

# Physics 581: Open Quantum Systems

## Problem Set #2: Solutions

### Problem 1: Boson Algebra

(a) Completeness of coherent states:  $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n c_n |n\rangle$ ,  $c_n = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}}$

$$\int \frac{d^2\alpha}{\pi} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| = \sum_{n,m} \int \frac{d^2\alpha}{\pi} e^{-|\alpha|^2} \frac{(\alpha^*)^n (\alpha)^m}{\sqrt{n!m!}} |n\rangle\langle m| = \sum_{n,m} \int_0^\infty r dr e^{-r^2} \frac{r^{n+m}}{\sqrt{n!m!}} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{\pi} e^{i(m-n)\phi} |n\rangle\langle m|$$

Let  $\alpha = re^{i\phi}$

$$= \sum_{n,m} \int_0^\infty r dr e^{-r^2} \frac{r^{n+m}}{\sqrt{n!m!}} (2\delta_{nm}) |n\rangle\langle n| = \sum_n \frac{2}{n!} \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r^{2n+1} dr \right) |n\rangle\langle n|$$

$\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r^{2n+1} dr = n! / 2$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^2\alpha}{\pi} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| = \sum_{n=0}^\infty |n\rangle\langle n| = \mathbb{1} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Weyl-Heisenberg group:

Using  $e^{\hat{A}} e^{\hat{B}} = e^{\hat{A}+\hat{B}} e^{\frac{1}{2}[\hat{A},\hat{B}]}$  where  $[\hat{A},\hat{B}]$  commutes with  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$

$$\hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta) = e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a}} e^{\beta \hat{a}^\dagger - \beta^* \hat{a}} = e^{(\alpha+\beta) \hat{a}^\dagger - (\alpha+\beta)^* \hat{a}} e^{\frac{1}{2}[\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a}, \beta \hat{a}^\dagger - \beta^* \hat{a}]}$$

$\alpha\beta^* - \alpha^*\beta$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta) = \hat{D}(\alpha+\beta) e^{i \text{Im}(\alpha\beta^*)}$$

$$\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = \langle 0|\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta)|0\rangle = \langle 0|\hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta)|0\rangle = \langle 0|\hat{D}(\beta-\alpha)|0\rangle e^{-i \text{Im}(\alpha\beta^*)}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha-\beta|^2} e^{-i \text{Im}(\alpha\beta^*)} \quad \text{Note } |\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle|^2 = e^{-|\alpha-\beta|^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } |\alpha-\beta| \gg 1$$

$$(c) \text{Tr}(\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta)) = \int \frac{d^2\gamma}{\pi} \langle\gamma|\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta)|\gamma\rangle = \int \frac{d^2\gamma}{\pi} \langle\gamma|\hat{D}(\beta-\alpha)|\gamma\rangle e^{\frac{\beta\alpha^* - \alpha^*\beta}{2}}$$

Aside:  $\langle\gamma|\hat{D}(\beta-\alpha)|\gamma\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha-\beta|^2} \langle\gamma|e^{(\alpha-\beta)\hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-(\alpha-\beta)^*\hat{a}}|\gamma\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha-\beta|^2} e^{(\alpha-\beta)\gamma^* - (\alpha-\beta)^*\gamma}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\hat{D}^\dagger(\alpha) \hat{D}(\beta)) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha-\beta|^2} e^{\frac{\beta\alpha^* - \alpha^*\beta}{2}} \underbrace{\int \frac{d^2\gamma}{\pi} e^{(\alpha-\beta)\gamma^* - (\alpha-\beta)^*\gamma}}_{\delta^{(2)}(\alpha-\beta)} = \delta^{(2)}(\alpha-\beta) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(d) \bullet \langle 0 | \hat{D}(\alpha) | 0 \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \langle 0 | e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} | 0 \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \langle \alpha_1 | \hat{D}(\alpha) | \alpha_2 \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \langle \alpha_1 | e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} | \alpha_1 \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} e^{\alpha \alpha_1^* - \alpha^* \alpha_2}$$

