

6-43. (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)

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

are

reflected.

(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.

6-44. (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)  $R = (k_1 - k_2)^2 / (k_1 + k_2)^2$

$R = (k_1 - k_2)^2 / (k_1 + k_2)^2 = (1 - \sqrt{3/2})^2 / (1 + \sqrt{3/2})^2 = 0.0102$

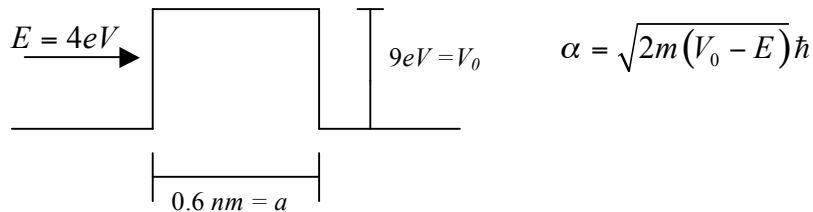
Or 1.02% are reflected at  $x = 0$ .

(c)  $T = 1 - R = 1 - 0.0102 = 0.99$

(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.

6-45. (a)



and  $\alpha a = 0.6 \text{ nm} \times 11.46 \text{ nm}^{-1} = 6.87$

Since  $\alpha a$  is not  $\ll 1$ , use Equation 6-75:

The transmitted fraction

$$T = \left[ 1 + \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha a}{4(E/V_0)(1 - E/V_0)} \right]^{-1} = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{81}{80} \right) \sinh^2 (6.87) \right]^{-1}$$

Recall that  $\sinh x = (e^x - e^{-x})/2$ ,

$$T = \left[ 1 + \frac{81}{80} \left( \frac{e^{6.87} - e^{-6.87}}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{-1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ is the transmitted}$$

fraction.

(b) Noting that the size of  $T$  is controlled by  $\alpha a$  through the  $\sinh^2 \alpha a$  and increasing  $T$

implies increasing  $E$ . Trying a few values, selecting  $E = 4.5eV$  yields

$$T = 8.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

or approximately twice the value in part (a).

6-48. Using Equation 6-76,

$$T \approx 16 \frac{E}{V_0} \left( 1 - \frac{E}{V_0} \right) e^{-2\alpha a} \text{ where } E = 2.0eV, V_0 = 6.5eV, \text{ and } a = 0.5nm.$$

$$T \approx 16 \left( \frac{2.0}{6.5} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2.0}{6.5} \right) e^{-2(10.87)(0.5)} \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-5} \quad (\text{Equation 6-75 yields}$$

$$T = 6.6 \times 10^{-5}.)$$

$$6-49. \quad R = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} \text{ and } T = 1 - R \quad (\text{Equations 6-68 and 6-70})$$

(a) For protons:

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

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

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

(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.)

6-54. (a) The requirement is that  $\psi^2(x) = \psi^2(-x) = \psi(-x)\psi(-x)$ . This can only be true 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 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equation are:

$$\psi(x) = A \sin kx \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(x) = A \cos kx$$

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:

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

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

The solutions are alternately even and odd.

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

6-55.  $\psi_0 = Ae^{-x^2/2L^2}$

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

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

And  $\frac{d^2\psi_1}{dx^2} = -(1/L)d\psi_0/dx - (1/L)d\psi_0/dx - (x/L)d^2\psi_0/dx^2$   
 $= (2x/L^3)\psi_0 + (x/L^3)\psi_0 + (x^3/L^5)\psi_0$

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

becomes  $(-\hbar^2 / 2m)(3m/L^3 + x^3/L^5)\psi_0 + (\hbar^2 x^3 / 2mL^5)\psi_0 = E(-x/L)\psi_0$  or,  
simplifying:  $(-3\hbar^2 x / 2mL^3)\psi_0 = E(-x/L)\psi_0$ . Thus, choosing  $E$

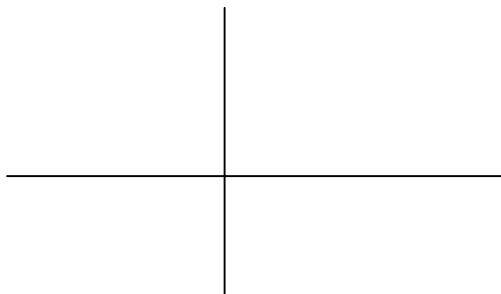
appropriately

will make  $\psi_1$  a solution.

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

(c)  $\psi_1$  plotted looks as below. The single node indicates that  $\psi_1$  is the first excited state.

(The energy value in [b] would also tell us that.)



6-56.  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_0^L \frac{2}{L} x^2 \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$     Letting  $u = n\pi x / L$ ,  $du = (n\pi / L) dx$

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

6-58. (a) For  $\Psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$$\frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\Psi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -\omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

so the Schrödinger equation

becomes:

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

Because the *sin* and *cos* are not proportional, this  $\Psi$  cannot be a solution.

Similarly,

$$\text{for } \Psi(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t), \text{ there are no solutions.}$$

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

$$\frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -k^2\Psi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -i\omega\Psi.$$

And the Schrödinger equation becomes:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \Psi + V(x)\Psi = -\hbar\omega\Psi \quad \text{for } \hbar\omega = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m + V.$$