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Abstract

Using a super-realization of the Wigner-Heisenberg algebra a new realization of the q -deformed Wigner oscillator is implemented

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1 Introduction

In 1989, independently, Biedenharn and Macfarlane [1], introduced the q -deformed harmonic oscillator and constructed a realization of the $SU_q(2)$ algebra, using a q -analogue of the harmonic oscillator and the Jordan-Schwinger mapping. The q -deformation of $SU(2)$, denoted by $SU_q(2)$, is one of the simplest examples of a quantum group.

The deformation of the conventional quantum mechanical laws has been implemented via different definitions and studied by several authors in the literature [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. Also, recently Palev *et al* have investigated the 3D Wigner oscillator [9].

The main purpose of this work is to set up a realization of the q -deformed Wigner oscillator [2].

2 The q -deformed usual harmonic oscillator

In this section, we consider the q -deformed ladder operators of the harmonic oscillator, a^- and its adjoint a^+ , acting on the basis $|n\rangle$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, as [1] $a^-|0\rangle = 0$, $|n\rangle = \frac{(a^+)^n}{([n]!)^{\frac{1}{2}}}|0\rangle$ where $[n]! = [n][n-1]\dots[1]$. The classical limit $q \rightarrow 1$ yields to the conventional ladder boson operators a^\pm , which satisfies $[a^-, a^+] = 1$, $a^-|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$, $a^+|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$.

On the other hand, $su(1, 1)$ algebra satisfies the following commutation relations $[K_0, K_\pm] = \pm K_\pm$, $[K_+, K_-] = -2K_0$ and the Casimir operator is given as $C = K_0(K_0 - 1) - K_+K_-$, where $K_0|0\rangle = k_0|0\rangle$ and $K_-|0\rangle = 0$. A usual representation for this algebra is given in terms of the ladder operators $a^- = (x + ip)/\sqrt{2}$, $a^+ = (x - ip)/\sqrt{2}$. The $su(1, 1)$ generators are given as $K_0 = \frac{1}{2}(N + \frac{1}{2})$, $K_+ = \frac{1}{2}(a^+)^2$ and $K_- = \frac{1}{2}(a^-)^2$, where $N = a^+a^-$. Thus, the Casimir operator is given by $C = -\frac{3}{16}$. This system has two different representations whose k_0 is $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

Its q -deformation, $su_{q^2}(1, 1)$, is given [3] as

$$[\tilde{K}_0, \tilde{K}_\pm] = \pm \tilde{K}_\pm \quad [\tilde{K}_+, \tilde{K}_-] = -[2\tilde{K}_0]_{q^2}, \quad [x]_\mu \equiv (\mu^x - \mu^{-x})/(\mu - \mu^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

In Ref [4] was found a realization of the $su_{q^2}(1, 1)$ in terms of the generators of $su(1, 1)$. The q -deformed ladder operators satisfy

$$a_q^- a_q^+ = [N + 1], \quad a_q^+ a_q^- = [N], \quad (2)$$

where N is the number operator which is positive semi-definite. The q -analogue operators can be found in terms of the usual ladder boson operators a^- and a^+ .

Note that we can write $|n\rangle = \frac{a_q^+}{\sqrt{[n]!}} \frac{(a_q^+)^{n-1}}{([n-1]!)^{\frac{1}{2}}} |0\rangle = \frac{a_q^+}{\sqrt{[n]!}} |n-1\rangle$ so that we obtain

$$a_q^+ |n-1\rangle = [n]^{\frac{1}{2}} |n\rangle \Rightarrow a_q^+ |n\rangle = [n+1]^{\frac{1}{2}} |n+1\rangle \quad (3)$$

Also, from (2) and $a_q^- a_q^+ |n\rangle = [n+1]^{\frac{1}{2}} a_q^- |n+1\rangle$ we get

$$a_q^- |n\rangle = [n]^{\frac{1}{2}} |n-1\rangle \quad (4)$$

It's easy to verify that $[N, a_q^+] = a_q^+$ $[N, a_q^-] = -a_q^-$ $[N, q^N] = [a_q^- a_q^+ q^N] = 0$, $a_q^- a_q^+ - q a_q^+ a_q^- = q^{-N}$ We will show that a structure of this type exists for the Wigner oscillator

