



# Graphene in magnetic fields generated by supersymmetry

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# SUSY-QM

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In the SUSY-QM framework, we have two Schrödinger-like hamiltonians:

$$H^\pm = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V^\pm(x), \quad (1)$$

and they are intertwined through the operational relation

$$H^+L^- = L^-H^-, \quad (2)$$

where the operator  $L^-$  is known as intertwining operator and it is given by

$$L^- = \frac{d}{dx} + w(x), \quad (3)$$

with  $w(x)$  being a real function called superpotential.

# SUSY-QM

Substituting Eqs. (1) and (3) into the intertwining relation (2), we arrive at the following system of equations<sup>1</sup>

$$V^+(x) = V^-(x) + 2w'(x), \quad (4)$$

$$w(x)V^+(x) - w''(x) = w(x)V^-(x) + (V^-(x))'. \quad (5)$$

If we introduce Eq. (4) into Eq. (5), we have that

$$2w(x)w'(x) - w''(x) = (V^-(x))'. \quad (6)$$

Integrating, we obtain that

$$w^2(x) - w'(x) = V^-(x) - \epsilon, \quad (7)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a constant called factorization energy. The previous equation is a particular case of the Riccati equation.

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<sup>1</sup> $w'(x) \equiv dw(x)/dx$ .

# SUSY-QM

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If we propose that

$$w(x) = -\frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}, \quad (8)$$

substituting into Eq. (7), it turns out to be that

$$-u''(x) + V^-(x)u(x) = \epsilon u(x), \quad (9)$$

i.e., the function  $u(x)$ , called seed solution, is an eigenfunction of the Schrödinger equation for the Hamiltonian  $H^-$ , associated to the eigenvalue  $\epsilon$ .

On the other hand, the Hamiltonians  $H^\pm$  are factorized as follows

$$L^+L^- = H^- - \epsilon, \quad L^-L^+ = H^+ - \epsilon, \quad (10)$$

with  $L^+ = (L^-)^\dagger$ .

# SUSY-QM

If we know the solutions of the Hamiltonian  $H^-$ , i.e., their eigenfunctions  $\psi_n^-(x)$  and their eigenvalues  $E_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, from Eqs. (2) y (10), we have that

$$\psi_n^+(x) = \frac{L^- \psi_n^-(x)}{\sqrt{E_n - \epsilon}}, \quad \psi_n^-(x) = \frac{L^+ \psi_n^+(x)}{\sqrt{E_n - \epsilon}}, \quad (11)$$

where  $\psi_n^+(x)$  is a eigenfucntion of  $H^+$  with eigenvalue  $E_n$ . However, the spectra of  $H^-$  and  $H^+$  are not necessarily the same. Since  $H^- u(x) - \epsilon u = 0$ , given the Eq. (10), the seed solution lies in the *kernel* of the operator  $L^-$ , using the Eq. (3), we arrive at

$$\frac{du(x)}{dx} + w(x)u(x) = 0 \Rightarrow u(x) \propto e^{-\int w(y)dy}. \quad (12)$$

Depending on the square-integrability of the seed solution  $u(x)$ , the factorization energy can belong to the spectrum of  $H^-$ . Thus, defining two kinds of supersymmetric transformations, isospectral (broken) and non-isospectral (unbroken).

# SUSY-QM

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The eigenfunction  $\psi_\epsilon^+(x)$  of  $H^+$  associated to the eigenvalue  $\epsilon$  is given by

$$\psi_\epsilon^+(x) \propto e^{\int w(y)dy} = \frac{1}{u(x)}. \quad (13)$$

Thus the seed solution  $u(x)$  must be a nodeless function. Moreover, if we calculate the expectation value for the operator  $L^+L^-$  given in the Eq. (10), onto a eigenfunction  $\psi_n^-(x)$ , we obtain that

$$0 \leq |L^-\psi_n^-(x)|^2 = E_n - \epsilon \Rightarrow E_0 \geq \epsilon. \quad (14)$$

# Supersymmetric Algebra

The Supersymmetric Algebra is defined by means of the operators  $Q^\pm$  called supercharges and the supersymmetric Hamiltonian  $H_{SS}$ , which follow the commutation rules

$$\{Q^+, Q^-\} = H_{SS}, \quad [Q^\pm, H_{SS}] = 0. \quad (15)$$

For the first-order SUSY-QM, we have that

$$Q^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & L^+ \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ L^- & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

thus, the supersymmetric Hamiltonian turns out to be

$$H_{SS} = \begin{pmatrix} L^+L^- & 0 \\ 0 & L^-L^+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H^- - \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & H^+ - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$



# Álgebra Supersimétrica

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Since the intertwining operators  $L^\pm$  are hermitian conjugates, the spectrum of  $H_{SS}$  is non-negative and the ground state is have a corresponding eigenfuction  $\Psi_0(x)$ , which has the following form

$$\Psi_0(x) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x) \\ \psi_\epsilon^+(x) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (18)$$

If neither  $u(x)$  nor  $\psi_\epsilon^+(x)$  are square-integrable, the energy eigenvalue of the zero mode does not belong to the spectrum of  $H_{SS}$ , when this happen we have the case of broken SUSY, i.e. an isospectral transformation. In the opposite case, if one of the function  $u(x)$  or  $\psi_\epsilon^+$  is square-integrable, the energy eigenvalue of the zero mode belong to the spectrum of  $H_{SS}$  and we have that SUSY is unbronken, corresponding to the case of a non-isospectral transformation.

