

SEMI-CLASSICAL LIMITS FOR THE NELSON MODEL

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Abstract

We are concerned with the Nelson Hamiltonian H_{\hbar} with semi-classical parameter $\hbar > 0$. A classical object $\mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s)$ is defined by the solution $\{q_s, p_s, u_s\}$ to the Hamilton-Jacobi equation associated with the Nelson Hamiltonian. We show the asymptotic behaviour of

$$e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_{\hbar}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) ds}$$

as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$. Furthermore we introduce Wigner measures μ_0 on the particle-field phase space $X = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ appearing in the semi-classical limits of a family of trace class operators $\{\rho_{\hbar}, \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$. I.e.,

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\rho_{\hbar} \mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(x, \xi')_X} d\mu_0(x)$$

for $\xi' \in X$ and $\mathcal{W}(\xi)$ denotes an exponential operator. The Wigner measure μ_t associated with the family of time evolutions of trace class operators $\{\rho_{\hbar}(t), \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$ are given by

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\rho_{\hbar}(t) \mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(x, \xi')_X} d\mu_t(x).$$

We show that $\mu_t(\cdot) = \mu_0 \circ \Phi_t^{-1}(\cdot)$, where Φ_t is the flow for the solution to the Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

1 Hamilton-Jacobi equation for the Nelson model

In the RIMS conference held on December 6-8, 2021 we gave a talk on the title "Newton Maxwell equation through semi-classical analysis". In this article, however, we are concerned with the Nelson model on coherent states for the simplicity and demonstrate a motivation why we are interested in the semiclassical analysis. This results are ultimately developed in [2] for the Pauli-Fierz model in non-relativistic QED [10] and the semi-classical limit is

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investigated through the so-called Wigner measures. The Wigner measure is a probability measure on the total phase space $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. The Wigner measure is applied to the semi-classical analysis in [7] for Schrödinger operators and is extended to an infinite dimensional phase space in [3]. We refer [1, 4, 6, 5] for related investigations.

1.1 Semi-classical limit of Schrödinger operators

Before going to our main results, we introduce a semi-classical limit of Schrödinger operators for the readers convenient. Let us consider 3D-Schrödinger operator of the form:

$$h_\hbar = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} D_x^2 + V(x),$$

where $\hbar > 0$ is a semi-classical parameter, $m > 0$ a mass of a particle, $D_x = -i\nabla_x$ and V is an external potential. Let

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(q, p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(q),$$

where $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$. The Hamilton-Jacobi equation associated with h_\hbar is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q}_t = \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta p_t} = \frac{p_t}{m}, \\ \dot{p}_t = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta q_t} = -\nabla V(q_t). \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Let $(q_t, p_t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ be the solution to (1.1). We are interested in the asymptotic behaviour of

$$e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}h_\hbar} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds}$$

as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$.

Let ξ_\hbar be the 3D-dilation defined by

$$\xi_\hbar f(x) = \hbar^{3/4} f(\sqrt{\hbar}x),$$

and hence $\xi_\hbar^* f(x) = \hbar^{-3/4} f(x/\sqrt{\hbar})$. Let us define the quadratic operator Q_t^{Sch} by

$$Q_t^{Sch} = \frac{1}{2m} D_x^2 + x \cdot \nabla^2 V(q_t)x.$$

Then it actually follows that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \left\| e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}h_\hbar} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \varphi - e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - h q_t D_x)} \xi_\hbar^* e^{-i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_\hbar e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_0 x - h q_0 D_x)} \varphi \right\| = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

This can be proven as follows. Let

$$\gamma_t = \xi_h^* e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \varphi.$$

Then

$$\|e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \varphi - e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} \xi_h^* e^{-i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_0 x - \hbar q_0 D_x)} \varphi\| = \|\gamma_t - \gamma_0\| \leq \int_0^t \|\dot{\gamma}_s\| ds.$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\gamma}_t &= e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t) \xi_h^* e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} \varphi \\ &\quad + e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \xi_h^* i \dot{Q} e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} \varphi \\ &\quad + e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \xi_h^* e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} (\dot{p}_t x - \hbar \dot{q}_t D_x) \right\} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} \varphi \\ &\quad + e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \xi_h^* e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} h_h \right\} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

