

# QUANTUM MECHANICS 3 (Measurement, wavefunction, uncertainty principle)

i)  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$  where  $p = m_e v$  (classical physics)

(ii)  $v = \frac{1}{137} c$   $\therefore \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} \times 137$

$$\lambda = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 137}{9.109 \times 10^{-31} \times 2.998 \times 10^8} \quad (\text{m})$$

$$= \boxed{3.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}} \quad \text{i.e. atom sized!}$$

(unsurprisingly, since in Bohr model,  $2\pi r = n\lambda$  where  $r$  is the 'atomic radius').

If using Special Relativity:  $p = (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} m_e v$

$$p = (1 - \frac{1}{137^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} m_e \frac{c}{137}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = 3.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}} \quad (\text{so to 2 sf}$$

S.R effects make no difference)

(iii) If  $\lambda_e = \lambda_n \Rightarrow \frac{h}{p_e} = \frac{h}{p_n} \Rightarrow m_e v_e = m_n v_n$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{v_e}{v_n} = \frac{m_n}{m_e}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{v_e}{v_n} = \frac{1.6749 \times 10^{-27}}{9.109 \times 10^{-31}}$$

$$\frac{v_e}{v_n} \approx \boxed{1837}$$

Now  $E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$   $p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$

$$\text{So } \boxed{E = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\frac{E_e}{E_n} = \frac{m_n}{m_e} = 1837}$$

$\uparrow$  if  $\lambda_e = \lambda_n$

So if  $\lambda_e = \lambda_n$ , ratio of speeds  
and  $KE$  is the ratio of the masses.

(iii)  $\Delta x \Delta p \approx \frac{h}{2}$        $\Delta E \Delta t \approx \frac{h}{2}$        $\Delta p \approx mc$        $\Delta E \approx mc^2$

$\therefore \Delta x \approx \frac{h}{2mc}$       and       $\Delta t \approx \frac{h}{2mc^2}$

Z boson:  $m = 91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2 = \frac{91.2 \times 10^9 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19}}{(2.998 \times 10^8)^2} \text{ kg}$   
 $= 1.626 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$

$\therefore \Delta x = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{2\pi \times 2 \times 1.626 \times 10^{-25} \times 2.998 \times 10^8} = 1.08 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$

$\Delta t = \Delta x/c = 3.61 \times 10^{-27} \text{ s}$

∴ Sub nuclear length scales ( $\ll 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ ) and very short times. { if  $c \approx \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$  then like  $c = \lambda/T$  for a very high energy  $\gamma$  ray }

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| <p>(iv) <math>\psi(x,t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)</math><br/> <math>\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = k A \cos(kx - \omega t)</math><br/> <math>\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 A \sin(kx - \omega t)</math><br/> <math>\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \psi</math></p> | <p><math>\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)</math><br/> <math>\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = -\omega A (-\sin(kx - \omega t))(-\omega)</math><br/> <math>= -\omega^2 A \sin(kx - \omega t)</math><br/> <math>\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 \psi</math></p> |
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Now  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$  and  $\omega = 2\pi f$  and  $c = f\lambda$   
 so  $\omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = ck}$  so  $\omega^2 = c^2 k^2$   
 $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \psi$        $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 k^2 \psi$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

