

# Problems

1. **Projector and Measurement Along an Arbitrary Axis**

A spin-1/2 system is prepared in the ‘up’ eigenstate of  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ .

- Write the projector onto the ‘up’ outcome ( $+\hbar/2$ ) of a measurement of  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$ .
- Hence, compute the probability of measuring  $\pm\hbar/2$  for the spin component along the  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  axis.

2. **Quick Diagonalization of a 2×2 Hamiltonian**

Consider the Hermitian Hamiltonian

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \delta & g \\ g & E_0 - \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $E_0, \delta$ , and  $g$  are real constants.

- Rewrite  $\mathbf{H}$  in the Pauli basis,  $\mathbf{H} = a_0 \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , and identify the scalar  $a_0$  and the vector  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- Find the eigenvalues and normalized eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Express the eigenvectors as spinors aligned with a unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  in terms of a mixing angle  $\beta$ .

3. **Time Evolution under a Pauli Hamiltonian**

Let the Hamiltonian of a system be

$$H = E_0 \mathbf{I} + \frac{\hbar \Omega}{2} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}.$$

- Compute the unitary time-evolution operator  $U(t) = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$  in a closed form. You may use the identity  $(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^2 = \mathbf{I}$ .
- If the system starts in the state  $|+\rangle$  (eigenstate of  $S_z$  with eigenvalue  $+\hbar/2$ ) at  $t = 0$ , find the probability of measuring  $S_z = +\hbar/2$  at a later time  $t$ , given that  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .

1. **Self-Adjointness Check (Sturm–Liouville Form)**

Work on the space  $L^2([-1, 1])$  with the standard inner product  $\langle f|g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f^*(x)g(x) dx$ .

- For a general second-order differential operator  $L = a(x)\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + b(x)\frac{d}{dx} + c(x)$ , state the condition on  $b(x)$  that allows  $L$  to be written in the formally self-adjoint Sturm–Liouville form.
- For the Legendre operator, where  $a(x) = -(1-x^2)$  and  $c(x) = 0$ , find the required  $b(x)$  and state the minimal boundary condition on functions in the domain of  $L$  that ensures it is self-adjoint on  $[-1, 1]$ .

2. **Commutators with Functions of Momentum**

Using only the canonical commutation relation (CCR)  $[x_i, p_j] = i\hbar\delta_{ij}$ , evaluate the following commutators:

- (a)  $[x_i, e^{\alpha p_i}]$  for a real constant  $\alpha$ .
- (b)  $[x_i, f(\mathbf{p}^2)]$  where  $f$  is an analytic function. Use this general result to find  $[x_i, \mathbf{p}^2]$  and  $[x_i, e^{-\lambda \mathbf{p}^2}]$ .

3. **Translations and Expectation Values**

The finite translation operator is given by  $T(\boldsymbol{\ell}) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}\boldsymbol{\ell} \cdot \mathbf{p}\right)$ .

- (a) Compute the commutator  $[x_j, T(\boldsymbol{\ell})]$ .
- (b) Show that  $T^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\ell})\mathbf{x}T(\boldsymbol{\ell}) = \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell}$ . Use this to show that for any normalized state  $|\alpha\rangle$ , the expectation value of position in the translated state  $T(\boldsymbol{\ell})|\alpha\rangle$  is shifted by  $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ .

1. **Finite Square Well — Quantization and Counting States**

Consider the symmetric finite square well  $V(x) = 0$  for  $|x| < a$  and  $V(x) = V_0$  for  $|x| > a$ , with  $V_0 > 0$ . For bound states ( $E < V_0$ ), define the dimensionless quantities  $\xi = a\sqrt{2mE}/\hbar$  and  $R = a\sqrt{2mV_0}/\hbar$ .

- (a) Write down the transcendental equations that determine the energies of the even and odd parity bound states.
- (b) Show that an odd-parity bound state can only exist if the "strength" of the well satisfies  $R > \pi/2$ .
- (c) For a well with strength  $R = 4$ , determine the total number of bound states and specify their parities.

