

Hilbert Space Representations of Quantum Phase Spaces with General Degrees of Freedom

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Abstract

For each integer $n \geq 2$ and a parameter $\Lambda = (\theta, \eta)$ with θ and η being $n \times n$ real anti-symmetric matrices, a quantum phase space (QPS) (or a non-commutative phase space) with n degrees of freedom, denoted $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$, is defined, where θ and η are parameters measuring non-commutativity of the QPS. Some results on Hilbert space representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ are reported.

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1 Introduction

As is well-known, one of the fundamental principles in von Neumann's axiomatic quantum mechanics is that a subset of physical quantities of a quantum system with n external degrees of freedom ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) are constructed from a self-adjoint representation of the canonical commutation relations (CCR) with n degrees of freedom, which is given by a triple $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ consisting of a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , a dense subspace \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{H} and a set $\{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of self-adjoint operators on \mathcal{H} satisfying (i) $\mathcal{D} \subset \bigcap_{j,k=1}^n D(Q_j Q_k) \cap D(P_j P_k) \cap D(Q_j P_k) \cap D(P_k Q_j)$, where, for a linear operator A on a Hilbert space, $D(A)$ denotes the domain of A ; (ii) (CCR)

$$[Q_j, Q_k] = 0, \quad [P_j, P_k] = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$[Q_j, P_k] = i\delta_{jk}, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.2)$$

on \mathcal{D} , where $[X, Y] := XY - YX$, i is the imaginary unit and δ_{jk} is the Kronecker delta. If Q_j and P_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) are not necessarily self-adjoint, but symmetric, then the triple $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ is called a symmetric representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom. This class of representations of CCR also plays important roles, e.g., in the theory of time operators ([1, 2, 3], [5, 6], [12]).

In commutation relations (1.1) and (1.2), non-commutativity is imposed only between Q_j and P_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$). But, from a general mathematical point of view, it may be natural to extend non-commutativity to Q_j 's and P_j 's too. This idea leads us to a general concept of a quantum phase space (QPS) or a non-commutative phase space¹. In this paper we propose one of possible QPS's and report some results on Hilbert space representations of it (for more details, see [4]). In addition, we remark that non-commutative extensions of CCR have already been discussed in connection with quantum theory on non-commutative space-times (e.g., [7, 8, 9, 15]), non-commutative spaces (e.g., [10, 11]) and non-commutative phase spaces (e.g., [13, 14, 16, 17]). But it seems that representation theoretic investigations on non-commutative extensions of CCR have not yet been fully developed.

2 Hilbert Space Representations of a QPS

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 2$. To define a QPS with n degrees of freedom, we take two $n \times n$ real anti-symmetric matrices $\theta = (\theta_{jk})_{j,k=1,\dots,n}$ and $\eta = (\eta_{jk})_{j,k=1,\dots,n}$. Then we introduce an algebra generated by $2n$ elements \hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) and a unit element I obeying deformed CCR with n degrees of freedom

$$[\hat{Q}_j, \hat{Q}_k] = i\theta_{jk}I, \quad (2.1)$$

$$[\hat{P}_j, \hat{P}_k] = i\eta_{jk}I, \quad (2.2)$$

$$[\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_k] = i\delta_{jk}I, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, \quad (2.3)$$

We call this algebra the QPS or the *non-commutative phase space with n degrees of freedom* and parameter

$$\Lambda := (\eta, \theta). \quad (2.4)$$

We denote it by $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$.

It is obvious that \hat{Q}_j and \hat{Q}_k (resp. \hat{P}_j and \hat{P}_k) with $j \neq k$ do not commute if and only if $\theta_{jk} \neq 0$ (resp. $\eta_{jk} \neq 0$). Hence the parameter Λ ‘‘measures’’ the non-commutativity of \hat{Q}_j 's and \hat{P}_j 's respectively. Moreover $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ in the case $\theta = \eta = 0$ reduces to the algebra of the CCR with n degrees of freedom. Hence $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ can be regarded as a deformation of the algebra of the CCR with n degrees of freedom.

Let \mathcal{H} be a complex Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ (linear in the second variable) and norm $\|\cdot\|$. Let \mathcal{D} be a dense subspace of \mathcal{H} and \hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j be symmetric operators on \mathcal{H} .

