

# $N^{\text{th}}$ -order superintegrable systems separating in polar coordinates

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A standard way to gain insight into the behaviour of a physical system is:

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 construct a mathematical model  
 analyze the model  
 use it to make predictions  
 compare with experiment
 
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The models provided by classical and quantum mechanics are spectacularly successful in this regard.

A relatively few systems, however, can be solved exactly with explicit analytic expressions: **integrable Hamiltonian systems**. A special subclass is: **superintegrable systems**.

- a fundamental procedure for the positioning of satellites and orbital maneuvering of interplanetary spacecraft is based on the **superintegrability** of the **Kepler system**.
- the periodic table is based on perturbations of the **superintegrable hydrogen atom**.

## Definition

In classical mechanics a Hamiltonian system with  $n$  degrees of freedom is called **integrable** if it allows  $n$  functionally independent integrals of motion

$$\{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\}.$$

A **superintegrable system** is one that allows some additional integrals of motion

$$\{\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_k\},$$

such that the set  $\{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_k\}$  is functionally independent.

If  $k = \begin{cases} n-1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$  then the system is called **maximally** **minimally** superintegrable.

The concepts of **integrability** and **superintegrability** are also introduced in quantum mechanics.

**Integrals of motion**  $\Rightarrow$  **well defined linear QM operators algebraically independent**

The best known superintegrable systems are:

- Kepler, or Coulomb system
- Harmonic oscillator

They are characterized by the fact that all finite classical trajectories in these systems are periodic.

## Kepler system

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^2 + V(r),$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

$$L_i = \epsilon_{ikl} x_k p_l$$

$$\{H, L_i\} = 0 \iff \frac{dL_i}{dt} = 0.$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{k}{r} \quad \text{Kepler potential}$$

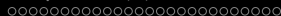
Another conserved vector **Laplace-Runge-Lenz**

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L} - mk \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}.$$

$H, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{L}$ :  $6 + 1 = 7$  conserved quantities.

However, we have 2 relations

$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{L}) = 0$  and  $H$  can be written in terms of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$ .



## Derivation of Kepler orbits

In particular we have  $A^2 = m^2 k^2 + 2mEl^2$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}) - mkr$$

$$Ar \cos \theta = l^2 - mkr$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{mk}{l^2} \left( 1 + \frac{A}{mk} \cos \theta \right), \quad e = \frac{A}{mk} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2El^2}{mk^2}}.$$

- **ellipse** ( $e < 1$  or  $-\frac{mk^2}{2l^2} < E < 0$ )
- **circle** ( $e = 0$  or  $E = -\frac{mk^2}{2l^2}$ )
- **hyperbola** ( $e > 1$  or  $E > 0$ )
- **parabola** ( $e = 1$  or  $E = 0$ )

## Quantum Coulomb problem in $E_3$

$$H = \mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{\alpha}{r}, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

Quantum version of **Laplace-Runge-Lenz**

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{p} - \frac{\alpha}{r} \mathbf{r}.$$

The commutation relations between these operators are

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{L}, H] &= [\mathbf{A}, H] = 0, \\ [L_j, L_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}L_l, \quad [L_j, A_k] = i\epsilon_{jkl}A_l, \quad [A_j, A_k] = -i\epsilon_{jkl}L_l H. \end{aligned}$$

The famous **Balmer formula**,  $E = -\frac{2me^4}{\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n}$ .

**W. Pauli** in his remarkable **1926** paper uses precisely the above formulas to derive the Balmer formula. He obtained this result before the Schrödinger equation was known using only the algebra, no calculus.



## Harmonic oscillator

Also **maximally** superintegrable:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{p}^2 + \omega^2 r^2), \quad \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p},$$

$$Q_{ik} = p_i p_k + \omega^2 x_i x_k$$

10 conserved quantities, 5 functionally independent ones.

## Bertrand's theorem (1873)

The only spherically symmetric potentials in  $E_3$  for which all bounded trajectories are closed are

$$V(r) = -\frac{k}{r}, \quad \text{and} \quad V(r) = \omega^2 r^2.$$

A systematic search for **SIS** and their properties was started some time ago (1965 *Winternitz et. al*). Originally the approach concentrated on Hamiltonians of the type

$$H = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V(\mathbf{r})$$

in **2-** and **3-** dimensional Euclidean spaces with the restriction that all integrals of motion should be **first-** or **second-order** polynomials in the momenta.

For Hamiltonians of the given type with **second-order** integrals of motion there is a close relation between **integrability** and the **separation of variables** in the **Schrödinger** and **Hamilton-Jacobi** equations. **Superintegrable** systems of this type are **multiseparable**.

This relationship between **integrability** and **separability** breaks down in other cases. For example, for natural Hamiltonians, the existence of **third-order** integrals of motion **does not** lead to the **separation of variables** (1935 Drach, 2002 Gravel-Winternitz, 2007 Marquette-Winternitz, 2009 Marquette, 2010 Tremblay-Winternitz). Furthermore, if we consider **velocity** dependent potentials

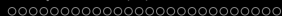
$$H = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V(\mathbf{r}) + (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{p}),$$

then **quadratic integrability** no longer implies the separation of variables (1985 Dorizzi *et. al*, 2004 Bérubé-Winternitz). With **second-order** integrals of motion for the Hamiltonians having **velocity** dependent potentials and **higher-order** integrals of motion with natural Hamiltonians, **CM** and **QM** potentials do not necessarily coincide (1984 Hietarinta, **pure QI**).

