

29) From class notes $T = \left[1 + \frac{V_0^2}{16E(V_0-E)} (e^{\alpha a} - e^{-\alpha a})^2 \right]^{-1}$

(a) $\alpha a = \left[\frac{2m(V_0-E)}{\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot a = \left[\frac{2(5.11 \times 10^5 \text{ eV})(1 \text{ eV})}{(197.3 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 10 \text{ nm}$
 $= 51.23$

$$T = \left[1 + \frac{9^2}{16(2)(1)} (e^{51.23} - e^{-51.23})^2 \right]^{-1} = \boxed{1.25 \times 10^{-45}}$$

(b) $\alpha a = \left[\frac{2(3730 \text{ MeV})(1 \text{ MeV})}{(197.3 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm})^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 10 \text{ fm} = 4.38$

$$T = \left[1 + \frac{9}{16(2)(1)} (e^{4.38} - e^{-4.38})^2 \right]^{-1} = \boxed{5.61 \times 10^{-4}}$$

30) First we calculate the tunneling probability. We take $T = e^{-2G}$ where

$$G = \int_a^b \left[\frac{2m(V(x)-E)}{\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

where the integral extends over the classically forbidden region, from R to the point b where $V(b) = E$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2mb^2} = E \Rightarrow b = \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2mE} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$G = \int_R^b \left[\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2mx^2} - E \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= \int_R^b \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{x^2} - \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= \int_R^b \frac{\sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)}}{x} \left[1 - \frac{2mE}{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2} x^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

Substitute

$$y = \left[\frac{2mE}{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} x \quad \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$G = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{1}{y} [1 - y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} dy$$

The new limits are $y_1 = \left[\frac{2mE}{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} R$ and

$$y_2 = \left[\frac{2mE}{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} b = \left[\frac{2mE}{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2}{2mE} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

$$G = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \int_{y_1}^1 \frac{1}{y} [1-y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \quad \text{See integral \# 203.}$$

$$G = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \left[[1-y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} - \ln \frac{1+[1-y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y} \right]_{y_1}^1$$

$$= \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \left[0 - \ln \frac{1}{1} - [1-y_1^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \ln \frac{1+[1-y_1^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y_1} \right]$$

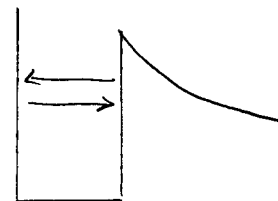
$$G = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)} \left\{ \ln \frac{1+\sqrt{1-y_1^2}}{y_1} - \sqrt{1-y_1^2} \right\}$$

where y_1 is given above. Calculating $T = e^{-2G}$ gives the probability of escape in 1 try. Then

$$dP = \text{probability of escape in time } dt$$

$$= T \times \# \text{ of tries in time } dt = T \cdot dn$$

For each "try" the particle must cross the well twice $\Rightarrow t = \text{time interval between tries} = 2R/v$. Then the # of tries in dt will be $dt/t = \frac{v}{2R} dt$



$$dP = T \cdot \frac{v}{2R} dt \quad \leftarrow \text{average}$$

Roughly speaking, the lifetime would be the time required for dP to reach $\sim 50\%$

$$0.5 = T \cdot \frac{v}{2R} \cdot t$$

$$t = \frac{R}{T \cdot v}$$

31) This is just a standard square-well problem. To find the energies we need to solve the transcendental equations

$$\tan y = \frac{1}{y} [\lambda - y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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for even states and

$$-\cot y = \frac{1}{y} [\lambda - y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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for odd states. Here

$$\lambda = \left[\frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} a^2 \right] = \frac{2(5.11 \times 10^5 \text{ eV})(1 \text{ eV})}{(197.3 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})^2} (0.5 \text{ nm})^2$$

$$= 6.562$$

The solutions can be found in various ways. For example write $y = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{y} [\lambda - y^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and iterate:

$$y_{n+1} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{y_n} [\lambda - y_n^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

converges quickly for the lowest state. I find the 1st two states at

$$y = 1.1188 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2.1474$$

Here

$$y = ka = \left[\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} a \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} a^2$$

$$E = \frac{y^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2} = y^2 \frac{(197.33 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})^2}{2(5.11 \times 10^5 \text{ eV})(0.5 \text{ nm})^2}$$

$$E_1 = 0.191 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_2 = 0.703 \text{ eV}$$

32) For this we only need the value of λ .

