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"WKB Approximation Method"

OR

"Semi Classical Approximation Method"

WKB stands for : Name of three scientists

W - Weintzet

K - Kramers

B - Brillouin

* Problem Format asked in UGC-NTA-CSIR NET/JRF :-

Two Types of problem →

I $V(x) \Rightarrow$ given
 $E_n = ?$

(For large value of n)

where E_n is bound state

Energy for n th state.

II $V(x) \Rightarrow$ given

Transmission coefficient
through potential
Barriers $\Rightarrow T = ?$

\Rightarrow Around 95% problems asked in CSIR can be done
with in 30 sec just by a TRICK.

Approach solving Problems :

- Try first by trick
- If trick is not sufficient then do it by generalized method.

Que-I $V(x)$ — — given
 $E_n = ?$ asked.

options: (i) $E_n =$ (ii) $E_n =$ (iii) E_n (iv) E_n

also given in options —

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots$$

In options n may start from 0 or 1. Notice it and move accordingly.

Type-II :- For 1D :-

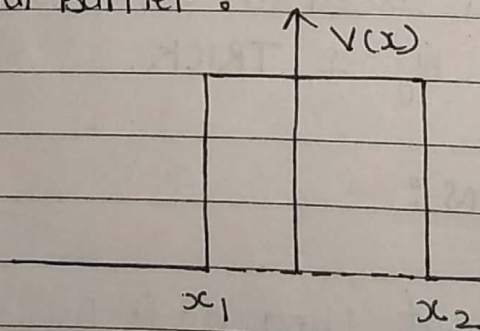
Que $\rightarrow V(x) \Rightarrow$ given.

$$T = e^{-2r}$$

$$T = e^{-2 \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} p(x) \cdot dx}$$

$$\text{i.e. } k = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2m\{V(x) - E\}} \cdot dx$$

potential barrier :



$x_1, x_2 \rightarrow$ Range of potential barrier.

3D:

Note: WKB method is applicable only for 1D case

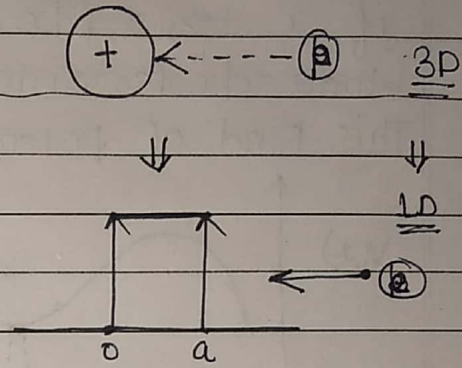
eg -

$V(x) \Rightarrow$ given
then treat it, visualising
it in one dimensional.

3D problem

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2=0} \sqrt{2m\{V(x) - E\}} \cdot dx$$

↑
one-D



— x —

What is WKB Method. β

Why we call it "semi-classical Approximation method"

The WKB Approximation method is a technique for obtaining approximation solutions to time independent, Schrodinger equations in 1-Dimension and specifically for slowly varying potentials.

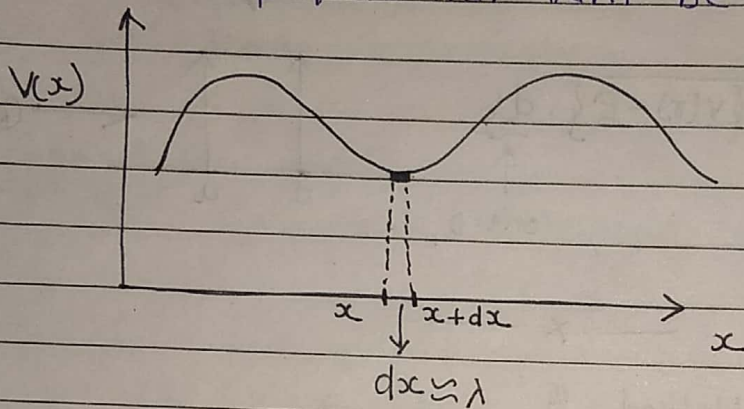
- $\Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow$ time independent $V \neq V(t)$
- $\Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow$ Slowly Varying
- \Rightarrow WKB approximation method is applicable for 1D cases
- \Rightarrow WKB method is applicable for classically $\hat{}$ region (allowed) and classically forbidden region but not on turning point
- \Rightarrow WKB method gives better results for large values of n . However you can find energy values for l_0
- \Rightarrow WKB method is particularly used to find bound state energy values E_n & transmission coefficient through potential barriers.

* \Rightarrow If there is 1D problem then treat it as 3D because WKB is applicable only for 1D.

