

Kirillov-Kostant theory and Feynman path integrals on coadjoint orbits II

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Introduction

Let G be a connected and simply connected solvable Lie group. In this paper we construct irreducible unitary representations of G by using the Feynman path integrals on coadjoint orbits [1][13].

In §1, we compute the path integrals on $M = \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$. Let θ be a 1-form on M and H a C^∞ -function on M which satisfies certain conditions. The path integral $K_{\theta, H}(x'', x'; T)$ ($x', x'' \in \mathbf{R}^n$) computed by using the action $\int_0^T \gamma^* \theta - H(\gamma(t)) dt$ (where γ runs over a certain set of paths on M) can be written by the solution of differential equations defined by θ and H .

In §2, we investigate the path integrals on coadjoint orbits. Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be the Lie algebra of G and $\mathfrak{g}^*$ the dual space of $\mathfrak{g}$. Fix an element λ of $\mathfrak{g}^*$ and choose a real polarization $\mathfrak{p}$. Following the Kirillov-Kostant theory [4][5][14], we construct an irreducible unitary representation $\pi_\lambda^\mathfrak{p}$ of G . We put $\theta_\lambda = \langle \lambda, g^{-1} dg \rangle$ and $H_Y = \langle \lambda, g^{-1} Yg \rangle$ for any $Y \in \mathfrak{g}$. We show that the integral operator of K_{θ_λ, H_Y} corresponds to $\pi_\lambda^\mathfrak{p}(\exp TY)$.

§1 Path integrals on $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$

In this section, we shall compute the Feynman path integrals on $M = \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$. Let $n_1, \dots, n_m$ be natural numbers such that $\sum_{i=1}^m n_i = n$. We put $U^i = \mathbf{R}^{n_i}$ and $V^i = \mathbf{R}^{n_i}$ for $i = 1 \dots m$. Let ${}^t(x, y) = {}^t(x^1 \dots x^m y^1 \dots y^m)$ be the normal coordinates on $M = U^1 \times \dots \times U^m \times V^1 \times \dots \times V^m$ where $x^i = {}^t(x^{i,1} \dots x^{i,n_i}) \in U^i$ and $y^i = {}^t(y^{i,1} \dots y^{i,n_i}) \in V^i$ for $i = 1 \dots m$. Let θ be a 1-form on M and H a C^∞ -function on M . Suppose that θ and H are expressed in the following forms respectively:

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^m {}^t y^i (dx^i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} f^{ij} dx^j) + {}^t a^i dx^i + {}^t b^i dy^i \quad (1.1)$$

where