

a) The wave function must be normalized at time  $t=0$  (as well as at any other instant), so

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= \int |\Psi(x,0)|^2 dx = |A|^2 \int_0^a [2\phi_1^* - i\phi_2^*][2\phi_1 - i\phi_2] dx = \\
 &= |A|^2 \left( \underbrace{4 \int |\phi_1|^2 dx}_1 + \underbrace{\int |\phi_2|^2 dx}_1 + \underbrace{2i \int \phi_2^* \phi_1 dx}_0 - \underbrace{2i \int \phi_1^* \phi_2 dx}_0 \right) = \\
 &= 5|A|^2 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad (\text{up to an arbitrary phase factor})
 \end{aligned}$$

b) Given the fact that the potential is time independent we can write

$$\Psi(x,t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1(x) e^{-\frac{iE_1 t}{\hbar}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2(x) e^{-\frac{iE_2 t}{\hbar}}$$

$$\text{where } E_1 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2} \equiv \hbar\omega \quad \text{and} \quad E_2 = \frac{4\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2} = 4E_1 = 4\hbar\omega$$

The probability density is then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi(x,t)|^2 &= \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1^* e^{i\omega t} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2^* e^{4i\omega t} \right) \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{-i\omega t} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{-4i\omega t} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \left( 4|\phi_1|^2 + |\phi_2|^2 - 2i\phi_1^* \phi_2 e^{-3i\omega t} + 2i\phi_2^* \phi_1 e^{3i\omega t} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \left( 4\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 - 4\phi_1\phi_2 \frac{e^{-3i\omega t} - e^{3i\omega t}}{2i} \right) = \frac{1}{5} \underbrace{\left( 4\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 - 4\phi_1\phi_2 \sin[3\omega t] \right)}_{\text{real positive function}}
 \end{aligned}$$

c)  $\Psi(x,t)$  is not a stationary state because the probability density (and, consequently, most expectation values) changes with time

$$\begin{aligned}
 d) \langle H \rangle &= \int \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{i\omega t} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{4i\omega t} \right) H \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{-i\omega t} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{-4i\omega t} \right) dx = \\
 &= \int \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{i\omega t} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{4i\omega t} \right) \left( E_1 \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{-i\omega t} - E_2 \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{-4i\omega t} \right) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

The cross terms in the last integral are zeros due to the orthogonality of the eigenfunctions. In the end we obtain

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{4}{5} E_1 + \frac{1}{5} E_2 = \frac{8}{5} E_1 = \frac{8}{5} \hbar \omega$$

Notice that  $\langle H \rangle$  is time independent

$$e) \quad \langle x \rangle = \int \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{i\omega t} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{4i\omega t} \right) x \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_1 e^{-i\omega t} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{5}} \phi_2 e^{-4i\omega t} \right) dx$$

Here the cross terms do not vanish (this is generally the case unless functions  $\phi_i$  have some special symmetry) With that we have (see the formulae in the appendix)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x \rangle &= \frac{1}{5} \left( \underbrace{4 \int \phi_1 x \phi_1 dx}_{a/2} + \underbrace{\int \phi_2 x \phi_1 dx}_{a/2} - 2ie^{-3i\omega t} \underbrace{\int \phi_1 x \phi_2 dx}_{-\frac{16a}{9\pi^2}} + 2ie^{3i\omega t} \underbrace{\int \phi_2 x \phi_1 dx}_{-\frac{16a}{9\pi^2}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{a}{2} + \frac{64a}{45\pi^2} \frac{e^{3i\omega t} - e^{-3i\omega t}}{2i} = \frac{a}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{128}{45\pi^2} \sin 3\omega t \right) \end{aligned}$$

Sanity check:  $\frac{128}{45\pi^2} \approx 0.288 < 1$  so that  $\langle x \rangle$  oscillates well within 0 and a