* Slowly varying potentials :

Slowly varying potentials are potentials which remains almost constant over a region of de-broglie wavelength.

if $x \rightarrow x+dx$ then $V(x) \approx \text{constant}$
 Where dx is order of debroglie wavelength.
 This kind of potential will be slowly varying.



- if $\lambda \rightarrow$ very small $\Rightarrow dx$ is small.
 In classical regime ($\lambda \approx 10^{-34}$ m), all potentials are very slowly varying (approx constant)

In classical regime; order of λ : \Rightarrow

$\odot \Rightarrow$ Ball \Rightarrow 150 km/h speed \Rightarrow through $\Rightarrow \lambda = 10^{-34}$ ✓
 100 gm

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34}}{mu} = \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34} \times 3600}{100 \times 150 \times 1060 \times 10^{-3}}$$

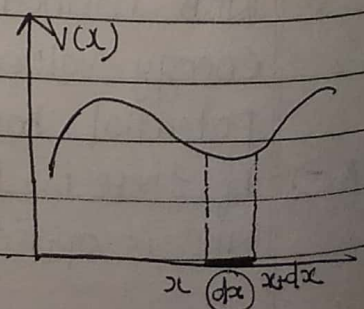
$$\lambda \approx 10^{-34} \text{ m} \Rightarrow \text{order}$$

Wavelength small \Rightarrow Small change

But In semiclassical regime :

$$\lambda \approx 10^{-20} \text{ or } 10^{-25} \text{ m.}$$

In semiclassical regime all potentials are slowly varying $\therefore dx$ is very small



This is why WKB method is also called semi classical approximation method.

WKB method applicable for slowly varying potentials and slowly varying potential are present in semi classical regime that's why WKB is also called as semiclassical approximation method.

- classically allowed region (yes)
- classically forbidden region (yes)
- turning points (no)

Classically allowed region \Rightarrow

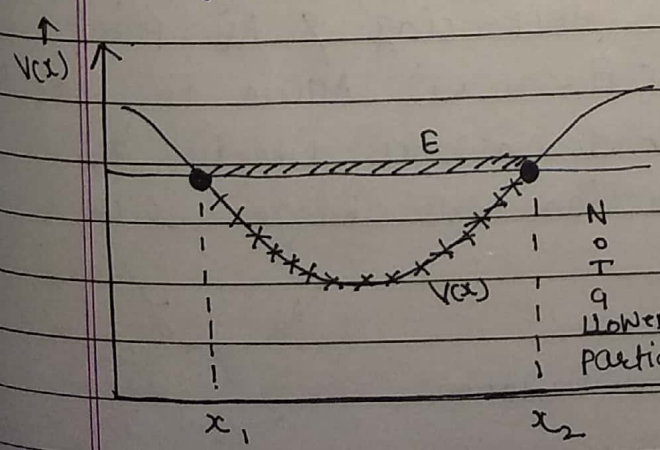
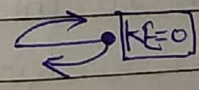
Region in which kinetic energy of particle is positive
 $KE \Rightarrow (+ve)$

Classically forbidden region \Rightarrow

The region in which KE is (-ve) negative.
 $KE \Rightarrow (-ve)$ which is not possible classically that's why this is classically forbidden.

Turning points $\Rightarrow KE \Rightarrow 0$

At turning points particle's velocity is zero & it changes its direction (of velocity)



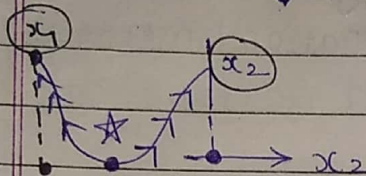
- $x_1 < x < x_2$
 $V(x) > E$
 $KE \Rightarrow E - V(x) \Rightarrow (-ve)$
- $-\infty < x < x_1$ & $x_2 < x < \infty$
 $V(x) < E$
 $T = KE = E - V(x) \Rightarrow (+ve)$
- x_1 & $x_2 =$ Turning point
 $V(x) = E \Rightarrow KE = 0$

Movement of particle in classical region \Rightarrow

Total energy $E = \text{constant}$.

