

Schrödinger's Cat: Really short stories

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Abstract

Even shorter than you probably think. Limited by the uncertainty principle and author's intellectual powers. Especially the latter.

1. Full names of two physics figures: Wilhelm Carl Werner Otto Fritz Franz Wien, Max Albert Niels Louis Werner Erwin Katz aka Schrödinger's Cat.
2. If Nietzsche were a physicist: "If God is dead, who gives a damn if Schrödinger's Cat is dead or alive? Are you all nuts!?"
3. Schrödinger's Cat to God: "I am confused. I never know if I am dead or alive. Is it normal or do I drink too much?"
4. Maxwell's Demon to Schrödinger's Cat: "So, that's what you do for a living? Being dead half the time? Awesome."
5. Dying Schrödinger's Cat in *Terminator: Dead or Alive*: "I'll be baack!"
6. Schrödinger's Cat to a Janus particle: "You mean like being dead on one side and alive on the other? No, I don't think I can do this. But that'd be cool!"
7. One slit to another in the double slit experiment: "Did you just let Schrödinger's Cat in? I told you he was a problem. Last time I did so, he played dead for like an hour and I had to call the cops."
8. Schrödinger's Cat watches a dog chase a cat: "Soo classical! So stupid."
9. Count Dracula runs into Schrödinger's Cat: "Cus? Oh, I am sorry. I have mistaken you for some other undead. He looks just like you. Except for the tail, but nobody's perfect."
10. A Nobel Prize question even a kid can understand: What do you get when you cross a spherical cow with Schrödinger's Cat?
11. Schrödinger's Cat to himself while reading *Phys. Rev. D*: "Schmanthropic principle. What a load of presumptuous baloney! Had cats not domesticated humans there would not have been any science."
12. A rat in a quantum hardware store: "I'd like two large energy barriers, please. And what was that poison that Schrödinger was using on his cat?"

13. Schrödinger's Cat pleads not guilty: "No, Your Honor, I did not steal these sausages. I befriended them after they had tunneled out of the store."
14. Schrödinger's Cat testifies as a witness: "The defendant, Everett, tried to split the Universe causing a serious disturbance in the hood. Chickens, sausages, and other meat were falling from the sky! Vegans were terrified that it was the rapture and they were going to hell."
15. Schrödinger's Cat collides with Hugh Everett III: "Seriously, Hugh, did you forget to split the Universe? You, of all people?"
16. Schrödinger's Cat to the Cheshire Cat: "Wipe off that silly grin, soldier. This is the army."
17. One rat to another: "Schrödinger's Cat? No, never met the beast. But from what I have heard, if you stand still, he will just tunnel through you."
18. Schrödinger's Cat in a grocery store: "A gallon of milk, please. From free-range, non-spherical cows. Dead or alive."
19. The Moon in a letter to Schrödinger's Cat around 1935: "I hope you are alive. If so, please look at me as often as possible or else I may cease to exist. No, I am not crazy. It's the latest science. If you can believe it, but I am not taking any chances."
20. Schrödinger's Cat reading *Hamlet*: "That must be wrong. It should be *'to be and not to be.'*"
21. Depressed Schrödinger's Cat discusses his suicide thoughts with Everett: "There must be at least one universe out there in which I am totally dead forever, no?"
22. Schrödinger's Cat watches YouTube videos about himself: "I hate this animated crap. When will Brad Pitt finally get to star me? Clooney is already too old and too fat for that. He might be good as Schrödinger, though. With a brain transplant or two ..."
23. Schrödinger's Cat to Hugh Everett III: "Sometimes I feel like my tail is in one universe, my head in another, and the rest of my body is missing. I gather I split the universe too much or too little. How do I get it just right?"
24. Schrödinger's Cat watching two Brownian particles: "You are doing a hell of a job, Brownies!"
25. Schrödinger's Cat meets \hbar : "What's with this bar? Aren't you too tiny to be wearing it? And why does it look so classical? Shouldn't it be more wavy?"

26. Schrödinger's Cat discusses math with Hugh Everett III: "Hugh, when you add one brown mouse to one grey mouse, what exactly do you get? I tried to figure this out on my own, but got so entangled that my tail still hurts."
27. Schrödinger's Cat sees a brand new Geiger counter next to his box: "I should probably tell this nice fellow that his predecessor did not survive this experiment."
28. Schrödinger's Cat studies the Riemann hypothesis: "Wow, that explains why the smallest nonzero spin is one half. And why all electrons are entangled. It's because of the imaginary part of their spins. I am a frigging genius. I demand a new box!"
29. Schrödinger's Cat sees an h with two bars: "Not again! I really must quit drinking."
30. Schrödinger's Cat watches an h being chased by three bars : "Things down here are getting way too classical for my taste..."
31. Schrödinger's Cat confesses his procrastination problem to a Geiger counter: "I was supposed to be dead half an hour ago already. When Schrödinger is back, he'll kill me!"
32. Schrödinger's Cat to \hbar : "Yo, h , have you thought about changing your style? With that bar, you look like you've been nailed to a cross or something. Some may see it as a cultural appropriation and, trust me, those social justice warriors can be pretty nasty. Why don't you try something less drastic. Anything, really. Like a hat..."
33. Angry Schrödinger's Cat to Santa: "How many times do I have to tell you to leave your frigging gifts on my porch if you ever happen to find me dead?"
34. Schrödinger's Cat to a Geiger counter: "I guess neutrons have some problem with me. I don't know what's the matter, but whenever I talk to them, after 15 minutes or so, they just split."
35. Schrödinger's Cat watches a dog howl at the Moon: "Science education in this country has so totally gone to the dogs and yet they are still too stupid to make good use of it."
36. Schrödinger's Cat to Santa: "I demand that you pay Rudolf, your slave reindeer, an honest living wage or else you will be dealing with me at my deadliest, you stingy old fart!"
37. Schrödinger's Cat to a Buddhist monk: "You think you know something about life and death, punk?"