Definition 2.1 We say that the triple $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ is a representation (on \mathcal{H}) of the algebra $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ if $\mathcal{D} \subset \bigcap_{j,k=1}^n D(\hat{Q}_j \hat{Q}_k) \cap D(\hat{P}_j \hat{P}_k) \cap D(\hat{Q}_j \hat{P}_k) \cap D(\hat{P}_j \hat{Q}_k)$ and it satisfy (2.1)–(2.3) on \mathcal{D} with I being the identity on \mathcal{H} (we sometimes omit the identity I below).

¹Note that the components x_j and p_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) of each element $(x_1, \dots, x_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$ in the classical phase space $\mathbb{R}^{2n} = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ can be regarded as multiplication operators acting in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$. They form a commutative algebra.

If all \hat{Q}_j and \hat{P}_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) are self-adjoint, we say that the representation $\left(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n \right)$ is self-adjoint.

In every representation $\left(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n \right)$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$, we have commutation relations (2.1)–(2.3) on \mathcal{D} . Hence the following Heisenberg uncertainty relations follow: for all $\psi \in \mathcal{D}$ with $\|\psi\| = 1$ and $j, k = 1, \dots, n$,

$$(\Delta \hat{Q}_j)_\psi (\Delta \hat{Q}_k)_\psi \geq \frac{1}{2} |\theta_{jk}|, \quad (2.5)$$

$$(\Delta \hat{P}_j)_\psi (\Delta \hat{P}_k)_\psi \geq \frac{1}{2} |\eta_{jk}|, \quad (2.6)$$

$$(\Delta \hat{Q}_j)_\psi (\Delta \hat{P}_k)_\psi \geq \frac{1}{2} |\delta_{jk}|, \quad (2.7)$$

where, for a symmetric operator A and a vector $\psi \in D(A)$ with $\|\psi\| = 1$,

$$(\Delta A)_\psi := \|(A - \langle \psi, A\psi \rangle)\psi\|,$$

the uncertainty of A in the vector state ψ .

3 A Class of Self-Adjoint Representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$

In this section, we show that there exist self-adjoint representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. This is done by using the Schrödinger representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom.

We denote by $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the set of infinitely differentiable functions on \mathbb{R}^n with compact support.

Let $\left(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \{q_j, p_j\}_{j=1}^n \right)$ be the Schrödinger representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom, namely, q_j is the multiplication operator by the j th variable x_j on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $p_j := -iD_j$ with D_j being the generalized partial differential operator in x_j on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, so that

$$[q_j, p_k] = i\delta_{jk}, \quad (3.1)$$

$$[q_j, q_k] = 0, \quad [p_j, p_k] = 0, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.2)$$

on the subspace $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Lemma 3.1 *For all $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, \dots, n$, $\sum_{j=1}^n (a_j p_j + b_j q_j)$ is essentially self-adjoint on $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

For an n -tuple $L = (L_1, \dots, L_n)$ of linear operators $L_j, j = 1, \dots, n$, on a Hilbert space and an $n \times n$ matrix $A = (A_{jk})_{j,k=1, \dots, n}$, we define the n -tuple $AL = ((AL)_1, \dots, (AL)_n)$ of linear operators by

$$(AL)_j := \sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} L_k. \quad (3.3)$$

We say that the parameter $\Lambda = (\theta, \eta)$ is *normal* if there exist $n \times n$ real matrices A, B, C and D satisfying

$$A {}^tD - B {}^tC = I_n, \quad (3.4)$$

$$A {}^tB - B {}^tA = \theta, \quad (3.5)$$

$$C {}^tD - D {}^tC = \eta, \quad (3.6)$$

where I_n is the $n \times n$ unit matrix and tA denotes the transposed matrix of A .

For a normal parameter Λ with (3.4)–(3.6), we can define a $(2n) \times (2n)$ matrix:

$$G := \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.7)$$

Let

$$K(\Lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} \theta & I_n \\ -I_n & \eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_n := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.8)$$

Then we have

$$GJ_n {}^tG = K(\Lambda). \quad (3.9)$$

Conversely, if a $(2n) \times (2n)$ real matrix G of the form (3.7) satisfies (3.9), then A, B, C and D obey relations (3.4)–(3.6).

Thus Λ is normal if and only if there exists a $(2n) \times (2n)$ real matrix G satisfying (3.9). In that case, we call G a generating matrix of Λ .

We remark that, for a normal parameter Λ , its generating matrices are not unique. For example, if G is a generating matrix of Λ , then, for all orthogonal matrix M commuting with $K(\Lambda)$, MG is a generating matrix of Λ too.

