

Science-1

Assignment-5

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Question 1

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a)

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_2] = \sigma_1\sigma_2 - \sigma_2\sigma_1$$

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_2] = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_2] = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & -2i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_2, \sigma_1] = \begin{pmatrix} -2i & 0 \\ 0 & 2i \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, σ_1 and σ_2 do not commute.

$$[\sigma_2, \sigma_3] = \sigma_2\sigma_3 - \sigma_3\sigma_2$$

$$[\sigma_2, \sigma_3] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_2, \sigma_3] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2i \\ 2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_3, \sigma_2] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2i \\ -2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, σ_2 and σ_3 do not commute.

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_3] = \sigma_1\sigma_3 - \sigma_3\sigma_1$$

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_3] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_1, \sigma_3] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_3, \sigma_1] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, σ_1 and σ_3 do not commute.

Note that trivially, σ_1 commutes with σ_1 , σ_2 commutes with σ_2 and σ_3 commutes with σ_3
($[\sigma_i, \sigma_i] = 0$)

(b)

For σ_1 , $\det(\sigma_1 - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_1 x_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_{11} \\ -x_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{12} = -x_{11}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_1 | x_1 \rangle} = \sqrt{2\alpha}$

$$|x_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_1 x_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{22} = x_{21}$$

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_2 | x_2 \rangle} = \sqrt{2\alpha}$

$$|x_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore for σ_1 , eigenvalues are $-1, 1$, and corresponding orthogonal eigenvectors are $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$, which upon normalizing give $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$.

For σ_2 , $\det(\sigma_2 - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -i \\ i & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_2 x_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_{11} \\ -x_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{12} = -ix_{11}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -i\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_1 | x_1 \rangle} = \sqrt{2}\alpha$

$$|x_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 x_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{22} = ix_{21}$$

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ i\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_2 | x_2 \rangle} = \sqrt{2}\alpha$

$$|x_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore for σ_2 , eigenvalues are $-1, 1$, and corresponding orthogonal eigenvectors are $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -i\alpha \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ i\beta \end{pmatrix}$, which upon normalizing give $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$.

For σ_3 , $\det(\sigma_3 - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_3 x_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_{11} \\ -x_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{11} = 0$$

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_1 | x_1 \rangle} = \alpha$

$$|x_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_3 x_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_{22} = 0$$

$$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthonormal basis, we divide by its magnitude $\sqrt{\langle x_2 | x_2 \rangle} = \alpha$

$$|x_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore for σ_3 , eigenvalues are $-1, 1$, and corresponding orthogonal eigenvectors are $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, which upon normalizing give $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

(c)

Since $|\varphi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\lambda_i\rangle$, $\therefore P(|\lambda_i\rangle) = |c_i|^2$

$P(\hat{A})$ in $|\varphi\rangle$ is $|\langle x_1 | \varphi \rangle|^2$ for state $|x_1\rangle$

Here, we consider the eigenstate of σ_2

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(\sigma_1) = \begin{cases} |\langle x_1 | \varphi \rangle|^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ |\langle x_2 | \varphi \rangle|^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_1) = \begin{cases} |(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ |(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_1) = \begin{cases} |\frac{1-i}{2}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ |\frac{1+i}{2}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_1) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_3) = \begin{cases} |\langle x_1 | \varphi \rangle|^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ |\langle x_2 | \varphi \rangle|^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_3) = \begin{cases} |(0 \ 1) * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ |(1 \ 0) * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}|^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_3) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$P(\sigma_3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{for state } |x_1\rangle \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for state } |x_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

(d)

For $\Delta\sigma_1$

$$\Delta\sigma_1^2 = \langle\sigma_1^2\rangle - \langle\sigma_1\rangle^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1^2 = \langle\varphi|\sigma_1^2|\varphi\rangle - \langle\varphi|\sigma_1|\varphi\rangle^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) * \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} - \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) * \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}\right)^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1^2 = 1 - 0$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1^2 = 1$$

For $\Delta\sigma_3$

$$\Delta\sigma_3^2 = \langle\sigma_3^2\rangle - \langle\sigma_3\rangle^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_3^2 = \langle\varphi|\sigma_3^2|\varphi\rangle - \langle\varphi|\sigma_3|\varphi\rangle^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_3^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) * \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} - \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) * \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}\right)^2$$

$$\Delta\sigma_3^2 = 1 - 0$$

$$\Delta\sigma_3^2 = 1$$

So, the uncertainty $\Delta\sigma_1 = 1, \Delta\sigma_3 = 1, \Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 = 1$.

