

# HW #9

## 1. Rectangular Double-Well Potential

Because the potential is infinite for  $|x| > a + b$ , the wave function should vanish at  $x = \pm(a + b)$ . For  $a < x < a + b$  and  $-a - b < x < -a$ , the potential vanishes and the wave function is given simply by a plane wave  $e^{\pm ikx}$  with energy  $E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$ . For  $-a < x < a$ , the potential is large  $V_0$ , and the wave function damps exponentially,  $e^{\pm \kappa x}$  with  $\hbar^2 \kappa^2 = 2m(V_0 - E) = 2mV_0 - \hbar^2 k^2$ . Because the potential is parity-invariant  $V(-x) = V(x)$ , we expect the ground state to be a symmetric (parity-even) function, with a close excited state with an anti-symmetric (parity-odd) wave function.

For the parity-even ground state, the wave function for  $-a < x < a$  must be  $\psi(x) = A \cosh \kappa x$ . For  $a < |x| < a + b$ , the wave function must be  $\psi(x) = B \sin k(x - a - b)$  to ensure the boundary condition at  $|x| = a + b$ . For  $-a - b < x < -a$ ,  $\psi(x) = \psi(-x) = -B \sin k(x + a + b)$ . To match the logarithmic derivative  $\psi'(a)/\psi(a)$ , we need  $\frac{\psi'(a)}{\psi(a)} = \kappa \tanh \kappa a = k \cot k(-b)$ . The conditions for  $x < 0$  are precisely the same thanks to the parity.

For the parity-odd excited state, the wave function for  $-a < x < a$  must be  $\psi(x) = A \sinh \kappa x$ . For  $a < x < a + b$ , the wave function must be  $\psi(x) = B \sin k(x - a - b)$  to ensure the boundary condition at  $|x| = a + b$ . For  $-a - b < x < -a$ ,  $\psi(x) = -\psi(-x) = B \sin k(x + a + b)$ . To match the logarithmic derivative  $\psi'(a)/\psi(a)$ , we need  $\frac{\psi'(a)}{\psi(a)} = \kappa \coth \kappa a = k \cot k(-b)$ . The conditions at  $x = -a$  are precisely the same thanks to the parity.

First we take the limit of the infinite potential barrier  $V_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\coth \kappa a = \tanh \kappa a = 1$ , and the condition is  $-k a \cot k b = \kappa a \rightarrow \infty$ . The only way to satisfy this equation is by taking  $k b = (2n+1)\pi$  so that  $\cot k b \rightarrow -\infty$ . The lowest energy is obtained by  $k b = \pi$ . Namely, to the leading order in large  $V_0$ ,  $k = \frac{\pi}{b}$  and  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m b^2}$  for both parity-even and odd states. This makes sense because the wave function fits right in between two infinite potential barriers.

Now we make the potential barrier finite but large ( $\kappa a \gg 1$ ), and two states must split. To see the difference between two energy levels, we note that the only difference is between  $\tanh \kappa a$  and  $\coth \kappa a$ , and for a large  $\kappa a \gg 1$ , the difference is exponentially small,  $\tanh \kappa a = 1 - 2e^{-2\kappa a} + O(e^{-4\kappa a})$ ,  $\coth \kappa a = 1 + 2e^{-2\kappa a} + O(e^{-4\kappa a})$ . Therefore we would like to solve  $\kappa a(1 \mp 2e^{-2\kappa a}) = -k a \cot k b$  to find  $k \simeq \frac{\pi}{b}$  for parities  $\pm 1$ . We expand  $k b = \pi - \epsilon$ , and  $-k a \cot k b = \frac{-k a \cos k b}{\sin k b} = \frac{k a}{\sin k b} + O(\epsilon) = \frac{\pi a}{b \epsilon} + O(\epsilon^0)$ , and hence  $\frac{\pi a}{b \epsilon} = \kappa a(1 \mp 2e^{-2\kappa a})$ ,  $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{\kappa b}(1 \pm 2e^{-2\kappa a})$ . Therefore the energy eigenvalue is  $E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m b^2}(1 - 2 \frac{1}{\kappa b}(1 \pm 2e^{-2\kappa a}))$  to the leading order. The difference in the energies between the two low-lying states is exponentially suppressed as expected,  $\Delta E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m b^2} \frac{8}{\kappa b} e^{-2\kappa a}$ .

