

Free particle $V=0$

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi_E}{dx^2} = E \psi_E \quad k \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} > 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 \psi_E}{dx^2} = -k^2 \psi_E}$$

$$\psi_E = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{energy} \\ \text{eigenstates} \end{array} \quad k \geq 0$$

\Rightarrow let k run $[-\infty, +\infty]$

wave vector eigenstates

$$\underline{\psi_k(x) = A e^{ikx}} \quad -\infty < k < \infty$$

Operate on $\psi_k(x)$ with \hat{p}

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p} \psi_k(x) &= (-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}) \psi_k(x) \\ &= (-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}) (A e^{ikx}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{p} \psi_k(x) = \hbar k \psi_k(x)}$$

$$\hat{p}|p\rangle = p|p\rangle \quad \hat{p}|k\rangle = \hbar k|k\rangle$$

$$p = \hbar k \quad k = p/\hbar$$

$$\Psi_p(x) = A e^{iPx/\hbar} \quad \text{momentum eigenstate}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Leftarrow \text{Wave Mech.}$$

$$p = \hbar k = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} k \Leftarrow \text{free particle}$$

$$\lambda = \hbar/p \quad \text{De Broglie}$$

Momentum eigenstates

are also energy eigenstates

$$E_p = p^2/2m$$

$$\Psi_p(x,t) = \Psi_p(x) e^{-iE_p t/\hbar}$$

usual phase

$$= A e^{i p x / \hbar} e^{-i p^2 t / 2 m \hbar}$$

$$\psi_p(x, t) = A e^{i \frac{p}{\hbar} (x - \frac{p}{2m} t)}$$

position
rep.

$$f(x \pm vt)$$

$$v = p/2m \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ classical speed}$$

phase velocity \leftarrow



momentum
rep.

$$\phi_p(p)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \quad \text{Dirac Normalization}$$

$$\text{Completeness: } \sum_i |a_i\rangle \langle a_i| = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p\rangle \langle p| dp = 1$$

Change of basis,

$$\psi(x) = \langle x | \Psi \rangle = \langle x | 1 | \Psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle x | \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p\rangle \langle p| dp \right\} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\langle x | p \rangle}_{\text{proj. } |p\rangle} \underbrace{\langle p | \Psi \rangle}_{\text{new. proj of } |\Psi\rangle} dp$$

in the x basis

$\psi_p(x)$

in p basis

$\phi(p)$

momentum
space
wave fnc.

$$\psi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_p(x) \phi(p) dp$$

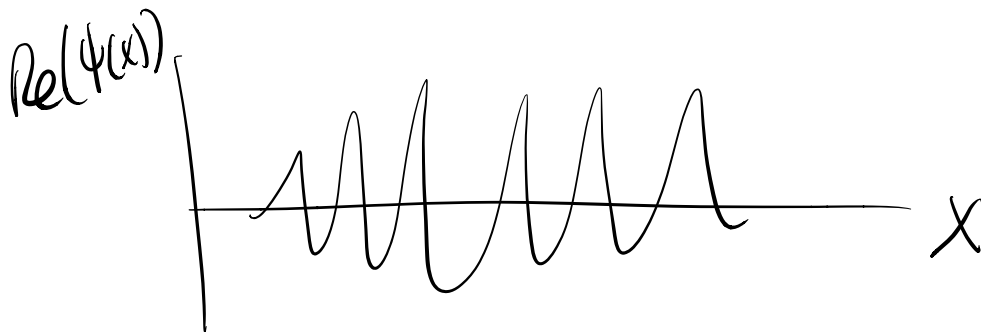
$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(p) e^{ipx/\hbar} dp$$

Fourier transform of $\phi(p)$



$$\phi(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx$$

inv. Fourier transform



$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\phi(p) = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\phi(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx}} \quad \text{general}$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

