

**Problem 2:**

A particle moving along the  $x$ -axis is in a stationary state characterized by the wave function

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -a \\ A \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi x}{a}\right) & -a < x < a \\ 0 & x > a \end{cases}$$

a) Sketch  $\psi(x)$ .

b) Is this wave function physically acceptable? Explain why.

c) Calculate  $A$  so that  $\psi(x)$  is normalized.

d) Evaluate  $\langle x \rangle$ ,  $\langle p \rangle$ ,  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta p$ .