38. Schrödinger's Cat on the EPR paper around 1935: "What spooky action at a distance? I can assure you that my whiskers are always perfectly correlated with my tail, even when I stretch, which I love to do, and I don't feel one bit spooky about it. They should withdraw the paper!"
39. Schrödinger's Cat Counterfactual Conjecture (or SC3, for short): A paper with "Schrödinger's Cat" in its title will asymptotically acquire $\pi/2$ more citations than the same paper would without it.
40. From Schrödinger's Cat's last wish: "I would also like to have a constant named after me. I know that you, humans, like to name constants after your big wigs, like Planck or Boltzmann, but it's about time you started naming some after real or even imaginary animals. My constant's symbol should be t , which already contains a bar, in case it were to compete with that silly Planck's constant, but that's not all. I want that t to have whiskers. Got it? Whiskers."
41. Schrödinger's Cat to *Phys. Rev. Lett.*: "The paper that I had recently submitted to you was just rejected. I consider this an act of war. I demand that from now on my name be never used in any papers published by you. Howgh!"
42. From an abstract of Schrödinger's Cat's recent paper "We propose to replace $i\hbar$ in the Schrödinger equation with hi . Not only are the letters in the latter properly alphabetically arranged, but they can also be pronounced as 'hi', which is infinitely more friendly than the unimaginative 'ih' that not just means totally nothing, but, what's worse, disturbs our whiskers a lot."
43. Schrödinger's Cat to the editors of a predatory journal that just rejected his paper: "So now you also prey on cats? Is that how you do this? How uncivilized! How sad... I will pray for your deviant soul, but, even more importantly, I will make sure that no animal, however small, ever submit anything to you! Even cockroaches will be avoiding you!"
44. Schrödinger's Cat introduces a new constant in his paper: "We propose a new constant to be called the animal constant. Unlike most constants out there, our constant is real for all imaginary animals, being defined as $\sqrt{-L}$, where L is the number of legs a given animal has. Intelligently evolved animals, such as cats, will have this constant whole in absolute terms. For humans, if we adopt the generalized spherical cow approximation by treating arms as legs, this constant is the same as for cats, but that is only due to the rather crude approximation, without which the constant is irrational, reflecting an obvious imperfection of the human body."
45. Schrödinger's Cat to Satan: "No siree! I really don't think we are related. You may be confusing me with Maxwell's Demon."

46. Schrödinger's Cat runs into one of Faddeev-Popov ghosts: "No, I don't think we've ever met before. Lovely to meet you, though. How's that Higgs mechanism working out for you? Are you a boson or a fermion? Sorry if that's too personal."
47. Schrödinger's Cat to the Dirac function: "Don't mean to be impertinent, but is it really true that you can be normalized like all other functions? 'Cause, I gotta tell you, it's really hard to believe it."
48. Schrödinger's Cat meets Spherical Cow and Light Cone, that appear to be a couple, at a science conference on smooth geometrical objects: "You two are perfect for each other. So smooth and... geometrical."
49. Schrödinger's Cat runs into two Higgs bosons: "I didn't realize you guys were so fat. I mean, so big. I mean, massive. That's the word: massive."
50. It's midnight sharp and Schrödinger's Cat is visited by the ghost of recently departed Hyperspherical Cow: "Wow! You are spookier than Einstein's Action at a Distance. Still so spherical. And even more hyper than before. Awesome."
51. From Schrödinger's Cat's grant extortion proposal: "We think that there is no dark matter. The effect behind it is due to the spooky action at a distance anticipated already by Einstein and some of his collaborators. We intend to prove it. We need 100 grand for that and better food. Be advised that if we don't get that, the whole world will know how you treat cats in this country."
52. Schrödinger's Cat watches his friend Maxwell's Demon toil to decrease entropy: "And I thought my PhD advisor was a sociopath. You can always end up worse. Misery appears to be unbounded. Shouldn't this be raised to the status of physical law? Where are lawyers when you need them?"
53. Schrödinger's Cat talks to a graduate student at a quantum entanglement conference: "So that's how Schrödinger got his Swedish Prize. But first the schmuck cut me off grant money when I told him his equation was missing the imaginary unit. Yeah, no shit. There is no justice in this world, especially if you a cat or a grad student."
54. Schrödinger's Cat argues with the Heisenberg principle: "But that's just not fair! Why do I have to be coherent to minimize my uncertainty? I am almost never coherent and you know that. I am talking to my lawyers first thing in the morning. That's discrimination and principle privilege!"
55. Schrödinger's Cat to a Geiger counter because everybody else found the issue too sensitive: "I am confused. Am I a racist because I hate dogs? And if so, why is it considered wrong? I mean, in the world that insists on diversity in which everybody and their grandma loves dogs, someone has to hate them for the very diversity to exist, no?"

56. Schrödinger's Cat publishes his first bestseller. The title: *Thought experiment: A victim's diary*.

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