

Chapter 6 – The Schrödinger Equation

6-1. $\frac{d\Psi}{dx} = kAe^{kx-\omega t} = k\Psi$ and $\frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = k^2\Psi$

Also, $\frac{d\Psi}{dt} = -\omega\Psi$. The Schrödinger equation is then, with these substitutions,

$-\hbar^2 k^2 \Psi / 2m + V\Psi = -i\hbar\omega\Psi$. Because the left side is real and the right side is a pure imaginary number, the proposed Ψ does not satisfy Schrödinger's equation.

6-2. For the Schrödinger equation:

$$\frac{d\Psi}{dx} = ik\Psi \text{ and } \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\Psi. \text{ Also, } \frac{d\Psi}{dt} = -i\omega\Psi$$

Substituting these into the Schrödinger equation yields:

$$\hbar^2 k^2 \Psi / 2m + V\Psi = \hbar\omega\Psi, \text{ which is true, provided } \hbar\omega = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m + V, \text{ i.e., if } E = E_k + V.$$

For the classical wave equation: (from Equation 6-1)

$$\text{From above: } \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\Psi \text{ and also } \frac{d^2\Psi}{dt^2} = -\omega^2\Psi. \text{ Substituting into Equation 6-1}$$

$$(\text{with } \Psi \text{ replacing } \mathcal{E} \text{ and } v \text{ replacing } c) \quad -k^2\Psi = (1/v^2)(-\omega^2\Psi), \text{ which is true for } v = \omega/k.$$

6-3. (a) $\frac{d\Psi}{dx} = -(x/L^2)\Psi$ and $\frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = \left[\left(-\frac{x}{L^2} \right) \left(-\frac{x}{L^2} \right) - \frac{1}{L^2} \right] \Psi = \frac{x^2}{L^4} \Psi - \frac{1}{L^2} \Psi$

Substituting into the time-independent Schrödinger equation,

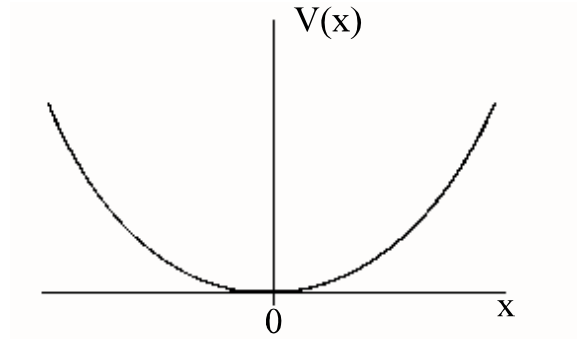
$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2 x^2}{2mL^4} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \right) \Psi + V(x) = E\Psi = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \Psi$$

$$\text{Solving for } V(x), \quad V(x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} - \left(-\frac{\hbar^2 x^2}{2mL^4} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2 x^2}{2mL^4} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

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(Problem 6-3 continued)

where $k = \hbar^2/mL^4$. This is the equation of a parabola centered at $x = 0$.



(b) The classical system with this dependence is the harmonic oscillator.

6-4. (a) $E_k(x) = E - V(x) = \hbar^2/2mL^2 - \hbar^2 x^2/2mL^4 = (\hbar^2/2mL^2)(1 - x^2/L^2)$

(b) The classical turning points are the points where $E = V(x)$ or $E_k(x) = 0$. That occurs when

$$x^2/L^2 = 1, \text{ or when } x = \pm L.$$

(c) For a harmonic oscillator $V(x) = m\omega^2 x^2/2$, so

$$\frac{\hbar^2 x^2}{2mL^4} = \omega^2 x^2/2 \rightarrow \omega^2 = \hbar^2/m^2 L^4 \rightarrow \omega = \hbar/mL^2$$

$$\text{Thus, } E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} = \left(\frac{\hbar}{mL^2} \right) \frac{\hbar}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega$$

6-5. (a) $\Psi(x,t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -i\hbar \omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

(Problem 6-5 continued)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{-\hbar^2 k^2 A}{2m} \sin(kx - \omega t) \neq i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}$$

$$(b) \quad \Psi(x,t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t) + iA \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = i\hbar \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t) - i^2 \hbar \omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$= \hbar \omega A \cos(kx - \omega t) + i\hbar \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2 A}{2m} \cos(kx - \omega t) + \frac{\hbar^2 i k^2 A}{2m} \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} [A \cos(kx - \omega t) + iA \sin(kx - \omega t)]$$

$$= i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \hbar \omega \quad \text{it does. (Equation 6-5 with } V = 0)$$

6-6. (a) For a free electron $V(x) = 0$, so

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = E\psi \rightarrow \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = -(2.5 \times 10^{10})^2 \psi$$

Substituting into the Schrödinger equation gives:

$$(2.5 \times 10^{10})^2 (\hbar^2/2m) \psi = E\psi \text{ and, since } E = E_k = p^2/2m \text{ for a free particle,}$$

$$p^2 = 2m(2.5 \times 10^{10})^2 (\hbar^2/2m) \text{ and } p = (2.5 \times 10^{10}) \hbar = 2.64 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

$$(b) \quad E = p^2/2m = (2.64 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s})^2 / (2)(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) = 3.82 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} \\ = (3.82 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J})(1/1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}) = 23.9 \text{ eV}$$

$$(c) \quad \lambda = h/p = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} / 2.64 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} = 2.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 0.251 \text{ nm}$$

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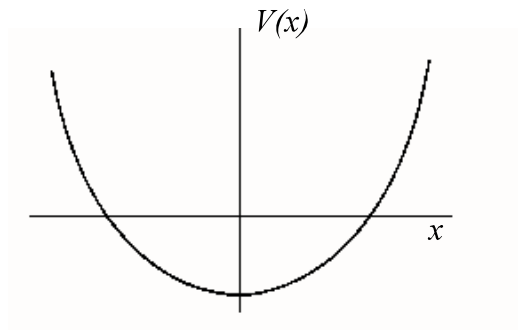
6-7. $\psi(x) = C e^{-x^2/L^2}$ and $E = 0$

(a) $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi = 0$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{L^2}\psi(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{4x^2}{L^4} - \frac{2}{L^2} \right) \psi$$

And $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{4x^2}{L^4} - \frac{2}{L^2} \right) \psi + V(x)\psi = 0$ so $V(x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{mL^2} \left(\frac{2x^2}{L^2} - 1 \right)$

(b)



6-8. $\int_{-a}^{+a} \psi^* \psi dx = A^2 \int_{-a}^{+a} e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} \times e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dx = 1$

$$= A^2 \int_{-a}^{+a} dx = A^2 x \Big|_{-a}^{+a} = A^2(2a) = 1$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1}{(2a)^{1/2}}$$

Normalization between $-\infty$ and $+\infty$ is not possible because the value of the integral is infinite.

