

# Normalisation

$$\psi(x) = a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$
$$= 0 \quad \text{for all other } x$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$$

$$1 = \int_0^L a^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$\text{But } \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

$$= \int_0^L a^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right)\right) dx = \frac{a^2}{2} \left[ \int_0^L dx - \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[ L - \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right)}{\left(\frac{2n\pi}{L}\right)} \right]_0^L \right] \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{a^2 L}{2}$$
$$a = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}$$