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Abstract. The second part of the article is devoted to field transfers by diffraction that are represented by fractional Fourier transformations whose orders are complex numbers. The corresponding effects on the Wigner distributions associated with optical fields are still represented by 4×4 matrices operating on the scaled phase-space, but unlike matrices involved in the first part, those matrices decompose into two matrices that essentially represent 2-dimensional hyperbolic rotations, not elliptical rotations. The result is applied to the theory of unstable resonators.

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1 Introduction

Diffraction phenomena considered in the first part of the paper are represented by fractional Fourier transformations whose orders are real numbers (see Part I [1]). In the scaled phase-space, the effect of diffraction on the Wigner distribution of an optical field is then expressed by a 4×4 matrix which splits into two matrices representing pure (or elliptical) rotations operating on two 2-dimensional disjoint subspaces. If the field transfer between two mirrors of an (open) optical resonator corresponds to such a diffraction phenomenon—associated with a real-order fractional Fourier transformation—the resonator is said to be stable, and usual properties of such a resonator can be deduced from the invariance of Wigner distributions associated with the resonator transverse modes [1].

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Sometimes, a real fractional-order cannot, indeed, be associated with a given diffraction phenomenon, and in completing the theory, we introduce complex orders [2–4]; that is done in this part. Using complex orders leads us to define complex scaled variables; nevertheless, the method we employ remains similar to the one developed in the first part. Pure rotations of the first part are changed into hyperbolic rotations. More precisely, the effect of a given diffraction phenomenon on Wigner distributions is represented by a 4×4 matrix which splits into two matrices corresponding to hyperbolic rotations, plus an elliptical rotation in some cases, operating on appropriate 2-dimensional disjoint subspaces of the scaled phase-space, as will be shown.

If the field transfer between two mirrors of an optical resonator is expressed by a complex-order fractional Fourier transformation, the resonator is said to be unstable [2–4], as confirmed by analyzing how Wigner distributions behave in the transfer.

2 Field transfer by diffraction: complex-order transfer

2.1 Complex order associated with a diffraction phenomenon

Once more we consider the field transfer from a spherical emitter \mathcal{A}_1 (curvature radius R_1) to a spherical receiver \mathcal{A}_2 (radius R_2) at a distance D . The field amplitude U_2 on \mathcal{A}_2 is related to the field amplitude U_1 on \mathcal{A}_1 by Eq. (I.2)¹ of the first part, that is,

$$U_2(\mathbf{r}') = \frac{i}{\lambda D} \exp \left[-\frac{i\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{D} \right) \mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}' \right] \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp \left[-\frac{i\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} - \frac{1}{R_1} \right) \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} \right] \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi}{\lambda D} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}' \right) U_1(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}, \quad (1)$$

where r^2 and r'^2 have been replaced respectively by the Euclidean scalar products $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ and $\mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}'$, which will be more convenient for generalizing to complex scaled-variables.

Let f be a function of a two-dimensional real variable. We recall that the 2-dimensional fractional Fourier transform of order α of f is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha[f](\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \frac{ie^{i\alpha}}{\sin \alpha} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cot \alpha) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}}{\sin \alpha} \right) f(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}, \quad (2)$$

where α may be a complex number [5, 6].

To express the right-hand member of Eq. (1) by using a fractional-order Fourier transformation, we look at the parameter J such that

$$J = \frac{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}. \quad (3)$$

The case $J \geq 0$ is considered in the first part of the paper and corresponds to real-order transfers, since the associated parameter α is a real number.

In this part, we assume $J < 0$, and since complex α will be used, we say that the transfer from \mathcal{A}_1 to \mathcal{A}_2 is a “complex-order” transfer. We first note that $J = -1$ is not realistic (it corresponds to $R_1 = 0$ or $R_2 = 0$) and will not be considered. Then, when $J < 0$, we choose α as follows.

1. If $J < -1$, let β be the real number whose sign is the sign of D (then $\beta D > 0$), and such that $\coth^2 \beta = -J$. We choose $\alpha = i\beta$, so that $\cot \alpha = -i \coth \beta$.
2. If $-1 < J < 0$, let β be the real number whose sign is the sign of D , and such that $\coth^2 \beta = -1/J$. To obtain $\cot \alpha = -i / \coth \beta$, we choose α as follows:
 - If $D > 0$, then $\alpha = \pi/2 + i\beta$. (Remark: $\beta > 0$.)
 - If $D < 0$, then $\alpha = -\pi/2 + i\beta$. (Remark: $\beta < 0$.)

In every case (items 1 and 2 above), we have $\cot^2 \alpha = J$, a result similar to the one given by Eq. (I.5) in part I, but now α is a complex number.

¹Equation (n) of part I is referred as Eq. (I.n).

2.2 Complex scaled-variables and complex scalar-product

To express Eq. (1) by using a fractional-order Fourier transformation, that is, in the form of Eq. (2), and to take an example, we have to match $\exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \cot \alpha)$ with $\exp(-i\pi A \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r})$, where A is a real number. If the fractional order is chosen to be $\alpha = i\beta$ (β a real number, see above), we notice that $i \cot \alpha = \coth \beta$ is a real number, and we have to reintroduce a complex quantity in $\exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \cot \alpha)$. That is done by using complex scaled-variables, namely, replacing two-dimensional real vectors $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ by two-dimensional complex vectors, as will be shown. The same can be done when $\alpha = \pm(\pi/2) + i\beta$.

On the other hand, the dot product used in Eqs. (1) and (2) is a two-dimensional Euclidean scalar product, defined for real vectors $\boldsymbol{\rho} = (\rho_x, \rho_y)$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}' = (\rho'_x, \rho'_y)$ (where ρ_x, ρ_y, ρ'_x and ρ'_y are real numbers) by

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}' = \rho_x \rho'_x + \rho_y \rho'_y. \quad (4)$$

A complex vector, say $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, is written $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y) = (r_x + is_x, r_y + is_y)$ where r_x, r_y, s_x and s_y are real numbers. The complex scalar product of vectors $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y) = (r_x + is_x, r_y + is_y)$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = (\sigma'_x, \sigma'_y) = (r'_x + is'_x, r'_y + is'_y)$ is defined by

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \sigma_x \sigma'_x + \sigma_y \sigma'_y = r_x r'_x + r_y r'_y - s_x s'_x - s_y s'_y + i(r_x s'_x + r_y s'_y + r'_x s_x + r'_y s_y). \quad (5)$$

Indeed, it is a symmetric bilinear form (it is not an Hermitian scalar product) and a generalization of the previous Euclidean scalar product.

2.3 Comparing signs of $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and $R_2(R_2 + D)$

The signs of $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and $R_2(R_2 + D)$ will be useful both for the definition of appropriate scaled variables and fractional parameters, and for expressing some results. From the identity $D(D - R_1 + R_2) = R_1 R_2 - (R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)$, we deduce

$$\frac{1}{J} = \frac{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} - 1, \quad (6)$$

that is,

$$\frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} = 1 + \frac{1}{J}. \quad (7)$$

We conclude as follows:

1. If $J < -1$, then $-1 < 1/J < 0$, so that

$$\frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} > 0, \quad (8)$$

and $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and $R_2(R_2 + D)$ have the same sign.

2. If $-1 < J < 0$, then $1/J < -1$, and

$$\frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} < 0, \quad (9)$$

which means that $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and $R_2(R_2 + D)$ have opposite signs.

2.4 Field transfer for $D > 0$ and $J < -1$

2.4.1 Complex scaled-variables and scaled field-amplitudes ($D > 0$ and $J < -1$)

Let \mathfrak{s} be the sign of $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and let

$$\chi_1 = \mathfrak{s} \frac{D}{R_1 - D} \coth \beta. \quad (10)$$

Since $\beta D > 0$, we have $D \coth \beta > 0$, and then

$$\chi_1 R_1 = \mathfrak{s} \frac{R_1 D}{R_1 - D} \coth \beta > 0. \quad (11)$$

Let χ_2 be such that

$$\chi_2 = \mathfrak{s} \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \coth \beta. \quad (12)$$

Since $R_1(R_1 - D)$ and $R_2(R_2 + D)$ have the same sign, and since $D \coth \beta > 0$, we obtain

$$\chi_2 R_2 = \mathfrak{s} \frac{R_2 D}{R_2 + D} \coth \beta > 0. \quad (13)$$

Introducing \mathfrak{s} in Eq. (10) is a way for obtaining $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$ (and then $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$), a condition that will be useful later.

