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1. Finish the problem of calculating \tilde{K} . We have calculated phase shifts in the large box with the result

$$Tk - \delta_k = \pi n.$$

Let's denote solution to this equation by \tilde{k}_n . Similarly, for the Euclidean harmonic oscillator analogous solutions read $k_n = \pi n/T$.

• The contribution to K' coming from the continuous spectrum, K_{cont} , reads:

$$K_{cont} = \frac{\prod \tilde{\lambda}_n}{\prod \lambda_n} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \tilde{k}_n^2}{1 + k_n^2} = \exp\left(\sum_n \ln \frac{1 + \tilde{k}_n^2}{1 + k_n^2}\right) \approx \exp\left(\sum_n \frac{2k_n(\tilde{k}_n - k_n)}{1 + k_n^2}\right).$$

• To calculate last sum under exponent go to the continuum limit $T \to \infty$ and convert the sum into the integral:

$$\ldots = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\infty} dk \frac{2\delta_k k}{1+k^2}\right) = \frac{1}{9}.$$

Last equality can be obtained by integration by parts and the explicit form of δ_k . Full result for K' is obtained by multiplying K_{cont} by a non-zero λ value from the discrete part.

• Literature:

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2. Calculate energy levels for the particle in the potential

$$V(x) = -\frac{V_0}{\cosh^2 \frac{x}{a}}$$

for arbitrary V_0 and a. Next, calculate energy levels in the semiclassical (WKB) approximation. Compare with the exact result.