In 2006 together with P. Winternitz we initiated the study of integrability and superintegrability for systems involving particles with spin. More specifically, we considered two nonrelativistic quantum particles, one with  $s = \frac{1}{2}$  and the other with  $s = 0$ . From the physical point of view, the most interesting Hamiltonian to consider would be

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\Delta + V_0(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2}\{V_1(\mathbf{r}), (\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{L})\}.$$

As integrals of motion we considered first- and second-order matrix differential operators and classified the superintegrable systems in  $E_2$  and  $E_3$ .



After the publication of the 2009 paper “An infinite family of solvable and integrable quantum systems on a plane” (Tremblay-Turbiner-Winternitz) the direction of the research has been shifted to higher-order integrability/superintegrability (2011, 2012 Kalnins-Kress-Miller, 2015 Post-Winternitz, Marquette). Higher-order integrable and SIS can now be more easily tractable (2012, 2013 Ranada, 2013 Ballesteros *et. al*). More recently, exotic and standard potentials appearing in Quantum SIS has been studied for  $N = 4$  both in Cartesian (2017 Marquette-Sajedi-Winternitz) and Polar (2017, 2018 Escobar-Ruiz–Lopez Vieyra-Winternitz-Yurduşen) coordinates. Also doubly exotic potentials for  $N = 5$  in Cartesian coordinates has been studied (2017 Abouamal-Winternitz).

Superintegrable systems are interesting both from the mathematical and physical point of view.

In CM they have the following:

- In the case of **maximal superintegrability** all **bounded trajectories** are **closed** and the **motion** is **periodic**.
- The **Poisson algebra** of integrals of motion has an interesting **non-Abelian** structure. It may be a **finite dimensional Lie algebra**, a **Kac-Moody algebra** or a **polynomial algebra**.
- A special case is **quadratic superintegrability** when integrals are second-order polynomials in the momenta. This is related to **multiseparability**: the H-J equation allows separation of variables in more than one coordinate system.



In QM the **SIS** have similar distinguishing properties:

- The quantum energy levels display “*accidental*” degeneracy, *i.e.* a degeneracy explained by higher symmetries rather than the geometrical ones.
- **Integrability** provides a complete set of quantum numbers, characterizing the system. **Superintegrability**, in all cases studied so far, entails **exact solvability**.
  - the energy levels can be calculated algebraically.
  - the wave functions expressed in terms of polynomials.
- Integrals form a **non-Abelian** algebra under Lie commutation. Again it can be a **finite dimensional Lie algebra**, a **Kac-Moody algebra** or a **polynomial algebra**.
- For **quadratic superintegrability** Schrödinger equation separates in more than one system of coordinates. Moreover, the QM and CM potentials coincide for quadratic superintegrability.



In this talk we restrict ourselves to the plane  $E_2$ . The Hamiltonian, in Cartesian coordinates, has the form

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2) + V(x, y).$$

In **CM**:  $p_x$  and  $p_y$  are the conjugate momenta.

In **QM**: they are the corresponding operators

$$p_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad p_y = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

The classical Hamiltonian in polar coordinates reads

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( p_r^2 + \frac{p_\theta^2}{r^2} \right) + V(r, \theta),$$

whereas the corresponding quantum operator takes the form

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left( \partial_r^2 + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \right) + V(r, \theta).$$



## INTEGRABILITY: EXISTENCE OF $2^{nd}$ -ORDER IOM

Let us consider

$$X = L_z^2 + 2S(\theta)$$

For  $X$  to be an integral of motion, it must

$$\{H, X\}_{PB} = 0, \quad [H, X] = 0.$$

This condition specifies the form of the potential

$$V(r, \theta) = R(r) + \frac{S(\theta)}{r^2},$$

where  $R(r)$ ,  $S(\theta)$  are arbitrary functions.



## Radial Component $R(r)$

Having the  $2^{nd}$ -order IOM  $X$  (which guarantees the separability of H-J or S) we showed that the  $R(r)$  part of the potential must satisfy

$$R(r) = 0, \quad R(r) = \frac{a}{r}, \quad R(r) = br^2.$$

By canonical transformation we prepare our problem to resemble the one, for which the **Bertrand's theorem** will apply. In both problems we have

$$\dot{r} = \pm \sqrt{2(H - R_{eff})}, \quad R_{eff}(r) = R(r) + \frac{X}{2r^2},$$

however, we have to modify

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{\ell}{r^2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \dot{\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{X}}{r^2},$$

$$i.e.; \quad (\theta, p_\theta) \Longrightarrow (\Omega, P_\Omega)$$

For this we define

$$\Omega(\theta) = \int^{\theta} \sqrt{\frac{X_0}{X_0 - 2S(\omega)}} d\omega, \quad X_0 > 0,$$

whose time evolution is given by

$$\dot{\Omega} = \{\Omega, H\}_{PB} = \frac{1}{r^2} \sqrt{\frac{X_0(X - 2S(\theta))}{X_0 - 2S(\theta)}}.$$

Substituting the values of the integrals  $H = E$  and  $X = X_0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dr}{d\Omega} = \pm \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{X_0}} \sqrt{2(E - R_{eff})}.$$

Upon introducing  $u = \frac{1}{r}$  and squaring both sides we get

$$E = \frac{1}{2} X_0 \left( \frac{du}{d\Omega} \right)^2 + \tilde{R}_{eff}(u),$$

after which the Bertrand's theorem will follow. □



## SUPERINTEGRABILITY: EXISTENCE OF $N^{\text{th}}$ -ORDER IOM

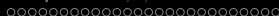
### General IOM (Classically)

$$Y = Y^{(N)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2\ell} F_{j,2\ell} p_x^j p_y^{N-j-2\ell}$$

where  $Y^{(N)}$  contains only the  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order terms

$$Y^{(N)} = \sum_{0 \leq m+n \leq N} A_{N-m-n,m,n} L_z^{N-m-n} p_x^m p_y^n .$$

Here  $A_{N-m-n,m,n}$  are  $\frac{(N+1)(N+2)}{2}$  constants. These leading order terms will define the form of the potential.



