

Errata (July 2017)

1) On page 13, in Fig. 1.7a, the component should be labeled $A_x \hat{i}$ rather than $A_y \hat{i}$.

2) On page 24, in Eq. 1.21, after the first equals sign, the second cosine should be a sine. So Eq. 1.21 should read

$$\frac{d^2z}{d\theta^2} = -\cos\theta - i\sin\theta = i^2(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) = i^2z = -z. \quad (1.21)$$

3) On page 43, in the statement of Problem 1.10, in the (a) portion of the problem, the parentheses should enclose the entire $(3x - \frac{t}{2})$ term rather than only the $(3x)$ term. Thus the function should read:

$$f(x, t) = 5 \sin\left(3x - \frac{t}{2}\right).$$

and in the (c) portion of the problem, the function should be $h(x, t)$ rather than $h(y, t)$.

4) On page 50 in Figure 2.5, the equation on the left of the vertical axis of the bottom plot should be $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = -Ak^2 \sin(kx - \omega t)$.

5) On page 72, the partial derivatives on the right side of the Schrödinger Equation should be with respect to x rather than t . Thus Eqs. 2.36, 2.37, and 2.38 should read:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + Vy(x, t). \quad (2.36)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial T(t)X(x)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 T(t)X(x)}{\partial x^2} + VT(t)X(x). \quad (2.37)$$

$$\frac{i\hbar}{T(t)} \frac{\partial T(t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mX(x)} \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} + V. \quad (2.38)$$

6) On page 74, in the statement of Problem 2.4 an extra "t" appears in the phase term of the function, which is given as $Ae^{i(kxt - \omega t)}$ but which should be

$$Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}.$$

7) On page 113, in Example 3.5, the integration in the expression for $K(k)$ should be over dx rather than over dt . Thus the first lines of the solution should be

$$\begin{aligned} K(k) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(x)e^{-ikx} dx = \int_{-L}^L Ae^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} A \frac{1}{-ik} e^{-ikx} \Big|_{-L}^L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{A}{-ik} \left[e^{-ikL} - e^{-ik(-L)} \right] \dots \end{aligned}$$

8) On page 136, the sentence beginning the last paragraph should say that the pressure on the right end of the segment is pushing in the negative-x direction.

9) On page 164, at the end of the first full paragraph, the units of magnetic field should be given as newtons per ampere-m (N/A-m).

10) The footnote on page 170 should say that Farads are equivalent to (Coulombs² seconds²)/(kilograms meters²), and Henries are equivalent to (meters² kilograms)/Coulombs².

11) On page 179, the first sentence should say “As discussed earlier in this section, for this type of harmonic wave the phase velocity is $v_{phase} = \sqrt{T/\mu}, \dots$ ” (rather than the transverse velocity).

12) On page 208, Equation 6.40 (as well as the Problem Statement for Problem 7 on page 213) should have a minus sign in the exponential:

$$\phi(k) = \left(\frac{\sigma_x^2}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} e^{-\frac{\sigma_x^2}{2}(k_0 - k)^2}. \quad (6.40)$$

13) On page 208, the paragraph beginning with “Exactly how large...” should say that the position uncertainty is $\Delta x = \sigma_x/\sqrt{2}$ and the wavenumber uncertainty is $\Delta k = \sigma_k/\sqrt{2}$. Thus equations 6.41 and 6.42 should be

$$\Delta x \Delta k = \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_k}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (6.41)$$

Likewise, the product of the uncertainties in x and p is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x \Delta p &= \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar \sigma_k}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.42)$$