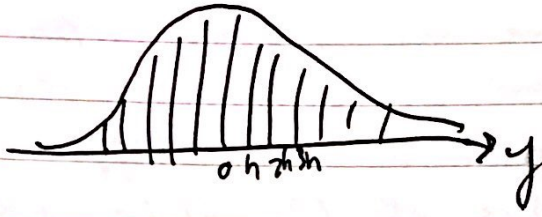


10/11 From last time: Finite differences method



$y_n = nh = n\Delta y$   
 $\psi(y_n) \rightarrow \psi_n$

$$E\psi(y) = -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} \psi(y) + V(y) = f(y)$$

$$E\psi(y_n) = -\left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2}\right)_n + V(y_n)\psi(y_n)$$

$$\epsilon\psi_n = -\left(\frac{\psi_{n+1} - 2\psi_n + \psi_{n-1}}{h^2}\right) + V_n\psi_n + O(h^2)$$

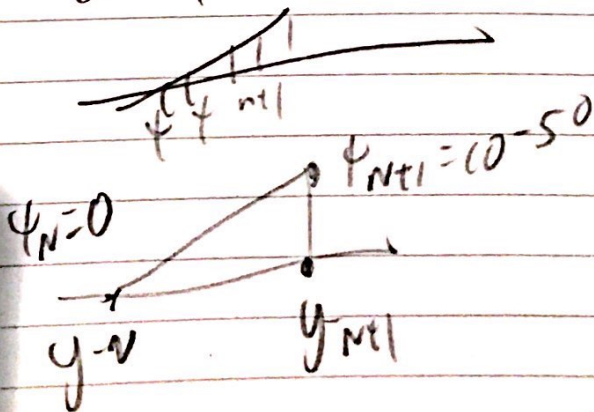
$$E\left(\frac{\psi_{n+1} + 10\psi_n + \psi_{n-1}}{12}\right) = -\left(\frac{\psi_{n+1} - 2\psi_n + \psi_{n-1}}{h^2}\right) + \frac{V_{n+1}\psi_{n+1} + 10V_n\psi_n + V_{n-1}\psi_{n-1}}{12} + O(h^4)$$

$$O(h^2) = -\frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2}\right)_n$$

$$\frac{\psi_{n+1} + 10\psi_n + \psi_{n-1}}{12} \approx \frac{1}{h^2} \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2}\right)_{n+1} - 2\left(\frac{d\psi}{dy}\right)_n + \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2}\right)_{n+1}$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} = (V(y) - \epsilon)\psi$$

boundary conditions



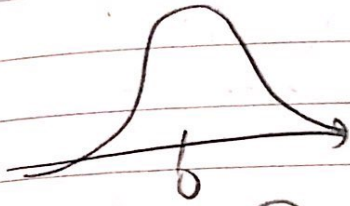
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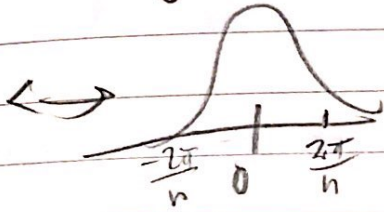
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Error estimates

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

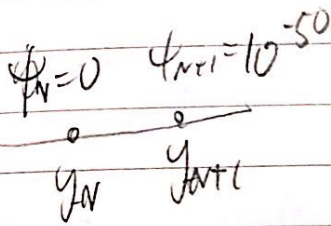


$$F(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$



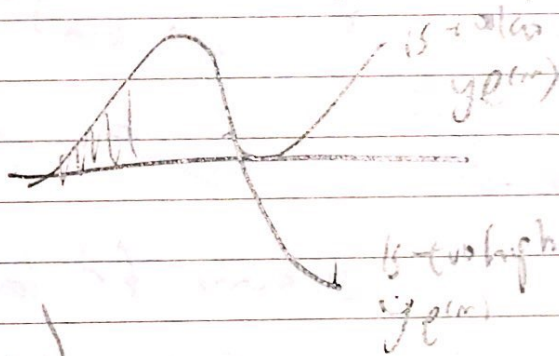
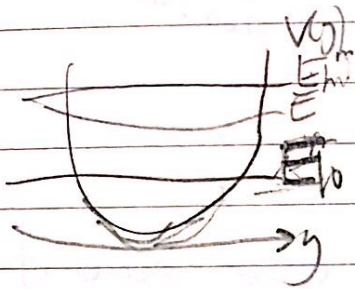
$$h \sum f(nh) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx + F\left(\frac{2\pi}{h}\right) + F\left(-\frac{2\pi}{h}\right) + \dots$$

$$A_n \psi_{n+1} + B_n \psi_n + C_n \psi_{n-1} = 0$$

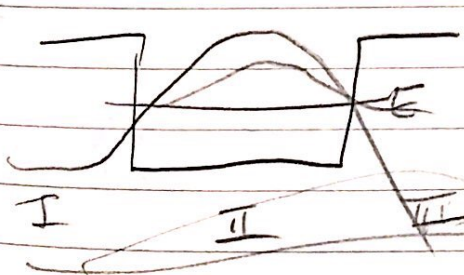


$$\psi_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{A_n} (B_n \psi_n + C_n \psi_{n-1})$$

does error integrate down?  $\epsilon \psi(y) = -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} \psi(y) + v(y) \psi(y)$



$$\epsilon^{m+1} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{high} + \epsilon_{low})$$

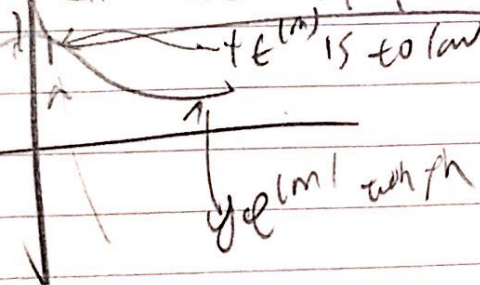


$$\psi_I = a e^{\alpha x}$$

$$\psi_{II} = b e^{ikx} + c e^{-ikx} \text{ or } b \sin(k(x-x_0))$$

$$\psi_{III} = d e^{\alpha x} + f e^{-\alpha x}$$

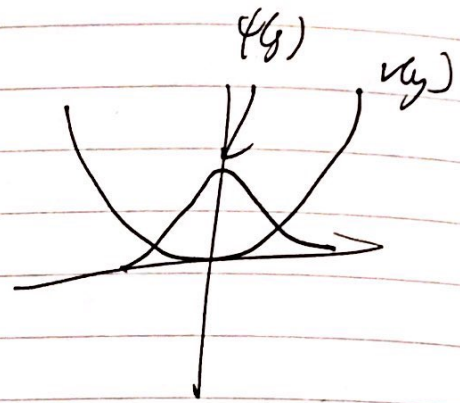
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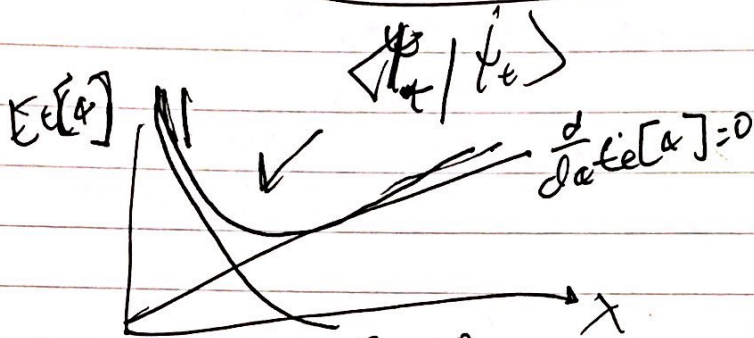
# Variational Method

$$E[\psi(y)] = \int \psi^*(y) \left( -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} \psi(y) + V(y) \psi(y) \right) dy$$

guess:  $\psi(x) = \left( \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\alpha y^2}$



$$E_2[x] = \langle \psi | -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} + V(y) | \psi \rangle = 4 + \frac{3}{16\alpha^2}$$



$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} E[x] = 1 - \frac{3}{8\alpha^3} = 0$$

$$E[x]_{\alpha_{opt}} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$\alpha_{opt} = \left( \frac{3}{8} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$E_{exact} = \dots$$