We compute $\xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} h_h \right\}$. By a shift operator $e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(p x - q \hbar D_x)}$,

$$h_h \rightarrow \frac{(\hbar D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(x + q_t),$$

and by a scaling ξ_h ,

$$\rightarrow \frac{(\sqrt{\hbar} D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t).$$

Then the right-hand side above is

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_h e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} h_h &= \frac{(\sqrt{\hbar} D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t) \\ &= \mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t) + \sqrt{\hbar} \left(\frac{p_t D_x}{m} + \nabla V(q_t) x \right) + \hbar Q_t^{Sch} + O(\hbar^{3/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Furthermore

$$\xi_h \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} (\dot{p}_t x - \hbar \dot{q}_t D_x) \right\} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{\hbar}} (\dot{p}_t x - \dot{q}_t D_x) \xi_h.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\gamma}_t &= \xi_h^* e^{i \int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t) + i Q_t^{Sch} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{\hbar}} (\dot{p}_t x - \dot{q}_t D_x) - \frac{i}{\hbar} (1.3) \right\} \xi_h \\ &\quad \times e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} e^{-i \frac{t}{\hbar} h_h} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

By (1.1) we have

$$\frac{i}{\hbar}\mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t) + iQ_t^{Sch} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{\hbar}}(\dot{p}_t x - \dot{q}_t D_x) - \frac{i}{\hbar}(1.3) = O(\sqrt{\hbar}).$$

Then (1.2) follows. In the semi-classical region we can see that

$$e^{-i\frac{\dot{p}_t}{\hbar}x} e^{+i\frac{\dot{q}_t}{\hbar}\int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s) ds} \sim e^{i\frac{\dot{p}_t}{\hbar}(p_t x - \hbar q_t D_x)} \xi_{\hbar}^* e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s^{Sch} ds} \xi_{\hbar} e^{-i\frac{\dot{q}_t}{\hbar}(p_0 x - \hbar q_0 D_x)}.$$

Here we emphasize that Q_s^{Sch} is independent of \hbar . We extend this kind of arguments to the Nelson model in quantum field theory in what follows.

1.2 Nelson model

Let $a^\dagger(f)$ and $a(f)$ be the annihilation operator and the creation operator, respectively on the boson Fock space over $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$:

$$\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} [\otimes_s^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)].$$

The adjoint relation is $a(f)^* = a^\dagger(\bar{f})$ and the CCR is given by $[a(f), a^\dagger(g)] = (\bar{f}, g)\mathbb{1}$ and $[a^\sharp(f), a^\sharp(g)] = 0$, where (f, g) denotes a scalar product on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and it is linear in g and anti-linear in f . Formally we write $a^\sharp(f) = \int a^\sharp(k)f(k)dk$. The field operator is given by

$$\phi(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^\dagger(f) + a(\bar{f}))$$

and its momentum conjugate by

$$\Pi(f) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(a^\dagger(f) - a(\bar{f})).$$

Thus $[\phi(f), \Pi(g)] = i \operatorname{Re}(f, g)$, $[\phi(f), \phi(g)] = i \operatorname{Im}(f, g)$ and $[\Pi(f), \Pi(g)] = i \operatorname{Im}(f, g)$ hold true. Let $H_f = d\Gamma(\omega)$ be the second quantization of the multiplication by $\omega(k) = |k|$. Here $|k|$ denotes the energy of a massless boson with momentum $k \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

The Nelson Hamiltonian [9, 8] is defined as a self-adjoint operator on the product Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathcal{F}$$

and is given by

$$H = \left(\frac{1}{2m}D_x^2 + V\right) \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f + H_I,$$

and the interaction by

$$H_I = H_I(x)\phi(e^{-ikx}\hat{\varphi}/\sqrt{\omega}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left\{ \frac{e^{-ikq}\hat{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} a^\dagger(k) + \frac{e^{ikq}\bar{\hat{\varphi}}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} a(k) \right\} dk.$$

