

Quantum Mechanics

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- 1) List the issues exemplifying inadequacy of classical mechanics. How Quantum mechanics becomes useful to give better solution. How Davisson-Germer experiment supported quantum mechanics? Explain.

Solution

Classical mechanics based on the Newton's three law of motion (I) Laws of inertia (ii) Laws of force (III) Laws of action and reaction, totally germinated on the ground of absolute mass, absolute space and absolute time that could explain the motion of the body with non-relativistic speed. ($v \ll c$).

The inadequacy of classical mechanics are as,

- i) classical mechanics couldn't explain the stability of atoms.
- ii) It couldn't explain the black body radiation.
- iii) It couldn't explain the observed variation of specific heat of solid.
- iv) It couldn't explain the origin of discrete

(v) It couldn't explain a large number of phenomenon like photoelectric effect, Compton effect, Raman effect etc.

2nd part

Quantum mechanics become useful and provides better solution in various ways.

(a) Nanotechnology :- Quantum mechanics provides the theoretical framework for understanding and manipulating matter at the nanoscale, leading to the development of nanotechnology. This has practical application such as electronics, material science, and medicine.

(b) Quantum Computing :- Quantum mechanics enable the development of quantum computers, which have the potential to perform certain calculation much faster than classical computers. Quantum algorithms can solve problems in cryptography, optimization and simulation more efficiently.

(c) Quantum Sensing :- Quantum mechanics enabling the development of highly

Sensitive sensors, such as quantum enhanced imaging and quantum sensors for precise measurement in fields like metrology, navigation and medical diagnostics.

(d) Superconductivity:- Quantum mechanics explain phenomena like superconductivity where materials exhibit zero electrical resistance at low temperatures.

(e) Quantum metrology:- Quantum mechanics provides advanced technique for precise measurements, surpassing the limitations essential for applications in field such as timekeeping, navigation, and fundamental physics research.

Overall, Quantum mechanics revolutionizes various fields by offering fundamentally new approaches and solution that outperform classical methods in certain tasks.

3rd part

The Davisson-Germer experiment provides significant supports for the principles of Quantum mechanics. This

Experiment provides experimental evidence that electrons exhibit wave-like behaviour, supporting the wave particle duality concept central to quantum mechanics. It demonstrated the need to embrace a probabilistic and wave based description of particles at the quantum level, which laid the foundation of modern quantum theory.

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Discuss Ramsauer-Townsend effect in the of scattering of low energy electron by atoms of a noble gas. Find transmission probability for electrons.

Solutions

Consider a square potential well of finite depth (V_0) as shown as fig. and width (a). Suppose a uniform beam of particles each of mass (m) and having total positive energy ($E > 0$) in traveling from left to right, parallel to the direction of x -axis.

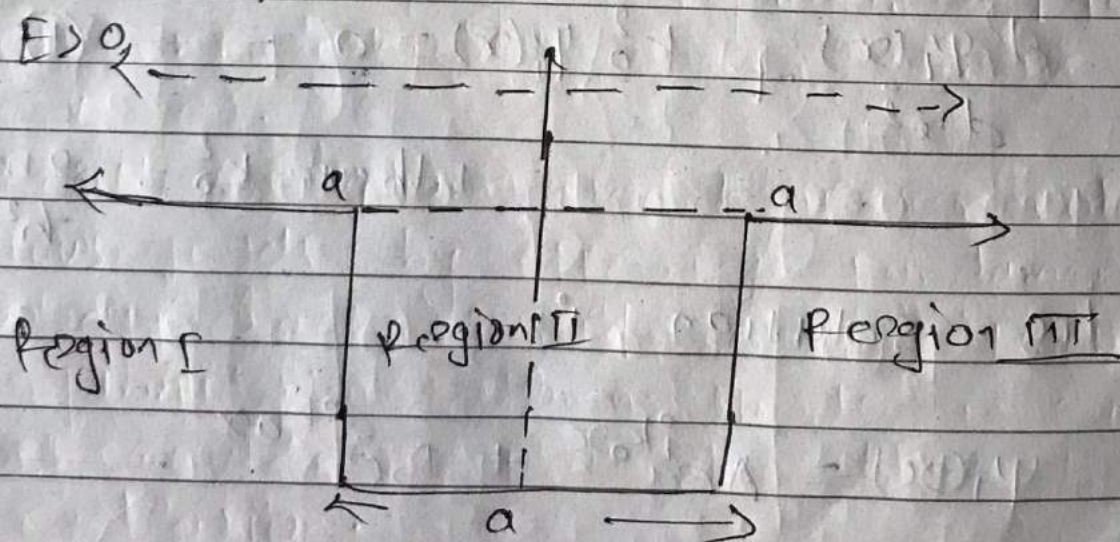


Fig- Square potential well of finite depth.

The boundary condition of potential square potential is,

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= 0 \text{ for } x < 0 \\ &= -|V_0| \text{ for } 0 < x < a \\ &= 0 \text{ for } x > a \end{aligned}$$

Let $\psi_1(x)$, $\psi_2(x)$ and $\psi_3(x)$ are wave function in region I, II and III. Then,

The Schrodinger wave eqn in region I

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_1(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi_1(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_1(x)}{dx^2} + k_0^2 \psi_1(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Where } k_0^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

Its solution is

$$\psi_1(x) = A e^{i k_0 x} + B e^{-i k_0 x} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Again

The Schrodinger wave eqn in region II

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_2(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m(E + |V_0|)}{\hbar^2} \psi_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_2(x)}{dx^2} + k^2 \psi_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2m(E + |V_0|)}{\hbar^2}$$

its solution is

$$\psi_2(x) = C e^{ikx} + D e^{-ikx} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Again,

The Schrodinger wave eqn in region III

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_3(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi_3(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_3(x)}{dx^2} + k_0^2 \psi_3(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$k_0^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

its solution is

$$\psi_3(x) = A' e^{ik_0 x} + B' e^{-ik_0 x}$$

$$\psi_3(x) = A' e^{ik_0 x} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Since $B' = 0$
no reflection
in region III)
no. particles travel from
left to right so
 $|A'| e^{ik_0 x} = 0$

using boundary condition.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(x) \Big|_{x=0} &= \psi_2(x) \Big|_{x=0} \\ \psi_1'(x) \Big|_{x=0} &= \psi_2'(x) \Big|_{x=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$A + B = C + D \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$ik_0 A - ik_0 B = ikC - ikD$$

$$A - B = \frac{k}{k_0} (C - D) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Adding eqn (7) and (8)

$$2A = \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) C + \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0}\right) D \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Again using boundary condition

$$\psi_2(x) \Big|_{x=a} = \psi_3(x) \Big|_{x=a}$$

$$\psi_2'(x) \Big|_{x=a} = \psi_3'(x) \Big|_{x=a}$$

$$C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika} = A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$\text{--- (10)}$$

and $i k C e^{i k a} - i k D e^{-i k a} = i k_0 A' e^{i k_0 a}$

$$C e^{i k a} - D e^{-i k a} = \frac{k_0}{k} A' e^{i k_0 a} \quad (11)$$

Adding eqn (10) and (11)

$$2 C e^{i k a} = \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k}\right) A' e^{i k_0 a}$$

$$C = \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k}\right) e^{i(k_0 - k)a} \quad (12)$$

