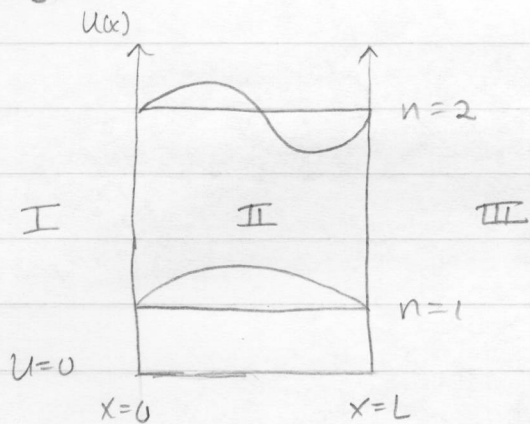


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For regions I and III,
 $U = \infty$ so $\Psi(x) = 0$.

For region II the TISE is

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \Psi(x) = 0$$

which has the general solution

$$\Psi(x) = A e^{ik_2 x} + B e^{-ik_2 x} \quad \text{where } k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

The continuity of Ψ requires $\Psi(0) = \Psi(L) = 0$.

Applying these boundary conditions gives

$$A + B = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A e^{ik_2 L} + B e^{-ik_2 L} = 0. \quad \text{Combining these,}$$

$$A (e^{ik_2 L} - e^{-ik_2 L}) = 0 \quad \text{and using the identity } e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$$

we obtain $2iA \sin(k_2 L) = 0$, since $2iA$ is not zero,

we require $\sin(k_2 L) = 0$ so $k_2 L = n\pi$ ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$).

Therefore, $k_2^{(n)} = \frac{n\pi}{L}$. Going back to our general solution,

$$\text{we now have } \Psi(x) = 2iA \sin(k_2 x) = A' \sin(k_2 x)$$

where I have simply redefined the normalization constant.

Now we need to normalize $\Psi(x)$ to find A' .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi|^2 dx = \int_0^L (A')^2 \sin^2(k_2^{(n)} x) dx = 1$$

You can do this integral by using $\sin^2(u) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2u)$

$$\text{to obtain } A' = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}}, \text{ so we have } \boxed{\Psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(k_2^{(n)} x)}$$

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Plugging our solution into the TISE, we obtain:

$$\frac{d\Psi}{dx} = K_2^{(n)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos(K_2^{(n)} x), \quad \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -(K_2^{(n)})^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(K_2^{(n)} x)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(-(K_2^{(n)})^2 \Psi(x) \right) + (0) \Psi(x) = E \Psi(x)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E = \frac{\hbar^2 (K_2^{(n)})^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}}$$

In particular, for $n=1$ and $n=2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) & E_1 &= \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} \\ \Psi_2(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) & E_2 &= \frac{4\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} = \frac{2\hbar^2 \pi^2}{mL^2} \end{aligned}$$

These wavefunctions are sketched on the previous page.

A maximum occurs when $\frac{d}{dx}(\Psi^2(x)) = 0$ and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) < 0$

A minimum occurs when $\frac{d}{dx}(\Psi^2(x)) = 0$ and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) > 0$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\Psi^2(x)) = \frac{2}{L} \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^2(Kx)) = \frac{4K}{L} \sin(Kx) \cos(Kx) = 0$$

Which is zero when $\sin(Kx) = 0$ or $\cos(Kx) = 0$

$$\sin(Kx) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n\pi x}{L} = m\pi \quad (m = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\cos(Kx) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n\pi x}{L} = \frac{p\pi}{2} \quad (p = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$$

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For $n=1$, these conditions become

$$\frac{x}{L} = m \quad (m=0,1,2,\dots)$$

$$\frac{x}{L} = \frac{p}{2} \quad (p=1,3,5,\dots)$$

but only $m=0,1$ and $p=1$ give x in the range $0 \leq x \leq L$.

