Definition of Squeezed States

Squeezed States are defined as the state obtained by the action of the operator $\hat{D}(\alpha)\hat{S}(\zeta)$ on the vaccum number state $|0\rangle$

$$|\alpha,\zeta\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha)\hat{S}(\zeta)|0\rangle$$

Where the concerned operators are defined as,

$$\begin{split} \hat{D}(\alpha) &= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \\ \hat{S}(\zeta) &= e^{\frac{1}{2} \left(\zeta^* \hat{a}^2 - \zeta \hat{a}^{\dagger^2}\right)} \end{split}$$

$$S(\zeta) = e^{2\zeta}$$

where, $\zeta = re^{i\theta}$ with r > 0.

 $\hat{D}(\alpha)$ and $\hat{S}(\zeta)$ are the translation and the squeeze operator respectively. It can be shown that,

$$\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger}\hat{D}(\alpha) = \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger}\hat{S}(\zeta) = 1$$

i.e., both the operators are unitary. This will help us a lot in the following section, where we will be looking at the expectations and variances of a few relevant quantities.

Mean Photon Number in a Squeezed State

We wish to compute $\langle \hat{n} \rangle$ for the squeezed state $|\alpha, \zeta\rangle$

We know that

$$\hat{n} = \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a}$$

Now, to compute the epectation of \hat{n} in the Squeezed state we have to evaluate the following expression

$$\begin{split} \langle \hat{n} \rangle &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \qquad \left[\because \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha) = 1 \right] \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \left[\because \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{S}(\zeta) = 1 \right] \end{split}$$

First, we evaluate the operator $\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha)$

$$\begin{split} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) &= e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{-\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \hat{a} e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \\ &= e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{-\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \left(e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} \hat{a} + \left[\hat{a}, e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} \right] \right) e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \end{split}$$

Now let us compute the comutator relation $\left[\hat{a},e^{\alpha\hat{a}^{\dagger}}\right]$ which is given by,

$$\left[\hat{a}, e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}}\right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{n} \left[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^{\dagger^{n}}\right]}{n!}$$

We can easily show by induction that, $\left[\hat{a},\hat{a}^{\dagger n}\right]=n\hat{a}^{\dagger n-1}$. Then the commutator evaluates to,

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\hat{a}, e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}}\right] &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \alpha^n \hat{a}^{\dagger^{n-1}}}{n!} \\ &= \alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}\right)^n}{n!} \\ &= \alpha e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this commutator relation back into the expression for $\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger}\hat{a}\hat{D}(\alpha)$ we get,

$$\begin{split} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) &= e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{-\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \left(e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} \hat{a} + \alpha e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} \right) e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} \\ &= e^{-|\alpha|^2} e^{-\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger}} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} (\alpha + \hat{a}) \\ &= \alpha + \hat{a} \end{split}$$

Taking the dagger of this equation on both sides we can also see that,

$$\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha) = \alpha^* + \hat{a}^{\dagger}$$

Now substituting these expressions for $\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger}\hat{a}\hat{D}(\alpha)$ and $\hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger}\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{D}(\alpha)$ into our expression for $\langle \hat{n} \rangle$ we get,

$$\begin{split} \langle \hat{n} \rangle &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \big(\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \alpha^{*} \big) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} (\hat{a} + \alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \big(\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{S}(\zeta) + \alpha^{*} \big) \big(\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta) + \alpha \big) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \middle[\because \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{S}(\zeta) = 1 \middle] \end{split}$$

So, now we compute $\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger}\hat{a}\hat{S}(\zeta)$. Let us define $A=\frac{1}{2}\Big(\zeta\hat{a}^{\dagger^2}-\zeta^*\hat{a}^2\Big)$. Then,

$$\begin{split} \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta) &= e^A \hat{a} e^{-A} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[A, \hat{a}]_n}{n!} \end{split}$$

where $[A,B]_1=[A,B],$ $[A,B]_2=[A,[A,B]]$ and so on. Lets compute $[A,\hat{a}]$

$$\begin{split} [A,\hat{a}] &= -\frac{\zeta}{2} \Big[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^{\dagger^2} \Big] \\ &= -\frac{\zeta}{2} 2 \hat{a}^{\dagger} \\ &= -\zeta \hat{a}^{\dagger} \end{split}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} [A,\hat{a}]_2 &= [A,[A,\hat{a}]] \\ &= -\zeta \left[A,\hat{a}^\dagger\right] \\ &= \zeta \frac{\zeta^*}{2} \left[\hat{a}^2,\hat{a}^\dagger\right] \\ &= |\zeta|^2 \hat{a} \end{split}$$

