

30 years of many-body in Spain: looking into the future  
of mathematical methods in many-body physics

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## Spiked A-body anharmonic oscillators in a strong-repulsion perturbative picture

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I. General subject:  $A$ -particle bound-state  
problems

$$\hat{H}\Psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_A) = E \Psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_A).$$

Here, their first nontrivial case with  $A = 3$  and  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left[ -\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \hat{W} \right] \Psi = E \Psi,$$

$$\hat{W} = V(x_1 - x_2) + V(x_2 - x_3) + V(x_3 - x_1).$$

## The best known Calogero's solvable option

$$V^{(spiked)}(x_i - x_j) = \frac{\nu(\nu + 1)}{(x_i - x_j)^2} + \omega^2 (x_i - x_j)^2$$

Here, its  $L, K = 1, 2, \dots$  generalizations

$$V(x_i - x_j) = \alpha^2 (x_i - x_j)^L + \beta^2 (x_i - x_j)^{-K}$$

and their superpositions.

## II. The method

Taylor identities in the strong-repulsion regime:

(1) SHO has a minimum at  $R = [\nu(\nu + 1)/\omega^2]^{1/4}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{eff}(r) &= \frac{\nu(\nu + 1)}{r^2} + \omega^2 r^2 \\ &= V_{eff}(R) + \frac{1}{2}(r - R)^2 V''_{eff}(R) + \mathcal{O}[(r - R)^3] \\ &= 2\omega^2 R^2 + 4\omega^2 (r - R)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{(r - R)^3}{R}\right], \\ &= \text{solv. HO well at } 1/R \approx 1/\sqrt{\nu} \ll 1. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Taylor identities in the quartic case with  $r = R + x$

clarify the determination of  $R$  as a root of  $\mathcal{O}(x)$  term, etc.,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{eff}(r) = & \left[ \frac{\nu (\nu + 1)}{R^2} + \omega^2 R^2 + \lambda R^4 \right] + \\ & + 2 \left[ \omega^2 R - \frac{\nu (\nu + 1)}{R^3} + 2 \lambda R^3 \right] x + \\ & + \left[ \omega^2 + 3 \frac{\nu (\nu + 1)}{R^4} + 6 \lambda R^2 \right] x^2 + \\ & + 4 \left[ -\frac{\nu (\nu + 1)}{R^5} + \lambda R \right] x^3 + O(x^4). \end{aligned}$$

(3) An unsolvable example of UE  $\longleftrightarrow$  RHO  $\longleftrightarrow$  SHO,

$$W(r) = F r^3 + \frac{G}{r^3}, \quad r, F, G > 0.$$

$$G \gg 1, r_{min} = R = (G/F)^{1/6} \gg 1$$

$$W(R + \xi) = 2\sqrt{GF} + 9\sqrt{GF} \frac{\xi^2}{R^2} - \dots$$

$$W_0(R_0 + \xi) = F_0 (R_0 + \xi)^2 + \frac{G_0}{(R_0 + \xi)^2}$$

$$F_0 = \frac{9}{4} \sqrt[6]{GF^5}, \quad G_0 = \frac{4}{9} \sqrt[6]{G^5 F}.$$

### III. The $A = 3$ models in Jacobi coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -2/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
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with interactions

$$\hat{W}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{m=-K}^L F_m W^{(m)}(x_1, x_2, x_3),$$

$$F_L = \alpha^2 > 0, \quad F_{-K} = \beta^2 > 0,$$

$$W^{(m)} = (x_1 - x_2)^m + (x_2 - x_3)^m + (x_3 - x_1)^m$$

and Schrödinger equation with  $U^{(m)}(X, Y) \equiv W^{(m)}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,

$$\left\{ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^2} + \sum_{m=-K}^L F_m U^{(m)} - E \right\} \Phi = 0$$



A polar re-parametrization of the coordinates,

$$X = X(\varrho, \varphi) = \varrho \sin \varphi$$

$$Y = Y(\varrho, \varphi) = \varrho \cos \varphi$$

gives Schrödinger equation with  $\Omega^{(m)}(\varrho, \varphi) \equiv U^{(m)}(X, Y)$ ,

$$\left\{ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varrho^2} - \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \sum_{m=-K}^L F_m \Omega^{(m)} - E \right\} \Phi = 0$$