$$\text{Alternatively } \langle \alpha_1 | \hat{D}(\alpha) | \alpha_2 \rangle = \langle 0 | \hat{D}(\alpha_1) \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{D}(\alpha_2) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | \hat{D}(-\alpha) \hat{D}(\alpha + \alpha_2) | 0 \rangle e^{i \operatorname{Im}(\alpha \alpha_2^*)} = \langle 0 | \hat{D}(\alpha + \alpha_2 - \alpha) | 0 \rangle e^{-i \operatorname{Im}(\alpha_1^* (\alpha + \alpha_2))} e^{i \operatorname{Im}(\alpha \alpha_2^*)}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha + \alpha_2 - \alpha_1|^2} e^{i \operatorname{Im}(\alpha \alpha_2^* - \alpha_1 \alpha_1^* - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^*)} \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \langle n | \hat{D}(\alpha) | n \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \langle n | e^{\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\alpha^* \hat{a}} | n \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \sum_m \frac{(-1)^m (\alpha^2)^m}{(m!)^2} \langle n | \underbrace{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^m (\hat{a})^m}_{\text{only equal if } \hat{a}^\dagger \text{ \& } \hat{a}} | n \rangle$$

$$\text{Now } \langle n | (\hat{a}^\dagger)^m (\hat{a})^m | n \rangle = \| \hat{a}^m | n \rangle \|^2 = n(n-1) \dots (n-m) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} \quad m \leq n \quad 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle n | \hat{D}(\alpha) | n \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!} (\alpha^2)^m = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} L_n(\alpha^2)$$

\(\mathbb{R}\) Laguerre polynomial.

## Problem 2: Ways of calculating the Wigner function

We have defined  $W(x,p) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \mathcal{D}(\hat{x}-x, \hat{p}-p)) = \int \frac{dx' dp'}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(p x' - x p')} \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{D}(x', p'))$

where  $\hat{D}(x', p') = e^{-i\hat{p}x' + i\hat{x}p'} \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{D}(x', p')) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} e^{i p' \hat{x}} e^{-i x' \hat{p}}) e^{-i x' p' / 2}$

Aside:  $\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} e^{i p' \hat{x}} e^{-i x' \hat{p}}) = \text{Tr}(e^{-i x' \hat{p}} \hat{\rho} e^{i p' \hat{x}} e^{-i x' \hat{p}}) = \int dx'' \langle x'' | e^{-i x' \hat{p}} |\psi\rangle \langle \psi | e^{i p' \hat{x}} e^{-i x' \hat{p}} |x''\rangle$

Since  $\hat{p}$  is the generator of translations  $e^{-i x_0 \hat{p}} |x\rangle = |x + x_0\rangle$ ,  $\langle x | e^{-i x_0 \hat{p}} = \langle x - x_0 |$

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} e^{i p' \hat{x}} e^{-i x' \hat{p}}) = \int dx'' \psi(x'' - \frac{x'}{2}) \psi^*(x'' + \frac{x'}{2}) e^{i p' (x'' + \frac{x'}{2})}$$

$$\Rightarrow W(x,p) = \int \frac{dx'' dx' dp'}{(2\pi)^2} \psi(x'' - \frac{x'}{2}) \psi^*(x'' + \frac{x'}{2}) e^{i p x'} e^{i p' (x'' + x)}$$

$$= \int \frac{dx'' dx'}{2\pi} \psi^*(x'' + \frac{x'}{2}) \psi(x'' - \frac{x'}{2}) \delta(x'' + x) e^{i p x''} \quad (\text{having integrated over } p')$$

$$\Rightarrow W(x,p) = \int \frac{dx'}{2\pi} \psi^*(x + \frac{x'}{2}) \psi(x - \frac{x'}{2}) e^{-i p x'} \quad \text{Wigner's original form}$$

