

Free particle $\Rightarrow V(x) = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \right) \psi(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + k^2 \right) \psi = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} = k.$$

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Wave no.

Solⁿ \Rightarrow

$$\psi(x) = A e^{ikx}$$

$$\psi_+(x,t) = A_+ e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$$\psi_-(x,t) = A_- e^{-i(kx - \omega t)}$$

well defined momentum $p = \hbar k$

" " energy $E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Delta p \rightarrow \infty$$

ψ_+ & ψ_- are not normalizable.

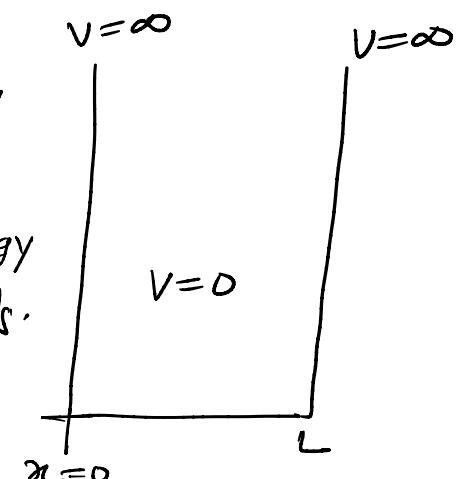
\Rightarrow Wave packet $\psi(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(k) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dk$.

Particle in box \Rightarrow

* A particle is trapped in a box with infinitely hard walls.

* Hard wall \Rightarrow The particle does not lose energy when it collides with the walls.

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= \infty \quad \text{for } x < 0 \text{ & } x > a \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq a \end{aligned}$$



Sc eqⁿ \Rightarrow

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V \psi = E\psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{E}{\hbar^2} \right) \psi = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E} = \frac{p}{\hbar}$$

Solⁿ $\Rightarrow \psi(x) = A \sin \frac{p}{\hbar} x + B \cos \frac{p}{\hbar} x$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} x \right) + B \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} x \right) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

B.C. \Rightarrow at $x=0, \psi=0$

Therefore, $B=0$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} x \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

B.C. \Rightarrow at $x=L, \psi=0$

$$A \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} L \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} L = n\pi$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$n \neq 0$ because if $n=0$ then $\psi=0$ everywhere which indicates that the particle does not exist in the well anywhere.

$$2mE = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{L^2}$$

$$E = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{8mL^2}$$

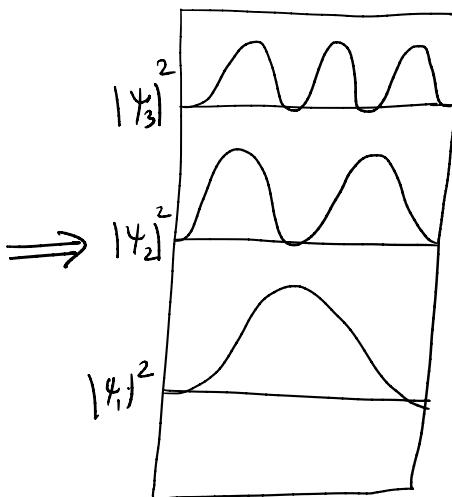
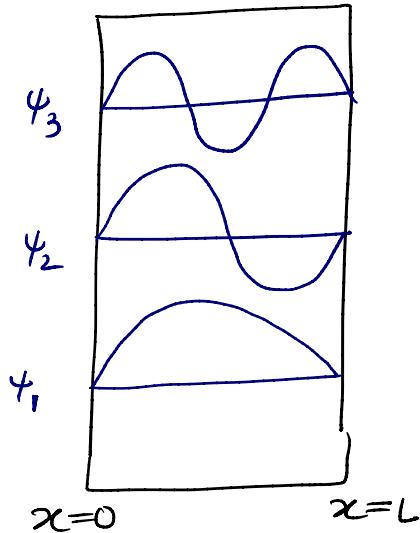
The energy spectrum in an infinite step pot is discrete.

$$\psi(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} x\right)$$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \quad (\text{Lecture 27})$$

$$\boxed{\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}}$$

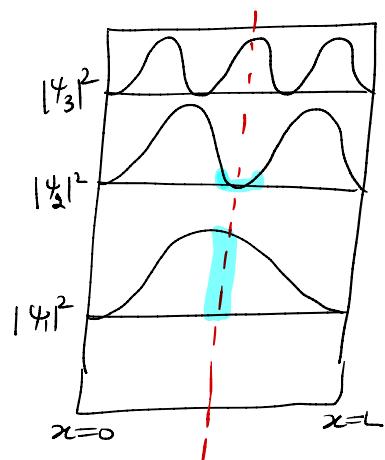


$$\therefore \langle x \rangle = \frac{L}{2}$$

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Q ⇒ Find the probability that a particle trapped in a box 'L' wide can be found b/w $0.45L$ & $0.55L$ for the ground state & I^{8+} excited state.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P_{x_1, x_2 \text{ ground state}} &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \psi_{\text{ground}}^* \psi_{\text{ground}} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{L} \int_{-45}^{55} \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{L} dx \\ &= .198 \\ &= 19.8\% \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} P_{x_1, x_2 \text{ } I^{8+} \text{ excited state}} &= \frac{2}{L} \int_{-45}^{55} \sin^2 \frac{2\pi x}{L} dx \\ &= .0065 = .65\% \end{aligned}$$

Finite Potential Well

$$\text{Sc eq}^m \rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V\psi = E\psi$$

$$I^{st}, III^{nd}, \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V_0) \psi = 0$$

$$II^{nd}, \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \psi = 0$$

define $k_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}{\hbar}$

$$k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - k_1^2 \right) \psi_1(x) = 0 \quad x < 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + k_2^2 \right) \psi_2(x) = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - k_1^2 \right) \psi_3(x) = 0 \quad x > L$$

$$\psi_1 = A_1 e^{k_1 x} + A_2 e^{-k_1 x} \quad \text{---} \quad ①$$

$$\psi_2 = B_1 \sin k_2 x + B_2 \cos k_2 x \quad \text{---} \quad ②$$

$$\psi_3 = C_1 e^{k_1 x} + C_2 e^{-k_1 x} \quad \text{---} \quad ③$$

$$\text{BC} \rightarrow \text{as } x \rightarrow -\infty \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \psi(x) \rightarrow 0 \\ \psi'(x) \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \therefore A_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{as } x \rightarrow +\infty \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \psi(x) \rightarrow 0 \\ \psi'(x) \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \therefore C_1 \rightarrow 0$$

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