Lensing of Dirac monopole in Berry’s phase

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Abstract

Berry’s phase, which is associated with the slow cyclic motion with a finite period, looks like a Dirac monopole when seen from far away but smoothly changes to a dipole near the level crossing point in the parameter space in an exactly solvable model. This topology change of Berry’s phase is visualized as a result of lensing effect; the monopole supposed to be located at the level crossing point appears at the displaced point when the variables of the model deviate from the precisely adiabatic movement. The effective magnetic field generated by Berry’s phase is determined by a simple geometrical consideration of the magnetic flux coming from the displaced Dirac monopole.

1 Monopole in Berry’s phase

The notion of topology and topological phenomena have become common in various fields in physics. Among them, topological Berry’s phase arises when one analyzes level crossing phenomena in quantum mechanics by a careful use of the adiabatic theorem \cite{1, 2, 3}. The basic mechanism of the phenomenon is very simple and it is ubiquitous in quantum physics. It is thus surprising that one encounters Dirac’s magnetic monopole-like topological phase \cite{4} essentially at each level crossing point for the sufficiently slow cyclic motion in quantum mechanics \cite{2, 5}. The general aspects of the monopole-like topological Berry’s phase in the adiabatic limit and the smooth change of Berry’s phase to a dipole in the nonadiabatic limit have been analyzed in \cite{6} using an exactly solvable version of Berry’s model \cite{5}. We here report on a more quantitative description of the magnetic field generated by Berry’s phase, which is essential to understand the motion of a particle placed in the monopole-like field, together with a surprising connection of the topology change of Berry’s
phase with the formal geometrical movement of Dirac’s monopole in the parameter space caused by the nonadiabatic variation of parameters. This movement is also characterized as an analogue of the lensing effect of Dirac’s monopole in Berry’s phase.

We first briefly summarize the essential setup of the problem for the sake of completeness. Berry originally analyzed the Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi(t) = \hat{H} \psi(t)$$

for the Hamiltonian $$\hat{H} = -\mu \hbar \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}(t)$$ describing the motion of a magnetic moment $$\mu \hbar \vec{\sigma}$$ placed in a rotating magnetic field

$$\vec{B}(t) = B(\sin \theta \cos \varphi(t), \sin \theta \sin \varphi(t), \cos \theta)$$

with $$\vec{\sigma}$$ standing for Pauli matrices. The level crossing takes place at the vanishing external field $$B = 0$$. It is explained later that this parameterization describes the essence of Berry’s phase. It has been noted that the equation (1) is exactly solved if one restricts the movement of the magnetic field to the form

$$\varphi(t) = \omega t$$

with constant $$\omega$$, and constant $$B$$ and $$\theta$$ [5]. The exact solution is then written as

$$\psi_{\pm}(t) = w_{\pm}(t) \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt w_{\pm}^\dagger(t) \left( \hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t \right) w_{\pm}(t) \right]$$

$$= w_{\pm}(t) \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt w_{\pm}^\dagger(t) \hat{H} w_{\pm}(t) \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \mathcal{A}_{\pm}(\vec{B}) \cdot \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} dt \right]$$

where

$$w_{+}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha)e^{-i\varphi(t)} \\ \sin \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha) \end{pmatrix}, \quad w_{-}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha)e^{-i\varphi(t)} \\ -\cos \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \alpha) \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

It is important that these solutions differ from the so-called instantaneous solutions used in the adiabatic approximation, which are given by setting $$\alpha = 0$$; the following analysis of topology change is not feasible using the instantaneous solutions. The parameter $$\alpha(\theta, \eta)$$ is defined by $$\mu \hbar B \sin \alpha = (\hbar \omega / 2) \sin(\theta - \alpha)$$ or equivalently [5]

$$\cot \alpha(\theta, \eta) = \frac{\eta + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

with $$\eta = 2 \mu \hbar B / \hbar \omega$$ for $$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$, which specifies the branch of the cotangent function. The second term in the exponential of the exact solution is customarily called Berry’s phase which is defined by a potential-like object (or connection)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\pm}(\vec{B}) \equiv w_{\pm}^\dagger(t)(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{B}})w_{\pm}(t).$$
This potential describes an azimuthally symmetric static magnetic monopole-like object in the present case.

