

From equation (6.19)

$$K_0(b, a) = K_V(b, a) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int K_0(b, c) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c \quad (1)$$

Apply $\partial/\partial t_b$ and $\partial^2/\partial x_b^2$ to (1).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_0(b, a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_V(b, a) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_0(b, c) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, a) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_V(b, a) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, c) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c \quad (3)$$

Multiply (3) by $-\hbar^2/2m$.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, a) \\ = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_V(b, a) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, c) \right) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From equation (6.20)

$$\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, a) \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_0(b, a) + \delta(t_b - t_a) \delta(x_b - x_a)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, c) \right) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c \\ = -\int \frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_0(b, c) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c + V(b) K_V(b, a) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where we have used the identity

$$\int \delta(t_b - t_a) \delta(x_b - x_a) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c = V(b) K_V(b, a)$$

Substitute (5) into (4) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_0(b, a) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_b^2} K_V(b, a) \\ - \int \frac{\partial}{\partial t_b} K_0(b, c) V(c) K_V(c, a) d\tau_c + V(b) K_V(b, a) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Substitute (2) and (6) into (6.20) to obtain (6.21).