

CHAPTER IV

THE COMMUTATOR TECHNIQUES FOR PATH PROPAGATORS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

In this chapter we show that the commutator techniques has manifested very useful and actually added a new method to path integral calculation. We find that the commutator method has changed the non-integrable problems in the path integral with the classical Lagrangian of the action has non-quadratic form to integrable problems in the partial differential form in the Schrödinger picture via the procedure of the Heisenberg picture, which we call this procedure the Baker-Hausdorff Rule.

4.2 QUANTUM MECHANICAL COMMUTATOR

In chapter III we have an equation of motion showing that the commutator $AB - BA$ of two operators plays a very prominent role in quantum mechanics. It is therefore appropriate to conclude in this chapter with the introduction of a simple and useful notation for commutators and a review of some rule of operator. All these rules apply, in particular, to the commutator method for propagators.

By definition, the *commutator* is written as a square bracket:

$$[A, B] = AB - BA \quad (4.2.1)$$

With this notation the following elementary rules of calculation are almost self-evident. All are easy to verify.

$$[A, B] + [B, A] = 0 \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$[A, A] = 0 \quad (4.2.3)$$

$$[A, B + C] = [A, B] + [A, C] \quad (4.2.4)$$

$$[A + B, C] = [A, C] + [B, C] \quad (4.2.5)$$

$$[A, BC] = [A, B]C + B[A, C] \quad (4.2.6)$$

$$[AB, C] = [A, C]B + A[B, C] \quad (4.2.7)$$

$$[A, [B, C]] + [C, [A, B]] + [B, [C, A]] = 0 \quad (4.2.8)$$

$$[A, B^n] = nB^{n-1} [A, B] \quad (4.2.9)$$

$$[A^n, B] = nA^{n-1} [A, B] \quad (4.1.10)$$

Note the similarity of this process with differentiation. Apply to the some special case

$A = \hat{x}, B = \hat{p}_x$ and $C = \hat{x}$ or \hat{p}_x as follows :

$$\left[\hat{x}_i, (\hat{p}_i) \right] = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \quad (4.2.11)$$

$$\left[\hat{p}_i, F(x) \right] = -i\hbar \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \quad (4.2.12)$$

$$\left[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x \right] = i\hbar \quad (4.2.13)$$

$$\left[\hat{x}^2, \hat{p}_x^2 \right] = 2i\hbar \left[2\hat{x}\hat{p}_x - i\hbar \right] \quad (4.2.14)$$

$$\left[\hat{x}^2, \hat{p}_x \right] = 2i\hbar \hat{x} \quad (4.2.15)$$

$$\left[\hat{x}^3, \hat{p}_x \right] = 3i\hbar \hat{x}^2 \quad (4.2.16)$$

$$\left[\hat{p}^2, \hat{x}\hat{p} \right] = -2i\hbar \hat{p}^2 \quad (4.2.17)$$

$$\left[\hat{x}^2, \hat{x}\hat{p} \right] = 2i\hbar \hat{x}^2 \quad (4.2.18)$$

4.3 The Commutator Method For Propagator

The Schrödinger equation for finding the wave function $\psi(x,t)$ is

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x,t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x,t). \quad (4.3.1)$$

To solve this equation, we know that the Delta function and the time-evolution operator $U(t,0)$ shift coordinate and time respectively. So that we write the new wave function as

$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(t,0) \delta(x-\xi) \psi(\xi,0) d\xi \quad (4.3.2)$$

and define

$$K(x,\xi,t) = \delta(x-\xi) U(t,0) \quad (4.3.3)$$

Substituting eq. (4.3.3) into eq. (4.3.2), we obtain

$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(x,\xi,t) \psi(\xi,0) d\xi \quad (4.3.4)$$

This result can be stated in physical terms. The total amplitude to arrive at (x,t) [that is, $\psi(x,t)$] is the sum, or integral, over all possible values of ξ of the total amplitude at the point $(\xi,0)$ [that is, $\psi(\xi,0)$] multiplied by the amplitude to go from ξ to x [that is, $K(x,\xi,t)$]. This means that the effects of all the past history of a particle can be expressed in terms of a single function. If we forget everything we knew about a particle except its wave function at a particular time, then we can calculate everything that can happen to that particle after that time. All history's effects upon the future of the universe could be obtained from a single gigantic wavefunction⁶.