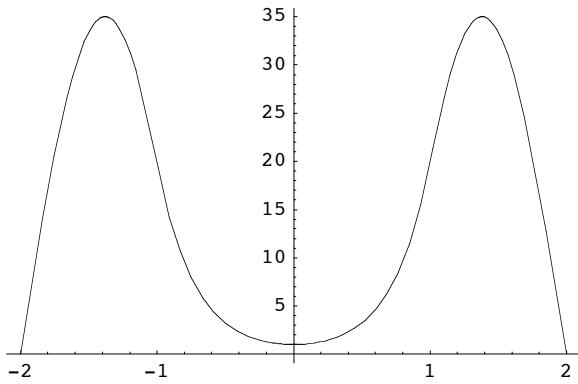
To plot the wave functions, we choose  $a = b = 1$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $\hbar = 1$ , and  $V_0 = 10$ . Much larger  $V_0$  makes it impossible to find the difference between the two energy eigenvalues numerically. We can solve numerically for  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x \operatorname{Tanh}[x a] &== -k \operatorname{Cot}[k b] /. \{x \rightarrow \sqrt{2 m V_0 - k^2}\} /. \{a \rightarrow 1, b \rightarrow 1, m \rightarrow 1, \hbar \rightarrow 1\} /. \{V_0 \rightarrow 10\} \\ \sqrt{20 - k^2} \operatorname{Tanh}[\sqrt{20 - k^2}] &== -k \operatorname{Cot}[k] \\ \operatorname{FindRoot}[\sqrt{20 - k^2} \operatorname{Tanh}[\sqrt{20 - k^2}] == -k \operatorname{Cot}[k], \{k, 3\}] \\ \{k \rightarrow 2.53762\} \end{aligned}$$

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ksol = k /. %
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2.53762
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Plot[If[Abs[x] < 1, Cosh[Sqrt[20 - ksol^2] x],  
Cosh[Sqrt[20 - ksol^2]] Sin[ksol (Abs[x] - 2)]], {x, -2, 2}]
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x Coth[x a] == -k Cot[k b] /. {x -> Sqrt[2 m V0 - k^2]} /. {a -> 1, b -> 1, m -> 1, h -> 1} /. {V0 -> 10}
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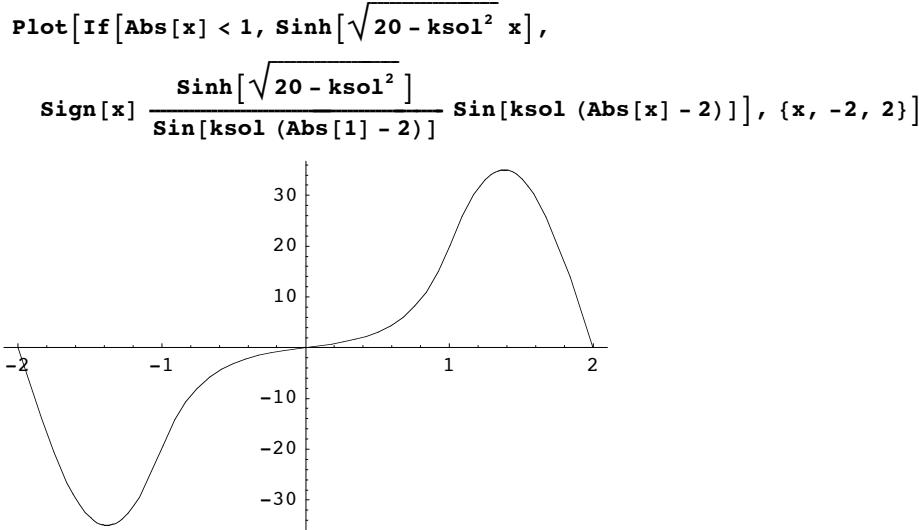
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Sqrt[20 - k^2] Coth[Sqrt[20 - k^2]] == -k Cot[k]
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{k -> 2.53855}
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## 2. Periodic delta-function Potential

(a)

