

1. Calculate the stationary states and energy eigenfunctions of a box with walls at  $\pm L/2$ .
2. Calculate  $\langle X \rangle$ ,  $\langle X^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle P \rangle$ , and  $\langle P^2 \rangle$  for the  $n$ th stationary state of the infinite square well. Check validity of the uncertainty principle.
3. Find the probability density function for momentum measurement if the particle is in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  stationary state of an infinite square well.
4. A particle of mass  $m$  in the infinite square well (of width  $L$ ) starts out in the left half of the well (at  $t = 0$ ) and is equally likely to be found at any point in that region.

- (a) What is its initial wavefunction,  $\Psi(x, 0)$ ? Assume that it is real.
- (b) What is the probability that a measurement of the energy would yield the value  $\pi^2 \hbar^2 / 2mL^2$ ?

5. A particle in infinite square well has the initial wave function

$$\Psi(x, 0) = \begin{cases} Ax, & 0 \leq x \leq L/2, \\ A(L - x), & L/2 \leq x \leq L. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch  $\Psi(x, 0)$ , and determine the constant  $A$ .
- (b) Find  $\Psi(x, t)$ .
- (c) How will you calculate the average energy, that is the expectation value of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$ . [The wave function at  $t = 0$  is not twice differentiable!]

6. A particle in a infinite square well has its initial wave function given by

$$\Psi(x, 0) = A \left( \frac{\sin \pi x}{a} \right)^5.$$

- (a) Find  $A$  by normalizing the wavefunction.
- (b) Find  $\Psi(x, t)$ .
- (c) What is the probability that the energy measurement will yield  $\epsilon_3$ ?

7. A particle in the infinite square well has as its initial wave function

$$\Psi(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1(x) + \phi_2(x))$$

where  $\phi_n$  is the wavefunction of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  stationary state.

- (a) Write down  $\Psi(x, t)$  and  $|\Psi(x, t)|^2$ . Express later as a sinusoidal function of time. Use  $\omega = \pi^2 \hbar / 2mL^2$ .
- (b) Find  $\langle x \rangle$  as a function of  $t$ . It oscillates in time. What is the angular frequency? What is the amplitude?
- (c) Compute  $\langle p \rangle$  as a function of  $t$ . Check if it obeys Ehrenfest theorem, that is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{m} \langle p \rangle.$$

8. Consider a system with a single particle moving in a conservative force field. The potential energy  $V(x)$  of particle is bounded below, that is,  $V(x) \geq V_{\min}$  for all  $x$ . Show that there is no energy eigenstate with eigenvalue less than  $V_{\min}$ . [Hint: If  $E < V_{\min}$ , then  $\psi$  and its second derivative has same sign. Argue that such functions cannot be square integrable.]