Thus, we can write K as

$$K(x,\xi,t) = \psi(x,t)\psi^*(\xi,0) \quad (4.3.5)$$

If we substitute eq.(4.3.5) into eq.(4.3.4), it becomes

$$\psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x,t)\psi^*(\xi,0)\psi(\xi,0)d\xi \quad (4.3.6)$$

We then insert a completeness set of energy states into eq.(4.3.5), and obtain

$$K(x,\xi,t) = \sum_n \psi_n(x)\psi_n^*(\xi)e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}E_n t} \quad (4.3.7)$$

where $\psi_n(x)$ and $\psi_n^*(\xi)$ are the eigenfunctions.

From eq. (4.3.5), if we determine $t = 0$, it can be written as

$$K(x, \xi, 0) = \delta(x - \xi) \quad (4.3.8)$$

and multiply both sides by x , we obtain

$$xK(x, \xi, 0) = x\delta(x - \xi). \quad (4.3.9)$$

From the property of delta function, we have

$$\delta(-y) = \delta(y). \quad (4.3.10)$$

Thus, eq. (4.3.9) can be written as

$$x\delta(x - \xi) = \xi\delta(x - \xi) = \xi K(x, \xi, 0) \quad (4.3.11)$$

If we let x in eq. (4.3.11) to be an operator, we can write

$$\hat{x}(0)K(x, \xi, 0) = \xi K(x, \xi, 0). \quad (4.3.12)$$

We can see that the function $K(x, \xi, 0)$ is an eigenfunction of the operator $\hat{x}(0)$ with the eigenvalue ξ .

Now, we consider that the time-dependent eigenfunction $K(x, \xi, t)$ has been operated by a coordinate operator in the Heisenberg picture.

For eq.(4.3.5) we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, \xi, t) &= U(t, 0)\psi(x, 0)\psi^*(\xi, 0) \\ &= U(t, 0)K(x, \xi, 0). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.13)$$

Conversely, we write

$$K(x, \xi, 0) = U^+(t, 0)K(x, \xi, t) \quad (4.3.14)$$

and then we substitute eq.(4.3.14) into eq.(4.3.12), we obtain

$$\hat{x}(0)U^+(t, 0)K(x, \xi, t) = \xi U^+(t, 0)K(x, \xi, t). \quad (4.3.15)$$

Multiplying eq.(4.1.15) by $U(t, 0)$, we obtain

$$U(t, 0)\hat{x}(0)U^+(t, 0)K(x, \xi, t) = \xi K(x, \xi, t). \quad (4.3.16)$$

Then, we compare eq.(4.3.16) with eq.(3.2.20), it can be written that

$$\hat{x}(-t)K(x, \xi, t) = \xi K(x, \xi, t). \quad (4.3.17)$$

where $\hat{x}(-t)$ is a coordinate operator in the Heisenberg picture.

4.3.1 The Propagator for Free Particle

From the result of eq. (3.2.22), we substitute $\hat{H} = \hat{p}^2 / 2m$ and due to $K(x, \xi, t)$ satisfying the Schrödinger equation. Using $\hat{x}(-t)$ has been operated on $K(x, \xi, t)$, we thus have

$$\hat{x}(-t)K(x, \xi, t) = \left(x + \frac{i\hbar t}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) K = \xi K(x, \xi, t). \quad (4.3.18)$$

The solution of this equation is of the form

$$K(x, \xi, t) \equiv K_0(t) \exp \left[\frac{-im}{2\hbar t} (x - \xi)^2 \right] \quad (4.3.19)$$

where $K_0(t)$ is a time-dependent integration constant.

In order to find $K_0(t)$, we impose on (4.3.19) the requirement that it be a solution of the Schrödinger equation⁸.

