GENERALIZED VECTOR MEASURES AND FEYNMAN PATH INTEGRALS

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§1. Introduction.

Let us consider the following Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(t,x) = (-iH + V(t,x))\Psi(t,x) \\ \Psi(0,x) = g(x) & 0 < t < T, x \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

where 0 < T < ∞ , g \in L²($\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{d}}$; $\mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$), V(t, \cdot) = $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ (t) with $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ \in C¹([0,T]; $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{d}})$) and H is a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space L²($\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{d}}$; $\mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$).

Feynman[3] introduced the idea of path integral to make an intuitive representation of the Schroedinger equation. Various approaches to the "Feynman integral" have been taken by many mathematicians. In [1,2,6] they treated the Feynman integral by considereing the analytic extension. K.Ito [5] gave the mathematical formulation of the Feynman integral by considereing the Gauss measure in the Hilbert space. But those integrable functions are limited to a Fourier transform of a bounded complex measure or so on. In [7], I. Kluvanek defined the space of integrable functions which is complete with respect to the integrating seminorm depending on the norm of image of an operator μ_{+} . In a special case of a hyperbolic system which

includes the Dirac equation in two space-time dimensions, T. Ichinose [4] constructed a countably additive measure by using the L^{∞} well-posedness of the Cauchy problem and gave the solution of the Cauchy problem by the Feynman integral with this measure.

In [8], we have constructed a $\mathfrak{L}(L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N))$ -valued generalized measure μ_t on the path space $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$ and in case that V(t,x) is independent of t, i.e. V(t,x) = V(0,x), we gave the solution of $\Psi(t)$ of (1.1) by the Feynman integral.

In this paper, we shall examine the space $L(\mathcal{S}, \boldsymbol{\beta})$ of integrable functions with respect to μ_t , which is defined as an extension of a tensor product space and is complete with respect to a seminorm $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ which does not depend on μ_t [Theorem 1]. $L(\mathcal{S}, \boldsymbol{\beta})$

includes the function $F(X) = \exp\{\int_0^t V(s,X(s)) \ ds\}$ with time-dependent potential V(t,x). We shall also show that there is a kind of dominated convergence theorem with respect to μ_t [Theorems 2,3] though it is not countably additive. By using this measure μ_t , we shall give the solution $\Psi(t)$ of (1.1) by the Feynman integral [Theorem 4]

$$\Psi(t) = \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \exp \left\{ \int_0^t V(s, X(s)) ds \right\} g(X(0)).$$

§2. Generalized vector measures μ_t on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$.

For 0 < t < ∞ , let $\mathbf{X}_t = \prod_{[0,t]} \mathbf{R}^d$ be the product of the uncountably many copies of \mathbf{R}^d . Let Δ_n be a finite partition of the interval [0,t] such that

$$\Delta_n$$
: 0 = $t_{0,n} < t_{1,n} < \cdots < t_{2^n,n} = t$, where $t_{j,n} = \frac{j}{2^n}$ t

and let $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_n$ be a mapping of \boldsymbol{X}_t into itself such that

$$\sigma_{n}(X)(s) = \begin{cases} X(t_{j,n}) & \text{for } t_{j-1,n} < s \leq t_{j,n}(j=1,2,\dots,2^{n}) \\ X(0) & \text{for } s = 0 \end{cases}$$

for any $X \in X_t$. Let \hat{X}_t be the subset of X_t such that

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t = \{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{X}_t; \mathbf{X} \in C([0,t]; \mathbf{R}^d) \text{ or } \mathbf{X} \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n(\mathbf{X}_t) \}.$$

For F: $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, define $\mathbf{F}_{\sigma(n)} : \hat{\mathbf{X}}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ by

$$F_{\sigma(n)}(X) = F(\sigma_n(X))$$
 for any $X \in X_t$.

Let $\mbox{\it B}$ be the set of Borel subsets of $\mbox{\it R}^d$. For $n \in \mbox{\it N}$ and $\mbox{\it B}_{\mbox{\it j}} \in \mbox{\it B}(\mbox{\it j}=0,1,\cdots,2^n)$, put $\mbox{\it J}(\mbox{\it B}_0,\mbox{\it B}_1,\cdots,\mbox{\it B}_{2^n}) := \{\mbox{\it X}_t;\mbox{\it X}(t_{\mbox{\it j},n}) \in \mbox{\it B}_j \in \mbox{\it B}_j \in \mbox{\it J} = \{\mbox{\it J}(\mbox{\it B}_0,\mbox{\it B}_1,\cdots,\mbox{\it B}_{2^n});\ n \in \mbox{\it N},\ \mbox{\it B}_j \in \mbox{\it B}_j \in$

