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We study some properties of the SU(1, 1) Perelomov number coherent states. The Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship is evaluated for a position and momentum-like operators (constructed from the Lie algebra generators) in these number coherent states. It is shown that this relationship is minimized for the standard coherent states. We obtain the time evolution of the number coherent states by supposing that the Hamiltonian is proportional to the third generator $K_0$ of the su(1, 1) Lie algebra. Analogous results for the SU(2) Perelomov number coherent states are found. As examples, we compute the Perelomov coherent states for the pseudoharmonic oscillator and the two-dimensional isotropic harmonic oscillator.

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1. Introduction

Erwin Schrödinger introduced coherent states in quantum mechanics while he was looking for a system which possessed a classical behavior [28]. The coherent states were reintroduced in quantum optics by the works of Glauber [12], Klauder [16, 17] and Sudarshan [30]. These states are related to the Heisenberg-Weyl group. Harmonic oscillator coherent states are the most classical states, since they minimize the Heisenberg uncertainty relationship.
The coherent states for the one-dimensional harmonic oscillator were generalized by introducing the displaced number states or number coherent states of the harmonic oscillator. Boiteux and Levelut defined these states by applying the Weyl operator to any excited state $|n\rangle$ and they called them semicoherent states [3]. Later, Roy and Singh [26], Satyanarayana [27], and Oliveira, Kim, Night and Bužek [15] gave a detailed study of the properties of these states. A few years later, Nieto [20] derived the most general form of these states.

However, the Heisenberg-Weyl is not the only group for which we can construct coherent states. In the 70’s, the works of A. O. Barut and L. Girardello [2] and Perelomov [23] generalized the concept of coherent states to general systems related to any algebra of a symmetry group. These approaches remain as current research fields as it is shown in references [8, 18]. In particular, related to the $su(2)$ and $su(1, 1)$ Lie algebra several works have been published, and some of them are in references [4, 5, 37].

On the other hand, the Heisenberg uncertainty relationship was generalized by the work of Schrödinger [29] and Robertson [25] for any two observables. Recently, these uncertainty relationships were generalized to several observables and several states [31]. With these results, the harmonic oscillator coherent states have been generalized too, by constructing states that minimize those uncertainty relations. These states which minimize uncertainty relationships have been widely studied [32–34] and are called intelligent states [1].

The Perelomov’s coherent states were extended by Gerry, who studied the $SU(1, 1)$ number coherent states [10]. Gerry defined these states as the action of the displacement operator onto any $SU(1, 1)$ excited state and obtained a general form of these states in terms of the Bargmann V functions. Moreover, he showed that these states are the eigenfunctions of the degenerate parametric amplifier, by an appropriate choice of the coherent state parameters.

Recently, two important applications of the $SU(1, 1)$ and $SU(2)$ Perelomov number coherent states have been founded. It has been shown that the number coherent states of the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator are the eigenfunctions of the non-degenerate parametric amplifier [21] and of two coupled oscillators [22].

The aim of the present work is to study the dispersion and time evolution of the Perelomov number coherent states for the $su(1, 1)$ and $su(2)$ Lie algebras. We show that the only minimum uncertainty states are the standard coherent states, even if we consider their time evolution. Finally, we apply our results to construct the Perelomov number coherent states of the pseudoharmonic oscillator (related to the $su(1, 1)$ Lie algebra) and the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator (related to the $su(2)$ Lie algebra).

This work is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the Perelomov number coherent states for the $su(1, 1)$ Lie algebra. We obtain the expected values of the Lie algebra generators in the Perelomov number coherent states. We define two position and momentum-like operators for the $su(1, 1)$ Lie algebra and we prove that standard Perelomov coherent states are of minimum uncertainty, accordingly to the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship. By supposing that the Hamiltonian is proportional to one of the generators of the $su(1, 1)$ Lie algebra, we obtain the time evolution of the Perelomov number coherent states. All previous results are applied to compute the Perelomov number coherent states of the pseudoharmonic oscillator. In Section 3, we obtain the analogous results of the previous section for the $su(2)$ Lie algebra Perelomov number coherent states. For this group, we calculate the $SU(2)$ coherent states of the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator. Finally, we give some concluding remarks.
2. SU(1, 1) Perelomov number coherent states