Suppose that Λ is normal with (3.4)–(3.6). We set

$$\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n), \quad \mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \quad (3.10)$$

and define

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}} := A\mathbf{q} + B\mathbf{p}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{p}} := C\mathbf{q} + D\mathbf{p}. \quad (3.11)$$

Then, by Lemma 3.1, the operators \hat{q}_j and \hat{p}_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) are essentially self-adjoint on $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Hence their closures $\bar{\hat{q}}_j$ and $\bar{\hat{p}}_j$ are self-adjoint². Moreover, we have the following result:

Theorem 3.2 *The set $(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \{\bar{\hat{q}}_j, \bar{\hat{p}}_j\}_{j=1, \dots, n})$ is a self-adjoint representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$.*

We call the representation $(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \{\bar{\hat{q}}_j, \bar{\hat{p}}_j\}_{j=1, \dots, n})$ the *quasi-Schrödinger representation* of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ with generating matrix G of the form (3.7).

²For a closable linear operator T , we denote its closure by \bar{T} .

Remark 3.3 One can write

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{q}_n \\ \hat{p}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{p}_n \end{pmatrix} = G \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \\ p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.12)$$

on $\cap_{j=1}^n D(q_j) \cap D(p_j)$. Equation (3.9) is rewritten as follows:

$$GJ_n{}^tG = J_n + \delta(\Lambda) \quad (3.13)$$

with

$$\delta(\Lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \eta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.14)$$

Hence \mathcal{G} is symplectic if and only if $\delta(\Lambda) = 0$ (i.e., $\theta = \eta = 0$). Therefore the matrix $\delta(\Lambda)$ represents a difference from the symplectic relation. Note that the diagonal element θ (resp. η) of $\delta(\Lambda)$ gives the non-commutativity of \hat{q}_j 's (resp. \hat{p}_k 's) ($j, k = 1, \dots, n$).

3.1 The Schrödinger representation of QPS

It may be interesting to consider a special case of Λ . Let $a \geq 0, b \geq 0$ be constants and

$$\xi := \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{ab}{4}}}. \quad (3.15)$$

Let γ be an $n \times n$ real anti-symmetric matrix satisfying

$$\gamma^2 = -I_n. \quad (3.16)$$

Then the parameter

$$\Lambda_S := (\xi^2 a \gamma, \xi^2 b \gamma) \quad (\text{the case } \theta = \xi^2 a \gamma, \eta = \xi^2 b \gamma) \quad (3.17)$$

is normal, since the matrix

$$G_S := \begin{pmatrix} \xi I_n & -\frac{1}{2} \xi a \gamma \\ \frac{1}{2} \xi b \gamma & \xi I_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.18)$$

is a generating matrix of Λ_S , as is easily checked. We denote \bar{q}_j and \bar{p}_j in the present case by $\hat{q}_j^{(S)}$ and $\hat{p}_j^{(S)}$ respectively:

$$\hat{q}_j^{(S)} := \xi \left(q_j - \frac{1}{2} a (\gamma p)_j \right), \quad \hat{p}_j^{(S)} := \xi \left(p_j + \frac{1}{2} b (\gamma q)_j \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.19)$$

We call this self-adjoint representation $\left(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \{\hat{q}_j^{(S)}, \hat{p}_j^{(S)}\}_{j=1, \dots, n} \right)$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda_S)$ the *Schrödinger representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda_S)$* .

3.2 Reconstruction of the Schrödinger representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom

In this subsection, we consider reconstruction of q_j and p_j in terms of \hat{q}_j and \hat{p}_j . By (3.12), this problem may be reduced by the invertibility of the matrix G . From this point of view, we introduce a class of parameters Λ .

We say that Λ is *regular* if it is normal and has an invertible generating matrix. It follows from (3.9) that, if Λ is regular, then every generating matrix of Λ is invertible.

The next lemma characterizes the regularity of Λ :

Lemma 3.4 *Let Λ be normal with a generating matrix G given by (3.7). Then Λ is regular if and only if $I_n + \theta\eta$ and $I_n + \eta\theta$ are invertible. In that case, G is invertible and*

$$\iota(G^{-1})J_nG^{-1} = - \begin{pmatrix} (I_n + \eta\theta)^{-1}\eta & -(I_n + \eta\theta)^{-1} \\ (I_n + \theta\eta)^{-1} & (I_n + \theta\eta)^{-1}\theta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.20)$$

Let Λ be regular with a generating matrix G . Then we can write

$$G^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 & F_2 \\ F_3 & F_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.21)$$

where F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 are $n \times n$ real matrices.

