# Solution of the Schrödinger equation with Hulthén plus Manning-Rosen potential 

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#### Abstract

The general solutions of the Schrödinger equation with a generalized Hulthén plus Manning-Rosen potential are obtained in terms of the Jacobi polynomials by using the Nikiforov-Uvarov method.


Keywords: Schrödinger equation, Hulthén potential, Manning-Rosen potential.

## Resumen

Las soluciones generales de la ecuación de Schrödinger bajo un potencial generalizado de Hulthén combinado con uno de Manning-Rosen son obtenidas en términos de los polinomios de Jacobi mediante el uso del método de NikiforovUvarov.

Palabras clave: Ecuación de Schrödinger, potencial de Hulthén, potential de Manning-Rosen.
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## I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, there has been a growing interest in the study of the Schrödinger equation for complex potentials. The increasing interest in central potential models aims at an extension of their physical and mathematical background. Recently, considerable efforts have been paid to obtain the exact solution of central problems. Different techniques have been used in solving the above mentioned potentials such as variational methods [1], numerical approaches [2], Fourier analysis [3], semi-classical estimates [4] and Lie group theoretical approaches [5, 6, 7, 8]. Recently, an alternative method which is known as the Nikiforov-Uvarov method has been introduced in solving the Schrödinger equation.

In this present paper we solve the Schrödinger equation for a generalized Hulthén plus Manning-Rosen potential via the Nikiforov-Uvarov method. We discuss the $P T$-symmetric and non $P T$-symmetric solutions. Mathematically, the combination of these two potentials is highly significant, because one can easily deduce the energy eigenvalues of the Hulthén potential $[9,10]$ and the Manning-Rosen potential [11] from combined energy separately.

The plan of the paper is as follows. To make it selfcontained we give a brief review of the Nikiforov-Uvarov method in Sec. II. In Sec. III, we discuss the Schrödinger equation for Hulthén plus Manning-Rosen potential and obtain its eigenvalue and eigenfunctions for the corresponding Hamiltonian by the Nikiforov-Uvarov
method. In Secs. IV and V, we discuss respectively the solution of $P T$-symmetric $[12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20$, 21] and non $P T$-symmetric Hulthén potential plus ManningRosen potential. In Secs. VI and VII, we discuss the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Hulthén potential and the Manning-Rosen potential respectively. Sec. VIII, is kept for conclusions and discussions.

## II. NIKIF OROV-UVAROV METHOD

According to a brief description of Nikiforov-Uvarov method [22], the Schrödinger equation $\psi^{\prime \prime}(x)+(E-V(x)) \psi(x)=0$ can be transformed to the following generalized equation of hypergeometric type with appropriate coordinate transformation, $s=s(x)$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi^{\prime \prime}(s)+\frac{\tilde{\tau}(s)}{\sigma(s)} \psi^{\prime}(s)+\frac{\tilde{\sigma}(s)}{\sigma^{2}(s)} \psi(s)=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\sigma(s)$ and $\tilde{\sigma}(s)$ are polynomials, at most of second degree, and $\widetilde{\tau}(s)$ is a polynomial, at most of first degree. For find the particular solution to Eq. (1), we set the following wave function as a multiple of two independent parts

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi(s)=\varphi(s) y(s) . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

With this substitution Eq. (1) reduces to an equation of hypergeometric type

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma(s) y^{\prime \prime} \psi(s)+\tau(s) y^{\prime}(s)+\lambda y(s)=0 \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

provided the following conditions be satisfied:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\frac{\varphi^{\prime}(s)}{\varphi(s)}=\frac{\pi(s)}{\sigma(s)}  \tag{4}\\
\tau(s)=\widetilde{\tau}(s)+2 \pi(s), \tau^{\prime}(s)<0 \tag{5}
\end{gather*}
$$

$\lambda$ satisfies the following second-order differential equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=\lambda_{n}=-n \tau^{\prime}(s)-\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \sigma^{\prime \prime}(s) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The polynomial $\tau(s)$ with the parameter $S$ and prime factors show the differentials at first degree be negative. It is worthwhile to note that $\lambda$ or $\lambda_{n}$ are obtained from a particular solution of the form $y(s)=y_{n}(s)$ which is a polynomial of degree $n$. The other part $y_{n}(s)$ of the wavefunction (2) is the hypergeometric-type function whose polynomial solutions are given by the Rodrigues relation [22, 23]