2. **SHO Matrix Elements and Ground-State Variance**

For the 1D simple harmonic oscillator, the position and momentum operators can be written as:

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(a + a^\dagger), \quad p = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}}(a^\dagger - a).$$

- (a) Using the properties of the creation and annihilation operators, derive the matrix elements  $\langle n'|x|n\rangle$  and  $\langle n'|p|n\rangle$  in the energy eigenbasis. State the selection rules.
- (b) Use this formalism to evaluate the ground-state variance of position,  $\langle 0|x^2|0\rangle$ .

3. **Attractive Delta Potential — Bound State**

Consider a particle in a one-dimensional attractive delta-function potential,  $V(x) = -\lambda\delta(x)$  with  $\lambda > 0$ .

- (a) Solve for the energy  $E$  of the bound state and find the corresponding normalized wavefunction  $\psi(x)$ .
- (b) Compute the expectation values  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $\langle p \rangle$  for this bound state.

# Solutions

**Solution 1:** The spin operator is  $\mathbf{S} = (\hbar/2)\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ . The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$  are  $\pm\hbar/2$ , which correspond to eigenvalues of  $\pm 1$  for the operator  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$ .

- Using the spectral representation  $A = \sum_i \omega_i \Lambda_i$ , the projector onto an eigenstate is  $\Lambda_i = |\omega_i\rangle\langle\omega_i|$ . For a two-level system like spin-1/2, the projectors for  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$  are  $P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{I} \pm \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})$ . The projector onto the  $+\hbar/2$  outcome is therefore:

$$P_{+\hbar/2} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})$$

- The initial state is the ‘up’ eigenstate of  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , which means the expectation value of the spin vector in this state is  $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = (\hbar/2)\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , or  $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle = \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ . The probability of an outcome is the expectation value of its projector.

$$P(\pm\hbar/2 \text{ along } \hat{\mathbf{b}}) = \langle P_{\pm\hbar/2} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{I} \pm \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})$$

Substituting  $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle = \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , we get:

$$P(\pm\hbar/2 \text{ along } \hat{\mathbf{b}}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})$$

**Solution 2:** Any  $2 \times 2$  matrix can be expanded as  $\mathbf{M} = a_0\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ . We find  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M})$  and  $a_k = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\sigma_k \mathbf{M})$ . For the given Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{H}$ :

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \delta & g \\ g & E_0 - \delta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}(E_0 + \delta + E_0 - \delta) = E_0.$$

$$a_x = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\sigma_x \mathbf{H}) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} g & E_0 - \delta \\ E_0 + \delta & g \end{pmatrix} = g.$$

$$a_y = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\sigma_y \mathbf{H}) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} -ig & -i(E_0 - \delta) \\ i(E_0 + \delta) & ig \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$$a_z = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\sigma_z \mathbf{H}) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \delta & -g \\ g & -(E_0 - \delta) \end{pmatrix} = \delta.$$

So,  $\mathbf{H} = E_0\mathbf{I} + (g\sigma_x + \delta\sigma_z)$ , with  $a_0 = E_0, \mathbf{a} = (g, 0, \delta)$ .

- The eigenvalues of  $a_0\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$  are  $a_0 \pm |\mathbf{a}|$ .

$$E_{\pm} = E_0 \pm \sqrt{g^2 + \delta^2}$$

The eigenvectors are the eigenstates of  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{a}/|\mathbf{a}|$ . Let  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = (\sin\beta, 0, \cos\beta)$ . Then  $\cos\beta = \delta/\sqrt{g^2 + \delta^2}$  and  $\sin\beta = g/\sqrt{g^2 + \delta^2}$ . The corresponding normalized eigenvectors are:

$$|+\rangle_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta/2) \\ \sin(\beta/2) \end{pmatrix}, \quad |-\rangle_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\beta/2) \\ -\cos(\beta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution 3:** First, factor out the identity part:  $U(t) = e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \exp(-i\frac{\Omega t}{2}\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})$ . Let  $\theta = \Omega t/2$ . We use the Taylor series expansion and the property  $(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^{2k} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^{2k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ .

$$e^{-i\theta\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i\theta)^k}{k!} (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})^k = \left( \sum_{k \text{ even}} \frac{(-i\theta)^k}{k!} \right) \mathbf{I} + \left( \sum_{k \text{ odd}} \frac{(-i\theta)^k}{k!} \right) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

This simplifies to  $\cos(\theta)\mathbf{I} - i\sin(\theta)\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ . Therefore:

$$U(t) = e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) \mathbf{I} - i\sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right]$$

- The state at time  $t$  is  $|\psi(t)\rangle = U(t)|+\rangle$ . With  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ :

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) \mathbf{I} - i \sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) \sigma_x \right] |+\rangle$$

Since  $\sigma_x|+\rangle = |-\rangle$ , we have:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) |+\rangle - i \sin\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right) |-\rangle \right)$$

The probability of measuring  $S_z = +\hbar/2$  is  $|\langle+|\psi(t)\rangle|^2$ .

$$\langle+|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \cos\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{P(S_z = +\hbar/2 \text{ at } t) = \cos^2\left(\frac{\Omega t}{2}\right)}$$

**Solution 4:**

- For  $L$  to be formally self-adjoint, the non-self-adjoint first-derivative term must be absorbable into the second-derivative term. This happens if  $L$  can be written as  $L = \frac{d}{dx} \left( a(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) + c(x)$ . Expanding this gives  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( a(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) = a(x) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + a'(x) \frac{d}{dx}$ . Comparing this to the original form of  $L$ , we find the condition is  $\boxed{b(x) = a'(x)}$ .
- With  $a(x) = -(1-x^2)$ , the condition gives  $b(x) = a'(x) = 2x$ . The operator is  $L = -(1-x^2) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{d}{dx}$ . To check for self-adjointness, we examine the boundary terms from integration by parts:

$$\langle f|Lg\rangle - \langle Lf|g\rangle = [a(x)(f^*g' - (f^*)'g)]_{-1}^1$$

Since  $a(x) = -(1-x^2)$ , we have  $a(\pm 1) = 0$ . Therefore, the boundary term vanishes automatically as long as the functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  (and their derivatives) are finite at the endpoints  $x = \pm 1$ . This is the minimal boundary condition.

$$\boxed{b(x) = 2x, \quad \text{Boundary Condition: functions must be finite at } x = \pm 1.}$$

**Solution 5:**

- (a) We use the identity  $[A, e^B] = [A, B]e^B$  if  $[A, B]$  commutes with  $B$ . Here,  $[x_i, \alpha p_i] = i\hbar\alpha$ , which is a c-number and commutes with  $p_i$ . So the identity applies.

$$\boxed{[x_i, e^{\alpha p_i}] = i\hbar\alpha e^{\alpha p_i}}$$

Alternatively, expand the exponential:  $[x_i, \sum_n \frac{(\alpha p_i)^n}{n!}] = \sum_n \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} [x_i, p_i^n] = \sum_n \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} (i\hbar n p_i^{n-1}) = i\hbar\alpha \sum_n \frac{(\alpha p_i)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = i\hbar\alpha e^{\alpha p_i}$ .

