

The uncertainty relation for momentum and position in both momentum and position representation.

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## Position and momentum

The position wave function: $\psi(x) = \langle x \psi\rangle$	The momentum wave function: $\tilde{\psi}(p) = \langle p \psi\rangle$
$\psi(x) = \langle x \psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle x p\rangle \langle p \psi\rangle dp =$ $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle p x\rangle \tilde{\psi}(p) dp =$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(i\frac{p}{\hbar}x\right) \tilde{\psi}(p) dp$ Note: We get $\psi(x)$ by integrating over all possible momenta $p$ .	$\tilde{\psi}(p) = \langle p \psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle p x\rangle \langle x \psi\rangle dx =$ $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle p x\rangle \psi(x) dx =$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-i\frac{p}{\hbar}x\right) \psi(x) dx$ Note: We get $\tilde{\psi}(p)$ by integrating over all possible coordinates $x$ .

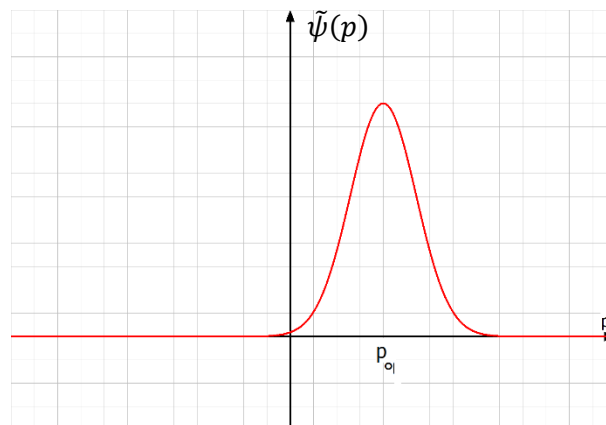
Note: inserting  $|p\rangle\langle p|$  resp.  $|x\rangle\langle x|$  is called resolving the identity.

The effect of the position operator $X$ and momentum operator $P$ in position representation:  $X\psi(x) = x \cdot \psi(x)$ $P\psi(x) = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x)$	The effect of the position operator $X$ and momentum operator $P$ in momentum representation:  $X\tilde{\psi}(p) = i\hbar \frac{d}{dp} \tilde{\psi}(p)$ $P\tilde{\psi}(p) = p \cdot \tilde{\psi}(p)$
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We use a Gauss wave function in momentum representation:

$$\tilde{\psi}(p) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right)$$

The shape of the function looks like:



The factor  $\frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}}$  chosen for the function to be normalized:

$$\langle \psi|\psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{\psi}(p)|^2 dp = 1$$

## Calculating the momentum uncertainty by use of the momentum wave function

We calculate the expectation value  $\langle P \rangle_\psi$  in momentum representation:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle P \rangle_\psi &= \langle \psi | P | \psi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p \cdot |\tilde{\psi}(p)|^2 dp = \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dp =;\end{aligned}$$

We replace:

$$\begin{aligned}p - p_0 &:= q \rightarrow p = q + p_0, dp \rightarrow dq \\ &\frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (q + p_0) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(q)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &\frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(q)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq + \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(q)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &0 + \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(q)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &p_0 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(q)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &p_0 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma} = \\ &p_0\end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle P \rangle_\psi = p_0$$

We calculate the expectation value  $\langle P^2 \rangle_\psi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\langle P^2 \rangle_\psi &= \langle \psi | P^2 | \psi \rangle = \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dp =;\end{aligned}$$

We replace:

$$\begin{aligned}p - p_0 &:= q \rightarrow p = q + p_0, dp \rightarrow dq \\ &\frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (q + p_0)^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &\frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (q^2 + 2p_0 q + p_0^2) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\ &\frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq + \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2p_0 q \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq \\ &= + \frac{\sigma}{\hbar\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_0^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dq =\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sigma \hbar^3 \sqrt{\pi}}{2\sigma^3 \hbar \sqrt{\pi}} + 0 + \frac{p_0^2 \sigma \hbar \sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma \hbar \sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} + p_0^2$$

We get:

$$\langle P^2 \rangle_\psi = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} + p_0^2$$

We get the uncertainty for the momentum:

$$(\Delta P)_\psi = \sqrt{\langle P^2 \rangle_\psi - \langle P \rangle_\psi^2} = \frac{\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}$$

Note: this is the statistical variance.

Calculating the position uncertainty by use of the position wave function

We calculate the Gauss wave function in position representation.

