Berry Phase: an Introduction

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1 Overview

The work is given by a total amount of 6 sections; this first introductory section is an overview of the subject. The second section is a discussion about the Berry original work: first as a sempilified form and then as it was originally presented by prof. Berry. The third section will be the generalization given by Aharonov and A. and a year later by Samuel and A. In that third section we eill introduce also a brief mathematical interlude and some geometrical consideration about curvature. The fourth section is devoted essentially to the so called Kinematic Approach and we will bring the concept of Bargman invariance and its connection to curvature and the interesting appliation to the entire formalisma. Fifth section will be a second mathematical interlude on simplectic and riemannian manifolds. Sixth section will be about the null phase idea.

2 Berry discovery of 1983-84

Berry discovery of 1983-84[1] was a new discovery on the context about adiabatic of quantum mechanics and this work initiated a lot of work worldwide. In Berry's derivation several independent assumptions were made: initially this phase was called the Berry Phase for everyone but over time this name changed to geometric phase and as we'll see this concept is relevant also in classical wave-optical situations. It's quite remarkable that there are some chances that this concept can be used in condensed matter context. On the other hand we hope that the way we're presenting this work can naturally point out the applications.

As we said many work have been done to relax the assumptions that Berry done in order to defend Berry's work under more general conditions. The first important step was taken by Aharonov and Anandan (1987). The second important by S and A was taken in 1988 and a third successful step was taken in 1993 and these are the successful and successive steps we'll describe. Apart from these improvements, people were also looking for earlier litteratures from different ideas much earlier then Berry. There are several of them but the most important we will touch upon is the on of PancharatnamPancharatnam (1956) in 1957, that is, 27 earlier than Berry work. The fact that the work of Pancharatnam was in the direction of the geometric phase was pointed out by ... and ... in 1986. The other important early work relevant in this subject was the one of Bargman and Valentine in 1964 mostly 20 years before Berry working on discuss inf Wigner theorem of 1931, a theorem that Wigner had proved on how symmetric operators can be represented in quantum mechanics. So the th itself is very early (1931); many people had tried to give alternative proof of Wigner Theorem and one very important is given by Bargman in 1964, particularly elegant. The fact that Bargman work was important in the discovery of the Berry phase was pointed out and exploited by Syman and auth. in 1993

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[1]We say 1983-1984 since the original work was apparently submitted in 1983 but was at first instance rejected. However a preprint of his work must have been around since in 1983 another work on the Berry Phase appeared on Physical Review Letter. That's why sometimes the date can be misleading.

These lectures will describe all these thing and more mathematical relevant structures in a more chronological structures, but will not be strictly chronological rigorous. You'll find that many features of QM which we we might be familiar with they will be re examined, re-defined from the geometrical phase pov. When we will come to the kinematic approach we will define some applications. This should give an overview and an idea of the scope of these lectures.

2.1 Simplified Form

We are now going to present the original Berry's work in a slightly simplified work.

Having a quantum mechanical system in mind and a general setting, we will mainly deal with pure states $\mathscr{H}$ with a time dependent Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}(t)$ governing the system and we have a state vector describing the system $\psi(t)$. The wavefunctionmust satisfy the (time dependent) Schrödingerequation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}\psi(t) = \mathcal{H}(t)\psi(t) \tag{2.1}$$ `eq:2.1`

If the Hamiltonian had be time independent, a formal solution of the Schrödingerequation is easy to find because what we have to do is to formally take the Hamiltonian and find out all its eigenfunctions and eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{H}\psi_n = E_n\psi_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \ldots \qquad E_n \text{ real} \tag{2.2} \{?\}$$

for simplicity let us assume everything is discrete while E_n are all real because of the hermiticity of the Hamiltonian and in general one has to express ψ as a linear combination of the basis elements and for each element has to add a time dependent exponential factor

$$\psi = \sum_n c_n\psi_n \rightarrow \psi(t) = \sum_n c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}\psi_n. \tag{2.3} \{?\}$$

