

CHAPTER 3

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Scattering angle in Central field of force.

① Parallel Beam of Particles:

If a group of particles is moving in such a way that the velocity of all the particles is parallel to each other then it is known as parallel beam of particles. Similarly we can define a convergent beam of particles or divergent beam of particles.

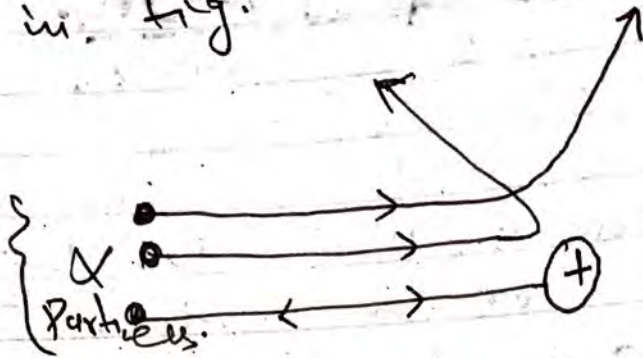
② Intensity of the Beam (I) = flux density:

Intensity of beam is defined as the no. of particles crossing unit area placed \perp to the beam in unit time. Intensity is uniform if the no. of particles crossing unit area per unit time at different cross sections remain the same.

③ Angle of Scattering:

Consider a uniform beam of α -particles moving towards +vely charge heavy nucleus. This nucleus acts as the center of force when particles are faraway from the center of force. There will be small force of repulsion on them and their trajectories will ~~be~~ ^{be} remain ~~same~~. Straight lines. as the particles

Approach the center of force; They will be repelled and their path will deviate from their incident line as shown in fig.



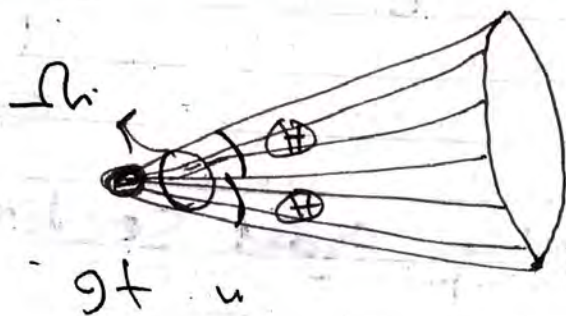
After passing the center of force, the force acting on particle will eventually vanishes. So the particle will again move in a straight line. Generally the final direction of motion is not the same as the incident direction and the particle is said to be scattered.

The angle between initial and final direction of motion of the particle is known as angle of scattering and is represented by capital theta θ .

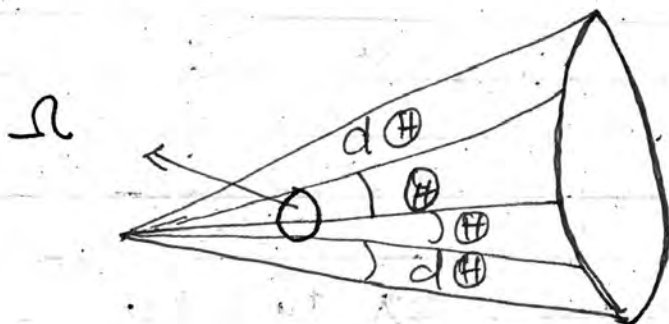


In three dimension all the particles which are scattered through scattering angle θ will be scattered along solid angle.

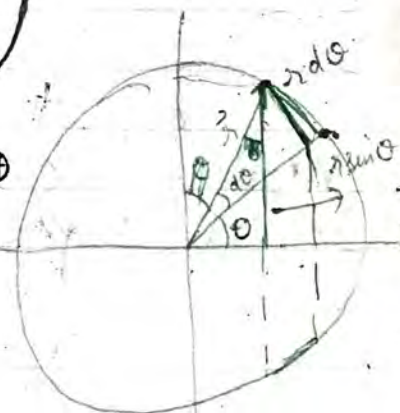
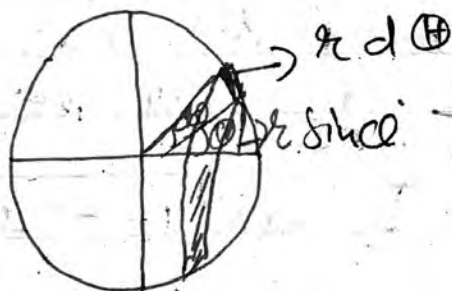
Ω (Omega) - as shown in the diagram