The su(1, 1) Lie algebra is spanned by the generators $K_+, K_-$ and $K_0$, which satisfy the commutation relations [21, 35]

$$[K_0, K_\pm] = \pm K_\pm, \quad [K_-, K_+] = 2K_0. \quad (2.1)$$

The action of these operators on the Fock space states $\{|k, n\}, n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \}$ is

$$K_+|k, n\rangle = \sqrt{(n+1)(2k+n)}|k, n+1\rangle, \quad (2.2)$$

$$K_-|k, n\rangle = \sqrt{n(2k+n-1)}|k, n-1\rangle, \quad (2.3)$$

$$K_0|k, n\rangle = (k+n)|k, n\rangle, \quad (2.4)$$

where $|k, 0\rangle$ is the lowest normalized state. The Casimir operator $K^2 = K_0^2 - K_1^2 - K_2^2$ for any irreducible representation satisfies $K^2 = k(k-1)$. Thus, a representation of su(1, 1) algebra is determined by the number $k$. For the purpose of the present work we will restrict to the discrete series only, for which $k > 0$.

The standard Perelomov coherent states $|\xi\rangle$ are defined as [24]

$$|\xi\rangle = D(\xi)|k, 0\rangle, \quad (2.5)$$

where $D(\xi) = \exp(\xi K_+ - \xi^* K_-)$ is the displacement operator and $\xi$ is a complex number. From the properties $K_+^\dagger = K_-^\dagger = K_+$, it can be shown that the displacement operator possesses the property

$$D^\dagger(\xi) = \exp(\xi^* K_- - \xi K_+) = D(-\xi), \quad (2.6)$$

and the so called normal form of the displacement operator is given by

$$D(\xi) = \exp(\xi K_+) \exp(\eta K_0) \exp(-\xi^* K_-), \quad (2.7)$$

where $\xi = -\frac{i}{2} \tau e^{-i\phi}$, $\zeta = -\tan(\frac{i}{2} \tau) e^{-i\phi}$ and $\eta = -2 \ln \cosh |\xi| = \ln(1 - |\xi|^2)$ [11]. By using this normal form of the displacement operator and equations (2.2)-(2.4), the Perelomov coherent states are found to be [24]

$$|\xi\rangle = (1 - |\xi|^2)^k \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(n+2k)}{s!\Gamma(2k)}} \xi^s |k, s\rangle. \quad (2.8)$$

The Perelomov number coherent states are defined as the action of the displacement operator $D(\xi)$ on any state $|k, n\rangle$, instead to the lowest state $|k, 0\rangle$ of the Fock space [10, 21]. This is the obvious generalization of equation (2.5). Thus the states

$$|\xi, k, n\rangle = D(\xi)|k, n\rangle = \exp(\xi K_+) \exp(\eta K_0) \exp(-\xi^* K_-)|k, n\rangle \quad (2.9)$$

are the SU(1, 1) Perelomov number coherent states. The last equality is due to the normal form of the displacement operator of equation (2.7). The Perelomov number coherent states in the Fock
space are [21]

\[
|\zeta, k, n\rangle = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{(-\zeta^*)^j}{j!} e^{\eta(k+n-j)} \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma(2k+n)\Gamma(2k+n-j+s)}}{\Gamma(2k+n-j)} \times \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n-j+s+1)}}{\Gamma(n-j+1)} |k, n-j+s\rangle.
\]  

(2.10)

These states generalize the Perelomov coherent states (2.8), which are obtained by setting \( n = 0 \) in last equation.

By using the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff identity

\[
e^{-A}Be^A = B + \frac{1}{1!} [B,A] + \frac{1}{2!} [[B,A],A] + \frac{1}{3!} [[[B,A],A],A] + \ldots,
\]  

(2.11)

and equations (2.1), we can find the similarity transformations \( D\dagger(\xi)K_+D(\xi) \), \( D\dagger(\xi)K_-D(\xi) \) and \( D\dagger(\xi)K_0D(\xi) \) of the \( su(1,1) \) Lie algebra generators. These results are given by

\[
D\dagger(\xi)K_+D(\xi) = \frac{\xi^*}{|\xi|} \alpha K_0 + \beta \left( K_+ + \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} K_- \right) + K_+,
\]  

