

# GENERALIZED INTELLIGENT STATES AND $SU(1, 1)$ AND $SU(2)$ SQUEEZING\*

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## Abstract

A sufficient condition for a state  $|\psi\rangle$  to minimize the Robertson-Schrödinger uncertainty relation for two observables  $A$  and  $B$  is obtained which for  $A$  with no discrete spectrum is also a necessary one. Such states, called generalized intelligent states (GIS), exhibit arbitrarily strong squeezing (after Eberly) of  $A$  and  $B$ . Systems of GIS for the  $SU(1, 1)$  and  $SU(2)$  groups are constructed and discussed. It is shown that  $SU(1, 1)$  GIS contain all the Perelomov coherent states (CS) and the Barut and Girardello CS while the Bloch CS are subset of  $SU(2)$  GIS.

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## 1 Introduction

The squeezed states of electromagnetic field in which the fluctuations in one of the quadrature components  $Q$  and  $P$  of the photon annihilation operator  $a = (Q+iP)/\sqrt{2}$  are smaller than those in the ground state  $|0\rangle$  have attracted due attention in the last decade (see for example the review papers[1, 2] and references there in). In the recent years an interest is devoted to the squeezed states for other observables[3]–[11]. One looks for non gaussian states which exhibit  $Q$ - $P$  squeezing[3]–[7] and/or for states in which the fluctuations of other physical observables are squeezed[7]–[11].

The aim of the present paper is to construct  $SU(1, 1)$  and  $SU(2)$  squeezed intelligent states and to consider some general properties of squeezing for an arbitrary pair of quantum observables  $A$  and  $B$  in states which minimize the Robertson-Schrödinger uncertainty

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relation (R-S UR)[12]. We call such states generalized intelligent states (GIS) or squeezed intelligent states when the accent is on their squeezing properties. The  $Q$ - $P$  GIS are well studied and known as squeezed states, two photon coherent states (CS) (see references in[1, 2]), correlated states[13] or Schrödinger minimum uncertainty states[14]. The term intelligent states (IS)[11] is referred to states that provide the equality in the Heizenberg UR for  $A$  and  $B$ . The  $Q$ - $P$  IS are also known as Heizenberg minimum uncertainty states. The spin IS are introduced and studied in[11].

## 2 Generalized intelligent states

For any two quantum observables  $A$  and  $B$  the corresponding second momenta in a given state obey the R-S UR[12, 13],

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}(\langle C \rangle^2 + 4\sigma_{AB}^2), \quad C \equiv -i[A, B], \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma_A, \sigma_B$  and  $\sigma_{AB}$  are the dispersions and the covariation of  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_A^2 &= \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2, \\ \sigma_{AB} &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle AB + BA \rangle) - \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The states that provide the equality in the R-S UR (1) will be called here generalized intelligent states (GIS). When the covariation  $\sigma_{AB} = 0$  then the S-R UR coincides with the Heizenberg one. In paper[13] it was proved that if a pure state  $|\psi\rangle$  with nonvanishing dispersion of the operator  $A$  minimizes the R-S UR then it is an eigenstate of the operator  $\lambda A + iB$ , where  $\lambda$  is a complex number, related to  $\langle C \rangle$  and to  $\sigma_i(\psi), i = A, B, AB$ . Here we prove that this is a sufficient condition for any state  $|\psi\rangle$ .

**Proposition 1** *A state  $|\psi\rangle$  minimizes the R-S UR (1) if it is an eigenstate of the operator  $L(\lambda) = \lambda A + iB$ ,*

$$L(\lambda)|z, \lambda\rangle = z|z, \lambda\rangle, \quad (3)$$

where the eigenvalue  $z$  is a complex number.

