

# **Finding Eigenenergies of Linear Half-Potential**

*(Numerical Integration of Time-Independent Schrodinger Equation)*

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## 1. Typical Output

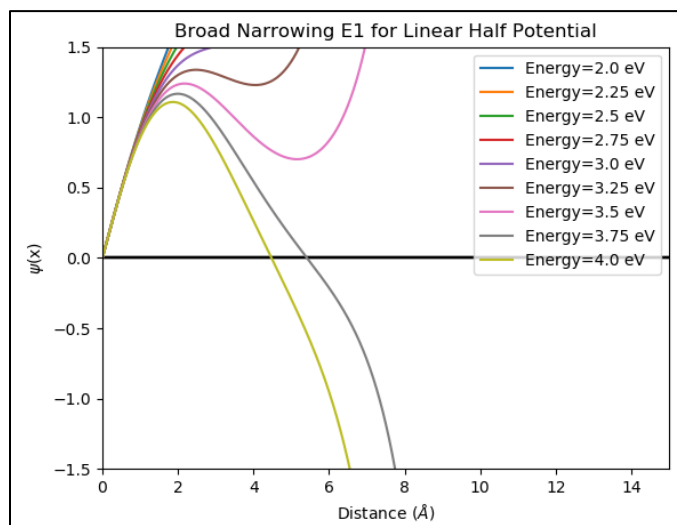
### a. Command Line printouts

#### i. Simply prints which loop is running to track code's progress

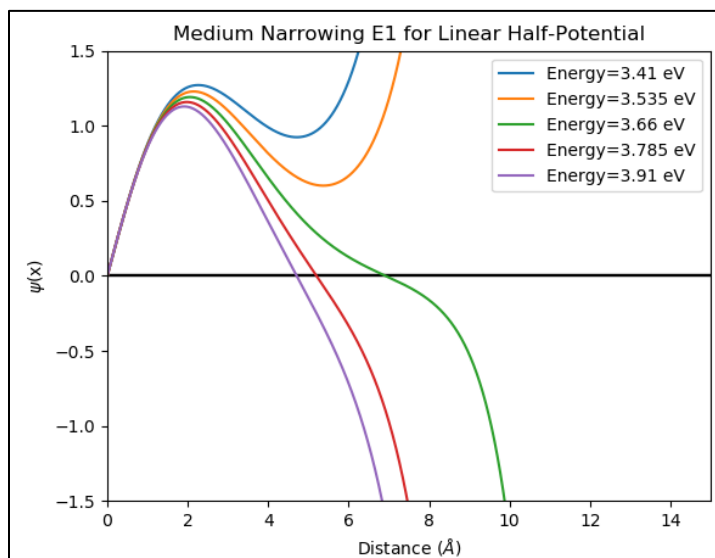
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## 2. Typical Plots

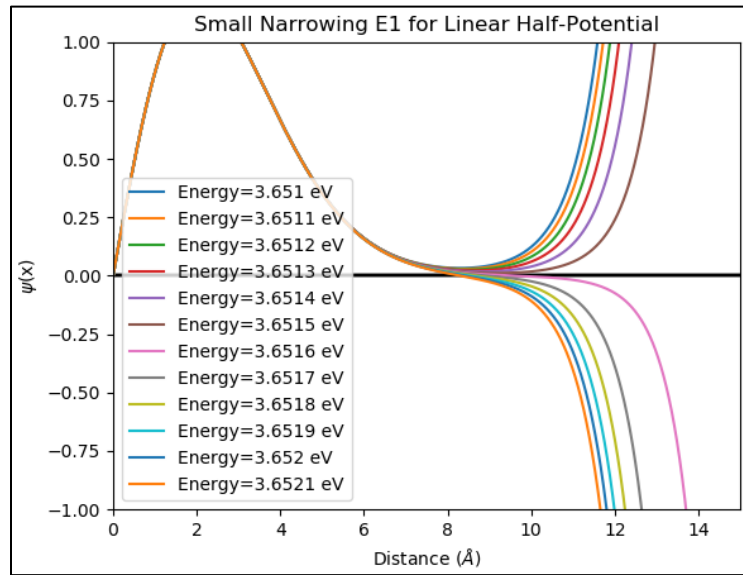
### a. BigFishing plots wavefunctions, $\psi(x)$ , for broad range of trial energies



