

1 Wavefunctions

Consider the following wave functions (over all space - not the infinite square well!):

$$\psi_a(x) = Ae^{-x^2/3}$$

$$\psi_b(x) = B \frac{1}{x^2+2}$$

$$\psi_c(x) = C \operatorname{sech}\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) \text{ (“sech” is the hyperbolic secant function.)}$$

In each case:

- (a) normalize the wave function,
- (b) find the probability that the particle is measured to be in the range $0 < x < 1$.

2 ISW Energy Measurement

A particle in an infinite square well potential has an initial state vector

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = A(|\phi_1\rangle - |\phi_2\rangle + i|\phi_3\rangle)$$

where $|\phi_1\rangle$, $|\phi_2\rangle$, and $|\phi_3\rangle$ are the first three energy eigenstates.

- (a) Determine A .
- (b) At time $t = 0$, what are the possible outcomes of a measurement of energy, and with what probability would each possible outcome occur?
- (c) What is the average value of energy one would measure at $t = 0$? In other words, what is the expectation value of energy at $t = 0$?
- (d) What is the quantum state of this particle at some later time t ?
- (e) At time $t = \hbar/E_1$, what are the possible energies you would measure and with what probabilities would you measure them? *Check Beasts:* Verify that \hbar/E_1 is a time.

3 ISW Right Quarter

For a particle in an infinite square well from 0 to L , calculate the probability of finding the particle in the range $\frac{3L}{4} < x < L$ for each of the first three energy eigenstates.

4 ISW Expectation

Consider an infinite square well potential between 0 and L .

- (a) Write down an expression for the n th energy eigenstate.
- (b) Find the expectation value of position for the n th energy eigenstate.
- (c) Find the uncertainty of position for the n th energy eigenstate.
- (d) Find the expectation value of momentum for the n th energy eigenstate.
- (e) Find the uncertainty of momentum for the n th energy eigenstate.