

**Quantum Physics I PHY471, Fall 1999**  
**Homework set 4**  
**Due Monday, 9/27/1999**

*Please clearly state your assumptions, number the equations and indicate logical connections between different lines.*

**1. [2+2 pt] Gaussian wavepackets and expectation values**

Ohanian, #2.15, p. 55

**2. [1+1+1+1+1 pt] Free particle with a wavefunction**

Ohanian, #2.16, p. 55

**3. [1+1+1+1+1+2+2 pt] Free particle with a different wavefunction**

Consider the a wavefunction similar to the one in set 2, problem 2,

$$\Psi(x,0) = \begin{cases} A \cos bx & \text{for } |x| < \frac{P}{2b} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a) Determine the constant  $A$  such that the wavefunction  $\Psi(x,0)$  is normalized.
- b) What is the probability for finding the particle in the interval  $-\frac{P}{2b} \leq x < 0$  ?
- c) What is the momentum amplitude for the wavefunction?
- d) For what value of the momentum is the momentum probability maximum?
- e) What is the probability for finding the momentum in an interval  $dp$  around  $\hbar b$  ?
- f) Evaluate the uncertainty  $\Delta x$  .
- g) Evaluate the uncertainty  $\Delta p$  .

**4. [2 pt] Classical quantities in quantum mechanics: velocity and momentum**

Ohanian, #2.23, p. 56