

Project

Computational Physics

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1. Task 1

1a) Analytical Solution to the Potential Well/Barrier Problem

start with

$$(1.1) \quad \int \frac{dr}{r^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - a}}$$

and substitute $x = b/r$, $dx = -b/r^2 dr$ giving:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int \frac{dx}{-b \sqrt{1 - x^2 - a}} \\ &= \int \frac{dx \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-a}}}{-b \sqrt{1-a} - x^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-a}}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{b \sqrt{1-a}} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-a}}\right)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

now substitute $u = x/\sqrt{1-a}$ and $du = dx/\sqrt{1-a}$:

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{b} \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{b} \arcsin u \end{aligned}$$

Now all that is left is backsubstitution of $u \rightarrow x \rightarrow r$, which leads to:

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{b} \arcsin u \\ &= -\frac{1}{b} \arcsin \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-a}} \\ \int \frac{dr}{r^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - a}} &= -\frac{1}{b} \arcsin \frac{b}{r \sqrt{1-a}} \end{aligned}$$