It may be noted that those particles which having an angle of scattering between θ and $\theta + d\theta$ will be scattered in solid angle $d\Omega$ as shown in fig.



and



As

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of strip} &= 2\pi r \sin\theta \cdot r d\theta \\ &= 2\pi r^2 \sin\theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d\Omega = \frac{2\pi r^2 \sin\theta d\theta}{r^2}$$

$$d\Omega (\text{Solid angle}) = 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

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$$n = I G(\theta) 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

Its unit is steradian. It has SI unit. It is the angle that enclosed a surface on the sphere equal to the square of the radius of the sphere.

④ Scattering Cross Section:

Scattering cross section is denoted by $G(\Omega)$ or $G(\theta)$ and defined as

$$G(\Omega) d\Omega = \frac{\text{no. of Particle scattered into a solid angle } d\Omega \text{ in unit time}}{\text{Intensity of Beam}}$$

where $d\Omega$ is Element of ~~Beam~~ and solid angle and is equal to

$$d\Omega = 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

from this expression the no. of particles scattered per unit time in solid angle $d\Omega$ will be

$$n = \text{Intensity } G(\Omega) d\Omega$$

$$n = I \cdot G(\Omega) \cdot 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$= I G(\theta) 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta$$

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Impact Parameter:

meter is defined as the perpendicular distance between the center of force and direction of incident velocity of particles for a certain energy.

Impact Parameter

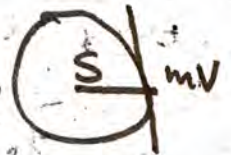
If the impact parameter is less, the particle will be scattered by a larger angle, i.e. when S decreases $d\theta$ will be -ve and then θ increases and $d\theta$ is +ve. Thus the $\frac{d\theta}{dS}$ will be -ve quantity we will consider its absolute value and will not consider the its absolute value. If v is the incident speed of ~~fast~~ particles, whose impact parameter is S . Then the angular momentum can be expressed as

$$l = m v S$$

$$l = S \int m v^2$$

$$l = S \sqrt{2 m E}$$

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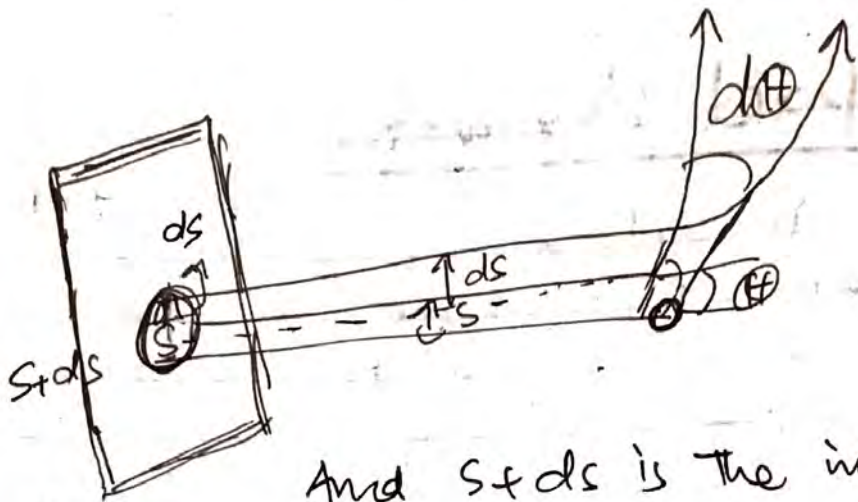


where $E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

$L = r \times p$
 $= S \times m v$
 $= S m v$

★ Rutherford's formula for scattering cross section:

If S is the impact parameter. Then θ is the scattering angle
 (Area of Ring = $(2\pi S) ds$)



And $S + ds$ is the impact parameter. Then angle of scattering will be $\theta + d\theta$. This is the particle having impact parameter between S & $S + ds$ having an angle of scattering between θ and $\theta + d\theta$. These particles are incident on an annular ring, whose inner radius is S and outer radius is $S + ds$, as shown in fig. These ^{incident} particles will be scattered in solid angle $d\Omega$. The number of these particles will be.

