

Scattering Theory

Lecture: 7

- Learn about structure of an object (building, person, molecule, atom, proton, ...) by scattering something (photon, electron, ...) off of it — this is "seeing"!

As we'll see, to lowest order, in far field the scattered amplitude is a Fourier transform of the observed object (Born approximation).

- Want to study dynamics of a packet with $\langle p \rangle = \hbar k_0$ far away from target after "collision"/scattering with target.
 - expand initial state in eigenfnc's of $H = H_0 + V$

1d

$$\begin{aligned}
 t=0 \quad \psi_h &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow -\infty} B_k e^{-ikx} + A_k e^{ikx} \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{initial partial wave} \\
 &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} C_k e^{ikx} + 0 e^{-ikx} \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{scattered waves} \quad \quad \quad \text{initial condition bc.}
 \end{aligned}$$

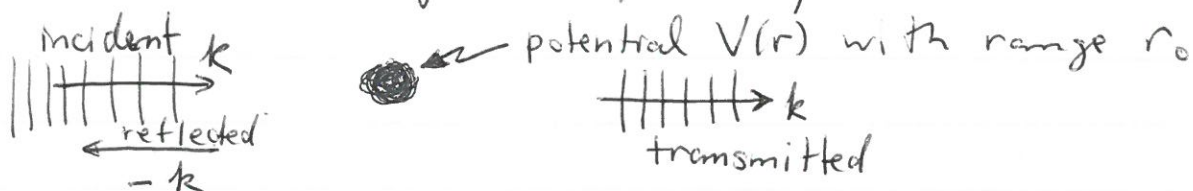
- evolve in time to t via $e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_k t}$
- project on reflected and transmitted wavepackets to identify reflection (R) & transmission (T).
- find that R, T not sensitive to packet shape $\Rightarrow$ (in wide packet, well defined P limit)

⇒ Just take one eigenfunc ψ_h & determine R, T from ratios of transmitted & reflected currents to incident current:
(see e.g. Shankar Ch. 5),

$$\frac{J_R}{J_I} = R = \left| \frac{B_0}{A_0} \right|^2, \quad T = \left| \frac{C_0}{A_0} \right|^2 \frac{k_1}{k_0} = 1 - R = \frac{J_T}{J_I}.$$

"Short-cut":

- consider plane wave (incident) $e^{ik_0 x}$ & unnormalized eigenstate with this b.c.: and study current ratios to get R, T .
⇒ no dynamics for plane wave / infinitely wide wavepacket, steady state current.



$$V(r) = V(-r)$$

form does not take advantage of parity symmetry

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} e^{ikx} + r e^{-ikx} & , x \ll -r_0 \\ t e^{ikx} & , x \gg r_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = |t|^2, \quad R = |r|^2; \quad |r|^2 + |t|^2 = 1 \text{ (unitarity)}$$

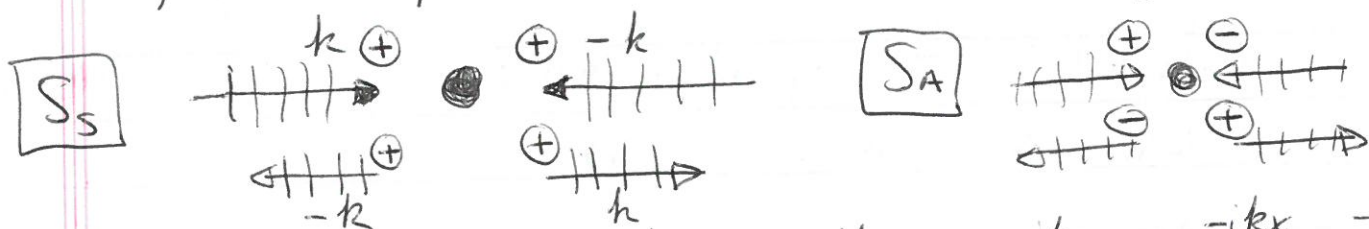
incoming form not symm. but scattered breaks up into

$$\psi = \begin{cases} e^{ikx} + f_s e^{-ikx} - f_A e^{-ikx} & , x \ll -r_0 \\ e^{ikx} + f_s e^{ikx} + f_A e^{ikx} & , x \gg r_0 \end{cases}$$

odd/even components

$f_{s,A}$ - symmetric/antisymmetric scattering amplitudes

Equivalently, in terms of scattering matrix:



$$x \ll -r_0: \psi = \frac{1}{2} e^{ikx} + \frac{1}{2} e^{ikx} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-ikx} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-ikx} + f_S e^{-ikx} - f_A e^{-ikx}$$

$$x \gg r_0: \psi = \frac{1}{2} e^{ikx} + \frac{1}{2} e^{ikx} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-ikx} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-ikx} + f_S e^{ikx} + f_A e^{ikx}$$

$$x \ll -r_0: \psi = \frac{1}{2} [e^{ikx} + (2f_S + 1)e^{-ikx}] + \frac{1}{2} [e^{ikx} - (2f_A + 1)e^{-ikx}]$$

$$x \gg r_0: \psi = \frac{1}{2} [e^{-ikx} + \underbrace{(2f_S + 1)}_{S_S} e^{ikx}] + \frac{1}{2} [-e^{-ikx} + \underbrace{(2f_A + 1)}_{S_A} e^{ikx}]$$

$$\text{Unitarity } |S|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow S_{S,A} = e^{i2\delta_{S,A}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2f^* + 1)(2f + 1) = 1$$

$$4|f|^2 + 4 \operatorname{Re} f + 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2f^* f = f + f^* \Rightarrow -2 = \frac{1}{f^*} + \frac{1}{f} = 2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{f}\right) = -1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = -1 + i\tilde{F}(k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f = \frac{1}{i\tilde{F}(k) - 1}}$$

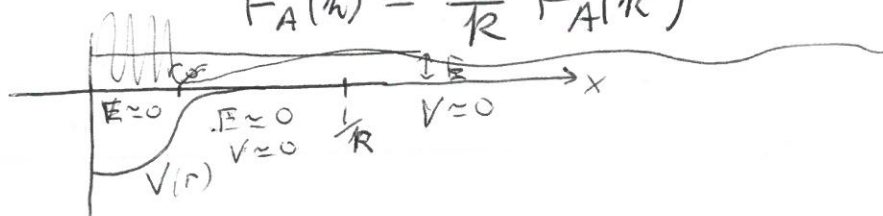
Analysis of S. Eqn:

$$\tilde{F}_S(k) = k F_S(k^2)$$

$$\tilde{F}_A(k) = \frac{1}{k} F_A(k^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_S = \frac{1}{ik F_S(k^2) - 1}$$

$$f_A = \frac{1}{ik^{-1} F_A(k^2) - 1}$$



Three-Dimensional Scattering

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A. Generalities of partial-wave expansion:

• Scattering amplitude:

Away from potential $r \gg r_0$, free S.Eqn.

$$\Rightarrow \psi_k = e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + \psi_{sc}(r, \theta, \varphi)$$

$$= e^{ikz} + \sum_{l,m} (A_l j_l(kr) + B_l n_l(kr)) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

spherical Bessel & Neumann fns.

