

Propagating-wave approximation and the transfer matrix in two-dimensional potential scattering



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Outline:

- Potential scattering in 1D & the transfer matrix
- Potential scattering in 2D & its dynamical formulation
- Evanescent waves in 2D & the Propagating-wave approximation (PWA)
- Nonlocal potentials V_k achieving PWA
- Potentials for which PWA is exact
- Existence of the transfer matrix for V_k
- Concluding remarks

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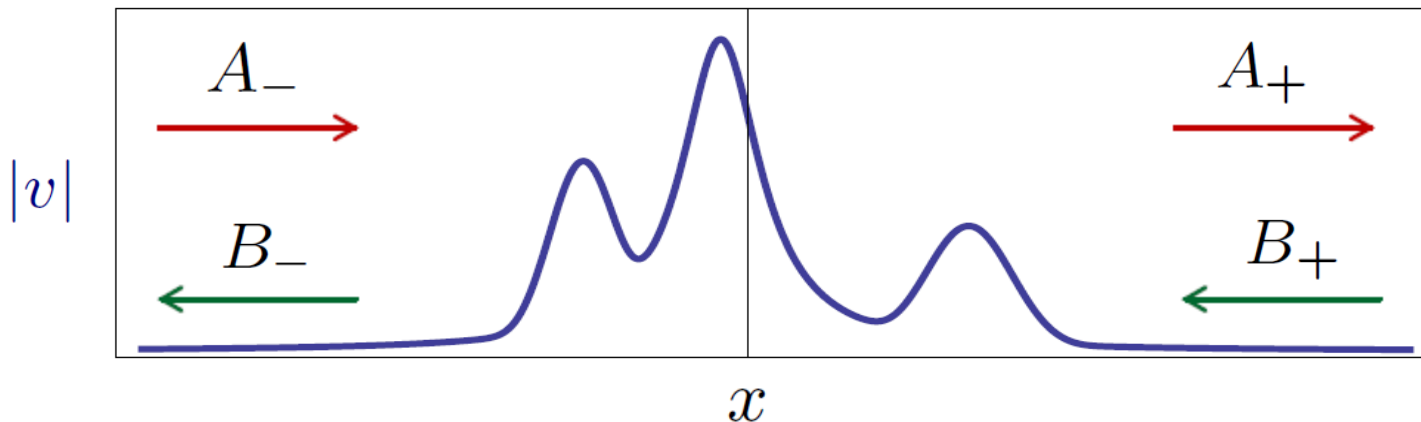
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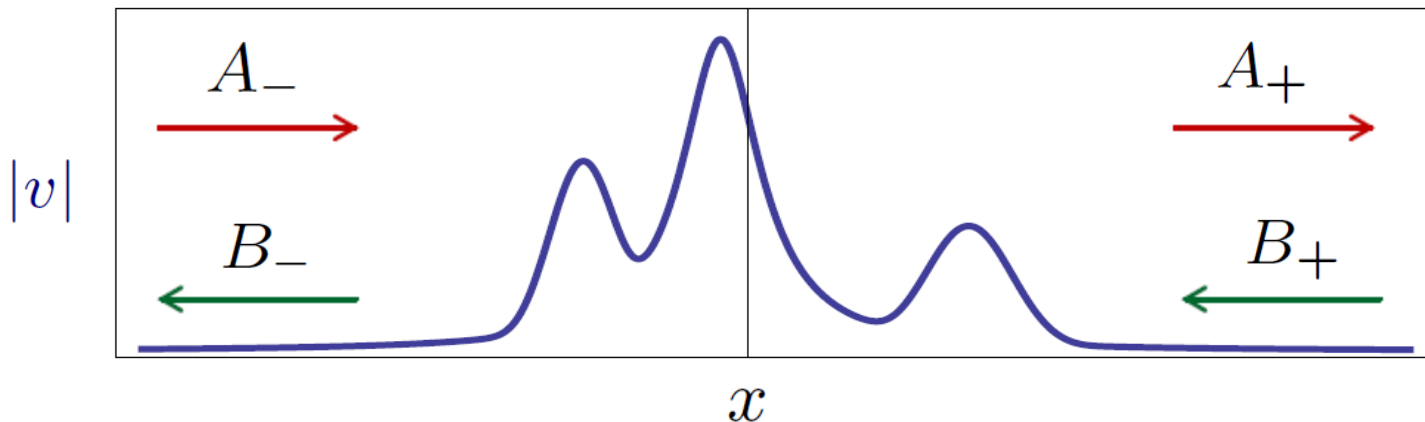