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{n}(s)=\frac{C_{n}}{\rho(s)} \frac{d^{n}}{d s^{n}}\left[\sigma^{n}(s) \rho(s)\right] \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{n}$ being the normalization constant and the weight function $\rho(s)$ satisfies the relation as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d s}[\sigma(s) \rho(s)=\tau(s) \rho(s)] \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, in order to find the eigenfunctions, $\varphi_{n}(s)$ and $y_{n}(s)$ in Eqs. (4) and (7) and eigenvalues $\lambda_{n}$ in Eq. (6), we need to calculate the functions:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\pi(s)=\left(\frac{\sigma^{\prime}(s)-\tilde{\tau}(s)}{2}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma^{\prime}(s)-\tilde{\tau}(s)}{2}\right)^{2}-\tilde{\sigma}(s)+k \sigma(s)},  \tag{9}\\
k=\lambda-\pi^{\prime}(s) \tag{10}
\end{gather*}
$$

In principle, since $\pi(s)$ has to be a polynomial of degree at most one, the expression under the square root sign in (9) can be arranged to be the square of a polynomial of first degree [22]. This is possible only if its discriminant is zero. Thus, the value of $k$ obtained from the equation (9) can substituted in equation (10). The energy eigenvalues are obtained from equations (6) and (10).

## III. HULTHÉN PLUS MANNING-ROSEN POTENTIAL

The generalized Hulthén potential plus Manning-Rosen potential is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
V(x)=-V_{1} \frac{e^{-2 a x}}{1-q e^{-2 a x}}+V_{2} \operatorname{cosech}_{q}^{2}(a x)+V_{3} \operatorname{coth}_{q}(a x) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where the deformed hyperbolic functions is defined as:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sinh _{q} x=\frac{e^{x}-q e^{-x}}{2}, \cosh _{q} x=\frac{e^{x}+q e^{-x}}{2}, \\
\tanh _{q} x=\frac{\sinh _{q} x}{\cosh _{q} x} .
\end{gathered}
$$

The Schrödinger equation becomes

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{2} \psi}{d x^{2}}+\left[E+V_{1} \frac{e^{-2 a x}}{1-q e^{-2 a x}}-\right. \\
& \left.V_{2} \operatorname{cosech}_{q}{ }^{2}(a x)-V_{3} \operatorname{coth}_{q}(a x)\right] \psi=0, \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\hbar=2 m=1$. Setting the following notations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon=-\frac{E}{4 a^{2}}, \beta_{i}=\frac{V_{i}}{4 a^{2}}(>0), \quad i=1,2,3, \quad s=e^{-2 a x} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\varepsilon>0(E<0)$ for bound states, Eq. (12) becomes

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{2} \psi}{d s^{2}}+\frac{1-q s}{s-q s^{2}} \frac{d \psi}{d s}+\frac{1}{\left(s-q s^{2}\right)^{2}}\left[-\left\{q^{2}\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right)+\right.\right. \\
& \left.q\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}\right)\right\} s^{2}+\left\{2 q\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right)+\right. \\
& \left.\left.\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)\right\} s-\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right)\right] \psi=0 . \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

After the comparison of Eq. (14) with Eq. (1), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{\tau}(s)=1-q s, \sigma(s)=s-q s^{2} \text { and } \\
& \tilde{\sigma}(s)=-\left\{q^{2}\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right)+\right. \\
& \left.q\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}\right)\right\} s^{2}+\left\{2 q\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right)+\right. \\
& \left.\quad\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)\right\} s-\left(\varepsilon+\beta_{3}\right) \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

Substituting these polynomials into Eq. (9), we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
\pi(s)=-\frac{q s}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\left[\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right) q s-2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}\right] \\
\text { If } k=\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)+\mu q \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}} P \tag{16}
\end{gather*}
$$

Where $\mu=+1,-1$ and $P=\sqrt{1+\frac{16 \beta_{2}}{q}}=\sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}$

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For bound state solutions, it is necessary to choose

$$
\begin{gather*}
\pi(s)=-\frac{q s}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right) q s-2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}\right] \\
\text { If } k=\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)+\mu q \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}} P \tag{17}
\end{gather*}
$$

The following track in this selection is to achieve the condition $\tau^{\prime}(s)<0$. Therefore $\tau(s)$ becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau(s)=1+2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\left[2+2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right] q s \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

and then its negative derivatives become

$$
\tau^{\prime}(s)=-\left[2+2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right] q s
$$

Therefore from Eqs. (6) and (10) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=\lambda=n\left[2+2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right] q+n(n+1) q \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\lambda=\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right) & +\mu q \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}} P \\
& -\frac{q}{2}-\frac{q}{2}\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right) \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