In Polar case, by putting

$$p_x = \left( \cos \theta p_r - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} L_z \right), \quad p_y = \left( \sin \theta p_r + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} L_z \right),$$

we obtain the corresponding expressions in polar coordinates. Also, the  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order terms can be written more suitably

$$Y^{(N)} = \sum_{0 \leq s+2k \leq N} L_z^{N-s-2k} p^{s+2k} \left[ B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \cos s \Theta + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \sin s \Theta \right]$$

$$P^2 \equiv p_x^2 + p_y^2, \quad \tan \Theta \equiv \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

For fixed  $s$ , each pair

$$\left( B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \cos s \Theta, B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \sin s \Theta \right)$$

( $s \neq 0$ ) forms a doublet under  $O(2)$  rotations. At  $s = 0$ , the pair reduces to a **singlet**. Under rotations through the angle  $\theta$  around the z-axis, the doublets rotate through  $s\theta$ .



Similarly, in the quantum case we introduce the Hermitian  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order operator  $Y^{(N)}$

### General IOM (Quantum case)

$$Y = Y^{(N)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\left[\frac{N}{2}\right]} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2\ell} \left\{ F_{j,2\ell}, p_x^j p_y^{N-j-2\ell} \right\}$$

with  $Y^{(N)}$

$$Y^{(N)} = \sum_{0 \leq s+2k \leq N} \left\{ L_z^{N-s-2k}, (p_x^2 + p_y^2)^k \right. \\ \left. \left( B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} [(p_x + ip_y)^s]_{\text{Re}} + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} [(p_x + ip_y)^s]_{\text{Im}} \right) \right\}$$

Determining equations:  $[H, Y] = 0$ .

In the quantum case,  $[H, Y]$  is an operator of order  $(N + 1)$ , i.e.

$$[H, Y] = \sum_{k+l=0}^{N+1} Z_{k,l}(r, \theta) \frac{\partial^{k+l}}{\partial r^k \partial \theta^l}.$$

We require  $Z_{k,l} = 0$  for all  $k$  and  $l$  and obtain the **determining equations**. The terms of order  $k + l = N + 1$  and  $k + l = N$  vanish automatically. Moreover, only the terms with  $k + l$  having the opposite parity than  $N$  provide independent determining equations ( $Z_{k,l} = 0$ ). Those with the same parity provide equations that are differential consequences of the first ones. For the classical case, the determining equations are obtained from the quantum case by taking the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ .

Vanishing of the  $[H, Y] = 0$  implies that the potential  $V$  must satisfy a **linear PDE** of order  $N$ . For arbitrary potential this linear PDE takes the form

### Linear Compatibility Condition (LCC)

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (-1)^j \partial_x^{N-1-j} \partial_y^j [(j+1) f_{j+1,0} \partial_x V + (N-j) f_{j,0} \partial_y V] = 0$$

This is a necessary (not sufficient) condition for the existence of the integral  $Y$ . The functions  $f_{j,0}$  do not depend on the potential

$$f_{j,0} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-j} \sum_{m=0}^j \binom{N-m-n}{j-m} A_{N-m-n,m,n} x^{N-j-n} (-y)^{j-m}$$

and they are completely determined by the coefficients  $A_{N-m-n,m,n}$  of  $Y^{(N)}$ .





- For  $R(r) = 0$ , certain constants among the  $B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)}$  and  $B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)}$  that define the  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order terms  $Y^{(N)}$  of the integral  $Y$  do not appear in the LCC.
- Hence, the classical  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order terms  $Y^{(N)}$  in the integral  $Y$  can be decomposed into two parts

$$Y^{(N)} = Y_I^{(N)} + Y_{II}^{(N)}$$

$$Y_I^{(N)} = \sum_{N-1 \leq s+2k \leq N} L_z^{N-s-2k} p^{s+2k} \left[ B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \cos s \Theta + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \sin s \Theta \right],$$

$$Y_{II}^{(N)} = \sum_{0 \leq s+2k \leq N-2} L_z^{N-s-2k} p^{s+2k} \left[ B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \cos s \Theta + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \sin s \Theta \right],$$

We define two cases:

### Standard potentials

$Y_I^{(N)} \neq 0$ : this case corresponds to **Standard potentials** for which the angular component  $S(\theta)$  satisfies the **LCC**.

### Exotic potentials

$Y_{II}^{(N)} \neq 0$ : this situation corresponds to the **Exotic potentials** where the function  $S(\theta)$  satisfies non-linear equations rather than linear ones. Unlike the previous case, here the **LCC** is trivially satisfied.