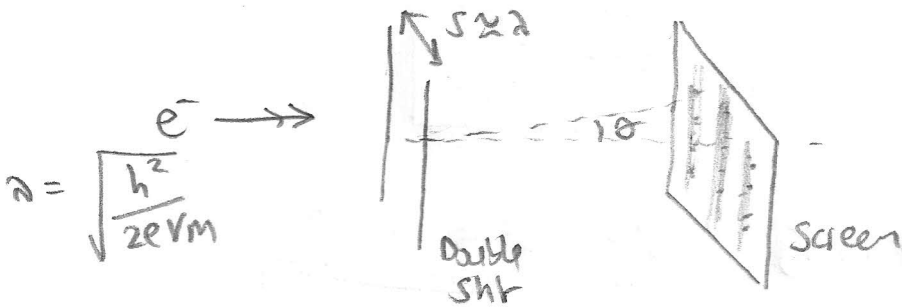
or

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

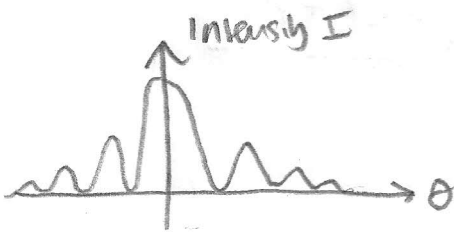
wave equation

(v) \* Fire electrons at a **double slit**, with spacing  $\approx$  de Broglie wavelength of electrons.

[  $eV = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}$  so can use this to work out electron accelerating voltage  $V$  ]  
 from (iii)



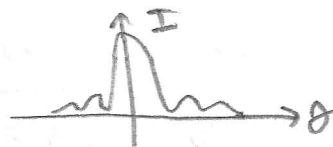
\* on a screen, electrons that pass through the double slit(s) will, over time, build up the classic intensity pattern equivalent to diffracted light of wavelength  $\lambda$ .



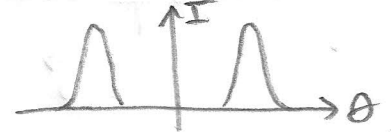
Maxima at  $5\lambda \sin \theta = n\lambda$

ie  $e^-$  are WAVES that pass through BOTH SLITS

\* Now for the strange bit! If you are able to determine the slit which the electron is heading towards you DON'T observe



but



ie consistent with a **particle** with random momenta that has an equal chance of passing through either slit ... but can't pass through both and 'interfere with itself'.

⇒ THIS EXPERIMENT DEMONSTRATES THE WAVE PARTICLE DUALITY OF ELECTRONS. BUT IMPORTANTLY,

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THE WAVEFUNCTION (WHICH ENABLES THE DIFFRACTION PROPERTY) COLLAPSES WHEN THE ELECTRON MOMENTUM IS MEASURED. IT NOW HAS A KNOWN TRAJECTORY ("A MOMENTUM EIGENSTATE") AND HENCE THE SLIT IT PASSES THROUGH IS ABLE TO BE DEDUCED.

(vi) Classical physics

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

kinetic energy

$$p = m v$$

momentum

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{m^2} = v^2$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{p^2}{m^2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E = \frac{p^2}{2m}}$$

Note in Special Relativity

$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4$$

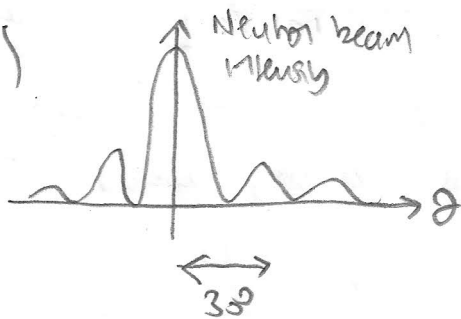
So relativistic version is:

$$\boxed{E = \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2}}$$

which for photons reduces to

$$\boxed{E = p c}$$

(vii)



$S \sin \theta = n \lambda$  for diffraction pattern

let  $\theta = 30^\circ$  and  $n = 1$

$$\text{So } S \sin 30^\circ = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = \frac{S}{2}}$$

$$S = 2.15 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\lambda = 1.08 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}$$

de Broglie wavelength of neutrons.

$$\text{and since } p = \frac{h}{\lambda} \text{ and } p = m v$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v = \frac{h}{m \lambda}}$$

From above:

$$\boxed{E = \frac{h^2}{2 \lambda^2 m}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } E &= \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34})^2}{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 2.15 \times 10^{-10}\right)^2 + 1.6749 \times 10^{-27}} \times \frac{1}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV} \\
 &= \boxed{0.071 \text{ eV}} \quad (\text{ie not much!})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$v = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{1.6749 \times 10^{-27} \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 2.15 \times 10^{-10}\right)} = \boxed{3680 \text{ m/s}}$$

So we need a 'slow neutron source' for neutron diffraction imaging. Actually, this is not too far off thermal

neutrons  $U = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$  where  $T = 298 \text{ K}$  (room temp)

$$\text{is } \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 298 / 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \approx \boxed{0.04 \text{ eV}}$$

(viii) photoelectric effect revision!