Again,

Subtracting eqn (11) from (10)

$$2 D e^{-i k a} = \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k}\right) A' e^{i k_0 a}$$

$$D = \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k}\right) e^{i(k_0 + k)a} \quad (13)$$

putting value of C and D in eqn (9)

$$2 A = \left[\left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k}\right) e^{i(k_0 - k)a} + \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k}\right) e^{i(k_0 + k)a} \right]$$

$$2A = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{-ika} + \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{ika} \right] A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$2A = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(2 + \frac{k}{k_0} + \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{-ika} + \frac{1}{2} \left(2 - \frac{k_0}{k} - \frac{k}{k_0} \right) e^{ika} \right] A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$2A = \left[\frac{1}{2} (e^{ika} + e^{-ika}) + \left(\frac{k}{k_0} + \frac{k_0}{k} \right) \frac{e^{-ika} - e^{ika}}{2i} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} - \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \frac{e^{ika} - e^{-ika}}{2i} \right] A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$A = \left[\frac{e^{ika} + e^{-ika}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \frac{e^{ika} + e^{-ika}}{2i} \right] A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$A = \left[\cos ka - \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \sin ka \right] A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$\frac{A}{A'} = \left[\cos ka - \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \sin ka \right] e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{1}{\left[\cos ka - \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \sin ka \right] e^{ik_0 a}}$$

2nd part

Transmission coefficient (T_E)

$$T_E = \frac{|A'|^2}{|A|^2} = \left(\frac{A'}{A}\right)^* \left(\frac{A}{A}\right)$$

$$T_E = \frac{1}{\left(\cos ka - \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \sin ka\right) \left(\cos ka + \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \sin ka\right)}$$

$$T_E = \frac{1}{\cos^2 ka + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \sin^2 ka}$$

$$T_E = \frac{1}{1 + \sin^2 ka + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) \sin^2 ka}$$

$$T_E = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{k_0}{k} + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) - 4 \sin^2 ka} \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

Using $k_0^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}$ and $k^2 = \frac{2m(E + |V_0|)}{\hbar^2}$ in

eqn (14) we get

$$T_E = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{V_0^2 \sin^2 ka}{4E(E + |V_0|)}}$$

Here T_E is maximum when $\sin ka = 0$

$$\sin ka = 0$$

$$ka = n\pi$$

$$\sin \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} (E + |V_0|) = 0$$

$$ka = n\pi$$

$$ka = \sin \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} (E + |V_0|)$$

$$a = \frac{n\pi}{k}$$

$$a = \frac{n\pi}{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}}$$

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

$$a = \frac{n\lambda}{2}$$

This is the condition of resonance. This shows that the well becomes transparent when width of well is equal to integral multiple of half of wave length.

Q6) Find the expression for the energy level of a finite square potential well, described by the potential $V(x)$ for a beam of quantum particles having energy, $E < V_0$

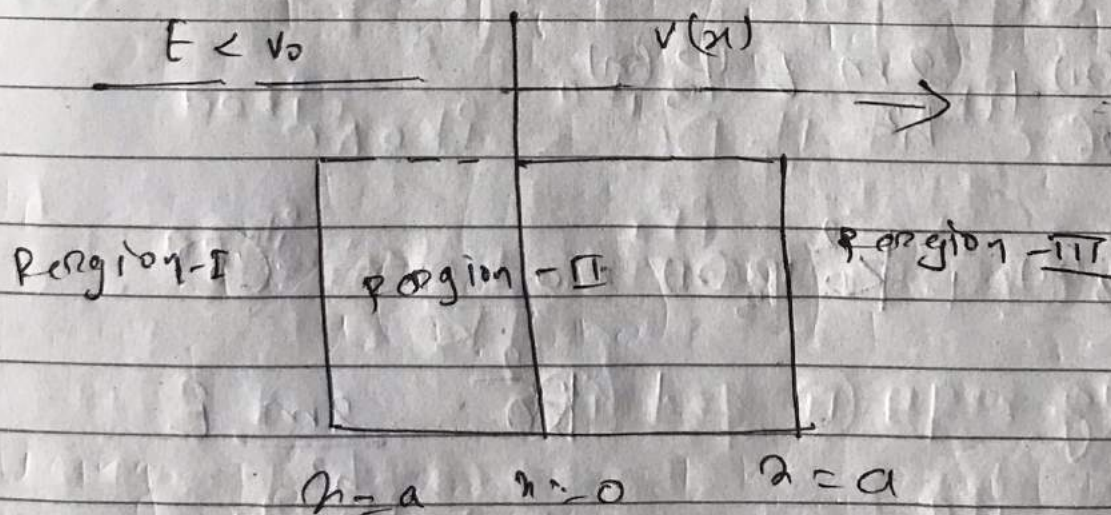
$$V(x) = 0 \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$= -V_0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2a$$

$$= 0 \text{ for } x \geq 2a$$

Solution

Let us consider a potential well as shown as figure. of width $2a$. The potential of well is as shown as figure.



The Schrodinger wave eqn in region I

$$\frac{d^2\psi_1(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - \psi_1(x)] = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_1(x)}{dx^2} + k_0^2 \psi_1(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$k_0^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E$$

Schrodinger wave equation in region II

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_2(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \psi_2(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_2(x)}{dx^2} + k^2 \psi_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V)$$

Schrodinger wave eqn in region III

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_3(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi_3(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_3(x)}{dx^2} + k_0^2 \psi_3(x) = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$k_0^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E$$

The solution of all these eqn are

$$\psi_1(x) = A e^{ik_0 x} + B e^{-ik_0 x} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\psi_2(x) = C e^{ikx} + D e^{-ikx} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\psi_3(x) = A' e^{ik_0 x} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

No. wave reflected in region III so,
 $B' = 0$

Applying boundary conditions.

$$\psi_1(x) \big|_{x=-a} = \psi_2(x) \big|_{x=+a}$$

$$\psi_1'(x) \big|_{x=-a} = \psi_2'(x) \big|_{x=+a}$$

eqn (4) and (5) becomes

$$A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika} = C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

and,

$$ika A e^{-ika} - ika B e^{ika} = ika C e^{-ika} - ika D e^{ika}$$

$$A e^{-ika} - B e^{ika} = \frac{k}{k_0} C e^{-ika} - D e^{ika} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Adding eqn (7) and (8)

$$2A e^{-ika} = \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) C e^{-ika} + \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0}\right) D e^{ika}$$

$$A = \frac{C}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) e^{-ika} e^{ika} + \frac{D}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0}\right) e^{ika} e^{-ika} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Similarly equation 8 from (7) subtract we get

$$B = \frac{C}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0}\right) e^{-ika} \cdot e^{ik_0 a} + \frac{D}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0}\right) e^{ika} \cdot e^{-ik_0 a} \quad (10)$$

