DYNAMIC INVARIANTS AND THE BERRY PHASE FOR GENERALIZED DRIVEN HARMONIC OSCILLATORS

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Abstract

We present quadratic dynamic invariants and evaluate the Berry phase for the time-dependent Schrödinger equation with the most general variable quadratic Hamiltonian.

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1. Introduction

In the previous paper [1], the exact wave functions for generalized (driven) harmonic oscillators [2–9] have been constructed in terms of Hermite polynomials by transforming the time-dependent Schrödinger equation into an autonomous form [10]. Relationships with certain Ermakov and Riccati-type systems have been investigated. A goal of this paper is to find the corresponding dynamic invariants and evaluate the Berry phase [2, 11–13] for quantum systems with general variable quadratic Hamiltonians as an extension of the works [5, 14–23] (see also the references therein).

2. Generalized Driven Harmonic Oscillators

We consider the one-dimensional time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = H\psi,\tag{1}$$

where the variable Hamiltonian H = Q(p, x) is an arbitrary quadratic of two operators $p = -i\partial/\partial x$ and x, namely,

$$i\psi_t = -a(t)\psi_{xx} + b(t)x^2\psi - ic(t)x\psi_x - id(t)\psi - f(t)x\psi + ig(t)\psi_x$$
(2)

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(a, b, c, d, f, and g are suitable real-valued functions of time only). We shall refer to these quantum systems as the generalized (driven) harmonic oscillators. A general approach and known elementary solutions can be found in [1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 24–33]. In addition, a case related to Airy functions is discussed in [34] and [35] deals with another special case of transcendental solutions.

In this paper, we use the following result established in [1].

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Lemma 1 The substitution

$$\psi = \frac{e^{i\left[\alpha(t)x^2 + \delta(t)x + \kappa(t)\right]}}{\sqrt{\mu(t)}} \chi(\xi, \tau), \qquad \xi = \beta(t)x + \varepsilon(t), \quad \tau = \gamma(t)$$
(3)

transforms the nonautonomous and inhomogeneous Schrödinger equation (2) into the autonomous form

$$-i\chi_{\tau} = -\chi_{\xi\xi} + c_0 \xi^2 \chi \qquad (c_0 = 0, 1), \tag{4}$$

provided that

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} + b + 2c\alpha + 4a\alpha^2 = c_0 a\beta^4,\tag{5}$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dt} + (c+4a\alpha)\beta = 0, \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} + a\beta^2 = 0, (7)$$

$$\frac{d\delta}{dt} + (c + 4a\alpha)\delta = f + 2g\alpha + 2c_0a\beta^3\varepsilon,$$
(8)

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = (g - 2a\delta)\beta,\tag{9}$$

$$\frac{d\kappa}{dt} = g\delta - a\delta^2 + c_0 a\beta^2 \varepsilon^2.$$
(10)

Here

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4a}\frac{\mu'}{\mu} - \frac{d}{2a}.\tag{11}$$

The substitution (11) reduces the inhomogeneous equation (5) to the second-order ordinary differential equation

$$\mu'' - \tau(t)\mu' + 4\sigma(t)\mu = c_0(2a)^2\beta^4\mu, \tag{12}$$

that has the familiar time-varying coefficients

$$\tau(t) = \frac{a'}{a} - 2c + 4d, \qquad \sigma(t) = ab - cd + d^2 + \frac{d}{2}\left(\frac{a'}{a} - \frac{d'}{d}\right).$$
(13)

If $c_0 = 0$, Eq. (5) is called the Riccati nonlinear differential equation [36,37], and the system (5)–(10) is referred to as a Riccati-type system. (Similar terminology is used in [38,39] for the corresponding parabolic equation.) If $c_0 = 1$, Eq. (12) can be reduced to a generalized version of the Ermakov nonlinear differential equation (see, for example, [20,25,40,41] and the references therein regarding the Ermakov equation), and we refer to the corresponding system (5)–(10) with $c_0 \neq 0$ as the Ermakov-type system.

Throughout this paper, we use the notation from [1] where a more detailed bibliography on the quadratic systems can be found.

