

## Bose-Einstein Condensates and the Involvement in Advances for New Technologies.

### (1) [Exercise] Interactions between atoms and the low-energy limit.

**a**

Considering  $l$  the momentum of a particle, it's impact parameter is  $\frac{l}{\hbar k}$ . For the low limit energy every particle with positive angular momentum misses the potencial, which means  $\frac{l}{\hbar k} > R$  for every  $l > 0$ , so  $1 > R\hbar k$ . The  $l = 0$  is the most important contribution since it always is affected by the potential.

**b**

The s-wave scattering length is the dominant parameter in low-energy two-body interactions, defining an effective range over which two particles influence each other.

**c**

To solve the exercise, we need to find the constant  $U_0$  for the effective potential  $U_{\text{eff}}(r, r') = U_0 \delta(r - r')$  such that the scattering length  $a$  matches the one calculated using the Born approximation.

The scattering length  $a$  is given by:

$$a = \frac{m_r}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3r U(r)$$

The effective potential is given by:

$$U_{\text{eff}}(r, r') = U_0 \delta(r - r')$$

This potential acts as a contact interaction, meaning it only has a non-zero value when  $r = r'$ .

For the effective potential to produce the same scattering length  $a$ , we can substitute  $U_{\text{eff}}$  into the scattering length formula. Since  $U_{\text{eff}}$  is a delta function, we have:

$$a = \frac{m_r}{2\pi\hbar^2} \int d^3r U_{\text{eff}}(r, r) = \frac{m_r}{2\pi\hbar^2} U_0$$

Now, we can solve for  $U_0$  by equating this expression to the given scattering length  $a$ :

$$U_0 = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a}{m_r}$$

### (2) [Exercise] The Gross-Pitaevskii equation.

**a**

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_i) \right] + U_0 \sum_{i < j} \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

and

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N \phi(\vec{r}_i)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H \rangle &= \int d\vec{r}_1 \dots d\vec{r}_N \prod_{i=1}^N \phi(\vec{r}_i) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_i) \right] + U_0 \sum_{i < j} \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \right\} \prod_{l=1}^N \phi(\vec{r}_l) \\ \langle H \rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{I}'_i) + \sum_{j < k} \mathcal{I}_{j,k} \end{aligned}$$

Now we can consider each term separately

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_j &= \int d\vec{r}_1 \dots d\vec{r}_N \prod_{i=1}^N \phi(\vec{r}_i) p_j^2 / 2m \phi(\vec{r}_i) \\ &= \int d\vec{r}_1 |\phi(\vec{r}_1)|^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \int d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \frac{p_j^2}{2m} \phi(\vec{r}_j) \cdot \dots \cdot \int d\vec{r}_N |\phi(\vec{r}_N)|^2 \\ &= \int d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \frac{p_j^2}{2m} \phi(\vec{r}_j) \\ &= \int d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_j^2}{2m} \phi(\vec{r}_j) \end{aligned}$$

Analogously we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}'_j &= \int d\vec{r}_1 \dots d\vec{r}_N \prod_{i=1}^N \phi^*(\vec{r}_i) V(\vec{r}_j) \phi(\vec{r}_i) \\ &= \int d\vec{r}_j V(\vec{r}_j) |\phi(\vec{r}_j)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, for the last term

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}''_{j,k} &= \int d\vec{r}_1 \dots d\vec{r}_N \prod_{i,l} \phi^*(\vec{r}_i) U_0 \delta(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_k) \phi(\vec{r}_l) \\ &= U_0 \int d\vec{r}_j d\vec{r}_k \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \phi^*(\vec{r}_k) \delta(\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_k) \phi(\vec{r}_j) \phi(\vec{r}_k) \\ &= U_0 \int d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \phi(\vec{r}_j) \phi(\vec{r}_j) \\ &= U_0 \int d\vec{r}_j |\phi(\vec{r}_j)|^4 \end{aligned}$$

than

$$\begin{aligned}\langle H \rangle &= \sum_{j=1}^N d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \left[ \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_i) \right] + \sum_{k < j} \int \vec{r}_j |\phi(\vec{r}_j)|^4 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N d\vec{r}_j \phi^*(\vec{r}_j) \left[ \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}_i) + (j-1)|\phi(\vec{r}_j)|^2 \right] \phi(\vec{r}_j)\end{aligned}$$