(b) Marginals:

$$\int dp W(x,p) = \int \frac{dx'}{2\pi} \psi^*(x + \frac{x'}{2}) \psi(x - \frac{x'}{2}) \underbrace{\int dp e^{-i p x'}}_{2\pi \delta(x')} = \psi^*(x) \psi(x) = |\psi(x)|^2 \checkmark$$

$$\int dx W(x,p) = \int \frac{dx'}{2\pi} e^{-i p x'} \int dx \psi^*(x + \frac{x'}{2}) \psi(x - \frac{x'}{2}) = \int \frac{dx'}{2\pi} e^{-i p x'} \underbrace{\int dx \psi^*(x) \psi(x - x')}_{\text{convolution}}$$

$$= \int \frac{dx'}{2\pi} e^{-i p x'} \int dp' |\tilde{\psi}^*(p')|^2 e^{i p' x'} = \int dp' \delta(p-p') |\tilde{\psi}(p')|^2 = |\tilde{\psi}(p)|^2 \checkmark$$

(c) Recall from lecture

$$W(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int d^2\beta P(\beta) e^{-2|\beta - \alpha|^2} \quad (\text{Wigner function is smoothed } P\text{-function})$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| \Rightarrow \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle = \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) \langle -\beta | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle = \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha - \beta|^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha + \beta|^2} e^{\beta\alpha^* - \beta^*\alpha}$$

$$\frac{e^{+|\beta|^2}}{\pi} \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle = \int \frac{d^2\alpha}{\pi} (P(\alpha) e^{-|\alpha|^2}) e^{\beta\alpha^* - \beta^*\alpha} \quad (\text{2D Fourier transform})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\alpha) = e^{|\alpha|^2} \int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi} \left( \frac{e^{|\beta|^2}}{\pi} \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle \right) e^{\alpha\beta^* - \alpha^*\beta}$$

$$W(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int d^2\gamma P(\gamma) e^{-2|\gamma - \alpha|^2} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int d^2\gamma \left[ e^{|\gamma|^2} \int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi^2} e^{|\beta|^2} \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle e^{\gamma\beta^* - \gamma^*\beta} \right] e^{-2|\gamma - \alpha|^2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi} e^{|\beta|^2} \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle \int d^2\gamma e^{|\gamma|^2} e^{-2|\gamma - \alpha|^2} e^{\gamma\beta^* - \gamma^*\beta}$$

Aside:  $e^{|\gamma|^2} e^{-2|\gamma - \alpha|^2} = e^{-|\gamma|^2 - 2(\gamma\alpha^* + \gamma^*\alpha) - 2|\alpha|^2} = e^{2|\alpha|^2} e^{-|\gamma - 2\alpha|^2}$  (completing the square)

$$\Rightarrow \int d^2\gamma e^{-|\gamma - 2\alpha|^2} e^{\gamma\beta^* - \gamma^*\beta} = e^{2|\alpha|^2} \int d^2\gamma e^{-|\gamma - 2\alpha|^2} e^{\gamma\beta^* - \gamma^*\beta} = \pi e^{2|\alpha|^2 - |\beta|^2} e^{2(\alpha\beta^* - \beta^*\alpha)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} e^{2|\alpha|^2} \int d^2\beta \langle -\beta | \hat{\rho} | \beta \rangle e^{2(\alpha\beta^* - \beta^*\alpha)}}$$

### Problem 3: Examples of Wigner Functions

(a) Fock State:  $|n\rangle$

$$Q(\alpha) = \frac{|\langle \alpha | n \rangle|^2}{\pi} = \frac{e^{-|\alpha|^2} (|\alpha|^2)^n}{\pi n!}$$

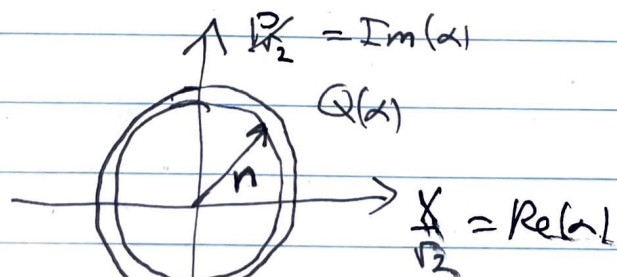
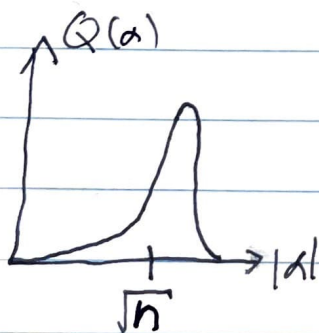
$$W(\alpha) = \int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi} \chi_0(\beta) e^{\alpha\beta^* - \alpha^*\beta}$$

where  $\chi_0(\beta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle n | \beta(\beta) | n \rangle$  is the symmetrically ordered characteristic function. From Problem 1

