

Conformal bridge transformation

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- Peculiar properties of various classical and quantum systems can be related to/derived from those of a free particle
- Free particle → Darboux transformations → reflectionless quantum systems:
- Employing Darboux covariance of Lax pair representation of the KdV equation

➡ Potentials of reflectionless quantum systems can be promoted to multi-soliton solutions of the classical KdV equation

(• Inverse scattering theory: KdV evolution = isospectral deformation of the corresponding multi-soliton Schrödinger potential)

- By periodization of reflectionless systems, finite-gap quantum systems can be obtained

Potentials = solutions of stationary equations of the KdV hierarchy

- Darboux covariance of Lax representation \Leftrightarrow cnoidal type solutions of the KdV equation
- Darboux transformations applied to finite-gap systems \Leftrightarrow solutions to the KdV and mKdV equations which represent soliton defects propagating in the periodic finite-gap background

Another exactly solvable system:

quantum harmonic oscillator

??? Free particle \longrightarrow QHO ???

Darboux transformation cannot make this job

Conformal bridge transformation (CBT)

1d Free particle: $so(2, 1) \cong sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ conformal symmetry:

$$\hat{H}_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \quad \hat{K} = \frac{1}{2}x^2, \quad \hat{D} = -\frac{i}{2} \left(x \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$[\hat{H}_0, \hat{D}] = -i\hat{H}_0, \quad [\hat{H}_0, \hat{K}] = -2i\hat{D}, \quad [\hat{K}, \hat{D}] = i\hat{K}$$

$$\hat{J}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{H}_0 + \hat{K}) = \hat{H}_{\text{osc}}, \quad \hat{J}_{\pm} = \hat{J}_1 \pm i\hat{J}_2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\hat{H}_0 - \hat{K} \pm i2\hat{D})$$

$$[\hat{J}_0, \hat{J}_{\pm}] = \pm \hat{J}_{\pm}, \quad [\hat{J}_-, \hat{J}_+] = 2\hat{J}_0$$

\hat{H}_0 (like \hat{D} and \hat{K}) is a non-compact $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ generator \Rightarrow continuous spectrum

Define a non-unitary operator

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}} = e^{-\hat{K}} e^{i \ln 2 \cdot \hat{D}} e^{\hat{H}_0} = \exp(\hat{J}_1 - \hat{J}_0) \cdot \exp(i \ln 2 \cdot \hat{J}_2) \cdot \exp(\hat{J}_0 + \hat{J}_1)$$

It is nonlocal (compare with Darboux transformations generators)

Notice that

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}} = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{4}(\hat{H}_0 - \hat{K}_0)\right)$$

= the evolution operator of the inverted harmonic oscillator system taken for complex time value $t = i\pi/4$.

It generates a canonical transformation identified as the fourth order root of the space reflection operator \mathcal{P} ,

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}} : (x, \hat{p}, \hat{a}^+, \hat{a}^-) \rightarrow (\hat{a}^+, -i\hat{a}^-, -i\hat{p}, x)$$

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^2 : (x, \hat{p}, \hat{a}^+, \hat{a}^-) \rightarrow (-i\hat{p}, -ix, -\hat{a}^-, \hat{a}^+)$$

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^4 : (x, \hat{p}, \hat{a}^+, \hat{a}^-) \rightarrow (-x, -\hat{p}, -\hat{a}^+, -\hat{a}^-)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{S}}^8 = 1.$$

It produces the non-unitary automorphism of $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$:

$$\hat{\mathfrak{S}} \hat{J}_0 \hat{\mathfrak{S}}^{-1} = i\hat{J}_2, \quad \hat{\mathfrak{S}} \hat{J}_1 \hat{\mathfrak{S}}^{-1} = -\hat{J}_1, \quad \hat{\mathfrak{S}} \hat{J}_2 \hat{\mathfrak{S}}^{-1} = -i\hat{J}_0$$

The action of the $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^2$ on $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ generators is like a rotation by π about J_1 : $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^2 : (\hat{J}_0, \hat{J}_1, \hat{J}_2) \rightarrow (-\hat{J}_0, \hat{J}_1, -\hat{J}_2)$

