

The Born Approximation

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Born Expansion

Born approximation

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$$+ \int d^3 r' \int d^3 r'' G_+(\underline{r} - \underline{r}') U(\underline{r}') G_+(\underline{r}' - \underline{r}'') U(\underline{r}'') V_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{diffractive}}(\underline{r}'') \quad (1.18)$$

$$f(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{r}'} U(\underline{r}') V_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{diffractive}}(\underline{r}')$$

$$f^{\text{Born}}(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{r}'} U(\underline{r}') e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \underline{r}'} \quad (1.19)$$

Repeat insertion

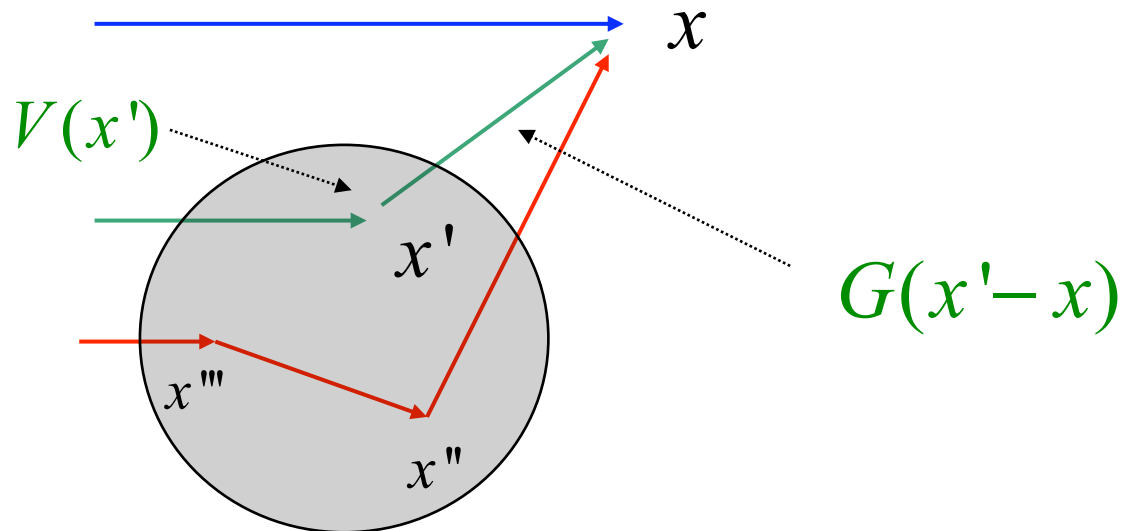
The Born series

$$\psi(x) = \phi(x) - \int d^3x' G(x'-x)V(x')\psi(x')$$

Since $V(x)$ is small can solve this equation iteratively :

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) = & \phi(x) - \int d^4x' G(x'-x)V(x')\phi(x') \\ & + \int d^4x'' \int d^4x''' G(x''-x)V(x'')G(x'''-x'')V(x''')\phi(x''') \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation :



$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{Born}(\theta, \phi) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' e^{-ik \hat{r} \cdot r'} U(\underline{r}') e^{ik_i \cdot r} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' e^{-i\underline{K} \cdot r'} U(\underline{r}') \quad (1.19)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{K} = \underline{k}_d - \underline{k}_i$$

$$V(\underline{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} U(\underline{r})$$

$$\sigma^{Born}(\theta, \phi) = |f_{\mathbf{k}}(\theta, \phi)|^2 \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \frac{\mu^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^4} \left| \int d^3 r' e^{-i\underline{K} \cdot r'} V(\underline{r}') \right|^2 \quad (1.20)$$

Example : Born approximation for a Yukawa potential

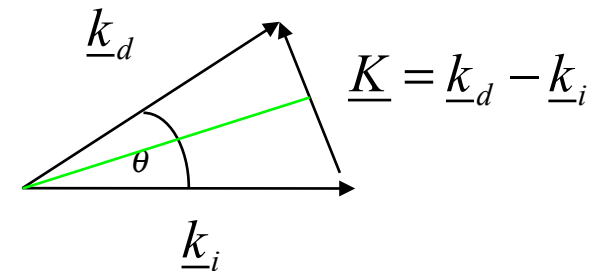
$$V(r) = V_0 \frac{e^{-\alpha r}}{r}$$

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$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2} \frac{4\pi}{|\mathbf{K}|} \int_0^\infty r' dr' \sin(|\mathbf{K}| r') \frac{e^{-\alpha r'}}{r'}$$

$$|\mathbf{k}_d| = |\mathbf{k}_i|$$

$$f^{Born}(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{\alpha^2 + |\mathbf{K}|^2}$$



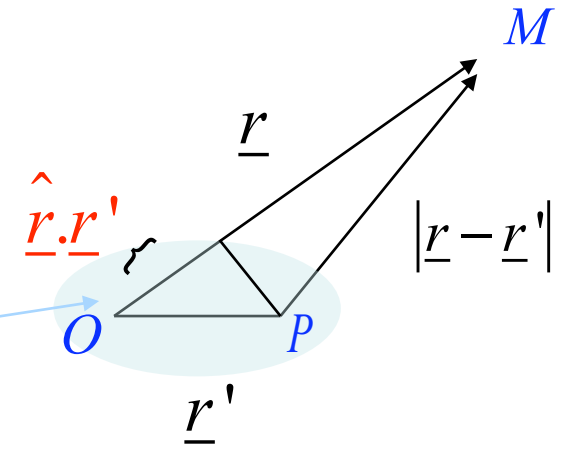
$$\sigma(\theta, \phi) = |f_{\mathbf{k}}(\theta, \phi)|^2$$

$$= \frac{4\mu^2 V_0^2}{\hbar^4} \frac{1}{\left(\alpha^2 + 4k^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2}$$

