

Quantum Mechanics II

Winter Term 2015/16

Hand in until Thursday, 21.01.16, 12:00 next to PH 3218.

Exercise Sheet No. 11

To be discussed from 25.01. - 30.01.16.

Problem 1:

Current density

3 Points

Calculate the current density of the wave function $\phi(\mathbf{r})$, which is the sum of the incoming plane wave $\phi_0(\mathbf{r})$, and the scattered wave $\phi_s(\mathbf{r})$:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\mathbf{r}) &= \phi_0(\mathbf{r}) + \phi_s(\mathbf{r}) \\ \phi_0(\mathbf{r}) &= e^{ikr \cos \vartheta} \\ \phi_s(\mathbf{r}) &= f(\vartheta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}\end{aligned}$$

Which interference terms appear?

Hint:

Neglect terms proportional to r^{-n} for $n \geq 3$.

Problem 2:

Asymptotic solution of the Scattering problem

3 Points

Show that the asymptotic solution of the scattering problem,

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = e^{ikr \cos \vartheta} + f(\vartheta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}; \quad \left(k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \right),$$

satisfies the Schrödinger equation, if the scattering potential falls off faster than $1/r$.

Problem 3:

Scattering on a central potential

4 Points

Determine the scattering phases $\delta_l(k)$, as well as the scattering amplitude $f(\vartheta)$, for an elastic scattering on a central potential:

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = V(r) = \frac{c}{r^2}; \quad c > 0,$$

with the simplification $c \ll \hbar^2/(2m)$.

Hints:

Use the sum:

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} P_l(\vartheta) = \frac{1}{2 \sin(\vartheta/2)},$$

and the ansatz:

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} R_l(r) P_l(\cos \vartheta)$$

The Laplace operator in spherical coordinates is given by:

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\mathbf{L}^2}{\hbar^2 r^2}.$$

The asymptotic behaviour of the radial part of the wave function is:

$$R_l(\rho) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} \sin \left(\rho - \frac{l\pi}{2} + \delta_l \right) e^{i\delta_l},$$

where $\rho = kr$.

Under what condition does the radial Schrödinger equation become Bessel's differential equation?

The asymptotic form of the Bessel functions is given by:

$$j_\lambda(\rho) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} \sin \left(\rho - \frac{\lambda\pi}{2} \right)$$