Here $\hat{\varphi}$ is a cutoff function. We assume that $\omega\sqrt{\omega}\hat{\varphi}, \sqrt{\omega}\hat{\varphi}, \hat{\varphi}/\sqrt{\omega}, \hat{\varphi}/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Throughout we suppose that $V \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and bounded. Then H is self-adjoint on $D(D_x^2) \cap D(H_f)$ and bounded from below. We introduce the semi-classical parameter $\hbar > 0$ by

$$H_h = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}D_x^2 + V\right) \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sqrt{\hbar}H_I + \hbar\mathbb{1} \otimes H_f.$$

Let $(q, p, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. The classical Nelson Hamiltonian is given by

$$\mathcal{H}(p, q, u, \bar{u}) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(q) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \omega(k)|u(k)|^2 dk + U(q, u).$$

Here

$$U(q, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ \frac{e^{-ikq}\hat{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} \bar{u}(k) + \frac{e^{ikq}\bar{\hat{\varphi}}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} u(k) \right\} dk.$$

The time evolution of $(p, q, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ are governed by the Hamilton-Jacobi equation:

$$(N) \begin{cases} \dot{q}_t & = \frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta p_t} = \frac{p_t}{m}, \\ \dot{p}_t & = -\frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta q_t} = -\nabla V(q_t) - \nabla U(q_t, u_t), \\ i\dot{u}_t(k) & = \frac{\delta\mathcal{H}}{\delta \bar{u}_t} = \omega(k)u_t(k) + \frac{e^{-ikq_t}\hat{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}}. \end{cases}$$

Here

$$\nabla U(q_t, u_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ -ik \frac{e^{-ikq_t}\hat{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} \bar{u}_t(k) + ik \frac{e^{ikq_t}\bar{\hat{\varphi}}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} u_t(k) \right\} dk.$$

Note that $\sqrt{\omega}\hat{\varphi} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and then the right-hand side above is finite.

2 Coherent states and Weyl commutation relations

Now we define coherent states for the field and the particle. In general, when $[A, B]$ is c-number, then formally

$$e^A e^B = e^{\frac{1}{2}[A, B]} e^{A+B}$$

holds true. Let $W(f) = e^{i\Pi(f)}$. Then Weyl commutation relation holds:

$$W(f)W(g) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\text{Im}(f,g)}W(f+g).$$

Since $W(ig) = e^{-\Phi(g)}$, we can see that

$$W(f)W(ig) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\text{Re}(f,g)}W(f+ig).$$

Let $z = q + ip \in \mathbb{R}^3 + i\mathbb{R}^3$. Define $T(z) = e^{i(px - q\hbar D_x)}$. Note that

$$[px - q\hbar D_x, p'x - q'\hbar D_x] = i\hbar(qp' - pq') = i\hbar \text{Im}\bar{z} \cdot z'.$$

Hence

$$T(z)T(z') = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\hbar \text{Im}\bar{z} \cdot z'}T(z+z')$$

and

$$T(z)T(iz') = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\hbar \text{Re}\bar{z} \cdot z'}T(z+iz').$$

The coherent state smeared by u is defined by

$$W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)\Omega,$$

where $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ is the Fock vacuum. Note that

$$W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right) = e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar}}(a^\dagger(u) - a(\bar{u}))}.$$

Let $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ be a point in the phase space and

$$\psi_\hbar(x) = (\pi\hbar)^{-3/4}e^{-|x|^2/(2\hbar)}.$$

Thus $\|\psi_\hbar\| = 1$. The coherent state for the particle part is given by

$$\psi_{q,p}^\hbar(x) = T_{q,p}^\hbar \psi_\hbar,$$

where $T_{q,p}^\hbar = T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right)$ for $z = q + ip$, i.e.,

$$T_{q,p}^\hbar = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar}(px - \hbar q D_x)\right).$$

Note that $\psi_{q,p}^\hbar$ is normalized in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ for each $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$. We see that

$$T_{q,p}^\hbar = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\frac{1}{\hbar}pq}e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}px}e^{-iqD_x} = e^{\frac{i}{2}\frac{1}{\hbar}pq}e^{-iqD_x}e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}px}.$$