Using the standard oscillator wave functions for Eq. (4) at $c_0 = 1$ (for example, [42–44]) results in the solution

$$\psi_n(x,t) = \frac{e^{i(\alpha x^2 + \delta x + \kappa) + i(2n+1)\gamma}}{\sqrt{2^n n! \mu \sqrt{\pi}}} e^{-(\beta x + \varepsilon)^2/2} H_n(\beta x + \varepsilon),$$
(14)

where $H_n(x)$ are the Hermite polynomials [45] and the general real-valued solution of the Ermakov-type system (5)–(10) is available in [1] (Lemma 3, Eqs. (42)–(48)).

The Green function of generalized harmonic oscillators has been constructed in [3]. (See also important previous works [7,9,10,46,47] and the references therein for more details.)

The corresponding Cauchy initial value problem can be solved (formally) by the superposition principle,

$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x,y,t)\psi(y,0)\,dy\tag{15}$$

for some suitable initial data $\psi(x,0) = \varphi(x)$ (see [3, 20, 33] for further details). The corresponding eigenfunction expansion can be written in terms of the wave functions (14) as follows:

$$\psi(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \,\psi_n(x,t),\tag{16}$$

where the time-independent coefficients are given by

$$c_n = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_n^*(x,0)\psi(x,0) \, dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi_n(x,0)|^2 \, dx}.$$
(17)

This expansion complements the integral form of solution (15).

The maximum symmetry group of the autonomous Schrödinger equation (4) is studied in [48,49] (see also [50] and the references therein).

3. Dynamic Invariants for Generalized Driven Harmonic Oscillators

The concept of dynamic invariants for generalized harmonic oscillators has been recently revisited in [20, 25] (see [27, 46, 47, 51, 52] and the references therein for classical works). In this paper, we would like to point out a simple extension of the quadratic dynamic invariant to the case of driven oscillators

$$E(t) = \frac{\lambda(t)}{2} \left[\hat{a}(t)\hat{a}^{\dagger}(t) + \hat{a}^{\dagger}(t)\hat{a}(t) \right] = \frac{\lambda(t)}{2} \left[\frac{(p - 2\alpha x - \delta)^2}{\beta^2} + (\beta x + \varepsilon)^2 \right], \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \langle E \rangle = 0.$$
(18)

(See also [8,14,15,19].) Here, $\lambda(t) = \exp\left[-\int_0^t [c(s) - 2d(s)] ds\right]$ and the corresponding time-dependent annihilation $\hat{a}(t)$ and creation $\hat{a}^{\dagger}(t)$ operators are explicitly given by

$$\widehat{a}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\beta x + \varepsilon + i \frac{p - 2\alpha x - \delta}{\beta} \right), \qquad \widehat{a}^{\dagger}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\beta x + \varepsilon - i \frac{p - 2\alpha x - \delta}{\beta} \right), \tag{19}$$

with $p = i^{-1}\partial/\partial x$ in terms of solutions of the Ermakov-type system (5)–(10). These operators satisfy the canonical commutation relation

$$\widehat{a}(t)\widehat{a}^{\dagger}(t) - \widehat{a}^{\dagger}(t)\widehat{a}(t) = 1.$$
(20)

The oscillator-type spectrum of the dynamic invariant E can be obtained in a standard way using the Heisenberg–Weyl algebra of the rasing and lowering operators (a second quantization [53], the Fock states)

$$\widehat{a}(t)\Psi_n(x,t) = \sqrt{n}\,\Psi_{n-1}(x,t), \quad \widehat{a}^{\dagger}(t)\Psi_n(x,t) = \sqrt{n+1}\,\Psi_{n+1}(x,t), \tag{21}$$

$$E(t)\Psi_n(x,t) = \lambda(t) (n+1/2) \Psi_n(x,t).$$
(22)