The solution (3) is confirmed by evaluating

\[
\begin{align*}
    i\hbar \partial_t \psi_{\pm}(t) &= \{i\hbar \partial_t w_{\pm}(t) + w_{\pm}(t)[w_{\pm}^\dagger(t)(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm}(t)]\} \\
    &\times \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' w_{\pm}^\dagger(t')(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm}(t')\right] \\
    &= \{i\hbar \partial_t w_{\pm}(t) + w_{\pm}(t)[w_{\pm}^\dagger(t)(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm}(t)] \\
    &+ w_{\mp}(t)[w_{\pm}^\dagger(t)(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm}(t)]\} \\
    &\times \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' w_{\pm}^\dagger(t')(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm}(t')\right] \\
    &= \hat{H}\psi_{\pm}(t)
\end{align*}
\]

(7)

where we used \(w_{\mp}^\dagger(\hat{H} - i\hbar \partial_t)w_{\pm} = 0\) by noting (5), and the completeness relation \(w_+w_+^\dagger + w_-w_-^\dagger = 1\).

The parameter \(\eta \geq 0\) is written as

\[
\eta = \frac{2\mu B}{\hbar \omega} = \frac{\mu BT}{\pi}
\]

(8)

when one defines the period \(T = 2\pi/\omega\). The parameter \(\eta\) is a ratio of the two different energy scales appearing in the model, namely, the static energy \(2\mu B\) of the dipole moment in an external magnetic field and the kinetic energy (rotation energy) \(\hbar \omega\): \(\eta \gg 1\) (for example, \(T \to \infty\) for any finite \(B\)) corresponds to the adiabatic limit, and \(\eta \ll 1\) (for example, \(T \to 0\) for finite \(B\)) corresponds to the nonadiabatic limit.

In a mathematical treatment of the adiabatic theorem, the precise adiabaticity is defined by \(T \to \infty\) with fixed \(B\) [3].

The parameter \(\alpha(\theta, \eta)\) in (5) is normalized as \(\alpha(0, \eta) = 0\) by definition. Then the topology of the monopole-like object is specified by the value

\[
\lim_{\theta \to \pi} \alpha(\theta, \eta) = 0, \frac{1}{2}\pi, \pi,
\]

(9)

for \(\eta > 1, \eta = 1\) and \(\eta < 1\), respectively, as is explained later.

The extra phase factor for one period of motion is written as,

\[
\exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \oint A_\pm(\vec{B}) \cdot \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} dt\right] = \exp\left\{-i \oint -\frac{1}{2} \cos(\theta - \alpha(\theta, \eta)) d\varphi\right\} \\
= \exp\left\{-i \oint \frac{1}{2} \cos(\theta - \alpha(\theta, \eta)) d\varphi + 2i\pi\right\} \\
= \exp\left\{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \Omega_\pm\right\},
\]

(10)
with the monopole-like integrated flux

\[ \Omega_\pm = \hbar \oint \frac{[1 \mp \cos(\theta - \alpha(\theta, \eta))]}{2B \sin \theta} B \sin \theta d\varphi. \] (11)

In (10), we adjusted the trivial phase \(2\pi i\) for the convenience of the later analysis; this is related to a gauge transformation of Wu and Yang [7, 6]. The corresponding energy eigenvalues are

\[ E_\pm = w_\pm^\dagger(t) \hat{H} w_\pm(t) = \mp (\mu \hbar B \cos \alpha). \] (12)

From now on, we concentrate on \(\Omega_+\) associated with the energy eigenvalue \(E_+\); the monopole \(\Omega_-\) associated with the energy eigenvalue \(E_-\) is described by \(-\Omega_+\) up to a gauge transformation of Wu and Yang. We then have an \textit{azimuthally symmetric} monopole-like potential [6]

\[ A_\varphi = \frac{\hbar}{2B \sin \theta} [1 - \cos \Theta(\theta, \eta)] \] (13)

and \(A_\theta = A_B = 0\), where we defined

\[ \Theta(\theta, \eta) = \theta - \alpha(\theta, \eta). \] (14)

The standard Dirac monopole [4] is recovered when one sets \(\alpha(\theta, \eta) = 0\) (or in the ideal adiabatic limit \(\eta = \infty\) in (5)), namely, \(\Theta = \theta\) in (13) and when \(B\) is identified with the radial coordinate \(r\) in the real space. The crucial parameter \(\Theta(\theta, \eta)\) is shown in Fig.1 [6].