Comparing Eqs. (19) and (20) we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
n\left[2+2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right] q+n(n+1) q= \\
\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)+\mu q \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}} P \\
-\frac{q}{2}-\frac{q}{2}\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}-\mu P\right) \\
\Rightarrow(2 n+1-\mu P) \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}+n(n+1)+\frac{1}{2}- \\
\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right) \mu P=\frac{\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}}{q} \\
\Rightarrow 4(2 n+1-\mu P) \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}+(2 n+1-\mu P)^{2}= \\
\frac{4\left(\beta_{1}-2 q \beta_{3}-4 \beta_{2}\right)}{q}-1+P^{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Substituting the values of $\beta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \beta_{3}, \varepsilon$ and $P$ we obtain the energy eigenvalues:

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{n}=-\frac{a^{2}}{4}\left[\left(2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)-\right. \\
&\left.\frac{V_{1}-2 q V_{3}}{q a^{2}\left(2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)}\right]^{2}+V_{3} \tag{21}
\end{align*}
$$

Then $V(x)$ satisfies the relation $(P T) V(x)(P T)^{-1}=V(x)$ where $P x P^{-1}=-x, P p P^{-1}=-p=T p T^{-1}, T A T^{-1}=-i A$,

The energy eigenvalues of the potential (26) are

$$
E_{n}=\frac{a^{2}}{4}\left[\left(2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)+\right.
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\frac{V_{1}-2 q V_{3}}{q a^{2}\left(2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)}\right]^{2}+V_{3} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

condition for $n$ is

$$
n<\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{V_{1}}{q a^{2}}-\frac{2 V_{3}}{a^{2}}}+\frac{\mu}{2} \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}-\frac{1}{2} .
$$

Eq. (27) is not similar to Eq. (21). Hence eigenvalues are always real for $V_{2} \leq \frac{q a^{2}}{4}$ and complex for $V_{2}>\frac{q a^{2}}{4}$. The corresponding eigenfunctions are

$$
\begin{align*}
\psi_{n}(x)=A_{n} s^{\sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}}(1-q s)^{\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{3}}{q a^{2}}}\right)} \times \\
P_{n}^{\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}},-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 / 2}{}}\right)}(1-2 q s), \tag{28}
\end{align*}
$$

where $A_{n}$ is normalization constant.

## V. NON PT-SYMMETRIC POTENTIAL

Now let us take the potential parameters as consider the case, $V_{2}, q \in \mathbf{R}$, and $V_{1}, V_{3}, a \in \mathbf{I R}\left(V_{1} \rightarrow i V_{1}, V_{3} \rightarrow i V_{3}, a \rightarrow i a\right)$ Then potential (11) takes the form

$$
\begin{align*}
& V(x)=-V_{1} \frac{\sin (2 a x)+i(\cos (2 a x)-q)}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)}+ \\
& 4 V_{2} \frac{-2 q+\left(1+q^{2}\right) \cos (2 a x)-i\left(1-q^{2}\right) \sin (2 a x)}{\left(1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)\right)^{2}}+ \\
& V_{3} \frac{2 q \sin (2 a x)+i\left(1-q^{2}\right)}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)} . \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

Then $V(x)$ is non $P T$-symmetric. The energy eigenvalues are

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{n}=\frac{a^{2}}{4}\left(2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)^{2}- \\
& \frac{1}{4 a^{2} q^{2}}\left(\frac{V_{1}-2 q V_{3}}{2 n+1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}}\right)^{2}-2 i \frac{V_{1}}{q} . \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

But it has real and imaginary parts. However, the energy spectrum is not seen at the imaginary part of the energy eigenvalues, since it is independent of $n$. The corresponding eigenfunctions are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{n}(x)=B_{n} s^{\sqrt{\varepsilon-i \beta_{3}}}(1-q s)^{\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{3}}{q a^{2}}}\right)} \times \\
& P_{n}^{\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon-i \beta_{3}},-\mu \sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right.}(1-2 q s), \tag{31}
\end{align*}
$$

where $B_{n}$ is normalization constant.

## VI. HULTHÉN POTENTIAL

Setting $V_{2}=V_{3}=0$, the potential (11) becomes the Hulthén potential [9, 10]

$$
\begin{equation*}
V(x)=-V_{1} \frac{e^{-2 a x}}{1-q e^{-2 a x}} . \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

The energy eigenvalues and wave functions of this potential are obtained from Eqs. (21), (25) setting $\mu=-1$

$$
\begin{gather*}
E_{n}=-a^{2}\left[n+1-\frac{V_{1}}{4 q a^{2}(n+1)}\right]^{2}, n \geq 0, q \geq 1,  \tag{33}\\
\psi_{n}(s)=C_{n} s^{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}(1-q s) P_{n}^{(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon}, 1)}(1-2 q s), \tag{34}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $C_{n}$ is normalization constant. Eqs. (33) and (34) are consistent with [16]. For $\delta=2 a$ and $V_{1}=Z^{2} e \delta$ Eq. (33) is consistent with [24].

