

The transformation of a SEXT is given as

$$\exp(:F_{\text{in}}:)\exp(:aL:)\exp(:H_2/2:)\exp(:bL:)\\ \times \exp(:V_2:)\exp(:aL:)\exp(:H_2/2:)\exp(:bL:)\exp(:F_{\text{out}}:),$$

where L and H_2 are the Hamiltonians of a drift of length L and a thin sextupole kick with integrated strength K_2 :

$$H_2 = \frac{K_2}{3!} \Re(x - iy)^3,$$

respectively. The coefficients are $a \equiv 1/2 - 1/\sqrt{12}$ and $b = 1/2 - a$. Terms $\exp(:F_{\text{in}}:)$ and $\exp(:F_{\text{out}}:)$ are transformation nonlinear fringes. The term $\exp(:V_2:)$ is a correction to adjust the third-order terms in L :

$$V_2 = \sum_{j=(x,y),k=(x,y)} -\frac{\beta}{2} H_{2,k}^2 + \gamma H_{2,j} H_{2,k} H_{2,j,k},$$

where $,i$ represents the derivative by x or y . We have also introduced two coefficients $\beta \equiv 1/6 - 1/\sqrt{48}$ and $\gamma = 1/40 - 1$