

習題三

4. We need to calculate

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a dx x^2 \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{a}$$

With  $\pi x/a = u$  we have

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{a} \frac{a^3}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi du u^2 \sin^2 nu = \frac{a^2}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi du u^2 (1 - \cos 2nu)$$

The first integral is simple. For the second integral we use the fact that

$$\int_0^\pi du u^2 \cos cu = -\left(\frac{d}{d\alpha}\right)^2 \int_0^\pi du \cos cu = -\left(\frac{d}{d\alpha}\right)^2 \frac{\sin \alpha\pi}{\alpha}$$

At the end we set  $\alpha = n\pi$ . A little algebra leads to

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{a^2}{3} - \frac{a^2}{2\pi^2 n^2}$$

For large  $n$  we therefore get  $\Delta x = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Since  $\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$ , it follows that

$\Delta p = \frac{\hbar n \pi}{a}$ , so that

$$\Delta p \Delta x \approx \frac{n\pi\hbar}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The product of the uncertainties thus grows as  $n$  increases.

5. With  $E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} n^2$  we can calculate

$$E_2 - E_1 = 3 \frac{(1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s})^2}{2(0.9 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg})(10^{-9} \text{ m})^2} \frac{1}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})} = 0.115 \text{ eV}$$

We have  $\Delta E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$  so that  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi\hbar c}{\Delta E} = \frac{2\pi(2.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eV.m})}{0.115 \text{ eV}} = 1.42 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$

where we have converted  $\hbar c$  from J.m units to eV.m units.

以上解答的 a，答案數值上忘了乘上  $\pi^2$ 。

9. The general solution is

$$\psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n u_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

with the  $C_n$  defined by

$$C_n = \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} dx u_n^*(x) \psi(x, 0)$$

(a) It is clear that the wave function does not remain localized on the l.h.s. of the box at later times, since the special phase relationship that allows for a total interference for  $x > 0$  no longer persists for  $t \neq 0$ .

(b) With our wave function we have  $C_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_{-a/2}^0 dx u_n(x)$ . We may work this out by using the solution of the box extending from  $x = 0$  to  $x = a$ , since the shift has no physical consequences. We therefore have

$$C_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_0^{a/2} dx \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} = \frac{2}{a} \left[ -\frac{a}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right]_0^{a/2} = \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

Therefore  $P_1 = |C_1|^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$  and  $P_2 = |C_2|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} |1 - (-1)|^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$

這個題目有點問題，原因是原來題目給的波函數，在原點並不滿足無限大位能井的邊界條件。比較合理的題目應該是：

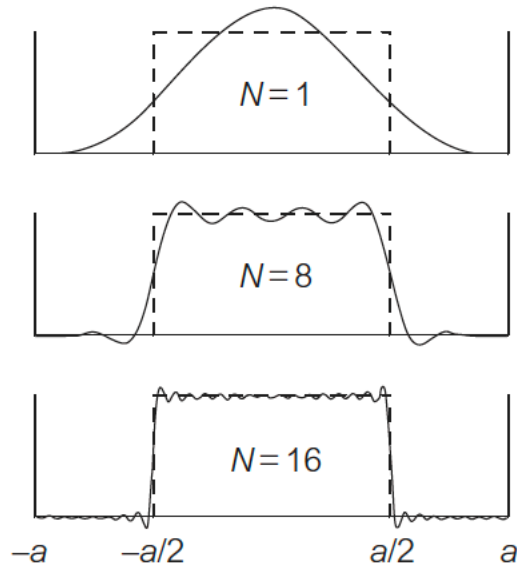
$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \quad \frac{a}{4} < x < \frac{3a}{4}, \quad \psi(x) = 0 \quad x < \frac{a}{4}, x > \frac{3a}{4}$$

這樣就滿足邊界條件。我們就能預期  $\psi(x)$  可以以  $u_n$  展開： $\psi(x) = \sum C_n u_n$ 。

$$C_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_0^a dx \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_{a/4}^{3a/4} dx \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} = \frac{2}{a} \left[ -\frac{a}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \right]_{a/4}^{3a/4}$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{2a}{a\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{2a}{a2\pi} (0 - 0) = 0$$



