

Corrected Huang-Yang pseudopotential for partial waves

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I. TWO-BODY INTERACTION

A. Relative coordinates

The general Hamiltonian for two-body interactions is given as follows,

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_1}\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1}^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_2}\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2}^2 + V(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2). \quad (1)$$

If we define the center-of-mass coordinates $\mathbf{R}$ and the relative coordinates $\mathbf{r}$ as

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{M_1\mathbf{r}_1 + M_2\mathbf{r}_2}{M_1 + M_2}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2, \quad (2)$$

the Hamiltonian can be transformed into

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M}\nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + V(\mathbf{r}), \quad (3)$$

where $M = M_1 + M_2$ is the total mass, and $\mu = M_1M_2/(M_1 + M_2)$ is the reduced mass. In this way, we can express the wave function of the two particles as

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \psi_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{R})\psi_{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{r}). \quad (4)$$

Notice that the two-body interaction term only affects $\psi_{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{r})$, so we reduce the two-body problem to an effective one-body problem in relative coordinates.

B. Partial wave expansion

The two-body Schrödinger equation in the relative coordinates is given as follows,

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(\mathbf{r}) = V(r)\psi(\mathbf{r}), \quad (5)$$

where $k^2 = 2\mu E/\hbar^2$, and for simplicity we assume $V(r)$ is a central and finite-range potential which is non-zero in the regime $r < r_0$. Using the partial wave expansion, we can expand the wave function $\psi(\mathbf{r})$ as

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{lm} R_{lm}(r)Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi). \quad (6)$$

Plugging Eq. (6) into Eq. (5) outside the range of the potential ($r > r_0$), we get the following differential equation for the radial part of the wave function,

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR_{lm}}{dr} \right) + \left(k^2 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) R_{lm} = 0. \quad (7)$$

The general solution of Eq. (7) is given by

$$R_{lm}(r) = A_{lm} j_l(kr) + B_{lm} n_l(kr), \quad (8)$$

where $j_l(r)$ and $n_l(r)$ are the spherical Bessel functions. The asymptotic behavior of $R_{lm}(r)$ for $kr \rightarrow \infty$ is given by

$$R_{lm}(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{kr} \left[A_{lm} \sin \left(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} \right) - B_{lm} \cos \left(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} \right) \right] \propto \frac{1}{kr} \sin \left(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l \right) \quad (9)$$

where δ_l is defined as the scattering phase shift of the l -partial wave, which depends on the finite range potential $V(r)$. In terms of phase shift δ_l , we can rewrite $R_{lm}(r)$ as follows,

$$R_{lm}(r) = C_{lm} [j_l(kr) - \tan \delta_l n_l(kr)] \quad (r > r_0). \quad (10)$$

In the following discussions, we called the wave function in the regime $r > r_0$ as $\psi_>(\mathbf{r})$.

II. HUANG-YANG PSEUDOPOTENTIAL

A. Derivation of pseudopotential

The idea of Huang-Yang pseudopotential is to replace the potential $V(r)$ by a contact potential $V_{ps}(\mathbf{r})$, which acts only at $\mathbf{r} = 0$ and gives the same wave function $\psi_>(\mathbf{r})$ outside the range of the potential at the low-energy threshold ($k \rightarrow 0$). Notice that the asymptotic behavior of $R_{lm}(r)$ for $kr \rightarrow 0$ is given by

$$R_{lm}(kr) \rightarrow C_{lm} \left[\frac{(kr)^l}{(2l+1)!!} + \tan \delta_l \frac{(2l-1)!!}{(kr)^{l+1}} \right], \quad (11)$$

the Huang-Yang pseudopotential $V_{ps}(\mathbf{r})$ can be constructed as

$$\begin{aligned} V_{ps}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_>(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi_>(kr \rightarrow 0) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \sum_{lm} C_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) \left[\frac{(kr)^l}{(2l+1)!!} + \tan \delta_l \frac{(2l-1)!!}{(kr)^{l+1}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Using the fact that