# Harmonic Oscillator Solutions

Let us consider a harmonic oscillator potential  $V^-(x) = x^2$ . Its solutions are well-known and they are given by

$$\psi_n^-(x) = c_n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \mathcal{H}_n(x), \quad E_n = 2n + 1, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (19)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_n(x)$  are the Hermite polynomials and  $c_n$  is the corresponding normalization constant. Moreover, in general, the solutions for the eigenvalue problem of  $H^-$  are

$$u(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \left[ {}_1F_1 \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon}{4}, \frac{1}{2}; x^2 \right) + 2x\lambda \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3-\varepsilon}{4}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{4}\right)} {}_1F_1 \left( \frac{3-\varepsilon}{4}, \frac{3}{2}; x^2 \right) \right], \quad (20)$$

with  ${}_1F_1(a, b; x)$  being the confluent hypergeometric function,  $\varepsilon$  is the corresponding energy eigenvalue and  $\lambda$  is a constant such that for  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and  $\varepsilon \leq 1$  the function  $u(x)$  is nodeless.

# Unbroken SUSY

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Taking the ground state eigenfunction of the harmonic oscillator as seed solution,  $u(x) = \psi_0^-(x) = c_0 e^{-x^2/2}$ , and thus, the factorization energy is  $\epsilon = 1$ . From Eq. (8), the superpotential is

$$w(x) = x. \quad (21)$$

Substituting Eqs. (7) and (4), we have that the SUSY partner potentials are

$$V^-(x) = x^2, \quad V^+(x) = x^2 + 2. \quad (22)$$

These potentials are known as shape-invariant potentials. Furthermore, the solutions of these potentials are such that  $\psi_n^-(x) = \psi_{n-1}^+(x)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

# Non-isospectral Transformation

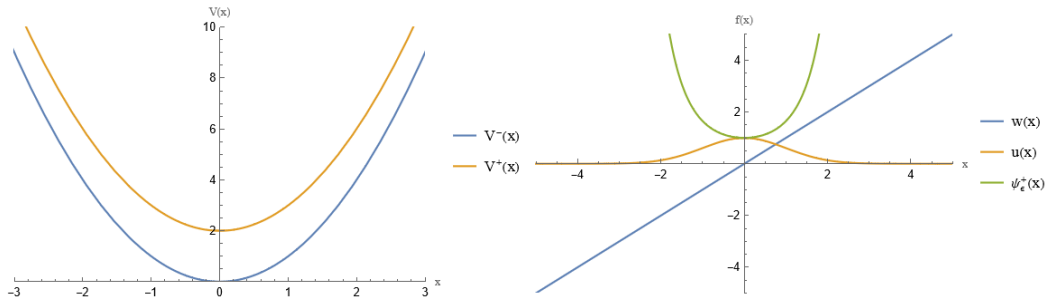


Figura: (Left) Shape-invariant potentials. (Right) The superpotential, the seed function and the function  $\psi_\epsilon^+(x)$  with energy  $\epsilon = 1$ .

# Isospectral Transformation

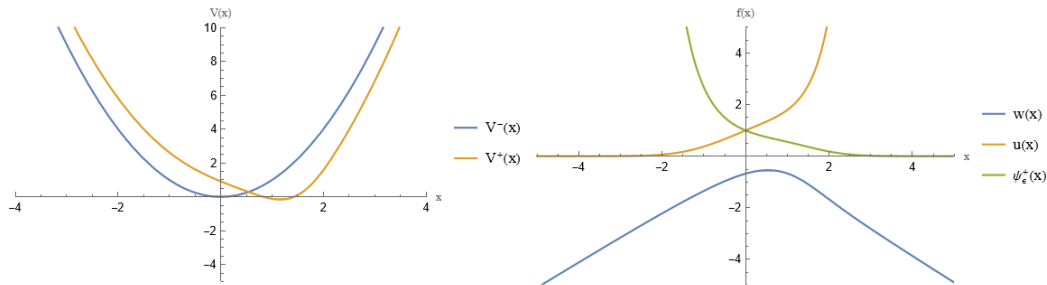


Figura: (Left) Non-shape-invariant potentials. (Right) The corresponding superpotential, the seed function and the function  $\psi_\epsilon^+(x)$  with energy  $\epsilon = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$ .