*Proof.* Let first restrict the parameter  $\lambda$  in the eigenvalue eqn. (3),  $\text{Re } \lambda \neq 0$ . Then we express  $A$  and  $B$  in terms of  $L(\lambda)$  and  $L^\dagger(\lambda)$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_A^2(z, \lambda) &= \frac{\langle C \rangle}{2\text{Re } \lambda}, & \sigma_B^2(z, \lambda) &= |\lambda|^2 \frac{\langle C \rangle}{2\text{Re } \lambda}, \\ \sigma_{AB}(z, \lambda) &= -\langle C \rangle \frac{\text{Im } \lambda}{2\text{Re } \lambda}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $\langle C \rangle = \langle \lambda, z|C|z, \lambda \rangle$ . The obtained second momenta (4) obey the equality in R-S UR (1).

Let now the eigenvalue equation (3) holds for  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$ . This means that the state  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  is an eigenstate of the Hermitean operator  $rA + B$  where  $r = \text{Im } \lambda$ . We consider now the

mean value of the non negative operator  $F^\dagger(r)F(r)$ , where  $F(r) = rA + B - (r\langle A \rangle + \langle B \rangle)$  and  $r$  is any real number. Herefrom we get the uncertainty relation

$$\sigma_A^2 \sigma_B^2 \geq \sigma_{AB}^2, \quad (5)$$

the equality holding in the eigenstates of  $F(r)$  only. One can consider the equality in (5) as the desired equality in the Robertson-Schrödinger UR if in these states the mean value of the operator  $C$  vanishes. And this is the case. Indeed, consider in  $|z, ir\rangle$  the mean values of the operators  $A(rA + B)$  and  $(rA + B)A$ . We easily get the coincidence of the two mean values, wherefrom we obtain  $\langle ir, z|C|z, ir\rangle = 0$ .

Thus all eigenstates  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  are GIS. One can prove that when the operator  $A$  has no discrete spectrum then for any  $|\psi\rangle$   $\sigma_A(\psi) \neq 0$ , thereby the condition (3) is also necessary and all  $A$ - $B$  GIS (for any  $B$ ) are of the form  $|z, \lambda\rangle$ . Such are for example the cases of canonical  $Q$ - $P$  GIS[14] and the  $SU(1, 1)$  GIS, considered below. The above result stems from the following property of the dispersion of quantum observables:

$$\sigma_A(\psi) = 0 \iff A|\psi\rangle = a|\psi\rangle. \quad (6)$$

As a consequence of the second part of the proof of the Proposition 1 we have the following

**Proposition 2** *If the commutator  $C = -i[A, B]$  is a positive operator then the operator  $rA + B$  with real  $r$  has no eigenstates in the Hilbert space.*

In terms of GIS  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  the above Proposition 2 gives the restriction on  $\lambda$ :  $\text{Re } \lambda \neq 0$  in cases of positive  $C$ .

Before going to examples let us point out that the  $A$ - $B$  IS  $|z, \lambda = 1\rangle \equiv |z\rangle$  are noncorrelated and with equal variances,

$$L|z\rangle = z|z\rangle, \quad L = L(\lambda = 1) = A + iB, \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma_A^2(z) = \frac{1}{2}\langle z|C|z\rangle = \sigma_B^2(z). \quad (8)$$

We shall call such states equal variances IS or non squeezed IS, adopting the Eberly and Wodkiewicz[7] definition of  $A$ - $B$  squeezed states. It is convenient to describe this squeezing by means of the dimensionless parameter  $q_A$ [8]

$$q_A = \frac{\langle C \rangle / 2 - \sigma_A^2}{\langle C \rangle / 2}, \quad (9)$$

in terms of which the 100% squeezing corresponds to  $q_A = 1$ . In the equal variances IS  $|z\rangle$   $q_A = 0 = q_B$ .

