# Quantum Corrections to the Semiclassical Quantization of the SU(3) Shell Model ${ }^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

We apply the canonical perturbation theory to the semi-quantal hamiltonian of the $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ shell model. Then, we use the Einstein-Brillowin-Keller quantization rule to obtain an analytical semi-quantal formula for the energy levels, which is the usual semi-classical one plus quantum corrections. Finally, a test on the numerical accuracy of the semiclassical approximation and of its quantum corrections is performed.


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In the last few years, there has been considerable renewed interest in the semi-classical approximation, due to the close connection to the problem of the so-called quantum chaos $[1,2]$. One important aspect is the semi-classical quantization formula of the energy levels for quasi-integrable systems $[3,4]$.

It has recently been shown $[5,6]$ that, for perturbed non-resonant harmonic oscillators, the algorithm of classical perturbation theory may also be used in the quantum-mechanical perturbation theory, with quantum corrections in powers of $\hbar$.

In this paper, on the contrary, we calculate the quantum corrections to the semi-classical quantization $[3,4]$ of a many-body model related to nuclear physics. Its classical counterpart, obtained in the limit of the number of particles that goes to infinity, is represented by a non-integrable hamiltonian with two degrees of freedom $[7,8,9,10]$. The semi-classical quantization of this model has been studied in [7] and here we calculate the quantum corrections and then analyze their numerical accuracy.

The model is a three-level schematic nuclear shell model, whose hamiltonian is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{H}=\sum_{k=0}^{2} \epsilon_{k} \hat{G}_{k k}+\frac{V}{2} \sum_{k \neq l=0}^{2} \hat{G}_{k l}^{2}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{G}_{k l}=\sum_{m=1}^{M} \hat{a}_{k m}^{+} \hat{a}_{l m} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

are the generators of the $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ group. This model describes $M$ identical particles in three, $M$-fold degenerate, single particle levels $\epsilon_{i}$. There is a vanishing interaction for particles in the same level and an equal interaction $V$ for particles in different levels. We assume $\epsilon_{2}=-\epsilon_{0}=\epsilon=1, \epsilon_{1}=0$.

For the $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ model the semi-quantal hamiltonian [11] is defined as [8]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2} ; M\right)=<q_{1} p_{1}, q_{2} p_{2} ; M\left|\frac{\hat{H}}{M}\right| q_{1} p_{1}, q_{2} p_{2} ; M>, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mid q_{1} p_{1}, q_{2} p_{2} ; M>$ is the coherent state, given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|q_{1} p_{1}, q_{2} p_{2} ; M>=\exp \left[z_{1} G_{01}+z_{2} G_{02}\right]\right| 00> \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

with:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 M}}\left(q_{k}+i p_{k}\right)=\frac{z_{k}}{\sqrt{1+z_{1}^{*} z_{1}+z_{2}^{*} z_{2}}}, \quad k=1,2 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\left|00>=\Pi_{k=1}^{M} a_{0 k}^{+}\right| 0>$ is the ground state. Here $1 / M$ plays the role of the Planck constant $\hbar[10]$.

As discussed in great detail in [10], the semi-quantal hamiltonian is:

$$
\begin{gather*}
H\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2} ; M\right)=-1+\frac{1}{2}\left(p_{1}^{2}+q_{1}^{2}\right)+\left(p_{2}^{2}+q_{2}^{2}\right)+\frac{1}{4} \chi\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right] \times \\
\times\left[\left(q_{1}^{2}+q_{2}^{2}\right)^{2}-\left(p_{1}^{2}+p_{2}^{2}\right)^{2}-\left(q_{1}^{2}-p_{1}^{2}\right)\left(q_{2}^{2}-p_{2}^{2}\right)-4 q_{1} q_{2} p_{1} p_{2}-2\left(q_{1}^{2}+q_{2}^{2}-p_{1}^{2}-p_{2}^{2}\right)\right], \tag{6}
\end{gather*}
$$

with $\chi=M V / \epsilon$. The phase space has been scaled to give $\left(q_{1}^{2}+q_{2}^{2}+p_{1}^{2}+p_{2}^{2}\right) \leq$ 2. The classical hamiltonian can be obtained in the "thermodynamical" limit [10,12]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{c l}\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)=\lim _{M \rightarrow \infty} H\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2} ; M\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the semi-quantal hamiltonian is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2} ; M\right)=H_{c l}\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)+H_{q c}\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, q_{1}, q_{2} ; M\right) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H_{q c}$ is the hamiltonian of quantum corrections.
Through the canonical transformation in action-angle variables [11]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
q_{k}=\sqrt{2 I_{k}} \cos \left(\theta_{k}\right), \quad p_{k}=\sqrt{2 I_{k}} \sin \left(\theta_{k}\right), \quad k=1,2 \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