Again using boundary condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_2(x) \big|_{x=a} &= \psi_3(x) \big|_{x=a} \\ \psi_2'(x) \big|_{x=a} &= \psi_3'(x) \big|_{x=a} \end{aligned}$$

Then eqn (5) and (6) becomes

$$C e^{ika} + D e^{-ika} = A' e^{ik_0 a} \quad (11)$$

$$ikC e^{ika} + ikD e^{-ika} = ik_0 A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$C e^{ika} - D e^{-ika} = \frac{k_0}{k} A' e^{ik_0 a} \quad (12)$$

Adding eqn (11) and (12)

$$2C e^{ika} = \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k}\right) A' e^{ik_0 a}$$

$$C = \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k}\right) e^{ik_0 a} \cdot e^{-ika} \quad (13)$$

Subtracting 12 from (11) we get

$$D = \frac{A'}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{ik_0 a} \cdot e^{ika} \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

Using value of C and D in eqn (9) we get

$$A = \frac{A'}{4} \left(1 + \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \left(1 + \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{2ik_0 a} \cdot e^{-2ika} + \frac{A'}{4} \left(1 - \frac{k}{k_0} \right) \left(1 - \frac{k_0}{k} \right) e^{2ik_0 a} \cdot e^{2ika}$$

$$A = \frac{A'}{4} e^{2ik_0 a} \left[\frac{(k_0 + k)^2 e^{-2ika} - (k - k_0)^2 e^{2ika}}{k_0 k} \right]$$

$$\frac{A}{A'} = \frac{[(k_0 + k)^2 e^{-2ika} - (k - k_0)^2 e^{2ika}]}{4 k_0 k} e^{2ik_0 a}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{4 k_0 k e^{-2ik_0 a}}{(k_0^2 + k^2) (e^{-2ika} - e^{2ika}) + 2 k_0 k (e^{-2ika} + e^{2ika})}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{4 k_0 k e^{-2ik_0 a}}{2i^0 (k_0^2 + k^2) \left(\frac{e^{-2ika} - e^{2ika}}{2i} \right) + 4 k_0 k \left(\frac{e^{2ika} - e^{-2ika}}{2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{4k_0 k e^{2ik_0 a}}{2i(k_0^2 + k^2)}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{4k_0 k e^{2ik_0 a}}{-2i(k_0^2 + k^2) \sin 2ka + 4k_0 k \cos 2ka}$$

$$\frac{A'}{A} = \frac{4k_0 k e^{2ik_0 a}}{4k_0 k \cos 2ka - 2i(k_0^2 + k^2) \sin 2ka}$$

(15)

Then the transmission coefficient is given by.

$$T = \left| \frac{A'}{A} \right|^2 = \left(\frac{A'}{A} \right)^* \times \left(\frac{A'}{A} \right)$$

$$T = \frac{(4k_0 k e^{-ik_0 a})^2}{(4k_0 k \cos 2ka - 2i(k_0^2 + k^2) \sin 2ka)^2}$$

$$= \frac{16k_0^2 k^2}{16k_0^2 k^2 \cos^2 ka + 4(k_0^2 + k^2)^2 \sin^2 ka}$$

$$T = \frac{16k_0^2 k^2}{16k_0^2 k^2 \cos^2 ka + 4(k_0^2 + k^2)^2 \sin^2 ka}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{\cos^2 2ka + \frac{(k_0^2 + k^2)}{4k_0^2 k^2} \sin^2 2ka} \quad [\cos^2 a = 1 - \sin^2 a]$$

$$T = \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 2ka + \frac{(k_0^2 + k^2)^2}{4k_0^2 k^2} \sin^2 2ka}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\sin^2 2ka \left(\frac{k_0^2 + k^2}{4k_0^2 k^2} - 1 \right) \right]}$$

$$T_E = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(k_0^2 - k^2)^2}{(2k_0 k)^2} \sin^2 2ka} \quad (16)$$

$$k_0^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \quad k^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E + V_0)$$

So

$$\frac{k_0^2 - k^2}{2k_0 k} = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E + V_0)$$

$$2 \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2m(E + V_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\frac{(k_0^2 - k^2)^2}{(2k_0 k)^2} = \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E + V_0)}$$

$$\left(\frac{k_0^2 - k^2}{2k_0 k} \right)^2 = \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E + V_0)}$$

eqn (16) becomes

$$T_E = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E+V_0)} \sin^2 2ka}$$

$$T_E = \frac{4E(E+V_0)}{4E(E+V_0) + V_0^2 \sin^2 2ka}$$

This gives transmission coefficient of the particle in potential well of finite depth. when $E < V_0$

Again reflection coefficient

$$R_E = 1 - T_E$$

$$R_E = \frac{V_0^2 \sin^2 2ka}{4E(E+V_0) + V_0^2 \sin^2 2ka}$$

Which is required reflection coefficient

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Q2 20K What do you mean by cold emission of electron? Find transmission probability following electron from the surface of the metal due to the electric field. Discuss it in the context of scanning tunneling microscope (STM)

Soln:

1st part

Cold emission refers to the emission of electron from a surface without need for heating the material. It can occur through various mechanisms such as field emission, where electrons are emitted due to strong electric field.

2nd part

A Scanning Tunneling Microscope (STM) is an instrument for producing images of a surface at atomic level. It was developed in 1982 by Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer. For an STM, good resolution is considered to be 0.1 nm lateral resolution and 0.1 nm depth resolution. The STM can be used not only in ultra high vacuum but also in air.

ranging from near 0K to few hundred Celsius.

