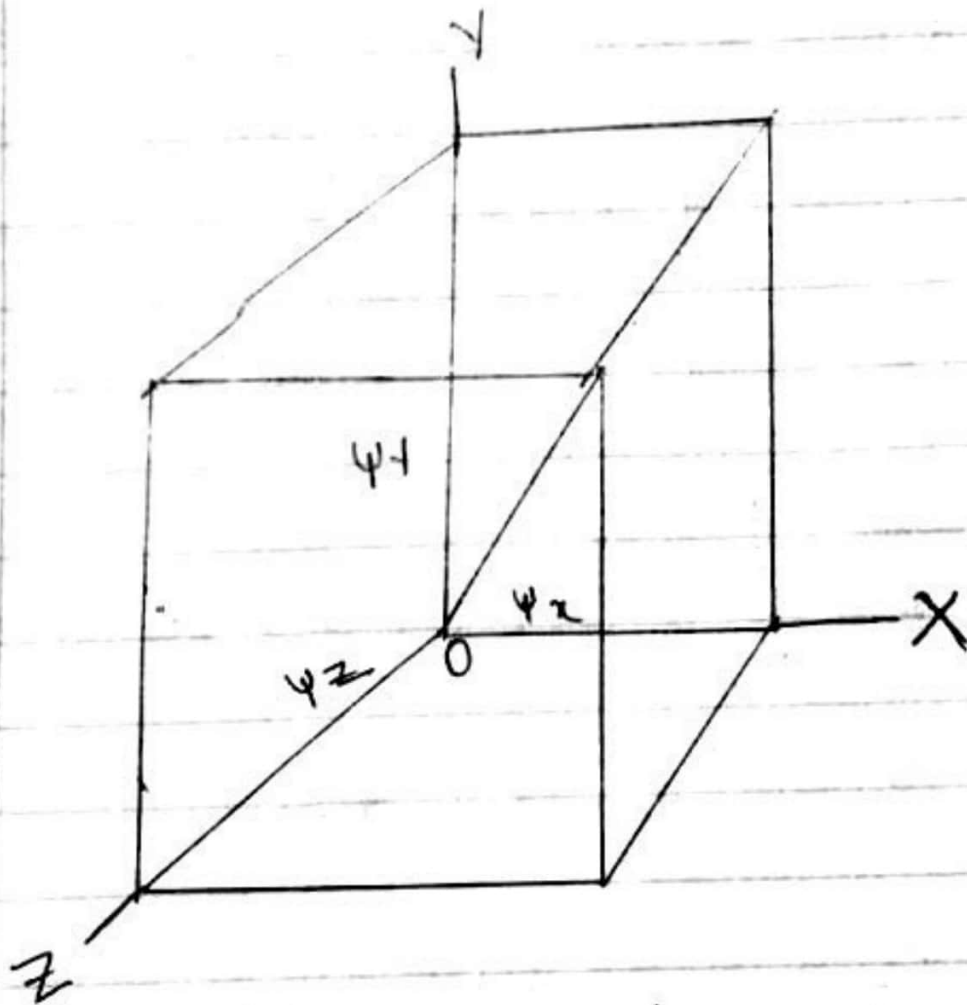


Solution of Schrodinger's Wave equation for particle in Three dimensions!

Lets Consider a particle moving in three dimension box.



- a) Outside the box, the potential energy of the box is at the boundary of the box.
- b) Inside the box, the potential energy will be equal to zero.

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{8\pi m^2}{h^2} (E - V) \psi = 0 \quad (i)$$

Since $V = 0$, inside the box

$$\Delta^2 \psi = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$\text{But, } \Delta^2 = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\psi = \psi(x, y, z) \quad (iii)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$+ \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E \psi = 0 \quad (iv)$$

$$\psi = \psi(x) \psi(y) \psi(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$+ \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E \psi = 0$$

$$\psi(y) \psi(z) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \psi(x) \psi(z) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \psi(x) \psi(y) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$+ \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E \psi = 0$$

$$\psi_x \psi_y \psi_z = 0 \quad (v)$$

On dividing equation (v) by $\psi_x \psi_y \psi_z$ we get

$$\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_{xyz} = 0.$$

$$\text{But } E_{xyz} = E_x + E_y + E_z$$

$$\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E_x + E_y + E_z) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \right) \psi_x \psi_y \psi_z \left(\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + 8\pi^2 m \psi_x \psi_y \psi_z (E_x + E_y + E_z) = 0$$

$$E_x + E_y + E_z = 0.$$

$$\frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} \right) = -E_x - E_y - E_z \quad (vii)$$