Use:

$$j_l(kr) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow \infty]{kr \gg l} \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l)}{kr}; \quad n_l(kr) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow \infty]{} -\frac{\cos(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l)}{kr}$$

$$\xrightarrow[r \rightarrow 0]{kr \ll l} \frac{(kr)^l}{(2l+1)!!}$$

regular at origin

$$\xrightarrow[r \rightarrow 0]{kr \ll l} -\frac{(2l-1)!!}{(kr)^{l+1}}$$

irregular at origin.

$$j_0(p) = \frac{\sin p}{p}$$

$$j_1(p) = \frac{\sin p}{p^2} - \frac{\cos p}{p}$$

⋮

$$n_0(p) = -\frac{\cos p}{p}$$

$$n_1(p) = -\frac{\cos p}{p^2} - \frac{\sin p}{p}$$

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Boundary conditions: $\psi_{sc}(r) \propto$ outgoing wave $\propto \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

$$\Rightarrow A_l/B_l = -i$$

$$\psi = e^{ikz} + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{l,m} (-i)^l (-B_l) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \right)$$

$\equiv f(\theta, \varphi)$ - scattering amplitude.

- particle current $\vec{j} = \vec{j}_{inc} + \vec{j}_{sc}$.

$$\vec{j} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\psi^* \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{m} \nabla \psi \right) + \psi \left(\frac{i\hbar}{m} \nabla \psi^* \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[e^{-ikz} \nabla e^{ikz} - e^{ikz} \nabla e^{-ikz} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[\psi_{sc}^* \nabla \psi_{sc} - \psi_{sc} \nabla \psi_{sc}^* \right] \quad \left(\vec{\nabla} = \hat{r} \partial_r + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \partial_\theta + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \partial_\phi \right)$$

$$\vec{j} \approx \underbrace{\frac{\hbar k}{m}}_{j_{inc}} + \underbrace{\frac{\hbar k}{m} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2}_{j_{sc}} + \text{fast oscillating terms for } r \rightarrow \infty$$

$\uparrow$ look away from $\vec{k}$, i.e. $\theta \neq 0$

- Differential cross section: then $\vec{j} \approx \vec{j}_{sc}$

Probability flow into $d\Omega$ at rate:

$$R(d\Omega) = \vec{j}_{sc} \cdot d\vec{A} = \vec{j}_{sc} \cdot \hat{r} r^2 d\Omega$$

$$R(d\Omega) = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |f|^2 d\Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{R(d\Omega)}{j_{inc}} = |f|^2 d\Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2}}$$

→ $V(r) \neq 0$: just a phase shift for $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\psi_h^{(e)} \sim A_e \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l + \delta_e)}{r} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

$$\psi_h(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l \frac{e^{i(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l + \delta_l)} - e^{-i(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l + \delta_l)}}{r} P_l(\cos\theta)$$

require: $= e^{ikz} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

$\uparrow$ incoming & outgoing. $\uparrow$ only outgoing

Choose A_l s.t. incoming in $\psi_h(\vec{r})$ gives incoming of $e^{ikz} = \sum_l \frac{(2l+1)}{2ik} \left[\frac{e^{-ikr}}{r} e^{+i\pi l} + \dots \right]$

$$\Rightarrow A_l = \frac{2l+1}{2ik} e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2}l + \delta_l)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \psi_h(\vec{r}) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{2ik} \left[\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} e^{i2\delta_l} - \frac{e^{-i(kr - \pi l)}}{r} \right] P_l(\cos\theta) \\ &= e^{ikz} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \left(\frac{e^{i2\delta_l} - 1}{2ik} \right) P_l(\cos\theta) \right)}_{\equiv f(\theta)} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) f_l(k) P_l(\cos\theta)$$

↑ partial wave l scattering amplitude.

- Partial wave scattering amplitude.

$$f_\ell(k) = \frac{e^{i2\delta_\ell} - 1}{2ik} \equiv \frac{S_\ell - 1}{2ik}$$

$$f_\ell(k) = \frac{e^{i\delta_\ell}}{k} \sin \delta_\ell$$

- Scattering matrix

$$S = \lim_{\substack{t_i \rightarrow -\infty \\ t_f \rightarrow \infty}} U(t_f, t_i)$$

For rot. invariant potential, each partial wave scatters independently

$$-\frac{e^{-i(kr - \pi)}}{r} + \underbrace{e^{i2\delta_\ell}}_{\equiv S_\ell} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

Note: as in $V(r)=0$ case ratio of incoming to outgoing amplitudes is $|S_\ell|=1$, simply by particle conservation (unitarity)

$$\Rightarrow S_\ell = \frac{e^{i\delta_\ell}}{e^{-i\delta_\ell}} = \frac{1 + i \tan \delta_\ell}{1 - i \tan \delta_\ell}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_\ell = \frac{1 + i \tan \delta_\ell - 1 + i \tan \delta_\ell}{1 - i \tan \delta_\ell} \frac{1}{2ik}$$

$$\boxed{f_\ell = \frac{1}{\frac{k}{\tan \delta_\ell} - ik}}$$

• Cross section in partial waves & δ_l

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \int d\Omega |f(\theta)|^2 \\ &= 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \sum_{l, l'=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2l+1)(2l'+1) P_l(\cos\theta) P_{l'}(\cos\theta)}{f_l^*(k) f_{l'}(k)} \\ &\quad \downarrow \delta_{l, l'} \frac{2}{2l+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \sin^2 \delta_l \equiv \sum_l \sigma_l$$

Unitarity bound on $\sigma_l \leq \sigma_l^{\max} = (2l+1) \frac{4\pi}{k^2}$
 saturated by $\delta_l = \pi/2$ $\mathbb{N}_{\text{odd}} \mathbb{Z}$.

