

The Group with Grassmann Structure $UOSP(1.2)$

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Abstract. The finite-dimensional representations of the Lie superalgebra $osp(1.2)$ and the group with Grassmann structure $OSP(1.2)$ have been studied. The explicit expression of the projection operator of the superalgebra $osp(1.2)$ has been found. The operator permits an arbitrary finite-dimensional representation to be expanded in the components multiple to the irreducible ones. The Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for the tensor product of two arbitrary irreducible representations have been obtained. The matrix elements of the irreducible representations of the group $UOSP(1.2)$ [the analogue of the compact form of the group $OSP(1.2)$] are studied. The explicit form of these matrix elements, the differential equations satisfied by them, and the integral of their product have been found.

1. Introduction

The Lie superalgebras and the Lie groups with Grassmann structure¹ have been extensively used since recently in physics. These objects appeared first in the problems relevant to the secondary quantization of the fermion systems [5], then in the dual model, and finally in the supergravity and the supersymmetric field theory (see the review in [6]). The natural problem arises, therefore, to develop a formalism of the theory of representation of the Lie superalgebras and groups with Grassmann structure up to the extent as was achieved for some of the semisimple Lie groups [14].

The present work studies in detail the finite-dimensional representations of the Lie superalgebra $osp(1.2)$ and the generated group with Grassmann structure $OSP(1.2)$. The representations of the Lie superalgebra $osp(1.2)$ were studied earlier in [8, 10, 11].

In the first part of the present work, the projection operator method developed earlier for the usual semisimple Lie algebras [1, 2] is applied to the superalgebra

¹ Other names for these objects may be found elsewhere, namely supergroups or graded groups. The terms used here seems to us to reflect better the essence of these mathematical objects