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**JIF 318 – Quantum Mechanics**  
**[Mekanik Kuantum]**

Duration : 3 hours  
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Please ensure that this examination paper contains **THIRTEEN** printed pages before you begin the examination.

Answer **ALL** questions. You may answer **either** in English or in Bahasa Malaysia.

Read the instructions carefully before answering.

In the event of any discrepancies in the exam questions, the English version shall be used.

*Sila pastikan kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi **TIGA BELAS** muka surat yang bercetak sebelum anda menjawab sebarang soalan.*

*Jawab **SEMUA** soalan. Anda dibenarkan menjawab soalan **sama ada** dalam Bahasa Malaysia atau Bahasa Inggeris.*

*Baca setiap arahan dengan teliti sebelum menjawab.*

*Sekiranya terdapat sebarang percanggahan pada soalan peperiksaan, versi Bahasa Inggeris hendaklah diguna pakai.*

Answer **ALL** questions.

Jawab **SEMUA** soalan.

1. (a) Planck successfully described the frequency distribution of a black body radiation by deriving the equation

*Planck berjaya memerihalkan taburan frekuensi suatu jasad hitam dengan menerbitkan persamaan*

$$\rho(\nu)d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{(e^{h\nu/kT} - 1)} d\nu$$

where  $\rho$  is the energy density of the black body radiation. What were the differences between his postulates and those used by Rayleigh-Jeans and other classical physicists?

*di sini  $\rho$  ialah ketumpatan tenaga sinaran jasad hitam. Apakah perbezaan antara postulat-postulat beliau dengan postulat yang digunakan oleh Rayleigh-Jeans dan ahli fizik klasik lain?*

(6 marks/markah)

- (b) Describe two experiments proving the existence of matter waves.

*Perihalkan dua ujikaji yang membuktikan kewujudan gelombang jirim.*

(8 marks/markah)

- (c) In quantum mechanics, the motion of a particle in space is represented by a wave function. Give reasons for doing this.

*Dalam mekanik kuantum, gerakan suatu zarah dalam ruang diwakili oleh suatu fungsi gelombang. Berikan sebab mengapa ini dilakukan.*

(6 marks/markah)

2. (a) A complex number is given as  $z = Ae^{icx}$  where  $A$  and  $c$  are constants. Calculate

*Suatu nombor kompleks diberikan sebagai  $z = Ae^{icx}$  di sini  $A$  dan  $c$  adalah pemalar-pemalar. Hitung*

- (i)  $z^*$
- (ii)  $z + z^*$
- (iii)  $zz^*$
- (iv)  $z^2$
- (v)  $|z|^2$

(10 marks/markah)

- (b) Prove that two commutative operators have the same set of eigenfunctions.

*Buktikan bahawa dua operator yang berkomut mempunyai set fungsi eigen yang sama.*

(4 marks/markah)

- (c) Evaluate the following commutators:

*Nilaikan komutator-komutator berikut:*

- (i)  $[\hat{H}_x, \hat{P}_x]$
- (ii)  $[\hat{P}_x^2, \hat{X}^2]$

(6 marks/markah)

3. (a) Time-independent Schrodinger equation is given by  
*Persamaan Schrodinger tak bersandar masa diberikan oleh*

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}[V(x) - E]\psi(x)$$

Explain what will happen if  $E < V_{\min}$ , where  $V_{\min}$  is the minimum of the potential  $V(x)$ .

*Jelaskan apa yang akan berlaku jika  $E < V_{\min}$ , di sini  $V_{\min}$  adalah minimum keupayaan  $V(x)$ .*

(6 marks/markah)

- (b) The solution of a time-independent Schrodinger equation is given by  
*Penyelesaian suatu persamaan Schrodinger tak bersandar masa diberikan oleh*

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{-i(a/2)x^2}$$

for  $-\infty < x < +\infty$ , where  $a$  and  $A$  are constants. Given  $a = \frac{k}{\hbar\omega}$ .