- (b) For an analytic function  $G(\mathbf{p})$ , one can prove by power series that  $[x_i, G(\mathbf{p})] = i\hbar \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_i}$ . Let  $G(\mathbf{p}) = f(\mathbf{p}^2)$ . Using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} f(\mathbf{p}^2) = f'(\mathbf{p}^2) \frac{\partial(\mathbf{p}^2)}{\partial p_i} = f'(\mathbf{p}^2) (2p_i).$$

Therefore,  $\boxed{[x_i, f(\mathbf{p}^2)] = 2i\hbar p_i f'(\mathbf{p}^2)}$ . For  $f(s) = s$ ,  $f'(s) = 1$ , so  $\boxed{[x_i, \mathbf{p}^2] = 2i\hbar p_i}$ . For  $f(s) = e^{-\lambda s}$ ,  $f'(s) = -\lambda e^{-\lambda s}$ , so  $\boxed{[x_i, e^{-\lambda \mathbf{p}^2}] = -2i\hbar \lambda p_i e^{-\lambda \mathbf{p}^2}}$ .

**Solution 6:**

- (a) Using the result from the previous problem,  $[x_j, G(\mathbf{p})] = i\hbar \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_j}$ , with  $G(\mathbf{p}) = T(\ell)$ :

$$[x_j, T(\ell)] = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \ell \cdot \mathbf{p}\right) = i\hbar \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \ell_j\right) T(\ell) = \ell_j T(\ell).$$

$$\boxed{[x_j, T(\ell)] = \ell_j T(\ell)}$$

- (b) We use the identity  $U^\dagger A U = A + U^\dagger [A, U]$ . Here  $T(\ell)$  is unitary, so  $T^\dagger T = \mathbf{I}$ .

$$T^\dagger(\ell) x_j T(\ell) = T^\dagger(\ell) (T(\ell) x_j - [T(\ell), x_j]) = x_j - T^\dagger(\ell) [T(\ell), x_j]$$

Since  $[T, x_j] = -[x_j, T] = -\ell_j T$ , we get:

$$T^\dagger(\ell)x_j T(\ell) = x_j - T^\dagger(\ell)(-\ell_j T(\ell)) = x_j + \ell_j T^\dagger(\ell)T(\ell) = x_j + \ell_j.$$

In vector form,  $T^\dagger(\ell)\mathbf{x}T(\ell) = \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell}$ . The expectation value in the translated state  $|\alpha_\ell\rangle = T(\ell)|\alpha\rangle$  is:

$$\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle_\ell = \langle \alpha_\ell | \mathbf{x} | \alpha_\ell \rangle = \langle \alpha | T^\dagger(\ell) \mathbf{x} T(\ell) | \alpha \rangle = \langle \alpha | (\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell}) | \alpha \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle + \boldsymbol{\ell}.$$

**Solution 7:** (a) Let  $\eta = a\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}/\hbar$ . Matching the wavefunctions and their derivatives at  $x = a$  for states with definite parity gives the transcendental equations:

$$\text{Even: } \xi \tan \xi = \eta \quad \text{Odd: } -\xi \cot \xi = \eta$$

These must be solved simultaneously with the constraint  $\xi^2 + \eta^2 = R^2$ .

- (b) For odd states, the equation is  $\eta = -\xi \cot \xi$ . Since  $\eta$  must be real and positive for a bound state, we must have  $-\cot \xi > 0$ , which means  $\cot \xi < 0$ . This condition holds for  $\xi$  in the intervals  $(\pi/2, \pi), (3\pi/2, 2\pi), \dots$ . The lowest possible value for  $\xi$  is just above  $\pi/2$ . For a solution to exist, the circle  $\xi^2 + \eta^2 = R^2$  must intersect the curve  $\eta = -\xi \cot \xi$ . This requires the radius  $R$  to be at least as large as the starting value of  $\xi$ , so we must have  $R > \pi/2$ .

- (c) We count the number of intersections graphically. The circle has radius  $R = 4$ .
- **Even states** ( $\xi \tan \xi = \eta$ ): Solutions exist in intervals  $(0, \pi/2), (\pi, 3\pi/2), \dots$ .  $R = 4$  is greater than 0 and  $\pi \approx 3.14$ . It is less than  $2\pi \approx 6.28$ . So there are intersections in the first two even-state intervals.  $\Rightarrow$  **2 even states**.
  - **Odd states** ( $-\xi \cot \xi = \eta$ ): Solutions exist in intervals  $(\pi/2, \pi), (3\pi/2, 2\pi), \dots$ .  $R = 4$  is greater than  $\pi/2 \approx 1.57$ . It is less than  $3\pi/2 \approx 4.71$ . So there is only an intersection in the first odd-state interval.  $\Rightarrow$  **1 odd state**.