3 The q-deformed Wigner Oscillator

The one-dimensional Wigner super-oscillator Hamiltonian in terms of the Pauli's matrices (σ_i , $i=1,2,3$) is given by

$$H(\lambda+1) = \begin{pmatrix} H_-(\lambda) & 0 \\ 0 & H_+(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}, H_-(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \lambda(\lambda+1) \right\}, \quad (5)$$

where $H_+(\lambda) = H_-(\lambda+1)$ The even sector $H_-(\lambda)$ is the Hamiltonian of the oscillator with barrier or isotonic oscillator or Calogero interaction

Thus, from the super-realized Wigner oscillator, its first order ladder operators given by [2] $a^\pm(\lambda+1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \pm \frac{d}{dx} \pm \frac{(\lambda+1)}{x} \sigma_3 - x \right\} \sigma_1$, the Wigner Hamiltonian and the Wigner-Heisenberg(WH) algebra ladder relations are readily obtained as

$$H(\lambda+1) = \frac{1}{2} [a^+(\lambda+1), a^-(\lambda+1)]_+, [H(\lambda+1), a^\pm(\lambda+1)]_- = \pm a^\pm(\lambda+1) \quad (6)$$

Equations (6) and the commutation relation

$$[a^-(\lambda+1), a^+(\lambda+1)]_- = 1 + 2(\lambda+1)\sigma_3 \quad (7)$$

constitutes the WH algebra [2] or deformed Heisenberg algebra [5, 7]

Let us consider an extension of the q-deformed harmonic oscillator commutation relation,

$$a_W^- a_W^+ - q a_W^+ a_W^- = q^{-N} (1 + c\sigma_3), \quad c = 2(\lambda+1) \quad (8)$$

as a q -deformation of the Wigner oscillator commutation realization. These operators may be written in terms of the Wigner oscillator ladder operators, viz ,

$$a_{\bar{W}}^- = \beta(N)a^-(\lambda + 1), \quad a_{\bar{W}}^+ = a^+(\lambda + 1)\beta(N), \quad N = a^+(\lambda + 1)a^-(\lambda + 1) \quad (9)$$

Acting the ladder operators of the WH algebra in the Fock space, spanned by the vectors

$$\begin{aligned} a^-(\lambda + 1)|2m \rangle_c &= \sqrt{2m}|2m - 1 \rangle_c, \\ a^-(\lambda + 1)|2m + 1 \rangle_c &= \sqrt{2m + c + 1}|2m \rangle_c, \\ a^+(\lambda + 1)|2m \rangle_c &= \sqrt{2m + c + 1}|2m + 1 \rangle_c, \\ a^+(\lambda + 1)|2m + 1 \rangle_c &= \sqrt{2(m + 1)}|2m + 2 \rangle_c, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain a recursion relation given by

$$(2m + 2 - c)\beta^2(2m + 1) - q(2m + 1 + c)\beta^2(2m) = q^{-(2m+1)}(1 - c) \quad (10)$$

This has, for the odd quanta and $c = 0$, the following solution

$$\beta(2m + 1) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m + 2} \frac{q^{2m+2} - q^{-(2m+2)}}{q - q^{-1}}} \Rightarrow \beta(N) = \sqrt{\frac{[N + 1]}{N + 1}} \quad (11)$$

Thus, the q -deformed Wigner Hamiltonian and the commutator $[a_{\bar{W}}^-, a_{\bar{W}}^+]$, for $c = 0$ become the q -deformed harmonic oscillator

$$H_W = \frac{1}{2}[a_{\bar{W}}^-, a_{\bar{W}}^+]_+ = H_b = \frac{1}{2}([N + 1] + [N]), \quad [a_{\bar{W}}^-, a_{\bar{W}}^+] = [N + 1] - [N] \quad (12)$$

Also, from even quanta this same result is readily found for $c = 0$

4 Conclusion

In this work, we firstly presented a brief review on the q -deformation of the conventional quantum mechanical laws for the unidimensional harmonic oscillator. We have also implemented a new approach for the WH algebra. Indeed, the q -deformations of WH algebra are investigated via the super-realization introduced by Jayaraman-Rodrigues [2].

Also, we do not assume the relations of operators $a_W^+ a_W^-$ and $a_W^- a_W^+$. They are derived from our defining set of relations $a_W^- = a_q^- = \sqrt{\frac{[N+1]}{N+1}} a^-$ and $a_W^+ = a_q^+ = a^+ \sqrt{\frac{[N+1]}{N+1}}$, for vanish Wigner parameter ($c = 0$) given by Eq. (2). The case with $c \neq 0$ will be presented in a forthcoming paper.

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