
Quantum Physics IV, Exercises 1

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Exercise 1 : Double slit experiment

Discuss the double slit experiment. Assume the electrons are emitted from a thermionic lamp with a temperature T . Pay a particular attention to the role played by each scale :

E : energy of the electrons,

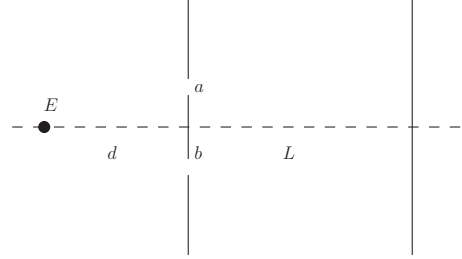
d : distance between the source and the double slit screen,

L : distance between the double slit screen and the detector screen,

a : width of the slits,

b : distance between the slits.

What constraint to impose on the parameters in order to have at least one clear minimum?



Exercise 2 : Gaussian integral 1

For all integrals, $\alpha > 0$.

- Compute the value of the real and imaginary gaussian integrals.

$$G_{\text{Re}} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{\text{Im}}^{\pm} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{\pm i\alpha x^2}$$

- Compute, for all $n \in \mathbf{N}^+$, $\alpha > 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-\alpha x^2} \quad (1)$$

- Estimate the error when computing the two integrals below :

$$G_{\text{Re}}^L = \int_{-L}^{+L} dx e^{-\alpha x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{\text{Im}}^L = \int_{-L}^{+L} dx e^{+i\alpha x^2}$$

Exercise 3 : Gaussian integral 2

A is a n -dimensional symmetric positive definite matrix. Compute the n dimensional Gaussian integral with and without current :

$$G_A(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d^n x e^{iA_{ij}x_i x_j} \quad \text{and} \quad G_A(J) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d^n x e^{iA_{ij}x_i x_j + iJ_i x_i}$$