

6. Trivial, Just solve integral

7. No such problem in my copy of Griffiths

8. By variational principle:

$$E_g \leq \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi \hat{H} \psi dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi \psi dx}$$

$$\text{let } \psi = e^{-ax^2/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_g \leq \frac{a\hbar^2}{4m} + \frac{k}{4a}$$

The bound is minimal when $a^2 = km/\hbar^2$

$$\Rightarrow E_g \leq \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{let } \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E_g \leq \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2}} \quad (1)$$

now, let ψ_{gs} be ground state function

$$\Rightarrow \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{\langle \hat{p}^2 \rangle}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k \langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle = \langle \hat{x} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{due to symmetry of } \psi_{gs}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k (\Delta x)^2$$

$$(\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \Rightarrow \langle \hat{H} \rangle \geq \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \frac{1}{(\Delta p)^2}$$

$$\frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \frac{1}{(\Delta p)^2} \text{ is min at } (\Delta p)^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{km}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\langle \hat{H} \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2}} \quad (2) \Rightarrow E_{gs} = \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2} \quad ((1) \text{ and } (2))$$