

Quantum Velocity Space Distributions

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In a recent paper¹, the present author has shown that it is possible to reformulate Schrödinger quantum mechanics in terms of a two fluid phase space or velocity space structure. The distribution which has played a central role in this work, except that the function $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ has not before now been introduced into its prescription, has the form

$$m(x, t | v_1, v_2) = \varrho^{-1} \frac{(m_0)^3}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2) \Gamma(x, t, \tau_1, \tau_2) \cdot e^{-i(\tau_1 v_1 + \tau_2 v_2)} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Gamma(x, t, \tau_1, \tau_2) = \psi^* \left(x - \frac{\hbar \tau}{2}, t \right) \psi \left(x + \frac{\hbar \tau^*}{2}, t \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\tau = \tau_1 + i \tau_2 \quad (3)$$

$$\varrho = \psi^*(x, t) \psi(x, t). \quad (4)$$

The function $m(x, t | v_1, v_2)$ as represented here can be regarded as a mass distribution on the joint fluid velocity space (v_1, v_2) . The factor $\varrho^{-1} m_0^3 / 2\pi$ is merely a velocity space normalization function and m_0 is the total effective mass of the system. Without the function $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, the onus of suitable behaviour for the integrand in the τ space integrals which arise when averaging rests entirely on the wave function product (2) and cannot be rigorously substantiated. However, the introduction of a function, $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, with suitable properties clears up what has been one of the few remaining mathematical defects in this new approach to quantum mechanics.

The function $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ will be taken to have properties as follows. Inside the circle,

$$\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 = r^2, \quad \gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2) \equiv 1. \quad (5)$$

Here r can be a very small but finite real number. Thus we shall have

$$\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \tau_1} \Big|_{\tau=0} = \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \tau_2} \Big|_{\tau=0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \tau_1^2} \Big|_{\tau=0} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \tau_2^2} \Big|_{\tau=0} = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\dots\dots\dots = 0,$$

as far as may be appropriate to the average being calculated. At large distances from the origin, a suitable prescription for γ is that for all points in τ space outside the circle

$$\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 = R^2, \\ \gamma \Gamma = \exp\{-\lambda(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2)\} f(\tau_1, \tau_2). \quad (7)$$

The function Γ in (7) is the given wave function combination (2), λ is a real constant in τ space and R can be a large real number. $f(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ is some bounded complex function of at least the two variables τ_1 and τ_2 , though not a function of the complex variable, $\tau_1 + i \tau_2$. Thus we shall have

$$\gamma \Gamma|_{|\tau|=0} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial \gamma \Gamma}{\partial \tau_1} \Big|_{|\tau|=0} = \frac{\partial \gamma \Gamma}{\partial \tau_2} \Big|_{|\tau|=0} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \gamma \Gamma}{\partial \tau_1^2} \Big|_{|\tau|=0} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma \Gamma}{\partial \tau_2^2} \Big|_{|\tau|=0} = 0, \\ \dots\dots\dots = 0,$$

again as far as may be appropriate to the work in hand. It will be seen that given the combination $\Gamma(x, t | \tau_1, \tau_2)$, it is clear that such a 'plateau' function $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, satisfying the conditions (5) and (7) must always exist.

To see how this scheme works consider the average of v_1^2 . After making use of the properties (8), one finds that

$$\frac{1}{m_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} v_1^2 m(x, t | v_1, v_2) dv_1 dv_2 \\ = - \frac{\varrho^{-1}}{m_0} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \tau_1^2} \Gamma + 2 \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \tau_1} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \tau_1} + \gamma \frac{\partial^2 \Gamma}{\partial \tau_1^2} \right]_{\tau=0} \\ = - \frac{\varrho^{-1}}{m_0} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \Gamma}{\partial \tau_1^2} \right]_{\tau=0}, \quad (9)$$

after using (5) and (6). Expression (10) is one of the results used in reference ¹ where $\gamma \equiv 1$ everywhere and boundary terms at infinity in τ space were dropped by the optimistic use of Eq. (18). The introduction of $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ improves the mathematics of this new formalism greatly and makes no significant difference to the physical conclusions. It is perhaps useful to regard $\gamma(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ as representing a clumping of contributions from the various possible $\Gamma(x, t | \tau_1, \tau_2)$ near the origin in τ space.

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