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1. A particle of mass m, with the Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$ , is moving in one dimension subject to an attractive potential of the form:

$$V(x) = -U \left[\delta(x + a/2) + \delta(x - a/2)\right]$$

with U > 0.

- (a) What consequences does the Hamiltonian's reflection symmetry have for the particle's bound states?
- (b) For U large enough the Hamiltonian has two bound states. Sketch their wave functions, making it clear which describes the ground state.
- (c) For  $U \leq U_c$  the Hamiltonian has only one bound state. Determine the value of  $U_c$ , in terms of the other parameters.