

# Quadratic algebras and spectrum of superintegrable systems



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- In a classical mechanics, an  $n$ -dimensional Hamiltonian system with Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} p_i p_j + V(\vec{x}, \vec{p}), \quad X_a = f_a(\vec{x}, \vec{p}), \quad a = 1, \dots, n-1,$$

is called **completely integrable** (Liouville integrable) if it allows  $n$  integrals of motion (including  $H$ ) that are well-defined functions on phase space, are in involution

$$\{H, X_a\}_p = 0, \quad \{X_a, X_b\}_p = 0, \quad a, b = 1, \dots, n-1$$

and are functionally independent

- The system is **superintegrable** if it is integrable and allows additional integrals of motion  $Y_b(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$ ,  $\{H, Y_b\}_p = 0$ ,  $b = n, n+1, \dots, n+k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$  that are also well-defined functions on phase space and the integrals  $\{H, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, Y_n, \dots, Y_{n+k}\}$  are functionally independent
- It is **maximally superintegrable** if the set contains  $2n-1$  functions and **minimally superintegrable** if it contains  $n+1$  such integrals.
- The same definitions apply in quantum mechanics but  $\{H, X_a, Y_b\}$  are well-defined quantum mechanical **operators**, assumed to form an algebraically independent set
- The best known examples of (maximally) superintegrable systems are the Kepler-Coulomb  $V(\vec{x}) = \frac{\alpha}{r}$  (Fock-1935, Bargmann 1936) and the harmonic oscillator  $V(\vec{x}) = \alpha r^2$  (Jauch, Hill 1940, Moshinsky, Smirnov 1966)
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$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \partial_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{a_i}{x_i^2}, \quad (1)$$

where all masses are equal and we set  $\hbar = m_i = 1$ ,  $\partial_i = \partial/\partial x_i$ .

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Our purpose is to-

- present an algebraic derivation of the spectrum of the  $N$ -dimensional SW system based on the complete symmetry algebra
- obtain various subalgebraic structures of the symmetry algebra which consist of distinct quadratic algebras  $Q(3)$  and their Casimirs
- show how these substructures enable us to algebraically determine the spectrum of the SW system
- Separation of variables of the  $N$ -dimensional SW system

# Separation of Variables

# The Schrödinger equation $H \Psi = E \Psi$

- The corresponding Schrödinger equation and Hamilton-Jacobi equation of the SW systems allow separation of variables in various coordinate systems
- In quantum mechanics, the separation of variables in Cartesian coordinates of the  $H \Psi = E \Psi$  is done<sup>1</sup> via

$$\Psi = \prod_{i=1}^N \psi_{n_i}, \quad \psi_{n_i} = N_{n_i} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{b}{2} x_i^2}} x_i^{\frac{1}{2} \pm \nu_i} L_{n_i}^{\pm \nu_i}(\sqrt{2b} x_i^2),$$

in terms of the associated Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^a(x)$  and  $\nu_i = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1+8a_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

- The corresponding spectrum and the degeneracies of each level are

$$E = \sqrt{2b} \sum_{i=1}^N (2n_i \pm \nu_i + 1), \quad \text{deg}(n) = \binom{N+n-1}{N-1}, \quad (2)$$

where  $n = \sum_{i=1}^N n_i$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Evans 1991, J. Math. Phys. 32 3369

# Hyperspherical coordinates

- The system  $H$  is also separable in  $N$ -dimensional hyperspherical coordinates, and the Hamiltonian operator  $H$  reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{N-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 2br^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2r^2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + (N-2) \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \frac{2a_1}{\cos^2 \theta_1} \right. \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_1} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} + (N-3) \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} - \frac{2a_2}{\cos^2 \theta_2} \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_3^2} + (N-4) \cot \theta_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_3} - \frac{2a_3}{\cos^2 \theta_3} \right. \\
 & \dots \\
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 & + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_{N-3}} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_{N-2}^2} + \cot \theta_{N-2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{N-2}} - \frac{2a_{N-2}}{\cos^2 \theta_{N-2}} \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



- The ansatz

$$\Psi = \psi(r) \prod_{l=1}^{N-1} \psi(\theta_l)$$

in the Schrödinger equation  $H\Psi = E\Psi$ , reduce to

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{N-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 2br^2 + \frac{k_1}{r^2} \right) \psi(r) = E\psi(r), \quad (3)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_\ell^2} + (N-\ell-1) \cot \theta_\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_\ell} - \frac{2a_\ell}{\cos^2 \theta_\ell} + \frac{k_{\ell+1}}{\sin^2 \theta_\ell} \right) \psi(\theta_\ell) = -k_\ell \psi(\theta_\ell), \quad (4)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_{N-1}^2} - \frac{2a_{N-1}}{\cos^2 \theta_{N-1}} - \frac{2a_N}{\sin^2 \theta_{N-1}} \right) \psi(\theta_{N-1}) = -k_{N-1} \psi(\theta_{N-1}), \quad (5)$$

where  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, N-2$ .