Equation (7) can be written as

$$-E_x = \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} \right) \rightarrow 8A$$

$$-E_y = \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} \right) \rightarrow 8B.$$

$$-E_z = \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} \left(\frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} \right) \rightarrow 8C$$

Simplify the eq-8A.

$$\frac{1}{\psi_x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} = \frac{-8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_x, \frac{\partial^2 \psi_x}{\partial x^2} +$$

$$\frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_x \psi_x = 0 \quad 9a$$

Equation (8b)

$$\frac{1}{\psi_y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_y = \frac{\partial^2 \psi_y}{\partial y^2} +$$

$$+ \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_y \psi_y \quad 9b$$

(Equation 8c)

$$\frac{1}{\psi_z} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} = \frac{-8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_z = \frac{\partial^2 \psi_z}{\partial z^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E_z \psi_z \quad 9c$$

$$\text{Let } k^2 = \frac{81^2 m E x}{h^2}$$

\Rightarrow Solution of eq (9a).

$$\frac{d^2 \psi x}{dx^2} + k^2 \psi x = 0.$$

The equation 9a has solution in the form of exponential like

$$\psi x = A e^{mx} \rightarrow (10)$$

So, by inserting the value of " ψx " from eq (10) into eq (9a).

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (A e^{mx}) + k^2 A e^{mx} = 0.$$

$$A \cdot m^2 e^{mx} + A k^2 e^{mx} = 0.$$

$$(A e^{mx}) (m^2 + k^2) = 0.$$

$A e^{mx} \neq 0$, so therefore $m^2 + k^2 = 0$.

For finding the value of m , we have

$$m^2 = -k^2$$

$$m^2 = \pm i k^2$$

$$m = \pm i k$$

By putting the value of m into equation 10

$$\psi x = A e^{\pm i k x}$$

$$= A e^{i k x} + B e^{-i k x}$$

By inserting the value

$$\psi x = A (\cos kx + i \sin kx)$$

$$+ B (\cos kx - i \sin kx)$$

$$\psi x = A \cos kx + A i \sin kx + B \cos kx - B i \sin kx$$

$$\psi x = \cos(kx)(A+B) + i \sin(kx)(A-B)$$

$$\text{Let } A + B = D.$$

$$C (A - B) = C.$$

$$\psi x = D \cos(kx) + C \sin(kx) \quad (1)$$

By applying boundary condition.

