

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^{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 ϵ_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 ϕ_n is the wavefunction of the n^{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 ψ and its second derivative has same sign. Argue that such functions cannot be square integrable.]