Note the “forgotten” separability for the

1st illustrative oscillator: quartic,

$$U^{(2)}(X, Y) = 3 X^2 + 3 Y^2$$

$$\Omega^{(2)}(\varrho, \varphi) = U^{(2)}[X(\varrho, \varphi), Y(\varrho, \varphi)] = 3 \varrho^2$$

$$U^{(4)}(X, Y) = \frac{9}{2} (X^2 + Y^2)^2 = \frac{9}{2} \varrho^4$$

A guiding return to Calogerialian  $U^{(SHO)}(X, Y)$  reveals that

(1) its  $A = 3$  spiked part = a trigonometric identity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2X^2} + \frac{1}{2(X - \sqrt{3}Y)^2} + \frac{1}{2(X + \sqrt{3}Y)^2} \equiv \\ \equiv & \frac{1}{2\rho^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sin^2 \varphi} + \frac{1}{\sin^2(\varphi + \frac{2}{3}\pi)} + \frac{1}{\sin^2(\varphi - \frac{2}{3}\pi)} \right) \equiv \\ & \equiv \frac{9}{2\rho^2 \sin^2 3\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

and its Schrödinger equation = also separable.

(2) its angular Taylor is easy,

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 3(\gamma + \pi/6)} = 1 + 9\gamma^2 + 54\gamma^4 + \frac{1377}{5}\gamma^6 + \dots$$

while the radial is no news, with  $R = \sqrt[4]{\frac{3\nu(\nu+1)}{2\omega^2}}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} V_{eff}(\varrho) &= \frac{9\nu(\nu+1)}{2\varrho^2} + 3\omega^2\varrho^2 = \\ &= V_{eff}(R) + \frac{1}{2}(\varrho - R)^2 V''_{eff}(R) + \dots = \\ &= 6\omega^2 R^2 + 12\omega^2(\varrho - R)^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(3) test passed - the approximants prove correct,

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega^{(SHO)}(R + \xi, \pi/6 + \eta/R) &\approx \\ &\approx 6\omega^2 R^2 + 12\omega^2 \xi^2 + 27\omega^2 \eta^2\end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathcal{O}(\eta^m \times \xi^n) \approx 1/R^{m+n-2} \ll 1$  while

$$E - 6\omega^2 R^2 \approx$$

$$2\sqrt{3}\omega(2n + 1) + 3\sqrt{3}\omega(2m + 1) + \dots .$$

(4) Weyl chambers = cartesian, rotated  $\pi/6$ ;

kinetic energy = *locally* cartesian =

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varrho^2} - \frac{1}{\varrho^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} = \\
 &-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varrho^2} - \frac{1}{(R + \xi)^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} - \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\xi}{R}\right) \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

to be verified for  $V = \omega^2 (x_i - x_j)^2 + \gamma (x_i - x_j)^3 + \frac{\nu(\nu+1)}{(x_i - x_j)^2}$ .

#### IV. Choose $L = 3$

1. fix  $x_1 > x_2 > x_3$ , i.e.,  $\varphi \in (0, \pi/3)$
2. deduce  $\Omega^{(3)}(\varrho, \varphi) \geq 0$  for  $\gamma > 0$
3. study the extreme  $\omega = 0$
4. spectrum = discrete since two minima  
at  $\varphi_{\pm} = \pi/6 - \varphi_{\mp}$  in

$$\Omega^{(SC)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \alpha^2 \varrho^3 \sin 3\varphi + \frac{\beta^2}{\varrho^2 \sin^2 3\varphi}$$

with

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{3}{2}\gamma > 0, \quad \beta^2 = \frac{9}{2}\nu(\nu + 1) > 0$$

and with the  $\varrho$ -dependence rule

$$\partial_\varphi \Omega^{(SC)} = 0 \text{ and its form}$$

$$\sin^2 3\varphi_\pm = \frac{2\beta^2}{\alpha^2 \varrho^5}$$

implying an asymptotic growth,

$$\Omega^{(SC)} > \frac{3\varrho}{2} \left(2\alpha^4 \beta^2 \varrho\right)^{1/3}, \quad \varrho \geq \varrho_0 = \left(\frac{2\beta^2}{\alpha^2}\right)^{1/5}.$$