and ${\pmb{\jmath}}$ be the field generated by ${\pmb{\jmath}}.$

Let $\{U_t\}_{t\in \mathbf{R}}$ be a C_0 -group of unitary operators on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N). \quad \text{For } \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{B}_0,\mathbf{B}_1,\cdots,\mathbf{B}_{2^n}) \in \boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}}, \text{ we shall define an operator } \boldsymbol{\mu}_t(\mathbf{J}) \in \mathfrak{L}(L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N)) \text{ by}$

$$(\mu_t(\mathtt{J}))_{\mathtt{g}} \coloneqq \mathtt{U}_{\delta_n} \mathtt{X}_{\mathtt{B}_2} \mathtt{U}_{\delta_n} \cdots \mathtt{U}_{\delta_n} \mathtt{X}_{\mathtt{B}_1} \mathtt{U}_{\delta_n} \mathtt{X}_{\mathtt{B}_0} \mathtt{g} \qquad \text{for } \mathtt{g} \in \mathtt{L}^2(\mathtt{R}^d; \mathbf{c}^N) \,,$$

where \mathbf{X}_B is a multiplicative operator on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N)$ by the characteristic function of the set B and $\delta_n = \frac{t}{2^n}$. Then μ_t can be considered as a finitely additive $\mathfrak{L}(L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N))$ -valued measure defined on $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}$.

Now we shall consider the integral with respect to this measure $\,\mu_{\mbox{\scriptsize t}}^{}.$

Put
$$X_m(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \|x\| \le m \\ 0 & \|x\| > m \end{cases}$$
 for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

For $\bar{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbf{C}^{N}$ and $J \in \mathcal{J}$, we shall write

(2.1)
$$\mu_{t}(J)\bar{\mathbf{a}} := s-\lim_{m \to \infty} \mu_{t}(J)(\bar{\mathbf{a}}\chi_{m})$$

if the limit of the right-hand side exists and we shall naturally use the integral as follows

(2.2)
$$\mu_t(J)\bar{\mathbf{a}} = \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \chi_J(X)\bar{\mathbf{a}}.$$

For $J = J(B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{2^n}) \in \mathcal{J}$ and relatively compact set

 $C \in \mathbb{R}$, put $J \circ C := J(B_0 \cap C, B_1, \dots, B_{2^n})$. Then we have

(2.3)
$$\mu_t(J \circ C)\bar{\mathbf{a}} = s-\lim_{m \to \infty} \mu_t(J \circ C)(\bar{\mathbf{a}} x_m) = \mu_t(J)(\bar{\mathbf{a}} x_C).$$

Let \mathbf{X}_0 be the space of \mathbf{F} -measurable simple functions on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{t}}$.

For
$$g = \sum_{k=1}^{r} \bar{a}_k X_{C_k} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C}^N)$$
 $(\bar{a}_k \in \mathbb{C}^N \text{ and } C_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is }$

relativly compact) and Ψ = $\Sigma_{j=1}^{q} \alpha_j X_{J_j} \in \mathcal{S}_0$ ($\alpha_j \in \mathbf{C}$ and $J_j \in \mathbf{J}$), we have

$$\int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \Psi(X) g(X(0)) = \Sigma_{j=1}^q \alpha_j \Sigma_{k=1}^r \mu_t(J_j) (\bar{a}_k X_{C_k})$$

by using (2.2) and (2.3).

Let $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ be the space of complex-valued bounded Borel measurable functions on \mathbf{R}^d and $\mathbf{B}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t: \otimes_{\pi}, \Delta_n)$ be the space of complex-valued functions \mathbf{F} on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$ for which there exist $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{N}$ and functions $\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}} \in \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ $(\mathbf{j} = 0,1,\cdots,2^n \text{ and } \mathbf{k} = 1,2,\cdots,m)$ such that $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{k}=1}^m \prod_{\mathbf{j}=0}^{2^n} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{j},n}))$ for any $\mathbf{X} \in \hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$, equipped with π -norm:

$$\|\mathbf{F}\|_{\pi} := \inf \; \Sigma_{\mathbf{k}=1}^{m} \; \prod_{\mathbf{j}=0}^{2^{n}} \; \|\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{k}}\|_{\infty},$$

where the infimum is taken over all representations of F and $\|f\|_{\varpi} = \sup \; \{|f(x)|; \; x \in R^d\}. \quad \text{Let } B(\hat{X}_t : \hat{\otimes}_{\pi}, \Delta_n) \text{ be the completion}$ of $B(\hat{X}_t : \hat{\otimes}_{\pi}, \Delta_n)$ with respect to π -norm.