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) K = i\hbar \frac{\partial K}{\partial t}. \quad (4.3.20)$$

After calculation we obtain the equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{i\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) K_0(t) \exp\left[\frac{-im}{2\hbar t} (x - \xi)^2 \right] = 0 \quad (4.3.21)$$

where the solution becomes

$$K_0(t) = C \sqrt{t} \exp\left(\frac{im}{\hbar t} (x - \xi)^2 \right), \quad (4.3.22)$$

C being a normalization constant which can be found from substituting $K_0(t)$ in eq.(4.3.22) into eq.(4.3.19). We get

$$K(x, \xi, t) = C \sqrt{t} \exp\left(\frac{im}{2\hbar t} (x - \xi)^2 \right) \quad (4.3.23)$$

and then, we find the normalization of the eq.(4.3.23)

$$C = \frac{1}{t} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi i \hbar}}. \quad (4.3.24)$$

Thus, we obtain.

$$K(x, \xi, t) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi i \hbar}} \exp\left(\frac{im}{2\hbar t} (x - \xi)^2\right) \quad (4.3.25)$$

which is the propagator for free-particle in quantum mechanics.

4.3.2 The Propagator for a Simple Harmonic Oscillator

We can find the propagator for the harmonic oscillator by performing similarly to that of the free particle. From the coordinate operator $\hat{x}(t)$ in eq. (3.2.25). We use $\hat{x}(-t)$ to operate on $K(x, \xi, t)$, it can be written that

$$\hat{x}(-t)K = \left(x \cos(\omega t) + \frac{i\hbar \sin(\omega t)}{m\omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) K = \xi K \quad (4.3.26)$$

and then, the solution is

$$K(x, \xi, t) = K_0(t) \exp\left(\frac{im\omega}{2\hbar \sin(\omega t)} \left(x^2 \cos(\omega t) - 2x\xi \right)\right) \quad (4.3.27)$$

To find $K_0(t)$ using the Schrödinger equation⁹

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{m\omega^2 x^2}{2} \right) K = i\hbar \frac{\partial K}{\partial t}. \quad (4.3.28)$$

After substituting $K(x, \xi, t)$ from eq. (4.3.12) into eq. (4.3.28), we can see that⁹

$$\frac{dK_0(t)}{dt} - \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \cot(\omega t) + \frac{im\omega^2 \xi^2}{2\hbar \sin^2(\omega t)} \right) K_0(t) = 0 \quad (4.3.29)$$

where the solution becomes

$$K_0(t) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\sin(\omega t)}} \exp\left(\frac{im\omega \xi^2}{2\hbar} \cot(\omega t) \right) \quad (4.3.30)$$

Thus, the eq. (4.3.27) can be rewritten as

$$K(x, \xi, t) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\sin(\omega t)}} \exp\left\{ \frac{im\omega}{2\hbar \sin(\omega t)} \left\{ (x^2 + \xi^2) \cos(\omega t) - 2x\xi \right\} \right\} \quad (4.3.31)$$

We can find C from the initial condition ($t \rightarrow 0$) by comparing eq.(4.3.31) with the free - particle propagator (4.3.25), we obtain

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{-im\omega}{2\pi\hbar}} \quad (4.3.32)$$

Finally, we have that

$$K(x, \xi, t) = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\pi\hbar \sin(\omega t)}} \exp\left\{ \frac{im\omega}{2\hbar \sin(\omega t)} \left\{ (x^2 + \xi^2) \cos(\omega t) - 2x\xi \right\} \right\} \quad (4.3.33)$$

Then, this is the simple harmonic oscillator propagator.

4.3.3 The Propagator for Potential of an Oscillator with Quadratic and Cubic Terms

Now, we have the potential of system in the form

$$V(x) = ax^2 + bx^3$$

and the *Hamiltonian* of the system can be written as

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, \quad (4.3.34)$$

where a and b are arbitrary constants, and $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ momentum operator in coordinate representation in Schrödinger picture. Thus, we use the *Hamiltonian* in eq.(4.3.34) to substitute into eq.(3.2.22), we obtain the coordinate operator in the *Heisenberg* picture which to be equal to the left-hand side operator in the Schrödinger picture, by using Baker - Hausdroff lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}(t) = & \hat{x}(0) + \left(\frac{it}{\hbar}\right) \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, x \right] + \left(\frac{i^2 t^2}{2! \hbar^2}\right) \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, x \right] \right] \\ & + \left(\frac{i^3 t^3}{3! \hbar^3}\right) \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, \left[\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + ax^2 + bx^3, x \right] \right] \right] + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.35)$$

