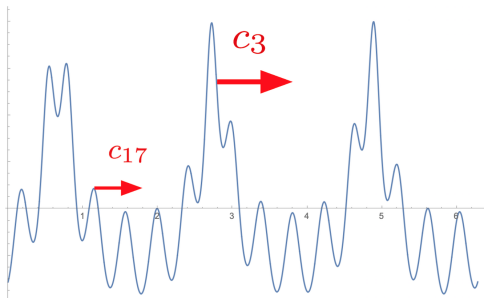


Quantization of Benjamin-Ono periodic traveling waves



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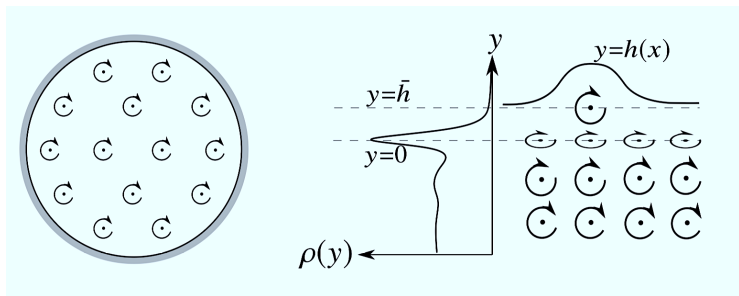
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CLASSICAL BENJAMIN-ONO [BO] EQUATION: MOTIVATION

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- Bogatskiy-Wiegmann “Edge Wave and Boundary Layer of Vortex Matter.”
Physical Review Letters 122 (2019).

★ Conjecture: free boundary of chiral quantum vortex fluid \approx quantum BO ★

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Spectral Theorem: [von Neumann 1932] Any self-adjoint \hat{O} on F and $\Psi \in F$ defines probability measure $\mu_{\Psi, \Psi}(\cdot | \hat{O})$ on \mathbb{R} , the *spectral measure of \hat{O} at Ψ* :

$$\frac{\langle \Psi, e^{i\tau \hat{O}} \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi, \Psi \rangle} \stackrel{*}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\tau E} d\mu_{\Psi, \Psi}(E | \hat{O}) \quad \text{for all } \tau \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Definition: Let $\hat{O}|_{\Psi}$ denote the **random variable** with law $\mu_{\Psi, \Psi}(E | \hat{O})$, characteristic function $\mathbb{E}\left[e^{i\tau \hat{O}}|_{\Psi}\right]$ in $\stackrel{*}{=}$, and moments $\mathbb{E}[(\hat{O}|_{\Psi})^p] = \frac{\langle \Psi, \hat{O}^p \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi, \Psi \rangle}$.

Proposal: [Born 1926] The outcome of **measuring** a quantum system in state $\Psi \in F$ with observable \hat{O} is **random**: it is the **random variable** $\hat{O}|_{\Psi}$!

★ Random variables $\hat{O}|_{\Psi}$ from *deterministic \hat{O} and Ψ* (no path integral) ★

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Dynamics: state $\Psi(t) \in F$ of quantum system **evolves in two ways**:

1. **In isolation**, $\Psi(t)$ solves the linear *Schrödinger equation*

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = \hat{H}\Psi$$

which is both reversible and deterministic.

2. **Observed by \hat{O}** , $\Psi(t)$ collapses instantaneously by *Born rule*

$$\Psi(t) \longrightarrow \text{project } \Psi(t) \text{ to } \text{random } \hat{O} \Big|_{\Psi(t)} \text{ eigenspace of } \hat{O}$$

which is both irreversible and **stochastic**.

★ Parallel: emergence of irreversibility in classical dynamical systems ★

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Problem: Study solutions $v(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ which are 2π -periodic in x :

$$v(x, t; \varepsilon_0) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} V_k(t; \varepsilon_0) e^{-ikx}.$$

Claim: Formally, a **classical energy (Hamiltonian) is conserved**: for

$$H(\varepsilon_0) \Big|_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{\infty} V_{j_1} V_{j_2-j_1} V_{-j_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\varepsilon_0 j - V_0) V_j V_{-j} + \frac{1}{6} V_0^3$$

any solution of BO with dispersion coefficient ε_0 satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} H(\varepsilon_0) \Big|_{v(x, t; \varepsilon_0)} = 0.$$

★ Omit: the *symplectic space* is the *critical Sobolev space* with $s_c = -1/2$. ★