$$= 2\pi S ds I \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

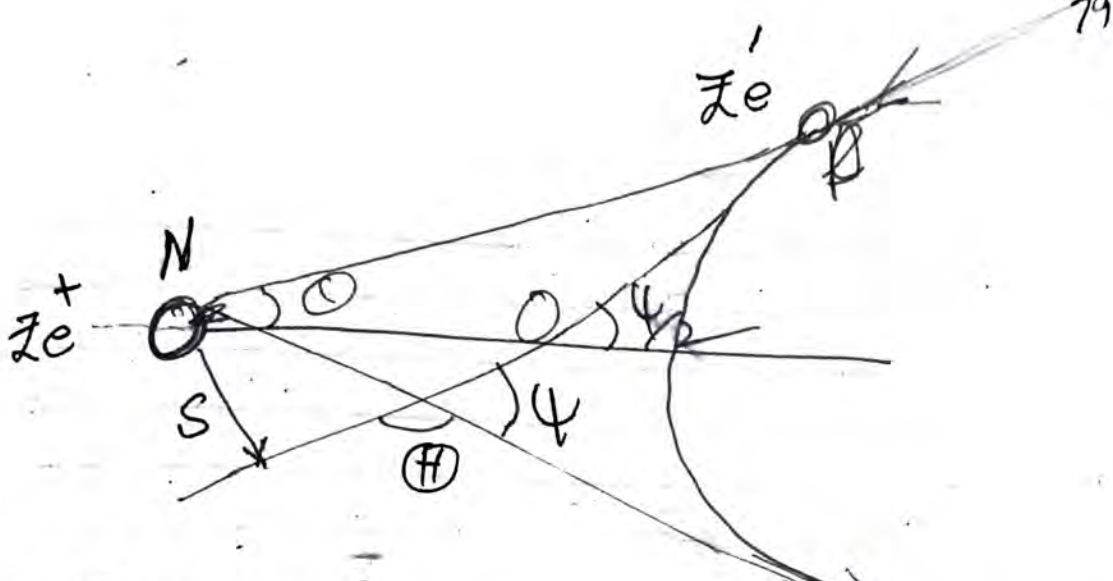
where I is the intensity of incident beam, we know that the no. of particles scattered in between scattering angle θ and $\theta + d\theta$ (i.e. solid angle $d\Omega$) is equal to

$$= 2\pi I \sigma(\theta) \sin\theta d\theta \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

where $\sigma(\theta)$ is scattering cross section. Comparing eq (A) & (B), we get.

$$\sigma(\theta) = \frac{S}{\sin\theta} \left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} \right)$$

Now we shall find the expression for scattering angle θ as a function of parameter S . which can be \Rightarrow



⇒ Obtained from the orbit equation we will illustrate the procedure by considering the scattering of charged particle by a central field of force in terms of Coulomb's force.

Let a α -particle having charge Ze' be initially moving along the direction PO in diagram. It approaches a relatively heavier nucleus scattering at P N , having charge equal to Ze . There will be a force of repulsion between these two charges which is governed by Coulomb's law and will be equal to

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ZZ'e^2}{r^2} \quad \text{But } \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} ZZ'e^2 = k$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{k}{r^2}, \quad \text{But } k = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\Rightarrow F = k u^2$$

Basically it is two body problem, but it is converted to a single body problem by considering the origin at $P-N$, which is stationary. The mass of particle will be considered as its

reduced mass. Let (r, θ) be the polar coordinates of Particle at an instant t .

The equation of motion which may be used for the determination of orbit is

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = -\frac{m}{L^2 u^2} f\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) \quad (1)$$

Now putting $F\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = k u^2$ in above equation, we get

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = -\frac{m}{L^2 u^2} (k u^2)$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = -\frac{mk}{L^2} \quad (2)$$

This eq. (2) has a general solution of the following form:

$$u = C \cos(\theta - \phi) + \frac{mk}{L^2} \quad (3)$$

Since Polar coordinates are chosen in such a way. $\phi = 0$.

$$\therefore u = C \cos \theta + \frac{mk}{L^2} \quad (4)$$

where C is a constant from this eq. constant C comes out to be using following eq.