Finally, we note that ε_1 and ε_2 defined by

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\mathfrak{s} i \chi_1 = -i \frac{D}{R_1 - D} \coth \beta = \frac{D}{R_1 - D} \cot \alpha, \quad (14)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_2 = -\mathfrak{s} i \chi_2 = -i \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \coth \beta = \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \cot \alpha, \quad (15)$$

are complex extensions of ε_1 and ε_2 , defined in the first part of the paper: with respect to α , they are as in the real case—see Eqs. (I.7) and (I.8).

To define complex scaled-variables, we proceed in two steps. Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$ and $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, we first introduce real scaled-variables $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ on \mathcal{A}_1 and $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ on \mathcal{A}_2 , such that

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\rho}' = \frac{\mathbf{r}'}{\sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2}}, \quad (16)$$

and scaled field-amplitudes

$$V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\lambda}} U_1 \left(\sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\rho} \right), \quad (17)$$

and

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{\lambda}} U_2 \left(\sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\rho}' \right). \quad (18)$$

Then we define complex scaled-variables $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ on \mathcal{A}_1 and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$ on \mathcal{A}_2 by

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s} i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s} i}{\sqrt{2 \lambda \chi_1 R_1}} \mathbf{r}, \quad (19)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\rho}' = \frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2 \lambda \chi_2 R_2}} \mathbf{r}'. \quad (20)$$

In the following, we denote $\Gamma = (1 + \mathfrak{s} i)\mathbb{R}$ and $\Gamma' = (\mathfrak{s} + i)\mathbb{R}$, so that $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in \Gamma \times \Gamma$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \in \Gamma' \times \Gamma'$.

The corresponding scaled amplitudes, defined on $\Gamma \times \Gamma$ and $\Gamma' \times \Gamma'$ respectively, are

$$V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = V_1 \left(\frac{1 - \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\lambda}} U_1 \left(\frac{1 - \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right), \quad (21)$$

and

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = V_2 \left(\frac{\mathfrak{s} - i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{\lambda}} U_2 \left(\frac{\mathfrak{s} - i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right). \quad (22)$$

(Index c indicates that V_{c1} and V_{c2} are defined for complex variables.)

2.4.2 Explicit expression of the field transfer by a hyperbolic fractional-order Fourier transform ($D > 0$, $J < -1$)

By using the previous scaled variables, scaled functions and complex scalar product, we prove in Appendix A that for $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \in \Gamma' \times \Gamma'$, Eq. (1) can be written

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \frac{i\mathfrak{s}}{\sin \alpha} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'\right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (23)$$

where α is chosen as in Sect. 2.1: $\alpha = i\beta$ (β a real number with $\beta D > 0$).

Apart from a constant factor, the right-hand part of Eq. (23) is formally identical to the fractional Fourier transform of order α of the amplitude V_{c1} —see Eq. (2)—but variables are (two-dimensional) complex variables and the integration domain is $\Gamma \times \Gamma$ in place of \mathbb{R}^2 . The image domain (to which $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$ belongs) is $\Gamma' \times \Gamma'$. It is in this sense, and with some abuse, that the field transfer is said to be expressed by a fractional-order Fourier transform; and since the order is a complex number, the field transfer is called a complex-order transfer.

Nevertheless, in practice, we prefer to use real scaled variables, which will be helpful in introducing Wigner distributions on a scaled phase-space identical to the one used in Part I. Indeed, integration in Eq. (23) can be achieved on \mathbb{R}^2 in place of $\Gamma \times \Gamma$ changing $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ into $\boldsymbol{\rho} = (1 - \mathfrak{s}i)\boldsymbol{\sigma}/\sqrt{2}$. For $\boldsymbol{\rho}' = (\mathfrak{s} - i)\boldsymbol{\sigma}'/\sqrt{2}$, Eq. (23) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') &= \frac{i}{\sinh \beta} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}' \coth \beta) \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \coth \beta) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sinh \beta} \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'\right) V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Since $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ are real vectors, we have $\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} = \|\boldsymbol{\rho}\|^2 = \rho^2$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}' = \|\boldsymbol{\rho}'\|^2 = \rho'^2$.

We define the “hyperbolic fractional Fourier transform” of order β ($\beta \in \mathbb{R}$) of function f by

$$\mathcal{H}_\beta[f](\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \frac{ie^{-\beta}}{\sinh \beta} \exp(-i\pi \rho'^2 \coth \beta) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-i\pi \rho^2 \coth \beta) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sinh \beta} \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'\right) f(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}, \quad (25)$$

so that, for $\mathfrak{s} = 1$, Eq. (24) becomes

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = e^\beta \mathcal{H}_\beta[V_1](\boldsymbol{\rho}'), \quad (26)$$

and for $\mathfrak{s} = -1$

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = -e^{-\beta} \mathcal{H}_{-\beta}[V_1](-\boldsymbol{\rho}'), \quad (27)$$

Equations (26) and (27) are synthetized in

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \mathfrak{s} e^{\mathfrak{s}\beta} \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{s}\beta}[V_1](\mathfrak{s}\boldsymbol{\rho}'), \quad (28)$$

which is similar to Eq. (I.12) apart that it expresses the field transfer from \mathcal{A}_1 to \mathcal{A}_2 by a first kind of “hyperbolic fractional-order Fourier transformation”.

2.5 Field transfer for $D < 0$ and $J < -1$

For $D < 0$, the field transfer from \mathcal{A}_1 to \mathcal{A}_2 is virtual. We define $\alpha = i\beta$ with $\beta < 0$ and $\coth^2 \beta = -J$, and we show in Appendix B

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\sin \alpha} \exp(i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp\left(-\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'\right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (29)$$

for appropriate complex scaled-variables (given in Appendix B). Formally, up to a multiplicative factor, we have a fractional Fourier transformation of order $-\alpha$.

By changing complex scaled variable into real one, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') &= \frac{i}{\sinh \beta} \exp(i\mathfrak{s}\pi \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}' \coth \beta) \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(i\mathfrak{s}\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \coth \beta) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sinh \beta} \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'\right) V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

which can be written as

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = -\mathfrak{s} e^{-\mathfrak{s}\beta} \mathcal{H}_{-\mathfrak{s}\beta}[V_1](-\mathfrak{s}\boldsymbol{\rho}'), \quad (31)$$

which is similar to Eq. (28).

2.6 Field transfer for $D > 0$ and $-1 < J < 0$

2.6.1 An additional condition

In the previous sections, since $\alpha = i\beta$, we had $i/\sin \alpha = 1/\sinh \beta$, so that using complex scaled-variables according to Eqs. (19) and (20) reintroduced a factor i in $2i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'/\sin \alpha$; this factor was necessary to match with the factor $2i\pi \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}'/\lambda D$ of Eq. (1).

For $-1 < J < 0$ and $D > 0$, the fractional order is chosen to be $\alpha = \pi/2 + i\beta$, with $\beta > 0$. Since $\cot \alpha = -i/\coth \beta$, matching for example $i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} \cot \alpha$ with $i\pi A \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}$ (where A is a real number) leads us to introduce complex vectors. But here, we have $\sin \alpha = \cos i\beta = \cosh \beta$, which is a real number, and the previous scaled variables do not allow matching $2i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'/\sin \alpha$ with $2i\pi \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}'/\lambda D$. This is why we will use different complex scaled-variables.

2.6.2 Complex scaled-variables and scaled field-amplitudes ($D > 0$, $-1 < J < 0$)

Let \mathfrak{s} still denote the sign of $R_1(R_1 - D)$. We define

$$\chi_1 = \frac{\mathfrak{s}D}{R_1 - D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta}, \quad (32)$$

and since D and β have the same sign, we have

$$\chi_1 R_1 = \mathfrak{s} \frac{R_1 D}{R_1 - D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta} > 0. \quad (33)$$

We then define χ_2 by

$$\chi_2 = -\mathfrak{s} \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta}, \quad (34)$$

and since the sign of $R_2(R_2 + D)$ is opposite to the sign of $R_1(R_1 - D)$, we obtain

$$\chi_2 R_2 = -\mathfrak{s} \frac{R_2 D}{R_2 + D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta} > 0. \quad (35)$$

Finally, we define

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\mathfrak{s} i \chi_1 = -i \frac{D}{R_1 - D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta} = \frac{D}{R_1 - D} \cot \alpha, \quad (36)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_2 = \mathfrak{s} i \chi_2 = -i \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \frac{1}{\coth \beta} = \frac{D}{R_2 + D} \cot \alpha, \quad (37)$$

which are, with respect to α , as in the real case.