QUANTUM BO EQUATION: HILBERT SPACE OF STATES

Observe: For real-valued solutions $v(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ of classical BO, always have

$$V_{-k}(t; \varepsilon_0) = \overline{V_k(t; \varepsilon_0)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt} V_0(t; \varepsilon_0) = 0$$

so can restrict attention to $V_k(t; \varepsilon_0) \in \mathbb{C}$ with $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Vector Space: The ring R of polynomials in V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots has explicit basis

$$R = \mathbb{C}[V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots] = \text{span} \left\{ V_1^{d_1} V_2^{d_2} V_3^{d_3} \dots : d_k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ almost all zero} \right\}$$

Inner Product: Define $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\hbar}$ on R by declaring this basis orthogonal and

$$\left\| V_1^{d_1} V_2^{d_2} V_3^{d_3} \dots \right\|_{\hbar}^2 = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (\hbar k)^{d_k} d_k!$$

Choice #1: As *state space* $(F, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\hbar})$ for quantum BO on \mathbb{T} , choose to use F_R , the Hilbert space completion of R by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\hbar}$.

★ Omit: F_R defined by *standard Gaussian* on symplectic space $s_c = -1/2$. ★

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Quantization: Unbounded operators on $F_R = \text{closure of } \mathbb{C}[V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots]$:

$$\widehat{V}_k = \text{multiplication by } V_k \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\widehat{V}_{-k} = \hbar k \frac{\partial}{\partial V_k} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Claim: For fixed $V_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, let $\widehat{V}_0 = \text{multiplication by } V_0$. For any $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}; \hbar) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{\infty} \widehat{V}_{j_1} \widehat{V}_{j_2-j_1} \widehat{V}_{-j_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\varepsilon} j - \widehat{V}_0) \widehat{V}_j \widehat{V}_{-j} + \frac{1}{6} \widehat{V}_0^3$$

is a well-defined self-adjoint operator in F_R with discrete spectrum.

Choice #2: As *quantum Hamiltonian* \widehat{H} for quantum BO on \mathbb{T} , choose to use the self-adjoint operator $\widehat{H} = \widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ in $F = F_R$.

★ Use new variable $\bar{\varepsilon}$: anticipate *renormalization* of classical coupling ε_0 ★

QUANTUM BO EQUATION: STATIONARY DYNAMICS IN ISOLATION

Recall: In **isolation**, the quantum BO equation for $\Psi(t; \bar{\epsilon}, \hbar)$ in F_R is

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = \widehat{H}(\bar{\epsilon}, \hbar)\Psi.$$

Eigenfunctions of $\widehat{H}(\bar{\epsilon}, \hbar)$ define **stationary solutions** of quantum BO.

Theorem: [Stanley 1989] Fix $\bar{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\hbar > 0$. Then

1. The eigenfunctions of the quantum BO Hamiltonian

$$\widehat{H}(\bar{\epsilon}; \hbar) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{\infty} \widehat{V}_{j_1} \widehat{V}_{j_2-j_1} \widehat{V}_{-j_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\epsilon}j - \widehat{V}_0) \widehat{V}_j \widehat{V}_{-j} + \frac{1}{6} \widehat{V}_0^3$$

coincide with the *Jack polynomials* $P_\lambda(V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots; \bar{\epsilon}, \hbar)$ of Jack (1970).

2. These eigenfunctions are indexed by **partitions** λ , i.e. sequences

$$\lambda = (0 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1) \quad \text{so } \lambda_j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \quad \text{and almost all zero.}$$

3. The eigenvalues $E_\lambda(\bar{\epsilon}, \hbar)$ are explicit functions of the *Young diagram* of λ .

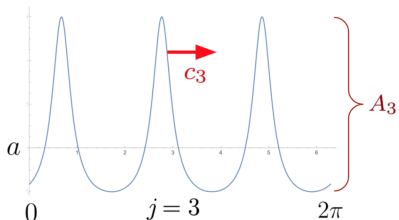
★ **Main Result** [M. 2019b]: relate to classical BO periodic traveling waves ★

CLASSICAL BO PERIODIC TRAVELING WAVES: FORMULA

Theorem [Benjamin 1967, Ono 1975]: For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, any $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $I_j \geq 0$, and $\chi_j \in \mathbb{R}$, the explicit periodic traveling waves 2π -periodic in x

$$v^{(a, I_j, \chi_j)}(x, t; \varepsilon_0) = a + \varepsilon_0 j \left(1 - \frac{j}{j + 2I_j - 2\sqrt{I_j(j + I_j)} \cos(jx - \chi_j - \omega_j t)} \right)$$

with **phase velocity** $c_j = \frac{\omega_j}{j} = a + \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} j - \varepsilon_0 I_j$ **solve** $\partial_t v + \partial_x v = -\frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} J[\partial_x^2 v]$.