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} - \phi$$

$\uparrow$  Max KE of photoelectrons  
 $\uparrow$  energy of UV photons  
 $\leftarrow$  work function

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= 5.1 \text{ eV} \\
 \phi &= 4.3 \text{ eV} \quad (\text{Silver})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \lambda = \frac{hc}{E + \phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \lambda &= \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times 2.998 \times 10^8}{(5.1 + 4.3) \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \quad (\text{m}) \\
 &= 1.32 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} \\
 &= \boxed{131.9 \text{ nm}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now for an electron beam of the same  $\lambda$

$$E_e = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}$$

So

$$E_e = \frac{h^2}{2m} \left(\frac{E + \phi}{hc}\right)^2 = \frac{(E + \phi)^2}{2mc^2}$$

$$E_e = \frac{\left( (5.1 + 4.3) \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \right)^2}{2 + 9.109 \times 10^{-31} \times (2.998 \times 10^8)^2} \times \frac{1}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV}$$

$$= \boxed{8.64 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}}$$

{ Perhaps this justifies why electrons can't spontaneously escape from a metal surface i.e.  $\phi$  is about 4.74 eV, a value much larger than this value. Energy is the unit of trade in the universe, not  $\lambda$  }

(ix) let resolution of an electron microscope be  $\approx \lambda$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}}$$

so if  $\lambda \approx 0.42 \text{ nm}$

$$E = \frac{\left( 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \right)^2}{2 \times (0.42 \times 10^{-9})^2 \times 9.109 \times 10^{-31}} \times \frac{1}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ eV}$$

$$\boxed{E = 8.53 \text{ eV}}$$

(which is surprisingly low).

Now  $\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}}$

so if  $E = eV$

then  $\lambda / \text{nm} = \frac{1.23}{\sqrt{V}}$

where  $V$  is in volts.

For modest accelerating voltages we need to apply a relativistic factor

$$\boxed{\frac{\lambda}{\text{nm}} = \frac{1.23}{\sqrt{V}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 9.784 \times 10^{-7} V}}}$$

where the factor  $9.784 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{e}{2mc^2}$

$$= \frac{1.602 \times 10^{-19}}{2 \times 9.109 \times 10^{-31} + (2.008 \times 10^{-2})^2}$$

so for  $V = 300 \text{ kV}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1.23 \text{ nm}}{\sqrt{300 \times 10^3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 9.784 \times 10^{-7} \times 300 \times 10^3}}$$

$$= 1.97 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nm}$$

$$= \boxed{1.97 \text{ pm}}$$

$$[1 \text{ pm} = 10^{-12} \text{ m}]$$

(x) Uncertainty principle:  $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$        $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$

so  $\Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta E}$       and       $\Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta p}$

Now electron in  $\beta$  decay has energy  $\Delta E = 5 \text{ MeV}$ .

