

M2 Mathématiques & Applications
 UE (ANEDP, COCV): Analyse et contrôle de systèmes quantiques
 Contrôle des connaissances, durée 2 heures.
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Exercise 1

Consider the tensor product $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_3 \otimes \mathcal{H}_c$ where $\mathcal{H}_3 \sim \mathbb{C}^3$ admits $(|g\rangle, |e\rangle, |f\rangle)$ as Hilbert basis and $\mathcal{H}_c \sim L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}) \sim l^2(\mathbb{C})$ admits $(|n\rangle)_{n \geq 0}$ as Hilbert basis (Fock basis). Take the following Hamiltonian on \mathcal{H} ($\omega_g, \omega_e, \omega_f, \omega_c, \chi$ real parameters)

$$\mathbf{H} = (\omega_g |g\rangle\langle g| + \omega_e |e\rangle\langle e| + \omega_f |f\rangle\langle f|) \otimes \mathbf{I}_c + \omega_c \mathbf{I}_3 \otimes (\mathbf{N} + \frac{\mathbf{I}_c}{2}) \\ + \chi (|g\rangle\langle f| + |f\rangle\langle g| + |e\rangle\langle f| + |f\rangle\langle e|) \otimes (\mathbf{N} + \frac{\mathbf{I}_c}{2})$$

where \mathbf{I}_3 and \mathbf{I}_c are identity operators on \mathcal{H}_3 and \mathcal{H}_c , $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}$ is the photon number operator on \mathcal{H}_c . We consider the Schrödinger equation $\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = -i\mathbf{H}|\psi\rangle$ where $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$.

1. With $\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$ and $|\psi\rangle \sim (\psi_g, \psi_e, \psi_f) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ give the partial differential formulation of the Schrödinger equation.
2. With $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{n \geq 0} \psi_{g,n} |g\rangle \otimes |n\rangle + \psi_{e,n} |e\rangle \otimes |n\rangle + \psi_{f,n} |f\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$ give the infinite set of ordinary differential equations satisfied by $(\psi_{g,n}, \psi_{e,n}, \psi_{f,n})_{n \geq 0}$.

Exercise 2

Consider the 3-level system of Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} \sim \mathbb{C}^3$ with $(|g\rangle, |e\rangle, |f\rangle)$ as Hilbert basis with the following Hamiltonian

$$\mathbf{H}(t) = \omega_e |e\rangle\langle e| + \omega_f |f\rangle\langle f| + u(t) (\mu_{ge} (|g\rangle\langle e| + |e\rangle\langle g|) + \mu_{ef} (|e\rangle\langle f| + |f\rangle\langle e|) + \mu_{fg} (|f\rangle\langle g| + |g\rangle\langle f|))$$

where $t \mapsto u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ is the control input and $(\omega_e, \omega_f, \mu_{ge}, \mu_{ef}, \mu_{fg})$ are constant real parameters. Consider the Schrödinger equation $\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = -i\mathbf{H}(t)|\psi\rangle$ with $\omega_f > \omega_e > 0$ and $0 < |\mu_{ge}|, |\mu_{ef}|, |\mu_{fg}| \ll \min(\omega_e, \omega_f - \omega_e)$.

1. Take the passage to the interaction frame $|\psi\rangle \mapsto |\phi\rangle = e^{it(\omega_e |e\rangle\langle e| + \omega_f |f\rangle\langle f|)} |\psi\rangle$ and compute the interaction Hamiltonian $\mathbf{H}_{int}(t)$ governing the Schrödinger dynamics of $|\phi\rangle$: $\frac{d}{dt}|\phi\rangle = -i\mathbf{H}_{int}(t)|\phi\rangle$.
2. Assume that $u(t) = \bar{u} e^{-i\omega_f t} + \bar{u}^* e^{i\omega_f t}$ of constant amplitude $\bar{u} \in \mathbb{C}/\{0\}$ with $|\bar{u}| \leq 1$. Justify that one can approximate the time evolution of ϕ by $\frac{d}{dt}|\phi\rangle = -i\bar{\mathbf{H}}|\phi\rangle$ where $\bar{\mathbf{H}}$ is a constant Hamiltonian and provide its explicit expression.