The corresponding orthogonal time-dependent eigenfunctions are given by

$$\Psi_n(x,t) = \frac{e^{i\left(\alpha x^2 + \delta x + \kappa\right) - (\beta x + \varepsilon)^2/2}}{\sqrt{2^n n! \mu \sqrt{\pi}}} H_n\left(\beta x + \varepsilon\right), \qquad \langle \Psi_m, \Psi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn} \lambda^{-1}, \tag{23}$$

provided that $\beta(0) \mu(0) = 1$ when $\beta \mu = \lambda$ [1]) in terms of Hermite polynomials [45] and

$$\psi_n(x,t) = e^{i(2n+1)\gamma(t)}\Psi_n(x,t)$$
(24)

is the relation to the wave functions (14) with

$$\varphi_n(t) = -(2n+1)\gamma(t), \qquad (25)$$

being the Lewis phase [5, 15, 53].

The dynamic invariant operator derivative identity [20, 25]

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + i^{-1} \left(EH - H^{\dagger}E \right) = 0$$
(26)

can be verified in the following way. Introducing new linear momentum and coordinate operators in the form

$$P = \frac{\lambda}{\beta} \left(p - 2\alpha x - \delta \right), \qquad Q = \lambda \left(\beta x + \varepsilon \right), \tag{27}$$

when $[Q, P] = i\lambda^2$ (a generalized canonical transform), one can derive the simple differentiation rules

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -2c_0a\beta^2 Q, \qquad \frac{dQ}{dt} = 2a\beta^2 P.$$
(28)

(It is worth noting that, if $c_0 = 0$, the operator P becomes the linear invariant of Dodonov, Malkin, Man'ko, and Trifonov [8,27,47,52] for generalized driven harmonic oscillators.)

Then

$$E = \frac{\lambda^{-1}}{2} \left(P^2 + c_0 Q^2 \right) \qquad (c_0 = 0, 1)$$
(29)

and it is useful to realize that E is just the original Hamiltonian H after the canonical transform [5]. The required operator identity (26) can be formally derived with the aid of product rule (3.7) of [20] (quantum calculus)

$$2\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\lambda^{-1}P^2\right) + c_0\frac{d}{dt}\left(\lambda^{-1}Q^2\right) = \lambda^{-1}\left(\frac{dP}{dt}P + P\frac{dP}{dt}\right) + c_0\lambda^{-1}\left(\frac{dQ}{dt}Q + Q\frac{dQ}{dt}\right)$$
(30)

and by (28)

$$\lambda \frac{dE}{dt} = c_0 a \beta^2 \left(-QP - PQ + PQ + QP \right) = 0, \tag{31}$$

which completes the proof.

Remark 1 The kernel

$$K(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} e^{i\left(\alpha x^2 + \beta xy + \gamma y^2 + \delta x + \varepsilon y + \kappa\right)}$$
(32)

is a particular solution of the Schrödinger equation (2) for any solution of the Riccati-type system (5)–(11) with $c_0 = 0$ [3]. A direct calculation shows that this kernel is an eigenfunction

$$\beta^{-1} \left(p - 2\alpha x - \delta \right) K \left(x, y, t \right) = y K \left(x, y, t \right)$$
(33)

of the linear dynamic invariant [20].

4. Evaluation of the Berry Phase

The holonomic effect in quantum mechanics known as the Berry phase [2,11] had received considerable attention over the years (see, for example, [4, 5, 12–14, 16–19, 21–23, 54–57] and the references therein). The solution of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation (2) has the form (16) with the oscillator-type wave functions $\psi_n(x,t)$ presented by (14) [1]

$$\psi_n(x,t) = e^{-i\varphi_n(t)} \Psi_n(x,t), \tag{34}$$

where $\varphi_n(t)$ is the Lewis (or dynamic) phase and $\Psi_n(x, t)$ is the eigenfunction of quadratic invariant (22). (In the self-adjoint case, one chooses c = 2d when $\lambda = 1$.)

