

Notes:  $c=3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = 1 \text{ lightyear/year}$ ,  $1 \text{ nanometer} = 10^{-9} \text{ meters}$ ,  
 $h=6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J*s} = 4.136 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV*s}$ ,  $m_e c^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ ,  
 $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $hc = 1240 \text{ eV*nm}$ ,  $1 \text{ u} = 931.49 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J*s} = h/(2\pi)$ ,  
 $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $R = 1.0974 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$

There are 10 points in total and 2 questions.

Remember to write your quiz code # and your name on the front of your blue book, student ID number is not needed.

-----Please write clearly. Show your work for all problems.-----

1. An electron is confined in an infinite potential well of length L. The electron's wavefunction in this situation is

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{L} x\right)$$

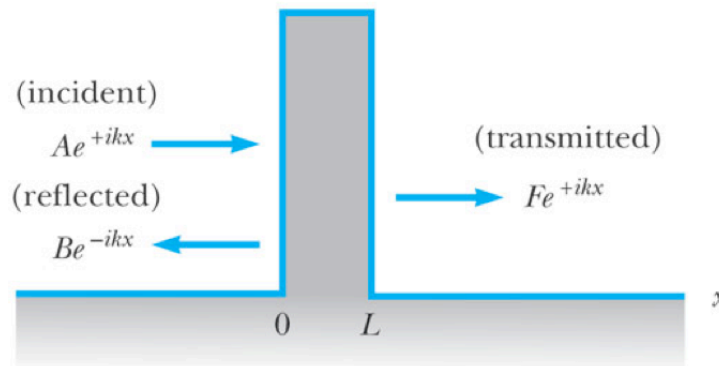
$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

If the electron is in the second excited state ( $n=3$ ), what is

a. (3pts) the probability for the electron to be between  $x=L/3$  and  $x=2L/3$  ?  
 Hint:  $2\sin^2(\theta) = 1 - \cos(2\theta)$

b. (3pts) the expectation value of the electron's kinetic energy in terms of  $m_e$ ,  $\hbar$ , and L?  
 Hint: the kinetic energy operator is  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$

2. A free particle with energy E is incident upon a potential barrier of height U and width L, where  $E < U$ . Within the barrier, the general form of the wave function that solves Schrödinger's equation can be written as  $\psi_{II} = Ce^{\alpha x} + De^{-\alpha x}$ .



a. (2 pts) Use the general form of the wavefunction within the barrier to solve for  $\alpha$  with Schrödinger's time independent equation in terms of E, U, m, and  $\hbar$ .  
 b. (2pts) Solve for the two continuity conditions at the  $x=0$  boundary in terms of A, B, C, D, F, k, and  $\alpha$ .