$$\nabla^2(r^l) = \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}r^l, \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right) \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} &= \frac{1}{r^l} \left[r^l \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \right) - \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \nabla^2(r^l) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r^l} \nabla \cdot \left[r^l \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \right) - \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \nabla(r^l) \right] \\ &= -\frac{2l+1}{r^l} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{2l+1}{r^l} 4\pi \delta(\mathbf{r}), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

we have

$$V_{ps}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \sum_{lm} C_{lm} \tan \delta_l \frac{(2l+1)!!}{k^{l+1}} \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi), \quad (15)$$

where $\delta(r) = 4\pi r^2 \delta(\mathbf{r})$. Based on Eq. (11), we can also express C_{lm} as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{lm} &= \frac{1}{k^l(2l)!!} \left[\left(\frac{d}{dr} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} R_{lm}(kr) \right] \Big|_{r=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^l(2l)!!} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega) \psi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \Big|_{r=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Plugging Eq. (16) into Eq. (15), we have

$$V_{ps}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{lm} \frac{\hbar^2 a_l^{2l+1}}{2\mu} \frac{(2l+1)!!}{(2l)!!} \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega) \psi_{>}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \Big|_{r=0}, \quad (17)$$

where we define the scattering length for the l -partial wave as

$$a_l^{2l+1} = -\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \delta_l}{k^{2l+1}}. \quad (18)$$

B. Pseudopotential in momentum space

Consider the plane wave basis,

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{k} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \quad (19)$$

and

$$\langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} V_{ps}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \quad (20)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle &= \sum_{lm} \frac{\hbar^2 a_l^{2l+1}}{2\mu V} \frac{(2l+1)!!}{(2l)!!} \left[\int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \right] \\ &\times \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega) e^{i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{r}} \right] \Big|_{r=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Using the fact that

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = 4\pi \sum_{lm} i^l j_l(kr) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r}), \quad (22)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) &= 4\pi \sum_{l'm'} (-i)^{l'} Y_{l'm'}(\hat{k}) \int r^2 dr j_{l'}(kr) \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} \cdot \int d\Omega Y_{l'm'}^* Y_{lm} \\ &= 4\pi (-i)^l Y_{lm}(\hat{k}) \int r^2 dr j_l(kr) \frac{\delta(r)}{r^{l+2}} \\ &= \frac{4\pi (-i)^l Y_{lm}(\hat{k}) k^l}{(2l+1)!!}, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega) e^{i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{r}} \right] \Big|_{r=0} &= 4\pi \sum_{l'm'} i^{l'} Y_{l'm'}^*(\hat{k}') \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} j_{l'}(k'r) \int d\Omega Y_{lm}^* Y_{l'm'} \right] \Big|_{r=0} \\ &= 4\pi i^l Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}') \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^{2l+1} r^{l+1} j_l(k'r) \right] \Big|_{r=0} \\ &= 4\pi i^l Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}') (k')^l (2l)!!, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

which gives

$$\langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{8\hbar^2 \pi^2}{\mu V} \sum_{lm} a_l^{2l+1} (k')^l k^l Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}') Y_{lm}(\hat{k}). \quad (25)$$

Recall the addition theorem for spherical harmonics,

$$P_l(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}') = \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_m Y_{lm}(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}'), \quad (26)$$

where $P_l(x)$ is the Legendre polynomial, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{2\hbar^2 \pi}{\mu V} \sum_l (2l+1) a_l^{2l+1} (k')^l k^l P_l(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}'). \quad (27)$$

For s-wave ($l = 0$), we have

$$\langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{2\hbar^2 \pi}{\mu V} a_0. \quad (28)$$

For p-wave ($l = 1$), we have

$$\langle \mathbf{k} | V_{ps} | \mathbf{k}' \rangle = \frac{6\hbar^2 \pi}{\mu V} a_1^3 (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}'). \quad (29)$$

III. MANY-BODY HAMILTONIAN

It's convenient to express the many-body Hamiltonian for identical particles ($\mu = m/2$) in the second quantized form as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_0 + H_1, \\
 H_0 &= \sum_{\alpha} \int d^3\mathbf{r} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right] \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}), \\
 H_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_2) V_{ps}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1),
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

in which $V_{ps}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$ is the pseudopotential for two-body interaction, α, β denote the internal levels of the particles, and we use $a_{\alpha\beta}$ ($b_{\alpha\beta}^3$) to denote the s-wave scattering length (p-wave scattering volume) between particles in internal level α and β .