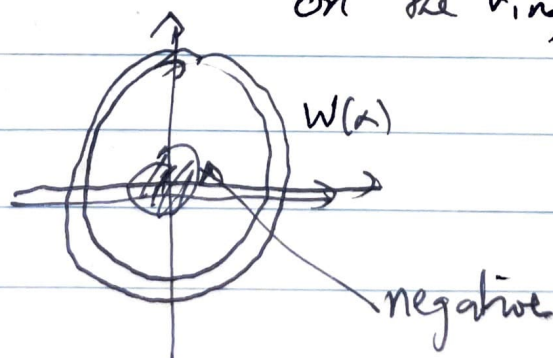
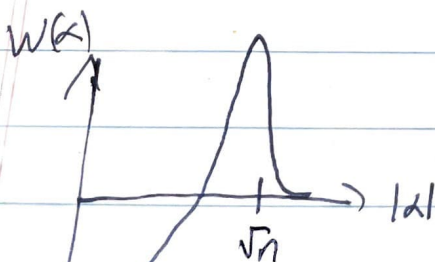
$$\chi_0(\beta) = \frac{e^{-|\beta|^2/2}}{\pi} L_n(|\beta|^2) \quad \leftarrow \text{Laguerre Polynomial}$$

Using Mathematica:

$$W(\alpha) = \frac{2(-1)^n}{\pi} e^{-2|\alpha|^2} L_n(4|\alpha|^2)$$



Q-function concentrated on the ring



negative



(b) 'Cat State'

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} (|\alpha_0\rangle + e^{i\phi} |-\alpha_0\rangle)$$

call this  $\alpha_0$

$$- \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} (2 + e^{i\phi} \underbrace{\langle\alpha_0|-\alpha_0\rangle}_{e^{-2|\alpha_0|^2}} + e^{-i\phi} \langle-\alpha_0|\alpha_0\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\mathcal{N}^2} (1 + \cos\phi e^{-2|\alpha_0|^2}) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - \cos\phi e^{-2|\alpha_0|^2})^{-1}}$$

when  $|\alpha| \gg 1$

$$\mathcal{N} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$- \text{Husimi } Q(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\pi} |\langle\alpha|\psi\rangle|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi \mathcal{N}^2} \left| \underbrace{\langle\alpha|\alpha_0\rangle}_{e^{-\frac{|\alpha-\alpha_0|^2}{2}} e^{-i\text{Im}(\alpha\alpha_0^*)}} + e^{i\phi} \underbrace{\langle\alpha|-\alpha_0\rangle}_{e^{-\frac{|\alpha+\alpha_0|^2}{2}} e^{i\text{Im}(\alpha\alpha_0^*)}} \right|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Q(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\pi \mathcal{N}^2} \left( e^{-\frac{|\alpha-\alpha_0|^2}{2}} + e^{-\frac{|\alpha+\alpha_0|^2}{2}} + 2e^{-\frac{|\alpha-\alpha_0|^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\alpha+\alpha_0|^2}{2}} \right)$$

Q-function of coherent

states localized

at  $\alpha_0$  and  $-\alpha_0$

overlap

## Wigner function

$$W(\alpha) = \int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi} \chi_0(\beta) e^{\alpha\beta^* - \alpha^*\beta}$$

$$\chi_0(\beta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle \psi | \hat{D}(\beta) | \psi \rangle \quad (\text{characteristic function})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \langle \alpha_0 | \hat{D}(\beta) | \alpha_0 \rangle + \langle -\alpha_0 | \hat{D}(\beta) | -\alpha_0 \rangle \right. \\ \left. + e^{i\phi} \langle -\alpha_0 | \hat{D}(\beta) | \alpha_0 \rangle + e^{-i\phi} \langle \alpha_0 | \hat{D}(\beta) | -\alpha_0 \rangle \right)$$