- After a long computation, the solutions are as follows

$$\psi(\theta_{N-1}) \propto \cos^{1/2 \pm \nu_{N-1}}(\theta_{N-1}) \sin^{1/2 \pm \nu_N}(\theta_{N-1}) P_{\tau_{N-1}}^{(\pm \nu_N, \pm \nu_{N-1})}(\cos(2\theta_{N-1})).$$

$$\psi(\theta_l) \propto \cos^{1/2 \pm \nu_l}(\theta_l) \sin^{\mu_{l+1} + 1 - (N-l)/2}(\theta_{N-1}) P_{\tau_l}^{(\mu_{l+1}, \pm \nu_l)}(\cos(2\theta_l)),$$

$$\psi(r) := \psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu}(r) \propto e^{-\sqrt{\frac{b}{2}} r^2} r^{2\nu - \frac{N-2}{2}} L_{\tau_r}^{2\nu}(\varepsilon r^2),$$

- the energy spectrum of the system

$$E = \sqrt{2b} \left( 2\tau_r + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \tau_i \pm \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + N \right), \quad (6)$$

where

$$k_l = \left[ 2 \sum_{i=l}^{N-1} \tau_i \pm \sum_{i=l}^N \nu_i + (N-l) \right]^2 - \frac{1}{4} (N-l-1)^2, \quad l = 1, \dots, N-3,$$

$$\mu_l = 2 \sum_{i=l}^{N-1} \tau_i \pm \sum_{i=l}^N \nu_i + \frac{N-l-2}{2}, \quad l = 1, \dots, N-1.$$

$$\tau_r = \frac{E}{2\varepsilon} - \nu - \frac{1}{2}, \quad 2\nu = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \tau_i \pm \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + (N-1), \quad \varepsilon = \sqrt{2b}. \quad (7)$$

# Algebraic Derivations

The  $N$ -dimensional SW system  $H$  is superintegrable. It has the following second order integrals of motion

$$B_i = -\partial_i^2 + 2bx_i^2 + 2\frac{a_i}{x_i^2},$$
$$A_{ij} = -J_{ij}^2 + 2\frac{a_i x_j^2}{x_i^2} + 2\frac{a_j x_i^2}{x_j^2} + \frac{1}{2} \quad (= A_{ji}),$$

where

$$J_{ij} = x_i \partial_j - x_j \partial_i, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

From the definition of the Hamiltonian  $H$ , it is clear the integrals  $B_i$  satisfy

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N B_i$$

We can easily verify the following commutation relations

$$[H, B_i] = [H, A_{ij}] = [B_i, B_j] = [A_{ij}, B_k] = 0, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad \text{and} \quad k \neq i, j.$$

We can further define more conserved charges

$$C_{ij} = [B_i, A_{ij}] = [B_j, A_{ij}], \quad D_{ijk} = [A_{ij}, A_{jk}],$$
$$[C_{ij}, H] = 0 = [D_{ijk}, H]$$

It can be shown that the above constants of motion of the system  $H$  close to satisfy the following quadratic symmetry algebra  $\mathcal{SW}(N)$  relations,

$$\begin{aligned}[A_{jk}, D_{ijk}] &= 4\{A_{ik}, A_{jk}\} - 4\{A_{jk}, A_{ij}\} + 4(8a_j - 3)A_{ik} - 4(8a_k - 3)A_{ij}, \\ [A_{kl}, D_{ijk}] &= 4\{A_{ik}, A_{jl}\} - 4\{A_{jk}, A_{il}\}, \\ [D_{ijk}, D_{jkl}] &= 4\{D_{jkl}, A_{ij}\} - 4\{D_{ikl}, A_{jk}\} - 4\{D_{ijk}, A_{jl}\} - 4(8a_j - 3)D_{ikl}, \\ [D_{ijk}, D_{klm}] &= 4\{D_{ilm}, A_{jk}\} - 4\{D_{jlm}, A_{ik}\}, \\ [C_{ik}, C_{kl}] &= 4\{C_{li}, B_k\}, \\ [B_i, D_{ijk}] &= 4\{B_k, A_{ij}\} - 4\{B_j, A_{ik}\}, \\ [B_i, C_{ij}] &= -4\{B_i, B_j\} + 32bA_{ij}, \\ [C_{ij}, D_{jkl}] &= 4\{C_{il}, A_{jk}\} - 4\{C_{ik}, A_{jl}\}, \\ [C_{ij}, D_{ijk}] &= -4\{C_{ik}A_{ij}\} - 4\{C_{jk}, A_{ij}\}, \\ [A_{ij}, C_{ij}] &= 4\{A_{ij}, B_j\} - 4\{A_{ij}, B_i\} - 4(8a_j - 3)B_i + 4(8a_i - 3)B_j, \\ [A_{ij}, C_{ki}] &= 4\{A_{kj}, B_i\} - 4\{A_{ik}, B_j\},\end{aligned}$$

where  $i \neq j \neq k \neq l \neq m$  with  $i, j, k, l, m \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  covering all non-vanishing commutators.

