

## 1. Delta-shell potential

The stationary Schrödinger equation in  $k$ -space reads

$$\frac{k^2}{2\mu}\psi_n(k) + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty k'^2 V(k, k') \psi_n(k') dk' = E_n \psi_n(k), \quad (1)$$

where  $V(k, k')$  is a non-local potential. Here, we want to solve this equation for the *local* delta-shell potential

$$V(r) = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu} \delta(r - b). \quad (2)$$

In this case, the corresponding potential in  $k$ -space can be obtained by the double (spherical) Bessel transform

$$V(k, k') = \int_0^\infty r^2 j_l(k'r) V(r) j_l(kr) dr = \frac{\lambda b^2}{2\mu} j_l(k'b) j_l(kb). \quad (3)$$

The spherical Bessel function for  $l = 0$  is given by

$$j_0(z) = \frac{\sin(z)}{z}. \quad (4)$$

- (a) Discretize the integral in Schrödinger's equation for  $N$  data points in a reasonable interval  $[0, k_{\max}]$  using Gauss quadrature<sup>1</sup>. This will give you a linear eigenvalue problem of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{1,1} & H_{1,2} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ H_{N,1} & & H_{N,N} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \psi_n(k_1) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n(k_N) \end{pmatrix} = E_n \begin{pmatrix} \psi_n(k_1) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n(k_N) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

- (b) Use a numerical library/program (e.g. LAPACK or the corresponding GSL variant, Mathematica, Matlab, Python) to find all eigenvalues of the above system. Identify the ground-state energy  $E_0$  (has to be a bound state!). Use  $l = 0, \lambda = -10, \mu = 1/2, b = 5$  as initial parameters. Vary  $N$  and  $k_{\max}$  to check whether your solution has converged.
- (c) For  $l = 0$ , the ground-state energy is determined by the transcendental equation

$$e^{-2\kappa b} - 1 = \frac{2\kappa}{\lambda}, \quad E_0 = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2\mu}. \quad (6)$$

Solve this equation numerically and check your results against the solution.

<sup>1</sup>In Python, this can be done using the `numpy.polynomial.legendre.leggauss` function.

## 2. Double Slits

If you haven't finished it yet, implement the solution of the Schrödinger equation in two dimensions. Test your program with a Gaussian wave packet. As a reminder, the two-dimensional Schrödinger equation is

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t)\psi(\vec{r}, t), \quad (7)$$

and the Gaussian wave packet can be written as

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t=0) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)\right) \exp(i\vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{r}). \quad (8)$$

This time we want to study the behavior of a particle passing through a double-slit. Since fine-tuning the parameters of the problem can be time-consuming, we give you some advice:

- Choose a physical size of  $10 \times 10$  in arbitrary units. A resolution of  $128 \times 128$  points should be sufficient.
  - You can model the slits with the same boundary condition you were using for the walls of the infinite square well. Put them at the center of the coordinate system.
  - Put the initial wave packet one unit of length from the slits and give it a width of  $\sigma_0 = 0.5$ .
  - Choose the wave vector  $\vec{k}_0$  so that it is perpendicular to the slit. What is the meaning of the length of  $\vec{k}_0$ ?
- (a) Make plots of  $|\psi|^2$  at different times. You can use the skeleton for solving the 2D Schrödinger equation of the last exercise.
- (b) How does the interference pattern change when varying the wave number and slit size?
- (c) Imagine the particle is detected on a screen at a certain distance from the slits. Plot the probability density on this screen. Compare it to the analytical expression

$$I(\sin(\theta)) = I(0) \cos^2\left(\frac{kD \sin(\theta)}{2}\right), \quad (9)$$

where  $I$  is the value of  $|\psi|^2$  on the screen,  $D$  the distance between the slits,  $k$  the wave number, and  $\theta$  the angle.

- (d) When you have had enough fun with the double slits, you can change your program to calculate a single slit. Explore how the width of the slit and the wave number influence the picture on the screen.