The first two terms represent the characteristic function of the coherent states  $|\alpha_0\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha_0\rangle$  respectively:  $W_{\pm\alpha_0}(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\pi} e^{-2|\alpha \mp \alpha_0|^2}$

To calculate the "off-diagonal" terms, note

$$\langle -\alpha_0 | \hat{D}(\beta) | \alpha_0 \rangle = e^{-|\beta + 2\alpha_0|^2/2}$$

Need to find  $\int \frac{d^2\beta}{\pi^2} e^{-\frac{|\beta + 2\alpha_0|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha\beta^* - \alpha^*\beta}$ , let  $\beta = \gamma - 2\alpha_0$

$$\int \frac{d^2\gamma}{\pi^2} e^{-\frac{|\gamma|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha\gamma^* - \alpha^*\gamma} e^{-2\alpha_0(\alpha - \alpha^*)}$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} e^{-2|\alpha|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow W(\alpha) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ e^{-2|\alpha - \alpha_0|^2} + e^{-2|\alpha + \alpha_0|^2} + 2 e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \cos(4\alpha_0 \text{Im}(\alpha) + \phi) \right\}$$

interference term

- Take  $x_0 = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{2}}$  to be real,  $\phi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow W(x,p) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ e^{-p^2} e^{-(x-x_0)^2} + e^{-p^2} e^{-(x+x_0)^2} + 2e^{-(x^2+p^2)} \cos(2x_0 p) \right\}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp W(x,p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-(x-x_0)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-(x+x_0)^2} \right)$$

$$= |\langle x | \psi \rangle|^2 \quad \text{Superposition of two Gaussian wave packets } \checkmark$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx W(x,p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-p^2} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-p^2} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} 2 \cos(2x_0 p) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + \cos(2x_0 p)) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-p^2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-p^2} \cos^2(4x_0 p) = |\langle p | \psi \rangle|^2$$

Like double slit interference pattern



## Problem 4: Nonclassical States via Kerr effect

Kerr Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^2 = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a})$

$$= \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (\hat{n}^2 - \hat{n}) = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} \hat{n}(\hat{n}-1)$$

(a) At  $t=0$   $|\psi(0)\rangle = |\alpha_0\rangle = \sum_n c_n |n\rangle$

$$c_n = e^{-|\alpha_0|^2/2} \frac{\alpha_0^n}{n!}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\hat{H}t}{\hbar}} |\psi(0)\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\frac{i\kappa t}{2} n(n-1)} c_n |n\rangle$$

at  $t = \frac{\pi}{\kappa}$   $|\psi(t = \frac{\pi}{\kappa})\rangle = \sum_n (-i)^{n^2} (i)^n c_n |n\rangle$

Aside:  $(-i)^{n^2} = (1, -i, 1, -i, \dots)$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{-i\pi/4} + (-1)^n e^{i\pi/4})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi(t = \frac{\pi}{\kappa})\rangle = \frac{e^{-i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_n i^n c_n |n\rangle + \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_n (-i)^n c_n |n\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi(t = \frac{\pi}{\kappa})\rangle = \frac{e^{-i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2}} |i\alpha_0\rangle + \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2}} |-i\alpha_0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{e^{-i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2}} (|i\alpha_0\rangle + i |-i\alpha_0\rangle)$$

This a "cat state"

(b) The density operator at time  $t$

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = |\psi(t)\rangle \langle \psi(t)|$$

The Wigner function

$$W(\alpha, t) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} e^{2|\alpha|^2} \int d^2\beta \langle -\beta | \psi(t) \rangle \langle \psi(t) | \beta \rangle e^{-2(\beta\alpha^* - \beta^*\alpha)}$$

