

QM2 Concept test 3.1

Choose all of the following statements that are correct about bosons.

- (1) The spin of a boson is an integer.
- (2) The overall wavefunction of identical bosons can be anti-symmetric.
- (3) Two bosons cannot occupy the same quantum state.

A. 1 only B. 2 only C. 1 and 2 only D. 1 and 3 only
E. All of the above

QM2 Concept test 3.2

Choose all of the following statements that are correct about the Pauli exclusion principle.

- (1) All identical spin-1/2 particles satisfy the Pauli exclusion principle.
- (2) An *up* quark (*u*) and a *down* quark (*d*) cannot occupy the same quantum state simultaneously.
- (3) Two electrons in an atom cannot occupy the same quantum state simultaneously.

- A. 1 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1 and 3 only
- E. all of the above

QM2 Concept Test 3.7

The stationary states for a particle in an infinite square well ($V(x) = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq a$) are $A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$ where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Choose all of the following statements that are correct about a two particle system in an infinite square well of width a . Ignore spin. A is a normalization constant.

- (1) If the two particles are identical bosons, the first excited state of the system is $A\left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right)\sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right)\right]$
- (2) If the two particles are identical bosons, the first excited state of the system is $A\sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right)\sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right)$
- (3) If the two particles are identical fermions, the first excited state of the system is $A\left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{a}\right)\sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_2}{a}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_1}{a}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{a}\right)\right]$

A. 1 only B. 2 only C. 3 only D. 1 and 3 only E. none of the above

QM2 Concept test 3.10

Suppose at time $t = 0$, $\psi_a(x)$ is the wavefunction for particle 1 in a potential energy well and $\psi_b(x)$ is the wavefunction for particle 2 in the same well. Particles 1 and 2 are non-interacting. Choose all of the following statements that are correct for this two-particle system. Ignore spin. A is a normalization constant.

- (1) $\Psi(x_1, x_2) = A[\psi_a(x_1) \psi_b(x_2) + \psi_b(x_1) \psi_a(x_2)]$ is a possible wavefunction for this system if particles 1 and 2 are identical bosons.
- (2) If particles 1 and 2 are identical fermions, the wavefunction must be anti-symmetric at all times.
- (3) $\Psi(x_1, x_2) = A\psi_a(x_1) \psi_b(x_2)$ can be a possible wavefunction for this system if particle 1 is a boson and particle 2 is a fermion.

A. 1 only B. 2 only C. 1 and 2 D. 1 and 3 E. all of the above