Figure 1: The relation between \(\theta\) and \(\Theta(\theta, \eta) = \theta - \alpha(\theta, \eta)\) parameterized by \(\eta\). We have the exact relations \(\Theta(\theta, \infty) = \theta, \Theta(\theta, 1) = \theta/2\) and \(\Theta(\theta, 0) = 0\), respectively, for \(\eta = \infty, \eta = 1\) and \(\eta = 0\). Topologically, \(\eta > 1\) corresponds to a monopole, \(\eta = 1\) corresponds to a half-monopole, and \(\eta < 1\) corresponds to a dipole, respectively [6]. Note that \(\cos \theta_0 = -\eta\) with \(\eta < 1\), for which \(\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)/\partial \theta = 0\).
The Dirac string appears at the singularity of the potential (13). There exists no singularity at \( \theta = 0 \) since \( \Theta(\theta, \eta) \to 0 \) for \( \theta \to 0 \). The singularity does not appear at the origin \( B = 0 \) with any fixed \( T \) since \( \alpha(\theta, \eta) \to \theta \) for \( B \to 0 \), namely, if one uses \( \Theta(\theta, \eta) \to 0 \) for \( \eta = \mu BT/\pi \to 0 \) in [3]. In fact the potential vanishes at \( B = 0 \) for any finite \( T \); we have a useful relation in the non-adiabatic domain \( \eta = \mu BT/\pi \ll 1 \) [6],

\[
A_\varphi \simeq \frac{\hbar}{4B} (\mu TB/\pi)^2 \sin \theta \tag{15}
\]

that has no singularity associated with the Dirac string at \( \theta = \pi \) near \( B = 0 \) and vanishes at \( B = 0 \). Thus the Dirac string can appear only at \( \theta = \pi \) and only when \( \Theta(\pi, \eta) \neq 0 \), namely, \( \eta \geq 1 \) in Fig.1 or equivalently

\[
B \geq \frac{\pi}{\mu T} \tag{16}
\]

for any fixed finite \( T \) [3]; the end of the Dirac string is located at \( \frac{\pi}{\mu T} \) and \( \theta = \pi \). The total magnetic flux passing through a small circle \( C \) around the Dirac string at the point \( B \) and \( \theta = \pi \) is given by the potential (13)

\[
\oint_C A_\varphi B \sin \theta d\varphi = \frac{e_M}{2} (1 - \cos \Theta(\pi, \eta)) \tag{17}
\]

with \( e_M = 2\pi \hbar \). This flux agrees with the integrated flux outgoing from a sphere with a radius \( B \) covering the monopole due to Stokes’ theorem, since no singularity appears except for the Dirac string. For \( \eta > 1 \), one sees from Fig.1 that the above flux is given by \( e_M = 2\pi \hbar \) and thus Dirac’s quantization condition is satisfied in the sense \( \exp[-ie_M/\hbar] = 1 \). On the other hand, the flux vanishes for \( \eta < 1 \) (i.e., \( B < \frac{\pi}{\mu T} \)) and thus the object changes to a dipole [6].

### 1.1 Fixed \( T \) configurations

We analyze the behavior of the magnetic monopole-like object (13) for fixed \( T \) and varying \( B \); this is close to the description of a monopole in the real space if one identifies \( B \) with the radial variable \( r \) of the real space. The topology and topology change of Berry’s phase when regarded as a magnetic monopole defined in the space of \( \vec{B} \) is specified by the parameter \( \eta \), as is suggested by a discrete jump of the end point \( \lim_{\theta \to \pi} \Theta(\theta, \eta) \) in Fig.1 [3].

Using the exact potential (13) we have an analogue of the magnetic flux in the parameter space \( \vec{B} = B(\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta) \),

\[
\mathcal{B} \equiv \nabla \times \mathcal{A} = \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{\partial \theta} \sin \Theta(\theta, \eta) \frac{1}{B^2} e_B = \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{\partial B} \sin \Theta(\theta, \eta) \frac{e_\theta}{B \sin \theta} \tag{18}
\]
for \( \theta \neq \pi \) and \( B \neq 0 \) with \( \mathbf{e}_B = \frac{\bar{B}}{B} \), and \( \mathbf{e}_\theta \) is a unit vector in the direction \( \theta \) in the spherical coordinates. We have

\[
\frac{\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\eta(\eta + \cos \theta)}{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}
\]  

