

Let us consider the particle and the box in three dimensions: So, the hambletonian is given by:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_x^2 + \hat{p}_y^2 + \hat{p}_z^2}{2m} \quad (1)$$

and the solutions are given by:

$$\psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{L_x L_y L_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L_z}\right) \quad (2)$$

with the energy:

$$E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left( \frac{n_x^2}{L_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{L_y^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{L_z^2} \right) \quad (3)$$

Now, we want to find the expectation value of the position squared:

$$\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle = \int_0^{L_x} \int_0^{L_y} \int_0^{L_z} \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}^*(x, y, z) \hat{x}^2 \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(x, y, z) dx dy dz \quad (4)$$

We can use the fact that the wavefunction is zero outside the box, so we can integrate from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ :

$$\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}^*(x, y, z) \hat{x}^2 \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(x, y, z) dx dy dz \quad (5)$$

Then we change to spherical coordinates:

$$\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}^*(r, \theta, \phi) \hat{x}^2 \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(r, \theta, \phi) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \quad (6)$$