- The relations involving  $A_{ij}$  and  $D_{lmn}$  define the Racah algebra  $\mathcal{R}(N)$ , which has been the subject of attention in last years with connections to many other algebraic structures.
- It is interesting to see  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  is embedded in the larger symmetry algebra  $\mathcal{SW}(N)$  of the  $N$ -dimensional Smorodinsky-Winternitz system.

# The quadratic algebra $\mathcal{Q}(3)$

- The structures of the  $\mathcal{SW}(N)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  are complicated for  $N > 3$  and higher rank
- To algebraically derive the spectrum, we exploit the existence of set of commuting integrals, i.e., different subalgebras involving 3 generators which has similarity with the quadratic algebra  $\mathcal{Q}(3)$  introduced in context of two-dimensional systems<sup>2</sup>
- The algebraic approach involves identifying  $N$  substructures  $\mathcal{Q}_i(3)$ , each involving 3 generators  $\{E_i, F_i, G_i\}$  for any fixed  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and satisfy the general commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 [E_i, F_i] &= G_i, \\
 [E_i, G_i] &= \alpha_i A_i^2 + \gamma_i \{E_i, G_i\} + \delta_i E_i + \epsilon_i F_i + \zeta_i, \\
 [F_i, G_i] &= a_i E_i^2 - \gamma_i F_i^2 - \alpha_i \{E_i, F_i\} + d_i E_i - \delta_i F_i + z_i,
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

- The structure constants for each of the substructures,  $\alpha_i, \gamma_i, \delta_i, \epsilon_i, \zeta_i, a_i, d_i, z_i$ , are constants or more generally polynomials of central elements of the  $i$ -th substructure
- Each substructure has a cubic Casimir invariant as,

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_i &= G_i^2 - \alpha_i \{E_i^2, F_i\} - \gamma_i \{E_i, F_i^2\} + (\alpha_i \gamma_i - \delta_i) \{E_i, F_i\} + (\gamma_i^2 - \epsilon_i) F_i^2 \\
 &+ (\gamma_i \delta_i - 2\zeta_i) F_i + \frac{2a_i}{3} E_i^3 + \left( d_i + \frac{a_i \gamma_i}{3} + \alpha_i^2 \right) E_i^2 + \left( \frac{a_i \epsilon_i}{3} + \alpha_i \delta_i + 2z_i \right) E_i.
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

<sup>2</sup>Daskaloyannis 2001, J. Math. Phys.42 1100

# Deformed oscillator algebra

- The quadratic algebra  $\mathcal{Q}_i(3)$  (8) for any fixed  $i$  value can be realized in terms of the deformed oscillator algebra<sup>3</sup>,

$$[\aleph_i, b_i^\dagger] = b_i^\dagger, \quad [\aleph_i, b_i] = -b_i, \quad b_i b_i^\dagger = \Phi(\aleph_i + 1), \quad b_i^\dagger b_i = \Phi(\aleph_i), \quad (10)$$

- the function  $\Phi(x)$  is real valued function satisfying

$$\Phi(0) = 0, \quad \Phi(x) > 0, \quad \forall x > 0$$

- The structure function is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_i(n_i) = & \frac{1}{4} \left[ -\frac{K_i'}{\epsilon_i} - \frac{z_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} - \frac{\delta_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} \frac{\zeta_i}{\epsilon_i} + \left( \frac{\zeta_i}{\epsilon_i} \right)^2 \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{12} \left[ 3d_i - a_i \sqrt{\epsilon_i} - 3\alpha_i \frac{\delta_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} + 3 \frac{\delta_i^2}{\epsilon_i} - 6 \frac{z_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} + 6\alpha_i \frac{\zeta_i}{\epsilon_i} - 6 \frac{\delta_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} \frac{\zeta_i}{\epsilon_i} \right] (n_i + u_i) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \left[ \alpha_i^2 + d_i - a_i \sqrt{\epsilon_i} - 3\alpha_i \frac{\delta_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} + \frac{\delta_i^2}{\epsilon_i} + 2\alpha_i \frac{\zeta_i}{\epsilon_i} \right] (n_i + u_i)^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{6} \left[ 3\alpha_i^2 - a_i \sqrt{\epsilon_i} - 3\alpha_i \frac{\delta_i}{\sqrt{\epsilon_i}} \right] (n_i + u_i)^3 + \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2 (n_i + u_i)^4 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for  $\gamma_i = 0, \epsilon_i \neq 0,$