We can see after this, that the results will be of a similar form when k has the same parity. It can be shown using induction that,

$$[A,\hat{a}]_n = \begin{cases} -\zeta |\zeta|^{n-1} \hat{a}^\dagger & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ |\zeta|^n \hat{a}^\dagger & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Then we can evaluate $\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta)$ to be,

$$\begin{split} \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} [A, \hat{a}]_n \\ &= \hat{a} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\zeta|^{2k}}{(2k)!} - \hat{a}^{\dagger} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta |\zeta|^{2k}}{(2k+1)!} \\ &= \hat{a} \cosh(|\zeta|) - \hat{a}^{\dagger} \frac{\zeta}{|\zeta|} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\zeta|^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \\ &= \hat{a} \cosh(|\zeta|) - \hat{a}^{\dagger} \frac{\zeta}{|\zeta|} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\zeta|^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \\ &= \hat{a} \cosh(|\zeta|) - \hat{a}^{\dagger} \frac{\zeta}{|\zeta|} \sinh(|\zeta|) \\ &= \hat{a} \cosh(r) - \hat{a}^{\dagger} e^{i\theta} \sinh(r) \end{split}$$

Taking the dagger of this relation gives us

$$\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger}\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{S}(\zeta) = \hat{a}^{\dagger}\cosh(r) - \hat{a}e^{-i\theta}\sinh(r)$$

Substituting these expressions into the expression for $\langle \hat{n} \rangle$ we get,

$$\begin{split} \langle \hat{n} \rangle &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \left(\hat{a}^\dagger \cosh(r) - \hat{a} e^{-i\theta} \sinh(r) + \alpha^* \right) \left(\hat{a} \cosh(r) - \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\theta} \sinh(r) + \alpha \right) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| |\alpha|^2 + \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \sinh^2(r) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= |\alpha|^2 + \sinh^2(r) \end{split}$$

Hence for a squeezed state, the mean photon number is given by

$$\langle \hat{n} \rangle = |\alpha|^2 + \sinh^2(r)$$

Variances in Squeezed States

Let us define Y_1 and Y_2 such that, $Y_1+iY_2=(X_1+X_2)e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}:=\hat{b}$. Then, we have $\hat{b}=\hat{a}e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}$. And we also have,

$$\hat{S}(\zeta) = e^{\frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{b}^2 - \hat{b}^{\dagger}^2\right)}$$

Observe that, $\hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b}=\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}=\hat{n}$ and $\left[\hat{b}^{\dagger},\hat{b}\right]=\left[\hat{a}^{\dagger},\hat{a}\right]=1$ Also, lets define $\beta=\alpha e^{-\frac{\theta}{2}}$

Let's compute δY_1 and δY_2 for the squeezed state $|\alpha,\zeta\rangle$

$$\begin{split} \delta Y_1 &= \left\langle Y_1^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle Y_1 \right\rangle^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\langle \left(\hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger \right)^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle \hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger \right\rangle^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \bigg[\left\langle \left(\hat{b}^2 + \hat{b}^{\dagger^2} + 2 \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + 1 \right)^2 \right\rangle - \left(\left\langle \hat{b} \right\rangle + \left\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \right\rangle \right)^2 \bigg] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \bigg[\left\langle \hat{b}^2 \right\rangle + \left\langle \hat{b}^{\dagger^2} \right\rangle + 2 \left\langle \hat{n} \right\rangle + 1 - \left(\left\langle \hat{b} \right\rangle + \left\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \right\rangle \right)^2 \bigg] \end{split}$$

First, we'll compute $\left\langle \hat{b} \right\rangle$

$$\begin{split} \left\langle \hat{b} \right\rangle &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{D}(\alpha)^{\dagger} \hat{b} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} (\hat{a} + \alpha) \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \left(\hat{S}(\zeta)^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta) + \alpha \right) \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{a} \cosh(r) - e^{i\theta} \sinh(r) + \alpha \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-\frac{\theta}{2}} \\ &= \alpha e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} \end{split}$$

