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Wave Functions and Probability Pretest

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For questions 1 and 2 below, you are given a particular (physically reasonable) quantum mechanical wave function, $\Psi(x,t)$, of the very specific form, $\Psi(x,t) = f(x) e^{i c t}$ where $f(x)$ is a real function of x and c is a real constant.

Q1:

a) Is the "expectation value of x ", $\langle x \rangle$, real?

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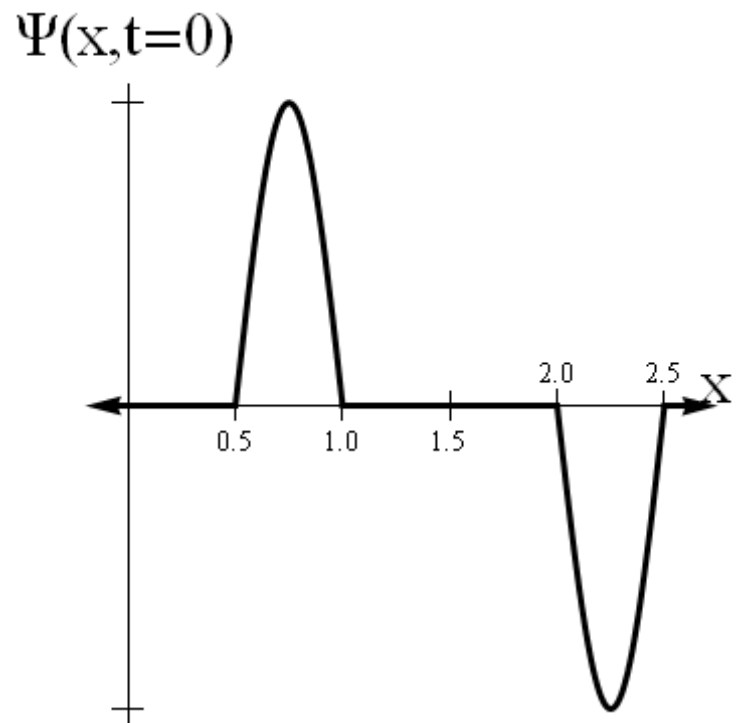
Q2: a) What, if anything, can we say about the sign of $\langle x \rangle$ at time $t=0$?

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The next two questions, refer to the normalized wave function, $\Psi(x,t=0)$ which is shown at the right.



Q3: a) What, if anything, can we say about $\langle x \rangle$?

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b) Explain your answer:

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Q4: a) What, if anything can we say about the standard deviation of x , σ_x ?

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