Then

$$i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi_n^* \frac{\partial \psi_n}{\partial t} \, dx = \lambda^{-1} \frac{d\varphi_n}{dt} + i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Psi_n^* \frac{\partial \Psi_n}{\partial t} \, dx \tag{35}$$

and the Berry phase θ_n is given by

$$\lambda^{-1} \frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = \operatorname{Re}\left(i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Psi_n^* \frac{\partial \Psi_n}{\partial t} \, dx\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(i \left\langle \Psi_n, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_n \right\rangle\right). \tag{36}$$

Here, the eigenfunction Ψ_n is a γ -free part [5] of the wave function (14), namely,

$$\Psi_n = \lambda^{-1/2} e^{i \left(\alpha x^2 + \delta x + \kappa\right)} \Phi_n(x, t), \tag{37}$$

and Φ_n is, in fact, the real-valued stationary orthonormal wave function for the simple harmonic oscillator with respect to the new variable $\xi = \beta x + \varepsilon$; see (23) and the normalization condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_n^2 \, dx = 1. \tag{38}$$

The integral (36) can be evaluated as in [5, 17]

$$\begin{split} \lambda \left\langle \Psi_n, \frac{\partial \Psi_n}{\partial t} \right\rangle &= i \left\langle \Phi_n, \left(\frac{d\alpha}{dt} x^2 + \frac{d\delta}{dt} x + \frac{d\kappa}{dt} \right) \Phi_n \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left(c - 2d \right) + \left\langle \Phi_n, \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial t} \right\rangle \\ &= i \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \left\langle \Phi_n, x^2 \Phi_n \right\rangle + i \frac{d\delta}{dt} \left\langle \Phi_n, x \Phi_n \right\rangle + i \frac{d\kappa}{dt} \left\langle \Phi_n, \Phi_n \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left(c - 2d \right) + \left\langle \Phi_n, \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial t} \right\rangle, \end{split}$$

where the last term is zero due to the normalization condition (38). Moreover,

$$\left\langle \Phi_n, x^2 \Phi_n \right\rangle = \beta^{-3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\xi^2 + \varepsilon^2\right) \Phi_n^2 \, d\xi = \beta^{-2} \left(\varepsilon^2 + n + 1/2\right), \\ \left\langle \Phi_n, x \Phi_n \right\rangle = -\varepsilon \beta^{-2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_n^2 \, d\xi = -\varepsilon \beta^{-1}$$

with the help of

$$\beta^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \xi \Phi_n^2 \, d\xi = 0, \qquad \beta^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \xi^2 \Phi_n^2 \, d\xi = n + \frac{1}{2}. \tag{39}$$

As a result,

$$\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = -\beta^{-2} \left(\varepsilon^2 + n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{d\alpha}{dt} + \varepsilon \beta^{-1} \frac{d\delta}{dt} - \frac{d\kappa}{dt}$$
(40)

and the phase θ_n can be obtain by integrating (40). Our observation reveals the connection of the Berry phase with the Ermakov-type system (5)–(11), whose general solution is found in [1].

When c - 2d = f = g = 0, one may choose $\delta = \varepsilon = \kappa = 0$, and our expression (40) simplifies to

$$\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = -\mu^2 \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = -\frac{1}{4a} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[\mu'' \mu - (\mu')^2 - \frac{a'}{a} \mu' \mu + 2d \left(\frac{a'}{a} - \frac{d'}{d} \right) \mu^2 \right]$$
(41)

with the help of (11). The function μ is a solution of the Ermakov equation (12)–(13) with $c_0 = 1$ and $\beta = \mu^{-1}$. This result is consistent with [5,14], where the original expression of [18] has been corrected.

5. An Alternative Derivation of the Berry Phase

In view of (1) and (34)–(36), we obtain

$$\lambda^{-1} \left(\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} + \frac{d\varphi_n}{dt} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \psi_n, H\psi_n \right\rangle = \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \Psi_n, H\Psi_n \right\rangle, \tag{42}$$

because the Hamiltonian in (1)-(2) does not involve time differentiation. Here,

$$H = ap^{2} + bx^{2} + \frac{c}{2}(px + xp) + \frac{i}{2}(c - 2d) - fx - gp$$
(43)

and the position and linear momentum operators are given by

$$x = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\widehat{a} + \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \right) - \varepsilon \right], \qquad p = \frac{\beta}{i\sqrt{2}} \left(\widehat{a} - \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}\alpha}{\beta} \left(\widehat{a} + \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \right) + \delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}$$
(44)