Using the form of the wave function given in the problem,

$$\psi(-\epsilon) = A + B$$

$$\psi(+\epsilon) = e^{ikx}(A e^{-i\kappa a} + B e^{i\kappa a})$$

$$\psi'(-\epsilon) = i\kappa(A + B)$$

$$\psi'(+\epsilon) = i\kappa e^{ikx}(A e^{-i\kappa a} - B e^{i\kappa a})$$

The wave function is continuous  $\psi(-\epsilon) = \psi(+\epsilon)$ , but its derivative is discontinuous because of the delta-function potential,

$$\psi(+\epsilon) - \psi(-\epsilon) = \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2} \psi(0).$$

If you want to solve for "k" by hand the most expedient method is to write the two equations in the form of a matrix multiplying the column vector (A, B):

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eqn1 = Collect[A + B - E^{I k a} (A E^{-I x a} + B E^{I x a}), {A, B}]
eqn2 = Collect[I \kappa E^{I k a} (A E^{-I x a} - B E^{I x a}) - I \kappa (A - B) - \frac{2 m \lambda}{\hbar^2} (A + B), {A, B}]

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$$A (1 - e^{i a k - i a \kappa}) + B (1 - e^{i a k + i a \kappa})$$

$$A \left( -i \kappa + i e^{i a k - i a \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2 m \lambda}{\hbar^2} \right) + B \left( i \kappa - i e^{i a k + i a \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2 m \lambda}{\hbar^2} \right)$$

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myMatrix = {{Coefficient[eqn1, A], Coefficient[eqn1, B]},
            {Coefficient[eqn2, A], Coefficient[eqn2, B]}};
myMatrix // MatrixForm


$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - e^{i\alpha k - i\alpha \kappa} & 1 - e^{i\alpha k + i\alpha \kappa} \\ -i\kappa + i e^{i\alpha k - i\alpha \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2} & i\kappa - i e^{i\alpha k + i\alpha \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2} \end{pmatrix}$$


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The equation we want to solve is thus:

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myMatrix.{A, B} == {0, 0}

{A (1 - e^{i\alpha k - i\alpha \kappa}) + B (1 - e^{i\alpha k + i\alpha \kappa}), 
 A \left(-i\kappa + i e^{i\alpha k - i\alpha \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2}\right) + B \left(i\kappa - i e^{i\alpha k + i\alpha \kappa} \kappa - \frac{2m\lambda}{\hbar^2}\right)} == {0, 0}

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For there to be a nontrivial solution, the determinant of the coefficient matrix must be equal to zero. *Mathematica* is not convenient for doing this manipulation, but it isn't hard to calculate the 2x2 determinant by hand and set it equal to zero. It yields a quadratic equation for  $e^{i\alpha k}$  which can be easily solved using the quadratic equation to give the required result.

If you want to use *Mathematica* to arrive at the solution, here is an example method:

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Solve[
  {A + B == E^{I k a} (A E^{-I \kappa a} + B E^{I \kappa a}), I \kappa E^{I k a} (A E^{-I \kappa a} - B E^{I \kappa a}) - I \kappa (A - B) == \frac{2 m \lambda}{\hbar^2} (A + B)}, {B, k}]

