

Modern Homework 26  
II.

1. a)  $T(E) = \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{U^2}{E(U-E)} \right) \sinh^2 \alpha L \right\}^{-1}$   
 $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2m(U-E)}}{\hbar} = \frac{2\pi \sqrt{2m(U-E)}}{hc}$

$E = 4.40 \text{ meV}$

$U = 60 \text{ meV}$

$L = 1.00 \text{ nm}$

$T(E) = 0.0686$

b) Since we are not in relativistic territory:  $(938)0.01 > 4.4$  all the energy can be kinetic, if  $U=0$

$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{2 \frac{E}{m_e}} c$

so each bounce will take  $\frac{w}{v}$  time, where  $w = \text{width} = 5 \text{ nm}$ .

So the rate of expulsion is  $\frac{w}{v} T(E) =$

Gonna need a number for both of these.

c) if the width increases, the  $T(E)$  will decrease and consequently the rate of transmission will decrease proportionally.

d)  $T(E) \approx \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m} \int \sqrt{U(x) - E} dx\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m} \sqrt{U-E} L\right)$

$\approx 0.0516$

They differ by more than 20%. The approximation isn't that good.

This general approx agrees pretty well with our direct calculation, so this supports our solution in a. Specifically the use of it as a wide tall barrier. If anything this is a slightly thinner barrier, as the probability of transmission is 1% higher.

2. a)  $\frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} = E - U \rightarrow k_z = \sqrt{\frac{2m(E-U)}{\hbar^2}} = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0}}{hc}$

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Just plug E into here.

After the step down the energy is all kinetic, so:

$$E + U_0 = T$$

$$2U_0 + U_0 = T$$

$$3U_0 = T$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2}E = T} \quad \checkmark$$

↳ this is total energy though.

$$T_0 = 2U_0$$

$$T_f = \frac{3}{2}U_0$$

$$\frac{T_f}{T_0} =$$

$$\frac{T_f}{T_0} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}U_0}{2U_0} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{T_f}{T_0} = \frac{3}{4}}$$

b) pulling from lecture, as this is the same idea, just with neg U

$$T = \frac{\hbar k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = \frac{4 \left( \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0}}{hc} \right) \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0}}{hc} \right)}{\left( \frac{6\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0}}{hc} \right)^2}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 E}}{hc} = \frac{4\pi\sqrt{mc^2 U_0}}{hc}$$

$$= \frac{32}{36} = \frac{8}{9}$$

Bad math happened.

$$T + R = \frac{9}{9} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$R = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = \frac{(2\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0})^2}{(6\pi\sqrt{2mc^2 U_0})^2} = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

So:

$$\boxed{T = \frac{8}{9} = 0.889, \quad R = \frac{1}{9} = 0.111}$$

C)  $T = 0.889$

$(1e6)(T) = 8.89e5$  particles get transferred.

Compared to the classical expectation of  $1e6$  ✓  
 It is lower than classical, as we expect, but is  
 still a majority, which is good ✓