For $F \in B(\hat{X}_t : \emptyset_{\pi}, \Delta_n)$ and $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C}^N)$, there exist sequences $\{\Psi_n\} \subset \mathcal{S}_0$ and $\{g_n\}$ of \mathbb{C}^N -valued simple functions on \mathbb{R}^d such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\Psi_n - F\|_{\pi} = 0$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \|g - g_n\|_2 = 0$.

So we shall define the integral of $F \in B(\hat{X}_t; \otimes_{\pi}, \Delta_n)$ by $(2.4) \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \ F(X) \ g(X(0)) = \underset{n \to \infty}{\text{s-lim}} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \ \Psi_n(X) \ g_n(X(0)).$

for $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C}^N)$.

This is well-defined since the right hand side of (2.4) does not depend on sequences $\{\Psi_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$ but only on g and F. We shall define the space $B(\hat{X}_t:\hat{\otimes}_\pi)$ as the space of complex-valued functions F on \hat{X}_t such that $F_{\sigma(n)}$ belongs to $B(\hat{X}_t:\hat{\otimes}_\pi,\Delta_n)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\sup_{n} \|F_{\sigma(n)}\|_{\pi} < \infty$. We shall define the seminorm β on $B(\hat{X}_t:\hat{\otimes}_\pi)$ by $\beta(F) = \sup_{n} \|F_{\sigma(n)}\|_{\pi}$

for $F \in B(\hat{X}_t : \hat{\delta}_{\pi})$.

A subset C of $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$ is said to be β -null if $\mathbf{X}_C \in \mathbf{B}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t : \hat{\otimes}_{\pi})$ and $\beta(\mathbf{X}_C) = 0$, where \mathbf{X}_C is the characteristic function of the set C. For functions f, g on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$, $f(\mathbf{X}) = g(\mathbf{X})$ β -a.e. means that the set $\{\mathbf{X} \in \hat{\mathbf{X}}_t; \ f(\mathbf{X}) \neq g(\mathbf{X})\}$ is β -null.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{DEFINITION.}} & \text{We shall call a function } F \in B(\hat{X}_t : \hat{\otimes}_{\pi}) \text{ to be} \\ \\ \underline{\text{integrable with respect to } \mu_t} & \text{if for any } g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d ; \mathbb{C}^N) \text{, there} \\ \\ \underline{\text{exists a sequence }} \{\Psi_n\} & \text{of } \mathcal{S}_0 \text{ satisfying } F(X) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \Psi_n(X) \quad \text{\mathcal{B}-} \\ \\ \text{a.e. and there exists } s\text{-lim} \int_{\hat{X}_t} \mathrm{d}\mu_t(X) \ \Psi_n(X) \ g(X(0)) \text{, which does} \\ \\ \underline{\hat{X}_t} & \text{not depend on } \{\Psi_n\} \text{ but only on } F. \end{array}$

So we shall write

$$\int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \ F(X) \ g(X(0)) = s-\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \ \Psi_n(X) \ g(X(0)).$$

Let $B([0,t]\times R^d)$ be the space of bounded Borel measurable functions θ on $[0,t]\times R^d$ such that $\tilde{\theta}(s)=\theta(s,\cdot)\in B(R^d)$ is piecewise continuous on [0,t].

Let S be the set of those functions Ψ on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$ for which there exist $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{N}$, $\mathbf{C}_k \in \mathbf{B}([0,t] \times \mathbf{R}^d)$ (= set of Borel subsets of $[0,t] \times \mathbf{R}^d$) (k=1,2,..,m) such that $\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{k=1}^m \int_0^t \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{C}_k}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{s})) \ \mathrm{d}\mathbf{s}$. Let \mathbf{S} be the linear span of $\mathbf{S}_0 \cup \mathbf{S}$.

Let L(\$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{B}) be the space of functions F of $B(\hat{X}_t : \hat{\otimes}_{\pi})$ for which there exists a sequence $\{F_j\} \subset \mbox{$\mathcal{S}$}$ such that $\lim_{j \to \infty} \mbox{$\beta(F - F_j)$} = 0. \ \ \mbox{Then we have}$

<u>Proposition</u>. For $F \in L(\mathcal{S},\beta)$ and $g \in L^2(R^d;c^N)$, there exists a sequence $\{h_n\}$ of \mathcal{S}_0 such that

- i) $F(X) = \lim_{n\to\infty} h_n(X)$ &-a.e. and
- ii) s-lim $\int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) h_n(X) g(X(0))$ exists.