Let (q_t, p_t, u_t) be the solution to (N). Define

$$\Phi_t^{\hbar} = T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar}(\psi_{\hbar} \otimes \Omega), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Here

$$T_{q, p, u}^{\hbar} = T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right) \otimes W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right), \quad z = q + ip,$$

is unitary. The unitary operator $T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar}$ is the shift operator such that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar*} x T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} &= x + q_t, \\ T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar*} \hbar D_x T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} &= \hbar D_x + p_t, \\ T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar*} \sqrt{\hbar} a(k) T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} &= \sqrt{\hbar} a(k) + u_t(k), \\ T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar*} \sqrt{\hbar} a^\dagger(k) T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} &= \sqrt{\hbar} a^\dagger(k) + \bar{u}_t(k). \end{aligned}$$

From these relations we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} (x + i\hbar D_x) \Phi_t^{\hbar} &= (q_t + ip_t) \Phi_t^{\hbar}, \\ \sqrt{\hbar} a(k) \Phi_t^{\hbar} &= u_t(k) \Phi_t^{\hbar}, \\ \sqrt{\hbar} a^\dagger(k) \Phi_t^{\hbar} &= \bar{u}_t(k) \Phi_t^{\hbar}. \end{aligned}$$

The classical objects appear as the eigenvalues.

3 Semi-classical limits

In this section we shall prove that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \|e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar} H_{\hbar}} \Phi_{\hbar} - e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) ds} T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t Q_{\hbar, s} ds} T_{q_0, p_0, u_0}^{\hbar*} \Phi_{\hbar}\| = 0. \quad (3.1)$$

Here $\int_0^t Q_{\hbar, s} ds$ is a quadratic operator derived from H_{\hbar} . The strategy to see (3.1) is due to the fact

$$T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar*} H_{\hbar} T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} = \mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t, u_t, \bar{u}_t) + Q_{\hbar, t} + \text{reminder} + O(\sqrt{\hbar}).$$

This corresponds to (1.3) for Schrödinger operators. See (3.3). The quadratic term is given by

$$Q_{\hbar, t} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} D_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} x \cdot (\nabla^2 V(q_t) + \nabla^2 U(q_t, u_t)) x + \sqrt{\hbar} \nabla H_1(q_t) x + \hbar H_f.$$

Here $\nabla H_I(q_s) = \phi(-ike^{-ikq_s} \hat{\varphi}/\sqrt{\omega})$, $\nabla^2 V(q_t) = (\nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta V(q_t))_{1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 3}$ and $\nabla^2 U(q_t, u_t) = (\nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta U(q_t, u_t))_{1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 3}$ with

$$\nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta U(q_t, u_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ -k_\alpha k_\beta \frac{e^{-ikq_t} \hat{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} \bar{u}_t(k) - k_\alpha k_\beta \frac{e^{ikq_t} \bar{\varphi}(k)}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} u_t(k) \right\} dk.$$

The main theorem is as follows.

Theorem 3.1 *Let $(q, p, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Suppose that $(q_t, p_t, u_t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ is the solution to (N) with initial condition $(q_0, p_0, u_0) = (q, p, u)$. Then*

$$\|e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar} H_h} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) ds} \Phi_h - T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^h e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar} \int_0^t Q_{h,s} ds} T_{q,p,u}^{h*} \Phi_h\| \leq C\sqrt{\hbar}. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof: Let ξ_h be the dilation defined by $\xi_h f(x) = \hbar^{3/4} f(\sqrt{\hbar}x)$, and hence $\xi_h^* f(x) = \hbar^{-3/4} f(x/\sqrt{\hbar})$. In particular we have

$$\xi_h^* \psi_1(x) = \psi_h(x).$$

To show (3.2), the Cook method is applied. Let

$$\nu_t = \xi_h e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t Q_{h,s} ds} T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{h*} e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar} H_h} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) ds} \xi_h^* \Phi_1,$$

where $\Phi_1 = \psi_1 \otimes \Omega$. Since $\nu_0 = \xi_h T_{q,p,u}^* \xi_h^*$, we have $\nu_t - \nu_0 = \int_0^t \dot{\nu}_s ds$ and then the left-hand side of (3.2) can be written as $\|\nu_t - \nu_0\|$. We note that