- 6-9. (a) The ground state of an infinite well is $E_1 = \hbar^2/8mL^2 = (hc)^2/8mc^2L^2$

$$\text{For } m = m_p, L = 0.1 \text{ nm: } E_1 = \frac{(1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{8(938.3 \times 10^6 \text{ eV})(0.1 \text{ nm})^2} = 0.021 \text{ eV}$$

$$(b) \text{ For } m = m_p, L = 1 \text{ fm: } E_1 = \frac{(1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{8(938.3 \times 10^6 \text{ eV})(1 \text{ fm})^2} = 205 \text{ MeV}$$

- 6-10. The ground state wave function is ($n = 1$) $\psi_1(x) = \sqrt{2/L} \sin(\pi x/L)$ (Equation 6-32)

The probability of finding the particle in Δx is approximately:

$$P(x)\Delta x = \frac{2}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \Delta x = \frac{2\Delta x}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$(a) \text{ for } x = \frac{L}{2} \text{ and } \Delta x = 0.002L, P(x)\Delta x = \frac{2(0.002L)}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi L}{2L}\right) = 0.004 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.004$$

$$(b) x = \frac{2L}{3}, P(x)\Delta x = \frac{2(0.002L)}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi L}{3L}\right) = 0.004 \sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{3} = 0.0035$$

$$(c) \text{ for } x = L, P(x)\Delta x = 0.004 \sin^2 \pi = 0$$

- 6-11. The second excited state wave function is ($n = 3$) $\psi_3(x) = \sqrt{2/L} \sin(3\pi x/L)$

(Equation 6-32). The probability of finding the particle in Δx is approximately:

$$P(x)\Delta x = \frac{2}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) \Delta x$$

$$(a) x = \frac{L}{2} \text{ and } \Delta x = 0.002L, P(x)\Delta x = \frac{2(0.002L)}{L} \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi L}{2L}\right) = 0.004 \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{2} = 0.004$$

$$(b) x = \frac{2L}{3}, P(x)\Delta x = 0.004 \sin^2\left(\frac{6\pi L}{3L}\right) = 0.004 \sin^2 2\pi = 0$$

$$(c) \text{ for } x = L, P(x)\Delta x = 0.004 \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi L}{L}\right) = 0.004 \sin^2 3\pi = 0$$

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$$6-12. \quad E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \quad (\text{Equation 6-24}) \quad n^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right)\left(\frac{2mL^2}{\pi^2\hbar^2}\right) = \left(\frac{mvL}{\pi\hbar}\right)^2$$

$$n = \frac{mvL}{\pi\hbar} = \frac{(10^{-9}\text{kg})(10^{-3}\text{m/s})(10^{-2}\text{m})}{\pi(1.055 \times 10^{-34}\text{J}\cdot\text{s})} = 3 \times 10^{19}$$

$$6-13. \quad (a) \quad \Delta x = 0.0001L = (0.0001)(10^{-2}\text{m}) = 10^{-6}\text{m}$$

$$\Delta p = 0.0001p = (0.0001)(10^{-9}\text{kg})(10^{-3}\text{m/s}) = 10^{-16}\text{kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\Delta x \Delta p}{\hbar} = \frac{(10^{-6}\text{m})(10^{-16}\text{kg}\cdot\text{m/s})}{1.055 \times 10^{-34}\text{J}\cdot\text{s}} = 9 \times 10^{11}$$

6-14. (a) This is an infinite square well of width L . $V(x) = 0$ and $E = E_k = p^2/2m$. From uncertainty principle: $E_{k_{\min}} \rightarrow p_{\min} \approx \Delta p = \hbar/\Delta x = \hbar/L$ and

$$E_{\min} = p_{\min}^2/2m \approx \hbar^2/2mL^2 = h^2/8\pi^2mL^2$$

(b) The solution to the Schrödinger equation for the ground state is:

$$\psi_1(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(\pi x/L)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{d^2\psi_1}{dx^2} = -\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{L}\right)^{1/2} \sin(\pi x/L) = -\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \psi_1$$

$$\text{So,} \quad \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \psi_1 = E\psi_1 \quad \text{or} \quad E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2}$$

The result in (a) is about 1/10 of the computed value, but has the correct dependence on h , m , and L .

6-15. (a) For the ground state, $L = \lambda/2$, so $\lambda = 2L$.

(b) Recall that state n has n half-wavelengths between $x = 0$ and $x = L$, so for $n = 3$, $L = 3\lambda/2$ or $\lambda = 2L/3$.

(Problem 6-15 continued)

(c) $p = h/\lambda = h/2L$ in the ground state.

(d) $p^2/2m = (h^2/4L^2)/2m = h^2/8mL^2$, which is the ground state energy.

$$6-16. \quad E_n = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta E_n = E_{n+1} - E_n = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2}(n^2 + 2n + 1)$$

$$\text{or, } \Delta E_n = (2n + 1) \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{so, } L = \left(\frac{\lambda h}{8mc} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{\lambda hc}{8mc^2} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{(694.3 \text{ nm})(1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})}{8(0.511 \times 10^6 \text{ eV})} \right)^{1/2} = 0.459 \text{ nm}$$

6-17. This is an infinite square well with $L = 10 \text{ cm}$.

$$E_n = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{(2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})(20 \text{ nm})^2}{2(3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s})^2}$$

$$n^2 = \frac{8(2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})^2 (20 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})^2 (0.1 \text{ m})^2}{2(3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s})^2 (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s})^2}$$

$$n = \frac{2(2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})(20 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})(0.1 \text{ m})}{3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s})} = 3.8 \times 10^{14}$$

$$6-18. \quad (a) \quad \psi_5(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(5\pi x/L) dx$$

$$P = \int_{0.2L}^{0.4L} (2/L) \sin^2(5\pi x/L) dx$$

Letting $5\pi x/L = u$, then $5\pi dx/L = du$ and $x = 0.2L \rightarrow u = \pi$
and $x = 0.4L \rightarrow u = 2\pi$, so

$$P = \left(\frac{2}{L} \right) \left(\frac{L}{5\pi} \right) \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sin^2 u du = \left(\frac{2}{L} \right) \left(\frac{L}{5\pi} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{x}{2} - \sin 2x}{4} \right) \Big|_{\pi}^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{5}$$

