

Continuous Tensor Product States which are Translation Invariant but not Quasi-Free

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Abstract. We show how the theory of continuous tensor products can be used to construct, for commutation relations, translation invariant but not quasi-free states as continuous tensor products of states for systems with one degree of freedom.

Introduction

As was shown by R. T. Powers in [6] § 5.3 for the case of anticommutation relations, all translation invariant states which can be constructed as infinite tensor products of states for systems with a finite number of degrees of freedom are quasi-free and consequently not very interesting for physical applications; in this paper we show how the theory of continuous tensor products allows us to construct, in the case of commutation relations, translation invariant but not quasi-free states as continuous tensor products of states for systems with one degree of freedom; we consider only the nonrelativistic case since, unfortunately, we are not able to carry out the same construction in the relativistic case.

§ 1. The Algebras Associated with a Real Symplectic Space

We consider a real symplectic space (E, σ) , i.e. a real vector space E with a non-degenerate symplectic form σ ; we call *representation of (E, σ)* every mapping U of E into the unitary operators of a complex Hilbert space such that

- (i) for each x in E the mapping $\mathbb{R} \ni h \mapsto U(hx)$ is strongly continuous
- (ii) $U(x + y) = e^{i\sigma(x,y)} U(x) U(y)$.

With a real symplectic space one can associate several algebras:

- 1) The von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{A}_{E,\sigma}$ defined in [2], § 1.3; when E is finite dimensional $\mathcal{A}_{E,\sigma}$ is nothing but $\mathcal{L}(H)$ where H is the space

of the Schrödinger representation of (E, σ) ; in the general case $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ is the von Neumann inductive limit of the algebras $\mathcal{A}_{F, \sigma}$ with F a finite dimensional subspace of E . There is a representation W of (E, σ) into $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ which has the following universal property: given a Hilbert space H , the mapping $\pi \mapsto \pi \circ W$ is a bijection between the normal representations of $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ in H and the representations of (E, σ) in H .

2) The Banach $*$ -algebra $A_{E, \sigma}$ (which is similar to the algebra considered in [5]; $A_{E, \sigma}$ is the Banach space $l^1(E)$ whose elements are complex functions on E satisfying $\sum_{x \in E} |f(x)| < \infty$, equipped with the norm

$$\|f\| = \sum |f(x)|,$$

the multiplication

$$(fg)(z) = \sum_{x+y=z} e^{-i\sigma(x,y)} f(x)g(y)$$

and the involution

$$f^*(x) = \overline{f(-x)};$$

we denote by δ_x the unitary element of $A_{E, \sigma}$ defined by

$$\delta_x(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x; \end{cases}$$

then

$$\delta_{x+y} = e^{i\sigma(x,y)} \delta_x \delta_y;$$

given a Hilbert space H , the mapping $\pi \mapsto \pi \circ \delta$ is a bijection between the representations of $A_{E, \sigma}$ in H such that $h \mapsto \pi(\delta_{hx})$ is strongly continuous for each $x \in E$ and the representations of (E, σ) in H . In particular there exists a unique morphism $T: A_{E, \sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ such that the diagramm

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{E, \sigma} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma} \\ & \delta \searrow & \nearrow W \\ & & E \end{array}$$

is commutative; $\text{Im } T$ is strongly dense in $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$.

Concerning the states of $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ and $A_{E, \sigma}$ there are bijective correspondences between

a) the complex functions ψ on E satisfying the following conditions

— $\psi(O) = 1$

— $\sum_{n,p} c_n \bar{c}_p e^{i\sigma(x_n, x_p)} \psi(x_n - x_p) \geq 0 \quad \forall c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{C}, \quad x_1, \dots, x_m \in E$

— for each $x \in E$ the mapping $\mathbb{R} \quad h \mapsto \psi(hx)$ is continuous; such a function ψ will be called a *generating functional*;

b) the normal states φ of $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$;

c) the states χ of $A_{E, \sigma}$ satisfying: for each $x \in E$ the mapping $h \mapsto \chi(\delta_{hx})$

is continuous.

