

1. Two fair and identical dice are thrown.
- Write down the sample space.
 - What is the probability that the sum ≤ 4 ?
 - What is the probability that the sum is divisible by three?
 - If one forms a two digit number from the outcome, what is the probability that the two digit number is greater than 33?

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2. Consider a semicircle $S = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = 1, y \geq 0\}$. A particle moves back and forth on S with uniform speed. An experiment is performed to find the x coordinate of the particle at some random time. Denote the outcome by X . What is the probability density function $\rho(x)$ for X . Plot $\rho(x)$. Find $\langle x \rangle$, $\langle x^2 \rangle$. Find average value of y coordinate.
3. It can be shown that for an ideal (classical) gas, the probability density function of the distance that molecule travels between collisions be x , is $e^{-x/\lambda}$, where λ is a constant. Show that the average distance between collisions (called the *mean free path*) is λ . Find the probability that the free path is greater than 2λ .

4. Find the fourier series of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1 & 0 < x < \pi/2 \\ 0 & \pi/2 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

5. Find the fourier transform of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x & |x| < \pi/2 \\ 0 & |x| > \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

6. The family of functions $\delta_L(x)$ is defined by

$$\delta_L(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L}^L e^{ikx} dx.$$

Evaluate the integral and show that $\delta_L(x)$ behaves like a delta function as $L \rightarrow \infty$.

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7. The gaussian function given by

$$g(x) = A \exp \left[-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

where a and σ are positive constants.

- Normalize g such that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = 1$.
- Find $\langle x \rangle$, $\langle x^2 \rangle$ and standard deviation of x .
- Sketch the function.

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8. The wave function of a particle at $t = 0$ is given by

$$\psi(x, 0) = \begin{cases} A(a^2 - x^2), & |x| \leq a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find normalization constant A .
- (b) Find $\langle x \rangle$, $\langle x^2 \rangle$ and standard deviation σ_x of x .
- (c) Find $\langle p \rangle$, $\langle p^2 \rangle$ and standard deviation σ_p of p .
- (d) Is your answer consistent with uncertainty principle?

Gr. 2.21

BJ 2.1

9. A free particle has the initial wave function

$$\psi(x, 0) = B \exp\left[i\frac{p_0 x}{\hbar}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{|x|}{2\Delta_x}\right].$$

Normalize $\psi(x, 0)$. Find momentum space wave function $A(p)$. Suggest a reasonable definition of uncertainty in p and denote it by Δ_p . Show that $\Delta_x \Delta_p \gtrsim \hbar$.

- Gr. 2.22 10. Suppose that the momentum space wave function of a gaussian wave packet is given by

$$A(p) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\Delta_p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\Delta_p^2}\right].$$

Find $\psi(x, t)$ for $t > 0$. What is the width (defined as the standard deviation of x) of the wave packet at time t ?

(a) $\Omega = \{(i,j) \mid i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,6\}\}$

(b) Event $A = \text{Sum} \leq 4$ or $i+j \leq 4$
 $= \{(1,3), (2,2), (3,1)\}$

$P_A = O(A)/O(\Omega) = 1/2$

(c) Event $B = \text{Sum is divisible by 3}$.

$= \{(1,2), (2,1), (1,5), (2,4), (3,3), (4,2), (5,1), (3,6), (4,5), (5,4), (4,5), (6,3), (6,6)\} \Rightarrow O(B) = 13$

$P_B = 13/36$.

(d) Event C :

34 (7)	41 (2)	51 (2)	61 (2)
35 (7)	42 (2)	52 (2)	62 (2)
36 (7)	43 (7)	53 (7)	63 (1)
	44 (1)	54 (1)	64 (1)
	45 (7)	55 (6)	65 (1)
	46 (7)	56 (1)	66 (1)
	3	8	8

$P_C = 3/4$

: One of the two is greater than 63.

: $P(D) + P(E) - P(D \cap E)$

$1/2 + 1/2 - 1/4 = 3/4$ ✓

12. Put $x = -\cos\theta$ $y = \sin\theta$

$\theta \in [0, \pi]$

$P(\theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \Rightarrow \text{uniform}$.