$E = T + V$

\Downarrow $\uparrow + \downarrow$ \Rightarrow oscillatory motion
constant \downarrow ^{OR} \uparrow between x_1 & x_2



Explanation \Rightarrow

(Minima of PE

\Rightarrow KE is maximum

* As moving towards $x_2 \Rightarrow$

potential energy is increasing

\Rightarrow kinetic energy is decreasing

\Rightarrow At point $x_2 = \text{stops}$

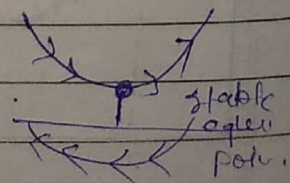
also potential energy is maximum

Every particle or physical entity wants to minimise its potential energy.

particle can't move beyond x_2 because there is forbidden region (can't move there). it means it will come back and that point is turning point (where it changes its direction)

As it moves back potential energy is going to decrease & at minima (*) potential energy is minimum & kinetic energy is maximum. if KE is maximum it will suit in upward direction & in this way potential energy is rising towards $x_1 \Rightarrow$ kinetic energy is decreasing & At point x_1 KE becomes zero. ($E = V(x)$) Again to \downarrow PE particle will move in downward direction. Again at point x_1 direction will change which is turning point.

In this way this is oscillatory motion. In small oscillation stable equilibrium.



* WKB Applicable for classically allowed region & for classically forbidden region. but not applicable at turning points.

* Why WKB is not applicable at turning points = ?
At turning point KE ie $T=0 \therefore$ b/c $E=V$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{p^2}{2m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |p=0|$$

Debroglie wavelength $\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{h}{p} \quad p \rightarrow 0$

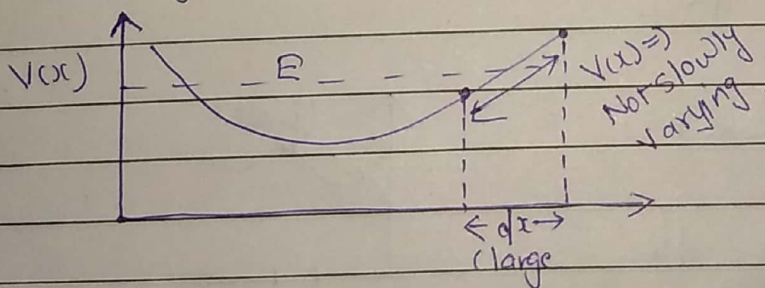
$$\Rightarrow \lambda \rightarrow \infty \text{ (very large)}$$

Slowly varying potential \Rightarrow For which WKB is applicable

$$\Rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_2 + dx \Rightarrow V(x_2) \approx \text{constant}$$

$$dx \leftarrow \text{order of } \lambda$$

But at turning point λ is very large $\Rightarrow dx = \text{large}$
For large dx , potential is not slowly varying in immediate neighbourhood of turning points and that's why WKB is not applicable at turning points.



* Validity Condition of WKB method :-

$$\left| \frac{d\lambda}{dx} \right| \ll 1 \quad \text{Here } \lambda = \frac{h}{2\pi k}$$

$$\because k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow d\lambda = -\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot dk$$

(8)

Validity:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$d\lambda = \frac{-1}{k^2} \cdot dk$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dx} = \frac{-1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{dk}{dx}$$

$$\left| \frac{d\lambda}{dx} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{dk}{dx} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{dk}{dx} \right| \ll 1$$

Validity condition for WKB method in two form -

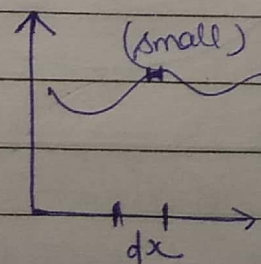
⊙ $\left| \frac{d\lambda}{dx} \right| \ll 1$

⊙ $\left| \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{dk}{dx} \right| \ll 1$

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$$\frac{d\lambda}{dx} \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d\lambda \ll dx$$



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Wave Function in classically allowed region \Rightarrow

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{+i \frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{-i \frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx}$$

OR

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{ikx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{-ikx}$$

Wavefunction for classically forbidden region \Rightarrow

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx}$$

OR

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{kx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{-kx}$$

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* Derivation For wavefunction \Rightarrow
 (In Classically Allowed region) $E > V(x)$

Case 1 :- When potential is constant.

$$V(x) = \text{constant} = V_0$$

Note :

We have to solve/find wave function for slowly varying potential but we are taking first for constant potential because it will concrete our Understanding.

\Rightarrow We have to solve schrodinger wave equation to find wave function for constant potential. \Rightarrow

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + V_0 \psi(x) = E \cdot \psi(x)$$

\Downarrow
 $\because V(x) = V_0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V_0) \cdot \psi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} \psi(x)$$

where $p = \sqrt{2m(E - V_0)}$ also $\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} = k^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -k^2 \psi(x) \Rightarrow \text{2nd order equation}$$

\Rightarrow Complimentary function soln.