These correspondences are given by $\psi = \varphi \circ W = \chi \circ \delta, \chi = \varphi \circ T$.

§ 2. A Particular Case of Real Symplectic Space

From now on we suppose E is a complex vector space of complex functions on $T = \mathbb{R}^n$ which are continuous and with compact support; and we set

$$\sigma(x, y) = \text{Im}(x|y) = \text{Im} \int x(t) \overline{y(t)} dt \quad \forall x, y \in E;$$

we also suppose E is invariant under all translations. For every t in T we set

$$\begin{aligned} E_t &= \mathbb{C}, \\ \sigma_t(\alpha, \beta) &= \text{Im} \alpha \overline{\beta} \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in E_t, \\ \mathcal{A}_t &= \mathcal{A}_{E_t, \sigma_t}, \\ W_t &= \text{the canonical mapping } E_t \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_t, \\ A_t &= A_{E_t, \sigma_t}. \end{aligned}$$

((E_t, σ_t) is the symplectic space corresponding to a system with one degree of freedom.)

Proposition 1. $A_{E, \sigma}$ is isomorphic to the continuous tensor product of the algebras A_t ; more precisely we have $A_{E, \sigma} \sim \widehat{\bigotimes}_{t \in T}^{\Gamma} A_t$ where Γ is the set of all families $t \mapsto \lambda(t) \delta_{x(t)} \in A_t$ with $\lambda \in C_0 \cap L^1 + 1$ and $x \in E$.

(We use the notations and definitions of [2], Ch. 3.)

First one must prove that $((A_t)_{t \in T}, \Gamma)$ is a continuous family of Banach $*$ -algebras in the sense of [2], § 3.4; the proof of the axiom (iii) of [2], § 3.2 is very similar to that of [3], prop. 12; the proof of the other axioms is trivial. Now the construction of the isomorphism is similar to that in [3], Prop. 12; we only emphasize the fact that this isomorphism F carries each element $\delta_x \in A_{E, \sigma}$ with $x \in E$, into the element $\bigotimes \delta_{x(t)} \in \widehat{\bigotimes}^{\Gamma} A_t$; we also recall that for each λ in $\mathcal{C}_0 \cap L^1 + 1$,

$$\bigotimes \lambda(t) \cdot \delta_{x(t)} = \Pi \lambda(t) \cdot \bigotimes \delta_{x(t)};$$

in particular if $x, y \in E$:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigotimes \delta_{x(t)} \cdot \bigotimes \delta_{y(t)} &= \bigotimes \delta_{x(t)} \delta_{y(t)} \\ &= \bigotimes e^{-ix(t)\overline{y(t)}} \delta_{x(t)+y(t)} \\ &= \Pi e^{-ix(t)\overline{y(t)}} \bigotimes \delta_{x(t)+y(t)} \\ &= e^{-i\sigma(x, y)} \bigotimes \delta_{x(t)+y(t)} \\ F^{-1}(\bigotimes \delta_{x(t)} \cdot \bigotimes \delta_{y(t)}) &= e^{-i\sigma(x, y)} \delta_{x+y} = \delta_x \delta_y. \quad \text{QED.} \end{aligned}$$

Another Algebra Associated with (E, σ)

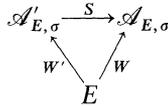
As explained in [2], § 3.6 we can also construct the continuous tensor product $\bigotimes_{t \in T}^{\Gamma'} \mathcal{A}_t$ where Γ' is the set of all families $t \mapsto \lambda(t) \cdot W_t(x(t))$ with $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}_0 \cap L^1 + 1$ and $x \in E$; we denote it by $\mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma}$ and set

$$W'(x) = \bigotimes W_t(x(t)) \quad \forall x \in E;$$

we have

$$W'(x + y) = e^{i\sigma(x, y)} W'(x) W'(y);$$

moreover there is a morphism $S: \mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ such that the diagramm



is commutative.

