

# Quantum Theory: techniques & applications

## Application to translational motion

Reading: Atkins, ch. 9 (7판 ch. 12)

Schrödinger equations for three basic types of motion: translation, vibration, rotation → “quantization”

### 1. Translational motion

(1) Free motion

(2) Particle in a box

(3) Tunnelling

# (1) Free motion

$$V = 0,$$

$$H\Psi = E\Psi, H = (\hbar^2/2m)(d^2\Psi/dx^2)$$

$$\text{General solutions, } \Psi_k = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}, E_k = k^2\hbar^2/2m$$

$$\Rightarrow H_k\Psi_k = E_k\Psi_k$$

- all values of  $k$ , all values of the energy are permitted  $\rightarrow$  the translational energy of a free particle is not quantized

-  $e^{ikx}$  is an eigenfunction of operator  $p_x$  with eigenvalue  $+k\hbar$ : motion toward  $+x$

$e^{-ikx}$  is an eigenfunction of the operator  $p_x$  with eigenvalue  $-k\hbar$ : motion toward  $-x$

$\Rightarrow |\Psi|^2$  is independent of  $x$

$\rightarrow$  the position of the particle is completely unpredictable

(uncertainty principle,  $x, p_x$  do not commute)

## (2) Particle in a box in 1-D

- a particle of mass  $m$  is confined between two walls at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$
- Infinite square well:  $V(x) = 0$  inside the box, infinity at the walls

e.g., a gas phase molecule in 1-D container  
 $\pi$ -electrons in a linear conjugated hydrocarbon

Schrödinger equation

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

i)  $0 \leq x \leq L$ ,  $V(x) = 0$   $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$ , put  $\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = k^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx} = A(\cos kx + i\sin kx) + B(\cos kx - i\sin kx) \\ &= (A+B)\cos kx + (A-B)i\sin kx = C\sin kx + D\cos kx, \quad E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \end{aligned}$$

ii)  $x < 0$ ,  $x > L$ ,  $V = \infty$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2m(V-E)}{\hbar^2} \psi$$

curvature  $\downarrow$   
 $\infty$

## Boundary conditions

- physically impossible for the particle to be found with an infinite potential energy  $\rightarrow$  the wavefunction must be zero ( $\Psi = 0$ ) at  $x < 0$ ,  $x > L$

- wavefunction should be continuous

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_k(0) = 0, \Psi_k(L) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow \Psi_k(0) = 0 = D = 0, \therefore D = 0$$

$$x = L \Rightarrow \Psi_k(L) = C \sin kL$$

if  $C = 0$ ,  $\Psi = 0$  for all  $x$ : no particle  $\rightarrow$  the particle must be somewhere

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \sin kL = 0$$

$$\rightarrow kL = n\pi, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (n \neq 0 \text{ since if } n = 0 \rightarrow \Psi = 0 \text{ everywhere})$$

$$\therefore \Psi_n(x) = C \sin (n\pi x/L), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Normalization

$$\int_0^L \psi^2 dx = C^2 \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$
$$= C^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \left(1 - \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \right] \quad \left( \because \int \sin^2 ax dx = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4a} \sin 2ax \right)$$
$$= \frac{C^2}{2} [L - 0] = \frac{C^2}{2} L = 1$$

$$\therefore C = \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \text{ for all } n$$

$$\therefore \psi_n(x) = \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq L$$

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$$E_n = \frac{(n\pi/L)^2 \hbar^2}{2m} = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{8mL^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

n: "quantum number" (integer, in some case, a half-integer)

- the properties of the solutions

(i) Energy is quantized

$$E_n \propto n^2$$

→ only certain wavefunctions are acceptable

(ii)  $\psi$  vs.  $n$

$$\Psi_1(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(\pi x/L)$$

$$\Psi_2(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(2\pi x/L)$$

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→ same amplitude  $(2/L)^{1/2}$ , different wavelength

-  $n \uparrow \rightarrow \lambda \downarrow, E_k = p^2/2m, p = h/\lambda, \lambda \downarrow, p \uparrow, E_k \uparrow$

-  $n \uparrow \rightarrow \lambda \downarrow \rightarrow E_k \uparrow$

-  $n \uparrow \rightarrow$  number of nodes  $\uparrow \Rightarrow \Psi_n$  has  $n-1$  nodes



(iii) linear momentum

$$\langle p_x \rangle =$$

However, each wavefunction is a superposition of momentum eigenfunctions

$$\Psi_n = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(n\pi x/L) = 1/2i (2/L)^{1/2} (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx})$$

$\Rightarrow +k\hbar$  for half,  $-k\hbar$  for half

$\Rightarrow$  equal probability for opposite directions

(iv)  $E_{\min} \neq 0$

cf) C.M. allow zero energy (stationary particle)

$n \neq 0$ , “zero-point energy”

$$E_1 = h^2/8mL^2 \neq 0$$

uncertainty principle: non zero momentum  $\rightarrow$  kinetic energy

curvature in a wavefunction  $\rightarrow$  possession of kinetic energy

$$(v) E_{n+1} - E_n = (h^2/8mL^2)(2n + 1)$$

$L \uparrow \quad \Delta E \rightarrow 0:$

not quantized for complete free particles

(vi) probability

$$\Psi^2(x) = (2/L) \sin^2 (n\pi x/L)$$

low  $n \rightarrow$  nonuniformity

$n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniform  $\Rightarrow$  classical mechanics  
(independent of position)

“correspondence principle”

(vii) orthogonality

$$\int \Psi_n^* \Psi_{n'} d\tau = 0, n' \neq n : \text{orthogonal}$$

wavefunctions corresponding to different energies are orthogonal

ex.  $\Psi_1 \Psi_3$

$\langle n | n' \rangle = 0$  ( $n' \neq n$ ): Dirac bracket notation

$\langle n |$  “bra”  $\Rightarrow \Psi_n^*$ ,  $| n' \rangle$  “ket”  $\Rightarrow \Psi$

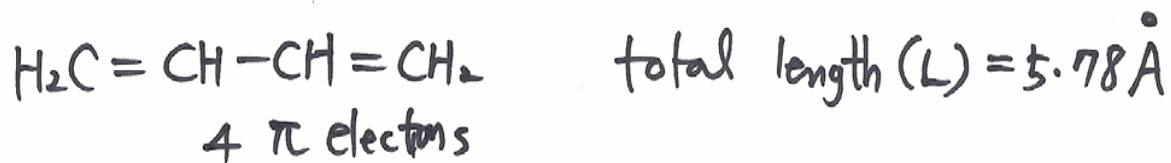
normalized,  $\langle n | n \rangle = 1$

$$\langle n | n' \rangle = \delta_{nn'}: \text{kronecker delta, } \begin{array}{l} n = n' \Rightarrow 1 \\ n \neq n' \Rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Orthogonality: important in Q.M.: eliminate a large number of integrals  $\rightarrow$  central role in the theory of chemical bonding and spectroscopy

e.g.) model of 1-D particle in a box:  $\pi$  electrons in linear conjugated hydrocarbons

butadiene (assume linear molecule)  $\Rightarrow$  absorption energy?