Solutions $\Rightarrow m^2 = -k^2$
 $m = \pm ik$

$$\psi(x) = A e^{\pm ikx} \rightarrow \text{two solutions}$$

General solution will be linear combination of these two

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = C_1 e^{ikx} + C_2 e^{-ikx} \quad (\text{when } V = \text{Constant})$$

Case II \Rightarrow When potential is slowly varying.
Finding wave function in classically allowed region

Since potential is slowly varying, so we can assume wavefunction as following \rightarrow

$$\psi(x) = A(x) \cdot e^{i\phi(x)} \quad \text{--- (1) } (\sim \text{approximate solution})$$

Where;

$A(x)$ & $\phi(x)$ are slowly varying function of x .

$A \rightarrow$ Amplitude \sim
Phase $K \rightarrow \sim$

* if $\psi(x)$ is the solution \Rightarrow it will satisfy schrodinger wave equation

SE:

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(x)] \cdot \psi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} \psi(x)$$

$$\text{where } p(x) = \sqrt{2m(E - V(x))}$$

Since eqn (1) is solution of SE, so it will satisfy it

Finding $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} \Rightarrow$

$$\psi(x) = A(x) e^{i\phi(x)}$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = A' e^{i\phi} + A \cdot e^{i\phi} (i\phi')$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = A' e^{i\phi} + A e^{i\phi} (i\phi')$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \cancel{A'' e^{i\phi}} + \cancel{A' e^{i\phi} (i\phi')} + \cancel{A' e^{i\phi} (i\phi')} + \cancel{A e^{i\phi} (i\phi')^2} + A e^{i\phi} (i\phi'')$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \left\{ A'' e^{i\phi} - A(\phi')^2 e^{i\phi} \right\} + i \left\{ 2A'\phi' e^{i\phi} + A\phi'' e^{i\phi} \right\}$$

equation (2) is \Rightarrow

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} \psi(x)$$

$$\left\{ A'' e^{i\phi} - A(\phi')^2 e^{i\phi} \right\} + i \left\{ 2A'\phi' e^{i\phi} + A\phi'' e^{i\phi} \right\} = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} A e^{i\phi}$$

Comparing real part & imaginary part both side \Rightarrow

$$A'' e^{i\phi} - A(\phi')^2 e^{i\phi} = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} A e^{i\phi}$$

$$A'' - A(\phi')^2 = -\frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} A \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Also } \rightarrow 2A'\phi' + A\phi'' = 0$$

$$2A'\phi' + A\phi'' = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\circ}} \quad (A^2\phi')' = 0 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \circ \circ (A^2\phi')' = 2AA'\phi' + A^2\phi'' = 0 \\ \times (2A'\phi' + A\phi'') = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(5)

From eqⁿ - (5)

$$(A^2 \phi')' = 0$$

$$A^2 \phi' = \text{constant}$$

(दोनों constant का Derivative, zero है।)

Let ; $A^2 \phi' = c^2$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = \frac{c^2}{\phi'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\phi'}}} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

From eqⁿ - (3)

$$A'' - A(\phi')^2 = -\frac{p^2 A}{\hbar^2}$$

$$A'' = A \left\{ (\phi')^2 - \frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} \right\} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Assumption:

Since this is difficult to solve so we can assume that $A''(x)$ is negligible or zero

($A(x) \rightarrow$ is slowly varying potential.

$A'' \rightarrow$ double derivative \Rightarrow negligible

And this Assumption is WKB Approximation and it is appropriate for slowly varying potential because $A(x)$ is slowly varying.

$$\boxed{A'' = 0} \rightarrow \text{WKB approximation.}$$

From eqn - (7) $A'' = A \left\{ (i\phi')^2 - \frac{p^2}{\hbar^2} \right\}$
 since $A'' = 0$

⇒

$$(\phi')^2 = \frac{p^2}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\phi' = \pm \frac{p}{\hbar} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\phi'(x) = + \frac{p(x)}{\hbar}$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = \pm \frac{p(x)}{\hbar}$$

$$\int d\phi = \pm \frac{1}{\hbar} \int p(x) \cdot dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi(x) = \pm \frac{1}{\hbar} \int p(x) \cdot dx} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

By eqn (6) (7) & (8) →

$$\psi(x) = A(x) \cdot e^{i\phi(x)}$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{p(x)}} \cdot e^{\pm i/\hbar \int p(x) \cdot dx}$$

⊕ → $\frac{C_1}{\sqrt{p(x)}}$
 all constant term in (9)

→ This is solution of schrodinger eqn for slowly varying potential.

→ General solution will be linear combination of these two ψ

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{p(x)}} \cdot e^{+\frac{i}{\hbar} \int p(x) \cdot dx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{p(x)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int p(x) \cdot dx}$$

This is for classically allowed region.