In principal this procedure is easy and really straightforward:

$$\mathcal{H}(t)\psi_n(t) = E_n\psi_n(t), \quad n = 1, 2, \ldots \qquad E_n \text{ real} \tag{2.4} \{?\}$$

where we have implicitly supposed the E_n to be non degenerate and constant in time. ψ_n are called the stationary states of the system and of course the ψ_n

form a complete set of orthonormal vector basis

$$\sum_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n| = \mathbb{1} \qquad\qquad (2.5)\,\{?\}$$

$$(\psi_n, \psi_k) = \delta_{nk} \qquad\qquad (2.6)\,\{?\}$$

but each ψ_j is defined up to an independent phase factor.

Let us now discuss the case of a time dependent Hamiltonian; at each time where have to use the Hamiltonian evaluated at that time, so generalizing what written above

$$\mathcal{H}(t)\psi(t)_n = E_n(t)\psi_n(t), \quad n = 1, 2, \ldots \qquad E_n(t) \text{ real} \qquad (2.7)\,\{?\}$$

and as the Hamiltonian changes in time, then its eigenvalues do. Of course at each time the eigenvalues form again a complete orthonormal set. This is, in principle, available to us.

Remark 1. We stress again the fact that each eigenfunction is determined up to a phase. This factor can be both dependent on time and on n.

Now, there is no hope to recover the exact solution, even though you have solved the eigenvalue problem for each time. What we can do is to use eq.(2.1) for rewriting $\psi(t)$ as

$$\psi(t) = \sum_n c_n(t) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} \psi_n(t) \qquad\qquad (2.8)\,?\underline{\texttt{eq:2.4}}?$$

and it will reduce to (2.1) in the case of time independence. So what we will get is

$$i\hbar \sum_n \left(\dot{c}_n(t)\psi_n(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar}c_n(t)E_n(t)\psi_n(t) + c_n(t)\dot{\psi}_n(t) \right) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} \qquad (2.9)\,\{?\}$$

$$= c_n(t)E_n(t)\psi_n(t)e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} \quad (2.10)\,\{?\}$$

so, erasing the equal terms, we obtain

$$\sum_n \left(\dot{c}_n(t)\psi_n(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar}c_n(t)E_n(t)\psi_n(t) + c_n(t)\dot{\psi}_n(t) \right) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} = 0.$$

$$(2.11)\,?\underline{\texttt{eq:2.5}}?$$

and now we take the scalar product with the vector $\psi_k(t)$

$$\dot{c}_n = -\sum_n c_n(t) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t (E_k(t') - E_n(t'))\,dt'} \left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t) \right) \qquad \forall k \qquad (2.12)\,\{?\}$$

Remark 2. The last equation is exact! There are no approximations involved so far!

Let's focus for the moment on the term $\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right)$

$$\mathcal{H}(t)\psi(t)_n = E_n(t)\psi_n(t), \quad n = 1, 2, \ldots \tag{2.13}\{?\}$$

and we differentiate wrt time

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathcal{H}(t)\psi_n(t) + \mathcal{H}(t)\dot{\psi}_n(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}E_n(t)\psi_n(t) + E_n(t)\dot{\psi}_n(t) \tag{2.14}\{?\}$$

and we take again the scalar product with a generic state $\psi_k(t)$

$$\left(\psi_k(t), \frac{\partial\mathcal{H}(t)}{\partial t}\psi_n(t)\right) + E_k(t)\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) = \dot{E}_n(t)\delta_{nk} + E_n\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) \tag{2.15}\{?\}$$

from which we obtain

$$(E_n(t) - E_k(t))\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) = -\dot{E}_n(t)\delta_{nk} + \left(\psi_k(t), \frac{\partial\mathcal{H}(t)}{\partial t}\psi_n(t)\right) \tag{2.16}\{?\}$$

