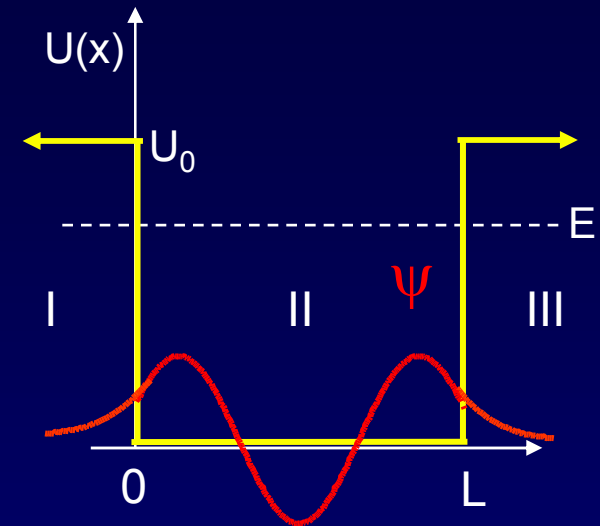


Particle in a Finite Well (5)

The boundary conditions are not the same as for the finite well. We no longer require that $\psi = 0$ at $x = 0$ and $x = L$.

Instead, we require that $\psi(x)$ and $d\psi/dx$ be continuous across the boundaries:



ψ is continuous

$d\psi/dx$ is continuous

At $x = 0$:

$$\psi_I = \psi_{II}$$

$$\frac{d\psi_I}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_{II}}{dx}$$

At $x = L$:

$$\psi_{II} = \psi_{III}$$

$$\frac{d\psi_{II}}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_{III}}{dx}$$

Unfortunately, this gives us a set of four transcendental equations. They can only be solved numerically (on a computer). We will discuss the qualitative features of the solutions.