$$\nu_t - \nu_0 = \int_0^t \xi_h e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^s Q_{h,r} dr} \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) + \frac{i}{\hbar} Q_{h,s} + C_s - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(s) \right) T_{q_s, p_s, u_s}^{h*} e^{-i\frac{s}{\hbar} H_h} \xi_h^* \Phi_1 ds,$$

where

$$\frac{d}{ds} T_{q_s, p_s, u_s}^{h*} = C_s T_{q_s, p_s, u_s}^{h*}.$$

Since T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^h acts as the shift by $x \rightarrow x + q_t$, $\hbar D_x \rightarrow \hbar D_x + p_t$ and $\sqrt{\hbar}a(k) \rightarrow \sqrt{\hbar}a(k) + u(k)$, we used the intertwining property:

$$T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{h*} H_h = H_h(t) T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{h*},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_h(t) &= \frac{(\hbar D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(x + q_t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \omega(k) (\sqrt{\hbar}a^\dagger(k) + \bar{u}_t(k)) (\sqrt{\hbar}a(k) + u_t(k)) dk \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left\{ \frac{e^{-ik(x+q_t)}}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} \hat{\varphi}(k) (\sqrt{\hbar}a^\dagger(k) + \bar{u}_t(k)) + \frac{e^{+ik(x+q_t)}}{\sqrt{\omega(k)}} \bar{\varphi}(k) (\sqrt{\hbar}a(k) + u_t(k)) \right\} dk \\ &= \frac{(\hbar D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(x + q_t) + U(x + q_t, u_t) + \hbar H_f + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \omega(k) |u_t(k)|^2 dk \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\hbar} \sqrt{2} \phi(\omega u_t) + \sqrt{\hbar} H_I(x + q_t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

We shall estimate the term $\xi_h \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) + \frac{i}{\hbar} Q_{h,s} + C_s - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(s) \right) \xi_h^*$. Since

$$\xi_h \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) \xi_h^* = \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s),$$

we investigate

$$\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \xi_h Q_{h,s} \xi_h^* + \xi_h \left(C_s - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(s) \right) \xi_h^*.$$

We can directly compute C_t as

$$C_t = -\frac{i}{\hbar} (\dot{p}_t x - \hbar \dot{q}_t D_x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \{a^\dagger(\dot{u}_t) - a(\overline{\dot{u}_t})\}.$$

Note that $\xi_h x \xi_h^* = x \sqrt{\hbar}$ and $\xi_h D_x \xi_h^* = D_x / \sqrt{\hbar}$. Then

$$\xi_h C_t \xi_h^* = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \{ \dot{p}_t x - \dot{q}_t D_x - (a^\dagger(i\dot{u}_t) + a(\overline{i\dot{u}_t})) \}.$$

Next we compute $\xi_h H_h(t) \xi_h^*$. By (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_h H_h(t) \xi_h^* &= \frac{(\sqrt{\hbar} D_x + p_t)^2}{2m} + V(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t) + U(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t, u_t) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\hbar} H_1(\hbar x + q_t) + \sqrt{\hbar} \sqrt{2} \phi(\omega u_t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \omega(k) |u_t(k)|^2 dk + \hbar H_f. \end{aligned}$$

By

$$\begin{aligned} V(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t) &= V(q_t) + \sqrt{\hbar} \nabla V(q_t) x + \frac{1}{2} \hbar x \cdot \nabla^2 V(q_t) x + O(\hbar^{3/2}), \\ U(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t, u_t) &= U(q_t, u_t) + \sqrt{\hbar} \nabla U(q_t, u_t) x + \frac{1}{2} \hbar x \cdot \nabla^2 U(q_t, u_t) x + O(\hbar^{3/2}), \\ \sqrt{\hbar} H_1(\sqrt{\hbar} x + q_t) &= \sqrt{\hbar} H_1(q_t) + \hbar \nabla H_1(q_t) x + O(\hbar^{3/2}), \end{aligned}$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\xi_h \left(C_t - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(t) \right) \xi_h^* \\ &= -i \left\{ \frac{1}{2m} D_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \nabla^2 V(q_t) x + \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \nabla U(q_t, u_t) x + \nabla H_1(q_t) x + H_f \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} p D_x + \nabla V(q_t) x + \nabla U(q_t, u_t) x + \sqrt{2} \phi(\sqrt{\omega} u_t) + H_1(q_t) \right. \\ &\quad \quad \left. + \dot{p}_t x - \dot{q}_t D_x - (a^\dagger(i\dot{u}_t) + a(\overline{i\dot{u}_t})) \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{\hbar} \left\{ \frac{1}{2m} p_t^2 + V(q_t) + \int \omega(k) |u_t(k)|^2 dk + U(q_t, u_t) \right\} + O(\sqrt{\hbar}). \end{aligned}$$