*bagi  $-\infty < x < +\infty$ , di sini  $a$  dan  $A$  adalah pemalar-pemalar. Diberikan*

$$a = \frac{k}{\hbar\omega}.$$

- (i) Determine  $A$ .  
*Tentukan  $A$ .*
- (ii) Calculate the expectation value of position  $\langle x \rangle$ .  
*Hitung nilai jangkaan kedudukan  $\langle x \rangle$ .*
- (iii) Calculate the expectation value of momentum  $\langle p \rangle$ .  
*Hitung nilai jangkaan momentum  $\langle p \rangle$ .*

(14 marks/markah)

4. (a) Discuss the 'tunneling effect' or 'barrier penetration'. Give examples.  
*Bincangkan 'kesan penerowongan' atau 'penerobosan sawar'. Berikan contoh-contoh.*

(6 marks/markah)

- (b) Figure 1 shows an entity with energy  $E$  moving in the positive  $x$  direction towards a step potential  $V_0$ . Given that  $E < V_0$ . Determine  
*Rajah 1 menunjukkan suatu entiti dengan tenaga  $E$  bergerak dalam arah  $x$  positif menuju suatu keupayaan bertangga  $V_0$ . Diberikan  $E < V_0$ . Tentukan*

- (i) the reflection coefficient  $R$   
*pekali pantulan  $R$*
- (ii) the transmission coefficient  $T$ .  
*pekali transmissi  $T$ .*
- (iii) Discuss the results obtained with those expected from classical physics.  
*Bincangkan keputusan yang diperolehi dengan keputusan yang dijangkakan dari fizik klasik.*

(14 marks/markah)

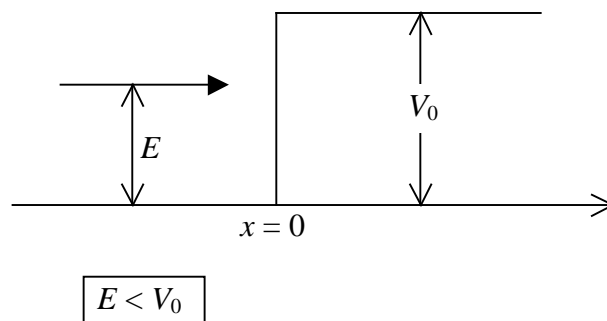


Figure 1

5. (a) Consider a 1-D infinite square-well potential of width  $a$  where  
*Pertimbangkan suatu kemampuan telaga persegi infinit berkelebaran  $a$  dengan*

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

For  $V \gg E$ , show that the energy in the well is quantized and is given by  
*Untuk  $V \gg E$ , tunjukkan bahawa tenaga dalam telaga adalah terkuanta dan diberikan oleh*

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} n^2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(12 marks/markah)

- (b) The energy levels of a particle in a 3-D cubical box is given by  
*Paras-paras tenaga suatu zarah dalam suatu kotak kubus 3-D diberikan oleh*

$$E = \left( \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} \right) (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the particle,  $a$  is the length of the side of the box, and  $n$  is the energy state of the particle. Describe how this equation indicates the existence of the energy degeneracy for a particle state in 3-D. Why is this property does not exist for a 1-D situation?

*dengan  $m$  ialah jisim zarah,  $a$  ialah panjang sisi kotak dan  $n$  ialah keadaan tenaga zarah. Perihalkan bagaimana persamaan ini menunjukkan kewujudan tenaga terdegenerat bagi satu keadaan zarah dalam 3-D. Mengapa sifat ini tidak wujud bagi situasi 1-D?*

(8 marks/markah)

Constants:

Speed of light  $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Avogadro's number  $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Planck constant  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$

Boltzmann constant  $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$

Permittivity of free space  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$

Permeability of free space  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$

Basic charge  $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Electron rest-mass  $m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Proton rest-mass  $m_p = 1.6725 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \equiv 1.0072766 \text{ u}$

Neutron rest-mass  $m_n = 1.6748 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \equiv 1.0086654 \text{ u}$

Bohr's radius  $a = 5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$

1 eV =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

1 u  $\equiv 931 \text{ MeV } c^{-2}$

1 barn =  $10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$

1 fm =  $10^{-15} \text{ m}$

1 Ci =  $3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$

## USEFUL MATHEMATICS IN QUANTUM MECHANICS

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### Exponential series

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

$$e^{-ix} = \cos x - i \sin x$$

### Trigonometric series

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots$$

$$\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \cdots$$

### Binomial expansion

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \cdots$$

## Differentiation and integration (Standard forms)

Differentiation	Integration
$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} (ax+b)^n = na(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{(ax+b)^{n+1}}{a(n+1)} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \log x = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \log x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \log(ax+b) = \frac{a}{ax+b}$	$\int \frac{dx}{ax+b} = \frac{1}{a} \log(ax+b) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$	$\int e^x dx = e^x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} e^{mx} = me^{mx}$	$\int e^{mx} dx = \frac{e^{mx}}{m} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \sin mx = m \cos mx$	$\int \cos mx dx = \frac{\sin mx}{m} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$	$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \cos mx = -m \sin mx$	$\int \sin mx dx = -\frac{\cos mx}{m} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$	$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \tan mx = m \sec^2 mx$	$\int \sec^2 mx dx = \frac{\tan mx}{m} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$	$\int \operatorname{cosec}^2 x dx = -\cot x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \cot mx = -m \operatorname{cosec}^2 mx$	$\int \operatorname{cosec}^2 mx dx = -\frac{\cot mx}{m} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \cosh x$	$\int \cosh x dx = \sinh x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \sinh x$	$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + c$