- $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}$ is \mathcal{PT} -invariant operator: $[\mathcal{PT}, \hat{\mathfrak{S}}] = 0$
- Since $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}(2i\hat{D})\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^{-1} = 2\hat{J}_0 = \hat{H}_{\text{osc}}$, it changes the form of dynamics in the sense of Dirac
- Classical analog of $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}$ generates complex canonical transformation in the phase space: $\tilde{x} = a^+ \in \mathbb{C}$, $\tilde{p} = -ia^- \in \mathbb{C}$
- Under complex conjugation, $\bar{\tilde{x}} = a^- = i\tilde{p}$, \Rightarrow at the quantum level we pass over from the coordinate representation to representation in which $\hat{\tilde{x}} = \hat{a}^+$ acts as the operator of multiplication by $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\hat{a}^+ \psi(z) = z\psi(z)$, while $i\hat{\tilde{p}} = \hat{a}^-$ acts as $\hat{a}^- \psi(z) = \frac{d}{dz}\psi(z)$

Replacing

$$(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \overline{\psi_1(x)} \psi_2(x) dx$$

by

$$(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \overline{\psi_1(z)} \psi_2(z) e^{-\bar{z}z} d^2z, \quad d^2z = d(\operatorname{Re} z) d(\operatorname{Im} z),$$

⇒ we arrive at the Fock-Bargmann representation where
 $\hat{a}^+ = z$, $\hat{a}^- = \frac{d}{dz}$, $(\hat{a}^+)^{\dagger} = \hat{a}^-$ in correspondence with the classical
relation $\tilde{x} = a^- = i\tilde{p}$

In this representation

$$2i\hat{D} = \hat{H}_{\text{osc}} = \left(z \frac{d}{dz} + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \hat{H}_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2}, \quad \hat{K} = \frac{1}{2} z^2$$

- \Rightarrow Transformed operators in the Fock-Bargmann representation can be obtained from the corresponding initial generators of conformal symmetry of the quantum free particle by a formal change of x to z .
- The change of the scalar product transmutes the non-unitary similarity transformation into the *unitary transformation from the coordinate to the holomorphic representation* for the Heisenberg algebra in correspondence with the Neumann-Stone theorem

The conformal bridge generated by $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}$ transforms

- Jordan states: x^n ,

$(\hat{H}_0)^{k+1}x^{2k} = (\hat{H}_0)^{k+1}x^{2k+1} = 0, k = 0, 1, \dots$, of \hat{H}_0 for $E = 0$,

($x^0 = 1$ and x^1 are its physical and nonphysical eigenstates), which simultaneously are the formal eigenstates of $2i\hat{D}$ of eigenvalues $(n + 1/2)$, into eigenstates of \hat{H}_{osc} of energies

$$E_n = n + 1/2: \quad \hat{\mathfrak{S}}(x^n) \propto \psi_n(x) = C_n e^{-x^2/2} H_n(x)$$

The CBT allows to define the pseudo-Hermitian inner product

$$(\phi_{n_1}, \phi_{n_2}) := \langle \phi_{n_1} | \hat{\Theta} | \phi_{n_2} \rangle = \langle \psi_{n_1} | \psi_{n_2} \rangle = \delta_{n_1 n_2}, \quad \hat{\Theta} = \hat{\mathfrak{S}}^2,$$

which reduces to a usual scalar product for orthonormalized eigenfunctions of the harmonic oscillator ($\phi_n = C_n x^n$)

• \Rightarrow The CBT is the Dyson map that relates the non-Hermitian Hamiltonian $2i\hat{D}$ with the harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian

Under CBT,

- Plane waves eigenstates e^{ikx} \rightarrow coherent states of QHO
- Gaussian wave packets of the quantum free particle \rightarrow the squeezed states of the QHO

- Generalizations:
 - *1d* conformal mechanics ($V(x) = g/x^2$) \rightarrow de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan model ($V(x) = g/x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$)
 - *2d* free particle \rightarrow Landau problem (based on conformal invariance of the angular momentum): $\hat{\mathfrak{S}}(2i\hat{D} - \hat{M})\hat{\mathfrak{S}}^{-1} = \hat{H}_L$
 - *3d* conformal mechanics in a monopole background \rightarrow de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan model in *3d* monopole background
 - free particle \rightarrow QHO in the cosmic string background; \Rightarrow vortices in a rotating cosmic string background
 - *2d* free particle \rightarrow exotic rotationally invariant QHO
 - Some supersymmetric systems with linear and nonlinear SUSY
 - Vortex dynamics and non-commutative QM (in progress)



Good health to you, Peter!,



And new creative achievements!