the semi-quantal hamiltonian can be written:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H\left(I_{1}, I_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=H_{0}\left(I_{1}, I_{2}\right)+\chi V\left(I_{1}, I_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
\begin{gather*}
H_{0}\left(I_{1}, I_{2}\right)=-1+I_{1}+2 I_{2}  \tag{11}\\
V\left(I_{1}, I_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right]\left(1-I_{1}-I_{2}\right)\left[I_{1} \cos \left(2 \theta_{1}\right)+I_{2} \cos \left(2 \theta_{2}\right)\right]+I_{1} I_{2} \cos \left(2 \theta_{2}-2 \theta_{1}\right) . \tag{12}
\end{gather*}
$$

We applied a canonical transformation $\left(I_{1}, I_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2}\right) \rightarrow\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \tilde{\theta}_{1}, \tilde{\theta}_{2}\right)$ in order to obtain a new hamiltonian that depends only on the new action variables up to the second order in a power series of $\chi$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{H}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=\tilde{H}_{0}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}\right)+\chi \tilde{H}_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)+\chi^{2} \tilde{H}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is well known that the canonical perturbation theory presents many difficulties which are essentially related to the so-called small denominators. The resonance of the unperturbed frequencies $\omega_{1}=\frac{\partial H_{0}}{\partial I_{1}}=1, \omega_{2}=\frac{\partial H_{0}}{\partial I_{2}}=2$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
m \omega_{1}+n \omega_{2}=0 \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

can lead to divergent expressions in the perturbative solution to the problem. This drawback occurs only if the integer numbers $m$ and $n$ are present as Fourier harmonics in the perturbation theory. We will show that the resonance condition (14) is not satisfied up to the second order in $\chi$.

We assume that the generator $S$ of the canonical transformation may be expanded as a power series in $\chi$ :
$S\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=\tilde{I}_{1} \theta_{1}+\tilde{I}_{2} \theta_{2}+\chi S_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)+\chi^{2} S_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)$.

The generator $S$ satisfies the equations:

$$
\begin{align*}
& I_{k}=\frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta_{k}}=\tilde{I}_{k}+\chi \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{k}}+\chi^{2} \frac{\partial S_{2}}{\partial \theta_{k}}  \tag{16}\\
& \tilde{\theta}_{k}=\frac{\partial S}{\partial \tilde{I}_{k}}=\theta_{k}+\chi \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \tilde{I}_{k}}+\chi^{2} \frac{\partial S_{2}}{\partial \tilde{I}_{k}} \tag{17}
\end{align*}
$$

with $k=1,2$. From the Hamilton-Jacobi equation:
$H_{0}\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta_{1}}, \frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right)+V\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta_{1}}, \frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta_{2}}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=\tilde{H}_{0}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}\right)+\tilde{H}_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)+\tilde{H}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)$,
we have a number of differential equations obtained by equating the coefficients of the powers of $\chi$ :

$$
\begin{gather*}
\tilde{H}_{0}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}\right)=H_{0}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}\right)=-1+\tilde{I}_{1}+2 \tilde{I}_{2}  \tag{19}\\
\tilde{H}_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=\left(\omega_{1} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{1}}+\omega_{2} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right)+V\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)  \tag{20}\\
\tilde{H}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=\left(\omega_{1} \frac{\partial S_{2}}{\partial \theta_{1}}+\omega_{2} \frac{\partial S_{2}}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right)+\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{1}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{1}}+\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{2}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right) \tag{21}
\end{gather*}
$$

The unknown functions $\tilde{H}_{1}, S_{1}, \tilde{H}_{2}$ and $S_{2}$ may be determined by averaging the time variation of the unperturbed motion. At the first order in $\chi$ we obtain:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{H}_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=\frac{1}{4 \pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} d \theta_{1} d \theta_{2} V\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=0, \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=-\sum_{\{(m, n)\}} \frac{V_{m n}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)}{\left(m \omega_{1}+n \omega_{2}\right)} \sin \left(m \theta_{1}+n \theta_{2}\right) \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\{(m, n)\}=\{(2,0),(0,2),(-2,2)\}$ are the Fourier harmonics of the perturbation potential $V$. The resonance condition is not satisfied, and we have:

$$
\begin{align*}
& S_{1}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=-\frac{1}{2}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right]\left[( 1 - \tilde { I } _ { 1 } - \tilde { I } _ { 2 } ) \left(\tilde{I}_{1} \sin \left(2 \theta_{1}\right)+\right.\right. \\
& \left.\left.\quad+\frac{1}{2}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right] \tilde{I}_{2} \sin \left(2 \theta_{2}\right)\right)\right]-\frac{1}{2}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right] \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2} \sin \left(2 \theta_{2}-2 \theta_{1}\right) \tag{24}
\end{align*}
$$

