

## 2.57: The Wigner Distribution for the 2p State of the 1D Hydrogen Atom

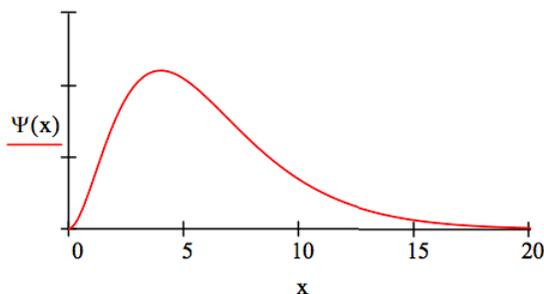
This tutorial presents three pictures of the 2p state of the one-dimensional hydrogen atom using its position, momentum and phase-space representations.

The energy operator for the one-dimensional hydrogen atom in atomic units is:

$$\frac{-1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \blacksquare + \frac{L(L+1)}{2x^2} \blacksquare - \frac{1}{x} \blacksquare$$

The 2p wave function is:

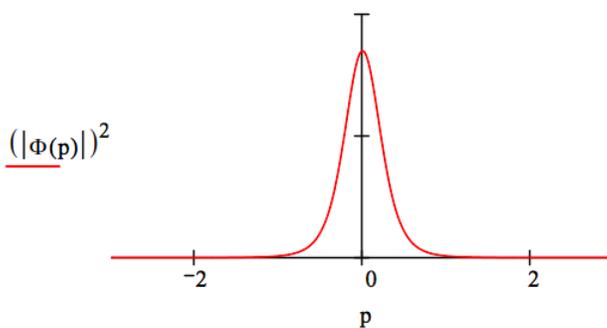
$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) \quad \int_0^\infty \Psi(x)^2 dx = 1$$



The 2p state energy is  $-0.125 E_h$ .

$$\frac{-1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \Psi(x) + \frac{1}{x^2} \Psi(x) - \frac{1}{x} \Psi(x) = E \Psi(x) \text{ solve, } E \rightarrow \frac{-1}{8} = -0.125$$

The momentum wave function is generated by the following Fourier transform of the coordinate space wave function.

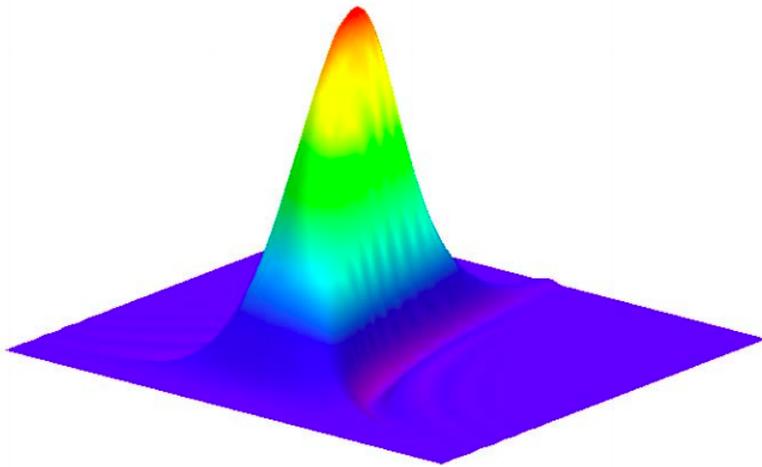


The Wigner function (phase-space representation) for the 2p state is generated using the momentum wave function.

$$W(x, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\left(p + \frac{s}{2}\right)} \exp(-i s x) \Phi\left(p - \frac{s}{2}\right) ds$$

The Wigner distribution is displayed graphically.

$$N = 100 \quad i = 0..N \quad x_i = \frac{15i}{N} \quad j = 0..N \quad p_j = -3 + \frac{6j}{N} \quad \text{Wigner}_{i,j} = W(x_i, p_j)$$



## Wigner

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