

The Schrodinger-Poisson system is a Schrodinger equation whose potential solves a Poisson equation as follows:

$$i\Psi_t = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Psi + V\Psi \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta V = \Psi\Psi^* \quad (2)$$

Using the form of the laplacian in spherical symmetry, the Poisson equation becomes:

$$\frac{2}{r}V_r + V_{rr} = \Psi\Psi^* \quad (3)$$

To simplify things, we impose that all functions are zero at a finite outer boundary $r = 1$,

$$V|_{r=1} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\Psi|_{r=1} = 0 \quad (5)$$

and are smooth at the origin,

$$\frac{dV}{dr}|_{r=0} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d\Psi}{dr}|_{r=0} = 0 \quad (7)$$

To discretize the spatial domain into N_x grid points, FORTRAN notation is used, ie:

$$r_1 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$r_2 = h \quad (9)$$

$$r_3 = 2h \quad (10)$$

$$\vdots \quad (11)$$

$$r_{N_x} = 1 \quad (12)$$

By introducing the $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ accurate forward-differencing derivative operator,

$$(f_x)_j^n = \frac{-\frac{3}{2}f_j^n + 2f_{j+1}^n - \frac{1}{2}f_{j+2}^n}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2) \quad (13)$$

The inner boundary condition becomes:

$$f_1^n = -\frac{1}{3}f_3^n + \frac{4}{3}f_2^n \quad (14)$$

where f is either V or Ψ . This allows for all references to V_1 and Ψ_1 to be removed from the the finite-differencing scheme. Using the standard $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ centered derivative operators, the Poisson equation can be discretized on the inner domain. As an example, with five spatial grid points, the Poisson equation can be written in tridiagonal form:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} * \begin{pmatrix} -2 & \frac{4}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 - \frac{h}{r_3} & -2 & 1 + \frac{h}{r_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{h}{r_4} & -2 & 1 + \frac{h}{r_4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h^2 \frac{1}{r_4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ V_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_2\Psi_2^* \\ \Psi_3\Psi_3^* \\ \Psi_4\Psi_4^* \\ \Psi_5\Psi_5^* \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

The entries in the first row are different because we have used equation 14 to write V_2 in terms of V_2 and V_3 .

For the schrodinger equation we apply a forward-difference time derivative operator to the left hand side which is $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ accurate at $t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}$. To center the rest of the equation at time $t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}$ we apply the forward-time averaging operator to the right hand side. This gives:

$$i \frac{\Psi_j^{n+1} - \Psi_j^n}{dt} = - \frac{1}{2r_j} \frac{(\Psi_{j+1}^{n+1} - \Psi_{j-1}^{n+1} + \Psi_{j+1}^n - \Psi_{j-1}^n)}{2h} \quad (16)$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} \frac{(\Psi_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2\Psi_j^{n+1} + \Psi_{j-1}^{n+1} + \Psi_{j+1}^n - 2\Psi_j^n + \Psi_{j-1}^n)}{h^2} \quad (17)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (V_j^{n+1}\Psi_j^{n+1} + V_j^n\Psi_j^n) \quad (18)$$

Treating the retarded time level as known, and the advanced time level of V as known, this can be brought into tridiagonal form:

$$\frac{(r_j - h)}{4r_j h^2} \Psi_{j-1}^{n+1} + \left(\frac{i}{dt} - \frac{1}{2h^2} - \frac{1}{2} V_j^{n+1} \right) \Psi_j^{n+1} + \frac{(r_j + h)}{4r_j h^2} \Psi_{j+1}^{n+1} = + \frac{i}{dt} \Psi_j^n - \frac{1}{4hr_j} (\Psi_{j+1}^n - \Psi_{j-1}^n) \quad (19)$$

$$- \frac{1}{4h^2} (\Psi_{j+1}^n - 2\Psi_j^n + \Psi_{j-1}^n) \quad (20)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} V_j^n \Psi_j^n \quad (21)$$

Again applying equation 14 the first equation becomes:

$$\left(\frac{i}{dt} - \frac{1}{2h^2} - \frac{1}{2} V_2^{n+1} \right) \Psi_2^{n+1} + \frac{1}{2h^2} \Psi_3^{n+1} = \frac{i}{dt} \Psi_2^n - \frac{1}{2h^2} (\Psi_3^n - \Psi_2^n) + \frac{1}{2} V_2^n \Psi_2^n \quad (22)$$