If we restrict ourselves at the specific case $k = n$

$$\dot{E}_{(t)} = \left(\psi_k(t), \frac{\partial\mathcal{H}(t)}{\partial t}\psi_n(t)\right) \tag{2.17}\{?\}$$

while in the case $k \neq n$ we can straightforwardly derive from the eigenvalue problem

$$\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) = \frac{\left(\psi_k(t), \frac{\partial\mathcal{H}(t)}{\partial t}\psi_n(t)\right)}{(E_n(t) - E_k(t))} \tag{2.18}\{?\}$$

So this is what we can say about the factor $\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right)$ and we agree to restrict the phase factor to be such that

$$\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) = 0, \qquad \forall t \tag{2.19}\boxed{\texttt{eq:requirement}}$$

Remark 3. Making use of the requirement (2.19), the phase freedom is eliminated.

$$\dot{c}_k(t) = -\sum_{n\neq k} c_n(t)e^{i\int_0^t \omega_{kn}(t')\,dt'}\left(\psi_k(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right) \tag{2.20}\{?\}$$

$$= \sum_{n\neq k} \frac{c_n(t)}{\hbar\omega_{nk}(t)}e^{i\int_0^t \omega_{kn}(t')\,dt'}\left(\psi_k(t), \frac{\partial\mathcal{H}(t)}{\partial t}\psi_n(t)\right) \qquad \forall k \tag{2.21}\{?\}$$

where we defined $\omega_{nk}(t) = \frac{E_k(t) - E_n(t)}{\hbar}$.

2.1.1 Adiabatic condition

The so called *Adiabatic condition* is a result mainly due to Born&Fock in 1928 Born (1928)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t}(t) \text{ is "small"} \tag{2.22}\{?\}$$

Physically, it's reasonable to say that the quantities $\psi_n(t)$, $E_n(t)$ and $c_n(t)$ are expected to slowly change in time.

Suppose to have as initial solution $\psi(0) = \psi_n(0)$, so we have $c_k(0) = \delta_{kn}$(the same chosen in (??))

So now we have that if the condition

$$\frac{1}{\omega_{kn}}|\left(\psi_k, \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t}(t)\psi_n\right)| << \hbar\omega_{kn}, \qquad \forall k \neq n \tag{2.23}\{?\}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\psi(t) \simeq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^{t'} E_n(t)\,dt}\psi_n(t) \tag{2.24}\{?\}$$

And now comes the step taken by Berry; suppose $\mathcal{H}(t)$ is cyclic, that is, $\mathcal{H}(0) = \mathcal{H}(T)$ for some T[2].

Question: How behaves the approximate solution?

Answer: the solution must be cyclic in some sense.Because of the non degeneracy and no crossing levels, we have

$$E_n(T) = E_n(0) \tag{2.25}\{?\}$$

$$\psi(0) = \psi_n(0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \psi(T) \simeq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^T E_n(t)\,dt}\psi_n(T) \tag{2.26}\{?\}$$

by the Adiabatic Theorem.

By the way, the original question remains: is this solution cyclic? The answer is still **yes** but we have $\psi(T) = \psi(0)$ apart from a phase, i.e.,

$$\psi(T) = \text{(n-dependent phse)}\psi_n(0) \tag{2.27}\{?\}$$

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[2]Cyclic condition on the Hamiltonian

It follows then the following equalities:[3].

$$\psi_n(T) = e^{i\phi_{geom}^{(n)}}\psi_n(0) \tag{2.28}\ \{?\}$$

$$\psi(T) \simeq e^{i\phi_{tot}^{(n)}}\psi(0) \qquad i.e., \qquad \phi_{tot}^{(n)} = \arg\left(\psi(0), \psi(T)\right) \tag{2.29}\ \{?\}$$

$$\phi_{tot}^{(n)} = \phi_{geom}^{(n)} + \phi_{dyn}^{(n)} \qquad i.e. \qquad \phi_{geom}^{(n)} = \phi_{tot}^{(n)} - \phi_{dyn}^{(n)} \tag{2.30}\ \text{eq:BerryDiscove}$$

where we defined

$$\phi_{dyn}^{(n)} = \frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^T E_n(t)\,dt \tag{2.31}\ \{?\}$$

Eq. (2.30) is regarded as the original discovery of Berry.

