

# Duality & Equivalence and the Quest for Unification

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# Formulating quantum mechanics from an equivalence principle

- Motivation – quantum gravity
- Legendre duality &  $2^{nd}$  order diff. eq.
- EP  $\Rightarrow$  CSHJE
  - $\Rightarrow$  QSHJE  $\hbar \neq 0$
  - $\rightarrow$  Schrödinger eq.
- EP  $\rightarrow$  Tunnel effect
  - Energy quantization
- Cocycle condition & Möbius symmetry of QM
- Extensions to HD in E&M metrics
- Further highlights
- Conclusions

Motivation General Relativity: Covariance & Equivalence Principle  
→ fundamental geometrical principle

Quantum Mechanics: No Such Principle  
Axiomatic formulation ...  $P \sim |\Psi|^2$

However Quantum + Gravity Theory  
not known

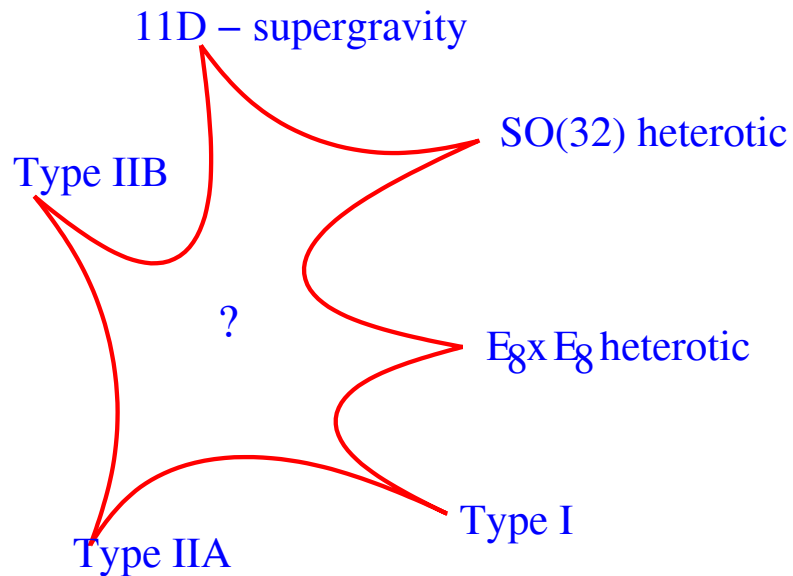
Main effort: quantize GR; quantize space-time: *e.g.* superstring theory

The main successes of string theory:

- 1) Viable perturbative approach to quantum gravity
- 2) Unification of gravity, gauge & matter structures  
*i.e.* construction of phenomenologically realistic models  
→ relevant for experimental observation

State of the art: MSSM from string theory  
(Cleaver, AEF, Nanopoulos, PLB 455 (1999) 135)

## 1995: String duality



Better understanding of string theory

However no rigorous formulation of quantum gravity

Our approach formulate quantum mechanics from  
a principle of covariance and equivalence

In retrospect: the fundamental lesson from string dualities

Disconnected classically – > connected quantum mechanically

promote to a level of a fundamental principle

## Start From:

$$\text{1D CSHJE : } \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + V(q) - E = 0$$

$$\text{define } W(q) = V(q) - E$$

## Equivalence Postulate:

For all  $W(q)$  exist  $q \rightarrow \tilde{q} = \tilde{q}(q)$

such that  $W(q) \rightarrow \tilde{W}(\tilde{q}) = 0$

$\implies$  Modification of the CSHJE

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + V(q) - E + Q(q) = 0$$

will show  $Q(q) \rightarrow$  quantum potential

$\rightarrow$  Schrödinger equation

## Generalization of HJ theory

$$H(q, p) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}(\tilde{q}, \tilde{p}) = 0$$
$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \longrightarrow \dot{\tilde{q}} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial \tilde{p}}, \quad \dot{\tilde{p}} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial \tilde{q}}$$

$$H(q, p) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}(\tilde{q}, \tilde{p}) = H(q, p) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{CSHJE}$$