## Quantum case

$$Y_I^{(N)} = \sum_{N-1 \leq s+2k \leq N} \left\{ L_z^{N-s-2k}, P^{2k} \left( B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \left[ (p_x + i p_y)^s \right]_{Re} + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \left[ (p_x + i p_y)^s \right]_{Im} \right) \right\},$$

$$Y_{II}^{(N)} = \sum_{0 \leq s+2k \leq N-2} \left\{ L_z^{N-s-2k}, P^{2k} \left( B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(1)} \left[ (p_x + i p_y)^s \right]_{Re} + B_{N-s-2k,s,k}^{(2)} \left[ (p_x + i p_y)^s \right]_{Im} \right) \right\}.$$

$N = 3$ 

$Y^{(3)}$  is composed of the following terms:

$$C_1 \{L_z^2, p_x\}, \quad D_0 L_z^3, \quad B_0 L_z (p_x^2 + p_y^2),$$

$$C_2 \{L_z^2, p_y\},$$

$$A_3 p_x (p_x^2 + p_y^2), \quad B_1 \{L_z, (p_x^2 - p_y^2)\}, \quad A_1 (p_x^3 - 3p_x p_y^2)$$

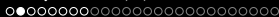
$$A_4 p_y (p_x^2 + p_y^2), \quad B_2 \{L_z, 2p_x p_y\}, \quad A_2 (3p_x^2 p_y - p_y^3),$$

Notation:

### Exotic constants

$$B_{3,0,0}^{(1)} = B_{3,0,0}^{(2)} \equiv D_0 \equiv A_{3,0,0}, \quad (s = 0, k = 0)$$

$$B_{2,1,0}^{(1)} \equiv C_1 \equiv A_{2,1,0}, \quad B_{2,1,0}^{(2)} \equiv C_2 \equiv A_{2,0,1}, \quad (s = 1, k = 0)$$


 $N = 3$ 

## Standard constants

$$B_{1,0,1}^{(1)} = B_{1,0,1}^{(2)} \equiv B_0 \equiv \frac{A_{1,2,0} + A_{1,0,2}}{2}, \quad (s = 0, k = 1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B_{0,1,1}^{(1)} &\equiv A_3 \equiv \frac{3A_{0,3,0} + A_{0,1,2}}{4}, \\ B_{0,1,1}^{(2)} &\equiv A_4 \equiv \frac{3A_{0,0,3} + A_{0,2,1}}{4}, \end{aligned} \right\} (s = 1, k = 1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B_{1,2,0}^{(1)} &\equiv B_1 \equiv \frac{A_{1,2,0} - A_{1,0,2}}{2}, \\ B_{1,2,0}^{(2)} &\equiv B_2 \equiv \frac{A_{1,1,1}}{2}, \end{aligned} \right\} (s = 2, k = 0)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B_{0,3,0}^{(1)} &\equiv A_1 \equiv \frac{A_{0,3,0} - A_{0,1,2}}{4}, \\ B_{0,3,0}^{(2)} &\equiv A_2 \equiv \frac{A_{0,2,1} - A_{0,0,3}}{4}, \end{aligned} \right\} (s = 3, k = 0)$$

- $[H, Y^3]$  is a 4<sup>th</sup>-order operator in general.
- relevant information is coming from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 0<sup>th</sup>-order terms. (i.e.; there exist 4 determining equations)
- depending on the fact that which constants appear in the LCC we obtain and classify various potentials.
- most of the doublets do not mixed in the determining equations

$N = 3$ 

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## Standard Potentials

$$T_1(\theta) = \frac{s_1 \sin(\theta) + s_2 \cos(\theta) + s_3 \sin(3\theta) + s_4 \cos(3\theta)}{A_4 \cos(\theta) - A_3 \sin(\theta) + 3(A_2 \cos(3\theta) - A_1 \sin(3\theta))},$$

$$T_2(\theta) = \frac{s_1 + s_2 \cos(2\theta) + s_3 \sin(2\theta)}{B_1 \cos(2\theta) + B_2 \sin(2\theta)} + s_4,$$

Only **one** nonlinear determining equation is left and that fixes the parameters  $s_1, s_2, \dots$

In many cases we recover the **TTW** systems but for some of the solutions we obtain **pure quantum potentials** (proportional to  $\hbar^2$ ) which cannot be reduced or transformed to **TTW** systems.

$N = 3$ 

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## Exotic Potentials

- for  $D_0$  we obtain a potential expressible in terms of Weierstrass elliptic function, however,

$$\left(\frac{Y}{2}\right)^2 = 8 \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^3 - c_1 \frac{\hbar^4}{4} X + c_2 \frac{\hbar^6}{4}.$$

- We have a 4<sup>th</sup>-order nonlinear equation for  $(C_1, C_2)$ .
- After making the change of variables  $z = \tan(\theta)$  and with the help of transformation  $(z, T(z)) \rightarrow (x, W(x))$  where  $z = \frac{2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}}{1-2x}$ , we arrived the derivative of the first canonical subcase of the **Cosgrove's master Painlevé equation**

$$T(x) = \hbar^2 \left[ \frac{W(x)}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} + \gamma \frac{(1-2x)}{4\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} \right], \quad x \equiv \begin{cases} \cos^2[\frac{\theta}{2}] \\ \sin^2[\frac{\theta}{2}], \end{cases}$$

with  $\gamma = (\gamma_2 + \gamma_4) - (\gamma_1 + \gamma_3) + \sqrt{2\gamma_1} - \frac{3}{4}$  and  $(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_4 - \sqrt{2\gamma_1}) = 0$ .