We use $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ as in Eq. (16) and scaled field amplitudes V_1 and V_2 as in Eqs. (17) and (18). Then we define complex scaled variables on \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 by

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} \mathbf{r}, \quad (38)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \boldsymbol{\rho}' = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_2 R_2}} \mathbf{r}'. \quad (39)$$

The corresponding scaled amplitudes are

$$V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\lambda}} U_1 \left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right), \quad (40)$$

and

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{\lambda}} U_2 \left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda\chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right). \quad (41)$$

2.6.3 Field-amplitude transfer

By using the previous scaled vectors and scaled field amplitudes, we obtain that Eq. (1) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') &= \frac{i}{\sin \alpha} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \\ &\quad \times \int_{\Gamma'' \times \Gamma''} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'\right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where $\Gamma'' = (1+i)\mathbb{R}$ and where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \in (1-i)\mathbb{R} \times (1-i)\mathbb{R}$. The proof is given in Appendix C.

Formally, Eq. (42) involves (up to a multiplicative factor) a fractional Fourier transformation defined on $\Gamma'' \times \Gamma''$, whose order is α or $\pi - \alpha$.

For studying the effect of diffraction on Wigner distributions, we use real variables, according to Eqs. (38) and (39), and write Eq. (42) in the form

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = -\frac{1}{\cosh \beta} \exp\left(\frac{\mathfrak{s} i \pi \rho'^2}{\coth \beta}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathfrak{s} i \pi \rho^2}{\coth \beta}\right) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\cosh \beta}\right) V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}. \quad (43)$$

We define a second kind of “hyperbolic fractional Fourier transformation” of order β ($\beta \in \mathbb{R}$) by

$$\mathcal{K}_\beta[f](\boldsymbol{\rho}') = \frac{ie^{-\beta}}{\cosh \beta} \exp\left(\frac{i\pi \rho'^2}{\coth \beta}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{i\pi \rho^2}{\coth \beta}\right) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\cosh \beta}\right) f(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\boldsymbol{\rho}, \quad (44)$$

so that Eq. (43) can be written

$$V_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}') = ie^{s\beta} \mathcal{K}_{s\beta}[V_1](\boldsymbol{\rho}'). \quad (45)$$

3 Complex scaled angular-variables

If U denotes the field amplitude on a spherical cap, the corresponding spherical angular-spectrum is [1]

$$S(\boldsymbol{\Phi}) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \hat{U} \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}{\lambda} \right), \quad (46)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ denotes the angular spatial-frequency, related to the spatial frequency \boldsymbol{F} by $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \lambda \boldsymbol{F}$.

The transfer of the spherical spectrum by diffraction is governed by the same laws as that of the field amplitude [7]. This holds true for the scaled angular-spectrum, namely, Eqs. (28), (31) and (45) hold true if scaled field-amplitudes V_1 and V_2 are replaced by the scaled spherical angular spectra \hat{V}_1 and \hat{V}_2 , and scaled spatial-variables are replaced by scaled angular-frequencies (see Eqs. (I.12) and (I.24) [1]).

We now provide the scaled angular-variables corresponding to the scaled spatial-variables of Sect. 2. They are helpful in expressing the transfer of the spherical angular-spectrum and we will use some of them in the third part of the article. In defining scaled angular-variables, we manage to preserve Eqs. (I.21–22). First, we introduce real scaled angular-variables on \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 according to

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\lambda}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi' = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{\lambda}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}'. \quad (47)$$

Then complex scaled angular-variables on \mathcal{A}_1 (denoted $\boldsymbol{\theta}$) and \mathcal{A}_2 ($\boldsymbol{\theta}'$) are defined as follows.

- If $J < -1$, we choose

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \phi = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{2\lambda}} (1 - \mathfrak{s}i) \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \quad (48)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}' = \frac{\mathfrak{s} - i}{\sqrt{2}} \phi' = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{2\lambda}} (\mathfrak{s} - i) \boldsymbol{\Phi}'. \quad (49)$$

- If $-1 < J < 0$, we choose

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \frac{1 - i}{\sqrt{2}} \phi = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{2\lambda}} (1 - i) \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \quad (50)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}' = \frac{1 + i}{\sqrt{2}} \phi' = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_2 R_2}{2\lambda}} (1 + i) \boldsymbol{\Phi}'. \quad (51)$$

(Scaled variables ϕ , ϕ' , $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}'$ are 2-dimensional (vectorial) variables.)

In both cases we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{F} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Phi} = \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \phi = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}, \quad (52)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{r}' \cdot \boldsymbol{F}' = \frac{1}{\lambda} \boldsymbol{r}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\Phi}' = \boldsymbol{\rho}' \cdot \phi' = \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}', \quad (53)$$

which generalize Eqs. (I.21–22) to complex scaled-variables.

4 Effect of diffraction on Wigner distributions: complex-order transfers

4.1 Hyperbolic rotations

In \mathbb{R}^2 , the hyperbolic rotation of parameter β (a real number) transforms the point $P = (x, y)$ into the point $P' = (x', y')$ such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (54)$$

We also call “angle” of the hyperbolic rotation the parameter β .

Consider a hyperbolic rotation of angle β and a point $P = (x, y)$. Let $A = x^2 - y^2$ and assume $A \neq 0$. Eq. (54) leads to $x'^2 - y'^2 = x^2 - y^2 = A$, which means that point P and its image P' in the previous hyperbolic rotation belong to the equilateral hyperbola \mathcal{H} , whose equation is $x^2 - y^2 = A$, and whose asymptotes are the bisectors of the x and y -axes. For $A > 0$, the hyperbola \mathcal{H} is as \mathcal{H}_1 in Fig. 1; and for $A < 0$, it is as \mathcal{H}_2 .

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta' & \sinh \beta' \\ \sinh \beta' & \cosh \beta' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\beta + \beta') & \sinh(\beta + \beta') \\ \sinh(\beta + \beta') & \cosh(\beta + \beta') \end{pmatrix}, \quad (55)$$

the (commutative) composition of two hyperbolic rotations, with respective angles β and β' , is the hyperbolic rotation of angle $\beta + \beta'$.

Let $P = (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ and $P' = (x', y')$ be as in Eq. (54), and let $P'' = (x'', y'')$ be the image of P' in the hyperbolic rotation of angle β' . Then points P , P' and P'' are on the previous hyperbola \mathcal{H} , and P'' is the image of P by the hyperbolic rotation whose angle is $\beta + \beta'$ (see Fig. 1, where both β and β' are positive).

By applying successive hyperbolic rotations, we obtain a sequence of points that belong to the same branch of a same hyperbola.

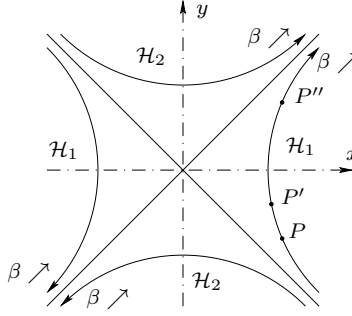


Figure 1: Equilateral hyperbolas \mathcal{H}_1 (equation $x^2 - y^2 = A > 0$) and \mathcal{H}_2 (equation $y^2 - x^2 = A > 0$). Each hyperbola has two branches. Let P be a point on \mathcal{H}_1 . By applying successive hyperbolic rotations, P becomes P' , then P'' , etc. and all these points remain on the same branch of the same hyperbola. Arrows indicate how hyperbola branches are run for increasing values of the rotation angle (denoted β).

4.2 Diffraction and Wigner distribution

4.2.1 Wigner distribution

We use the scaled phase-space related to real scaled-variables. The Wigner distribution associated with a scaled field-amplitude V is defined by

$$W(\rho, \phi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V\left(\rho + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \overline{V\left(\rho - \frac{\tau}{2}\right)} \exp(2i\pi\phi \cdot \tau) d\tau. \quad (56)$$

In the following, we consider a spherical emitter \mathcal{A}_1 and a spherical receiver \mathcal{A}_2 . The Wigner distribution associated with the field amplitude on \mathcal{A}_j ($j = 1, 2$) is denoted W_j .

We will show that the result obtained in Part I for real α (Eq. (I.30), Sect. 5) can be extended to complex α , with $\alpha = i\beta$ or $\alpha = \pm(\pi/2) + i\beta$.

4.2.2 Transfer of the Wigner distribution for $J < -1$ and $\mathfrak{s} = 1$

Transformation expression

We have $\alpha = i\beta$. We will show that the equivalent of Eq. (I.30) takes the form

$$W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) = W_1(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta, -\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta + \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta), \quad (57)$$

which means that the elliptical rotation involved in Eq. (I.30) is replaced by a hyperbolic one, as we will explain.

