

2. For a particle in a box calculate $\langle \hat{p} \rangle$ and $\langle \hat{T} \rangle$.

$$\Psi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{l}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{p} \rangle &= -i\hbar \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \frac{d}{dx} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \\ &= -i\hbar \frac{2}{l} \frac{n\pi}{l} \int_0^l \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Could we have got this result without integrating?
(Note that here we have an imaginary operator and a real wave function!)

$\langle T \rangle = T$, the eigen value, because Ψ_n is an eigen function of $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$. $\left(\hat{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right)$

$$T = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ml^2}$$

The operator \hat{p} commutes with \hat{T} . Does it mean that every eigen function of \hat{T} will be an eigen function of \hat{p} ?