$N = 3$ 

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In the above potential  $W(x)$  is expressed in terms of **Painlevé transcendent  $P_6$**  as

$$W(x; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4) = \frac{x^2(x-1)^2}{4P_6(P_6-1)(P_6-x)} \left[ P_6' - \frac{P_6(P_6-1)}{x(x-1)} \right]^2 \\ + \frac{1}{8}(1 - \sqrt{2\gamma_1})^2(1 - 2P_6) - \frac{1}{4}\gamma_2 \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{P_6} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{4}\gamma_3 \left( 1 - \frac{2(x-1)}{P_6-1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\gamma_4}{4} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2x(P_6-1)}{P_6-x} \right),$$

with  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  and  $\gamma_4$  are the parameters that define the **sixth Painlevé transcendent  $P_6$**  which satisfies the well known second order differential equation:

$$P_6'' = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{P_6} + \frac{1}{P_6-1} + \frac{1}{P_6-x} \right] (P_6')^2 - \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{P_6-x} \right] P_6' \\ + \frac{P_6(P_6-1)(P_6-x)}{x^2(x-1)^2} \left[ \gamma_1 + \frac{\gamma_2 x}{P_6^2} + \frac{\gamma_3 (x-1)}{(P_6-1)^2} + \frac{\gamma_4 x(x-1)}{(P_6-x)^2} \right].$$

This potential expressed in terms of Painlevé transcendent is the most interesting one.

- It provides one of the relationships between the theory of quantum superintegrable systems and soliton theory *i.e.* the theory of infinite dimensional integrable systems, usually described by nonlinear partial differential equations that are compatibility conditions for certain linear equations obtained from Lax pairs.
- The “Painlevé conjecture” states that all reductions of soliton type equations to ordinary differential equations should have the Painlevé property *i.e.* should be single-valued about movable singularities.

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- The **6 Painlevé transcendents** were discovered in a study of second order ODEs with the Painlevé property and they are the only equations of the studied class that can not be expressed in terms of elliptic functions, or solutions of linear differential equations.
- The **Painlevé equations** come up as solutions of many of the nonlinear equations of mathematical physics, such as the Korteweg-de-Vries, Boussinesq or Kadomtsev-Petviashvili to name just a few examples.
- Here it appears as **superintegrable potentials** in the linear Schrödinger equation in quantum mechanics.

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$Y^{(4)}$  is composed of the following terms:

$$A_1 \{L_z^3, p_x\}, \quad B_3 \{L_z^2, (p_x^2 - p_y^2)\}, \quad L_z^4, \\ A_2 \{L_z^3, p_y\}, \quad B_4 \{L_z^2, 2p_x p_y\}, \quad \{L_z^2, (p_x^2 + p_y^2)\}, \quad (p_x^2 + p_y^2)^2,$$

$$A_3 \{L_z, p_x(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\}, \quad B_1 (p_x^2 - p_y^2)(p_x^2 + p_y^2) \\ A_4 \{L_z, p_y(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\}, \quad B_2 2p_x p_y(p_x^2 + p_y^2),$$

$$C_1 \{L_z, (3p_x^2 p_y - p_y^3)\}, \quad D_1 (p_x^4 + p_y^4 - 6p_x^2 p_y^2) \\ C_2 \{L_z, (p_x^3 - 3p_x p_y^2)\}, \quad D_2 4p_x p_y(p_x^2 - p_y^2),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} s & k \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} s & k \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- $[H, Y^4]$  is a  $5^{th}$ -order operator in general.
- relevant information is coming from  $3^{rd}$  and  $1^{st}$ -order terms.  
(*i.e.*; there exist 6 determining equations)
- depending on the fact that which constants appear in the LCC we obtain and classify various potentials.
- most of the doublets do not mixed in the determining equations

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## Standard Potentials

$$T_1(\theta) = \frac{s_1 + s_2 \cos(2\theta) + s_3 \sin(2\theta) + s_4 \cos(4\theta) + s_5 \sin(4\theta)}{B_2 \cos(2\theta) - B_1 \sin(2\theta) + 2(D_2 \cos(4\theta) - D_1 \sin(4\theta))},$$

$$T_2(\theta) = \frac{s_1 + s_2 \cos(\theta) + s_3 \sin(\theta) + s_4 \cos(3\theta) + s_5 \sin(3\theta)}{A_3 \cos(\theta) + A_4 \sin(\theta) + C_2 \cos(3\theta) + C_1 \sin(3\theta)},$$

Only **one** nonlinear determining equation is left and that fixes the parameters  $s_1, s_2, \dots$

In many cases we recover the **TTW** systems but for some of the solutions we obtain **pure quantum potentials** (proportional to  $\hbar^2$ ) which cannot be reduced or transformed to **TTW** systems.