Proof. We define $E(x) = \exp(i\pi x)$, as in Part I. We consider Eq. (24) with $\mathfrak{s} = 1$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_2\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_2\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \exp(2i\pi \boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E\left(-\left\|\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right\|^2 \coth \beta\right) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left[\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)\right] V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') d\boldsymbol{\rho}' \right. \\ &\quad \times E\left(\left\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right\|^2 \coth \beta\right) \\ &\quad \times \left. \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(\rho''^2 \coth \beta) E\left[-\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)\right] \overline{V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}'')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'' \right\} E(2\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}) d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta}\right) V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') d\boldsymbol{\rho}' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(\rho''^2 \coth \beta) E\left(-\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta}\right) \overline{V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}'')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}\right) E(2\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}) d\boldsymbol{\tau}. \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

If δ denotes the Dirac generalized function, the last integral in Eq. (58) is equal to

$$\delta\left(\boldsymbol{\phi} - \boldsymbol{\rho} \coth \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{2 \sinh \beta}\right) = 4 \sinh^2 \beta \delta(2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''), \quad (59)$$

so that Eq. (58) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta}\right) E(\| -2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho}' \|^2 \coth \beta) \\ &\quad \times E\left[-\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}}{\sinh \beta} \cdot (2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho}')\right] V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') \\ &\quad \times \overline{V_1(2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho}')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'. \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

We change $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ into $\boldsymbol{\tau} = 2\boldsymbol{\rho}' - 2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta$, so that² $d\boldsymbol{\tau} = 4 d\boldsymbol{\rho}'$, and Eq. (60) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_1\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_1\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \\ &\quad \times E[2(\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}] d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= W_1(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta, -\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta + \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta). \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

which is Eq. (57). The proof is complete.

²Remember that both $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ and $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ are real 2-dimensional variables. If $\boldsymbol{\tau} = (\tau_x, \tau_y) = 2(\rho'_x, \rho'_y) = 2\boldsymbol{\rho}'$, then $d\boldsymbol{\tau} = d\tau_x d\tau_y = 4 d\rho'_x d\rho'_y = 4 d\boldsymbol{\rho}'$.

Matrix expression

According to Equation (57), the value taken by W_2 at point (ρ, ϕ) is the value taken by W_1 at point $(\rho \cosh \beta - \phi \sinh \beta, -\rho \sinh \beta + \phi \cosh \beta)$. In the subspace $\rho_x - \phi_x$, this corresponds to a hyperbolic rotation of angle β . To understand that, consider the value taken by W_2 at point $P_2 = (\rho_x, \phi_x) = (1, 0)$, which is equal to the value taken by W_1 at point $P_1 = (\cosh \beta, -\sinh \beta)$. For $\beta > 0$, the point P_2 is deduced from P_1 as shown in Fig. 2-a, that is, in the hyperbolic rotation of angle β .

The same conclusion is obtained by considering point $M_2 = (0, 1)$, which is deduced from point $M_1 = (-\sinh \beta, \cosh \beta)$, and point $N_2 = (-1, 0)$, which comes from $N_1 = (-\cosh \beta, \sinh \beta)$.

In the $\rho_x - \phi_x$ plane, the matrix expression of the corresponding hyperbolic rotation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (62)$$

whose angle is β .

The same result is obtained in the $\rho_y - \phi_y$, so that the effect of diffraction in the whole scaled-space is a 4-dimensional Wigner rotation which can be seen as the product of two hyperbolic rotations in two 2-dimensional subspaces. Then Eq. (57) can be written as a coordinate transformation, whose matrix form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \\ \rho'_y \\ \phi'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ 0 & 0 & \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \\ \rho_y \\ \phi_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad (63)$$

that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \rho'_y \\ \phi'_x \\ \phi'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & 0 & \sinh \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \beta & 0 & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & 0 & \cosh \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \sinh \beta & 0 & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \rho_y \\ \phi_x \\ \phi_y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (64)$$

With $\mathbf{p} = (\rho, \phi)$, Eq. (64) is the matrix form of $\mathbf{p}' = \mathcal{W}\mathbf{p}$, where \mathcal{W} denotes a 4-dimensional Wigner rotation, and eventually Eq. (57) takes the form

$$W_2(\mathbf{p}') = W_1(\mathcal{W}^{-1}\mathbf{p}'), \quad \text{or} \quad W_2(\mathcal{W}\mathbf{p}) = W_1(\mathbf{p}). \quad (65)$$

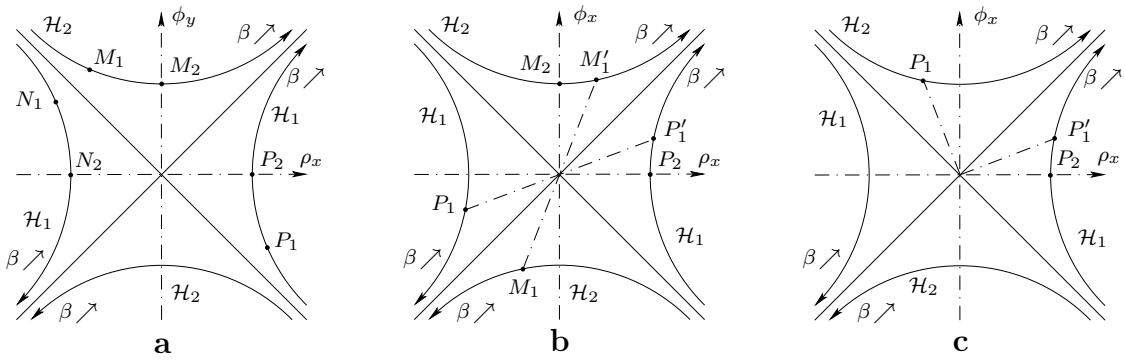


Figure 2: Effect of diffraction in the scaled subspace $\rho_x - \phi_x$ (the same would hold in the $\rho_y - \phi_y$ subspace). The value taken by W_2 at P_2 is equal to the value taken by W_1 at P_1 . (a) $\alpha = i\beta$, $\beta > 0$, $\mathfrak{s} = 1$; the effect of diffraction is a hyperbolic rotation of angle β . (b) $\alpha = i\beta$, $\beta > 0$, $\mathfrak{s} = -1$; the effect of diffraction is a π -rotation followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$. (c) $\alpha = (\pi/2) + i\beta$, $\beta > 0$, $\mathfrak{s} = 1$; the effect of diffraction is a $-\pi/2$ -rotation followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$.

4.2.3 Transfer of the Wigner distribution for $J < -1$ and $\mathfrak{s} = -1$

Transformation expression

We now show that, for $J < -1$ and $\mathfrak{s} = -1$, the transfer by diffraction from \mathcal{A}_1 to \mathcal{A}_2 , operates on the corresponding Wigner distributions according to

$$W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \phi) = W_1(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \phi \sinh \beta, -\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \phi \cosh \beta). \quad (66)$$

Proof. By the definition of the Wigner distribution and by Eq. (24), we obtain, for $\mathfrak{s} = -1$,

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \phi) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_2\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_2\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \exp(2i\pi\boldsymbol{\phi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E\left(\left\|\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right\|^2 \coth \beta\right) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left[\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\rho} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)\right] V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') d\boldsymbol{\rho}' \right. \\ &\quad \times E\left(-\left\|\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right\|^2 \coth \beta\right) \\ &\quad \times \left. \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-\rho''^2 \coth \beta) E\left[-\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)\right] \overline{V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}'')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'' \right\} E(2\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}) d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta}\right) V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') d\boldsymbol{\rho}' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(-\rho''^2 \coth \beta) E\left(-\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta}\right) \overline{V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}'')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{\sinh \beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}\right) E(2\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}) d\boldsymbol{\tau}. \end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

The last integral in Eq. (67) is equal to

$$\delta\left(\boldsymbol{\phi} + \boldsymbol{\rho} \coth \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''}{2 \sinh \beta}\right) = 4 \sinh^2 \beta \delta(2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}' + \boldsymbol{\rho}''), \quad (68)$$

so that Eq. (67) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \phi) &= 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E(\rho'^2 \coth \beta) E\left(\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\sinh \beta}\right) E(-\|2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}'\|^2 \coth \beta) \\ &\quad \times E\left[\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}}{\sinh \beta} \cdot (2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}')\right] V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') \\ &\quad \times \overline{V_1(-2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho}')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'. \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

We change $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ into $\boldsymbol{\tau} = 2\boldsymbol{\rho}' + 2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta$, so that Eq. (69) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \phi) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_1\left(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_1\left(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \\ &\quad \times E[2(\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}] d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= W_1(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta, -\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta). \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

which is eq. (66). The proof is complete.

