

HW #7 Solutions

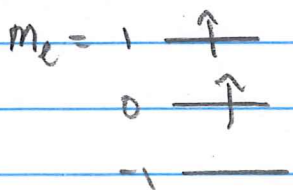
Extra, Hund's rule $C = [\text{He}](2s)^2(2p)^2$

$l = 2, 1, 0 \quad s = 1, 0$

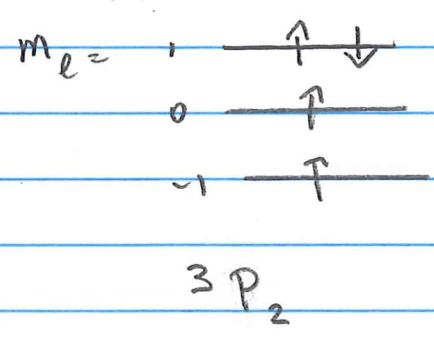
l	s	$(-1)^l$	Sym Spin	j	Spectroscopic term
0	0	+	-	0	1S_0
1	0	-	-	1	- Pauli excluded
2	0	+	-	2	2D_2
0	1	+	+	1	-
1	1	-	+	2, 1, 0	$^2P_2, ^3P_1, ^3P_0$
2	1	+	+	3, 2, 1	-

term is 3P_0 : highest l , lowest j for $< \frac{1}{2}$ filled subshell.

Shortcut: $P \rightarrow l=1$



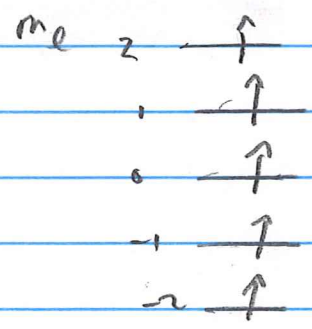
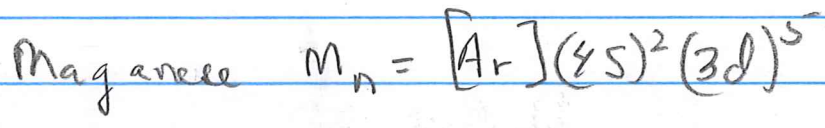
$s = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
 $l = 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 = 1$
 $j = |l - s| = 0$
 3P_0



$S = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

$l = 2 \times 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-1) = 1$

$j = l + s = 2$



$S = 5/2 \quad 2S + 1 = 6$

$l = 2 + 1 + 0 - 1 - 2 = 0$

$j = 5/2$

$6S_{5/2}$

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Eigenvalues of \hat{H} for Hydrogen molecular ion.

$$|\psi\rangle = c_1|1\rangle + c_2|2\rangle \quad \text{with } |c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 = 1$$

$$\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = (c_1^*, c_2^*) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \Delta \\ \Delta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\Delta = \langle 1|2\rangle = \langle 2|1\rangle$ overlap

from $\langle\psi|\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = E\langle\psi|\psi\rangle$

We see that the eigenvalue equation is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_0 & -A \\ -A & E_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \Delta \\ \Delta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} E_0 - E & -A - E\Delta \\ -A - E\Delta & E_0 - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Solutions:

$$E_I = \frac{1}{1+\Delta} (E_0 - A); \quad |I\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+2\Delta}} (|1\rangle + |2\rangle)$$

$$E_{II} = \frac{1}{1-\Delta} (E_0 + A); \quad |II\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-2\Delta}} (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)$$

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13.2 $\psi_{sc} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} A f(\theta, \phi) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

$$\vec{J} = \frac{\hbar}{\mu} \text{Im} (\psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \psi = A f \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right)$$

$$+ A \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \left[\hat{\theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A f \hat{r}}{r} (ik) e^{ikr} \quad (\text{dropping } \frac{1}{r^2} \text{ terms})$$

$$\vec{J} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\hbar k}{\mu r^2} [A]^2 |f|^2 \hat{r}$$

13.4 Born approximation in 1D:

(a) the 1D Schrödinger equation is

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + k^2\psi = V\psi, \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar}$$

defining $G(x, x')$ as the Green's function,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} G(x, x') + k^2 G(x, x') = \delta(x, x')$$

then by substitution we can check that the integral equation is,

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} + \int dx' G(x, x') \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} V(x') \psi(x')$$

(b) the Green's function $G(x, 0)$ may be found by Fourier transforming:

not asked to do contour integral in problem, only to show that it satisfies Green's equation

$$G(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dk' e^{ik'x} \tilde{G}(k')$$