ε_0	dispersion coefficient
a	average height
j	wavenumber
$\varepsilon_0^2 I_j$	classical action *
A_j	amplitude $4 \varepsilon_0 \sqrt{I_j(j + I_j)}$
χ_j	initial phase shift

Prop. [M. 2019a] $(\varepsilon_0^2 I_j, \chi_j)$ “action-angles” of **periodic** orbits $v^{(I_j, \chi_j)}$.

★ In [M. 2019a], new approach to *interacting systems* of these waves ★

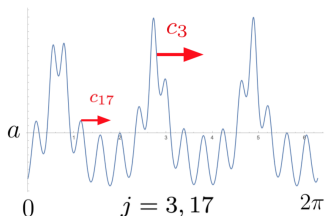
CLASSICAL BO PERIODIC TRAVELING WAVES: INTERACTIONS

Theorem [Dobrokhotov-Krichever 1991]: For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, $\vec{I} = (I_j)_{j=1}^N$, $\vec{\chi} = (\chi_j)_{j=1}^N$, there are explicit $N \times N$ matrices $B^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(t; \varepsilon_0)$ so

$$v^{(a, \vec{I}, \vec{\chi})}(x, t; \varepsilon_0) = a - 2\varepsilon_0 \operatorname{Im} \partial_x \log \det_{N \times N} (\operatorname{Id} - e^{ix} B^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(t; \varepsilon_0))$$

solve $\partial_t v + \partial_x v = -\frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} J[\partial_x^2 v]$. These solutions define *integrable systems of interacting* periodic traveling waves 2π -periodic in x with **phase velocities**

$$c_j = \frac{\omega_j}{j} = a + \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} j - \varepsilon_0 I_j - \varepsilon_0 \sum_{p>j} I_p - \varepsilon_0 \sum_{p<j} \frac{p}{j} I_p.$$



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Theorem [GK2019] ($\varepsilon_0^2 I_j, \chi_j$) “action-angles” of *quasi-periodic* $v^{(\vec{I}, \vec{\chi})}$.

★ In [M. 2019b], use [Gérard-Kappeler 2019] to reinterpret [Stanley 1989] ★

CLASSICAL PERIODIC TRAVELING WAVES: QUANTIZATION

Recall: to model quantum effects, study quantum BO Hamiltonian on \mathbb{T} :

$$\widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}; \hbar) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{\infty} \widehat{V}_{j_1} \widehat{V}_{j_2-j_1} \widehat{V}_{-j_2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\varepsilon}j - \widehat{V}_0) \widehat{V}_j \widehat{V}_{-j} + \frac{1}{6} \widehat{V}_0^3$$

Theorem [M. 2019b]: For $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\hbar > 0$, the eigenvalues $E_\lambda(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ found by [Stanley 1989] are *renormalized energies* of **quantized** traveling waves.

- The \hbar -Bohr-Sommerfeld conditions on $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ – namely, that actions $\varepsilon_0^2 I_j \in 2\pi\hbar\mathbb{Z}$ – are equivalent to the conditions that I_j are determined by a **partition** $\lambda = (0 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1)$ according to

$$I_j = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\varepsilon_0^2} (\lambda_j - \lambda_{j+1})$$

- The eigenvalues $E_\lambda(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ of quantum BO Hamiltonian $\widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ on \mathbb{T} are **exactly the classical energies of the \hbar -BS quasi-periodic orbits** $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ after the *renormalization* in Abanov-Wiegmann (2005):

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_0 \left(1 - \frac{\hbar}{\varepsilon_0^2} \right)$$