$P(x)dx = P(\theta)d\theta$

$= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$\Rightarrow \langle x \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x P(x) dx = 0$

$dx = +\sin\theta d\theta$
 $d\theta = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

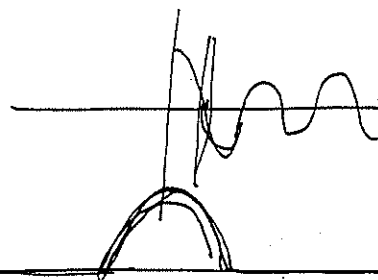
$x = -\cos\theta$
 $\langle \cos\theta \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos\theta d\theta = 0$
 $\langle \cos^2\theta \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos^2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\langle \sin\theta \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta = -\frac{1}{\pi} [\cos\theta]_0^\pi = -\frac{2}{\pi}$

$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 P(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = -\frac{2}{\pi}$

$x = \cos t \Rightarrow dx = -\sin t dt$
 $= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2 t \sin t}{\sin^2 t} dt$
 $= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos^2 t dt = \frac{1}{2}$ ✓

Q5

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos x e^{-i\omega x} dx$$



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{i(1-\omega)x} + e^{-i(1+\omega)x} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \left. \frac{e^{i(1-\omega)x}}{i(1-\omega)} \right|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} + \left. \frac{e^{-i(1+\omega)x}}{-i(1+\omega)} \right|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \frac{\sin((1-\omega)\pi/2)}{1-\omega} + \frac{\sin((1+\omega)\pi/2)}{1+\omega} \right\}$$

Check the behaviour as $L \rightarrow \infty$

Q6. Now

$$\delta_L(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-L}^L e^{ikx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ikx}}{ik} \Big|_{-L}^L = \left(\frac{L}{\pi} \right) \frac{\sin(kL)}{kL}$$

$$(i) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_L(k) dk = \frac{L}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(kL)}{(kL)} dk = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$$

Contour integrals.

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_L(k) dk$$

$$= 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \delta_L(k) dk = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(k) dk = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{aL}^{bL} \frac{\sin[ct]}{t} dt$$

$$t = xL$$

Q7.

$$g(x) = A \exp \left[-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

put
 $t = \frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}$

$$dt = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma}} dx$$

$$= A \cdot \sqrt{2\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt = A \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x) e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-a) e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= a$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

put
 $t = \frac{(x-a)}{\sqrt{2} \sigma}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt (\sqrt{2}\sigma) \cdot e^{-t^2} \cdot (\sqrt{2}\sigma t + a)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-t^2} [2\sigma^2 t^2 + 2\sqrt{2}\sigma t a + a^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \left[2\sigma^2 \cdot \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \cdot 0 + a^2 \sqrt{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \left[\sigma^2 + a^2 \right]$$

$$8. \psi(x,0) = A(a^2 - x^2)$$

$$|x| \leq a$$

otherwise

$$= 0$$

$$(a) A^2 \int_{-a}^a (a^2 - x^2)^2 dx = A^2 \frac{16a^5}{15} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{15}{16} a^5}$$

$$(b) \langle x \rangle = 0 \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{16a^7 \int_{-a}^a x^2 dx}{105 \int_{-a}^a dx} = \frac{a^2}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle} = \frac{a}{3}$$

$$(c) \phi(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-a}^a A(a^2 - x^2) e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} A \left[\int_{-a}^a a^2 \delta(p) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} A \left\{ a^2 \int_{-a}^a e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx \right.$$

$$\left. - \int_{-a}^a x^2 e^{-ipx/\hbar} dx \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} A \left\{ 2a^2 \frac{\sin(pa/\hbar)}{p/\hbar} \right.$$

$$\left. - \int_{-a}^a x^2 \cos\left(\frac{px}{\hbar}\right) dx \right\}$$

$$= \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[2a^2 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{pa}{\hbar}\right)}{p/\hbar} + \frac{4\hbar^2 a}{p^2} \cos\left[\frac{pa}{\hbar}\right] \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{4\hbar^2 (pa^2 - 2\hbar^2)}{p^3} \sin\left[\frac{pa}{\hbar}\right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[\frac{4\hbar^2 a}{p^2} \cos\left[\frac{pa}{\hbar}\right] + \frac{4\hbar^3}{p^3} \sin\left(\frac{pa}{\hbar}\right) \right]$$



$$\frac{16}{3} a^3 \hbar^3 \pi$$

$$\langle p \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi^2} \cdot a \frac{16}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{16} \frac{\hbar^2}{a^2}$$
$$= \frac{5\hbar^2}{2a^2}$$

$$\frac{32}{18} \frac{\hbar^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{15}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\sigma_p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \frac{\hbar}{a}$$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p = \frac{a}{3} \frac{\hbar}{a} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{\hbar \sqrt{5}}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2.5}}{3} \hbar$$
$$= 0.53 \hbar > \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$9. \psi(x,t) = B e^{i p_0 x / \hbar} e^{-|x|/2\Delta x}$$