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(Problem 6-18 continued)

$$(b) P = (2/L) \sin^2 \frac{5\pi(L/2)}{L} (0.01L) = 0.02 \text{ where } 0.01L = \Delta x$$

$$6-19. E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} = \frac{(hc)^2}{8(mc^2)L^2}$$

$$(a) \text{ For an electron: } E_1 = \frac{(1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{8(0.511 \text{ MeV})(10 \text{ fm})^2} = 3.76 \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$(b) \text{ For a proton: } E_1 = \frac{(1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{8(938.3 \text{ MeV})(10 \text{ fm})^2} = 2.05 \text{ MeV}$$

$$(c) \Delta E_{21} = 3E_1 \quad (\text{See Problem 6-16})$$

$$\text{For the electron: } \Delta E_{21} = 3E_1 = 1.13 \times 10^4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{For the proton: } \Delta E_{21} = 3E_1 = 6.15 \text{ MeV}$$

$$6-20. F = -dE/dL \text{ comes from the impulse-momentum theorem } F\Delta t = 2mv \text{ where } \Delta t \approx L/v$$

So, $F \sim mv^2/L \sim E/L$. Because $E_1 = h^2/8mL^2$, $dE/dL = h^2/4mL^3$ where the minus sign

$$\text{means "on the wall". So } F = h^2/4mL^3 = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s})^2}{4(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(10^{-10} \text{ m})^3} = 1.21 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$

The weight of an electron is $mg = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 8.9 \times 10^{-30} \text{ N}$ which is minuscule by comparison.

$$6-21. \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

To show that

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0$$

Using the trig identity $2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$, the integrand becomes

(Problem 6-21 continued)

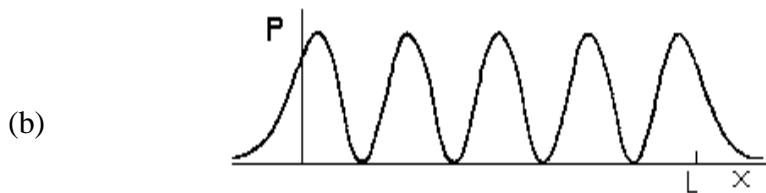
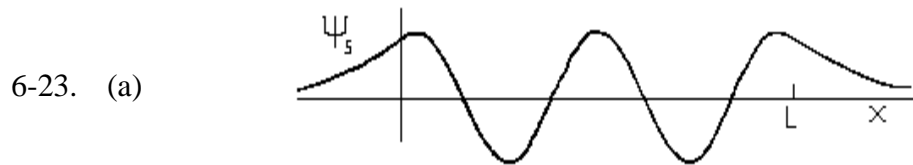
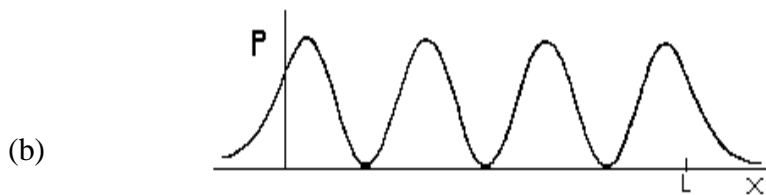
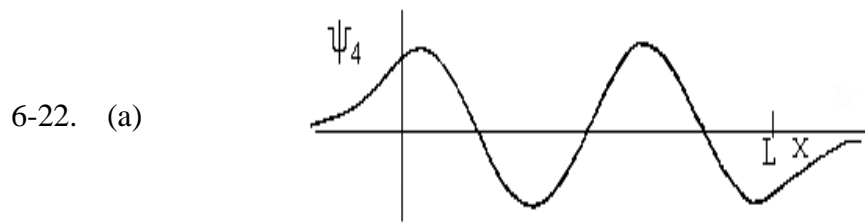
$$\frac{1}{2} \{ \cos[(n-m)\pi x/L] - \cos[(n+m)\pi x/L] \}$$

The integral of the first term is

$$\frac{L}{\pi} \frac{\sin(n-m)\pi x/L}{(n-m)} \text{ and similarly for the second term with } (n+m) \text{ replacing } (n-m).$$

Since n and m are integers and $n \neq m$, the sines both vanish at the limits $x = 0$ and $x = L$.

$$\therefore \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0 \quad \text{for } n \neq m.$$



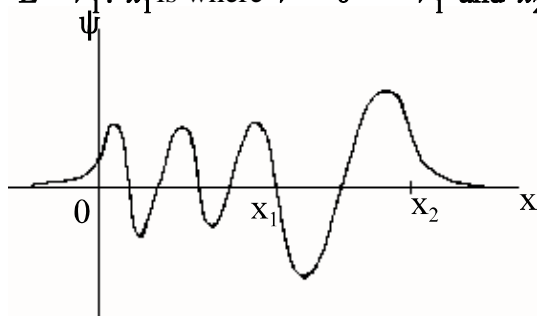
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6-24. Because $E_1 = 0.5 \text{ eV}$ and for a finite well also $E_n \approx n^2 E_1$, then $n = 4$ is at about 8 eV, i.e., near the top of the well. Referring to Figure 6-14, $ka \approx 2\pi$.

$$ka = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} \times \frac{L}{2} = (7.24 \times 10^9) L = 2\pi$$

$$L = 2\pi / 7.24 \times 10^9 = 8.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 0.87 \text{ nm}$$

6-25. For $V_2 > E > V_1$: x_1 is where $V = 0 \rightarrow V_1$ and x_2 is where $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$

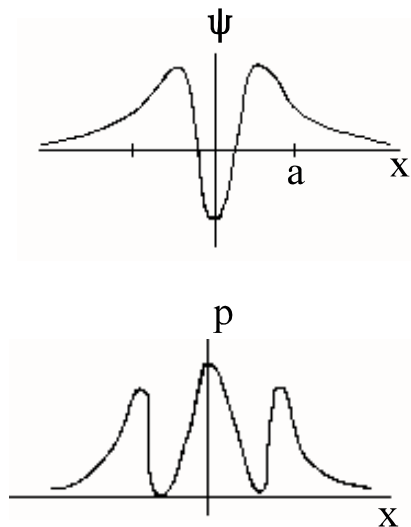
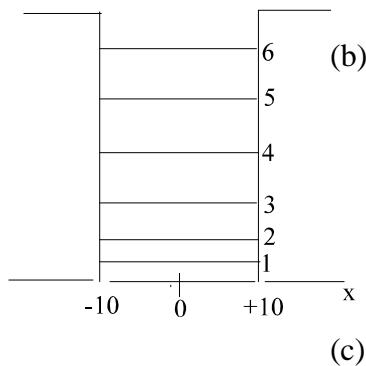


From $-\infty$ to 0 and x_2 to $+\infty$: ψ is exponential

0 to x_1 : ψ is oscillatory; E_k is large so p is large and λ is small; amplitude is small because E_k , hence v is large.

x_1 to x_2 : ψ is oscillatory; E_k is small so p is small and λ is large; amplitude is large because E_k , hence v is small.

6-26. (a)



6-27. Referring to Figure 6-14, there will be two levels in the well when $ka = \pi/2$ (or larger) where

$$ka = \frac{a\sqrt{2mE_2}}{\hbar} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Squaring and rearranging,

$$E_2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ma^2} = \frac{(hc)^2}{32(mc^2)a^2}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{(1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})^2}{32(1.88 \times 10^9 \text{ eV})(10^{-6} \text{ nm})^2} = 25.6 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_2 = 25.6 \text{ MeV}$$

The well must be at least this deep.