(5) general  $M$  in  $\Omega^{(2M+1)}(\varrho, \varphi)$  at  $\varrho \gg 1$ :

$$\Omega = \alpha^2 \Omega^{(2M+1)} + \beta^2 \Omega^{(-2)} \sim \varrho^{4M/3}, \quad .$$

is growing quickly at the small

$$\varphi_- = \pi/3 - \varphi_+ \sim \varrho^{-(2M+3)/3}.$$

**(6) specific  $K = 3$**

**two minima at  $\varrho \gg 1$  and the three valleys merge at**

$$\varrho = \varrho_0 = (2\beta^2/\alpha^2)^{1/5}$$

**absolute minimum at  $\varphi = \varphi_0 = \pi/6$  and**

$$R = \varrho_0^{(min)} = \sqrt[5]{2\beta^2/(3\alpha^2)} \gg 1$$

Re-define  $\beta^2 = 3 \alpha^2 R^5 / 2$ ,  $\varrho = R + \xi$ ,

$\varphi = \pi/6 + \eta/R$  and expand

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \Omega^{(SCO)}(\varrho, \varphi) &= \varrho^3 \sin 3\varphi + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2 \varrho^2 \sin^2 3\varphi} = \\ &= \frac{5}{2} R^3 + 9 R \eta^2 + \frac{15}{2} R \xi^2 - \\ &-\frac{81}{2} \xi \eta^2 - 5 \xi^3 + \frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{675}{8} \eta^4 + 27 \xi^2 \eta^2 + \frac{15}{2} \xi^4 \right) \\ &+ \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{R^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \alpha^2 \left( \frac{15}{2} x^2 + 9 y^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\sigma^5) \right] \psi =$$
$$= \sigma^2 \left( E - \frac{5}{2} R^3 \right) \psi$$

with  $\sigma = 1/\sqrt[4]{R}$ ,  $\varrho = R + \sigma x$  and

$$\varphi = \pi/6 + \sigma y/R.$$

Leading-order energies: closed formula

$$E = E_{m,n} = \frac{5}{2} R^3 + \alpha \sqrt{\frac{15 R}{2}} (2m+1) + 3 \alpha \sqrt{R} (2n+1) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^{3/4}}\right).$$

**V. Potentials  $U^{(m)}$  with even  $m = 2M$**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Complicated } U^{(6)}(X, Y) = \\ & \frac{33}{4} X^6 + \frac{45}{4} X^4 Y^2 + \frac{135}{4} X^2 Y^4 + \frac{27}{4} Y^6, \\ & U^{(8)}(X, Y) = \frac{3}{8} (X^2 + Y^2) \times \\ & \times (27 Y^6 + 225 X^2 Y^4 - 15 X^4 Y^2 + 43 X^6), \end{aligned}$$

abbreviation

$$\Omega^{(2M)}(\varrho, \varphi) = U^{(2M)}[X(\varrho, \varphi), Y(\varrho, \varphi)]$$

compact formulae

$$\Omega^{(6)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{3 \varrho^6}{4} (9 + 2 \sin^2 3\varphi),$$

$$\Omega^{(8)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{3 \varrho^8}{8} (27 + 16 \sin^2 3\varphi),$$

$$\Omega^{(10)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{27 \varrho^{10}}{16} (9 + 10 \sin^2 3\varphi),$$

$$\Omega^{(12)}(\varrho, \varphi) =$$

$$\frac{729 \varrho^{12}}{32} + \frac{81 \varrho^{12}}{2} \sin^2 3\varphi + \frac{3 \varrho^{12}}{4} \sin^4 3\varphi.$$

In general,  $\frac{\Omega^{(2M)}(\varrho, \varphi)}{\varrho^{2M}} =$

$$\frac{3^M}{2^{M-1}} + c_1 \sin^2 3\varphi + \dots + c_N \sin^{2N} 3\varphi$$

where, formally,

$$N = \textit{entier} \left[ \frac{M}{3} \right], \quad M = 1, 2, \dots$$

and  $\textit{entier}[x]$  denotes the integer part of a real number  $x$ .



