

Momentum:

$$\text{We have } \langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x |\psi(x, t)|^2 dx.$$

What is  $\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt}$ ?

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \frac{\partial |\psi(x, t)|^2}{\partial t} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial |\psi(x, t)|^2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial j}{\partial x} = 0, \text{ where}$$

$$j = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} (\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{-\hbar}{2mi} (\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi) dx \leftarrow \int u dv$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{integration by parts} &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\hbar}{2mi} (\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi) dx \leftarrow - \int v du \\ &\quad + \underbrace{x \left( \frac{-\hbar}{2mi} \right) \left( \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi \right)}_{u \quad v} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \leftarrow u v \end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $|\psi|^2$  is normalized, it vanishes at  $\pm\infty$  faster than  $1/x$ . The second term vanishes.

$$\boxed{\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\hbar}{2mi} (\psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x} \psi) dx}$$

Again assuming  $|\psi|^2$  vanishes at  $\pm\infty$ ,  
this can be integrated by parts to get

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\hbar}{mi} \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx.$$

Introduce the momentum operator

$$P = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

so that

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{\langle P \rangle}{m} = \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* P \psi dx.$$

The expectation value of the kinetic energy is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle P^2 \rangle}{2m} &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \frac{P^2}{2m} \psi dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2 \psi dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} dx \end{aligned}$$