The second term of the right-hand side above is identically zero by equation (N). Hence

$$\xi_h \left(C_t - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(t) \right) \xi_h^* = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \xi_h Q_{h,t} \xi_h^* - \frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_t, p_t, u_t, \bar{u}_t) + O(\sqrt{\hbar}). \quad (3.4)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nu_t - \nu_0\| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \left\| \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \xi_h Q_{h,s} \xi_h^* + \xi_h \left(C_s - \frac{i}{\hbar} H_h(s) \right) \xi_h^* \right) \xi_h T_{q_s, p_s, u_s}^* e^{-i \frac{s}{\hbar} H_h} \xi_h^* \Phi_1 \right\| ds \\ & \leq tC\sqrt{\hbar} \|\Phi_1\| \end{aligned}$$

with some constant $C > 0$ by (3.4). Then the theorem follows. \blacksquare

4 Wigner measures

In this section we introduce Wigner measures on the phase space $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ appearing in the semi-classical limits of a family of trace class operators $\{\rho_h, \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$. This has been studied in e.g., [7, 3].

4.1 Examples

We recall that

$$T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar} = T \left(\frac{z_t}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u_t}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right),$$

where $z_t = q_t + ip_t \in \mathbb{R}^3 + i\mathbb{R}^3$ and $u_t \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ are the solution to (N). In the previous section we consider the asymptotic behavior of $T_{q_t, p_t, u_t}^{\hbar}$ as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ in the sense of Theorem 3.1. Note that $\|T \left(\frac{z}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \Phi_h\| = 1$ but $(\Phi_h, T \left(\frac{z}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \Phi_h) \rightarrow 0$ as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$.

In this section the following strategy is taken to analyze the asymptotic behavior of coherent vector $T \left(\frac{z}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \Phi_h$ as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$. For each $z = q + ip \in \mathbb{R}^3 + i\mathbb{R}^3$ and $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$, we define the trace class operator $\mathcal{C}_h(z, u)$ by

$$\mathcal{C}_h = \mathcal{C}_h(z, u) = |T \left(\frac{z}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \Phi_h\rangle \langle T \left(\frac{z}{\hbar} \right) \otimes W \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \Phi_h|.$$

This is a one-rank operator. Let $z' = q' + ip' \in \mathbb{R}^3 + i\mathbb{R}^3$ and $u' \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. We prepare the operator

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}(z', u') = T(2\pi iz') \otimes W(\sqrt{2\pi i} \sqrt{\hbar} u') = e^{2\pi i(q'x + p'hD_x)} \otimes e^{-\sqrt{2\pi i} \sqrt{\hbar} \phi(u')}.$$

We consider the asymptotic behaviour of the trace $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h \mathcal{W})$.

Lemma 4.1 *Let $z = q + ip, z' = q' + ip' \in \mathbb{R}^3 + i\mathbb{R}^3$ and $u, u' \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Then it follows that*

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_\hbar(z, u)\mathcal{W}(z', u')) = e^{2\pi i \text{Re}((u, u') + \bar{z} \cdot z')}.$$

