
Exercise 1 for Theoretical Solid State Physics in Summer 2021

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1. Quantum Mechanics (15 Points)

(a) The Stationary Schrödinger Equation is

$$\mathbf{H}\psi = E\psi.$$

Show that you can write this equation in one dimension for a particle of mass m in a potential $V(x)$ as

$$\psi''(x) = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V(x) - E) \psi(x). \quad (1)$$

(b) Solve equation (1) for an incoming wave from the left with $E > V(x) = 0$.

(c) Solve equation (1) for

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -d \leq x \leq d \\ V & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad d, u > 0.$$

Consider explicitly the cases $0 < E < V$, $E = V$ and $E > V$. Which equations do you get if you use the continuity conditions?

(d) Consider the potential

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -d \leq x \leq 0 \\ V > 0 & 0 \leq x \leq d \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

i. Solve equation (1) for all three cases. Which equations do you get, if you use the continuity conditions?

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- ii. Sketch qualitatively the solutions for $0 < E < V$ and $E > V$.
- iii. Now let $d = 3$ and $\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}V = 10$. How many solutions exist for $0 < E < V$ and what are the energy eigenvalues for $\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}E$.