

3.012 Fund of Mat Sci: Bonding – Lecture 1 bis

WAVE MECHANICS



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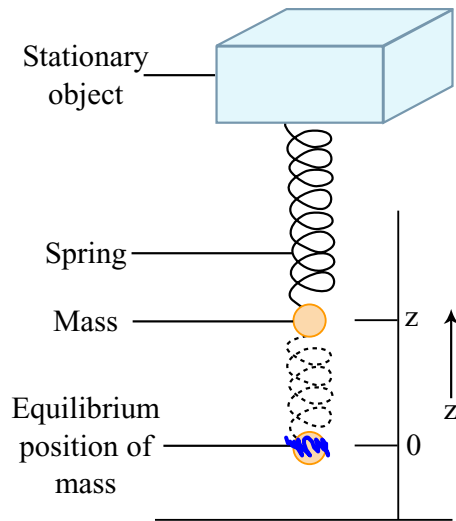
Last Time

1. Players: particles (protons and neutrons in the nuclei, electrons) and electromagnetic fields (photons)
2. Forces: electromagnetic
3. Dynamics: Newton (macroscopic), Maxwell (fields), Schrödinger (microscopic)
4. De Broglie relation $\lambda \cdot p = h$

Homework for Mon 12

- You know by now: 12.5, 13.2, 13.3
- Study: 13.4 and 13.5
- Notes on harmonic oscillator -- Section 14.1 in Mortimer, R. G. *Physical Chemistry*. 2nd ed. San Diego, CA: Elsevier, 2000.

Harmonic Oscillator (I)



A mass on a spring. This system can be represented by a harmonic oscillator.

Figure by MIT OCW.

$$V(z) = V(0) + \alpha z + \frac{1}{2} k z^2 + \dots$$

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V(z) \Rightarrow F = -\frac{dV(z)}{dz}$$

$$F = -\alpha - k z \dots \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$$

$$F = -kz \quad \text{HOOKE'S LAW}$$

Harmonic Oscillator (II)

$$F = ma \Rightarrow -kz = m \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 z(t)}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} z(t)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ \sin(\omega t) \\ \searrow \\ \cos(\omega t) \end{array}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin(\omega t) \\ \downarrow \\ \omega \cos(\omega t) \\ \downarrow \\ (-\omega)\omega \sin(\omega t) \end{array}$$

Harmonic Oscillator (III)

Graph of the behavior of a harmonic oscillator removed for copyright reasons.

See Mortimer, R. G. *Physical Chemistry*. 2nd ed. San Diego, CA: Elsevier, 2000, p. 495, figure 14.2.

$$z(t) = A \sin(\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z(t=0) &= z_0 \\ v(t=0) &= \left. \frac{dz(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$z(t=0) = B = z_0$$

$$z' = \frac{dz}{dt} = A\omega \cos \omega t - B\omega \sin \omega t$$
$$\Rightarrow A\omega = 0$$

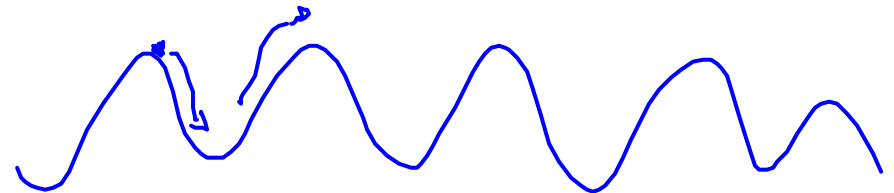
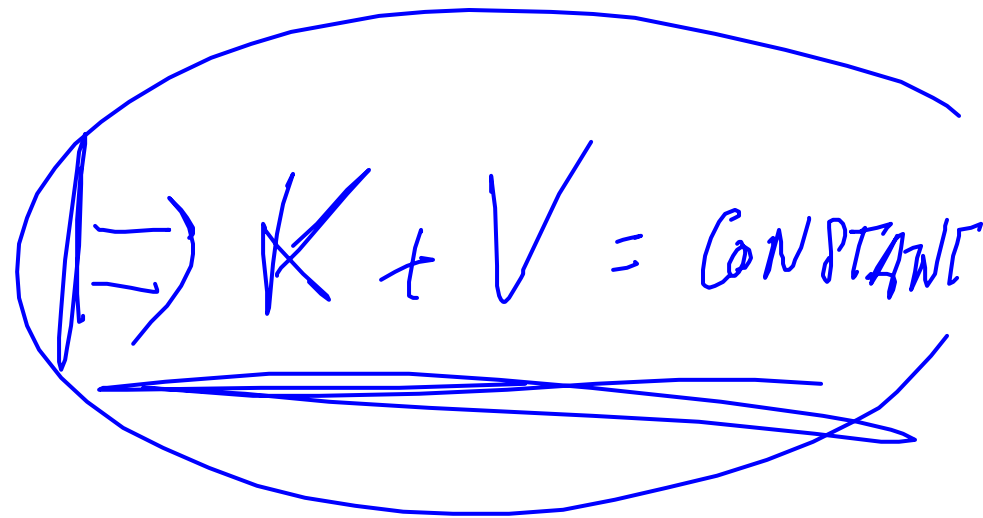
The total energy of the system

