

# 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  $\rightarrow$  Darboux transformations  $\rightarrow$  reflectionless quantum systems:
  - Employing Darboux covariance of Lax pair representation of the KdV equation
  - $\Rightarrow$  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  $\Rightarrow$  cnoidal type solutions of the KdV equation
- Darboux transformations applied to finite-gap systems  $\Rightarrow$  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  $\mathcal{P}$ ,

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathcal{G}}^8 = 1.$$

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

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

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

- $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  is  $\mathcal{PT}$ -invariant operator:  $[\mathcal{PT}, \hat{\mathcal{G}}] = 0$
- Since  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}(2i\hat{D})\hat{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} = 2\hat{J}_0 = \hat{H}_{\text{osc}}$ , it changes the form of dynamics in the sense of Dirac
- Classical analog of  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  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

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

$\Rightarrow$  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  $\bar{\tilde{x}} = a^- = i\tilde{p}$

In this representation

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

- $\Rightarrow$  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  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  transforms

- Jordan states:  $x^n$ ,

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

( $x^0 = 1$  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  $\hat{H}_{\text{osc}}$  of energies

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

The CBT allows to define the pseudo-Hermitian inner product

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

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  $e^{ikx}$   $\longrightarrow$  coherent states of QHO
- Gaussian wave packets of the quantum free particle  $\longrightarrow$  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):  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}(2i\hat{D} - \hat{M})\hat{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} = \hat{H}_L$
- $3d$  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!