

Introduction to Quantization—Problems-1

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Problem 0.1. Compute the Fourier transforms of

$$e^{x^2-xy-y^2}, \quad e^{i\alpha x^2}, \quad e^{ix+ixy}.$$

Problem 0.2. Which limits exist? Compute them

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R e^{i\alpha x^2} dx, \quad (0.1)$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int e^{i\alpha x^2 - \epsilon x^2} dx, \quad (0.2)$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R x e^{i\alpha x^2} dx, \quad (0.3)$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty x e^{i\alpha x^2 - \epsilon x^2} dx. \quad (0.4)$$

Problem 0.3. Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\phi = 1$ on a neighborhood of 0. Show that the following limit exists and does not depend on the choice of ϕ :

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int x^n e^{i\alpha x^2} \phi(x/R) dx. \quad (0.5)$$

Hint. Consider the operator $L := (1 + 2i\alpha x)^{-1}(1 + \partial_x)$. Note that $L e^{i\alpha x^2} = e^{i\alpha x^2}$. Hence for any N we have $L^N e^{i\alpha x^2} = e^{i\alpha x^2}$. After inserting this operator, we can integrate by parts. Note that (0.5) is called the *oscillatory integral* of $x^n e^{i\alpha x^2}$.

Problem 0.4. Find an operator U such that

$$U \text{Op}(a) U^{-1} = \text{Op}(a_1),$$

where

1. $a_1(x, p) = a(-x, -p)$
2. $a_1(x, p) = a(-p, x)$
3. $a_1(x, p) = a(x + \alpha, p + \beta)$
4. $a_1(x, p) = a(x + p, p)$

Problem 0.5. For which values of $t \in \mathbb{R}$ the following operators are positive:

1. $\text{Op}(p^2 + \omega^2 x^2 + t)$,
2. $\text{Op}(x^2 p^2 + t)$.

Problem 0.6. Consider $a, b \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

1. Compute the star product $a \star b$ as a formal power series in \hbar up to the term of the order \hbar^4 .
2. Suppose that $\text{supp}(a) \cap \text{supp}(b) = \emptyset$. Show that as a formal power series in \hbar we have $a \star b = 0$. Give an example of such a, b such that $\text{Op}(a)\text{Op}(b) \neq 0$. (One can show that $\text{Op}(a)\text{Op}(b) = O(\hbar^\infty)$)
3. Let $b = 1$ on $\text{supp}(a)$. Show that $a \star b - b \star a = 0$ as a formal power series.

Problem 0.7. Compute the Weyl, x, p - and p, x -symbols of

1. $\hat{x}\hat{p}$,
2. $\hat{x}^2\hat{p}^2$,
3. the orthogonal projection onto $e^{-\frac{1}{2i}x^2}$,
4. $e^{i\xi\hat{x} + \eta\hat{p}}$
5. $e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hat{x}^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hat{p}^2}$.

Problem 0.8. Express the following operator in terms of \hat{x} , \hat{p} :

1. $\text{Op}(x^3 p)$,
2. $\text{Op}(x^2 p^2)$.