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{m^2 k^2}{L^4} + \frac{2mE}{L^2}} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{and } e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2E L^2}{m k^2}} \quad (6)$$

we know that

$$l = S \sqrt{2mE}$$

Putting this value of l in eq. (6), we get

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2ES^2 2mE}{\hbar^2 c^2}}$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{(2ES)^2}{\hbar^2 c^2}}$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2ES}{\hbar c}\right)^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

In this case AE is the K.E. of particles which is +ve. Thus $e > 1$. So the conic section will be a Hyperbola.

Referring from fig.

$$\theta + \psi = \pi \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where θ is scattering angle and ψ is the angle between two asymptotes of hyperbola. $\psi/2$ is the angle which one of the asymptotes makes with the polar axis. If $e = 1$, then the polar angle θ will be equal to $\psi/2$ or $\theta = \psi/2$

$$\text{and } \psi/2 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \cos \psi/2 = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{But } \psi/2 = \theta \implies$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos \left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \sin \theta = \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

Squaring both sides of eq (9) we get.

$$e^2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

or

$$e^2 = 1 + \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

or

$$\cot \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{e^2 - 1}$$

Putting value of e^2 , we get

$$\cot \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2ES}{k} \right)^2 - 1}$$

$$\cot \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{2ES}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S = \frac{k}{2E} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}} \Rightarrow \text{which is relation between } S \text{ and } \theta$$

Now

$$\frac{ds}{d\theta} = \frac{-k}{2E} \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

we can neglect -ve sign

As eq. of
curve is

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

$$\pm 1 + e \cos \theta = \frac{p}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} \pm \frac{e \cos \theta}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

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$$\left| \frac{ds}{d\theta} \right| = \frac{k \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E}$$

we know that

$$G(\theta) = \frac{S}{\sin \theta} \left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} \right)$$

$$G(\theta) = \frac{k \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{k \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E}}{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} \cdot \frac{k^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{8E^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

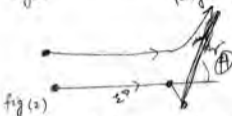
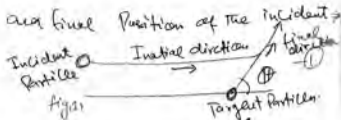
$$G(\theta) = \left(\frac{k}{4E} \right)^2 \cos^4 \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

Eq. (11) is formula for scattering cross section. This Eq. gives the formula of Rutherford formula for scattering cross section originally derived by Rutherford for the scattering of α -particles by atomic nuclei.

Angle of scattering θ in different systems:

① Equivalent one body system:-

In this case the nucleus which is the target particle has been taken at the origin. The initial



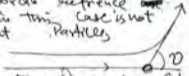
\Rightarrow Particles and its direction of motion has been measured with respect to the target particle. This is how a two body problem has been reduced to single body problem. In this case we have assumed that target particle remain stationary. So the scattering angle in this case is angle between the initial direction and final direction of the incident particle as shown in fig (2).

It is however ~~not~~ ^{not} always the case. The target particle may recoil from its initial position as the result of interaction between two particles. In this case scattering angle θ is the angle between the initial and final direction

of relative vector (\vec{r}) between the two particles.

(2) Laboratory frame of reference:-

The scattering angle in the laboratory frame of reference is the angle between initial and final direction of motion of the incident particle as seen by an observer located somewhere in the laboratory. In other words reference ~~is~~ or the origin in this case is not the target particles.



But another θ in the laboratory. The two scattering angle θ & θ' will be equal if the target particle remains stationary throughout the scattering process.

(3) Angle of scattering in center of mass system:-

In this case we define the angle of scattering with respect to center of mass.



It is the angle between Initial direction of motion and final direction of motion of the incident Particle, with respect to Center of mass.

Q. Show that:-

- ① The angle of scattering θ in one Body of mass m_1 is the same as θ in Center of mass system?
- ② Drive The relation between θ and θ' .

Solution. In a scattering Problem, usually one of the particle is initially at rest, we shall take it the Particle ② and called it Target Particle \Rightarrow

(m_2 Particle vector with reference to center of mass).