Let now consider the cases when the commutator  $C = -i[A, B]$  is a positive operator:  $\langle \psi|C|\psi\rangle > 0$ . In such cases  $\text{Re } \lambda \neq 0$  and we can safely divide by  $\langle \psi|C|\psi\rangle$ . Then from eqns (4) we get the quite general result for squeezing in GIS  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  with positive  $C$ ,

$$q_A(z, \lambda) = 1 - \frac{1}{2\text{Re } \lambda}, \quad q_B(z, \lambda) = 1 - \frac{|\lambda|^2}{2\text{Re } \lambda}. \quad (10)$$

We see that the squeezing parameter  $q$  depends on  $\lambda$  only and 100% squeezing of  $A$  is obtained at  $\text{Re } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$  (and of  $B$  at  $\lambda = 0$ ).

In many cases the IS  $|z\rangle$  are constructed. Except of the canonical  $Q$ - $P$  case we point out also the cases of lowering and raising operators of some semisimple Lie groups (the  $SU(2)$  and the  $SU(1,1)$ [15] for example) and for the quantum group  $SU(1,1)_q$ , constructed recently[10]. The GIS  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  are eigenstates of the linearly transformed operator

$$L \longrightarrow L(\lambda) = uL + vL^\dagger, \quad (11)$$

where  $u = (\lambda + 1)/2$ ,  $v = (\lambda - 1)/2$ ,  $L^\dagger = A - iB$ . If this is a similarity transformation then GIS can be obtained by acting on  $|z\rangle$  with the transforming operator  $S(\lambda)$  (the generalized squeezing operator) as it was done by Stoler (see the reference in[1, 2]) in the canonical case. In the examples below we construct GIS by solving the eigenvalue equations of  $L(\lambda)$ .

### 3 $SU(1,1)$ squeezed intelligent states

In this section we construct and discuss  $K_1$ - $K_2$  GIS, where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the generators of the discrete series  $D^+(k)$  of representations of  $SU(1,1)$  with Cazimir operator  $C_2 := k(k - 1)$ . From the commutation relation  $[K_1, K_2] = -iK_3$  we see that one can apply the corresponding formulas of the previous section with  $A = K_1$ ,  $B = -K_2$  and  $C = K_3$ . The operator  $K_3$  is positive with eigenvalues  $k + m$  where  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then as a consequence of the Proposition 2 the GIS  $|z, \lambda; k\rangle$  exist only if  $\text{Re } \lambda \neq 0$  and one can safely use formulas (4) for the second momenta of  $K_{1,2}$  in the  $SU(1,1)$  GIS  $|z, \lambda; k\rangle$ . Since the operator  $K_1$  has no discrete spectrum the condition (3) is also necessary for GIS.

The  $SU(1,1)$  equal variances IS  $|z; k\rangle$  (the eigenstates of  $K_1 - iK_2 \equiv K_-$ ) have been constructed and studied by Barut and Girardello as ‘new ‘coherent’’ states associated with noncompact groups’[15]. These states form an overcomplete family of states and provide a representation of any state  $|\psi\rangle$  in terms of entire annalytic function  $\langle \psi|z; k\rangle$  of  $z$  of order 1 and type 1 (exponential type). In the Hilbert space of such entire analytic functions the generators of  $SU(1,1)$  act as the following differential operators [15] (we shall call this BG-representation)

$$\begin{aligned} K_3 &= k + z \frac{d}{dz}, & K_+ &= K_-^\dagger = z, \\ K_- &= 2k \frac{d}{dz} + z \frac{d^2}{dz^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

We use the BG-representation to construct the  $SU(1,1)$  GIS  $|z', \lambda; k\rangle$  (we denote for a while the eigenvalue by  $z'$ ). The eigenvalue equation (3) now reads

$$\left[ u \left( 2k \frac{d}{dz} + z \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \right) + vz \right] \Phi_{z'}(z) = z' \Phi_{z'}(z), \quad (13)$$

where the parameters  $u, v$  have been defined in formula (11). By means of a simple substitutions the above equation is reduced to the Kummer equation for the confluent

hypergeometric function  ${}_1F_1(a, b; z)$  [16], so that we have the following solution of eqn. (13)

