

DYNAMIC LOCALIZATION OF A CHARGED PARTICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF GENERALIZED ELECTRIC FIELD

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ABSTRACT. Using technics of probability, it can be predicted the motion of a particle under the influence of an electric field. For different types of electric field, can be found different types of conditions, all involving Bessel functions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The motion and the evolution in time of a charged particle on a linear chain of m sites are given by Schrodinger equation:

$$H|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{d|\psi(t)\rangle}{dt}$$

where $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_m c_m(t)|m\rangle$ is the wave function expressed as a linear combination of Wannier states $|m\rangle$, $c_m(t) = \langle m|\psi_m(t)\rangle$ are the time-dependent amplitudes.

The Hamiltonian of this system is:

$$H(t) = V \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (|m\rangle\langle m+1| + |m+1\rangle\langle m|) - eE(t)a \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} m(|m\rangle\langle m|)$$

The Schrodinger equation becomes:

$$i \frac{dc_m}{dt} = -\mathcal{E}f(t)mc_m + V(c_{m+1} + c_{m-1})$$

where $\mathcal{E}f(t) = eaE$. We find the solution of equation for arbitrary $f(t)$ and use it to examine, for different cases, two observables. The first observable is the probability propagator

$$\psi_m(t) = |c_m(t)|^2$$

which gives us the probability that the particle is at site m , at time t , given that it was at site 0 initially. The second observable is the mean-square displacement

$$\langle m^2 \rangle = \sum_m m^2 \psi_m(t)$$

2. RESULTS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Using the discrete Fourier transform, we get:

$$c^k(t) = \sum_m e^{-ikm} c_m(t)$$

The equation becomes :

$$\frac{\partial c^k}{\partial t} + 2iV \cos k c^k = \mathcal{E} f(t) \frac{\partial c^k}{\partial k}$$

Using the method of characteristics, we get :

$$\frac{dt}{1} = \frac{dk}{-\mathcal{E}f(t)} = \frac{dc^k}{-2iV \cos(k)c^k}$$

The solution is:

$$c^k(t) = c^{k+\mathcal{E}\eta(t)} e^{2iV[\sin(k)V(t)-\cos(k)U(t)]}$$

where:

$$\eta(t) = \int_0^t f(t') dt'$$

$$U(t) = \int_0^t \cos \mathcal{E}(\eta(t) - \eta(t')) dt'$$

$$V(t) = \int_0^t \sin \mathcal{E}(\eta(t) - \eta(t')) dt'$$

Using

$$e^{2iV \sin(k)V(t)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(2VV(t)) e^{ikn}$$

$$e^{-2iV \cos(k)U(t)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(2VU(t)) e^{ink - in\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

where $J_n(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind and order n , we get:

$$c_m(t) = \sum_r c_r(0) e^{ir\mathcal{E}\eta(t)} \left(-\frac{V(t)-iU(t)}{V(t)+iU(t)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{r-m}[2V(V^2(t) + U^2(t))^{\frac{1}{2}}]$$

We notice that:

$$U^2(t) + V^2(t) = u^2(t) + v^2(t)$$

where

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \sin[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')] dt', v(t) = \int_0^t \cos[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')] dt'$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_m(t) &= |c_m|^2 = J_m^2(2V[v^2(t) + u^2(t)]^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &< m^2 > = 2V^2[v^2(t) + u^2(t)]\end{aligned}$$

Case 1 $f(t) = \sin\omega t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(t) &= \int_0^t f(t')dt' = \frac{1-\cos\omega t}{\omega} \\ u(t) &= \int_0^t \cos[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')]dt' = t\cos\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) \\ v(t) &= \int_0^t \sin[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')]dt' = t\sin\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Let be:

$$A(t) = u(t) - t\cos\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)$$

and

$$B(t) = v(t) - t\sin\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_m(t) &= J_m^2[2V(u(t)^2 + v(t)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}] \\ &= J_m^2\left[2Vt\left(\frac{A^2(t)+B^2(t)}{t^2} + J_0^2\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) + 2\frac{A(t)\cos\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}+B(t)\sin\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}{t}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right]\end{aligned}$$

We notice that $\psi_m(t)$ is dominated by t , excepting the case $J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) = 0$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned}< m^2 > &= 2V^2[u^2(t) + v^2(t)] \\ &= 2V^2t^2\left[\frac{A^2(t)+B^2(t)}{t^2} + J_0^2\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) + 2\frac{A(t)\cos\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}+B(t)\sin\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}{t}J_0\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)\right]\end{aligned}$$

The conclusion is that we have dynamical localization if and only if $\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega}$ is a zero of the Bessel function of the first kind and order 0.

