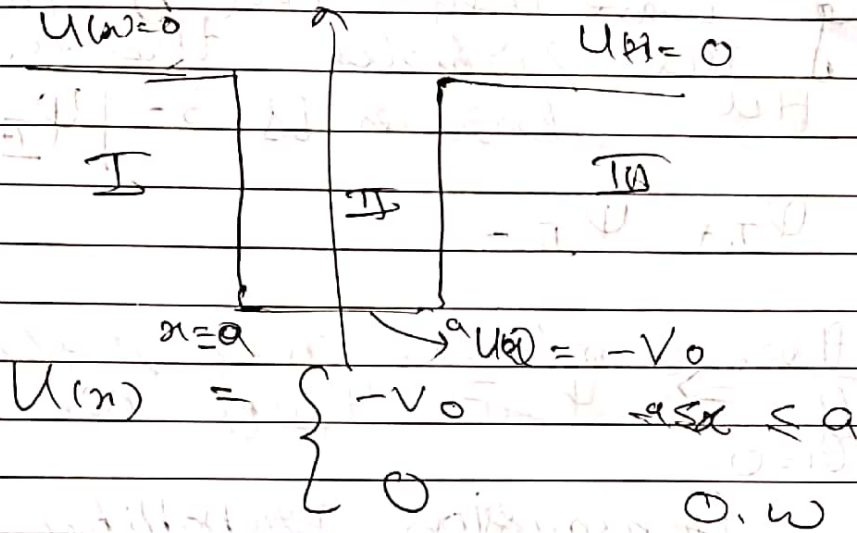


Science - 2 Assignment - 3

Particle inside a finite well



Case 1 $\Rightarrow E < 0$ (Total energy is less than 0)

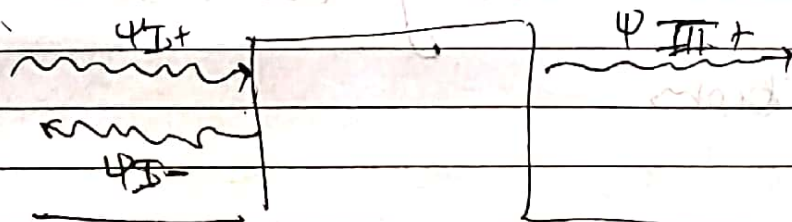
Hence the probability of the particle being outside the well is non-zero.

$$\psi_{II} = A e^{i k x} + B e^{-i k x}$$

$$\psi_{III} = F e^{i k x} + G e^{-i k x} \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\psi_{I+} = A e^{i k x} \quad (\text{incoming wave})$$

$$\psi_{I-} = A e^{-i k x} \quad (\text{outgoing wave})$$



Let ψ_{I+} be the group velocity of the incoming wave then the flux of the particles that arrive at the barrier is $S = |\psi_{I+}|^2 v_{I+}$

$$\psi_I = \psi_{I+} + \psi_{I-}$$

As there can't be any reflection at $U=0 \Rightarrow \psi_{I-} = \psi_{II+}$ hence

The transmission probability T for a particle to pass through the barrier is

$$T = \frac{|\psi_{II+}|^2 v_{II+}}{|\psi_{I+}|^2 v_{I+}}$$

$$= \frac{F F^*}{A A^*} \frac{v_{II+}}{v_{I+}}$$

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$$\psi_{II} = C e^{-Kx} + D e^{Kx}$$

$$K = \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}$$

from boundary conditions of the functions

$$(1) \Psi_I(x=-a) = \Psi_{II}(x=-a)$$

$$(2) \left. \frac{\partial \Psi_I}{\partial x} \right|_{x=-a} = \left. \frac{\partial \Psi_{II}}{\partial x} \right|_{x=-a}$$

$$(3) \Psi_{II}(x=a) = \Psi_{III}(x=a)$$

$$(4) \left. \frac{\partial \Psi_{II}}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = \left. \frac{\partial \Psi_{III}}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a}$$

By applying the above 4 conditions

$$(5) \begin{aligned} A e^{-ika} + B e^{ika} &= C e^{-ika} + D e^{ika} \\ ikA e^{-ika} - ikB e^{ika} &= -ikC e^{-ika} + ikD e^{ika} \\ C e^{-ka} + D e^{ka} &= F e^{ika} + G e^{-ika} \\ -C k e^{-ka} + D k e^{ka} &= i F k e^{ika} - i G k e^{-ika} \end{aligned}$$