According to the uncertainty principle

$$\Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle[\sigma_1, \sigma_3]\rangle|$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle\varphi|\sigma_1\sigma_3|\varphi\rangle|$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) * \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 \geq \frac{1}{2} |2i|$$

$$\Delta\sigma_1\Delta\sigma_3 \geq 1$$

These are the corresponding uncertainty relations.

Question 2

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 < x < L \\ \infty & \text{for } x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq L \end{cases}$$

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\varphi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\varphi_2\rangle$$

We use the time independent Schrödinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx^2} \psi(x) + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

For $x \leq 0$ or $x \geq L$, we have

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx^2} \psi(x) + (\infty)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

which implies $\psi(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \notin (0, L)$

For regions inside the wall, we have

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx^2} \psi(x) + 0 * \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d}{dx^2} \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx^2} \psi(x) = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi(x)$$

We know the general solution to this differential equation is

$$\psi(x) = A \sin(kx) + B \cos(kx) \quad \text{where } k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

At $x = 0$

$$\psi(0) = A \sin(0) + B \cos(0)$$

$$B = 0$$

At $x = L$

$$\psi(L) = A \sin(kL) + 0 \cos(kL)$$

$$0 = \sin(kL)$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

$$\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$E = n^2 \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$$

The first two lowest energies are $E_1 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$, $E_2 = \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2}$

Since the total probability of the particle existing at any position is 1

$$\int_0^L \psi^2(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^L A^2 \sin^2(kx) dx = 1$$

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

$$A^2 \frac{L}{2} = 1$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}$$

Now, we know that

$$|\psi(x, t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-iE_1 t} |\varphi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-iE_2 t} |\varphi_2\rangle$$

$$|\psi(x, t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-i\frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-i\frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right)$$

(a)

The total energy (Hamiltonian) operator is given by

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x)$$

We consider only the region between the walls, as outside, the probability is 0.

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$$

Average energy = $\langle H \rangle = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$

$$\langle H \rangle = \int_0^L \psi^\dagger H \psi dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \int_0^L \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mL} \int_0^L \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) H \psi \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2mL} \int_0^L \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) H \psi \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{L^2} e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) - 4 \frac{\pi^2}{L^2} e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \int_0^L \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) H \psi \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + 4 e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \int_0^L \left(\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + 4 e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \int_0^L \left(\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \left(e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \left(\frac{L}{2} + 2L + \int_0^L \left(e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) dx \right)$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \left(\frac{5L}{2} + \left(e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) * 0 \right)$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^3} \left(\frac{5L}{2} \right)$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{5\hbar^2 \pi^2}{4mL^2}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma_H^2 = \langle H^2 \rangle - \langle H \rangle^2$$

TO DO

(b)

$$|\psi(x, t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$P\left(x = \frac{L}{2}, t = 0\right) = |\psi\left(x = \frac{L}{2}, t = 0\right)|^2$$

$$P\left(x = \frac{L}{2}, t = 0\right) = \left| \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) + \sin(\pi)}{\sqrt{L}} \right|^2$$

$$P\left(x = \frac{L}{2}, t = 0\right) = \left| \frac{1 + 0}{\sqrt{L}} \right|^2$$

$$P\left(x = \frac{L}{2}, t = 0\right) = \frac{1}{L}$$

(c)

Average $x = \langle x \rangle = \langle \psi | x | \psi \rangle$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^L \psi^\dagger x \psi dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^L \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \left(x \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x \left(\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \right) L^2$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{L}{2} - \frac{8L}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right)$$

At time $t = 0$,

$$\langle x \rangle_{t=0} = L \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{16}{9\pi^2} \right)$$

We find the average second moment

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L \psi^\dagger x^2 \psi dx$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \left(x^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \left(e^{i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + e^{-i \frac{2\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x^2 \left(\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{16\pi^2} - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \right) L^3$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = L^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{16\pi^2} - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \right)$$

Now, we can find the variance

$$\sigma_x^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = L^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{16\pi^2} - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \right) - L^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{64}{81\pi^4} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{mL^2} t} + 2 \right) - \frac{8}{9\pi^2} \left(e^{-i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} + e^{i \frac{3\pi^2 h^2}{2mL^2} t} \right) \right)$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = L^2 \left(\frac{1}{12} - \frac{5}{16\pi^2} - \frac{64}{81\pi^4} \left(e^{-i\frac{3\pi^2\hbar^2}{mL^2}t} + e^{i\frac{3\pi^2\hbar^2}{mL^2}t} + 2 \right) \right)$$

At time $t = 0$,

$$(\sigma_x^2)_{t=0} = L^2 \left(\frac{1}{12} - \frac{5}{16\pi^2} - \frac{256}{81\pi^4} \right)$$

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