

2017 PHYS 2380  
MID-TERM  
KEY

$$① u(x) = \frac{8\pi hc}{x^5} \left( \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} - 1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dx} = 0 &= \frac{8\pi hc}{x^6} \left[ -\left( e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} - 1 \right)^2 \left( -\frac{hc}{\lambda^2 k_b T} \right) e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} \right] \\ &\quad - 8\pi hc \left( \frac{5}{\lambda^6} \right) \left( \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} - 1} \right) \\ &= + \left( e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} - 1 \right)^{-1} \frac{hce^{hc/\lambda k_b T}}{\lambda^2 k_b T} - \frac{5}{x} \\ &\quad \frac{e^{hc/\lambda k_b T}}{e^{hc/\lambda k_b T} - 1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } 5 = \frac{hc}{\lambda k_b T}$$

or

$$\boxed{\lambda T = \frac{hc}{5k_b}}$$

2) a.)  $\Psi = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2$

$$= \Psi_1 \exp(i\phi_1) + \Psi_2 \exp(i\phi_2)$$

Superposition principle

b.)  $P(x) = \Psi^* \Psi = (\Psi_1^* e^{-i\phi_1} + \Psi_2^* e^{-i\phi_2})(\Psi_1 e^{i\phi_1} + \Psi_2 e^{i\phi_2})$

$$= |\Psi_1|^2 + |\Psi_2|^2 + |\Psi_1| |\Psi_2| e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_1)} + |\Psi_2| |\Psi_1| e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}$$

$$= |\Psi_1|^2 + |\Psi_2|^2 + 2 |\Psi_1| |\Psi_2| \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$= |\Psi_1|^2 + |\Psi_2|^2 + \underbrace{2 |\Psi_1| |\Psi_2| \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}_{\text{interference term.}}$$

### 3.) Copenhagen Interpretation:

- 1.) A wave function represents the state of a system. It contains all information about anything that can be known about a system before an observation. The wavefunction evolves smoothly in time.
- 2.) Certain properties cannot be known simultaneously for a given system (Heisenberg's uncertainty principle). Momentum is meaningless for a perfectly localized particle.
- 3.) During an observation, the system must interact with a laboratory device. When that device makes a measurement, the wavefunction collapses and reduces irreversibly to an eigenfunction corresponding to a particular eigenvalue.
- 4.) The results provided by measuring devices are classical and must be stated in classical terms
- 5.) The Born Rule: Wavefunctions give a probabilistic description of an experimental outcome.
- 6.) Complementarity rule (Bohr): The wavefunction demonstrates a fundamental wave-particle duality that is a necessary feature of nature.
- 7.) Correspondence rule (Bohr + Heisenberg): when quantum numbers are large, the behaviour of a system must reproduce classical predictions.

$$4 \text{ a) } E_{\text{op}} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$E_{\text{op}} \Psi_2 = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$= i\hbar A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} \left( -\frac{4iE}{\hbar} \right)$$

$$= -4E \cancel{i^2} A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar}$$

$$= 4E_1 A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar}$$

$$= 4E_1 \Psi_2$$

Yes eigenfunction!

Eigenvalue =  $4E_1$

$$E_{\text{op}} \Psi_3 = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ B \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$= i\hbar \left( -\frac{9iE}{\hbar} \right) B \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar}$$

$$= 9E \Psi_3$$

Yes eigenfunction!  
eigenvalue =  $9E_1$

$$\text{b.) } E_{\text{op}} \Psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \left( \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right) \right]$$

$$= 4E_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} + 9E_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar}$$

Not an eigenfunction -

$$a) \psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$P(x) = \psi^* \psi = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{4iEt/\hbar} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$\times \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left[ \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-5iEt/\hbar} \right.$$

$$\left. + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{5iEt/\hbar} + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) \right].$$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) + 2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) \right]$$

$$d_1) \langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} x \left[ \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} 2 \cos\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} x \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \cos\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) \left[ -\frac{24}{25} \frac{a^2}{\pi^2} \right]$$

$$m \frac{d}{dt} \langle x \rangle = -2m \frac{5E}{a} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right)}{\hbar} \left[ -\frac{24}{25} \frac{a^2}{\pi^2} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2}$$

$$= \frac{2ma^2}{\hbar} \left( \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} \right) \sin\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) \left[ -\frac{24}{5} \frac{1}{a^2 \pi^2} \right]$$

$$m \frac{d}{dt} \langle x \rangle = \frac{+24 \hbar}{5a \pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right)$$

Hilary

$$\langle p \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* p_{\text{op}} \psi dx \quad p_{\text{op}} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$p_{\text{op}} \psi = -\frac{i\hbar}{\sqrt{a}} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{a} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} + \frac{3\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$\psi^* p_{\text{op}} \psi = -\frac{i\hbar}{a} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{4iEt/\hbar} + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{9iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ \frac{2\pi}{a} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-4iEt/\hbar} - \frac{3\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-9iEt/\hbar} \right] \\ &= -\frac{i\hbar}{a} \left[ \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} \frac{2\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) e^{2\pi iEt/\hbar} e^{-5\pi iEt/\hbar} dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{2\pi}{a} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{5iEt/\hbar} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. - \frac{3\pi}{a} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-3\pi iEt/\hbar} - \frac{3\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-5\pi iEt/\hbar} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{a} \left[ \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} \frac{2\pi}{a} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{5\pi iEt/\hbar} dx \right]$$

$$- \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} \frac{3\pi}{a} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{a}\right) e^{-5\pi iEt/\hbar} dx \right]$$

$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{a} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{\alpha} e^{5\pi iEt/\hbar} \frac{6}{5} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} - \frac{3\pi}{\alpha} e^{-5\pi iEt/\hbar} \frac{4}{5} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2\pi^2}{a} \frac{12}{5} \left( e^{\frac{5\pi iEt/\hbar}{2\pi}} - e^{-\frac{5\pi iEt/\hbar}{2\pi}} \right) = -\pi^2 \frac{\hbar}{a} \frac{24}{5} \sin\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$\langle p \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{a} \frac{24}{5} \sin\left(\frac{5Et}{\hbar}\right) = m \underbrace{\langle x \rangle}_{\text{in}} \checkmark$$

$$5.) -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi = E\psi$$

Suppose  $E > V_0$ ,  $V(x) = V_0$ .

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = (E - V_0)\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(E - V_0)\psi$$

$$\text{set } k^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(E - V_0)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + k^2\psi = 0$$

$$(d^2 + k^2)\psi = 0$$

$$d = \pm ik$$

$$\boxed{\psi = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}}$$

$$b.) -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi = E\psi$$

Suppose  $E < V_0$ ,  $V(x) = V_0$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = (E - V_0)\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V_0)\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V_0 - E)\psi$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V_0 - E)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = k^2\psi$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} - k^2\psi = 0$$

$$(d^2 - k^2)\psi = 0$$

$$d = \pm k$$

$$\boxed{\psi = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx}}$$