(19)

by noting \( \frac{\partial \alpha(\theta, \eta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1 + \eta \cos \theta}{(\eta + \cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} \) in (5), and thus \( \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{\partial \eta} = 0 \) at \( \cos \theta_0 = -\eta \) for \( \eta < 1 \). The factor in the second term in (18) is given by recalling \( \eta = \mu T B / \pi \),

\[
\frac{\partial \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\eta}{B} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}
\]  

(20)

using (5) and (14). Thus we have (by setting \( e_M = 2\pi \hbar \))

\[
\mathcal{B} \equiv \nabla \times \mathcal{A} = \frac{e_M \sin \Theta(\theta, \eta)}{4\pi} \frac{\eta}{\sin \theta} \frac{1}{B^2} \frac{1}{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta} \left[ (\eta + \cos \theta) \mathbf{e}_B - \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_\theta \right]
\]  

(21)

We also have from (5),

\[
\cos \alpha = \frac{\eta + \cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}}, \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}}.
\]  

(22)

and thus

\[
\sin \Theta(\theta, \eta) = \sin(\theta - \alpha) = \sin \theta \cos \alpha - \cos \theta \sin \alpha = \frac{\eta \sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}}.
\]  

(23)

and similarly \( \cos \Theta(\theta, \eta) = [1 + \eta \cos \theta] / \sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta} \).

We finally have the azimuthally symmetric magnetic field from (21)

\[
\mathcal{B} = \left( \frac{e_M}{4\pi} \right) \frac{\eta^2}{B^2} \frac{1}{(1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta)^{3/2}} \left[ (\eta + \cos \theta) \mathbf{e}_B - \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_\theta \right].
\]  

(24)

We note that \( B/\eta = \pi / \mu T \) and \( \theta = \pi \) define the end point of the Dirac string in the fixed \( T \) picture. The magnetic field \( \mathcal{B} \) is not singular at \( \theta = \pi \) for \( \eta > 1 \) which shows that the Dirac string is not observable if it satisfies the Dirac quantization
condition. In the adiabatic limit \( \eta \to \infty \) \((\pi/\mu T \to 0 \text{ with fixed } B)\) in \((24)\), the outgoing magnetic flux agrees with that of the Dirac monopole

\[
\mathcal{B} = \frac{e_M}{4\pi} \frac{1}{B^2} e_B
\]

located at the origin (level crossing point) in the parameter space. This is the common magnetic monopole field associated with Berry’s phase in the precise adiabatic approximation. At the origin \( B = 0 \) with fixed finite \( T \), which corresponds to the nonadiabatic limit \( \eta = \mu BT/\pi \to 0 \), the magnetic field \((24)\) approaches a constant field parallel to the z-axis

\[
\mathcal{B} = \frac{e_M}{4\pi} \left(\frac{\mu T}{\pi}\right)^2 \left[ \cos \theta e_B - \sin \theta e_\theta \right].
\]

A view of the magnetic flux generated by the monopole-like object \((24)\) is shown in Fig.2.

In passing, we comment on the notational conventions: \( \vec{B}(t) \) stands for the externally applied magnetic field to define the original Hamiltonian in \((1)\) and \( \vec{B} \) is used to specify the parameter space to define Berry’s phase, and \( B \) stands for the “magnetic field” generated by Berry’s phase in the parameter space. The calligraphic symbols \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \nabla \) and the bold \( e \) stand for vectors without arrows.

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Figure 2: Arrows indicating the direction and magnitude of the magnetic flux from the azimuthally symmetric monopole-like object associated with Berry’s phase \((24)\) in the fixed \( T \) picture. Two spheres with radii \( B > \pi/\mu T \) (i.e., \( \eta > 1 \)) and \( B < \pi/\mu T \) (i.e., \( \eta < 1 \)) are shown. The wavy line stands for the Dirac string with the end located at \( B = \pi/\mu T \) and \( \theta = \pi \) from which the magnetic flux is imported. Only in the ideal adiabatic limit \( T \to \infty \), the end of the Dirac string and the geometrical center of Berry’s phase which is located at the origin agree.
1.2 Lensing of Dirac monopole in Berry’s phase

We show that the monopole associated with Berry’s phase is mathematically regarded as a Dirac monopole moving away from the level crossing point of the parameter space driven by the force generated by the nonadiabatic rotating external field with finite period $T = 2\pi/\omega < \infty$ in Berry’s model. We consider the configuration in Fig.3.