 $\frac{\text{Proof.}}{\text{Proof.}} \quad \text{For } \text{F} \in \text{L(S,B)}, \text{ there exists a sequence } \{\text{F}_j\} \subset \text{S,}$ such that $\text{B(F-F}_j) < \frac{1}{2^j}$. For $\text{g} \in \text{L}^2(\text{R}^d;\text{C}^N)$ and $\text{F}_j \in \text{S,}$

there exists $h_{j,n} \in \mathcal{S}_0$ such that $\|(F_j)_{\sigma(n)} - h_{j,n}\|_{\pi} < \epsilon$. So we can find $\{h_n\} \subset \mathcal{S}_0$ satisfying the desired conditions. //

The above proposition shows that the space L(§,8) consists of integrable functions with respect to μ_{+} and we have

Theroem 1. A C_0-group $\{U_t\}_{t\in R}$ of unitary operators on $L^2(R^d;c^N)$ induces a $\mathfrak{L}(L^2(R^d;c^N))$ -valued generalized measure μ_t on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$ such that the space $L(\mathcal{S},\beta)$ consisting of an integrable function with respect to μ_t is complete with respect to the seminorm β .

The generalized measure $\;\mu_t$ defined at §2 is not countably additive but it has a kind of convergence theorem as shown below.

 $\underline{\text{DEFINITION}}. \quad \text{We shall call a sequence } \{f_n\} \subset B(R^d) [\text{resp.}$ $B([0,t]\times R^d)] \text{ to be } \underline{(*)\text{-sequentially compact}} \text{ if for any}$ $\text{subsequence } \{f_{n(j)}\} \text{ of } \{f_n\}, \text{ there exists a subsequence}$

$$\begin{split} &\{f_{n(j(k))}\} \text{ of } \{f_{n(j)}\} \text{ such that } f_{n(j(k))}(x) [\text{resp.} f_{n(j(k))}(s,x)] \\ &\text{converges to some function } g(x) \in B(R^d) \text{ for any } x \in R^d \setminus N \\ &[\text{resp.} g(s,x) \in B([0,t] \times R^d) \text{ for any } (s,x) \in [0,t] \times (R^d \setminus N)] \\ &\text{with } \nu(N) = 0 \text{ as } k \to \infty, \text{ where } \nu \text{ is the Lebesgue measure on } R^d. \end{split}$$

Then we have the following convergence theorems.

Theorem 2. For k,
$$m \in \mathbb{N}$$
 and $\{F_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \hat{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{X}_t: \otimes_{\pi}, \Delta_m)}$

with
$$F_n(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \prod_{j=0}^{2^m} f_{j,k,n}(X(t_{j,m}))$$
, suppose

$$\sup_{n} \|F_{n}\|_{\pi} < \infty, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} F_{n}(X) = F_{0}(X) \text{ a.e. on } R^{(2^{m}+1)d} \text{ and}$$

$$\{f_{j,2,n}; \ 1 \leq j \leq m, \ 1 \leq Q \leq K, \ n \in N\} \text{ is } (*)\text{-sequentially compact.}$$

Then we have

$$\int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) F_0(X) g(X(0)) = s-\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) F_n(X) g(X(0))$$
for any $g \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^d; \mathbf{C}^N)$

<u>Proof.</u> By the assumption, there exist a subsequence $\{n(k)\} \text{ and sequences } \{\tilde{f}_{j,\ell,n(k)}\} \subset B(R^d) \text{ and } \{h_{j,\ell}\} \subset B(R^d)$ satisfying

$$\begin{split} \sup \ \{\|\widetilde{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})}\|_{\infty} \ ; \ 1 \leq j \leq m, \ 1 \leq Q \leq K, \ \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{N}\} < \infty, \\ F_{\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{X}) - F_{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{X}) = & \sum_{\mathbf{Q}=1}^{K} \prod_{\mathbf{j}=0}^{2^m} \widetilde{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{m}})) \\ \\ \lim_{\mathbf{k} \to \infty} \widetilde{f}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{x}) = & h_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{Q}}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ a.e. on } \mathbf{R}^d \quad \text{and} \end{split}$$

for any $\ell=1,\cdots,K$, there exists $j_{\ell}\in\{1,\cdots,m\}$ such that $\lim_{k\to\infty} \tilde{f}_{j_{\ell},\ell,n(k)}(x) = 0 \text{ a.e. on } R^d. \text{ By using the property of } \mu_t, \text{ we have } s-\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \left(F_{n(k)}(X) - F_0(X)\right)g(X(0)) = 0. \text{ By the property of } (*)-\text{sequential compactness, we have } s-\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \left(F_n(X) - F_0(X)\right)g(X(0)) = 0.$

For a function $F \in B(\hat{X}_t: \hat{\otimes}_{\pi})$ we shall call F(X) = 0 α -a.e. if $F_{\mathfrak{S}(n)}(X) = 0$ a.e. on $R^{(2^n+1)d}$ for any $n \in N$. Then we have

Then we have $F_n \in L(S, \beta)$ and

$$\int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) F_0(X) g(X(0)) = s-\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\hat{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) F_n(X) g(X(0))$$

for any $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C}^N)$.