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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} B \rightarrow & \frac{1}{2 m \lambda} \left( -A m \lambda - A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda - i A \kappa \hbar^2 + i A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2 - i A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} \sqrt{-4 e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa^2 \hbar^4 + (i m \lambda - i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda + \kappa \hbar^2 + e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2)^2} \right), \\ k \rightarrow & -\frac{1}{a} \left( i \text{Log} \left[ -\frac{1}{2 \kappa \hbar^2} \left( e^{-i \alpha \kappa} \left( -i m \lambda + i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda - \kappa \hbar^2 - e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2 + \sqrt{-4 e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa^2 \hbar^4 + (i m \lambda - i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda + \kappa \hbar^2 + e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2)^2} \right) \right] \right) \right\}, \\ B \rightarrow & \frac{1}{2 m \lambda} \left( -A m \lambda - A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda - i A \kappa \hbar^2 + i A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2 + i A e^{-2 i \alpha \kappa} \sqrt{-4 e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa^2 \hbar^4 + (i m \lambda - i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda + \kappa \hbar^2 + e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2)^2} \right), \\ k \rightarrow & -\frac{1}{a} \left( i \text{Log} \left[ -\frac{1}{2 \kappa \hbar^2} \left( e^{-i \alpha \kappa} \left( -i m \lambda + i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda - \kappa \hbar^2 - e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2 - \sqrt{-4 e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa^2 \hbar^4 + (i m \lambda - i e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} m \lambda + \kappa \hbar^2 + e^{2 i \alpha \kappa} \kappa \hbar^2)^2} \right) \right] \right) \right\} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= h \quad e \quad r \quad e \quad f \quad o \quad r \quad e \quad , \\
e^{i\alpha k} &= -\frac{1}{2\hbar^2\kappa} e^{-i\alpha k} \left( -im\lambda(1 - e^{2i\alpha k}) - \hbar^2\kappa(1 + e^{2i\alpha k}) \pm \sqrt{-4\hbar^4\kappa^2 e^{2i\alpha k} + (im\lambda(1 - e^{2i\alpha k}) + \hbar^2\kappa(1 + e^{2i\alpha k}))^2} \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\hbar^2\kappa} \left( -m\lambda \sin \kappa a - \hbar^2\kappa \cos \kappa a \pm \sqrt{-4\hbar^4\kappa^2 + (2m\lambda \sin \kappa a + 2\hbar^2\kappa \cos \kappa a)^2} \right) \\
&= \cos \kappa a + \frac{m\lambda}{\hbar^2\kappa} \sin \kappa a \pm i \sqrt{1 - (\cos \kappa a + \frac{m\lambda}{\hbar^2\kappa} \sin \kappa a)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

As suggested in the problem, we define  $d = \frac{\hbar^2}{m\lambda}$ , and the expression simplifies to

$$e^{ik a} = \cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a \pm i \sqrt{1 - (\cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a)^2}.$$

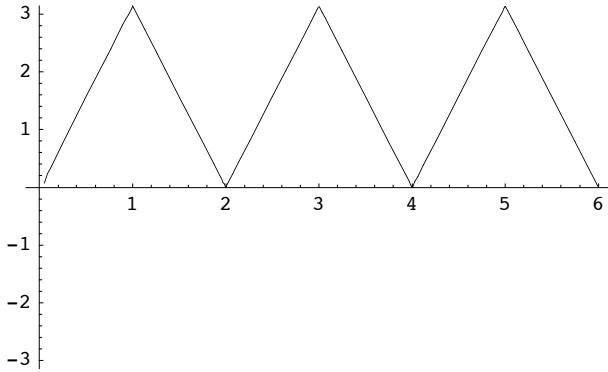
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In the limit  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , which is nothing but a free particle without a potential, we have  $e^{ik a} = \cos \kappa a \pm i \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \kappa a} = e^{\pm i \kappa a}$ , and hence  $\kappa = \pm(k + \frac{2\pi n}{a})$ . Or equivalently,  $k$  is the momentum modulo  $\frac{2\pi n}{a}$ . Therefore,  $\kappa$  and hence the energy grows continuously as a function of  $k$ . This can be seen with a large enough  $d$  numerically:

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Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a] + I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /.
  {a -> 1, d -> 100} /. {x -> \pi x}, {x, 0, 6}, PlotRange -> {-Pi, Pi}]
Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a] - I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /.
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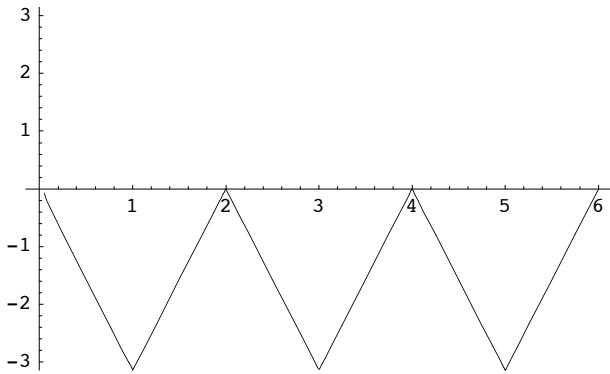
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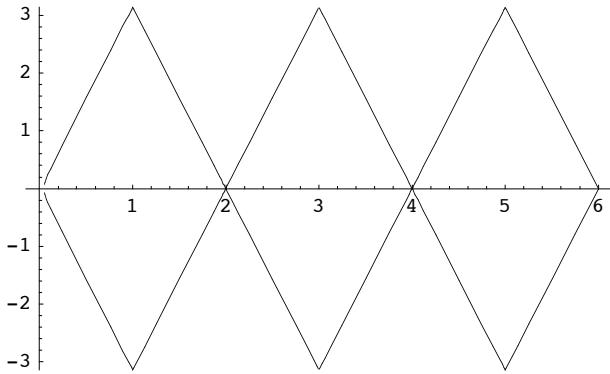
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(c)

