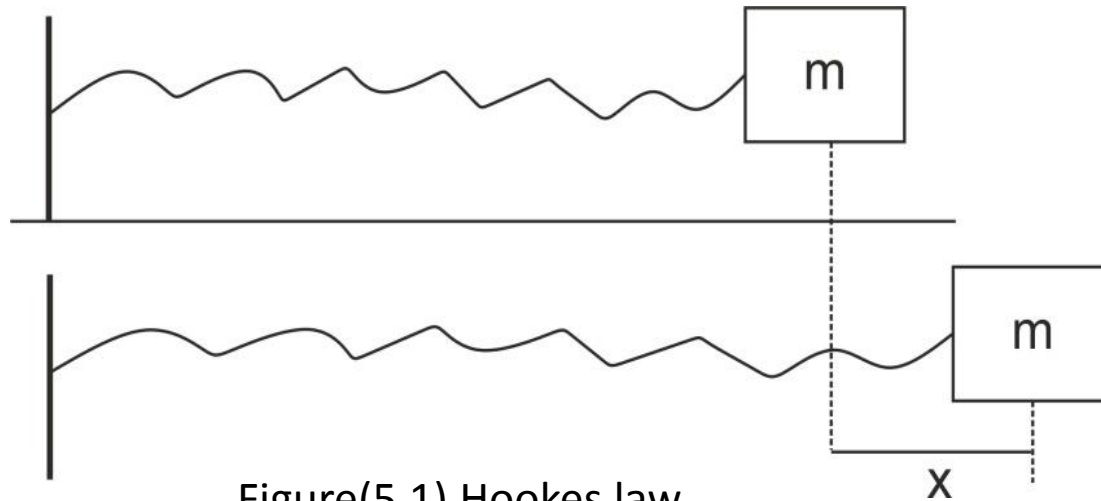


Harmonic Oscillator

Hermit's differential equation



Figure(5.1) Hookes law

$$f = -kx \dots(5.1)$$

$$f = ma = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \dots(5.2)$$

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

- $m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = 0 \dots \dots \dots (5.3)$
- $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = - \frac{k}{m} x = 0 \dots \dots \dots (2)$
- $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$
- $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0 \dots \dots \dots (5.4)$
- $x = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$

- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + v\psi = E\psi$
- $dv = -f dx = -(-kx) dx = kx dx$
- $v = \int dv = \int kx dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$
- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \psi = E\psi$
- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \left(-\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{2} kx^2\right) \psi = -\frac{2m E}{\hbar^2} \psi$
- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \left(-\frac{mkx^2}{\hbar^2}\right) \psi = -\frac{2m E}{\hbar^2} \psi$
- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{2m E}{\hbar^2} - \frac{mkx^2}{\hbar^2}\right) \psi = 0$

- Let $y = \alpha x \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \alpha$ and $x = \frac{y}{\alpha}$
- $\frac{d\psi}{dx} = \frac{d\psi}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx}$
- But $\frac{dy}{dx} = \alpha$
- $\therefore \frac{d\psi}{dx} = \alpha \frac{d\psi}{dy}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} = \alpha \frac{d}{dy}$ & $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} = \alpha^2 \frac{d^2}{dy^2}$
- $\alpha^2 \frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + \left(\frac{2m E}{\hbar^2} - \frac{mky^2}{\hbar^2 \alpha^2} \right) \psi = 0$
- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + \left(\frac{2m E}{\hbar^2 \alpha^2} - \frac{mky^2}{\hbar^2 \alpha^4} \right) \psi = 0$

- $\therefore \alpha^4 = \frac{mk}{\hbar^2} \text{ \& } \alpha^2 = \sqrt{\frac{mk}{\hbar^2}}$
- $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \longrightarrow k = m\omega^2$
- $\alpha^2 = \sqrt{\frac{m^2\omega^2}{\hbar^2}} \dots\dots\dots (5.5)$
- $\alpha^2 = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$
- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + \left(\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2 \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} - \frac{mky^2}{\hbar^2 \frac{mk}{\hbar^2}} \right) \psi = 0$