(2.12)

\[
D\dagger(\xi)K_-D(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{|\xi|} \alpha K_0 + \beta \left( K_- + \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} K_+ \right) + K_-,
\]  

(2.13)

\[
D\dagger(\xi)K_0D(\xi) = (2\beta + 1)K_0 + \frac{\alpha \xi}{2|\xi|} K_+ + \frac{\alpha \xi^*}{2|\xi|} K_-,
\]  

(2.14)

where \( \alpha = \sinh(2|\xi|) \) and \( \beta = \frac{1}{2} \cosh(2|\xi|) - 1 \).

Moreover, the expected values of the group generators \( K_\pm, K_0 \) in the Perelomov number coherent states can be easily computed by using the similarity transformations of equations (2.12)-(2.14) [21]. Thus,

\[
\langle \zeta, k, n | K_+ | \zeta, k, n \rangle = \frac{\xi^*}{|\xi|} \sinh(2|\xi|)(k+n),
\]  

(2.15)

\[
\langle \zeta, k, n | K_- | \zeta, k, n \rangle = \frac{\xi}{|\xi|} \sinh(2|\xi|)(k+n),
\]  

(2.16)

\[
\langle \zeta, k, n | K_0 | \zeta, k, n \rangle = \cosh(2|\xi|)(k+n).
\]  

(2.17)
2.1. Schrödinger's uncertainty relationship

From the $SU(1,1)$ group ladder operators $K_+$ and $K_-$, we define the operators $X$ and $Y$ as [19]

$$X \equiv K_+ + K_-, \quad Y \equiv i(K_+ - K_-).$$  \hfill (2.18)

With these equations we can compute the quadratic deviations of the operators $X$ and $Y$ for the Perelomov number coherent states

$$\langle \zeta | X^2 | \zeta \rangle_n = \alpha^2 (k + n)^2 \left( 2 + \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} + \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right) + 2(n^2 + 2kn + k) \left[ 2 + \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} + \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right] (\beta^2 + \beta) + 1, \hfill (2.21)$$

$$\langle \zeta | X | \zeta \rangle_n = \frac{\alpha (k + n)}{\xi} (\xi^* + \xi), \hfill (2.22)$$

and

$$\langle \zeta | Y^2 | \zeta \rangle_n = \alpha^2 (k + n)^2 \left( 2 - \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} - \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right) + 2(n^2 + 2kn + k) \left[ 2 - \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} - \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right] (\beta^2 + \beta) + 1, \hfill (2.23)$$

$$\langle \zeta | Y | \zeta \rangle_n = \frac{i\alpha (k + n)}{\xi} (\xi^* - \xi). \hfill (2.24)$$

By substituting these results into equations (2.19) and (2.20) we obtain the quadratic deviations of the $X$ and $Y$ operators

$$\langle \Delta X \rangle_n^2 = 2(n^2 + 2kn + k) \left[ 2 + \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} + \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right] (\beta^2 + \beta) + 1, \hfill (2.25)$$

and

$$\langle \Delta Y \rangle_n^2 = 2(n^2 + 2kn + k) \left[ 2 - \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} - \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right] (\beta^2 + \beta) + 1. \hfill (2.26)$$

Hence, the product of these quadratic deviations is

$$\langle \Delta X \rangle_n^2 \langle \Delta Y \rangle_n^2 = 4(n^2 + 2kn + k)^2 \left\{ (\beta^2 + \beta)^2 \left[ 4 - \left( \frac{\xi^*}{\xi} + \frac{\xi}{\xi^*} \right)^2 \right] + 4(\beta^2 + \beta) + 1 \right\}. \hfill (2.27)$$

The Schrödinger's uncertainty relationship states that the product of the quadratic deviations of any two operators $X$ and $Y$ satisfy [29]

$$\langle \Delta X \rangle^2 \langle \Delta Y \rangle^2 \geq \langle F \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{4} \langle C \rangle^2, \hfill (2.28)$$

where, $\langle C \rangle \equiv -i \langle [X, Y] \rangle$, and $\langle F \rangle \equiv \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle X, Y \rangle + \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle \right)$ is the quantum correlation of the operators $X$ and $Y$.  