$\Rightarrow 4e^-$  exist in  $5.78 \text{ \AA}$  length

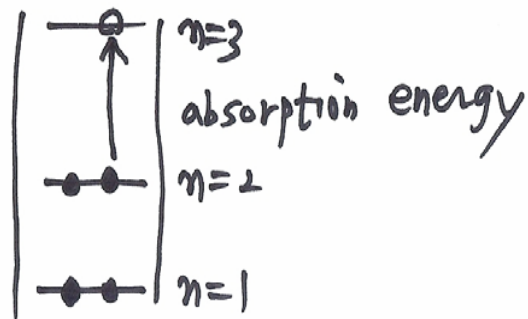
$$E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2}, n=1, 2, \dots$$

transition  $n=2 \rightarrow n=3$

$$\Delta E = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} (3^2 - 2^2) = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})^2}{8 \times (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) \times (5.78 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m})^2} \times 5$$

$$= 9.02 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \Rightarrow \tilde{\nu} = \underline{4.54 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1}}$$

$$\left( \because 1 \text{ eV} = 8065.5 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \right) \quad \left( \text{실정치} = 4.61 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1} \right)$$



### (3) Particle in a box in 2-D

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} \right) = E\Psi$$

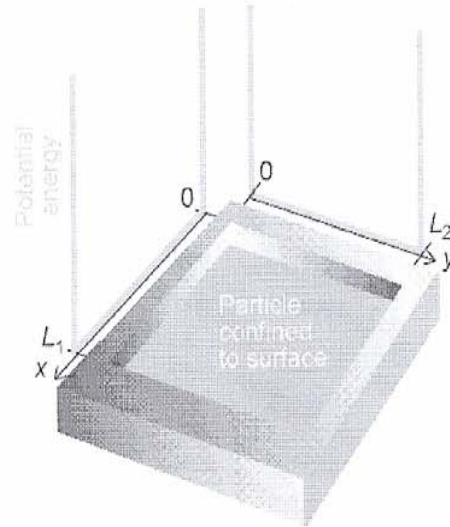
partial differential equations →  
separation of variables techniques:  
divide equation into two or more  
ordinary differential equations

$$\Psi(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 XY}{\partial x^2} = Y \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 XY}{\partial y^2} = X \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( Y \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + X \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} \right) = EXY$$

$$\text{divided by } XY, \quad \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$



$$E = E_x + E_y, \quad \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = \frac{-2mE_x}{\hbar^2}, \quad \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = \frac{-2mE_y}{\hbar^2}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = E_x X, \quad -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = E_y Y, \quad E = E_x + E_y$$

$$X_{n_1}(x) = \left(\frac{2}{L_1}\right)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{n_1 \pi x}{L_1}\right)$$

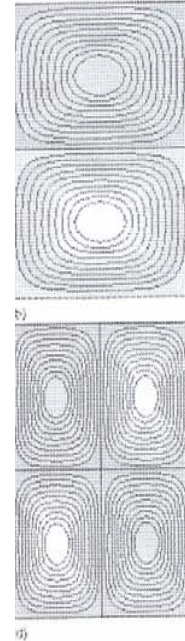
$$Y_{n_2}(y) = \left(\frac{2}{L_2}\right)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{n_2 \pi y}{L_2}\right)$$

$$\psi = XY, \quad E = E_x + E_y$$

$$\therefore \psi_{n_1, n_2}(x, y) = \frac{2}{(L_1 L_2)^{1/2}} \sin\left(\frac{n_1 \pi x}{L_1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_2 \pi y}{L_2}\right)$$

$$E_{n_1, n_2} = \left(\frac{n_1^2}{L_1^2} + \frac{n_2^2}{L_2^2}\right) \frac{\hbar^2}{8m}, \quad n_1 = 1, 2, \dots, \quad n_2 = 1, 2, \dots$$

3-D: same, additional term,  $n_3$  &  $L_3$



The wavefunctions for a particle confined to a rectangular surface depicted as contours of equal amplitude. (a)  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 1$ , the state of lowest energy, (b)  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2$ , (c)  $n_1 = 2, n_2 = 1$ , and (d)  $n_1 = 2, n_2 = 2$ .

- Degeneracy

ket  $|n_1 n_2\rangle$

if  $L_1 = L_2 = L$  (square)

$$\Psi_{n_1, n_2}(x, y) = (2/L) \sin(n_1 \pi x/L) \sin(n_2 \pi y/L)$$

$$E_{n_1, n_2} = (n_1^2 + n_2^2) (h^2/8mL^2)$$

if  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2$  and  $n_1 = 2, n_2 = 1$

$$\Psi_{1,2}(x, y) = (2/L) \sin(\pi x/L) \sin(2\pi y/L), E_{1,2} = 5h^2/8mL^2$$

$$\Psi_{2,1}(x, y) = (2/L) \sin(2\pi x/L) \sin(\pi y/L), E_{1,2} = 5h^2/8mL^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  Different wavefunctions, same energy  $\Rightarrow$  “degeneracy”  
energy level  $5h^2/8mL^2$  is doubly degenerate

$|1 2\rangle$  and  $|2 1\rangle$  are degenerate

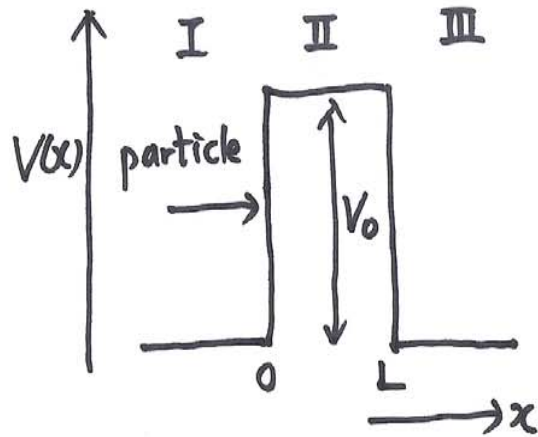
degeneracy: many examples in atoms, symmetry properties





## (4) Tunnelling

- if the potential energy of a particle does not rise to infinite in the wall &  $E < V \rightarrow \Psi$  does not decay abruptly to zero
  - if the walls are thin  $\rightarrow \Psi$  oscillate inside the box & on the other side of the wall outside the box  $\rightarrow$  particle is found on the outside of a container: leakage by penetration through classically forbidden zones “tunnelling”
- cf) C.M.: insufficient energy to escape



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi'' + V\psi = E\psi$$

(I)  $x < 0, V = 0, \psi_{\text{I}} = Ae^{ikx} + Be^{-ikx}, k\hbar = (2mE)^{1/2}$

(II)  $0 \leq x \leq L, E < V \rightarrow E < V \rightarrow V - E > 0$

$$\psi_{\text{II}} = Ce^{ik_2x} + De^{-ik_2x}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E-V)}}{\hbar}$$

↑ imaginary!

$$\Rightarrow k_2 = i\kappa$$

$$\psi_{\text{II}} = Ce^{-\kappa x} + De^{+\kappa x}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V-E)}}{\hbar}$$

( $\rightarrow$  II) real

(III)  $x > 0, V = 0$

$$\psi_{\text{III}} = A'e^{ikx} + B'e^{-ikx}, k = \frac{(2mE)^{1/2}}{\hbar}$$

+direction      -direction

In region III, no reflected wave,  $B' = 0$

## Conditions

at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , must be continuous

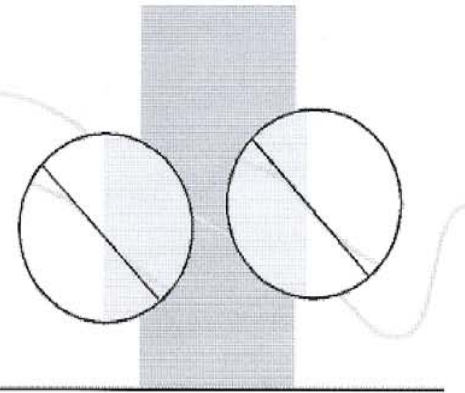
$$1. \Psi_I(0) = \Psi_{II}(0), \Psi_{II}(L) = \Psi_{III}(L)$$

slope (1<sup>st</sup> derivatives) must also be continuous

$$2. \Psi'_I(0) = \Psi'_{II}(0), \Psi'_{II}(L) = \Psi'_{III}(L)$$

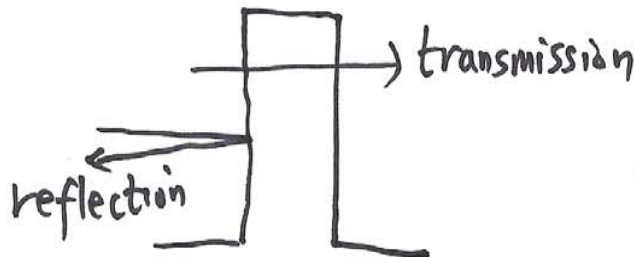
$$1. A + B = C + D, C e^{-\kappa L} + D e^{+\kappa L} = A' e^{ikL}$$

$$2. ikA - ikB = -\kappa C + \kappa D, \\ -\kappa C e^{\kappa L} + \kappa D e^{-\kappa L} = ikA' e^{ikL}$$