- $\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + \left(\frac{2E}{\hbar\omega} - y^2\right) \psi = 0$
- Let $\frac{2E}{\hbar\omega} = \gamma$
- $\therefore \frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + (\gamma - y^2) \psi = 0 \dots(5.6)$
- (Hermit differential equation for harmonic oscillator)

- **The energy of Harmonic Oscillator**

- $E_n = \frac{(2n+1)\hbar\omega}{2} = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega \dots (5.7)$

- $n=0$ for ground state $n=0, 1, 2, 3\dots$

- Then $E_0 = \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega$ (*zero point energy*)
.....(5.8)

- $E_1 = \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$ *first excited state*, E_2
 $= \frac{5}{2} \hbar\omega$ *second excited state*.

- **The wave function of Harmonic Oscillator**

- $\psi_n = N_n H_n(\alpha x) e^{\frac{-\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$ (5.9)

- $\alpha^2 = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$

- **Where:**

- N_n : Normalized constant.

- H_n : Harmonic function.

- αx : Sometimes equals to Z.

- $N_n = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^n n!}}$, $0! = 1$ (5.10)

- $H_n(z) = (-1)^n e^{z^2} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} e^{-z^2}$ (5.11)

- **Solved problems:**
- 1-Find the wave function of the harmonic Oscillator in the ground state?

- **Solution:**

- $\psi_n = N_n H_n (\alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$
- $N_n = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^n n!}}$
- $N_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^0 0!}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $H_n(z) = (-1)^n e^{-z^2} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} e^{-z^2}$
- $H_n(z) = (-1)^0 e^{-z^2} \frac{d^0}{dz^0} e^{-z^2}$
- $= e^{z^2} e^{-z^2} = e^0 = 1 \quad (z = \alpha x)$
- $\therefore \psi_0 = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$

- **2-Find the wave function of the harmonic Oscillator in the first excited state?**

- **Solution:**

- $\psi_n = N_n H_n(\alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$

- $N_n = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^n n!}}$

- $N_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^1 1!}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

- $H_n(\alpha x) = (-1)^n e^{-z^2} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} e^{-z^2}$

- $H_1(z) = (-1)^1 e^{-z^2} \frac{d}{dz} e^{-z^2} = e^{-z^2} (-2Z)e^{-z^2} = 2Z = 2 \alpha x$

- $\therefore \psi_1(\alpha x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2 \alpha x e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$

- **Problems:**

- -find ψ_2 for Harmonic Oscillator.

- prove $\psi_4(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{384\sqrt{\pi}}} (16 \alpha^4 x^4 - 48 \alpha^2 x^2 + 12) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$

- - prove $\psi_5(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{3840\sqrt{\pi}}} (32 \alpha^5 x^5 - 160 \alpha^3 x^3 + 120 \alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}$

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- * **Solved problem:** State the wave function for the harmonic Oscillator at the 3rd excited state and calculate its energy

- **solution:**

- $\psi_n(\alpha x) N_n H_n(\alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}} \quad \alpha^2 = \sqrt{\frac{mk}{\hbar}} = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$

- $N_n = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^n n!}}$

- $\therefore N_3 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^3 3!}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{48\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

- $H_n(z) = (-1)^n e^{z^2} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} e^{-z^2}$ Where $z = \alpha x$

- $H_3(z) = (-1)^3 e^{z^2} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} e^{-z^2}$

- $H_3(\alpha x) = 8 \alpha^3 x^3 - 12 \alpha x$

- $\therefore \psi_{3(\alpha x)} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{48\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (8 \alpha^3 x^3 - 12 \alpha x) e^{-\frac{\alpha^2 x^2}{2}}, E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega, E_3 = \frac{7}{2} \hbar\omega$