Looking at the equation  $e^{ik a} = \cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a \pm i \sqrt{1 - (\cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a)^2}$ , if the argument of the square root is negative, the l.h.s. becomes pure real and cannot satisfy the equation for a real  $k$ . Therefore there is no solution when  $|\cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a| > 1$ . When  $d$  is finite but large, the combination exceeds unity for  $\kappa a = n\pi + \epsilon$  ( $\epsilon > 0$ ). This can be seen by expanding it in terms of  $\epsilon$ ,  $\cos(n\pi + \epsilon) = (-1)^n \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} + O(\epsilon^4)\right)$ ,  $\sin(n\pi + \epsilon) = (-1)^n (\epsilon + O(\epsilon^3))$ , and hence  $\cos \kappa a + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \sin \kappa a = (-1)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\kappa d} \epsilon - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} + O(\epsilon^3)\right)$ , and the magnitude exceeds unity for  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2\kappa d} \simeq \frac{1}{2n\pi d}$ . The gap must exist just above  $\kappa = \frac{n\pi}{a}$  for any  $n$ , while the gap becomes smaller for large  $n$ .

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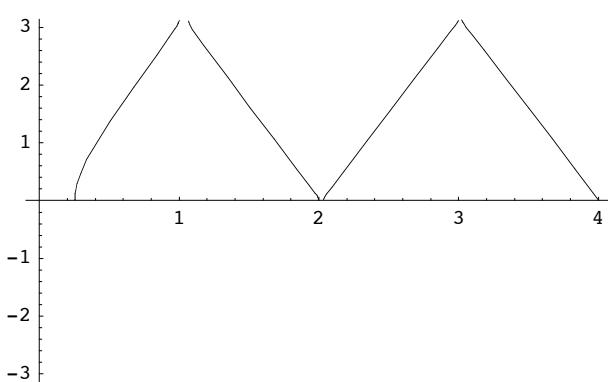
First for a weak potential  $d = 3$ ,

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Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a]] + I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /. {a -> 1, d -> 3} /.
{x -> π x}, {x, 0, 4}, PlotRange -> {-Pi, Pi}]
Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a]] - I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /. {a -> 1, d -> 3} /.
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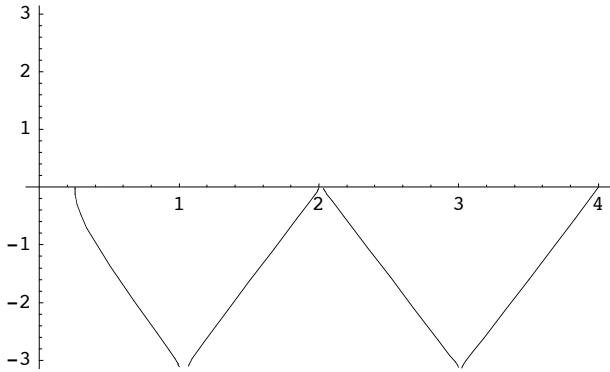


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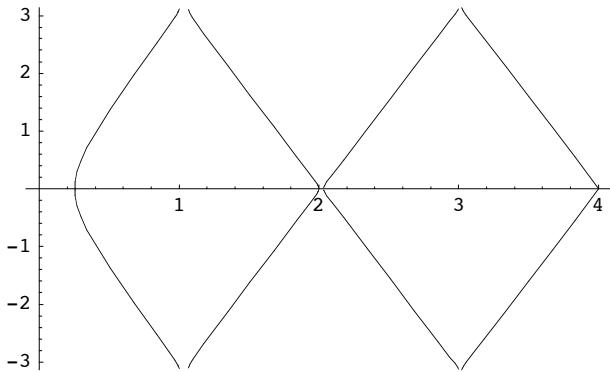
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There are gaps just above  $k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$ , and the gaps become smaller for higher  $n$  as expected from the analytic considerations in the part (c).