# Effective Hamiltonian

The charge carriers behave as massless Dirac particles. This behavior is described by the effective Hamiltonian:

$$H = v_F(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p}), \quad (23)$$

where  $v_F \approx c/300$  is the Fermi velocity,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y)$  are the Pauli matrices and  $\mathbf{p} = -i\hbar(\partial_x, \partial_y)$  is the quantum momentum operator.

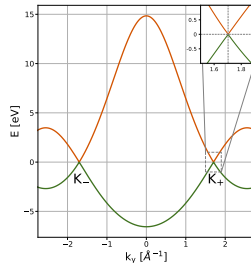
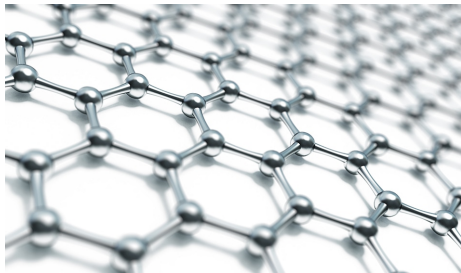


Figure: (Left) A sketch of the graphene. (Right) The energy band structure of graphene.

# The Dirac-Weyl Equation

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Then, the Dirac-Weyl Equation is:

$$v_F(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p})\Psi(t, x, y) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, x, y)}{\partial t}, \quad (24)$$

with  $\Psi(t, x, y)$  is a two-component *spinor*. We suppose that our system evolve in a standard way, i.e.,

$$\Psi(t, x, y) = e^{-i\frac{E}{\hbar}t}\psi(x, y), \quad (25)$$

the stationary Dirac-Weyl Equation can be written as

$$v_F(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p})\psi(x, y) = E\psi(x, y). \quad (26)$$

# Dirac-Weyl Equation in a magnetic field

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Let us consider a magnetic field perpendicular to the graphene surface  $\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B(x))$ . In the Landau gauge, the vector potential that generates this magnetic field can be chosen such that

$$\mathbf{A} = (0, A(x), 0), \quad B(x) = \frac{dA(x)}{dx}. \quad (27)$$

Using the minimal coupling rule,  $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} + \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{A}$ , with  $(-e)$  being the charge of the electron. Thus, the stationary Dirac-Weyl Equation is given by

$$\left[ p_x \sigma_x + \left( p_y + \frac{e}{c} A(x) \right) \sigma_y \right] \psi(x, y) = \frac{E}{v_F} \psi(x, y) \quad (28)$$



# The equivalent problem

The system has translational symmetry in the  $y$ -direction, thus, we can propose the *spinor*  $\psi(x, y)$  has the following form

$$\psi(x, y) = e^{iky} \begin{pmatrix} \psi^+(x) \\ i\psi^-(x) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (29)$$

Substituting the Eq. (26), we arrive at the system of equations

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dx} + k + \frac{e}{c\hbar} A(x) \right] \psi^-(x) = \varepsilon \psi^+(x), \quad (30)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d}{dx} + k + \frac{e}{c\hbar} A(x) \right] \psi^+(x) = \varepsilon \psi^-(x), \quad (31)$$

where  $\varepsilon = E/v_F\hbar$ .

# Decoupled System

We can decouple the system of equations (30) and (31), we have that

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \left( k + \frac{eA(x)}{c\hbar} \right)^2 + \frac{e}{c\hbar} \frac{dA(x)}{dx} \right] \psi^+ = \varepsilon^2 \psi^+(x), \quad (32)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \left( k + \frac{eA(x)}{c\hbar} \right)^2 - \frac{e}{c\hbar} \frac{dA(x)}{dx} \right] \psi^- = \varepsilon^2 \psi^-(x). \quad (33)$$

We can associated these operators to two Schrödinger-like Hamiltonians  $H^\pm$  with potentials

$$V^\pm(x) = \left( k + \frac{eA(x)}{c\hbar} \right)^2 \pm \frac{e}{c\hbar} \frac{dA(x)}{dx} \quad (34)$$

# The SUSY transformation

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Comparing with the solutions of the previous solutions, we can observe that the Hamiltonians  $H^\pm$  are SUSY partners, while the intertwining operators are

$$L^\pm = \mp \frac{d}{dx} + w(x), \quad w(x) = k + \frac{eA(x)}{c\hbar}. \quad (35)$$

From the Eq. (34), we can take the factorization energy  $\epsilon = 0$ . And, from Eq. (14) it follows that the Hamiltonians  $H^\pm$  are positives, thus, the seed solution (if it is square-integrable) is the ground state eigenfunction of  $H^-$ .

