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Entangled structures in classical and quantum optics

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Outline

Lecture 1:

Optical vortices as entangled structures in classical and quantum optics

Lecture 2:

Quantum-like simulations and the role of quantum inequalities

Lecture 3:

Quantization of the electromagnetic field

Lecture 4:

Vector beam quantization and the unified framework

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Lecture 3:

Quantization of the electromagnetic field

Electromagnetic modes as harmonic oscillators

Wave Equation in vacuum

Vector potential
Lorentz gauge

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$



$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = A(t) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})$$



$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + k^2 \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 A = 0 \quad (\omega = ck)$$

No charges or currents

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{0}$$

Scalar potential:

$$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

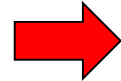
Helmholtz

Harmonic oscillator

Helmholtz Equation: spatial mode structure

Helmholtz

$$\nabla^2 u_j + k^2 u_j = 0$$



Spatial modes vector space

$$u_j(\mathbf{r}) \in \{\varphi_{lmn}(\mathbf{r})\}$$

$$\{e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\} \quad (k_x, k_y, k_z)$$

Plane

$$\{B_l(k_\rho \rho) e^{i(k_z z + l\phi)}\} \quad (l, k_\rho, k_z)$$

Cylindrical

$$\{b_l(kr) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)\} \quad (l, m, k)$$

Spherical

$$\{LG_{pl} e^{ik_z z}\} \quad (p, l, k_z)$$

Paraxial: LG

$$\{HG_{mn} e^{ik_z z}\} \quad (m, n, k_z)$$

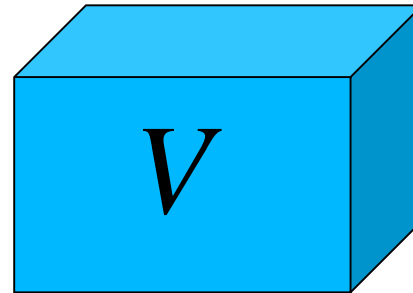
Paraxial: HG

Further requirements

Physical fields

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$
$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Boundary conditions



Vector modes: Polarization-Spatial

$$\{\mathbf{u}_{jlmn}(\mathbf{r})\} \equiv \{\mathbf{u}_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})\}$$

Compact index

$$(j, l, m, n) \rightarrow \mu$$

$$\int_V \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} = \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

Finite $V \rightarrow$ discrete modes

Electromagnetic fields

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{\mu} A_{\mu}(t) \mathbf{u}_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\sum_{\mu} \frac{dA_{\mu}}{dt} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{\mu} A_{\mu}(t) \nabla \times \mathbf{u}_{\mu}$$

Hamiltonian

$$H = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

Time evolution

Quadratures

$$\frac{\partial^2 A_\mu}{\partial t^2} + \omega_\mu^2 A_\mu = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_\mu(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_\mu}{V \epsilon_0}} \left(X_\mu \cos \omega_\mu t + Y_\mu \sin \omega_\mu t \right)$$

$$H = \int_V \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) d^3 \mathbf{r} = \sum_\mu H_\mu$$

$$H_\mu = \frac{\omega_\mu}{2} \left(X_\mu^2 + Y_\mu^2 \right)$$

Harmonic
Oscillator

Canonical quantization

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Quadratures:
canonical conjugate

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X_{\mu} \rightarrow \hat{X}_{\mu} \\ Y_{\mu} \rightarrow \hat{Y}_{\mu} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow [\hat{X}_{\mu}, \hat{Y}_{\mu}] = i\hbar$$

$$a_{\mu} = \frac{\hat{X}_{\mu} + i\hat{Y}_{\mu}}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}$$

Anihilation

$$a_{\mu}^{\dagger} = \frac{\hat{X}_{\mu} - i\hat{Y}_{\mu}}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}$$

Creation

$$N_{\mu} = a_{\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\mu}$$

Number

Fock states

$$N_{\mu} |n\rangle_{\mu} = n |n\rangle_{\mu} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$a_{\mu} |n\rangle_{\mu} = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle_{\mu}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\dagger} |n\rangle_{\mu} = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle_{\mu}$$

$$[a_{\mu}, a_{\nu}^{\dagger}] = \mathbf{1}$$

Quantum Hamiltonian

$$H_{\mu} = \hbar\omega_{\mu} \left(a_{\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Single mode

$$H_{\mu} |n\rangle_{\mu} = E_{n,\mu} |n\rangle_{\mu}$$

Eigenvectors: Fock states

$$E_{n,\mu} = \hbar\omega_{\mu} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Eigenvalues

Heisenberg Equations

$$\frac{da_{\mu}}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [a_{\mu}, H_{\mu}] = -i\omega_{\mu} a_{\mu} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} a_{\mu}(t) = a_{\mu}(0) e^{-i\omega_{\mu}t} \\ a_{\mu}^{\dagger}(t) = a_{\mu}^{\dagger}(0) e^{i\omega_{\mu}t} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{X}_{\mu}(t) = \hat{X}_{\mu}(0) \cos \omega t + \hat{Y}_{\mu}(0) \sin \omega t$$

$$\hat{Y}_{\mu}(t) = -\hat{X}_{\mu}(0) \sin \omega t + \hat{Y}_{\mu}(0) \cos \omega t$$

Coherent states:

$$a_{\mu} |\alpha\rangle_{\mu} = \alpha |\alpha\rangle_{\mu} \quad (\alpha = |\alpha| e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{C})$$

“Classical-like”

$$x_{\mu}(t) = \langle \alpha | \hat{X}_{\mu}(t) | \alpha \rangle = |\alpha| \cos(\omega t - \theta)$$

$$y_{\mu}(t) = \langle \alpha | \hat{Y}_{\mu}(t) | \alpha \rangle = |\alpha| \sin(\omega t - \theta)$$

Minimum uncertainty

$$\langle \alpha | [\Delta \hat{X}_{\mu}(t)]^2 | \alpha \rangle = \langle \alpha | [\Delta \hat{Y}_{\mu}(t)]^2 | \alpha \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Quantum fluctuations

Photon number (energy)

$$\langle (\Delta N_\mu)^2 \rangle = \langle \psi | (\Delta N_\mu)^2 | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | N_\mu^2 | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | N_\mu | \psi \rangle^2$$

Fock states: $\langle (\Delta N_\mu)^2 \rangle = 0$

Coherent states: $\langle (\Delta N_\mu)^2 \rangle = |\alpha|^2$

Poisson distribution:

$$|\alpha\rangle_\mu = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_m \frac{\alpha^m}{\sqrt{m!}} |m\rangle_\mu$$

$$P(n) = |\langle n | \alpha \rangle_\mu|^2 = e^{-|\alpha|^2} \sum_n \frac{|\alpha|^{2n}}{n!}$$

$$\langle N_\mu \rangle = |\alpha|^2 \quad \sqrt{\langle (\Delta N_\mu)^2 \rangle} = |\alpha|^2 = \langle N_\mu \rangle$$

Conclusions

- Wave equation + boundary conditions \rightarrow vector modes + quadratures
- Canonical quantization \rightarrow quadrature commutation relations
- Hamiltonian: modes as an ensemble of harmonic oscillators
- Photons as discrete energy excitations on each mode
- Coherent states: “classical-like” \rightarrow Poisson photon distribution