Assume  $\frac{\Delta p^2}{2m} \approx \Delta E$       so  $\Delta p \approx \sqrt{2m\Delta E}$

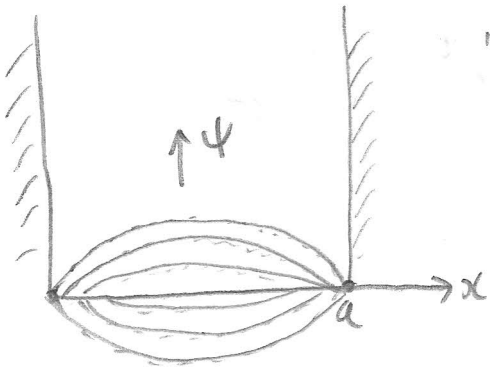
$$\Delta t \geq \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{2\pi \times 2 \times (5 + 66 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19})}$$

$$\Delta t \geq \boxed{6.58 \times 10^{-23} \text{ s}}$$

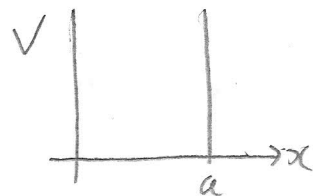
$$\Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\sqrt{2m\Delta E}} \Rightarrow \Delta x \geq \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{2\pi \times 2 \sqrt{2 \times 9.109 \times 10^{-31} \times (5 + 66 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19})}}$$

$$\Delta x \geq \boxed{4.36 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}}$$

2/ (i)  
 $n=1$

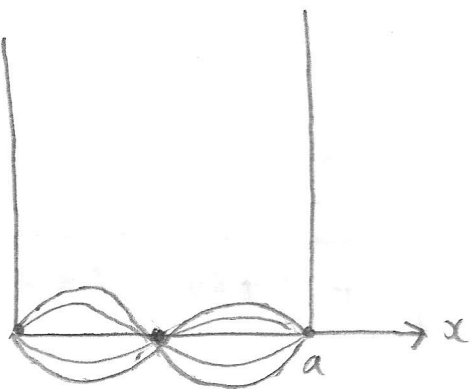


"particle in a box"

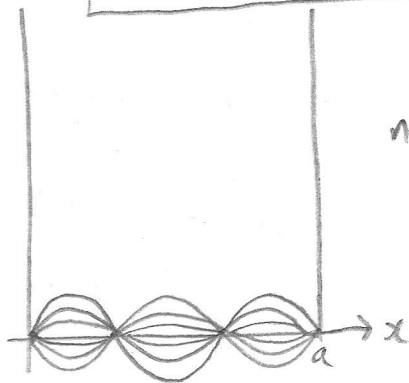


$$V = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{otherwise} \\ 0 & 0 < x < a \end{cases}$$

$n=2$



$n=3$



**Standing waves**  $\psi(x,t)$  describe the wavefunction of a particle of mass  $m$  within a 'box' of potential energy  $V$ . 'Walls' are effectively infinite, so no possibility of the particle existing beyond  $0 < x < a$ .  $\psi$  must have nodes at  $x=0$  and  $x=a$ . So, like a guitar string, a whole # of  $\frac{1}{2}$  wavelengths must fit into the box. Standing waves  $\Rightarrow$  nodes are fixed, and also no energy transferred from system. Hence:

$$\psi(x,t) = A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos(\omega t)$$

Time variation of standing wave.  
 $\omega = 2\pi f$

So  $n$  must be a true integer

i.e.  $\frac{\lambda}{2} \times n = a$ .

$$\frac{2\pi a}{\lambda_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\lambda_n n}{2} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_n = 2a/n$$

$$\therefore \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda_n} = \frac{2\pi x}{2a} n = \boxed{\frac{n\pi x}{a}}$$



(iii) Time independent Schrodinger equation:

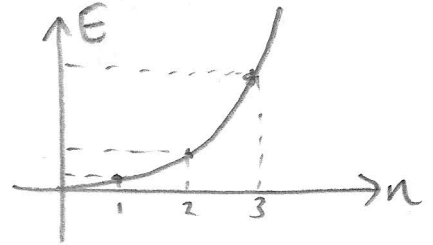
$$\boxed{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V\psi = E\psi}$$

Inside box,  $V=0$ . If  $\psi = A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$  is a solution

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 \psi$$

$$\therefore +\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 \psi = E\psi$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} n^2}$$