Automorphisms of the Above Algebras Induced by Translations

Every element τ of T determines an automorphism of (E, σ) :

$$x \mapsto x_\tau \quad \text{with} \quad x_\tau(t) = x(t - \tau);$$

this automorphism determines in turn, as easily seen, automorphisms $\alpha_\tau, \beta_\tau, \gamma_\tau$ of $\mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}, A_{E, \sigma}, \mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma}$ respectively, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_\tau(W(x)) &= W(x_\tau) \\ \beta_\tau(\delta_x) &= \delta_{x_\tau} \\ \gamma_\tau(W'(x)) &= W'(x_\tau); \end{aligned}$$

recalling that $A_{E, \sigma}$ and $\mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma}$ are continuous tensor products, β_τ and γ_τ take the simpler forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_\tau(\bigotimes \delta_{x(t)}) &= \bigotimes \delta_{x(t-\tau)}, \\ \gamma_\tau(\bigotimes W_t(x(t))) &= \bigotimes W_{t-\tau}(x(t-\tau)). \end{aligned}$$

These automorphisms are compatible with the canonical mappings $A_{E, \sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$ and $\mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{E, \sigma}$.

§ 3. Continuous Tensor Products of States

Consider a generating functional ψ on (E, σ) of the form

$$\psi(x) = \exp \left[\int F_t(x(t)) dt \right]$$

where each F_t is a continuous complex function on $E_t = \mathbb{C}$ with the following properties:

- (i) $F_t(O) = O$;
- (ii) the function $\alpha \mapsto \psi_t(\alpha) = e^{F_t(\alpha)}$ is a generating functional on (E_t, σ_t) ;
- (iii) for every $x \in E$ the function $t \mapsto F_t(x(t))$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}_0 \cap L^1$.

The state χ of $A_{E, \sigma}$ associated with ψ is the continuous tensor product of the states χ_t (of A_t) associated with ψ_t ; in fact for $x \in E$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\delta_x) &= \psi(x) = \exp \left[\int F_t(x(t)) dt \right] \\ &= \prod_{t \in T} \exp [F_t(x(t))] = \prod_{t \in T} \psi_t(x(t)) \\ &= \prod_{t \in T} \chi_t(\delta_{x(t)}); \end{aligned}$$

but as we know δ_x is identified with $\otimes \delta_{x(t)}$ (cf. Prop. 1). (There is a similar result for the state of $\mathcal{A}'_{E, \sigma}$ associated with ψ). Moreover the representation associated with ψ is a continuous tensor product in the sense of [4].

If moreover F_t is equal to some function F independent of t , the state χ is obviously translation invariant, i.e. invariant under all the automorphisms β_τ .

Examples. Let F^0 be a complex continuous function on \mathbb{C} verifying

- a) $F^0(O) = O$,
- b) $\exp F^0$ is positive definite,
- c) the function ψ^0 on E defined by $\psi^0(x) = \exp \left[\int F^0(x(t)) dt \right]$ is positive definite;

set

$$F(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2} |\alpha|^2 + F^0(\alpha) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C};$$

then conditions (i) and (iii) above are trivially satisfied; as for condition (ii), it is known and easily verified that $\alpha \mapsto \exp(-\frac{1}{2} |\alpha|^2)$ is a generating functional on (E_t, σ_t) (the corresponding state is the Fock state; see also [2], § 1.5); then for every $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ in \mathbb{C} , the matrix with coefficients

$$\exp(i\alpha_n \bar{\alpha}_p) \cdot \psi_t(\alpha_n - \alpha_p) = \exp(i\alpha_n \bar{\alpha}_p - \frac{1}{2} |\alpha_n - \alpha_p|^2) \cdot \exp(F^0(\alpha_n - \alpha_p))$$

is positive since the coefficientwise product of two positive matrices is positive. Finally the same arguments prove that the function

$$\begin{aligned} x \mapsto \psi(x) &= \exp \left[\int F(x(t)) dt \right] \\ &= \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 + \int F^0(x(t)) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

is a generating functional on (E, σ) ; we can thus construct many continuous tensor product states which are translation invariant.