<sup>3</sup>Daskaloyannis 2001, J. Math. Phys.42 1100

- and by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_i(n_i) = & \gamma_i^8 (3\alpha_i^2 + 4a_i\gamma_i)[2(n_i+u_i)-3]^2 [2(n_i+u_i)-1]^4 [2(n_i+u_i)+1]^2 - 3072\gamma_i^6 K_i [2(n_i+u_i)-1]^2 \\
 & - 48\gamma_i^6 (\alpha_i^2 \epsilon_i - \alpha_i \gamma_i \delta_i + a_i \gamma_i \epsilon_i - \gamma_i^2 d_i) [2(n_i+u_i)-1]^4 [2(n_i+u_i)+1]^2 [2(n_i+u_i)-3] \\
 & + 32\gamma_i^4 \left( 3\alpha_i^2 \epsilon_i^2 + 4\alpha_i \gamma_i^2 \zeta_i - 6\alpha_i \gamma_i \delta_i \epsilon_i + 2a_i \gamma_i \epsilon_i^2 + 2\gamma_i^2 \delta_i^2 - 4\gamma_i^2 d_i \epsilon_i + 8\gamma_i^3 z_i \right) \times \\
 & [2(n_i+u_i)-1]^2 [12(n_i+u_i)^2 - 12(n_i+u_i) - 1] + 768(\alpha_i \epsilon_i^2 + 4\gamma_i^2 \zeta_i - 2\gamma_i \delta_i \epsilon_i)^2 \\
 & - 256\gamma_i^2 [2(n_i+u_i)-1]^2 (3\alpha_i^2 \epsilon_i^3 + 4\alpha_i \gamma_i^4 \zeta_i + 12\alpha_i \gamma_i^2 \zeta_i \epsilon_i - 9\alpha_i \gamma_i \delta_i \epsilon_i^2 + a_i \gamma_i \epsilon_i^3 + 2\gamma_i^4 \delta_i^2 \\
 & - 12\gamma_i^3 \delta_i \zeta_i + 6\gamma_i^2 \delta_i^2 \epsilon_i + 2\gamma_i^4 d_i \epsilon_i - 3\gamma_i^2 d_i \epsilon_i^2 - 4\gamma_i^5 z_i + 12\gamma_i^3 z_i \epsilon_i)
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

for  $\gamma_i \neq 0$ .

- The construction of the deformed oscillator algebra rely on the integrals  $E_i$  being realized only in terms of the number operators  $\mathcal{N}_i$  associated with  $n_i$  and provide constraints for the eigenvalues of the operator  $E_i$  (Daskaloyannis 2001, J. Math. Phys.42 1100 )

$$e(E_i) = E_i(q_i) = \frac{\gamma_i}{2} \left( (q_i + u_i)^2 - \frac{\epsilon_i}{\gamma_i^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right), \quad \gamma_i \neq 0; \tag{13}$$

$$e(E_i) = E_i(q_i) = \sqrt{\epsilon_i}(q_i + u_i), \quad \gamma_i = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \neq 0. \tag{14}$$

- Here denote the eigenvalues of the generators  $E_i$  in terms of  $q_i$
- Other constraints on the structure functions  $\Phi_i(n_i, u_i, H)$  of each substructures take the form of  $\Phi_i(0, u_i, H) = 0$  and  $\Phi_i(p_i+1, u_i, H) = 0$  where  $q_i = 0, 1, \dots, p_i$ .



# The algebra $Q(3)$ for $N = 3$ case

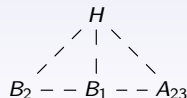
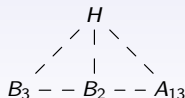
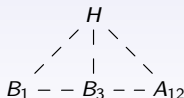
- To motivate our general discussions, we examine the distinct subalgebra structures of  $SW(3)$ .
- The Hamiltonian system  $H$  for  $N = 3$  reads,

$$H = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_1^2 + \partial_2^2 + \partial_3^2) + b(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + \frac{a_1}{x_1^2} + \frac{a_2}{x_2^2} + \frac{a_3}{x_3^2}.$$

- The corresponding second order integrals of motion are  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{23}$  and satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} [H, B_i] &= 0, & [H, A_{ij}] &= 0, & [B_i, B_j] &= 0, & i, j &= 1, 2, 3; \\ [A_{23}, B_1] &= 0, & [A_{13}, B_2] &= 0, & [A_{12}, B_3] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- For more convenience, the diagrams below represent the above relations.



# The algebra $Q(3)$ for $N = 3$ case

- We also have the following four linearly independent commutators of the second order integrals,

$$C_{12} = [B_1, A_{12}] = -[A_{12}, B_2],$$

$$C_{23} = [B_2, A_{23}] = -[A_{23}, B_3]$$

$$C_{31} = [B_3, A_{31}] = -[A_{31}, B_1],$$

$$D_{123} = [A_{12}, A_{31}] = [A_{13}, A_{23}] = [A_{23}, A_{12}]$$

- The above diagram shows that there are three possible subalgebras generated by three generators

$$\{E_1, F_1, C_1\} \equiv \{A_{12}, B_1, C_{12}\}$$

$$\{E_2, F_2, C_2\} \equiv \{A_{23}, B_2, C_{23}\}$$

$$\{E_3, F_3, C_3\} \equiv \{A_{31}, B_3, C_{31}\}$$

- Each set satisfies the commutation relations (8) of the associate substructure with appropriate structure constants

