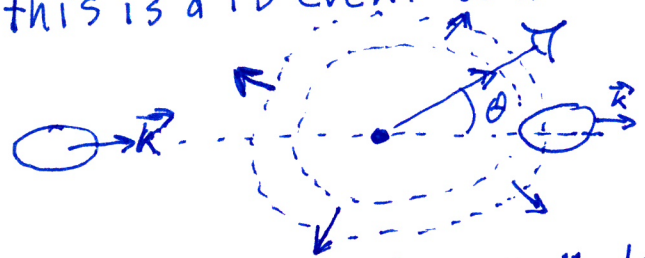


Quantum scattering in 3D :

- scattering of a single spinless particle in a central field $V(\vec{r})=V(r)$ (L2)
- this is a TD event so we're sending wavepackets towards the target



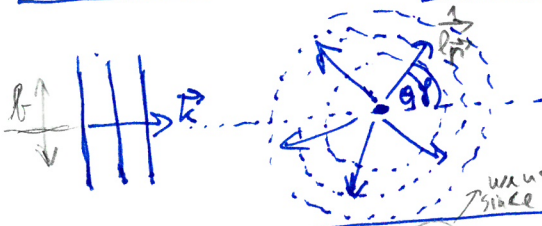
$$\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \int d^3k \underbrace{f(\vec{k})}_{\text{sharply peaked around some } \vec{k}_0} \Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \cdot e^{-iE_k t}$$

- more on scattering of wavepackets next time

- Since the WP. has a well-defined momentum we only focus on $\Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$:
 - by analogy with the 1D case the physical sol. is defined:

$$H \Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)} = E_k \Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)} + \text{b.c.}$$

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)} \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \underbrace{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}}_{\text{incoming wave}} + \underbrace{f(\theta, \varphi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}}_{\text{outgoing sph. wave}}$$



- the incoming plane-wave spans all impact parameters

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\text{scattered flux / unit solid angle}}{\text{incident flux / unit area}}$$

we use flux parameters for b.c. since particle number is conserved
 we only want the radial outgoing current
 $\Psi(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{v}$ classically

- flux is given by current density: $\vec{j}(\vec{r}) = \text{Re} \left[\Psi_{\vec{k}}^*(\vec{r}) \frac{\vec{p}}{m} \Psi(\vec{r}) \right] = \frac{\hbar}{2im} (\Psi_{\vec{k}}^*(\vec{r}) \nabla \Psi(\vec{r}) - \nabla \Psi_{\vec{k}}^*(\vec{r}) \Psi(\vec{r})) + \text{c.c.}$

$$\vec{j}_{\text{inc}} = \frac{\hbar \vec{k}}{m}, \quad \vec{j}_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\hbar}{2im} f^*(\theta, \varphi) \frac{e^{-ikr}}{r} \cdot \nabla \left[f(\theta, \varphi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right] + \text{c.c.} = \frac{\hbar}{2im} |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2 \frac{e^{-ikr}}{r^2} \cdot \nabla [e^{ikr}] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right) = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2 \frac{\vec{e}_r}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right)$$

- we need scattered flux at a large distance from the potential going into the solid angle $d\Omega$:
 scattered flux = $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{d\Omega} \vec{j}_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{d\Omega} \vec{j}_{\text{out}}(\vec{r}) \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \vec{e}_r r^2 d\Omega = \frac{\hbar k}{m} |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2 d\Omega$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{(\hbar k/m) \cdot |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2}{|\vec{j}_{\text{inc}}|} = |f(\theta, \varphi)|^2$$

(dσ/dΩ) as per definition

- We need to find $\Psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$ fulfilling the b.c. above.
 - We will do it first by the method of p.w. expansion.

$$\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \vec{e}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \vec{e}_\phi$$

Optical theorem: the full flux is $\vec{j} = \vec{j}_{\text{inc}} + \vec{j}_{\text{interference}} + \vec{j}_{\text{out}}$
 $0 = \oint \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint \vec{j}_{\text{inc}} \cdot d\vec{s} + \oint \vec{j}_{\text{interf}} \cdot d\vec{s} + \oint \vec{j}_{\text{out}} \cdot d\vec{s}$
 particle conservation $\Rightarrow 0$
 optical theorem $\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k} \text{Im} [f(\theta=0)]$ (4)

Partial wave method:

- analogue of the method used in 1D
- we seek a basis which we can use to expand the
- we assume: $V(\vec{r}) = V(r)$ (i.e. radially symmetric)

$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 V(r) = 0$ (i.e. falls off faster than $1/r^2$)

- let's use the symmetries of the problem:

$$\begin{cases} [\hat{H}_1, \hat{L}^2] = 0 \\ [\hat{H}_1, \hat{L}_3] = 0 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow there exists a basis which simultaneously diagonalizes $\hat{H}_1, \hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_3$

$$\phi_{lm}(\vec{r}) = \frac{u_l(r)}{r} \cdot Y_{lm}(\Omega)$$

Spherical harmonics: $L^2 Y_{lm}(\Omega) = l(l+1) \hbar^2 Y_{lm}(\Omega)$
 $L_3 Y_{lm}(\Omega) = m \hbar \cdot Y_{lm}(\Omega)$

$$\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{k}) \cdot \frac{u_l(r)}{r} \cdot Y_{lm}(\Omega)$$