* Derivation For Wavefunction \Rightarrow
 (In classically forbidden region) : $E < V(x)$; $T = -ve$

Case 1 : When potential is constant
 $V(x) = \text{constant} = V_0$

Schrodinger equation \Rightarrow

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ V_0}}{V(x)} \cdot \psi(x) = E \cdot \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V_0) \psi(x)$$

$$\because V_0 > E$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V_0 - E) \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = K^2 \psi(x)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} K^2 &= \frac{P^2}{\hbar^2} \\ P &= \sqrt{2m(E - V_0)} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$m^2 = K^2$$

$$m = \pm K$$

$$\pm Kx$$

$$\psi(x) = A e^{+Kx} + B e^{-Kx}$$

Generalised solution $\Rightarrow \psi(x) = C_1 e^{+Kx} + C_2 e^{-Kx}$

Case II :- When potential is slowly varying potential
 (In classically forbidden region) $E < V(x)$

Wavefunction is \Rightarrow

$$\psi(x) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{+\frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{P(x)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int P(x) \cdot dx}$$

(i) diff only

Quantization Condition to obtain bound state energy Eigen values : — $E_n = ?$

E_n or bound state energy eigen values are found out by a quantization condition \rightarrow

$$\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} p(x) \cdot dx = \begin{cases} n\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ (n+1)\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2m(E - V(x))} \cdot dx = \begin{cases} n\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ (n+1)\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

This is the Quantization Condition.

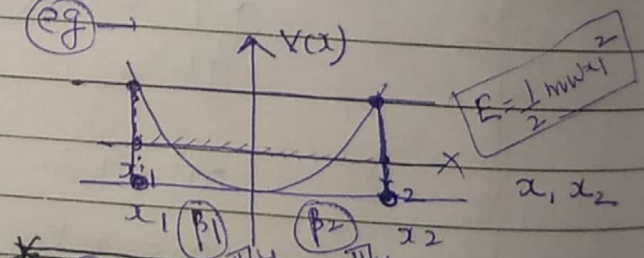
where \rightarrow

- ⊙ $V(x) \rightarrow$ potential (given in problem)
- ⊙ Here x_1 & x_2 are turning points & these are found out by —

$$T = 0$$

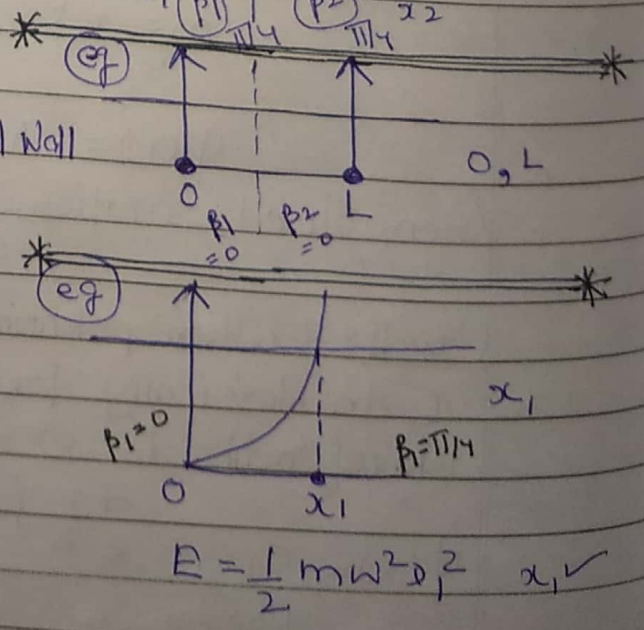
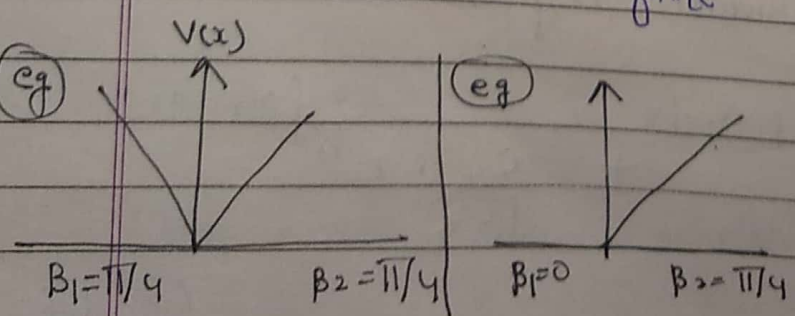
$$E - V(x) = 0$$

$$E = V(x)$$



- ⊙ $\beta \rightarrow$ phase factor
- $\beta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when there is Rigid Wall} \\ & V(x) = \infty \\ \frac{\pi}{4} & \text{when there is Smooth wall} \\ & V(x) = \text{finite} \end{cases}$