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If we use equation (2.9) and the similarity transformation method to calculate the expectation values $\langle F \rangle$ and $\langle C \rangle$ in a Perelomov number coherent state, we obtain
\[
\langle \zeta, k, n | F | \zeta, k, n \rangle_n = 2i(n^2 + 2kn + k)(\beta^2 + \beta) \left( \frac{\bar{\xi}^*}{\bar{\xi}} - \frac{\bar{\xi}}{\bar{\xi}^*} \right),
\]
(2.29)
\[
\langle \zeta, k, n | C | \zeta, k, n \rangle_n = 4(k + n)(2\beta + 1).
\]
(2.30)
By substituting the results of equations (2.27), (2.29) and (2.30) into equation (2.28), we conclude that the number coherent states are not of minimum uncertainty, accordingly to the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship. However, for the Perelomov coherent states $(n = 0)$ the equality in (2.28) holds. Therefore, the only states which minimize the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship are those obtained by applying the displacement operator $D(\bar{\xi})$ to the lowest normalized state. This result is in full agreement to that previously reported in [24].

The study of the uncertainty relations is a cornerstone in the study of squeezing. In fact, the change of shape of the radial probability distribution between the turning point of the harmonic oscillator coherent states can be interpreted (at least in part) as squeezing [9].

2.2. Time evolution of the SU(1, 1) Perelomov number coherent states

The time evolution operator $U(t)$ for an arbitrary Hamiltonian $H$ is defined as $U(t) = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$ [6]. Notice that in many problems the Hamiltonian is proportional to the group operator $K_0$ [13]. Thus, without loss of generality, we can write the time evolution operator as
\[
U(t) = e^{-i\gamma K_0 t/\hbar}.
\]
(2.31)

With the previous definition, the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff identity and equation (2.1), we can compute the time evolution of the SU(1, 1) group ladder operators $K_\pm$ with the similarity transformations
\[
K_+(t) = U^\dagger(t)K_+U(t) = K_+e^{i\gamma t/\hbar},
\]
(2.32)
\[
K_-(t) = U^\dagger(t)K_-U(t) = K_-e^{-i\gamma t/\hbar}.
\]
(2.33)
Notice that we can obtain the same results by using the Heisenberg equations. Thus, from equation (2.9), the time evolution of the Perelomov number coherent states $|\zeta(t), k, n\rangle$ is given by
\[
|\zeta(t), k, n\rangle = U(t)|\zeta, k, n\rangle = U(t)D(\bar{\xi})U^\dagger(t)U(t)|k, n\rangle.
\]
(2.34)

From equation (2.4), the time evolution of the state $|k, n\rangle$ is given by
\[
U(t)|k, n\rangle = e^{-i\gamma(k+n)t/\hbar}|k, n\rangle.
\]
(2.35)

On the other hand, from equations (2.32) and (2.33) we find
\[
U(t)D(\bar{\xi})U^\dagger(t) = e^{\xi K_+(t) - \bar{\xi}^* K_-(t)} = e^{\bar{\xi}(-t)K_+ - \xi^*(t)K_-},
\]
(2.36)
where we have introduced the time dependent complex $\bar{\xi}(t) = \xi e^{i\gamma t/\hbar}$. Thus, the time evolution of the displacement operator $D(\bar{\xi})$ is due to the time evolution of the complex $\bar{\xi}$. The time evolution...
of the displacement operator in its normal form is given by
\[ D(\xi(t)) = U^\dagger(t) D(\xi) U(t) = U^\dagger(t) e^{i\xi K_+} e^{i\eta K_0} e^{-\xi K_-} U(t). \] (2.37)

If we introduce the complex \( \zeta(t) = \xi e^{\eta/\hbar} \), we obtain the time-dependent displacement operator
\[ D(\zeta(t)) = e^{i\zeta(t) K_+} e^{i\eta K_0} e^{-i\zeta(t) K_-}. \] (2.38)

With the previous results and the equations (2.35) and (2.38), we obtain that the time dependent Perelomov number coherent states are
\[ |\zeta(t), k, n \rangle = e^{-i\eta(k+n)t/\hbar} e^{i\zeta(-t) K_+} e^{i\eta K_0} e^{-i\zeta(-t) K_-} |k, n \rangle. \] (2.39)