(1.9)

Validity of Born approximation

$$V(r) = V_0 \frac{e^{-\alpha r}}{r}$$



If BA applicable $V_k^{\text{diffractive}}(\underline{r}) \simeq e^{i\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r}}$ in

c.f.1.19

$$V(\underline{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} U(\underline{r})$$

$$G_{\pm}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}') = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{\pm ik|\underline{r}-\underline{r}'|}}{|\underline{r}-\underline{r}'|}$$

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$$|\text{Correction}| = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left| \int_0^\infty d^3 r' \frac{e^{ikr'}}{r'} V(r') e^{i\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r}'} \right| \ll 1 \quad (\text{evaluated at } r=0)$$

- For $k \ll \alpha$, $e^{i\underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{r}'} \approx 1 \approx e^{ikr'} \Rightarrow \frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2 \alpha} \ll 1$ condition for validity of BA
- For large k $\frac{2\mu V_0}{\hbar^2 k} \ln\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right) \ll 1$

Sakurai p386

The Lipmann Schwinger Equation – operator formalism

$$H_0 |\phi\rangle = E |\phi\rangle \quad \text{stationary state}$$

$$(H_0 + V) |\psi\rangle = E |\psi\rangle \quad (2.1)$$

Bra- ket- notation ... independent of representation choice

$$\langle x | \psi \rangle = \psi(x), \quad \langle p | \psi \rangle = \psi(p)$$

Plane wave states : stationary states

$$\underline{P} | \underline{p} \rangle = \underline{p} | \underline{p} \rangle$$

$$H_0 | \underline{p} \rangle = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} | \underline{p} \rangle$$

$$\underline{X} | \underline{x} \rangle = \underline{x} | \underline{x} \rangle$$

$$H_0 | \underline{x} \rangle = ?$$

Orthonormality and completeness

$$\langle \underline{p} | \underline{p}' \rangle = \delta^3(\underline{p} - \underline{p}')$$

$$\int d^3 p | \underline{p} \rangle \langle \underline{p} | = 1$$

$$\langle \underline{x} | \underline{p} \rangle = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^{3/2} e^{i\underline{x} \cdot \underline{p} / \hbar}$$

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Solution to (2.1)

$$|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle + \frac{1}{E - H_0} V |\psi\rangle \quad (2.2)$$

(up to complications coming from singular nature of the inverse operator $\frac{1}{E - H_0}$)

We will prove a consistent regularisation procedure is

$$|\psi_{\pm}\rangle = |\phi\rangle + \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} V |\psi_{\pm}\rangle \quad (2.3)$$

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In position basis

$$\langle \underline{x} | \psi_{\pm} \rangle = \langle \underline{x} | \phi \rangle + \langle \underline{x} | \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} V | \psi_{\pm} \rangle$$

$$\psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}) = \phi(\underline{x}) + \int d^3x' \langle \underline{x} | \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} | \underline{x}' \rangle \langle \underline{x}' | V | \psi_{\pm} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underline{x}' | V | \psi_{\pm} \rangle &= \int d^3x'' \langle \underline{x}' | V | \underline{x}'' \rangle \langle \underline{x}'' | \psi_{\pm} \rangle \\ &= \int d^3x'' V(\underline{x}') \delta^3(\underline{x}' - \underline{x}'') \psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}'') \\ &= V(\underline{x}') \psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$\langle \underline{x}' | V | \underline{x}'' \rangle = V(\underline{x}') \delta^3(\underline{x}' - \underline{x}'')$
if V local

$$\psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}) = \phi(\underline{x}) + \int d^3x' \langle \underline{x} | \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} | \underline{x}' \rangle V(\underline{x}') \psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}')$$

The Green function

$$\psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}) = \phi(\underline{x}) + \int d^3x' \langle \underline{x} | \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} | \underline{x}' \rangle V(x') \psi_{\pm}(\underline{x}')$$

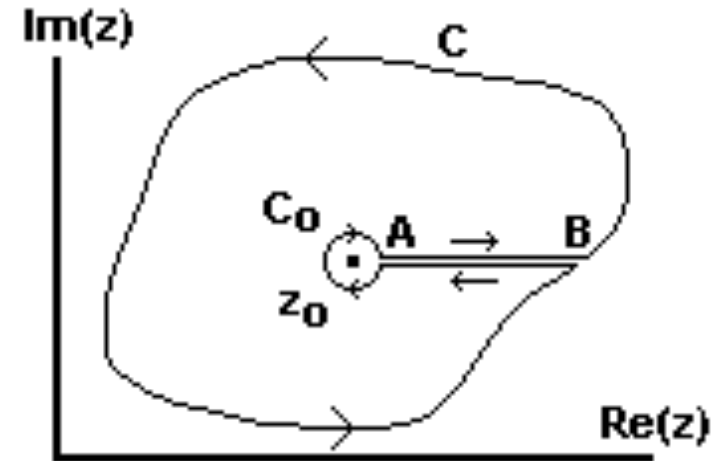
$$c.f. \quad v_k^{\text{diffractive}}(\underline{r}) = e^{ikz} + \int d^3r' \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} G_+(\underline{r} - \underline{r}') V(\underline{r}') v_k^{\text{diffractive}}(\underline{r}') \quad (1.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow G_{\pm}(\underline{x}, \underline{x}') = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \langle \underline{x} | \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} | \underline{x}' \rangle \quad (2.5)$$

$$? = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{\pm ik|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|}}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'|} \quad (1.15) \quad \left(E \equiv \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2\mu} \right)$$

Cauchy's integral formula

$$f(a) = \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)} dz$$



Residue theorem

See e.g. Boas P682

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_i \text{Residue}_i$$