HW #1 (221B), due Feb 1, 5pm

1. Show that Lippmann–Schwinger equation in one dimension is given by

$$\psi(x) = \frac{e^{ikx}}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} + \frac{-mi}{\hbar^2 k} \int dx' e^{ik|x-x'|} V(x')\psi(x'). \tag{1}$$

k > 0 is assumed. The first term corresponds to the incident particle, while the second term the scattered wave.

2. For large $r = |x| \gg a$, and assuming that the scattering potential V(x') is sizable only in a small region $|x'| \lesssim a$, write down the asymptotic form of the wave function. Use $|x - x'| = \sqrt{(x - x')^2} = r - x'x/r + O(x')^2$, and rewrite the wave function in the form

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \left[e^{ikx} + f(k,k')e^{ikr} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \begin{cases} (1+f(k,k))e^{ikx} & x > 0\\ e^{ikx} + f(k,-k)e^{-ikx} & x < 0 \end{cases},$$
(2)

and work out what f(k, k') is. Compared to the three-dimensional case, the function f(k, k') takes only two values, $k' = \pm k$, because of only one dimension.

- 3. Work out the probability current density for the plane wave and the spherical wave
 - (a) $\psi(\vec{x}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}$
 - (b) $\psi(\vec{x}) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

Show the flow of probability graphically (*e.g.*, PlotVectorField in Mathematica). Also verify that the probability current is divergenceless except at the origin for the spherical wave.