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5. What does the transparency window mean (in case E greater than U_0) for a rectangular barrier and the conditions for its appearance?

In our case where we have more energy than is needed to transition through the barrier (E greater than U_0) the transparency window is a situation where our particle at certain energy values passes through the barrier without being reflected at all, even though in quantum mechanics we would expect some energy to be lost during the transition in the form of reflection. To call forth this phenomenon we need to satisfy the condition of $k' \cdot a = n \cdot \pi$, where $k' = \sqrt{2m(E - U_0)} / \hbar$, a is the height of the barrier and n is an integer.

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11. Why the solution for quantum number $n=0$ must be ignored? Give a physical justification.

The situation of $n = 0$ is not allowed since it gives us $k = 0$ and $I = 0$. All this comes from the equation of the previous equation from if n is 0 it means k is 0 and from there we get that I is 0 which would mean we have no particles, thus we need to ignore the solution of $n=0$.

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18. Should the wave function inside the walls of a finite potential well be a complex number or a real number? What is your opinion, why?

The function can be described both ways. In my own opinion I would rather choose a real form over a complex one because everything is real and nothing is imaginary and thus everything is also easier to understand, calculate and use in the equations.

Not a very clear explanation.

One of possible explanation is as follows:

For a finite potential well, particles cannot create a particles flow inside the well wall (probability current density is equal to zero). But this is only possible if the wave function is real.

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19. Why asymptotical solution of Schrodinger equation for harmonic oscillator is looks like so $\psi(x) = e^{-(x^2/2)}$? Why the option $\psi(x) = e^{(x^2/2)}$ should be ignored?

The equation looks like that because we want to find out if there are finite solutions if x tends to infinity and thus we need $\psi(x)$ to tend to 0 to find that out. so if x is much greater than λ we have the equation $-\psi''(x) + x^2 \psi(x) = 0$ and from there we can verify that the approximate solution that tends to zero is $\psi(x) = e^{-(x^2/2)}$. As for the reason $\psi(x) = e^{(x^2/2)}$ should be ignored is that yes it is a solution but it isn't physical because it increases infinitely.

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35. How the average value of the principal quantum number for harmonic oscillator depends on temperature. Please explain from a physical point of view the behavior of this function in the region of zero temperatures.

The average value depends on temperature as follows, if our oscillator is at zero degrees it will be in its base state of $n=0$. Now if we increase its temperature we allow it to start occupying higher energy levels. After some time of doing so those levels will be populated according to Boltzmann's distribution ($P(n)$ about $e^{-(E_n/k_B T)}$) and with it all our quantum number (n) goes up as well.

The Boltzmann distribution function cannot be used to calculate the principal quantum number for a harmonic oscillator in the quantum approach for nonzero values of T . Why?

At $T=0$ the corresponding function gives us $n=0$ and energy of harmonic oscillator should be equal to 0. But according to quantum mechanical calculations in the ground state $n=1$ and energy is equal to energy of zero-vibrations.

The best choice is to use instead of Boltzmann function so called Bose-Einstein distribution function (suitable for Bose particles).