Similarly,

$$\left\langle \hat{b}^{\dagger}\right\rangle =\alpha^{*}e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}}$$

Now, we compute $\langle \hat{b}^2 \rangle$

$$\begin{split} \left\langle \hat{b}^2 \right\rangle &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{b}^2 \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{b} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{b} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\hat{a} + \alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\hat{a} + \alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-i\theta} \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \left(\hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{S}(\zeta) + \alpha \right)^2 \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-i\theta} \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \left(\hat{a} \cosh(r) - e^{i\theta} \hat{a}^\dagger \sinh(r) + \alpha \right)^2 \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-i\theta} \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| -\hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\theta} \cosh(r) \sinh(r) + \alpha^2 \middle| 0 \right\rangle e^{-i\theta} \\ &= \alpha^2 e^{-i\theta} - \sinh(r) \cosh(r) \end{split}$$

Similarly,

$$\left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{b}}^{\dagger^2} \right\rangle = \left(\alpha^*\right)^2 e^{i\theta} - \sinh(r) \cosh(r)$$

Substituting these expressions in the expression for δY_1 we get,

$$\begin{split} \delta Y_1 &= \frac{1}{4} \bigg(\alpha^2 e^{-i\theta} + (\alpha^*)^2 e^{i\theta} - 2 \sinh(r) \cosh(r) + 2 |\alpha|^2 + 2 \sinh^2(r) + 1 - \Big(\alpha e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} + \alpha e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \Big)^2 \bigg) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \bigg(\Big(\alpha e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} + \alpha e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \Big)^2 + 1 + 2 \sinh^2(r) - 2 \cosh(r) \sinh(r) - \Big(\alpha e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} + \alpha e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \Big)^2 \bigg) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \Big(1 + 2 \sinh^2(r) - 2 \cosh(r) \sinh(r) \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\cosh(2r) - \sin(2r)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} e^{-2r} \end{split}$$

With a very similar computation we can show that,

$$\delta Y_2 = \frac{1}{4}e^{2r}$$

Second Order Correlation Function for the Squeezed State

Now let us compute the second order correlation function for this state $|\alpha, \zeta\rangle$ We know that,

$$g^{(2)}(0) = \frac{\langle : \hat{n}^2 : \rangle}{\langle \hat{n} \rangle^2}$$

So, we must compute $\langle : \hat{n}^2 : \rangle$

$$\begin{split} &\langle:\hat{n}^2:\rangle = \left\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger \hat{D}(\alpha)^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\zeta) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\alpha * + \hat{a}^\dagger) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\alpha * + \hat{a}^\dagger) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\alpha + \hat{a}) \hat{S}(\zeta) \hat{S}(\zeta)^\dagger (\alpha + \hat{a}) \hat{S}(\zeta) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| (\hat{a}^\dagger \cosh(r) - e^{-i\theta} \hat{a} \sinh(r) + \alpha^*)^2 (\hat{a} \cosh(r) - e^{i\theta} \hat{a}^\dagger \sinh(r) + \alpha)^2 \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 0 \middle| \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \sinh^2(r) \cosh^2(r) + \hat{a} \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \sinh^4(r) \right. \\ &+ \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \left(2 |\alpha|^2 \sinh^2(r) - \left(\alpha^2 e^{-i\theta} + (\alpha^*)^2 e^{i\theta} \right) \sinh(r) \cosh(r) \right) \middle| 0 \right\rangle \\ &= 2 \sinh^4(r) + \sinh^2(r) \cosh^2(r) + 2 |\alpha|^2 \sinh^2(r) - \left(\alpha^2 e^{-i\theta} + (\alpha^*)^2 e^{i\theta} \right) \sinh(r) \cosh(r) \\ &= 3 \sinh^4(r) + (1 + 2 |\alpha|^2) \sinh^2(r) - \operatorname{Re}(\alpha^2 e^{-i\theta}) \sinh(2r) \end{split}$$

Hence, the correlation function turns out to be

$$g^{(2)}(0) = \frac{3 \sinh^4(r) + \left(1 + 2|\alpha|^2\right) \sinh^2(r) - \text{Re}\left(\alpha^2 e^{-i\theta}\right) \sinh(2r)}{\left(|\alpha|^2 + \sinh^2(r)\right)^2}$$