

Physics 201, Fall 2018

Problem Set #6 (due Friday, Oct. 19)

Each problem is 10 points.

Problems from Serway, Moses and Moyer:

6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 6.17

Additional problem:

A1: The wave function of a quantum particle trapped in a box of size L is described by the following wave function:

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2L}} \sin \frac{5\pi x}{L}$$

If the energy of the particle is measured, what three possible values will be obtained?

A2: Let's suppose that at $t=0$ the particle was in the quantum state described by:

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{6}{5L}} \left(\sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{8}{5L}} \left(\sin \frac{3\pi x}{L} \right)$$

Calculate the probability density for this particle $P(x, t) = |\psi(x, t)|^2$.