where the commutator sequences in eq. (4.3.35) have been calculated by programming in *Mathematica* (see Appendix A) as follows :

$$H = p ** p / (2 m) + a x ** x + b x ** x ** x$$

$$\frac{p ** p}{2 m} + a x ** x + b x ** x ** x$$

$$[H, x] =$$

$$-\frac{I h b p}{m} \quad (4.3.36a)$$

$$[H, [H, x]] =$$

$$\frac{2 a h b^2 x}{m} + \frac{3 b h b^2 x ** x}{m} \quad (4.3.36b)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, x]]] =$$

$$-\frac{2 I a h b^3 p}{m^2} - \frac{3 b h b^4 U}{m^2} - \frac{6 I b h b^3 x ** p}{m^2} \quad (4.3.36c)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]] =$$

$$\frac{4 a^2 h b^4 x}{m^2} - \frac{6 b h b^4 p ** p}{m^3} + \frac{18 a b h b^4 x ** x}{m^2} + \frac{18 b^2 h b^4 x ** x ** x}{m^2} \quad (4.3.36d)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]] =$$

$$-\frac{4 I a^2 h b^5 p}{m^3} - \frac{30 a b h b^6 U}{m^3} - \frac{90 b^2 h b^6 x}{m^3} - \frac{60 I a b h b^5 x ** p}{m^3} - \frac{90 I b^2 h b^5 x ** x ** p}{m^3} \quad (4.3.36e)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]] =$$

$$\frac{180 I b^2 h b^7 p}{m^4} + \frac{8 a^3 h b^6 x}{m^3} - \frac{60 a b h b^6 p ** p}{m^4} + \frac{132 a^2 b h b^6 x ** x}{m^3} - \frac{180 b^2 h b^6 x ** p ** p}{m^4} + \frac{360 a b^2 h b^6 x ** x ** x}{m^3} + \frac{270 b^3 h b^6 x ** x ** x ** x}{m^3} \quad (4.3.36f)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{8 I a^3 h b^7 p}{m^4} - \frac{252 a^2 b h b^8 U}{m^4} - \frac{2160 a b^2 h b^8 x}{m^4} - \frac{504 I a^2 b h b^7 x ** p}{m^4} - \\ & \frac{3240 b^3 h b^8 x ** x}{m^4} + \frac{180 I b^2 h b^7 p ** p ** p}{m^5} - \frac{2160 I a b^2 h b^7 x ** x ** p}{m^4} - \\ & \frac{2160 I b^3 h b^7 x ** x ** x ** p}{m^4} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.36g)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{5400 I a b^2 h b^9 p}{m^5} + \frac{4320 b^3 h b^{10} U}{m^5} + \frac{16 a^4 h b^8 x}{m^4} - \frac{504 a^2 b h b^8 p ** p}{m^5} + \\ & \frac{16200 I b^3 h b^9 x ** p}{m^5} + \frac{1032 a^3 b h b^8 x ** x}{m^4} - \frac{5400 a b^2 h b^8 x ** p ** p}{m^5} + \\ & \frac{5832 a^2 b^2 h b^8 x ** x ** x}{m^4} - \frac{8100 b^3 h b^8 x ** x ** p ** p}{m^5} + \\ & \frac{10800 a b^3 h b^8 x ** x ** x ** x}{m^4} + \frac{6480 b^4 h b^8 x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^4} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.36h)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{16 I a^4 h b^9 p}{m^5} - \frac{2040 a^3 b h b^{10} U}{m^5} - \frac{42120 a^2 b^2 h b^{10} x}{m^5} + \frac{24300 b^3 h b^{10} p ** p}{m^6} - \\ & \frac{4080 I a^3 b h b^9 x ** p}{m^5} - \frac{162000 a b^3 h b^{10} x ** x}{m^5} + \frac{5400 I a b^2 h b^9 p ** p ** p}{m^6} - \\ & \frac{42120 I a^2 b^2 h b^9 x ** x ** p}{m^5} - \frac{162000 b^4 h b^{10} x ** x ** x}{m^5} + \\ & \frac{16200 I b^3 h b^9 x ** p ** p ** p}{m^6} - \frac{108000 I a b^3 h b^9 x ** x ** x ** p}{m^5} - \\ & \frac{81000 I b^4 h b^9 x ** x ** x ** x ** p}{m^5} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.36i)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{116640 I a^2 b^2 hb^{11} p}{m^6} + \frac{243000 a b^3 hb^{12} U}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{729000 b^4 hb^{12} x}{m^6} + \frac{32 a^5 hb^{10} x}{m^5} - \frac{4080 a^3 b hb^{10} p ** p}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{939600 I a b^3 hb^{11} x ** p}{m^6} + \frac{8208 a^4 b hb^{10} x ** x}{m^5} - \frac{116640 a^2 b^2 hb^{10} x ** p ** p}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{1409400 I b^4 hb^{11} x ** x ** p}{m^6} + \frac{96480 a^3 b^2 hb^{10} x ** x ** x}{m^5} + \\ & \frac{16200 b^3 hb^{10} p ** p ** p ** p}{m^7} - \frac{469800 a b^3 hb^{10} x ** x ** p ** p}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{342360 a^2 b^3 hb^{10} x ** x ** x ** x}{m^5} - \frac{469800 b^4 hb^{10} x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{486000 a b^4 hb^{10} x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^5} + \frac{243000 b^5 hb^{10} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^5} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.36j)$$

