

# Magnus expansion with linearly changing Hamiltonian

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With a Hamiltonian

$$H(t) = H_0 + H_1 t \quad (1)$$

The commutators for the the leading order of Magnus expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} [H(t_1), H(t_2)] &= [H_0 + H_1 t_1, H_0 + H_1 t_2] \\ &= [H_0, H_1] t_2 + [H_1, H_0] t_1 \\ &= [H_0, H_1] (t_2 - t_1) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[H(t_1), H(t_2)], H(t_3)] &= [[H_0, H_1] (t_2 - t_1), H_0 + H_1 t_3] \\ &= ([H_0, H_1], H_0) + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] t_3 (t_2 - t_1) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &[[[H(t_1), H(t_2)], H(t_3)], H(t_4)] \\ &= ([[[H_0, H_1], H_0] + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] t_3, H_0 + H_1 t_4) (t_2 - t_1) \\ &= [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] (t_2 - t_1) + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] (t_2 - t_1) t_4 \\ &\quad + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] t_3 (t_2 - t_1) + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1] t_3 t_4 (t_2 - t_1) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The terms in the time integral,

$$\begin{aligned} &[H(t_1), [H(t_2), H(t_3)]] + [H(t_3), [H(t_2), H(t_1)]] \\ &= [[H_0, H_1], H_0] (t_2 - t_3) + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] t_1 (t_2 - t_3) \\ &\quad + [[H_0, H_1], H_0] (t_2 - t_1) + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] t_3 (t_2 - t_1) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [[H_0, H_1], H_0] (2t_2 - t_1 - t_3) + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] (t_1 t_2 + t_2 t_3 - 2t_1 t_3) \\ &\quad [[H(t_1), H(t_2)], H(t_3)], H(t_4)] + [[H(t_3), H(t_2)], H(t_4)], H(t_1)] \\ &\quad + [[H(t_3), H(t_4)], H(t_2)], H(t_1)] + [[H(t_4), H(t_1)], H(t_3)], H(t_2)] \\ &= [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] (t_2 - t_1 + t_2 - t_3 + t_4 - t_3 + t_1 - t_4) \\ &\quad + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] (t_2 t_4 - t_1 t_4 + t_2 t_1 - t_3 t_1 + t_4 t_1 - t_3 t_1 + t_1 t_2 - t_4 t_2) \\ &\quad + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] (t_2 t_3 - t_1 t_3 + t_2 t_4 - t_3 t_4 + t_4 t_2 - t_3 t_2 + t_1 t_3 - t_4 t_3) \\ &\quad + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1] (t_2 t_3 t_4 - t_1 t_3 t_4 + t_2 t_1 t_4 - t_3 t_1 t_4 + t_4 t_1 t_2 - t_3 t_1 t_2 + t_1 t_2 t_3 - t_4 t_2 t_3) \\ &= [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] 2(t_2 - t_3) + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] 2t_1 (t_2 - t_3) \\ &\quad + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] 2t_4 (t_2 - t_3) + [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1] 2t_1 t_4 (t_2 - t_3) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

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Integrals,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_1 &= \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} H(t_1) dt_1 \\
&= \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} H_0 + H_1 t_1 dt_1 \\
&= (\tau_2 - \tau_1) \left( H_0 + \frac{\tau_2 + \tau_1}{2} H_1 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 [H(t_1), H(t_2)] \\
&= [H_0, H_1] \frac{1}{2} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 (t_2 - t_1) \\
&= [H_0, H_1] \frac{1}{4} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 (t_1 - \tau_1)^2 \\
&= -\frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^3}{12} [H_0, H_1]
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_3 &= \frac{1}{6} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_2} dt_3 [H(t_1), [H(t_2), H(t_3)]] + [H(t_3), [H(t_2), H(t_1)]] \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_2} dt_3 [[H_0, H_1], H_0] (2t_2 - t_1 - t_3) + [[H_0, H_1], H_1] (t_1 t_2 + t_2 t_3 - 2t_1 t_3) \\
&= \frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^5}{240} [[H_0, H_1], H_1]
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_4 &= \frac{1}{12} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_2} dt_3 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_3} dt_4 [[[H(t_1), H(t_2)], H(t_3)], H(t_4)] + [[[H(t_3), H(t_2)], H(t_4)], H(t_1)] \\
&\quad + [[[H(t_3), H(t_4)], H(t_2)], H(t_1)] + [[[H(t_4), H(t_1)], H(t_3)], H(t_2)] \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_1} dt_2 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_2} dt_3 \int_{\tau_1}^{t_3} dt_4 [[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] (t_2 - t_3) + [[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] t_1 (t_2 - t_3) \\
&\quad + [[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] t_4 (t_2 - t_3) + [[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1] t_1 t_4 (t_2 - t_3) \\
&= \frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^5}{720} \left( [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] + \frac{\tau_1 + 5\tau_2}{6} [[[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5\tau_1 + \tau_2}{6} [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] + \frac{\tau_1^2 + 5\tau_1\tau_2 + \tau_2^2}{7} [[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1]] \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

For Pauli,

$$H_0 = \vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{\sigma} \tag{11}$$

$$H_1 = \vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma} \tag{12}$$

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Commutators,

$$\begin{aligned} [H_0, H_1] &= [\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{\sigma}, \vec{h}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}] \\ &= 2i(\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[H_0, H_1], H_0] &= -4\left((\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \times \vec{h}_0\right) \cdot \sigma \\ &= -4\left(\vec{h}_1 |\vec{h}_0|^2 - \vec{h}_0(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1)\right) \cdot \sigma \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[H_0, H_1], H_1] &= -4\left((\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \times \vec{h}_1\right) \cdot \sigma \\ &= -4\left(\vec{h}_1(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1) - \vec{h}_0 |\vec{h}_1|^2\right) \cdot \sigma \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_0] &= -8i\left(\left(\vec{h}_1 |\vec{h}_0|^2 - \vec{h}_0(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1)\right) \times \vec{h}_0\right) \cdot \sigma \\ &= 8i |\vec{h}_0|^2 (\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [[[H_0, H_1], H_0], H_1] &= -8i\left(\left(\vec{h}_1 |\vec{h}_0|^2 - \vec{h}_0(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1)\right) \times \vec{h}_1\right) \cdot \sigma \\ &= 8i(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1)(\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_0] = 8i(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1)(\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \quad (18)$$

$$[[[H_0, H_1], H_1], H_1] = 8i |\vec{h}_1|^2 (\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \quad (19)$$

Integrals,

$$\Omega_1 = (\tau_2 - \tau_1) \left( \vec{h}_0 + \frac{\tau_2 + \tau_1}{2} \vec{h}_1 \right) \cdot \sigma \quad (20)$$

$$\Omega_2 = -i \frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^3}{6} (\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \quad (21)$$

$$\Omega_3 = -\frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^5}{60} \left( (\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1) \vec{h}_1 - |\vec{h}_1|^2 \vec{h}_0 \right) \cdot \sigma \quad (22)$$

$$\Omega_4 = i \frac{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)^5}{90} \left( |\vec{h}_0|^2 + (\tau_1 + \tau_2)(\vec{h}_0 \cdot \vec{h}_1) + \frac{\tau_1^2 + 5\tau_1\tau_2 + \tau_2^2}{7} |\vec{h}_1|^2 \right) (\vec{h}_0 \times \vec{h}_1) \cdot \sigma \quad (23)$$