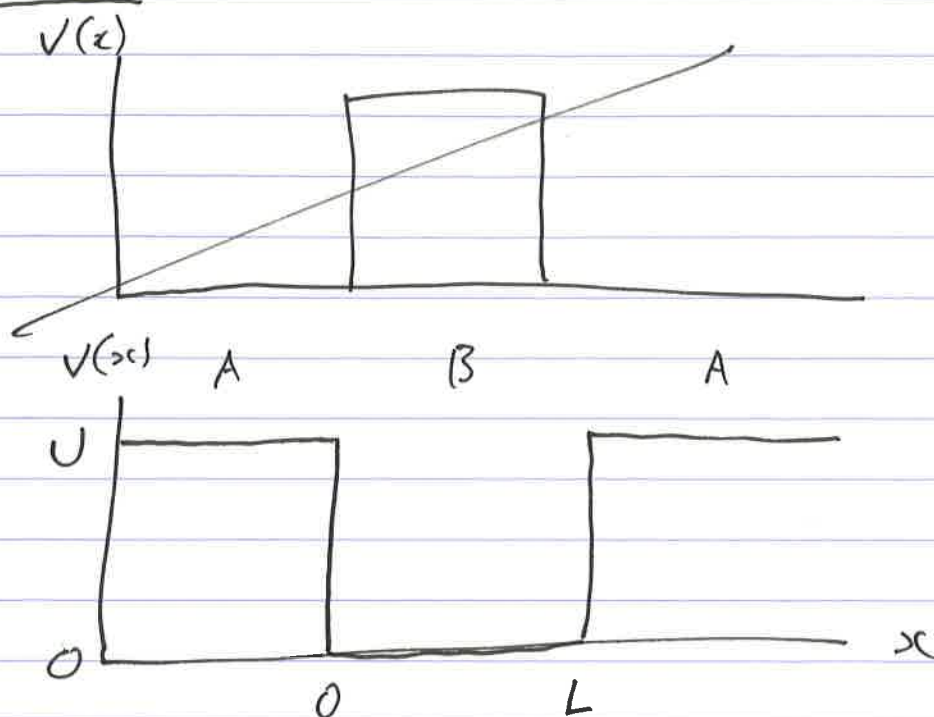


Finite well



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + U \psi(x) = E \psi(x)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} = (E - U) \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{-2m(E - U)}{\hbar^2} \psi(x) \quad (*)$$

Two cases: i) $E > U$

$$(E - U) > 0$$

RHS of * is -ve

ii) $E < U$

$$(E - U) < 0$$

RHS of * is +ve.

Use trial solution:

$$\psi(x) = A e^{(Bx+c)}$$

$$\frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} = AB e^{(Bx+c)}$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = AB^2 e^{(Bx+c)}$$

$$= B^2 \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{-2m(E-U)}{\hbar^2} \psi(x) = B^2 \psi(x)$$

$$\rightarrow B^2 = \frac{-2m(E-U)}{\hbar^2} = \frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}$$

$$B = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

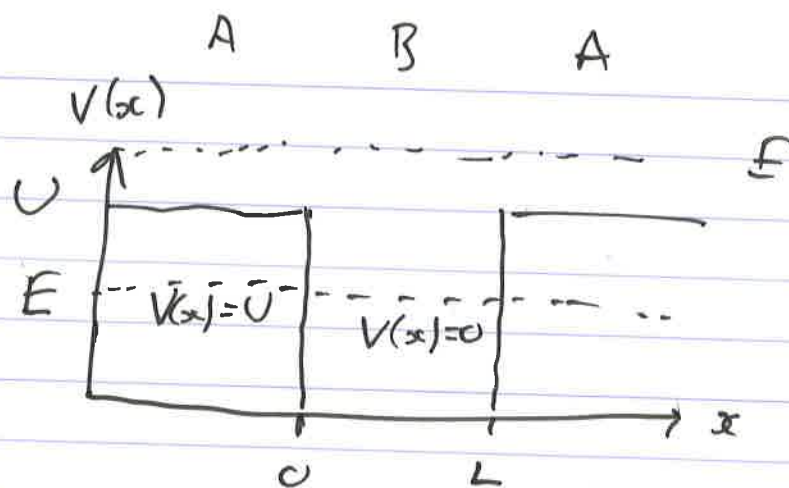
$$\text{Let } K = \sqrt{\frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$B = \pm K$$

Hence solns of TISE for $E < U$ are:

$$\psi(x) = A e^{\pm Kx+c}$$

Finite Square Well



In region A:
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} + U \psi(x) = E \psi(x)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = (E - U) \psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - U) \psi(x)$$

Two cases:

i) $E > U$
 $(E - U) > 0$
↓
RHS: -ve

or ii) $E < U$
 $(E - U) < 0$
↓
RHS: +ve

Case ii) Recall: $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} e^x = e^x$

Use trial solution: $\psi(x) = A e^{Bx+C}$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = AB e^{Bx+C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} &= AB^2 e^{Bx+C} \\ &= B^2 \psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(x) = A e^{Bx+C}$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = B^2 \psi(x)$$

$$B^2 \cancel{\psi(x)} = \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{-2m(E-U)}{\hbar^2} \cancel{\psi(x)}$$

$$B^2 = \frac{-2m(E-U)}{\hbar^2}$$

Recall $E < U$

$$B^2 = \frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}$$

$$B = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\text{Let } K = \sqrt{\frac{2m(U-E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\text{Hence } B = \pm K$$

Subst into trial solution:

$$\boxed{\psi(x) = A e^{\pm Kx+C}}$$