$$\Phi_{z'}(z) = \exp(cz) {}_1F_1(a, b; -2cz), \quad (14)$$

$$a = k - \frac{z'}{2uc}, \quad b = 2k; \quad c^2 = -\frac{v}{u}. \quad (15)$$

This solution obey the requirements of the BG representation iff

$$|c| = \sqrt{|v/u|} < 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re } \lambda > 0, \quad (16)$$

which is exactly the restriction on  $\lambda$  imposed by the positivity of the commutator  $C \equiv K_3$ , according to the Proposition 2. No other constrains on  $z'$  and  $\lambda$  are needed. Thus we obtain the  $SU(1, 1)$  GIS  $|z', \lambda; k\rangle$  in the BG-representation in the form

$$\langle k; \lambda, z' | z; k \rangle = \exp(c^*z) {}_1F_1(a^*, b; -2c^*z), \quad (17)$$

where the parameters  $a, b$  and  $c$  are given by formulas (3.4). Using the power series of  ${}_1F_1(a, b; z)$ [16] we get the coincidence of our solution (17) at  $\lambda = 1$  ( $u = 1, v = 0$ ) with the solution of Barut and Girardello[15],

$$\langle k; \lambda = 1, z' | z; k \rangle = {}_0F_1(2k; zz'^*) = \langle k; z' | z; k \rangle. \quad (18)$$

We note the twofold degeneracy of the eigenvalues of the operator  $L(\lambda \neq 1)$  as it is seen from eqn. (3.4). We denote the two solutions as  $\langle \pm; k; \lambda, z' | z; k \rangle$ . The degeneracy is removed at  $\lambda = 1$  as it is known from the BG-solution. Thus this point is a branching point for the operator  $L(\lambda)$ . It worth noting that the degeneracy is also removed by the following constrain on the two complex parameters  $z'$  and  $\lambda$  in eqn. (3.6)

$$z' = 2k\sqrt{-uv} = k\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2}. \quad (19)$$

Using the properties of the function  ${}_1F_1(a, b; z)$  [16] we get from (17) in both  $(\pm)$  cases the same expression  $\exp(z\sqrt{-v^*/u^*})$  which can be seen to be nothing but the BG-representation of the Perelomov  $SU(1, 1)$  CS  $|\zeta; k\rangle$ [17] with  $\zeta = \sqrt{-v/u}$ ,

$$|\zeta; k\rangle = (1 - |\zeta|^2)^k \exp(\zeta K_+) |k; k\rangle. \quad (20)$$

If we impose  $z' = -2k\sqrt{-uv}$  we get CS  $|\zeta; k\rangle$ . One can directly check (using the  $SU(1, 1)$  commutation relations only) that CS (20) are indeed eigenstates of  $L(\lambda)$ , eqn. (11), with eigenvalue (19) provided  $\zeta^2 = -v/u$ . We calculate explicitly the first and second momenta of the generators  $K_i$  in CS  $|\zeta; k\rangle$  (for  $\sigma_{K_i}$  see also[8])

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{K_1 K_2} &= -2k \frac{\text{Re } \zeta \text{ Im } \zeta}{(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2}, \\ \sigma_{K_1}^2 &= \frac{k}{2} \frac{|1 + \zeta^2|^2}{(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2}, \quad \sigma_{K_2}^2 = \frac{k}{2} \frac{|1 - \zeta^2|^2}{(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

and convince that the equality in the R-S UR (1) is satisfied.

Thus all the Perelomov  $SU(1,1)$  CS are GIS. They are represented by the points of the two dimensional surface (19) in the four dimensional space of points  $(z, \lambda)$ . The BG CS[15] form another subset of  $SU(1,1)$  GIS isomorphic to the plane  $\lambda = 1$ .