For a proton of mass  $m = 1.6726 \times 10^{-27}$  kg and  $a = 10^{-15}$  m

$$\boxed{\text{If } a = 0.47 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}} \\ \boxed{E = 927 \text{ MeV} \times n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34}}{2\pi}\right)^2 \pi^2}{2 \times 1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \times (10^{-15})^2} \quad (5)$$

$$= 3.281 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J} = \boxed{204.8 \text{ MeV}}$$

Note rest mass of a proton is  $\frac{1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \times (2.998 \times 10^8)^2}{10^6 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \text{ MeV}$   
 $= \boxed{938.4 \text{ MeV}}$  i.e. fairly similar to the above answer.

$$\text{So if } mc^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} \Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m^2 c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{\hbar \pi}{\sqrt{2} mc}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \times \pi}{\sqrt{2} \times 1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \times 2.998 \times 10^8} = \boxed{0.467 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}}$$

So perhaps this should be the value!

(iii)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi|^2 dx = 1$  if  $|\psi|^2$  is the probability density

Now the energy of the particle is  $E = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}$

[  $\frac{p^2}{2m}$  = total energy in box, since  $V=0$ ,  $p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$  de Broglie

$\therefore E = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m}$  ] Wave version

$\omega = 2\pi \frac{v}{\lambda}$  where  $v$  is the 'particle speed'

$m v = p$  so  $v = \frac{h}{\lambda m}$   $\therefore \omega = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{h}{\lambda m}$

$\therefore \omega = \frac{2\pi h}{\lambda^2 m}$

So  $\frac{\omega}{2\pi} h = \frac{h^2}{2\lambda^2 m} = E \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = \frac{E}{\hbar}}$

So in our case:  $\boxed{\omega_n = \frac{\hbar \pi^2 n^2}{2ma^2}}$

Now  $e^{-i\omega t} = \cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t$  (de Moivre's theorem)

so  $\cos \omega t$  is the real part of  $e^{-iEt/\hbar}$

why do we need the complex part too?

well  $\boxed{E\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}}$  (Schrodinger eqn, assuming  $E$  is a constant).

so if  $\psi = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$

$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -i^2 E \hbar \frac{\psi}{\hbar} = E\psi \checkmark$

so  $\psi$  is actually complex, if S.E. is fundamental!

ie  $\boxed{\psi(x,t) = A_n e^{-iEt/\hbar} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}$

$\boxed{E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2ma^2}}$

So from Born:  $\int_0^a |\psi|^2 dx = 1$  { Assume  $A_n$  is real }

$$|\psi|^2 = \psi \psi^* = A_n^2 e^{-iEt/\hbar} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) e^{iEt/\hbar} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$= A_n^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore A_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\int_0^a \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx}}$$

$$\sin^2 z = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2z) \quad \therefore \int_0^a \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right)\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x - \frac{a}{2n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right) \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a$$

$$\therefore A_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}}$$

In summary:

$$\psi(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

In range  $0 \leq x \leq a$

where  $E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2ma^2}$

(iv) For a particle in a box, the standing wave implies there is as much momentum in  $\rightarrow$  direction as  $\leftarrow$

$$\therefore \langle p \rangle = 0$$

Now  $\frac{p^2}{2m} = E \quad \therefore p^2 = 2mE \quad \therefore \langle p^2 \rangle = 2m \langle E \rangle$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2ma^2} \Rightarrow \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{a^2}$$

(ii)

$$(v) \quad \langle x \rangle = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \right)^2 \int_0^a x \sin^2 \left( \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int_0^a x |\psi|^2 dx$$

$$\int x \sin^2 dx dx = \frac{1}{4} x^2 - \frac{x \sin 2x}{4x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{8x^2} + C$$

$$\therefore \langle x \rangle = \frac{2}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{4} x^2 - \frac{x}{4(n\pi/a)} \sin \left( \frac{2n\pi x}{a} \right) - \frac{\cos \left( \frac{2n\pi x}{a} \right)}{8 \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2} \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{4} a^2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{2} a}$$

