Nuclear forces and their impact on structure, reactions and astrophysics

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Lectures for Week 1

- M. QCD 1 (as); Scattering theory 1 (rjf)
- T. Nuclear forces 1 (rjf); Scattering theory 2 (as)
- W. Nuclear forces 2 (rjf); Renormalization and Universality (as)
- Th. Cold atoms and neutrons, QMC (ag); Tensor/spin-orbit forces, deuteron properties (rjf)
 - F. QMC and chiral EFT interactions (ag); Three-body forces and halo nuclei (as)

Outline

Scattering theory 1

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Kinematics for scattering in lab and relative coordinates



Scattering incident plane wave [From F. Nunes notes]



Repulsive and attractive phase shifts



Scattering 1

Mathematica square well phase shifts: $n\pi$ ambiguity

in[5]:= deltaAnalytic[k_, V0_] := ArcTan[Sqrt[Ek[k] / (Ek[k] + V0)] Tan[R Sqrt[2 μ (Ek[k] + V0)]]] - R Sqrt[2 μ Ek[k]]

Use Cell->Convert to->TraditionalForm to get it in a form easier to check we have entered it correctly:

$$deltaAnalytic(k_, V0_) := \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{Ek(k)}{Ek(k)+V0}} \tan \left(R \sqrt{2 \, \mu (Ek(k)+V0)} \right) \right) - R \sqrt{2 \, \mu Ek(k)}$$

ln[7]:= Plot[deltaAnalytic[k, 0.5], {k, 0, 10}]



What is going on with the steps? Why are they there? Is the phase shift really discontinuous? How would you fix it?

Mathematica square well phase shifts: Levinson's theorem!



Variable Phase Approach equation solved in Mathematica

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In[12]:= deltaVPA[k_, VO_] := (
Rmax = 10; (* integrate out to Rmax; just need Rmax > R for square well *)
ans = NDSolve[{deltarho'[r] == -(1/k) 2 µ Vsw[r, VO] Sin[kr + deltarho[r]]^2,
    deltarho[0] == 0}, deltarho, {r, 0, Rmax}, AccuracyGoal → 6, PrecisionGoal → 6];
(deltarho[r] /. ans)[[1]] /. r → Rmax (* evaluate at r=Rmax *)
)
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In[15]:= Plot[Evaluate[deltarho[r] /. ans], {r, 0, Rmax}]
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Example: coordinate basis for *local* one-body potential

- Discretize $0 \le r \le R_{\max}$ with $r_i = i \times h$, where $h = R_{\max}/N$
- We can approximate the Schrödinger equation at point r_k as

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M}\frac{u(r_k+h)-2u(r_k)+u(r_k-h)}{h^2}+V(r_k)u(r_k)=Eu(r_k).$$

or
$$-\frac{u_{k+1}-2u_k+u_{k-1}}{h^2}+V_ku_k=Eu_k.$$

• In matrix form with $u_0 = 0$, $u_N \approx 0$, this is tri-diagonal ($\hbar = 2M = 1$):



• If V is non-local, it has off-diagonal matrix elements in this basis

Identifying the *S*-wave scattering length *a*₀



From Filomena Nunes notes