2.2 Berry original derivation with parameter space

Berry said: the Hamiltonian, apart from being hermitian, depends on a set of external parameters, let's say $\underline{R}$, that is $\mathcal{H} \equiv \mathcal{H}(\underline{R})$ with $\underline{R}$ belonging to a multidimensional real parameter space. We now let $\underline{R}$ itself to be time dependent, so that the Hamiltonian si explicitely time dependent $\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}(t))$. The parameter that varies adiabatically is of course now $\underline{R}(t)$.

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\underline{R}(t)|0 \leq t \leq T\} \tag{2.32}\ \boxed{\texttt{eq:Curve\_C}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(t)\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle = E_n(\underline{R})\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \tag{2.33}\ \{?\}$$

$$\langle n';\underline{R}\,|\,n;\underline{R}\rangle = \delta_{n'n} \tag{2.34}\ \{?\}$$

and we have of course an orthonormal basis at each point of the multidimensional parameters space.

At this stage Berry recover the Adiabatic Theorem:

$$\begin{cases} i\hbar\dot{\psi}(t) = \mathcal{H}(\underline{R}(t))\psi(t) \\ \psi(0) = |0;\underline{R}(0)\rangle \end{cases} \tag{2.35}\ \{?\}$$

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[3]They're all approximate in the sense of the adiabatic theorem, but we put the equality sign with no confusion

which gives the solution

$$\psi(t) \simeq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(\underline{R}(t'))\,dt' + \gamma_n(t)} \, |n; \underline{R}(t)\rangle \tag{2.36}\{?\}$$

and now we have to plug the solution into the Schrödingerequation

From the initial condition $\psi(0) = \psi_n(0)$ we have

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{n'} c_{n'}(t) e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} \psi_{n'}(t) \tag{2.37}\{?\}$$

Then, if $n' \neq n$, $\dot{c}_n(t) \simeq 0$ if $\left|\left(\psi_{n'}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t}(t)\psi_n\right)\right| << (E_{n'} - E_n)/\hbar$, then we have $\dot{c}_n(t) \simeq 0, c_n(t) \simeq 1$. And so this means that the Schrödingersolution takes the form of:

$$\psi(t) \simeq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(t')\,dt'} \psi_{n'}(t) \xrightarrow[t\to T]{} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^T E_n(t)\,dt} \psi_n(t) \underbrace{\psi_n(T)}_{e^{i\phi_{geom}^{(n)}}\psi_n(0)} \tag{2.38}\{?\}$$

$$\psi(T) \simeq \underbrace{e^{i\phi_{tot}^{(n)}}}_{\underbrace{e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^T E_n(t)\,dt}}_{\text{dyn}} \times \underbrace{e^{i\phi_{geom}^{(n)}}}_{\text{geom}}} \psi(0). \tag{2.39}\{?\}$$

Remark 4. The set $|n; \underline{R}\rangle$ form a set of single-valued eigenvectors in the space we are concerning, Pay attention that this is a different remark than the condition $\left(\psi_n(t), \dot{\psi}_n(t)\right)$.

Suppose to have the following situation: $\psi(0) = |n, \underline{R}(0)\rangle$, that is, the initial condition is in one of the eigenstates for the Hamiltonian. Its time evolution is then defined by

$$\begin{cases} \psi(t) \simeq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^t E_n(\underline{R}(t'))\,dt' + i\gamma_n(t)} \, |n; \underline{R}(t)\rangle \\ \gamma_n(t) = 0 \end{cases} \tag{2.40}\{?\}$$

Remark 5. What Berry did is the following: he applied the Adiabatic Theorem and obtained an approximated solution for $\psi(t)$. He then put $\psi(t)$ itself into the SchrödingerEquation and derived an equation of motion for $\gamma_n(t)$

