

Solution

1. Which has more bound states?

- a. particle in a finite well
- b. particle in an infinite well
- c. both have the same number of bound states.

A particle in an infinite well has an *infinite* number of states.

2. For a particle in a *finite* square well, which of the following will decrease the number of bound states?

- a. decrease well depth U_0
- b. decrease well width L
- c. decrease m , mass of particle

All three choices are correct:
a makes fewer energy levels have $E < U_0$.
b and c raise the energy of each energy level.

NOTE: For a particle in a 1-dimensional potential well, there is always at least one bound state.