10. (a) We use the solution of the above problem to get

$$P_n = |C_n|^2 = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} f_n$$

where  $f_n = 1$  for  $n = \text{odd integer}$ ;  $f_n = 0$  for  $n = 4, 8, 12, \dots$  and  $f_n = 4$  for  $n = 2, 6, 10, \dots$

(b) We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{\text{odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=2,6,10,\dots} \frac{4}{n^2} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{\text{odd}} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1$$

**Note.** There is a typo in the statement of the problem. The sum should be restricted to *odd* integers.

11. We work this out by making use of an identity. The hint tells us that

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin x)^5 &= \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right)^5 (e^{ix} - e^{-ix})^5 = \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{2i} (e^{5ix} - 5e^{3ix} + 10e^{ix} - 10e^{-ix} + 5e^{-3ix} - e^{-5ix}) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} (\sin 5x - 5 \sin 3x + 10 \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\psi(x, 0) = A \sqrt{\frac{a}{2}} \frac{1}{16} (u_5(x) - 5u_3(x) + 10u_1(x))$$

(a) It follows that

$$\psi(x,t) = A\sqrt{\frac{a}{2}}\frac{1}{16} (u_5(x)e^{-iE_5t/\hbar} - 5u_3(x)e^{-iE_3t/\hbar} + 10u_1(x)e^{-iE_1t/\hbar})$$

(b) We can calculate  $A$  by noting that  $\int_0^a dx |\psi(x,0)|^2 = 1$ . This however is equivalent to the statement that the sum of the probabilities of finding *any* energy eigenvalue adds up to 1. Now we have

$$P_5 = \frac{a}{2} A^2 \frac{1}{256}; P_3 = \frac{a}{2} A^2 \frac{25}{256}; P_1 = \frac{a}{2} A^2 \frac{100}{256}$$

so that

$$A^2 = \frac{256}{63a}$$

The probability of finding the state with energy  $E_3$  is 25/126.

**12.** The initial wave function vanishes for  $x \leq -a$  and for  $x \geq a$ . In the region in between it is proportional to  $\cos\frac{\pi x}{2a}$ , since this is the first nodeless trigonometric function that vanishes at  $x = \pm a$ . The normalization constant is obtained by requiring that

$$1 = N^2 \int_{-a}^a dx \cos^2 \frac{\pi x}{2a} = N^2 \left( \frac{2a}{\pi} \right) \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} du \cos^2 u = N^2 a$$

so that  $N = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a}}$ . We next expand this in eigenstates of the infinite box potential with boundaries at  $x = \pm b$ . We write

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} \cos \frac{\pi x}{2a} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n u_n(x;b)$$

so that

$$C_n = \int_{-b}^b dx u_n(x;b) \psi(x) = \int_{-a}^a dx u_n(x;b) \sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} \cos \frac{\pi x}{2a}$$

In particular, after a little algebra, using  $\cos u \cos v = (1/2)[\cos(u-v) + \cos(u+v)]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
C_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{ab}} \int_{-a}^a dx \cos \frac{\pi x}{2b} \cos \frac{\pi x}{2a} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{ab}} \int_{-a}^a dx \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi x(b-a)}{2ab} + \cos \frac{\pi x(b+a)}{2ab} \right] \\
&= \frac{4b\sqrt{ab}}{\pi(b^2 - a^2)} \cos \frac{\pi a}{2b}
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$P_1 = |C_1|^2 = \frac{16ab^3}{\pi^2(b^2 - a^2)^2} \cos^2 \frac{\pi a}{2b}$$

The calculation of  $C_2$  is trivial. The reason is that while  $\psi(x)$  is an *even* function of  $x$ ,  $u_2(x)$  is an *odd* function of  $x$ , and the integral over an interval symmetric about  $x = 0$  is zero. Hence  $P_2$  will be zero.