Case 2 $f(t) = a\cos\omega t - b$. Then

$$\eta(t) = \int_0^t f(t')dt' = \frac{a}{\omega}\sin\omega t - bt$$

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \cos[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')]dt' = \int_0^t \cos\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}a}{\omega} \sin\omega t' - b\mathcal{E}t'\right]dt'$$

If $\omega t' = \tau \Rightarrow$

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^{\omega t} \cos\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}a}{\omega} \sin\tau - \frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\tau\right]$$

For $\omega t = 2n\pi \Rightarrow$

$$u(t) = \frac{t}{2n\pi} \int_0^{2n\pi} \cos\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}a}{\omega} \sin\tau - \frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\tau\right] = t J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right), \text{if } \frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega} \in \mathbb{N}$$

Also

$$v(t) = \int_0^t \sin[\mathcal{E}\eta(t')]dt' = \int_0^t \sin\left[\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega} \sin\omega t' - b\mathcal{E}t'\right]dt'$$

If $\omega t' = \tau \Rightarrow$

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For $\omega t = 2n\pi \Rightarrow$

$$v(t) = \frac{t}{2n\pi} \int_0^{2n\pi} \sin\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}a}{\omega} \sin\tau - \frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\tau\right] = 0$$

Let

$$A_u(t) = u(t) - t J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right), A_v(t) = v(t)$$

Then

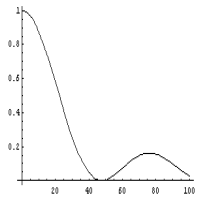
$$\begin{aligned} \psi_m(t) &= J_m^2(2V[v^2(t) + u^2(t)]^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= J_m^2(2V[A_v^2(t) + A_u^2(t) + t^2 J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}^2\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) + 2[A_u(t) + A_v(t)]t J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)]^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= J_m^2(2Vt\left[\frac{A_v^2(t) + A_u^2(t)}{t^2} + J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}^2\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) + 2\frac{A_u(t) + A_v(t)}{t} J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

and

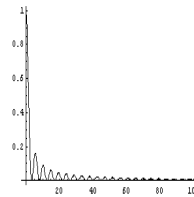
$$\begin{aligned} \langle m^2 \rangle &= 2V^2[u^2(t) + v^2(t)] \\ &= 2V^2t^2\left[\frac{A_v^2(t) + A_u^2(t)}{t^2} + J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}^2\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right) + 2\frac{A_u(t) + A_v(t)}{t} J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}\left(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

We notice that $\psi_m(t)$ and $\langle m^2 \rangle$ are both dominated by t , except the case when $J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}) = 0$.

So, we have dynamical localization if and only if $\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}$ is a zero of the Bessel function of the first kind and order $\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}$.



a) $a = 7.1$



b) $a = 8$

Fig. 1: The probability propagator $\psi_0(t)$ for $\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega} = 1$ for $b = 1$ and different values of the parameter a .

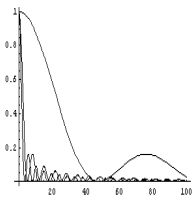


Fig. 2: The probability propagator $\psi_0(t)$ for $\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega} = 1$ for $b = 1$ and for $a = 5.5$, $a = 7.1$, $a = 8$, simultaneously.

All the curves are decaying, except the case when $J_{\frac{b\mathcal{E}}{\omega}}(\frac{a\mathcal{E}}{\omega}) = 0$ and this is the phenomenon of dynamic localization.

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