### b. MediumFishing plots $\psi(x)$ for narrower range of trial energies



c. SmallFishing plots  $\psi(x)$  for very small range of trial energies



### 3. Full Results

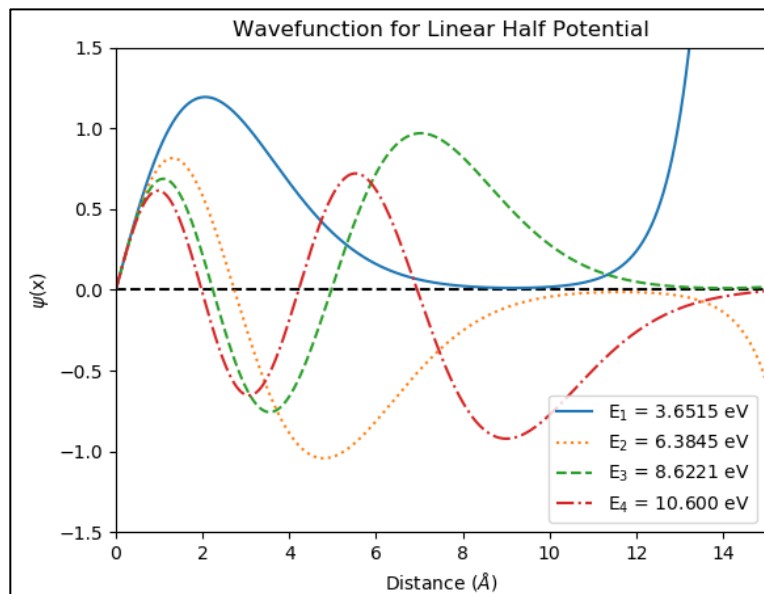
a. Values of important variables

i.  $\beta = 0.26246 \left( \text{eV} \cdot \text{\AA}^2 \right)^{-1}$  for  $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = \beta(V(x) - E)\psi$

ii. Using  $V(x) = \alpha x$  for  $x > 0$  where  $\alpha = 1.0 \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{\AA}}$

b. Full wavefunctions for first four eigenenergies

i.  $E_1 = 3.6515 \text{ eV}; E_2 = 6.3845 \text{ eV}; E_3 = 8.6221; E_4 = 10.600 \text{ eV}$



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Program Objective: Numerical Integration of the Time-Independent Schrodinger
                    Equation for a 1D Linear Half-Potential  $V(x)=\alpha*x$ 
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#  $V(x)=\alpha*x$  for  $x>0$ , infinite elsewhere
#  $E_3$  should be  $\sim 8.6217$  eV
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# Import relevant modules
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Define functional form of time-independent potential:  $V(x)$ 
def Potential(x,alpha,exponent):
    # Inputs:
    #     x = value to evaluate potential at
    #     alpha = multiplicative constant for potential
    #     exponent = potential's exponential dependence on x
    # Returns:
    #     value of potential at given x value

    function = alpha*(x**exponent)
    return function

# Potential function for testing 'Solver':  $V(x)=0$ 
def Test(x):
    # Inputs:
    #     x = distance from left wall
    # Returns:
    #     0 for all x

    return 0*x

# Function to solve TISE
def Solver(stepsize,upper,energy):
    # Inputs:
    #     stepsize = size of  $\Delta x$  for iterating loop (in angstroms)
    #     upper = upper limit for integration (in angstroms)
    #     energy = trial energy
    #     even = boolean for if wavefunction is even (True) or odd (False)
    # Returns:
    #     xrange = x values at which Psi was evaluated
    #     Psi_array = wavefunction evaluated for all values in xrange

    # Establish initial conditions
    Psi = 0.0
    dPsi = 1.0

    #  $2m/\hbar^2$  in natural units
    beta = 0.26246 # in  $(\text{eV}\cdot\text{angstroms}^2)^{-1}$ 

    # Set up array to add Psi values too
    Psi_array = []

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# Establish List of x values
xrange = np.arange(0,upper+stepsize,stepsize)

# Calculate how many Loops will run
numLoops = int(upper/stepsize)

# Loop to calculate important quantities
for i in range(0,len(xrange)):

    # Tell user which Loop is running
    print('Running loop {0} of {1}'.format(i,numLoops))

    # Calc. 2nd derivative of Psi at x0 (0)
    d2Psi = beta*(Potential(xrange[i],1.0,1) - energy)*Psi

    # What to add to wavefunction
    extra = ((dPsi*stepsize) + ((d2Psi*(stepsize**2))/2))

    # Calc. new value of dPsi: dPsi(x0+deltaX)
    dPsi += d2Psi*stepsize

    # Calc. new value of Psi: Psi(x0+deltaX) & add to array
    Psi += extra
    Psi_array.append(Psi)

# Add initial value of Psi to array of Psi values
np.insert(Psi_array,1,Psi)

return xrange,Psi_array

# Function to find general Locations of eigenenergies
def BigFishing(central,buffer=1.00,step=0.25):
    # Inputs:
    #     central = reference energy to check wavefn. around (in eV)
    #     buffer = region around cental energy to test (in eV)
    #     step = interval between test energies (in eV)
    # Returns:
    #     plot of wavefunction for trial energies

    # Make List of energies to run through
    energies = np.arange(central-buffer,central+buffer+step,step)
    x = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]
    y = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]

    # Set values to plot for each test energy
    for i in range(0,len(energies)):
        x[i],y[i] = Solver(.001,15.0,energies[i])

    # Plot wavefunctions for each test energy
    for i in range(len(x)):
        plt.plot(x[i],y[i],label='Energy={0} eV'.format(energies[i]))
        plt.legend()