Let

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}} := (\hat{q}_1, \dots, \hat{q}_n), \quad \hat{\mathbf{p}} := (\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_n). \quad (3.22)$$

Theorem 3.5 *The following equations hold:*

$$\mathbf{q} = F_1\hat{\mathbf{q}} + F_2\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \quad \mathbf{p} = F_3\hat{\mathbf{q}} + F_4\hat{\mathbf{p}}. \quad (3.23)$$

on $\cap_{j=1}^n D(q_j) \cap D(p_j)$.

Theorem 3.5 also implies relations of matrix elements of G^{-1} :

Corollary 3.6

$$F_1\theta^t F_1 + F_2\eta^t F_2 + F_1^t F_2 - F_2^t F_1 = 0, \quad (3.24)$$

$$F_3\theta^t F_3 + F_4\eta^t F_4 + F_3^t F_4 - F_4^t F_3 = 0, \quad (3.25)$$

$$F_1\theta^t F_3 + F_2\eta^t F_4 + F_1^t F_4 - F_2^t F_3 = I_n. \quad (3.26)$$

We now apply Theorem 3.5 to the Schrödinger representation $\{\hat{q}_j^{(S)}, \hat{p}_j^{(S)}\}_{j=1}^n$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda_S)$:

Corollary 3.7 *Let a, b, ξ and γ be as in Subsection 3.1. Suppose that*

$$\chi := 1 - \frac{1}{4}ab \neq 0. \quad (3.27)$$

Then

$$q_j = \frac{1}{\xi\chi} \left(\hat{q}_j^{(S)} + \frac{1}{2}a(\gamma\hat{p}^{(S)})_j \right), \quad (3.28)$$

$$p_j = \frac{1}{\xi\chi} \left(\hat{p}_j^{(S)} - \frac{1}{2}b(\gamma\hat{q}^{(S)})_j \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.29)$$

on $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

4 General Correspondence Between a Representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ and a Representation of the CCR with n Degrees of Freedom

4.1 Construction of a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ from a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom

The contents in Section 2 suggest a general method to construct a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ from a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom.

Let $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ be a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom, namely, \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space, \mathcal{D} is a dense subspace of \mathcal{H} and Q_j and P_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) are symmetric operators on \mathcal{H} such that $\mathcal{D} \subset \bigcap_{j,k=1}^n D(Q_j Q_k) \cap D(P_j P_k) \cap D(Q_j P_k) \cap D(P_k Q_j)$ and $\{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n$ obeys the CCR with n degrees of freedom on \mathcal{D} : for $j, k = 1, \dots, n$,

$$[Q_j, Q_k] = 0, \quad [P_j, P_k] = 0, \quad [Q_j, P_k] = i\delta_{jk} \quad (4.1)$$

on \mathcal{D} . Let

$$\mathbf{Q} = (Q_1, \dots, Q_n), \quad \mathbf{P} = (P_1, \dots, P_n).$$

Let Λ be normal and A, B, C, D be $n \times n$ real matrices obeying (3.4)–(3.6). By an analogy with (3.11), we define the n -tuples

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} := (\hat{Q}_1, \dots, \hat{Q}_n), \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}} := (\hat{P}_1, \dots, \hat{P}_n), \quad (4.3)$$

by

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} := A\mathbf{Q} + B\mathbf{P}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{P}} := C\mathbf{Q} + D\mathbf{P}. \quad (4.4)$$

Theorem 4.1 *The set $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ defined by (4.4) is a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$.*

We remark that the representation $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ is not necessarily self-adjoint even in the case where all Q_j and P_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) are self-adjoint.

As in the case of quasi-Schrödinger representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ discussed in Section 2, we have the following fact:

Theorem 4.2 *Let Λ be regular with generating matrix G given by (3.7) and F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 be as in (3.21). Then*

$$\mathbf{Q} = F_1 \hat{\mathbf{Q}} + F_2 \hat{\mathbf{P}}, \quad (4.5)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = F_3 \hat{\mathbf{Q}} + F_4 \hat{\mathbf{P}}. \quad (4.6)$$

on \mathcal{D} .

