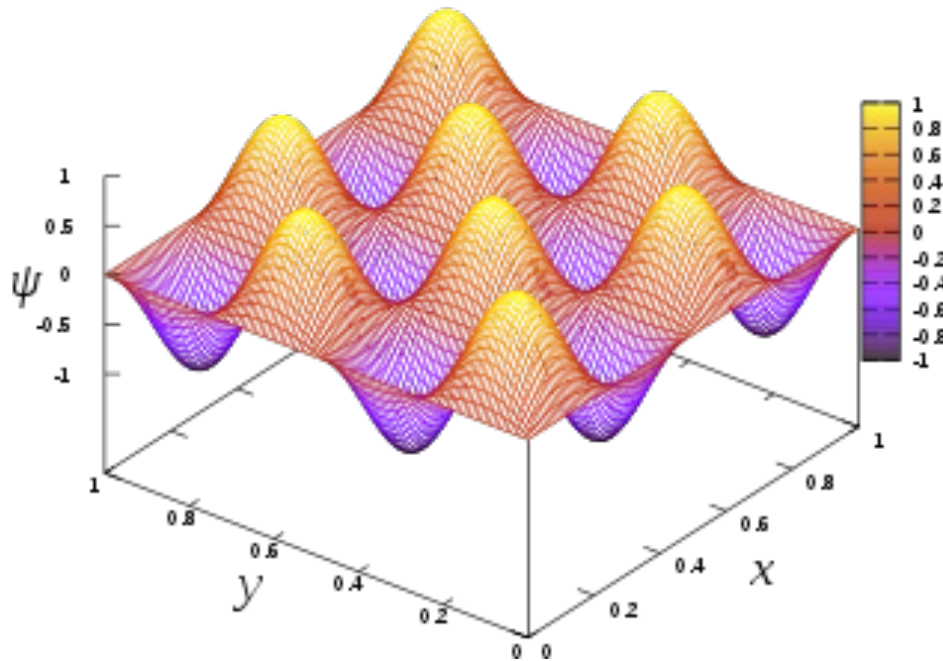
$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

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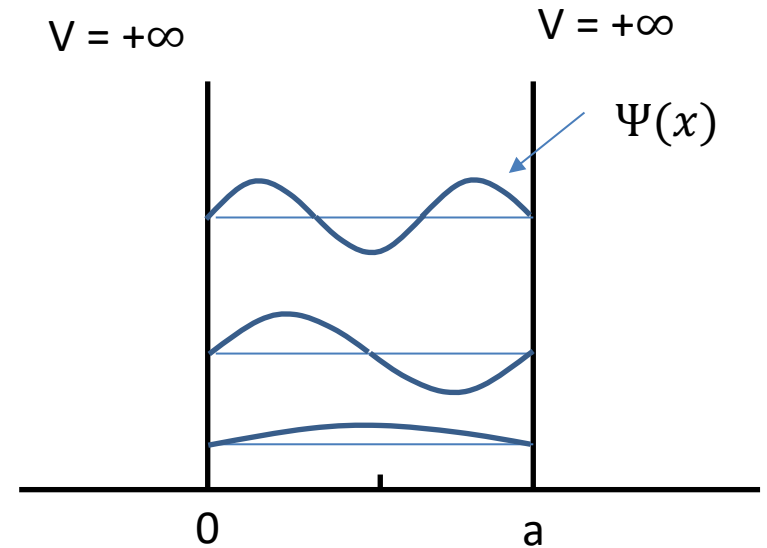


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2-dimentional Quantum well



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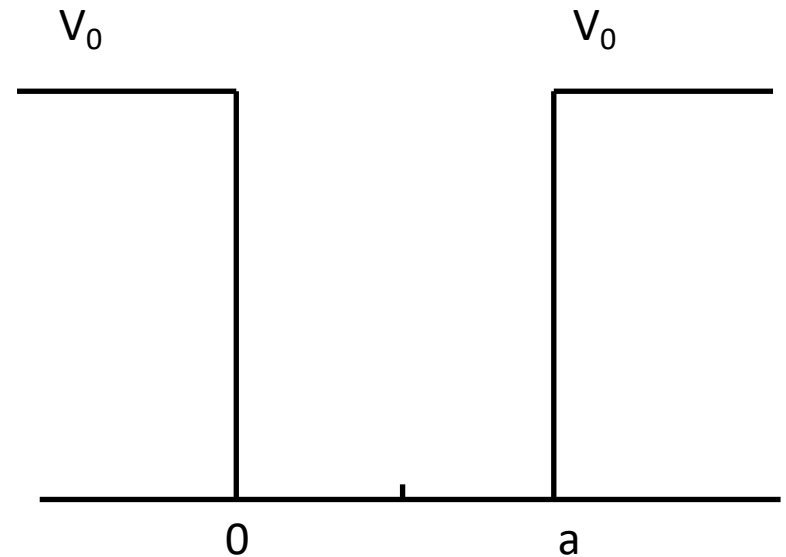
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$$\text{If } E < V_0 \quad k_1 = i \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$\Psi(x)|_{x=a,0} \text{ continuous}$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x) \Psi^*(x) dx = 1$$