★ Compare: quantization of sine-Gordon soliton and breather spectrum ★

SUMMARY

1. What is a “quantum system”?
 - Ingredients: Hilbert space F of states Ψ & self-adjoint operators \widehat{H}, \widehat{O}
 - Born rule: outcome of measurements are **random variables** $\widehat{O}|_{\Psi}$
 - Dynamics: deterministic in isolation, **stochastic** upon observation
2. The quantization of classical BO equation $\partial_t v + \partial_x v = -\frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} J[\partial_x^2 v]$ on \mathbb{T}
 - Ingredients: Hilbert space F_R and quantum Hamiltonian $\widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$
 - [\[Stanley 1989\]](#): Eigenfunctions of $\widehat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ are *Jack polynomials* indexed by **partitions** λ with eigenvalues $E_{\lambda}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ via *Young diagrams*.
3. Recent results in quantization of classical BO periodic traveling waves
 - Gérard-Kappeler 2019: identify $\varepsilon_0^2 I_j$ as classical actions in known formulas for integrable ensembles $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}$ of BO periodic traveling waves.
 - Theorem: [\[M. 2019b\]](#) (I) **partitions** λ from \hbar -Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization of actions $\varepsilon_0^2 I_j$ with wavenumber j :
$$I_j = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\varepsilon_0^2} (\lambda_j - \lambda_{j+1})$$
 - (II) eigenvalues $E_{\lambda}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$ in [\[Stanley 1989\]](#) are **exactly** classical energies of **quantized** $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}$ after *renormalization*:
$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_0 (1 - \hbar/\varepsilon_0^2)$$

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Expect: in some “renormalization scheme”, derive order \hbar correction

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by considering weak **quantum** fluctuations in **transverse directions**.

Recall: For classical BO with coupling $\varepsilon_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, derived \hbar -BS conditions

$$I_j = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\varepsilon_0^2} (\lambda_j - \lambda_{j+1})$$

on classical N -phase solutions $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$. These are at “0-loop”. Why?

- If $I_1, \dots, I_N > 0$, $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ is classical integrable system of interacting periodic traveling waves with wavenumbers $j = 1, \dots, N$.
- Generically, under no-resonance conditions on classical frequencies ω_j , $v^{\vec{I}, \vec{\chi}}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ explores N -dimensional real torus in phase space.
- Above \hbar -BS conditions neglect the ∞ -many **transverse directions** in phase space associated to wavenumbers $j = N + 1, N + 2, \dots$

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Strategy: use known results for **stability** of periodic traveling wave!

1. Let $v^{(I_1, x_1)}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$ be classical BO periodic traveling wave with wavenumber $N = 1$. This wave has only $N = 1$ bump on \mathbb{T} .
2. *Linearize* the classical BO flow around periodic orbit $v^{(I_1, x_1)}(x, t; \varepsilon_0)$.
Result: linear classical Hamiltonian system of *non-interacting* small amplitude disturbances riding fixed ambient periodic traveling wave.
3. Linearity: small disturbances built from *sinusoidal waves*. Since $N = 1$, disturbances with wavenumbers $j \neq 1$ from **transverse directions**.
4. Ambrose-Wilkening (2008): found **linearized spectrum** of this flow.
5. **Quantize** this linear classical Hamiltonian system. How? Wavenumbers $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ index *independent harmonic oscillators* in **transverse directions** whose frequencies are determined by **linearized spectrum**.
6. **Missing:** use a “renormalization scheme” to detect $-\hbar/\varepsilon_0^2$ at “1-loop”.

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Previous results: in [M.2017] and [M.2020], showed that

- Coherent state quantization of any classical initial data $\phi(x, 0)$

$$\Upsilon_{\phi(x,0)}(V_1, V_2, \dots; \hbar) = \exp \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\overline{\phi_k V_k}}{k} \right).$$

- Born Rule: observe quantum BO in state $\Upsilon_{\phi(x,0)}$ with $\hat{H}(\bar{\varepsilon}, \hbar)$, encounter **random partitions** defined by **Jack polynomials**.

New evidence: [M.2021] If one takes $\phi(x, 0) = v^{(I_1, x_1)}(x, 0; \varepsilon_0)$ to be initial data of classical BO periodic traveling wave with wavenumber $N = 1$, then above construction using renormalized $\bar{\varepsilon}$ **corresponds precisely to the $N = 1$ degenerate series of mixed z -measures** of Borodin-Olshanski (2005)!

- In “ $N = 1$ degenerate series”, almost surely $\lambda_j = 0$ for all $j \neq 1$!
- **Meaning**: If $\varepsilon_0 \rightarrow \bar{\varepsilon}$, *no quantum fluctuations in transverse directions!!*

THANK YOU!

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