$$[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{2527200 I b^4 hb^{13} p}{m^7} - \frac{32 I a^5 hb^{11} p}{m^6} - \frac{16368 a^4 b hb^{12} U}{m^6} - \frac{780480 a^3 b^2 hb^{12} x}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{1603800 a b^3 hb^{12} p ** p}{m^7} - \frac{32736 I a^4 b hb^{11} x ** p}{m^6} - \frac{5922720 a^2 b^3 hb^{12} x ** x}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{116640 I a^2 b^2 hb^{11} p ** p ** p}{m^7} + \frac{4811400 b^4 hb^{12} x ** p ** p}{m^7} - \\ & \frac{780480 I a^3 b^2 hb^{11} x ** x ** p}{m^6} - \frac{14256000 a b^4 hb^{12} x ** x ** x}{m^6} + \\ & \frac{1069200 I a b^3 hb^{11} x ** p ** p ** p}{m^7} - \frac{3948480 I a^2 b^3 hb^{11} x ** x ** x ** p}{m^6} - \\ & \frac{10692000 b^5 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x}{m^6} + \frac{1603800 I b^4 hb^{11} x ** x ** p ** p ** p}{m^7} - \\ & \frac{7128000 I a b^4 hb^{11} x ** x ** x ** x ** p}{m^6} - \frac{4276800 I b^5 hb^{11} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** p}{m^6} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.36k)$$