4.2 Construction of a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom from a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$

We next consider constructing a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom from a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$. A method for that is suggested by Theorem 4.2.

Let $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ be a representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with \mathcal{D} dense in \mathcal{H} . Throughout this subsection, we assume the following:

(A) The parameter Λ is regular with generating matrix G given by (3.7).

Let F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 be as in (3.21). Then we can define $\mathbf{Q}(\Lambda) = (Q_1(\Lambda), \dots, Q_n(\Lambda))$ and $\mathbf{P}(\Lambda) = (P_1(\Lambda), \dots, P_n(\Lambda))$ by

$$\mathbf{Q}(\Lambda) := F_1 \hat{\mathbf{Q}} + F_2 \hat{\mathbf{P}}, \quad (4.7)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\Lambda) := F_3 \hat{\mathbf{Q}} + F_4 \hat{\mathbf{P}}. \quad (4.8)$$

Theorem 4.3 *Assume (A). Then $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{Q_j(\Lambda), P_j(\Lambda)\}_{j=1}^n)$ is a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom.*

The next theorem shows that every representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ with condition (A) comes from a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom:

Theorem 4.4 *Assume (A). Let $\mathbf{Q}(\Lambda)$ and $\mathbf{P}(\Lambda)$ be defined by (4.7) and (4.8) respectively. Then*

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = A\mathbf{Q}(\Lambda) + B\mathbf{P}(\Lambda), \quad \hat{\mathbf{P}} = C\mathbf{Q}(\Lambda) + D\mathbf{P}(\Lambda) \quad (4.9)$$

on \mathcal{D} .

5 Irreducibility

For a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , we denote by $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{H})$ the set of all bounded linear operators B on \mathcal{H} with $D(B) = \mathcal{H}$. Let A be a linear operator on \mathcal{H} . We say that A *strongly commutes* with $B \in \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{H})$ if $BA \subset AB$ (i.e., for all $\psi \in D(A)$, $B\psi \in D(A)$ and $BA\psi = AB\psi$). For a set A of linear operators on \mathcal{H} , we define

$$A' := \{B \in \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{H}) \mid BA \subset AB, \forall A \in A\}. \quad (5.1)$$

We call A' the *strong commutant* of A .

We say that A is *irreducible* if $A' = \{cI | c \in \mathbb{C}\}$ (\mathbb{C} is the set of complex numbers).

Lemma 5.1 *Let S be a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ such that $BS \subset SB$. Then, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $Be^{itS} = e^{itS}B$.*

Theorem 5.2 *Assume (A) in Subsection 3.2. Let $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ be a representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom. Suppose that, for each $j = 1, \dots, n$, Q_j and P_j are essentially self-adjoint on \mathcal{D} and $\{\bar{Q}_j, \bar{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is irreducible. Then the representation $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \{\bar{Q}_j, \bar{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ given by (4.4) is irreducible.*

We can apply Theorem 5.2 to the quasi-Schrödinger representation $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ discussed in Section 2.

Theorem 5.3 *Assume (A). Then $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is irreducible.*

6 Weyl Representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$

6.1 Definition and basic facts

As is well known, a Weyl representation of the CCR with n degrees of freedom on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} is defined to be a set $\{Q_j, P_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of $2n$ self-adjoint operators on \mathcal{H} obeying the Weyl relations:

$$e^{itQ_j} e^{isP_k} = e^{-ist\delta_{jk}} e^{isP_k} e^{itQ_j}, \quad (6.1)$$

$$e^{itQ_j} e^{isQ_k} = e^{isQ_k} e^{itQ_j}, \quad (6.2)$$

$$e^{itP_j} e^{isP_k} = e^{isP_k} e^{itP_j}, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, s, t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (6.3)$$

Based on an analogy with Weyl representations of CCR, we introduce a concept of Weyl representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$.

Definition 6.1 Let $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be a set of self-adjoint operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . We say that $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is a *Weyl representation* of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ if

$$e^{it\hat{Q}_j} e^{is\hat{P}_k} = e^{-ist\delta_{jk}} e^{is\hat{P}_k} e^{it\hat{Q}_j}, \quad (6.4)$$

$$e^{it\hat{Q}_j} e^{is\hat{Q}_k} = e^{is\hat{Q}_k} e^{it\hat{Q}_j}, \quad (6.5)$$

$$e^{it\hat{P}_j} e^{is\hat{P}_k} = e^{-ist\eta_{jk}} e^{is\hat{P}_k} e^{it\hat{P}_j}, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, s, t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (6.6)$$

We call these relations the *deformed Weyl relations* with parameter Λ .