(i.e. analogue of $\psi(x) = c_+ u_+(x) + c_- u_-(x)$)
 $\psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + f(\theta, \phi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

where $a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{k})$ have to be determined so that:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V(r) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2mr^2} + V(r)$$

- the equation satisfied by $u_l(r)$ is found from the Sch. eq. for $\psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$:

$$\hat{H} \psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = E_k \psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}); \text{ insert the expansion for } \psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$$

$$\sum_{l'=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m'=-l'}^{l'} a_{l'm'}^{(+)}(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{H} \left[\frac{u_{l'm'}(r)}{r} Y_{l'm'}(\Omega) \right] = E_k \sum_{l''=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m''=-l''}^{l''} a_{l''m''}^{(+)}(\vec{k}) \cdot \frac{u_{l''m''}(r)}{r} Y_{l''m''}(\Omega)$$

- now project the equation on sph. harm. $Y_{lm}(\Omega)$:

$$\sum_{l'=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m'=-l'}^{l'} a_{l'm'}^{(+)}(\vec{k}) \cdot \langle Y_{lm} | \hat{H} | \frac{u_{l'm'}(r)}{r} Y_{l'm'}(\Omega) \rangle = E_k \cdot a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{k})$$

$\Rightarrow Y_{lm}$ diagonalizes \hat{H} : $L^2 Y_{lm} = l(l+1) \hbar^2 Y_{lm}(\Omega)$ and $\int d\Omega Y_{lm}^* Y_{l'm'} = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$ depends only on l (not m) as expected

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} + V(r) \right] \frac{u_l(r)}{r} = E_k \frac{u_l(r)}{r}$$

$$\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \underbrace{\frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2}}_{V_{eff}(r)} + V(r) \right] u_l(r) = E_k u_l(r)$$

$V_{eff}(r) = V(r) + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2}$ (effective potential like in the classical case)

- expansion into spherical harmonics can be used also for non-spherical problems

(less singular than r^{-2})
 (2)
 $\psi_{\vec{k}}$ fulfilling the b.c.
 I. $\psi(r) = 0$ ($r^{-2+\epsilon}$) $r \rightarrow \infty$
 II. $\psi(r) = 0$ ($r^{-2+\epsilon}$) $r \rightarrow 0$
 III. $\psi(r)$ is continuous, except perhaps of a finite number of discontinuities

- rewrite the last eq. mult. by $(-\frac{2m}{\hbar^2})$:

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - U(r) + k^2 \right] u_l(r) = 0, \quad U(r) = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(r), \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

- let's assume ~~that~~ (as before) that $U(r)$ is negligible w.r.t $\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}$ for $r > r_0$:

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + k^2 \right] u_l(r) = 0$$

- solutions are Riccati-Bessel functions:

$$\hat{j}_l(kr) = kr j_l(kr) \rightarrow \begin{cases} r \rightarrow 0: r^{l+1} + O(r^{l+2}) & \text{regular sol.} \\ r \rightarrow \infty: \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2}) \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{n}_l(kr) = -kr n_l(kr) \rightarrow \begin{cases} r \rightarrow 0: r^{-l} + O(r^{-l+1}) & \text{irregular sol.} \\ r \rightarrow \infty: \cos(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2}) \end{cases}$$

spherical Bessel and Neumann fns.

real number that can always be expressed as some π

- at $r > r_0$:

$$u_l(r) = A \hat{j}_l(kr) + B \hat{n}_l(kr) = A \left[\hat{j}_l(kr) + \frac{B}{A} \hat{n}_l(kr) \right] = \tan[\delta_l]$$

$$= \frac{A}{\cos[\delta_l]} = \left[\hat{j}_l(kr) \cos[\delta_l] + \sin[\delta_l] \hat{n}_l(kr) \right] \sim \hat{j}_l(kr) \cos[\delta_l] + \sin[\delta_l] \hat{n}_l(kr)$$

- asymptotically ($r \rightarrow \infty$): $\hat{j}_l(kr) \rightarrow \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})$; $\hat{n}_l(kr) \rightarrow \cos(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})$

$$u_l(r) \cong \sin\left[kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l\right] \rightarrow \text{asymptotic phase-shift}$$

discuss the attractive / repulsive case as in JOA CHAIN!