• Optical Thm:

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k} \text{Im} f(0)$$

($P_l(\cos\theta) = 1$
for $\theta=0$)

total scattered
of
probability

$\propto$ decrease in current
density behind target ($\theta=0$)

• Finding $\delta_e \Rightarrow f_e, S_e, \sigma, \dots$

Must solve Schrodinger's Egn to determine asymptotic $\psi_e(r)$

$$\psi_e(r) \propto B_e j_l(kr) + C_e n_l(kr)$$

$r \gg r_0$

$$\underset{kr \gg l}{=} B_e \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l)}{kr} - C_e \frac{\cos(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l)}{kr}$$

$$\underset{\text{require:}}{=} A_e \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{\pi}{2}l + \delta_e)}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_e = (kA_e) \cos \delta_e, \quad C_e = -(kA_e) \sin \delta_e$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{-\frac{C_e}{B_e} = \tan \delta_e}$$

(Recall: A_e is then chosen so that $\psi \sim e^{ikz} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$)

B. Calculations of $f(\theta)$, etc...

1. Born Approximation

(a) via Fermi's golden rule

Amplitude for starting in state $|\vec{p}_i\rangle$ and ending in state $|\vec{p}_f\rangle$ is

$$\langle \vec{p}_f | \hat{U}(t_f, t_i) | \vec{p}_i \rangle$$

scattering
matrix

$$\hat{S} \equiv \lim_{\substack{t_i \rightarrow -\infty \\ t_f \rightarrow +\infty}} \hat{U}(t_f, t_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\vec{p}_i \rightarrow d\Omega) = \sum_{\vec{p}_f \text{ in } d\Omega} |\langle \vec{p}_f | \hat{S} | \vec{p}_i \rangle|^2$$

prob. of starting
in state $|\vec{p}_i\rangle$ & ending in
 $|\vec{p}_f\rangle$ with $\vec{p}_f$ in cone
at (θ, φ) size $d\Omega$

To 1^{st} order in $V(r) \rightarrow$ Fermi's golden rule:

$$R_{\vec{p}_f \rightarrow d\Omega} = \frac{dP(\vec{p}_i \rightarrow d\Omega)}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{\vec{p}_f \in \Omega} |\langle \vec{p}_f | V | \vec{p}_i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_i)$$

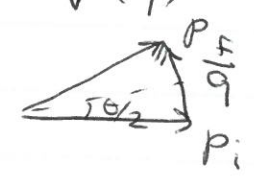
$$R_{\vec{p}_f \rightarrow d\Omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \frac{L^3}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3 p_f \underbrace{\delta\left(\frac{p_f^2}{2m} - \frac{p_i^2}{2m}\right)}_{\left(\psi_p = \frac{1}{L^{3/2}} e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar}\right) (p_f - p_i) \left(\frac{p_f + p_i}{2m}\right)} |\langle \vec{p}_f | V | \vec{p}_i \rangle|^2$$

$$R_{\vec{p}_f \rightarrow d\Omega} = \frac{L^3}{\hbar^4 (2\pi)^2} \int dp_f p_f^2 \frac{m}{p_f} \delta(p_f - p_i) |\langle \vec{p}_f | V | \vec{p}_i \rangle|^2$$

$$R_{\vec{p}_f \rightarrow d\Omega} = L^3 \frac{p_f m}{(2\pi)^2 \hbar^4} \left| \underbrace{\frac{1}{L^3} \int d^3r e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} V(r)}_{\tilde{V}(\vec{q})} \right|^2 d\Omega$$

$$\hbar \vec{q} = p_f - p_i$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{q}| = 2k \sin \theta/2$$



$$j_{inc} = \frac{p_f}{m} L^{-3}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{R_{\vec{p}_f \rightarrow d\Omega}}{j_{inc}} = \frac{m p_f}{(2\pi)^2 \hbar^4} \frac{m}{p_f} \frac{L^3}{L^{-3}} L^{-6} |\tilde{V}(\vec{q})|^2 d\Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \frac{-m}{2\pi \hbar^2} \tilde{V}(\vec{q}) \right|^2 = |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2$$

$$f(\theta, \varphi) = -\frac{m}{2\pi \hbar^2} \tilde{V}(\vec{q})$$

Born approximation.

For $V(\vec{r}) = V(r)$ spher. symm.

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta, \varphi) &= -\frac{m}{2\pi \hbar^2} \int e^{-iqr \cos \theta} V(r) d(\cos \theta) d\phi r^2 dr \\ &= -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \int \frac{\sin qr}{q} r dr \\ &= f(\theta), \quad \varphi \text{ independent } \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Yukawa potential: $V(r) = g \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r}$

$$f(\theta) = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 g} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{iqr} - e^{-iqr}}{2i} e^{-\kappa r} dr$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{-2mg}{\hbar^2(\kappa^2 + q^2)}, \quad q = 2k \sin \theta/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{4m^2 g^2}{\hbar^4 (\kappa^2 + 4k^2 \sin^2 \theta/2)^2}$$

For Coulomb potential scattering $\kappa \rightarrow 0$

$$g = Ze^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{Coulomb}} = \frac{(Ze^2)^2}{16E^2 \sin^4 \theta/2} \quad \text{Rutherford cross section.}$$

(exact q.m. & classically, Rutherford)

Subtleties with Coulomb potential $\frac{1}{r}$

since vanishes too slowly with $r \rightarrow \infty$
(need faster than $1/r$) to have $\psi_r \sim e^{ikr} + f(\theta, \phi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$.

Note for example: $\sigma = \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \int \frac{d\theta}{\theta^3} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \xrightarrow{(ikr - \gamma \ln kr)} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}, \quad \gamma = \frac{Ze^2 m}{\hbar^2 k}$$

for Coulomb.

In general:

$$f(\theta) = -\frac{\mu}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3r e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} V(r)$$

Low E at low E, $q \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\text{low E}}{f(\theta)} \simeq -\frac{\mu V_0 r_0^3}{\hbar^2}$$

High E $e^{-iqr\cos\theta}$ oscillates as $q \rightarrow \infty$.

$\Rightarrow$ averages to 0

$\Rightarrow f(\theta) \simeq 0$ for $\theta \geq \frac{\pi}{kr_0}$ except for $qr\cos\theta \leq \pi$
 $\Rightarrow \theta \simeq \frac{\pi}{kr_0}$ $\approx r_0$

$\Rightarrow$ Expect validity of Born approx. at high E
 s.t. $f(\theta)$ is small.

