

[mex243] Classical inverse scattering problem I

The reconstruction of the (central force) scattering potential $V(r)$ from the observed scattering cross section $\sigma(\theta)$ as outlined in [mln104] involves the transformation of the orbital integral

$$\frac{\pi - \theta(s)}{2} = \int_0^{u_m} \frac{s du}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V(1/u)}{E} - s^2 u^2}}, \quad s^2 u_m^2 + V(1/u_m)/E = 1,$$

where $u \doteq 1/r$ and $\theta(s)$ is the scattering angle as a function of the impact parameter, into the relation

$$\pi\sqrt{\alpha} - \int_0^\alpha dx \tilde{\theta}'(x)\sqrt{\alpha - x} = \pi \int_0^{u_m(\alpha)} \frac{du}{w(u)}, \quad u_m^2 = \alpha[w(u_m)]^2,$$

for the unknown function $w(u) \doteq \sqrt{1 - V(1/u)/E}$, where $x \doteq 1/s^2$ and $\tilde{\theta}(x) = \theta(s)$. Carry out the initial steps as indicated in [mln104]. Integrate by parts on the left and interchange the order of integrations on the right.

Solution: