

Chapter 2

Time Independent Schrodinger Equation

Section 2.1: Stationary State

The Schrodinger wave equation is given by $i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi(x)$

$V = V(x, t)$ but in this chapter $V = V(x)$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)\phi(t)$$

Where $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x)\psi = E\psi$ this second-order differential equation is identified as the Schrödinger wave equation.

$$\text{And } \langle Q(x, p) \rangle = \int \psi^* Q \left(x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi dx \quad i\hbar \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = E \Rightarrow \phi(t) = \exp(iEt/\hbar)$$

The property of $\Psi(x, t) = \psi(x)\phi(t) = \psi(x) \exp\left(-\frac{iEt}{\hbar}\right)$

1. They are in a stationary state which means $|\Psi(x, t)|^2 = |\Psi(x, 0)|^2 = |\psi(x)|^2$

$$\text{If } Q(x, p) \text{ is any dynamic variable then } \langle Q(x, p) \rangle = \int \psi^* Q \left(x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi dx$$

2. They are states of definite total energy in classical mechanics the total energy is (kinetic plus potential) is called **Hamiltonian**.

$$H\psi = E\psi$$

$$\text{Average value of } \langle H \rangle = \int \psi^* H\psi dx = E \int |\psi|^2 dx = E, \langle H^2 \rangle = \int \psi^* H^2\psi dx = E^2 \int |\psi|^2 dx = E^2$$

$$\text{The variance of } \sigma_H^2 = \langle H^2 \rangle - \langle H \rangle^2 = 0$$

3. The general solution is a linear combination of separable combinations.

The solution is $(\psi_1(x), \psi_2(x), \psi_3(x), \psi_4(x), \dots)$ with the corresponding solution (E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots)

$$\psi(x, t) = \sum_n c_n \psi_n(x) \exp\left(-\frac{iE_n t}{\hbar}\right) = \sum_n c_n \psi_n(x, t)$$