The solution is the Classical Hamilton–Jacobi Equation

## Formulate a similar question

Consider the transformations on

$$\left( q, S_0(q), p = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \tilde{q}, \tilde{S}_0(\tilde{q}), \tilde{p} = \frac{\partial \tilde{S}_0}{\partial \tilde{q}} \right)$$

Such that

$$W(q) \longrightarrow \tilde{W}(\tilde{q}) = 0$$

exist for all  $W(q)$

$\implies$  QHJE

$\longrightarrow$  Schrödinger equation

## Legendre duality & 2<sup>nd</sup> order diff. eqs.

intimate connection between  $p - q$  duality & the equivalence postulate

Hamilton's Eqs.  $\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$  ,  $\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$

invariant under  $p \longrightarrow -q$

breaks down once  $V(q)$  is specified e.g.  $\frac{1}{2m}p^2 + V(q) - E = 0$

Aim Formulation with manifest  $p - q$  duality

recall  $p = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$  define  $q = \frac{\partial T}{\partial p}$

$$S = p \frac{\partial T}{\partial p} - T \quad , \quad T = q \frac{\partial S}{\partial q} - S$$

Stationary Case:  $S(q, t) = S_0(q) - Et$  ,  $T(p, t) = T_0(p) + Et$

Compute  $dS$  and  $dT \Rightarrow \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$ .

$$S_0 = p \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial p} - T_0 \quad , \quad T_0 = q \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} - S_0$$

Invariant under Möbius transformations:

$$q \longrightarrow q^v = \frac{Aq + B}{Cq + D},$$

$$p \longrightarrow p^v = \rho^{-1}(Cq + D)^2 p, \quad \rho = AD - BC$$

$$T_0 \longrightarrow T_0^v(p^v) = T_0(p) + \rho^{-1}(ACq^2 + 2BCq + BD)p.$$

Transformations:

$$q \rightarrow q^v = v(q) \quad \text{defined by} \quad S_0^v(q^v) = S_0(q)$$

(  $S_0$  scalar function under  $v$  )

Associate a  $2^{nd}$  order diff. eq. with the Legendre transformation:

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S_0^2} + U(S_0) \right) \begin{pmatrix} q\sqrt{p} \\ \sqrt{p} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

where

$$U(S_0) = \frac{1}{2}\{q, S_0\} \quad \frac{q'''}{q'} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{q''}{q'} \right)^2$$



We can derive this eq. in several ways

$$p = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p \frac{\partial q}{\partial S_0} = 1$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial S_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial S_0} \frac{\partial q}{\partial S_0} + p \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial S_0^2} = 0$$

rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial_{S_0}^2 q \sqrt{p}}{q \sqrt{p}} = \frac{\partial_{S_0}^2 \sqrt{p}}{\sqrt{p}} = -U(S_0)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial S_0^2} : \quad S_0(q) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{p} \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial \sqrt{p}} - T_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S_0^2} + U(S_0) \right) \begin{pmatrix} q \sqrt{p} \\ \sqrt{p} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

manifest  $p \leftrightarrow q$  -  $S_0 \leftrightarrow T_0$  duality with

$$p = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q}$$

$$q = \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial p}$$

$$S_0 = p \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial p} - T_0$$

$$T_0 = q \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} - S_0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S_0^2} + U(S_0) \right) \begin{pmatrix} q\sqrt{p} \\ \sqrt{p} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T_0^2} + \mathcal{V}(T_0) \right) \begin{pmatrix} p\sqrt{q} \\ \sqrt{q} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Involutive Legendre transformation  $\leftrightarrow$  duality

