Saved representations and contraction hysterises of N-dimensional oscillators plus a constant force

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I study the contraction of the N-dimensional oscillator with a constant force \mathbf{f} ,

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2}\mathbf{x}^2 - \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{x} ,$$

and show that one obtains a 'contraction hysterisis', as the parameters k and f approach zero in different order. I show that the quadrupole moments provide a natural saved realization of the contracted su(N) algebras.