

(1) A particle is confined to one corner of a cubic box of sides L in quantum state

$$|\psi\rangle \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{L} \sin \frac{2\pi z}{L}, & |x, y, z| < L/2, \\ 0, & |x, y, z| \geq L/2. \end{cases}$$

(a) Find the normalization constant A .

(b) If you measured the energy of the particle, what values could you measure, and with what probabilities?

(c) Describe as best you can the time evolution of this state.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \quad \langle \psi | \psi \rangle &= 1 = A^2 \int_0^{L/2} dx \int_0^{L/2} dy \int_0^{L/2} dz \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{L} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi y}{L} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi z}{L} \\ &= A^2 \left[\int_0^{L/2} dx \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{L} \right]^3 = A^2 \left(\frac{L}{4} \right)^3 = \frac{A^2 L^3}{64} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{8}{L^{3/2}}$$

\textcircled{b}

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle &= \frac{8\sqrt{8}}{L^3} \int_0^{L/2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{2\pi y}{L} \sin \frac{2\pi z}{L} \sin \frac{n_x \pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n_y \pi y}{L} \sin \frac{n_z \pi z}{L} dx dy dz \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{8}}{L^3} \left[\int_0^{L/2} \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n_x \pi x}{L} \right]^3 \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{8}}{L^3} \cdot 8L^3 \left(\frac{\sin \frac{n_x \pi}{2}}{4\pi - \pi^2 n_x^2} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{n_y \pi}{2}}{4\pi - \pi^2 n_y^2} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{n_z \pi}{2}}{4\pi - \pi^2 n_z^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$[] = \frac{2L \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{4\pi - \pi^2 n^2}$
 $\uparrow n \neq 2!$
 $[] = \frac{L}{4}$
 if $n=2$

$$P = |\langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle|^2$$

1st if any of n_x, n_y, n_z are even (except 2!)

then $P = 0$

2nd all odd n 's appear.

3rd $n = 2$ is possible for any or all n 's.

$$c) \quad \psi(x, y, z) = \sum_{n_x, n_y, n_z} c_{n_x, n_y, n_z} \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(x, y, z)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\uparrow \langle \psi_n | \psi \rangle}$

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = \sum_{n_x, n_y, n_z} c_{n_x, n_y, n_z} e^{-iE_{n_x, n_y, n_z} t / \hbar} \psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z}(x, y, z)$$