

Chapter 1 Wave Function

Section 1.6: Heisenberg uncertainty principle

According to Heisenberg uncertainty principle is given by $\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$

Where σ_x is error in measurement of position i.e. $\Delta x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}$ where $\langle x^2 \rangle$ is average of x^2 and $\langle x \rangle$ is average value of x .

Where σ_p is error in measurement of momentum i.e. $\Delta p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2}$ where $\langle p^2 \rangle$ is average of p^2 and $\langle p \rangle$ is average value of p .

If error in position will increase then error in momentum will decrease. In same way if error in momentum will increase the error in position will decrease such that $\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y$ will some fix value

and always greater or equal to $\frac{\hbar}{2}$