for $x < 0, x > a$

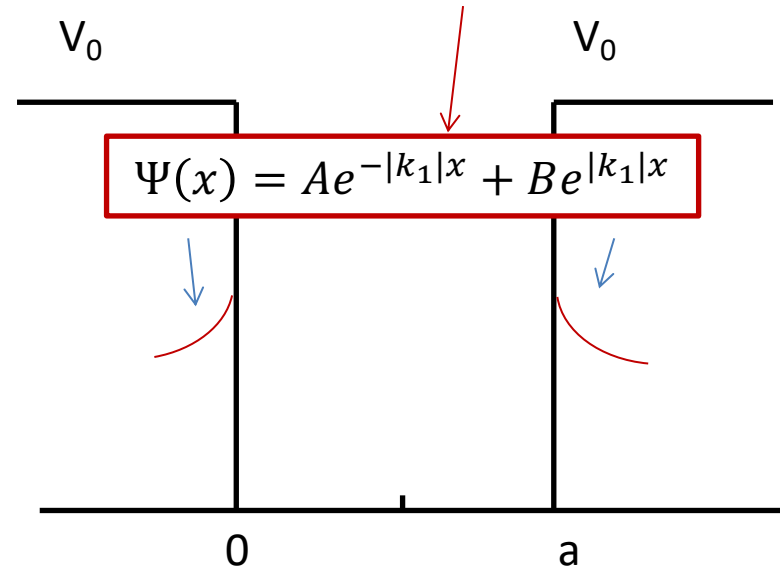
$$\Psi(x) = Ae^{-ik_1x} + Be^{ik_1x}$$

$$k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(E - V_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$