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



Note:

For constant potential, odd potentials and zero potential apply Quantization condition to find E_n

eg -

$$V(z) = \begin{cases} mgz & z > 0 \\ \infty & z \leq 0 \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \Leftarrow \text{odd potential} \\ \Leftarrow \text{Quant. Condition} \end{matrix}$$

eg -

$$V(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < L \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \Leftarrow \text{zero potential} \\ \Leftarrow \text{Quant. Condition} \end{matrix}$$

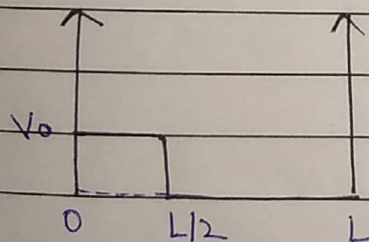
eg - Hydrogen atom

$$V(r) = -\frac{Ze}{r} \begin{matrix} \Rightarrow \text{constant potential} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Quant. Condition} \end{matrix}$$

eg -

$$V(r) = kr \begin{matrix} \Leftarrow \text{odd potential} \\ \text{Quant. cond. trick} \end{matrix}$$

eg



potential \Rightarrow

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} V_0 & 0 < x < L/2 \\ 0 & L/2 < x < L \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Imp. point: - whenever there is perturbation in the potential (above eg) then take as "normal potential" don't think about perturbation.

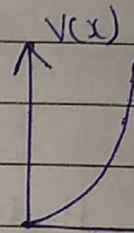
TRICK FOR EVEN POTENTIALS ONLY :

eg: 1 If $V(x) = \alpha (|x|)^m \Rightarrow$ even potential ($|x|$)

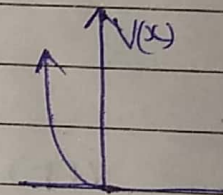
eg: 1 $V(x) = \alpha |x|$

eg: 2 $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$

eg: 3
$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 & x > 0 \\ \infty & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



eg: 4
$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 & x < 0 \\ \infty & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



eg: 5 $V(x) = Kx^2$

eg: 6 $V(x) = Kx^4$

eg: 7 $V(x) = Kx^6$

In all these Question having given potential trick will be applied.

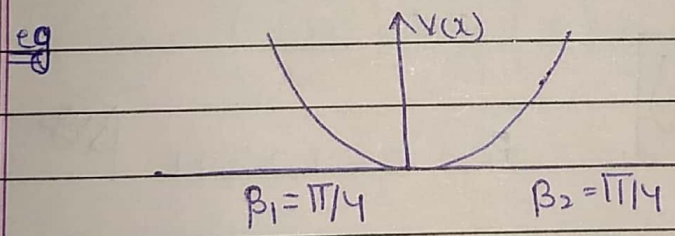
TRICK :

if $V(x) = \alpha (|x|)^m$

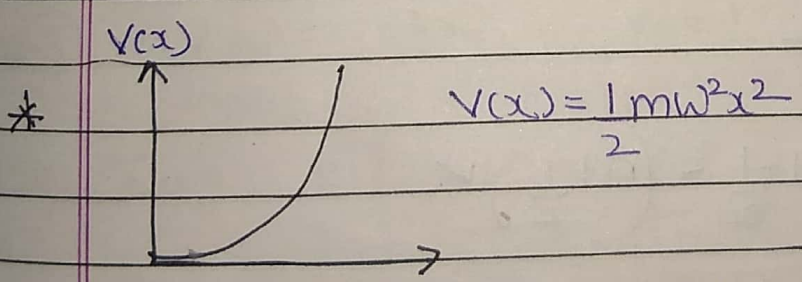
$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{3}{m}}{2}} \right]^{\frac{2m}{m+2}}$$

- * This is for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- * If you want your answer for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ then replace n by $n+1$ [$n \rightarrow (n+1)$]

* This formula is for smooth walls on both side.



\Rightarrow Harmonic oscillator
 $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$



To deal with this problem, notice the walls.
 if there is one rigid wall the add $(1/4)$ in $(n - \frac{1}{2})$ term

In above formula (two walls are smooth $(-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4})$)
 \Rightarrow for one wall smooth only one time minimum $1/4$ so \wedge for this add $+1/4$

Ques: (i) given that $V(x) = \alpha x^2$

Using trick \rightarrow

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) h \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha} \frac{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{3}{2}}{\frac{1}{m} + 1}} \right]^{\frac{2m}{m+2}} \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here $\alpha = \alpha$

$m = 2$ (power)

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) h \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha} \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + 1}} \right]^{\frac{2 \times 2}{2+2}}$$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) h \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\frac{\sqrt{2} h (n-1)}{\sqrt{m\alpha}} \right] \quad \text{For } n=1, 2, 3, 4 \quad \text{Ans}$$