4 equations,  
5 unknown

Transmission probability: probability that the particle passes the barrier



$$T = \frac{|A'|^2}{|A|^2}$$

reflection probability,  $R = \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2}$

$$R + T = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \left\{ 1 + \frac{(e^{KL} - e^{-KL})^2}{16 \epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \right\}^{-1}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{E}{V}$$

(ii)  $A+B=C+D \dots \textcircled{1}$

$$C e^{KL} + D e^{-KL} = A' e^{ikL} \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$ikA - ikB = \kappa C - \kappa D \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\kappa C e^{KL} - \kappa D e^{-KL} = ikA' e^{ikL} \dots \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \frac{1}{ik} \times \textcircled{3} \quad 2A = \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) C + \left(1 - \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) D \dots \textcircled{5}$$

$$\textcircled{2} + \frac{1}{ik} \times \textcircled{4} \quad 2A' e^{ikL} = \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) C e^{KL} + \left(1 - \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) D e^{-KL} \dots \textcircled{6}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \frac{1}{ik} \times \textcircled{4} \quad \left(1 - \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) C e^{KL} + \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right) D e^{-KL} = 0 \dots \textcircled{7}$$

$$\rightarrow D = -\frac{\left(1 - \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{ik}\right)} \cdot C e^{2KL} \dots \textcircled{8}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \rightarrow \textcircled{5} \text{ and } \textcircled{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{8} \rightarrow \textcircled{5} \quad 2A &= \left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right) C - \frac{\left(1 - \frac{k}{ik}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} C e^{2kL} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)^2 - \left(1 - \frac{k}{ik}\right)^2 e^{2kL}}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} \right] C \\
 \Rightarrow A &= \left[ \frac{\left(1 - \frac{k^2}{k^2}\right) (1 - e^{2kL}) - \frac{2ik}{k} (1 + e^{2kL})}{2 \left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} \right] C
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{8} \rightarrow \textcircled{6} \quad 2A' e^{ikL} &= \left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right) C e^{kL} - \frac{\left(1 - \frac{k}{ik}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} C e^{kL} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)^2 - \left(1 - \frac{k}{ik}\right)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} \right] C e^{kL} = \frac{\frac{4k}{ik} \cdot e^{kL}}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} C
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A' = \left[ \frac{\frac{2k}{ik} e^{kL} \cdot e^{-ikL}}{\left(1 + \frac{k}{ik}\right)} \right] C$$

$$T = \frac{|A'|^2}{|A|^2} = \frac{A'A'^*}{A \cdot A^*}$$

$$A'A'^* = \frac{4k^2}{k^2} e^{2kL} = 4(\epsilon^{-1} - 1)e^{2kL} \left( \because \frac{k^2}{k^2} = \frac{\frac{2m(V-E)}{\hbar^2}}{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} = \frac{V-E}{E}, \epsilon = \frac{E}{V} \right)$$

$$AA^* = \frac{\left[ \left(1 - \frac{k^2}{k^2}\right)(1 - e^{2kL}) \right]^2 + \frac{4k^2}{k^2}(1 + e^{2kL})^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\left[ (2 - \epsilon^{-1})(1 - e^{2kL}) \right]^2 + 4(\epsilon^{-1} - 1)(1 + e^{2kL})^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( -16e^{2kL} + 16\epsilon^{-1}e^{2kL} + \epsilon^{-2} - 2\epsilon^{-2}e^{2kL} + \epsilon^{-2}e^{4kL} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T &= \frac{A'A'^*}{AA^*} = \frac{16(\epsilon^{-1} - 1)e^{2kL}}{-16e^{2kL} + 16\epsilon^{-1}e^{2kL} + \epsilon^{-2}(1 - 2e^{2kL} + e^{4kL})} \\ &= \frac{16(\epsilon^{-1} - 1)}{16(\epsilon^{-1} - 1) + \epsilon^{-2}(e^{-2kL} - 2 + e^{2kL})} = \frac{16(\epsilon^{-1} - 1)}{16(\epsilon^{-1} - 1) + \epsilon^{-2}(e^{kL} - e^{-kL})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(e^{kL} - e^{-kL})^2}{16\epsilon(1 - \epsilon)}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{(e^{kL} - e^{-kL})^2}{16\epsilon(1 - \epsilon)} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The transition probabilities for passage through a barrier. The horizontal axis is the energy of the incident particle expressed as a multiple of the barrier height. The curves are labelled with the value of  $L(2mV)^{1/2}$ . The graph on the left is for  $E < V$  and that on the right is for  $E > V$ . Note that  $T = 0$  for  $E < V$  whereas classically  $T$  would be zero. However,  $T < 1$  for  $E > V$ , whereas classically  $T$  would be 1.

## enhanced reflection (antitunnelling)

- high, wide barrier  $\kappa L \gg 1$

$\Rightarrow T$  decrease exponentially with thickness of the barrier, with  $m^{1/2}$

$\Rightarrow$  low mass particle  $\rightarrow$  high tunnelling \*tunnelling is important for electron





e.g) proton transfer reaction  
STM (scanning tunnelling microscopy)  
AFM (atomic force microscopy)

# Application to vibrational motion

Schrödinger equations for three basic types of motion: translation, vibration, rotation → “quantization”