for $0 \leq x \leq a$

$$\Psi(x) = Ce^{-ik_2x} + De^{ik_2x}$$

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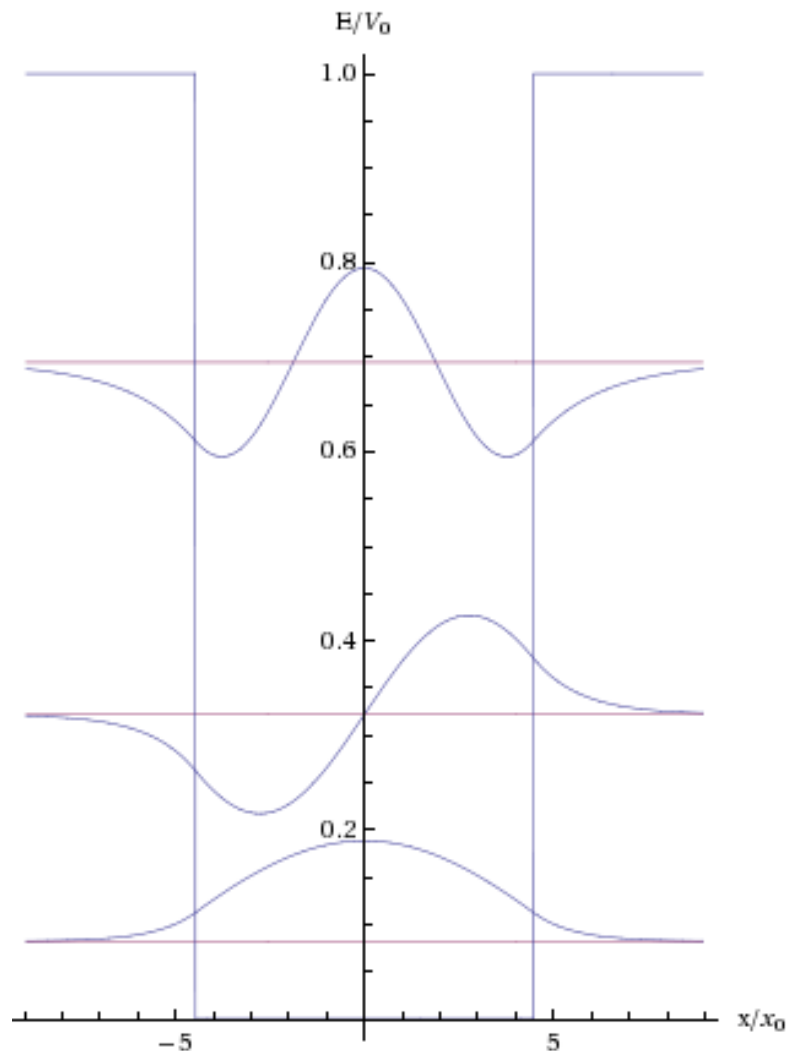
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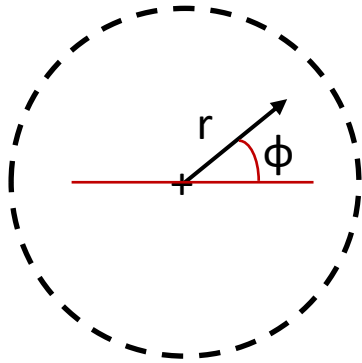
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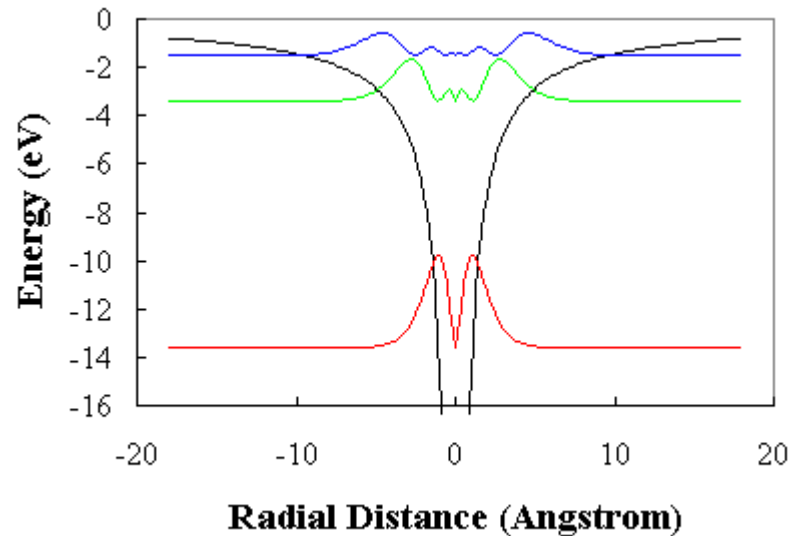
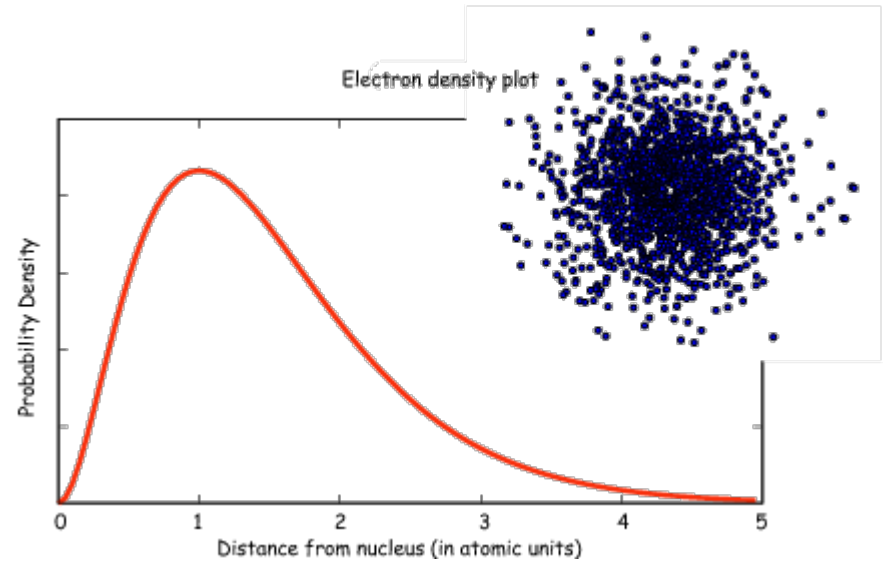
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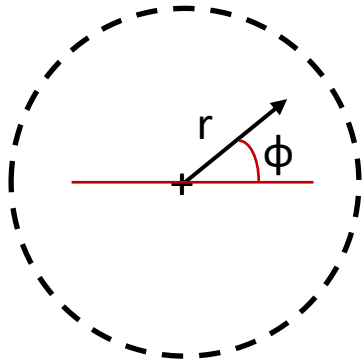


