

$\alpha L \gg 1 \rightarrow T \approx \frac{16 E (V_0 - E)}{V_0^2} e^{-2\alpha L}$

we have $\therefore T(E) = \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{V_0^2}{E(V_0 - E)} \right) \sinh^2(\alpha L) \right]^{-1}$

put $\sinh(\alpha L) = \frac{e^{\alpha L} - e^{-\alpha L}}{2}$

for $\alpha L \gg 1 \rightarrow \sinh(\alpha L)$ become $\frac{e^{\alpha L}}{2}$

$T = \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{V_0^2}{E(V_0 - E)} \right) \frac{e^{2\alpha L}}{4} \right]^{-1}$

$\approx \left[1 + \frac{V_0^2 e^{2\alpha L}}{16 E (V_0 - E)} \right]^{-1} \approx \left(\frac{V_0^2 e^{2\alpha L}}{16 E (V_0 - E)} \right)^{-1}$

$= \frac{16 E (V_0 - E)}{V_0^2} e^{-2\alpha L}$

$\alpha L \ll 1 \rightarrow T = \left(1 + \frac{m^2 V_0^2 L^2}{\hbar^2 k^2} \right)^{-1}$

As we know (for small $x \rightarrow e^x \approx 1 + x$)

$\sinh(\alpha L) = \frac{e^{\alpha L} - e^{-\alpha L}}{2} = \frac{(1 + \alpha L) - (1 - \alpha L)}{2} = \alpha L$

$T = \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{V_0^2}{E(V_0 - E)} \right) \alpha^2 L^2 \right]^{-1}$

$= \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(V_0^2)}{E_0(V_0 - E_0)} \frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar^2} L^2 \right]^{-1}$

$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m V_0^2 L^2}{\hbar^2} \right)^{-1}$

Ques

An electron with total energy $E = 6 \text{ eV}$ approaches a potential barrier with height $V_0 = 12 \text{ eV}$. If the width of barrier is $L = 0.1 \text{ nm}$, what is the probability that the electron will tunnel through the barrier?

$$E = 6 \text{ eV}, V_0 = 12 \text{ eV}, L = 0.1 \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{Probability of tunneling} = \frac{T}{T+R} = \frac{T(E)}{1}$$

$$(\alpha)^2 = \frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar^2} = \frac{2 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} (6) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{(6.6 \times 10^{-34})^2}$$

$$\alpha^2 = 157.009 \times 10^{18}$$

$$\alpha = 12.53 \times 10^9$$

$$\alpha L = 12.53 \times 0.1 \times 10^9 = 2.255$$

$$e^{\alpha L} = 9.53 \quad e^{-\alpha L} = 0.104$$

$$\sinh(\alpha L) = \frac{9.53 - 0.104}{2} = 4.713$$

$$T(E) = \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{V_0^2}{E(V_0 - E)} \sinh^2(\alpha L) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(12)^2}{6(12-6)} \times (4.713)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

$$= 0.0427$$

Probability of e^- to tunnel is 0.0427