Moreover, taking the derivative of the superpotential, we arrive at

$$B(x) = \frac{dw(x)}{dx} = \frac{e}{c\hbar} \frac{dA(x)}{dx}. \quad (36)$$

# Dirac-Weyl Equation solutions

If the Hamiltonians  $H^\pm$  have solutions, with eigenfunctions  $\psi_n^\pm(x)$  and eigenvalues  $\varepsilon_n$ , the *spinor*  $\psi(x, y)$  satisfying the Dirac-Weyl Eq. (26) has the following form

$$\psi_n(x, y) = e^{iky} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{n-1}^+(x) \\ i\psi_n^-(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_n = \hbar v_F \sqrt{\varepsilon_n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (37)$$

In particular, the zero-mode turns out to be

$$\psi_0(x, y) = e^{iky} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \psi_0^-(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_0 = 0. \quad (38)$$

# Constant magnetic field

Taking a constant magnetic field:

$$\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B_0) \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = (0, B_0 x, 0). \quad (39)$$

Using the Eq. (35), we have the superpotential is

$$w(x) = k + \frac{eB_0}{c\hbar} x. \quad (40)$$

And substituting into the Eq. (34), the SUSY partner potentials are

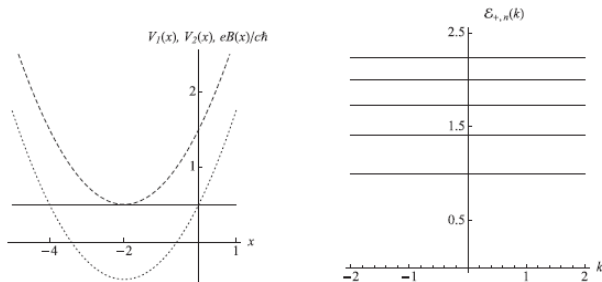
$$V^\pm(x) = \frac{\omega^2}{4} \left( x + \frac{2k}{\omega} \right)^2 \pm \frac{\omega}{2}, \quad (41)$$

where  $\omega = 2B_0/c\hbar$ .

# Constant magnetic field

The eigenfunctions are given in terms of the Hermite polynomials:

$$\psi_n^\pm(x) = c_n e^{\frac{\omega}{4}\left(x + \frac{2k}{\omega}\right)^2} \mathcal{H}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2}}\left(x + \frac{2k}{\omega}\right)\right), \quad \varepsilon_n = \omega n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (42)$$



**Figura:** (Left) Shape-invariant potentials for a constant magnetic field. (Right) Energies for the Dirac electron. The parameter values taken are  $\omega = k = 1$ . Picture taken of<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup>Ş. Kuru/J. Negro y L. M. Nieto: Exact analytic solutions for a Dirac electron moving in graphene under magnetic fields, en: J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 21 (2009), pág. 455305.

# Trigonometric singular well

In this case, we consider a magnetic field of the form

$$\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B_0 \csc^2 \mu x) \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \left( 0, -\frac{B_0}{\mu} \cot \mu x, 0 \right), \quad 0 \leq \mu x \leq \pi. \quad (43)$$

The corresponding superpotential is

$$w(x) = k - D \cot \mu x, \quad D = \frac{eB_0}{\mu c \hbar}. \quad (44)$$

While the SUSY partner potentials turn out to be

$$V^\pm(x) = k^2 - D^2 + D(D \pm \mu) \csc^2 \mu x - 2kD \cot \mu x. \quad (45)$$

# Trigonometric singular well

The eigenfunctions are in terms of the pseudo-Jacobi polynomials:

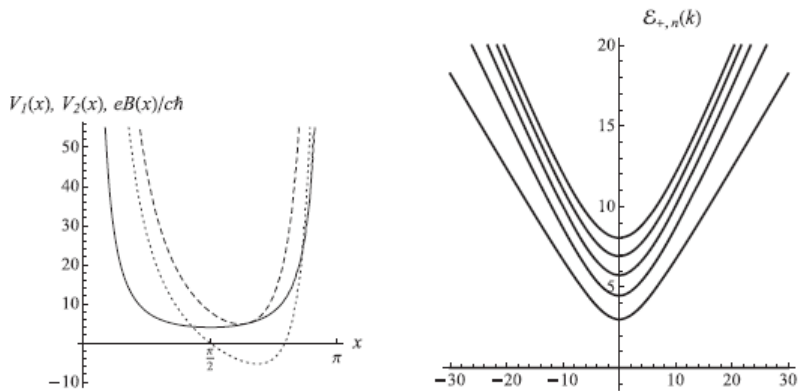
$$\psi_n^\pm(z) = (z^2-1)^{-(s_\pm+n)/2} e^{a_\pm \mu x} \mathcal{P}_n^{(-s_\pm-n+ia_\pm, -s_\pm-n-ia_\pm)}(z), \quad \varepsilon_n = k^2 - D^2 + (D+n\mu)^2 - \frac{k^2 D^2}{(D+n\mu)^2}, \quad (46)$$

where  $s_- = D/\mu$ ,  $s_+ = S_- + 1$ ,  $a_- = -kD/\mu(D+n\mu)$ ,  $a_+ = -kD/\mu(D+n\mu+\mu)$ ,  
 $z(x) = i \cot \mu x$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The square-integrable conditions of the eigenfunctions limit the parameter range, in other words,  $D, \mu > 0$ .



