Classical analogs of the covariance matrix, purity, linear entropy, and von Neumann entropy

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We obtain a classical analog of the quantum covariance matrix by performing its classical approximation for any continuous quantum state, and we illustrate this approach with the anharmonic oscillator. Using this classical covariance matrix, we propose classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy for classical integrable systems, when the quantum counterpart of the system under consideration is in a Gaussian state. As is well known, this matrix completely characterizes the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy for Gaussian states. These classical analogs can be interpreted as quantities that reveal how much information from the complete system remains in the considered subsystem. To illustrate our approach, we calculate these classical analogs for three coupled harmonic oscillators and two linearly coupled oscillators. We find that they exactly reproduce the results of their quantum counterparts. In this sense, it is remarkable that we can calculate these quantities from the classical viewpoint.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Within the theory of quantum information, many tools help us describe the structure of the space of quantum states; in particular, it has been found that many structures of geometric type can be developed, and this branch of the theory is known as quantum information geometry. This branch aims to develop structures that allow us to establish a measure of distance between quantum states. Since quantum mechanics is a theory based on probability, the most logical idea to establish a geometric structure within this subject is to introduce a distance between probability distributions. In this way, Rokhlin [1] and Rajski [2] introduced an information metric between two random variables; of course, the concept of statistical distance is entirely independent of quantum mechanics and can be defined in any probability space. However, using this metric, Schumacher [3] was able to show the nonseparability of entangled states. On the other hand, the geometric structure of quantum mechanics has also borne many fruits, defining it through the parameter space using many quantities; among the most notable are the quantum fidelity [4], the quantum metric tensor [5], the Berry phase [6], and the Loschmidt echo [7]. Furthermore, using a recent formulation [8] it is possible to rewrite these geometric structures in terms of correlation functions of time-dependent operators. In contrast, within classical mechanics, the state space has a real differentiable manifold structure and the observables correspond to the space of functions on the manifold. Despite this, there are several classical analogs of some tools found in quantum information geometry in the context of integrable systems, like the Hannay angle [9] (see [10,11] for systems involving coherent states) and the classical analog of the quantum metric tensor [12–14].

A fundamental property of quantum mechanics is entanglement, which plays a crucial role in quantum information and gives rise to quantities such as purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy. All these quantities are used to measure the degree of entanglement between quantum states, which is the quantum phenomenon par excellence [15]. It is well known that quantum entanglement does not have a classical counterpart [16], however, some of the mentioned quantities do have a classic analog, such as linear quantum entropy [17]. Furthermore, the quantum covariance matrix is a widely used tool for studying entanglement; see, for instance, [18] and references therein. An important feature of the quantum covariance matrix is that it fully characterizes Gaussian states, which play a crucial role in quantum information theory and many quantum optics experiments. For example, several quantum communication experiments use only Gaussian states [19,20]. In this line of thought, we wonder about the classical analogs of the quantum covariance matrix, purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy for classical integrable systems.
The purpose of this article is twofold. First, we derive a classical analog of the quantum covariance matrix by performing its classical approximation in the context of integrable systems. Notably, the classical covariance matrix is able to produce the same results as its quantum counterpart, up to the use of a quantization rule for the action variables. Second, using the classical covariance matrix, we propose classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy for Gaussian states. Our classical analogs provide a measure of “nonseparability” of the individual subsystems in phase space. In [21] it was suggested that provide a measure of “nonseparability” of the individual 

$$\psi$$

where ˆ is a classical analogy of a quantum state

The structure of the paper is the following. After this introduction, in Sec. II, we first review the relationship between the quantum covariance matrix, symplectic matrix, and quantum geometric tensor using the path integral formulation of quantum mechanics. Then, we obtain a classical covariance matrix for classical integrable systems, written in terms of action-angle variables, and establish its relation with the quantum covariance matrix. We show that this classical matrix yields the same results of its quantum counterpart for the ground state (which it is not Gaussian) of the anharmonic oscillator, up to a quantization rule. In Sec. III, we recall the definition of purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy. These functions are completely determined by the quantum covariance matrix of the system if it is in a Gaussian state. Then, taking this into account, in Sec. IV, we introduce classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy for classical integrable systems. These classical analogs are entirely determined by the classical covariance matrix of the classical system. In Sec. V, we compute and compare our classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy with their quantum counterparts for two examples: three coupled harmonic oscillators and two linearly coupled oscillators. In Sec. VI, we give our conclusions and some comments. The paper ends with Appendices A and B.

II. QUANTUM AND CLASSICAL COVARIANCE MATRICES

The quantum covariance matrix $\sigma = (\sigma_{\alpha \beta})$ of a quantum state $|m\rangle$ has entries given by

$$\sigma_{\alpha \beta} := \frac{1}{2} (\hat{r}_\alpha \hat{r}_\beta + \hat{r}_\beta \hat{r}_\alpha)_{m} - (\hat{r}_\alpha)_{m} (\hat{r}_\beta)_{m}, \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{r} = (\hat{q}_1, \ldots, \hat{q}_N, \hat{p}_1, \ldots, \hat{p}_N)^T$ is a $2N$-dimensional column vector of position and momentum operators, $\alpha$ and $\beta$ run from 1 to $2N$, and $(\cdot)_m = \langle m | \cdot | m \rangle$ stands for the expectation value in the state $|m\rangle$. Throughout this paper, bold letters with a hat denote quantum operators. Before carrying out the classical approximation of the quantum covariance matrix (1), we want to show how it and the Fubini-Study metric are related, which can be performed using the path-integral formulation of quantum mechanics. Suppose that a Hamiltonian $H$ describes our system during the time interval $t \in (\infty, 0)$, and assume that this Hamiltonian depends on a set of phase-space coordinates $(q_{1a}, p_{1a})$ with $a = 1, \ldots, N$ and some parameters $\lambda_a$, with $i = 1, \ldots, M$. We shall consider that the full set of phase-space coordinates and parameters is denoted by $\lambda = (q_{ia}, p_{ia}, \lambda_i)$, in consequence, $A = 1, \ldots, 2N + M$. Furthermore, we assume that $H_i$ possesses a discrete and nondegenerate spectrum $E_i$. Now, consider that at $t = 0$, the system suffers a perturbation that modifies the Hamiltonian in the form

$$H_f = H_i + O_i \delta \xi^A, \quad (2)$$

where $O_i = \partial H_i / \partial \xi^A$ are deformation functions and the system evolves from $(0, \infty)$ with this new Hamiltonian $H_f$. Notice that here we are considering more general variations than those given in [8] since we allow variations of the phase space variables $(q_{ia}, p_{ia})$. However, these variations could only be translations in such a way that we can extract them from the quantum averages. Now, following a procedure analogous to that presented in [8], we can arrive at a generalized quantum geometric tensor for the $m$th state

$$G^{(m)}_{AB} = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{0} dt_1 \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_2 [\hat{O}_A(t_1) \hat{O}_B(t_2)]_m - \langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_m \langle \hat{O}_B(t_2) \rangle_m]. \quad (3)$$

The real part of this tensor gives the Fubini-Study metric, $g^{(m)}_{AB} = \text{Re} G^{(m)}_{AB}$, and its imaginary part is related to the (generalized) Berry curvature, $F^{(m)}_{AB} = -2 \text{Im} G^{(m)}_{AB}$. An alternative expression for (3) is given in [22]. In this way, we have full expressions for the quantum metric tensor and the Berry curvature for the $m$th quantum state and defined for arbitrary variations in the parameter-space and phase-space translations.

