SQuIDS: A Tool to Solve Time Evolution in finite dimensional (open) Quantum Systems

An Application to Neutrino Oscillations

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Motivation

Task: Solve time evolution of finite dimensional quantum (sub-)systems:

- Flavor oscillations
- Quantum computation
- Systems with finitely many energy levels
- Spins

Time evolution of closed quantum system: Schrödinger equation

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi\rangle = \hat{H}|\psi\rangle \qquad (\hbar = 1) \tag{1}$$

Density matrices instead of state vectors

Often: finite dimensional system S coupled to a complicated (but uninteresting) environment E

$\rightarrow$ Get rid of Environment (keyword: partial trace)

$\rightarrow$ Just consider degrees of freedom of interest

Consequence: Decoherence

- Subsystem cannot be described by pure state $|\psi\rangle$
- Mixed state: Described by density matrix $\varrho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$

Example: Neutrino oscillations in matter

$S \simeq \mathbb{C}^3$	E
flavor degrees of freedom $\lvert\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=e}^{\tau} \psi_\alpha \lvert\nu_\alpha\rangle$	all remaining d.o.f (momenta, spins, ...) $\to$ infinite dimensional

- We are not at all interested in E
- Only the ν flavor composition is interesting to us
- **But**: E significantly influences flavor d.o.f.

$\Rightarrow$ Need effective description!

Time evolution of the density matrix

Master equation(s): (multiple density matrices possible)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\varrho_j}{\mathrm{d}t} = -i[\hat{H}_j(t), \varrho_j(t)] + \{\Gamma_j(t), \varrho_j(t)\} + F_j[\{\varrho_k\}_k, t]$$

- Why multiple ϱ_j? E.g.: One per energy bin!
- $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_1(t)$: Unitary evolution
- Γ: Decoherence
- F: Other non-linear effects (coupling between ϱ_j)

Simple Example: ν Oscillations in Vacuum

Neutrino Experiment:

- Fixed baseline L
- N energy bins $\{E_j\}_j$
- $\hat{H}^j = \hat{H}_0^j = E_j \cdot \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{2E_j}\mathbb{M}^2$
- $\Gamma \equiv 0$
- $F \equiv 0$
- $\varrho_j(t) = \sum_{\alpha=e}^{\tau} \phi_\alpha^j(t) |\nu_\alpha\rangle\langle\nu_\alpha|$

$$\mathbb{M} = \sum_{j,k=1}^{3} (\mathbb{M}_0)_{jk} |\nu_j\rangle\langle\nu_k| = \sum_{\alpha,\beta=e}^{\tau} (\mathbb{M}_1)_{\alpha\beta} |\nu_\alpha\rangle\langle\nu_\beta|$$

$$\mathbb{M}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{M}_1 = U^\dagger_{\mathrm{PMNS}} \mathbb{M}_0 U_{\mathrm{PMNS}}$$

Some Important Considerations

The master equation simplifies to

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\varrho_j}{\mathrm{d}t} = -i[\hat{H}_0^j, \varrho_j(t)]$$

Further simplifications

- Consider in mass basis: $\hat{H}_0^j$ is diagonal
- Depends only on commutator!
  - $[A, \mathbb{I}] = 0 \Rightarrow [\hat{H}_0^j, \varrho_j(t)] = [\hat{H}_0^j - \epsilon_j \mathbb{I}, \varrho_j(t)]$
  - $\epsilon_j := E_j + m_1^2/2E_j$

$$\tilde{H}^j = \frac{1}{2E_j}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Some Important Considerations (ctd.)

Can solve H_0 evolution analytically!

- Pass to interaction picture:

$$\tilde{\varrho}(t) := \exp(iH_0 t)\varrho \exp(-iH_0 t)$$
$$\Rightarrow \dot{\varrho} = -i[H_0, \rho] + \exp(-iH_0 t)\dot{\tilde{\varrho}} \exp(iH_0 t)$$

- Can subtract $-i[H_0, \varrho]$ on both sides of master equation
- Must transform all terms to interaction picture (SQuIDS does that automatically and efficiently)

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All matrices in our system are hermitian: $A^\dagger = A$

- Hermitian $n \times n$ matrices form $N = n^2$ dimenional real vector space
- Convenient basis: $SU(n)$ generators σ_i (e.g. $n = 2$: Pauli matrices + identity)
- Decompose: $\varrho = \sum_{i=0}^{n^2-1} \rho_i \cdot \sigma_i$
- Components ρ_i form n^2 dimensional vector called `SU_vector` in the following

Summary

What did we learn so far (in general):

1. We passed to density matrix formulation (allows for mixed states)
2. Formulated master equation
3. Can subtract $\epsilon_0 \cdot \mathbb{I}$ from $\hat{H}$ (only energy diff. important)
4. Can solve $\hat{H}_0$ exactly (interaction picture) $\varrho \to e^{i\hat{H}_0 t} \varrho e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t}$
5. Can represent $\varrho, H, \ldots$ as n^2 dimensional, real vector (`SU_vector`)!
   - $\to$ Efficient and preserves hermiticity automatically!

