

From problem 3-8

$$K(x, T, x_c, 0) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left(\frac{i m \omega}{2 \hbar \sin(\omega T)} ((x^2 + x_c^2) \cos(\omega T) - 2 x x_c) \right) \quad (2)$$

From equation (3.42)

$$\psi(x, T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(x, T, x_c, 0) \psi(x_c, 0) dx_c \quad (3)$$

Substitute (3.67) and (2) into (3) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, T) = & \left(\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left(\frac{i m \omega}{2 \hbar \sin(\omega T)} ((x^2 + x_c^2) \cos(\omega T) - 2 x x_c) \right) \\ & \times \exp \left(-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} (x_c - a)^2 \right) dx_c \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite as

$$\psi(x, T) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(Ax_c^2 + Bx_c + C) dx_c \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(\frac{i \cos(\omega T)}{\sin(\omega T)} - 1 \right) = \frac{i m \omega \exp(i\omega T)}{2 \hbar \sin(\omega T)} \\ B &= \frac{m\omega}{\hbar} \left(a - \frac{ix}{\sin(\omega T)} \right) \\ C &= \frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(\frac{ix^2 \cos(\omega T)}{\sin(\omega T)} - a^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solve the integral.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(Ax_c^2 + Bx_c + C) = \left(-\frac{\pi}{A} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left(-\frac{B^2}{4A} + C \right) \quad (5)$$

where

$$-\frac{\pi}{A} = \frac{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)}{m\omega \exp(i\omega T)} \quad (6)$$

and

$$-\frac{B^2}{4A} + C = -\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} (x^2 - 2ax \exp(-i\omega T) + a^2 \cos(\omega T) \exp(-i\omega T)) \quad (7)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m\omega}{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)} & \times \frac{2\pi i \hbar \sin(\omega T)}{m\omega \exp(i\omega T)} = \exp(-i\omega T) \\ \text{from equation (4)} & \quad \text{from equation (6)} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Substitute the solved integral (5) into (3) to obtain

$$\psi(x, T) = \exp\left(-\frac{i\omega T}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(x^2 - 2ax \exp(-i\omega T) + a^2 \cos(\omega T) \exp(-i\omega T)\right)\right)$$

The probability density is

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^*(x, T)\psi(x, T) = \exp\left[-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \left(2x^2 - 2ax(\exp(-i\omega T) + \exp(i\omega T)) \right.\right. \\ \left.\left. + a^2 \cos(\omega T)(\exp(-i\omega T) + \exp(i\omega T))\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$