The phase-space part of $g^{(m)}_{AB}$ is related to the quantum covariance matrix in the following way:

$$g^{(m)}_{q_{ia}q_{ib}} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left[ \hat{p}_a \hat{p}_b + \hat{p}_b \hat{p}_a \right]_m - \langle \hat{p}_a \rangle_m \langle \hat{p}_b \rangle_m \right), \quad (4a)$$

$$g^{(m)}_{p_{ia}p_{ib}} = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left[ \hat{q}_a \hat{q}_b + \hat{q}_b \hat{q}_a \right]_m - \langle \hat{q}_a \rangle_m \langle \hat{q}_b \rangle_m \right), \quad (4b)$$

$$g^{(m)}_{p_{ia}q_{ib}} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left[ \hat{q}_a \hat{q}_b + \hat{q}_b \hat{q}_a \right]_m - \langle \hat{q}_a \rangle_m \langle \hat{q}_b \rangle_m \right). \quad (4c)$$

The proof of these equations is given in Appendix A. In this way, we observe that the Fubini-Study metric for the phase-space variables reduces to the quantum covariance matrix (1), up to the $1/\hbar^2$ factor and a sign in the components $g^{(m)}_{q_{ia}q_{ib}}$. As a closing remark, it is worth noting that the phase-space part of the generalized Berry curvature $F^{(m)}_{q_{ia}q_{ib}}$ is related to the
symplectic matrix $\Omega_{\alpha\beta} := -i[f_\alpha, f_\beta]$ as

$$F^{(m)}_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \Omega_{\alpha\beta}. \quad (5)$$

Thus, the generalized quantum geometric tensor (3) contains both the quantum covariance matrix and the symplectic matrix. Notice that the quantum geometric tensor associated to the parameters admits a classical analog. Then, it is natural to look for a classical analog of the phase space part of (3).

A. Classical approximation of the quantum covariance matrix

In this section, we consider classical integrable systems for which the action-angle variables $I = \{I_i\}$ and $q = \{q_i\}$ exist and prove that the quantum covariance matrix (1) reduces to the “classical” covariance matrix $\sigma^{ccl} = (\sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\beta})$, with matrix elements

$$\sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\beta} := \langle r_\alpha r_\beta \rangle_{\text{cl}} - \langle r_\alpha \rangle_{\text{cl}} \langle r_\beta \rangle_{\text{cl}}, \quad (6)$$

in the classical approximation, i.e., when $\hbar \to 0$, $m \to \infty$ such that $m\hbar$ is constant and equal to a particular torus $I_\alpha$ corresponding to a quantum state $|m\rangle$. In (6), $r = (q_1, \ldots, q_N, p_1, \ldots, p_N)^T$ is a $2N$-dimensional phase-space column vector and we define

$$\langle f \rangle_{\text{cl}} := \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^N q \, d^N p \, f(q, p), \quad (7)$$

which denotes the classical average of a function $f = f(q, p)$. Here, we write $d^N q = dq_1 \cdots dq_N$. Notice that (6), as well as (1), is symmetric ($\sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma^{ccl}_{\beta\alpha}$) and positive-semidefinite. In Appendix B, we provide another perspective on the classical average (7).

The proof can be done straightforwardly by using the Wigner-function formalism [14,23–25]. In this approach, the expectation value of an operator $\hat{O}(\hat{q}, \hat{p})$ can be written as

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_m = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^N q \, d^N p \, W_m \, \hat{O}, \quad (8)$$

where $W_m$ is the Wigner function and $\hat{O}$ is the Weyl transform of $\hat{O}$, which are, respectively, given by

$$W_m(q, p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^N z \, e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{p}{2} z} \psi_m(q + \frac{z}{2}) \psi_m^*(q - \frac{z}{2}), \quad (9a)$$

$$\hat{O}(q, p) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^N z \, e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{p}{2} z} \langle \hat{O} | q, p \rangle | q - \frac{z}{2} \rangle. \quad (9b)$$

Here, the variables $q = \{q_\alpha\}$ and $p = \{p_\beta\}$ are the eigenvalues of the operators $\hat{q}$ and $\hat{p}$, respectively. Also, we write $p = \sum_{\beta=1}^{N} p_\beta z_\beta$, and $\psi_m(q + \frac{z}{2}) = (q + \frac{z}{2})_m$, $\psi_m(q - \frac{z}{2}) = \langle m | q - \frac{z}{2} \rangle$. Some useful results are that if $\hat{F} = F(\hat{q}), \hat{G} = G(\hat{p})$, and $\hat{K} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \hat{q} \hat{p} + \hat{p} \hat{q} \rangle$, then their Weyl transform satisfy $\hat{F} = F(q), \hat{G} = G(p)$, and $\hat{K} = q_\alpha p_\beta$, respectively [25].

Let us now consider a quantum system whose classical motion is integrable. In the classical limit (which we denote by $\simeq$), the Wigner function $W_m(q, p)$ becomes a delta function on the torus $I_\alpha$ associated with the quantum state $|m\rangle$ [26]. More precisely, it is given by

$$W_m(q, p) \simeq \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \delta[I(q, p) - I_m]. \quad (10)$$

Using (10) together with (8) and (7), we can show that

$$\langle \hat{q}_\alpha \rangle_m \simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^N q \, d^N p \, \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \delta[I(q, p) - I_m] q_\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \int_{0}^{\bar{\pi} \hbar} d^N \varphi \, \delta[I - I_m] q_\alpha(I, \varphi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi \hbar)^N} \int_{0}^{\bar{\pi} \hbar} d^N \varphi \, q_\alpha(I_m, \varphi)$$

$$= \langle \hat{q}_\alpha \rangle_{\text{cl}}. \quad (11)$$

By following an analogous procedure, it is possible to prove the following relations:

$$\langle \hat{p}_\alpha \rangle_m \simeq \langle \hat{p}_\alpha \rangle_{\text{cl}}, \quad (12a)$$

$$\langle \hat{p}_\beta \rangle_m \simeq \langle \hat{p}_\beta \rangle_{\text{cl}}, \quad (12b)$$

$$\langle \hat{q}_\beta \hat{p}_\alpha + \hat{p}_\alpha \hat{q}_\beta \rangle_m \simeq \langle \hat{q}_\alpha \hat{p}_\beta + \hat{p}_\beta \hat{q}_\alpha \rangle_{\text{cl}} \simeq \langle \hat{q}_\alpha \hat{p}_\beta + \hat{p}_\beta \hat{q}_\alpha \rangle_{\text{cl}}. \quad (12c)$$

Plugging (11) and (12) into (1), it follows that $\sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\beta} \simeq \sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\beta}$, and hence

$$\sigma \simeq \sigma^{ccl}. \quad (13)$$

which completes the proof. Then, we show that, for a quantum system whose classical counterpart is integrable, the classical analog of $\sigma$ is given by $\sigma^{ccl}$. This means that we can get a first glimpse of the quantum covariance matrix $\sigma$ from the classical framework by using $\sigma^{ccl}$.

To complete the scheme, we introduce the classical analog of the symplectic matrix (5). In this case, to order $\hbar$ we now obtain

$$\frac{1}{i\hbar} (\hat{q}_\alpha \hat{p}_\beta - \hat{p}_\alpha \hat{q}_\beta)_m$$

$$= \frac{1}{i\hbar} (q_\alpha * p_\beta - p_\beta * q_\alpha)_m = \langle \{q_\alpha, p_\beta\} \rangle_{\text{cl}}, \quad (14)$$

where to take the classical limit, we first transform all the operators to functions using the phase-space formalism of quantum mechanics and the Moyal product [27], and $\{q_\alpha, p_\beta\}$ corresponds to the Poisson bracket. On the other hand, since the classical covariance matrix is positive-semidefinite it follows that the corresponding uncertainty relation between the functions $r_\alpha$ and $r_\beta$ is

$$\sigma^{ccl}_{\alpha\alpha} \sigma^{ccl}_{\beta\beta} \geq 0. \quad (15)$$

See [28] for a general classical statistical uncertainty relation.

In the next sections, we exploit the consequences of (13) and propose, for integrable systems, classical analogs of some quantum quantities that can be written as a function of the quantum covariance matrix.