# Trigonometric singular well



**Figura:** (Left) Shape-invariant potentials for the trigonometric singular well. (Right) Energies for the Dirac electron. The parameter values taken are  $D = 4$ ,  $\mu = 1$ ,  $k = -2$ . Picture taken of<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>Kuru/Negro y Nieto: Exact analytic solutions for a Dirac electron moving in graphene under magnetic fields (ver n. 2).

# Exponential decaying field

As last example, let us take an exponential decaying field:

$$\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B_0 e^{-\mu x}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \left( 0, -\frac{B_0}{\mu} e^{-\mu x}, 0 \right). \quad (47)$$

The corresponding superpotential:

$$w(x) = k - D e^{-\mu x}, \quad D = \frac{e B_0}{\mu c \hbar}. \quad (48)$$

Thus, the SUSY partner potential are

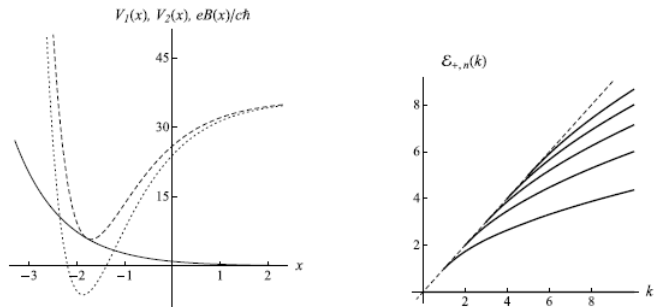
$$V^\pm(x) = k^2 + D^2 e^{-2\mu x} - 2D \left( k \mp \frac{\mu}{2} \right) e^{-\mu x}. \quad (49)$$

# Exponential decaying field

The eigenfunctions are given in terms of the associated Laguerre polynomials:

$$\psi_n^\pm(x) = z^{s_\pm - n} e^{-z/2} \mathcal{L}_n^{2(s_\pm - n)}(z), \quad \varepsilon_n = k^2 - (k - n\mu)^2, \quad (50)$$

with  $s_- = k/\mu$ ,  $s_+ = s_- - 1$  y  $z(x) = (2D/\mu)e^{-\mu x}$ . In this case, the square-integrable conditions limit the parameter values  $D, k, \mu > 0$  and the number of bound states by means of the following inequality  $k > \mu n$ .



**Figura:** (Left) Shape-invariant potentials for the exponential decaying field. (Right) Energies for the Dirac electron. The parameter values taken are  $D = 1$ ,  $\mu = 1$ ,  $k = 6$ . Picture taken of<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>4</sup>Kuru/Negro y Nieto: Exact analytic solutions for a Dirac electron moving in graphene under magnetic fields (ver n. 2).

# SUSY-QM and complex superpotentials

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If we have intertwining superpotentials with complex superpotentials, i.e.,

$$L^{\pm} = \mp \frac{d}{dx} + w(x), \quad w(x) \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (51)$$

In this case, the operator  $L^+$  is not the hermitian conjugate of  $L^-$ . thus, both hamiltonians  $H^{\pm}$  are not hermitian, and in general their eigenvalues  $\varepsilon_n$  will be complex.

However, the supersymmetric algorithm works similar to the real case!

# Graphene in complex magnetic fields

Let us consider a magnetic field perpendicular to the graphene surface of the form

$$\mathbf{B} = B(x) \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad B(x) \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (52)$$

In the Landau Gauge, the vector potential that generates  $\mathbf{B}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = A(x) \hat{\mathbf{y}}, \quad B(x) = \frac{dA(x)}{dx}. \quad (53)$$

And, using the minimal coupling rule, we can obtain a similar system of equations

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dx} + k + \frac{e}{c\hbar} A(x) \right] \psi^-(x) = \varepsilon \psi^+(x), \quad (54)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d}{dx} + k + \frac{e}{c\hbar} A(x) \right] \psi^+(x) = \varepsilon \psi^-(x). \quad (55)$$

