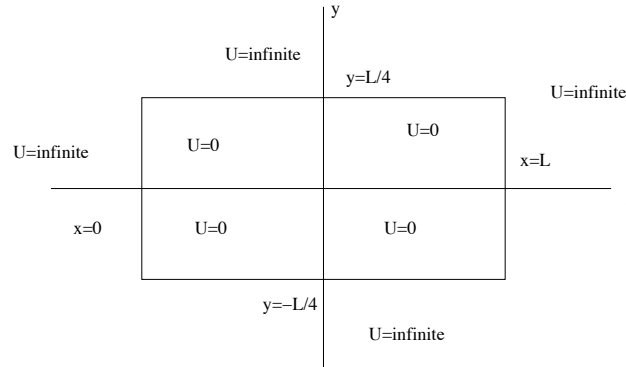


## 1. Problem 1

a)



b) For the full detail see last week's quiz. For these solutions I will use a shortcut. First we know  $\Psi(x, y) = \psi_1(x)\psi_2(y)$ . Also  $\psi_1(x)$  is given on the formula sheet,  $\psi_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$ . To find  $\psi_2(y)$  we just tweak this answer a bit. The length of the box in this direction is  $L/2$  not  $L$ . So first we replace  $L$  in the given solution with  $L/2$ . Also our box now begins at  $-L/4$ , not 0. To compensate we subtract  $-L/4$  from  $y$ . Thus our answer is:  $\psi_2(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L/2}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L/2}(y + L/4)\right)$ . So the wavefunctions are:

$$\Psi(x, y) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n_x\pi}{L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2n_y\pi}{L}(y + L/4)\right) \quad (1.1)$$

We can see that the normalization constant is  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{L}$ . The corresponding probability densities are:

$$P(x, y) = |\Psi(x, y)|^2 = \frac{8}{L^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{n_x\pi}{L}x\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{2n_y\pi}{L}(y + L/4)\right) \quad (1.2)$$

Now we must determine which are the three lowest energy states, what on the quiz was called “ $n = 1$ ,  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$ .” From part c) below we see that the three lowest energy states are  $(n_x, n_y) = (1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$  and  $(3, 1)$ . Plugging these values into (1.1) and (1.2) give the wavefunctions and probability densities for these states.

c) We have that  $E_{n_x, n_y} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k_x^2 + k_y^2)$ , where  $k$  is what multiplies  $x$  in the wavefunction. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n_x, n_y} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \left(\frac{n_x\pi}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2n_y\pi}{L}\right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2\pi^2}{2mL^2} (n_x^2 + 4n_y^2) \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

d) For  $n = 2$ , that is  $(n_x, n_y) = (2, 1)$ ,  $\Psi(x, y) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{L} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}(y + \frac{L}{4})\right)$ . Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle y \rangle &= \int_0^L dx \int_{-L/4}^{L/4} dy y |\Psi(x, y)|^2 \\ &= \int dy y \frac{4}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}(y + L/4)\right)\end{aligned}$$

The  $x$  part of the integral just cancelled

the  $x$  part of the normalization constant

$$\begin{aligned}\langle y \rangle &= 4/L \int_0^{L/2} (y' - L/4) \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}y'\right) \\ &= 4/L \left( \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^2 y'' \sin^2 y'' dy'' - \frac{L^2}{8\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin^2 y'' dy'' \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{L} \left( \frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} ((y'')^2/4 - \cos(2y'')/8 - y'' \sin(2y'')) \Big|_0^\pi - \frac{L^2}{8\pi} (y''/2 - \sin(2y'')/4) \Big|_0^\pi \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{L} \left( \frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right) - \frac{L^2}{8\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{1.4}$$

This is the answer we knew we had to get. Above  $y' = (y + L/4)$  and  $y'' = \frac{2\pi}{L}y'$ .

## 2. Problem 2

a) In the  $1s$  state  $\ell = 0$ , thus the total angular momentum is just from the spin.

$$S = \sqrt{s(s+1)}\hbar = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hbar.$$

b)  $S = I\omega$ , so:

$$\omega = S/I = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hbar}{\frac{2}{5}mR^2} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4} \frac{\hbar}{mR^2}\tag{2.1}$$

c) Since  $v = \omega R$ , we have  $v = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4} \frac{\hbar}{mR} = 8.35 \times 10^{10} \frac{m}{s}$ . That is  $v = 278c$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light.

d) Very much bogus. if something were to sit on the outside of the electron it would be traveling at many times the speed of light.