So after some algebra we have, as a consequence of the Adiabatic Theorem,

$$\dot{\gamma}_n(t)\,|n;\underline{R}(t)\rangle \simeq i\frac{d}{dt}\,|n,\underline{R}(t)\rangle \tag{2.41} \{?\}$$

and then sandwiching with a Ket,

$$\dot{\gamma}_n(t) \simeq i\,\langle n;\underline{R}(t)|\,\frac{d}{dt}\,|n:\underline{R}(t)\rangle \tag{2.42} \{?\}$$

$$= i\,\langle n;\underline{R}(t)|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}(t)\rangle\,\underline{\dot{R}}(t) \tag{2.43} \{?\}$$

Remark 6. We notice that the result

$$\dot{\gamma}_n(t) \simeq i\,\langle n;\underline{R}(t)|\,\frac{d}{dt}\,|n:\underline{R}(t)\rangle \tag{2.44} \{?\}$$

is a consequence of the SchrödingerEquation and not a condition imposed on the system.

Remark 7. We have $|n;\underline{R}(0)\rangle = |n;\underline{R}(T)\rangle$ since they're globally well defined.

Performing the circuitation along the curve $\mathcal{C}$ defined in (2.32), we have

$$\gamma_n(T) \equiv \gamma_n(0) = i\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \langle n;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \cdot d\underline{R} \tag{2.45} \boxed{\texttt{eq:2.26}}$$

and this is exactly what we wrote above.

In the end, we see that

$$\langle n;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle = i\Im\,\langle n;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \tag{2.46} \boxed{\texttt{eq:2.27}}$$

and so plugging (2.46) into (2.45) we obtain

$$\gamma_n(\mathcal{C}) = -\Im\oint \langle n;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \cdot d\underline{R} \tag{2.47} \{?\}$$

$$= -\Im\iint_{\mathcal{S}} \nabla_n\,\langle n;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \cdot d\mathcal{S} \tag{2.48} \{?\}$$

$$= -\Im\iint_{\mathcal{S}} (\underline{\nabla}\,\langle n;\underline{R}|) \wedge (\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle) \cdot d\mathcal{S} \tag{2.49} \{?\}$$

$$= -\Im\iint_{\mathcal{S}} \left(\sum_{m\neq n} \underline{\nabla}\,\langle n;\underline{R}|\right) |m;\underline{R}\rangle \wedge \langle m;\underline{R}|\,\underline{\nabla}\,|n;\underline{R}\rangle \tag{2.50} \{?\}$$

and the term $m = n$ is neglected since gives a zero contribution.

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Then from $\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) \,|n; \underline{R}\rangle = E_n(\underline{R}) \,|n; \underline{R}\rangle$ we obtain that for $m \neq n$

$$\langle m; \underline{R}| \, \underline{\nabla} \, |n; \underline{R}\rangle = \frac{\langle m; \underline{R}| \, \underline{\nabla}\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) \, |n; \underline{R}\rangle}{E_n(\underline{R}) - E_m(\underline{R})} \tag{2.51}\,\{?\}$$

with

$$\gamma_n(\mathcal{C}) = -\iint_{\mathcal{S}} V_n(\underline{R}) \cdot d\mathcal{S} \tag{2.52}\,\{?\}$$

where we defined V_n as

$$V_n(\underline{R}) := \Im \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle n; \underline{R}| \, \underline{\nabla}\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) \, |m; \underline{R}\rangle \wedge \langle m; \underline{R}| \, \underline{\nabla}\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) \, |n; \underline{R}\rangle}{\left(E_n(\underline{R}) - E_m(\underline{R})\right)^2} \tag{2.53}\,\boxed{\texttt{eq:2.31}}$$

Remark 8. Berry's comment at this stage is that the result does not depend on $\underline{R}$ since the gradient is only acting on $\mathcal{H}(\underline{R})$, so it is independent on the choice of the phase of the wavefunction.

$\langle\texttt{rem:freedom}\rangle$

Remark 8 leads to an enormous amount of freedom in the choice of the global phase $\chi(\underline{R})$

$$|n; \underline{R}\rangle \to e^{i\chi(\underline{R})} \, |n; \underline{R}\rangle \tag{2.54}\,\{?\}$$

2.2.1 Two fold degeneracies

What is the phase in the proximity of a two folds degeneracy?