We calculate the wave function in position representation:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(i\frac{p}{\hbar}x\right) \tilde{\psi}(p) dp = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2} + i\frac{p}{\hbar}x\right) dp =; \end{aligned}$$

We substitute  $q := p - p_0 \rightarrow p = q + p_0; dp \rightarrow dq$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} + i\frac{q+p_0}{\hbar}x\right) dq = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} + i\frac{q}{\hbar}x + i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) dq = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} + i\frac{q}{\hbar}x\right) dq = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} - i\frac{q}{\hbar}x\right)\right) dq =; \end{aligned}$$

We work with the inner expression  $\left(\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} - i\frac{q}{\hbar}x\right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} - i\frac{q}{\hbar}x\right) = \\ &\left(q^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} - q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i}{\hbar}\right) = \\ &\frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left(q^2 - q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{2\hbar^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q^2 - q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i2\hbar}{\sigma^2} \right) = \\
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q^2 - 2 \cdot q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} \right) = \\
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q^2 - 2 \cdot q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} - x^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^4} + x^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^4} \right) = \\
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q^2 - 2 \cdot q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} - x^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^4} \right) + x^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^4} \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} = \\
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q^2 - 2 \cdot q \cdot x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} - x^2 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^4} \right) + \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} = \\
 & \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q - x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} \right)^2 + \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

We insert the result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp - \left( \frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2} - i \frac{q}{\hbar} x \right) dq = \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp - \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q - x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} \right)^2 + \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) dq = \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp - \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{2\hbar^2} \left( q - x \cdot \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2} \right)^2 \right) dq = ;
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: shifting the Gauss integral along the imaginary axis doesn't change the result of the integral.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 q^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) dq = \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{\hbar\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma} = \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\sigma}\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Result: We get the position wave function  $\psi(x)$  in position representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\sigma}\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}} \exp\left(i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\
 \psi^*(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\sigma}\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}} \exp\left(-i \frac{p_0}{\hbar} x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

We normalize:

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \psi(x) dx = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x)\psi(x)dx &= \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx &= \\
 \frac{2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx &= \\
 \frac{2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{\sigma^2\pi} &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

We must correct the factor and get the normalized function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\
 \psi^*(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a Gauss function, oscillating by  $\exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)$ . The oscillation does not change the expectation values  $\langle X \rangle$  and  $\langle X^2 \rangle$ .

We calculate the expectation value of the position operator in position representation  $\langle X \rangle_{\psi}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle X \rangle_{\psi} &= \langle \psi | X | \psi \rangle = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x |\psi(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \psi^*(x)\psi(x) dx = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx &= \\
 \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx &= \\
 \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle X \rangle_{\psi} = 0$$

We calculate  $\langle X^2 \rangle_{\psi}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle X^2 \rangle_{\psi} &= \langle \psi | X^2 | \psi \rangle = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 |\psi(x)|^2 dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \psi^*(x)\psi(x) dx = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = \\ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx = \\ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sigma^6\pi} = \\ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sigma^3 \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle X^2 \rangle_{\psi} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

The uncertainty:

$$(\Delta X)_{\psi} = \sqrt{\langle X^2 \rangle_{\psi} - \langle X \rangle_{\psi}^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}$$

We get the uncertainty relation:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta P)_{\psi} (\Delta X)_{\psi} = \\ \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \end{aligned}$$

### Calculating the position uncertainty by use of the momentum wave function

We calculate the expectation value of position operator  $\langle X \rangle_{\tilde{\psi}}$  using the momentum wave function  $\tilde{\psi}(p)$ .

$$\tilde{\psi}(p) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right)$$

Note:  $\tilde{\psi}(p) = \tilde{\psi}^*(p)$

$$\langle X \rangle_{\tilde{\psi}} = \langle \tilde{\psi} | X | \tilde{\psi} \rangle =;$$

Note: In the momentum representation the position operator  $X$  differentiates and we need to add the factor  $i\hbar$ :

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\psi}^*(p) \frac{d}{dp} \tilde{\psi}(p) dp = \\ i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \right] dp = \\ i\hbar \frac{\sigma}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \right] dp = \\ i\hbar \frac{\sigma}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \left(\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right) dp = \end{aligned}$$



$$i\hbar \frac{\sigma}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) \left(\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right) dp =$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\sigma^3}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}\hbar^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) ((p-p_0)) dp =;$$

Note: Shifting from  $p$  to  $p - p_0$  doesn't change the value of the integral.

$$\sim i\hbar \frac{\sigma^3}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}\hbar^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 p^2}{\hbar^2}\right) (p) dp = 0$$

We get:

$$\langle X \rangle_{\tilde{\psi}} = 0$$

We calculate  $\langle X^2 \rangle_{\tilde{\psi}}$  using the momentum wave function  $\tilde{\psi}(p)$ .

$$\tilde{\psi}(p) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right)$$

$$\langle X^2 \rangle_{\tilde{\psi}} = \langle \tilde{\psi} | X^2 | \tilde{\psi} \rangle =;$$

