

Ex. 4.7

(a). $a = \frac{n\lambda}{2}$. $\therefore \lambda = \frac{2a}{n}$. $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{n}{2a} = \frac{n\pi}{a}$.

$$\therefore \Psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2$$

(b). $\langle x \rangle_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} (u + \frac{a}{2}) \sin^2 \left(\frac{n\pi u}{a} + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) du \quad (u = x - \frac{a}{2}).$$
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$$= \begin{cases} \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} \sin^2 \frac{n\pi u}{a} du & n \text{ Even} \\ \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} \cos^2 \frac{n\pi u}{a} du & n \text{ odd}. \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \frac{2n\pi u}{a}) du & n \text{ Even.} \\ \int_{-\frac{a}{2}}^{\frac{a}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos \frac{2n\pi u}{a}) du & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{a}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{obvious result!}$$

Similarly, we can show

$$\langle p \rangle_n = 0. // (\text{also obvious result}).$$

Now, $\langle x^2 \rangle_n$.

Integration table:

$$\int x^2 \sin^2 ax dx = \frac{x^3}{6} - \left(\frac{x^2}{4a} - \frac{1}{8a^3} \right) \sin 2ax - \frac{x \cos 2ax}{4a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \langle x^2 \rangle_n &= \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x^2 \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx = \frac{2}{a} \left\{ \left[\frac{x^3}{6} \right]_0^a - \left[\left(\frac{x^2}{4a} - \frac{1}{8a^3} \right) \sin 2ax \right]_0^a \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left[\frac{x \cos 2ax}{4a^2} \right]_0^a \right\} \quad (x = \frac{n\pi}{a}), \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{a} \left\{ \frac{a^3}{6} - 0 - \frac{a \cos 2n\pi}{4 \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2} \right\}, \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \left\{ \frac{a^3}{6} - \frac{a^3}{4n^2\pi^2} \right\}, \\ &= a^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \right) //.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle p^2 \rangle_n &= \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cdot \left(-h^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \\ &= + \frac{2h^2}{a^2} \cdot \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 \int_0^a \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \\ &= 2 \cdot \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 \cdot \int_0^a \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{a} \right) dx, \\ &= 2 \cdot \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{a}{2}, \\ &= \left(\frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2. \quad (\text{obvious as } k = \frac{n\pi}{a}).\end{aligned}$$

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$$= \sqrt{a^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2} \right) - \left(\frac{a}{2} \right)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{n\hbar\pi}{a} \right)^2 - 0}.$$

$$= a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2n^2\pi^2}} \cdot \frac{n\hbar\pi}{a}.$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{8n^2\pi^2 - 6}{12n^2\pi^2}} \cdot n\hbar\pi.$$

$$= \hbar \sqrt{\frac{h^2\pi^2 - 6}{12}} //$$