In total, for  $R = 4$ , there are **3 bound states (even, odd, even)**.

**Solution 8:** (a) We use  $a|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$  and  $a^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$ .

$$\langle n'|x|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \langle n'|a + a^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\sqrt{n}\delta_{n',n-1} + \sqrt{n+1}\delta_{n',n+1})$$

$$\langle n'|p|n\rangle = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} \langle n'|a^\dagger - a|n\rangle = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} (\sqrt{n+1}\delta_{n',n+1} - \sqrt{n}\delta_{n',n-1})$$

The selection rule for both operators is that matrix elements are non-zero only if  $\Delta n = n' - n = \pm 1$ .

- (b) The variance is  $\langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$ . In the ground state,  $\langle x \rangle = 0$  by parity.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0|x^2|0\rangle &= \langle 0|\left(\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(a + a^\dagger)\right)\left(\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(a + a^\dagger)\right)|0\rangle \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \langle 0|(a^2 + aa^\dagger + a^\dagger a + (a^\dagger)^2)|0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

The terms  $a^2|0\rangle$ ,  $a^\dagger a|0\rangle$ , and  $\langle 0|(a^\dagger)^2$  are all zero. The only non-zero term is from  $aa^\dagger$ :

$$\langle 0|aa^\dagger|0\rangle = \langle 0|[a, a^\dagger]|0\rangle + \langle 0|a^\dagger a|0\rangle = \langle 0|1|0\rangle + 0 = 1.$$

Therefore,  $\langle 0|x^2|0\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}$ .

**Solution 9:** (a) For a bound state,  $E < 0$ . Let  $\kappa = \sqrt{-2mE}/\hbar$ . The TISE is  $\psi''(x) = \kappa^2\psi(x)$  for  $x \neq 0$ . The normalizable solution must have the form  $\psi(x) = Ae^{-\kappa|x|}$ . Integrating the TISE around  $x = 0$  gives the derivative jump condition:  $\psi'(0^+) - \psi'(0^-) = -\frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2}\psi(0)$ . For our solution,  $\psi'(0^+) = -A\kappa$  and  $\psi'(0^-) = A\kappa$ . The condition becomes  $-A\kappa - A\kappa = -\frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2}A$ ,

which simplifies to  $2\kappa = \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2}$ , so  $\kappa = \frac{m\lambda}{\hbar^2}$ . The energy is  $E = -\frac{\hbar^2\kappa^2}{2m}$ , so  $E = -\frac{m\lambda^2}{2\hbar^2}$ .

To normalize,  $1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A|^2 e^{-2\kappa|x|} dx = 2|A|^2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\kappa x} dx = |A|^2/\kappa$ . So,  $A = \sqrt{\kappa}$ .

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{m\lambda}{\hbar^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\lambda}{\hbar^2}|x|\right)$$

- (b) The wavefunction  $\psi(x)$  is a real and even function of  $x$ . The expectation value of position is  $\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x |\psi(x)|^2 dx$ . Since the integrand  $x |\psi(x)|^2$  is an odd function, the integral over a symmetric domain is zero. The expectation value of momentum is  $\langle p \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) (-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}) \psi(x) dx$ . Since  $\psi(x)$  is real, this is  $-i\hbar \int \psi(x) \psi'(x) dx$ . The integrand is the product of an even function ( $\psi$ ) and an odd function ( $\psi'$ ), which is odd. Thus, the integral is zero.

$$\boxed{\langle x \rangle = 0, \quad \langle p \rangle = 0}$$