

39.35. A particle moving in one dimension (the x -axis) is described by the wave function

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^{-bx}, & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ Ae^{bx}, & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

where $b = 2.00 \text{ m}^{-1}$, $A > 0$, and the $+x$ -axis points toward the right. (a) Determine A so that the wave function is normalized. (b) Sketch the graph of the wave function. (c) Find the probability of finding this particle in each of the following regions: (i) within 50.0 cm of the origin, (ii) on the left side of the origin (can you first guess the answer by looking at the graph of the wave function?), (iii) between $x = 0.500 \text{ m}$ and $x = 1.00 \text{ m}$.

39.36. Linear Combinations of Wave Functions. Let ψ_1 and ψ_2 be two solutions of Eq. (39.18) with the same energy E . Show that $\psi = B\psi_1 + C\psi_2$ is also a solution with energy E , for any values of the constants B and C .

39.37. Let ψ_1 and ψ_2 be two solutions of Eq. (39.18) with energies E_1 and E_2 , respectively, where $E_1 \neq E_2$. Is $\psi = A\psi_1 + B\psi_2$, where A and B are nonzero constants, a solution to Eq. (39.18)? Explain your answer.