## Self-dual states

States with

$$pq = \gamma = \text{const}$$

are simultaneous solutions of the two pictures with

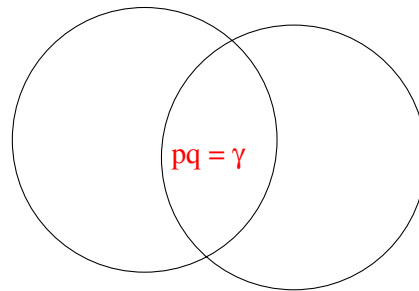
$$S_0 = -T_0 + \text{const}$$

$$S_0(q) = \gamma \ln \gamma_q q \qquad T_0(p) = \gamma \ln \gamma_p p$$

$$S_0 + T_0 = pq = \gamma$$

where

$$\gamma_q \gamma_p \gamma = e$$



self-dual states

will show that

$$W^{sd} = W^0 = 0 \qquad \gamma^{sd} = \frac{\pm \hbar}{2i}$$

Schwarzian derivative  $\{h(x), x(y)\} = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)^2 \{h(x), y\} - \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)^2 \{x, y\}.$

if  $x = \frac{Ay + B}{Cy + D}$  then  $\{x, y\} = 0$

$$U(S_0) = \frac{1}{2}\{q, S_0\} = \frac{1}{2}\left\{\frac{Aq + B}{Cq + D}, S_0\right\}$$

Invariant under Möbius transformations

For general  $q^v = v(q) \Rightarrow U(S_0^v(q^v)) \neq U(S_0(q))$

But  $S_0^v(q^v) = S_0(q) \quad (\Rightarrow p \text{ transforms as } \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \text{ under } v(q))$

By construction  $\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial S_0^v{}^2} + U(S_0^v)\right) \phi^v(S_0^v) = 0$  is covariant

$\Rightarrow$  connect different potentials by coordinate transformations

$\Rightarrow$  Equivalence Postulate:  $W(q) = V(q) - E$  connected

In particular  $W \rightarrow W^0 \equiv 0$

The equivalence postulate is not consistent with classical mechanics

Consider the CSHJE 
$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S^v(q^v)}{\partial q^v} \right)^2 + W^v(q^v) = 0$$

from  $S_0^v(q^v) = S_0(q)$  we have 
$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{\partial S(q)}{\partial q} \right)^2 + W^v(q^v) = 0$$

Covariance implies 
$$W(q) \rightarrow W^v(q^v) = \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} W(q)$$

$\implies W(q)$  should transform as a quadratic differential

Starting from the state  $W^0(q^0) = 0$  we have

$$W^0(q^0) \rightarrow W^v(q^v) = \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} W^0(q^0) = 0$$

$W^0$  is a fixed point in the space of all possible  $W$ ,

and the equivalence postulate cannot be implemented

⇒ Modify the CHJE

Requirements

1) Covariance

2) all  $W \in \mathcal{H}$  are connected by  $q^a \rightarrow q^b$

3)  $lim \rightarrow$  CHJE

Modification

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + W(q) + Q(q) = 0$$

consistency

$$W^v(q^v) + Q^v(q^v) = \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} (W(q) + Q(q)).$$

$W+Q \in \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow$  space of functions transforming as quadratic differentials

and  $W \notin \mathcal{Q} \ \& \ Q \notin \mathcal{Q}$

The most general transformations  $W^a(q^a) = \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} W(q) + (q^a; q^v),$

$$Q^a(q^a) = \left( \frac{\partial q^v}{\partial q} \right)^{-2} Q(q) - (q^a; q^v),$$

with  $q^a \rightarrow q^v = v(q^a) \iff S_0^v(q^v) = S_0^a(q^a)$

For  $a = 0$  we have  $W^0(q^0) = 0$

and  $W^v(q^v) = (q^0; q^v)$

All  $W$ -states are identified with the inhomogeneous term !  
consider

$$W^b(q^b)$$

$$W^a(q^a)$$

$$W^c(q^c)$$

We obtain the cocycle condition

$$(q^a; q^c) = \left( \frac{\partial q^b}{\partial q^c} \right)^2 \left[ (q^a; q^b) - (q^c; q^b) \right],$$

$\Rightarrow$  Theorem  $(q^a; q^c)$  invariant under Möbius transformations  $\gamma(q^a)$

Theorem

$$(q^a; q^c) \sim \{q^a; q^c\}$$

The cocycle condition generalizes to higher dimensions with respect to the Euclidean and Minkowski metrics and is invariant under  $D$ -dimensional Möbius or conformal transformations

A natural way to represent a quadratic differential

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + \frac{\beta^2}{4m} (\{f, q\} - \{g, q\}) = 0$$