**b**

We have that

$$E[\Psi] = \int \int \int dV \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \Psi(\vec{r})|^2 + V(\vec{r}) |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} u_0 |\Psi(\vec{r})|^4 - \right]$$

and also:

$$\mathcal{N}[\Psi] = \int \int \int dV |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2$$

let  $\mu$  being de chemical potential, hence:

$$\delta E - \mu \delta \mathcal{N} = 0 \leftrightarrow \delta \int \int \int d^3V \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \Psi(\vec{r})|^2 + V(\vec{r}) |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} u_0 |\Psi(\vec{r})|^4 - \mu |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 \right] = 0$$

let's take:

$$\overline{\Psi}_\alpha(\vec{r}) = \overline{\Psi}(\vec{r}) + \alpha \eta(\vec{r}),$$

where  $\overline{\Psi}(\vec{r})$  stands for the optimal function and  $\eta(\vec{r})$  is smoth and vanishes in the boundary of the integrating region, therefore; defining  $\mathcal{I}(\Psi, \partial_x \Psi, \partial_y \Psi, \partial_z \Psi, x, y, z)$  as the integrating function:

$$0 = \frac{d}{d\alpha} (E - \mu \mathcal{N}) = \int \int \int dV [\partial_\alpha \overline{\Psi}_\alpha \partial \overline{\Psi}_\alpha + \sum_{u=x,y,z} \partial_\alpha (\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha) \partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I}],$$

since

$$\int du \partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I} \partial_\alpha (\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha) = - \int du \partial_u (\partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I}) \partial_\alpha \overline{\Psi}_\alpha,$$

which is obtained by integration by parts, we could write the minization criteria as:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \int \int \int dV [\partial_\alpha \overline{\Psi}_\alpha \partial_{\overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I} - \sum_{u=x,y,z} \partial_u (\partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I}) \partial_\alpha \overline{\Psi}_\alpha] \\ &= \int \int \int dV [\eta(\vec{r}) \partial_{\overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I} - \sum_{u=x,y,z} \partial_u (\partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I}) \eta(\vec{r})] \\ &= \int \int \int dV [\partial_{\overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I} - \sum_{u=x,y,z} \partial_u (\partial_{\partial_u \overline{\Psi}_\alpha} \mathcal{I})] \eta(\vec{r})\end{aligned}$$

by the arbitrariness of  $\eta(\vec{r})$ , we could ensure the minimization criteria as:

$$[\partial_{\bar{\Psi}} - \partial_x(\partial_{\partial_x \bar{\Psi}^*}) - \partial_y(\partial_{\partial_y \bar{\Psi}^*}) - \partial_z(\partial_{\partial_z \bar{\Psi}^*})]\mathcal{I} = 0$$

evaluating:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_{\bar{\Psi}}\mathcal{I} &= \partial_{\bar{\Psi}}\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}|\nabla\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 + V(\vec{r})\Psi\bar{\Psi} + \frac{1}{2}u_0\Psi\bar{\Psi}\Psi\bar{\Psi} - \mu\Psi\bar{\Psi}\right] \\ &= V(\vec{r})\Psi + u_0\Psi\bar{\Psi}\Psi - \mu\Psi \\ &= V(\vec{r})\Psi + u_0|\Psi|^2\Psi - \mu\Psi \\ \partial_u\partial_{\partial_u\bar{\Psi}}\mathcal{I} &= \partial_u\left\{\partial_{\partial_u\bar{\Psi}}\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\partial_x\Psi\partial_x\bar{\Psi} + \partial_y\Psi\partial_y\bar{\Psi} + \partial_z\Psi\partial_z\bar{\Psi} + \dots)\right]\right\} \\ &= \partial_u\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_u\Psi\right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_u^2\Psi.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, resulting in the time-independent GPE:

$$\begin{aligned}(V(\vec{r}) + u_0|\Psi|^2 - \mu)\Psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_x^2\Psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_y^2\Psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_z^2\Psi &= 0 \\ (V(\vec{r}) + u_0|\Psi|^2 - \mu)\Psi - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**c**

By Thomas-Fermi approximation,  $\frac{-\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m} \approx 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu\Psi(\vec{r}) &= \left[\left(\frac{-\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m}\right)V(\vec{r}) + u_0|\Psi|^2\right]\Psi(\vec{r}), \\ \mu &= V(\vec{r}) + u_0|\Psi|^2\end{aligned}$$

So  $V(\vec{r}) = \mu - u_0|\Psi|^2$ , so in the region where  $|\Psi|^2$  is uniform  $|\Psi|^2 = \mathcal{P}_0$ , so:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \mu - u_0\mathcal{P}_0,$$

in such way that:

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = \left[\frac{-\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m} + (\mu - u_0\mathcal{P}_0) + u_0|\Psi|^2\right]\Psi(\vec{r})$$

## Prospects and Challenges for Quantum Machine Learning.

(1) [Exercise] Let  $V = \mathbb{C}^2$  be the Hilbert space of a single qubit. Then, consider the set of objects  $\{\mathbb{1}, X\}$ , where  $\mathbb{1}$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix and  $X$  the Pauli-X matrix. Show that these objects, which represent bit-flips, form a group. .