For $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

put $n = n+1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-1}{2} \Rightarrow n+1 - \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{n+1}{2} \right) \checkmark$$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\frac{\sqrt{2} h (n+1)}{2} \right] \quad \text{Ans}$$

(2)

$\frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{11}$ / $\sqrt{2} = 1.41$

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Que-2

$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$

$E_n = ?$

$n = 0, 1, 2, 3$

Soln:-

$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2$, $m = 2$

$\frac{2 \times 2}{2+2} = \frac{4}{4}$

$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \right] \left[\frac{1+3}{2} \right] \left[\frac{1+1}{2} \right]$

$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \right] \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \times \sqrt{2}$

$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar m \omega^2 (n-1)}{\sqrt{2} (\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2)} \Rightarrow \text{Ans}$

For $n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$ $n \Rightarrow (n+1)$

$E_n = \left(\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \right) \left[\left(\frac{n+1}{2} \right) \hbar \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{2m \times \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2}} \right]$

Que-3

$V(x) = k|x|$ $m = 1$

Here, $\alpha = k$, $m = 1$

Soln-

$E_n = k \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2mk}} \right] \left[\frac{1+3}{2} \right] \left[\frac{2 \times 1}{2+1} \right] \left[\frac{1+1}{2} \right]$

$n = 1, 2, 3, 4$

$E_n = k \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2mk}} \times \frac{3 \times 1 \times \sqrt{11}}{2 \times 2} \right]^2 \times \frac{1}{3}$

$E_n = k \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \times \frac{3 \pi}{4 \sqrt{2mk}} \right]^2 \times \frac{1}{3}$

Dependency of E_n on 'n'
(For large values of n)

$$V(x) = \alpha \|x\|^m$$

$$E_n \propto (n)^{\overset{\text{power}}{2m}}_{(m+2)}$$

For large values of n, we may write

$$\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \rightarrow n$$

\Rightarrow

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\frac{n\hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{m+3}\right)^{\frac{2m}{m+2}}}{\left(\frac{1}{m}+1\right)} \right]$$

Dependency of E_n on α \Rightarrow

$$E_n = \alpha \times \frac{1}{\alpha^{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2m}{m+2}}} \Rightarrow \alpha^{\frac{1-m}{m+2}} \Rightarrow \alpha^{\frac{m+2-m}{m+2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n \propto (\alpha)^{\frac{2}{m+2}}$$

?

Que \rightarrow (4)

$$V(x) = \alpha x^4$$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{2 \times 4}{2+4}} \right]$$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \hbar \times \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2m\alpha}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7/4}}{\sqrt{5/4}} \right]^{4/3} \Rightarrow \text{Ans}$$

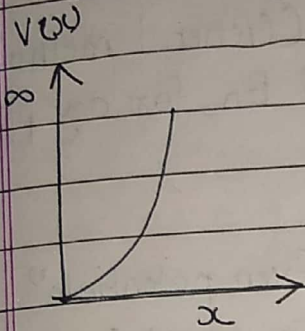
$$\sqrt{7/4} = ?$$

$$\sqrt{5/4} = ?$$

We can't find these values.

Que-5) Half Harmonic oscillator:

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 & x > 0 \\ \infty & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



1. Smooth Wall

1. Rigid Wall

$$\Rightarrow \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{n-1}{4}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2, m=2$$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{4}\right) \hbar \left[\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha} \left[\frac{1+3}{2} \right]^{\frac{2 \times 2}{2+2}} \right] \right]$$

n = 1, 2, 3, 4

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{4}\right) \hbar \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2m \times \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2}} \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{3}{2}\right]} \right]$$

↓
 $\frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{\pi}$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{4}\right) \hbar \times \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{3} \times m \omega} \right]$$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{n-1}{4}\right) \hbar \right)$$

$$E_n = \frac{\omega \hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{n-1}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \text{Ans}$$

Beetle

WKB Method is used to find :-

- ① E_n - Energy eigen value
- ② T - Transmission coefficient.

To Find E_n -

Method-1 \rightarrow Quantization condition (General method)
By Integration; we find E_n , for any potential.