Thus, the time evolution of the number coherent states for the \( SU(1, 1) \) group is obtained by adding the phase \( e^{-i\eta(k+n)t/\hbar} \) and substituting \( \zeta \to \zeta(-t) \) and \( \zeta^* \to \zeta(-t)^* \) into equation (2.10). The expression of equation (2.39) generalizes the Perelomov coherent states, which are recovered by setting \( t = 0 \) and \( n = 0 \). The results of this section can be extended to the cases in which the Hamiltonian depends on a linear combination of the algebra generators, instead of just \( K_0 \).

2.3. \( SU(1, 1) \) number coherent states for the Pseudoharmonic Oscillator

The pseudoharmonic oscillator is described by the one-dimensional potential
\[ V(x) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 \alpha}{2m} x^2, \] (2.40)
where \( m, \omega \) and \( \alpha \) represent the mass of the particle, the frequency and the strength of the external field, respectively. The normalized wave functions for the pseudoharmonic oscillator are given by [7]
\[ \Phi_n^\dagger(\rho) = N_n \rho^s e^{-\frac{\rho}{2}} L_n^{2s-\frac{1}{2}}(\rho), \quad N_n = \sqrt{\frac{n!}{\Gamma(n + 2s + 1/2)}}. \] (2.41)

where \( \rho = x^2 \). The \( su(1, 1) \) Lie algebra generators of the pseudoharmonic oscillator can be constructed by using the recursion relations among the associated Laguerre functions [7]. These operators explicitly are
\[ K_- = -\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + s + \hat{n} - \frac{\rho}{2}, \quad K_0 = \hat{n} + s + \frac{1}{4} \]
\[ K_+ = \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + s + \hat{n} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\rho}{2}. \] (2.42)

The action of ladder operators on the pseudoharmonic oscillator wave functions is
\[ K_+ |s,n \rangle = \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2s+1/2)} |s,n+1 \rangle, \] (2.43)
\[ K_- |s,n \rangle = \sqrt{n(n+2s-1/2)} |s,n-1 \rangle, \] (2.44)
\[ K_0 |s,n \rangle = (n+s+1/4) |s,n \rangle. \] (2.45)

By comparing these results with equations (2.2)-(2.4), we obtain that the relationship between the group numbers \( k, n \) and the quantum numbers \( s, n \) satisfies \( k \to s + 1/4 \) and \( n \to n \). The Perelomov
number coherent states of the pseudoharmonic oscillator $\Psi_{PO}$ are obtained by substituting the states of equation (2.41) into equation (2.10). Thus, by interchanging the order of summations and using the relationships between the group and quantum numbers we obtain

$$\Psi_{PO} = (\rho | \zeta, k, n) = \left(1 - |\zeta|^2\right)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \rho^s e^{\frac{\zeta}{2}} \sqrt{\Gamma(2s+n+1/2)} \Gamma(n+1) \times$$

$$\times \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{\zeta^j}{\Gamma(j+1)\Gamma(2s+1/2+n-j)} \sum_{p=0}^{n} \frac{\zeta^p \Gamma(n-j+p+1)}{\Gamma(n-j+1)} L_{n-j+p}(\rho).$$

(2.47)

The procedure to obtain the explicit form of these number states is explained in reference [21]. It consists in use the sums (48.7.6) and (48.7.8) of reference [14]. Thus, the explicit form of the $SU(1,1)$ Perelomov number coherent states of the pseudoharmonic oscillator is

$$\Psi_{PO} = \left(1 - |\zeta|^2\right)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \rho^s e^{\frac{\zeta}{2}} \sqrt{\Gamma(2s+n+1/2)} (-\zeta)^n (1 - \sigma)^n \times$$

$$\times \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{\rho \sigma}{\Gamma(n-j+1)} L_{n-j} \left(\frac{\rho \sigma (1-\zeta)}{1-\zeta^2}\right).$$

(3.5)