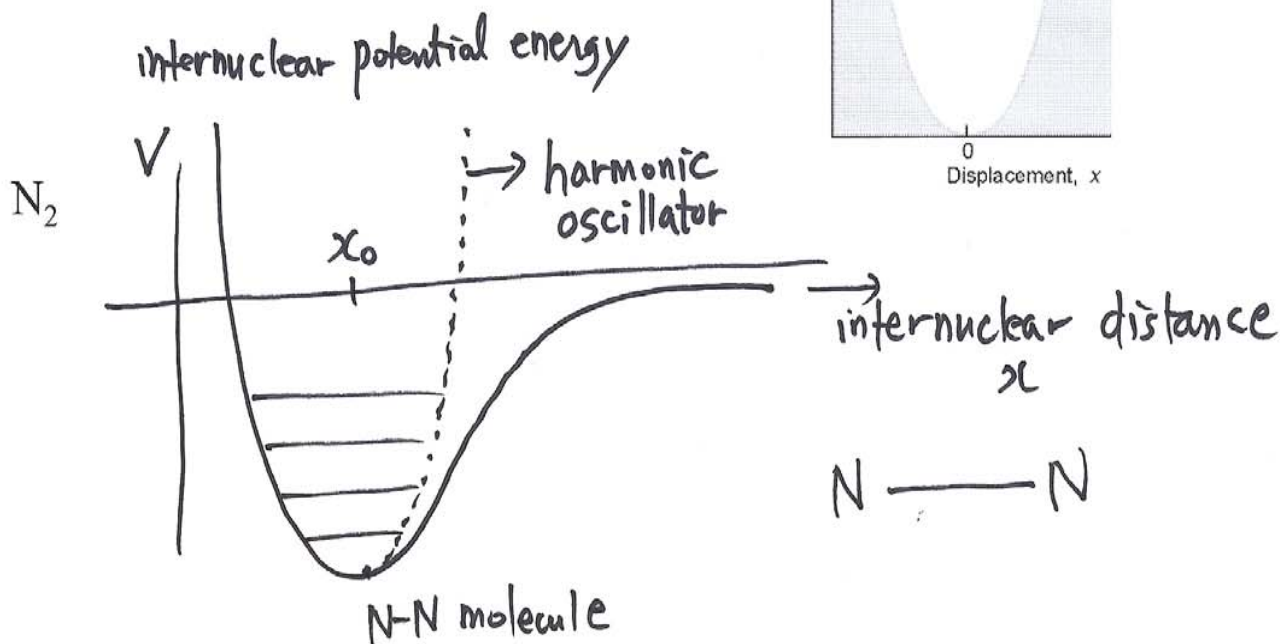
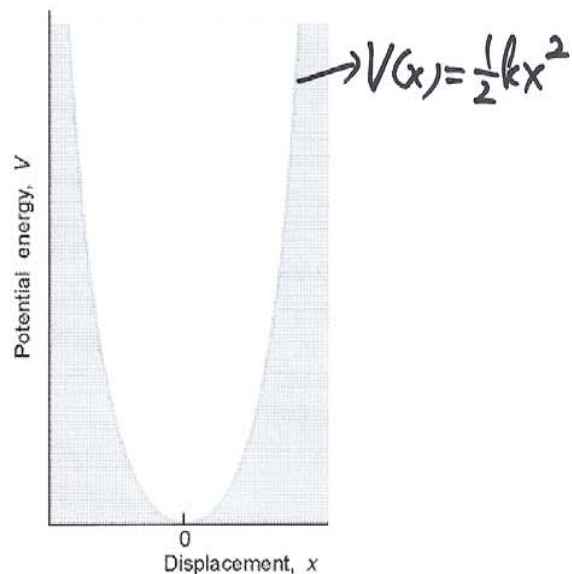
## Vibrational motion

# Harmonic oscillator

e.g., diatomic molecule:  $N_2$

Force,  $F = -kx$ ,  $k$ : force constant

$$F = -dV/dx \Rightarrow V = 1/2kx^2$$



## Schrödinger equation

$$-(\hbar^2/2m)(d^2\Psi/dx^2) + 1/2kx^2 \Psi = E\Psi$$

Solution of this equation:

$$\Psi'' + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left( E - \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \right) \Psi = 0, \quad \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = \alpha, \quad \frac{mk}{\hbar^2} = \beta^2$$

$$\Psi'' + (\alpha - \beta^2 x^2) \Psi = 0, \quad \sqrt{\beta} \cdot x = \xi \quad (x_i), \quad dx = \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{\beta}}, \quad d\xi = \sqrt{\beta} \cdot dx$$

$$\beta \frac{d^2\Psi}{d\xi^2} + (\alpha - \beta \xi^2) \Psi = 0$$

$$\Psi'' + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \xi^2 \right) \Psi = 0$$

For large values,  $\xi \rightarrow \pm\infty$  (asymptotic region)

$$\Psi'' - \xi^2 \Psi = 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(\xi) \approx e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \Psi' = \pm \xi e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2}, \quad \Psi'' = \pm (e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \pm \xi^2 e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2}) = e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2} (\xi^2 \pm 1) \approx \xi^2 e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$$

- + exponential: not acceptable since  $e^{+\infty} \Rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \infty (x)$
- exponential: physically acceptable

For all  $\xi$ ,  $\psi(\xi) = H(\xi)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$

$$\psi'(\xi) = H'e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} - \xi e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \cdot H$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'' &= H''e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} - \xi e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \cdot H' - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \cdot H + \xi^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \cdot H - \xi e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} \cdot H' \\ &= -e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} (H'' - 2\xi H' - H + H\xi^2) \end{aligned}$$

Put these to Schrödinger equation ( $\psi'' + (\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \xi^2)\psi = 0$ )

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} (H'' - 2\xi H' - H + H\xi^2) + (\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \xi^2) H e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2} = 0$$

$$H'' - 2\xi H' + (\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 1)H = 0, \text{ Hermite equation}$$

To solve this equation, expand  $H(\xi)$  in a power series in  $\xi$

$$H(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \xi^k$$

(i) even state

$$\psi(-\xi) = \psi(\xi)$$

$$H(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k \xi^{2k} \quad (C_0 \neq 0)$$

put to the Hermite equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ 2k(2k-1) C_k \xi^{2(k-1)} + \left( \frac{d}{\beta} - 1 - 4k \right) C_k \xi^{2k} \right] = 0$$

$\psi(k)$  should not be diverged,  $\therefore \frac{d}{\beta} = 4N + 1$ ,  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(ii) odd state

$$H(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k \xi^{2k+1}, \quad d_0 \neq 0, \quad \frac{d}{\beta} = 4N + 3, \quad N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{\beta} = 1 = 2\eta, \quad \eta = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = d, \quad \frac{2mk}{\hbar^2} = \beta^2 \Rightarrow E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} d = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (2\eta + 1) \beta = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (2\eta + 1) \sqrt{\frac{2mk}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \left( \eta + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = 2\pi\nu_0$$

$$\therefore E = (\hbar/2\pi)(2\pi\nu_0)(v + 1/2) = h\nu_0(n + 1/2) = \hbar\omega (v + 1/2), v = 0,1,2,\dots$$

$$\Delta E = E_{v+1} - E_v = \hbar\omega \text{ (same } \Delta E)$$

if  $m \uparrow \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Delta E \rightarrow 0$ : classical mechanics

- zero point energy

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$$

⇒ ~ 3 x 10<sup>-20</sup> J, 0.2 eV, 15 kJ/mol

⇒ uncertainty of position, momentum → kinetic energy

c.f. C.M.: particle can be perfectly still



- particle in a box vs. harmonic oscillator

Wavefunction for harmonic oscillator

$\Psi(x) = N \times (\text{polynomial in } x) \times (\text{Gaussian function})$

$\Psi_v(x) = N_v H_v(y) e^{-y^2/2}$ ,  $y = x/\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = (\hbar^2/mk)^{1/4}$

$N_v$ : normalization constant

$H_v(y)$  : Hermite polynomial

Gaussian function:  $e^{-y^2/2}$

## Hermite polynomials, $H_v(y)$

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$v$	$H_v(y)$
0	1
1	$2y$
2	$4y^2 - 2$
3	$8y^3 - 12y$
.....	

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$\therefore v = 0$  (wavefunction for ground state)

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_0(x) = N_0 H_0(y) e^{-y^2/2} = N_0 e^{-x^2/2\alpha^2}$$

$$\Psi_0^2(x) = N_0^2 e^{-x^2/\alpha^2}$$

largest at zero displacement ( $x = 0$ )

-  $v = 1$  (1<sup>st</sup> excited state)

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_1(x) = N_1 2y e^{-y^2/2} = (2N_1/\alpha) x e^{-x^2/2\alpha^2}$$