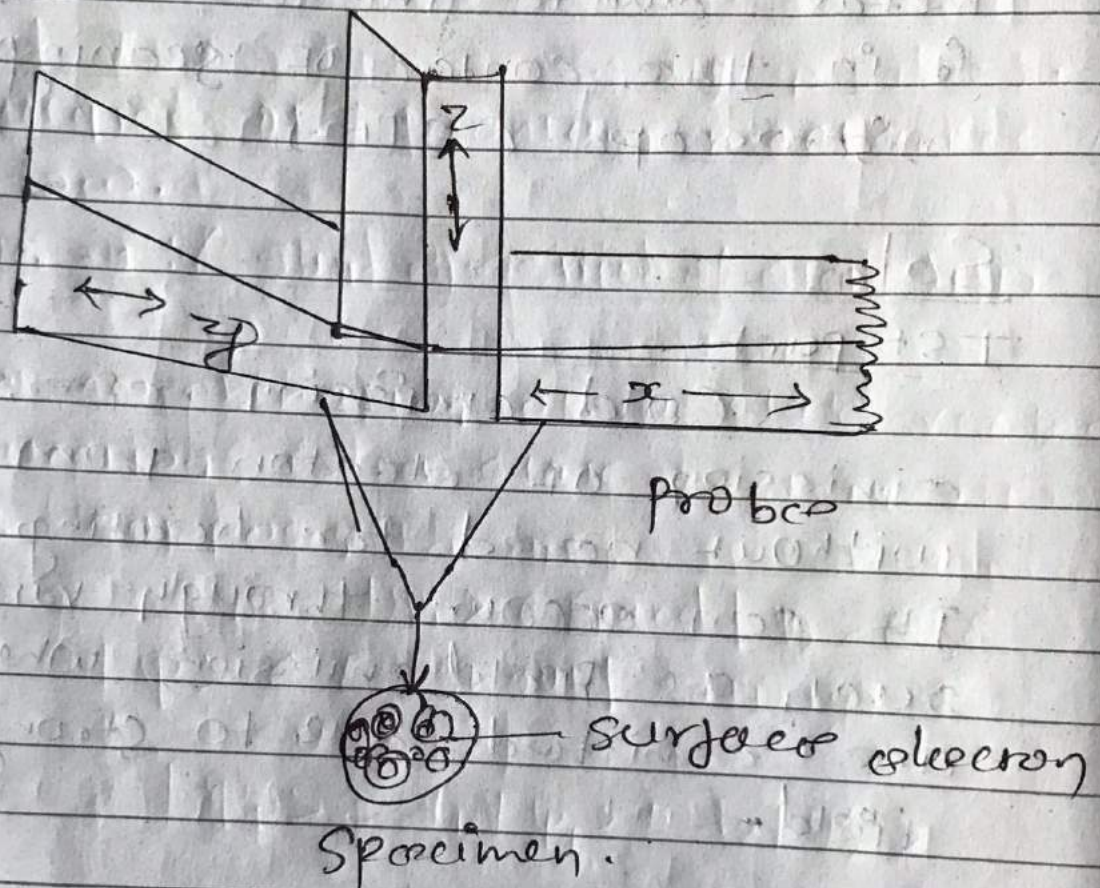


Fig. Schematic diagram of (STM)

The STM based on the concepts of quantum tunneling when a conducting tip is brought very near to the surface to be examined, a bias applied between the two can allow electrons to tunnel through the vacuum between them. The resulting tunneling current is a function of

tip position, applied voltage, local density of state of the sample. Information is acquired by monitoring the current as tips position scans across the surface, and it usually displayed on the image. clean and stable surfaces, sharp tips, excellent vibration control and sophisticated electronics.

Q3 Discuss postulates of quantum mechanics. How these postulates demand conservation of probability? explain.

Solution

Postulates of quantum mechanics are as below.

Postulate -1: (Superposition of state)

A linear combination of a state vector wave function is a state vector.

Let us suppose,

$$|\psi_1\rangle \in E \text{ and } |\psi_2\rangle \in E$$

Then, $|\psi\rangle \in E$ should satisfy.

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_1 |\psi_1\rangle + \alpha_2 |\psi_2\rangle$$

This relation implies superposition principle in quantum mechanics. It is based upon linear combination of state.

Postulate -2: (Operator (Physical quantity))

Every measurable physical quantity (A) can be ~~operator~~ expressed by an operator $\hat{A}$ acting on the state space E .

Physical operator $\longleftrightarrow$ Operator $\longleftrightarrow$ basic set.
Explanation,

All eigen vectors of an operator $\hat{A}$ acting in the state space E constitute a basic set $\hat{A}|u_i\rangle = q_i|u_i\rangle$ Here, $|u_i\rangle$ represent basic set and q_i represent the eigen value of eigen vector. The basic set can be expressed in term of wave function ψ .

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |u_i\rangle$$

~~Postulate~~
Postulate - 3 :- Eigen value / Eigen vectors

The nature of quantum mechanics in measurement of physical quantity A is always real. The real value lies in one of the eigen value of the eigen vector. This eigen vector must be - Hermitian in nature.

$$\hat{A}|u_i\rangle = q_i|u_i\rangle$$

Here $|u_i\rangle$ is basic set and q_i is real number and $\hat{A}$ is Hermitian operator.

$\hat{A} |u_i\rangle = |q_i| u_i\rangle$ for discrete system.

$\hat{A} |u_\alpha\rangle = |q_\alpha| u_\alpha\rangle$ for continuous system

q_i and q_α represent eigen values.

Postulate-4 Probability and normalization

When a physical quantity A is measured on a physical system of normalized state ψ . The probability of obtaining non-degenerate value of an $\hat{A}$ is,

$$P = |\langle u_n | \psi \rangle|^2 = |c_n|^2$$

$$P = (\psi^* \psi) dv$$

where $\langle u_n | \psi \rangle$ is expansion coefficient.

If the measurement of physical quantity A on physical system on normalized state ψ gives the result a_n . The state of the system immediately after measurement is normalized projection

$$\frac{P_n | \psi \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi | P_n | \psi \rangle}}$$

to the sub space associated with a_n .

Postulate - 5 :- ~~Time~~ Time evolution of the system of Schrodinger wave equation

This concept gives the time variation of state function and evolution of this function in latter time when same physical observable operator on that state. This postulate is the differential eqn of first order with respect to time.

$$H|\psi\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle$$

This is also called time dependent Schrodinger equation.

Postulate - 6 :-

An electron possess an intrinsic angular momentum called spin vector with component S_x , S_y and S_z is being a two valued observable with possible eigen value $\pm \hbar/2$

$$\text{For each } \vec{S} = \hat{e}_1 S_x + \hat{e}_2 S_y + \hat{e}_3 S_z$$

$$\therefore \vec{S} = \hat{e}_1 S_x + \hat{e}_2 S_y + \hat{e}_3 S_z$$

2nd part

The probability of all possible outcomes of a measurement must sum to 1. This conservation of probability ensures that the probabilities are normalized and that the probability of a measurement is certain to be one of the possible eigenvalues. Without conservation of probability, the predictions of quantum mechanics would not match experimental results, and the theory would not be consistent. Therefore it is a fundamental requirement for the validity of quantum mechanics.

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4 Find the expression of the spherical harmonics when $l=2$ and $m=\pm 1$ in terms of spherical polar coordinates $(\theta$ and $\phi)$. Make plot of the above spherical harmonics versus θ in any plane through z -axis.