Periodic boundary conditions

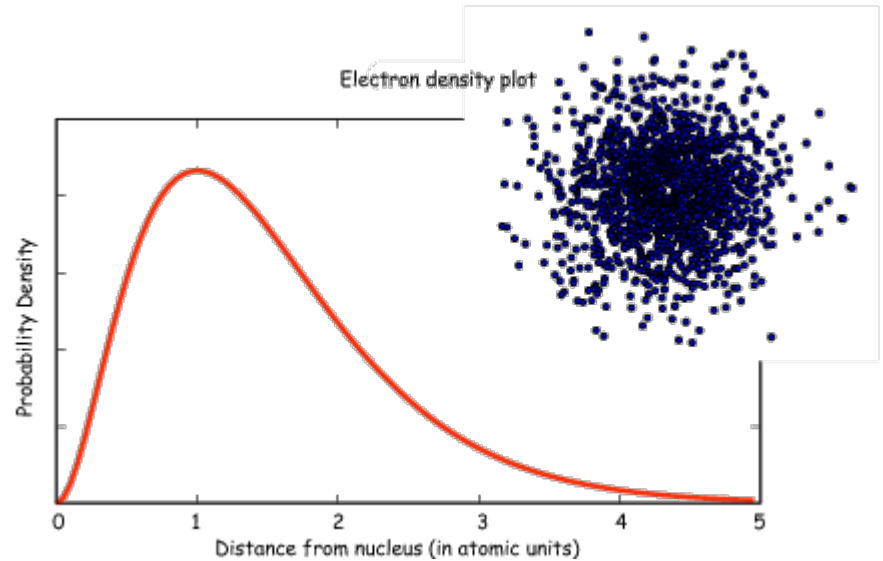


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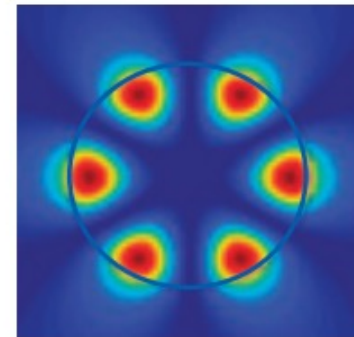
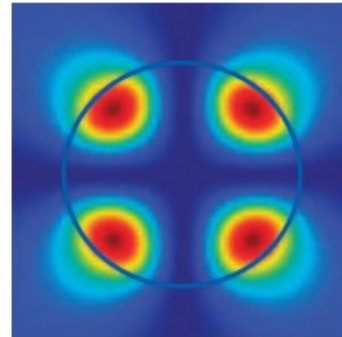
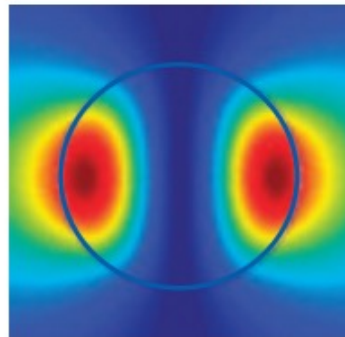
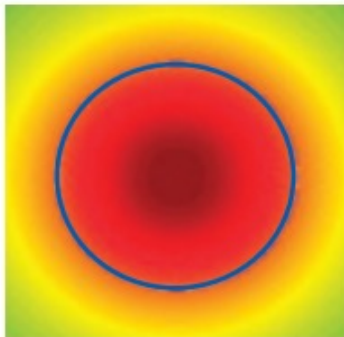
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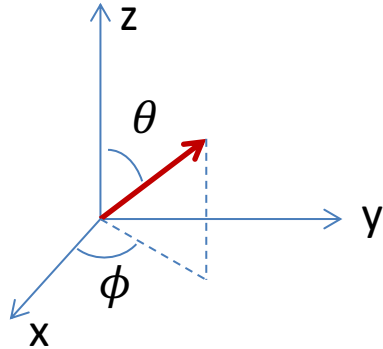


$f(r, \phi)$



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$$\Psi_{r,\theta,\phi} = R_n^l(r) Y_l^m(\phi, \theta)$$

