

The outside radial wavefunction is given by eq (6.138):

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_0(r) &= e^{i\delta_0} [\cos \delta_0 j_0(kr) - \sin \delta_0 n_0(kr)] \\
 &= e^{i\delta_0} \left(\cos \delta_0 \frac{\sin kr}{kr} + \sin \delta_0 \frac{\cos kr}{kr} \right) \implies \\
 u_0(r) &= r A_0(r) = \frac{e^{i\delta_0}}{k} (\cos \delta_0 \sin kr + \sin \delta_0 \cos kr)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

On the other hand, inside the sphere $r < R$, we have $V = 0$, but it includes the origin, so only $j_0(kr)$ contributes,

$$A_0(r) = C j_0(kr) = C \frac{\sin kr}{kr} \implies u_0(r) = \frac{C}{k} \sin kr \tag{2}$$

Wavefunction is continuous at $r = R$, this implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{C}{k} \sin kR &= \frac{e^{i\delta_0}}{k} (\cos \delta_0 \sin kR + \sin \delta_0 \cos kR) \implies \\
 C &= e^{i\delta_0} (\cos \delta_0 + \sin \delta_0 \cot kR)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The first-order derivative $u'_0(r)$ is not continuous at R due to the δ -function in V . The standard treatment is to integrate the radial Schrödinger equation eq (6.141) in the range $[R - \epsilon, R + \epsilon]$, and then take the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{R-\epsilon}^{R+\epsilon} dr \left\{ \frac{d^2 u_0}{dr^2} + \left[k^2 - \gamma \delta(r-R) + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] u_0 \right\} &= 0 \implies \\
 [u'_0(R+\epsilon) - u'_0(R-\epsilon)] - \gamma u_0(R) &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$u'_0(R+\epsilon)$ and $u'_0(R-\epsilon)$ can be computed from (1) and (2), which turns (4) into

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[\frac{e^{i\delta_0}}{k} (\cos \delta_0 k \cos kR - \sin \delta_0 k \sin kR) - \frac{C}{k} k \cos kR \right] - \frac{\gamma C}{k} \sin kR &= 0 \implies \\
 e^{i\delta_0} (\cos \delta_0 \cos kR - \sin \delta_0 \sin kR) - C \left(\cos kR + \frac{\gamma}{k} \sin kR \right) &= 0 \implies \\
 e^{i\delta_0} (\cos \delta_0 \cos kR - \sin \delta_0 \sin kR) - e^{i\delta_0} (\cos \delta_0 + \sin \delta_0 \cot kR) \left(\cos kR + \frac{\gamma}{k} \sin kR \right) &= 0 \implies \\
 -\cos \delta_0 \left(\frac{\gamma}{k} \right) \sin kR - \sin \delta_0 \left[\frac{1 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{k} \right) \sin kR \cos kR}{\sin kR} \right] &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

which gives the equation for the phase shift δ_0 :

$$\tan \delta_0 = \frac{-\left(\frac{\gamma}{k}\right) \sin^2 kR}{1 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{k}\right) \sin kR \cos kR} \quad \text{or} \quad \cot \delta_0 = \frac{-\left[1 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{k}\right) \sin kR \cos kR\right]}{\left(\frac{\gamma}{k}\right) \sin^2 kR} \tag{6}$$

Now we examine the nodes of $\cot \delta_0$ under the assumption that $\gamma R \gg 1$. The numerator of $\cot \delta_0$ is

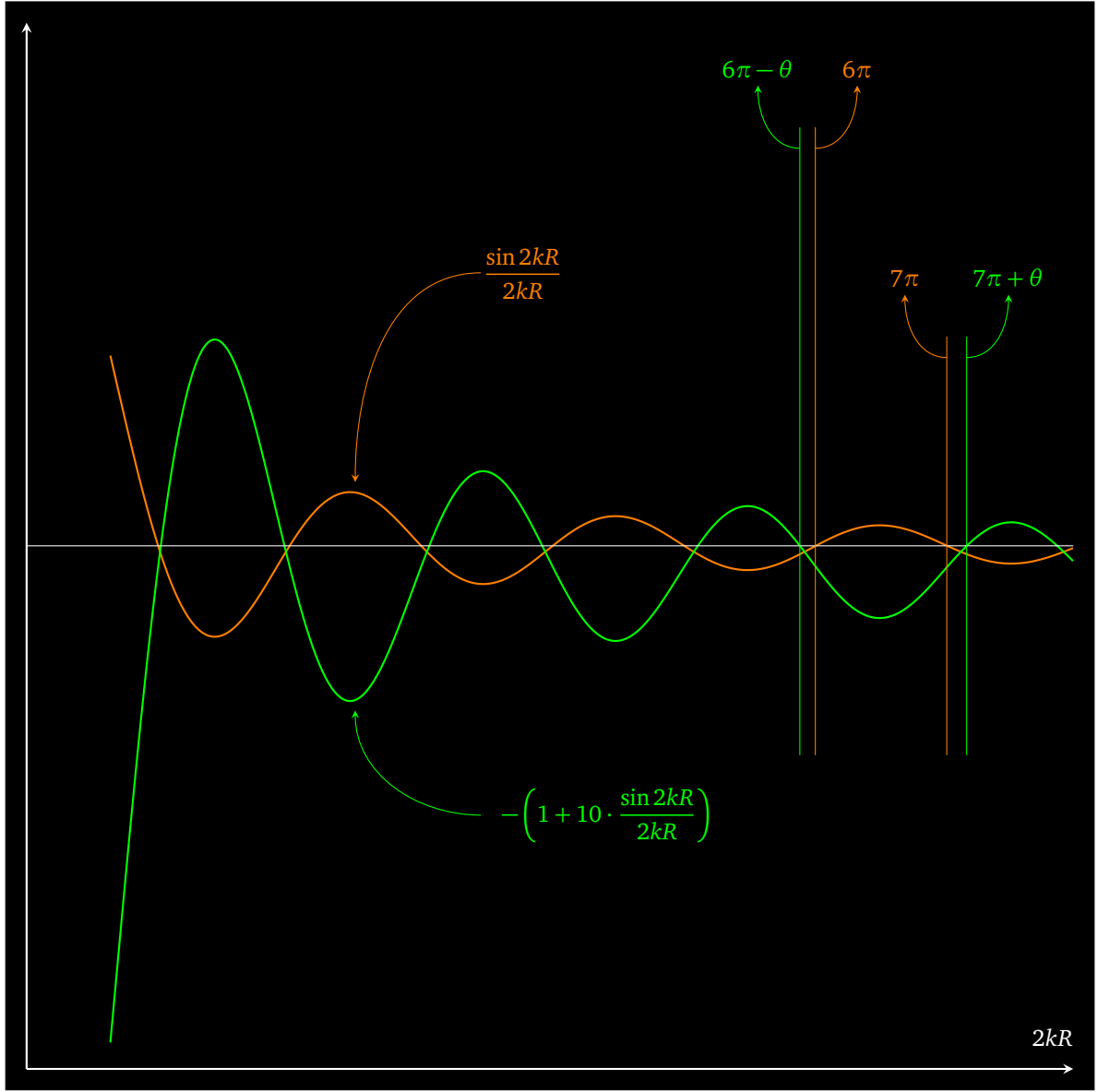
$$\text{numerator}(\cot \delta_0) = -\left(1 + \gamma R \frac{\sin 2kR}{2kR}\right) \tag{7}$$