$$\psi x = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0.$$

$$\psi x = D \cos(kx) + C \sin(kx) \quad (2)$$

$$0 = D \cos(k \cdot 0) + C \sin(k \cdot 0).$$

$$0 = D \cos 0^\circ + C \sin 0^\circ.$$

$$D = 0.$$

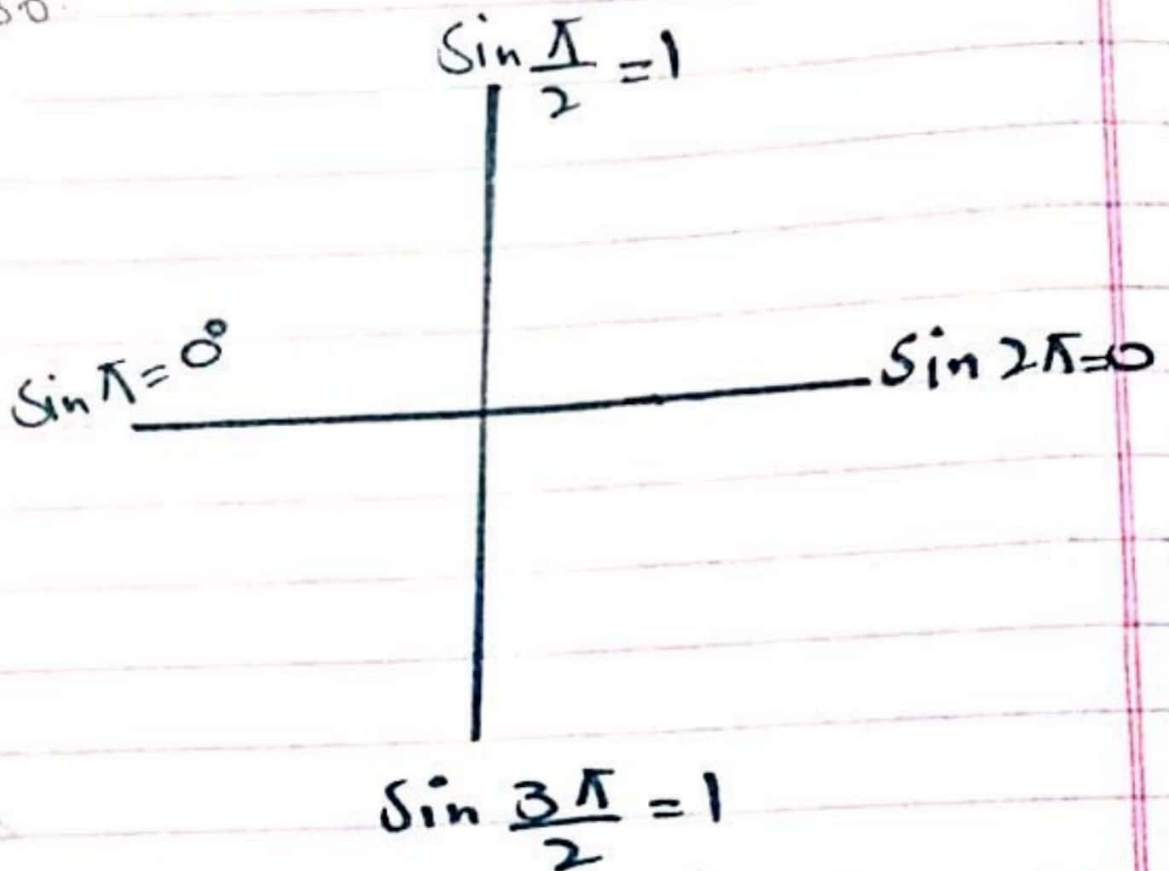
By inserting the value of $D = 0$ into eq 12.

By applying second boundary condition

$$\psi x = 0, \quad x = a$$

$$0 = C \sin ka. \quad ka = n\pi.$$

After each π , \sin will be zero.



$$\psi x = c \sin kx = 12$$

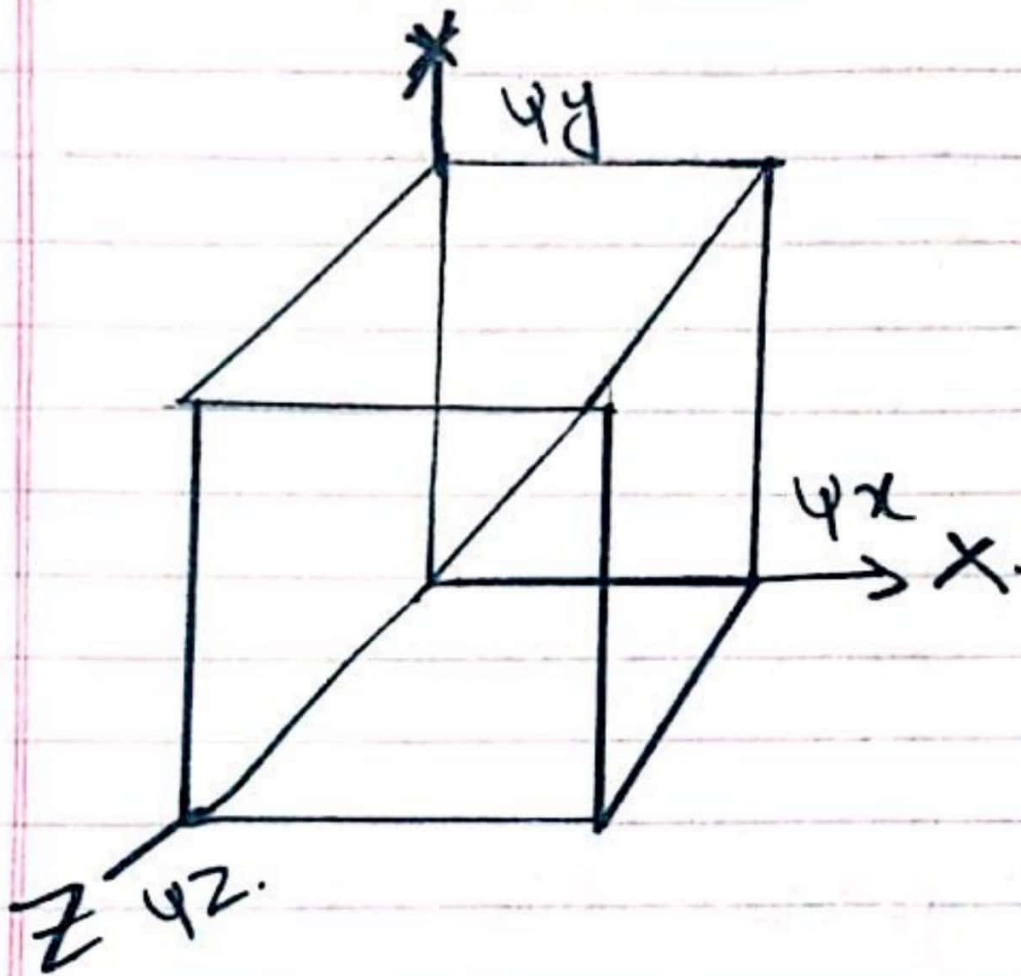
By putting the value of k into eq (12).