Note: In the momentum representation the position operator  $X$  differentiates and we need to add the factor  $i\hbar$  squared:

$$(i\hbar)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\psi}^*(p) \frac{d}{dp} \left( \frac{d}{dp} \tilde{\psi}(p) \right) dp =$$

$$-\hbar^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}\sqrt{\hbar}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \right] \right\} dp =$$

$$-\frac{\sigma\hbar}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \right] \right\} dp =$$

$$-\frac{\sigma\hbar}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right) \right\} dp =$$

$$-\frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \frac{d}{dp} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \cdot (p_0 - p) \right\} dp =$$

$$-\frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right) \cdot (p_0 - p) \right.$$

$$\left. - \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{2\hbar^2}\right) \right\} dp =$$

$$-\frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right) \cdot (p_0 - p) - \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right) dp =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right)\cdot\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)}{\hbar^2}\right)\cdot(p_0-p)dp \\
 & \quad +\frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right)dp = \\
 & -\frac{\sigma^5}{\hbar^3\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right)\cdot(p-p_0)^2dp + \frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2(p-p_0)^2}{\hbar^2}\right)dp =
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: Shifting from  $p - p_0$  to  $p$  doesn't change the value of the integral.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sim -\frac{\sigma^5}{\hbar^3\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2p^2}{\hbar^2}\right)\cdot p^2dp + \frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2p^2}{\hbar^2}\right)dp = \\
 & \quad -\frac{\sigma^5}{\hbar^3\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\cdot\frac{\hbar^3\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\sigma^3} + \frac{\sigma^3}{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\cdot\frac{\hbar\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sigma} = \\
 & \quad -\frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle X^2 \rangle_{\bar{\psi}} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

We calculate the uncertainty:

$$(\Delta X)_{\bar{\psi}} = \sqrt{\langle X^2 \rangle_{\bar{\psi}} - \langle X \rangle_{\bar{\psi}}^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### Calculating the momentum uncertainty by use of the position wave function

We calculate the expectation value of momentum operator  $\langle P \rangle_{\psi}$  using the position wave function  $\psi(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}}\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \\
 \psi^*(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}}\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \\
 \langle P \rangle_{\psi} &= \langle \psi | P | \psi \rangle =;
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: In the position representation the momentum operator  $P$  differentiates and we need to add the factor  $-i\hbar$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -i\hbar\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\psi^*(x)\frac{d}{dx}\psi(x)dx = \\
 & -i\hbar\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}}\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}}\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)\right)dx = \\
 & -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)\right)dx =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \left( \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}\right) \right) dx = \\
 & -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \\
 & \quad + \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}\right) dx = \\
 & -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}\right) dx = \\
 & \quad -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}\right) dx = \\
 & -\frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) dx - \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}\right) dx = \\
 & \quad \frac{i\hbar}{\sigma^2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \cdot x dx + \frac{p_0}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx = \\
 & \quad 0 + p_0
 \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle P \rangle_{\psi} = p_0$$

We calculate  $\langle P^2 \rangle_{\psi}$  using the position wave function  $\psi(x)$ .

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)$$

$$\psi^*(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right)$$

$$\langle P^2 \rangle_{\psi} = \langle \psi | P^2 | \psi \rangle =;$$

Note: In the position representation the momentum operator  $P$  differentiates and we need to add the factor  $-i\hbar$  squared :=  $-\hbar^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\hbar^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \psi(x) \right) dx = \\
 & -\hbar^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma\pi^{\frac{1}{4}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \right) \right] dx = \\
 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \right) \right] dx = \\
 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right) \right] dx =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar} - \frac{x}{\sigma^2}\right) \right) dx =;$$

We derivate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} \left( \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar} - \frac{x}{\sigma^2}\right) \right) = \\ & \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar} - \frac{x}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 - \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \\ & \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left( \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar} - \frac{x}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) = \\ & \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left( -\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} - i\frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2} + \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) = \\ & \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left( -\left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) - i\frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2} + \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We combine:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar} - \frac{x}{\sigma^2}\right) \right) dx = \\ & -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right) \exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left( -\left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) - i\frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2} + \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} \right) dx = \\ & -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left( -\left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) - i\frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2} + \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} \right) dx = \\ & \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) dx + \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(i\frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2}\right) dx \\ & - \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} dx \end{aligned}$$

We deal with the integrals separately.

First integral:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) dx = \\ & \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx = \\ & \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \sigma\sqrt{\pi} = \hbar^2 \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) = \\ & p_0^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

Second integral:

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(i \frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2}\right) dx = 0$$

Third integral:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} dx &= \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^5\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) x^2 dx &= \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^5\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma^3\sqrt{\pi} &= \\ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} & \end{aligned}$$

We combine:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P^2 \rangle_{\psi} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(\frac{p_0^2}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) dx + \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \left(i \frac{2xp_0}{\hbar\sigma^2}\right) dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} dx = \\ &= p_0^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} = \\ &= p_0^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\langle P^2 \rangle_{\psi} = p_0^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The uncertainty of momentum  $(\Delta P)_{\psi}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta P)_{\psi} &= \sqrt{\langle P^2 \rangle_{\psi} - \langle P \rangle_{\psi}^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{p_0^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sigma^2} - p_0^2} = \frac{\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

The uncertainty relation:

$$(\Delta X)_{\psi} (\Delta P)_{\psi} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$