

Appendix A: Explicit derivation of the Propagator of Delta Potentials for the Case: λ is constant

In this part we will show that if the strength of δ potential given in Eq. (13) is constant $\lambda(t) = \lambda$, it is possible to obtain an explicit expression for the Green's function or the propagator and therefore to get an explicit expression for the wave function for all times $t > 0$. Since λ is constant, $\mathcal{L}\{\lambda(t)\psi(0, t)\} = \lambda\mathcal{L}\{\psi(0, t)\} = \lambda\bar{\psi}(0, s)$. Using this, we write Eq. (17) as

$$\bar{\psi}(x, s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|} \psi(x', 0) - \frac{i\lambda}{2\sqrt{is}} e^{i\sqrt{is}|x|} \bar{\psi}(0, s). \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Writing this equation for $x = 0$ and solving it for $\bar{\psi}(0, s)$, we get

$$\bar{\psi}(0, s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is} + i\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|} \psi(x', 0). \quad (\text{A.2})$$

After inserting this expression back into the Eq.(A.1) we find

$$\bar{\psi}(x, s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \left(\frac{e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|}}{2\sqrt{is}} - \frac{\lambda e^{i\sqrt{is}(|x|+|x'|)}}{2\sqrt{s}(2\sqrt{s} + \sqrt{i}\lambda)} \right) \psi(x', 0). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The factor multiplying $\psi(x', 0)$ in the integral is Laplace transform of the Green's function in time variable:

$$\bar{G}(x, x', s) = \left(\frac{e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|}}{2\sqrt{is}} - \frac{\lambda e^{i\sqrt{is}(|x|+|x'|)}}{2\sqrt{s}(2\sqrt{s} + \sqrt{i}\lambda)} \right). \quad (\text{A.4})$$

By taking the inverse Laplace transform of this expression we get

$$G(x, x', t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi it}} \exp\left[\frac{i(x-x')^2}{4t}\right] - \frac{\lambda}{4} \exp\left[\frac{\lambda}{2}(|x| + |x'|) + i\frac{\lambda^2}{4}t\right] \text{erfc}\left[\frac{(|x| + |x'|)}{2\sqrt{it}} + \sqrt{it}\frac{\lambda}{2}\right], \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where we have used the integral representation $\text{erfc}[-b/(2\sqrt{a})] = e^{-b^2/(4a)} \sqrt{a/\pi} \int_0^\infty dx e^{-ax^2+bx}$ and $\text{erfc}(x) = 1 - \text{erf}(x) = (2/\sqrt{\pi}) \int_x^\infty dx' e^{-x'^2}$. Note that the initial value problem is expressed at time $t = 0$, but the wave function can be given at any initial time $t = t_0$ and all the expressions in t is replaced by $t - t_0$. Another common notation for Green's function is $G(x, t; x', t_0)$. Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi it}} \exp\left[\frac{i(x-x')^2}{4t}\right] \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\lambda}{4} \exp\left[\frac{\lambda}{2}(|x| + |x'|) + i\frac{\lambda^2}{4}t\right] \text{erfc}\left[\frac{(|x| + |x'|)}{2\sqrt{it}} + \sqrt{it}\frac{\lambda}{2}\right] \right\} \psi(x', 0). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

This result is consistent with the ones obtained by different methods [24,25,36].

Appendix B: Explicit derivation of the Propagator of Delta Potentials for the Case: $\lambda(t) = \alpha/t$

We review the explicit propagator derivation of Dirac delta potential for strengths with inversely proportional in time originally given in [36]. The general expression (9) for the Laplace transform of the wave function in this particular case $\lambda(t) = \frac{\alpha}{t}$, where α is a constant, becomes

$$\bar{\psi}(x, s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|} \psi(x', 0) - \frac{i}{2\sqrt{is}} e^{i\sqrt{is}|x|} \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\alpha}{t}\psi(0, t)\right\}. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{1}{t} f(t) \right\} = \int_s^\infty ds' \mathcal{L} \{ f(t) \} . \quad (\text{B.2})$$

Using this result and choosing $x = 0$ in Eq. (B.1) we get

$$\bar{\psi}(0, s) = \frac{\alpha}{2i\sqrt{is}} \int_s^\infty ds' \bar{\psi}(0, s') + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|} \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.3})$$

If we define

$$u(s) = \int_s^\infty ds' \bar{\psi}(0, s') , \quad (\text{B.4})$$

the Eq.(B.1) turns out to be

$$\bar{\psi}(0, s) = \frac{\alpha}{2i\sqrt{is}} u(s) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|} \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.5})$$

Since $\bar{\psi}(0, s) = -\frac{du(s)}{ds}$, the above expression yields

$$\frac{du(s)}{ds} + \frac{\alpha}{2i\sqrt{is}} u(s) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|} \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.6})$$

The solution of this first order differential equation gives

$$u(s) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \left(\frac{e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|}}{i\alpha + |x'|} \right) \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.7})$$

By taking the derivative under the integral sign, we get

$$\bar{\psi}(0, s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \left(\frac{|x'| e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|}}{|x'| + i\alpha} \right) \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.8})$$

Using the Eq. (10), we can write

$$\psi(0, t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{i\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \left(\frac{|x'| e^{i\frac{x'^2}{4t}}}{|x'| + i\alpha} \right) \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.9})$$

Inserting this expression for $\psi(0, t)$ in the Laplace transform of $\frac{\alpha}{t} \psi(0, t)$ and evaluating the t integral, we get

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{t} \psi(0, t) \right\} = \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \left(\frac{\alpha e^{i\sqrt{is}|x'|}}{|x'| + i\alpha} \right) \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.10})$$

We substitute this result into Eq.(B.1) and obtain $\bar{\psi}(x, s)$ as

$$\bar{\psi}(x, s) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx' \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \left[e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|} - i\alpha \left(\frac{e^{i\sqrt{is}(|x|+|x'|)}}{|x'| + i\alpha} \right) \right] \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.11})$$

Thus the Green's function written in terms of the s variable is

$$\bar{G}(x, x', s) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{is}} \left[e^{i\sqrt{is}|x-x'|} - i\alpha \left(\frac{e^{i\sqrt{is}(|x|+|x'|)}}{|x'| + i\alpha} \right) \right] . \quad (\text{B.12})$$

This function is easily transformed back using Eq. (10) to get the propagator

$$G(x, x', t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi it}} \left[\exp \left[\frac{i(x-x')^2}{4t} \right] - \frac{i\alpha}{|x'| + i\alpha} \exp \left[i \frac{(|x|+|x'|)^2}{4t} \right] \right] . \quad (\text{B.13})$$

Therefore the wave function for this case is given by

$$\psi(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi i t}} \left[\exp \left[\frac{i(x - x')^2}{4t} \right] - \frac{i\alpha}{|x'| + i\alpha} \exp \left[i \frac{(|x| + |x'|)^2}{4t} \right] \right] \right\} \psi(x', 0) . \quad (\text{B.14})$$

One can also find a closed analytic expression of the propagator for exponentially decaying strengths written in terms of an infinite product [36].