# Constant magnetic field

Our first example is a constant magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = B \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{C}$ . In the Landau gauge  $\mathbf{A} = Bx \hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and the superpotential turns out to be

$$w(x) = k + \frac{\omega}{2}x, \quad \omega = \frac{2eB}{c\hbar}. \quad (56)$$

While the SUSY partner potentials are

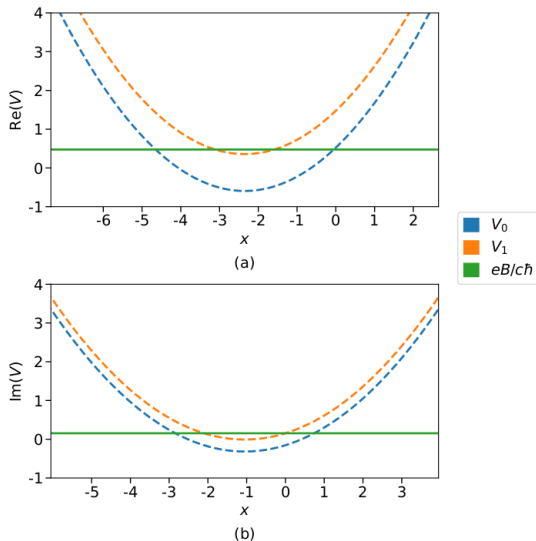
$$V^\pm(x) = \frac{\omega^2}{4} \left( x + \frac{2k}{\omega} \right)^2 \pm \frac{\omega}{2}. \quad (57)$$

Their corresponding eigenfunctions and eigenvalues are given by

$$\psi_n^\pm(x) = \begin{cases} c_n e^{-\frac{\zeta^2}{2}} \mathcal{H}(\zeta), & -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ c_n e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}} \mathcal{H}(\xi), & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}, \end{cases} \quad \varepsilon_n = n\omega, \quad (58)$$

where  $\zeta = \sqrt{\omega/2}(x + 2k/\omega)$ ,  $\xi = \sqrt{-\omega/2}(x - 2k/\omega)$  and  $\omega = |\omega|e^{i\theta}$ .

# Constant magnetic field



**Figura:** Real part (a) and imaginary part (b) of the potentials  $V^\pm(x)$ , in the case of constant magnetic field with  $|\omega| = k = 1$  and  $\theta = \pi/10$ .

# Constant magnetic field

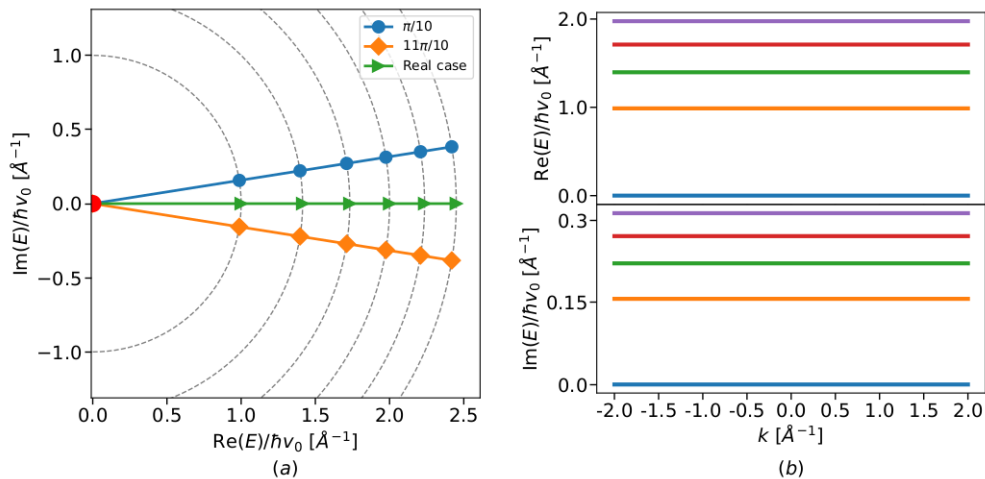


Figure: (a) First energy eigenvalues in the complex plane for a constant magnetic field. (b) Real and imaginary part of the first energy eigenvalues as a function of  $k$  for  $|\omega| = 1$  and  $\theta = \pi/10$ .



# Trigonometric singular well

Now, let us consider a magnetic field of the form  $\mathbf{B} = B \csc^2 \mu x \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then, the vector potential is  $\mathbf{A} = -B/\mu \cot \mu x \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , and the superpotential is

$$w(x) = k - D \cot \mu x, \quad D = \frac{eB}{\mu c \hbar}. \quad (59)$$

The SUSY partner potential turns out to be

$$V^\pm(x) = D(D \pm \mu) \csc^2 \mu x - 2Dk \cot \mu x + k^2 - D^2, \quad (60)$$

whose solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^\pm(\zeta) &= c_n (-1)^{-(s_\pm+n)/2} (1 + \zeta^2)^{-(s_\pm+n)/2} e^{r_\pm \arccot(\zeta)} \mathcal{P}_n^{(-s_\pm-n-ir_\pm, -s_\pm-n+ir_\pm)}(i\zeta), \\ \varepsilon_n &= k^2 - D^2 + (D + n\mu)^2 - \frac{k^2 D^2}{(D + n\mu)^2}, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

with  $s_- = D/\mu$ ,  $s_+ = s_- + 1$ ,  $r_- = -kD/\mu(D + n\mu)$ ,  $r_+ = -kD/\mu(D + n\mu + \mu)$ ,  $D = |D|e^{i\theta}$  and  $\zeta = \cot \mu x$ .