SQuIDS

Clone the Repo!

Git Repository includes all needed files (slides, code templates)

Instructions

`cd` to the location where you want to place the repo

```
git clone https://github.com/B0bsen/sm_to_bsm_neutrino.git
cd sm_to_bsm_neutrino
```

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3. `squids::SQuIDS`
   - Abstract base class, uses `squids::Const` and `squids::SU_vector`
   - Implements time evolution of the system of density matrices
   - Includes methods for taking expectation values etc

SQuIDS - The Const Class

Const - Construction of objects

Can only be default constructed:

```
squids::Const units;
```

- Constructs `squids::Const` object called `units`
- This object contains
  - Different physical constants $(G_F, N_A, G, m_p, \dots)$
  - Values of km, s, J, kg, etc. in natural units
  - Yet unspecified values for:
    - basis change from B_0 to B_1 (e.g. mass and flavor basis)
    - energy differences which can be used for the hamiltonian $\hat{H}_0$

Const - Unit conversion

Easily convert between SI and natural units:

```
squids::Const units;
double L = 10 * units.cm; \\ 506773 eV^{-1}
double T = 1 * units.year; \\ 4.79116e+22 eV^{-1}
double GF = units.GF * (units.GeV * units.GeV); \\
1.16638e-05 GeV^{-2}
```

The units are to be read as `[unit we want]` / $[\mathtt{eV}^{\alpha}]$, e.g.:

$\mathtt{km}$ / $[\mathtt{eV}^{-1}]$: $[\mathtt{Value\ in\ eV}^{-1}] = [\mathtt{Value\ in\ km}] \cdot \mathtt{km} / [\mathtt{eV}^{-1}]$

$[\mathtt{Value\ in\ km}] = L / \mathtt{km}$

Const - Setting / Getting Mixing Angles

Furthermore you can store system parameters:

```
squids::Const params;
\\ Sets θ_12 = 24°
params.SetMixingAngle(0, 1, 24 * params.degree);
\\ Sets δ_13 = 2°
params.SetPhase(0, 2, 2 * params.degree);
\\ Sets ΔE_10 = 7eV
params.SetEnergyDifference(1, 7 * params.eV);
```

- Substitute `Set` for `Get`: returns corresponding value
- Energy differences: Only convenience parameters simplifying definition of $\hat{H}_0$

SQuIDS - The Const Class: Exercise

Const class exercise

1. Declare a default constructed const class object
2. Answer the following questions:
   - 2.1 How many eV^{-1} correspond to $300\,\mathrm{km}$
   - 2.2 How many radians correspond to 25°
   - 2.3 If you are 24 years old, how many eV^{-1} are you old?
3. Set the mixing parameters for three neutrino generations to:
   - $\theta_{12} = 33.48°$
   - $\theta_{13} = 8.55°$
   - $\theta_{23} = 42.3°$
4. Set the energy differences to:
   - $\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{eV}^2$
   - $\Delta m^2_{31} = 2.45 \cdot 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{eV}^2$

SQuIDS - The SU_vector Class

SU Vector

SQuIDS - The SU_vector Class: Exercises

SU vector exercise

1. Declare an empty SU vector corresponding to a 3D Hilbert space
2. Initialize an array of projectors for the three mass eigenstates (B_0)
3. Rotate them to the flavor basis (B_1)
4. Initialize a SU vector corresponding to the matrix (B_0)

$$\Delta\mathbb{M}^2 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

SQuIDS - The SQuIDS Class

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SQuIDS - The SQuIDS Class: Exercises

SQuIDS application: Neutrino oscillations in vacuum

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BACK UP

Installation

What do we need for this tutorial?

- A unix-like (sub-)system
  - Linux
  - Mac (+ Xcode developer tools!)
  - On Windows: WSL
- A C++ compiler
- Make, wget, Git

Use scripts `install_gsl.sh` and `install_SQuIDS.sh` from the repo!

Installation (GSL)

```
cd $HOME
mkdir -p smToBsmLibs/gsl
wget ftp://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/gsl/gsl-latest.tar.gz
tar -zxvf gsl-latest.tar.gz
rm gsl-latest.tar.gz
cd $(find gsl-* | head -n 1)
./configure --prefix=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/gsl
make
make check
make install
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/gsl/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
cd $HOME
rm -rf $(find gsl-* | head -n 1)
```

Installation (SQuIDS)

```
cd $HOME
mkdir -p smToBsmLibs/SQuIDS
git clone https://github.com/jsalvado/SQuIDS.git
cd $(find SQuIDS* | head -n 1)
./configure --with-gsl-incdir=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/gsl/include \
--with-gsl-libdir=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/gsl/lib \
--prefix=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/SQuIDS
make
make test
make install
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$HOME/smToBsmLibs/SQuIDS/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH # linux only
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH # linux only
cd $HOME
rm -rf $(find SQuIDS* | head -n 1)
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