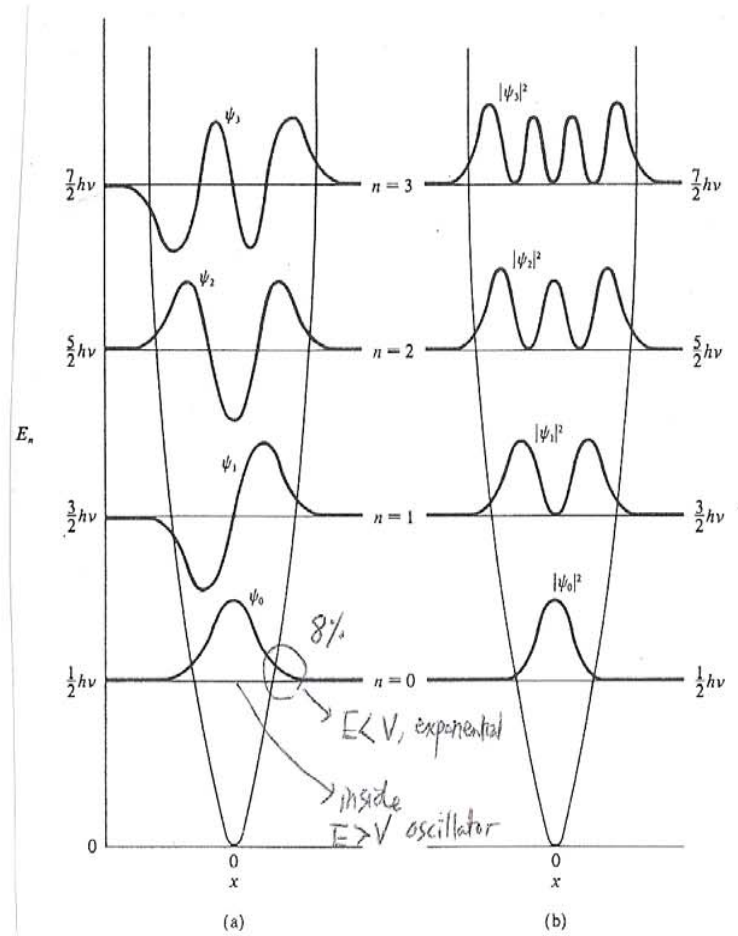
node at  $x = 0$

maximum probability at  $x = \pm\alpha$  ( $y = \pm 1$ )

$\Psi$

$\Psi^2$

$\vdots$   
 odd  
 even  
 odd  $\rightarrow$  anti-sym  
 even  $\rightarrow$  symmetric



$$N_v = \frac{1}{(d\pi^{1/2} 2^v v!)}^{1/2} \quad (\text{example})$$

$f(x) = f(-x)$ : even

$f(x) = -f(-x)$ : odd

- oscillator may be found at extensions with  $V > E$  that are forbidden by classical mechanics (negative kinetic energy)

$\Rightarrow$  Lowest energy: 8% in classical forbidden region

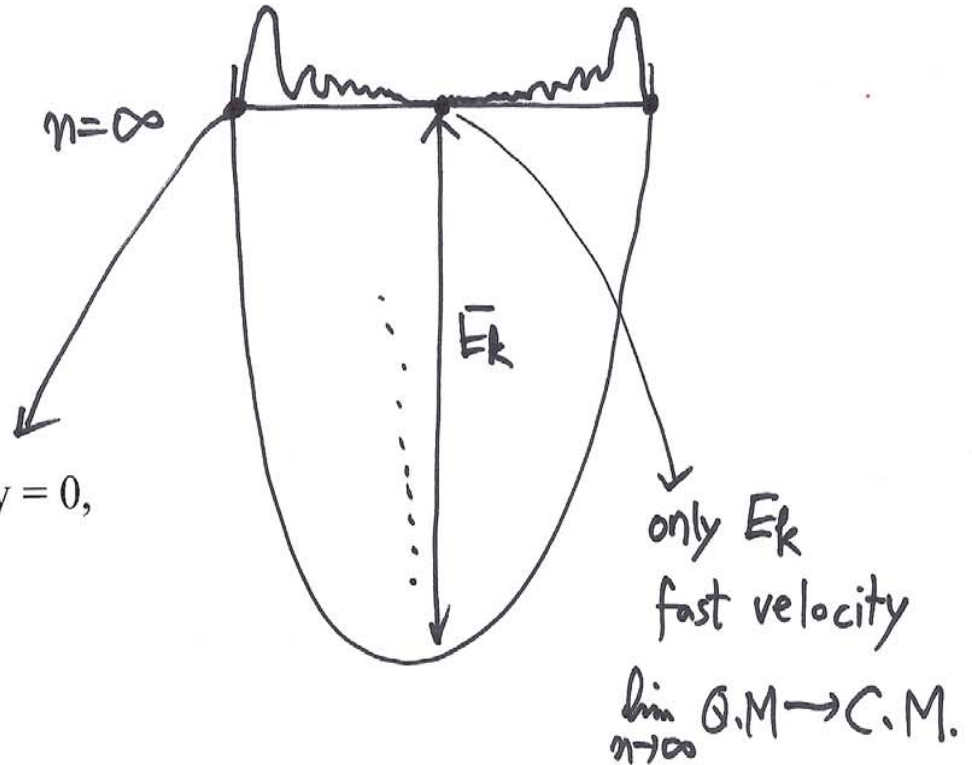
“tunnel effect” : independent of  $k$ ,  $m$

$\Rightarrow v$  (quantum number)  $\uparrow \Rightarrow$  probability  $\downarrow$

$v \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  probability  $\rightarrow 0$

-  $V = \infty$

$E_k = 0$  at turning point, velocity = 0,  
probability: highest



largest amplitudes near the turning points of the classical motion  
(at  $V = E$ , kinetic energy = 0)

- expectation values

$$\langle \Omega \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_v^* \hat{\Omega} \psi_v dx = \langle v | \hat{\Omega} | v \rangle$$

Dirac bracket notation

mean displacement

$$\langle x \rangle = 0, \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \left( v + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\hbar}{(mk)^{1/2}}$$

(e.g.)

$$\langle V \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} k \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( v + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega = \frac{1}{2} E_v$$

$$\langle E_k \rangle = \frac{1}{2} E_v \quad \text{mean potential } E = \text{mean kinetic } E$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow E = \hbar \omega_0 \left( v + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$k \uparrow \quad \omega \uparrow \quad E \uparrow$$

$$\Delta E = \hbar \omega_0 = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

N=N  
H-H  
I-I



k ↓ potential E ↓



예: The potential energy curve for  $\text{H}_2$  is close to a harmonic oscillator. The first vibrational transition is at  $4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

(a) Calculate the force constant  $k$  of the hydrogen molecule.

(b) Calculate the vibrational transition energy for  $\text{D}_2$  (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) assume same force constant with  $\text{H}_2$ .

(c) Calculate the zero point energy of this  $\text{H}_2$ .

# Application to rotational motion

Schrödinger equations for three basic types of motion: translation, vibration, **rotation** → “quantization”

## 3. Rotational motion

(1) Rotation in 2-D

(2) Rotation in 3-D

(3) Spin

# (1) Rotation in 2-D (a particle on a ring)

Mass  $m$ , radius  $r$  (in  $xy$  plane)

Total energy = kinetic energy ( $V=0$ )

$$E = p^2/2m$$

Angular momentum  $L_z$  (or  $J_z$ ,  $z$ -direction)  
(perpendicular to  $xy$  plane)

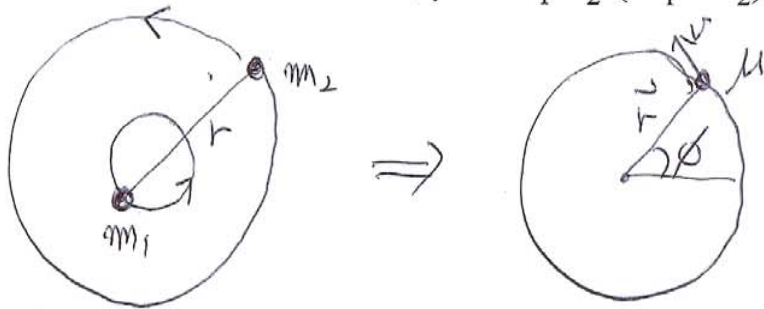
$$L_z = J_z = \pm pr$$

$$\Rightarrow E = J_z^2/2mr^2 = J_z^2/2I \quad (I = mr^2, \text{ moment of inertia})$$

