

**Quantum Mechanics II**

# **Scattering (3): Formalities**

**The Lippmann-Schwinger Equation;  
The S-Matrix & the T-Matrix**

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- so that the scattering amplitude is (up to the numerical coefficients) the matrix element of the T-(transition)-operator.
- Given the iterative computation of the T-operator, this provides an iterative computation for the scattering amplitude:

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- ...and so on.
- This provides an iterative solution to the Lippmann-Schwinger equation and the scattering amplitude
- formally analogous to the stationary state perturbation expansion.

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$$= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \left( |\Phi_{\mathbf{b}}\rangle + [E_b + i\epsilon - \hat{H}_0]^{-1} \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \right)$$

$$+ \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} [E_a - i\epsilon - E_b]^{-1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle$$

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# Formal Scattering

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## The T- and the S-Matrix

● The in- and the out-states are neither complete nor orthogonal

● Given  $\hat{H} |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle = E_a |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle$        $\hat{H} |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)}\rangle = E_a |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)}\rangle$

● compute

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} | = |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} \rangle^\dagger &= \left( [\mathbb{1} + \hat{G}(E_a + i\epsilon) \hat{W}] |\Phi_{\mathbf{a}}\rangle \right)^\dagger = \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | [\mathbb{1} + \hat{G}(E_a + i\epsilon) \hat{W}]^\dagger \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | [\mathbb{1} + \hat{W} \hat{G}(E_a - i\epsilon)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle + \frac{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle}{E_b + i\epsilon - E_a} + \frac{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle}{E_a - i\epsilon - E_b}$$

$$= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_a - \vec{k}_b) \delta_{a,b} \quad \text{orthogonal}$$

● Similarly

$$\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)} \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_a - \vec{k}_b) \delta_{a,b} \quad \text{orthogonal}$$

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● To prove the  $+/-$  non-orthogonality, calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | [\mathbb{1} + \hat{G}(E_a - i\epsilon) \hat{W}]^\dagger | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle + \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} [E_a + i\epsilon - \hat{H}]^{-1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \left( |\Phi_{\mathbf{b}}\rangle + [E_b + i\epsilon - \hat{H}_0]^{-1} \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \right) \\ &\quad + \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} [E_a + i\epsilon - E_b]^{-1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle + \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | [E_b + i\epsilon - E_a]^{-1} \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} [E_a + i\epsilon - E_b]^{-1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle + \frac{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle}{E_b + i\epsilon - E_a} + \frac{\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle}{E_a + i\epsilon - E_b} \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle - \frac{2i\epsilon}{(E_a - E_b)^2 + \epsilon^2} \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \\ &\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle - 2\pi i \delta(E_a - E_b) \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle \end{aligned}$$



# Formal Scattering

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## The T- and the S-Matrix

Finally,

$$\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_{\mathbf{a}} - \vec{k}_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} - 2\pi i \delta(E_{\mathbf{a}} - E_{\mathbf{b}}) \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{T}(E_{\mathbf{a}}^+) | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle$$

Define:

$$S_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} := \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(+)} \rangle$$

$$= (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_{\mathbf{a}} - \vec{k}_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} - 2\pi i \delta(E_{\mathbf{a}} - E_{\mathbf{b}}) \hat{T}_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}(E_{\mathbf{a}}^+)$$

This S-matrix “translates” in-states into out-states:

$$\underbrace{|\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle}_{\text{out}} = \sum_{\mathbf{b}} \underbrace{|\Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)}\rangle}_{\text{in}} \underbrace{\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} \rangle}_{S_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{a}}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\mathbf{b}} \int d^3\vec{k}_{\mathbf{b}} S_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{a}} \underbrace{|\Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)}\rangle}_{\text{in}}$$

The  $\delta$ -functions in the S-matrix insure that only states of the same energy are mixed (conservation of energy)

# Formal Scattering

## The T- and the S-Matrix

- The S-matrix is a unitary matrix:

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{b}} |\Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)}\rangle S_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{a}} = \sum_{\mathbf{b}} |\Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)}\rangle \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} \rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} |\Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)}\rangle (S^{-1})_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}$$

$$(S^{-1})_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} = \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{(+)} | \Psi_{\mathbf{b}}^{(-)} \rangle = (S_{\mathbf{b},\mathbf{a}})^* = (S^{\dagger})_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}$$

- ...but it is not the matrix representation of a unitary operator!
- ...since scattering states do not form a complete basis.
- The S-matrix is only defined between states of the same energy:

$$S_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} = \delta_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} - 2\pi i \delta(E_{\mathbf{a}} - E_{\mathbf{b}}) T_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}(E_{\mathbf{a}}^+) \quad \delta_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_{\mathbf{a}} - \vec{k}_{\mathbf{b}}) \delta_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}$$

- ...while the T-matrix is defined for all states:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}(E) &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{T}(E) | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{a}} | \hat{W} + \hat{G}_0 \hat{W} \hat{G}_0 + \hat{G}_0 \hat{W} \hat{G}_0 \hat{W} \hat{G}_0 + \dots | \Phi_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle \end{aligned}$$



# Formal Scattering

## The T- and the S-Matrix

- Unitarity of the  $S$ -matrix implies a condition for the T-matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{a,c} &= (S^\dagger)_{a,b} S_{b,c} = S_{b,a}^* S_{b,c} \\
 &= [\delta_{b,a} + 2\pi i \delta(E_b - E_a) T_{b,a}^*] [\delta_{b,c} - 2\pi i \delta(E_b - E_c) T_{b,c}] \\
 &= \delta_{a,c} + 2\pi i \delta(E_c - E_a) [T_{c,a}^* - T_{a,c}] \\
 &\quad + 4\pi^2 \int_b \delta(E_b - E_a) \delta(E_b - E_c) T_{b,a}^* T_{b,c}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Now,

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so

$$0 = \frac{i}{2\pi} \cancel{\delta(E_a - E_c)} [T_{c,a}^* - T_{a,c}] + \sum_b \delta(E_b - E_a) \cancel{\delta(E_a - E_c)} T_{b,a}^* T_{b,c}$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} [T_{c,a}^* - T_{a,c}] = \sum_b \delta(E_b - E_a) T_{b,a}^* T_{b,c}$$



# Formal Scattering

$$T_{c,a}(E_a^+) = -\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{\mu} f_{a,c}^{(+)}(\Omega_{kc})$$

## The T- and the S-Matrix

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For  $c = a$ , this implies

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} [T_{a,a}^* - T_{a,a}] = \sum_b \delta(E_b - E_a) T_{b,a}^* T_{b,a}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\pi} \Im m [T_{a,a}] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_b \int d^3\vec{k}_b \delta(E_b - E_a) |T_{b,a}|^2$$

$$\frac{2\hbar^2}{\mu} \Im m [f_{a,a}(\theta = 0)] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_b \int k_b^2 dk_b \int d^2\Omega_{kb} \delta\left(\frac{\hbar^2 k_b^2}{2\mu} - \frac{\hbar^2 k_a^2}{2\mu}\right) |T_{b,a}|^2$$

forward scattering amplitude

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_b \int k_b^2 dk_b \int d^2\Omega_{kb} \frac{\mu}{\hbar^2 k_b} \delta(k_b - k_a) |T_{b,a}|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\mu}{\hbar^2} \sum_b k_b \int d^2\Omega_{kb} |T_{b,a}|^2$$



scattering probability summed over all out-going states

# Formal Scattering

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So, the unitarity of the S-matrix implies

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Finally, we have:

$$\sigma_T = \frac{4\pi}{k_a} \Im m[f_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{a}}(\theta = 0)]$$