# The general $N$ case

- We now generalize the above results to the general  $N$  case and consider subalgebra structures generated by  $\{B_i, B_j, A_{ij}; H, B_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, N, k \neq i, j\}$  for any fixed  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .
- By direct computations, we get the following quadratic subalgebra structure, denoted by  $\mathcal{Q}_{ij}(3)$  for any fixed  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ,

$$[B_i, A_{ij}] = C_{ij},$$

$$[B_i, C_{ij}] = 8B_i^2 - 8(2H - \sum_{k \neq i, j} B_k)B_i + 32bA_{ij},$$

$$[A_{ij}, C_{ij}] = -8\{B_i, A_{ij}\} + 8(2H - \sum_{k \neq i, j} B_k)(A_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}[8a_i - 3]) - 8(4a_i + 4a_j - 3)B_i.$$

- The corresponding Casimir operator takes the form,

$$\begin{aligned} K_{ij} = & C_{ij}^2 - 8\{B_i^2, A_{ij}\} + 8(2H - \sum_{k \neq i, j} B_k)\{B_i, A_{ij}\} - 8(4a_i + 4a_j - 11)B_i^2 \\ & + 8(8a_i - 11)(2H - \sum_{k \neq i, j} B_k)B_i - 32bA_{ij}^2 \end{aligned}$$

- The Casimir operator can also be written in terms of only the central elements  $H$  and all  $B_k, k \neq i, j$  as

$$K'_{ij} = 4(8a_i - 3) \left( 2H - \sum_{k \neq i, j} B_k \right)^2 - 8b(8a_i - 3)(8a_j - 3)$$

# Deformed oscillators realization

- In order to obtain the energy spectrum of the system  $H$  from the above subalgebra, we construct its realization in terms of the deformed oscillator algebra (Daskaloyannis 2001, J. Math. Phys.42 1100), the structure functions,

$$\Phi(n_{ij}; u_{ij}, H) = \frac{1}{1024b^2} [4(n_{ij}+u_{ij})-2-2\nu_i] [4(n_{ij}+u_{ij})-2+2\nu_i]$$

$$\left[ 8b(n_{ij}+u_{ij})-4b+4b\nu_j+\sqrt{2b}\left(\sum_{k \neq i,j} B_k-2H\right) \right] \left[ 8b(n_{ij}+u_{ij})-4b-4b\nu_j+\sqrt{2b}\left(\sum_{k \neq i,j} B_k-2H\right) \right]$$

- The values of parameter  $u_{ij}$  and the eigenvalues of the operators  $\sum_{k \neq i,j} B_k$  are determined by requiring that the corresponding representation of the deformed oscillator algebra is finite dimensional, i.e.,

$$\Phi(p_{ij}+1; u_{ij}, E) = 0, \quad \Phi(0; u_{ij}, E) = 0, \quad \Phi(n_{ij}) > 0, \quad \forall n_{ij} > 0,$$

where  $p_{ij}$  are positive integer.

- These constraints give

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_i \nu_i}{2}, \quad \sum_{k \neq i,j} B_k = 2H - 2\sqrt{2b}(p_{ij}+1+\varepsilon_i \nu_i + \varepsilon_j \nu_j),$$

$$\Phi(n_{ij}) = n_{ij}(n_{ij} + \varepsilon_i \nu_i)(n_{ij} - p_{ij} - 1)(n_{ij} + \varepsilon_j \nu_j - p_{ij} - 1),$$

where  $\varepsilon_i = \pm 1, \varepsilon_j = \pm 1$ .

- The spectrum of  $H$  could be determined in terms of the  $p_{ij}$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  from selected subsets of  $N$  substructures.
- This can be seen alternatively guided by the form of the spectrum in Cartesian coordinates, and relation among the  $H$  and the  $B_i$  operators.

- We now use the constraints for the spectrum of  $B_i$  (Daskaloyannis 2001, J. Math. Phys.42 1100) which is given by

$$e(B_i(x)) = 2\sqrt{2b}(2q_i + \varepsilon_i\nu_i + 1),$$

and by virtue of

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N B_i,$$

- the energy spectrum of system  $H$  is

$$E = \sum_i^N \sqrt{2b}(2q_i + \varepsilon_i\nu_i + 1)$$

- this can be seen in the form of the spectrum of the Cartesian coordinates
- the above results are obtained based on the algebraic manipulation only without using explicitly the corresponding Schrödinger equation

- The Racah  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  subalgebra can also be used to derive the spectrum of the form obtained in the hyperspherical coordinates
- The Racah subalgebra is related to the separation of variables in hyperspherical coordinates via the relation

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{N-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2.$$