6-28. For $n = 3$, $\psi_3 = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin(3\pi x/L)$

$$(a) \langle x \rangle = \int_0^L x(2/L) \sin^2(3\pi x/L) dx$$

substituting $u = 3\pi x/L$, then $x = Lu/3\pi$ and $dx = (L/3\pi)du$. The limits become:

$$x = 0 \rightarrow u = 0 \text{ and } x = L \rightarrow u = 3\pi$$

$$\langle x \rangle = (2/L)(L/3\pi)(L/3\pi) \int_0^{3\pi} u \sin^2 u du$$

$$= (2/L)(L/3\pi)^2 \left[\frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{u \sin 2u}{4} - \frac{\cos 2u}{8} \right]_0^{3\pi}$$

$$= (2/L)(L/3\pi)^2 (3\pi)^2 / 4 = L/2$$

$$(b) \langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L x^2 (2/L) \sin^2(3\pi x/L) dx$$

Changing the variable exactly as in (a) and noting that:

$$\int_0^{3\pi} u^2 \sin^2 u du = \left[\frac{u^3}{6} - \left(\frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \sin 2u - \frac{u \cos 2u}{4} \right]_0^{3\pi}$$

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(Problem 6-28 continued)

$$\text{We obtain } \langle x^2 \rangle = \left(1/3 - \frac{1}{8} \pi^2 \right) L^2 = 0.320 L^2$$

6-29. (a) Classically, the particle is equally likely to be found anywhere in the box, so $P(x) = \text{constant}$.

$$\text{In addition, } \int_0^L P(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad P(x) = 1/L.$$

$$(b) \langle x \rangle = \int_0^L (x/L) dx = L/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L (x^2/L) dx = L^2/3$$

$$6-30. \quad -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} + V(x) \psi(x) = E \psi(x) \quad (\text{Equation 6-18})$$

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi(x) = [E - V(x)] \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{1}{2m} p_{op} p_{op} \psi = [E - V(x)] \psi$$

Multiplying by ψ^* and integrating over the range of x ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \frac{p_{op}^2}{2m} \psi dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* [E - V(x)] \psi dx$$

$$\left\langle \frac{p^2}{2m} \right\rangle = \langle [E - V(x)] \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \langle 2m[E - V(x)] \rangle$$

For the infinite square well $V(x) = 0$ wherever $\psi(x)$ does not vanish and vice versa. Thus,

$$\langle V(x) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \langle 2mE \rangle = \left\langle 2m \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} \right\rangle = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{L^2} \quad \text{for } n = 1$$

$$6-31. \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{L^2}{3} - \frac{L^2}{2\pi^2} \quad (\text{See Problem 6-28.}) \quad \text{And } \langle x \rangle = \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2} = \left[\frac{L^2}{3} - \frac{L^2}{2\pi^2} - \frac{L^2}{4} \right]^{1/2} = L \left[\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \right]^{1/2} = 0.181 L$$

$$\langle p_x^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle p \rangle = 0 \quad (\text{See Problem 6-30.})$$

$$\sigma_p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2} = \left[\frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{L^2} - 0 \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\pi \hbar}{L}. \quad \text{And } \sigma_x \sigma = (0.181 L)(\pi \hbar / L) = 0.568 \hbar$$

$$6-32. \quad \psi_0(x) = A_0 e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar} \quad \text{where } A_0 = (m\omega/\hbar\pi)^{1/4}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} A_0^2 x e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx \quad \text{Letting } u^2 = m\omega x^2/\hbar \quad \text{and} \quad x = (\hbar/m\omega)^{1/2} u$$

$$2u du = (m\omega/\hbar) (2x dx). \quad \text{And thus, } (m\omega/\hbar)^{-1} u du = x dx; \text{ limits are unchanged.}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = A_0^2 (\hbar/m\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u e^{-u^2} du = 0 \quad (\text{Note that the symmetry of } V(x) \text{ would also tell us that}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = 0.)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^2 \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} A_0^2 x^2 e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx \\ &= A_0^2 (\hbar/m\omega)^{3/2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u^2 e^{-u^2} du = 2A_0^2 (\hbar/m\omega)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u^2} du \\ &= 2A_0^2 (\hbar/m\omega)^{3/2} \sqrt{\pi}/4 = (m\omega/\hbar\pi)^{1/2} (\hbar/m\omega)^{3/2} \sqrt{\pi}/2 = \hbar/(2m\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$6-33. \quad \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2 = (n + 1/2) \hbar\omega. \quad \text{For the ground state } (n = 0),$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2}{m\omega^2} (\hbar\omega/2 - p^2/2m) \quad \text{and} \quad \langle x \rangle^2 = \left\langle \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} - \frac{p^2}{m^2\omega^2} \right\rangle = \hbar/2m\omega \quad (\text{See Problem 6-32})$$

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$$\frac{\hbar}{m\omega} \left\langle 1 - \frac{p^2}{m\hbar\omega} \right\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \quad \text{or} \quad \left\langle 1 - \frac{p^2}{m\hbar\omega} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m\hbar\omega$$

6-34. (a) $\Psi_0(x,t) = (m\omega/\hbar\pi)^{1/4} e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar} e^{-i\omega t/2}$

(b) $p_{xop} = \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \langle p^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi_0^*(x,t) \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2 \Psi_0(x,t) dx$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial x} = A_0 (m\omega x/\hbar\pi)^{1/4} e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar} e^{-i\omega t/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_0}{\partial x^2} = A_0 [(-m\omega x/\hbar)(-m\omega x/\hbar) - m\omega/\hbar] e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar} e^{-i\omega t/2}$$

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = -\hbar^2 A_0^2 (m\omega/\hbar) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (m\omega x^2/\hbar - 1) e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx$$

$$= -\hbar^2 A_0^2 (m\omega/\hbar) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (m\omega x^2/\hbar) e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx \right]$$

Letting $u = (m\omega/\hbar)^{1/2} x$, then

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = -\hbar^2 A_0^2 (m\omega/\hbar) (m\omega/\hbar)^{-1/2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u^2 e^{-u^2} du - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-u^2} du \right]$$

$$= -\hbar^2 A_0^2 (m\omega/\hbar)^{1/2} 2 \left[\int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u^2} du - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \right]$$

$$= -\hbar^2 (m\omega/\hbar\pi)^{1/2} (m\omega/\hbar)^{1/2} 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \hbar^2 (m\omega/\hbar) (1/2) = m\hbar\omega/2$$