**Integration by substitution**

Some common types of substitutions:

- (i) Integrals containing a term of the form  $(ax + b)^n \rightarrow$  let  $ax + b = z$ .
- (ii) Integrals containing a term in the form of  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$  or  $(\sqrt{a^2 - x^2})^n \rightarrow$  let  $x = a \sin \theta$ .
- (iii) As in (ii) but with  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$  replaced by  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} \rightarrow$  let  $x = a \sinh \theta$  or  $x = a \tan \theta$ .
- (iv) As in (ii) but with  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$  replaced by  $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \rightarrow$  let  $x = a \cosh \theta$ .
- (v) Integrals of *odd powers of sine or cosine*  $\rightarrow$  let  $\cos x = c$  or  $\sin x = s$  respectively.
- (vi) Integrals of the form  $\int \frac{dx}{a + b \cos x}$  or  $\int \frac{dx}{a + b \sin x} \rightarrow$  let  $\tan \frac{x}{2} = t$ .
- (vii) Integrals of the form  $\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}} \rightarrow$  let  $x = \frac{1}{z}$ ;  
or  $\int \frac{dx}{(px + q)\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}} \rightarrow$  let  $px + q = \frac{1}{z}$ .

**Integration by parts**

$$\int uv dx = u \int v dx - \int \left\{ \int v dx \right\} \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

**Integration common in Quantum Mechanics**

$$f(x) = \int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax^2} dx$$

$n$	$f(n)$	$n$	$f(n)$
0	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$	1	$\frac{1}{2a}$
2	$\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^3}}$	3	$\frac{1}{2a^2}$
4	$\frac{3}{8} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^5}}$	5	$\frac{1}{a^3}$
6	$\frac{15}{16} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^7}}$	7	$\frac{3}{a^4}$

If  $n$  is even,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax^2} dx = 2f(x)$

If  $n$  is odd,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax^2} dx = 0$

**Other standard integrals**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(e^x - 1)} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{(e^x - 1)} dx = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

**Reciprocal identities**

$$\sin u = \frac{1}{\csc u} \quad \cos u = \frac{1}{\sec u}$$

$$\tan u = \frac{1}{\cot u} \quad \cot u = \frac{1}{\tan u}$$

$$\csc u = \frac{1}{\sin u} \quad \sec u = \frac{1}{\cos u}$$

**Pythagorean identities**

$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 u = \sec^2 u$$

$$1 + \cot^2 u = \csc^2 u$$

**Quotient identities**

$$\tan u = \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} \quad \cot u = \frac{\cos u}{\sin u}$$

**Co-function identities**

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \cos u \quad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \sin u$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \cot u \quad \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \tan u$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \sec u \quad \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - u\right) = \csc u$$

**Parity identities (even & odd)**

$$\sin(-u) = -\sin u \quad \cos(-u) = \cos u$$

$$\tan(-u) = -\tan u \quad \cot(-u) = -\cot u$$

$$\csc(-u) = -\csc u \quad \sec(-u) = \sec u$$

**Sum & difference formulas**

$$\sin(u \pm v) = \sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v$$

$$\cos(u \pm v) = \cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v$$

$$\tan(u \pm v) = \frac{\tan u \pm \tan v}{1 \mp \tan u \tan v}$$

**Double angle formulas**

$$\sin(2u) = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2u) &= \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u \\ &= 2 \cos^2 u - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 u \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan(2u) = \frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u}$$

**Power reducing/half angle formulas**

$$\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{2}$$

$$\cos^2 u = \frac{1 + \cos(2u)}{2}$$

$$\tan^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{1 + \cos(2u)}$$

**Sum-to-product formulas**

$$\sin u + \sin v = 2 \sin\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin u - \sin v = 2 \cos\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos u + \cos v = 2 \cos\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos u - \cos v = -2 \sin\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

**Product-to-sum formulas**

$$\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u-v) - \cos(u+v)]$$

$$\cos u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u-v) + \cos(u+v)]$$

$$\sin u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u+v) + \sin(u-v)]$$

$$\cos u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u+v) - \sin(u-v)]$$