Matrix expression

From Eq. (66) we conclude that in the subspace ρ_x - ϕ_x the effect of diffraction is the product of an elliptical rotation of angle π and a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$. To understand that, consider the point $P_2 = (1, 0)$: according to Eq. (66), the value taken by the function W_2 at P_2 is the value taken by W_1 at point $P_1 = (-\cosh \beta, -\sinh \beta)$, as shown in Fig. 2-b, for $\beta > 0$. Geometrically, P_1 is transformed into P'_1 (π -rotation) and P'_1 into P_2 in the hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$. The same result is obtained from $M_2 = (0, 1)$, which is the image of $M_1 = (-\sinh \beta, -\cosh \beta)$. The point M_1 is transformed into M'_1 in a π -rotation, and M_2 is deduced from M'_1 in the hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$. The previous π -rotation and the hyperbolic rotation commute.

In the ρ_x - ϕ_x subspace, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & -\sinh \beta \\ -\sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & -\cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (71)$$

The same holds in the ρ_y - ϕ_y subspace.

Finally, Eq. (66) can be written in matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \\ \rho'_y \\ \phi'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cosh \beta & \sinh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \beta & -\cosh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ 0 & 0 & \sinh \beta & -\cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \\ \rho_y \\ \phi_y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (72)$$

4.2.4 Transfer of the Wigner distribution for $-1 < J < 0$

Transformation expression

For $-1 < J < 0$, we will prove

$$W_2(\rho, \phi) = W_1(-\mathfrak{s} \rho \sinh \beta - \phi \cosh \beta, \rho \cosh \beta + \mathfrak{s} \phi \sinh \beta). \quad (73)$$

Proof. (i) We first provide the proof for $\mathfrak{s} = 1$. We use Eq. (43) and, by definition, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\rho, \phi) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_2 \left(\rho + \frac{\tau}{2} \right) \overline{V_2 \left(\rho - \frac{\tau}{2} \right)} \exp(2i\pi \phi \cdot \tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(\left\| \rho + \frac{\tau}{2} \right\|^2 \frac{1}{\coth \beta} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(-\frac{\rho'^2}{\coth \beta} \right) E \left[\frac{2\rho'}{\cosh \beta} \cdot \left(\rho + \frac{\tau}{2} \right) \right] V_1(\rho') d\rho' \right. \\ &\quad \times E \left(-\left\| \rho - \frac{\tau}{2} \right\|^2 \frac{1}{\coth \beta} \right) \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(\frac{\rho''^2}{\coth \beta} \right) E \left[-\frac{2\rho''}{\cosh \beta} \cdot \left(\rho - \frac{\tau}{2} \right) \right] \overline{V_1(\rho'')} d\rho'' \left. \right\} E(2\tau \cdot \phi) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(-\frac{\rho'^2}{\coth \beta} \right) E \left(\frac{2\rho \cdot \rho'}{\cosh \beta} \right) V_1(\rho') d\rho' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(\frac{\rho'^2}{\coth \beta} \right) E \left(-\frac{2\rho \cdot \rho''}{\cosh \beta} \right) \overline{V_1(\rho'')} d\rho'' \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E \left(\frac{2\rho \cdot \tau}{\coth \beta} \right) E \left(\frac{\rho' + \rho''}{\cosh \beta} \cdot \tau \right) E(2\tau \cdot \phi) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

The last integral in Eq. (74) is equal to

$$\delta \left(\phi + \frac{\rho}{\coth \beta} + \frac{\rho' + \rho''}{2 \cosh \beta} \right) = 4 \cosh^2 \beta \delta(2\phi \cosh \beta + 2\rho \sinh \beta + \rho' + \rho''), \quad (75)$$

so that Eq. (74) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} E\left(-\frac{\rho'^2}{\coth \beta}\right) E\left(\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}'}{\cosh \beta}\right) E\left(\|2\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}'\|^2 \frac{1}{\coth \beta}\right) \\
&\quad \times E\left[\frac{2\boldsymbol{\rho}}{\cosh \beta} \cdot (2\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\rho}')\right] V_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}') \\
&\quad \times \overline{V_1(-2\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\rho}')} d\boldsymbol{\rho}'.
\end{aligned} \tag{76}$$

We change $\boldsymbol{\rho}'$ into $\boldsymbol{\tau} = 2\boldsymbol{\rho}' + 2\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta + 2\boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta$, so that Eq. (76) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_1\left(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_1\left(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \\
&\quad \times E[2(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}] d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\
&= W_1(-\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta, \boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta + \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta).
\end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

which is Eq. (73) for $\mathfrak{s} = 1$.

(ii) The proof for $\mathfrak{s} = -1$ is as follows. We remark that changing $\mathfrak{s} = 1$ into $\mathfrak{s} = -1$ in Eq. (43) is equivalent to changing β into $-\beta$. Then the previous derivations lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
W_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\phi}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} V_1\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta + \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right) \overline{V_1\left(\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta - \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}}{2}\right)} \\
&\quad \times E[2(\boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}] d\boldsymbol{\tau} \\
&= W_1(\boldsymbol{\rho} \sinh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \cosh \beta, \boldsymbol{\rho} \cosh \beta - \boldsymbol{\phi} \sinh \beta).
\end{aligned} \tag{78}$$

(iii) Equations (77) and (78) are synthetized in Eq. (73).

Matrix expression

To obtain the matrix expression of Eq. (73), we consider the point $P_2 = (1, 0)$ in the ρ_x - ϕ_x subspace. According to Eq. (73) the value taken by W_2 at P_2 is the value taken by W_1 at point $P_1 = (-\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta, \cosh \beta)$. Then P_2 is deduced from P_1 in rotation of angle $-\pi/2$ followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\mathfrak{s}\beta$, as illustrated in Fig. 2-c, for $\beta > 0$. In matrix form, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \\ -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix}. \tag{79}$$

The matrix product in Eq. (79) is not commutative.

The matrix form of Eq. (73) is then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \\ \rho'_y \\ \phi'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \\ \rho_y \\ \phi_y \end{pmatrix} \tag{80}$$

Remark. The matrix in Eq. (79) is such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \\ \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix}, \tag{81}$$

and also corresponds to a hyperbolic rotation of angle $\mathfrak{s}\beta$ followed by a rotation of angle $-\pi/2$.

4.3 Complex rotations

In the previous section the effect of diffraction on the Wigner distribution associated with an optical field is analyzed in the real scaled phase-space (coordinates $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ and $\boldsymbol{\phi}$). The previous hyperbolic rotations can also be expressed with complex coordinates, as done in the present section.

4.3.1 Analysis for $J < -1$

We use $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (1 + \mathfrak{s}i)\boldsymbol{\rho}/\sqrt{2}$, that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \rho_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi_x \\ \phi_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_x \\ \theta_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad (82)$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \sigma'_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \rho'_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \theta'_x \\ \theta'_y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\mathfrak{s} - i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_x \\ \phi'_y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (83)$$

We then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \theta'_x \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} + i & 0 \\ 0 & \mathfrak{s} - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} + i & 0 \\ 0 & \mathfrak{s} - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \mathfrak{s} \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} + i & 0 \\ 0 & \mathfrak{s} - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \mathfrak{s} \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \mathfrak{s}i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \mathfrak{s}i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & i \sinh \beta \\ -i \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

where $\alpha = i\beta$. The same can be written with ρ_y and ϕ_y so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \theta'_x \\ \sigma'_y \\ \theta'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \\ \sigma'_y \\ \theta'_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad (85)$$

which is similar to Eq. (I.37).

4.3.2 Analysis for $-1 < J < 0$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \theta'_x \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho'_x \\ \phi'_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_x \\ \phi_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\mathfrak{s} i \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \\ -\cosh \beta & -\mathfrak{s} i \sinh \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

We introduce $\alpha = (\pi/2) + i\beta$ so that $\cos \alpha = \sin i\beta = i \sinh \beta$ and $\sin \alpha = \cosh \beta$, and we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \theta'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{s} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \mathfrak{s} \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix}. \quad (87)$$

For $\mathfrak{s} = 1$, we have a rotation of angle $-\alpha$, as in Eq. (84). For $\mathfrak{s} = -1$, we write

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x \\ \theta'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha' & -\sin \alpha' \\ \sin \alpha' & \cos \alpha' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \theta_x \end{pmatrix}, \quad (88)$$

which is a rotation of angle $\alpha' = \alpha - \pi = -(\pi/2) + i\beta$.

