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Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{q\vec{A}}{c} \right)^2$$

Interaction term

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{q}{2mc} \left(-\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A} - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{p} + \frac{qA^2}{c} \right) \\ &= \frac{q}{2mc} \left(i\hbar \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - 2\vec{A} \cdot \vec{p} + \frac{qA^2}{c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Scattering wavefunction given by Born approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x | \psi^{(+)} \rangle &= \langle x | \vec{k} \rangle - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \int d^3x' \frac{e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')}}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} \langle x' | V | \vec{k} \rangle \\ &= \langle x | \vec{k} \rangle - \frac{q}{\hbar^2 c} \int d^3x' \frac{e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')}}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} \langle x' | \left(i\hbar \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - 2\vec{A} \cdot \vec{p} + \frac{qA^2}{c} \right) | \vec{k} \rangle \\ &= \langle x | \vec{k} \rangle - \frac{q}{\hbar^2 c} \int d^3x' \frac{e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')}}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} \langle x' | \left(i\hbar \nabla \cdot \vec{A}' - 2\hbar \vec{A}' \cdot \vec{k} + \frac{qA'^2}{c} \right) | \vec{k} \rangle \\ &\approx \langle x | \vec{k} \rangle - \frac{q}{\hbar c} \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r} \int d^3x' e^{-i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{x}'} \left(i\nabla \cdot \vec{A}' - 2\vec{A}' \cdot \vec{k} + \frac{qA'^2}{\hbar c} \right) \langle x' | \vec{k} \rangle \\ &= \langle x | \vec{k} \rangle - \frac{q}{(2\pi)^{3/2} \hbar c} \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r} \int d^3x' e^{i(\vec{k}-\vec{k}') \cdot \vec{x}'} \left(i\nabla \cdot \vec{A}' - 2\vec{A}' \cdot \vec{k} + \frac{qA'^2}{\hbar c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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(a)

Since there's only two plain wave solutions.

$$\psi^{(+)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(e^{ikx} + f(\text{sign}(x)) e^{ik|x|} \right)$$

(b)

From the conservation of probability density, the in-coming and out-going wave must have the same amplitude. Therefore, there can only be a phase shift between them.

Using the boundary condition, the wavefunction for $0 < x < a$ is,

$$\psi = A \left(e^{ik'x} - e^{-ik'x} \right)$$

where $k' = \sqrt{k^2 + 2mV_0}$ and for $x \geq a$ is

$$\psi = e^{i(kx+\delta)} - e^{-i(kx+\delta)}$$

To satisfy the continuity condition at $x = a$

$$\begin{aligned} Ae^{ik'a} - Ae^{-ik'a} &= e^{i(ka+\delta)} - e^{-i(ka+\delta)} \\ Ak'e^{ik'a} + Ak'e^{-ik'a} &= ke^{i(ka+\delta)} + ke^{-i(ka+\delta)} \\ A \sin k'a &= \sin(ka + \delta) \\ Ak' \cos k'a &= k \cos(ka + \delta) \\ \delta &= \arctan\left(\frac{k}{k'} \tan k'a\right) - ka \end{aligned}$$

Scattering coefficient

$$|1 - e^{2i\delta}|^2 = 4 \sin^2 \delta$$

Since $\arctan\left(\frac{k}{k'} \tan k'a\right)$ is in $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, δ can be smaller than $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ if ka is large, in which case the scattering coefficient will have maxima.

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