By the property of (*)-sequential compactness, there exist a subsequence $\{n_i\}$ and $\tilde{\theta} \in B([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\lim_{j\to\infty}\theta_{n_j}(s,x) = \tilde{\theta}(s,x)$ for any $(s,x) \in [0,t] \times (\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \mathbb{N})$ with v(N) = 0. Then we have $\lim_{j\to\infty} F_{n_j}(X) = \exp \int_0^t \tilde{\theta}(s,X(s)) ds$ α -a.e., which implies $F_0(X) = \exp \int_0^t \tilde{\theta}(s, X(s)) ds$ α -a.e. $G_{n,k}(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{k} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\int_{0}^{\tau} \theta_{n}(s,X(s)) ds \right)^{k}$ and $\widetilde{G}_{k}(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{k} \frac{1}{k!}$ $(\int_{\hat{\Omega}}^{t} \tilde{\theta}(s,X(s)) ds)^{2}$. By the definitions of the integral and μ_{t} , we have $\int_{\hat{L}} d\mu_{t}(X) \ \tilde{G}_{k}(X) \ g(X(0)) = \Sigma_{\ell=1}^{k} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{s_{\ell}} \cdots \int_{0}^{s_{2}} U_{t-s_{0}} \tilde{\theta}(s_{\ell})$ $\mathbf{U_{s_0-s_{0-1}}}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s_{0-1}})\cdots\mathbf{U_{s_2-s_1}}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s_1})\mathbf{U_{s_1}}\mathbf{g}\ d\mathbf{s_1}d\mathbf{s_2}\cdots d\mathbf{s_m}+\mathbf{g}\quad \text{for } \mathbf{g} \in \mathbf{s_1}$ $\mathrm{L}^{2}(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{d}};\mathbf{c}^{\mathrm{N}})$. So by (3.1), we have $\sup_{n \to \infty} \int_{\hat{X}} d\mu_t(X) \ G_{n,k}(X) \ g(X(0)) = \int_{\hat{X}} d\mu_t(X) \ \tilde{G}_k(X) \ g(X(0)).$ Byusing the relation $\lim_{k\to\infty}\beta(F_n-G_{n,k})=0$, we have the desired

§4. The Feynman path integral.

result.

Now we shall consider the Cauchy problem described at §1. By using the above theorem, we have

Theorem 4. Let H be a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space $L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N)$ and $0 < T < \infty$. Suppose $\overline{V} \in C^1([0,T];\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{R}^d))$, $V(t,\cdot) = \overline{V}(t)$ and g belongs to the domain of iH. Then the solution $\Psi(t,\cdot)$ of the following Cauchy problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \; \Psi(t,x) \; = \; (-i\mathrm{H} \; + \; \theta(t,x)) \Psi(t,x) \\ \Psi(0,x) \; = \; \mathrm{g}(x) \qquad \qquad 0 \; < \; t \; < \; \mathrm{T,} \; \; x \; \in \; R^d \end{array} \right.$$

is expressed as follows;

$$\Psi(t, \cdot) = \int_{\mathbf{X}_t} d\mu_t(X) \exp\{\int_0^t V(s, X(s)) \, ds\} \, g(X(0)).$$

Proof. iH generates a C_0 -group $\{U_t\}_{t\in \mathbf{R}}$ of unitary operators on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N)$ such that $U_t=e^{iHt}$. By Theorem 1, the C_0 -group induces a $\mathfrak{L}(L^2(\mathbf{R}^d;\mathbf{C}^N))$ -valued generalized measure μ_t on $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t$. Since $F(X)=\exp\{\int_0^t V(s,X(s))\ ds\}$ belongs to $L(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{B})$, there exists its integral with respect to μ_t and put

$$\overline{\Psi}(t) = \int_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_t} d\mu_t(X) \ \mathrm{F}(X) \ \mathrm{g}(X(0)).$$

Then it holds that $\overline{\Psi}(t) = U_t \overline{\Psi}(0) + \int_0^t U_{t-s} \overline{V}(s) \overline{\Psi}(s) ds$ and $\overline{\Psi}(t)$ is the solution of the above Cauchy problem. //

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