

40. Trial function: $|\Psi\rangle$

Ground State: $|\phi_0\rangle$ where $\langle\Psi|\phi_0\rangle=0$.

$$\Psi(x) = \sum_{m \neq 0} c_m \phi_m = \sum_{m > 1} c_m \phi_m \quad \text{since } c_0 = \langle\Psi|\phi_0\rangle = 0.$$

$$\frac{\langle\Psi|\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle}{\langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_{n'} c_n^* c_{n'} \langle\phi_n|\hat{H}|\phi_{n'}\rangle}{\sum_n \sum_{n'} c_n^* c_{n'} \langle\phi_n|\phi_{n'}\rangle} = \frac{\sum_n |c_n|^2 E_n}{\sum_n |c_n|^2}$$

Since $c_0=0$:

$$= \frac{\sum_{n>0} |c_n|^2 E_n}{\sum_{n>0} |c_n|^2} \geq \frac{\sum_{n>0} |c_n|^2 E_1}{\sum_{n>0} |c_n|^2}$$

Since $\sum_{n>0} |c_n|^2 = 1$ therefore: $\frac{\langle\Psi|\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle}{\langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle} \geq E_1$.

For harmonic oscillator: $\hat{H} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ & $\Psi(x) = c x e^{-\lambda x^2}$.

$$\langle\Psi|\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \langle\Psi|\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}|\Psi\rangle + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 \langle\Psi|x^2|\Psi\rangle$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} c^2 \int dx (x e^{-\lambda x^2}) (-6\lambda x + 4\lambda^2 x^3) e^{-\lambda x^2} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 c^2 \int dx x^4 e^{-2\lambda x^2}$$

$$\langle\Psi|\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2 c^2}{2m} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{3m\omega^2 c^2}{32\lambda^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}}$$

$$\langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle = \frac{c^2}{4\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}}$$

$$E_\lambda = \frac{\langle\Psi|\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle}{\langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle} = 4\lambda \left(\frac{3\hbar^2}{8m} + \frac{3m\omega^2}{32\lambda^2} \right) = \frac{3\hbar^2}{2m} \lambda + \frac{3m\omega^2}{8\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{3\hbar^2}{2m} - \frac{3m\omega^2}{8\lambda^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}$$

$$E_\lambda \left(\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \right) = \frac{3\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \right) + \frac{3m\omega^2}{8} \left(\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \hbar\omega + \frac{3}{4} \hbar\omega$$

$$E_\lambda = \frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$$