3. **SU(2)** Perelomov number coherent states

In what follows, the results for the su(2) Lie algebra are obtained in a similar way to those for the $su(1,1)$ Lie algebra. The $su(2)$ Lie algebra is spanned by the generators $J_+$, $J_-$ and $J_0$, which satisfy the commutation relations [22,35]

$$[J_0,J_\pm] = \pm J_\pm, \quad [J_+,J_-] = 2J_0.$$

(3.1)

The action of these operators on the Fock space states $\{|j,\mu\}, -j \leq \mu \leq j\}$ is

$$J_+ |j,\mu\rangle = \sqrt{(j-\mu)(j+\mu+1)} |j,\mu+1\rangle,$$

(3.2)

$$J_- |j,\mu\rangle = \sqrt{(j+\mu)(j-\mu+1)} |j,\mu-1\rangle,$$

(3.3)

$$J_0 |j,\mu\rangle = \mu |j,\mu\rangle.$$

(3.4)

The Casimir operator for this algebra is $J^2 = J_0^2 + J_+^2 + J_-^2$ and its action on any group state is $j(j+1)$. The displacement operator $D(\xi)$ is given by

$$D(\xi) = \exp(\xi J_+ - \xi^* J_-).$$

(3.5)

By means of Gaussian decomposition, the normal form of this operator is

$$D(\xi) = \exp(\zeta J_+) \exp(\eta J_0) \exp(-\xi^* J_-),$$

(3.6)

where $\zeta = -\tan(\frac{1}{2} \theta) e^{-i \phi}$ and $\eta = -2 \ln |\xi| = \ln (1 + |\zeta|^2)$ [24].
The $SU(2)$ Perelomov coherent states, $|ζ⟩ = D(ξ)|j, −j⟩$ are given by [22]

$$|ζ⟩ = \sum_{μ=−j}^{j} \left\{ \frac{(2j)!}{(j+μ)!(j−μ)!} \right\}^{1/2} (1+|ζ|^2)^{−j} \xi^{i+μ}|j, μ⟩.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.7)

In a similar way to the definition (2.9), the Perelomov number coherent states for the $su(2)$ algebra are defined as the action of the displacement operator $D(ξ)$ on any state $|j, μ⟩$, instead to the lower state $|j, −j⟩$ of the Fock space [22]. Thus,

$$|ζ, j⟩ = D(ξ)|j, μ⟩ = \exp(ξ J_+)|j, μ⟩ \exp(−ζ^∗ J_-)|j, μ⟩$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.8)

where we have used the normal form of the displacement operator, equation (3.6).

Therefore, the Perelomov number coherent states of the $su(2)$ algebra in the Fock space are given by [22]

$$|ζ, j, μ⟩ = \sum_{i=0}^{j−μ+n} \frac{s^i}{i!} \sum_{n=0}^{μ+j} \frac{(−ζ^∗)^n}{n!} \exp(μ−n) \frac{Γ(j−μ+n+1)}{Γ(j+μ−n+1)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.9)

The $SU(2)$ standard coherent states of equation (3.7) are recovered by setting $μ = −j$ in the last equation.

The similarity transformation of the $su(2)$ Lie algebra generators are computed by using of the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff identity and equations (3.1). They are

$$D^i(ξ) J_+ D(ξ) = −\frac{ξ^∗}{|ξ^∗|} δ J_0 + ε \left( J_+ + \frac{ξ^∗}{ξ} J_− \right) + J_+, \hspace{1cm} (3.10)$$

$$D^i(ξ) J_− D(ξ) = −\frac{ξ}{|ξ|} δ J_0 + ε \left( J_− + \frac{ξ}{ξ^∗} J_+ \right) + J_−, \hspace{1cm} (3.11)$$

$$D^i(ξ) J_0 D(ξ) = (2ε + 1) J_0 + \frac{δξ}{|ξ|} J_+ + \frac{δξ^∗}{|ξ^∗|} J_−, \hspace{1cm} (3.12)$$

where $δ = \sin(2|ξ|)$ and $ε = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2|ξ|) − 1]$.