$$(a) B^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x|/2\Delta x} dx = B^2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/2\Delta x} dx = B^2 2\Delta x \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\Delta x}}$$

$$(b) A(p) = \frac{B}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{ipx}{\hbar} + \frac{i p_0 x}{\hbar} - \frac{|x|}{2\Delta x}\right] dx$$

$$= \frac{B}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[\int_0^{\infty} \exp\left[\left(\frac{i(p_0-p)}{\hbar} - \frac{1}{2\Delta x}\right)x\right] dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp\left[\left(\frac{i(p_0-p)}{\hbar} + \frac{1}{2\Delta x}\right)x\right] dx \right]$$

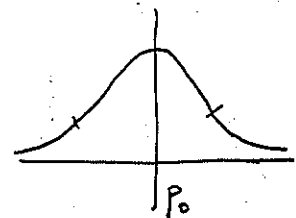
$$y = -x \\ dy = -dx$$

$$= \frac{B}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[\frac{-1}{\frac{i(p_0-p)}{\hbar} - \frac{1}{2\Delta x}} + \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{i(p_0-p)}{\hbar} + \frac{1}{2\Delta x}\right)y\right] dy \right]$$

$$= \frac{B}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[\frac{\hbar}{\frac{\hbar}{2\Delta x} - i(p_0-p)} + \frac{+1\hbar}{\left[\frac{\hbar}{2\Delta x} + i(p_0-p)\right]} \right]$$

$$= \frac{B\hbar}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[\frac{\hbar/2\Delta x}{\frac{\hbar^2}{4\Delta x^2} + (p_0-p)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2\sqrt{\pi\hbar} \Delta x^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\hbar^2}{4\Delta x^2} + (p_0-p)^2}$$



$$(p - p_0)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4\Delta x^2}$$

$$\Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta x = 2\Delta x$$

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$$A(p) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} \Delta p} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[- \frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\Delta p^2} \right]$$

Thus $\psi(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} \Delta p} \right)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left[- \frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2\Delta p^2} + i \frac{px}{\hbar} - \frac{iEt}{\hbar} \right] dp$

Write: $E(p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{p_0^2}{2m} + \frac{p_0}{m} (p-p_0) + \frac{1}{2m} (p-p_0)^2$

Argument of Exponent:

$$= - \underbrace{\left[+ \frac{1}{2\Delta p^2} + \frac{it}{2m\hbar} \right]}_{\alpha} (p-p_0)^2 + \underbrace{\left[\frac{ix}{\hbar} - \frac{ip_0 t}{m\hbar} \right]}_{\beta} (p-p_0) + \frac{ip_0 x}{\hbar} - \frac{iE_0 t}{\hbar}$$

$p-p_0 = u$

$$\psi(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} \Delta p} \right)^{1/2} e^{i(p_0 x - E_0 t)/\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha u^2 - \beta u} du$$

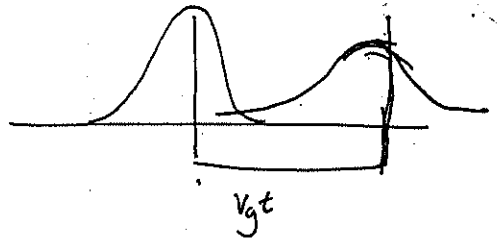
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} \Delta p} \right)^{1/2} e^{i(p_0 x - E_0 t)/\hbar} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \cdot e^{+\beta^2/4\alpha}$$

$Re(\alpha) > 0$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{2\pi\hbar \alpha \sqrt{\pi} \Delta p} \right)^{1/2} e^{i(p_0 x - E_0 t)/\hbar} e^{-\frac{(x-v_g t)^2}{4\hbar^2 \alpha}}$$

$$(\psi^* \psi) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}\hbar \Delta p} \cdot \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \exp \left[\frac{(x-v_g t)^2}{4\hbar^2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right] \right]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \exp \left[\frac{(x-v_g t)^2}{4\hbar^2 \Delta p^2} \frac{1}{|\alpha|^2} \right]$$



Compare with normalized gaussian for then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \rightarrow \text{width} = \sigma$$

$$|\alpha| = \left(\frac{1}{4\Delta p^2} + \frac{t^2}{4m^2\hbar^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{width grows with time}$$