We note that the aboved formulas for the first and second momenta of  $K_i$  in CS  $|\zeta; k\rangle$  hold also for the (non square integrable) Lipkin-Cohen representation with Bargman index  $k = 1/4$  (but not for  $k = 3/4$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \frac{1}{4}(Q^2 - P^2), & K_2 &= -\frac{1}{4}(QP + PQ), \\ K_3 &= \frac{1}{4}(Q^2 + P^2). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Due to the expressions of  $K_i$  in terms of the canonical pair  $Q, P$  the CS  $|\zeta; k = 1/2, 1/4, 3/4\rangle$  ( $|\zeta; k = 1/4, 3/4\rangle$  are eigenstates of the squared boson operator  $a^2$ ) are of interest for  $Q$ - $P$  squeezing[4, 14, 18]. One can also calculate the fluctuations of  $Q$  and  $P$ [18] and show that CS  $|\zeta; k = 1/4\rangle$  exhibit about 56% ordinary squeezing (Bužek[4]). The squeezing of  $K_{1,2}$  in CS  $|\zeta; k\rangle$  has been studied in[8]: the 100% squeezing (in the sense of the parameter  $q$ , eqn. (9) for  $K_1$  is obtained at  $\zeta = i$ . We note however that

$$\sigma_i^2(\zeta; k) \geq \frac{k}{2} = \sigma_i^2(0; k), \quad i = K_1, K_2,$$

i.e. no squeezing of  $\sigma_i$  in  $|\zeta; k\rangle$  in comparison with the ground state  $|0; k\rangle$ .

In conclusion to this section we note that for  $SU(1,1)$  GIS the squeezing operator  $S(\lambda)$  exists and can be defined by means of the relation  $|z, \lambda; k\rangle = S(\lambda)|z; k\rangle$  since the spectra of  $L$  and  $L(\lambda)$  coincide. It belongs again to the  $SU(1,1)$  (but not to the series  $D^+(k)$  since one can show that it is not unitary) and its matrix elements  $\langle k; z|S|z; k\rangle$  are explicitly given by the functions (17) with  $z' = z$ . These diagonal matrix elements determine  $S$  uniquely due to the analyticity property of the BG-representation[15]. We recall that the same property of the diagonal matrix elements holds in the canonical (Glauber) CS representation (see for example[2] and references therein).

## 4 $SU(2)$ squeezed intelligent states

Let now  $A, B$  and  $C$  be the generators  $J_1, -J_2$  and  $-J_3$  of  $SU(2)$  group, i.e. the spin operators of spin  $j = 1/2, 1, \dots$ . In this example the commutator  $C = -J_3$  is not positive (the limit  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$  can be taken) and the operator  $A = J_1$  has a discrete spectrum (some of its eigenstates are examples of exceptional GIS which are not eigenstates of  $L(\lambda)$ ). In paper[11] there were constructed the eigenstates (in their notations)  $|w_N(\tau)\rangle$  of the operator  $J(\alpha) = J_1 - i\alpha J_2$ , where  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 2j$ ,  $\tau^2 = (1 - \alpha)/(1 + \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha$  being arbitrary complex number. These states are eigenstates also of  $L(\lambda) = \lambda J_1 - iJ_2$ , thereby they all are  $J_1$ - $J_2$  GIS, minimizing the R-S UR (1). They can be represented in the general form  $|z_N, \lambda; j\rangle$  with the eigenvalues  $z_N = (j - N)\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}$ . Among them (for  $N = 0$  and  $N = 2j$ ) are the Bloch (the spin or the  $SU(2)$ ) CS  $|\tau; -j\rangle$  and  $|\tau; -j\rangle$  ( $\tau$  is any complex number)

$$|\tau; -j\rangle = (1 + |\tau|^2)^{-j} \exp(\tau J_+) | -j\rangle. \quad (23)$$

The mean values of  $J_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $J_i^2$  (and the dispersions  $\sigma_{J_1}$  and  $\sigma_{J_2}$ ) in Bloch CS are known[11, 19]. Calculating also the covariation,

$$\sigma_{J_1, J_2}(\tau) = 2j \frac{\text{Re } \tau \text{ Im } \tau}{(1 + |\tau|^2)^2} \quad (24)$$

we can directly check that in CS  $|\tau\rangle$  the equality in the R-S UR (1) holds for the spin operators  $J_{1,2}$ . Thus the Bloch CS are a subset of the  $SU(2)$  GIS.