From equations (3.10)-(3.12), the expected values of the group generators $J_±, J_0$ in the Perelomov number coherent states are [22]

$$⟨ζ, j⟩ = \frac{ξ}{|ξ|} μ \sin(2|ξ|), \hspace{1cm} (3.13)$$

$$⟨ζ, j⟩ = \frac{ξ^∗}{|ξ^∗|} μ \sin(2|ξ^∗|), \hspace{1cm} (3.14)$$

$$⟨ζ, j⟩ = μ \cosh(2|ξ|). \hspace{1cm} (3.15)$$
3.1. Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship

The $X$ and $Y$ operators for the $su(2)$ algebra ladder operators are defined as [19]

$$X \equiv J_+ + J_-, \quad Y \equiv i(J_+ - J_-). \quad (3.16)$$

The quadratic deviations product for the $X$ and $Y$ operators in the $SU(2)$ Perelomov number coherent states is

$$\langle \Delta X \rangle_n^2 \langle \Delta Y \rangle_n^2 = 4(j + \bar{j} - \mu^2)^2 \left\{ (\epsilon^2 + \bar{\epsilon}^2) \left[ 4 - \left( \frac{\bar{x}^*}{\bar{x}} + \frac{\bar{\xi}}{\bar{\xi}^*} \right)^2 \right] + 4(\epsilon^2 + \bar{\epsilon}^2) + 1 \right\}. \quad (3.17)$$

If we use equation (3.8) and the similarity transformation method, the expectation values $\langle F \rangle$ and $\langle C \rangle$ in a $SU(2)$ number coherent states are given by

$$\langle \zeta, j, \mu | F | \zeta, j, \mu \rangle_n = 2i(j + \bar{j} - \mu^2)(\epsilon^2 + \bar{\epsilon}^2) \left( \frac{\bar{x}^*}{\bar{x}} - \frac{\bar{\xi}}{\bar{\xi}^*} \right), \quad (3.18)$$

$$\langle \zeta, j, \mu | C | \zeta, j, \mu \rangle_n = -4\mu(2\epsilon + 1). \quad (3.19)$$

By substituting the results of equations (3.17), (3.18) and (3.19) into equation (2.28) we conclude, again, that the $SU(2)$ Perelomov number coherent states are not of minimum uncertainty, according to the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship. However, likewise the $SU(1, 1)$ standard coherent states, the $SU(2)$ standard coherent states satisfy the equality in equation (2.28). Therefore, the only states which minimize the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship are those obtained by applying the displacement operator $D(\bar{x})$ on the lowest normalized state.

3.2. Time evolution of the $SU(2)$ Perelomov number coherent states

As for the case of the $su(1, 1)$ algebra, we will suppose that the Hamiltonian is proportional to the group generator $J_0$. Hence

$$U(t) = e^{-i\gamma J_0 \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}. \quad (3.20)$$

This implies that the time evolution of the $su(2)$ algebra ladder operators $J_{\pm}$ are

$$J_+ = U^\dagger(t)J_+U(t) = J_+e^{i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}, \quad (3.21)$$

$$J_- = U^\dagger(t)J_-U(t) = J_-e^{-i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}. \quad (3.22)$$

Thus, by using equation (3.8), the time evolution of the $SU(2)$ number coherent states $|\zeta(t), j, \mu \rangle$ are given by

$$|\zeta(t), j, \mu \rangle = U(t)|\zeta \rangle = U(t)D(\bar{x})U^\dagger(t)U(t)|j, \mu \rangle. \quad (3.23)$$

From equation (3.4), (3.21) and (3.22), and the definitions $\xi(t) \equiv \xi e^{i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}$ and $\zeta(t) \equiv \zeta e^{i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}$, we can show that the time dependent $SU(2)$ Perelomov number coherent states are given by

$$|\zeta(t), j, \mu \rangle = e^{-i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}e^{\xi(-t)J_+}e^{\eta_{\bar{\hbar}0}e^{-\zeta(-t)^*J_-}}|j, \mu \rangle. \quad (3.24)$$

Therefore, the time evolution of these states is obtained by adding the phase $e^{-i\gamma \bar{\hbar}/\hbar}$ and substituting $\zeta \rightarrow \zeta(-t)$ and $\zeta^* \rightarrow \zeta(-t)^*$ into equation (3.9). The expression of equation (3.29) generalizes the $SU(2)$ Perelomov coherent states, which are recovered by setting $t = 0$ and $\mu = -j$. 