6-35. $\psi_0(x) = C_0 e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar}$ (Equation 6-58)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi_0(x)|^2 dx &= 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |C_0|^2 e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx \\
 &= |C_0|^2 \times 2I_0 = |C_0|^2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} \text{ with } \lambda = m\omega/\hbar \\
 &= |C_0|^2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi\hbar}{m\omega}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad \langle x^2 \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 |\psi_0|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} \times 2I_2 = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda^3}} \text{ with } \lambda = m\omega/\hbar \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\hbar^3}{m^3\omega^3}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m\omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \langle V(x) \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m\omega \times \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} = \frac{1}{4} \hbar\omega$$

6-36. $\psi_1(x) = C_1 x e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar}$ (Equation 6-58)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi_1(x)|^2 dx = 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |C_1|^2 x^2 e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx = |C_1|^2 \times 2I_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad &= |C_1|^2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda_3}} \text{ with } \lambda = m\omega/\hbar \\
 &= |C_1|^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\hbar^3}{m^3\omega^3}} \\
 C_1 &= \left(\frac{4m^3\omega^3}{\pi\hbar^3} \right)^{1/4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$(b) \quad \langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x |\Psi_1|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^3 \left(\frac{4m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3} \right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \langle x^2 \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 |\Psi_1|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \left(\frac{4m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3} \right)^{1/2} e^{-m\omega x^2/\hbar} x^2 dx \\ &= \left(\frac{4m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3} \right)^{1/2} \times 2I_4 = \left(\frac{4m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3} \right) \times 2 \times \frac{3}{8} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\lambda^5}} \text{ where } \lambda = m\omega/\hbar \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m^3 \omega^3}{\pi \hbar^3}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi \hbar^5}{m^5 \omega^5}} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m \omega} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad \langle V(x) \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \times \frac{3}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m \omega} = \frac{3}{4} \hbar \omega$$

6-37. (a) $\Delta x \Delta p \approx \hbar \rightarrow \Delta p \approx \hbar/\Delta x \approx \hbar/2A$

(b) $E_k = p^2/2m \approx (\hbar/2A)^2/2m \approx \hbar^2/8mA^2$

$$(1) \quad E_0 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{\hbar^2} \right) \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) = \frac{E_0^2 2mA^2}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{4}{4} \right) = \frac{E_0^2}{4E_k}$$

Because $E_0 = \hbar\omega/2$ also $E_0 = 4E_k$

(2) $\partial^2 \Psi_0 / \partial x^2$ is computed in Problem 6-34(b). Using that quantity,

$$\langle E_k \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} \right) = \hbar\omega/4 = 2E_k$$

6-38. $E_n = (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega \quad E_{n+1} = (n + 3/2)\hbar\omega$

$$E_{n+1} - E_n = \Delta E_n = (n + 3/2 - n - 1)\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega$$

$$\Delta E_n / E_n = \hbar\omega / (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega = 1/(n + 1/2)$$

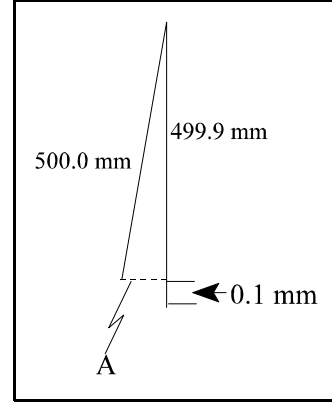
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Delta E_n}{E_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n + 1/2} \right) = 0. \text{ In agreement with the correspondence principle.}$$

6-39. (a) $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T = 2\pi/1.42s = 4.42 \text{ rad/s}$

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega = 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} (4.42 \text{ rad/s})/2 = 2.33 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}$$

(b) $A = \sqrt{(500.0)^2 - (499.9)^2} = 10 \text{ mm}$

$$E = (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega = 1/2 m \omega^2 A^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} n + 1/2 &= 1/2(0.010 \text{ kg})(4.42 \text{ rad/s})(10^{-2} \text{ m})^2 / 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \\ &= 2.1 \times 10^{28} \text{ or } n = 2.1 \times 10^{28} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $f = \omega/2\pi = 0.70 \text{ Hz}$

6-40. $\psi_0(x) = A_0 e^{-\omega x^2/2\hbar}$

$$\psi_1(x) = A_1 \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} x e^{-m\omega x^2/2\hbar}$$

From Equation 6-58.

Note that ψ_0 is an even function of x and ψ_1 is an odd function of x . It follows that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_0 \psi_1 dx = 0$$

6-41. (a) For $x > 0$, $\hbar^2 k_2^2/2m + V_0 = E = \hbar^2 k_1^2/2m = 2V_0$

So, $k_2 = (2mV_0)^{1/2}/\hbar$. Because $k_1 = (4mV_0)^{1/2}/\hbar$, then $k_2 = k_1/\sqrt{2}$.

(b) $R = (k_1 - k_2)^2 / (k_1 + k_2)^2$ (Equation 6-68)

$$= (1 - 1/\sqrt{2})^2 / (1 + 1/\sqrt{2})^2 = 0.0294, \text{ or } 2.94\% \text{ of the incident particles are reflected.}$$

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(c) $T = 1 - R = 1 - 0.0294 = 0.971$

(d) 97.1% of the particles, or $0.971 \times 10^6 = 9.71 \times 10^5$, continue past the step in the $+x$ direction. Classically, 100% would continue on.

6-42. (a) For $x > 0$, $\hbar^2 k_2^2 / 2m - V_0 = E = \hbar^2 k_1^2 / 2m = 2V_0$

So, $k_2 = (6mV_0)^{1/2} / \hbar$. Because $k_1 = (4mV_0)^{1/2} / \hbar$, then $k_2 = \sqrt{3/2} k_1$.

(b) $R = (k_1 - k_2)^2 / (k_1 + k_2)^2 = (1 - \sqrt{3/2})^2 / (1 + \sqrt{3/2})^2 = 0.0102$. Or 1.02% are reflected at $x = 0$.

(c) $T = 1 - R = 0.99$

(d) 99% of the particles, or $0.99 \times 10^6 = 9.9 \times 10^5$, continue in the $+x$ direction. Classically, 100% would continue on.