(b) via Green's func:

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r)\right) \psi_h = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \psi_h$$

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla^2 + k^2) \psi_h = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(r) \psi_h(r)$$

Solve via Green's func: integral eqn.:

$$\psi_h(r) = \underbrace{\psi_h^0}_{\text{boundary conditions}} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \int d^3r' G^0(r, r') V(r') \psi_h(r')$$

where $(\nabla^2 + k^2) \psi_h^0 = 0$ Δ $(\nabla^2 + k^2) G^0(r, r') = \delta^3(r - r')$

$$G^0(r-r') = ?$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)G^0(r) = \delta^3(r)$$

Soln:

$$(i) \quad G^0(r) = \frac{U(r)}{r} \Rightarrow U'' + k^2 U = 0, \text{ for } r \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow G^0(r) = A \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} + B \frac{e^{-ikr}}{r}$$

$$\text{b.c. } B = 0$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \left(\frac{A}{r} e^{ikr} \right) = \delta^3(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow G^0(r) = -\frac{1}{4\pi r} e^{ikr}$$

Note: consistent with $k \rightarrow 0$ limit
Coulomb's law. $\nabla^2 G^0 = \delta^3(r) \Rightarrow G^0 = -\frac{1}{4\pi r}$

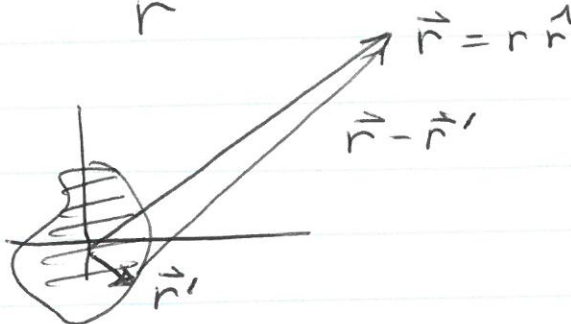
$$\Rightarrow \psi_k(r) = e^{ik \cdot r} - \frac{2m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3r' \frac{e^{ik|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} V(\vec{r}') e^{ik \cdot r'}$$

Look at detector at $r \gg r_0$ - extent of $V(r)$

$$|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'| = (r^2 + r'^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}')^{1/2} = r \left[1 + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 - 2\frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx r \left(1 - \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{ik|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \approx \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} e^{-i(\vec{k}\hat{r})\cdot\vec{r}'} \equiv \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} e^{-i\vec{k}_f\cdot\vec{r}'}$$



Note: $\vec{k}_f = k\hat{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_k(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} e^{ik\cdot r} + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \left(\frac{-2m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \int_{r'} e^{-i\vec{k}_f\cdot\vec{r}'} V(r') \psi_k(r) \right)$$

Born Approx:

$$\equiv f(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{2m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \int_{\vec{r}'} e^{-i(\vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i)\cdot\vec{r}} V(\vec{r})$$

$$(ii) (\nabla^2 + k^2) G_k^0(r) = \delta^3(r)$$

$$\text{F.T. } (-q^2 + k^2) \tilde{G}_k^0(q) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{G}_k^0(q) = \frac{1}{k^2 - q^2}$$

$$G_k^0(r) = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}}}{k^2 - q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Why? $\frac{1}{q^2 - (k+i\epsilon)^2}$
 $\xrightarrow{iqr} e^{ikr - \epsilon r}$

$$\frac{1}{q^2 - (k+i\epsilon)^2} \approx \frac{1}{q^2 - k^2 - i2k\epsilon}$$

ϵ added to ensure
 an outgoing wave G_{out} only
 (b.c.)

$$\begin{aligned}
G_k^o(\vec{r}) &= \frac{2\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \int_0^\infty e^{iq\mu r} q^2 dq \frac{1}{(k-q+i\epsilon)(k+q+i\epsilon)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \frac{e^{iqr} - e^{-iqr}}{iqr} \frac{1}{(k-q+i\epsilon)(k+q+i\epsilon)} \\
&= \frac{-i}{4\pi^2 r} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dq q \frac{e^{iqr}}{(k-q+i\epsilon)(k+q+i\epsilon)}
\end{aligned}$$

- choice of $k+i\epsilon$ ensures that contour is closed in upper-half plane

so that $e^{iq \cdot r} = e^{i(k+i\epsilon)r}$

$$= \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) e^{-\epsilon r} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

- choice of $k-i\epsilon$ selects instead

$$e^{iq \cdot r} = \left(\frac{e^{-ikr}}{r} \right) e^{-\epsilon r} \quad \text{incoming wave,}$$

$$G_k^o(r) = \frac{-i}{4\pi^2 r} 2\pi i \frac{e^{ikr - \epsilon r}}{-2(k+i\epsilon)}$$

$$G_k^o(r) = - \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r}$$

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• Validity of Born approx:

$$\psi_L = e^{ik \cdot r} + \psi_{sc}$$

require $|\psi_{sc}| \ll |e^{ik \cdot r}| = 1$

look at origin where $\psi_{sc}(r)$ is largest.

$$|\psi_{sc}(0)| = \left| \frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int \frac{e^{ikr'}}{r'} V(r') e^{-i\vec{k}_i \cdot \vec{r}'} d^3r' \right| \ll 1$$

$$\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \frac{2\pi \cdot 2}{k} \left| \int_0^\infty dr' e^{ikr'} \sin kr' V(r') \right| \ll 1$$

Low E:

$$k \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left| \int_0^\infty dr' r' V(r') \right| \ll 1$$

to be convergent $V(r') \rightarrow 0$, as $r \rightarrow \infty$
faster than $\frac{1}{r'}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 r_0^2 \ll 1$$

$$V_0^{\text{Low}} \ll \frac{\hbar^2}{2m r_0^2}$$

← must be shallow enough so as not allow a bound state.

High E: fast oscillations $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{2m}{k\hbar^2} \left| \int dr' V(r') \right| \ll 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{2m V_0 r_0^2}{\hbar^2} \ll k r_0}$$

i.e. $V_0^{\text{high}} \ll \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m r_0^2} \right) (k r_0)$; Note: If good at low E $\rightarrow$ good at all E!

• Back to Dyson's Egn. : T-matrix.

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \psi_k = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V \psi_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_k(r) = \psi_k^0(r) + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \int_{r'} G_k^0(r-r') \underbrace{V(r') \psi_k(r')}_{\equiv T(r') \psi_k^0(r')}$$

why? because this formally solves the prob. exactly: $\uparrow$
T-matrix

$$\psi_k(r) = \psi_k^0(r) + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \int_{r'} G_k^0(r-r') T(r') \psi_k^0(r')$$

$$= e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{-m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \tilde{T}(\vec{q}) \right)}_{\equiv f(\theta, \varphi) = -\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \tilde{T}(\vec{q})} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}{r}$$

Note: as $k \rightarrow 0$, $f(\theta, \varphi) = -a \Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{T}(0) \simeq \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} a}$

How to find T(r)?

$$\psi = \left(1 + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} G_0 V + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} G_0 V G_0 V + \dots \right) \psi_0$$

formally:

$$V \psi = \frac{V}{1 - G_0 V \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)} \psi_0 \equiv T \psi_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{T = \frac{V}{1 - G_0 V \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)}} \simeq V$$

to lowest order.

(Born approx.)

