

1. The wave function of a particle in one dimension is

$$\Psi(x, t) = xe^{-2|x|-i\omega t}.$$

- a) Calculate the probability density.
b) Let us consider intervals of the form $[x - \frac{1}{4}, x + \frac{1}{4}]$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
Determine the interval in which the particle is most likely found.
c) What is the probability to find the particle at range $[-2, 2]$?
Part b) is the most challenging.

2. Particle is described by a wave function

$$\Psi(r) = \frac{e^{(ik-a)r}}{r}; \quad a > 0 \text{ constant.}$$

Calculate the probability current density \mathbf{S} , when $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.
How does \mathbf{S} behave for large values of r ?

3. A particle is described by the wave function

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{N} e^{-2br} e^{-i\omega t}; \quad b > 0 \text{ constant.}$$

Calculate the normalization factor N so that

$$\int |\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 dV = 1.$$

Then calculate the expectation values $\langle \mathbf{p} \rangle$ and $\langle E \rangle$.
The momentum expectation value $\langle \mathbf{p} \rangle$ vanishes.

4. A particle moves in a potential $V = V(x)$. Show that the quantum mechanical expectation values satisfy

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle p_x \rangle = - \left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\rangle$$

where $p_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ is the momentum operator in the x -direction.

5. Show that

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\rangle = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=\langle x \rangle}$$

when $V(x) = ax^2$. Does the above equation hold for $V(x) = bx^3$?