

1. By first-order Born approximation (equation (6.72))

$$f^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = -\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3x' e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}'} V(\mathbf{x}') \quad (1)$$

and the differential cross section is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'}} = |f^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k})|^2 \quad (2)$$

So the total cross section is given by the integration over the solid angle of \mathbf{k}' ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{tot}} &= \int d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'}} \\ &= \int d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'} |f^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k})|^2 \\ &= \frac{m^2}{4\pi^2\hbar^4} \int d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}'} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}''} V(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x}'') \\ &= \frac{m^2}{4\pi^2\hbar^4} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')} V(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x}'') \cdot \int d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'} e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the inner-most integral is done by aligning $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ with $\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''$ direction, which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\Omega_{\mathbf{k}'} e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')} &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta e^{-i|\mathbf{k}'||\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|\cos\theta} \quad (|\mathbf{k}'| = k, y \equiv -\cos\theta) \\ &= 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 dy e^{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|y} \\ &= 2\pi \cdot \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} - e^{-ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|}}{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \\ &= 2\pi \cdot \frac{2i \sin(k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|)}{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \\ &= 4\pi \cdot \frac{\sin(k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|)}{k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now (3) becomes

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{m^2}{\pi\hbar^4} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')} V(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x}'') \frac{\sin(k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|)}{k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \quad (5)$$

Now for the claim of Prob 6.2 to make sense, we have to be dealing with central potentials. *However, I'm not sure how it is possible to replace the $e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')}$ factor in the integrand with another factor of $\sin(k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|)/(k|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|)$ even taking consideration of symmetry of the central potential. Since here we are not integrating over the solid angle of \mathbf{k} , but over all of $\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}''$, with other factors mixed in the integrand.*

2. The first-order Born approximation is real, so only second-order contributes an imaginary part. By equation (6.86)

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}) &= -\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}'} V(\mathbf{x}') \left[\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} G_+(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}'') \right] V(\mathbf{x}'') e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}''} \\ &= -\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}'} V(\mathbf{x}') \left[\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi} \right) \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|}}{|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \right] V(\mathbf{x}'') e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}''} \\ &= \frac{m^2}{4\pi^2\hbar^4} \int d^3x' \int d^3x'' e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}'')} \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|}}{|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} V(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x}'') \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

If Prob 6.2(b) can be shown by Optical theorem, we would need to prove

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{tot}} &= \frac{4\pi}{k} \text{Im} f^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{m^2}{\pi \hbar^4} \int d^3 \mathbf{x}' \int d^3 \mathbf{x}'' \frac{1}{k|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''|} \text{Im} [e^{ik|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''|} e^{-ik \cdot (\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}'')}] V(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x}'')\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

and we should be able to replace

$$\text{Im} [e^{ik|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''|} e^{-ik \cdot (\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}'')}]$$

by

$$\frac{\sin^2(k|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''|)}{k|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}''|}$$

I cannot bring myself to justify this replacement even when the potential V is spherically symmetric.