Proof: The formulae $W(f)^* = W(-f)$ and $T(z)^* = T(-z)$, and

$$(W(f)\Omega, W(ig)W(f)\Omega) = (\Omega, W(ig)\Omega)e^{i \text{Re}(f, g)}$$

and

$$(T(z)\psi, T(iz')T(z)\psi) = (\psi, T(iz')\psi)e^{i \text{Re}\bar{z} \cdot z'}$$

are useful. We see that $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_\hbar(z, u)\mathcal{W}(z', u'))$ can be decomposed into two factors:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_\hbar(z, u)\mathcal{W}(z', u')) \\ &= (T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right)\psi_\hbar, T(2\pi iz')T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right)\psi_\hbar) \cdot (W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)\Omega, W(\sqrt{2}\pi i\sqrt{\hbar}u')W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Then the field part turns out to be

$$(W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)\Omega, W(\sqrt{2}\pi i\sqrt{\hbar}u')W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)\Omega) = (\Omega, W(\sqrt{2}\pi i\sqrt{\hbar}u')\Omega)e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(u, u')}$$

and the particle part

$$(T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right)\psi_\hbar, T(2\pi iz')T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right)\psi_\hbar) = (\psi_\hbar, T(2\pi iz')\psi_\hbar)e^{2\pi i \text{Re}\bar{z} \cdot z'}.$$

We also see that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} (\Omega, W(\sqrt{2}\pi i\sqrt{\hbar}u')\Omega)e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(u, u')} = e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(u, u')}.$$

Since $\psi_\hbar^2 \rightarrow \delta(x)$ and $T(2\pi iz') \rightarrow e^{2\pi i q' x}$ as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$, we can see that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} (\psi_\hbar, T(2\pi iz')\psi_\hbar)e^{2\pi i \text{Re}\bar{z} \cdot z'} = e^{2\pi i \text{Re}\bar{z} \cdot z'}.$$

Then the lemma is proven. ■

4.2 Wigner measures

Let $X = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Set

$$(\xi, \xi')_X = qq' + pp' + i(qp' - pq') + (u, u')$$

for $\xi = (q, p, u) \in X$ and $\xi' = (q', p', u') \in X$. We define $\mathcal{W}(\xi') = \mathcal{W}(z', u') = \mathcal{W}(q', p', u')$ and $\mathcal{C}_\hbar(\xi) = \mathcal{C}_\hbar(z, u) = \mathcal{C}_\hbar(q, p, u)$. Then the statements of Lemma 4.1 can be rewritten as

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_\hbar(\xi)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(\xi, \xi')_X}.$$

Furthermore

$$e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(\xi, \xi')_X} = \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(x, \xi')_X} d\mu_\xi(x),$$

where $\mu_\xi(x)$ is the Dirac measure $\delta_\xi(x)$ on the phase space X with mass at $x = \xi$. This is called the Wigner measure associated with $\{\mathcal{C}_\hbar(\xi), \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$. In [2] we consider Wigner measures μ_0 associated with a general family of trace class operators $\{\rho_\hbar, \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$ on the total Hilbert space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathcal{F}$. I.e.,

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\rho_\hbar \mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(x, \xi')_X} d\mu_0(x).$$

The existence and the uniqueness of the measure μ_0 associated with $\{\rho_\hbar, \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$ are established in [2] but for the Pauli-Fierz model which is rather complicated than the Nelson model.

We can show that any Borel probability measure μ on X is a Wigner measure. We define the family of trace class operators by

$$\rho_\hbar = \int_X \mathcal{C}_\hbar(\xi) d\mu(\xi), \quad \hbar \in (0, 1).$$

Proposition 4.2 [2, Lemma 4.3] *The Wigner measure of $\{\rho_\hbar, \hbar \in (0, 1)\}$ is μ .*

Proof: It is straightforward to see that

$$\text{Tr}[\rho_\hbar \mathcal{W}(\xi')] = \int_X \text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_\hbar(\xi)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) d\mu(\xi) \rightarrow \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(\xi, \xi')_X} d\mu(\xi).$$

Then the proposition follows. ■

4.3 Time evolution of Wigner measures and flows

The time evolution of the Wigner measure is given by

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\rho_\hbar(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \int_X e^{2\pi i \text{Re}(x, \xi')_X} d\mu_t(x),$$

where

$$\rho_\hbar(t) = e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_\hbar} \rho_\hbar e^{i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_\hbar}.$$

Here we give an example. Fix $\xi = (z, u) = (q, p, u) \in X$. Let

$$\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t) = e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_h}\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)e^{i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_h}.$$

We set

$$T_\xi = T\left(\frac{z}{\hbar}\right) \otimes W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right),$$

$$T_{\xi_t} = T\left(\frac{z_t}{\hbar}\right) \otimes W\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}u_t}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right).$$