Expansion of the physical solution:

$$\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{k}) \cdot \frac{u_l(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

we have $u_l(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l) = \frac{1}{2i} \left[e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l)} - e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l)} \right]$

we want $\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + f(\theta, \varphi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

- task is to find $a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{k})$

$$e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i^l j_l(kr) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r}) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i^l \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})}{kr} Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

$$= \sum_l \sum_m \frac{i^l}{2ikr} \cdot \left[e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} - e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} \right] Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k}) Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

Last time:

- single particle scattering by a central field $V(\vec{r}) = V(r)$ (L3)
- $H\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = E_k \psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$ with b.c. $\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)} \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + f(\theta, \varphi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

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

- We have found a standing-wave basis ~~rather~~ for expansion of the physical solution:

$$\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \cdot \frac{u_{lm}(kr)}{r} Y_{lm}\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r}\right), \text{ where } u_{lm}(kr) \text{ is a sol. of:}$$

~~$u_{lm}(kr) = u_l(kr)$~~ ~~spherical symmetry~~

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - U(r) + k^2 \right] u_l(kr) = 0,$$

$$U(r) = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(r), \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}.$$

$$u_l(kr) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \sin\left[kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l(k)\right], \quad u_{lm}(kr) = u_l(kr) \text{ due to spherical symmetry.}$$

$\delta_l(k)$: asymptotic phase-shift:

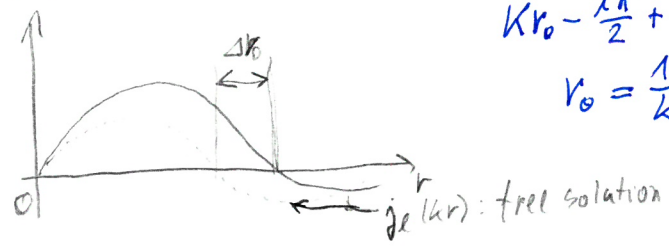
- sign of $\delta_l(k)$ is connected with attractive (repulsive) character of the potential:

repulsive potential:

- we expect nodes of $\sin\left[kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l(k)\right]$ to be pushed out:

$$kr_0 - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l = n \cdot \pi \quad (\text{condition for the nodes})$$

$$r_0 = \frac{1}{k} \left(n \cdot \pi + \frac{l\pi}{2} \right) - \frac{\delta_l}{k}$$

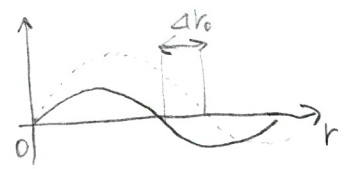


$$\Delta r_0 > 0 \iff -\frac{\delta_l}{k} > 0 \implies \boxed{\delta_l < 0}$$

attractive potential:

- nodes are pushed to lower r:

$$\Delta r_0 < 0 \iff -\frac{\delta_l}{k} < 0 \implies \boxed{\delta_l > 0}$$



- However, $\delta_l(k)$ is def. only up to a multiple of π so it seems that the connection is lost!

- We can turn the interaction smoothly on: $U(r) \rightarrow \lambda \cdot U(r)$, $\lambda: 0 \rightarrow 1$.

- works for all k except $k=0$ and $k=+\infty$.

- Alternatively we can count the number of nodes in the free solution $g_l(kr)$ occurring before the matching radius and in $u_l(kr)$

Expansion of the physical solution: finding $f(\theta, \varphi)$

$$\psi_{\vec{r}}^{(+)} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \cdot \frac{u_l(kr)}{r} \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + f(\theta, \varphi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

task is to find $a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$: the only term dep. on r is $u_l(kr)$

We know: $u_l(kr) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \sin[kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l] = \frac{1}{2i} \left[e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l)} - e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l)} \right]$

$$e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i^l j_l(kr) \cdot Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})}{kr} \cdot Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) =$$

TYPO! missing 4π

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{i^l}{2ikr} \left[e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} - e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} \right] \cdot Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r})$$

can choose which one of those to config. due to add. orth. of sph harmonics: $\sum_m Y_{lm}^*(\vec{r}) Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) = (2l+1) P_l(\cos \theta)$

- we find $f(\theta, \varphi)$ by requiring that the difference between $\psi_{\vec{r}}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$ and $e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$ is a purely outgoing wave: We set the incoming sph. wave to zero

$$\psi_{\vec{r}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) - e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} f(\theta, \varphi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \rightarrow \text{coefficient mult. the outgoing sph. wave}$$

- incoming sph. wave contr. only:

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \cdot \frac{u_l(kr)}{r} + \frac{4\pi}{2ikr} e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) \right] = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) \cdot \frac{e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2}) - i\delta_l}}{2ikr} + \dots \right]$$

$$+ \frac{i^l \cdot 4\pi}{2ikr} e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\dots] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2i} \left[\frac{i^l \cdot 4\pi}{k} e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) - a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\delta_l} e^{-i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} \right] = 0$$

$$\boxed{a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = \frac{4\pi i^l}{k} \cdot e^{i\delta_l} \cdot Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k})}$$

- to determine $f(\theta, \varphi)$ we insert $a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$ into expansion of $\psi_{\vec{r}}^{(+)}(\vec{r})$ and look at the asymptotics of the outgoing wave:

$$(\psi_{\vec{r}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) - e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}})_{\text{out}} \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[a_{lm}^{(+)} \frac{e^{i\delta_l}}{2ikr} e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} - \frac{i^l \cdot 4\pi}{2ikr} e^{i(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2})} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \right] \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) =$$

$$= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[\frac{a_{lm}^{(+)}(\vec{r})}{2ik} e^{i\delta_l} e^{-i\frac{l\pi}{2}} - \frac{i^l \cdot 4\pi}{2ik} e^{-i\frac{l\pi}{2}} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \right] \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) = \left| e^{-i\frac{l\pi}{2}} = (-i)^{-l} \right| =$$

$$= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \left[\frac{4\pi}{2i} \frac{i^l}{k} e^{i2\delta_l} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \cdot (-i)^{-l} - \frac{1 \cdot 4\pi}{2ik} \cdot i^l \cdot (-i)^{-l} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \right] \cdot Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) =$$

$$= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi}{2ik} \cdot \left[e^{i2\delta_l} Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) - Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) \right] Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \frac{4\pi}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (e^{i2\delta_l} - 1) \sum_m Y_{lm}^*(\vec{k}) Y_{lm}(\vec{r})$$

