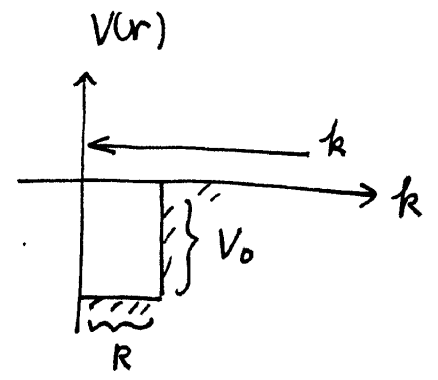


Lect 6.5 More examples and exercises

§ Scattering on the spherical potential well



define $R(kr) = \frac{u(kr)}{r}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + (k^2 + k_0^2) u = 0 & (r < R) \\ \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + k^2 u = 0 & (r > R) \end{cases}$$

where $k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$, $k_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}}$

define $k_1^2 = k^2 + k_0^2 \Rightarrow u(r) = \begin{cases} \sin k_1 r & r < R \\ A \sin(kr + \delta_0) & r > R \end{cases}$

From the continuity equation $\frac{u'(r)}{u(r)} \Big|_{r=R^-} = \frac{u'(r)}{u(r)} \Big|_{r=R^+} \Rightarrow$

$$k_1 \cotg k_1 R = k \cotg(kR + \delta_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tg \delta_0 = \frac{k \tg(k_1 R) - k_1 \tg(kR)}{k_1 + k \tg k_1 R \tg kR} = \frac{\frac{k}{k_1} \tg(k_1 R) - \tg(kR)}{1 + \frac{k}{k_1} \tg(k_1 R) \tg(kR)}$$

$$= \tg \left[\tg^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{k_1} \tg(k_1 R) \right] - kR \right]$$

$$\delta_0 = \tg^{-1} \left(\frac{kR \tg(k_1 R)}{k_1 R} \right) - kR, \text{ where } k_1 = \sqrt{k^2 + k_0^2}$$

① let us consider the limit $k \rightarrow 0$, and $k_0 R$ is away from $(n+1/2)\pi$

$$\text{tg}^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} \Rightarrow \text{tg}^{-1} \left[\frac{kR}{k_0 R} \text{tg}(k_0 R) \right] = \frac{kR}{k_0 R} \text{tg}(k_0 R)$$

$$\delta_0 \sim kR \left[\frac{\text{tg}(k_0 R)}{k_0 R} - 1 \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma \sim 4\pi R^2 \left(\frac{\text{tg} k_0 R}{k_0 R} - 1 \right)^2$$

② high energy limit $k \rightarrow +\infty$.

$$\frac{k}{k_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(k_0/k)^2}} \approx 1 - \frac{k_0^2}{2k^2}, \quad \text{tg}(k_0 R) = \text{tg}(kR) + \frac{1}{\cos^2 kR} \frac{k_0^2 R}{2k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{k_0} \text{tg}(k_0 R) = \text{tg}(kR) + \frac{k_0^2 R}{2\cos^2 kR k} \quad (\text{keep to } \frac{1}{k} \text{'s order})$$

$$\text{tg}^{-1} \left[\frac{k}{k_0} \text{tg}(k_0 R) \right] = kR + \frac{1}{1+[\text{tg}(kR)]^2} \left[\frac{1}{2\cos^2 kR} \cdot \frac{k_0^2 R}{k} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow kR + \frac{k_0^2 R}{2k} \quad \text{keep to } \frac{1}{k} \text{'s order}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_0 \approx \frac{k_0}{2k} (k_0 R) \quad \text{decays as } \frac{1}{k}.$$