Here $\xi_t = (z_t, u_t) = (q_t, p_t, u_t) \in X$ is the solution to (N) with the initial condition $\xi_0 = \xi = (z, u) = (q, p, u) \in X$. Since $\mathcal{C}_h(\xi) = |T_\xi\Phi_h\rangle\langle T_\xi\Phi_h|$, we have

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = (T_\xi\Phi_h, e^{i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_h}\mathcal{W}(\xi')e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_h}T_\xi\Phi_h), \quad (4.1)$$

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi_t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = (T_{\xi_t}\Phi_h, \mathcal{W}(\xi')T_{\xi_t}\Phi_h). \quad (4.2)$$

By Theorem 3.1, we can see that

$$e^{-i\frac{t}{\hbar}H_h}e^{i\frac{t}{\hbar}\int_0^t\mathcal{H}(q_s,p_s,u_s,\bar{u}_s)ds} \sim T_{\xi_t}e^{-i\int_0^tQ_{h,s}ds}T_\xi^* \quad (4.3)$$

in a semi-classical region. Let us define

$$\hat{H}_h = H_h - \mathcal{H}(q_s, p_s, u_s, \bar{u}_s),$$

$$Q_t = \frac{1}{2m}D_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x \cdot (\nabla^2V(q_t) + \nabla^2U(q_t, u_t))x + \phi\left(-ike^{-ikq_t}\frac{\hat{\phi}}{\sqrt{\omega}}\right)x + H_f.$$

Thus Q_t is quadratic and independent of \hbar . Note that

$$\xi_h e^{-i\int_0^t Q_{h,s}ds} \xi_h^* = e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}$$

and in particular $e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}$ is independent of \hbar . By (4.3) we have a corollary.

Corollary 4.3 *It follows that*

$$e^{-i\int_0^t \frac{1}{\hbar}\hat{H}_h ds} \sim T_{\xi_t}\xi_h^* e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds} \xi_h T_{\xi_0}^*, \quad \hbar \rightarrow 0. \quad (4.4)$$

Here $A \sim B$ means that $\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \|A\Phi - B\Phi\| = 0$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) &\sim (T_{\xi_t}\xi_h^*e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\xi_h\Phi_h, \mathcal{W}(\xi')T_{\xi_t}\xi_h^*e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\xi_h\Phi_h) \\ &= (\xi_h^*e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\Phi_1, T_{\xi_t}^*\mathcal{W}(\xi')T_{\xi_t}\xi_h^*e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\Phi_1) \\ &= (e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\Phi_1, \xi_h\mathcal{W}(\xi')\xi_h^*e^{-i\int_0^t Q_s ds}\Phi_1)e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(\xi_t, \xi)}.\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore

$$\xi_h\mathcal{W}(\xi')\xi_h^* = e^{2\pi i\sqrt{\hbar}(q'x+p'D_x)} \otimes e^{-\sqrt{2\pi i}\sqrt{\hbar}\phi(u')} \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$$

as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$. Then

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \|\Phi_1\|^2 e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(\xi_t, \xi)} = e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(\xi_t, \xi)}. \quad (4.5)$$

(4.5) has been rigorously proven and ultimately generalized in [2, Theorem 1.4].

A relationship between μ_0 and μ_t is given through solutions to (N). Let $\Phi_t : X \rightarrow X$ be such that $\xi_t = \Phi_t(\xi)$ is the solution to (N) with the initial condition $\xi_0 = \xi$.

Theorem 4.4 [2, Theorem 1.4] *It follows that $\mu_t(\cdot) = \mu_0 \circ \Phi_t^{-1}(\cdot)$.*

By this we can see that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \int_X e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(x, \xi')x} d\mu_\xi \circ \Phi_t^{-1}(x) \quad (4.6)$$

and hence

$$\int_X e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(x, \xi')x} d\mu_\xi \circ \Phi_t^{-1}(x) = e^{2\pi i\mathrm{Re}(\xi_t, \xi')x}.$$

Then (4.5) follows. As a corollary we can see that

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi)(t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{C}_h(\xi_t)\mathcal{W}(\xi')).$$

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