For a linear operator A on a Hilbert space, we denote its spectrum by $\sigma(A)$.

Proposition 6.2 Let $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be a Weyl representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$. Then it is a self-adjoint representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$. Moreover, for each $j = 1, \dots, n$, \hat{Q}_j and \hat{P}_j are purely absolutely continuous with

$$\sigma(\hat{Q}_j) = \mathbb{R}, \quad \sigma(\hat{P}_j) = \mathbb{R}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (6.7)$$

Remark 6.3 The converse of Proposition 6.2 does not hold. Indeed, there exists a self-adjoint representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ which is not a Weyl one [4].

Proposition 6.4 The set $\{e^{it\hat{Q}_j}, e^{it\hat{P}_j} | t \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, \dots, n\}$ is irreducible if and only if so is $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$.

7 Uniqueness Theorems on Weyl Representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$

For each regular parameter Λ , every Weyl representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on a *separable* Hilbert space is unitarily equivalent to a direct sum of a quasi-Schrödinger representation $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$:

Theorem 7.1 Assume (A). Let $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be a Weyl representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then there exist closed subspaces \mathcal{H}_ℓ such that the following (i)–(iii) hold:

(i) $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{\ell=1}^N \mathcal{H}_\ell$ (N is a positive integer or ∞).

(ii) For each $j = 1, \dots, n$, \hat{Q}_j and \hat{P}_j are reduced by each \mathcal{H}_ℓ , $\ell = 1, \dots, N$. We denote by $\hat{Q}_j^{(\ell)}$ (resp. $\hat{P}_j^{(\ell)}$) the reduced part of \hat{Q}_j (resp. \hat{P}_j) to \mathcal{H}_ℓ .

(iii) For each ℓ , there exists a unitary operator $U_\ell : \mathcal{H}_\ell \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$U_\ell \hat{Q}_j^{(\ell)} U_\ell^{-1} = \bar{q}_j, \quad U_\ell \hat{P}_j^{(\ell)} U_\ell^{-1} = \bar{p}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad (7.1)$$

where $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is the quasi-Schrödinger representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ defined by (3.11).

Theorem 7.1 tells us that, under the assumption there, every Weyl representation $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ is unitarily equivalent to a direct sum of the quasi-Schrödinger representation $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$, because the operator

$$U := \bigoplus_{\ell=1}^N U_\ell : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \bigoplus^N L^2(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

is unitary and

$$U \hat{Q}_j U^{-1} = \bigoplus^N \bar{q}_j, \quad U \hat{P}_j U^{-1} = \bigoplus^N \bar{p}_j.$$

Remark 7.2 There exist self-adjoint representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ which are not unitarily equivalent to $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ [4].

Theorem 7.1 and the irreducibility of the representation $\{\bar{q}_j, \bar{p}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ immediately lead us to the following fact:

Corollary 7.3 *Assume (A). Let $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be an irreducible Weyl representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then there exists a unitary operator $W : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that*

$$W\hat{Q}_jW^{-1} = \bar{q}_j, \quad W\hat{P}_jW^{-1} = \bar{p}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Applying this corollary to the case where $\{\hat{Q}_j, \hat{P}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is a quasi-Schrödinger representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$, we obtain the following result:

Corollary 7.4 *Let Λ be regular. Let G and G' be two generating matrices of Λ : G is given by (3.7) and*

$$G' = \begin{pmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{pmatrix},$$

where A', B', C' and D' are $n \times n$ real matrices. Let $\{\bar{q}'_j, \bar{p}'_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be the quasi-Schrödinger representation of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ with generating matrix G' :

$$\bar{q}' := A'\mathbf{q} + B'\mathbf{p}, \quad \bar{p}' = C'\mathbf{q} + D'\mathbf{p}.$$

Then there exists a unitary operator $V : L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$V\bar{q}'_jV^{-1} = \bar{q}_j, \quad V\bar{p}'_jV^{-1} = \bar{p}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (7.2)$$

Corollary 7.4 shows that, for each regular parameter Λ , quasi-Schrödinger representations of $\text{QPS}_n(\Lambda)$ are unique up to unitary equivalences.

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