B. Classical and quantum covariance matrices of the quartic anharmonic oscillator

Here, we illustrate the computation of the classical covariance matrix for the quartic anharmonic oscillator and compare
it with its quantum counterpart. We consider the Hamiltonian
\[ H = \frac{1}{2m}p^2 + \frac{m_0^2q^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{4!}q^4, \]  
(16)
with \( \lambda > 0 \) but \( \lambda \ll 1 \) so that we can treat the system perturbatively.

We begin by splitting the Hamiltonian into two pieces: the unperturbed exactly solvable Hamiltonian \( H_0 = \frac{1}{2m}p^2 + \frac{m_0^2q^2}{2} \), and the perturbation \( H_1 = \frac{1}{4!}q^4 \). In this way, (16) reads as
\[ H = H_0 + \lambda H_1. \]  
(17)
The action-angle variables \( (\varphi_0, I_0) \) of \( H_0 \) are
\[ q = \sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{m_0\omega_0}} \sin \varphi_0, \]  
(18a)
\[ p = \sqrt{2I_0m_0\omega_0} \cos \varphi_0. \]  
(18b)

To find the action-angle variables \( (\varphi, I) \) of the complete Hamiltonian (16), we need the generating function of the canonical transformation \( (\varphi_0, I_0) \rightarrow (\varphi, I) \) which we call \( W \). This function depends on the mixed pair \( (\varphi_0, I_0) \) and is expressed as a power series in \( \lambda \):
\[ W = \varphi_0I + \lambda W_1 + \lambda^2W_2 + \cdots, \]  
(19)
where the functions \( W \)'s are computed through canonical perturbation theory [29]. This in turn allows us to obtain \( I_0 \) and \( \varphi \) as
\[ I_0 = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varphi_0} = I + \lambda \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial \varphi_0} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial W_2}{\partial \varphi_0} + \cdots, \]  
(20a)
\[ \varphi = \frac{\partial W}{\partial I} = \varphi_0 + \lambda \frac{\partial W_1}{\partial I} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial W_2}{\partial I} + \cdots. \]  
(20b)
The substitution of (20a) into (18) and a further expansion in \( \lambda \) gives us the required elements to compute the classical covariance matrix. All that remains is to change the measure of the classical average (7) as \( d\varphi = (\partial \varphi / \partial \varphi_0)d\varphi_0 \) using (20b) to facilitate the integration. The averages \( \langle q \rangle_{cl} \) and \( \langle p \rangle_{cl} \) vanish, and the components of resulting classical covariance matrix to order \( \lambda^2 \) are
\[ \sigma_{11}^{cl} = \langle q^2 \rangle_{cl} = \frac{I}{m_0} - \frac{\lambda I^2}{8m^2\omega_0^4} + \frac{85\lambda^2I^3}{2304m^4\omega_0^6} + \cdots, \]  
(21a)
\[ \sigma_{12}^{cl} = \langle qp \rangle_{cl} = 0, \]  
(21b)
\[ \sigma_{22}^{cl} = \langle p^2 \rangle_{cl} = m_0I + \frac{\lambda I^2}{8m_0}\omega_0^4 - \frac{17\lambda^2I^3}{768m^3\omega_0^6} + \cdots. \]  
(21c)

Now, on the quantum side, we compute the quantum covariance matrix for the ground state only, which already departs from a Gaussian state. To this end, we use the perturbative procedure of nonlinearization to obtain the wave function as a power series in \( \lambda \) [30]. Once the wave function is obtained, we can compute the required expectation values, finding that \( \langle q \rangle_0 \) and \( \langle p \rangle_0 \) vanish. The quantum covariance matrix to order \( \lambda^2 \) turns out to be
\[ \sigma_{11} = \langle q^2 \rangle_0 = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_0} - \frac{\lambda\hbar^2}{16m^2\omega_0^4} + \frac{35\lambda^2\hbar^3}{1536m^3\omega_0^6} + \cdots, \]  
(22a)
\[ \sigma_{12} = \langle qp \rangle_0 = 0, \]  
(22b)
\[ \sigma_{22} = \langle p^2 \rangle_0 = \frac{m_0\hbar}{2} + \frac{\lambda\hbar^2}{16m\omega_0} - \frac{7\lambda^2\hbar^3}{512m^2\omega_0^4} + \cdots. \]  
(22c)

To compare (21) with (22), we need to establish a quantization prescription for the action variable. A first and simple approach, although not exact, is to use the quantization rule of the harmonic oscillator for the ground state \( I = \hbar/2 \); this yields important differences between the coefficients of the terms in both series. A second approach is to use different quantizations for different powers of the action variable, analogous to what was done in [12,13]. In this case, the rules are \( I = \hbar/2, I^2 = \hbar^2/2, \) and \( I^3 = 21\hbar^3/34 \), which substituted into (21) give rise to (22) and are precisely the same rules that reproduce the energy series [31,32]. This shows that, even for this nonquadratic system, the classical covariance matrix leads to the same results as its quantum counterpart modulo a quantization rule.

In the light of the classical uncertainty relation (15), we draw attention to the product of the variances \( (\Delta r_a)^2 = \langle (r_a - \langle r_a \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle r_a^2 \rangle - \langle r_a \rangle^2 = \sigma_{aa}^{cl} \) of \( q \) and \( p \). Using (21) we obtain, in the classical case,
\[ (\Delta q)^2(\Delta p)^2 = I^2 - \frac{\lambda^2I^4}{1152m^4\omega_0^6} + \cdots, \]  
(23)
and using (22), the result in the quantum case is
\[ (\Delta q)^2(\Delta p)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} + \frac{\lambda^2\hbar^4}{1536m^3\omega_0^6} + \cdots. \]  
(24)

Clearly, the zeroth order in \( \lambda \) corresponds to the well-known result of the harmonic oscillator.

In Fig. 1, we show the plots of both functions and see that the curve of the quantum result grows with \( \lambda \), as opposed to the classical result. This illustrates the fact that the product of variances in the quantum case must be greater than or equal to
\[ h^2/4, \] which is a stronger constraint than the nonnegativity of the classical case.

### III. PURITY, LINEAR QUANTUM ENTROPY, AND VON NEUMANN ENTROPY

The purity \( \mu \) of a normalized quantum state, described by a density operator \( \hat{\rho} \), is defined as [33,34]

\[ \mu(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2). \]  

(25)

Notice that for pure states \( \hat{\rho}^2 = \hat{\rho} \) and then \( \mu \) takes a maximum value of 1. On the other hand, for mixed states \( \hat{\rho}^2 \neq \hat{\rho} \) and thus \( 0 < \mu < 1 \). The purity is related to the linear quantum entropy \( S_L \) by

\[ S_L(\hat{\rho}) = 1 - \mu(\hat{\rho}), \]

(26)

which provides a measure of the degree of mixedness of a quantum state.

So far, we consider general quantum states. In what follows, we restrict our analysis to Gaussian states, which are well known for being fully characterized by the quantum covariance matrix and the first moments of the canonical operators [33,34]. The motivation is that, for these states, the purity depends only on the quantum covariance matrix [33,35–39]. In fact, considering an \( n \)-mode Gaussian state with quantum covariance matrix \( \sigma(n) \) (\( n \) denotes the degrees of freedom of the subsystem formed by the particles \( a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \) of the system of \( N \) degrees of freedom), the purity (25) takes the simple form

\[ \mu(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = \left( \frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\sigma(n))}}. \]  

(27)

Here, the subscript \( n \) represents \( (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \), for a compact notation. We must notice that, written in this way, the purity \( \mu \) has a statistical interpretation in terms of the quantum covariance matrix or the Fubini-Study metric, which tells us how much information from the complete system remains in the subsystem considered. This fact will allow us to give a classical interpretation of the quantum purity, as we will see in the following section.