Method-2 \rightarrow Trick

only Applicable for "Even potentials"

like - $V(x) = \alpha x^4$
 $V(x) = \alpha x^6$ } For exact form only by Integration
 \rightarrow For dependency, we can use trick

Quantization condition - Can be applied to any potential. even
odd
constant
zero.

$$\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2m(E - V(x))} \cdot dx = \begin{cases} n\pi - (\beta_1 - \beta_2) & n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \\ (n+1)\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Phase factor $\beta \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Rigid wall } v = \infty \\ \pi/4 & \text{if smooth wall } v = \text{finite} \end{cases}$

$x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow$ turning points. $\Rightarrow T = 0$

$$\Rightarrow E = V(x) \Big|_{x=x_1} \quad \& \quad E = V(x) \Big|_{x=x_2}$$

$$\Downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \Downarrow$$

$$x_1 = ? \qquad \qquad \qquad x_2 = ?$$

Trick : if $V(x) = \alpha |x|^m$ \Rightarrow even potential

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \times \frac{\left[\frac{1+3}{2} \right]^{\frac{2\ell}{\ell+2}}}{\left[\frac{1+1}{2} \right]} \right]$$

m = mass of particle
 ℓ = power of x .

where $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

For $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Replace n by $(n+1)$ in given formula.

\Rightarrow Dependency of E_n on n for large value of $n \rightarrow$

$$E_n \propto (n)^{\frac{2\ell}{\ell+2}} \quad \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \rightarrow n.$$

\Rightarrow Dependency of E_n on $\alpha \rightarrow$

$$E_n \propto (\alpha)^{\frac{1-\ell}{\ell+2}} \Rightarrow (\alpha)^{\frac{\ell+2-\ell}{2+\ell}}$$

$$E_n \propto (\alpha)^{\frac{2}{\ell+2}}$$

Note \rightarrow Trick works even potentials
(exception - $\alpha x^4, \alpha x^6$)

- Dependency of E_n on n & α can be obtained for each even potential.
- Dependency of ' E_n on n ' can also be obtain by this trick for odd potentials (but not on α)
- Trick does not provide anything for zero or Constant potentials.

Transmission Coefficient \Rightarrow

$$T = e^{-2\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2m(V(x)-E)} \cdot dx$$

Problems; Zetelli

Q \rightarrow ① Use the WKB method to estimate the energy levels of one dimensional harmonic oscillator.

eg. 9.7 (523) $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$ $E_n = ?$

$$E_n = \alpha \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m\alpha}} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + 1}} \right]^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+2}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \quad \alpha = 2$$

$$E_n = \left(\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \right) \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2m \times \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + 1}} \right]^{\frac{2 \times 2}{2+2}}$$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \left[\left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \hbar \times \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{m \omega} \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{\pi}} \right]$$

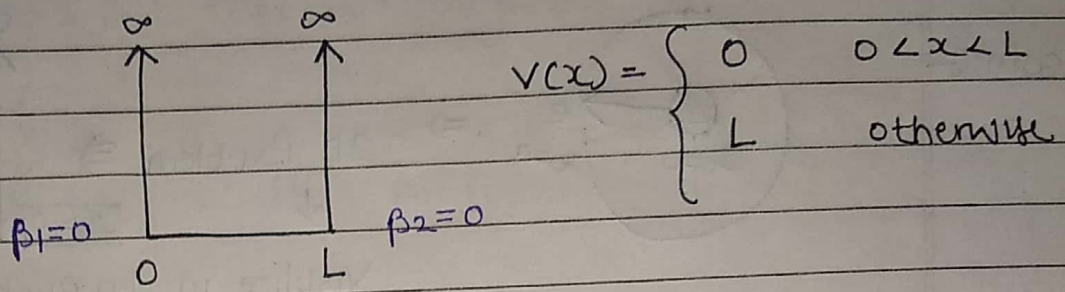
$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

For $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(n + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \hbar \omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

↑
"Exact energy"

Que-2) Use the WKB approximation to calculate the energy levels of a spinless particle of mass 'm' moving in a 1D box with walls at $x=0$ & $x=L$, $E_n = ?$
 eg-9.8
 Pg-526



0 to L \Rightarrow No trick \Rightarrow By Quantization Condition \checkmark

Soln:- We know, Quantization condition is -

$$\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2m\{E - V(x)\}} \cdot dx = \begin{matrix} n\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ (n+1)\pi - (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{matrix}$$

also $\beta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Rigid wall } (V \rightarrow +\infty) \\ \frac{\pi}{4} & V \rightarrow \text{finite} \end{cases}$

$x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow ?$

$$E = V(x) \Big|_{x=0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{matrix} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = L \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^L \sqrt{2m(E_0)} \cdot dx = n\pi \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\sqrt{2mE} \int_0^L dx = n\pi\hbar$$

$$\sqrt{2mE} \times L = n\pi\hbar \quad (\text{squaring both side})$$

$$2mE \times L^2 = n^2\pi^2\hbar^2$$

$$E_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \Rightarrow \text{exact solution}$$

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