- Define the new operator  $Z$  associated with the separation of variables in hyperspherical coordinates,

$$Z = \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2 + 2r^2 \sum_i \frac{a_i}{x_i^2} - 2 \sum_i a_i + \frac{N(N-1)}{4},$$

such that  $H$  acquires the form

$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{N-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 2br^2 - \frac{4Z + 8 \sum_i a_i - N(N-1)}{4r^2} \right] \quad (15)$$

- Comparing the above equation (15) with the radial equation (3) and using spectrum equation (6), it leads to the spectrum of  $Z$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 e(Z) &= k_1 - 2 \sum_i a_i + \frac{N(N-1)}{4} \\
 &= \left[ 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \tau_i \pm \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + N - 1 \right]^2 - \frac{1}{4}(N-2)^2 - 2 \sum_i a_i + \frac{N(N-1)}{4} \\
 &= \nu^2 + \frac{1}{4}(3N-4) - 2 \sum_i a_i,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu$  is given by (7), which allows to rewrite the eigenvalues (6) as

$$E = \sqrt{2b}(2\tau_r + 2\nu + 1)$$

# The $su(1, 1)$ algebra and spectrum

- The Hamiltonian written in terms of the radial variable  $r$  and  $Z$ , where  $Z$  can be seen as a Casimir of the Racah  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  algebra, has similarities with the  $N$ -dimensional radial oscillator.
- This suggests the existence of ladder differential operators in the radial variable  $r$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}^{\pm} = H \pm \sqrt{2b}r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - 2br^2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{b}{2}}N,$$

whose action on the wave functions is given by

$$\mathcal{D}^+ \psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu} = 2\sqrt{2b}(\tau_r+1)\psi_{\tau_r+1}^{2\nu}, \quad \mathcal{D}^- \psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu} = 2\sqrt{2b}(\tau_r+2\nu)\psi_{\tau_r-1}^{2\nu}$$

- Then

$$\mathcal{D}^+ \mathcal{D}^- \psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu} = 8b\tau_r(\tau_r+2\nu)\psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu}, \quad \mathcal{D}^- \mathcal{D}^+ \psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu} = 8b(\tau_r+1)(\tau_r+2\nu+1)\psi_{\tau_r}^{2\nu}$$

- The differential operators  $\mathcal{D}^{\pm}$  satisfy the following  $su(1, 1)$  algebra relations,

$$[\mathcal{D}^+, H] = -2\sqrt{2b}\mathcal{D}^+, \quad [\mathcal{D}^-, H] = 2\sqrt{2b}\mathcal{D}^-, \quad [\mathcal{D}^-, \mathcal{D}^+] = 4\sqrt{2b}H.$$

- This means that the spectrum of the  $N$ -dimensional SW system  $H$  can be obtained in same way as that for rotationally invariant systems with the Racah algebra  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  playing the same role as the angular momentum algebra, to show this,



# The new integrals and $\mathcal{R}(3)$ subalgebras

- we define new integrals,

$$Z_l = \sum_{1 \leq i < k \leq l+1} A_{ik}, \quad 1 \leq l \leq N-2, \quad Y_p = \sum_{p \leq i < k \leq N} A_{ik}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq N-1.$$

- We examine the subalgebra structures generated by  $Y_i$ ,  $Z_{i-1}$  and the central elements  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_{i+1}$ ,  $Z_{i-2}$  with  $2 \leq i \leq N-1$ ,  $Z_0 = 4a_1 + \frac{1}{2}$  and  $Y_N = 0$ .
- After a long computation we find that these elements obey the following quadratic algebra relations,

$$\begin{aligned} [Z_{i-1}, Y_i] &= C_i, \\ [Z_{i-1}, C_i] &= 8Z_{i-1}^2 + 8\{Z_{i-1}, Y_i\} - (8Y_1 + 8Y_{i+1} + 8Z_{i-2} - 32a_i + 12)Z_{i-1} \\ &\quad + 4\left(8 \sum_{j=1}^i a_j - 3i\right)Y_i - 4(8a_i - 3)Y_1 - 4\left(8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j - 3(i-1)\right)Y_{i+1} \\ &\quad + 8Y_1Z_{i-2} - 8Y_{i+1}Z_{i-2}, \\ [Y_i, C_i] &= -8Y_i^2 - 8\{Z_{i-1}, Y_i\} - 4\left(8 \sum_{j=i}^N a_j - 3(N-i+1)\right)Z_{i-1} \\ &\quad + (8Y_1 + 8Y_{i+1} + 8Z_{i-2} - 32a_i + 12)Y_i + 4(8a_i - 3)Y_1 \\ &\quad + 4\left(8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j - 3(N-i)\right)Z_{i-2} - 8Y_1Y_{i+1} + 8Y_{i+1}Z_{i-2}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

- It follows that  $\{Y_i, Z_{i-1}, C_i; Y_1, Y_{i+1}, Z_{i-2}, 2 \leq i \leq N-1, Y_N \equiv 0, Z_0 = 4a_1 + \frac{1}{2}\}$  form the subalgebra  $\mathcal{R}(3)$  for fixed  $i$ .