$$\psi x = c \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \rightarrow 13a$$

$$\psi y = c \sin \frac{n\pi y}{a} \rightarrow 13b$$

$$\psi z = c \sin \frac{n\pi z}{a} \rightarrow (13c).$$

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Determination of value of 'C'

C = Constant and known as Constant of Normalization.

By applying conditions of Normalization.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx = 1 \quad (14a)$$

By substituting the value of $\psi(x)$ from eq (13a) to eq (14a).

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a c^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \left(\frac{\sin n\pi x}{a} dx\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a c^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx = 1.$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{c^2}{2} \left[\int_0^a 1 dx - \int_0^a \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right)}{2n\pi} dx \right]$$

$$\frac{c^2}{2} \left[(a-0) - \frac{a}{2h\pi} \left[\frac{\sin 2h\pi a}{a} - \frac{\sin 2h\pi \cdot 0}{a} \right] \right] = 1.$$

$$\frac{c^2}{a} (a) - \frac{a}{2h\pi} (\sin 2h\pi - \sin 0) = 1.$$

$$\frac{c^2}{a} (a) - 0 = 1.$$

$$\frac{c^2}{a} (a) - 0 = 1$$

$$\frac{c^2}{a} (a) = 1.$$

$$c^2 = \frac{2}{a}.$$

By putting the value
 c

$$\psi_x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \rightarrow 15a$$

$$\psi_y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \rightarrow 15b$$

$$\psi_z = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{a}\right) \rightarrow 15c.$$

By substituting the value of 15 a, b, c into eq 5c

$$\psi_{xyz} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\cdot \frac{\sin n\pi y}{a} \cdot \frac{\sin n\pi z}{a}$$

Result

$$\psi_{xyz} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$\cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{a}\right) \Rightarrow 16.$$

We can find the total wave function of a particle.

Total energy :-

$$k^2 = \frac{8\pi^2 m E}{h^2} \rightarrow (17)$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a} \rightarrow \text{(i)}$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi^2}{a^2} \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

By Comparing eq (i) & (ii)

$$\frac{8\pi^2 m E_x}{h^2} = \frac{h^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_x = \frac{h^2 \pi^2}{a^2} \times \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m}$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = E_x + E_y + E_z$$

By Substituting the value of E_x , E_y and E_z .

$$E_{\text{total}} = \frac{h^2 \pi^2 h^2}{8ma^2} + \frac{h^2 \pi^2 h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$+ \frac{h^2 \pi^2 h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = \frac{h^2}{8ma^2} (h^2 \pi^2 + h^2 \pi^2 + h^2 \pi^2)$$

If we have the value
 $n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2$ then we
 can find the value
 E_{total}

We can also find the
 ground state energy.

$$n_x = n_y = n_z = 1$$

$$E_{total} = \frac{h^2}{8m^2a^2} ((1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2)$$

$$E_{total} = \frac{3h^2}{8ma^2} \rightarrow \text{Ground State Energy}$$

$$\text{If } n_x = 1, n_y = 1, n_z = 2$$

$$E_{total} = \frac{h^2}{8ma^2} (1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2)$$

$$= \frac{6h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$\text{If } n_x = 1, n_y = 2, n_z = 1$$

$$E_{total} = \frac{6h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$\text{If } n_x = 2.$$

$$n_y = 1$$

$$n_z = 1.$$

then E_{total} would be

$$E_{\text{total}} = \frac{6h^2}{8ma^2}.$$