3. We assume now that the state $|f\rangle$ is unstable and relaxes towards $|g\rangle$ or $|e\rangle$ with rates $\kappa_g, \kappa_e > 0$ much smaller than $\min(\omega_e, \omega_f - \omega_e)$. This open quantum system is described by the Lindblad master equation for the density operator ρ in the interaction frame:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i\left[\overline{\mathbf{H}}, \rho\right] + \kappa_g \left(\mathbf{L}_g \rho \mathbf{L}_g^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{L}_g^\dagger \mathbf{L}_g \rho + \rho \mathbf{L}_g^\dagger \mathbf{L}_g)\right) + \kappa_e \left(\mathbf{L}_e \rho \mathbf{L}_e^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{L}_e^\dagger \mathbf{L}_e \rho + \rho \mathbf{L}_e^\dagger \mathbf{L}_e)\right)$$

with $\mathbf{L}_g = |g\rangle\langle f|$ and $\mathbf{L}_e = |e\rangle\langle f|$. Show that for any initial density operator $\rho_0 = \rho(0)$, the limit of $\rho(t)$ when t tends to $+\infty$ is the pure state $|e\rangle\langle e|$ (**Hint:** use the Lyapunov function $V(\rho) = 1 - \langle e|\rho|e\rangle$ and LaSalle's invariance principle).

Problem

We consider a quantum harmonic oscillator defined on the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H}_c = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle \mid (c_n) \in l^2(\mathbb{C}) \right\}$$

where $|n\rangle$ corresponds to the Fock state with n photon(s). Driving it at its resonance, the Hamiltonian in the interaction frame is given by

$$\mathbf{H}_c = i(\bar{u}^* \mathbf{a} - \bar{u} \mathbf{a}^\dagger).$$

where $\bar{u} \in \mathbb{C}$ is a complex amplitude and \mathbf{a} is the photon annihilator operator. As illustrated in the course, this Hamiltonian generates during $T \geq 0$ a unitary evolution $\mathbf{U}_T = \mathbf{D}_\alpha = e^{-iT\mathbf{H}_c} = e^{\alpha \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \mathbf{a}}$ with $\alpha = T\bar{u}$.

Through this problem, we will study the situation where this Hamiltonian evolution is accompanied by frequent measurements of a certain observable $\mathbf{O}_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$. Indeed, we will assume that this dynamics is performed in m steps of length T/m and labeled from $k = 0$ to $k = m - 1$, together with a measurement after each step. In this aim, we consider the measurement operators $\mathbf{M}_g = \mathbf{I} - |1\rangle\langle 1|$, $\mathbf{M}_e = |1\rangle\langle 1|$. The dynamics of the system is modeled by the Markov chain of state $|\psi_k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_c$ and measurement outcomes $y_k \in \{g, e\}$ at step k :

$$|\psi_{k+1/2}\rangle = \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi_k\rangle,$$

$$|\psi_{k+1}\rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbf{M}_g |\psi_{k+1/2}\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_{k+1/2} | \mathbf{M}_g^\dagger \mathbf{M}_g | \psi_{k+1/2} \rangle}} & \text{with } y_k = g, \text{ probability } \langle \psi_{k+1/2} | \mathbf{M}_g^\dagger \mathbf{M}_g | \psi_{k+1/2} \rangle; \\ \frac{\mathbf{M}_e |\psi_{k+1/2}\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_{k+1/2} | \mathbf{M}_e^\dagger \mathbf{M}_e | \psi_{k+1/2} \rangle}} & \text{with } y_k = e, \text{ probability } \langle \psi_{k+1/2} | \mathbf{M}_e^\dagger \mathbf{M}_e | \psi_{k+1/2} \rangle. \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, we assume the initial state to be given by $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle$. Physically $|\psi_m\rangle$ corresponds then to the wave function at time T .

1. Show that the operators \mathbf{M}_g and \mathbf{M}_e represent an eligible Kraus map. Show that this measurement is quantum non-demolition for an observable \mathbf{O} if and only if $\langle n | \mathbf{O} | 1 \rangle = 0$ for all $n \neq 1$.
2. Provide the state $|\psi_r^g\rangle$ of the system conditioned on r measurements giving as result $y_k = g$ for all $k = 0, \dots, r - 1$.

3. Show that the probability p_r^g of measuring $y_k = g$ for all $k = 0, \dots, r-1$ is given by

$$p_r^g = \left\| \left(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} \right)^r |0\rangle \right\|^2.$$

4. Now, we aim at studying the limits $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p_m^g$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |\psi_m^g\rangle$. Show that

$$\| \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |0\rangle - |0\rangle \| = O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right).$$

5. Deduce that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p_m^g = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |\psi_m^g\rangle = |0\rangle \text{ strongly in } \mathcal{H}_c.$$

Hint: Use the fact that $\mathbf{D}_{\alpha/m}$ is a unitary and that \mathbf{M}_g is a projection, and therefore they do not increase the norm of a state in \mathcal{H}_c .