Step 1: Definition of the matrices

- The  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix  $\mathbb{1}$  is:

$$\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The Pauli-X matrix  $X$  is:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Step 2: Proving Closure

We need to check if the product of any two elements in  $\{1, X\}$  is still in  $\{1, X\}$ :

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot X = X$$

$$X \cdot \mathbb{1} = X$$

$$X \cdot X = \mathbb{1}$$

Since the result of any multiplication is either  $\mathbb{1}$  or  $X$ , the set is closed under matrix multiplication.

### Step 3: Proving Associativity

Matrix multiplication is known to be associative for all matrices of the same dimensions. Since both  $\mathbb{1}$  and  $X$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices, it follows that for any  $A, B, C \in \{1, X\}$ , we have:

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

Therefore, the associativity axiom is satisfied for all elements in  $\{\mathbb{1}, X\}$  without needing to check individual cases.

### Step 4: Identity element

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot X = X$$

$$X \cdot \mathbb{1} = X$$

Thus,  $\mathbb{1}$  is the identity element.

### Step 5: Inverse

An inverse of an element  $A$  in a group is an element  $A^{-1}$  such that  $A \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot A = \mathbb{1}$ .

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}$$

$$X \cdot X = \mathbb{1}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{1}$  is its own inverse, and  $X$  is also its own inverse.

### Conclusion

Since the set  $\{\mathbb{1}, X\}$  satisfies the closure, associativity, identity, and inverse axioms, as seen in steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; it forms a group.

(2) [Exercise] Prove that the set of all unitaries of the form

$$U = e^{-i\phi_3 Y} e^{-i\phi_2 X} e^{-i\phi_1 Y}$$

constitutes a representation of the unitary Lie group  $SU(2)$ .

For any Pauli matrix  $\sigma_j^2 = \mathbb{1}$ , then  $\sigma_j^{2k} = \mathbb{1}$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sigma_j^{2k+1} = \sigma_j$  hence:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\alpha\sigma_j} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\alpha\sigma_j)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\alpha\sigma_j)^{2n}}{2n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\alpha\sigma_j)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ e^{i\alpha\sigma_j} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{2n}\alpha^{2n}}{2n!} + i\sigma_j \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{2n}\alpha^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ e^{i\alpha\sigma_j} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n\alpha^{2n}}{2n!} + i\sigma_j \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n\alpha^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ e^{i\alpha\sigma_j} &= \cos \alpha + i\sigma_j \sin \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$U = e^{-i\phi_3 Y} e^{-i\phi_2 X} e^{-i\phi_1 Y} = (\cos \phi_3 - iY \sin \phi_3) (\cos \phi_2 - iX \sin \phi_2) (\cos \phi_1 - iY \sin \phi_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 \cos \phi_3 \cdot \mathbb{1} \\ &\quad - iY (\sin \phi_3 \cos \phi_2 \cos \phi_1 + \cos \phi_3 \cos \phi_2 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - iX (\cos \phi_3 \sin \phi_2 \cos \phi_1) \\ &\quad + iYXY (\sin \phi_3 \sin \phi_2 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - Y^2 (\sin \phi_3 \cos \phi_2 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - YX (\sin \phi_3 \sin \phi_2 \cos \phi_1) \\ &\quad - XY (\cos \phi_3 \sin \phi_2 \sin \phi_1) \end{aligned}$$