[H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, [H, x]]]]]]]]]]]] =

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{2260800 I a^3 b^2 hb^{13} p}{m^7} + \frac{9830160 a^2 b^3 hb^{14} U}{m^7} + \frac{73483200 a b^4 hb^{14} x}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{64 a^6 hb^{12} x}{m^6} - \frac{32736 a^4 b hb^{12} p ** p}{m^7} + \frac{38620800 I a^2 b^3 hb^{13} x ** p}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{110224800 b^5 hb^{14} x ** x}{m^7} + \frac{65568 a^5 b hb^{12} x ** x}{m^6} - \frac{6415200 I b^4 hb^{13} p ** p ** p}{m^8} - \\
& \frac{2260800 a^3 b^2 hb^{12} x ** p ** p}{m^7} + \frac{143272800 I a b^4 hb^{13} x ** x ** p}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{1659168 a^4 b^2 hb^{12} x ** x ** x}{m^6} + \frac{1069200 a b^3 hb^{12} p ** p ** p ** p}{m^8} - \\
& \frac{19310400 a^2 b^3 hb^{12} x ** x ** p ** p}{m^7} + \frac{143272800 I b^5 hb^{13} x ** x ** x ** p}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{10238400 a^3 b^3 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x}{m^6} + \frac{3207600 b^4 hb^{12} x ** p ** p ** p ** p}{m^8} - \\
& \frac{47757600 a b^4 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^7} + \frac{26101440 a^2 b^4 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^6} - \\
& \frac{35818200 b^5 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{29937600 a b^5 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^6} + \\
& \frac{12830400 b^6 hb^{12} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^6}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.3.36l}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{41999040 I a^4 b^2 hb^{15} p}{m^8} + \frac{352728000 a^3 b^3 hb^{16} U}{m^8} + \frac{4984416000 a^2 b^4 hb^{16} x}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{128 a^7 hb^{14} x}{m^7} - \frac{1853118000 b^5 hb^{16} p ** p}{m^9} - \frac{262080 a^5 b hb^{14} p ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{1397347200 I a^3 b^3 hb^{15} x ** p}{m^6} + \frac{17668044000 a b^5 hb^{16} x ** x}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{524352 a^6 b hb^{14} x ** x}{m^7} - \frac{791208000 I a b^4 hb^{15} p ** p ** p}{m^9} - \\
& \frac{41999040 a^4 b^2 hb^{14} x ** p ** p}{m^8} + \frac{9794260800 I a^2 b^4 hb^{15} x ** x ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{17668044000 b^6 hb^{16} x ** x ** x}{m^8} + \frac{29220480 a^5 b^2 hb^{14} x ** x ** x}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{47174400 a^2 b^3 hb^{14} p ** p ** p ** p}{m^9} - \frac{2373624000 I b^5 hb^{15} x ** p ** p ** p}{m^9} - \\
& \frac{698673600 a^3 b^3 hb^{14} x ** x ** p ** p}{m^8} + \frac{23094720000 I a b^5 hb^{15} x ** x ** x ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{306171360 a^4 b^3 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x}{m^7} + \frac{395604000 a b^4 hb^{14} x ** p ** p ** p ** p}{m^9} - \\
& \frac{3264753600 a^2 b^4 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{17321040000 I b^6 hb^{15} x ** x ** x ** x ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{1270080000 a^3 b^4 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{593406000 b^5 hb^{14} x ** x ** p ** p ** p ** p}{m^9} - \\
& \frac{5773680000 a b^5 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{2531088000 a^2 b^5 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^7} - \\
& \frac{3464208000 b^6 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** p ** p}{m^8} + \\
& \frac{2437776000 a b^6 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^7} + \\
& \frac{914166000 b^7 hb^{14} x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x ** x}{m^7}
\end{aligned}$$

(4.3.36n)

$$\frac{24441912000 I b^6 h b^{15} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} p^{**} p^{**} p^{**}}{m^9}$$

$$\frac{65563344000 I a b^6 h b^{15} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} p}{m^8}$$

$$\frac{28098576000 I b^7 h b^{15} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} x^{**} p}{m^8}$$

(4.3.36p)

Form this, in eq. (4.3.36a - 4.3.36p), we consider approximately to select specifically x, x^2, xp, p and U terms, and first-order of arbitrary constant b terms. Thus, the right-hand side in eq. (4.3.35) can be separated to five parts and rearranged that

$$\left\{ 1 - \frac{2at^2}{2!m} + \frac{4a^2}{4!m^2} - \frac{8a^3t^6}{6!m^3} + \frac{16a^4t^8}{8!m^4} - \frac{32a^5t^{10}}{10!m^5} + \frac{64a^6t^{12}}{12!m^6} - \frac{128a^7t^{14}}{14!m^7} + \dots \right\} x$$

$$= \left\{ 1 - \frac{\omega^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{\omega^4 t^4}{4!} - \frac{\omega^6 t^6}{6!} + \frac{\omega^8 t^8}{8!} - \frac{\omega^{10} t^{10}}{10!} + \frac{\omega^{12} t^{12}}{12!} - \frac{\omega^{14} t^{14}}{14!} + \dots \right\} x$$

