

(1) A particle of mass  $m$  is confined in a one-dimensional box of length  $a$ :

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \infty, & \text{if } x < 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq a; \\ \infty, & \text{if } x > a. \end{cases}$$

At  $t = 0$  the particle is in a state with normalized wave function

$$\psi(x, t = 0) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{5a}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \left[1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right)\right]$$

1. Sketch  $\psi(x, 0)$ .
2. What are the possible results of an energy measurement at  $t = 0$ ? What is the average energy of the system at  $t = 0$ ?
3. What is the wave function  $\psi(x, t)$  at a later time  $t$ ?
4. What is the average energy of the system at a later time  $t$ ?
5. At time  $t$ , what is the probability to find the particle in the left half of the box (i.e.,  $0 < x < a/2$ )? Argue that your result makes qualitative sense at  $t = 0$  based on the sketch in (1).
6. At time  $t$ , what is the current (probability flux)  $j(x, t)$  at  $x = a/2$ ? Relate it to your answer in part (5).