now using that  $YXY = -X$ ,  $XY = iZ = -YX$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \mathbb{1} \cos \phi_2 (\cos \phi_3 \cos \phi_1 - \sin \phi_3 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - iY \cos \phi_2 (\sin \phi_3 \cos \phi_1 + \cos \phi_3 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - iX \sin \phi_2 (\cos \phi_3 \cos \phi_1 + \sin \phi_3 \sin \phi_1) \\ &\quad - iZ \sin \phi_2 (\cos \phi_3 \sin \phi_1 - \sin \phi_3 \cos \phi_1) \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the expression of  $\sin a \pm b$  and  $\cos a \pm b$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \mathbb{1} \cos \phi_2 \cos (\phi_3 + \phi_1) \\
 &\quad - iY \cos \phi_2 \sin (\phi_3 + \phi_1) \\
 &\quad - iX \sin \phi_2 \cos (\phi_1 - \phi_3) \\
 &\quad - iZ \sin \phi_2 \sin (\phi_1 - \phi_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Which proves that for the right choice of  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ ,  $U$  generate any element of  $SU(2)$  since if  $A \in SU(2)$  then exist  $(a, b, c, d)$  real such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$  and  $A = a\mathbb{I} + i(bX + cY + dZ)$ .

For the unitary matrix  $U$ ,  $a = \cos \phi_2 \cos (\phi_1 + \phi_3)$ ,  $b = \cos \phi_2 \sin (\phi_1 + \phi_3)$ ,  $c = \sin \phi_2 \cos (\phi_1 - \phi_3)$ ,  $d = \sin \phi_2 \sin (\phi_1 - \phi_3)$  so, it's easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 &= \cos^2 \phi_2 \cos^2 (\phi_1 + \phi_3) + \\
 &\quad \cos^2 \phi_2 \sin^2 (\phi_1 + \phi_3) + \\
 &\quad \sin^2 \phi_2 \cos^2 (\phi_1 - \phi_3) + \\
 &\quad \sin^2 \phi_2 \sin^2 (\phi_1 - \phi_3) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

solving that the four parameters satisfies the constraint, representing 3 free parameters

**(3) [Exercise] Show that the dimension  $D$  of the commutant  $C(k)(G)$ , outlined in Definition 8 of the lecture notes, is determined by  $D = \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda}^2$ .**

Suppose the representation associated with the commutant  $(R(\mathfrak{g}))$  is completely reducible, then we may write:

$$R(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda} I_{m_{\lambda}} \otimes R_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{g})$$

for  $(R_{\lambda})$ , an irreducible representation, with  $(m_{\lambda})$  its multiplicity, and  $(I_{m_{\lambda}})$  being the identity matrix of size  $(m_{\lambda} \times m_{\lambda})$ .

Now, for  $(d_{\lambda} = \dim(R_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{g}))$ ), the elements in the commutant must be of the form:

$$A = \bigoplus_{\lambda} A_{\lambda} \otimes I_{d_{\lambda}}$$

for an arbitrary  $(m_{\lambda} \times m_{\lambda})$  matrix  $(A_{\lambda})$  (which commutes with  $(I_{d_{\lambda}})$ ). Then we have  $(m_{\lambda}^2)$  degrees of freedom to choose each  $(A_{\lambda})$ , so the degrees of freedom in  $(A)$  are the sum of all of them. Thus,

$$D = \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda}^2.$$

## High Dimensional Quantum Communication with Structured Light.

(1) [Exercise] Let  $HG_\theta(x, y)$  be the first order Hermite-Gauss mode rotated counter- clockwise by  $\theta$ . Show that.

By definition

$$HG_{l,m}(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi w_0^2 2^{l+m} l! m!}} H_l\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}x\right) H_m\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}y\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right]$$

which is an orthonormal basis, due to the orthogonality of hermite polynomials.  
Therefore

$$HG_{1,0}(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} H_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}x\right) H_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}y\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right]$$

$$HG_{0,1}(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} H_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}x\right) H_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}y\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right]$$

where  $H_0(u) = 1$  and  $H_1(u) = 2u$ .

**a.**  $HG_\theta(x, y) = \cos\theta HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \sin\theta HG_{0,1}(x, y)$

by the definition

$$HG_\theta(x, y) = HG_{1,0}(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta, y\cos\theta - x\sin\theta)$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} HG_\theta(x, y) &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} H_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta\right) H_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}y\cos\theta - x\sin\theta\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right] \\ &= \cos\theta \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}x\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right] + \sin\theta \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0}y\right) \exp\left[-(r/w_0)^2\right] \\ &= \cos\theta HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \sin\theta HG_{0,1}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$



**b.**  $\int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta}(x, y) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta}(x, y) &= \int dxdy [\cos\theta HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) + \sin\theta HG_{0,1}^*(x, y)] \times \\ &\quad [\cos\theta HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \sin\theta HG_{0,1}(x, y)] \\ &= \int dxdy \cos\theta \cos\theta HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \\ &\quad \sin\theta \cos\theta HG_{0,1}^*(x, y) HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \\ &\quad \cos\theta \sin\theta HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) HG_{0,1}(x, y) + \\ &\quad \sin\theta \sin\theta HG_{0,1}^*(x, y) HG_{0,1}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

by the orthonormality of HG modes

$$\int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta}(x, y) = \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$$