- This quadratic subalgebra can be fitted into the general form (8) with

$$\alpha_i = 8, \quad \gamma_i = 8, \quad \delta_i = -8(Y_1 + Y_{i+1} + Z_{i-2} - 4a_i + 3/2), \quad \epsilon_i = 4\left(8 \sum_{j=1}^i a_j - 3i\right),$$

$$\zeta_i = -4(8a_i - 3)Y_1 - 4\left[8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j - 3(i-1)\right]Y_{i+1} + 8Y_1Z_{i-2} - 8Y_{i+1}Z_{i-2}, \quad a_i = 0,$$

$$d_i = -4\left[8 \sum_{j=i}^N a_j - 3(N-i+1)\right],$$

$$z_i = 4(8a_i - 3)Y_1 + 4\left[8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j - 3(N-i)\right]Z_{i-2} - 8Y_1Y_{i+1} + 8Y_{i+1}Z_{i-2}.$$

- The corresponding Casimir operator involving only the central elements  $Y_1, Y_{i+1}, Z_{i-2}$  takes the form,

$$\begin{aligned} K'_i &= 4(8a_i - 3)Y_1^2 - 64Y_1Y_{i+1} + 4\left[8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j - 3(i-1)\right]Y_{i+1}^2 + 32(8a_i - 3)Y_1 \\ &\quad - 4(8a_i - 3)\left[8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j - 3(i-1)\right]Y_{i+1} + 16Z_{i-2}^2Y_{i+1} - 64Z_{i-2}Y_1 - 16(8a_i - 3)Z_{i-2}Y_{i+1} \\ &\quad - 4(8a_i - 3)\left[8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j - 3(N-i)\right]Z_{i-2} + 4\left[8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j - 3(N-i)\right]Z_{i-2}^2 \\ &\quad - 16Z_{i-2}Y_1Y_{i+1} + 16Z_{i-2}Y_{i+1}^2 - (8a_i - 3)\left[8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j - 3(i-1)\right]\left[8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j - 3(N-i)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

- The subalgebra algebra (16) can be realized in terms of the deformed oscillator algebra with structure function given by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(n_i, u_i) = & [n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 - y_1 - y_{i+1})][n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 - y_1 + y_{i+1})] \\ & [n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 + y_1 - y_{i+1})][n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 + y_1 + y_{i+1})] \\ & [n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 + z_{i-2} + 2\nu_i)][n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 + z_{i-2} - 2\nu_i)] \\ & [n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 - z_{i-2} - 2\nu_i)][n_i + u_i - \frac{1}{4}(2 - z_{i-2} + 2\nu_i)],\end{aligned}$$

where  $y_1, y_{i+1}, z_{i-2}, \nu_i$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}Y_1 &= \frac{1}{4}(3N - 4 - 8 \sum_{j=1}^N a_j + y_1^2), \\ Y_{i+1} &= \frac{1}{4} \left( (3N - 3i - 4) - 8 \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_j + y_{i+1}^2 \right), \\ Z_{i-2} &= \frac{1}{4}(3i - 7 - 8 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j + z_{i-2}^2).\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

- Imposing the constraints  $\phi(0, u_i) = 0$  and  $\phi(p_i + 1, u_i) = 0$ , where  $p_i$  is positive integer, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}u_i &= \frac{1}{4}(2 + \varepsilon_1 y_1 + \varepsilon_2 y_{i+1}), \quad \text{or} \quad u_i = \frac{1}{4}(2 + \varepsilon_1 z_{i-2} + 2\varepsilon_2 \nu_i), \\z_{i-2} &= 4\bar{\varepsilon}_1(p_i + 1) + \bar{\varepsilon}_2 y_1 + \bar{\varepsilon}_3 y_{i+1} + 2\bar{\varepsilon}_4 \nu_i, \\ \text{or} \quad y_1 &= 4\bar{\varepsilon}_1(p_i + 1) + \bar{\varepsilon}_2 y_{i+1} + 2\bar{\varepsilon}_3 \nu_i + \bar{\varepsilon}_4 z_{i-2},\end{aligned}\tag{18}$$

where  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \bar{\varepsilon}_1, \bar{\varepsilon}_2, \bar{\varepsilon}_3, \bar{\varepsilon}_4$  take the values  $\pm 1$ .