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r) \psi_k^0(r) &= V(r) \psi_k(r) = V(r) \psi_k^0(r) + \\
&+ \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(r) \int_{r_1} G_k^0(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_1) V(r_1) \psi_k^0(r_1) \\
&+ \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^2 V(r) \int_{r_1, r_2} G_k^0(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_1) V(r_1) G_k^0(\vec{r}_1-\vec{r}_2) V(r_2) \psi_k^0(r_2) \\
&+ \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= V_0 \delta^3(r) \left[\psi_k^0(0) + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 G_k^0(0) \psi_k^0(0) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^2 G_k^0(0) V_0 G_k^0(0) V_0 \psi_k^0(0) + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

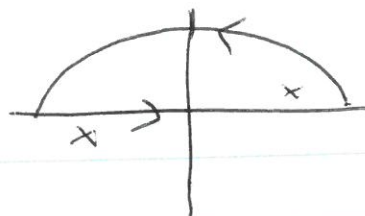
$$T(r) = \frac{V_0 \delta^3(r)}{1 - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 G_k^0(0)}$$

$$\hat{T}(\vec{q}) = \frac{V_0}{1 - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 G_k^0(0)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G_k^0(0) &= \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{k^2 - q^2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{-4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{\Lambda = \frac{2\pi}{r_0}} dq q^2 \frac{1}{q^2 - k^2 - i\epsilon} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda} dq - \frac{k^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda} dq \frac{1}{q^2 - k^2 - i\epsilon} \\
&= -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi^2} - \frac{\Lambda k^2}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq \frac{1}{q^2 - k^2 - i\epsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dq}{q^2 - k^2 - i\epsilon}$$



$$= \oint \frac{dq}{[q - (k + i\epsilon)][q + (k + i\epsilon)]} = \frac{2\pi i}{2(k + i\epsilon)} = \frac{\pi i}{k + i\epsilon} = i \frac{\pi}{k}$$

Note: closing in l.h.p. $\Rightarrow$ same result.

$$\oint \dots = \frac{-2\pi i}{-2(k + i\epsilon)} = \frac{\pi i}{k + i\epsilon} = i \frac{\pi}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_k^0(0) = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi^2} - i k \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{T}(\vec{q}) = \frac{V_0}{1 + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{V_0}{4\pi} i k}$$

$$f_0(\theta, \varphi) = -\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \tilde{T}(q)$$

$$f_0(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{-\left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} V_0\right)}{1 + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V_0 \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi^2} + \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} V_0\right) i k}$$

$$f_0(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{-\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} V_0^{-1} - \frac{2}{\pi} \Lambda - i k}$$

note, $-i k$ as required by unitarity $|S|=1$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} V_0^{-1} + \frac{2}{\pi} \Lambda}$$

Note: if $V_0 < 0 \Rightarrow a \rightarrow 0$ at $V_0^c = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{m \Lambda}$ (E-L³)

Resonant scattering

Recall:

$$\psi_{ke}(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} A_e \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} + B_e \frac{e^{-ikr}}{r} (-1)^l$$

$\uparrow$ outgoing wave $\uparrow$ incoming wave

$$S_l(k) \equiv e^{i2\delta_l(k)} = \frac{A_l}{B_l} \Leftrightarrow f_l = \frac{i \tan \delta_l}{1 - i \tan \delta_l}$$

$\leftarrow$ same poles.

Can extract from $S_l(k)$ bound states & resonances!
by thinking of k & E as complex #'s.

Recall how boundstate is obtained:

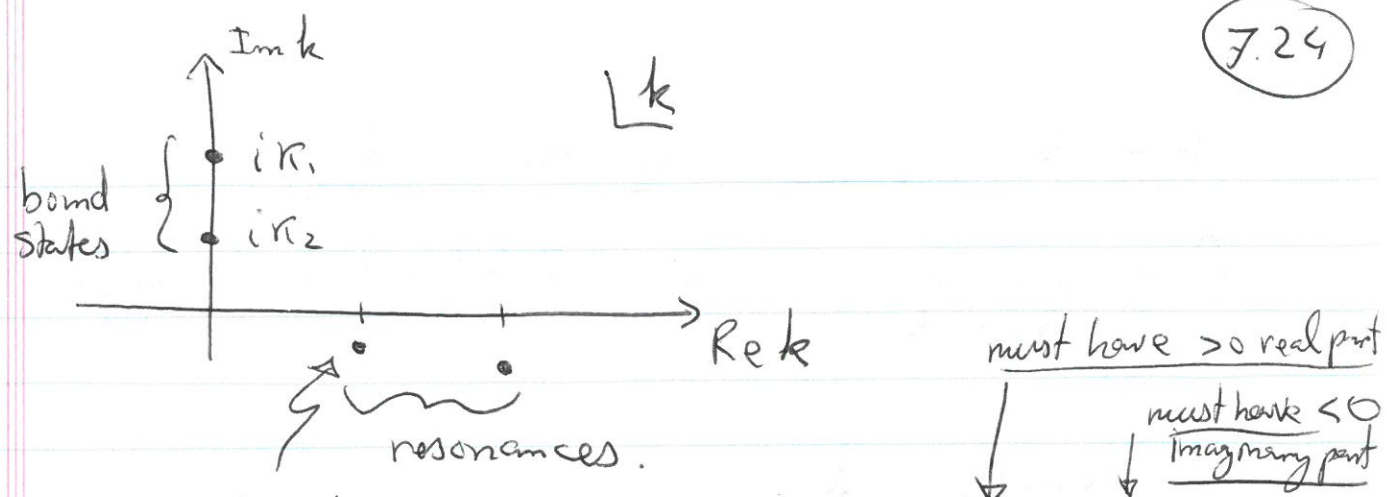
Solve S.Eqn for $E \equiv \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} < 0$, $k = i\kappa$
and require only exp. decaying soln at ∞ .

$$\psi_{ke}(r) \sim A_e \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r} + B_e \frac{e^{\kappa r}}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{demand } B_e(i\kappa) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_l(k=i\kappa) = \infty$$

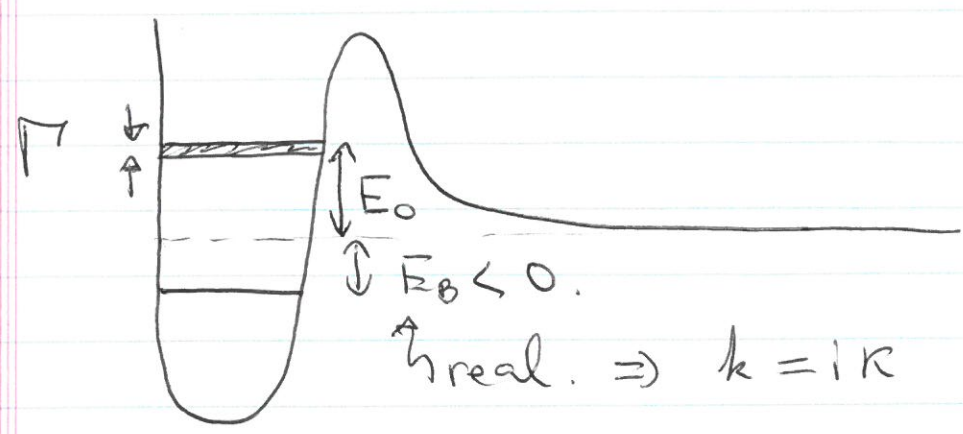
i.e. look at poles of $S_l(k)$ (k complex)
to find poles & resonance.