**c.**  $\int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y) &= \int dxdy [\cos\theta HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) + \sin\theta HG_{0,1}^*(x, y)] \times \\ &\quad [-\sin(\theta) HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \cos(\theta) HG_{0,1}(x, y)] \\ &= \int dxdy -\cos\theta \sin(\theta) HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \\ &\quad -\sin\theta \sin(\theta) HG_{0,1}^*(x, y) HG_{1,0}(x, y) + \\ &\quad \cos\theta \cos(\theta) HG_{1,0}^*(x, y) HG_{0,1}(x, y) + \\ &\quad \sin\theta \cos(\theta) HG_{0,1}^*(x, y) HG_{0,1}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

by the orthonormality of HG modes

$$\int dxdy HG_{\theta}^*(x, y) HG_{\theta}(x, y) = -\cos\theta \sin(\theta) + \sin\theta \cos(\theta) = 0$$

**d.**  $LG_{\pm}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(HG_{1,0}(x, y) \pm jHG_{0,1}(x, y))$

by the definition

$$LG_{\pm}(r, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi w_0^2}} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0} r \exp[-(r/w_0)^2] \exp(\pm j\phi)$$

since  $r \exp(\pm j\phi) = r \cos\phi \pm jr \sin\phi = x \pm jy$

$$\begin{aligned}
 LG_{\pm}(r, \phi) &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} \frac{2}{w_0} \exp[-(r/w_0)^2] (x \pm jy) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0} x \exp[-(r/w_0)^2] \pm j \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi w_0^2}} 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{w_0} y \exp[-(r/w_0)^2] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [HG_{1,0}(x, y) \pm jHG_{0,1}(x, y)]
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) [Exercise] Let  $u_{nm}(x, y)$  be a basis set of the square integrable functions in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that

$$\sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} u_{nm}(x, y) u_{nm}^*(x', y') = \delta(x - x') \delta(y - y'). \quad (19)$$

*H<sub>int</sub>*: Use bra-ket notation to write  $u_{n,m}(x, y) = \langle x, y | u_{n,m} \rangle$ .

Since  $U_{n,m}(X, Y) = \langle X, Y | U_{n,m} \rangle$  form a basis set for the square-integrable functions,  $|U_{n,m}\rangle$  is also a basis in an abstract Hilbert space where  $\langle X, Y |$  represents functionals acting on such space, and we have that:

$$\sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} |U_{n,m}\rangle \langle U_{n,m}| = 1$$

is the identity of the Hilbert space.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} U_{n,m}(X, Y) U_{n,m}^*(X', Y') &= \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \langle X, Y | U_{n,m} \rangle \langle U_{n,m} | X', Y' \rangle \\
 &= \langle X, Y | \left( \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} |U_{n,m}\rangle \langle U_{n,m}| \right) | X', Y' \rangle \\
 &= \langle X, Y | X', Y' \rangle = \langle X | X' \rangle \langle Y | Y' \rangle \\
 &= \delta(X - X') \delta(Y - Y')
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) [Exercise] Consider the linear polarization unit vectors rotated counter-clockwise by  $\theta$ .

a.

Applying trigonometric identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} &= -\sin\theta \hat{e}_H + \cos\theta \hat{e}_V \\
 HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y) &= -\sin\theta HG_{10}(x, y) + \cos\theta HG_{01}(x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

**First relation.**

Evaluating

$$\begin{aligned} HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} = & \\ & \cos(\theta)^2 HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_H + \\ & \sin \theta \cos \theta (HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V(x, y) + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\ & \sin(\theta)^2 HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} = & \\ & \sin(\theta)^2 HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_H - \\ & \sin \theta \cos \theta (HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V(x, y) + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\ & \cos(\theta)^2 HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V \end{aligned}$$

summing both equations we have that

$$\begin{aligned} HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} + HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} &= (\cos(\theta)^2 + \sin(\theta)^2)(HG_{10}\hat{e}_H + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V) \\ &= HG_{10}\hat{e}_H + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion.** both fields are independent of  $\theta$ .

**b.**

We are given two vector fields involving Hermite-Gaussian (HG) modes and their corresponding polarization vectors. We will compute the Stokes parameters  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  and demonstrate that they are all zero when integrated over a large area detector.

