Quantum chaos in many-particle systems

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Outline of the talk

• "Single"-particle quantum chaos. Single (semiclassical) limit: $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

 Many-particle quantum chaos. Double limit: N → ∞, ħ → 0
 B.G. & V. Al. Osipov, Nonlinearity 29 (2016) arXiv:1503.02676

Chaos & Spectral universality



Classical chaos: $\delta(t) \sim \delta(0)e^{\lambda t}$

Motivation

Quantum: $-\Delta \varphi_n = \lambda_n \varphi_n, \qquad \varphi_n \in L^2(M)$

BGS conjecture G.Casati, et al. 1980; O. Bohigas, et al. 1984: Correlations of $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are universal, described by Random Matrix Ensembles from the same symmetry class

Semiclassical approach

Gutzwiller's trace formula:





 \mathcal{A}_{γ} stability factor, $S_{\gamma}(E)$ action of a **periodic orbit** γ

Number of periodic orbits grows exponentially with length

- No prediction on E_n from an individual γ - All $\{\gamma\}$ together \iff spectrum

Two-point correlation function

$$R(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}^2} \left\langle \rho(E + \varepsilon/\bar{\rho})\rho(E) \right\rangle_E - 1$$

$$K(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R(\varepsilon) e^{-2\pi i \tau \varepsilon} d\varepsilon \approx \text{ (Semiclassically)}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{T_H^2} \left\langle \sum_{\gamma,\gamma'} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma'}^* e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (S_{\gamma} - S_{\gamma'})} \delta \left(\tau - \frac{(T_{\gamma} + T_{\gamma'})}{2T_H} \right) \right\rangle_E,$$

 $T_{\gamma}, T_{\gamma'}$ are periods of γ, γ' , $T_H = 2\pi\hbar\bar{\rho}$ (Heisenberg time)

Spectral correlations \iff Correlations between actions of periodic orbits

Classical origins of universality

$$K(\tau) = c_1 \tau + c_2 \tau^2 \dots$$

 c_1 – diagonal approximation $\gamma = \gamma'$ M. Berry 1985





Diagonal approximation

Sieber–Richter pairs

*c*₂ – non-trivial correlations (Sieber-Richter pairs)
M. Sieber K. Richter 2001

 $S_{\gamma} - S_{\gamma'} \sim \hbar \Longrightarrow$ Duration of encounter $\sim \underline{\tau_E = \lambda^{-1} |\log \hbar|}_{Ehrenfest time}$ All orders in $\tau = RMT$ result S. Müller, et. al., 2004

Symbolic Dynamics

Continues flow \implies Map T (Poincare section)



Point in the phase space:



Periodic orbits $\iff [x_1x_2\dots x_n]$

Partner orbits

B. G, V. Osipov 2013



 $[\gamma_1] = [AECFBEDF], \qquad [\gamma_2] = [AEDFBECF]$

$$\boldsymbol{E} = e_1 e_2 \dots e_p, \qquad \boldsymbol{F} = f_1 f_2 \dots f_p$$

Each p-subsequence of symbols from γ_1 appears in γ_2 Locally similar but not identical \Longrightarrow

Two orbits pass approximately the same points of the phase space:

$$\|\gamma_1 - \gamma_2\| \sim \Lambda^{-p}$$

Many-particle systems

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{p_n^2}{2m} + V(x_n) + V_{\text{int}}(x_n - x_{n+1})$$

Chaos, Local interactions, Invariance under $n \rightarrow n+1$ **Two views on dynamics:**



Q: Is the single-particle theory of Quantum Chaos applicable?

Semiclassical "Field Theory"

Continuous limit: $n \to \eta \in [0, \ell]$, $x_{n,t} \to \phi(\eta, t)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\dot{q}_{n,t}^2}{2m} + \kappa (x_{n,t} - x_{n+1,t})^2 - V(x_{n,t}) \implies$$
$$\mathcal{L} = \int_0^\ell d\eta \; (\partial_t \phi(\eta, t))^2 + (\partial_\eta \phi(\eta, t))^2 - V(\phi(\eta, t))$$



1) **PO** -are **2D** toric surfaces in *d*-dim space (Rather than 1D lines in $N \cdot d$ -dim) 2) **Encounters** are "**rings**" (Rather than 1D stretches) of "width" $\sim \lambda^{-1} |\log \hbar_{eff}|$

2D Symbolic Dynamics



- 1) **Small alphabet** (does not grow with N)
- 2) Uniqueness: Each PO Γ is uniquely encoded by \mathbb{M}_{Γ}
- 3) Locality: $r \times r$ square of symbols around (n, t) defines position of the *n*'th particle at the time *t* up to error $\sim \Lambda^{-r}$

Encounter - repeating region of symbols

Different types of Partner Orbits

A. Single particle partners:



Dominant iff $T \gtrsim W_{\hbar} \gtrsim N$ - Single particle theory $W_{\hbar} \sim \Lambda^{-1} |\log \hbar_{eff}| \approx$ Width of encounter



Dominant iff $T \lesssim W_\hbar \lesssim N$ - Thermodynamic, short time regime

Different types of Partner Orbits

C. If $T \gtrsim W_{\hbar}$, $N \gtrsim W_{\hbar}$ i.e. T and N are larger then "Ehrenfest scale":



Note: One encounter is enough, even if time reversal symmetry is broken

B, C - Genuine many-particle Quantum Chaos!