5 Application to unstable optical resonators

5.1 Direct and back transfers in a resonator

We consider an optical resonator made up of two spherical mirrors \mathcal{M}_1 (object radius R_1 and image radius R'_1) and \mathcal{M}_2 (radii R_2 and R'_2). The algebraic measure from Ω_1 (the vertex of \mathcal{M}_1) to Ω_2 (the vertex of \mathcal{M}_2) is $D = \overline{\Omega_1\Omega_2}$, and it is $D' = \overline{\Omega_2\Omega_1}$ from Ω_2 to Ω_1 . Since algebraic measures are positive if taken in the sense of light propagation, which changes after a reflection, we have $D = D'$ and we use the algebraic length of the resonator, which is $L = D = D'$. (For definitions of object and image radii, see Sect. 7.1 Part I; for a definition of the algebraic length L , see Sect. 7.2, Part I [1].)

For the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 , the emitter is \mathcal{M}_1 (image radius R'_1) and the receiver is \mathcal{M}_2 (object radius R_2), so that by Eq. (3) we obtain

$$J = \frac{(R'_1 - L)(R_2 + L)}{L(L - R'_1 + R_2)}. \quad (89)$$

For the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 , the emitter is \mathcal{M}_2 (image radius R'_2) and the receiver is \mathcal{M}_1 (object radius R_1) and we compute

$$J' = \frac{(R'_2 - L)(R_1 + L)}{L(L - R'_2 + R_1)}, \quad (90)$$

Since $R'_1 = -R_1$ and $R'_2 = -R_2$, we obtain $J = J'$.

We conclude that the direct and back transfers in a resonator are of the same kind: they are both real-order transfers, or both complex-order transfers. Moreover, if the order of the transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 is β , and β' for the transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 , since L has the same sign for both transfers, we have $\beta = \beta'$.

5.2 Interpretation in the scaled phase-space for $J = J' < -1$ and $\mathfrak{s} = 1$

If we use complex scaled-variables, for $J = J' < -1$, the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 is represented by a fractional Fourier transformation whose order is $\alpha = i\beta$, and the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 by a fractional Fourier transformation whose order is $\alpha' = i\beta'$, with $\coth^2 \beta = J = J' = \coth^2 \beta'$. Since both β and β' have the sign of L , we have $\beta = \beta'$. If we use real scaled-variables, to which the scaled phase-space is referred, and according to Eqs. (28) and (31), the field transfer is expressed by a hyperbolic fractional Fourier transform whose order is $\pm\beta$.

The interpretation of how Wigner distributions behave in an unstable resonator is carried out in the scaled phase-space and is as follows. We first consider the matrix of Eq. (63), that is $\mathfrak{s} = 1$. We analyze the situation in the ρ_x - ϕ_x subspace, in which the effect of diffraction is expressed by Eq. (62). We consider a point $P_1 = (\rho_{1x}, \phi_{1x}) \neq (0, 0)$ and the hyperbola whose equation is $\rho_x^2 - \phi_x^2 = \rho_{1x}^2 - \phi_{1x}^2 = A$, to which P_1 belongs. The value taken at point P_1 by the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_1 equals the value the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_2 takes at point P_2 that is deduced from P_1 in the hyperbolic rotation of parameter β . The back transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 is expressed by a hyperbolic rotation of parameter $\beta' = \beta$, which transforms P_2 into P_3 . The value taken at P_3 by the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_1 is equal to the value taken at P_2 by the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_2 , namely, to the value taken at P_1 by the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_1 . The point P_3 is deduced from P_1 in a hyperbolic rotation of parameter 2β . If $\beta > 0$, the sequence of points P_i corresponds to increasing values of β (see Fig. 3). If $d_i = OP_i$, the sequence (d_i) is diverging (see Fig. 3). The same result holds in the ρ_y - ϕ_y subspace. Eventually, the resonator is unstable, since the support of the Wigner distribution on each mirror spreads over an increasingly wide area after every reflection. This can also be understood by considering light rays in such a resonator, as will be done in Part III.

The same analysis can be done for $\beta < 0$.

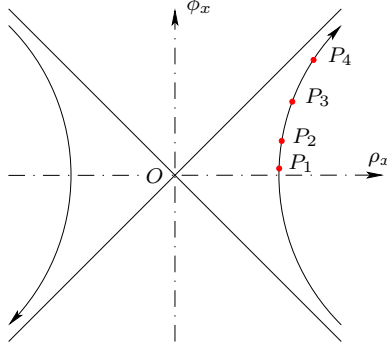


Figure 3: A sequence (P_i) for $J = J' < -1$, $\beta > 0$ and $\mathfrak{s} = 1$. The values taken at points P_1, P_3, P_5 etc. by the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_1 are equals. They are also equals to the values of the Wigner distribution on \mathcal{M}_2 taken at points P_2, P_4 , etc. Point P_{i+1} is deduced from P_i in a hyperbolic rotation of angle β . If $d_i = OP_i$, both sequences (d_{2i}) and (d_{2i+1}) are diverging, which shows that the Wigner distribution on each mirror spreads over an increasingly wide area after every reflection: the resonator is unstable.

Remark. General properties of unstable resonators are described by Anan'ev [8] and also by Siegman [9]. Qualifying optical resonators as stable or unstable is conventional, but no judicious, since many laser whose cavities are unstable resonators perfectly work. The difference between the two kinds of resonators can be done according to the behaviors of Wigner distributions. In stable resonators, Wigner distributions undergo elliptical rotations so that, after every reflection on a mirror, the luminous energy remains near the optical axis; these stable resonators are sometimes called “confined-mode resonators.” On the contrary, in unstable resonators, Wigner distributions undergo hyperbolic rotations and the energy spread over wider and wider areas after reflections.

5.3 Interpretation in the scaled phase-space for $J = J' < -1$ and $\mathfrak{s} = -1$

In this section, points P_1, P_2 , etc. have the same interpretations as in the previous section. We start with point P_1 . If $\mathfrak{s} = -1$, according to Eq. (71), P_2 that can be deduced from P_1 as follows: point P_1 (and more generally point P_i) undergoes an elliptic rotation of angle π and becomes P'_1 (P'_i) on the other branch of the hyperbola (see Fig. 4). Then P'_1 (P'_i) undergoes the hyperbolic rotation of parameter (angle) $-\beta$ and becomes P_2 (P_{i+1}) (see Fig. 4, drawn for positive β). We obtain a sequence (P_i) as shown in Fig. 4. If $d_i = OP_i$, the sequences (d_{2i}) and (d_{2i+1}) are diverging. The same result holds in the ρ_y - ϕ_y subspace, and the resonator is unstable.

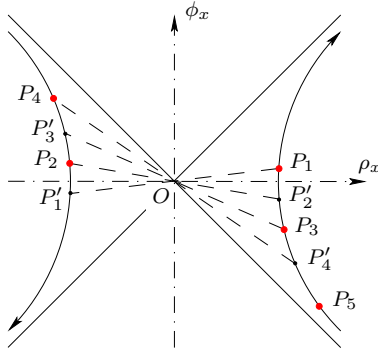


Figure 4: The case $J = J' < -1$, $\beta > 0$ and $\mathfrak{s} = -1$. Points P_i are defined as in Fig. 3. Point P'_i is deduced from P_i in a π -rotation, and P_{i+1} is deduced from P'_i in a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$. If $d_i = OP_i$, the sequences (d_{2i}) and (d_{2i+1}) are diverging. The resonator is unstable.

5.4 Interpretation in the scaled phase space for $-1 < J = J' < 0$

We assume $L > 0$, so that $\beta = \beta'$ as explained in Sect. 5.1. For the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 , light is issued from \mathcal{M}_1 , which is the emitter, and the radius of \mathcal{M}_1 to be taken into account is R'_1 ; and since \mathcal{M}_2 is the receiver, light is incident on \mathcal{M}_2 , and the radius of \mathcal{M}_2 to be taken into account is R_2 . The parameter \mathfrak{s} is then the sign of $R'_1(R'_1 - L)$. According to the result established in Sect. 2.3, the sign of $R_2(R_2 + D)$ is $-\mathfrak{s}$.

For the field transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 , mirror \mathcal{M}_2 is the emitter and \mathcal{M}_1 the receiver, so that radii to be taken into account are R'_2 and R_1 . The sign to be considered, denoted \mathfrak{s}' , is that of $R'_2(R'_2 - L)$. It is opposite to the sign of $R_1(R_1 + L)$, which is $-\mathfrak{s}'$.

Since $R_1 = -R'_1$, we have $R_1(R_1 + L) = R'_1(R'_1 - L)$, so that $\mathfrak{s}' = -\mathfrak{s}$. And since $R_2 = -R'_2$, we also have $R_2(R_2 + L) = R'_2(R'_2 - L)$.

