Quantum Mechanics 2025 HW3 — part I

Due 09/25 in Class

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Problem 1. A quantum particle in an infinitely deep potential well

Consider a quantum particle with the mass m moving in a quantum well with the potential of

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} +\infty, |x| \ge L/2, \\ 0, |x| < L/2. \end{cases}$$
 (1)

- 1) Solve the eigen-energies E_n^\pm and the associated normalized eigen-wavefunctions $\psi_n^\pm(x)$. \pm are the parity number; $E_1^+ < E_2^+ < E_3^+ < \dots$ and $E_1^- < E_2^- < E_3^- < \dots$
 - 2) Consider an initial state

$$\psi(t=0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\psi_1^+(x) + \psi_1^-(x) \right). \tag{2}$$

Please calculate its time-evolution $\psi(t)$.

3) Calculate $\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2}$ and $\sqrt{(\Delta p)^2}$ in each state. Check whether they satisfy $\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2}\sqrt{(\Delta p)^2} \ge \hbar/2.$