

ex:9090 Scattering resonance due to coupling between a dot and a 1D wire

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The problem:

in this problem you are required to calculate the phase shift $\delta_0(E)$ in a semi 1D scattering problem $x \in [0, \infty]$. A particle of mass M is sent from infinity with given energy E and returned with a phase shift due to a quantum dot near x_0

The Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + |0\rangle E_0 \langle 0| + |x_0\rangle \lambda \langle 0| + |0\rangle \lambda \langle x_0|$$

The standard representation of the wave function in the position base is $\Psi \rightarrow (\psi_0, \psi(x))$
the normalization is (as usual) $|\psi_0|^2 + \int_0^\infty |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$

1. write down $\langle 0|H|\Psi\rangle$ in the standard representation
2. write down $\langle x|H|\Psi\rangle$ in the standard representation

write down $H\Psi = E\Psi$ using 1,2 and extract a closed equation for $\Psi(x)$ with an effective potential $V(x, E)$

3. write down the effective potential $V(x, E)$
4. find a closed expression for $\delta_0(E)$
5. write down the decay constant Γ using fermi golden rule
6. using 6, find $\delta_0(E)$ with wigner resonance approximation
7. what is the small paramater that one has to use to show that wigner approximation is consistent

The solution:

1. since Ψ_0 is constant, the first term is zero . the rest of the terms will yield:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 0|0\rangle E_0 \langle 0|\Psi\rangle &= E_0 \Psi_0 \\ \langle 0|x_0\rangle \lambda \langle 0|\Psi\rangle &= 0 \cdot \lambda \Psi_0 = 0 \\ \langle 0|0\rangle \lambda \langle x_0|\Psi\rangle &= \lambda \Psi(x_0) \\ \langle 0|H|\Psi\rangle &= E_0 \Psi_0 + \lambda \Psi(x_0)\end{aligned}$$

- 2.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x|\frac{p^2}{2m}|\Psi\rangle &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x) \\ \langle x|0\rangle E_0 \langle 0|\Psi\rangle &= 0 \cdot E_0 \Psi_0 = 0 \\ \langle x|x_0\rangle \lambda \langle 0|\Psi\rangle &= \delta(x - x_0) \lambda \Psi_0 \\ \langle x|0\rangle \lambda \langle x_0|\Psi\rangle &= 0 \cdot \lambda \Psi(x_0) = 0 \\ \langle x|H|\Psi\rangle &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x) + \delta(x - x_0) \lambda \Psi_0\end{aligned}$$

- 3.

$$\begin{aligned}E_0 \Psi_0 + \lambda \Psi(x_0) &= E \Psi_0 \\ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x) + \delta(x - x_0) \lambda \Psi_0 &= E \psi(x)\end{aligned}$$

from the first equation we have

$$\Psi_0 = \frac{\lambda}{E - E_0}$$

inserting to the second equation

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x) + \delta(x - x_0) \frac{\lambda^2}{E - E_0} \psi(x) = E \psi(x)$$

hence

$$V(x, E) = \delta(x - x_0) \frac{\lambda^2}{E - E_0}$$

4. using the effective potential, the problems the easiest way to find the phase shift is by matching. the solution for $x < x_0$ is $A \sin(kx)$ (where $k = \sqrt{2ME}$). the solution for $x > x_0$ is $B \sin(kx + \delta)$. Matching the logarithmic derivative at $x = x_0$ will give us

$$k \cot(kx_0) + 2M \frac{\lambda^2}{E - E_0} = k \cot(kx_0 + \delta)$$

$$\delta(E) = -kx_0 + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{k \cot(kx_0) + \frac{2M\lambda^2}{E - E_0}} \right)$$

5. for a 1D wire of length L (Later L will vanish, so we can take the limit $L \rightarrow \infty$) the momentum states in the position base are $\langle x|k \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(kx)$

$$V_{k,0} = \langle k|V|0 \rangle = \langle k|(|0\rangle E_0 \langle 0| + |x_0\rangle \lambda \langle 0| + |0\rangle \lambda \langle x_0|)|0 \rangle = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(kx_0)$$

the decay constant by fermi golden rule is

$$\Gamma = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta_E} |V_{k,0}|^2$$

where the level spacing is $|\Delta_E| = v_E \Delta_k = v_E \frac{\pi}{L}$
so the final result is

$$\Gamma = 2\pi \frac{L}{\pi v_E} \lambda^2 \frac{2}{L} \sin^2(kx_0) = \frac{4\lambda^2}{v_E} \sin^2(kx_0)$$

6. using wigner approximation we have

$$\delta_0 \approx -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Gamma/2}{E - E_0} \right) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\lambda^2 \sin^2(kx_0)}{v_E(E - E_0)} \right)$$

7. approximating 6 we have $\delta_0 \approx -\frac{2\lambda^2 \sin^2(kx_0)}{v_E(E-E_0)}$. taking the result from 4:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(E) &= -kx_0 + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{k \cot(kx_0) + \frac{2M\lambda^2}{E-E_0}} \right) \\
&= -kx_0 + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\cot(kx_0) + \frac{2\lambda^2}{v_E(E-E_0)}} \right) \\
&= -kx_0 + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan(kx_0)}{1 + \underbrace{\frac{2\lambda^2}{v_E(E-E_0)}}_{\text{small parameter}} \tan(kx_0)} \right) \\
&\approx -kx_0 + \tan^{-1} \left(\tan(kx_0) - \frac{2\lambda^2 \tan^2(kx_0)}{v_E(E-E_0)} \right) \\
&\approx -kx_0 + \tan^{-1}(\tan(kx_0)) + \frac{1}{\tan^2(kx_0) + 1} \left(-\frac{2\lambda^2 \tan^2(kx_0)}{v_E(E-E_0)} \right) \\
&= -\frac{2\lambda^2 \sin^2(kx_0)}{v_E(E-E_0)}
\end{aligned}$$