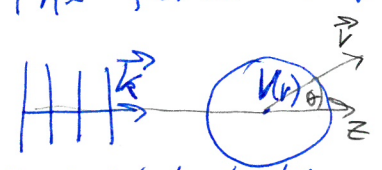
$$= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) (e^{i2\delta_l} - 1) \cdot P_l(\cos \theta) \Rightarrow f(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) (e^{i2\delta_l} - 1) \cdot P_l(\cos \theta) \quad (2)$$

- another way of writing $f(\theta, \varphi)$ is:

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} f_l \cdot P_l(\cos \theta), \quad f_l = \frac{1}{2ik} (2l+1) \cdot (e^{i2\delta_l} - 1), \text{ where}$$

f_l is the partial wave scattering amplitude

- The form of $f(\theta, \varphi)$ is not surprising for spherical case:



I can draw the coordinate axes any way I want so if I choose $\hat{z} \parallel \hat{k}$ I can write immediately

$$e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = e^{ikz} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i^l j_l(kr) \cdot Y_{lm}^*(\frac{\hat{z}}{r}) \cdot Y_{lm}(\frac{\vec{r}}{r}) =$$

- the amplitude clearly dep. only on the angle between \hat{z} and \vec{r}

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) i^l j_l(kr) \cdot P_l(\cos \theta)$$

and $\psi_{\vec{k}}^{(+)}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{u_l(kr)}{r} \cdot P_l(\cos \theta)$

- then I'd proceed as before (homework): the usual textbook approach
 - the point of the approach shown by me is that it is more general (expansion into spherical harmonics is applicable to non-spherical problems too)
 this form implies interference of partial waves.

Cross-sections:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2 = \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} f_l \cdot P_l(\cos \theta) \right|^2$$

$$f_l = \frac{1}{2ik} (2l+1) (e^{i2\delta_l} - 1)$$

Total cross-section:

$$\sigma(k) = \int d\Omega \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \int d\Omega |f(\theta)|^2 = 2\pi \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \cdot |f(\theta)|^2 = 2\pi \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} f_l P_l(\cos \theta) \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2k^2} \sum_{l,l'} (2l+1)(2l'+1) \cdot \underbrace{(e^{i2\delta_l} - 1)(e^{-i2\delta_{l'}} - 1)}_{\substack{\text{side } (e^{i\delta_l} - e^{-i\delta_l}) \\ \text{side } (e^{-i\delta_{l'}} - e^{i\delta_{l'}})}} \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 P_l(x) \cdot P_{l'}(x) dx}_{\substack{\text{orthogonality} \\ \frac{2}{2l+1} \delta_{ll'}}} = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \sin^2 \delta_l$$

- unitarity limit since $\sin(\delta_l) \leq 1$: $\sigma(k) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sigma_l(k)$

$$\sigma(k) \leq \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \cdot (2L+1)$$

Transformation between bases:

We used $u_l(n) \rightarrow \sin[kn - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l] = \sin(kn - \frac{l\pi}{2}) \cos[\delta_l] + \cos[kn - \frac{l\pi}{2}] \sin[\delta_l]$
~~* $\cos[\delta_l]$~~ + $\sin(\delta_l) \cdot \cos[kn - \frac{l\pi}{2}] = \cos[\delta_l] \cdot [\sin[kn - \frac{l\pi}{2}] + \tan[\delta_l] \cdot \cos[kn - \frac{l\pi}{2}]]$
 - this was the standing-wave basis
 $K_l = \tan[\delta_l]$ "k-MATRIX"
 - $\pm\pi \Rightarrow$ it only changes sign of $\sin(\delta)$ \Rightarrow physically irrelevant (1/3)
 not important

- using the exponential form for $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$
 $u_l(n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-i\delta_l}}{2i} [e^{-i(kn - \frac{l\pi}{2})} - e^{2i\delta_l} \cdot e^{i(kn - \frac{l\pi}{2})}]$
 S_l "S-MATRIX"
 - this is the spherical wave basis.

$S_l = T_l + 1 = e^{2i\delta_l}$
 T-MATRIX

- in absence of interaction $\delta_l = 0 \Rightarrow S_l = 1 \Rightarrow T_l = 0$
 $\Rightarrow T_l$ represents the actual scattering contribution to the amplitude S_l of finding the particle in a given state after the collision

$S_l = \frac{1 + i k_l}{1 - i k_l}$

"matrices"; in our case they are diagonal: $\begin{pmatrix} \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} = S_{l,l'}$
 due to spherical sym.