We assume $\beta > 0$ and conclude as follows.

- The field transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 is described according to the sign \mathfrak{s} . Its effect on the respective Wigner distributions on \mathcal{M}_1 and \mathcal{M}_2 is a rotation of angle $-\pi/2$ followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\mathfrak{s}\beta$, according to Eq. (79), Sect. 4.2.4.
- The field transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 is described according to the sign \mathfrak{s}' . Its effect on the respective Wigner distributions on \mathcal{M}_2 and \mathcal{M}_1 is a rotation of angle $-\pi/2$ followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\mathfrak{s}'\beta$. Since $\mathfrak{s}' = -\mathfrak{s}$, the effect of diffraction is a rotation of angle $-\pi/2$ followed by a hyperbolic rotation of angle $\mathfrak{s}\beta$.

The consequence for an optical resonator is illustrated by Fig. 5, where $\alpha = \pi/2 + i\beta$ ($\beta > 0$) and $\mathfrak{s} = 1$ and is explained as follows. The interpretation of point P_i is that of Sect. 5.2 once more.

Let $P_1 = (\rho_{1x}, \phi_{1x})$ be the initial point where the Wigner distribution on mirror \mathcal{M}_1 is considered, and let $A = \rho_{1x}^2 - \phi_{1x}^2$. Let \mathcal{H}_1 be the hyperbola whose equation is $\rho_x^2 - \phi_x^2 = A$ and to which P_1 belongs; and \mathcal{H}_2 the hyperbola whose equation is $\phi_x^2 - \rho_x^2 = A$. We assume $\beta > 0$, and build a sequence (P_i) as follows. Let P'_1 be the image of P_1 in the elliptical (or pure) rotation of angle $-\pi/2$. Then P_2 is the image of P'_1 in the hyperbolic rotation of parameter $-\beta$. Both P'_1 and P_2 belong to \mathcal{H}_2 . The following back transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 transforms P_2 into P_3 , which is obtained after an elliptical rotation of angle $-\pi/2$ (P_2 becomes P'_2) and a hyperbolic rotation of parameter β (in which P'_2 becomes P_3).

The sequence of points P_i is the following (see Fig. 5):

- i. Point P_1 is assumed to be on \mathcal{H}_1 , branch 1.
- ii. First transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 : from P_1 to P_2 .
 - From P_1 to P'_1 : elliptical rotation of $-\pi/2$; $P'_1 \in \mathcal{H}_2$, branch 2.
 - From P'_1 to P_2 : moving on \mathcal{H}_2 corresponding to a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$; $P_2 \in \mathcal{H}_2$, branch 2.
- iii. Back transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 : from P_2 to P_3 .
 - From P_2 to P'_2 : elliptical rotation of $-\pi/2$; $P'_2 \in \mathcal{H}_1$, branch 2.
 - From P'_2 to P_3 : moving on \mathcal{H}_1 corresponding to a hyperbolic rotation of angle β ; and $P_3 \in \mathcal{H}_1$, branch 2.
- iv. Second transfer from \mathcal{M}_1 to \mathcal{M}_2 : from P_3 to P_4 .
 - From P_3 to P'_3 : elliptical rotation of $-\pi/2$; $P'_3 \in \mathcal{H}_2$, branch 1.
 - From P'_3 to P_4 : moving on \mathcal{H}_2 corresponding to a hyperbolic rotation of angle $-\beta$; $P_4 \in \mathcal{H}_2$, branch 1.

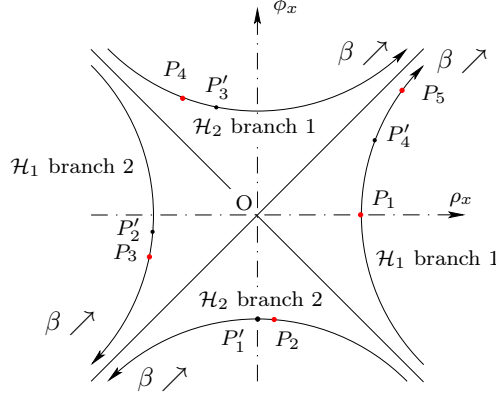


Figure 5: Case $-1 < J < 0$. Fractional parameter $\alpha = \pi/2 + i\beta$ ($\beta > 0$). The sequence of points P_i is analyzed in the text. If $d_i = OP_i$, sequences (d_{2i}) and (d_{2i+1}) are diverging. The corresponding resonator is unstable.

v. Second back transfer from \mathcal{M}_2 to \mathcal{M}_1 : from P_4 to P_5 .

- From P_4 to P'_4 : elliptical rotation of $-\pi/2$; $P'_4 \in \mathcal{H}_1$, branch 1.
- From P'_4 to P_5 : moving on \mathcal{H}_1 corresponding to a hyperbolic rotation of parameter β ; $P_5 \in \mathcal{H}_1$, branch 1.

And so on. If $d_i = OP_i$, the sequences (d_{2i}) and (d_{2i+1}) are diverging and the considered resonator is unstable.

6 Conclusion

Given two spherical caps, the field transfer by diffraction from one spherical cap to the other can be expressed by a fractional-order Fourier transformation. According to the distance between the spherical caps and to their curvature radii, the order of the transformation may be a real number (the field transfer is then said to be a real-order transfer) or a complex number (complex-order transfer). If the spherical caps are the two mirrors of an optical resonator, the order is a real number, if the resonator is stable, and a complex number, if the resonator is unstable. A unified theoretical approach can thus be developed and similarly applied to both kinds of resonators.

The effect of diffraction on the Wigner distribution associated with an optical field is shown to be a rotation, provided that the Wigner distribution is related to a scaled phase-space on which an appropriate Euclidean structure is defined. The rotation can split into two elliptical rotations, if the field transfer is a real-order transfer; and mainly into two hyperbolic rotations, if the field transfer is a complex-order transfer. A graphical analysis clearly illustrates differences between the two kinds of resonators, according to the results of Part I and Part II of the article.

Finally, a point in the scaled phase-space corresponds to a light ray, characterized by a point in the physical space and a direction of propagation, as will be shown in the third part of the article. The evolution of a point in the scaled phase-space can then be interpreted like the transformation of a ray after refraction, reflection or propagation, and can be applied to light-ray tracing [10] as will be done in Part III, with applications to ray tracing in optical resonators.

Appendix A. Proof of Eq. (23) ($D < 0$ and $J < -1$)

We recall that σ is an element of $\Gamma \times \Gamma = (1 + \mathfrak{s}i)\mathbb{R} \times (1 + \mathfrak{s}i)\mathbb{R}$. According to Eq. (19), for $r = (x, y)$ we introduce—see Eq. (16)—the real scaled variable $\rho = (\rho_x, \rho_y)$ and the complex

scaled variable $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y)$ with

$$\sigma_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} x, \quad \sigma_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} y. \quad (91)$$

We then obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathfrak{s}i \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}, \quad (92)$$

and

$$d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = d\sigma_x d\sigma_y = \mathfrak{s}i d\boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} dx dy = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} d\boldsymbol{r}. \quad (93)$$

Derivation of $d\boldsymbol{r}/\lambda D$

We start with

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} &= \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} \coth^2 \beta = \frac{-R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} \cot^2 \alpha = -\frac{R_2 + D}{R_2 D} \frac{R_1 D}{R_1 - D} \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} \\ &= \frac{-\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

Since

$$\frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \cot^2 \alpha = \frac{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (95)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (96)$$

and then

$$\frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} = -\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = -\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta}. \quad (97)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$, $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, since $\sinh \beta$ has the sign of β which is also the sign of D , we may write

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{D} = \frac{1}{\sinh \beta} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} = \frac{i}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}}. \quad (98)$$

Finally, we use Eq. (93) and write

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{r}}{\lambda D} = -\frac{\mathfrak{s}i \chi_1 R_1}{D} d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} d\boldsymbol{\sigma}. \quad (99)$$

Derivation of $\boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}'/\lambda D$

We use Eqs. (19) and (20) and obtain

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}'}{\lambda D} = \frac{-i}{\lambda D} \sqrt{\lambda^2 \chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{-i}{D} \sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}', \quad (100)$$

and then

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}{D^2} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} \coth^2 \beta = \frac{-R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta}. \quad (101)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$ and $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, and since β has the sign of D , we obtain

$$\frac{\sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}}{D} = \frac{1}{\sinh \beta} = \frac{i}{\sin \alpha}, \quad (102)$$

and then

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}'}{\lambda D} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'}{\sin \alpha}. \quad (103)$$

Derivation of the quadratic phase terms

We begin with

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} - \frac{1}{R_1} \right) \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{-\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda} \frac{R_1 - D}{DR_1} \lambda \chi_1 R_1 \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \coth \beta = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha, \quad (104)$$

and we remark that $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha$ is a real number.

Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}' = \frac{-\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda} \frac{R_2 + D}{DR_2} \lambda \chi_2 R_2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = -i \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \coth \beta = \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha, \quad (105)$$

and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha$ is also a real number.

Integral

The previous results lead us to write Eq. (1) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 \left(\frac{\mathfrak{s} - i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) &= \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \\ &\times \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) U_1 \left(\frac{1 - \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \end{aligned} \quad (106)$$

that is

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\sin \alpha} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(-i\pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (107)$$

which is Eq. (23).

Appendix B. Proof of Eq. (29) ($D < 0$ and $J < -1$)

This is the case $\beta < 0$ and \mathfrak{s} is the sign of $R_1(R_1 - D)$. Complex scaled variables are

$$\sigma_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} x, \quad \sigma_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{s}i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} y. \quad (108)$$

and

$$\sigma'_x = -\frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho'_x = -\frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_2 R_2}} x', \quad \sigma'_y = -\frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2}} \rho'_y = -\frac{\mathfrak{s} + i}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_2 R_2}} y'. \quad (109)$$

We then obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathfrak{s}i \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}, \quad (110)$$

and

$$d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = d\sigma_x d\sigma_y = \mathfrak{s}i d\boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} dx dy = \frac{\mathfrak{s}i}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} d\mathbf{r}. \quad (111)$$

Derivation of $d\mathbf{r}/\lambda D$

We start with

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} &= \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} \coth^2 \beta = \frac{-R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} \cot^2 \alpha = -\frac{R_2 + D}{R_2 D} \frac{R_1 D}{R_1 - D} \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} \\ &= \frac{-\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}.\end{aligned}\quad (112)$$

Since

$$\frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \cot^2 \alpha = \frac{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (113)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (114)$$

and then

$$\frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} = -\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta}. \quad (115)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$, $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, since $\sinh \beta$ has the sign of β which is also the sign of D , we may write

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{D} = \frac{1}{\sinh \beta} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} = \frac{i}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}}. \quad (116)$$

Finally, we use Eq. (93) and write

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{\lambda D} = \frac{-\mathfrak{s} i \chi_1 R_1}{D} d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\mathfrak{s}}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} d\boldsymbol{\sigma}. \quad (117)$$

Derivation of $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'/\lambda D$

We use Eqs. (108) and (109) and obtain

$$\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}{\lambda D} = \frac{i}{\lambda D} \sqrt{\lambda^2 \chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{i}{D} \sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}', \quad (118)$$

and then

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}{D^2} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} \coth^2 \beta = \frac{-R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1}{\sinh^2 \beta}. \quad (119)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$ and $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, and since β has the sign of D , we obtain

$$\frac{\sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}}{D} = \frac{1}{\sinh \beta} = \frac{i}{\sin \alpha}, \quad (120)$$

and then

$$\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}{\lambda D} = -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'}{\sin \alpha}. \quad (121)$$

Derivation of the quadratic phase terms

We begin with

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} - \frac{1}{R_1} \right) \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{-\mathfrak{s} i}{\lambda} \frac{R_1 - D}{D R_1} \lambda \chi_1 R_1 \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \coth \beta = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha, \quad (122)$$

and we remark that $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha$ is a real number.

Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}' = \frac{-\mathfrak{s} i}{\lambda} \frac{R_2 + D}{D R_2} \lambda \chi_2 R_2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = -i \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \coth \beta = \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha, \quad (123)$$

and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha$ is also a real number.

Integral

The previous results lead us to write Eq. (1) in the form

$$U_2 \left(\frac{-\mathfrak{s} + \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) = \frac{-\mathfrak{s} \mathfrak{i}}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} \exp(\mathfrak{i} \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \quad (124)$$

$$\times \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(\mathfrak{i} \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{-2\mathfrak{i} \pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) U_1 \left(\frac{1 - \mathfrak{s} \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) d\boldsymbol{\sigma},$$

that is

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \frac{-\mathfrak{s} \mathfrak{i}}{\sin \alpha} \exp(\mathfrak{i} \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(\mathfrak{i} \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(-\frac{2\mathfrak{i} \pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (125)$$

which is Eq. (29).

Appendix C. Proof of Eq. (42) ($D > 0$ and $-1 < J < 0$)

We have $\alpha = (\pi/2) + \mathfrak{i}\beta$, where $\beta > 0$, since it has the sign of D . Then $\cos \alpha = -\mathfrak{i} \sin \mathfrak{i}\beta = \sinh \beta > 0$, and $\sin \alpha = \cos \mathfrak{i}\beta = \cosh \beta > 0$.

Complex scaled-variables are

$$\sigma_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_x = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} x, \quad \sigma_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \rho_y = \frac{1 + \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_1 R_1}} y, \quad (126)$$

and

$$\sigma'_x = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \rho'_x = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_2 R_2}} x', \quad \sigma'_y = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \rho'_y = \frac{1 - \mathfrak{i}}{\sqrt{2\lambda\chi_2 R_2}} y'. \quad (127)$$

We then obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathfrak{i} \boldsymbol{\rho} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{i}}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}, \quad (128)$$

and

$$d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = d\sigma_x d\sigma_y = \mathfrak{i} d\boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{\mathfrak{i}}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} dx dy = \frac{\mathfrak{i}}{\lambda\chi_1 R_1} d\mathbf{r}. \quad (129)$$

Derivation of $d\mathbf{r}/\lambda D$

From Eq. (33) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} &= \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} \frac{1}{\coth^2 \beta} = -J \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 - D)^2} = -\frac{R_1^2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} \frac{R_2 + D}{R_1 - D} \\ &= \frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (130)$$

Since

$$\frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \cot^2 \alpha = \frac{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (131)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)}, \quad (132)$$

and then

$$\frac{\chi_1^2 R_1^2}{D^2} = \frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2} \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \beta}. \quad (133)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$, $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, since $\sinh \beta$ has the sign of β which is also the sign of D , we may write

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{D} = \frac{1}{\cosh \beta} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}}. \quad (134)$$

Finally, we use Eq. (129) and write

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{\lambda D} = \frac{-i \chi_1 R_1}{D} d\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{-i}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} d\boldsymbol{\sigma}. \quad (135)$$

Derivation of $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}' / \lambda D$

We start with

$$\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}{\lambda D} = \frac{1}{\lambda D} \sqrt{\lambda^2 \chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{1}{D} \sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}', \quad (136)$$

and we use Eqs. (33) and (35) to obtain

$$\frac{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}{D^2} = \frac{-R_1 R_2}{(R_1 - D)(R_2 + D)} \frac{1}{\coth^2 \beta} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{D(D - R_1 + R_2)} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \beta}. \quad (137)$$

Since $\chi_1 R_1 > 0$ and $\chi_2 R_2 > 0$, and since $D > 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{\sqrt{\chi_1 R_1 \chi_2 R_2}}{D} = \frac{1}{\cosh \beta} = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha}, \quad (138)$$

and then

$$\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}{\lambda D} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'}{\sin \alpha}. \quad (139)$$

Derivation of the quadratic phase terms

We begin with

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} - \frac{1}{R_1} \right) \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{-i}{\lambda} \frac{R_1 - D}{D R_1} \lambda \chi_1 R_1 \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{-i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\coth \beta} = \mathfrak{s} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha, \quad (140)$$

and we remark that $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha$ is a real number.

Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \mathbf{r}' \cdot \mathbf{r}' = \frac{i}{\lambda} \frac{R_2 + D}{D R_2} \lambda \chi_2 R_2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \frac{i \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}'}{\coth \beta} = \mathfrak{s} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha, \quad (141)$$

and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha$ is also a real number.

Integral

The previous results lead us to write Eq. (1) in the form

$$U_2 \left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_2 R_2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) = \frac{-i}{\sin \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_1 R_1}{\chi_2 R_2}} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \\ \times \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) U_1 \left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda \chi_1 R_1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (142)$$

that is

$$V_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \frac{-i}{\sin \alpha} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cot \alpha) \\ \times \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} \exp(-\mathfrak{s} i \pi \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cot \alpha) \exp \left(\frac{2i\pi}{\sin \alpha} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \right) V_{c1}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (143)$$

which is Eq. (42).

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