The name “linear quantum entropy” of \( S_L \) follows from the fact that it corresponds to a lower approximation of the von Neumann entropy \( S \), which for a quantum state \( \hat{\rho} \) is defined by

\[ S(\hat{\rho}) = -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}). \]  

(28)

The von Neumann entropy is zero for pure states and serves as a measure of the mixedness of the quantum state [34]. Notably, for an \( n \)-mode Gaussian state with covariance matrix \( \sigma(n) \), this entropy can be written as [33,38,40–42]

\[ S(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} S(v_k), \]  

(29)

with

\[ S(v_k) = (v_k + \frac{1}{2}) \ln (v_k + \frac{1}{2}) - (v_k - \frac{1}{2}) \ln (v_k - \frac{1}{2}). \]  

(30)

where \( v_k \) are the symplectic eigenvalues of \( \sigma(n)/\hbar \), i.e., they are the entries of a nonnegative diagonal matrix \( D = \text{diag}\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \), which, together with a suitable symplectic matrix \( M \), permits us to write

\[ M^{-1} \left( \frac{\sigma(n)}{\hbar} \right) M = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & D \end{pmatrix}. \]  

(31)

Notice that \( S(v_k) = 0 \) only if \( v_k = 1/2 \), and that in the case of one degree of freedom [41], for the particle \( a_1 \), we have

\[ v_1 = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\sigma_{p_1q_1} \sigma_{q_1q_1} - (\sigma_{q_1p_1})^2}. \]  

(32)

It is worth mentioning that using (31), the purity (27) can also be expressed in terms of the symplectic eigenvalues of \( \sigma(n)/\hbar \). In fact, we have

\[ \mu(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \right)^n \prod_{k=1}^{n} v_k^{-1}. \]  

(33)

### IV. CLASSICAL ANALOGS OF THE PURITY, LINEAR QUANTUM ENTROPY, AND VON NEUMANN ENTROPY

The goal of this section is to provide classic analogs of the purity (27), linear quantum entropy (26), and von Neumann entropy (29) in the framework of classical integrable systems.

Then, we consider here a subsystem consisting of the \( n \) particles \( a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \) of the classical integrable \( N \)-system, which is written in terms of the action-angle variables \( (\varphi, I) \).

Bearing in mind (27), the relation (13) for the quantum \( \sigma(n) \) and classical \( \sigma(n)_{\text{cl}} \) covariance matrices, i.e., \( \sigma(n) \simeq \sigma(n)_{\text{cl}} \), and the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule for the action variables, in the sense \( \hbar/2 \to I_k \), it is natural to define the classical function

\[ \mu_{\text{cl}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\sigma(n)_{\text{cl}})}} \prod_{k=1}^{n} I_k. \]  

(34)

We recall that the \( I_k \) is associated with the \( k \)th normal mode. This in turn allows us to define, in analogy with (26), the classical function

\[ S_{L_{\text{cl}}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) := 1 - \mu_{\text{cl}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n). \]  

(35)

It is worth making some comments about (34) and (35). First, \( \mu_{\text{cl}} \) and \( S_{L_{\text{cl}}} \) are purely classical quantities and to calculate them \( \text{no a priori} \) knowledge of the corresponding quantum system is required. Second, \( \mu_{\text{cl}} \) and \( S_{L_{\text{cl}}} \) are functions of the action variables and the system’s parameters only. Consequently, to compare \( \mu_{\text{cl}} \) and \( S_{L_{\text{cl}}} \) with \( \mu \) [given by (27)] and \( S_L \), respectively, we should resort to the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule and set \( I_k = \hbar/2 \). However, to avoid the use of this rule and keep the calculations completely in the classical setting, we can define classical functions from (34) and (35) closest to their quantum counterparts by making all action variables equal to a real-positive constant \( \alpha \). By doing this, the resulting classical functions are

\[ \tilde{\mu}_{\text{cl}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) := \lim_{\hbar \to 0} \mu_{\text{cl}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \]

\[ = \alpha^n \lim_{\hbar \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\sigma(n))}}. \]  

(36a)

\[ \tilde{S}_{L_{\text{cl}}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) := 1 - \tilde{\mu}_{\text{cl}}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n). \]  

(36b)
which can be regarded as classical analogs of the purity (27) and linear quantum entropy (26), respectively. We remark that \( \bar{\mu}^{\text{cl}} \) and \( S_{1}^{\text{cl}} \) are classical quantities since in their calculation we do not need to invoke anything from the quantum framework. As we will see in the examples of Sec. V, the functions \( \bar{\mu}^{\text{cl}} \) and \( S_{1}^{\text{cl}} \) yield exactly the same mathematical results as their quantum counterparts and, remarkably, without the need of setting \( \alpha = \hbar / 2 \). Notice that (36a) and (36b) are defined for any integrable system. However, it is only when the corresponding quantum system is in a Gaussian state that \( \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}} \) and \( \tilde{S}_{1}^{\text{cl}} \) correspond to the classical analogs of the quantum purity and linear quantum entropy, respectively.

In complete analogy with (29) and taking into account the relation (13) for the quantum and classical covariances matrices as well as the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule for the action variables \( \hbar / 2 \rightarrow I_{k} \), we define the classical function

\[
S^{\text{cl}}(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}) := \sum_{k=1}^{n} S^{\text{cl}}(\sigma_{k}),
\]

(37)

where

\[
S^{\text{cl}}(\sigma_{k}) := (\sigma_{k} + \frac{1}{2}) \ln (\sigma_{k} + \frac{1}{2}) - (\sigma_{k} - \frac{1}{2}) \ln (\sigma_{k} - \frac{1}{2}),
\]

(38)

with \( \sigma_{k} := \sigma_{k}^{\text{cl}} / 2I_{k} \) being \( \sigma_{k}^{\text{cl}} \) the symplectic eigenvalues of \( \sigma^{\text{cl}}_{(n)} \). In the case \( n = 1 \), for the particle \( a_{1} \) we get

\[
\sigma_{1} = \frac{1}{2I_{a_{1}}} \sqrt{\sigma^{\text{cl}}_{p_{a_{1}}q_{a_{1}}}} \sigma^{\text{cl}}_{q_{a_{1}}p_{a_{1}}} - (\sigma^{\text{cl}}_{q_{a_{1}}p_{a_{1}}})^{2}. \]

(39)

We can go further and define a classical function closer to (29) by setting all action variables equal to a constant in (37). That is, we can define the function

\[
S^{\text{cl}}(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}) := \sum_{k=1}^{n} S^{\text{cl}}(\bar{\sigma}_{k}),
\]

(40a)

\[
\bar{\sigma}_{k} := \lim_{k \rightarrow \beta} \sigma_{k}, \quad (40b)
\]

where \( S^{\text{cl}} \) is given by (38) and \( \beta \) is a real-positive constant, which, as we will see, disappears during the calculation (as in the classical analog of the purity). The function (40a) is defined for any integrable system and can be regarded as a classical analog of the von Neumann entropy when the quantum counterpart of the system under consideration is in a Gaussian state. A remarkable fact about (40a) is that it can be calculated completely from a classical point of view and, as shown in the examples, it yields exactly the same mathematical results as the von Neumann entropy.

Notice that the classical analog of the purity (34) can also be expressed in terms of the symplectic eigenvalues \( \bar{\sigma}_{k} \) as

\[
\bar{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{n} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \bar{\sigma}_{k}^{-1},
\]

(41)

in analogy with (33).

Finally, to better understand why we obtain the same mathematical results of the purity and entropy from a classical point of view, we can observe that we have both local and global information when describing our system in terms of action-angle variables. Thus, using the \( n \) action variables, we have a torus \( T^{n} \). In contrast, when analyzing the correlations of the original variables \( q_{i}(\varphi, I), \ldots, q_{n}(\varphi, I), p_{i}(\varphi, I), \ldots, p_{n}(\varphi, I) \), we see a knot \( K^{n}(K^{n}) \) since all the variables are correlated in this case and we are observing the \( n \) subsystem. In this sense, the classical functions \( \bar{\mu}^{\text{cl}}, \bar{S}_{1}^{\text{cl}} \) and \( \bar{S}_{1}^{\text{cl}} \) provide a measure of “nonseparability” of the individual subsystems in phase space.