\Rightarrow Particle ① which is approaching the target with initial velocity v_i is the incident particle. The two particles are located by r_1 and r_2 with respect to origin O we shall call the r_1 and r_2 as the coordinates laboratory system and so r_1 and r_2 are the coordinates in the laboratory system.

\vec{r} is the Position vector of m_1 with respect to m_2 , which is considered to be at rest in equivalent one body problem. In other words \vec{r} is the Co-ordinate in equivalent one body problem. Similarly \vec{r}_{1c} and \vec{r}_{2c} are Co-ordinates of m_1 and m_2 respectively in the center of mass itself is considered to be at rest in this system and is taken as the origin. We know the position of center of mass is given by,

$$R = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad (1)$$

and from fig. $\vec{r}_{1c} = \vec{r}_1 - R$ $\vec{r}_{2c} = \vec{r}_2 - R$

$$\vec{r}_{1c} = \vec{r}_1 - R \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{r}_{2c} = \vec{r}_2 - R \quad (3)$$

The position of m_1 with respect to m_2 is given by the relative position vector \vec{r} , such that $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$

Using eq (1) & (4), it can be seen;

$$\vec{r}_1 = R + \left(\frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{r} \quad (5)$$

Then

$$\vec{r}_2 = R - \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{r} \quad (6)$$

Putting \vec{r}_1 in (2) we get;

$$\vec{r}_{1c} = \vec{r} + \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \vec{r} - R$$

$$\vec{r}_{1c} = \left(\frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{r} \quad (7)$$

or $\vec{r}_{1c} = \frac{\mu}{m_1} \vec{r}$ as $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$

Similarly,

$$\vec{r}_{2c} = \left(\frac{-m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{r} \quad \text{---}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{r}_{2c} = \frac{-\mu}{m_2} \vec{r} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

and from (7) we get

$$\boxed{\vec{v}_{1c} = \frac{\mu}{m_1} \vec{v}} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{v}_{2c} = -\frac{\mu}{m_2} \vec{v}} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

So the direction of velocity of incident particle in center of mass system is same as the direction of velocity of particle (1) relative to particle (2) (i.e. equivalent one body problem). As the target particle due to which particle (1) is scattered is same in the two cases. So the angle of scattering (θ) in the center of mass system is equal to the angle of scattering in equivalent one body system.

Q Find the relation between θ & θ'
 The angle of scattering θ in laboratory frame of reference is the angle between \vec{v}_i and \vec{v}_f where:
 \vec{v}_i = Initial velocity of particle one.

Now we shall express $v_{c.m}$ in terms of v_{if} .
 Expressing eq (2) in terms of final velocity.

Putting the value of v_{if} from eq (1)

$$v_{c.m} = \frac{\mu}{m_2} v_{if}$$

$$v_{c.m} = \frac{\mu}{m_2} (v_{if}^c + v_{c.m})$$

$$v_{c.m} = \frac{\mu}{m_2} (v_{if}^c + v_{c.m})$$

$$v_{c.m} \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{m_2}\right) = \frac{\mu}{m_2} v_{if}^c$$

$$\frac{\mu}{m_1} v_{c.m} = \frac{\mu}{m_2} v_{if}^c$$

$$v_{c.m} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} v_{if}^c$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{\mu}{m_2} &= \frac{m_2 - \mu}{m_2} \\ 1 - \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} &= \frac{m_1 + m_2 - m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \\ &= \frac{\mu}{m_1} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Now $\tan \theta$ will be;

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \frac{m_1}{m_2} \frac{v_{if}^c}{v_{if}^c}}$$

or

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \frac{m_1}{m_2}}$$

Ist Case: If m_2 is much greater than m_1 . Then $\frac{m_1}{m_2} \ll 1$.
 Then it can be neglected and

Then

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \theta}$$

2nd Case: If mass are equal

or

$$m_1 = m_2$$
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 1} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

Possible Questions:-

① Define Scattering Cross Section (Coefficient of Scattering) and derive Rutherford formula for Scattering Cross Section.

② What is the angle of Scattering in the lab. frame of reference in center of mass system, and in one body problem, show that.

③ Angle of Scattering in C.M.S. is same as angle of scattering in one body problem.

④ Drive the relation between θ and θ'