Figure 3: A geometric picture in the 3-dimensional parameter space $\vec{B}$ with a sphere centered at $O$ and the radius $B$ by assuming azimuthal symmetry. We suppose that a genuine azimuthally symmetric Dirac monopole is located at the point $O'$ in the parameter space. The distance between $O$ and $O'$ is chosen at $OO' = B/\eta$. The three angles $\theta$, $\alpha$ and $\Theta = \theta - \alpha$ are shown. The observer is located at the point $P$. The wavy line indicates the Dirac string.

We then have

$$\overrightarrow{OP}^2 = B^2 + \left(\frac{B}{\eta}\right)^2 - 2B\left(\frac{B}{\eta}\right)\cos(\pi - \theta)$$

$$= \frac{B^2}{\eta^2}[1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta\cos\theta],$$  \hspace{1cm} (27)

and the unit vector $\mathbf{e}$ in the direction of $O'P$ is

$$\mathbf{e} = \cos\alpha \mathbf{e}_B - \sin\alpha \mathbf{e}_\theta$$  \hspace{1cm} (28)

with $\mathbf{e}_B = \vec{B}/B$ and $\mathbf{e}_\theta$ is a unit vector in the direction of $\theta$ in the spherical coordinates. Then the magnetic flux of Dirac’s monopole located at $O'$ when observed at
the point P is given by

\[
\mathbf{B}' = \frac{e_M}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\Omega' P^2} \mathbf{e} = \frac{e_M \eta^2}{4\pi B^2} \frac{1}{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta} (\cos \alpha \mathbf{e}_B - \sin \alpha \mathbf{e}_\theta). \tag{29}
\]

Next we fix the parameter \(\alpha\). We have \((B/\eta)^2 = B^2 + \Omega' P^2 - 2B\Omega' P \cos \alpha\) which gives

\[
\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2B(B/\eta)\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}} [B^2 + (\frac{B}{\eta})^2(1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta) - (\frac{B}{\eta})^2]
\]

\[
= \frac{\eta + \cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}} \tag{30}
\]

and from the geometrical relation \(\frac{B \sin \alpha}{B \sin \theta} = \frac{B/\eta}{(B/\eta)\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}},\)

\[
\sin \alpha = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta}}. \tag{31}
\]

The parameter \(\alpha\) agrees with the parameter in \((22)\). The azimuthally symmetric flux \((29)\) is thus given by

\[
\mathbf{B}' = \frac{e_M \eta^2}{4\pi B^2} \frac{1}{(1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta \cos \theta)^{3/2}} [(\eta + \cos \theta)\mathbf{e}_B - (\sin \theta)\mathbf{e}_\theta)] \tag{32}
\]

which agrees with the flux given by Berry’s phase \((24)\).

This agreement of two expressions \((24)\) and \((32)\) shows that the Dirac monopole originally at the level crossing point in the parameter space formally appears to drift away by the distance \(B/\eta = \pi/\mu T\) in the parameter space when the precise adiabaticity condition \(T = \infty\) \([3]\) is spoiled by the finite \(T\). It is interesting that two dynamical parameters, the strength of the external magnetic field and the period in Berry’s model, are converted to very different geometrical parameters in Berry’s phase, namely, the shape of the monopole and the distance of the deviation of the monopole from the level crossing point. The observed magnetic field on the sphere with a radius \(B\), which is controlled by the observer, thus changes when one changes the parameter \(T\) that determines the end of the Dirac string located at \(\pi/\mu T\) in the parameter space. This geometrical picture is useful when one draws the precise magnetic flux from the monopole-like object for finite \(T\) as in Fig.4 and it is essential when one attempts to understand the motion of a particle in the magnetic field.
Figure 4: Arrows indicating the direction and magnitude of the magnetic flux observed at the point P with fixed $B$ and $\theta$ when the end of Dirac string at $\pi/\mu T$ is varied from the point $\pi/\mu T < B$ (Fig.4a) to the boundary $\pi/\mu T = B$ (Fig.4b) and then to the point $\pi/\mu T > B$ (Fig.4c), which correspond to the change of the basic parameter $\eta = \mu BT/\pi$ from the adiabatic domain $\eta = 2.5 > 1$ to the boundary $\eta = 1$ and then to the nonadiabatic domain $\eta = 0.5 < 1$, respectively. The wavy line stands for the Dirac string with the end at $B = \pi/\mu T$ and $\theta = \pi$. These figures after a suitable rescaling may also be interpreted as the results with the end of the Dirac string kept fixed at $\pi/\mu T$ and $\theta = \pi$ and varying the distance $B$, starting with a large $B > \pi/\mu T$ (Fig.4a) toward a small $B < \pi/\mu T$ (Fig.4c) in the parameter space, such as two spheres in Fig.2.