Q.M. angular momentum, rotational energy  $\Rightarrow$  “quantized”

$|r|$ : fixed  $\Rightarrow$  "rigid rotor"

Diatomic: reduced mass,  $\mu = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$



Schrödinger equation

$$-(\hbar^2/2m)(\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2)\Psi(x,y) + V(x,y)\Psi(x,y) = E\Psi(x,y)$$

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$x, y \rightarrow r, \phi$  change of variables

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}\right)\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)\frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}$$

$$f(x, y) \rightarrow f(r, \phi)$$

$$\checkmark \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x), \quad x = r\cos\phi, \quad y = r\sin\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{x}{r} = \cos\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{(-y/x^2)}{[1 + (y/x)^2]} = -\frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)} = -\frac{r\sin\phi}{r^2} = -\frac{\sin\phi}{r}$$

$$\checkmark \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{r\sin\phi}{r} = \sin\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{(1/x)}{[1 + (y/x)^2]} = \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{r\cos\phi}{r^2} = \frac{\cos\phi}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \partial^2/\partial x^2 &= (\partial/\partial x)(\partial/\partial x) = [\cos\phi(\partial/\partial r) - (-\sin\phi/r)(\partial/\partial\phi)]^2, \quad r \text{ is fixed} \rightarrow \partial/\partial r = 0 \\ &= (1/r^2)\sin\phi [(\partial/\partial\phi)\sin\phi(\partial/\partial\phi)] = (\sin\phi/r^2)[\cos\phi(\partial/\partial\phi) + \sin\phi(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \partial^2/\partial y^2 &= [(\cos\phi/r)(\partial/\partial\phi)]^2 = (\cos\phi/r^2)(\partial/\partial\phi)[\cos\phi(\partial/\partial\phi)] \\ &= (\cos\phi/r^2)[- \sin\phi(\partial/\partial\phi) + \cos\phi(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2) = (1/r^2)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2), \quad V(x,y) = 0 \text{ (no external force)}$$

$$\Rightarrow -(\hbar^2/2m)(\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2)\Psi(x,y) + V(x,y)\Psi(x,y) = E\Psi(x,y)$$

$$\Rightarrow -(\hbar^2/2m)(1/r^2)(d^2/d\phi^2)\Psi(\phi) = E\Psi(\phi)$$

$$mr^2 = I \text{ (moment of inertia), } \Psi''(\phi) + (2IE/\hbar^2)\Psi(\phi) = 0$$

$$\text{let } 2IE/\hbar^2 = m_l^2$$

$$\Psi(\phi) = A \exp(im_l\phi), \quad m_l = \pm\sqrt{(2IE)/\hbar^2}$$

Normalization,

$$\therefore \Psi(\phi) = \exp(im_l\phi)/\sqrt{(2\pi)}$$

Cyclic boundary condition:  $\Psi$  should be single-valued

$$\Psi(\phi + 2\pi) = \Psi(\phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(\phi + 2\pi) &= \exp[im_l(\phi + 2\pi)]/\sqrt{2\pi} \\ &= [\exp(im_l\phi) \exp(im_l2\pi)]/\sqrt{2\pi} \\ &= \exp(im_l\phi)/\sqrt{2\pi} = \Psi(\phi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \exp(im_l2\pi) = 1 &\Rightarrow m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots \\ (\cos(m_l2\pi) + i\sin(m_l2\pi) = 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$2IE/\hbar^2 = m_l^2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_{m_l} = (\mathbf{m}_l\hbar)^2/2\mathbf{I}, m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

cf. Classical Mechanics

$$E = p^2/2m = (L/r)^2/2m = L^2/2I, L = rp$$

$$\mathbf{J}_z = \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{m}_l\hbar, \quad m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

- de Broglie relation

$$\lambda = h/p = h/(J_z/r) = h/(m_l \hbar / r) = h/(m_l h / 2\pi r) = 2\pi r / m_l$$
$$m_l \lambda = 2\pi r$$

- angular momentum ( $J_z$ ) is quantized:  $m_l \hbar$



- Energy is quantized,  $E_{m_l} = (m_l \hbar)^2 / 2I$ ,  $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$

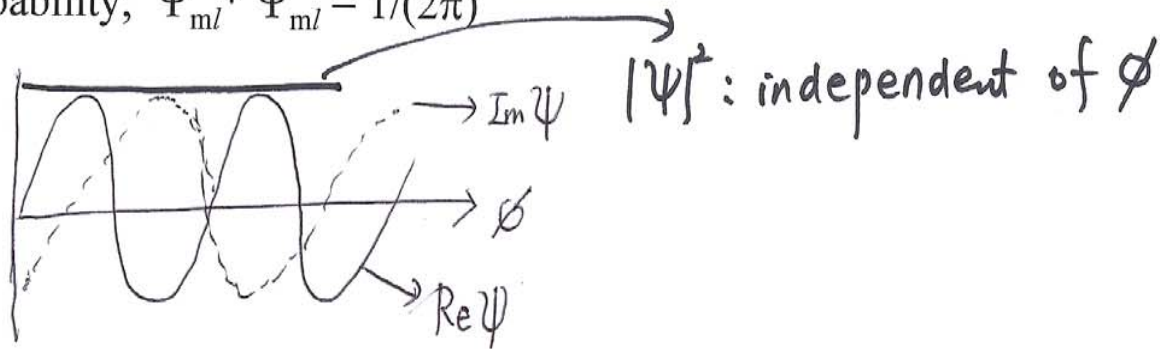
$|m_l|$ : doubly degenerate except  $m_l = 0$

- Wavefunction,

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{m_l}(\phi) &= \exp(im_l\phi) / \sqrt{2\pi} \\ &= 1/\sqrt{2\pi} [\cos(m_l\phi) + i\sin(m_l\phi)]\end{aligned}$$

real part of  $\Psi$

-Probability,  $\Psi_{ml}^* \Psi_{ml} = 1/(2\pi)$



Equal probability of finding the particle anywhere on the ring

⇒ Uncertainty principle: angle & angular momentum → inability to specify them

cf. orbital angular momentum

orbital angular momentum  $l_z$

C.M  $l_z = x p_y - y p_x$

Q.M operator  $\hat{l}_z = \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$   $\left( \because \hat{p}_x = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$

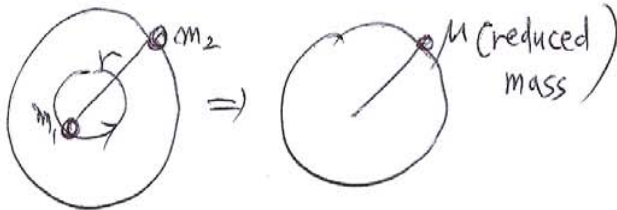
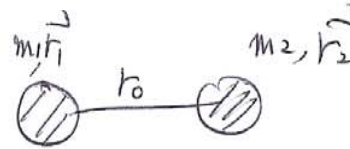
$r, \phi \hat{l}_z = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$

⇒  $\hat{l}_z \Psi_{m_l} = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial \Psi_{m_l}}{\partial \phi} = i m_l \frac{\hbar}{i} e^{i m_l \phi} = m_l \hbar \Psi_{m_l}$

## (2) Rotation in 3-D ( a particle on a sphere )

Electrons in atoms, rotating molecules: free to move anywhere on the surface of a sphere of radius  $r$

e.g., diatomic molecule (rotating molecules)



Schrödinger equation

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -(\hbar^2/2m)(\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2 + \partial^2/\partial z^2) + V(x,y,z) \\ &= -(\hbar^2/2m)\nabla^2 + V \end{aligned}$$

