## Show all steps in your calculations. Justify all answers. Write clearly. Suggestion: do the problems you find easiest first

Some constants: 
$$hc = 12,400 eVA$$
,  $k_B = 1/11,600 eV/K$ ,  $m_e c^2 = 511,000 eV$   
 $hc = 1973 eVA$ ;  $ke^2 = 14.4 eVA$ ;  $1A = 10^{-10} m$ ;  $m_{neutron}c^2 = 939.6 MeV$ 

Problem 1 (10 pts)



An electron is in the lowest state of the potential well shown in the figure. The width of the well is L=2.3562 A= $(3/4)\pi$  A.

(a) What would be the energy of this electron if  $V_0 = \infty$ ? ( $\hbar^2/m_e = 7.62 \ eVA^2$ )

(b) If the energy of the electron is 3.81 eV, what is the value of  $V_0$ , in eV?

(c) Make a plot of the wavefunction for case (b) that is qualitatively correct.

(d) For extra credit (3 pts) Find the minimum value of  $V_0$  (in eV) that will bind an electron in this well, and make a plot of the wavefunction for that case.

## Problem 2 (10 pts)

An electron is described by the wavefunction  $\psi(x) = Ce^{-\alpha x^2/2}$ 

(a) Find C in terms of  $\alpha$ .

(b) Find its average momentum,  $\langle p \rangle$  in terms of  $\alpha$ . Justify your answer.

(c) Find  $\langle p^2 \rangle$  and  $\Delta p$  in terms of  $\alpha$ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \ e^{-\lambda x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} \quad ; \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \ x^2 e^{-\lambda x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda^3}} \quad ; \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \ x^4 e^{-\lambda x^2} = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda^5}}$$
Problem 3 (10 ptc)



For the barrier on the left, for every 10,000 particles of mass m incident, 100 particles tunnel through. The incident particle energy is  $V_0/3$ .  $V_0$ =barrier height. (a) For the case in the middle (same barrier), for every 10,000 particles of mass m incident with energy  $2V_0/3$ , how many tunnel through?

(b) For the barrier on the right and particles of mass m, for what width b do 100 particles tunnel through for every 10,000 incident with energy  $2V_0/3$ ? Give b in terms of a. (c) For the case in the middle and particles of mass M, 100 tunnel through for every 10,000 incident. Give M in terms of m.