As an example let us investigate  $T_1(\theta)$  in detail. Introducing it into the **nonlinear determining equation** we obtain the following solutions

$$s_1^{(\ell)} = \frac{q_\ell \hbar^2}{4 D_1^2 (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2)^2 D_2^2} \left[ B_2 D_2 (8D_1^2 - B_2^2) (B_2^2 (D_1^2 + D_2^2) + 8D_1^2 (4D_1^2 + 3D_2^2)) \right. \\ \left. + (8B_2^2 (D_1^5 - 6D_1^3 D_2^2) - B_2^4 (D_1^3 + 3D_2^2 D_1) + 64 (2D_1^2 + D_2^2) D_1^5) q_\ell \right. \\ \left. B_2 D_1^2 D_2 (3B_2^2 + 40D_1^2) q_\ell^2 - D_1^3 (B_2^2 + 8D_1^2) q_\ell^3 \right],$$

$$s_2^{(\ell)} = q_\ell \hbar^2,$$

$$s_3^{(\ell)} = \frac{q_\ell \hbar^2}{D_1 D_2^2 (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2)^2} \left[ D_2 (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2) (3B_2^2 (D_1^2 + D_2^2) + 8D_1^2 (2D_1^2 + D_2^2)) \right. \\ \left. + (2B_2^3 (D_1^3 + 4D_2^2 D_1) - 32B_2 D_1^5) q_\ell + D_1^2 D_2 (7B_2^2 + 8D_1^2) q_\ell^2 + 2 B_2 D_1^3 q_\ell^3 \right],$$

$$s_4^{(\ell)} = \frac{q_\ell \hbar^2}{D_2^2 (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2)^2} \left[ 4 B_2 D_2 (D_1^2 + 2D_2^2) (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2) \right. \\ \left. + 2 D_1 (B_2^2 (D_1^2 + 6D_2^2) - 16D_1^2 (D_1^2 + D_2^2)) q_\ell + 8 B_2 D_1^2 D_2 q_\ell^2 + 2 D_1^3 q_\ell^3 \right],$$

$$s_5 = 0,$$

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where  $q_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , are the four roots of the quartic equation

$$\hbar^8 [D_1^4 q^4 + 4 B_2 D_2 D_1^3 q^3 + (B_2^2 (D_1^4 + 6D_2^2 D_1^2) - 16D_1^4 (D_1^2 + D_2^2)) q^2 - 2 B_2 D_1 (8D_1^2 - B_2^2) D_2 (D_1^2 + 2D_2^2) q + (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2)^2 D_2^2 (D_1^2 + D_2^2)] = 0,$$

whose discriminant is

$$\Gamma = -256 \hbar^{48} D_1^{24} D_2^2 (B_2^2 - 8D_1^2)^2 \left[ B_2^4 (60D_2^2 - 48D_1^2) + 768B_2^2 (D_1^2 + D_2^2)^2 + B_2^6 - 4096 (D_1^2 + D_2^2)^3 \right].$$

The above solutions are obtained for  $\Gamma \neq 0$ . Such discriminant is zero if and only if at least two roots are equal. If the discriminant is negative there are two real roots and two complex conjugate roots. If it is positive the roots are either all real or all non-real. From a physical point of view we consider only real solutions. In general, we obtain an angular component  $S_l(\theta)$  proportional to  $\hbar^2$  with no classical analog, it cannot be transformed or reduced to that of the **TTW** model.



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In particular, the discriminant vanishes for  $\hbar = 0$ . The highest order terms in the **nonlinear determining equation** are proportional to  $\hbar^2$ , therefore the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  is singular and the above solutions are no longer valid for  $\hbar = 0$ .

Now, let us analyze the zeros of the discriminant

Case I:  $\hbar = 0$

For  $\hbar = 0$ , non-trivial solutions exist only for  $B_2 = 0$ . The corresponding coefficients take the values

$$s_1 = s_1, \quad s_2 = 0, \quad s_3 = 0, \quad s_4 = s_4, \quad s_5 = s_5,$$

which yields the potential

$$S_I(\theta) = \frac{4(D_1 \cos 4\theta + D_2 \sin 4\theta)s_1 + 4(D_1 s_5 + D_2 s_4)}{(D_1^2 - D_2^2) \cos 8\theta + 2D_1 D_2 \sin 8\theta - (D_1^2 + D_2^2)}.$$

We know that the angular component of the **TTW** potential is

$$S_{\text{TTW}}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha k^2}{\cos^2(k\theta)} + \frac{\beta k^2}{\sin^2(k\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{4k^2(\alpha - \beta)\cos 2k\theta - 4k^2(\alpha + \beta)}{\cos 4k\theta - 1}.$$

In this potential, it is easy to check that for

$$\theta \rightarrow \theta + \frac{1}{4} \arctan(-D_2/D_1), \quad \alpha = -\frac{-\sqrt{D_1^2 + D_2^2}s_1 + D_1s_4 + D_2s_5}{8(D_1^2 + D_2^2)},$$

$$\beta = -\frac{D_1^2s_1 + \sqrt{D_1^2 + D_2^2}D_1s_4 + D_2(D_2s_1 + \sqrt{D_1^2 + D_2^2}s_5)}{8(D_1^2 + D_2^2)^{3/2}}, \quad k = 2$$

we recover  $S_I(\theta)$ . Therefore,  $S_I(\theta)$  corresponds to a rotated TTW model (with no radial component  $R(r) = 0$ ) which is a superintegrable system both in the classical and quantum cases.

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### Case II: $D_1 = 0$

The corresponding coefficients vanish,  $s_1 = s_2 = s_3 = s_4 = s_5 = 0$ , which gives the trivial solution  $S_I(\theta) = 0$ .

