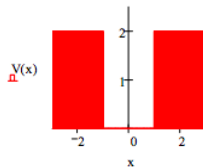


10.38: Variation Method Using the Wigner Function- Finite Potential Well

Define potential energy:

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \infty & (x \geq 1)(x \leq -1) \\ 0 & -1 < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Display potential energy:



Choose trial wave function:

$$\psi(x, \beta) = \left(\frac{2\beta}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} \exp(-\beta x^2)$$

Calculate the Wigner distribution function:

$$W(x, p, \beta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi\left(x + \frac{s}{2}, \beta\right) \psi^*\left(x - \frac{s}{2}, \beta\right) ds \xrightarrow[\text{assume } \beta > 0]{\text{simplify}} \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{4\beta^2 x^2 + p^2}{\beta}}$$

Evaluate the variational integral:

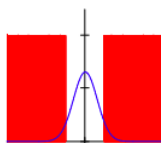
$$E(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W(x, p, \beta) \left(\frac{p^2}{2} V(x) \right) dx dp$$

Minimize the energy integral with respect to the variational parameter, β .

$$\beta = 1 \quad \beta = \text{Minimize } (E, \beta) \quad \beta = 0.678 \quad E(\beta) = 0.538$$

Calculate and display the coordinate distribution function:

$$P(x, \beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W(x, p, \beta) dp$$

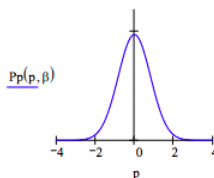


Probability that tunneling is occurring:

$$2 \int_1^{\infty} P(x, \beta) dx = 0.1$$

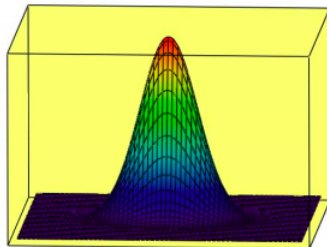
Calculate and display the momentum distribution function:

$$Pp(p, \beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W(x, p, \beta) dx$$



Display the Wigner distribution function:

$$N = 60 \quad i = 0 \dots N \quad x_i = -3 + \frac{6j}{N} \quad j = 0 \dots N \quad p_j = -5 + \frac{10j}{N} \quad \text{Wigner}_{ij} = W(x_i, p_j, \beta)$$



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