

## Homework #1 (due date: Thursday, March 21)

1. Solve the following exercises in Shankar.
  - (a) Exercise 4.2.1
  - (b) Exercise 4.2.2
  - (c) Exercise 4.2.3
  - (d) Exercise 5.1.2
  
2. Consider a wavefunction in the position space of the form  $\psi(x) = Ae^{-\alpha|x|}$ .
  - (a) Determine  $A$  so that  $\psi(x)$  is properly normalized.
  - (b) Find the wavefunction in the momentum space  $\psi(p)$ .
  - (c) Find  $\langle X \rangle$ ,  $\langle P \rangle$ ,  $\Delta X$  and  $\Delta P$ . Is the Heisenberg uncertainty relation satisfied?
  
3. Consider a wavepacket for photons which are massless so that  $E = pc$ . Does such a wavepacket spread as time goes on?