At the second order in $\chi$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{H}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=\frac{1}{4 \pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} d \theta_{1} d \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{1}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{1}}+\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{1}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{4}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right]\left(-1+\tilde{I}_{1}+2 \tilde{I}_{2}\right)\left(2 \tilde{I}_{1}-4 \tilde{I}_{1}^{2}+\tilde{I}_{2}-\tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}-\tilde{I}_{2}^{2}\right) \tag{25}
\end{align*}
$$

and:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=-\sum_{\{(m, n)\}} \frac{W_{m n}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)}{\left(m \omega_{1}+n \omega_{2}\right)} \sin \left(m \theta_{1}+n \theta_{2}\right) \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\{(m, n)\}=\{(2,0),(4,0),(2,-4),(4,-4),(2,-2),(0,4),(2,2)\}$ are the Fourier harmonics of the function $W$, given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
W\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=\tilde{H}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)-\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{1}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{1}}+\frac{\partial V}{\partial I_{2}} \frac{\partial S_{1}}{\partial \theta_{2}}\right) \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this case too, the resonance condition is not satisfied and we have:

$$
\begin{gathered}
S_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2}, \theta_{1}, \theta_{2} ; M\right)=\frac{1}{8}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right]\left[3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(1-\tilde{I}_{1}-\tilde{I}_{2}\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{1}\right)+\right. \\
+\tilde{I}_{1}\left(1-3 \tilde{I}_{1}+2 \tilde{I}_{1}^{2}-2 \tilde{I}_{2}+3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}+\tilde{I}_{2}^{2}\right) \sin \left(4 \theta_{1}\right)+ \\
+3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}+\tilde{I}_{2}^{2}-1\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{1}-4 \theta_{2}\right)+ \\
\quad+\tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{2}-\tilde{I}_{1}\right) \sin \left(4 \theta_{1}-4 \theta_{2}\right)+
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gather*}
+3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(1-\tilde{I}_{1}-\tilde{I}_{2}\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{1}-2 \theta_{2}\right)+ \\
+\frac{1}{4} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(1-2 \tilde{I}_{1}+\tilde{I}_{1}^{2}-3 \tilde{I}_{2}+3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}+2 \tilde{I}_{2}^{2}\right) \sin \left(4 \theta_{2}\right)+ \\
\left.+3 \tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}+\tilde{I}_{2}-1\right) \sin \left(2 \theta_{1}+2 \theta_{2}\right)\right] \tag{28}
\end{gather*}
$$

In conclusion:
$\tilde{H}\left(\tilde{I}_{1}, \tilde{I}_{2} ; M\right)=-1+\tilde{I}_{1}+2 \tilde{I}_{2}+\frac{\chi^{2}}{4}\left[1-\frac{1}{M}\right]\left(-1+\tilde{I}_{1}+2 \tilde{I}_{2}\right)\left(2 \tilde{I}_{1}-4 \tilde{I}_{1}^{2}+\tilde{I}_{2}-\tilde{I}_{1} \tilde{I}_{2}-\tilde{I}_{2}^{2}\right)$.

This approximate semi-quantal hamiltonian depends only on the actions. Thus, a semi-quantal quantization formula may be obtained by applying the Einstein-Brillowin-Keller rule $[2,3]$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{I}_{k}=\left(n_{k}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}, \quad k=1,2 \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $1 / M$ plays the role of the Planck constant $\hbar$. In this way we have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{n_{1} n_{2}}(M)=E_{n_{1} n_{2}}^{s c}(M)+E_{n_{1} n_{2}}^{q c}(M) \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{n_{1} n_{2}}^{s c}(M)=-1+\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}+2\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}+\frac{\chi^{2}}{4}\left[-1+\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}+2\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}\right] \times \\
& \times\left[2\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}-4\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{1}{M^{2}}+\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}-\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M^{2}}-\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{1}{M^{2}}\right] \tag{32}
\end{align*}
$$

is the semi-classical quantization formula, and

$$
\begin{gather*}
E_{n_{1} n_{2}}^{q c}(M)=-\frac{\chi^{2}}{4 M}\left[-1+\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}+2\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}\right] \times \\
\times\left[2\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}-4\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{1}{M^{2}}+\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M}-\left(n_{1}+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{M^{2}}-\left(n_{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{1}{M^{2}}\right], \tag{33}
\end{gather*}
$$