In particular we can take F^0 of the following form:

$$F^0(\alpha) = -u^2 |\alpha|^2 + iv \cdot \alpha + \int_{\mathbb{C}} \left(e^{iw \cdot \alpha} - 1 - \frac{iw \cdot \alpha}{1 + |w|^2} \right) \frac{1 + |w|^2}{|w|^2} d\mu(w); \quad (1)$$

here u is real, v is complex, μ is a finite positive measure on $\mathbb{C} - O$, and

$$v \cdot \alpha = \operatorname{Re} v \operatorname{Re} \alpha + \operatorname{Im} v \operatorname{Im} \alpha$$

and similarly for $w \cdot \alpha$; conversely if E is sufficiently large, for instance if it contains all infinitely differentiable functions with compact support, every F^0 satisfying a), b), c) is of the form (1) (see for instance [1], Ch. III).

§ 4. Quasi-Free States

Definitions. Given two real vector spaces V and W denote by $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ the vector space of all linear mappings $V \rightarrow W$; if W is a topological vector space we endow $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ with the topology of the simple convergence; we say that a mapping $f: V \rightarrow W$ is *differentiable* if for each x in V there exists a linear mapping $f'(x; \cdot): V \rightarrow W$ such that for every y in V :

$$h^{-1}(f(x + hy) - f(x)) \rightarrow f'(x; y) \quad \text{when } h, \text{ real, tends to } O.$$

By the above procedure we can define inductively topologies on $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{C})$, $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{C}))$, etc.; as usual $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{C}))$ shall be identified with the set of all bilinear mappings $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and so on; we thus can speak of a mapping $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which is infinitely differentiable, and we have

$$f^{(n)}(x; y_1, \dots, y_n) = \lim_{h=0} h^{-1} [f^{(n-1)}(x + h y_n; y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) - f^{(n-1)}(x; y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})];$$

moreover for every x, y_1, \dots, y_n the function

$$\langle h_1, \dots, h_n \rangle \mapsto f(x + h_1 y_1 + \dots + h_n y_n)$$

is infinitely differentiable and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^{p_1 + \dots + p_n}}{\partial h_1^{p_1} \dots \partial h_n^{p_n}} f(x + h_1 y_1 + \dots + h_n y_n) |_{h_1 = \dots = h_n = 0} \\ = f^{(p_1 + \dots + p_n)}(x; \underbrace{y_1, \dots, y_1}_{p_1\text{-times}}, \dots, \underbrace{y_n, \dots, y_n}_{p_n\text{-times}}). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Returning to our (E, σ) we denote by E^0 the set of all real functions in E ; let ψ be a generating functional such that $\psi|E^0$ is infinitely differentiable; denote by U and ξ the representation of (E, σ) and cyclic vector determined by ψ such that $\psi(x) = \langle U(x) \xi | \xi \rangle \forall x \in E$; let $A(x)$ be the self-adjoint generator of the one-parameter group $h \mapsto U(hx)$.

Lemma 1. $A(x_1) \dots A(x_n) \xi$ exists for every x_1, \dots, x_n in E^0 .

Proof. a) The domain D of $A(x)$ is the set of all η in H such that the expression $h^{-1}(U(hx) - I) \eta$ has a strong limit when $h \rightarrow O$; but one can

replace strong by weak; in fact let D' be the set of all η such that $h^{-1}(U(hx) - I)\eta$ has a weak limit; D' is a linear subspace containing D ; set

$$A'\eta = w\text{-lim}(ih)^{-1}(U(hx) - I)\eta \quad \text{for each } \eta \in D';$$

A' is easily seen to be a symmetric operator which extends $A(x)$; then $A' = A(x)$ and $D' = D$.

b) We now prove that the expression

$$B = (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1}(U(h_1 x_1) - I) \dots (U(h_n x_n) - I) \xi$$

has a weak limit when h_1, \dots, h_n tend to O . Denoting by T the canonical mapping $A_{E,\sigma} \rightarrow H$ we have $\xi = T(\delta_0)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \dots < i_p \\ p=0, \dots, n}} (-1)^{n-p} U(h_{i_1} x_{i_1}) \dots U(h_{i_p} x_{i_p}) \cdot T(\delta_0) \\ &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum (-1)^{n-p} U(h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p}) \cdot T(\delta_0) \\ &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum (-1)^{n-p} T(\delta_{h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p}}). \end{aligned}$$

