

**Comment on : Scarcity of real discrete eigenvalues in non-analytic complex  $\mathcal{PT}$  -symmetric potentials.Z.Ahmed ,Pramana J.Phys **73(2),323(2009).****

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We notice contradictory statements of Z.Ahmed on  $\mathcal{PT}$ -symmetry potential  $V(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + igx|x|$  ( $g=2$ ) .The curve (dash-dot) shows only one zero ,whose corresponding energy eigenvalue is 1.72. This graphical representation contradicts the discussion (presented below the graph),which claims number of real discrete states between  $0.4 \leq g \leq 2.3$  are 3. As  $g=2 < g=2.3$  ,one should get number of real discrete states 3 instad of 1. However, present calculation using matrix diagonalisation method reflects 3 .Secondly the statement on complex Harmonic oscillator  $V_H = x^2 + ix$  (which entails complete real discrete spectrum), as a singular example is not acceptable ,as we notice many complex  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetric potentials can be constructed ,which would reflect infinite real discrete energy eigenvalues.

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In a paper Z.Ahmed[1] has made contradictory statement on non-analytic study of  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetric Hamiltonian

$$H = p^2 + \frac{x^2}{4} + igx|x| \quad (1)$$

in order to reflect limited real discrete eigenvalues for some selected values of parameter  $g$ .For  $g=2$  ,author has plotted the graph(dash-dot) which reflects only one

zero and the corresponding reported energy eigenvalue is 1.72. However the discussion (below the graph ,after Eq(7))clearly reflects that number of discrete real energy eigenvalues are 3; when  $2.3 \geq g \geq 0.4$  .As  $g=2$  is ;  $g=2.3$  one should get 3 number of 3 real eigenstates ,instead of 1 as reported.In fact this contradictory statement urges any reader to scan the paper [1] to cross check the result .In order to cross - check ,we use matrix diagonalisation method (MDM)[2].In eigenvalue relation using MDM, we solve the equation

$$H|\Psi \rangle = E|\Psi \rangle \quad (2)$$

where

$$|\Psi \rangle = \sum_m A_m |\phi_m \rangle \quad (3)$$

and

$$(H = p^2 + x^2)|\phi_m \rangle = (2m + 1)|\phi_m \rangle \quad (4)$$

We address the above controversial point in Table-I.

**Table -I : Real eigenvalues of  $V(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + 2ix|x|$ .**

Quantum no	Matrix size(N=700,900)	Previous [1]	Fernandez [3]
0	1.720 8	1.720	1.720 857 958
1	6.579		6.579 362 154
2	7.397		7.398 126 125

Hence one will believe that author has not taken enough care in presenting the correct eigenvalues for  $g=2$ . However his discussion is correct as it is in conformity with the present calculation reflected in Table-I so also with the computed values of Fernandez [3]. Apart from this Ahmed [1] has considered other  $\mathcal{PT}$  -symmetric potentials in which the reported results are correct . Secondly Ahmed [1] feels that only a singular example on  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetric system is the simple Harmonic Oscillator

$$H = p^2 + x^2 + ix \quad (5)$$

possible ,whose entire spectrum is real.In fact ,one can construct many complex  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry systems ,whose entire spectrum are real. In order

to reflect the same ,we present a new Hamiltonian as

$$H = p^2 + \frac{x^2}{4} + e^{-2ix|x|} \quad (6)$$

In table -II,we reproduce few even state eigenvalues using MDM [2] as given below.

Table -II :Real eigenvalues of  $V(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + e^{-2ix|x|}$ .

Quantum number of even state	Matrix size(N=700,900)
0	0.881 8
2	2.736 0
4	4.609 4
6	6.514 2
8	8.481 5
10	10.510 7

In conclusion ,we suggest author should emphasize on the above aspect and suitably rectify the same .Last but not the least ,we suggest author should go through the work of Davies [5] on simple Harmonic Oscillator and proceed with his interest on  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetry .

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