# Trigonometric singular well

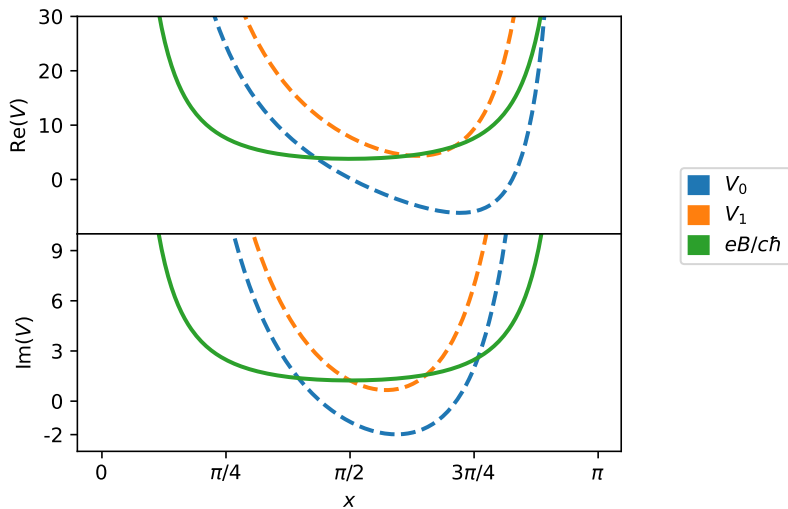


Figura: Real part (a) and imaginary part (b) of the potentials  $V^\pm(x)$  in the case of a trigonometric singular well with  $|D| = 4$ ,  $k = -2$ ,  $\theta = \pi/10$  and  $\mu = 1$ .

# Trigonometric singular well

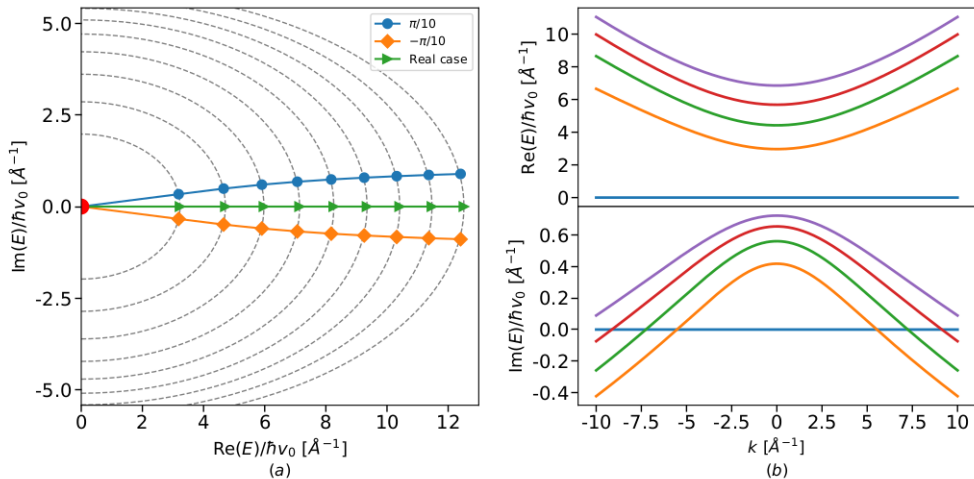


Figure: (a) First energy eigenvalues in the complex plane for the trigonometric singular well. (b) Real and imaginary part of the first energy eigenvalues as functions of  $k$  for  $|D| = 4$ ,  $k = -2$ ,  $\mu = 1$  and  $\theta = \pi/10$ .

# Exponential decaying field

Our last example is an exponential decaying field  $\mathbf{B} = Be^{-\mu x} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . The corresponding vector potential is  $\mathbf{A} = -B/\mu e^{-\mu x} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ . Thus, the superpotential is given by

$$w(x) = k - De^{-\mu x}, \quad D = \frac{eB}{\mu c \hbar}. \quad (62)$$

While the SUSY partner potentials are

$$V^\pm(x) = k^2 + D^2 e^{-2\mu x} - 2D \left( k \pm \frac{\mu}{2} \right) e^{-\mu x}, \quad (63)$$

whose solutions are

$$\psi_n^\pm(\zeta) = c_n \zeta^{s_\pm - n} e^{-\frac{\zeta}{2}} \mathcal{L}_n^{2(s_\pm - n)}(\zeta), \quad \varepsilon_n = k^2 - (k - n\mu)^2, \quad (64)$$

where  $s_- = k/\mu$ ,  $s_+ = s_- - 1$ ,  $D = |D|e^{i\theta}$ ,  $-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$  and  $\zeta = 2D/\mu e^{-\mu x}$ ,  $k > n\mu$ .