V. EXAMPLES

In this section, we present two examples of coupled oscillators for which we compute the classical functions defined in the previous section. At the same time, we compare the results with those found using the quantum definitions for the ground state of the quantum counterpart of these classical integrable systems. Both examples show that our classical approach provides exactly the same results as their quantum counterparts.

A. Three coupled harmonic oscillators

Let us consider a system of three coupled harmonic oscillators (\( N = 3, a = 1, 2, 3 \)) with parameters \( \{k, k_{12}, k_{13}\} \). The Hamiltonian reads

\[
H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2} [p_{1}^{2} + p_{2}^{2} + p_{3}^{2} + k(q_{1}^{2} + q_{2}^{2} + q_{3}^{2})]
\]

+ \( k_{12}[(q_{1} - q_{2})^{2} + (q_{2} - q_{3})^{2}] + k_{13}(q_{1} - q_{3})^{2} \). \quad (42)

To deal with this Hamiltonian, it is convenient to introduce the transformation from the variables \( (q, p) \) to new variables \( (Q, P) \) given by

\[
Q = S q, \quad P = S p, \quad (43)
\]

where

\[
Q = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{1} \\ Q_{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} q_{1} \\ q_{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{1} \\ P_{2} \\ P_{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1} \\ p_{2} \\ p_{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (44)
\]

and

\[
S = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (45)
\]

which allows us to express the Hamiltonian (42) in the form

\[
H(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2} (P_{1}^{2} + P_{2}^{2} + P_{3}^{2} + \omega_{1}^{2} Q_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2} Q_{2}^{2} + \omega_{3}^{2} Q_{3}^{2}), \quad (46)
\]

where

\[
\omega_{1} := \sqrt{k}, \quad \omega_{2} := \sqrt{k + 3k_{12}}, \quad \omega_{3} := \sqrt{k + k_{13} + 2k_{13}}, \quad (47)
\]

are the frequencies of uncoupled harmonic oscillators. Notice that we restricted ourselves to the case \( k > 0, k + 3k_{12} > 0 \), and \( k + k_{13} + 2k_{13} > 0 \). In turn, the transformation from the
variables \((Q, P)\) to the action-angle variables \((\varphi, I)\) is given by
\[
Q_a = \left(\frac{2L_a}{\omega_a}\right)^{1/2} \sin \varphi_a, \quad P_a = \left(2\omega_a L_a\right)^{1/2} \cos \varphi_a, \quad (48)
\]
and the classical average of a function \(f = f(\varphi, I)\) is computed via
\[
(f)_{cl} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d^3\varphi \ f, \quad (49)
\]

Using (34) and (50), we obtain the following results for each subsystem:
\[
\sigma_{qq} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2L_1 \omega_1}{2L_2 \omega_2} + \frac{2L_2 \omega_2}{2L_3 \omega_3} \right), \quad (51a)
\]
\[
\sigma_{pp} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2L_1 \omega_1}{2L_2 \omega_2} + \frac{2L_2 \omega_2}{2L_3 \omega_3} \right), \quad (51b)
\]
\[
\sigma_{qp} = 0_{3 \times 3}. \quad (51c)
\]

We can obtain the classical covariance matrix of each subsystem by taking from (50) the respective rows and columns. The subsystems are as follows: each oscillator (1), (2), and (3); the possible pairs (1,2), (2,3), and (1,3); and the complete system (1,2,3).

### 1. Classical analog of purity

Using (34) and (50), we obtain the following results for each subsystem:
\[
\mu^{cl}(1) = 6L_1 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}{(2L_1 \omega_1 + 2L_2 \omega_2 + 3L_3 \omega_3)\omega_1(3\omega_2 + 2\omega_3) + 2L_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}}, \quad (52a)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(2) = 3L_2 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{(L_1 \omega_1 + 2L_2 \omega_2)(L_1 \omega_1 + 2L_2 \omega_2)}}, \quad (52b)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(3) = \frac{I_3}{I_1} \mu^{cl}(1), \quad (52c)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(1, 2) = 6L_1L_2 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}{(2L_1 \omega_1 + 1L_2 \omega_2 + 2L_1 \omega_2)(L_1 \omega_1 + 1L_2 \omega_2 + L_3 \omega_3) + 2L_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \omega_3}}, \quad (52d)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(1, 3) = 3L_1 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{(2L_1 \omega_1 + 2L_2 \omega_2)(2L_1 \omega_1 + 2L_2 \omega_2)}}, \quad (52e)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(2, 3) = \frac{I_3}{I_1} \mu^{cl}(1, 2), \quad (52f)
\]
\[
\mu^{cl}(1, 2, 3) = 1. \quad (52g)
\]

Notice that the resulting functions \(\mu^{cl}\) depend on the action variables \(I\) and the normal frequencies \(\omega\), except in the case of the complete system [see (52g)].

We now calculate the classical analog of the purity (36a). Setting \(I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = \alpha\) in (52), it is straightforward to obtain
\[
\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(1) = 6 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}{(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)\omega_1(3\omega_2 + \omega_3) + 2\omega_2 \omega_3}}, \quad (53a)
\]
\[
\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(2) = 3 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{(\omega_2 + 2\omega_1)(\omega_1 + 2\omega_2)}}, \quad (53b)
\]

along with \(\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(3) = \tilde{\mu}^{cl}(1, 2) = \tilde{\mu}^{cl}(2, 3) = \tilde{\mu}^{cl}(1, 3) = \tilde{\mu}^{cl}(2)\), and \(\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(1, 2, 3) = \mu^{cl}(1, 2, 3)\). Some of these equalities are expected because the system is symmetric under the interchange \(1 \leftrightarrow 3\). Let us make some comments about these results.

1. As expected the functions \(\tilde{\mu}^{cl}\) take values between 0 and 1. Notice that they do not depend on \(\alpha\).
2. Notice that if \(\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_3\), then \(\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(1) = 1\), which is the case for uncoupled oscillators \(k_{12} = k_{13} = 0\). This means that the oscillator (1) is pure only if it does not interact with the oscillators (2) and (3), as we can expect.
3. We have that if \(\omega_1 = \omega_2\), then \(\tilde{\mu}^{cl}(2) = 1\), which corresponds to \(k_{12} = 0\). This means that the oscillator (2)
is pure if it does not interact with the oscillators (1) and (3).

(4) Using these classical analogs of purity and (36b) we can also calculate the classical analog of the linear quantum entropy.

\[ \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2I_1}{\omega_1} + \frac{I_2}{\omega_2} + \frac{3I_3}{\omega_3} \right) (2I_1\omega_1 + I_2\omega_2 + 3I_3\omega_3)} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}, \]

(54a)

\[ \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{6I_1} \sqrt{\left( \frac{I_1}{\omega_1} + \frac{I_2}{\omega_2} \right) (I_1\omega_1 + 2I_2\omega_2)} \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{5 + \frac{2\omega_1}{\omega_2} + \frac{2\omega_2}{\omega_1}}. \]

(54b)

\[ \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2I_1}{\omega_1} + \frac{I_2}{\omega_2} + \frac{3I_3}{\omega_3} \right) (2I_1\omega_1 + I_2\omega_2 + 3I_3\omega_3)} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}, \]

(54c)

\[ (1, 2) : \begin{cases} \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E - \sqrt{F - E^2})} \\ \sigma_2 = \frac{1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E + \sqrt{F - E^2})} \end{cases} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}, \]