### Case III: $D_2 = 0$

The corresponding coefficients are given by

$$s_1 = s_1, \quad s_2 = 0, \quad s_3 = \frac{B_2^2 s_4 - 8 D_1^2 (s_1 + s_4)}{2 B_2 D_1}, \quad s_4 = s_4, \quad s_5 = 0,$$

thus

$$S_I(\theta) = -\frac{2(B_2 s_4 + 2 D_1 s_1 \sin 2\theta + 2 D_1 s_4 \sin 2\theta)}{B_2 D_1 (1 + \cos 4\theta)}.$$

This solution corresponds to the angular component of the **TTW** model with  $k = 1$ .

Case IV:  $B_2^2 - 8 D_1^2 = 0$

For simplicity, we put  $D_1 = D_2 = 1$  thus  $B_2 = \sqrt{8}$ . In this case, the coefficients

$$s_1 = 0, \quad s_2 = -2\sqrt{2}\hbar^2, \quad s_3 = 2\sqrt{2}\hbar^2, \quad s_4 = -4\hbar^2, \quad s_5 = 0,$$

lead to

$$S_I(\theta) = 2\hbar^2 \frac{\sqrt{2}\cos 6\theta - \sqrt{2}\sin 6\theta + 2}{[\cos 4\theta - \sin 4\theta + \sqrt{2}\cos 2\theta]^2},$$

which is a pure quantum potential. It can not be reduced to that of the **TTW** model.

A similar analysis can be done for the last factor of the discriminant.

## Exotic Potentials

- we have 2 separate 5<sup>th</sup>-order nonlinear equations for the doublets  $(A_1, A_2)$  and  $(B_3, B_4)$ .
- Each can be integrated once and after making the change of variables  $z = \tan(\theta)$  or  $z = \tan(2\theta)$  can be integrated once more.
- making one more transformation  $(z, T(z)) \rightarrow (x, W(x))$  where

$$z = \frac{2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}}{1-2x},$$

we arrived the derivative of the first canonical subcase of the **Cosgrove's** master Painlevé equation.

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We have the following **exotic potentials**

$$T_1(x) = \hbar^2 \left[ \frac{W(x)}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} + \gamma \frac{(1-2x)}{4\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} \right]$$

where

$$x \equiv \begin{cases} \cos^2[\frac{\theta}{2}] \\ \sin^2[\frac{\theta}{2}] \end{cases},$$

and

$$T_2(x) = \hbar^2 2 \left[ \frac{W(x)}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} + \gamma \frac{(1-2x)}{4\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} \right]$$

where

$$x \equiv \begin{cases} \cos^2[\theta] \\ \sin^2[\theta] \end{cases},$$

with

$$\gamma = (\gamma_2 + \gamma_4) - (\gamma_1 + \gamma_3) + \sqrt{2}\gamma_1 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$Y^{(5)}$  is composed of the following terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A_1 \{L_z^4, p_x\} \quad B_1 \{L_z^3, (p_x^2 - p_y^2)\} \quad C_1 \{L_z^2, (p_x^3 - 3p_x p_y^2)\} \\
 & A_2 \{L_z^4, p_y\} \quad B_2 \{L_z^3, 2p_x p_y\} \quad C_2 \{L_z^2, (3p_x^2 p_y - p_y^3)\} \quad , \\
 & F_1 \{L_z^2, p_x(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\} \quad A_0 L_z^5, \quad M_2 \{L_z, (p_x^2 + p_y^2)^2\}, \\
 & F_2 \{L_z^2, p_y(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\} \quad M_1 \{L_z^3, (p_x^2 + p_y^2)\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & K_1 p_x(p_x^2 + p_y^2)^2 \quad G_1 \{L_z, (p_x^2 - p_y^2)(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\} \\
 & K_2 p_y(p_x^2 + p_y^2)^2 \quad G_2 \{L_z, 2p_x p_y(p_x^2 + p_y^2)\} \quad , \\
 & H_1 (p_x^3 - 3p_x p_y^2)(p_x^2 + p_y^2) \quad D_1 \{L_z, (p_x^4 + p_y^4 - 6p_x^2 p_y^2)\} \\
 & H_2 (3p_x^2 p_y - p_y^3)(p_x^2 + p_y^2) \quad D_2 \{L_z, 4p_x p_y(p_x^2 - p_y^2)\} \quad , \\
 & E_1 (p_x^5 - 10p_x^3 p_y^2 + 5p_x p_y^4) \\
 & E_2 (5p_x^4 p_y - 10p_x^2 p_y^3 + p_y^5) \quad ,
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} s & k \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} s & k \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$



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- $[H, Y^5]$  is a  $6^{th}$ -order operator in general.
- relevant information is coming from  $4^{th}$ ,  $2^{nd}$  and  $0^{th}$ -order terms. (*i.e.*; there exist 9 determining equations)
- depending on the fact that which constants appear in the LCC we obtain and classify various potentials.
- most of the doublets do not mixed in the determining equations

$N = 5$ 

## Standard Potentials

$$T_1(\theta) = \frac{s_1 \sin \theta + s_2 \cos \theta + s_3 \sin 3\theta + s_4 \cos 3\theta + s_5 \sin 5\theta + s_6 \cos 5\theta}{K_\theta + H_\theta + E_\theta},$$

where  $K_\theta = K_2 \cos \theta - K_1 \sin \theta$ ,  $H_\theta = 3(H_2 \cos 3\theta - H_1 \sin 3\theta)$  and  $E_\theta = 5(E_2 \cos 5\theta - E_1 \sin 5\theta)$ .

$$T_2(\theta) = \frac{s_1 + s_2 \cos(2\theta) + s_3 \sin(2\theta) + s_4 \cos(4\theta) + s_5 \sin(4\theta)}{G_1 \cos(2\theta) + G_2 \sin(2\theta) + D_1 \cos(4\theta) + D_2 \sin(4\theta)} + s_6,$$

The parameters  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  are determined by the remaining nonlinear determining equations

In many cases we recover the **TTW** systems but for some of the solutions we obtain **pure quantum potentials** (proportional to  $\hbar^2$ ) which cannot be reduced or transformed to **TTW** systems.

