

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi|^2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi^* \psi)$$

$$= \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \psi$$

Using TDS.E; $i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$ i.e.

$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2}$$
 i.e.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi|^2 = \psi^* \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x,t)|^2 dx = 0$$

i.e. $\psi(x,t)$ is constant & time ind.
& its wave fun is normalised for
all future times.

WAVE PACKET (Do it from Register.)

Statistical Interpretation of wave function & Conservation of probability.

The statistical interpretation of wave fun. associated with a particle was given by Max Born i.e. If a particle is described by wave function $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$ then probability of finding the particle at time t , in volume element $dv = dx dy dz$ about point $\vec{r}$ is given by:

$$P(x,t) dx = \psi^*(x,t) \psi(x,t) dx = |\psi|^2 dx$$

$$P(x,t) = |\psi(x,t)|^2$$

The quantity $P(x,t)$ is known as Position probability density.

Since probability of finding the particle in space at time t is unity, the wave function chosen are to be normalised wave funⁿ.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(x,t)|^2 dx = 1$$

As the time changes the probability of finding the particle somewhere must remain conserved. i.e. the above integral should be time independent. (Proof done on Page-3)

So from this we can say that probability of finding a particle is conserved in time.

Conservation of Probability & Hermiticity of Hamiltonian operator.

By conservation of prob. we can see that Hamiltonian is a hermitian operator.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \right) \psi(x,t)$$

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

$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = (H \psi)^*$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \psi^* \psi dx = \int \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int [\psi^* (H\psi) - \psi (H\psi)^*] dx$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \psi^* \psi dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \psi^* (H\psi) dx = \int (H\psi)^* \psi dx$$

which proves H is Hermitian.

Q7 Which of the following are acceptable wave functions over indicated interval?

- a) $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$; $-\infty \leq x \leq +\infty$
- b) e^{-ix} ; $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$
- c) $x^2 e^{-2ix}$; $0 \leq x \leq \infty$
- d) $x e^{-x}$; $0 \leq x \leq \infty$

EXPECTATION VALUES (of Dynamical Variables) (E)

In QM a particle is represented by a wave function which can be obtained by solving S.E. & contains all available information about particle. Since ψ has probabilistic interpretation, so exact information about particle cannot be obtained. Instead when we have large number of particles each of which is in state $\psi(x,t)$ & we measure the position of each of these particles in separate expt. all at same time t , we will obtain a set of diff. results for all expt. Thus we calculate the average or mean value of those measurements. Average value of dynamical variables are called expectation values.

For discrete set of element, Mean value is given by

$$\bar{x} = \sum x P_n$$

But all the possible values of x are distributed continuously over the entire range of real number so $\sum \rightarrow \int$ & P_n is replaced by $P(x) dx$ where $P(x)$ is probability density. In QM

$$P(x) = |\psi|^2 = \psi^* \psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle x \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x |\psi|^2 dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* x \psi dx \end{aligned}$$

For any function $f(x)$

$$\langle f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* f(x) \psi dx$$

* Expectation values of physical quantities are always scalars. Expectation value is a function of time because space coordinates have been integrated out.

The results of various set of expts. scatter about the expectation value so we calculate standard deviation.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N}}$$

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i)^2}{N} - 2\bar{x} \frac{\sum x_i}{N} + \frac{(\sum x_i)^2}{N}$$

$$= \frac{\sum x_i^2}{N} - 2\bar{x} \bar{x} + (\bar{x})^2$$

$$= \frac{\sum x_i^2}{N} - (\bar{x})^2$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{N} - (\bar{x})^2$$

In $\sigma = \Delta x = \text{uncertainty in position}$
 $\text{So, } \bar{x} = \langle x \rangle$

$$\boxed{\Delta x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}}$$

How to obtain exp. value for quantities which are function of mom. & position for eg. Energy.

For this we use operator representation

$$\hat{p} = -i\hbar \nabla$$

$$\hat{p}^2 = -\hbar^2 \nabla^2$$

$$\hat{E} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

Consider classical expression for energy

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V$$

Using correspondence principle, (6)

$$\langle E \rangle = \left\langle \frac{p^2}{2m} \right\rangle + \langle V \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$\left\langle i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right\rangle + \langle V \rangle \quad (2)$$

This eqn must be consistent with S.E.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \psi}{2m} + V \psi$$

multiply by ψ^* on left & integration

$$\int \psi^* \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \psi d\tau = \int \psi^* \left(\frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \psi d\tau + \int \psi^* V \psi d\tau \quad (3)$$

Eqn (2) & (3) are consistent if expectation value is defined in general case with operators acting on ψ & multiplied by ψ^* on left. we then have

$$\langle E \rangle = \int \psi^* i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d\tau$$

$$\langle p \rangle = \int \psi^* (-i\hbar) \nabla \psi d\tau$$

Generalising above, suppose we have dynamical state of particle described by normalised wavefn $\psi(r, t)$. Let $A(r, p, t)$ be dynamical variable, we obtain operator $\hat{A}(r, -i\hbar \nabla, t)$ by performing sub. $p \rightarrow -i\hbar \nabla$ & then calculating exp. value of $\hat{A}$ as

$$\langle A \rangle = \int \psi^*(r, t) \hat{A}(r, -i\hbar \nabla, t) \psi(r, t) d\tau.$$

Since exp. value is always real so,

$$\langle A \rangle^* = \langle A \rangle,$$

From this we get that operator $\hat{A}$ must satisfy

$$\int \psi^* \hat{A} \psi d\tau = \int (\hat{A} \psi)^* \psi d\tau$$

* This operator associated with dynamical quantity must be Hermitian.

* Probability conservation & hermiticity of hamiltonian. (Page - (4))

Operator Formulation.

- 1) For any physically measurable quantity, i.e. dynamical variable, there is associated an operator A .
- 2) The E.V. of A are the only possible results of measurement of the quantity.
- 3) The eigenfunⁿ of A represent the states of particle in which the value of quantity a is precisely known.
- 4) If the wave function of the system before the measurement of a happens to be an eigenfunction of A , the result of measurement is sure to be the corresponding eigenvalue.
- 5) If the wave function of particle before measurement is not an eigenfunction of A , result of measurement cannot be predicted beforehand with certainty.
- 6) If the measurement gives a result a_0 , the wave function just after the measurement becomes an eigenfunction of A corresponding to eigenvalue a_0 .

Irrespective of what it was before measurement. This principle is called 'collapse of wave function in measurement'. (7)

7) Any wavefunction $\psi(x)$ can be written as linear combination of eigenfunction of A . If the eigenvalue a_i of A are discrete and $\phi_i(x)$ rep. eigenfunction of A , the wave function $\psi(x)$ can be written as

$$\psi(x) = \sum_i C_i \phi_i(x)$$

8) If the eigenvalues a of A are continuous & $\phi(x, a)$ rep. eigenfunction of A , the wave function $\psi(x)$ can be written as

$$\psi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} C(a) \phi(x, a) da$$

9) The probability of getting particular value in the measurement of a is related to coefficient of expansion C_i or $C(a)$

* Expectation value of the velocity.

Since velocity = $\frac{dx}{dt}$, so $\langle v \rangle = \frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt}$

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int x \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi|^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \int x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi \right) dx$$

By integrating once we get

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = -\frac{i\hbar}{m} \int \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx$$

$$p = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$p = mv$$

$$v = \frac{p}{m}$$