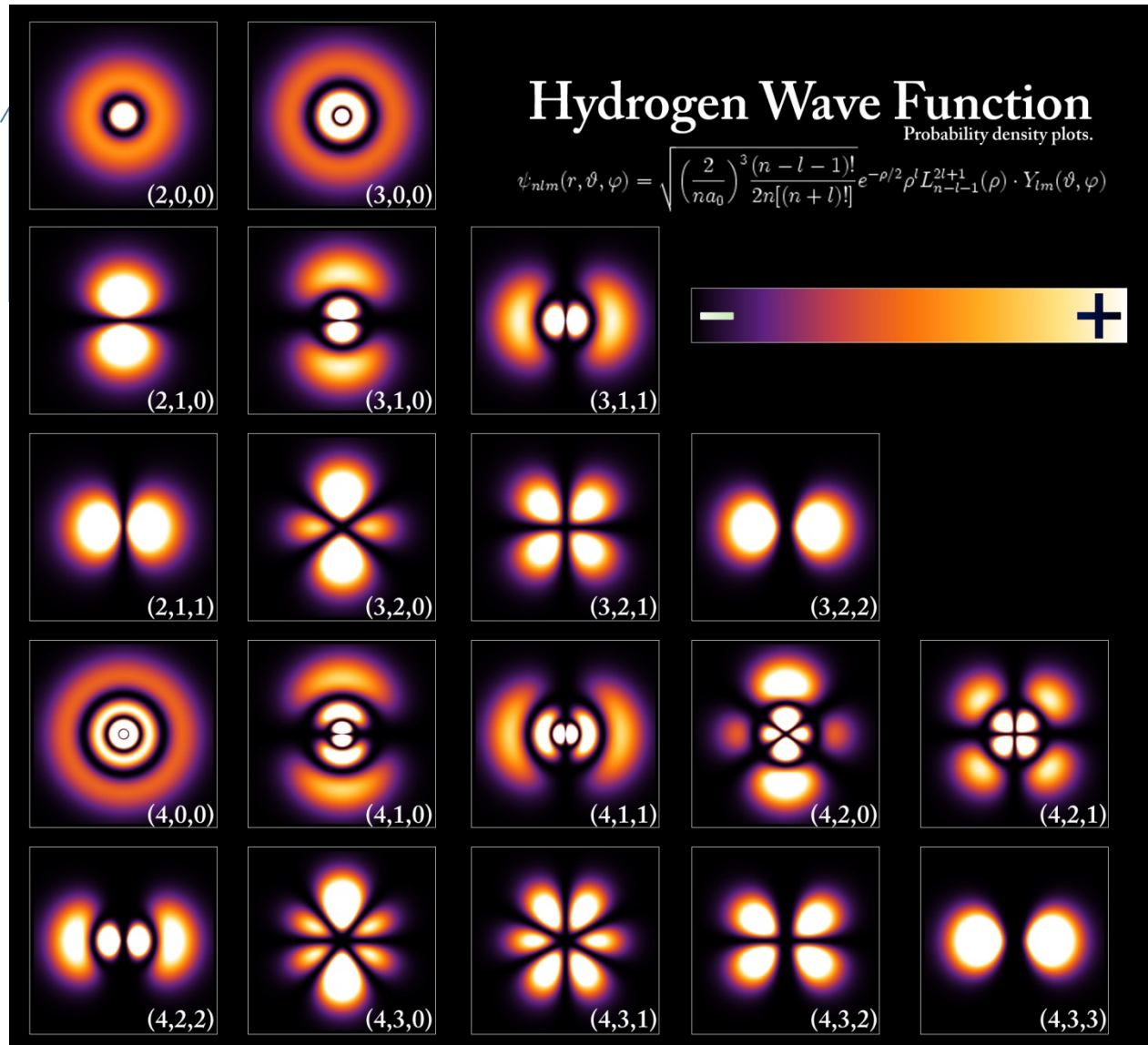
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$3s^2 3p^6 3d^6$

$2s^2 2p^6$

$1s^2$



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Table 2.1 | Initial portion of the periodic table

Element	Notation	n	l	m	s
Hydrogen	$1s^1$	1	0	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$
Helium	$1s^2$	1	0	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$
Lithium	$1s^2 2s^1$	2	0	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$
Beryllium	$1s^2 2s^2$	2	0	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$
Boron	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$	2	1	$\left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$	$m = 0, -1, +1$ $s = +\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$
Carbon	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$	2	1		
Nitrogen	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$	2	1		
Oxygen	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$	2	1		
Fluorine	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$	2	1		
Neon	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$	2	1		