Let us briefly discuss the properties of the  $SU(2)$  GIS. First of all for a given parameter  $\lambda$  there are  $2j+1$  independent GIS  $|z_N, \lambda; j\rangle$ . There is only one equal variances IS, namely  $|-j\rangle$ , the point  $\lambda = 1$  being again the branching point of the  $L(\lambda)$ . From this fact it follows that squeezing operator does not exist. Since the commutator  $C = i[J_1, J_2] = -J_3$  the limit  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$  in GIS is allowed and in the fluctuations formulas (4) as well since at this limit  $\langle C \rangle = \langle J_3 \rangle = 0$ . The operator  $A = J_1$  has a discrete spectrum, therefore  $\sigma_A \geq 0$ . From the explicit formula

$$\sigma_{J_1}^2(\tau) = \frac{j}{2} \frac{|1 - \tau^2|^2}{(1 + |\tau|^2)^2} \quad (25)$$

we see that this fluctuation vanishes at  $\tau^2 = 1$ . Therefore in virtue of the property (6) the Bloch CS  $|\tau = \pm 1; -j\rangle$  are eigenstates of  $J_1$  which can be checked also directly, the eigenvalues being  $\pm j$ . The other eigenstates of  $J_1$  are exactly those exceptional states which minimize the R-S UR (1) but are not of the form  $|z, \lambda\rangle$  (i.e. don't obey eqn.(3)). The final note we make about  $SU(2)$  GIS is that except for the eigenvalue  $z_N = 0$  (when  $N = j$ ) all the others are not degenerate (unlike the  $SU(1, 1)$  case).

## 5 Concluding remarks

We have presented a method for construction of squeezed intelligent states (called here generalized intelligent states (GIS)) for any two quantum observables  $A$  and  $B$  in which 100% squeezing (after Eberly) can be obtained. GIS minimize the Robertson-Schrödinger uncertainty relation and can be considered as a generalization of the canonical  $Q$ - $P$  squeezed states[13]. When the operators  $A$  and/or  $B$  are expressed in terms of the canonical pair  $Q, P$  one can look in the  $A$ - $B$  GIS for the squeezing of  $Q$  and/or  $P$  as well. Such are for example the cases of  $SU(1, 1)$  GIS for the representations with Bargman indexes  $k = 1/4, 1/2, 3/4$ . The  $SU(1, 1)$  GIS form a larger set of states which contains as two different subsets the Perelomov CS and the Barut and Girardello CS.

The method is based on the minimization of the Robertson-Schrödinger UR (1) for which the eigenvalue equation (3) for the operator  $L(\lambda) = \lambda A + iB$  is a sufficient condition. In case of  $A$  with continuous spectrum this is also a necessary condition independently on  $B$ . In view of this the method provides the possibility (when one is interested in squeezing of the fluctuations of  $A$ ) to look for the best squeezing partner of  $A$ . Thus for example if  $A = P$  then one can show that the eigenstates of  $L(\lambda)$  exist for a series  $B = Q^n$ ,  $n = 1, 5, 9, \dots$ .

When the  $A$ - $B$  GIS can be obtained from the equal variances IS  $|z\rangle$  by means of the invertible squeezing operator  $S(\lambda)$  the latter belongs to  $SU(1, 1)$  as it can be derived

from (11). This fact shows that  $SU(1, 1)$  plays important role in a wide class of squeezing phenomena (not only in  $Q$ - $P$  case).

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