In terms of the original physical setting of a magnetic dipole placed in a given rotating magnetic field described by the Hamiltonian (1), the cone drawn by the dipole becomes sharper compared to the cone of the given magnetic field, which subtends the solid angle $\Omega = 2\pi(1 - \cos \Theta)$, when the rotating speed of the external magnetic field becomes larger and the dipole moment is “left behind”, namely, \[ \psi_+^\dagger(t)\vec{\sigma}\psi_+(t) = w_+^\dagger(t)\vec{\sigma}w_+(t) \]
\[ = (\sin \Theta \cos \varphi(t), \sin \Theta \sin \varphi(t), \cos \Theta) \]
\[ = -\psi_-^\dagger(t)\vec{\sigma}\psi_-(t) \quad (33) \]
that subtends the solid angle $\Omega = 2\pi(1 - \cos \Theta)$ with $\Theta = \theta - \alpha$; this sharper cone is effectively recognized as the drifting monopole in Berry’s phase by an observer located at the point $P$ in Fig.3.

One may thus prefer to understand that Fig.3 implies an analogue of the effect of lensing of Dirac’s monopole, since the movement of the monopole in the parameter space is a mathematical one. In the precise adiabatic limit with $T = \infty$ \[3]\, the monopole is located at the level crossing point $O$, but when the effect of nonadiabatic
rotation with finite $T < \infty$ is turned on, the image of the monopole is displaced to the point $O'$ located at $\pi/\mu T$ by keeping the topology and strength of the point-like monopole intact. In this picture, it is important that the topological monopole itself is not resolved in the nonadiabatic domain but it disappears from observer’s view located at the point P for fixed $B$ when $\pi/\mu T = B/\eta \to$ large with fixed $B$ (i.e., $\eta \to$ small). In the middle, the formal topology change takes place when $\pi/\mu T$ touches the sphere with the fixed radius $B$ (i.e., $\eta = 1$). Even in the picture of lensing, the “magnetic flux” generated by Berry’s phase measured at the point in the parameter space specified by $(B, \theta)$ is the real flux. It will be interesting to examine the possible experimental implications of these aspects of Berry’s phase, which is expressed by the magnetic field (24), in a wider area of physics.

As for the smooth transition from a monopole to a dipole, it appears in the process of shrinking of the sphere with a radius $B$ covering the end of the Dirac string located at $\pi/\mu T$ to a smaller sphere for which $B < \pi/\mu T$ as in Fig.2. When the sphere touches the end of the Dirac string (at $\eta = 1$) in the middle, one encounters a half monopole with the outgoing flux which is half of the full monopole $e_M/2 = \pi \hbar$. See Stokes’ theorem (17) with $\Theta(\pi, \eta = 1) = \pi/2$ in Fig.1. At this specific point, the Dirac string becomes observable [6], corresponding to the Aharonov-Bohm effect [8] of the electron in the magnetic flux generated by the superconducting Cooper pair [9]. It is then natural to attach the end of the Dirac string to an infinitesimally small opening on the sphere forming a closed sphere and thus leading to the vanishing net outgoing flux, which corresponds to a dipole. The idea of the half monopole at $\eta = 1$ is interesting, but it is natural to incorporate it as a part of a dipole. The monopole-like object (13) is always a dipole if one counts the Dirac string as in Fig.2 and Stokes’ theorem (17) always holds. In this sense, no real topology change takes place for the movement of $B$, from large $B$ to small $B$, except for the fact that the unobservable Dirac string becomes observable at $B = \pi/\mu T$ and triggers the topology change from a monopole to a dipole.

2 Discussion and conclusion

The topology or singularity in Berry’s phase arises from the well-known adiabatic theorem [14, 15], namely, no level crossing takes place in the precise adiabatic limit $T \to \infty$. This theorem implies the appearance of some kind of obstruction or barrier to the level crossing in the precise adiabatic limit; the appearance of Dirac’s monopole singularity in the adiabatic limit may be regarded as a manifestation of this obstruction or barrier in the parameter space. Off the precise adiabatic limit with finite $T$, which is physically relevant for the applications of Berry’s phase as
was noted by Berry [2], no more obstruction to the level crossing appears. This is a basis of our expectation of the topology change in Berry’s phase in the nonadiabatic domain.