6. Provide a simple and physical interpretation of the above limits.

7. Now we consider a different measurement process based on the observable $\mathbf{O}_2 = |2\rangle\langle 2|$. We consider the associated Kraus operators $\mathbf{M}_g = \mathbf{I} - |2\rangle\langle 2|$ and $\mathbf{M}_e = |2\rangle\langle 2|$. Also, for simplicity sakes, we assume α to be real.

(a) Take $c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$, and consider the wave functions

$$|\psi\rangle = c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad |\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \frac{(c_0 - \alpha c_1/m)|0\rangle + (c_1 + \alpha c_0/m)|1\rangle}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2/m^2}}.$$

Show that $\| \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi\rangle - |\tilde{\psi}\rangle \| = O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right)$ (**Hint:** Calculate $\mathbf{D}_{\alpha/m}|1\rangle$ by noting that $|1\rangle = \mathbf{a}^\dagger|0\rangle$ and using the commutation relations).

(b) Deduce the limits $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p_m^g$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |\psi_m^g\rangle$ (p_m^g and $|\psi_m^g\rangle$ are the probability to detect $y_k = g$ for $k = 0, \dots, m-1$ and the corresponding quantum state at step m starting from $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle$).

(c) Provide a simple and physical interpretation of the above limits.

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Exercise 1

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} i\frac{\partial\psi_g}{\partial t} &= \frac{\omega_g}{2}\psi_g + \frac{\omega_c}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_g + \frac{\chi}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_f \\ i\frac{\partial\psi_e}{\partial t} &= \frac{\omega_e}{2}\psi_e + \frac{\omega_c}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_e + \frac{\chi}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_f \\ i\frac{\partial\psi_f}{\partial t} &= \frac{\omega_f}{2}\psi_f + \frac{\omega_c}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_f + \frac{\chi}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_g + \frac{\chi}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_e \end{aligned}$$

2. We have

$$\begin{aligned} i\frac{d}{dt}\psi_{g,n} &= ((n+1/2)\omega_c + \omega_g)\psi_{g,n} + \chi(n+1/2)\psi_{f,n} \\ i\frac{d}{dt}\psi_{e,n} &= ((n+1/2)\omega_c + \omega_e)\psi_{e,n} + \chi(n+1/2)\psi_{f,n} \\ i\frac{d}{dt}\psi_{f,n} &= ((n+1/2)\omega_c + \omega_f)\psi_{f,n} + \chi(n+1/2)\psi_{g,n} + \chi(n+1/2)\psi_{e,n} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{int}(t) &= u(t)\mu_{ge}(e^{-i\omega_e t}|g\rangle\langle e| + e^{i\omega_e t}|e\rangle\langle g|) \\ &\quad + u(t)\mu_{ef}(e^{-i(\omega_f - \omega_e)t}|e\rangle\langle f| + e^{i(\omega_f - \omega_e)t}|f\rangle\langle e|) \\ &\quad + u(t)\mu_{fg}(e^{i\omega_f t}|f\rangle\langle g| + e^{-i\omega_f t}|g\rangle\langle f|). \end{aligned}$$

2. Since $|\mu_{ge}|, |\mu_{ef}|, |\mu_{fg}| \ll \min(\omega_e, \omega_f - \omega_e)$, we can use the rotating wave approximation and keep only the non-oscillating terms (secular terms) in $\mathbf{H}_{int}(t)$ where $u(t)$ is replaced by $\bar{u}e^{-i\omega_f t} + \bar{u}^*e^{i\omega_f t}$. This yields to $\bar{\mathbf{H}} = \mu_{fg}(\bar{u}|f\rangle\langle g| + \bar{u}^*|g\rangle\langle f|)|\phi\rangle$.