WHAT TEXT BOOKS DON'T TELL YOU:

- 1) ORIENTATIONAL AVERAGING FOR NON-SPHERICAL POTENTIALS
- 2) INCOHERENT SUMMATION OF AMPLITUDES FOR DIFFERENT IMPACT PARAMETERS

Yentelshin's

$$\psi_{\mathbb{R}}^{(+)} = \sum_{l,m} a_{lm}^{(+)}(\mathbb{R}) \frac{u_l(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi), \quad a_{lm}^{(+)}(\mathbb{R}) = \frac{4\pi i^l}{k} e^{i\delta_l} V_{lm}^*(\mathbb{R})$$

we assumed $u_l(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & A_l(k) \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l) \\ \Rightarrow & a_{lm}^{(+)}(\mathbb{R}) = \frac{A_l(k)}{A_0(k)} \cdot \frac{4\pi i^l}{k} e^{i\delta_l} V_{lm}^*(\mathbb{R}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

if we wrote $u_l(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} A_l(k) \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l) + f(\theta, \phi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

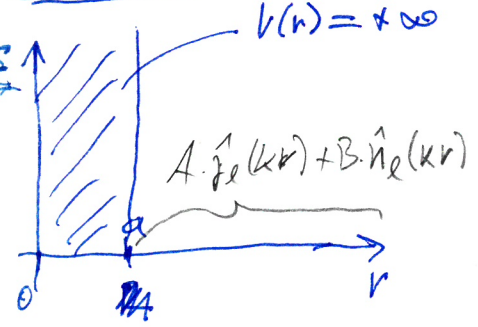
and $\psi_{\mathbb{R}}^{(+)} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} A_l(k) \sin(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l) + f(\theta, \phi) \cdot \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \rightarrow \left[u_l(r) \rightarrow A_l(k) \sin(kr) \right] \rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{\mathbb{R}}^{(+)} = \sum_{l,m} A_l(k) \frac{4\pi i^l}{k} \frac{u_l(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \rightarrow$$

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$\Rightarrow A_l(k)$ cancel \Rightarrow the result doesn't depend on normalization of $u_l(r)$!

① Hard-sphere scattering: THIS DEMONSTRATES SEVERAL GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF QUANTUM SCATTERING



Task 1: find δ_l

- the b.c. $[\psi(r)=0]$ is pushed from $r=0$ to $r=a$ (at $r=a$ $\psi(r)=0$):

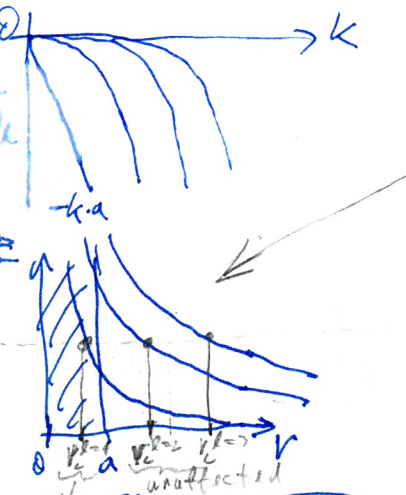
$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + k^2 \right] u_l(r) = 0 \quad r > a, \quad k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

$$u_l(r) = A \cdot j_l(kr) + B \cdot n_l(kr), \quad r > 0 \Rightarrow A \cdot [j_l(kr) + \frac{B}{A} n_l(kr)]$$

- For $r=a$: $u_l(ka) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{B}{A} = - \frac{j_l(ka)}{n_l(ka)} = \frac{j_l(ka)}{-ka \cdot n_l(ka)} = \frac{j_l(ka)}{n_l(ka)}$

$$\frac{B}{A} = \tan[\delta_l] \Rightarrow \delta_l = \text{Arctan} \left[\frac{j_l(ka)}{n_l(ka)} \right]$$

Task 2: Plot $\delta_l(k)$ for a well with radius $a=1$ and a range of k -values (e.g. $k = [0; \frac{10}{a}]$ and $l_{MAX} = 5$) and angular momenta.



Q1: What is going on with the phase-shifts at low energies?
 A1: Angular momentum barrier prevents the $u_l(r)$ from reaching the region of the hard sphere ($r < a$):

Q2: How do we quantify this effect?
 A2: We use the classical turning point (below this radius the wf. decreases exponentially)

determined by: $\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} = k^2$
 i.e. $u_l(r)$ behaves like the bound-state solution.

$$\Rightarrow r_c = \frac{\sqrt{l(l+1)}}{k} \sim \frac{l}{k}$$

\Rightarrow if $\frac{a}{2}$ is the range of the potential then pw for which $ak < l$ contribute significantly to the scattering (see case of $l=1$ above) amplitude $f(\theta)$.

