

a)

$$p(x, t) = \psi(x, t) \cdot \psi^*(x, t)$$

$$\int p(x, t) \cdot dx = P(x, t)$$

$$\int_a^b p(x, t) \cdot dx = P_{ab}(t)$$

Note that the above definite integral is exactly equivalent to taking the indefinite integral and then evaluating $P(a, t) - P(b, t)$

$$P_{ab}(t) = P(a, t) - P(b, t)$$

$$\frac{dP(x, t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int [\psi \cdot \psi^*] dx = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\psi \cdot \psi^*] dx$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\psi \cdot \psi^*] = \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \cdot \psi^*$$

Now, the Schrodinger equation says:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + V \cdot \psi$$

Or, re-written:

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{iV}{\hbar} \cdot \psi$$

Taking the complex conjugate we get

$$\frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + \frac{iV}{\hbar} \cdot \psi^*$$

This relies on the fact that if you have a complex number of the form $C_1 = i \cdot C_2 + i \cdot C_3$ the complex conjugate will be of the form $C_1^* = -i \cdot C_2^* - i \cdot C_3^*$ - because if $C_x = i \cdot C_{xi}$ then $C_{xi} = -i \cdot C_x$ and therefore $C_x^* = [i \cdot C_{xi}]^* = -i \cdot C_{xi}^*$ (this makes more sense if you look at it in terms of $C = R + i \cdot I$ but I'm including it here to remind myself - see "Complex Conjugate of iC" for a more explicit proof)

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So far, we have the following equalities:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \int \left[\psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \cdot \psi^* \right] \cdot dx$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{iV}{h} \cdot \psi$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + \frac{iV}{h} \cdot \psi^*$$

Combining these, we get:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \int \left[\psi \cdot \left(-\frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} + \frac{iV}{h} \cdot \psi^* \right) + \left(\frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{iV}{h} \cdot \psi \right) \cdot \psi^* \right] \cdot dx$$

the $\frac{iV}{h} \cdot \psi^* \cdot \psi$ terms are equal and opposite and therefore cancel out and we are left with:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \int \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} \right] \cdot dx$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right] = \psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} = \psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \int \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right] \right] \cdot dx = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\text{Therefore, since } J(x, t) = \frac{ih}{2m} \cdot \left[\psi^* \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = J(x, t)$$

$$\text{And since } P_{ab}(t) = P(a, t) - P(b, t)$$

$$\frac{dP_{ab}(t)}{dt} = J(a, t) - J(b, t)$$

The units of $J(x, t)$ must be $\frac{1}{t}$ because $P(x, t)$ is unitless (it's a probability)

b)

If my previous answer was correct, $J(x,t)=0$ because $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}=0$

Let's do the proof to see if we got the previous answer wrong

$$J(x,t)=\frac{dP}{dt}=\int [\psi \cdot \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \cdot \psi^*] \cdot dx$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{-i \cdot \omega \cdot t} \quad \frac{d\psi}{dt} = -i \cdot \omega \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{-i \cdot \omega \cdot t}$$

$$\psi^* = \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega \cdot t} \quad \frac{d\psi^*}{dt} = i \cdot \omega \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega \cdot t}$$

$$J(x,t)=\frac{dP}{dt}=\int [(\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{-i \cdot \omega \cdot t}) \cdot (i \cdot \omega \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega \cdot t}) + (-i \cdot \omega \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{-i \cdot \omega \cdot t}) \cdot (\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot |x|} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega \cdot t})] \cdot dx$$

$$J(x,t)=0 \quad \text{as expected}$$