Solution

Here, the spherical harmonics

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} e^{im\phi} P_l^m(\cos\theta)$$

where $\epsilon = (-1)^m$ for $m \geq 0$ and $\epsilon = 1$ for $m \leq 0$

We have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)]^* [Y_l^{m'}(\theta, \phi)] \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{l,l'} \delta_{m,m'}$$

Here, $l=2$ and $m=\pm 1, -1$

$$Y_2^{\pm 1} = \pm \left(\frac{15}{8\pi} \right)^{1/2} \sin^2\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

Also,

$$Y_0^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

Some few spherical harmonics are

$$Y_{0,0} = \frac{e^{\pm i \cdot 0 \cdot \phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(2 \cdot 0 + 1)(0 - 0)!}{2(0 + 0)!}} P_0^0(\cos \theta) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{1/2}}$$

$$Y_{1,0} = \frac{e^{\pm i \cdot 1 \cdot \phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1 + 1(1 - 0)!}{2(1 + 0)!}} P_1^0(\cos \theta)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$$

$$Y_{1,\pm 1} = \frac{e^{\pm i \cdot 1 \cdot \phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(2 \cdot 1 + 1)(1 - \pm 1)!}{2(1 \pm 1)!}} P_1^{\pm 1}(\cos \theta)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i \phi}$$

$$Y_{2,0} = \frac{e^{\pm i \cdot 0 \cdot \phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2(2 \cdot 2 + 1)(2 - 0)!}{2(2 + 0)!}} P_2^0(\cos \theta)$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

$$Y_{2,\pm 2} = \frac{e^{\pm i \cdot 2 \cdot \phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(2 \cdot 2 + 1)(2 - 2)!}{2(2 + 2)!}} P_2^2(\cos \theta)$$

$$= \left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

Q(5) Discuss free particle radial function and show that the energy levels of particles are discrete when placed in a spherical box — 8 marks

Soln

consider a particle of mass m with potential $V(r)$. Then, the schrodinger wave equation of cartesian coordinates system in the three dimension is given by

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(r)] \psi = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

for free particle potential $V(r) = 0$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

to solve eqn (1), let us separate wave function ψ as,

$$\psi = \psi(x, y, z) = X(x) Y(y) Z(z) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

using eqn (3) in eqn (2), we get.

$$Y/Z \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + X/Z \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + XY \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} XYZ = 0 \quad (4)$$

Dividing eqn (4) by XYZ

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} - \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = (-k_x^2) \text{ say}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + k_x^2 X = 0$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + k_y^2 Y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} + k_z^2 Z = 0$$

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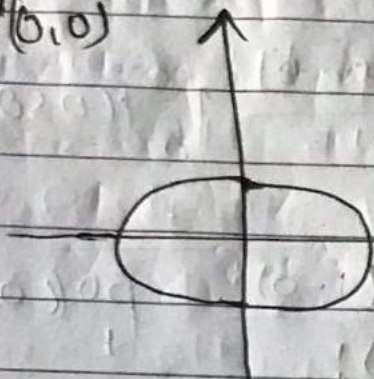
$$\text{Where } k^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = \frac{p^2}{\hbar^2}$$

The normalized plane wave solution for equation (2) is

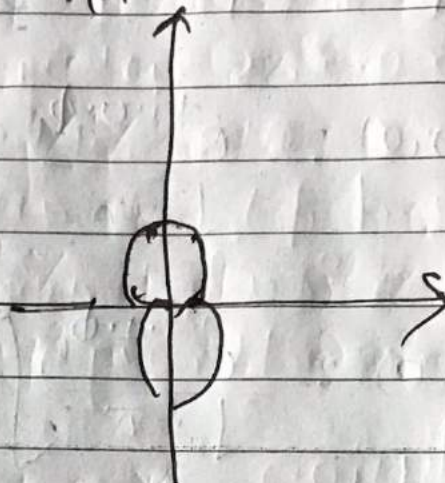
$$\Psi = U_k(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})}$$

~~Some~~

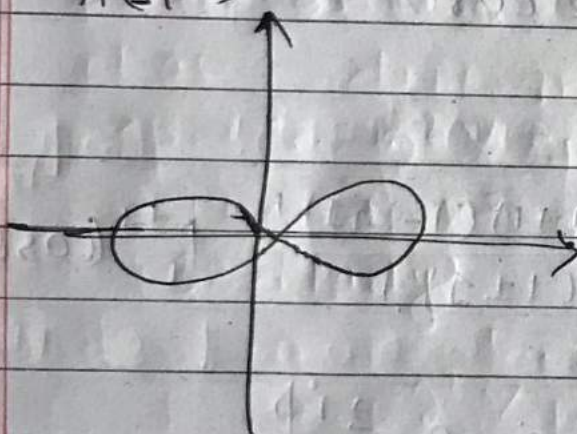
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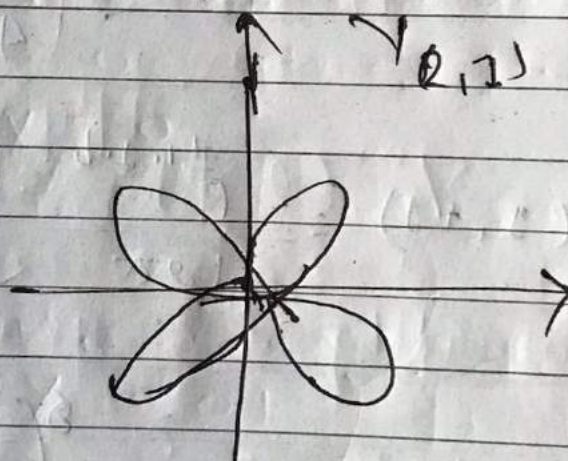
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$|\psi_2^2|$

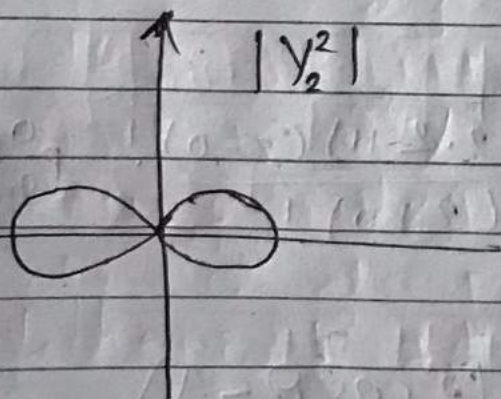


Fig: polar graphs of probability $|\psi_m^l|^2$ vs θ in any plane through z-axis for $l=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

This solution is Eigen function of the three components of the momentum $\vec{P}$.
The momentum operators.

$$\hat{P} = -i\hbar \nabla = -i\hbar \left[\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{e}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right]$$

$\hat{e}$ is unit vectors.