In momentum space, the field operator can be expressed as

$$\psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} a_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}, \tag{31}$$

so the interaction term can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \frac{1}{2V^2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1\cdot\mathbf{r}_1} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2\cdot\mathbf{r}_2} V_{ps}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) e^{i\mathbf{k}_3\cdot\mathbf{r}_2} e^{i\mathbf{k}_4\cdot\mathbf{r}_1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2V^2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \int d^3\mathbf{R} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3-\mathbf{k}_4)\cdot\mathbf{R}} \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{-i\frac{\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_2}{2}\cdot\mathbf{r}} V_{ps}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) e^{i\frac{\mathbf{k}_4-\mathbf{k}_3}{2}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2}{2} \left| V_{ps}^{\alpha\beta} \right| \frac{\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_3}{2} \right\rangle \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3+\mathbf{k}_4},
 \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

where $\mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2)/2$, and $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$.

For s-wave interaction, plug in Eq. (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{\alpha\beta}}{mV} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3+\mathbf{k}_4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{\alpha\beta}}{mV^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3-\mathbf{k}_4)\cdot\mathbf{r}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{\alpha\beta}}{m} \int d^3\mathbf{r} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

For p-wave interaction, plug in Eq. (29), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{3\pi\hbar^2 b_{\alpha\beta}^3}{mV} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} [(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_3)] \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3+\mathbf{k}_4} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{3\pi\hbar^2 b_{\alpha\beta}^3}{mV^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_4} a_{\mathbf{k}_1\alpha}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}_2\beta}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}_3\beta} a_{\mathbf{k}_4\alpha} \int d^3\mathbf{r} [(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_3)] e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3-\mathbf{k}_4)\cdot\mathbf{r}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{3\pi\hbar^2 b_{\alpha\beta}^3}{m} \int d^3\mathbf{r} [(\nabla\psi_\alpha^\dagger)\psi_\beta^\dagger - \psi_\alpha^\dagger(\nabla\psi_\beta^\dagger)] \cdot [\psi_\beta(\nabla\psi_\alpha) - (\nabla\psi_\beta)\psi_\alpha].
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

In the derivation of s-wave and p-wave interaction above, we implicitly assume the field operators $\psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r})$ and $\psi_\alpha^\dagger(\mathbf{r})$ have regular spatial profile, so we do not need to include the regularization operators.

Now we use the two-component Fermi gas (internal levels $|g\rangle, |e\rangle$) as an example to illustrate the s-wave and p-wave interaction. Since the total wave function for two fermionic atoms is antisymmetric, the spatial wave function related to spin state $(|ge\rangle - |eg\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ is symmetric (s-wave interaction with scattering length a_{eg}), while the spatial wave functions related to spin states $|gg\rangle, (|ge\rangle + |eg\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, |ee\rangle$ are antisymmetric (p-wave interaction with scattering volume $b_{gg}^3, b_{eg}^3, b_{ee}^3$ respectively). So the two-body interaction term H_1 takes the following form,

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1 &= \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{eg}}{m} \int d^3\mathbf{r} \psi_e^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_g^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_g(\mathbf{r}) \psi_e(\mathbf{r}) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{3\pi\hbar^2 b_{\alpha\beta}^3}{2m} \int d^3\mathbf{r} [(\nabla\psi_\alpha^\dagger)\psi_\beta^\dagger - \psi_\alpha^\dagger(\nabla\psi_\beta^\dagger)] \cdot [\psi_\beta(\nabla\psi_\alpha) - (\nabla\psi_\beta)\psi_\alpha].
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