The diagram below plots (7) (with $\gamma R = 10$) together with $\sin 2kR/2kR$ which has nodes at $2kR = n\pi$. It is understood that when $\gamma R \gg 1$, the nodes of (7) should be close to the nodes of $\sin 2kR/2kR$. In more details, when (7) vanishes, we have

$$\frac{\sin 2kR}{2kR} = -\frac{1}{\gamma R} \tag{8}$$

which can be satisfied by

$$2kR = \begin{cases} n\pi + \theta & n \text{ odd} \\ n\pi - \theta & n \text{ even} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$



Therefore

when $n = 2p + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\gamma R} &= \frac{\sin \theta}{n\pi + \theta} \approx \frac{\theta}{n\pi + \theta} & \Rightarrow \\ \theta &\approx \frac{n\pi}{\gamma R - 1} \quad \text{or} \\ k &= \frac{n\pi}{2} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma R - 1} \approx \frac{n\pi}{2R} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma R}\right) = \frac{(2p+1)\pi}{2R} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma R}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

when $n = 2p$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\gamma R} &= \frac{\sin \theta}{n\pi - \theta} \approx \frac{\theta}{n\pi - \theta} & \Rightarrow \\ \theta &\approx \frac{n\pi}{\gamma R + 1} \quad \text{or} \\ k &= \frac{n\pi}{2} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma R + 1} \approx \frac{n\pi}{2R} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma R}\right) = \frac{p\pi}{R} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma R}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Both cases would correspond to a sharp increase in the s -wave scattering cross section, but only the one that corresponds to the rising δ_0 , in which case $\cot \delta_0$ will cross zero from the positive side, i.e., the $n = 2p$ case, can be physically attributed to the *quasi-bound state*.

Recall the text's *Editor's Note* on page 413: "Such a sharp rise in the phase shift is, in the time-independent Schrödinger equation, associated with a delay of the emergence of the trapped particles, rather than an unphysical advance, as would be the case for a sharp decrease through $\pi/2$ ".

To make the text's point clear "Let's call such a state a quasi-bound state because it would be an honest bound state if the barrier were infinitely high": if $V = \infty$ at $r = R$ and zero elsewhere, the $l = 0$ partial wave has been solved, with bound energies given by equation 3.287, which is exactly the same as what (11) will produce if $\gamma = \infty$.

For the last part, by (6),

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \delta_0 &= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{k}{\sin^2 kR} - \cot kR & \Rightarrow \\ \frac{d \cot \delta_0}{dk} &= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{\sin^2 kR} + k \cdot \frac{-2R \cos kR}{\sin^3 kR} \right] + \frac{R}{\sin^2 kR} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Recall that at resonance (11)

$$\sin kR \approx (-1)^{p+1} \frac{p\pi}{\gamma R} \quad \cos kR \approx (-1)^p \quad (13)$$

which turns (12) into

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \cot \delta_0}{dk} &= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^2 - 2kR \frac{(-1)^p}{(-1)^{3p+3}} \left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^3 \right] + R \left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^2 + 2kR \left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^3 \right] + R \left(\frac{\gamma R}{p\pi} \right)^2 \\ &\approx \frac{-\gamma^2 R^3 - \gamma R^2}{(p\pi)^2} \approx -\frac{\gamma^2 R^3}{(p\pi)^2} & \Rightarrow \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d \cot \delta_0}{dE} = \frac{d \cot \delta_0}{dk} \frac{dk}{dE} = -\frac{\gamma^2 R^3}{(p\pi)^2} \frac{m}{\hbar^2 k} \approx -\frac{\gamma^2 R^4 m}{\hbar^2 (p\pi)^3} \quad (15)$$

Therefore

$$\Gamma = \frac{-2}{d \cot \delta_0 / dE \Big|_{E=E_r}} \propto \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$