Now we take,

$$\hat{P} u_k(\vec{r}) = -i\hbar \left[\hat{e}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{e}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{e}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\times \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (P_x x + P_y y + P_z z)}$$

$$\hat{P} u_k(\vec{r}) = \frac{-i\hbar}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\hat{e}_x P_x + \hat{e}_y P_y + \hat{e}_z P_z \right] \times$$

$$\frac{i}{\hbar} (P_x x + P_y y + P_z z)$$

$$\hat{P} u_k(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{P}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{i/\hbar (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{r})}$$

$$\hat{P} u_k(\vec{r}) = \hat{P} u_k(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{Where } u_k(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{i(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{k})}$$

A plane wave perpendicular to $\vec{k}$ is defined by $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{constant}$. The projection of every point of this infinite plane has the same value

$$m = \frac{(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})}{|\vec{k}|} \text{ is in direction of } \vec{k}.$$

u_k has the same value for the phase difference 2π on planes $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{constant} + 2\pi$.

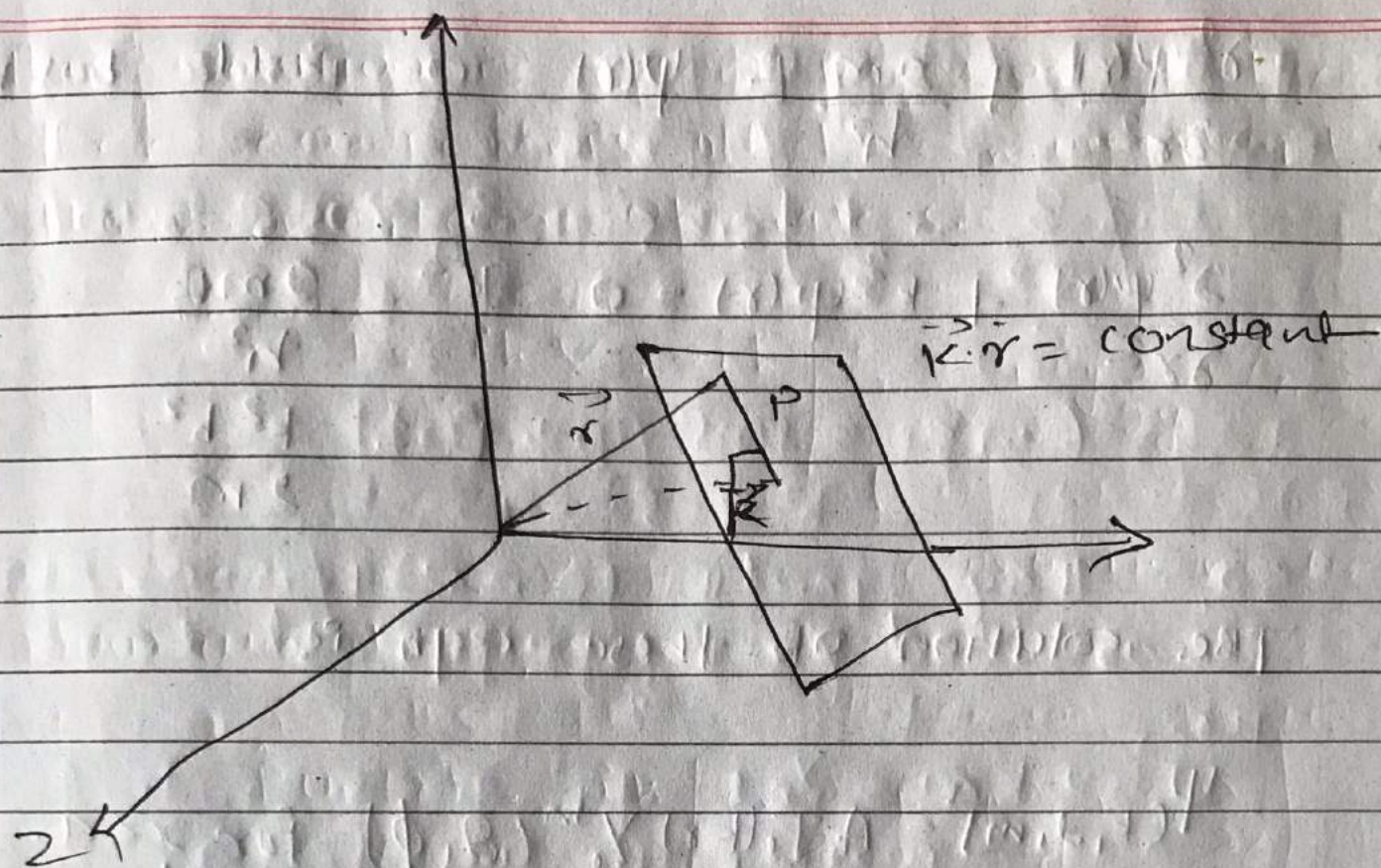
The distance between two successive planes is

$$\frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_1 - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_2}{|\vec{k}|} = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{k}|} = d.$$

This justifies the plane waves which are of infinitely extent and occupy all the space. Thus the time dependent radial wave function is given by

$$\Psi_k(\vec{r}, t) = u_k(\vec{r}) e^{-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}}$$

$$\Psi_k(\vec{r}, t) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} - Et)}$$



2nd part Particle in a spherical box.

Let us consider a spherical potential box of potential is given by

$$V(r) = 0 \text{ for } r < a$$

$$\infty \text{ for } r \geq a$$

The Schrodinger wave eqn inside the box is given by.

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(r)}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi(r) = 0 \quad \text{inside box } V=0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(r)}{\partial r^2} + k^2 \psi(r) = 0 \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

$$E = \frac{k^2 \hbar^2}{2m}$$

The solution of these eqn is

$$\psi_{(k,l,m)} = A J_l(kr) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \quad \text{for } r < a.$$

where A is amplitude of wave $J_l(kr)$ is Bessel's function and $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ is Spherical harmonics.

$$\text{As, } V(r \geq a) = \infty$$

The boundary condition are $J_l(ka) = 0$

$$J_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(ka) = 0$$

We know,

$$J_0 = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$J_1 = \frac{\sin \rho}{\rho^2} - \frac{\cos \rho}{\rho}$$

$$J_2 = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho^3} - \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \sin \rho - \frac{\rho \cos \rho}{\rho^3}$$

Where $\rho = kr$

Now, As; $J_0(\rho) = 0$,

$$\frac{\sin \rho}{\rho} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \rho = 0$$

$$\sin \rho = \sin n\pi$$

$$\rho = n\pi$$

Again $J_1(\rho) = 0$

$$\frac{\sin \rho}{\rho^2} - \frac{\cos \rho}{\rho} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sin \rho}{\cos \rho} = \frac{\rho^2}{\rho}$$

$$\tan \rho = \rho$$

Again,

$$J_2(\rho) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{\rho^3} - \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \sin \rho - \frac{3}{\rho^2} \cos \rho = 0$$

$$\tan \rho = \frac{3\rho}{3 - \rho^2}$$

So, they tends to $n\pi$ for even n or $(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ for odd n .