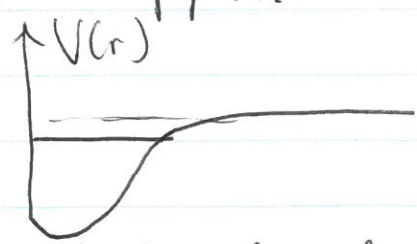
$$k = k_0 - i\eta \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = E = E_0 - i\Gamma/2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-iE_0 t/\hbar} \rightarrow e^{-i(E_0 - i\Gamma/2)t/\hbar} = e^{-iE_0 t/\hbar} e^{-\frac{\Gamma}{2}t/\hbar}$$

Γ is width of resonance, $\frac{2\pi}{\Gamma} = \tau$ - lifetime.

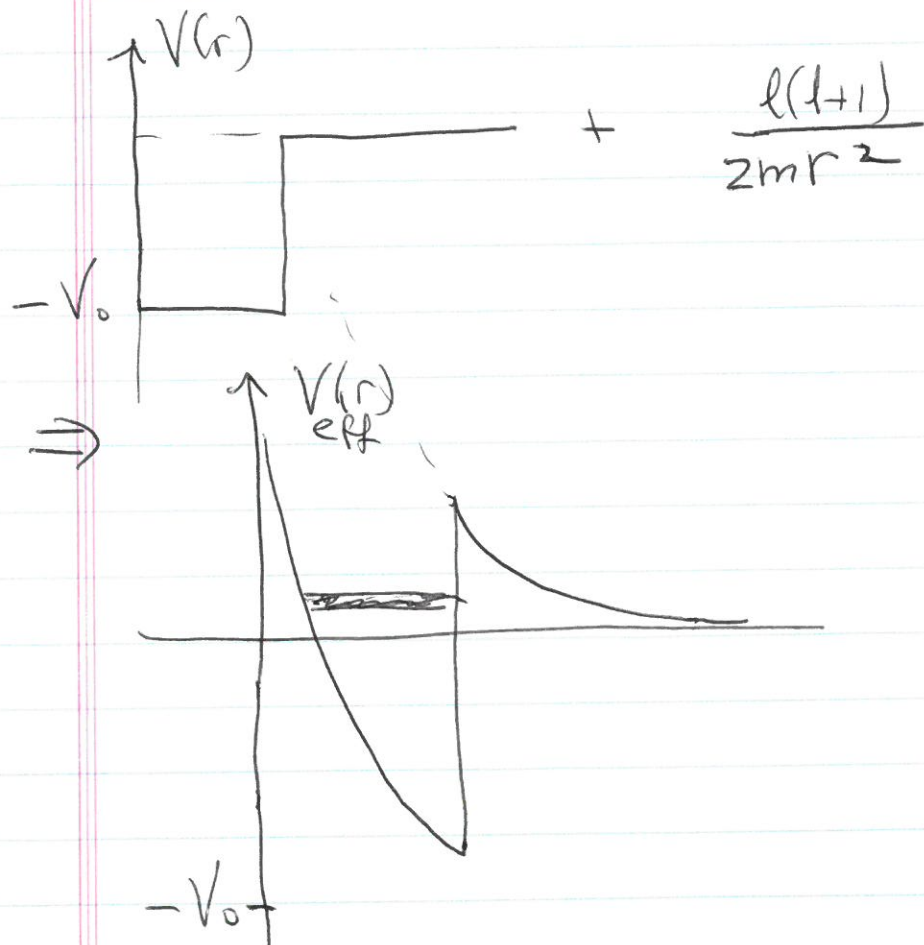


this can never happen for purely attractive potential for $l=0$



only bound state for $l=0$ as V_0 is varied.

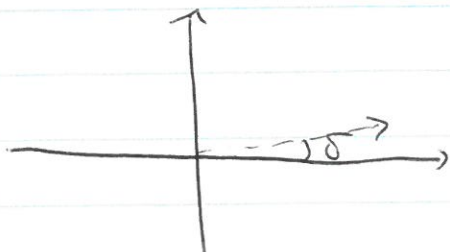
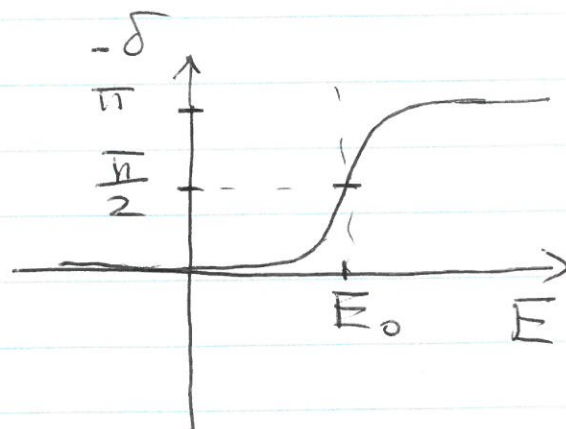
For $l > 0$ then centrifugal barrier allows for resonances



$$S_l(k) = \frac{1 + i \tan \delta_l}{1 - i \tan \delta_l} = e^{i2\delta_l} = \frac{E - (E_0 + i\Gamma/2)}{E - (E_0 - i\Gamma/2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta_l = \frac{\Gamma/2}{E_0 - E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_l = \tan^{-1} \frac{\Gamma/2}{E_0 - E}$$



δ_l change by π across a resonance

Levinson theorem (49):