3. Since $\rho(t)$ remains non-negative and of trace one, $V(\rho)$ remains between 0 and 1. Moreover $V(\rho) = 0$ means that $\rho = |e\rangle\langle e|$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\rho &= -i\mu_{fg}[\bar{u}|f\rangle\langle g| + \bar{u}^*|g\rangle\langle f|, \rho] \\ &\quad + \langle f|\rho|f\rangle \left(\kappa_g|g\rangle\langle g| + \kappa_e|e\rangle\langle e| \right) - \frac{\kappa_g + \kappa_e}{2} \left(|f\rangle\langle f|\rho + \rho|f\rangle\langle f| \right) \end{aligned}$$

we have $\frac{d}{dt}V(\rho) = -\kappa_e \langle f|\rho|f \rangle \leq 0$. Thus V is a decreasing time function. Since the set of density operators is compact and $V \geq 0$, we can apply LaSalle's invariance principle: the trajectories converge towards the largest invariant set of density operators satisfying $\frac{d}{dt}V = 0$. When $\langle f|\rho|f \rangle = 0$ we have $\rho|f \rangle = 0$ and $\langle f|\rho = 0$ since ρ is a density operator (therefore non-negative). Then we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i\mu_{fg}(\bar{u}|f\rangle\langle g|\rho - \bar{u}^*\rho|g\rangle\langle f|)$$

and we get by differentiating $\rho|f \rangle = 0$ with respect to t : $\frac{d}{dt}\rho|f \rangle = 0$, i.e. $-\mu_{fg}\bar{u}^*\rho|g \rangle = 0$. This means that $|f \rangle$ and $|g \rangle$ are in the kernel of ρ . This implies that ρ is necessarily the projector on $|e \rangle$ since it must be of trace one and non-negative.

This Lindblad equation is the simplest dynamical model describing optical pumping, a simple and powerful idea due to Alfred Kastler (Physics Nobel Prize 1966) for preparing and stabilizing pure states.

Problem

1. It is easy to check that $\mathbf{M}_g^\dagger \mathbf{M}_g + \mathbf{M}_e^\dagger \mathbf{M}_e = \mathbf{I}$ and therefore they represent an eligible Kraus map. The measurement is non-demolition for an observable \mathbf{O} , if the Kraus operators \mathbf{M}_g and \mathbf{M}_e commute with \mathbf{O} . It is easy to check that this condition is equivalent to $\langle m|\mathbf{O}|1 \rangle = 0, \forall m \neq 1$.
2. The state at the step r is given by

$$|\psi_r^g\rangle = \frac{\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi_{r-1}^g\rangle}{\|\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi_{r-1}^g\rangle\|}$$

Therefore by induction, it is easy to see that

$$|\psi_r^g\rangle = \frac{(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^r |0\rangle}{\|(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^r |0\rangle\|}$$

3. The probability for the first measurement to give $y_0 = g$ is clearly $\|\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |0\rangle\|^2$. The probability to achieve r measurements giving all $y_k = g$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p_r^g &= \mathbb{P}(y_{r-1} = g, y_{r-2} = g, \dots, y_0 = g) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(y_{r-1} = g \mid y_{r-2} = g, \dots, y_0 = g) \mathbb{P}(y_{r-2} = g, y_{r-3} = g, \dots, y_0 = g). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\mathbb{P}(y_{r-1} = g \mid y_{r-2} = g, \dots, y_0 = g) = \|\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} \psi_{r-1}^g\|^2 = \frac{\|(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^r |0\rangle\|^2}{\|(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^{r-1} |0\rangle\|^2}$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(y_{r-2} = g, y_{r-3} = g, \dots, y_0 = g) = p_{r-1}^g.$$

The proof is clear by induction.

4. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |0\rangle &= (\mathbf{I} - |1\rangle\langle 1|) \frac{\alpha}{m} = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2m^2}} (\mathbf{I} - |1\rangle\langle 1|) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k!}} \frac{\alpha^k}{m^k} |k\rangle \\ &= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2m^2}} |0\rangle + e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2m^2}} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k!}} \frac{\alpha^k}{m^k} |k\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We note that $e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2m^2}} = 1 + O(1/m^2)$ and that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k!}} \frac{\alpha^k}{m^k} |k\rangle \right\| \leq \frac{|\alpha|^2}{m^2} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k!}} \frac{|\alpha|^{k-2}}{m^{k-2}}.$$

Noting that the series is convergent, the result is clear.

5. One can write

$$\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |0\rangle = |0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) |\chi_0\rangle,$$

where χ_0 is a normalized state in \mathcal{H}_c . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^2 |0\rangle &= (\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}}) (|0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) |\chi_0\rangle) \\ &= |0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) |\chi_0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) (\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}}) |\chi_0\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We note that $\|(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}}) |\chi_0\rangle\| \leq 1$, as $\mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}}$ is a unitary (therefore conserving the norm) and \mathbf{M}_g is a projection (therefore reducing the norm). Thus $O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) (\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}}) |\chi_0\rangle$ can be written as $O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) |\chi_1\rangle$ for a normalized state $|\chi_1\rangle$ in \mathcal{H}_c . In the same manner

$$(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^m |0\rangle = |0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} |\chi_k\rangle \right),$$

where $|\chi_k\rangle$'s are normalized states in \mathcal{H}_c . Therefore

$$p_m^g = \|(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^m |0\rangle\|^2 = \| |0\rangle + O\left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} |\chi_k\rangle \right) \|^2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Furthermore

$$\| |\psi_m^g\rangle - |0\rangle \| = \left\| \frac{(\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}})^m |0\rangle}{\sqrt{p_m^g}} - |0\rangle \right\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

6. We have illustrated that, whenever we measure frequently the observable \mathbf{O}_1 during the unitary evolution, we freeze the state at time T ($T > 0$ being arbitrary) in $|0\rangle$ and remove the effect of the driving Hamiltonian. This is called the quantum Zeno effect.

7. (a) We have $\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi\rangle = c_0 \mathbf{M}_g |\frac{\alpha}{m}\rangle + c_1 \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |1\rangle$. In order to calculate $\mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |1\rangle$, we note that

$$\mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |1\rangle = \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} \mathbf{a}^\dagger |0\rangle = \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{D}_{-\frac{\alpha}{m}} \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |0\rangle = (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \frac{\alpha}{m}) \frac{\alpha}{m}.$$

As $\mathbf{M}_g = \mathbf{I} - |2\rangle\langle 2|$, we have

$$\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi\rangle = c_0(|0\rangle + \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + c_1 \mathbf{M}_g (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \frac{\alpha}{m})(|0\rangle + \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + O(\frac{1}{m^2}) |\chi_0\rangle,$$

where $|\chi_0\rangle$ is a normalized state in \mathcal{H}_c . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi\rangle &= c_0(|0\rangle + \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + c_1 \mathbf{M}_g (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \frac{\alpha}{m})(|0\rangle + \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + O(\frac{1}{m^2}) |\chi_0\rangle \\ &= c_0(|0\rangle + \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + c_1 \mathbf{M}_g (|1\rangle + \sqrt{2} \frac{\alpha}{m} |2\rangle - \frac{\alpha}{m} |0\rangle) + O(\frac{1}{m^2}) |\chi_1\rangle \\ &= c_0(|0\rangle + \frac{\alpha}{m} |1\rangle) + c_1 (|1\rangle - \frac{\alpha}{m} |0\rangle) + O(\frac{1}{m^2}) |\chi_1\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $|\chi_0\rangle$ is a normalized state in \mathcal{H}_c . This proves the relation

$$\|\mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{D}_{\frac{\alpha}{m}} |\psi\rangle - |\tilde{\psi}\rangle\| = O(1/m^2),$$

as $1/\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2/m^2} = 1 + O(1/m^2)$.

(b) One has $|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \mathbf{R}_\theta |\psi\rangle$, where

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\alpha^2/m^2}} & -\frac{\alpha/m}{\sqrt{1+\alpha^2/m^2}} \\ \frac{\alpha/m}{\sqrt{1+\alpha^2/m^2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\alpha^2/m^2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a rotation matrix with $\theta = \arctan(\alpha/m)$ in the space $\text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$. Similarly to the question 5, we have $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p_m^g = 1$. Also, we have

$$|\psi_m^g\rangle = \mathbf{R}_{\arctan(\alpha/m)}^m |0\rangle + O(1/m) |\chi\rangle = \mathbf{R}_{m \arctan(\alpha/m)} |0\rangle + O(1/m) |\chi\rangle,$$

where χ is a normalized state in \mathcal{H}_c . Now, note that $\mathbf{R}_{m \arctan(\alpha/m)} |0\rangle$ converges to $\mathbf{R}_\alpha |0\rangle$ for m tending to infinity.

(c) We have shown that the measuring frequently the observable \mathbf{O}_2 , we confine the dynamics of the harmonic oscillator to the two-dimensional subspace spanned by $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. A unitary displacement of the cavity state is therefore replaced by a Rabi oscillation for this effective two-level system. This is called Quantum Zeno Dynamics.