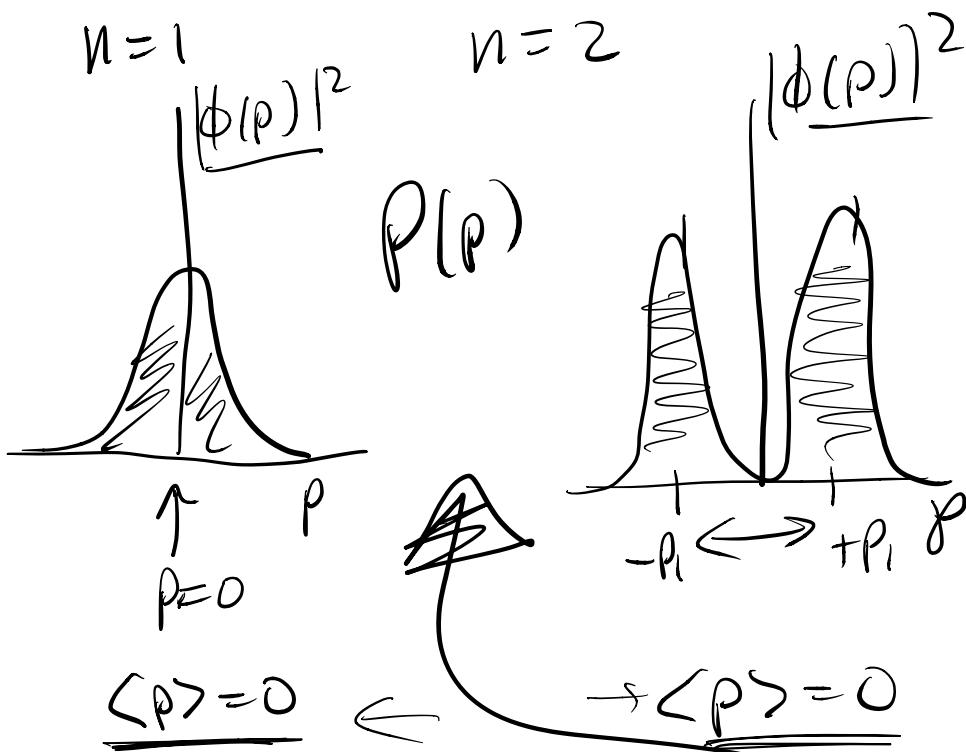
$$\psi_n(x) = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x < 0 \\ x \geq L \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_0^L + \int_L^{\infty}$$

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0
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0

$\phi(p)$ momentum space
w.f.

$$\psi(x) \Leftrightarrow \phi(p) \quad x \Leftrightarrow p$$



$$P(x) = |\psi_n(x)|^2$$

$\langle x \rangle \checkmark$ $\langle p \rangle$

Finished Example

Starting from $\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

We can find $\phi(p)$ using the inv. F.T.

$$\phi_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(x) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx$$

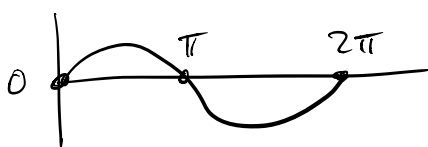
$$\phi_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_0^L \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx$$

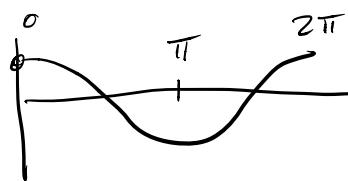
← limits change b/c $\psi_n = 0$
 $x < 0$
 $x > L$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{L\pi\hbar}} \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx$$

Wolfram'ed

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{L\pi\hbar}} \left[\frac{\hbar L e^{-iLp/\hbar} (\pi \hbar n e^{iLp/\hbar} + \pi (\hbar n) n \cos(n\pi) - iLp \sin(n\pi))}{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2 - L^2 p^2} \right]$$

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


$$\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$$


$$\phi_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L\hbar}} \left[\frac{L\hbar e^{-iLp/\hbar} (n\pi\hbar e^{iLp/\hbar} - n\pi\hbar (-1)^n)}{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2 - L^2p^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar L}} \left[\frac{n\pi\hbar^2 L - (-1)^n n\pi\hbar^2 L e^{-iLp/\hbar}}{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2 - L^2p^2} \right]$$

$$\phi_n(p) = \frac{(n\pi\hbar^2 L) (1 - (-1)^n e^{-iLp/\hbar})}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar L} (n^2\pi^2\hbar^2 - L^2p^2)}$$

$$\phi_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\hbar L}} \left(\frac{n\pi\hbar^2}{L} \right) \left(\frac{(-1)^n e^{-iLp/\hbar} - 1}{p^2 - (n\pi\hbar/L)^2} \right)$$

yuck! looks like a mess
what about for $n=1, n=2,$

$$\Phi_1(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi \hbar L}} \left(\frac{\pi \hbar^2}{L} \right) \left(\frac{-e^{-iLp/\hbar} - 1}{p^2 - (\pi \hbar/L)^2} \right)$$

$$P_1(p) = |\Phi_1(p)|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi \hbar L} \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^4}{L^2} \frac{1}{(p^2 - (\pi \hbar/L)^2)^2} \times$$

$$\left(-e^{-iLp/\hbar} - 1 \right) \left(-e^{+iLp/\hbar} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi \hbar^3}{L^3} \frac{1}{(p^2 - (\pi \hbar/L)^2)^2} \left(1 + 1 + e^{-iLp/\hbar} + e^{+iLp/\hbar} \right)$$

$$P_1(p) = \frac{\pi \hbar^3}{L^3} \frac{1}{(p^2 - (\pi \hbar/L)^2)^2} \left(2 + 2 \cos(Lp/\hbar) \right)$$