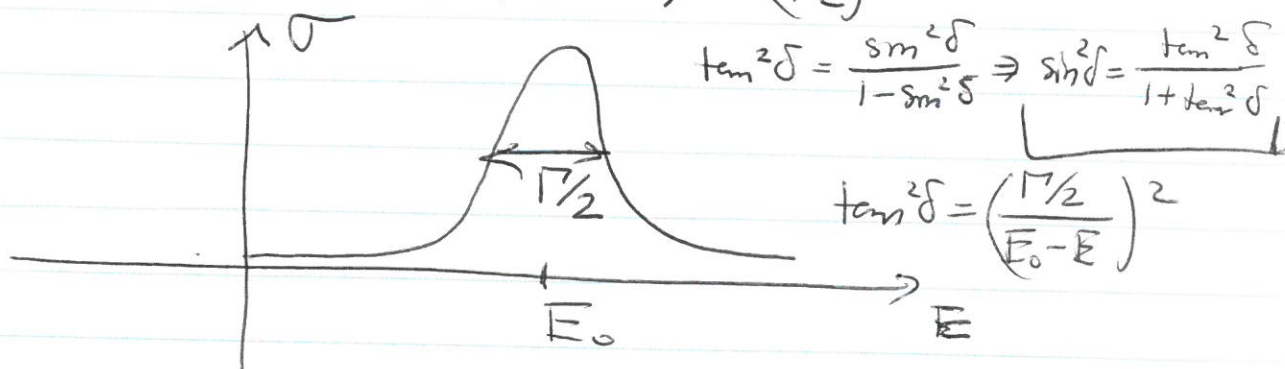
$$\delta_l(E) = N_l \pi, \quad \text{defining } \delta_l(E \rightarrow \infty) = 0$$

$\uparrow$
 # of bound states with angular momentum l .

$$\sigma_l = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} (2l+1) \sin^2 \delta_l$$

$$\underset{E \approx E_0}{\approx} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} (2l+1) \frac{(\Gamma/2)^2}{(E - E_0)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2}$$

Breit-Wigner form



$\Gamma/2 \approx \text{const}$ around E_0 but near $E \rightarrow 0$

$$\Gamma/2 \sim k^{2l+1}$$

; see e.g. hard sphere calculation on hw5.

$$f_l(k) = \frac{1}{\frac{k}{\tan \delta_l} - ik}$$

general result

consequence of cent. barrier, recall WKB.

$$\tan \delta_l = -\frac{B_l}{A_l} = \frac{f_l(kr_0)}{n_l(kr_0)} \sim (kr_0)^{2l+1}$$

$$f_l(k) = \frac{1}{\frac{k}{\tan \delta_l} - ik} = \frac{1}{\frac{k}{k^{2l+1} F_l(k^2)} - ik}$$

$$f_l(k) = \frac{k^{2l}}{F_l(k^2) - ik^{2l+1}}, \quad F_l(k^2) = c_1 + c_2 k^2 + \dots = \gamma(E_0 - E)$$

At low energy: $k \rightarrow 0$

$$f_l(k) = \frac{\gamma^{-1} k^{2l}}{E_0 - E - ik^{2l+1} \gamma^{-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_p = E_0 - i \gamma^{-1} k^{2l+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma/2 = \gamma^{-1} k^{2l+1} \propto E^{l+1/2} \xrightarrow{\omega) E \rightarrow 0} 0$$

cf WKB

$$\Gamma/2 \sim e^{-2 \int_{r_0}^{r(E)} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V - E)} dr}$$

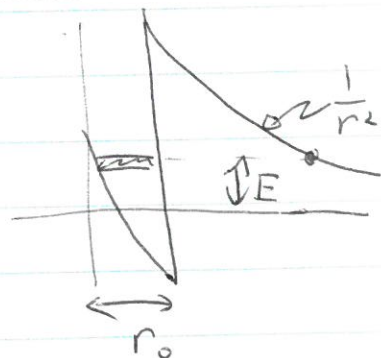
$$\sqrt{\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\Gamma/2 \sim e^{-2\sqrt{l(l+1)} \ln r(E)} = r(E)^{-2\sqrt{l(l+1)}}$$

$$r(E) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(E)/2 \sim E^{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \approx E^l \text{ for } l \rightarrow \infty$$

centrifugal barrier gets higher with $l \gg 1 \Rightarrow \Gamma \searrow$
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma(E) \sim \frac{1}{E^{l+1/2}}$ gets larger $\rightarrow \infty$ as $E \rightarrow 0$.



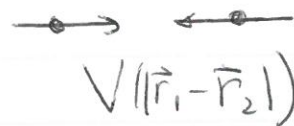
Two-particle scattering

- A single particle onto target:



$$R = \text{No. of collisions/sec} = \sigma \rho_i v_i \equiv \sigma j$$

- 2 particle collision



$\Rightarrow$

$$R = \text{No. of collisions/sec/vol. of interaction} \\ = \sigma \rho_1 \rho_2 v_{\text{relative}}$$

$$dR = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_L} d\Omega_L \rho_1 \rho_2 v_{\text{rel}}$$

No. of counts - frame independent

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_L} d\Omega_L = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\text{cm}}} d\Omega_{\text{cm}}$$

Two-particle collision:

$$H = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + V(|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|)$$

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + V(r)$$

where $M = m_1 + m_2$, $\vec{P} = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2$, $\vec{R} = \frac{m_1}{M} \vec{r}_1 + \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{r}_2$

Note: $[r, p] = i\hbar = [R, P]$ $\vec{p} = \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{p}_1 - \frac{m_1}{M} \vec{p}_2$, $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$

$$[r, P] = [r, R] = [p, P] = [R, P] = 0$$

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2M}}_{H_{cm}} + \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2\mu} + V(r)}_{H_{rel}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{P}_{cm} \cdot \vec{R}} \psi^{rel}(r)$$

↑
free (unscattered) motion

with $H_{rel} \psi^{rel}(r) = E^{rel} \psi^{rel}(r)$

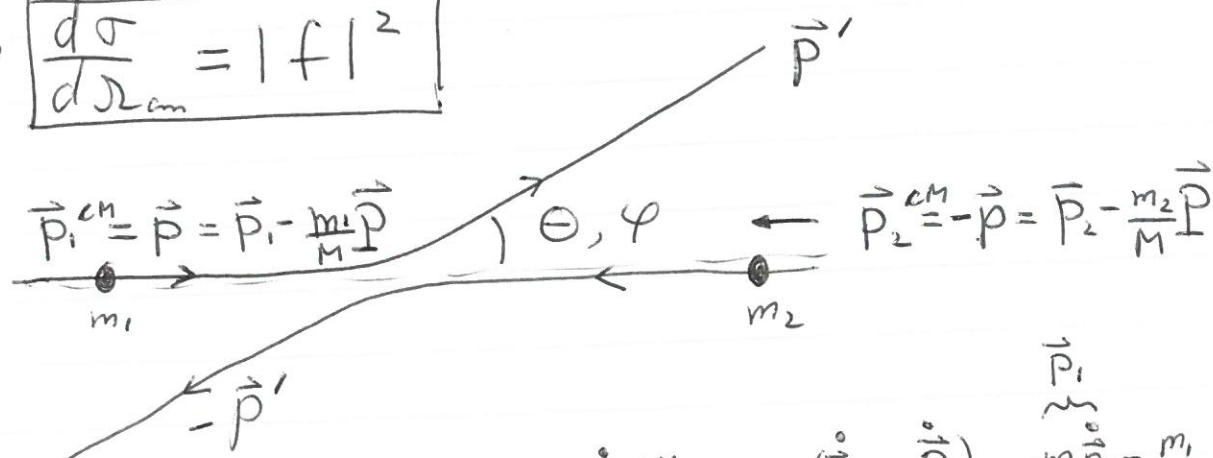
i.e.,
in COM 2 particle scattering interacting with $V(|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|)$
maps onto 1 particle with mass $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$
scattering on potential $V(r)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi^{rel}(\vec{r}) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} e^{ikz} + f(\theta, \varphi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$R_{i \rightarrow d\Omega} = |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2 \frac{\hbar k}{\mu} d\Omega_{cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{cm}} = |f|^2}$$