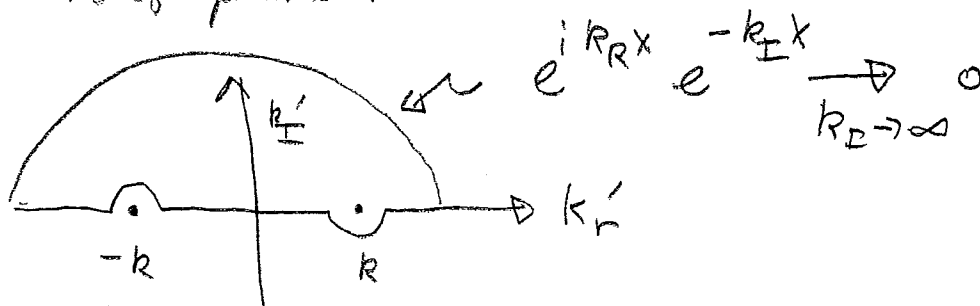
$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dk e^{ikx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{G}(k') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{k^2 - k'^2} \quad \text{and}$$

$$G(x, 0) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk' e^{ik'x}}{(k' - k)(k' + k)}$$

which can be evaluated by contour integration.

for $x > 0$ the contour can be closed in the upper half plane:



$$G(x, 0) = \left(\frac{-1}{2\pi}\right) 2\pi i \left(\frac{e^{ikx}}{2k}\right) = \frac{1}{2ik} e^{ikx} \quad (x > 0)$$

And similarly, for $x < 0$ closing in the lower half plane,

$$G(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2ik} e^{-ikx} \quad (x < 0)$$

thus $G(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2ik} e^{ik|x|}$

Integrating the diff. eq. for $G(x, 0)$ we find

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \Big|_{0+} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \Big|_{0-} = 1$$

which the above G clearly satisfies.

(c) Using our G i

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} + \int dx' \left(\frac{2m}{2i\hbar^2} \right) e^{ik|x-x'|} V(x') \psi(x')$$

the Born approximation is,

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} + \frac{m}{i\hbar^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{ik|x-x'|} V(x')$$

the integral becomes,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x dx' e^{+ik(x-x')} V(x') + \int_x^{\infty} dx' e^{-ik(x-x')} V(x')$$

in the limit $x \rightarrow -\infty$, the first piece is zero and the second is

$$e^{-ikx} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{2ikx'} V(x')$$

The reflection coefficient is thus the square of the reflected wave amplitude,

$$R = \frac{m^2}{\hbar^2 k^4} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{2ikx'} V(x') \right|^2$$

$$(d) \text{ for } V(x) = \begin{cases} V_0 & 0 < x < a \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The Born approximation gives:

$$V_0 \int_0^a dx e^{2ikx} = \frac{V_0}{2ik} (e^{2ika} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{V_0}{k} e^{ika} \sin(ka)$$

$$\text{then } R_B = \frac{m^2}{k^2 + 4} \frac{V_0^2}{k^2} \sin^2(ka)$$

$$= \frac{m^2}{4m^2 E^2} V_0^2 \sin^2(ka) = \frac{V_0^2}{4E^2} \sin^2 ka$$

In the limit $E \gg V_0$ the exact Transmission coefficient becomes

$$T^{-1} = 1 + \frac{V_0^2}{4E(E-V_0)} \sin^2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E-V_0)} a \right]$$

$$T \approx 1 - \frac{V_0^2}{4E^2} \sin^2 ka$$

$$R = 1 - T = R_B$$

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13.5 For the Rutherford experiment, over what angle should Rutherford scattering be expected to hold?

The condition is $4k^2 \sin^2(\theta/2) \gg m_0^2$

where $r_0 \approx 1/m_0$ is the range of the effective Coulomb scattering.

Scattering off of a Gold foil, the range $r_0 \approx 1 \text{ \AA}$, the atomic spacing in the foil.

$$\text{Then } \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \gg \frac{m_0}{2k} = \frac{1}{2kr_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{\sqrt{2m_0 E}}{\hbar} = \frac{\sqrt{2m_0 c^2 E}}{\hbar c} = \frac{\sqrt{2(4 \times 1000 \text{ meV}) 5 \text{ meV}}}{200 \text{ meV} \cdot \text{fm}} \\ &= \frac{200 \text{ meV}}{200 \text{ meV} \cdot \text{fm}} = \frac{1}{10^{-5} \text{ \AA}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \gg \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow \theta \gg 10^{-5} \text{ Rad.}$$