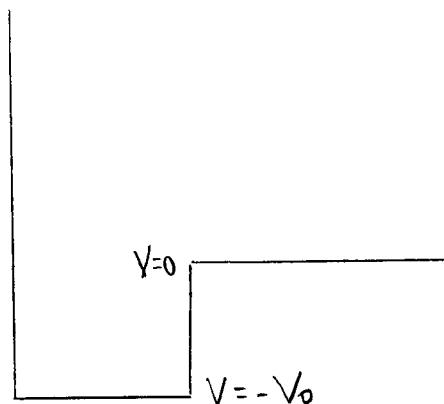
$$\lambda = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} a^2 = \frac{2(5.11 \times 10^5 \text{ eV})(100 \text{ eV})}{(197.3 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm})^2} (0.5 \text{ nm})^2 = 656$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = 25.62 = 16.3 \frac{\pi}{2}$$

The rule is that when $\sqrt{\lambda}$ is between $n \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $(n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}$ there will be $n+1$ bound states \Rightarrow we will get

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We have bound states whenever $E < 0$. Inside the well

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi - V_0 \psi = E \psi$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E + V_0) \psi = -k^2 \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi = A \sin kx + B \cos kx$$

We need $\psi \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ so only the $\sin kx$ solution remains.

$$\boxed{\psi_1 = A \sin kx}$$

Outside the well $V=0 \Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi = E \psi$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi$$

Here $E < 0$ so we write

$$\alpha = \sqrt{-\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi = \alpha^2 \psi$$

and

$$\boxed{\psi_2 = C e^{-\alpha x}}$$

The solutions are exactly identical to the odd solutions of the ordinary finite square well. Matching gives

$$A \sin ka = C e^{-\alpha a}$$

$$k A \cos ka = -\alpha C e^{-\alpha a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k \cot ka = -\alpha}$$

Here $\lambda = \left[\frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} \right] a^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} a^2 \left(\frac{32\hbar^2}{ma^2} \right) = 64$ $\sqrt{\lambda} = 8$

We expect 1 bound state for $\frac{\pi}{2} < \sqrt{\lambda} < \frac{3\pi}{2}$
 2 " " " " $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \sqrt{\lambda} < \frac{5\pi}{2}$ etc.

We have $\sqrt{\lambda} = 5.09 \frac{\pi}{2}$ so there should be 3 bound states.

The 3rd solution is at $y = 7.95732 = ka$
 The corresponding value of α is found by writing

$$(\alpha a)^2 = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} a^2 = \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} a^2 - \frac{2m(E+V_0)}{\hbar^2} a^2 = \lambda - (ka)^2$$

\Rightarrow

$$(\alpha a) = \sqrt{64 - y^2} = \underline{0.8253}$$

Normalization integrals. Integrate the $x < a$ and $x > a$ parts separately.

$$N_1 = \int_0^a |A|^2 \sin^2 kx \, dx = |A|^2 \frac{1}{k} \int_0^y \sin^2 u \, du \quad u = kx$$

$$= \frac{|A|^2}{k} \frac{1}{2} (u - \sin u \cos u) \Big|_0^y = \frac{|A|^2}{2k} [y - \sin y \cos y]$$

$$N_2 = \int_a^\infty |C|^2 e^{-2\alpha x} \, dx = \frac{|C|^2}{2\alpha} [-e^{-2\alpha x}]_a^\infty$$

$$= \frac{|C|^2}{2\alpha} e^{-2\alpha a}$$

Prob of being outside is $\frac{N_2}{N_1 + N_2} = \frac{1}{1 + N_1/N_2}$

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \left| \frac{A}{C} \right|^2 \frac{\alpha}{k} [y - \sin y \cos y] e^{2\alpha a}$$

