

1. Two fair and identical dice are thrown.
 - (a) Write down the sample space.
 - (b) What is the probability that the sum ≤ 4 ?
 - (c) What is the probability that the sum is divisible by three?
 - (d) If one forms a two digit number from the outcome, what is the probability that the two digit number is greater than 33?
2. Consider a semicircle $S = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1, y \geq 0\}$. 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 $\delta_L(k)$ is defined by

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

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

7. The gaussian probability density function is given by

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

where a and σ are positive constants.

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

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 $\Delta_x \Delta_p \gtrsim \hbar$.

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 ?