# Exponential decaying field

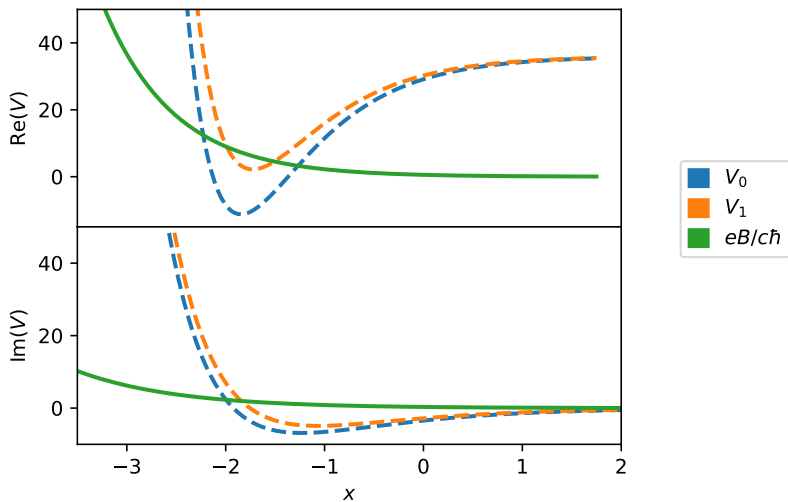
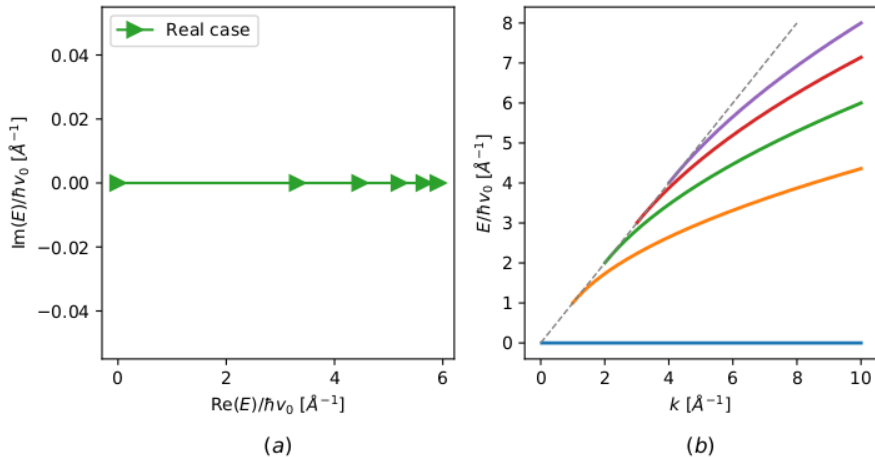


Figura: Real part (a) and imaginary part (b) of the potentials  $V^\pm(x)$  in the case of the exponential decaying field with  $|D| = 1$ ,  $k = 6$ ,  $\theta = \pi/10$  and  $\mu = 1$ .

# Exponential decaying field



**Figure:** (a) First energy eigenvalues in the complex plane for the exponential decaying field. (b) Real and imaginary part of the first energy eigenvalues as functions of  $k$  for  $k = 6, \mu = 1$ .

# A possible physical interpretation

The total probability density of a bound state of the effective Hamiltonian of the graphene in the presence of a complex magnetic field evolves as follows

$$P_T(t) = \langle \psi_n(t) | \Psi_n(t) \rangle = e^{2\frac{\text{Im}[E_n]}{\hbar}} \langle \Psi_n(0) | \Psi_n(0) \rangle. \quad (65)$$

For the case of a constant magnetic field, if the argument  $\theta \ll 1$ , the imaginary part of the energy eigenvalue is approximately  $\theta/2$ , and the maximum time for which the probability density is conserved is limited by

$$T \ll \frac{1}{V_F \theta \sqrt{|\omega|n}}, \quad (66)$$

for the first excited state and a magnetic strength of 5 T and  $\theta = \pi/36$ ,  $T \ll 95$  fs.

# In summary

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- ▶ The supersymmetric transformation is a useful tool to find the solutions to the effective Hamiltonian describing the graphene monolayer under the presence of a magnetic field perpendicular to it.
- ▶ It is also possible to find the solutions for the case of complex magnetic field profiles, which makes the effective Hamiltonian of the monolayer non-hermitian. However, this system decays rapidly to the real case if we consider that the argument of the field amplitude is small.
- ▶ The use of SUSY-QM to solve Dirac-like equations describing 2D materials still has a long way to go. We have worked Dirac materials in  $(3 + 1)$ -dimensions and determined their zero energy mode, see<sup>5</sup>. We are currently working on graphene under uniaxial stresses and have found that there are a finite number of Landau levels.






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<sup>5</sup> Julio Cesar Pérez-Pedraza/Juan D. García-Muñoz y A. Raya: Dirac materials in parallel non-uniform electromagnetic fields generated by SUSY: A new class of chiral Planar Hall Effect?, 2023.



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