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{4K}{L} \sin(Kx) \cos(Kx) \right) = \frac{4K^2}{L} (\cos^2(Kx) - \sin^2(Kx))$$

For $m=0$, $x=0$ and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) = +\frac{4K^2}{L} > 0 \Rightarrow$ minimum

For $m=1$, $x=L$ and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) = +\frac{4K^2}{L} > 0 \Rightarrow$ minimum

For $p=1$, $x=L/2$ and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\Psi^2(x)) = -\frac{4K^2}{L} < 0 \Rightarrow$ maximum

For $n=2$,

$$\frac{2x}{L} = m \quad (m=0,1,2,\dots)$$

$$\frac{2x}{L} = \frac{p}{2} \quad (p=1,3,5,\dots)$$

$m=0 \Rightarrow x=0$, minimum

$m=1 \Rightarrow x=L/2$, minimum

$m=2 \Rightarrow x=L$, minimum

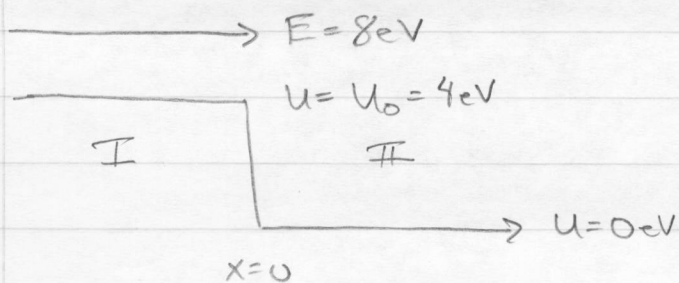
$p=1 \Rightarrow x=L/4$, maximum

$p=3 \Rightarrow x=3L/4$, maximum

Same reasoning as above
but note that K changes
when going from $n=1$
to $n=2$.

All minima identified here correspond to $\Psi(x)=0 \Rightarrow |\Psi|^2=0$

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$$\text{TISE: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \Psi(x)}{dx^2} + U(x) \Psi(x) = E \Psi(x)$$

In our case $U = U_0$ (region I) or $U = 0$ (region II) so

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi(x)}{dx^2} + \underbrace{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - U)}_{k^2} \Psi(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \Psi(x) = A e^{ikx} + B e^{-ikx}$$

Note that $E > U$ in both region I and II so k is real and we have an oscillating solution everywhere.

Assume that the right moving wave in region I has amplitude A , the left moving wave in region I has amplitude B and the right moving (and only) wave in region II has amplitude C .

$$\Psi_I(x) = A e^{ik_1 x} + B e^{-ik_1 x}$$

$$\Psi_{II}(x) = C e^{ik_2 x}$$

$$k_1 = \sqrt{2m(E - U_0)} / \hbar$$

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

Ψ must be continuous and $\frac{d\Psi}{dx}$ must be continuous:

$$A + B = C \quad (1)$$

$$ik_1(A - B) = ik_2 C$$

$$A - B = \frac{k_2}{k_1} C \quad (2)$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow 2A = \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) C \Rightarrow \frac{C}{A} = \frac{2}{\left(1 + \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)} \Rightarrow \left|\frac{C}{A}\right|^2 = \frac{4k_1^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} = T$$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow 2B = \left(1 - \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) C = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) 2A}{\left(1 + \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)} \Rightarrow \left|\frac{B}{A}\right|^2 = \left(\frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2}\right)^2 = R$$

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$$K_1 = \sqrt{2(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(4 \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})} / 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$
$$= 1.023 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$K_2 = \sqrt{2(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(8 \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})} / 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$
$$= 1.447 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$T = \frac{4K_1^2}{(K_1 + K_2)^2} = \boxed{6.86 \times 10^{-1}}$$

$$R = \left(\frac{K_1 - K_2}{K_1 + K_2} \right)^2 = \boxed{2.95 \times 10^{-2}}$$

Note that $R + T \neq 1$ but

$$\boxed{R + \frac{K_2}{K_1} T = 1}$$

so the current is conserved.