Let us prove first that $(B|T(\delta_y))$ has a limit for every y in E ; we have

$$\begin{aligned} (B|T(\delta_y)) &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum (-1)^{n-p} \chi(\delta_{-y} \delta_{h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p}}) \\ &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum (-1)^{n-p} \exp[i\sigma(y, h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p})] \\ &\quad \cdot \psi(-y + h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots) \\ &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-1} \sum (-1)^{n-p} \varphi(O, \dots, h_{i_1}, O, \dots, h_{i_p}, \dots, O) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where we have set

$$\varphi(h_1, \dots, h_n) = \exp[i\sigma(y, h_1 x_1 + \dots + h_n x_n)] \cdot \psi(-y + h_1 x_1 + \dots + h_n x_n);$$

it is known (and easily verified) that (3) converges to

$$\frac{\partial^n \varphi}{\partial h_1 \dots \partial h_n} \Big|_{h_1 = \dots = h_n = 0}.$$

Now to prove b) it is sufficient, since the $T(\delta_y)$'s are total in H , to prove that B is bounded; we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|B\|^2 &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-2} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \dots < i_p \\ j_1 < \dots < j_q \\ p, q = 0, \dots, n}} (-1)^{p+q} (T(\delta_{h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p}}) | T(\delta_{h_{j_1} x_{j_1} + \dots + h_{j_q} x_{j_q}})) \\ &= (h_1 \dots h_n)^{-2} \sum (-1)^{p+q} \psi(h_{i_1} x_{i_1} + \dots + h_{i_p} x_{i_p} - h_{j_1} x_{j_1} - \dots - h_{j_q} x_{j_q}); \end{aligned}$$

writing out an expansion of the \sum and using (2) one can see that the only terms which really occur contain $h_1^{a_1} \dots h_n^{a_n}$ where a_1, \dots, a_n are non zero even integers; this establishes our assertion.

it follows that, by (4)

$$\mathcal{W}_n^T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = i^n \omega^{(n)}(O; x_1, \dots, x_n). \tag{5}$$

Assume now that ω has the form $\omega(x) = \int F(x(t)) dt$ where F is a complex function on \mathbb{C} whose restriction to \mathbb{R} is infinitely differentiable; then, for $x, y_1, \dots, y_n \in E^0$ we have

$$\omega(x + hy_1) = \int F(x(t) + hy_1(t)) dt$$

and by derivation under \int :

$$\omega'(x; y_1) = \frac{d}{dh} \omega(x + hy_1)|_{h=0} = \int y_1(t) F'(x(t)) dt;$$

then by induction

$$\omega^{(n)}(x; y_1, \dots, y_n) = \int F^{(n)}(x(t)) \cdot y_1(t) \dots y_n(t) \cdot dt;$$

by (5)

$$\mathcal{W}_n^T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = i^{-n} \cdot F^{(n)}(O) \cdot \int x_1(t) \dots x_n(t) \cdot dt.$$

We have thus proved the following:

Proposition 2. *The state associated with a generating functional ψ of the form $\psi(x) = \exp[\int F(x(t)) dt]$ with $F|\mathbb{R}$ infinitely differentiable, is quasi-free if and only if $F^{(n)}(O) = O \ \forall n \geq 3$.*

Examples. We take $F(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2} |\alpha|^2 + F^0(\alpha)$ where F^0 is given by (1), and suppose that

$$\int |w|^n d\mu(w) < +\infty \quad \forall n = 1, 2, \dots;$$

if α is real we have, by setting $v_1 = \text{Re } v, w_1 = \text{Re } w$:

$$F(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 - u^2 \alpha^2 + i v_1 \alpha + \int \left(e^{i w_1 \alpha} - 1 - \frac{i w_1 \alpha}{1 + |w|^2} \right) \frac{1 + |w|^2}{|w|^2} d\mu(w);$$

whence, for $n \geq 3$:

$$F^{(n)}(O) = i^n \int w_1^n \frac{1 + |w|^2}{|w|^2} d\mu(w);$$

we see that the corresponding state is not quasi-free unless μ is null.

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