The topology change in Berry’s phase in the exactly solvable model has been analyzed in detail including the appearance of a half-monopole in [6]. The analysis is essentially based on Fig.1 that is a result of solving the relation (5), which is in turn a result of the Schrödinger equation (11). Because of this complicated logical procedure, the exact “magnetic field” generated by Berry’s phase was not very transparent. In the present paper, we remedied this short coming in [6] by giving a more explicit representation of the magnetic field. In this attempt, we recognized that the magnetic field is in fact given by a very simple geometrical picture in Fig.3. We thus encountered an interesting mathematical description of the topology change in Berry’s phase in terms of a geometrical movement of Dirac’s monopole caused by the nonadiabatic variations of parameters in Berry’s model. It is remarkable that the monopole by itself remains in tact without being resolved even in the nonadiabatic domain, except for the constraint coming from the uncertainty principle. In the exactly solvable model (11), there is a physical lower bound on \( T \) given by an energy-time uncertainty principle for the difference of energy eigenvalues in (12)

\[
|2\hbar \mu B \cos \alpha| T \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad (34)
\]

which, when combined with \( \cos \alpha \) in (22), gives

\[
(\eta + \cos \theta)^2\eta^2 - \left( \frac{1}{4\pi} \right)^2 \geq \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{4\pi} \right)^2. \quad (35)
\]

Namely, we have a lower bound

\[
\eta \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}. \quad (36)
\]

For the values of \( \eta \) smaller than (36), one cannot physically recognize the difference of two energy eigenvalues in (12); in such a case, the distinction of two monopoles associated with \( E_\pm \) in (12) will not be possible, besides \( \Omega_\pm \to 2\pi \hbar \) or 0 in (11). Our analysis of the exactly solvable model indicates that the dipole-like behavior for both \( \Omega_\pm \) will appear for the values of \( \eta \) between the boundary \( \eta = 1 \) and the bound (36), namely, \( 1 > \eta > \frac{1}{4\pi} \).

Traditionally, we are accustomed to understanding the topology change in terms of the winding and unwinding of some topological obstruction. The present geometrical description of topology change in terms of the moving monopole is a hitherto unknown mechanism. This new mechanism partly arises from the fact that Berry’s
phase is not a simple monopole but rather a complex of the monopole and the level crossing point located at the origin of coordinates. If one instead understands Berry’s phase as a simple monopole, one will find a novel class of monopoles [10] [11].

A notable application of Berry’s phase in momentum space, which is defined by the effective Hamiltonian by replacing \( \vec{B}(t) \rightarrow \vec{p}(t) \) in the original model of Berry

\[
\hat{H} = -\mu \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}(t),
\]  

(37)

is known in the analyses of the anomalous Hall effect [12] and the spin Hall effect [13]. This effective Hamiltonian of the two-level crossing for the generic \( \vec{p}(t) \) (Bloch momentum) has been analyzed in detail in [6], and it has been shown that Berry’s phase for (37) is determined by the time derivative of the azimuthal angle \( \dot{\varphi}(t) \) in both adiabatic (monopole) and nonadiabatic (dipole) limits, and thus our parameterization [2] describes an essential aspect of the topology of Berry’s phase. To be more precise, Berry’s phase becomes trivial, namely, either 0 or 2\( \pi \), in the model (37) for the nonadiabatic limit

\[
(\mu|\vec{p}|)T/\hbar \ll 1
\]  

(38)

which corresponds to \( \eta \ll 1 \) in terms of the parameter in (8). This estimate is consistent with the analysis of the exactly solvable model for \( \eta < \frac{1}{4\pi} \) in (36). Our present analysis implies that one may be able to observe experimentally the effective movement of the monopole in momentum space, as is represented by the magnetic field in (24) (by replacing \( B \rightarrow |\vec{p}| \)), at away from the precise adiabaticity in the model (37). Also, it will be interesting to examine the implications of the present analysis on the very basic issue if Berry’s phase associated with (37) deforms the principle of quantum mechanics by giving rise to anomalous canonical commutators [16].

In conclusion, the analysis of an exactly solvable model has revealed that the topology change in Berry’s phase is mathematically visualized as the geometrical movement or the lensing of Dirac’s monopole in the parameter space. This will help better understand both Berry’s phase and Dirac’s monopole.

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