**First Field:**

The first field is given by:

$$\psi(x, y) = HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} + HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} = HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_H + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V$$

The Hermite-Gaussian modes  $HG_{10}(x, y)$  and  $HG_{01}(x, y)$  correspond to the horizontal and vertical polarization directions, respectively. We proceed to compute the Stokes parameters:

**1. First Stokes Parameter  $S_1$ :**

The first Stokes parameter measures the difference in intensity between the horizontal and vertical components of the field:

$$S_1 = \langle |\psi_x|^2 \rangle - \langle |\psi_y|^2 \rangle$$

where  $\psi_x = HG_{10}(x, y)$  and  $\psi_y = HG_{01}(x, y)$ . The corresponding integrals are:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \int HG_{10}(x, y)HG_{10}(x, y) dx dy - \int HG_{01}(x, y)HG_{01}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= 1 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Since the modes  $HG_{10}$  and  $HG_{01}$  are normalized, their integrals over the entire space both equal 1, leading to  $S_1 = 0$ .

**2. Second and Third Stokes Parameters  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ :**

Next, we compute the cross-term  $\langle \psi_x^* \psi_y \rangle$ , which will determine the values of  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ :

$$\langle \psi_x^* \psi_y \rangle = \int HG_{10}^*(x, y) HG_{01}(x, y) dx dy$$

By the orthogonality of the Hermite-Gaussian modes, this integral vanishes:

$$\int HG_{10}^*(x, y) HG_{01}(x, y) dx dy = 0$$

Thus, both  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are zero:

$$S_2 = 2\text{Re}(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad S_3 = 2\text{Im}(0) = 0$$

**Second Field:**

For the second field, the roles of the modes and polarization vectors are swapped:

$$\psi(x, y) = HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} + \pi/2 + HG_{\theta} + \pi/2(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} = HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V + HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H$$

**1. First Stokes Parameter  $S_1$ :**

The first Stokes parameter for this field is:

$$S_1 = \langle |\psi_x|^2 \rangle - \langle |\psi_y|^2 \rangle$$

where now  $\psi_x = HG_{01}(x, y)$  and  $\psi_y = HG_{10}(x, y)$ . Performing the integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \int HG_{01}^*(x, y) HG_{01}(x, y) dx dy - \int HG_{10}^*(x, y) HG_{10}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= 1 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Again, the integrals of the normalized modes are equal, so  $S_1 = 0$ .

**2. Second and Third Stokes Parameters  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ :**

For the cross-term:

$$\langle \psi_x^* \psi_y \rangle = \int HG_{01}^*(x, y) HG_{10}(x, y) dx dy$$

Once again, the orthogonality of the modes leads to the vanishing of this term:

$$\int HG_{01}^*(x, y) HG_{10}(x, y) dx dy = 0$$

Thus, both  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are zero:

$$S_2 = 2\text{Re}(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad S_3 = 2\text{Im}(0) = 0$$

now for the second case

Evaluating

$$\begin{aligned}
 HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} = & \\
 & \cos(\theta)^2 HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V + \\
 & \sin \theta \cos \theta (HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V(x, y) - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\
 & - \sin(\theta)^2 HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} = & \\
 & - \sin(\theta)^2 HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V + \\
 & \sin \theta \cos \theta (HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V(x, y) - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\
 & \cos(\theta)^2 HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we clearly see that the sum of both terms does not lead to a  $\theta$  independent field

$$\begin{aligned}
 HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} + HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} = & \\
 & \cos(2\theta)(HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\
 & \sin(2\theta)(HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_V(x, y) - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) +
 \end{aligned}$$

However if we take the difference

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{\theta}(x, y) = & HG_{\theta}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta+\pi/2} - HG_{\theta+\pi/2}(x, y)\hat{e}_{\theta} \\
 = & (\cos(\theta)^2 + \sin(\theta)^2)(HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H) + \\
 = & HG_{10}(x, y)\hat{e}_V - HG_{01}(x, y)\hat{e}_H
 \end{aligned}$$

which depends on  $\theta$  and give again null stokes parameters due to the orthonormality of  $HG_{10}$  and  $H_{01}$  (where only making the exchange  $E'_x = -E_y$  and  $E'_y = E_x$ ). **Conclusion:** For both fields, the Stokes parameters  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  are all zero. This result follows from the normalization of the Hermite-Gaussian modes and their orthogonality, ensuring that the cross-terms vanish.