6-43. $R = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$ (Equation 6-68) $T = \frac{4k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$ (Equation 6-69)

$$T + R = \frac{4k_1 + k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} + \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = \frac{4k_1 + k_1^2 - 2k_1 k_2 + k_2^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = \frac{k_1^2 + 2k_1 k_2 + k_2^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$$

$$T + R = \frac{(k_1 + k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = 1 \quad (\text{Equation 6-70})$$

6-44. $B = \frac{E^{1/2} - (E - V_0)^{1/2}}{E^{1/2} + (E - V_0)^{1/2}} A$ For $E < V_0$, $(E - V_0)^{1/2}$ is imaginary and the numerator and denominator

are complex conjugates. Thus, $|B|^2 = |A|^2$ and therefore $R = |B|^2 / |A|^2 = 1$, hence $T = 1 - R = 0$

6-45. $A + B = C$ and $k_1 A - k_1 B = k_2 C$ (Equation 6- 65 a&b)

Substituting for C , $k_1 A - k_1 B = k_2(A + B) = k_2 A + k_2 B$ and solving for B ,

$$B = \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} A, \text{ which is Equation 6-66. Substituting this value of } B \text{ into Equation 6-65(a),}$$

$$A + \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} A = C = A \left[\frac{k_1 + k_2 + k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad C = \frac{2k_1}{k_1 + k_2}, \text{ which is Equation 6-67.}$$

6-46. Using Equation 6-76, $T \approx 16 \frac{E}{V_0} \left(1 - \frac{E}{V_0} \right) e^{-2\alpha a}$ where $E = 2.0 \text{ eV}$, $V_0 = 6.5 \text{ eV}$, and

$$a = 0.5 \text{ nm. } T \approx 16 \left(\frac{2.0}{6.5} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2.0}{6.5} \right) e^{-2(10.87)(0.5)} \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

(Equation 6-75 yields $T = 6.6 \times 10^{-5}$.)

6-47. $R = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$ and $T = 1 - R$ (Equations 6- 68 and 6- 70)

(a) For protons:

$$k_1 = \sqrt{2mc^2 E} / \hbar c = \sqrt{2(938 \text{ MeV})(40 \text{ MeV})} / 197.3 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm} = 1.388$$

$$k_2 = \sqrt{2mc^2 (E - V_0)} / \hbar c = \sqrt{2(938 \text{ MeV})(10 \text{ MeV})} / 197.3 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm} = 0.694$$

$$R = \left(\frac{1.388 - 0.694}{1.388 + 0.694} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{0.694}{2.082} \right)^2 = 0.111 \quad \text{And } T = 1 - R = 0.889$$

(b) For electrons:

$$k_1 = 1.388 \left(\frac{0.511}{938} \right)^{1/2} = 0.0324 \quad k_2 = 0.694 \left(\frac{0.511}{938} \right)^{1/2} = 0.0162$$

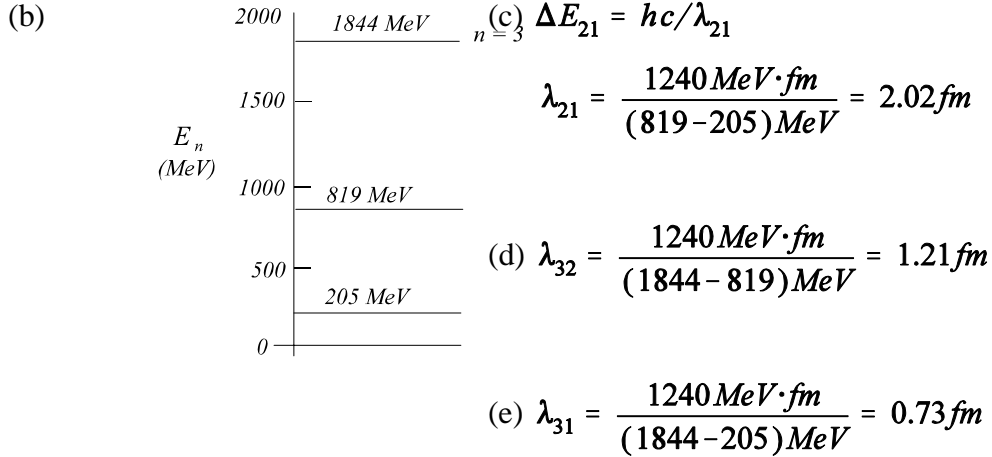
$$R = \left(\frac{0.0324 - 0.0162}{0.0324 + 0.0162} \right)^2 = 0.111 \quad \text{And } T = 1 - R = 0.889$$

No, the mass of the particle is not a factor. (We might have noticed that \sqrt{m} could be canceled from each term.)

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6-48. (a) $E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2}$ The ground state is $n = 1$, so

$$E_1 = \frac{(hc)^2}{8(mc^2)L^2} = \frac{(1240 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2}{8(938.3 \text{ MeV})(1 \text{ fm})^2} = 204.8 \text{ MeV}$$



6-49. (a) The probability density for the ground state is $P(x) = \psi^2(x) = (2/L)\sin^2 \pi x/L$. The probability of finding the particle in the range $0 < x < L/2$ is :

$$P = \int_0^{L/2} P(x) dx = \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 u du = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{where } u = \pi x/L$$

(b) $P = \int_0^{L/3} P(x) dx = \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin^2 u du = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sin 2\pi/3}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} = 0.195$

(Note $1/3$ is the classical result.)

(c) $P = \int_0^{3L/4} P(x) dx = \frac{2}{L} \frac{L}{\pi} \int_0^{3\pi/4} \sin^2 u du = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{3\pi}{8} - \frac{\sin 3\pi/2}{4} \right) = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} = 0.909$

(Note $3/4$ is the classical result.)

6-50. (a) $E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2}$ and $E_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^2 h^2}{8mL^2}$

So, $\frac{E_{n+1} - E_n}{E_n} = \frac{n^2 + 2n - 1 - n^2}{n^2} = \frac{2n - 1}{n^2} = \frac{2 - 1/n}{n}$ For large n , $1/n \ll 2$ and

$$\frac{E_{n+1} - E_n}{E_n} \approx \frac{2}{n}$$

(b) For $n = 1000$ the fractional energy difference is $\frac{2}{1000} = 0.002 = 0.2\%$

(c) It means that the energy difference between adjacent levels per unit energy for large n is getting smaller, as the correspondence principle requires.

6-51. (a) $\Psi(x,t) = \psi(x)f(t)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} f(t) = \psi''(x) f(t) \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \psi(x) \frac{df(t)}{dt} = \psi(x) f'(t)$$

Substituting above in Equation 6-6,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi''(x) f(t) + V(x) \psi(x) f(t) = i\hbar \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)}$$

Dividing by $\psi(x)f(t)$, $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\psi''(x)}{\psi(x)} + V(x) = i\hbar \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)}$

(b) Set both sides equal to C .

$$i\hbar \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} = C \rightarrow \frac{df(t)}{f(t)} = \frac{C dt}{i\hbar} = d(\ln f)$$

$$\ln f - \ln f_0 = \frac{Ct}{i\hbar} = -\frac{iCt}{\hbar} \quad \therefore f = f_0 e^{-iCt/\hbar} = f_0 e^{-i\omega t} \text{ with } \omega = C/\hbar$$

and $C = \hbar\omega = E$

(c) $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\psi''(x)}{\psi(x)} + V(x) = C = E \quad -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x) \psi(x) = E \psi(x)$

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6-52. (a) The ball's minimum speed occurs in the ground state where $\lambda = 2L$ and $p = h/\lambda = mv$.

$$v = \frac{h}{2mL} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{2(2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})(0.001 \text{ cm})(10^{-2} \text{ m/cm})} = 1.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ m/s}$$

(b) The period T , the time required for the ball to make one round trip across the box is:

$$T = 2(0.001 \text{ cm} \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/cm}) / 1.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ m/s} = 1.20 \times 10^{21} \text{ s}$$

(This is about 1000 times the age of the universe.)