VI. Potentials  $\Omega^{(m)}$  with odd  $m = 2M + 1$

$$U^{(3)}(X, Y) = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{2} X (X^2 - 3Y^2) ,$$

$$U^{(5)}(X, Y) = \frac{15}{4} \sqrt{2} (X^2 - 3Y^2) (X^2 + Y^2) X ,$$

$$U^{(7)}(X, Y) = \frac{63}{8} \sqrt{2} (X^2 - 3Y^2) X (X^2 + Y^2)^2 ,$$

$$U^{(9)}(X, Y) = X (X^2 - 3Y^2) \times \\ \times \frac{3}{16} \sqrt{2} (81 Y^6 + 279 X^2 Y^4 + 219 X^4 Y^2 + 85 X^6)$$

while, in polar coordinates,

$$\Omega^{(3)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{3\varrho^3}{2} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi,$$

$$\Omega^{(5)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{15\varrho^5}{4} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi,$$

$$\Omega^{(7)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{63\varrho^7}{8} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^{(9)}(\varrho, \varphi) &= \frac{3\varrho^9}{16} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi (81 + 4 \sin^2 3\varphi) = \\ &= \frac{3\varrho^9}{16} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi (83 - 2 \cos 6\varphi), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega^{(11)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{33 \varrho^{11}}{32} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi (27 + 4 \sin^2 3\varphi) ,$$

$$\Omega^{(13)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \frac{117 \varrho^{13}}{64} \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi (27 + 8 \sin^2 3\varphi) ,$$

etc. Again,  $m = 6N + 3$  or  $m = 6N + 5$  or

$m = 6N + 7$  leads to the general rule

$$\frac{\Omega^{(2M+1)}(\varrho, \varphi)}{\varrho^{2M+1}} =$$

$$= (2M + 1) \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi \times$$

$$\times \left( \frac{3^{M-1}}{2^M} + d_1 \sin^2 3\varphi + \dots + d_N \sin^{2N} 3\varphi \right)$$

where

$$N = \text{entier} \left[ \frac{M-1}{3} \right], \quad M = 1, 2, \dots$$

VII. Strongly singular potentials  $\Omega^{(m)}$  with negative  $m$

$$\Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi) = -\frac{3}{\varrho \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi},$$

$$\Omega^{(-2)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \left( \frac{3}{\varrho \sqrt{2} \sin 3\varphi} \right)^2 = \left[ \Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi) \right]^2.$$

$$\Omega^{(-3)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \left[ \Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi) \right]^3 \left( 1 - \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 3\varphi \right),$$

$$\Omega^{(-4)}(\varrho, \varphi) = \left[ \Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi) \right]^4 \left( 1 - \frac{16}{27} \sin^2 3\varphi \right),$$

$$\Omega^{(-5)}(\varrho, \varphi) = [\Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi)]^5 \left( 1 - \frac{20}{27} \sin^2 3\varphi \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^{(-6)}(\varrho, \varphi) &= [\Omega^{(-1)}(\varrho, \varphi)]^6 \times \\ &\times \left( 1 - \frac{904}{667} \sin^2 3\varphi + \frac{8248}{18009} \sin^4 3\varphi \right). \end{aligned}$$

## VIII. SUMMARY:

(A) Why are the spiked oscillators interesting?

(1) the old Aguilera's and Guardiola's answer in JMP '91:

$$E_{(spiked\ HO)}^{(ground\ state)} \text{ at } K = 5/2$$

[= the E. M. Harrell's Ann. Phys. '77  $A = D = 1$  formula]

has the same structure as the many-bosonic energy

$$E = a + b \beta^2 + c \beta^4 \log \beta + \mathcal{O}(\beta^6)$$

(2) they offer insights via analytic continuation  
within PT symmetric quantum mechanics:

(\*) single-particle case: FGRZ, JPA '98

(\*) three-particle case: ZT, JPA '02

(3) they may exhibit partial solvability, etc.

(4) they have immediate impact on perturbation methods:

BFZ PRA '89, AEG JMP '90, FGZ CJP '91

(\*) facilitated Padé-type resummations: FGZ PRA '93

(\*) feasible  $\beta \gg 1$  expansions in the past (GSR NC '92,  $A = 1$ ),  
today ( $A = 3$ ) and in the future ( $A > 3$ )



**(B) What's shared by  $A = 1, 2$  and  $A = 3$ ?**

**( $\Sigma$  1) mathematics:**

**(\*) a Lie-algebraic background (Calogero)**

**( $\Sigma$  2) computing methods:**

**(\*) a rigorous treatment of divergent series**

**(\*) feasibility of symbolic manipulations: ZYG JPA '03**

**( $\Sigma$  3) guidance towards  $A > 3$**

**(\*) expansions using artificial parameters: Z PRA '87 and  
M. Znojil, *Low-lying spectra ...*”, JPA 36 (2004) 9929-41**