From the matching equations $A \sin ka = C e^{-\alpha a}$ so

$$\frac{A}{C} = e^{-\alpha a} / \sin y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{k} \right) \frac{e^{-2\alpha a}}{\sin^2 y} [y - \sin y \cos y] e^{2\alpha a}$$

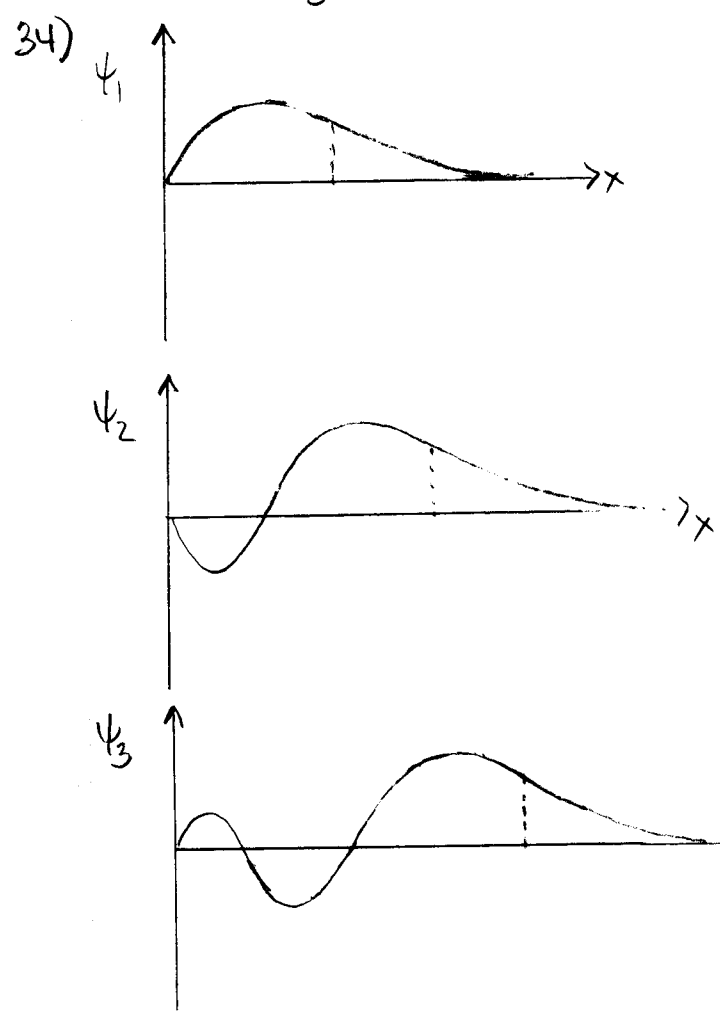
and we also know that $-k \cot ka = \alpha$ so

$$\frac{\alpha}{k} = -\cot y = -\frac{\cos y}{\sin y}$$

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = -\frac{\cos y}{\sin^3 y} [y - \sin y \cos y] = 0.845$$

$$P_{\text{outside}} = \frac{1}{1 + 0.845} = \boxed{0.542} \Rightarrow \boxed{54.2\%}$$

More likely outside than inside



Notes:

- The lowest state has zero nodes, the next 1, the next 2, etc
- $\psi \rightarrow 0$ at $x=0$ (since $V \rightarrow \infty$)
- The wave function has an inflection point at the classical turning point. As E increases this moves out to larger x .
- Inside the well, the relative curvature of $\psi(x)$ gradually gets smaller as the local kinetic energy ($E-V$) gets smaller
- Either sign for $\psi(x)$ is OK.