Then,

$$ka = X_{nl}$$

$$k = \frac{X_{nl}}{a}$$

Now, energy,

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{\hbar^2 X_{nl}^2}{2ma^2}}$$

Q(6) Separate radial part from the Schrodinger equation using the method of Separation of variables and find the solution of Hydrogen atoms.

Solution

The Schrodinger's equation in spherical polar co-ordinates for the problems of hydrogen atom is that in the form it may be separated into three independent equations, each involving only a single co-ordinate.

Let us first separate the wave function $\psi(r, \theta, \phi)$ into radial and angular parts.
Hence,

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) Y(\theta, \phi) \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

In which $R(r)$ is independent of the angles and $Y(\theta, \phi)$ is independent for r .

The Schrodinger's equation is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} [E - V(r)] R Y = 0$$

Dividing $R Y$ and multiplying by r^2 on both sides,

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \phi^2} \right] + \frac{2 \mu r^2 (E - V(r))}{\hbar^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{2 \mu r^2 (E - V(r))}{\hbar^2} = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$$

Thus above eqn gives radial equation of the form.

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \left[\frac{2 \mu (E - V)}{\hbar^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] R = 0$$

Q(2) Attempt all question.

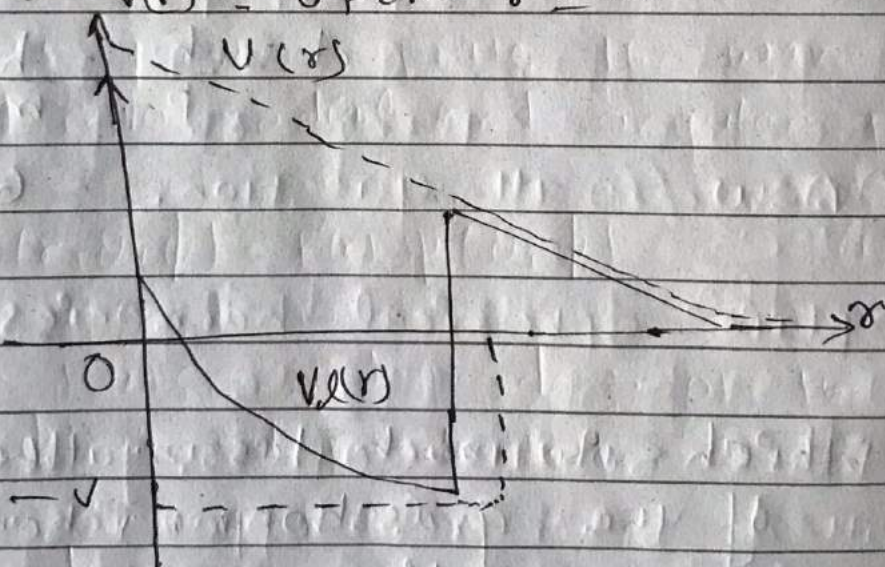
(a) Construct spherical potential well and discuss behaviour of free particle wave function in it.

Solution

Consider a square potential well as shows in fig. for which the potential function is defined as,

$$V(r) = -V_0 \text{ for } r \leq a$$

$$V(r) = 0 \text{ for } r \geq a$$



particle confined within a spherical region of space where the potential energy is zero but outside of this region, the potential energy becomes infinite.

or (b) Find De-Broglie wavelength of 10 gm grass-hopper jumping at the speed of 80 km/hr in a straight field.

Solution

Given,

$$\text{mass (m)} = 10 \text{ g}$$

$$= 10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{velocity (v)} = 80 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{wavelength (d)} = ?$$

we have de-Broglie wavelength,

$$d = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

$$= \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34}}{10 \times 10^{-3} \times 80}$$

$$= 8.275 \times 10^{-32} \text{ m.}$$

which is much lesser than the dimension of the grasshopper, hence, wave like properties cannot be observed.

b) Classical physics could not explain the behaviour of a black body radiator at very short wavelength. What was this problem? Explain.

Solution →

Classical physics failed to explain the behaviour of a black body radiator at very short wavelength due to ultraviolet catastrophe problems. According to classical physics, the intensity of radiations should increase infinitely as the wavelength decreases, leading to an absurd prediction that object would emit infinite amount of energy at short wavelength. This discrepancy between theory and observation was a major challenge that classical physics couldn't reconcile.

Q76] Discuss

Q(7)(b) Describe the meaning of parity in quantum mechanics.

Solution

The parity refers to the behaviour of wave function under space inversion. The space inversion refers to the behaviour of reflection of spatial (x, y, z) coordinate about the origin. Let us take wave function $\psi(x)$, and the parity operator is defined as,

$$\hat{\pi}\psi(x) = \psi(-x) \text{ and } \hat{\pi}\psi(-x) = \psi(x).$$

Q(8) Answer all question.

(a) explain spherical harmonics.

Soln

The solution of angular equation is called spherical harmonics. The angular part

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$ of the complex wave function, which is the solution

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2} + d = 0$$

where $d = l(l+1)$ is called spherical

harmonics.

$$\text{we have } Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \Phi(\theta) \Theta(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\pm i m \phi}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{2(l+m)!}} P_m^l$$

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harmonics.

We have,

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \Phi(\theta) \Phi(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\pm im\phi} \sqrt{\frac{2(l+1)(l-m)!}{2(l+m)!}} \rho_l^m \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{2(l+m)!}} \rho_l^m (\cos \theta) e^{\pm im\phi}$$

where, $\epsilon = (-1)^m$ for $m > 0$ $\epsilon = 1$ for $m \leq 0$

few spherical harmonics are

$$Y_{(0,0)} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{1/2}}$$

$$Y_{(1,0)} = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$$

$$Y_{(1,1)} = \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{(2,0)} = \left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

Ans

Q(6) What do you mean by the orthogonality?
? explain

Solution

If the scalar product of a function $\psi_1(x)$ and the complex conjugate $\psi_2^*(x)$ of a function $\psi_2(x)$ vanishes when integrated with respect to x over the entire range of x the function $\psi_1(x)$ and $\psi_2(x)$ are said to be mutually orthogonal.

$$\text{i.e. } \int \psi_2^*(x) \psi_1(x) dx = 0$$

where all variables are denoted by a single letter x . This is known as orthogonality.

Q(7) What is rigid rotor? Discuss

Soln

The system rotates about an axis passing through center of mass and normal to the plane containing two masses m_1 and m_2 . The system is called rigid rotator because there is no radial motion.