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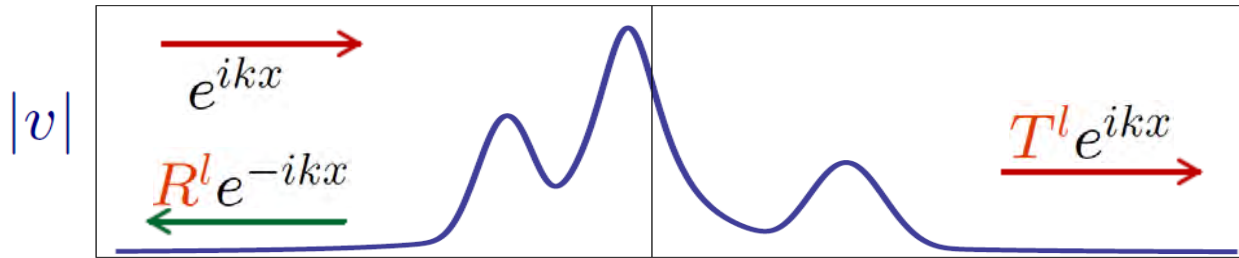
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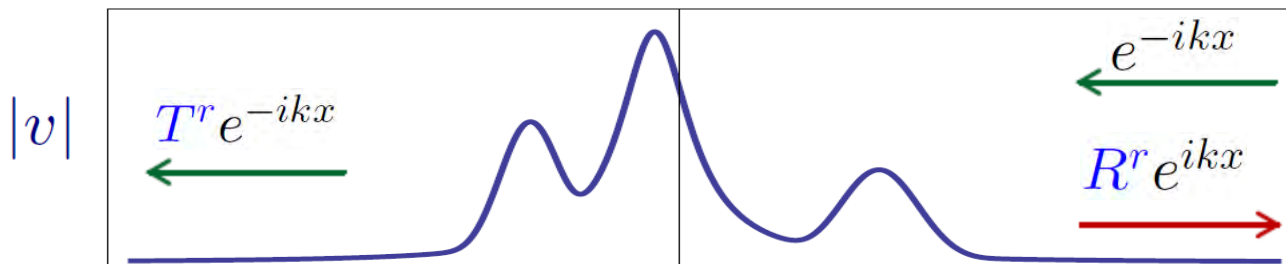
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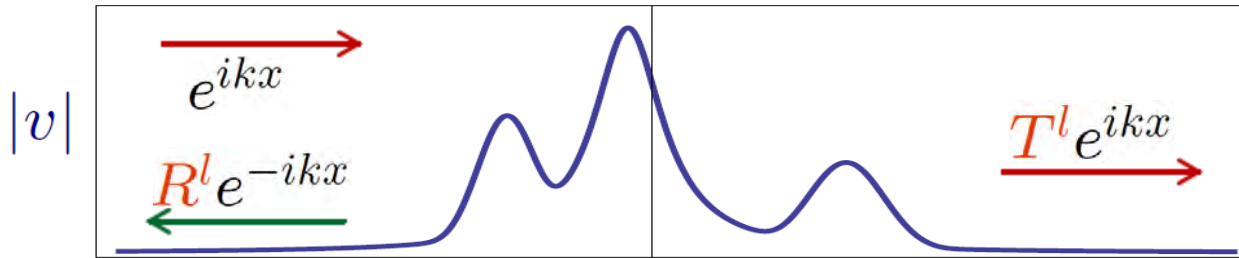


