

5. a) $x = \beta u \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{1}{\beta}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Schrödinger: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} + \alpha \beta^4 \psi = E \psi$$

Let a constant r be multiplied

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{r}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} + \alpha \beta^4 r \psi = r E \psi$$

$$\text{we have } \frac{\hbar^2 r}{m \beta^2} = 1 \quad \alpha \beta^4 r = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m \alpha}{\hbar^2} \beta^6 = 1 \Rightarrow \beta = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{m \alpha} \right)^{1/6}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m \alpha}{\hbar^2} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow r E = e \Rightarrow \boxed{E = \alpha \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{m \alpha} \right)^{2/3} e}$$

(Check that $\alpha \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{m \alpha} \right)^{2/3}$ has dimensions of energy)

b) see Wolfram notebook, wiggling tail method from Griffiths Ch-2 footnotes is useful

c) we shall choose $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi^{1/4}} \left(\frac{m \alpha}{\hbar^2} \right)^{1/4} e^{- (m \alpha / \hbar^2)^{1/3} x^2 / 2}$

since $\left(\frac{m \alpha}{\hbar^2} \right)^{1/6}$ has dimension of length and $\psi(x)$ must have dimension of ~~not~~ length^{-1/2}

$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi^{1/4}}$ accounts for normalization,

However, we will solve problem in u -coordinate

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\int u e^{-u^2/2} \hat{H}(u e^{-u^2/2}) du}{\int u e^{-u^2/2} \cdot e^{-u^2/2} du}$$

$$= \frac{\int u e^{-u^2/2} \left(\frac{3u}{2} e^{-u^2/2} - \frac{u^3}{2} e^{-u^2/2} \right) + u^6 e^{-u^2} du}{\int u^2 e^{-u^2} du}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{2 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 2} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{8} + \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{8}}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} = \frac{\frac{18\sqrt{\pi}}{8} - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{8} + \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{8}}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} = \frac{9}{2} = 4.5$$

Using wolfram, we find $E_2 = 2.3936$

→ now $\psi_1(x)$ is even, our trial function was odd

so $\langle H \rangle = 0$ so automatically $\langle H \rangle$ is an upper-bound for E_2 indeed

(Griffiths prob 7.5)