(54d)

with \( E := 16I_1^2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3 + 2I_1I_2\omega_3(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) + 6I_2I_3\omega_2(\omega_1^2 + \omega_3^2) + 25I_1^2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3 + 3I_2I_3\omega_1(\omega_1^2 + \omega_3^2) + 9I_3^2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3 \),

\[ F := -144\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3(3I_1I_2\omega_3 + I_1I_2\omega_2 + 2I_1I_3\omega_1)(I_2\omega_1(3I_2\omega_2 + I_3\omega_3) + I_2I_3\omega_2\omega_3), \]

(1, 3) : \[ \begin{cases} \sigma_1 = \frac{I_1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E - \sqrt{F - E^2})} \\ \sigma_2 = \frac{I_2}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E + \sqrt{F - E^2})} \end{cases} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}, \]

(54e)

\[ (2, 3) : \begin{cases} \sigma_1 = \frac{I_1}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E - \sqrt{F - E^2})} \\ \sigma_2 = \frac{I_2}{12I_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3} (E + \sqrt{F - E^2})} \end{cases} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}_2 = \frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}, \]

(54f)

(1, 2, 3) : \[ \begin{cases} \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{12} = \bar{\sigma}_1 \\ \sigma_2 = \frac{1}{12} = \bar{\sigma}_2 \\ \sigma_3 = \frac{1}{12} = \bar{\sigma}_3. \end{cases} \]

(54g)

Using these results, the classical analogs of the von Neumann entropy (40a) for each subsystem are

\[ \tilde{S}^{cl}(1) = \frac{1}{12} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\left[ 2\omega_3(\omega_1^2 - 11\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2^2) + 3\omega_2^2(\omega_1 + 2\omega_2) + 3\omega_1\omega_2(2\omega_1 + \omega_2) \right]^6}{8916100448256\omega_1^3\omega_2^3\omega_3^3} \right) \right] 

+ 2 \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3) \tanh^{-1} \left( \frac{6}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} + \frac{3}{\omega_3} \right)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)}} \right)}, \]

(55a)

\[ \tilde{S}^{cl}(2) = \frac{1}{6} \left[ 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\omega_1}{\omega_2} + \frac{2\omega_2}{\omega_1} + 5 \tanh^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{2\omega_1}{\omega_2} + \frac{2\omega_2}{\omega_1} + 5}} \right) - 3 \log \left( \frac{18\omega_1\omega_2}{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2} \right) \right] \],

(55b)
The covariance matrix of each subsystem can be easily obtained by taking from the above matrix the respective rows and columns. Using (27) and (58), we compute the purity of each subsystem, obtaining

$$\mu(1) = 6 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}{(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3)(\omega_1(3\omega_2 + \omega_3) + 2\omega_2 \omega_3)}}$$

$$\mu(2) = 3 \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 2\omega_2}}.$$

FIG. 2. (a) Classical analog of the quantum entropy \(\tilde{S}^{(2)}\) (green) and classical analog of the linear quantum entropy \(\tilde{S}_L^{(2)}\) (dashed orange) for the subsystem (2) as functions of \(\omega_1\) and \(\omega_2\). (b) \(\tilde{S}^{(2)}\) (solid green) and \(\tilde{S}_L^{(2)}\) (dashed orange), but now as functions of \(\omega_1/\omega_2\).

along with \(\tilde{S}^{(3)} = \tilde{S}^{(1, 2)} = \tilde{S}^{(2, 3)} = \tilde{S}^{(1, 3)} = \tilde{S}^{(2, 1)} = \tilde{S}^{(3, 1)} = \tilde{S}^{(2)}\), and \(\tilde{S}^{(1, 2, 3)} = 0\). Notice that if \(\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_3\) then \(\tilde{S}^{(3)} = 0\), and if \(\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_3\) then \(\tilde{S}^{(2)} = 0\). To illustrate the behavior of these functions, in Fig. 2(a) we plot the classical analog of the entropy \(\tilde{S}^{(2)}\) and the classical analog of linear quantum entropy \(\tilde{S}_L^{(2)}\) as functions of the frequencies \(\omega_1\) and \(\omega_2\). Also, noticing that \(\tilde{S}^{(2)}\) and \(\tilde{S}_L^{(2)}\) actually depend on the quotient \(\omega_1/\omega_2\), in Fig. 2(b) we plot them as functions of this quotient. Clearly, we see that both \(\tilde{S}^{(2)}\) and \(\tilde{S}_L^{(2)}\) are equal to zero when \(\omega_1 = \omega_2\), as we already pointed out.

3. Quantum approach

The aim of this subsection is to compare the previous results with those coming from the quantum approach. The quantum counterpart of the Hamiltonian (42) is

$$\hat{H}(q, \hat{p}) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\hat{p}_1^2 + \hat{p}_2^2 + \hat{p}_3^2 + k(\hat{q}_1^2 + \hat{q}_2^2 + \hat{q}_3^2)\right] + k_{12}[|\hat{q}_1 - \hat{q}_2|^2 + |\hat{q}_2 - \hat{q}_3|^2] + k_{13}(\hat{q}_1 - \hat{q}_3)^2.$$  

(56)

The ground-state wave function of this system is Gaussian and given by

$$\psi_0(q) = \frac{(\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3)^{1/4}}{\pi^{3/4} h^{3/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{12h^3} \left[ 2q_2^2(\omega_1 + 2\omega_2) + (q_1^2 + q_3^2)(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3) + 4q_1q_3(\omega_1 - \omega_2) + 2q_1q_3(3\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 3\omega_3) \right] \right\}.$$  

(57)

Using this state, the quantum covariance matrix (1) turns out to be

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{qq} & \sigma_{qp} & \sigma_{qp} \\ \sigma_{qp} & \sigma_{pp} & \sigma_{pp} \\ \sigma_{qp} & \sigma_{pp} & \sigma_{pp} \end{pmatrix}$$

(58)

where

$$\sigma_{qq} = \frac{\hbar}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 + \frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1} - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1} - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \right) \\ \frac{1}{\omega_1} - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1} - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_2} \right) \end{pmatrix},$$

(59a)

$$\sigma_{pp} = \frac{\hbar}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3) & \omega_1 - \omega_2 & 1/2(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 3\omega_3) \\ \omega_1 - \omega_2 & \omega_1 + 2\omega_2 & \omega_1 - \omega_2 \\ 1/2(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 3\omega_3) & \omega_1 - \omega_2 & 1/2(2\omega_1 + \omega_2 + 3\omega_3) \end{pmatrix},$$

(59b)

$$\sigma_{qp} = 0_{3 \times 3}.$$  

(59c)

By using the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule \(I_q \rightarrow \hbar/2\), it is straightforward to verify that the resulting classical and quantum covariant matrices, (50) and (58), satisfy the relation (13).

The covariance matrix of each subsystem can be easily obtained by taking from the above matrix the respective rows and columns. Using (27) and (58), we compute the purity of each subsystem, obtaining

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along with \( \mu(1, 2, 3) = 1, \mu(3) = \mu(1, 2) = \mu(2, 3) = \mu(1), \) and \( \mu(1, 3) = \mu(2). \) Comparing (53) and (60), it is direct to see that both results are exactly the same. Hence, in this example, we verified that the classical function \( \tilde{\mu}^{cl} \) is able to produce the same mathematical results of the quantum purity \( \mu. \)

We now turn to the calculation of the von Neumann entropy. Using (58), it can be verified that the symplectic eigenvalues \( \nu_k \) of the corresponding matrices \( \sigma_{(\alpha)} / \hbar \) are equal to the eigenvalues \( \delta_k \) given by (54). This means that, from (29), the resulting von Neumann entropies of the subsystems are the same as determined from the classical function (40a) with (54), i.e., they are given by (55). This corroborates that the classical function (40a) is capable of giving rise to the same mathematical results of the von Neumann entropy.