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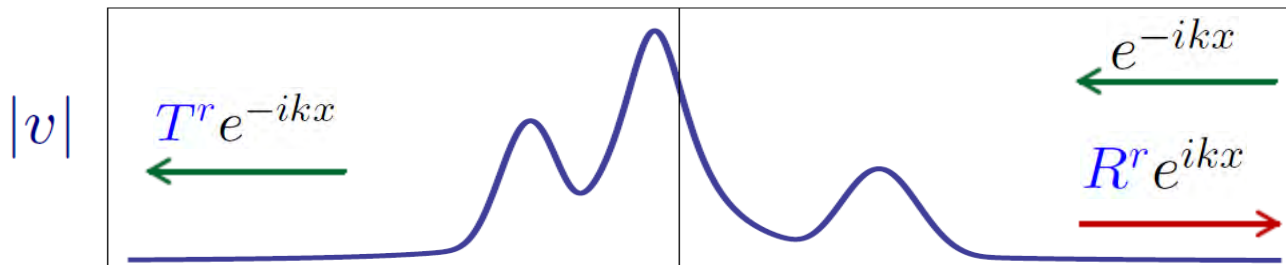


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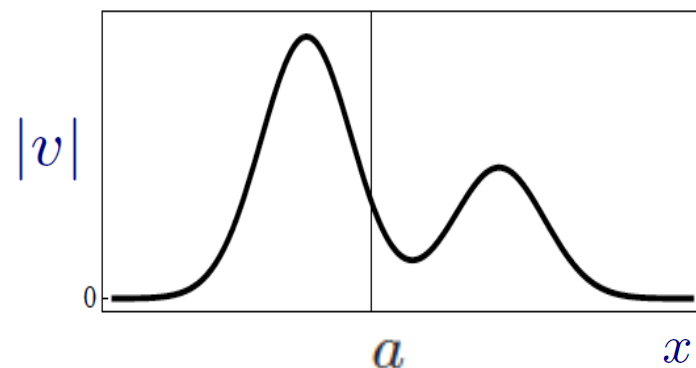
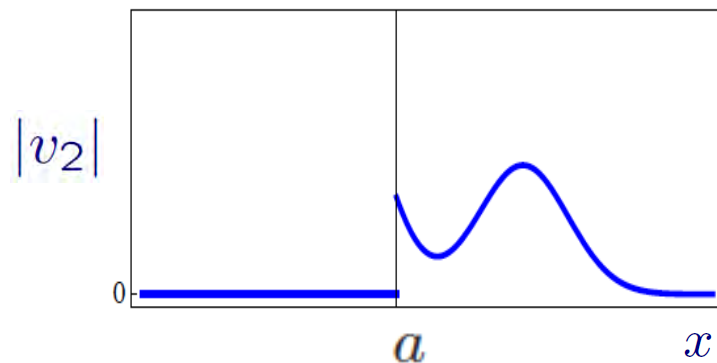
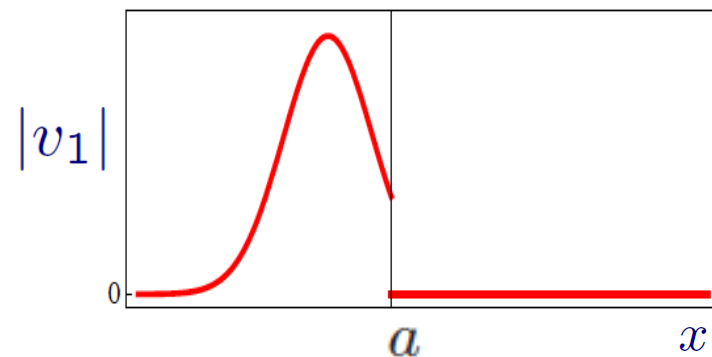
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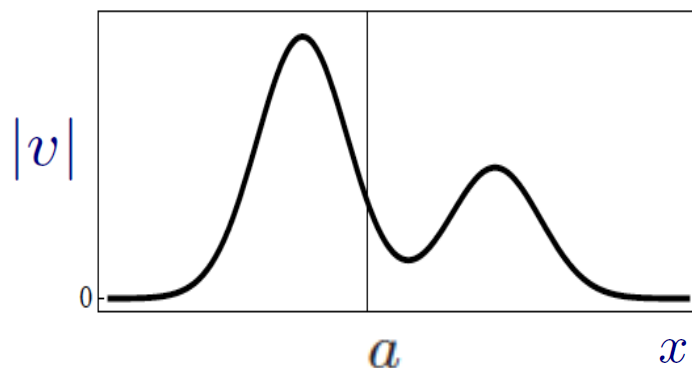
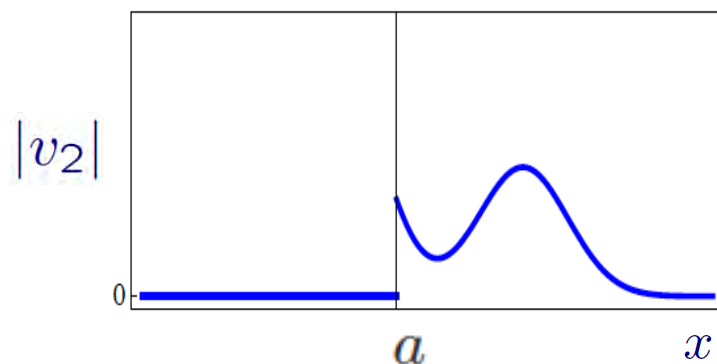
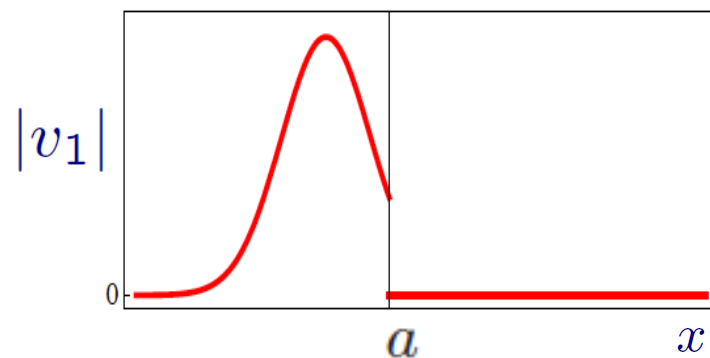