6-53. (a) The requirement is that $\psi^2(x) = \psi^2(-x) = \psi(-x)\psi(-x)$. This can be true only if:

$$\psi(-x) = \psi(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \psi(-x) = -\psi(x).$$

(b) Writing the Schrödinger equation in the form $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}\psi$, the general solutions

of this 2nd order differential equation are:

$\psi(x) = A \sin kx$ and $\psi(x) = A \cos kx$ where $k = \sqrt{2mE}/\hbar$. Because the boundaries of the box are at $x = \pm L/2$, both solutions are allowed (unlike the treatment in the text where one boundary was at $x = 0$). Still, the solutions are all zero at $x = \pm L/2$ provided that an integral number of half wavelengths fit between $x = -L/2$ and $x = +L/2$. This will occur for:

$$\psi_n(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \cos n\pi x/L \quad \text{when } n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

$$\text{And for } \psi_n(x) = (2/L)^{1/2} \sin n\pi x/L \quad \text{when } n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

The solutions are alternately even and odd.

(c) The allowed energies are: $E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m = \hbar^2 (n\pi/L)^2 / 2m = n^2 h^2 / 8mL^2$.

6-54. $\psi_0(x) = A e^{-x^2/2L^2}$

(a) $\frac{d\psi_0}{dx} = (-x/L^2) A e^{-x^2/2L^2}$ and $\psi_1 = L \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} = (-x/L^2) A e^{-x^2/2L^2} = (-x/L) \psi_0$

So, $\frac{d\psi_1}{dx} = -(1/L) \psi_0 - (x/L) d\psi_0/dx$

And $\frac{d^2\psi_1}{dx^2} = -(1/L) d\psi_0/dx - (1/L) d\psi_0/dx - (x/L) d^2\psi_0/dx^2$

$$= (2x/L^3) \psi_0 + (x/L^3) \psi_0 + (x^3/L^5) \psi_0$$

(Problem 6-54 continued)

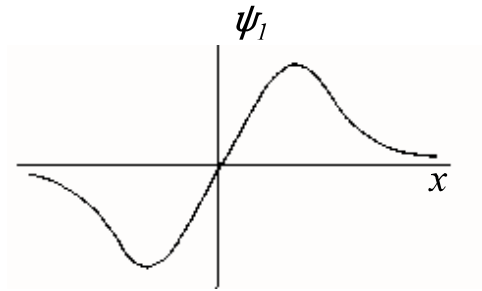
Recalling from Problem 6-3 that $V(x) = \hbar^2 x^2 / 2mL^4$, the Schrödinger equation becomes

$$(-\hbar^2/2m)(3x/L^3 + x^3/L^5)\psi_0 + (\hbar^2 x^3/2mL^5)\psi_0 = E(-x/L)\psi_0$$

or, simplifying: $(-3\hbar^2 x/2mL^3)\psi_0 = E(-x/L)\psi_0$. Thus, choosing E appropriately will make ψ_1 a solution.

(b) We see from (a) that $E = 3\hbar^2/2mL^2$, or three times the ground state energy.

(c) ψ_1 plotted looks as below. The single node indicates that ψ_1 is the first excited state. (The energy value in [b] would also tell us that.)



$$6-55. \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L \frac{2}{L} x^2 \sin^2 n\pi x/L dx \quad \text{Letting } u = n\pi x/L, du = (n\pi/L) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^2 \rangle &= \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right) \int_0^{n\pi} u^2 \sin^2 u du \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^3 \left[\frac{u^3}{6} - \left(\frac{u^2}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \sin 2u - \frac{u \cos 2u}{4} \right]_0^{n\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^3 \left[\frac{(n\pi)^3}{6} - 0 - \frac{n\pi}{4} - 0 \right] = \frac{L^2}{3} - \frac{L^2}{2n^2\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

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6-56. $T \approx 16 \frac{E}{V_0} \left(1 - \frac{E}{V_0} \right) e^{-\alpha a}$ where $E = 10 \text{ eV}$, $V_0 = 25 \text{ eV}$, and $a = 1 \text{ nm}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \alpha &= \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}/\hbar = \sqrt{2(m_e c^2)(V_0 - E)}/(\hbar c) \\ &= \sqrt{2(0.511 \times 10^6 \text{ eV})(15 \text{ eV})}/197.3 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm} = 19.84 \text{ nm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

And $\alpha a = (19.84 \text{ nm}^{-1})(1 \text{ nm}) = 19.84$

$$T \approx 16 \left(\frac{10}{25} \right) \left(1 - \frac{10}{25} \right) e^{-19.84} \approx 9.2 \times 10^{-9}$$

(b) For $a = 0.1 \text{ nm}$: $\alpha a = (19.84 \text{ nm}^{-1})(0.1 \text{ nm}) = 1.984$

$$T \approx 16 \left(\frac{10}{25} \right) \left(1 - \frac{10}{25} \right) e^{-1.984} \approx 0.528$$

6-57. (a) For $\Psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

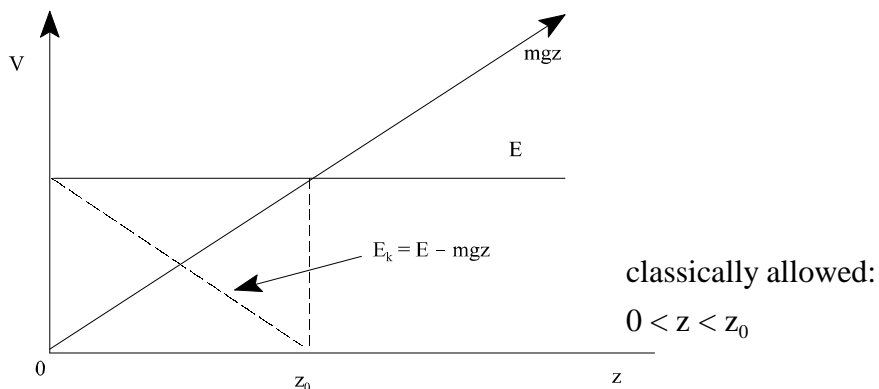
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dx^2} &= -k^2 \Psi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\omega A \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{so the Schrödinger equation becomes:} \\ -\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} A \sin(kx - \omega t) + V(x) A \sin(kx - \omega t) &= -i\hbar \omega \cos(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

Because the \sin and \cos are not proportional, this Ψ cannot be a solution. Similarly, for $\Psi(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$, there are no solutions.