Difference of Schwarzian derivatives is a quadratic differential

Identity

$$\left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 = \frac{\beta^2}{2} \left( \left\{ e^{\frac{i2S_0}{\beta}}, q \right\} - \{S_0, q\} \right)$$

With  $f = e^{\frac{i2S_0}{\beta}}$   $g = S_0$  up to Möbius transformations

Make the following identifications

$$W(q) = -\frac{\beta^2}{4m} \left\{ e^{\frac{i2S_0}{\beta}}, q \right\} = V(q) - E$$
$$Q(q) = \frac{\beta^2}{4m} \{S_0, q\}$$

which follows from the limit  $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\beta^2}{4m} (\{f, q\} - \{g, q\}) = V(q) - E$



The Modified Hamilton–Jacobi Equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + V(q) - E + \frac{\beta^2}{4m} \{S_0, q\} = 0$$

in the limit  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  we get back the CSHJE and  $S_0^{cl} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} S_0$

The QSHJE gives back the Schrödinger Eq.

We identified 
$$V(q) - E = -\frac{\beta^2}{4m} \left\{ e^{\frac{i2S_0}{\beta}}, q \right\}$$

$V(q) - E$  is a potential of the  $2^{nd}$ -order diff. Eq.

$$\left( -\frac{\beta^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2} + V(q) - E \right) \Psi(q) = 0$$

The general solution 
$$\Psi(q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_0'}} \left( A e^{+\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} + B e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} \right)$$

and 
$$e^{+\frac{i2S_0}{\hbar}} = e^{i\alpha} \frac{w + i\bar{l}}{w - il} \quad w = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2}$$

$$l = l_1 + i l_2 \quad l_1 \neq 0 \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad \psi_1, \psi_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

## The equivalence transformation

$$W(q) = V(q) - E \longrightarrow \tilde{W}(\tilde{q}) = 0$$

always exists

We have to find  $q \rightarrow \tilde{q}$  take  $\tilde{q} = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2}$

$$\text{then } \left( -\frac{\beta^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2} + V(q) - E \right) \Psi(q) = 0 \longrightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{q}^2} \tilde{\psi}(\tilde{q}) = 0$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\psi}(\tilde{q}) = \left( \frac{dq}{d\tilde{q}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi(q)$$

There is a subtle point if  $S_0 = Aq + B \iff$  Free Particle

In this case  $S_0 - T_0$  duality breaks down

This point correspond to  $V(q) - E = 0$

$S_0 = \text{const} \Rightarrow$  A fixed point in  $\mathcal{Q}$

$$\text{Classically} : \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 = 0 \implies S_0 = \text{const}$$

$$\text{Q.M.} : \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{4m} \{S_0, q\} = 0$$

which has the solutions

$$S_0 = \pm \frac{i}{2} \beta \ln q$$

that also follows from

$$V(q) - E \sim \left\{ e^{\frac{i2S_0}{\beta}}, q \right\} = 0$$

so for  $V(q) - E = 0$

we set  $S_0 = \text{const} \notin \mathcal{H}$

$$S_0 = \pm \frac{\beta}{2} \ln q \in \mathcal{H}$$

For the case  $W(q) = -E \neq 0$  instead of  $S_0 = \sqrt{2mE}q$

we have the solutions 
$$S_0 = -\frac{i}{2} \ln \left( \frac{A e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar} \sqrt{2me}q} + B}{C e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar} \sqrt{2me}q} + D} \right)$$

we have that  $S_0 \neq Aq + B$  always !!!