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in terms of the creation and annihilation operators (19). After the substitution, the Hamiltonian takes the form

$$H = \left[\frac{a}{2}\left(\frac{4\alpha^{2}}{\beta^{2}} - \beta^{2}\right) + \frac{b + 2c\alpha}{\beta^{2}} - \frac{i}{2}\left(c + 4a\alpha\right)\right]\hat{a}^{2} + \left[\frac{a}{2}\left(\frac{4\alpha^{2}}{\beta^{2}} - \beta^{2}\right) + \frac{b + 2c\alpha}{\beta^{2}} + \frac{i}{2}\left(c + 4a\alpha\right)\right]\hat{a}^{\dagger 2} + \frac{1}{2}\left[a\left(\beta^{2} + \frac{4\alpha^{2}}{\beta^{2}}\right) + \frac{b + 2c\alpha}{\beta^{2}}\right]\left(\hat{a}\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}\right) + \frac{i}{2}\left(c - 2d\right) + \sqrt{2}\left[\frac{4a\alpha + c}{2\beta}\left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta^{2}}\left(b + c\alpha\right) - \frac{f + 2g\alpha}{\beta^{2}}\right) - \frac{f + 2g\alpha}{\beta^{2}}\left(\beta\left(g - 2a\delta\right) + \varepsilon\left(c + 4a\alpha\right)\right)\right]\hat{a} + \sqrt{2}\left[\frac{4a\alpha + c}{2\beta}\left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta^{2}}\left(b + c\alpha\right) - \frac{f + 2g\alpha}{2\beta} - \frac{i}{2}\left(\beta\left(g - 2a\delta\right) + \varepsilon\left(c + 4a\alpha\right)\right)\right]\hat{a}^{\dagger} + a\left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right)^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta}\left(f + \frac{b\varepsilon}{\beta}\right) - \left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right)\left(g + \frac{c\varepsilon}{\beta}\right).$$

$$(45)$$

Here, $J_{+} = \hat{a}^{\dagger 2}/2$, $J_{-} = \hat{a}^{2}/2$, $J_{0} = (\hat{a}\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a})/4$ are the generators of a noncompact SU(1,1) algebra

$$[J_0, J_{\pm}] = \pm J_{\pm}, \qquad [J_+, J_-] = -2J_0 \tag{46}$$

and, therefore, use can be made of the group properties of the corresponding discrete positive series \mathcal{D}^{j}_{+} for further investigation of the Berry phase. (This is a "standard procedure" for quadratic Hamiltonians — more details can be found in [6, 23, 32, 45, 46, 54, 55, 58] and elsewhere.) Together, the linears and bilinears in \hat{a} and \hat{a}^{\dagger} realize the semidirect sum of the SU(1, 1) and the Heisenberg algebra (20) (see [50] for more details).

Thus

$$\lambda \operatorname{Re} \langle \Psi_n, H\Psi_n \rangle = \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[a \left(\beta^2 + \frac{4\alpha^2}{\beta^2} \right) + \frac{b + 2c\alpha}{\beta^2} \right] + a \left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta} \right)^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta} \left(f + \frac{b\varepsilon}{\beta} \right) - \left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta} \right) \left(g + \frac{c\varepsilon}{\beta} \right)$$

$$(47)$$

by (21)-(22).

Finally, from (25) and (42) we arrive at a different formula for the Berry phase

$$\frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[a\left(\frac{4\alpha^2}{\beta^2} - \beta^2\right) + \frac{b + 2c\alpha}{\beta^2}\right] + a\left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right)^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\beta}\left(f + \frac{b\varepsilon}{\beta}\right) \\
- \left(\delta - \frac{2\alpha\varepsilon}{\beta}\right) \left(g + \frac{c\varepsilon}{\beta}\right),$$
(48)

which is consistent with the previous expression (40) for any solution of the Ermakov-type system (5)–(10) $(c_0 = 1)$.

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