optical theorem

# Formal Scattering

## The T- and the S-Matrix

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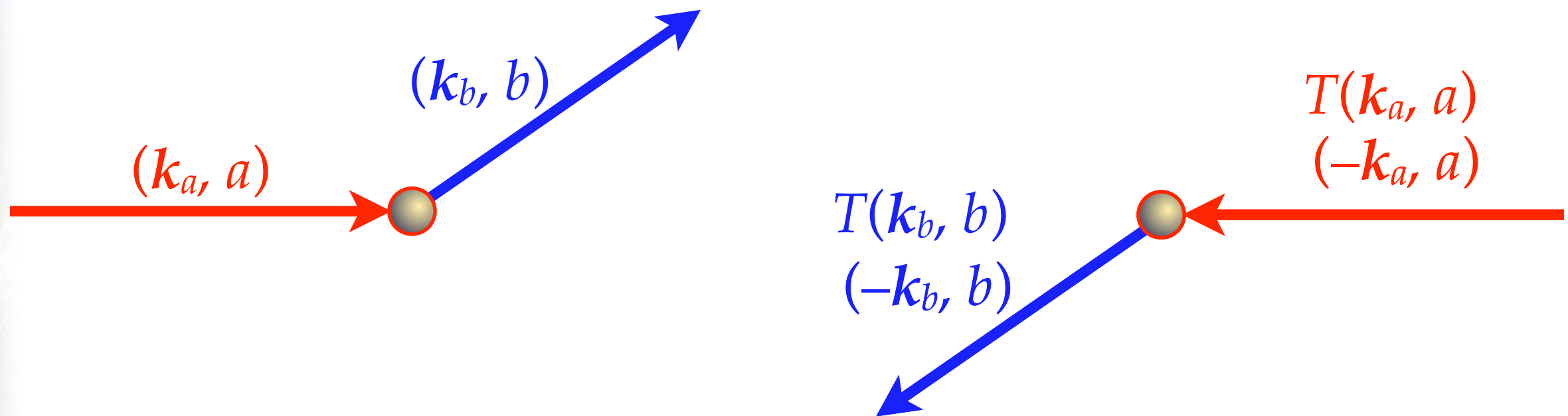
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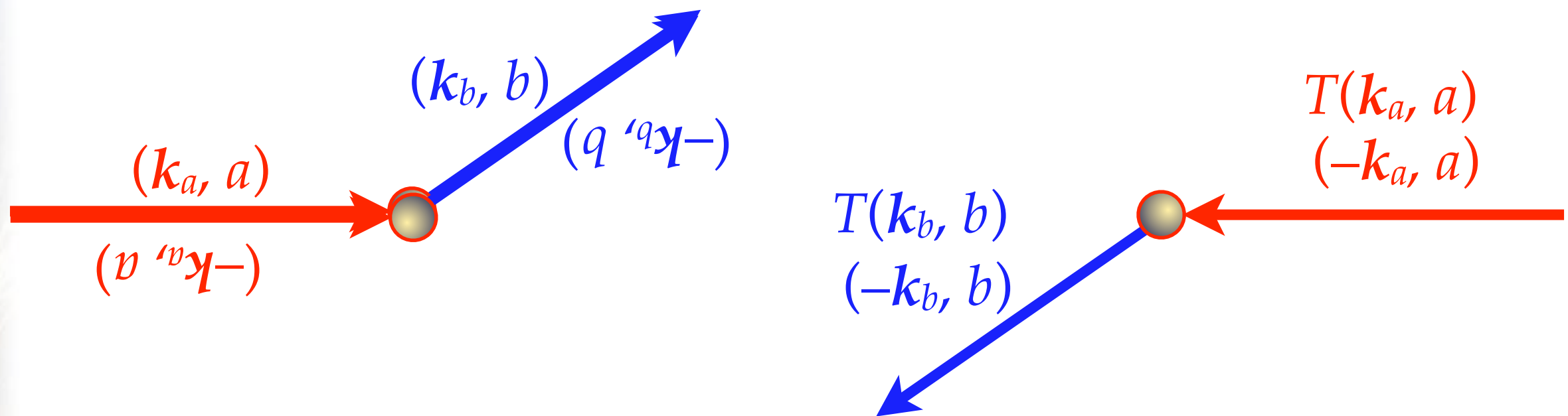
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- $(S_{T\mathbf{a}, T\mathbf{b}} = S_{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}}) = S_{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}}$  the S-matrix is symmetric; detailed balance holds and reverse (inverse) scattering has the same scattering amplitude



## Quantum Mechanics II

*Now, go forth and  
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