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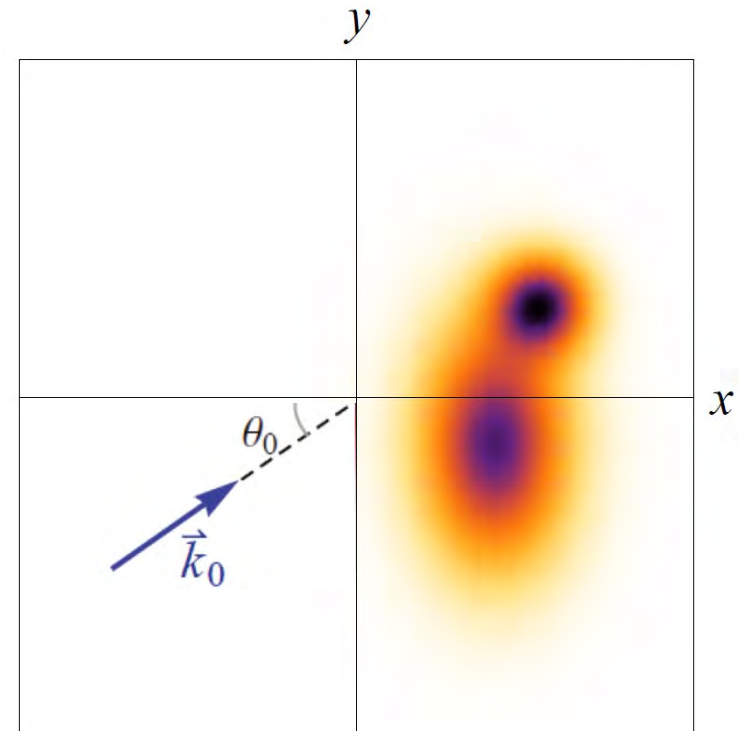
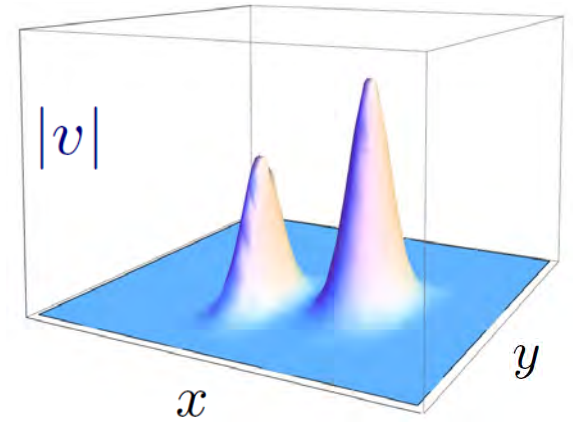
i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \mathcal{T} \exp \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -i\mathbf{H}(x)dx \\ &= \mathbf{I} - i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1 \mathbf{H}(x_1) \\ &\quad + (-i)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_2 \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} dx_1 \mathbf{H}(x_2) \mathbf{H}(x_1) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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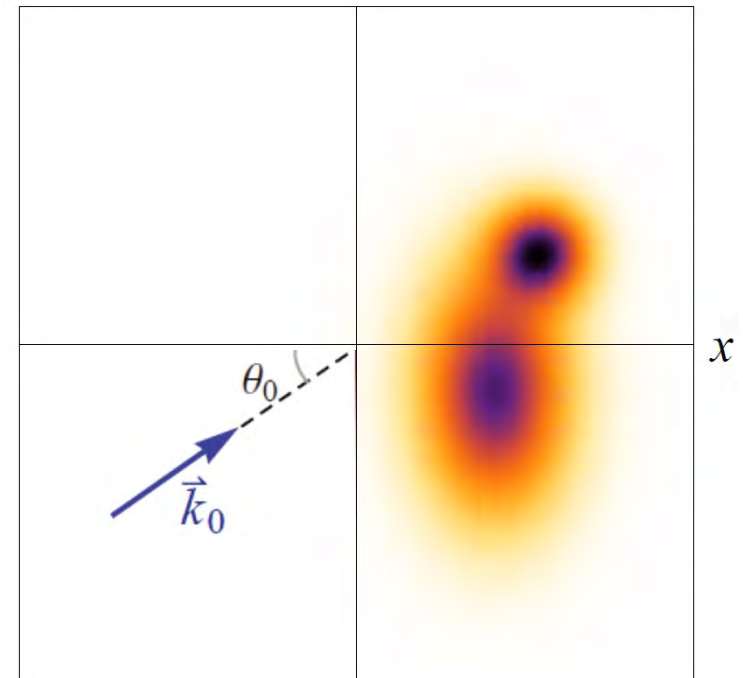
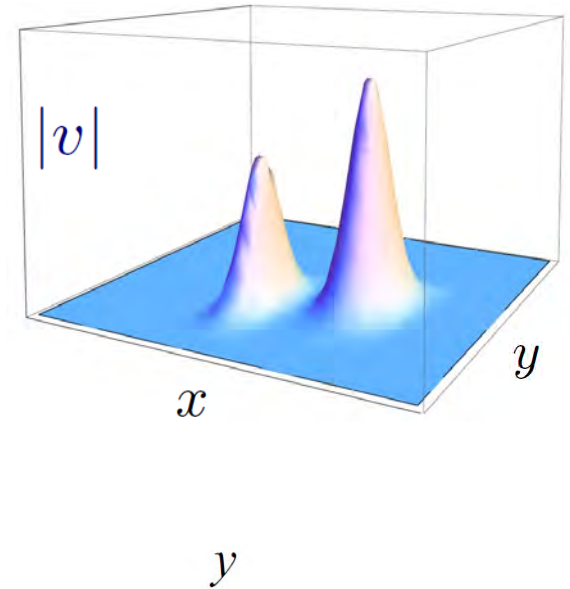
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}}}{2\pi} + \sqrt{\frac{i}{kr}} \frac{e^{ikr} f(\theta)}{2\pi} \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