CM



Physically:

$$m_1 \dot{\vec{r}}_1 \rightarrow m_1 \dot{\vec{r}}_1^{cm} = m_1 (\dot{\vec{r}}_1 - \dot{\vec{R}}) = \underbrace{m_1 \dot{\vec{r}}_1}_{\vec{p}_1} - \underbrace{\frac{m_1}{M} M \dot{\vec{R}}}_{\vec{P}} \quad \checkmark$$

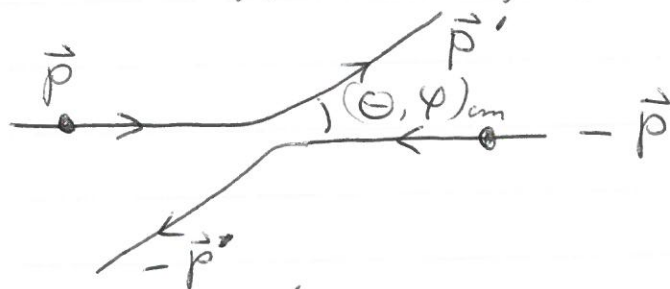
$$m_2 \dot{\vec{r}}_2 \rightarrow m_2 \dot{\vec{r}}_2^{cm} = m_2 (\dot{\vec{r}}_2 - \dot{\vec{R}}) = m_2 \dot{\vec{r}}_2 - \underbrace{\frac{m_2}{M} M \dot{\vec{R}}}_{\vec{P}} \quad \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow$ Calculate in CM $f(\theta, \varphi)$, $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{cm}}$
then transform back to
lab frame, if necessary.

CM $\rightarrow$ Lab transformation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_L} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{cm}} \left(\frac{d\Omega_{cm}}{d\Omega_L} \right)$$

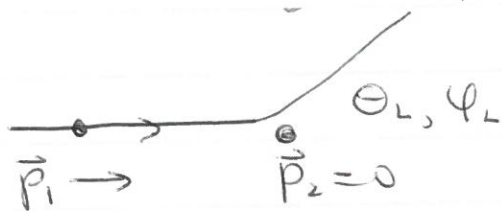
look at θ, ϕ & θ_L, ϕ_L relation:



COM:

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_{cm} = \frac{p'_1}{p'_2}, \quad \tan \phi_{cm} = \frac{p'_y}{p'_x}$$

Lab: $\Rightarrow$ with a stationary target particle



$$\vec{P} = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{p}_1', \quad \vec{p}_1' = \frac{M}{m_2} \vec{p} \quad (= 2\vec{p} \text{ for } m_1 = m_2)$$

equivalently, boost all p_i 's by shift in $\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{P}}{m_2}$ (to have $\vec{p}_2' = 0$)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{p}_1' = \vec{p} + m_1 \vec{v} = \vec{p} + \frac{m_1}{m_2} \vec{p} = \frac{M}{m_2} \vec{p} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_L = \frac{p'_1}{p'_2 + \frac{m_1}{m_2} p}, \quad \tan \phi_L = \frac{p'_y}{p'_x}$$

$$\boxed{\tan \theta_L = \frac{\sin \theta_{cm}}{\cos \theta_{cm} + m_1/m_2}} \quad (\text{using } p = p')$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_L = \tan \frac{\theta_{cm}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_L = \frac{1}{2} \theta_{cm}$$

for $m_1 = m_2$

$$\phi_L = \phi_{cm}$$

$$0 < \theta_{cm} \leq \pi \Rightarrow 0 < \theta_L \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_L} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{cm}} \left(\frac{d\Omega_{cm}}{d\Omega_L} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega_{cm}}{d\Omega_L} = \frac{d(\cos\theta_{cm})}{d(\cos\theta_L)} \frac{d\phi_{cm}}{d\phi_L} = \frac{\sin\theta_{cm}}{\sin\theta_L} \frac{d\theta_{cm}}{d\theta_L}$$

for $m_1 = m_2$ $\theta_L = \theta_{cm}/2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\Omega_{cm}}{d\Omega_L} = 2 \frac{\sin 2\theta_L}{\sin\theta_L} = 4 \cos\theta_L$$

• Scattering of Identical particles: $m_1 = m_2$

$$\Psi(r_1, r_2) = \Psi_{cm}((r_1 + r_2)/2) \Psi_{rel}(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$\hat{H}_{\text{symmetric}}$

$\rightarrow$ Bosons, $S=0$

$$\Psi_{\text{symm}} \rightarrow e^{ikz} + e^{-ikz} + [f(\theta, \varphi) + f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)] \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f_{\text{sym}}(\theta, \varphi) = f(\theta, \varphi) + f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta, \varphi) + f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)|^2$$

$$= |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2 + |f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\underbrace{f(\theta, \varphi) f^*(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)}_{\text{interference term}} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

$\hat{H}$ integral only over 2π radians, not 4π , not to double-count.

→ Fermions, $S = 1/2$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 1 \text{ (triplet)}, 0 \text{ (singlet)}$$

$$S_1 + S_2 = S$$

⇒ triplet scattering: orbital $\psi(r, r_2)$ antisym.

$$\Rightarrow \psi(r, r_2) \Rightarrow \psi_{\text{rel}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{ik \cdot r} & -e^{-ik \cdot r} \\ e^{-ik \cdot r} & e^{ik \cdot r} \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\underbrace{f(\theta, \varphi) - f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)}_{f_{\text{triplet}}} \right) \frac{e}{r}$$

⇒ singlet scattering:

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f_{\text{singlet}} = f(\theta, \varphi) + f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)}$$

Note: $f_{\text{triplet}}(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$.

For unpolarized fermions $\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$ triplet + $\frac{1}{4}$ singlet.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{3}{4} |f(\theta, \varphi) - f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |f(\theta, \varphi) + f(\pi - \theta, \varphi + \pi)|^2}$$