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3.3. SU(2) coherent states for the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator

The time-independent Hamiltonian of the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator is

\[ H = a^\dagger a + b^\dagger b + 1, \]  \tag{3.25}

where the operators \((a, a^\dagger)\) and \((b, b^\dagger)\) satisfy the bosonic algebra

\[ [a, a^\dagger] = [b, b^\dagger] = 1, \quad [a, b^\dagger] = [a, b] = 0. \]  \tag{3.26}

The Jordan-Schwinger realization of the \(su(2)\) algebra is

\[ J_0 = \frac{1}{2} (a^\dagger a - b^\dagger b), \quad J_+ = a^\dagger b, \quad J_- = b^\dagger a, \]  \tag{3.27}

For this realization the Casimir operator and the number operator \(N\) commute with all the generators of the \(su(2)\) algebra. The number operator \(N\) is defined as

\[ N = a^\dagger a + b^\dagger b. \]  \tag{3.28}

The eigenfunctions of this Hamiltonian \(H\) are

\[ \langle \rho, \phi |N, m\rangle = \psi_{N, m}(\rho, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{i \rho m} (-1)^{\frac{N-m}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{(N+m)!}} \rho^m L^m_{\frac{N}{2}}(\rho^2) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \rho^2}. \]  \tag{3.29}

The action creation and annihilation operators on the basis \(|N, m\rangle\) is given by [36]

\[ a|N, m\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (N+m)|N-1, m-1\rangle, \quad a^\dagger|N, m\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (N+m) + 1|N+1, m+1\rangle, \]  \tag{3.30}

\[ b|N, m\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (N-m)|N-1, m+1\rangle, \quad b^\dagger|N, m\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (N-m) + 1|N+1, m-1\rangle. \]  \tag{3.31}

From these equations and the definition of the \(su(2)\) generators of equation (3.27) we can obtain the relationships between the group numbers \(j, \mu\) and the quantum numbers \(N, m\). Thus, from equations (3.4) and (3.2) we deduce \(\mu = m/2, j = N/2\).

In order to obtain the \(SU(2)\) Perelomov coherent states of the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator \(\Psi_{HO}\) we must substitute the eigenstates (3.29) into equation (3.7). By making the change of variable \(s = j + \mu\) in equation (3.7) we obtain

\[ \Psi_{HO} = \langle \rho | \xi \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2(2j)!}{\pi}} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \rho^2}}{1 + |\xi|^2} \sum_{s=0}^{2j} \frac{\xi^s (-1)^{2j-s} e^{2(s-j)\rho} \rho^{2(s-j)}}{s!} L_{2s-2j}^{2s-2j}(\rho^2). \]  \tag{3.32}

This sum can be performed by using the equation (48.19.5) of reference [14]

\[ \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} p^k \frac{L_k^{-2k}(x)}{(n-k)!} = p^2 H_n \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 + px) p^{-1} \right]. \]  \tag{3.33}

Then, by identifying \(k = 2j - s, n - 2k = 2s - 2j\) we finally obtain the closed form of the \(SU(2)\) coherent states for the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator

\[ \Psi_{HO} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N! \pi}} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \rho^2} \xi^{N/2}}{(1 + |\xi|^2)^{N/2}} H_N \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\rho^2}{\xi} \right) \right], \]  \tag{3.34}
where

\[ \tau = \frac{1}{\zeta \rho^2 e^{i\phi}}. \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.35)

It is important to note that we were not able to obtain explicitly the SU(2) Perelomov number coherent states. The main problem is that for the SU(2) case we must perform two finite series, instead of one finite and one infinite of the SU(1,1) case.

4. Concluding remarks

We have studied some properties of the Perelomov number coherent states for the su(1,1) and su(2) Lie algebras. We introduced the position and momentum-like operators and showed that the Schrödinger’s uncertainty relationship is minimized only for the standard Perelomov coherent states.

We apply our results to calculate the explicit form of the SU(1,1) Perelomov number coherent states of the pseudoharmonic oscillator. For the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator, we were able to calculate the explicit form of the standard SU(2) Perelomov coherent states.

Besides the Perelomov number coherent states are not of minimum uncertainty, they have been applied to solve some important quantum systems as the parametric amplifier [10, 21] and two coupled oscillators [22].

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