\mathbf{k}_0 := Incident wave vector

$\mathbf{r} := (x, y)$

$(r, \theta) :=$ polar coordinates

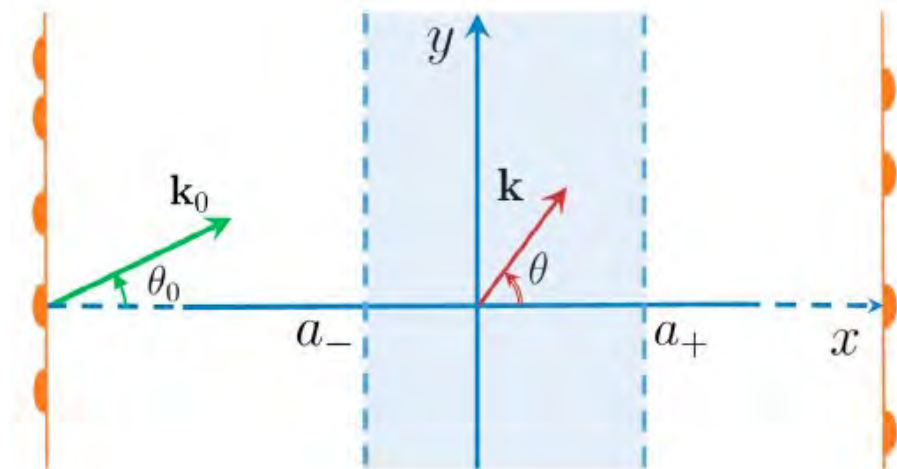
$f(\theta)$: Scattering amplitude



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