Q2: What partial waves Q3: What determines scattering at low energies ($k \rightarrow 0$)

A3: The s-wave scattering

Q4: What is the s-wave phase-shift for hard sphere?

$$\frac{B}{A} = \frac{j_0(ka)}{n_0(ka)} = \frac{ka j_0(ka)}{-ka n_0(ka)} = - \frac{\sin(ka - \frac{\pi}{2})}{\cos(ka - \frac{\pi}{2})} = - \tan(ka - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

A4: for $l=0$: $\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + k^2 \right] u_0(r) = 0, r > a \Rightarrow u_0(r) = A \cdot \underbrace{\sin(kr)}_{j_0(kr)} + B \cdot \underbrace{\cos(kr)}_{n_0(kr)}$
 $\Rightarrow u_0(ka) = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \left[\frac{\sin(ka)}{\cos(ka)} \right] = \delta_0 = - \text{Arctan}[\tan(ka)] = -ka$
 repulsive potential $\Rightarrow \delta_0 < 0$

Q5: What does the angular distribution look like? What is the cross section? $k \rightarrow 0$: only s-wave contr. survives

As: $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} f_l(k) \cdot P_l(\cos\theta) \right|^2 \sim \left| f_0(k) \cdot P_0(\cos\theta) \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{2ik} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) (e^{2i\delta_l} - 1) \right|^2$

$\sim \left| \frac{e^{i\delta_0} (e^{i\delta_0} - e^{-i\delta_0})}{2ik} \right|^2 = \frac{\sin^2(\delta_0)}{k^2} = \frac{\sin^2(ka)}{a^2 k^2} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} a^2 \Rightarrow \sigma = 4\pi a^2$

I can drop it

\Rightarrow the angular distribution is isotropic and 4 times larger than the classical result $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{classical}} = \frac{1}{4} a^2$, $(\sigma)_{\text{classical}} = \pi a^2$

Q6: Why do we see this difference at low energies?

As: The de Broglie wavelength is $\lambda \sim a \Rightarrow$ diffraction of the electron wave by a much smaller object.

Threshold behavior of the scattering phase-shifts:

- the s-wave behavior of the hard-sphere scattering is an example of a general principle valid for the short-range potentials ($V(r) \rightarrow 0, r \rightarrow \infty$), i.e. for potentials decaying faster than any power of r (e.g. Yukawa potential)
- we're going to need small-argument expansions of $\hat{j}_l(z)$ and $\hat{n}_l(z)$:

$\hat{j}_l(z) = \frac{z^{l+1}}{(2l+1)!!} + O(z^{l+3}), z \rightarrow 0$; $\hat{n}_l(z) = z^{-l} (2l-1)!! + O(z^{-l+2}), z \rightarrow 0$.

asymptotically (beyond the range) of the potential the radial wf. is the superposition of the free solutions:

$u_l(kr) \xrightarrow{r \gg a} \hat{j}_l(kr) + \tan(\delta_l) \cdot \hat{n}_l(kr)$ (we need to reach the asymptotic region for finite r , not for $r \rightarrow \infty$)

- for low energies $k \rightarrow 0$ (and hence also $z = kr \rightarrow 0$)

$u_l(kr) \sim \frac{(kr)^{l+1}}{(2l+1)!!} + \tan(\delta_l) \cdot \frac{(2l-1)!!}{(kr)^l}$

- directly at threshold ($k=0$) the solution must become dependent only on r (i.e. it must become proportional to the independent solution) (up to a constant)

$u_l(kr) \sim \frac{k^{l+1}}{(2l+1)!!} (r^{l+1} + \tan(\delta_l) \cdot \frac{(2l+1)!!}{k^{l+1}} \cdot \frac{(2l-1)!!}{k^l} \cdot \frac{1}{r})$ $\left[\text{we have factorized the } r\text{-dependence for convenience} \right]$

$\Rightarrow \tan(\delta_l)$ must compensate the k^{-2l-1} term $\Rightarrow \tan(\delta_l) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} -\frac{(2l)!!}{(2l+1)!! (2l-1)!!}$

$\Rightarrow \tan(\delta_l) \sim k^{2l+1}$ Wigner's threshold law $\left[\text{expresses the suppression of the wf. due to angular momentum barrier} \right]$

- the proportionality constant is called the partial-wave scattering length $\rightarrow [a] = \frac{1}{k}$

Q: What is α_0 for hard-sphere?

A: $\tan[\alpha_0] = -ka \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = a$
the radius of the sphere

(this explains the reason for the \ominus sign in the def. of α_l).

- With the scattering length defined we can write for the asymptotic behavior of the threshold solution: $u_l(k, r) \sim \frac{(kr)^{2l+1}}{(2l+1)!} + \tan \delta_l \cdot \frac{(2l-1)!}{(kr)^l}$

$u_l(r) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} r^{2l+1} - \frac{\alpha_l^{2l+1}}{r^l} \Rightarrow \alpha_l$ is the zero of the asymptotic behavior of the threshold solution

$0 = r^{2l+1} - \frac{\alpha_l^{2l+1}}{r^l} \Rightarrow \boxed{r_0 = \alpha_l}$

if $\alpha_l \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow u_l(r) \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} r^{2l+1}$ (i.e. like the regular solution in the absence of the potential: $\tan \delta_l \rightarrow 0$)

if $\alpha_l \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow u_l(r) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} r^{-l}$ (i.e. a normalizable state at $E=0$ j.i.e. bound state at threshold)

- for s-waves the terminology is not accurate since: for the case $\alpha_0 \rightarrow \infty$

$u_{l=0} \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} r - a \sim 1 - \frac{r}{a} \Rightarrow a \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow$ the solution becomes constant (and not normalizable) but we still call it b.s. at threshold (virtual state)

High energy behavior of hard sphere scattering:

$$\tan[\delta_l] = \frac{B}{A} = - \frac{j_l(ka)}{n_l(ka)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{\sin(ka - \frac{l\pi}{2})}{\cos(ka - \frac{l\pi}{2})} = -\tan(ka - \frac{l\pi}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_l = -ka + \frac{l\pi}{2}$$

What is the cross-section?