We are now going to consider different forms of generalized Hulthén potential, viz at least one of the parameters is purely imaginary. When $a \rightarrow i a$ and $V_{1}, q \in \mathbf{R}$ then Eq. (32)
becomes

$$
\begin{align*}
& V(x)=-V_{1} \frac{\cos (2 a x)-q}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)}+ \\
& \quad i V_{1} \frac{\sin (2 a x)}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)} . \tag{35}
\end{align*}
$$

Then $(P T) V(x)(P T)^{-1}=V(x)$. The real positive energy eigenvalues are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{n}=a^{2}\left[n+1+\frac{V_{1}}{4 q a^{2}(n+1)}\right]^{2}, q \geq 1, \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
n=0,1,2, \ldots \quad<\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{V_{1}}{q a^{2}}}-1 \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next we set $V_{1} \rightarrow i V_{1}, a \rightarrow i a$ and $q \in \mathbf{R}$, then Eq. (32) takes the form

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$$
\begin{align*}
& V(x)=-V_{1} \frac{\sin (2 a x)}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)}+ \\
& \quad i V_{1} \frac{q-\cos (2 a x)}{1+q^{2}-2 q \cos (2 a x)} \tag{38}
\end{align*}
$$

Such a potential is non- $P T$-symmetric potential. The complex energy eigenvalues are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{n}=-a^{2}\left[\frac{V_{1}^{2}}{16 q^{2} a^{4}(n+1)^{2}}-(n+1)^{2}-i \frac{V_{1}}{2 q a^{2}}\right] \tag{39}
\end{equation*}
$$

But it has real plus imaginary energy spectra. We consider the real part of energy eigenvalues an acceptable result is obtained when $n<\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{V_{1}}{q a^{2}}}-1$. However, the energy spectrum is not seen at the imaginary part of energy eigenvalues, since it is independent of $n$.

## VII. MANNING-ROSEN POTENTIAL

Setting $V_{1}=0$, the potential (11) becomes the ManningRosen potential

$$
\begin{equation*}
V(x)=V_{2} \operatorname{cosech}_{q}^{2}(a x)+V_{3} \operatorname{coth}_{q}(a x) . \tag{40}
\end{equation*}
$$

The energy eigenvalues and wave functions of this potential by setting $\mu=1$

$$
\begin{gather*}
E_{n}=-\frac{a^{2}}{4}\left(2 n+1-\sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)^{2}- \\
\frac{V_{3}^{2}}{4}\left(2 n+1-\sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)^{-2}, n \geq 0, q \geq 1,  \tag{41}\\
\psi_{n}(x)=D_{n} S^{\sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}}}(1-q S)^{\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\sqrt{1+\frac{4 V_{3}}{q a^{2}}}\right)} \times \\
P_{n}^{\left(2 \sqrt{\varepsilon+\beta_{3}},-\sqrt{\left.1+\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}\right)}\right.}(1-2 q s) \tag{42}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $D_{n}$ is normalization constant. When $a \rightarrow i a$ and $V_{2}, V_{3}, q \in \mathbf{R}$, then $V(x)$ satisfies the relation $(P T) V(x)(P T)^{-1}=V(x)$. The positive energy eigenvalues are then given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{n}=\frac{a^{2}}{4}\left(2 n+1-\sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)^{2}+ \\
& \frac{V_{3}^{2}}{4}\left(2 n+1-\sqrt{1-\frac{4 V_{2}}{q a^{2}}}\right)^{-2}, n \geq 0, q \geq 1 \tag{43}
\end{align*}
$$



FIGURE 1. Hulthén plus Manning-Rosen potential for $V_{1}=64, V_{2}=0.64, V_{3}=40, a=1, q=4$.


FIGURE 2. Hulthén potential for $V_{1}=64, a=1, q=4$.


FIGURE 3. Real part of $P T$-symmetric Hulthén potential for $V_{1}=64, a=1, q=4$.


FIGURE 4. Imaginary part of $P T$-symmetric Hulthén potential for $V_{1}=64, a=1, q=4$.


FIGURE 5. Manning-Rosen potential for $V_{2}=0.64, V_{3}=40, a=1, q=4$.

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