We can suppose in $\underline{R} = 0$ we have a degeneracy for the Hamiltonian. So if we are far from zero, we have o problems at all, but if we are close to 0, we have to work in a different way. The two crossing levels are the most important, so from a Quantum Mechanical point of view, the problem is only a two level problem.

$$\mathcal{H}(\underline{0}) = 0; \qquad \mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) = |\pm; \underline{R}\rangle = E_\pm(\underline{R}) = |\pm; \underline{R}\rangle \tag{2.55}\,\{?\}$$

$$E_+(\underline{R}) > E_-(\underline{R}), \qquad \underline{R} \neq 0 \tag{2.56}\,\{?\}$$

$$E_+(\underline{0}) = E_-(\underline{0}) = 0. \tag{2.57}\,\{?\}$$

So, now, without any loss of generality, we can make use of the Pauli Matrices:

$$\mathcal{H}(\underline{R}) = \frac{1}{2}; \qquad E_\pm(\underline{R}) = \pm\frac{1}{2}R, \qquad R = |\underline{R}| \tag{2.58}\,\{?\}$$

$$|+; \underline{R}\rangle \langle +; \underline{R}| = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 \pm \hat{R} \cdot \underline{\sigma}\right) \tag{2.59}\,\boxed{\texttt{eq:2.33}}$$

And so we have to plug (2.59) into (2.53) immediately recognizing that $E_n(0) - E_m(0) = +\frac{1}{2}R - (-\frac{1}{2}R)$. Then

$$\underline{V}_+(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{R_j}{2R^3} \qquad (2.60)\,\boxed{\texttt{eq:2.35}}$$

So now comes the result of Berry: the phase gained by the wavefunctionis exactly given by the integration of (2.60) and is the solid angle shifted by the curve $\mathcal{C}$. Berry refereed to this result as the *magnetic field of a "magnetic monopole"*

$$\gamma_+(\mathcal{C}) = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega\,[\mathcal{C}]\,, \qquad \Omega\,[\mathcal{C}] = \text{solid angle at } \underline{0} \qquad (2.61)\,\{?\}$$

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3 Aharonov-Anandan and Samuel-Bhandari generalizations

3.1 Aharonov-Anandan generalization (1987)

The first relaxation was taken in Aharonov and Anandan (1987) where the authors considered the Adiabatic Hypothesis: they showed that the latter is not needed in order to get a geometric effect.

Let us take a t-dependent Hamiltonian

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}\psi(t) = \mathcal{H}(t)\psi(t) \tag{3.1}\{?\}$$

and assume that the system is cyclic in the sense that

$$\psi(T) = e^{i\psi_{tot}}\psi(0) \tag{3.2}\boxed{\texttt{eq:3.1}}$$

No assumptions on the cyclicity of the Hamiltonian is assumed in (3.2), but if we have a periodicity on the solution we have

$$\phi_{geom} = \psi_{tot} - \phi_{dyn} \tag{3.3}\{?\}$$

where

$$\phi_{dyn} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_0^T \langle\psi(t)|\,\mathcal{H}(t)\,|\psi(t)\rangle\,dt \tag{3.4}\{?\}$$

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$$\mathfrak{B} = \{\psi \in \mathscr{H} : \langle \psi, \psi \rangle = 1\} \subset \mathscr{H} \qquad (3.5)\,\{?\}$$

We notice immediately that $\mathfrak{B}$ is not a linear vector space. We define therefore the transformation

$$\psi \in \mathfrak{B} \Rightarrow \psi' = e^{i\alpha}\psi \in \mathfrak{B}, \qquad 0 \le \alpha \le 2\pi \qquad (3.6)\,\{?\}$$

The idea is that two vectors that differ only by a phase factor should be regarded as equivalent. We can also define now the equivalence class by fixing ψ and letting α varying:

$$\mathcal{R} := \left\{\rho(\psi) = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \text{ or } \psi^\dagger\psi|\psi \in \mathfrak{B}\right\}. \qquad (3.7)\,\{?\}$$