Allows:

Equivalence postulate for all states

Full  $S_0 - T_0$  duality

with the self-dual point  $\gamma = \pm \frac{i}{2}\hbar$

The trivializing coordinate is solution of

$$\tilde{q} = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2} = e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}}$$

$$-\frac{\beta^2}{4m} \left\{ e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}}, q \right\} = V(q) - E$$

or

$$\{\tilde{q}, q\} + \frac{4m}{\hbar^2} (V(q) - E) = 0$$

## Tunneling:

The fundamental equation in our approach

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} \right)^2 + V(q) - E + \frac{\beta^2}{4m} \{S_0, q\} = 0$$

Quantum Hamilton–Jacobi equation

which is equivalent to

$$W(q) = V(q) - E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{4m} \left\{ e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}}, q \right\}$$

whose solution is

$$e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}} = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2}$$

where  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are the linearly independent solutions

of the corresponding Schrödinger equation

⇒ Schrödinger equation → Linearization of the QHJE

## More Generally:

Due to Möbius invariance of

$$\left\{ e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}}, q \right\}$$

We have  $e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}} = \frac{Aw + B}{Cw + D}$  with  $w = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2}$  and  $AD - BC \neq 0$

We can set

$$e^{\frac{2iS_0}{\beta}} = e^{i\alpha} \frac{w + i\bar{l}}{w - il}$$

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad l = l_1 + il_2 \quad l_1 \neq 0 \text{ and we get}$$

$$p = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q} = \frac{\hbar(l + \bar{l})}{2|\psi_2 - il\psi_1|^2} \sim \frac{1}{|\phi|^2}$$

Classically

$$p = \pm \sqrt{2m(E - V)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \notin R \text{ for } q \in \Omega$$

where

$$\Omega = \{q \in R \mid V(q) - E > 0\}$$

Q.M.

$$p = \pm \sqrt{2m(E - V - Q)}$$

we found that

$$p = \frac{\epsilon}{|\phi|^2} \quad \epsilon = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in R \quad \forall q \in R$$

$\Rightarrow$  no forbidden regions

except for the infinitely deep potential well



Energy quantization:

Probability:  $\implies (\Psi, \Psi')$  continuous ;  $\Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$\implies$  quantization, bound states

What are the conditions on the trivializing transformations?

$$q^0 = w = \frac{\psi_1}{\psi_2} = \frac{\psi^D}{\psi}$$

we have  $\{w, q\} = -\frac{4m}{\hbar^2}(V(q) - E)$

$\implies w \neq \text{const}$  ;  $w \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $w''$  differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$

In addition from the properties of  $\{, \}$   $\rightarrow \{w, q^{-1}\} = q^4\{w, q\}$

$\implies w \neq \text{const}$  ;  $w \in C^2(\hat{R})$  and  $w''$  differentiable on  $\hat{R}$

where  $\hat{R} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$

$$\implies w(-\infty) = \begin{cases} w(+\infty), & \text{for } w(-\infty) \neq \pm\infty, \\ -w(+\infty), & \text{for } w(-\infty) = \pm\infty \end{cases}$$



Equivalence postulate  $\implies$  continuity of  $(\psi^D, \psi)$  and  $(\psi^{D'}, \psi')$

Theorem:

$$\text{if } V(q) - E = \begin{cases} P_-^2 > 0 & \text{for } q < q_- \\ P_+^2 > 0 & \text{for } q > q_+ \end{cases}$$

then the ratio  $w = \psi^D / \psi$  is continuous on  $\hat{R}$  iff  
the corresponding Schrödinger equation admits  
an  $L^2(R)$  solution

$$1) \quad \psi \in L^2(R) \implies \psi^D \notin L^2(R)$$

$$w = \frac{A\psi_D + B\psi}{C\psi_D + D\psi} \implies \lim_{q \rightarrow \pm\infty} w = \frac{A}{C}$$
$$\implies w(-\infty) = w(+\infty)$$

2) ...

Potential Well:

$$V(q) = \begin{cases} 0 & |q| \leq L \\ V_0 & |q| > L \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} \quad K = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}{\hbar}$$

$$|q| \leq L$$

$$\Psi_1^1 = \cos kq$$

$$\Psi_2^1 = \sin kq$$

$$q > L$$

$$\Psi_1^2 = e^{-Kq}$$

$$\Psi_2^2 = e^{Kq}$$

The solution at  $q < L$  is fixed by parity

four possibilities (1, 1) (2, 1) / (1, 2) (2, 2)