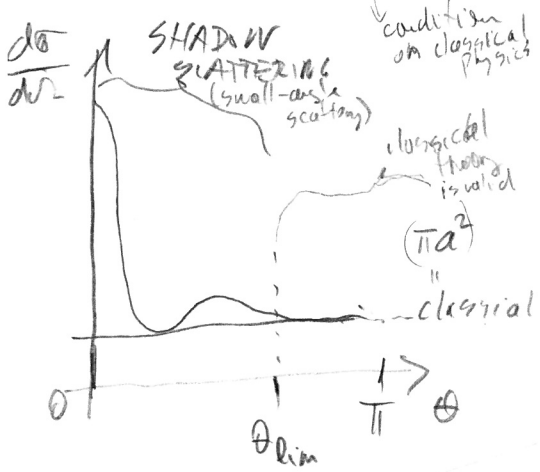
- We know that at momentum k only the PW with $l \leq ka$ contribute (i.e. a is equal to the classical turning point) range of the potential
- therefore $l_{max} \approx ka$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{max}} (2l+1) \sin^2(\delta_l) \sim \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{max}} (2l+1) \sin^2(-ka + \frac{l\pi}{2}) = \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{max}} \left[l \sin^2(-ka + \frac{l\pi}{2}) + (l+1) \sin^2(-ka + \frac{l\pi}{2}) \right] = \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \left[\underbrace{\sin^2(-ka)}_{=1} + \underbrace{\sin^2(-ka + \frac{\pi}{2})}_{= \cos^2(-ka + \frac{\pi}{2})} + 2 \left[\underbrace{\sin^2(-ka + \frac{\pi}{2})}_{l \sin^2(\cdot), l=1} + \underbrace{\sin^2(-ka + \pi)}_{l \sin^2(\cdot), l=2} \right] + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{l=0}^{l_{max}} l = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \frac{(ka+1)(ka+2)}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{k^2} \left[(ka)^2 + O(ka) \right] \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \boxed{2\pi a^2} \end{aligned}$$

- i.e. the cross-section is twice the classical result (i.e. quantum correction)
- the difference wrt classical result is due to small-angle scattering where $\Delta\theta \sim \frac{1}{L}$

$$\Delta\theta \sim \frac{1}{L} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta L} \sim \frac{1}{L^2} \Rightarrow \Delta L \sim \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} = \frac{1}{m v \theta} = \frac{1}{k a} \Rightarrow \text{the peak becomes narrower (and larger)}$$

in a.u. classical picture



\Rightarrow hard-sphere scattering total cross section can never be explained classically (EVEN THOUGH $\lambda < a$)

\Rightarrow hard-sphere scattering at high energies behaves unusually since the phase-shifts never go to zero (due to $V \rightarrow \infty, r < a$). (this is similar to dipolar scattering at all energies) due to the potential being longer-range than $\frac{1}{r^2}$

i.e. small-angle scattering dominates whenever PW-phase shifts for all l are affected

\Rightarrow not for short-range finite potentials $\delta_l \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$

Q10: Plot $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ for intermediate k ($a=1; k=10 \Leftrightarrow$ Childs) and investigate convergence with L ($L_{max}=15$ is enough)

A10: $L_{max}=15$ is enough

Q11: What is the range of scattering angles for which the classical approximation is valid? What is $\frac{\lambda}{a}$?

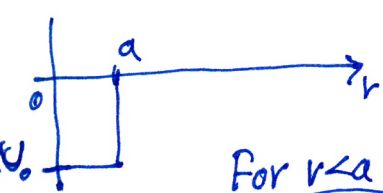
A11: It is $\Delta\theta \ll \theta \Rightarrow \Delta\theta \cdot \Delta L \sim \hbar$
 $\Delta\theta \sim \frac{\hbar}{\Delta L} > \frac{\hbar}{L} \Rightarrow \theta_{lim} \sim \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{mv_B} = \frac{1}{k \cdot a}$
 in atomic units $\Delta\theta \sim \theta$ is for forward scattering where $b \sim a$ (from classical picture)



e.g. for $(a=1 \text{ and } k=1/10)$ θ_{lim} is outside of the θ range (i.e. classical scattering is completely invalid)

- examples are low energy electron scattering from atoms and molecules ($E \sim 10^2 \text{ eV}$) and ultracold chemistry.