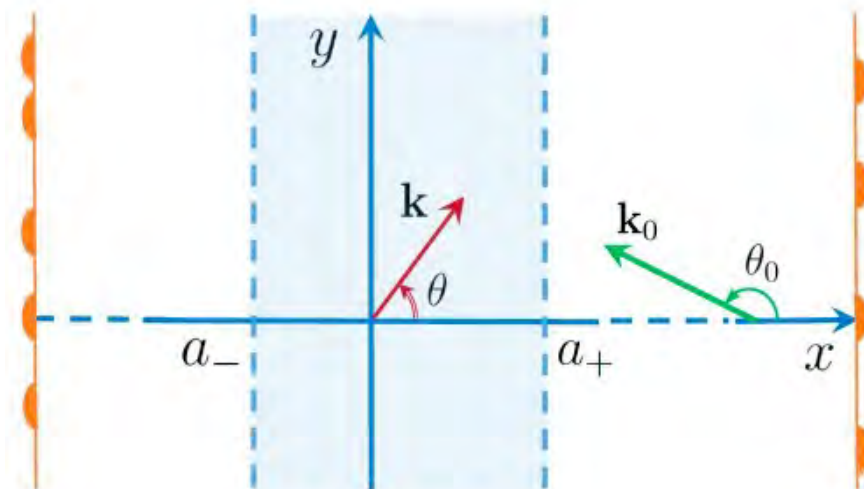
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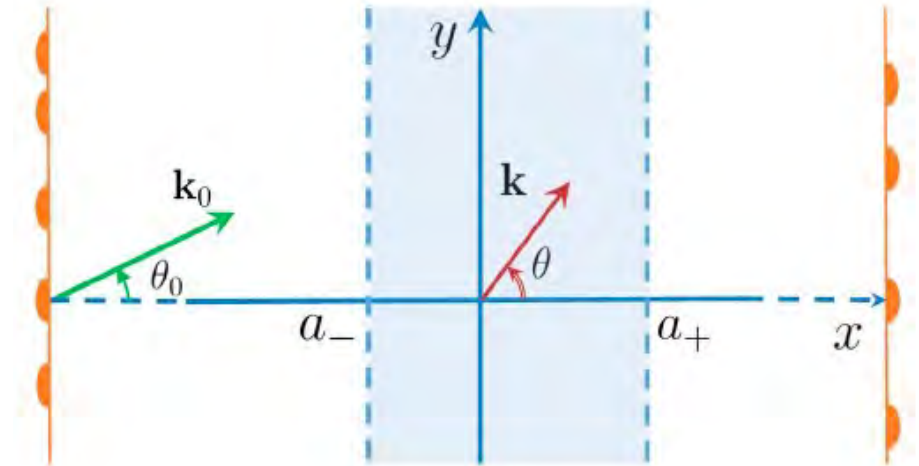
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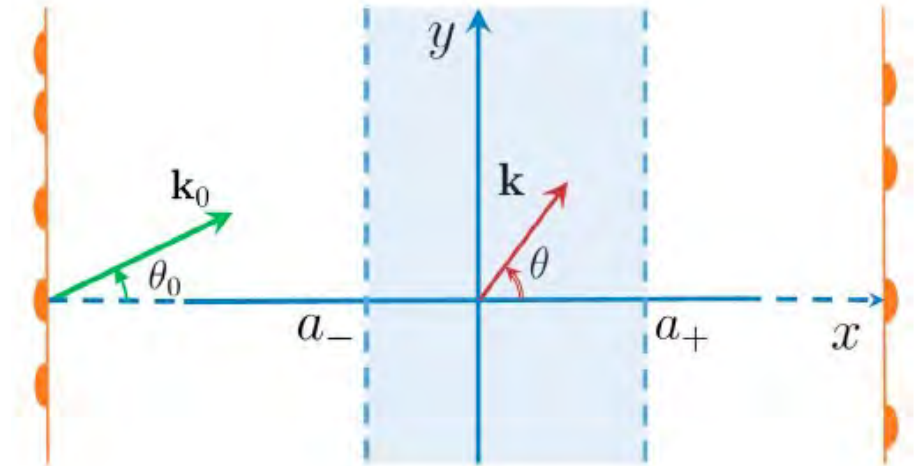