In polar coordinates (r: fixed)

$$\nabla^2 = \partial^2/\partial r^2 + (2/r)\partial/\partial r + (1/r^2)\Lambda^2 \quad \Lambda^2 : \text{legendrian}$$

$$\Lambda^2 = (1/\sin^2\theta)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2) + (1/\sin\theta)(\partial/\partial\theta)\sin\theta(\partial/\partial\theta)$$

$$R \text{ is const} \Rightarrow \partial/\partial r = 0, \partial^2/\partial r^2 = 0$$

Free to move  $\Rightarrow V = 0$

$$\nabla^2 = (1/r^2)[(\partial^2/\partial\theta^2) + (\cos\theta/\sin\theta)(\partial/\partial\theta) + (1/\sin^2\theta)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)]$$

$$-(\hbar^2/2m)\nabla^2\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$-(\hbar^2/2m r^2)[(\partial^2/\partial\theta^2) + (\cos\theta/\sin\theta)(\partial/\partial\theta) + (1/\sin^2\theta)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)]\Psi(\theta, \phi) = E\Psi(\theta, \phi)$$

$\Psi(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$ : separation of variables

$$\Phi(\partial^2/\partial\theta^2)\Theta + (\cos\theta/\sin\theta)\Phi(\partial/\partial\theta)\Theta + (\Theta/\sin^2\theta)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)\Phi = -(2IE/\hbar^2)\Theta\Phi$$

$$(1/\Theta)(\partial^2/\partial\theta^2)\Theta + (1/\Theta)(\cos\theta/\sin\theta)(\partial/\partial\theta)\Theta + (1/\Phi)(1/\sin^2\theta)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)\Phi = -(2IE/\hbar^2)$$

Put  $(1/\Phi)(\partial^2/\partial\phi^2)\Phi = -m_l^2$ ,  $m_l$ : separation constant

$$\Rightarrow \text{(i) } d^2/d\phi^2)\Phi + m_l^2\Phi = 0$$

$$\text{(ii) } (d^2/d\theta^2)\Theta + (\cos\theta/\sin\theta)(d/d\theta)\Theta + [(2IE/\hbar^2) - (m_l^2/\sin^2\theta)]\Theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(i) } \Phi = \exp(im_l\phi)/\sqrt{2\pi}, m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

$$\text{(ii) } s = \cos\theta, \beta = 2IE/\hbar^2$$

$$G(s) = \Theta(\cos\theta), d\Theta/d\theta = -\sin\theta(dG/ds),$$

$$d^2\Theta/d\theta^2 = \sin^2\theta(d^2G/ds^2) - \cos\theta(dG/ds),$$

$$\therefore (1-s^2)(d^2G/ds^2) - 2s(dG/ds) + [\beta - (m_l^2/1-s^2)] = 0$$

$$G_{l, |m_l|}(s) = \frac{1}{2^l \cdot l!} (1-s^2)^{|m_l/2|} \cdot \frac{d^{l+|m_l|}}{ds^{l+|m_l|}} (1-s^2)^l$$

$$\Theta_{l, m_l}(\theta) = \left[ \frac{(2l+1)(l-|m_l|)!}{2(l+|m_l|)!} \right]^{1/2} \cdot P_l^{|m_l|}(\cos\theta)$$

⇓  
associated Legendre functions

$$\beta = 2IE/\hbar^2$$

$$\beta = l(l+1), l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ (quantum number)}$$

$$-l \leq m_l \leq l, m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$$

$$\Psi(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi) = \left[ \frac{(2l+1)(l-|m_l|)!}{2(l+|m_l|)!} \right]^{1/2} \cdot P_l^{|m_l|}(\cos\theta) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{im_l\phi}$$

Normalized wavefunction,  $Y_{l, m_l}(\theta, \phi) = \Theta_{l, m_l}(\theta) \Phi_{l, m_l}(\phi)$  (spherical harmonics)

e.g., Table 9.3 (구판 12.3)

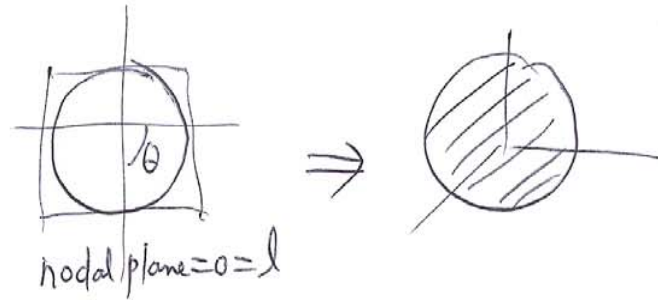
**Table 9.3** The spherical harmonics

$l$	$m_l$	$Y_{l,m_l}(\theta,\varphi)$
0	0	$\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2}$
1	0	$\left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta$
	$\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
2	0	$\left(\frac{5}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1)$
	$\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{15}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
	$\pm 2$	$\left(\frac{15}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
3	0	$\left(\frac{7}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta)$
	$\pm 1$	$\mp \left(\frac{21}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}$
	$\pm 2$	$\left(\frac{105}{32\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta e^{\pm 2i\phi}$
	$\pm 3$	$\mp \left(\frac{35}{64\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin^3 \theta e^{\pm 3i\phi}$

- wavefunction

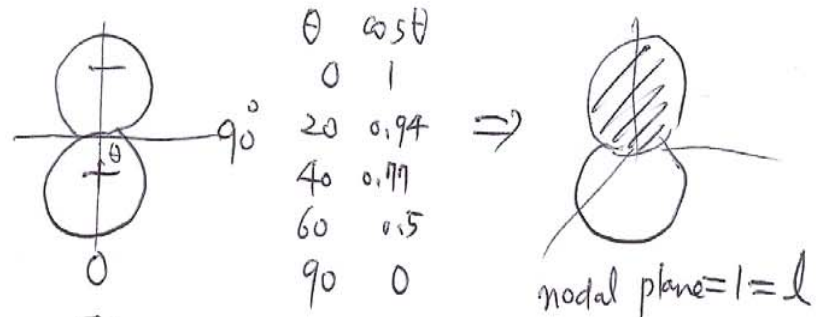
$Y_{l, m_l}$   
 $l=0$        $m_l=0$

$Y_{l, m_l}$   
 $(\frac{1}{4\pi})^{1/2}$



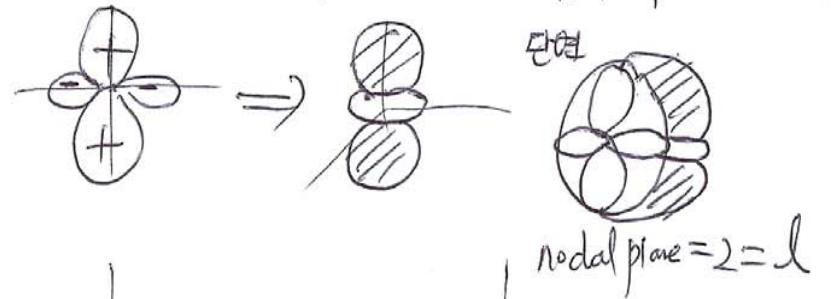
$l=0$        $m_l=0$

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



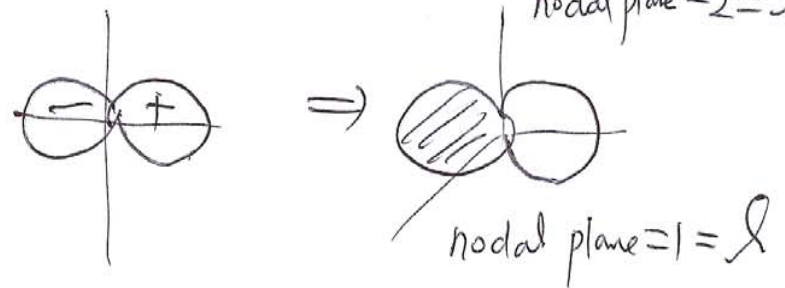
$l=2$        $m_l=0$

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



$l=1$        $m_l=1$        $-\left(\frac{3}{8\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin\theta \cdot e^{+i\phi}$

