

Multiple Choice Questions in Basic Quantum Mechanics

Module 1: Introduction & Basic Mathematical Preliminaries

1.1 $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) =$

(a) $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = 0$

(b) $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = -4\pi\delta(\mathbf{r})$

(c) $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = +4\pi\delta(\mathbf{r})$

(d) $\nabla^2\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) = \delta(\mathbf{r})$

[Answer (b)]

1.2 Consider a function given by $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$. Calculate $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$.

(a) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = f(x)$

(b) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = -f(x)$

(c) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = f(x) + 2\delta(x)$

(d) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = f(x) - 2\delta(x)$

[Answer (d)]