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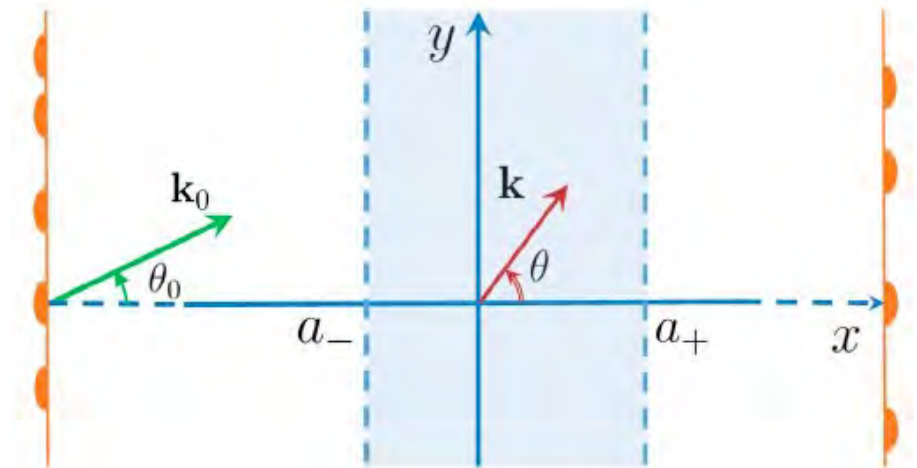
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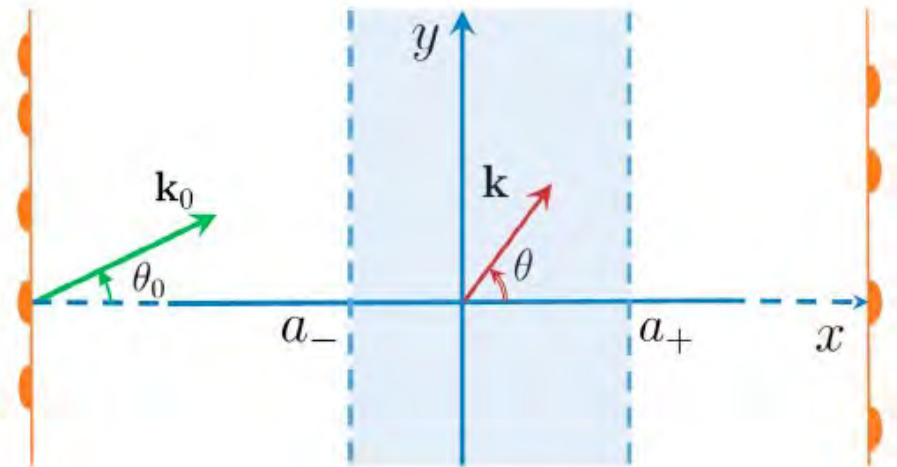
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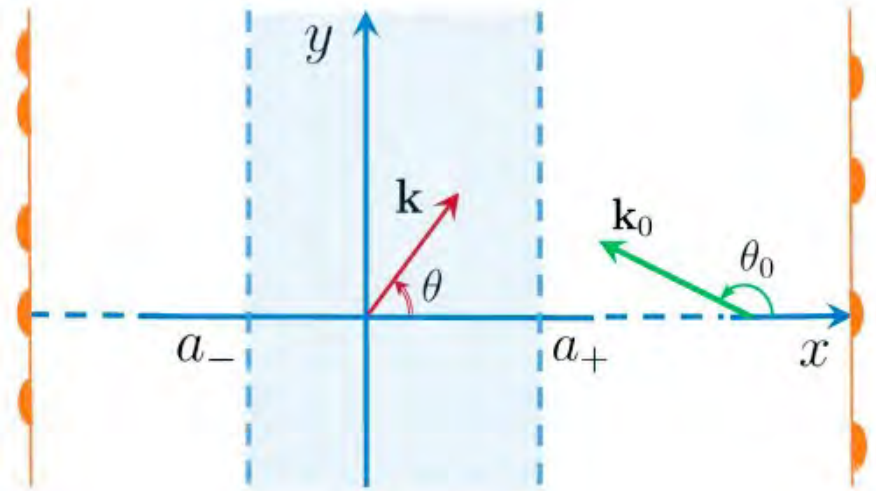
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$$\Rightarrow \hat{V}_k(x) \rightarrow v(x, \hat{y}) \text{ \& } \hat{W}_k(x) \rightarrow \hat{0}$$

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Theorem: Every short-range potential $v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ couples to evanescent waves, i.e., $\hat{W}_k(x) \neq \hat{0}$.

Nevertheless, PWA can produce the exact expression for the scattering amplitudes!

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If $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}(x_2) \widehat{\mathcal{H}}(x_1) \approx \widehat{0}$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\widehat{\mathbf{M}} \approx \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_k$.

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We could answer these questions for $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_k(x)$ and prove the existence of $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_k$.

[arXiv: 2207.10054]

Definition: Let $v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a bounded integrable function and $s, k \in \mathbb{R}^+$. We say that $v \in \mathcal{C}_{s,k}$ if

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$$|v(x, y)| \leq \frac{\beta}{(1 + |x|)^\sigma} \quad \text{for } |x| \geq \alpha.$$

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$$(\tilde{v}_k(x))(p) := \tilde{v}(x, p), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p \in (-2k, 2k),$$

is piecewise continuous.

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