are the quantum corrections.
In order to test the accuracy of the semiclassical approximation and its quantum corrections, the eigenvalues of the hamiltonian (1) must be calculated. A natural basis can be written: $\mid b c>$, meaning b particles in the second level, c in the third and, of course, $M-b-c$ in the first level. In this way $\mid 00>$ is the ground state with all the particles in the lowest level $[7,8]$. We can write the general basis state:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|b c>=\sqrt{\frac{1}{b!c!}} \hat{G}_{21}^{b} \hat{G}_{31}^{c}\right| 00> \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\sqrt{\frac{1}{b!c!}}$ is the normalizing constant.
We can calculate the expectation values of $\frac{\hat{H}}{M}$ and, therefore, the eigenvalues and eigenstates of $\frac{\hat{H}}{M}$. In this way, the energy spectrum range is independent of the number of the particles:

$$
\begin{equation*}
<b^{\prime} c^{\prime}\left|\frac{\hat{H}}{M}\right| b c>=\frac{1}{M}(-M+b+2 c) \delta_{b b^{\prime}} \delta_{c c^{\prime}}-\frac{\chi}{2 M^{2}} Q_{b^{\prime} c^{\prime}, b c}, \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
\begin{gather*}
Q_{b^{\prime} c^{\prime}, b c}=\sqrt{b(b-1)(M-b-c+1)(M-b-c+2)} \delta_{b-2, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c c^{\prime}} \\
+\sqrt{(b+1)(b+2)(M-b-c)(M-b-c-1)} \delta_{b+2, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c c^{\prime}} \\
+\sqrt{c(c-1)(M-b-c+1)(M-b-c+2)} \delta_{b, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c-2, c^{\prime}} \\
+\sqrt{(c+1)(c+2)(M-b-c)(M-b-c-1)} \delta_{b, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c+2, c^{\prime}} \\
+\sqrt{(b+1)(b+2) c(c-1)} \delta_{b+2, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c-2, c^{\prime}} \\
+\sqrt{b(b-1)(c+1)(c+2)} \delta_{b-2, b^{\prime}} \delta_{c+2, c^{\prime}} \tag{36}
\end{gather*}
$$

and $\chi=M V / \epsilon$. The expectation value $<\frac{\hat{H}}{M}>$ is real and symmetric. For a given number of particles $M$, we can set up the complete basis state, write down the matrix elements of $<\frac{\hat{H}}{M}>$ and then diagonalize $<\frac{H}{M}>$ to find its eigenvalues. $\left\langle\frac{H}{M}\right\rangle$ connects only states with $\Delta b=-2,0,2$ and $\Delta c=-2,0,2$ which makes the problem easier. We group states with $\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}$ even; $\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}$ odd; b even and c odd; b odd and c even. This means that $<\frac{\hat{H}}{M}>$ becomes block diagonal containing 4 blocks which can be diagonalized separately. These matrices are referred to as ee, oo, oe and eo (for further details see also [17]).

Then we compare these "exact" levels to those obtained by the semiquantal perturbation theory. A very good agreement is displayed (see Fig. 1).

In Table 1, we show the difference between the "exact" levels and those obtained by the semi-classical and semi-quantal perturbation theory. We observe that the algorithm provided by the semi-quantal perturbation theory gives better results than that of the ordinary semi-classical perturbation theory.

Obviously if $1 / M$, no matter how small, is kept fixed, this semi-quantal approximation on the individual levels has the meaning of a perturbation theory in $1 / M[5,6,13]$. Therefore, the accuracy of the approximation decreases for higher levels [14]. To obtain a better agreement it is necessary, as is well known, to implement the classical limit $1 / M \rightarrow 0, n_{k} \rightarrow \infty$ and, at the same time, to keep the action $\tilde{I}_{k}=\left(n_{k}+1 / 2\right) / M$ constant $[15,16]$.

Finally, we stress that, for systems with a finite number of Fourier har-
monics, like the $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ model, rational frequencies do not give rise to the problem of small denominators up to a certain order of the canonical perturbation theory.

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## Table Captions

Table 1: The differences for the first 10 levels, with $\chi=0.75$ and $M=100$, for the eo class. $E^{e x}$ are the "exact" levels, $E^{s c}$ are the semi-classical levels, and $E^{s q}$ are the semi-quantal levels.

## Figure Captions

Figure 1: Comparison between "exact" levels (left) and those obtained by the semi-quantal perturbation theory (right); with $\chi=0.75$ and $M=100$ for the eo class.

| $\left\|E^{e x}-E^{s c}\right\|$ | $\left\|E^{e x}-E^{s q}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1.3086796 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.1860132 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $1.6146898 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.3964772 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $2.7745962 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $2.2178888 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $1.4380813 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.1500716 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $1.5463829 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.3815761 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $1.0503531 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $7.1579218 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $1.9035935 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.6558170 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $4.4906139 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $3.5130978 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $6.0987473 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $2.4980307 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $1.8021464 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.4950633 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |

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