Now for a strong potential  $d = \frac{1}{3}$ ,

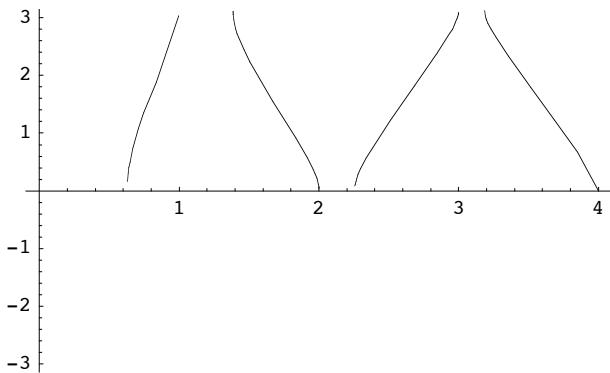
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Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a] + I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /.
{a -> 1, d -> 1/3} /. {x -> \pi x}, {x, 0, 4}, PlotRange -> {-Pi, Pi}]
Plot[-I/a * Log[Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a] - I * Sqrt[1 - (Cos[x a] + 1/(x d) Sin[x a])^2]] /.
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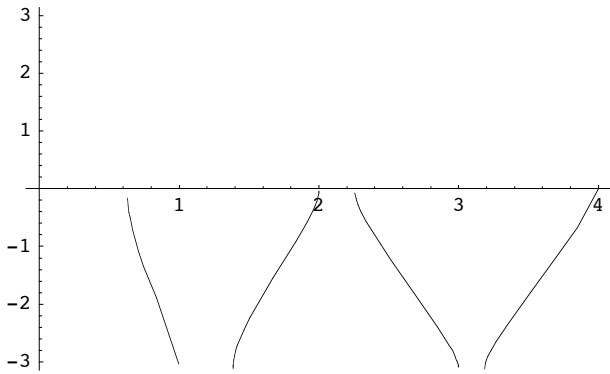
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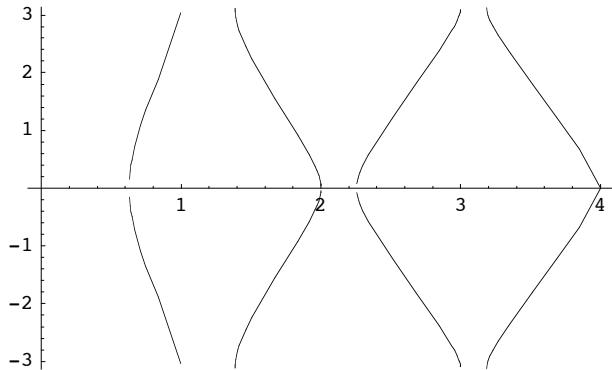
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The result is highly distorted from the free-particle case.

Nonetheless the band structure is clearly seen.

(e)

It is parity, that changes the overall sign of  $k$ . This can be seen from the explicit form of the wave function,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &= A e^{i\kappa x} + B e^{-i\kappa x} && \text{for } (-a < x < 0) \\ \psi(x) &= e^{ikx}(A e^{i\kappa(x-a)} + B e^{-i\kappa(x-a)}) && \text{for } 0 < x < a.\end{aligned}$$

The parity transforms it to

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &= e^{ikx}(A e^{i\kappa(-x-a)} + B e^{-i\kappa(-x-a)}) = B e^{i(k+\kappa)a} e^{i\kappa x} + A e^{i(k-\kappa)a} e^{-i\kappa x} = A' e^{i\kappa x} + B' e^{-i\kappa x} && \text{for } (-a < x < 0) \\ \psi(x) &= B e^{i\kappa x} + A e^{-i\kappa x} = e^{-ikx}(B e^{i(k+\kappa)a} e^{i\kappa(x-a)} + A e^{i(k-\kappa)a} e^{-i\kappa(x-a)}) = e^{-ikx}(A' e^{i\kappa(x-a)} + B' e^{-i\kappa(x-a)}) && \text{f o r } 0 < x < a.\end{aligned}$$

The two wave functions are related by the change

$$A \rightarrow A' = B e^{i(k+\kappa)a}, B \rightarrow A e^{i(k-\kappa)a}, e^{ikx} \rightarrow e^{-ikx}.$$