13.7 $V(r) = V_0 e^{-r/a}$

The Born approximation for a spherically symmetric potential is,

$$f_B = \frac{-2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} \int_0^\infty r dr \sin(qr) V(r)$$

where $q = |\vec{k} - \vec{k}'| = 2k^2(1 - \cos\theta) = 4k^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$

Then in this case:

$$f_B = \frac{-2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} V_0 \int_0^\infty dr r e^{-r/a} \sin(qr) = \frac{-2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} \frac{1}{a^2} \int_0^\infty dx x e^{-x/a} \sin(qax)$$

$$= \frac{-2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} V_0 a^2 \int_0^\infty dx x \left(\frac{1}{2i} \right) \left[e^{-x(1-iqa)} - e^{-x(1+iqa)} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} V_0 a^2 \left(\frac{1}{2i} \right) \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-iqa} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{1+iqa} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2 q} V_0 a^2 \left(\frac{1}{2i} \right) \frac{4iqa}{(1+(qa)^2)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{4\mu V_0 a^3}{\hbar^2} \left[\frac{1}{1+(qa)^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f_B|^2 = \frac{16\mu^2 V_0^2}{\hbar^4} a^6 \left[\frac{1}{4k^2 a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 1} \right]^2$$

13.10 For the hard sphere potential,

the particle is free for $r > a$ so the radial wave function is,

$$R = A j_1(kr) + B n_1(kr)$$

with Boundary condition $R(a) = 0$ we have

$$\frac{B}{A} = - \frac{j_1(ka)}{n_1(ka)}$$

To extract the phase shift we look at the asymptotic form,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{kr} \left[A \sin(kr - \pi/2) - B \cos(kr - \pi/2) \right] \\
 &= \frac{C_1}{kr} \sin(kr - \pi/2 + \delta_1) \\
 &= \frac{e_1 \cos \delta_1}{kr} \left[\sin(kr - \pi/2) + \tan \delta_1 \cos(kr - \pi/2) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

from which we find $\tan \delta_1 = \frac{-B}{A} = + \frac{j_1(ka)}{n_1(ka)}$

putting in the explicit forms for $j_1, n_1,$

$$\tan \delta_1 = \frac{(\sin(ka) - ka \cos ka) / (ka)^2}{-(\cos ka) + ka \sin ka} = \frac{-\tan(ka) + ka}{1 + ka \tan(ka)}$$

with $\tan \theta \approx \theta + \frac{\theta^3}{3}, \quad \delta_1 \approx -\frac{1}{3}(ka)^3 \ll \delta_0$

3.11 For scattering from the potential

$$V(r) = \begin{cases} -V_0 & r < a \\ 0 & r > a \end{cases}$$

the Born amplitude is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_B &= -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{q} \int_0^\infty r dr \sin(qr) V(r) = \frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2 q} \int_0^a r dr \sin(qr) \\ &= \frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2 q^3} \int_0^{qa} x dx \sin x \\ &= \frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2 q^3} [\sin qa - qa \cos qa] \end{aligned}$$

where $q = 2k \sin(\theta/2)$

at low energy, $ka \ll 1$ and

$$\sin qa - qa \cos qa \approx qa - \frac{1}{3!}(qa)^3 - (qa)(1 - \frac{1}{2}(qa)^2) = \frac{1}{3}(qa)^3$$

$$f_B \approx -\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \frac{V_0 q^3 a^3}{q^3 6} = \frac{2\mu V_0 a^3}{\hbar^2 3}$$

which is independent of k as it should be at low energy.

$$\sigma_B = \left(\frac{2\mu V_0 a^3}{\hbar^2} \right)^2 \frac{4\pi a^2}{9}$$

the total s-wave cross section is

$$\sigma_0 = 4\pi a^2 \left(\frac{\tan k_0 a}{k_0 a} - 1 \right)^2$$

$$\text{where } k_0 a = \sqrt{(ka)^2 + \frac{2\mu V_0 a^2}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\text{for } ka \ll 1, k_0 a \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\mu V_0 a^2}{\hbar^2}}$$

the condition for the validity of the Born approximation at low energy is,

$$\frac{\mu V_0 a^2}{\hbar^2} \ll 1$$

in which case $\frac{\tan k_0 a}{k_0 a} - 1 \approx -\frac{1}{3} (k_0 a)^2$

$$\sigma_0 = 4\pi a^2 \left(\frac{2\mu V_0 a^2}{\hbar^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{9} = \sigma_B$$