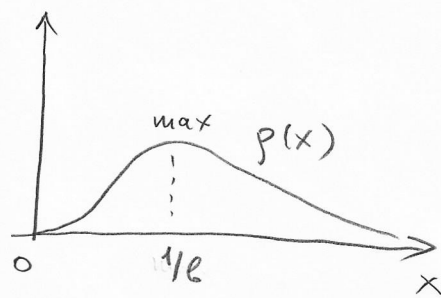


1) The probability distribution function is

$$p(x) = |\psi(x)|^2 = |A|^2 x^2 e^{-2bx}$$

The most probable position of the particle corresponds to the maximum of $p(x)$:



$$\frac{dp}{dx} = |A|^2 (2x - 2bx^2) e^{-2bx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{\max} = \frac{1}{b}$$

2) First let us normalize the wave function:

$$1 = \int_0^{\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = |A|^2 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-2bx} dx = |A|^2 \frac{2!}{(2b)^3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |A|^2 = 4b^3$$

Here we used the value of the integral:

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^k e^{-\alpha x} dx = \frac{k!}{\alpha^{k+1}} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \alpha > 0$$

The expected value of the momentum is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p \rangle &= \int_0^{\infty} \psi^* \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi dx = -i\hbar |A|^2 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-bx-ikx} \left(1 + (ik-b)x \right) e^{-bx+ikx} dx \\ &= -i\hbar |A|^2 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} (x - bx^2) e^{-2bx} dx}_0 + \hbar |A|^2 k \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-2bx} dx}_{\frac{1}{4b^3}} = \\ &= \hbar \cdot 4b^3 \cdot k \cdot \frac{1}{4b^3} = \hbar k \end{aligned}$$