Note:

$$\sin(2n\pi) = 0$$

$$\cos(2n\pi) = 1$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right) dx$$

$$\int x^2 \sin^2 dx dx = \frac{1}{6} x^3 - \frac{x \cos 2x}{4x^2} - \frac{(2x^2 x^2 - 1) \sin 2x}{8x^3} + C$$

$$\therefore \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{6} x^3 - \frac{x}{4 \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2} \cos \left( \frac{2n\pi x}{a} \right) - \frac{(2 \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 x^2 - 1) \sin \left( \frac{2n\pi x}{a} \right)}{8 \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^3} \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \left[ \frac{1}{6} a^3 - \frac{a}{4 \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{n^2 \pi^2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2n^2 \pi^2} \right)}$$

$$\text{Now } \Delta x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} a^2 - \frac{a^2}{2n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{1}{4} a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{12} - \frac{6a^2}{12n^2 \pi^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 n^2 \pi^2 - 6a^2}{12n^2 \pi^2}}$$

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$$\therefore \Delta x = \frac{a}{n\pi} \sqrt{\frac{n^2\pi^2 - 6}{3 \times 2^2}} = \frac{a}{2n\pi} \sqrt{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{3} - 2}$$

$$[12 = 3 \times 2^2]$$

$$\Delta p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2} = \frac{\hbar \pi n}{a} \quad \text{Since } \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{a^2}$$

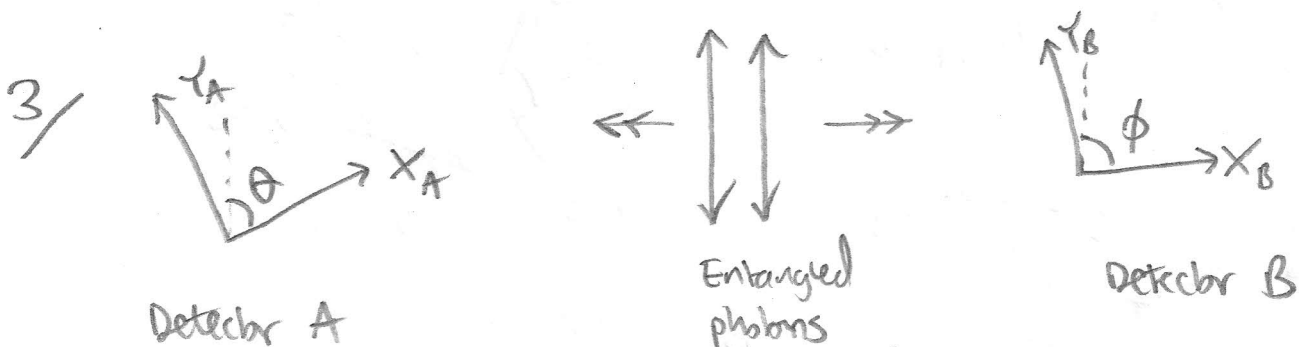
$$\therefore \Delta p \Delta x = \frac{\hbar \pi n}{a} \times \frac{a}{2n\pi} \sqrt{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{3} - 2}$$

$$\Delta p \Delta x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{3} - 2}$$

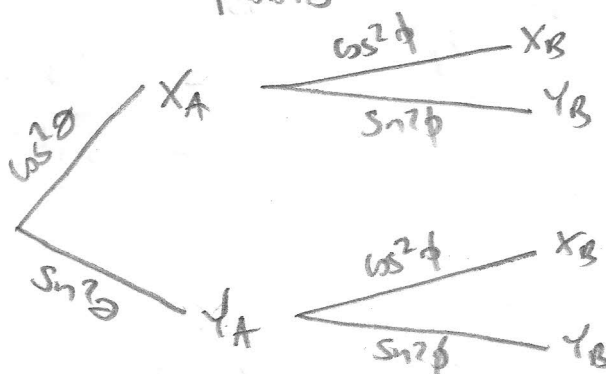
Now  $n=1$  is the smallest  $n$ , so  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{3} - 2}$  is the smallest multiple of  $\frac{\hbar}{2}$  in the above expression.