A Lone Cat Map: $\mathbb{T}^2 \to \mathbb{T}^2$

Phase space: $q_t, p_t \in [0, 1)$, windings $\mathbf{m}_t = (m_t^q, m_t^p) \in \mathbb{Z}$



$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{t+1} \\ p_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ ab-1 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_t \\ p_t \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} m_t^q \\ m_t^p \end{pmatrix},$$

 $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Chaos if |a + b| > 2

Newton form: $\Delta q_t \equiv q_{t+1} - 2q_t + q_{t-1} = (a + b - 2)q_t - m_t$

Coupled-Cat Maps: $T^{2N} \rightarrow T^{2N}$



 $S(q_t, q_{t+1}) = S_0(q_t, q_{t+1}) + S_{int}(q_t), q_t = (q_{1,t}, q_{2,t} \dots q_{N,t})$ N Interacting cat maps, $q_{n,t}, p_{n,t} \in [0, 1)$:

$$S_0 = \sum_{n=1}^N S_{\text{cat}}(q_{n,t}, q_{n,t+1}) + V(q_{n,t}); \quad S_{\text{int}} = -\sum_{n=1}^N q_{n,t}q_{1+n,t}$$

interactions

Equations of motion:

$$p_{n,t} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{n,t}} \qquad p_{n,t+1} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{n,t+1}}$$

Classical Particle-time Duality

Newtonian form:

$$\Delta q_{n,t} = (a+b-4)q_{n,t} + V'(q_{n,t}) - m_{n,t}$$

Discrete Laplacian: $\Delta f_{n,t} \equiv f_{n+1,t} + f_{n-1,t} + f_{n,t+1} + f_{n,t-1} - 4f_{n+1,t}$

Particle-time symmetry: $t \leftrightarrow n \implies$

 $N\text{-particle POs } \{\Gamma\} \text{ of period } T \Longleftrightarrow T\text{-particle POs } \{\Gamma'\}$ of period N

$$S(\Gamma) = S(\Gamma'), \qquad A_{\Gamma} = A_{\Gamma'}$$

 $\{m_{n,t}\}$ - provide symbolic encoding of POs

2D Symbolic Dynamics



 \checkmark Small alphabet (does not grow with N)

 $\sqrt{\text{Uniqueness}}$ + Γ can be easily restored from \mathbb{M}_{Γ}

✓ Locality ($r \times r$ square of symbols around (n, t) defines approx. position of the n'th particle at the time t) B.G. V. Osipov (2015), B.G., L Han, R. Jafari, A. K. Saremi, P Cvitanović (2016)

Example of Partner Orbits

T = 50, N = 70, a = 3, b = 2





Example of Partner Orbits



All the points of $\Gamma = \{(q_{n,t}, p_{n,t})\}$ and $\overline{\Gamma} = \{(\overline{q}_{n,t}, \overline{p}_{n,t})\}$ are paired

Distances between paired points



$$d_{n,t} = \sqrt{(q_{n,t} - \bar{q}_{n',t'})^2 + (p_{n,t} - \bar{p}_{n',t'})^2},$$

Largest distances $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ are between points in encounters

Quantisation

Hannay, Berry (1980); Keating (1991)

 U_N is $L^N \times L^N$ unitary matrix, $L = \hbar_{eff}^{-1}$

Translational symmetries: \implies *N* subspectra approximately of the same size = L^N/N

Gutzwiller trace formula

Rivas, Saraceno, A. de Almeida (2000)

$$\operatorname{Tr} (U_N)^T = \left| \det(\mathcal{B}_N^T - 1) \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathrm{PO}} \exp(-i2\pi L S_{\Gamma}).$$

All entries are symmetric under exchange $N \leftrightarrow T$

Quantum Duality

$$\operatorname{Tr} (U_N)^T = \operatorname{Tr} (U_T)^N$$

Form Factor: $K_N(T) = \frac{1}{2L^N} \left\langle \left| \operatorname{Tr} (U_N)^T \right|^2 \right\rangle$

For short times $T < n_E = \lambda^{-1} \log L$, $N \sim L^T$ **Regime dual to universal:**

$$K_N(T) = L^{T-N} K_\beta(TN/L^T)$$

In particular for very short times $L^T/T < N$, $K_\beta \approx 1$

 $K_N(T) \approx L^T / L^N$

Short time exponential growth instead of linear TN/L^N

Summary



Many-particle Semiclassical Programm

Single-particle structure diagrams:



Distinguished by order of encounters

Many-particle structure diagrams:



Distinguished by order and winding numbers ω of encounters!