- Kinetic energy K

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

- Potential energy V

$$V(z) = -kz$$



Polar Representation



$$Z = (3.2, 1.8)$$

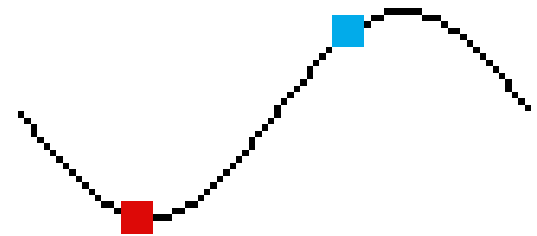
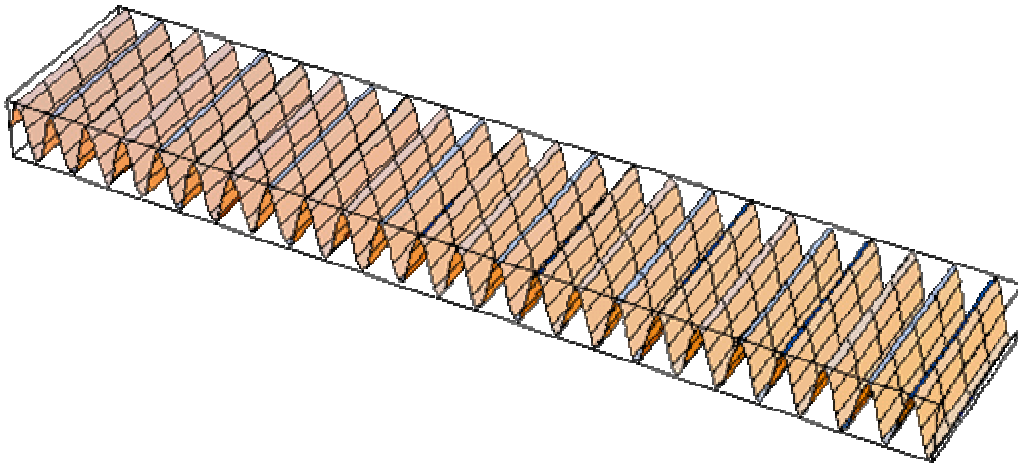
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See Mortimer, R. G. *Physical Chemistry*. 2nd ed.
San Diego, CA: Elsevier, 2000, p. 1011, figure B.6.

$$e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$$
$$(\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi) = e^{i\varphi}$$

A Traveling “Plane” Wave

$$\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = A \exp[i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$



Principle of Linear Superposition



Photo courtesy of [Spiralz](#)

Wave-particle Duality

- *Waves have particle-like properties:*
 - *Photoelectric effect: quanta (photons) are exchanged discretely*
 - *Energy spectrum of an incandescent body looks like a gas of very hot particles*

Diagrams of the photoelectric effect and of a P-N solar cell, removed for copyright reasons.

Wave-particle Duality

- Particles have wave-like properties:
 - Electrons in an atom act like standing waves (harmonics) in an organ pipe
 - Electrons beams can be diffracted, and we can see the fringes (Davisson and Germer, at Bell Labs in 1926...)

When is a particle like a wave ?

Wavelength • momentum = Planck



Image of the double-slit experiment removed for copyright reasons.

See the simulation at <http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at/imawww/vqm/movies.html>:

"Samples from *Visual Quantum Mechanics*": "Double-slit Experiment."

$$\lambda \cdot p = h$$

$$(h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} = 2\pi \text{ a.u.})$$

See animation at <http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at/imawww/vqm/movies.html>
Select "Samples from *Visual Quantum Mechanics*" > "Double-slit experiment"

Time-dependent Schrödinger's equation

(Newton's 2nd law for quantum objects)

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

1925-onwards: E. Schrödinger (wave equation),
W. Heisenberg (matrix formulation), P.A.M. Dirac
(relativistic)

Plane waves as free particles

Our free particle $\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = A \exp[i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$ satisfies the wave equation:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \quad (\text{provided } E = \hbar\omega = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m})$$

Stationary Schrödinger's Equation (I)

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, \Psi(\vec{r}, t)) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

Stationary Schrödinger's Equation (II)

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) \right] \varphi(\vec{r}) = E \varphi(\vec{r})$$