(b) For $\Psi(x, t) = A[\cos(kx - \omega t) + i \sin(kx - \omega t)] = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$, we have that

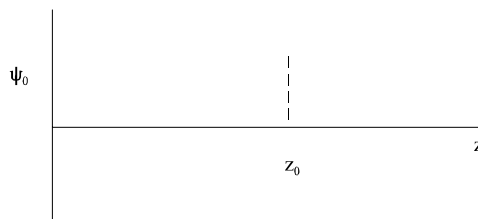
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dx^2} &= -k^2 \Psi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -i\omega \Psi. \quad \text{And the Schrödinger equation becomes:} \\ -\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \Psi + V(x) \Psi &= -\hbar \omega \Psi \quad \text{for } \hbar \omega = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m + V. \end{aligned}$$

6-58.



The wave function will be concaved toward the z axis in the classically allowed region and away from the z axis elsewhere. Each wave function vanishes at $z = 0$ and as $z \rightarrow \infty$. The smaller amplitude in the regions where the kinetic energy is larger.

Ground State



First Excited State



Second Excited State



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6-59. Writing the Schrödinger equation as: $E_k \Psi(x) + V(x)\Psi(x) = E\Psi(x)$ from which we have:

$$E_k \Psi(x) = [E - V(x)]\Psi(x) = (-\hbar^2/2m)(d^2\Psi/dx^2). \text{ The expectation value of } E_k \text{ is}$$

$$\langle E_k \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E_k \Psi(x) \Psi(x) dx \text{ Substituting } E_k \Psi(x) \text{ from above and reordering multiplied quantities}$$

$$\text{gives: } \langle E_k \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Psi(x) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} \right) \Psi(x) dx$$

6-60. (a) $\Delta p \Delta x \approx \hbar \rightarrow m \Delta v \Delta x \approx \hbar$

$$\Delta v \approx \hbar / m \Delta a = (1.055 \times 10^{-34} J \cdot s) / (9.11 \times 10^{-31})(10^{-12} m)$$

$$\Delta v \approx 1.16 \times 10^8 m/s = 0.39 c$$

(b) The width of the well L is still an integer number of half wavelengths, $L = n(\lambda/2)$, and deBroglie's relations still gives: $L = nh/2p$. However, p is *not* given by: $p = \sqrt{2mE_k}$, but

by the relativistic expression: $p = [E^2 - (mc^2)^2]^{1/2}/c$. Substituting this yields:

$$L = \frac{nhc}{2[E^2 - (mc^2)^2]^{1/2}} \rightarrow E^2 - (mc^2)^2 = (nhc/2L)^2$$

$$E_n = \left[\left(\frac{(hc)^2}{2L} \right)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$(c) E_1 = \left[\left(\frac{(hc)^2}{4L^2} \right)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \left[\frac{(1240 eV \cdot nm)^2}{4(10^{-3} nm)^2} + (0.511 \times 10^6 eV)^2 \right]^{1/2} = 8.03 \times 10^5 eV$$

$$(d) \text{ Nonrelativistic: } E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2} = \frac{(hc)^2}{8(mc^2)L^2} = \frac{(1240 eV \cdot nm)^2}{8(0.511 \times 10^6 eV)(10^{-3} nm)^2} = 3.76 \times 10^5 eV$$

E_1 computed in (c) is 2.14 times the nonrelativistic value.

6-61. (a) Applying the boundary conditions of continuity to Ψ and $d\Psi/dx$ at $x = 0$ and $x = a$, where the various wave functions are given by Equations 6-74, results in the two pairs of equations below:

(Problem 6-61 continued)

$$\text{At } x = 0: A + B = C + D \quad \text{and} \quad ikA - ikB = -\alpha C + \alpha D$$

$$\text{At } x = a: Fe^{ika} = Ce^{-\alpha a} + De^{\alpha a} \quad \text{and} \quad ikFe^{ika} = -\alpha Ce^{-\alpha a} + \alpha De^{\alpha a}$$

Eliminating the coefficients C and D from these four equations, a straightforward but lengthy task, yields:

$$* 4ik\alpha A = [(\alpha + ik)^2 e^{-\alpha a} - (\alpha - ik)^2 e^{\alpha a}] Fe^{ika}$$

The transmission coefficient T is then:

$$T = \frac{|F|^2}{|A|^2} = \left\{ \frac{4ik\alpha}{e^{ika}[(\alpha + ik)^2 e^{-\alpha a} - (\alpha - ik)^2 e^{\alpha a}]} \right\}^2$$

Recalling that $\sinh \theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^\theta - e^{-\theta})$ and noting that $(\alpha + ik)$ and $(\alpha - ik)$ are complex

conjugates, substituting $k = \sqrt{2mE}/\hbar$ and $\alpha = \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}/\hbar$, T then can be written as

$$T = \left[1 + \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha a}{4 \frac{E}{V_0} \left(1 - \frac{E}{V_0} \right)} \right]^{-1}$$

(b) If $\alpha a \gg 1$, then the first term in the bracket on the right side of the * equation in part (a) is much smaller than the second and we can write:

$$\frac{F}{A} \approx \frac{4ik\alpha e^{-(\alpha + ik)a}}{(\alpha - ik)^2} \quad \text{And } T = \left| \frac{F}{A} \right|^2 \approx \frac{16\alpha^2 k^2 e^{-2\alpha a}}{(\alpha^2 + k^2)^2}$$

$$\text{Or } T \approx 16 \left(\frac{E}{V_0} \right) \left(1 - \frac{E}{V_0} \right) e^{-2\alpha a}$$

$$6-62. |\Psi_{II}|^2 = |C|^2 e^{-2\alpha a} \quad (\text{Equation 6-72})$$

$$\text{Where } |C|^2 = \left| \frac{2E^{1/2}}{E^{1/2} + (E - V_0)^{1/2}} \right|^2 |A|^2 = \left| \frac{2(0.5 V_0)^{1/2}}{(0.5 V_0)^{1/2} + (-0.5 V_0)^{1/2}} \right|^2 = 2.000$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}/\hbar = \sqrt{2(m_p c^2)(20 \text{ MeV})}/\hbar c \\ &= \sqrt{2(938.3 \text{ MeV})(20 \text{ MeV})}/197.3 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm} = 0.982 \text{ fm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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(Problem 6-62 continued)

$x \text{ (fm)}$	$e^{-2\alpha x}$	$ \Psi_{II} ^2 = C ^2 e^{-2\alpha x}$
1	0.1403	0.5612
2	0.0197	0.0788
3	2.76×10^{-3}	1.10×10^{-2}
4	3.87×10^{-4}	1.55×10^{-3}
5	5.4×10^{-5}	2.2×10^{-4}