It is worthwhile mentioning that in [43] (see [44] for an equivalent criterion), Simon introduced a separability criterion for Gaussian states of a bipartite system of two harmonic oscillators. Soon after, in [45] (see also [46,47]), a separability criterion for Gaussian states of \( 1 \times M \) \((M \) is arbitrary large) oscillators was provided, which is the case of this example. As explained in these references, the Gaussian states are tangled if the criteria are violated. These criteria are linked to our results by the observation (condition) that only when some of the normal frequencies are equal, the corresponding subsystems are pure and the von Neumann entropy is zero. Certainly, in that cases, the subsystems are separable and classically uncoupled.

Before concluding this example it is important to emphasize that our classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy are completely defined in the classical context, i.e., we do not need any \textit{a priori} information from the quantum context to compute them.

### B. Linearly coupled harmonic oscillators

We now want to illustrate our classical approach on a system of two coupled harmonic oscillators described by the Hamiltonian

\[
H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + Aq_1^2 + Bq_2^2 + Cq_1q_2),
\]

where \( A, B > 0 \) are parameters and we restrict our study to the region \( A \neq B, 4AB - C \geq 0. \) This system has been widely analyzed in the context of quantum entanglement and, in particular, it has been shown that for certain parameter values it exhibits a very large quantum entanglement [48–50]. Also, in [13] this model was used to study the classical analog of the quantum geometric tensor (3) restricted to the parameter space. Interestingly, it was shown that the classical analog of the quantum metric tensor does not yield the full parameter structure of its quantum counterpart, the cause being a quantum anomaly. The origin of such anomaly was that the transformation matrix, which brings the system into its normal form, depends on the system’s parameters [14]. In contrast, we show in this subsection that our classical analogs exactly reproduce the mathematical results of their quantum counterparts.

To bring the system (61) into its normal form, we perform the canonical transformation

\[
Q = Rq, \quad P = Rp,
\]

where

\[
Q = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix},
\]

and

\[
R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}.
\]

Here, the angle \( \alpha \) is such that \( \tan 2\alpha = C/(B - A) \) with \( \alpha \in (-\pi/4, \pi/4). \) Notice that the transformation matrix \( R \) depends on the system’s parameters. In terms of the new variables, the Hamiltonian reads

\[
H(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2}(P_1^2 + P_2^2 + \omega_1^2Q_1^2 + \omega_2^2Q_2^2),
\]

where \( \omega_1 \) and \( \omega_2 \) are the normal frequencies

\[
\omega_1 := \sqrt{A - \frac{C}{2} \tan \alpha}, \quad \omega_2 := \sqrt{B - \frac{C}{2} \tan \alpha}.
\]

We further express the new coordinates in terms of the action-angle variables \( (\varphi_a, I_a) \) as

\[
Q_a = \left( \frac{2I_a}{\omega_a} \right)^{1/2} \sin \varphi_a, \quad P_a = (2\omega_a I_a)^{1/2} \cos \varphi_a,
\]

and compute the classical average via

\[
\langle f \rangle_{cl} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d^2q \ f.
\]

Using (6) and the previous transformations, we arrive at the \( 4 \times 4 \) classical covariance matrix \( \sigma^{cl} \) of the system:

\[
\sigma^{cl} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{qq} & \sigma_{qp} \\ \sigma_{pq} & \sigma_{pp} \end{pmatrix},
\]

where

\[
\sigma_{qq} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{l_1 \cos^2 \alpha}{\omega_1} + \frac{l_2 \sin^2 \alpha}{\omega_2} & \left( \frac{l_1}{\omega_1} - \frac{l_2}{\omega_2} \right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \\ \left( \frac{l_1}{\omega_1} - \frac{l_2}{\omega_2} \right) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & \frac{l_1 \sin^2 \alpha}{\omega_1} + \frac{l_2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\omega_2} \end{pmatrix},
\]

\[
\sigma_{pp} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \omega_1 \cos^2 \alpha + l_2 \omega_2 \sin^2 \alpha & (l_2 \omega_2 - l_1 \omega_1) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \\ (l_2 \omega_2 - l_1 \omega_1) \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & l_1 \omega_1 \sin^2 \alpha + l_2 \omega_2 \cos^2 \alpha \end{pmatrix},
\]

\[
\sigma_{qp} = 0_{2 \times 2}.
\]
In this case, the subsystems are: each oscillator (1) and (2); and the complete system (1,2). With (69) at hand, we compute the classical analog of the purity (36a). The result for each subsystem is

\[ \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(1) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{(\omega_1 \sin^2 \alpha + \omega_2 \cos^2 \alpha)(\omega_1 \cos^2 \alpha + \omega_2 \sin^2 \alpha)}} = \sqrt{\frac{4AB - C^2}{4AB}} = \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(2), \]  

(71a)

\[ \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(1, 2) = 1. \]  

(71b)

Notice that if \( C = 0 \) then \( \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(1) = 1 = \tilde{\mu}^{\text{cl}}(2) \), which means that the oscillators (1) and (2) are pure only if they are uncoupled, as expected. Remarkably, the resulting classical purities (71) exactly match their quantum counterparts, which were calculated in [50] for the ground-state wave function of the corresponding quantum system.

On the other hand, the symplectic eigenvalue of the subsystem (1) is

\[ \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{2I} \sqrt{(I_1 \omega_1 \cos^2 \alpha + I_2 \omega_2 \sin^2 \alpha)} (I_1 \omega_1 \cos^2 \alpha + I_2 \omega_2 \sin^2 \alpha) \]

\[ \Rightarrow \tilde{\sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\cos^2 \alpha \omega_1 + \sin^2 \alpha \omega_2)(\omega_1 \cos^2 \alpha + \omega_2 \sin^2 \alpha)} = \sqrt{\frac{AB}{4AB - C^2}}, \]  

(72)

and, because of the symmetry between the subsystems (1) and (2), the symplectic eigenvalue of the subsystem (2) is \( \tilde{\sigma}_2 = \tilde{\sigma}_1 \). Furthermore, the symplectic eigenvalues of the complete system (1,2) are \( \sigma_1 = 1/2 = \sigma_2 = \tilde{\sigma}_1 = \tilde{\sigma}_2 \). Then, the classical analogs of the von Neumann entropy for the subsystems (1), (2), and (1,2) turn out to be

\[ S^{\text{cl}}(1) = \left( \sqrt{\frac{AB}{4AB - C^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{AB}{4AB - C^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \sqrt{\frac{AB}{4AB - C^2}} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{AB}{4AB - C^2}} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = S^{\text{cl}}(2), \]  

(73a)

\[ S^{\text{cl}}(1, 2) = 0. \]  

(73b)

Notice that if \( C = 0 \) then \( S^{\text{cl}}(1) = S^{\text{cl}}(2) = 0 \), i.e., they vanish when the oscillators are uncoupled. Finally, it can be verified that the resulting classical entropies (73) exactly match their quantum counterparts for the ground state of the quantum version of (61).

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we first derive the classical covariance matrix (6) for integrable systems, which is the classical analog of the quantum covariance matrix, as is stated by the relation (13). We achieve this classical covariance matrix by using the classical limit of the Wigner function and show that the relation (13) between both covariance matrices holds even if the corresponding quantum state is not Gaussian, which is illustrated in the case of the anharmonic oscillator. Then, we introduce the functions (36a), (36b), and (40a) for classical integrable systems and show through examples that they are, respectively, the classical analogs of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy as long as the quantum counterpart of the system is in a Gaussian state. The classical functions (36a), (36b), and (40a) provide, respectively, a mathematical description of the purity, linear quantum entropy, and von Neumann entropy of the system from a classical point of view, without resorting to quantum context. These classical functions depend on the classical covariance matrix which only involves averages over the angle variables of the system. Our classical analogs reveal how much information from the complete system remains in the subsystem under consideration. As we explain, this is because, by using the action-angle variables, we have both local and global information.