- In the following we will take

$$u_i = \frac{1}{4}(2 + z_{i-2} + 2\nu_i)$$

- Using the fact that the integrals  $Z_{i-1}$  is diagonal in the number operator in the oscillator realization, we obtain

$$Z_{i-1} = 4(n_i + u_i)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(3i - 8 \sum_{j=1}^i a_j) - 1,$$

- From the last relation of (17),

$$Z_{i-1} = \frac{1}{4}(3i - 8 \sum_{j=1}^i a_j) + \frac{1}{4}z_{i-1}^2 - 1$$

- Comparing these two relations, we have

$$z_{i-1} = 4(q_i + u_i)$$

- This gives us the recurrence relation,

$$z_{i-1} = 4q_i + z_{i-2} + 2\nu_i + 2,$$

with the initial condition  $z_0 = \nu_1$ , from which we get

$$z_{N-2} = 4 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} q_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \nu_i + 2(N-2). \quad (19)$$

- By (18) we can write

$$y_1 = 4\bar{\varepsilon}_1(p_N + 1) + \bar{\varepsilon}_2 y_{N+1} + 2\bar{\varepsilon}_3 \nu_N + \bar{\varepsilon}_4 z_{N-2}.$$

- Choosing suitable sign of  $\bar{\varepsilon}_i$  and setting  $y_{N+1} = 0$ , we have

$$y_1 = 4(p_N + 1) + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} n_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + 2(N-2).$$

- Substitute into the first equation in (17), we obtain

$$e(Z) = e(Y_1) = \left[ 2p_N + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} q_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + N \right]^2 + \frac{1}{4}(3N-4) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^N a_j.$$

- To derive the spectrum of  $H$ , we consider the algebra generated by the integrals,  $\{Y_1, B_N; H, Z_{N-2}\}$ , which close to form the quadratic algebra

$$[Y_1, B_N] = D,$$

$$[Y_1, D] = 8\{Y_1, B_N\} - 16HY_1 + 4\left(8\sum_{j=1}^N a_j - 3N\right)B_N + 16HZ_{N-2} - 8(8a_N - 3)H, \quad (20)$$

$$[B_N, D] = -8B_N^2 - 32bY_1 + 16HB_N + 32bZ_{N-2},$$

- Comparing these with the quadratic algebra (8), we have

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \gamma = 8, \quad \delta = -16H, \quad \epsilon = 4\left(8\sum_{j=1}^N a_j - 3N\right),$$

$$\zeta = 16HZ_{N-2} - 8(8a_N - 3)H, \quad a = 0, \quad d = -32b, \quad z = 32bZ_{N-2}$$

- The Casimir operator in terms of only the central elements  $H$  and  $Z_{N-2}$  has the form,

$$K' = 32bZ_{N-2}^2 + 16(8a_N - 3)H^2 - 32b(8a_N - 3)Z_{N-2} - 8b(8a_N - 3) \left[ 8\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} a_j - 3(N-1) \right]$$

- The quadratic algebra can be realized in terms of the oscillator algebra with the structure function,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n_N, u_N) = & [n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{b}H})][n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{b}H})] \\ & [n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 + z_{N-2} + 2\nu_N)][n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 + z_{N-2} - 2\nu_N)] \\ & [n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 - z_{N-2} - 2\nu_N)][n_N + u_N - \frac{1}{4}(2 - z_{N-2} + 2\nu_N)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_{N-2}$  satisfy

$$z_{N-2} = \frac{1}{4}(3N - 7 - 8 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} a_j + z_{N-2}^2)$$

- Imposing the constraints  $\phi(0, u_N) = 0$  and  $\phi(p_N + 1, u_N) = 0$  (where  $p_N$  is positive integer) to the structure function gives

- the solutions

$$u_N = \frac{1}{4}(2 + \varepsilon_1 \sqrt{\frac{2}{b}} H), \quad \text{or} \quad u_N = \frac{1}{4}(2 + \varepsilon_1 z_{N-2} + 2\varepsilon_2 \nu_N),$$

$$e(H) = \sqrt{\frac{b}{2}}(4(p_N + 1) + \varepsilon_1 z_{N-2} + 2\varepsilon_2 \nu_N),$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2} \left[ (n_N + u_N)^2 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\epsilon}{\gamma^2} \right], \quad \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 = \pm 1.$$

- By means of the recurrence relation (19), we have

$$e(H) = \sqrt{2b} \left[ 2p_N + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} q_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i + N \right].$$

- This formula coincides with the result from separation of variables in hyperspherical coordinates
- This emphasizes the fact that algebraic derivations of the spectrum for  $N$ -dimensional SW systems can be based only on differential operators and their operator algebra.



- the symmetry algebra of a  $N$ -dimensional quantum superintegrable system is in general a quite complicated algebraic structure
  - the complete symmetry algebra for the  $N$ -dimensional SW system is a higher rank quadratic algebra  $\mathcal{SW}(N)$
  - the algebra  $\mathcal{SW}(N)$  contains the Racah algebra  $\mathcal{R}(N)$  as a subalgebra
  - two distinct approaches discussed here rely on the construction of different sets of substructures involving three generators (and central elements)
  - present their corresponding deformed oscillator algebra and their cubic Casimir operators
  - the algebraic derivation is not unique for a superintegrable system
  - the higher rank quadratic algebras are useful in deriving the spectrum of a Hamiltonian in quantum mechanics.
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