

Quiz #6 (Particles and Barriers)

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Quantum Mechanics

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Prob. 1(2)

Expand a constant A with the basis function $\sqrt{2/L} \sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}x)$ with integer n for

$0 \leq x \leq L$. In other words, determine a_n when $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sqrt{2/L} \sin(\frac{n\pi}{L}x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq L$.

Prob. 2(3)

A quantum mechanical particle with mass m and kinetic energy E is injected from left ($V(x)=0$ for $x < 0$) into a potential barrier ($V(x)=V_0 < E$ for $x > 0$) at $x = 0$.

Show that the reflection coefficient for this particle is given as $\frac{\sqrt{E} - \sqrt{E - V_0}}{\sqrt{E} + \sqrt{E - V_0}}$.

Prob. 3(1)

What is the EM wave phenomenon which is mathematically analogous to the quantum mechanical tunneling due to the infinitely thick potential barrier?