take (1, 1) :  $\Psi, \Psi'$  continuous  $\Rightarrow k \tan kL = K$

Use  $\Psi^D = c \Psi \int_{q_0}^q dx \Psi^{-2}(x) + d \Psi$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{1}{[k \sin(2kL)]} \begin{cases} \cos(2kL) - e^{-2K(q+L)} & q < -L \\ \sin(2kL) \tan(kq) & |q| \leq L \\ e^{2K(q-L)} - \cos(2kL) & q > L \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \pm} \frac{\psi^D}{\psi} = \pm\infty \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E_n(k \tan kL = K) \text{ are admissible solutions}$$

$$\text{take (1, 2) : } \Psi, \Psi' \text{ continuous} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad k \tan(kl) = -K$$

$$\Longrightarrow w = \frac{1}{[k \sin(2kL)]} \begin{cases} \cos(2kL) - e^{-2K(q+L)} & q < -L \\ \sin(2kL) \tan(kq) & |q| \leq L \\ e^{2K(q-L)} - \cos(2kL) & q > L \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \pm} \frac{\psi^D}{\psi} = \mp \frac{1}{k} \cot(2kL) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad w(-\infty) \neq w(+\infty)$$

$(k^{-1}(\cot 2kL) = 0$  is not compatible with  $k \tan(kL) = -K$ )

$$\Longrightarrow E_n(k \tan kL = -K) \text{ are not admissible solutions}$$



We can understand the

$$\Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

condition

+ existence of bound states

with quantized energy eigenvalues

as a consequence of the

postulated equivalence principle.

## Generalizations:

Cocycle condition  $\rightarrow$  D-dimensional E&M metrics  
invariant under D-dimensional  
Möbius (conformal) trans.

## Quadratic differential:

$$\alpha^2(\nabla S_0) \cdot (\nabla S_0) = \frac{\Delta(Re^{\alpha S_0})}{Re^{\alpha S_0}} - \frac{\Delta R}{R} - \alpha \left( 2 \frac{\nabla R \cdot \nabla S_0}{R} + \Delta S_0 \right),$$

or

$$\alpha^2(\partial S) \cdot (\partial S) = \frac{\partial^2(Re^{\alpha S})}{Re^{\alpha S}} - \frac{\partial^2 R}{R} - \alpha \left( 2 \frac{\partial R \cdot \partial S}{R} + \partial^2 S \right),$$

or

$$\alpha^2(\partial S - eA) \cdot (\partial S - eA) = \frac{D^2(Re^{\alpha S})}{Re^{\alpha S}} - \frac{\partial^2 R}{R} - \frac{\alpha}{R^2} \partial \cdot \left( R^2(\partial S - eA) \right),$$
$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu - \alpha e A^\mu$$

## Further highlights

1. Planck length from the equivalence postulate  
(AEF, Marco Matone, Phys. Lett. **B445** (1999) 77)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial q^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \psi_1 = 1 \quad ; \quad \psi_2 = q$$

$\Rightarrow$  duality implies a length scale

2. Equivalence classes of the wave-function

$$\Psi_E(\delta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S'_0(\delta)}} \left( A e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0(\delta)} + B e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0(\delta)} \right)$$

$$\delta = \{\alpha, \ell\} \rightarrow \delta' \{\alpha', \delta'\}$$

$$\Psi_E\{\delta'\} = \Psi_E\{\delta\}$$

but  $p = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial q}$  changes

however  $\neq$  Bohm!!!

1.  $p \neq m\dot{q}$

2. Bohm:  $\Psi = \text{Re} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0}$

$\Psi$  for bound states  $\Rightarrow S_0 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  classical limit in Bohm's approach ?!

we have  $S_0 \neq Aq + B$  Always

conclusions :

The equivalence postulate

$\Rightarrow$  QHJE  $\Rightarrow \hbar \neq 0$

p-q duality & Equivalence Postulate

$\Rightarrow S_0 \neq Aq + B$  Always

Equivalence Postulate  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Psi(q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S'_0}} \left( A e^{+\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} + B e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} \right)$$

Tunnel effect

Energy quantization &  $\Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

Generalizes to Higher Dimensions in E & M metrics

Outlook

$T$ -duality as phase-space duality in compact space

Generalize to curved space; generalised geometry

Develop EP approach to quantum gravity

plus fundamental issues in QG