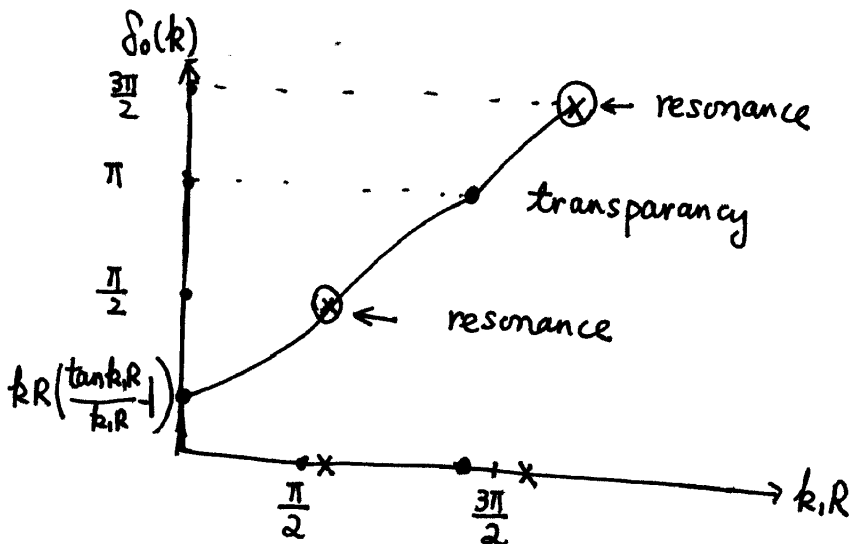
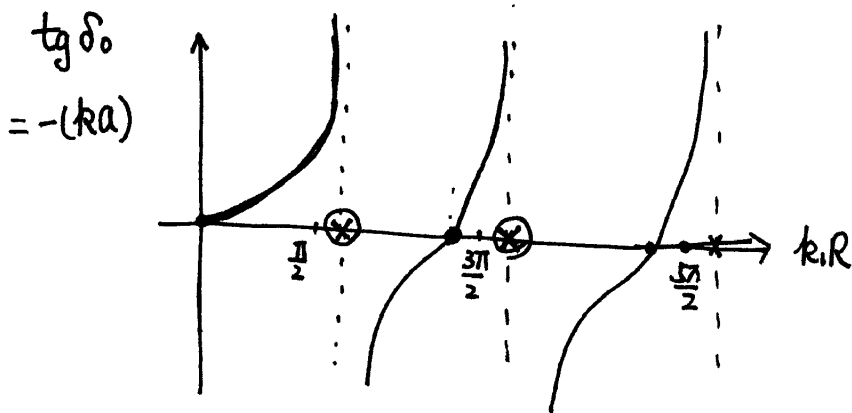
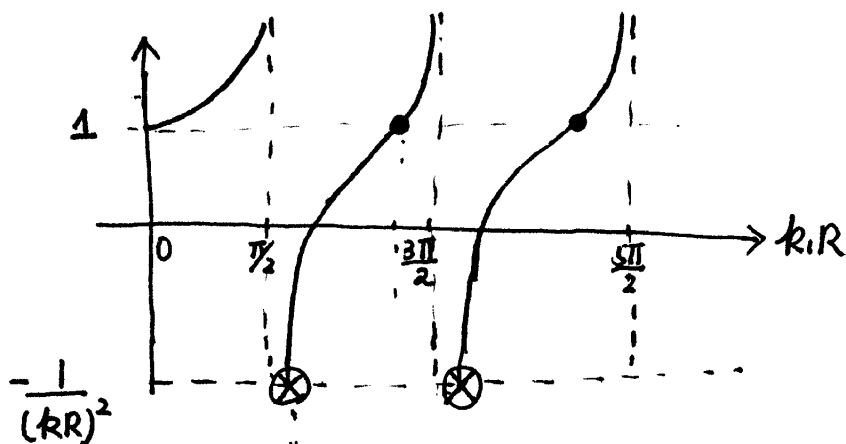
This also make sense: since potential is relatively weak at high energy scattering. However, in this case, we cannot only keep the s-wave channel.

③ low energy limit $k \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{tg } \delta_0 = \frac{kR \left[\frac{\text{tg } k_1 R}{k_1 R} - 1 \right]}{1 + (kR)^2 \frac{\text{tg } k_1 R}{k_1 R}}$$

as we increase the potential depth

$$k_1 = \sqrt{k_0^2 + k^2}$$



① The resonance points (x)

$$\frac{\text{tg } k_1 R}{k_1 R} = -\frac{1}{(kR)^2}$$

$$\delta = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$$

$$\text{ctg } k_1 R = -\frac{(kR)^2}{k_1 R}$$

$$k_1 R = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi + \frac{kR}{k_1}$$

$$k_0 R = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi + \frac{k^2 R}{2k_0}$$

The condition of the bound state with $E_b \rightarrow 0$ is

$$k_0 R = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$$

This means that the divergence of δ appears slightly later than the appearance of bound states.

③ For a fixed potential depth k_0 , the resonance occurs at

the incoming k_{res} satisfying $k_0 R - (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi = \frac{k_{res}^2}{2k_0} R$.

For k around k_{res} , we have do expansion

$$kR \cot \delta_0(k) \approx \frac{k_1 R \cot k_1 R + (kR)^2}{1 - k_1 R \cot k_1 R}$$

$$k_1 = k_0 + \frac{k^2}{2k_0}$$

$$\approx \frac{(k_0 R + \frac{k^2 R}{2k_0}) (-) \frac{k^2 + k_{res}^2}{2k_0} R + (kR)^2}{1 - (k_0 R + \frac{k^2 R}{2k_0}) (-) \frac{k^2 + k_{res}^2}{2k_0} R}$$

$$k_1 R = k_0 R + \frac{k^2}{2k_0} R = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi + \frac{k^2 + k_{res}^2}{2k_0} R$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{k^2 + k_{res}^2}{2} R^2 + (kR)^2}{1 + k_0 R \frac{k^2 + k_{res}^2}{2k_0}} \approx \left(\frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{k_{res}^2}{2} \right) R^2$$

$$= (E_k - E_0) \frac{mR^2}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi}}{k \cot \delta - ik} = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi}}{(E_k - E_0) \frac{mR}{\hbar^2} - i \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}}$$

$$\sigma = |f|^2 = 4\pi \frac{\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{mR}\right)^2}{(E_k - E_0)^2 + \left[\frac{\hbar^2 k/R}{m}\right]^2} = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \frac{\left(\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)^2}{(E_k - E_0)^2 + \left(\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)^2}$$

where $\frac{\Gamma}{2} = \frac{\hbar^2 k/R}{m} \approx \frac{\hbar^2 k_{res}^2}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{k_{res} R} = \frac{E_{res}}{k_{res} R}$

on the other hand

$$k \cot \delta_0(k) = \frac{k^2}{2} R - \frac{k^2 \kappa_{res}}{2} R = \frac{k^2}{2} R - k_0 [k_0 R - (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi]$$

$$= \frac{k^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{a_0}$$

correct to k^2 order

the scattering length $a_0 = \frac{1}{k_0} \frac{1}{k_0 R - (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}$.