$$= x \cos(\omega t), \quad (4.3.37)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{-3bt^2}{2!m} + \frac{18abt^4}{4!m^2} - \frac{132a^2bt^6}{6!m^3} + \frac{1032a^3bt^8}{8!m^4} - \frac{8208a^4bt^{10}}{10!m^5} + \frac{65568a^5bt^{12}}{12!m^6} - \dots \right\} x^2$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{-3t^2}{2!} + \frac{9\omega^2 t^4}{4!} - \frac{33\omega^4 t^6}{6!} + \frac{129\omega^6 t^8}{8!} - \frac{513\omega^8 t^{10}}{10!} + \frac{2049\omega^{10} t^{12}}{12!} - \dots \right\} \frac{bx^2}{m}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\{ \frac{-3\omega^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{9\omega^4 t^4}{4!} - \frac{33\omega^6 t^6}{6!} + \frac{129\omega^8 t^8}{8!} - \frac{513\omega^{10} t^{10}}{10!} + \frac{2049\omega^{12} t^{12}}{12!} - \dots \right\} \frac{bx^2}{m\omega^2} \\
&= \left(\cos(\omega t) + \frac{\cos(2\omega t)}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{bx^2}{m\omega^2}, \tag{4.3.38}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{-6bt^3}{3!m^2} + \frac{60abt^5}{5!m^3} - \frac{504a^2bt^7}{7!m^4} + \frac{4080a^3bt^9}{9!m^5} - \frac{32736a^4bt^{11}}{11!m^6} + \frac{262080a^5bt^{13}}{13!m^7} - \dots \right\} xp$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{-3\omega^3 t^3}{3!} + \frac{15\omega^5 t^5}{5!} - \frac{63\omega^7 t^7}{7!} + \frac{255\omega^9 t^9}{9!} - \frac{1023\omega^{11} t^{11}}{11!} + \frac{4095\omega^{13} t^{13}}{13!} - \dots \right\} \frac{2b}{m^2 \omega^3} xp$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\omega t) - \sin(\omega t) \right) \frac{2b}{m^2 \omega^2} xp, \tag{4.3.39}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{t}{m} - \frac{2at^3}{3!m^2} + \frac{4a^2t^5}{5!m^3} - \frac{8a^3t^7}{7!m^4} + \frac{16a^4t^9}{9!m^5} - \frac{32a^5t^{11}}{11!m^6} + \frac{64a^6t^{13}}{13!m^7} - \frac{128a^7t^{15}}{15!m^8} + \dots \right\} p$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\{ t\omega - \frac{\omega^3 t^3}{3!} + \frac{\omega^5 t^5}{5!} - \frac{\omega^7 t^7}{7!} + \frac{\omega^9 t^9}{9!} - \frac{\omega^{11} t^{11}}{11!} + \frac{\omega^{13} t^{13}}{13!} - \frac{\omega^{15} t^{15}}{15!} + \dots \right\} \frac{p}{m\omega} \\
&= \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{m\omega} p, \tag{4.3.40}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{3t^3}{3!m^2} - \frac{30at^5}{5!m^3} + \frac{252a^2t^7}{7!m^4} - \frac{2040a^3t^9}{9!m^5} + \frac{16368a^4t^{11}}{11!m^6} - \frac{131040a^5t^{13}}{13!m^7} + \dots \right\} bi\hbar U$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{3\omega^3 t^3}{3!} - \frac{15\omega^5 t^5}{5!} + \frac{63\omega^7 t^7}{7!} - \frac{255\omega^9 t^9}{9!} + \frac{1023\omega^{11} t^{11}}{11!} - \frac{4095\omega^{13} t^{13}}{13!} + \dots \right\} \frac{bi\hbar}{m^2\omega^3} U$$

$$= \left(\sin(\omega t) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\omega t) \right) \frac{bi\hbar}{m^2\omega^3} U, \tag{4.3.41}$$