Assuming $|v| \gg |u|$

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} - \frac{k_1}{k_2} \approx \frac{k_2}{k_1}$$

Assuming Ψ_{II} is widely weakened
at the barrier

$$k_2 L \gg 1 \Rightarrow e^{+k_2 L} \gg e^{-k_2 L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A}{F} = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{ik_2}{4k_1} \right) e^{i(k_1+k_2)L}$$

$$\left(\frac{A}{F} \right)^* = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{ik_2}{4k_1} \right) e^{-i(k_1+k_2)L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AA^*}{FF^*} = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{k_2^2}{16k_1^2} \right)$$

Here $V_{II} = V_I^+$

hence transition probability = $\left(\frac{AA^*}{FF^*} \right)^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow 16 e^{-2k_2L}$$

$$4 + \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{V_0 - E}{E} > 1$$

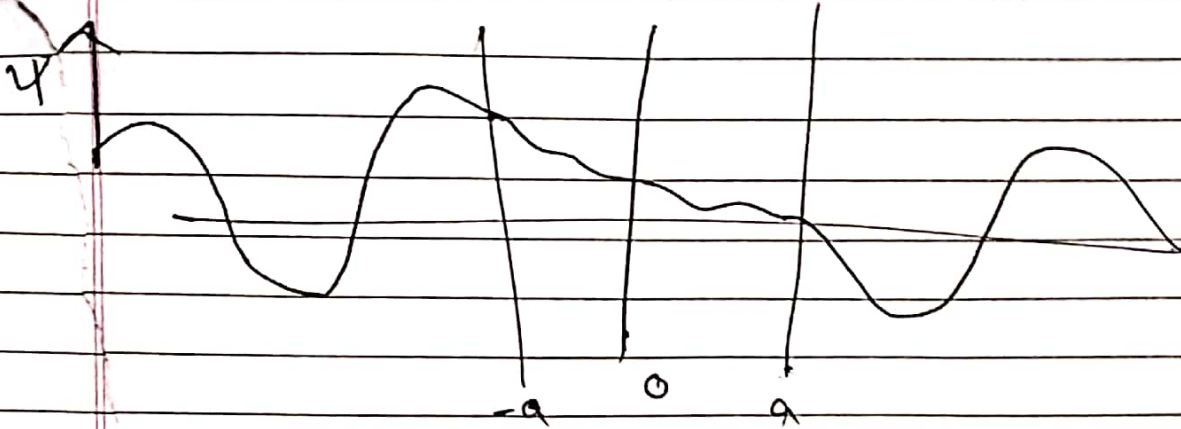
$$\Rightarrow T \approx e^{-2k_2L}$$

$$k_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar}}$$

where

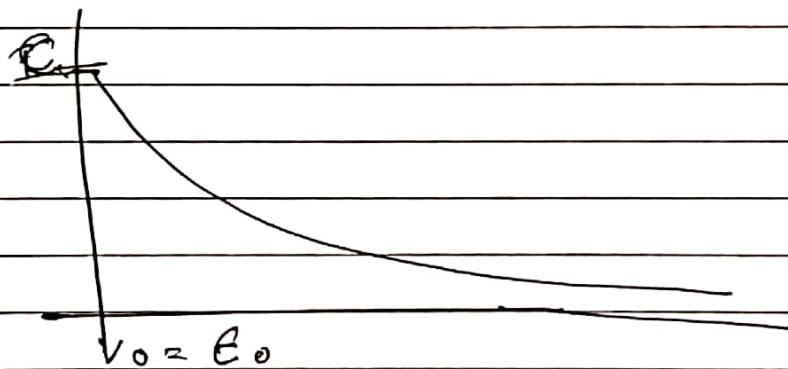
$$\Rightarrow T \approx e^{-\sqrt{V_0}}$$

for
some
 $E = E_0$



If we take V_0 to be the height of the barrier.

$$T \propto e^{-\sqrt{V_0 - E_0}} \quad E_0 \text{ is a constant}$$



Hence it is evident that smaller the barrier potential, higher the chance that a particle will jump the barrier.

And as $V_0 \rightarrow \infty$ $T \rightarrow 0$

which is similar to the particle in a 1D where we assume

$\psi \rightarrow 0$ as $U(x) \rightarrow \infty$ outside the box,