Aside:  $\langle -\beta | \psi(t) \rangle = \sum_n c_n \langle -\beta | n \rangle e^{-i\frac{\hbar t}{2} n(n-1)}$

$$= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2} - \frac{|\beta|^2}{2}} \sum_n \frac{(\alpha_0)^n (-\beta^*)^n}{n!} e^{-i\frac{\hbar t}{2} n(n-1)}$$

$$\langle \psi(t) | \beta \rangle = e^{-\frac{\hbar t}{2} - \frac{|\beta|^2}{2}} \sum_m \frac{(\alpha_0^*)^m (\beta)^m}{m!} e^{-i\frac{\hbar t}{2} m(m-1)}$$

We must thus consider the integral

$$\int d^2\beta (\beta^*)^n (\beta)^m e^{-2(\beta\alpha^* - \beta^*\alpha)} e^{-|\beta|^2/2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}\right)^n \left(+\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha^*}\right)^m \int d^2\beta e^{-2(\beta\alpha^* - \beta^*\alpha)} e^{-|\beta|^2/2}$$

$e^{-4|\alpha|^2}$  (Fourier transform)

$$\Rightarrow W(\alpha, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} e^{2|\alpha|^2} e^{-|\alpha_0|^2} \sum_{n,m} \frac{1}{(2)^{n+m}} \frac{(\alpha_0^*)^n (\alpha_0)^m}{n! m!} \times e^{-i\frac{\hbar t}{2} [n(n-1) - m(m-1)]} \partial_\alpha^n \partial_{\alpha^*}^m e^{-4|\alpha|^2}$$

One useful form



(d) The Wigner function evolves according to

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = \{H_w(\alpha, \alpha^*), W(\alpha, \alpha^*)\}_{MB} \text{ Moyal bracket}$$

$$= H_w(\alpha, \alpha^*) \star W(\alpha, \alpha^*) - W(\alpha, \alpha^*) \star H_w(\alpha, \alpha^*)$$

↑  
star product.

We need to find the Weyl symbol for the Hamiltonian.  
For that purpose, we will use the Bopp representation

$$\begin{aligned} H_w(\alpha, \alpha^*) &= H(\hat{a} = \alpha + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\alpha^*}, \hat{a}^\dagger = \alpha^* - \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\alpha}) \mathbb{1} \\ &= \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (\alpha^* - \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\alpha})^2 (\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\alpha^*})^2 \mathbb{1} = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (\alpha^{*2} - \alpha^* \partial_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{4}\partial_{\alpha}^2) \alpha^2 \\ &= \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (\alpha^{*2} \alpha^2 - 2\alpha \alpha^* + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2} (|\alpha|^2 (|\alpha|^2 - 2)) + \frac{\hbar\kappa}{4} \end{aligned}$$

From lecture notes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} &= \{H, W\}_{MB} = -i \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha^*} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \alpha^*} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{8} \left( \frac{\partial^3 H}{\partial \alpha^* \partial \alpha} \frac{\partial^3 W}{\partial \alpha^2 \partial \alpha^*} - \frac{\partial^3 H}{\partial \alpha^2 \partial \alpha^*} \frac{\partial^3 W}{\partial \alpha^* \partial \alpha} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

This series truncates because  $H$  is 4<sup>th</sup> order

After ~~algebra~~ algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} &= -i\kappa (|\alpha|^2 - 1) \left( \alpha^* \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha^*} - \alpha \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{i\kappa}{4} \left( \alpha^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha^*} \right) \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha^*} \end{aligned}$$

In the TWA we retain only the first term (generated by the Poisson bracket)

$$\text{TWA: } \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = -i\kappa(|\alpha|^2 - 1) \left( \alpha^* \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha^*} - \alpha \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha} \right)$$

We recall from lecture  $+i \left( \alpha^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha^*} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$   
 in polar coordinates, i.e. the generator on rotations in phase space. ~~with~~ With  $\alpha = r e^{i\phi}$

$$\text{TWA } \boxed{\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = -\kappa(r^2 - 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}}$$

This says the the point in phase by an amount proportional to  $(r^2 - 1)$ . The "-1" is quantum. ~~The~~ A flow proportional to  $r^2$  is the phase accumulated portion to  $|\alpha|^2$  - this is the Kerr effect.