Try to get an estimate for lowest ground state of ground state energy

Can only overestimate ground state energies

Hurwitz estimate

$$E\psi = -\frac{d^2}{dy^2}\psi + y^4\psi \quad E = \langle \hat{k}^2 \rangle + \langle y^4 \rangle$$

$$\Delta k \Delta y \sim \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\langle \hat{k}^2 \rangle = \langle E \rangle + (\Delta E)^2 \quad \langle y^4 \rangle \rightarrow \Delta y^4 \quad \text{Gives an envelope estimate for } E$$

$$\Delta k \Delta y \sim \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[\Delta y] = \frac{1}{4\Delta y^2} + \Delta y^4 \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{2}{2\Delta y} E = \frac{-1}{2\Delta y^3} + 4\Delta y^3 = 0 \quad \Delta y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

• benchmark

Why does it work

Start with  $E\psi = \hat{H}\psi \quad E_j \phi_j = \hat{H}\phi_j$

$$\psi_c = \sum_j a_j \phi_j$$

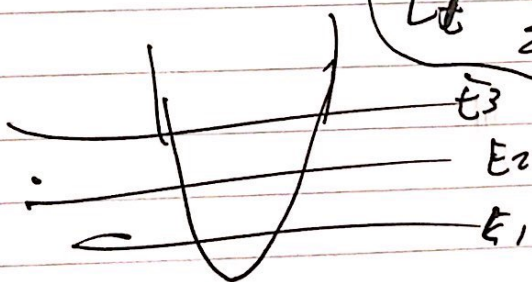
$$E_c = \frac{\langle \psi_c | \hat{H} | \psi_c \rangle}{\langle \psi_c | \psi_c \rangle}$$

$$\langle \psi_c | \psi_c \rangle = \left\langle \sum_j a_j \phi_j \middle| \sum_j a_j \phi_j \right\rangle = \sum_j |a_j|^2$$

$$\langle \psi_c | \hat{H} | \psi_c \rangle = \left\langle \sum_j a_j \phi_j \middle| \hat{H} \middle| \sum_j a_j \phi_j \right\rangle$$

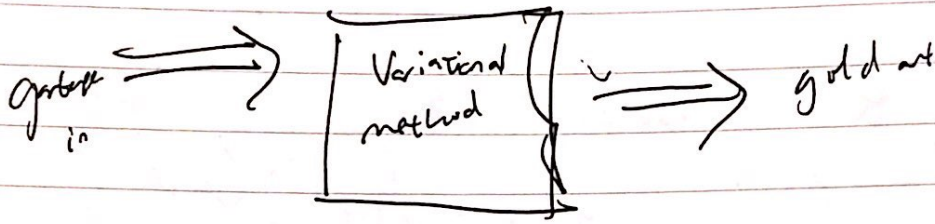
$$= \sum_j |a_j|^2 E_j$$

$$E_c = \frac{\sum_j |a_j|^2 E_j}{\sum_j |a_j|^2}$$



$$\psi_t = \phi_0 + \beta \phi_1$$

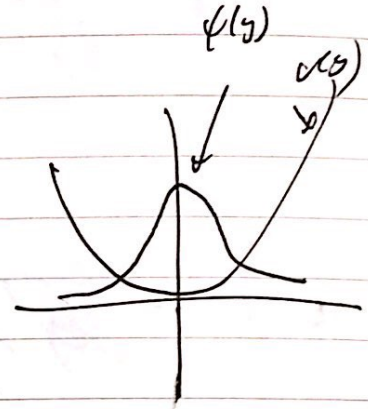
$$E_t = \frac{E_0 + \beta^2 E_1}{1 + \beta^2} = E_0 + \beta^2 (E_1 - E_0) \dots$$



1 more example

$$\psi_t = e^{-\alpha y^4 + \beta y^6}$$

$$E_t[\alpha, \beta] = \frac{\langle \psi_t | -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} + y^4 | \psi_t \rangle}{\langle \psi_t | \psi_t \rangle}$$



$$E_t = 1.0603638$$

$$E_{\text{exact}} = 1.0603 \dots$$