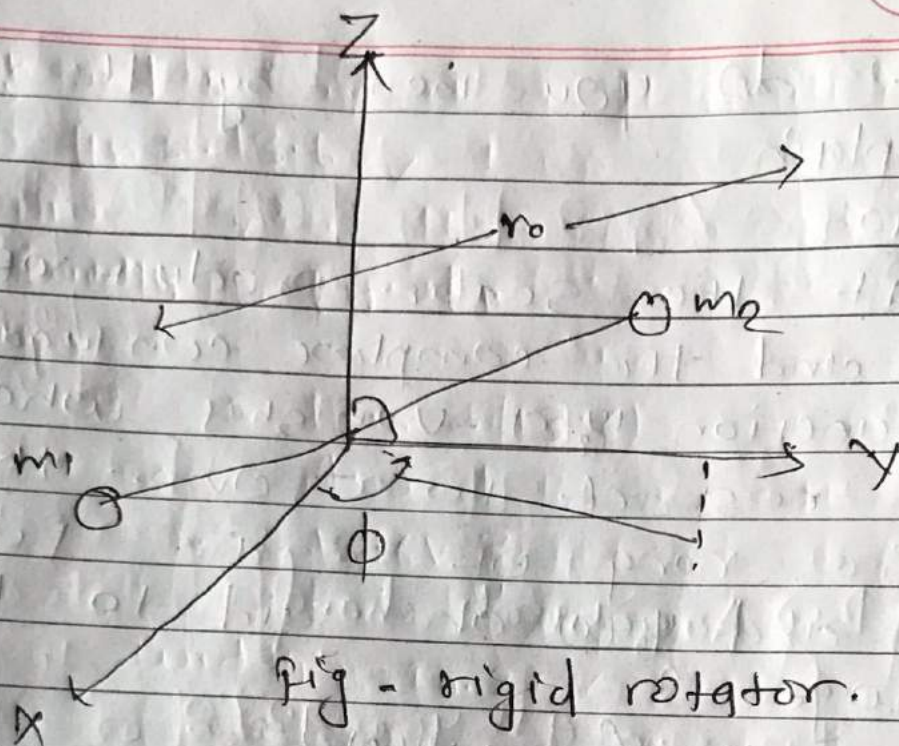


Fig - rigid rotator.

Q8(c) Discuss meaning of group velocity.

Solution

The group velocity is velocity of transference of the energy of the wave packet from one point to the another point. The velocity of the group of wave or wave packet is equal to the mechanical velocity of the particle. It is called group velocity.

Mathematically, $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$.

Q(8) An electron in the $n=2$ state of hydrogen remain there on the average of about 10^{-8} s before making transition to $n=1$ state.

(a) Estimate the uncertainty in the energy of the $n=2$ state.

(b) What fraction of transition energy is this? What is the width of this line in the separation of hydrogen atom.

Soln

Given,

State $(n) = 2$

Time $(T) = 10^{-8}$ sec.

State $(n) = 1$

$(h) = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ kg

$(e) = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ J/eV

(a) Soln

$$\Delta E \cdot T \geq h$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{h}{T} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{10^{-8}}$$

$$= 6.63 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta E \geq \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-26}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 4.14 \times 10^{-8} \text{ eV}$$

(b) so n

$$E_n = \frac{13.6}{n^2} \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{width} = E_n - E_1$$

$$= \frac{13.6}{4} - (13.6)$$

$$= 13.6 \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{width} = 10.2 \text{ eV}$$

Q51)

If A and B are two Hermitian operators. Show that AB and BA may not be Hermitian but that $(AB+BA)$ and $(AB-BA)$ are both Hermitian.

Solution

(i) Since A and B are Hermitian, we have,

$$\int \psi_m^* A \psi_n dx = \int A^* \psi_m^* \psi_n dx$$

$$\int \psi_m^* B \psi_n dx = \int B^* \psi_m^* \psi_n dx$$

$$\int \psi_m^* (AB - BA) \psi_n dx = \int \psi_m^* AB \psi_n dx + \int \psi_m^* BA \psi_n dx$$

$$= \int B^* A^* \psi_m^* \psi_n dx + \int A^* B^* \psi_m^* \psi_n dx$$

$$= \int (AB + BA)^* \psi_m^* \psi_n dx$$

Hence, $AB + BA$ is Hermitian.

(ii) $\int \psi_m^* (AB - BA) \psi_n dx$ is not Hermitian

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- (12) for a one-dimensional wave function of the form $\psi(x, t) = A \sin[i\phi(x, t)]$. Find the probability current density.

Soln

Here, given

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin[i\phi(x, t)]$$

$$\psi^* = A \cos[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t$$

probability current density.

$$S = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[A \cos[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t \frac{\partial A \sin[i\phi(x, t)]}{\partial x} \right.$$

$$\left. - A \sin[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t \frac{\partial A \cos[i\phi(x, t)]}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[A \cos[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t \cdot A \cos[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t - \right.$$

$$\left. - A \sin[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t \cdot A \sin[i\phi(x, t)] \cdot t \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2mi} A^2 t^2 \left[\cos^2[i\phi(x, t)] + \sin^2[i\phi(x, t)] \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2mi} A^2 t^2 \left[\cos^2[i\phi(x, t)] + \sin^2[i\phi(x, t)] \right]$$

$$S = \frac{h^2 A^2 t^2}{2mi}$$

Q (3) A free particle of mass m is trapped in a one-dimensional box of width a . The wave function is known to be

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) + \frac{A}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x}{a}\right) \quad \text{Find } A.$$

Q (4) Show that $\psi(x)$ is normalized, which state is the most probable state.

Soln

The basic equation 1-D box.

$$\phi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) + \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \phi_1(x) + \frac{A}{\sqrt{2}} \phi_3(x) - \frac{1}{2} \phi_4(x)$$

When,

$$(\psi(x) \cdot \psi(x)) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{A^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$A^2 = 1$$

$$A = 1$$

$$\therefore \psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \phi_1(x) + \frac{1}{2} \phi_3(x) - \frac{1}{2} \phi_4(x) =$$

Answer

(H) Let $a^\dagger$ and a represent creation and annihilation operators of a harmonic oscillator having Hamiltonian H . Show that these operators satisfy $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$.

Soln

Consider two non-Hermitian dimensional operators.

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x - iP) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + iP)$$

Where,

$\hat{a}$ = Annihilation operator

$\hat{a}^\dagger$ = Creation operators.

$$\text{Now, } \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} (x - iP)(x + iP) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

use value of a and $a^\dagger$ in (1)

$$\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + iP) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x - iP)$$

$$\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a} = \sqrt{2}x$$

$$x = \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Again,

$$\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a} = \sqrt{2}(-iP)$$

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$$p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger)$$

Now,

$$[\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2} [x + ip, x - ip]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ [x, x] + [ip, x] - [x, ip] - [ip, p] \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ i[p, x] - i[x, p] \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ i(-i) - i(i) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger = \hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a} = 1$$

$$H = \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$H = \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Adding (2) and (3)

$$2H = \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$H = \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger}{2}$$

Which is required expression of Harmonic oscillator in term of Creation and Annihilation operation.

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