    # Set axis limits and Labels/title
    plt.xlim(0,15)

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plt.ylim(-1.5,1.5)
plt.xlabel(r'Distance ($\AA$)')
plt.ylabel(r'$\psi(x)$')
plt.title('Small Narrowing for Linear Half-Potential')

# Draw horizontal line at Psi = 0
plt.hlines(0,0,15)

# Save figure
plt.savefig('C:/Users/Jimmy/Physics-Programs/PHYS 472/BigFishing.png')

plt.show()

# Function to find more precise eigenenergies
def MediumFishing(central,buffer=.25,step=0.125):
    # Inputs:
    #     central = reference energy to check wavefn. around (in eV)
    #     buffer = region around central energy to test (in eV)
    #     step = interval between test energies (in eV)
    # Returns:
    #     plot of wavefunction for trial energies

    # Make list of energies to run through
    energies = np.arange(central-buffer,central+buffer+step,step)
    x = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]
    y = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]

    # Set values to plot for each test energy
    for i in range(0,len(energies)):
        x[i],y[i] = Solver(.001,15.0,energies[i])

    # Plot wavefunctions for each test energy
    for i in range(len(x)):
        plt.plot(x[i],y[i],label='Energy={0} eV'.format(np.around(energies[i],4)))
        plt.legend()

    # Set axis limits and labels/title
    plt.xlim(0,15)
    plt.ylim(-1.5,1.5)
    plt.xlabel(r'Distance ($\AA$)')
    plt.ylabel(r'$\psi(x)$')
    plt.title('Medium Narrowing for Linear Half-Potential')

    # Draw horizontal line at Psi = 0
    plt.hlines(0,0,15)

    # Save figure
    plt.savefig('C:/Users/Jimmy/Physics-Programs/PHYS 472/MediumFishing.png')
    plt.show()

# Function to find most precise eigenenergies
def SmallFishing(central,buffer=.003,step=0.001):
    # Inputs:
    #     central = reference energy to check wavefn. around (in eV)
    #     buffer = region around central energy to test (in eV)
    #     step = interval between test energies (in eV)

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# Returns:
#   plot of wavefunction for trial energies

# Make list of energies to run through
energies = np.arange(central-buffer,central+buffer+step,step)
x = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]
y = [[] for i in range(len(energies))]

# Set values to plot for each test energy
for i in range(0,len(energies)):
    x[i],y[i] = Solver(.001,15.0,energies[i])

# Plot wavefunctions for each test energy
for i in range(len(x)):
    plt.plot(x[i],y[i],label='Energy={0} eV'.format(np.around(energies[i],6)))
    plt.legend()

# Set axis limits and labels/title
plt.xlim(0,15)
plt.ylim(-1.5,1.5)
plt.xlabel(r'Distance ($\AA$)')
plt.ylabel(r'$\psi(x)$')
plt.title('Small Narrowing for Linear Half-Potential')

# Draw horizontal line at Psi = 0
plt.hlines(0,0,15)

# Save figure
plt.savefig('C:/Users/Jimmy/Physics-Programs/PHYS 472/SmallFishing.png')
plt.show()

# Call fishing functions to narrow down precise eigenenergies
#BigFishing(2.0)
#MediumFishing(2.50)
#SmallFishing(2.453)

# Plot of final eigenenergy wavefunctions
def FinalPlot(save=False):
    # Inputs:
    #   save = boolean to save (True)/not save (False) plot (default = False)
    # Returns:
    #   plot with wavefunctions of four lowest eigenenergies

    # Define energy eigenvalues found using fishing functions
    E1 = 3.6515
    E2 = 6.3845
    E3 = 8.6221
    E4 = 10.600

    # Save x values and save y (Psi) values from Solver function
    x1,y1 = Solver(0.001,15.0,E1)
    x2,y2 = Solver(0.001,15.0,E2)
    x3,y3 = Solver(0.001,15.0,E3)
    x4,y4 = Solver(0.001,15.0,E4)

    # Plot wavefunctions for four lowest eigenenergies

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plt.plot(x1,y1,label=r'E$_1$ = {0} eV'.format(E1),linestyle='solid')
plt.plot(x2,y2,label=r'E$_2$ = {0} eV'.format(E2),linestyle='dotted')
plt.plot(x3,y3,label=r'E$_3$ = {0} eV'.format(E3),linestyle='dashed')
plt.plot(x4,y4,label=r'E$_4$ = %.3f eV' % E4,linestyle='dashdot')
plt.legend()

# Set axis Limits and Labels/title
plt.xlim(0,15)
plt.ylim(-1.5,1.5)
plt.xlabel(r'Distance ($\AA$)')
plt.ylabel(r'$\psi(x)$')
plt.title('Wavefunction for Linear Half Potential')

# Draw horizontal Line at Psi = 0
plt.hlines(0,0,15,linestyle='dashed')

# Save plot if user chooses to
if save == True:
    plt.savefig('C:/Users/Jimmy/Physics-Programs/PHYS 472/Linear Half Potential Energies')
plt.show()

# Generate plot with wavefunctions of four lowest eigenenergies
FinalPlot(True)

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