## Exotic Potentials (Singlets)

- Exotic Singlet  $M_1$  ( $L_z^3(p_x^2 + p_y^2)$ )

This constant appears in two nonlinear differential equations of order 6 and 8. We find a compatibility condition which factors into

$$\left(16(T')^2 + 3(T'')^2 - 2T'T^{(3)}\right) \left(\hbar^2 T^{(4)} - 12T'T''\right) = 0$$

$$[L_z^3(p_x^2 + p_y^2)]^2 = X^3 H^2, \quad [L_z^3(p_x^2 + p_y^2)]^2 = (L_z^3)^2 H^2,$$

- Exotic Singlet  $A_0$   $L_z^5$

We have only one nonlinear differential equation and it can easily be verified that **Weierstrass zeta** function is a solution.

$$L_z^5 = L_z^3 X.$$

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## Exotic Potentials (Doublets)

- We have 3 sets of nonlinear differential equations each of which involves 2 equations
  - for  $(A_1, A_2)$
  - for  $(B_1, B_2)$
  - for  $(C_1, C_2)$  and  $(F_1, F_2)$

$$[L_z^4 p_x] = Y^{(3)} X, \quad Y^{(3)} = [L_z^2 p_x],$$

$$[Y^{(5)}]^2 = [Y^{(4)}]^2 X, \quad Y^{(5)} = [L_z^3 (p_x^2 - p_y^2)], \quad Y^{(4)} = [L_z^2 (p_x^2 - p_y^2)],$$

$$Y^{(5)} = [Y^{(3)}] H, \quad Y^{(5)} = [L_z^2 p_x (p_x^2 + p_y^2)],$$

$N = 5$ 

## New Exotic Potentials for $(C_1, C_2)$ .

- There are 2 nonlinear equations of order 6 and 8.
- We find a compatibility condition which factors into

$$\left(4(T')^2 + 3(T'')^2 - 2T'T^{(3)}\right)\Phi(\theta) = 0$$

- $\Phi(\theta)$  is a 4<sup>th</sup>-order nonlinear equation
- After making the change of variables  $z = \tan(3\theta)$  and with the help of transformation  $(z, T(z)) \rightarrow (x, W(x))$  where  $z = \frac{2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}}{1-2x}$ , we arrived the derivative of the first canonical subcase of the Cosgrove's master Painlevé equation

$$T(x) = 3\hbar^2 \left[ \frac{W(x)}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} + \gamma \frac{(1-2x)}{4\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1-x}} \right], x \equiv \begin{cases} \cos^2\left[\frac{3\theta}{2}\right] \\ \sin^2\left[\frac{3\theta}{2}\right], \end{cases}$$

with  $\gamma = (\gamma_2 + \gamma_4) - (\gamma_1 + \gamma_3) + \sqrt{2\gamma_1} - \frac{3}{4}$  and  $(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_4 - \sqrt{2\gamma_1}) = 0$ .

- Superintegrable Hamiltonians in classical and quantum mechanics differ. Terms depending on  $\hbar$  appear in the quantum case. The classical limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  is singular and must be taken in the determining equations, not in the solutions.
- Two types of potentials occur which we call **standard** and **exotic**. Standard ones are solutions of a linear compatibility condition for the determining equations. For exotic potentials the linear compatibility condition is satisfied **trivially** so the potentials satisfy nonlinear equations. In quantum mechanics the nonlinear equations pass the Painlevé test, in the classical case they do not.
- The integrals of motion  $H$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  satisfy  $[H, X] = [H, Y] = 0$ ,  $[X, Y] = C \neq 0$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes a Lie bracket in quantum mechanics and a Poisson bracket in the classical case. Further commutations like  $[X, C]$ ,  $[Y, C], \dots$ , yield a finite dimensional polynomial Lie or Poisson algebra. In many cases for  $N = 2, \dots, 5$  it turns out that the commutators  $[X, C] = D_1$ ,  $[Y, C] = D_2$  are polynomials in  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $H$  with constant coefficients.

	EXOTIC POTENTIALS	STANDARD POTENTIALS
	$Y_I^{(N)} = 0$	$Y_{II}^{(N)} = 0$
CLASSICAL	$T(\theta)$ satisfies an algebraic polynomial equation	TTW System
QUANTUM	$T(\theta)$ satisfies an ODE with the Painlevé property	TTW System + Q System

For the **standard potentials**  $Y_{II}^{(N)} = 0$ , the **TTW** and **PW** systems are fully contained in the angular component  $S(\theta) \equiv T'(\theta)$  both in classical and quantum cases. Moreover, in the quantum case there exist more potentials, proportional to  $\hbar^2$ , which cannot be reduced to **TTW (PW)**. For the **exotic potentials**  $Y_I^{(N)} = 0$ , the angular component  $S(\theta) \equiv T'(\theta)$  satisfies an **algebraic equation** in the classical case and in the quantum case it is given by the solution of a **non-linear ODE** that has the **Painlevé property**.