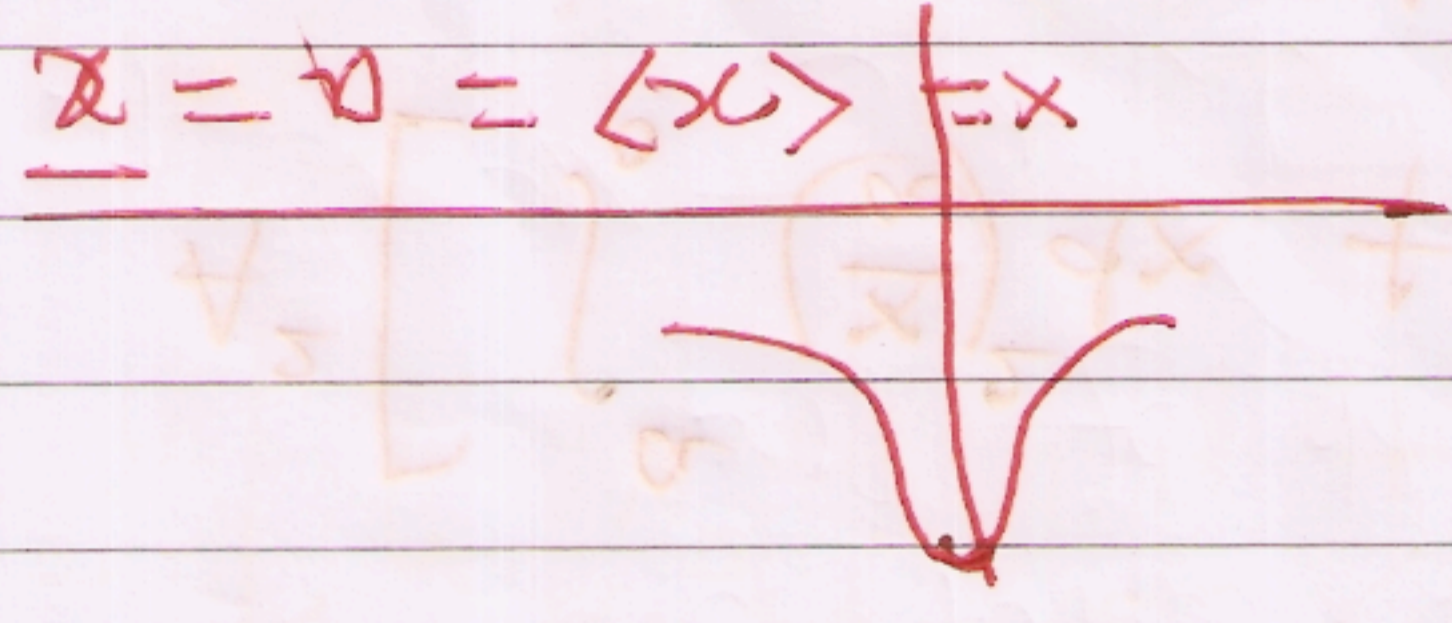


Gaussian Dist. can also be written as

$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\langle x \rangle)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dx$$

of looks like



Problem 1.4.

At time $t=0$ a particle is represented by the wave function

$$\psi(x,0) = \begin{cases} Ax & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq a \\ A \frac{(b-x)}{(b-a)} & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where A, a, b are constants.

(a) Normalize ψ (that is, find A , in terms of a, b)

(b) Sketch $\psi(x,0)$, as a function of x .

(c) Where is the particle most likely to be found at $t=0$

(d) What is the probability of finding the particle to the left of a ? (check your result in the limiting case $b=a$ and $b=2a$.)

(e) What is the expectation value of x ?