To illustrate the approach, we calculate our classical analogs for a nontrivial system of three coupled harmonic oscillators, and for a system of two linear coupled oscillators which was previously analyzed in the literature. We find in these examples that the aforementioned classical analogs exactly match their quantum versions.

Let us end with some comments. (i) Our classical analogs may help to provide more insight into the investigation of separability of quantum states. In this line of thought, our approach may be exploited to develop a classical analog of the separability criterion for Gaussian states [43,44,47], which relies on the quantum covariance matrix. (ii) Following our approach, it seems feasible to define classical analogs of other quantum quantities, for instance, generalized purities and entropies [51]. (iii) It would be interesting if we could generalize these classical analogs to other kinds of states. (iv) In [52] it was shown that for a classical nonlinear system the quantum entanglement of localized states is influenced by the classical bifurcations in the underlying channel periodic orbit. Also, in [53,54] it was found that, under some circumstances, the linear growth of the entanglement entropy has a classical counterpart and was connected to classical and quantum quantifiers of chaos. In this sense, it would be worth to connect these results to our approach and extend our classical analogs to non-integrable systems.

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In this Appendix we prove the relation between the Fubini-Study metric and the quantum covariance matrix, i.e., equations (4). We begin by going to the Schrödinger picture in (3) to factor out the time dependence. Analyzing the second term in (3), we clearly see that \( \langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_m = \langle m| e^{iHt_1} \hat{O}_A e^{-iHt_1} |m \rangle = \langle \hat{O}_A \rangle_m \), and similarly for \( \langle \hat{O}_B(t_2) \rangle_m \). Analogously, we find that the first term of (3) takes the form

\[
\langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_B(t_2) \rangle_m = e^{-\hat{H}t_2\langle t_2-t_1 \rangle |m| \hat{O}_B e^{-i\hat{H}t_2} \hat{O}_B |m \rangle.
\]  

(A1)

We introduce the identity operator \( I = \sum_n |n \rangle \langle n | \) between the two exponentials inside the bracket, which results in

\[
\langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_B(t_2) \rangle_m = \sum_n e^{i\langle E_{n-E_n} \rangle \langle t_2-t_1 \rangle} \langle m| \hat{O}_A |n \rangle \langle n| \hat{O}_B |m \rangle.
\]  

(A2)

Splitting the sum for \( m \neq n \) and \( m = n \), it is easily seen that the integrand in (3) reduces to

\[
\langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_B(t_2) \rangle_m - \langle \hat{O}_A(t_1) \rangle_B(t_2) \rangle_m = \sum_{n \neq m} e^{i\langle E_{n-E_n} \rangle \langle t_2-t_1 \rangle} \langle m| \hat{O}_A |n \rangle \langle n| \hat{O}_B |m \rangle,
\]  

(A3)

and, therefore,

\[
G_{AB}^{(m)} = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \sum_{n \neq m} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{0} dt_1 \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_2 \ e^{i\langle E_{n-E_n} \rangle \langle t_2-t_1 \rangle} \right) \langle m| \hat{O}_A |n \rangle \langle n| \hat{O}_B |m \rangle.
\]  

(A4)

We thus completely isolated the time dependence and we can integrate it. Having in mind the ranges of \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), the computation of the integrals gives

\[
\int_{-\infty}^{0} dt_1 \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_2 \ e^{i\langle E_{n-E_n} \rangle \langle t_2-t_1 \rangle} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{0} dt_1 \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_2 \ e^{i\langle E_{n-E_n} \rangle \langle t_2-t_1 \rangle} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{(E_n - E_m)^2},
\]  

(A5)

With this result in hand, we conclude that

\[
G_{AB}^{(m)} = \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{\langle m| \hat{O}_A |n \rangle \langle n| \hat{O}_B |m \rangle}{(E_n - E_m)^2}
\]  

or specializing to phase space,

\[
G_{AB}^{(m)} = \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{\langle m| \hat{O}_A |n \rangle \langle n| \hat{O}_B |m \rangle}{(E_n - E_m)^2}.
\]  

(A7)

We first consider \( \hat{q}_a \). The Schrödinger equation reads, in position space, as

\[
\hat{H} \left( q, -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \right) \psi_n(q) = E_n \psi_n(q),
\]  

(A8)

with \( \psi_n(q) = \langle q|n \rangle \). Applying the operator \(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\), multiplying by the wave function \( \psi_m^*(q) \), and integrating in \( q \), we find that

\[
-\int d^N q \psi_m^*(q) \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \psi_n(q) = (E_n - E_m) \int d^N q \psi_m^*(q) \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_n(q)}{\partial q} \right) = \hbar^2 \langle \hat{p}_a | \hat{q}_a \rangle_\psi(n).
\]  

(A9)

or

\[
-i\hbar \langle \hat{q}_a | n \rangle = (E_n - E_m) \langle \hat{p}_a | n \rangle.
\]  

(A10)

Adding and subtracting the term with \( n = m \) and identifying the completeness relation, we end up with the following expression:

\[
G_{q_q}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} (\langle \hat{p}_a | \hat{p}_a \rangle_\psi(m) - \langle \hat{p}_a | \hat{p}_a \rangle_\psi(m)).
\]  

(A12)

Now, we take the real part of (A12) to find the Fubini-Study metric for position coordinates, which turns out to be

\[
G_{q_q}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{p}_a \hat{p}_b \rangle_\psi(m) - \langle \hat{p}_a | \hat{p}_b \rangle_\psi(m) \right).
\]  

(A13)

On the other hand, writing the Schrödinger equation in momentum space, we see that the following relation holds for \( p_a \):

\[
i\hbar \langle \hat{p}_a | n \rangle = (E_n - E_m) \langle \hat{q}_a | n \rangle.
\]  

(A14)

This allows us to proceed similarly with \( G_{p_q}^{(m)} \) and \( G_{p_p}^{(m)} \) to find that

\[
G_{q_p}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{p}_a \hat{q}_b + \hat{q}_a \hat{p}_b \rangle_\psi(m) - \langle \hat{p}_a | \hat{q}_b \rangle_\psi(m) \right).
\]  

(A15)
and

\[ S_{p,d_p}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\hat{q}_a \hat{q}_b + \hat{q}_b \hat{q}_a)_m - \langle \hat{q}_a \rangle_m \langle \hat{q}_b \rangle_m \right) . \]  

(A16)

This completes the proof.

**APPENDIX B: ON THE CLASSICAL AVERAGE**

In this Appendix, we provide another perspective on the classical average, we introduce an angular probability distribution \( P_{cl}(\varphi) \) (see [55,56] for the usual position-space treatment). Without loss of generality, we consider a classical system with one degree of freedom and the corresponding orbit in phase space for a fixed energy. The probability of finding the particle in the orbit’s region spanned by \( \varphi \) is given by the ratio of time \( dt \) that it spends there, and the period \( T = 2\pi / \omega \) that it takes to traverse the entire orbit.

More precisely, this probability is given by

\[ P_{cl}(\varphi) d\varphi := \frac{dt}{T} = \frac{d\varphi}{\omega T} = \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} . \]  

(B1)

From this expression, we read off the probability distribution \( P_{cl}(\varphi) = 1/(2\pi) \), which is uniform and allows us to compute the average \( \bar{f} \) of a function \( f(\varphi, I) \) as

\[ \bar{f} := \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi P_{cl}(\varphi) f(\varphi) = \langle f \rangle_{cl} . \]  

(B2)

matching the classical average (7). An analogous result follows for integrable systems with \( N \) degrees of freedom. If the system is separable and the analysis is made in each degree of freedom’s phase space \( (q_a, p_a) \), the total probability distribution turns out to be

\[ P_{cl}(\varphi^1, \ldots, \varphi^N) = P_{cl}^{(1)}(\varphi^1) \cdots P_{cl}^{(N)}(\varphi^N) . \]  

(B3)

The same result follows for integrable but not separable systems (in the original coordinates \( (q, p) \)), once transformed into normal coordinates.

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