$$\sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{3} - 2} = 1.14, \text{ so } \Delta p \Delta x > \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

and  $\therefore$  Satisfies the uncertainty principle  $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$



Classical outcome:  
(i.e. A and B independent)



$$\text{So } P(X_A, Y_B \text{ or } Y_A, X_B)$$

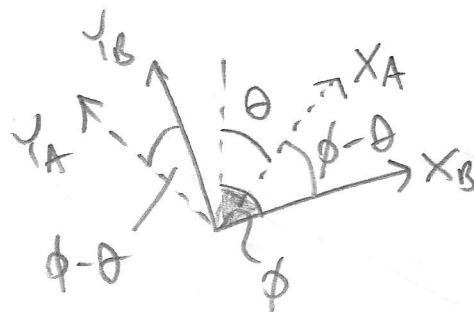
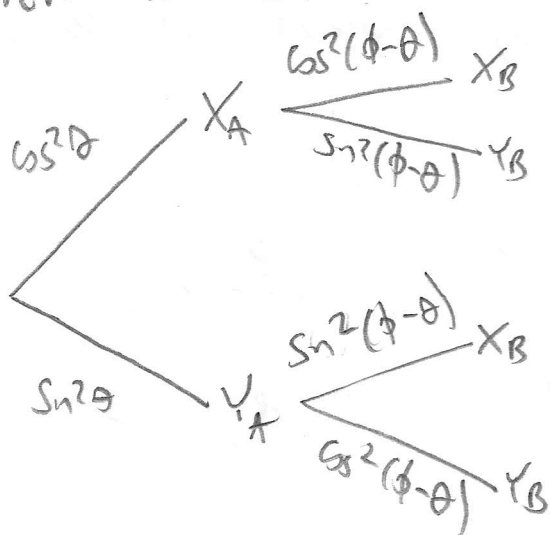
(i.e. mismatch probability)

$$= \boxed{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}$$

$$\text{let } \theta = -45^\circ, \quad \phi = 30^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(\text{mismatch}) &= (\cos(-45^\circ))^2 (\sin 30^\circ)^2 + (\sin(-45^\circ))^2 (\cos(30^\circ))^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now use the Copenhagen Interpretation if A measures first <sup>\*</sup> → then it sets the polarization to that measured by A. EVEN IF B IS A VERY LONG WAY AWAY!



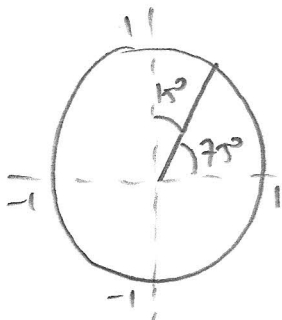
$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } P(\text{mismatch}) &= \cos^2 \theta \sin^2(\phi - \theta) + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2(\phi - \theta) \\ &= \boxed{\sin^2(\phi - \theta)} \end{aligned}$$

(14) <sup>\*</sup> You get the same result if B measures first

∴ if  $\theta = -45^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 30^\circ$

$$P(\text{mismatch}) = \sin^2(30^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$= \sin^2(75^\circ)$$



$$\sin(30^\circ + 45^\circ) = \sin 30^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(1 + \sqrt{3})}$$

so  $P(\text{mismatch}) = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{3})^2}{8} = \boxed{0.933}$

so a much higher probability than 0.50 as predicted classically. This asymmetry is the basis of quantum cryptographic methods - in which via the reception statistics of polarized photons, you can tell whether the message has been eavesdropped.

$$\frac{P(\text{mismatch})_{\text{quantum}}}{P(\text{mismatch})_{\text{classical}}} = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{3})^2}{8} \times 2$$

$$= \frac{(1 + \sqrt{3})^2}{4} = \boxed{1.87}$$