② Square well:



$U(r) = \begin{cases} -U_0 & (U_0 > 0, r < a) \\ 0 & r > a \end{cases}$ $\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - U(r) + k^2 \right] u_l(kr) = 0$ "Pr. $j_l(pr)$ "

For $r < a$: $\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + U_0 + k^2 \right] u_l(pr) = 0 \Rightarrow u_l(pr) = C \cdot j_l(pr)$
 $\equiv p^2 = kr \cdot j_l(kr) = -kr \cdot n_l(kr)$

For $r > a$: $U_0 = 0 \Rightarrow u_l(kr) = N \left[j_l(kr) + \tan(\delta_l) \cdot n_l(kr) \right]$

Matching of log-der. at $r=a$: $\frac{j_l'(pa) \cdot p}{j_l(pa)} = \frac{[j_l'(ka) - \tan(\delta_l) \cdot n_l'(ka)] \cdot k}{j_l(ka) - \tan(\delta_l) \cdot n_l(ka)}$
 (Normalization const. go away) match the full radial at $r=a$ to get rid of the kr silo

- express $\tan(\delta_l)$ using j_l (the log-der. at $r=a$):

$\tan(\delta_l) = \frac{k j_l'(ka) - p \cdot j_l(ka)}{k \cdot n_l'(ka) - p \cdot n_l(ka)}$

this is a general result even for potentials which are not strictly finite-range but can be "cut-off" at $r=a$. "neglected"

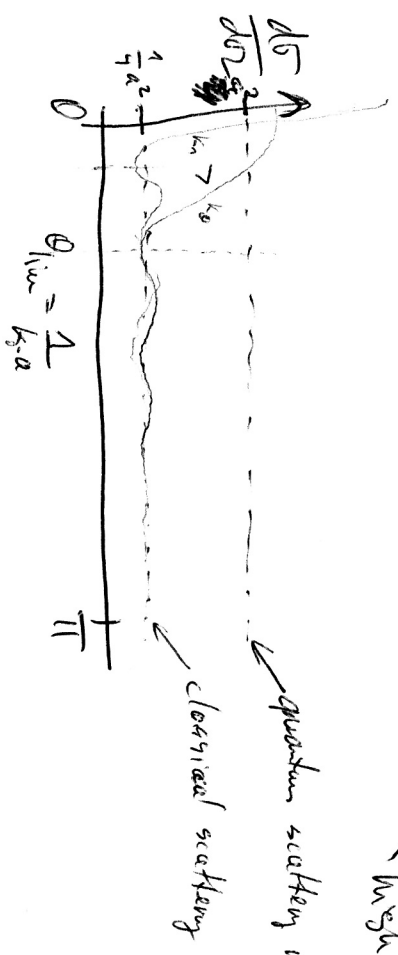
for $l=0$: $j_0(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$; $n_0(x) = -\frac{\cos(x)}{x}$

$\tan \delta_0 = \frac{k \cdot \tan(pa) - p \cdot \tan(ka)}{p + k \cdot \tan(ka) \cdot \tan(pa)}$

Verify numerically + compute partial cross section (15)

Last week:

Examples of scattering: hard-sphere



low energies ($k \rightarrow 0$) $\sigma = 4\pi a^2 = 4 \cdot \sigma_{\text{classical}}$
 high energies $\sigma = 2\pi a^2 = 2 \cdot \sigma_{\text{classical}}$
 Classical for large scattering angles, $\sigma = 2\pi a^2 = 2 \cdot \sigma_{\text{classical}}$

Today: Square well



$e^{-f_e(kr)}$
 incoming wave
 inside the well

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - U(r) + k^2 \right] u_l(r) = 0$$

$$U(r) = \begin{cases} -U_0 & (0 < r < a) \\ 0 & (r > a) \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{-P \cdot \sin(ka) + k \cdot \cos(ka)}{\cos(ka) \cdot P + k \cdot \sin(ka)}$$

$$= \frac{-P \cdot \tan(ka) + k \cdot \tan(ka)}{P + k \cdot \tan(ka) \cdot \tan(ka)}$$

$$\text{for } \beta = 0: \quad \frac{f_o \beta}{P} = \frac{P \cdot \sin(ka) + k \cdot \cos(ka)}{P \cdot \cos(ka) + k \cdot \sin(ka)}$$

$$P = \frac{\cos(\beta a) \cdot P}{\sin(\beta a)}$$

$$\frac{f_e'(ka) \cdot P}{f_e(ka)} = P = \frac{[f_e'(ka) + \tan \delta] \cdot h_0'(ka)}{f_e(ka) + \tan \delta \cdot h_0(ka)}$$

$$P \cdot (f_e(ka) + \tan \delta \cdot h_0(ka)) = k \cdot f_e'(ka) + \tan \delta \cdot k \cdot h_0'(ka)$$

$$\tan \delta \cdot (h_0(ka) + h_0'(ka) \cdot P - k \cdot h_0'(ka)) = k \cdot f_e'(ka) - P \cdot f_e(ka)$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{-P \cdot f_e(ka) + k \cdot f_e'(ka)}{h_0(ka) + h_0'(ka) \cdot P - k \cdot h_0'(ka)}$$

general result for a short-range potential with radius 'a' ... P is the logarithmic derivative of the inner solution