We will call $\mathcal{R}$ *real space*, while ρ is the well known projective operator. We notice that if we denote by N the dimension of the Hilbert space $\mathscr{H}$, then we have that $\dim(\mathcal{R})$ has $2(N-1)$ real dimensions (or equivalently $N-1$ complex dimensions). We define as well the inverse of the projection operator, the operator π, in the following way:

$$\pi \colon \mathfrak{B} \to \mathcal{R} \qquad : \qquad \psi \in \mathfrak{B} \to \rho(\psi) = \psi^\dagger\psi \in \mathcal{R} \qquad (3.8)\,\{?\}$$

and goes into CP^{N-1}.

Points in the real space are in $1-1$ correspondence with the pure real state of the system. The mathematical description is

$$\rho(\psi) \in \mathcal{R} \to \pi^{-1}(\rho(\psi)) := \left\{\psi' = e^{i\alpha}\psi \in \mathfrak{B}|\psi \text{ fixed }, 0 \le \alpha \le 2\pi\right\} \subset \mathfrak{B}$$
$$(3.9)\,\{?\}$$

We now consider curves on the space $\mathfrak{B}$. Given a curve

$$\mathcal{C} := \{\psi(s) \in \mathfrak{B}|s_1 \le s \le s_2\} \subset \mathfrak{B} \qquad (3.10)\,\{?\}$$

we consider its projection into the real space $\mathcal{R}$ through π into the set

$$C = \pi\,[\mathcal{C}] = \left\{\rho(\psi(s)) = \psi(s)\psi^\dagger(s) \in \mathcal{R}|s_1 \le s \le s_2\right\}. \qquad (3.11)\,\{?\}$$

So for our purposes the most general curve will be

$$\mathcal{C}' = \left\{\psi'(s) = e^{i\alpha(s)}\psi(s)|\psi(s) \in \mathcal{C}, s_1 \le s \le s_2\right\}, \qquad (3.12)\,\{?\}$$

that denotes all the possible lifts of the original projected curve. Now comes natural to define the tangent vector

$$u(s) = \frac{d}{ds}\psi(s) = \dot{\psi}(s) \tag{3.13} \{?\}$$

$$(\psi(s), \dot{\psi}(s)) = \Im(\psi(s), u(s)) \tag{3.14} \{?\}$$

$$u'(s) = e^{i\alpha(s)}(u(s) + i\dot{\alpha}(s)\psi(s)) \tag{3.15} \{?\}$$

$$u_{\perp}(s) = u(s) - \psi(s)(\psi(s), u(s)) = u'_{\perp}(s) = e^{i\alpha(s)}u_{\perp}(s) \tag{3.16} \{?\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\mathcal{C}] = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} (u_{\perp}(s), u_{\perp}(s))^{1/2} \cdot ds \tag{3.17} \{?\}$$

$$= \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left\{ \left(\dot{\psi}(s), \dot{\psi}(s)\right) - \left(\psi(s), \dot{\psi}(s)\right) - \left(\dot{\psi}(s), \psi(s)\right) \right\}^{1/2} ds \tag{3.18} \{?\}$$

i $\rho_1 = \rho(\psi_1), \rho_2 = \rho(\psi_2)$; then $\mathrm{Tr}(\rho_1\rho_2) > 0$, i.e., $|(\psi_1, \psi_2)| \neq 0$, then exists an unique geodesic $\mathcal{C}_0$

ii $\psi_1 \in \pi^{-1}(\rho_1), \psi_2 \in \pi^{-1}(\rho_2)$

$$(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \cos\theta, \qquad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi(\alpha) \tag{3.19} \{?\}$$

In general the inner product between two complex quantities gives a complex quantity. If they're real and positive definite, they're said to be in phase one each other in the Plancherel sense.

iii If we consider the geodesic $\mathcal{C}_0$ from ρ_1 to ρ_2 and then we take the lift

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