

## Localization in $\nu$ -Dimensional Incommensurate Structures

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**Abstract.** We exhibit a class of quasi-periodic unbounded potential in the  $\nu$ -dimensional discrete Schrödinger equation, for which the spectrum is only pure point, with exponentially localized states and a dense set of eigenvalues in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### Introduction

In a recent paper Fishman et al. [7] gave a solution of the Schrödinger equation

$$\Psi(n+1) + \Psi(n-1) + \lambda \tan \pi(x - n\omega)\Psi(n) = E\Psi(n), \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega$  is an irrational number,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . Actually, provided  $\omega$  satisfies a diophantine condition, they gave an explicit expression of the eigenfunctions which turns out to decrease exponentially, and an implicit expression for the corresponding eigenvalues, leading to a dense set in the spectrum.

This result was interesting both because the solution was complete and also because there is no continuous part in the spectrum. Examples of discrete non-self-adjoint operators with only pure point spectrum were already known by Sarnak [11]. However in the self-adjoint case, with a bounded quasi-periodic potential we expect in general that aside from the pure point part there is a singular continuous spectrum. This seems to be the case for the almost Mathieu equation:

$$\Psi(n+1) + \Psi(n-1) + 2\lambda \cos 2\pi(x - n\omega)\Psi(n) = E\Psi(n), \quad (2)$$

where it has been proved by Bellissard et al. [2] that if  $\lambda$  is big enough, and  $\omega$  satisfies a diophantine condition

$$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad n \neq 0, \quad |n\omega + m| \geq \frac{\gamma}{|n|^\sigma}, \quad \sigma > 1, \quad (3)$$

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