

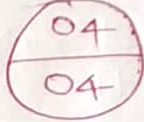
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(2) a) Ehrenfest theorem:

Statement: It states that, 'the Schrodinger equation leads to classical laws of motion for the
 $\langle P_x \rangle = m \frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt}$ or $\langle P \rangle = m \frac{d\langle r \rangle}{dt}$.

and,
 $\langle F \rangle = \langle -\nabla V \rangle$.

Proof:

Consider the x -component of velocity, then its time derivative is given by,

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int \psi^* x \psi dx$$

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int \psi^* x \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} dx + \int \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} x \psi dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Consider the Schrodinger time dependent wave equation,

i.e.

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Its conjugate is given by,

$$\frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + V\psi^* \right] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now substitute eqn (2) & (3) in (1), we get

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int \psi^* x \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi \right) \right) dx + \int \left(-\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + V\psi^* \right) \right) x \psi dx$$

$$\frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\int \psi^* x \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} dx - \int \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} x \psi dx \right] \quad (4)$$

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

$$= \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left[x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\int \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi dx \right) \right] \quad (5)$$

Integrating eqⁿ (5) by parts from $-\infty$ to ∞

$$\frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi dx \right]$$

$$\frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi dx \quad (6)$$

Integrating eqⁿ (6) of II term.

$$\therefore \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx - \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= \frac{-2i\hbar}{2m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx$$

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

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi dx$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* P_x \psi dx = m \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt}$$

$$\therefore \langle P_x \rangle = m \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt}$$

In general,

$$\left[\langle p \rangle = m \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} \right]_{//}$$

The time derivative of $\langle p_x \rangle$ is given by:

$$\frac{d \langle p_x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi dx$$

$$= -i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= -i\hbar \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \right) dx \right]$$

$$= -i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) dx - i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} dx \quad (7)$$

From Schrodinger time dependent eqn, equation (7) becomes,

$$\frac{d \langle p_x \rangle}{dt} = -i\hbar \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + v\psi \right) \right) dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + v\psi^* \right) \right) dx \right]$$

$$= -i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\psi^* \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v\psi) - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} (v\psi^*) \right) dx \quad (8)$$

On solving eqn (8) we get,

$$\langle F_x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} v \right) \psi dx$$

Thus,

$$\left[\langle F \rangle = \langle -\nabla v \rangle \right]_{//}$$

(i) a) Schrodinger time independent wave equation

Let us consider the wave function

$\psi(r, t)$ given by,

$$\psi = A e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Et - Px)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$= A e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Et)} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Px)}$$

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Et)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Differentiate equation (2) wrt 't'

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \psi_0 e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Et)} \left(-\frac{2\pi i}{h} E \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \psi E \left(-\frac{2\pi i}{h} \right) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Differentiate equation (1) wrt 'x' twice.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = A e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{h}(Et - Px)} \left(\frac{2\pi i}{h} P \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \psi \left(\frac{2\pi i}{h} P \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Total energy is given by,

$$E = \frac{P^2}{2m} + V \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Substitute eqn (3) & (4) in (5).

$$\frac{1}{\psi} \left(-\frac{h}{2\pi i} \right) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{h^2}{4\pi^2 i^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V$$

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function

Multiply ψ on both side then,

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Again substitute equation (3) in (6), we get

$$\left[E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi \right] //$$

This is 1-dimensional Schrodinger time independent wave equation.

$\therefore$ The 3-dimensional equation is given by,

$$\left[E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi \right] //$$

(i) b)

i) $[x, p_z]$

$$\rightarrow [x, p_z] = [x p_z - p_z x]$$

$$= \left[x \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) - \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) x \right]$$

$$= -x i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (1) + i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial z} x$$

$$[x, p_z] = 0$$

Hence x & p_z are commute with each other.

① b) ii) $[x^n, p_x]$

To solve $[x^n, p_x]$, let's first solve,

$$[x, p_x] = [xp_x - p_x x]$$

$$= \left[x \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) - \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) x \right]$$

$$[x, p_x] = i\hbar$$

• let's consider,

$$[x^2, p_x] = x[x, p_x] + [x, p_x]x$$

$$= x(i\hbar) + (i\hbar)x$$

$$= 2x i\hbar$$

• let's consider,

$$[x^3, p_x] = x[x^2, p_x] + [x^2, p_x]x$$

$$= x(2x i\hbar) + (2x i\hbar)x$$

$$= 2x^2 i\hbar + 2x^2 i\hbar$$

$$= 4x^2 i\hbar$$

Thus as we solve so on, the general equation is given by,

$$[x^n, p_x] = n x^{n-1} i\hbar$$