

Particle in a Finite Well (2)

Regions I and III:
 $U(x) = U_0$, and $E < U_0$

Because $E < U_0$, these regions are “forbidden” in classical particles.

The SEQ $\frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(E - U)\psi(x) = 0$ can be written:

$$\frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} - K^2 \psi(x) = 0$$

In region II this was a + sign.

where: $K = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(U_0 - E)}$

$U_0 > E$:
 K is real.

The general solution to this equation is:

Region I: $\psi_I(x) = C_1 e^{Kx} + C_2 e^{-Kx}$

Region III: $\psi_{III}(x) = D_1 e^{Kx} + D_2 e^{-Kx}$

C_1 , C_2 , D_1 , and D_2 , will be determined by the boundary conditions.