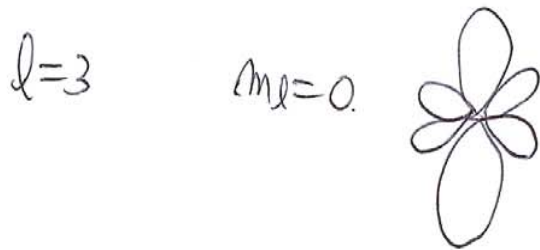
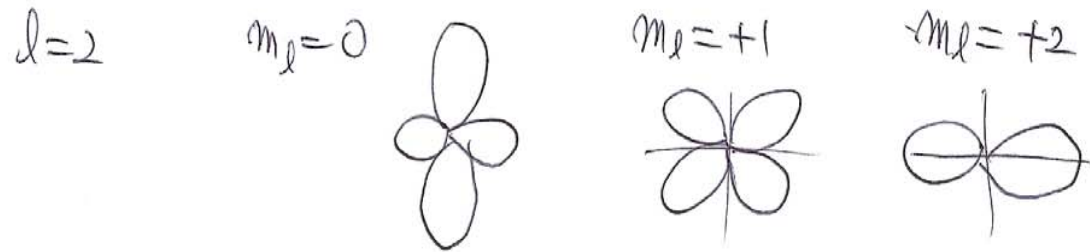
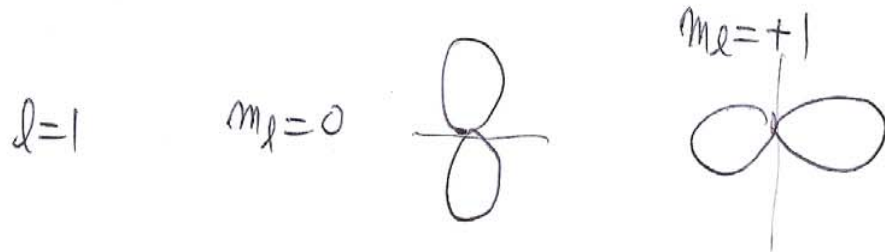
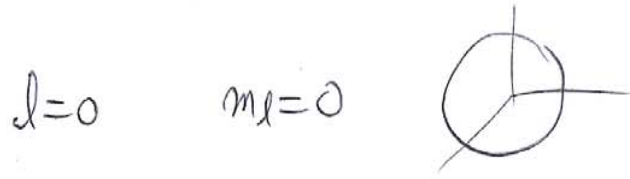
$\Downarrow$   
 $\cos\phi + i\sin\phi$   
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 real





$$Y_{l,m}(\theta, \phi)$$

- Probability,  $Y_{l,m_l}^2(\theta, \phi)$



-  $E = l(l+1)(\hbar^2/2I)$ ,  $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

energy is quantized, independent of  $m_l$

same energy  $\Rightarrow (2l+1)$  different wavefunctions

$\Rightarrow$  quantum number  $l$  is  $(2l+1)$ -fold degenerate

- angular momentum ( $L, L_z$ )

classical mechanics: angular momentum  $L$ ,  $E = L^2/2I$  ( $L = J$  in the textbook)

$\Rightarrow$  magnitude of angular momentum ( $L$ ) =  $[l(l+1)]^{1/2}\hbar$ ,  $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

z-component of angular momentum ( $L_z$ ) =  $m_l\hbar$ ,  $m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$

c.f.)  $\hat{L}_z = +\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$ ,  $\hat{L}_z \psi(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$

$$= \Theta(\theta) \cdot m_l \hbar \Phi(\phi)$$

$$= \underline{m_l \hbar} \cdot \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$$

$$\left( \because \Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{im_l\phi} \right)$$

- space quantization

$$L = [l(l + 1)]^{1/2}\hbar, l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$L_z = m_l \hbar, m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$$

Q. M.: a rotating body may not take up  
an arbitrary orientation

1921. Stern & Gerlach

⇒ Angular momentum is quantized

- Uncertainty principle

if  $L_z$  is known, impossible to know the other two components ( $L_x, L_y$ )

z component & x, y component 가 동시에 정확하게 define 안됨

$$\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \quad [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A} \quad \text{if } = 0, A, B \rightarrow \text{commute}$$

if  $\neq 0$ , do not commute  $\Rightarrow$  uncertainty principle

e.g.)  $\hat{A} = \hat{L}^2, \hat{B} = \hat{L}_z$

$$\hat{L}^2 \hat{L}_z Y_{l, m_l} = \hat{L}^2 (m_l \hbar Y_{l, m_l}) = l(l+1) \hbar^2 m_l \hbar Y_{l, m_l} \Rightarrow [\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}^2] = 0$$

$$\hat{L}_z \hat{L}^2 Y_{l, m_l} = \hat{L}_z \{ l(l+1) \hbar^2 Y_{l, m_l} \} = m_l \hbar l(l+1) \hbar^2 Y_{l, m_l}$$

allow simultaneous, exact specification possible

e.g.)  $\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x, \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x - \hat{p}_x \cdot \hat{x}] = x \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x = -\frac{\hbar}{i} \neq 0$  do not commute  $\Rightarrow$  forbid!

e.g.)  $\hat{x}, \hat{p}_y, \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_y] = \frac{\hbar}{i} [x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}] = 0$ , allowed

$$Y_{l, m_l} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_z \\ [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_x \\ [\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_x] &= i\hbar \hat{L}_y \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{forbid simultaneous, exact specification (uncertainty principle)}$$

$$[\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_z] = 0, \quad [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_x] = 0, \quad [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_y] = 0$$

$\Downarrow$   
if  $L_z$  is known  $\rightarrow$   
impossible of specifying  $L_x, L_y$

### (3) Spin

- Stern-Gelach observed 2 bands of Ag atoms:

angular momentum  $l \rightarrow 2l + 1$  orientations

$\Rightarrow$  to get 2 orientations  $\rightarrow l = 1/2??$ ,  $l$  must be integer

$\Rightarrow$  suggestion: not due to orbital angular momentum (motion of electron around atomic nucleus), but motion of electron about its own axis “**spin**”

Ag: [Kr]4d<sup>10</sup>5s<sup>1</sup>

Magnitude of spin angular momentum =  $[s(s + 1)]^{1/2}\hbar$ ,  $s = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

z-axis:  $m_s\hbar$ ,  $m_s = s, s-1, \dots, -s$

Electron: only one value of  $s$  is allowed,  $s = 1/2$

angular momentum  $1/2\sqrt{3}\hbar = 1/2\sqrt{3}\hbar$

$\Rightarrow$  Intrinsic property of the electron

$2s + 1 =$  different orientations

$$m_s = +1/2, \alpha \uparrow$$

$$m_s = -1/2, \beta \downarrow$$

- proton, neutron ( $s = 1/2$ )  $\Rightarrow$  angular momentum,  $(3/4)^{1/2}\hbar$ :  $1/2$  spin “fermions”  
(constitute matter)
- mesons, photon,  $s = 1$   $\Rightarrow$  angular momentum,  $(2)^{1/2}\hbar$ : integer spin (including 0) “boson” (responsible for the forces that bind fermions together)

c.f.  $l$ (angular momentum quantum number),  $m_l$ (orbital magnetic q. #),  $s$ (spin angular q. #),  $m_s$ (spin magnetic q. #)