which we have used $a = m\omega^2/2$. Therefore, when $\hat{x}(-t)$ has operated on the eigenfunction $K(x, \xi, t)$, then the result of addition of the eq. (4.3.37), eq. (4.3.38) eq. (4.3.39), eq. (4.3.40) and eq. (4.3.41) operated on $K(x, \xi, t)$, has been written as

$$\hat{x}(-t)K = \left(x \cos(\omega t) + \frac{bx^2}{2m\omega^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{bx^2}{2m\omega^2} \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{3bx^2}{2m\omega^2} - \frac{bx}{m^2\omega^3} \sin(2\omega t) p \right) K$$

$$+ \left(\frac{2bx}{m^2 \omega^3} \sin(\omega t) p - \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{m\omega} p - \frac{bi\hbar \sin(\omega t)}{m^2 \omega^3} U + \frac{bi\hbar \sin(2\omega t)}{2m^2 \omega^3} U \right) K = \xi K. \quad (4.3.42)$$

Considering the eq. (4.3.42) in configuration space we obtain

$$\left(x \cos(\omega t) + \frac{bx^2 \cos(\omega t)}{m\omega^2} + \frac{bx^2 \cos(2\omega t)}{2m\omega^2} - \frac{3bx^2}{2m\omega^2} - \frac{bi\hbar \sin(\omega t)}{m^2 \omega^3} + \frac{bi\hbar \sin(2\omega t)}{2m^2 \omega^3} - \xi \right) K +$$

$$\left(\frac{bi\hbar x \sin(2\omega t)}{m^2 \omega^3} - \frac{2bi\hbar x \sin(\omega t)}{m^2 \omega^3} + \frac{i\hbar \sin(\omega t)}{m\omega} \right) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(4.3.43a)$$

Form eq. (4.3.43a), we can write in the integrated form

$$\ln k + f(t) = \frac{im\omega}{\hbar \sin \omega t} \int \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{4bx}{m\omega^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)} \right) \left(x \cos \omega t - \xi + \frac{bx^2}{m\omega^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{bx^2}{2m\omega^2} \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{i\hbar b}{m^2 \omega^3} \sin \omega t + \frac{i\hbar b}{2m^2 \omega^3} \sin(2\omega t) - \frac{3bx^2}{2m\omega^2} \right) dx. \quad (4.3.43b)$$

Then, we expand $\left(1 - \frac{4bx}{m\omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\omega t}{2} \right)^{-1}$ in Taylor's series when $bx^3 \ll \omega^2$, we rewrite eq. (4.3.43b) that

$$\ln k + f(t) = \frac{i m \omega}{\hbar \sin \omega t} \int \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{4 b x}{m \omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\omega t}{2} \right) \left(x \cos \omega t - \xi + \frac{b x^2}{m \omega^2} \cos \omega t \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{b x^2}{2 m \omega^2} \cos 2 \omega t - \frac{i \hbar b}{m^2 \omega^3} \sin \omega t + \frac{i \hbar b}{2 m^2 \omega^3} \sin 2 \omega t - \frac{3 b x^3}{2 m \omega^2} \right) \right\} dx. \quad (4.3.43c)$$

We can use computer to calculate eq. (4.3.43c) (see Appendix B).

And finally, after normalization G 4, we get propagator

$$K(x, \xi, t) = \sqrt{\frac{m \omega}{2 \pi i \hbar \sin(\omega t)}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) \right)^{-\frac{4 b}{m \omega^2} (2 x + \xi)} \exp \left[\frac{i m \omega}{2 \hbar \sin(\omega t)} \left\{ \left(x^2 + \xi^2 \right) (\cos(\omega t) - 2 x \xi) \right\} \right. \\ \left. + b \left\{ \frac{x}{m \omega^2} \left(3 - 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) \right) - \frac{3 i \xi}{m \omega^2} + \frac{i x^2}{\hbar} (2 x + 3 \xi) t \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{i x^3}{2 \hbar \omega} \left(\sin(\omega t) + \tan\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) \cos(\omega t) + 7 \tan\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) \right) - \frac{i x \xi}{\hbar \omega} (5 x + 2 \xi) \tan\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right) \right\} \right] \quad (4.3.44)$$