

COHERENT STATES FOR REDUCED PHASE SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we show how to construct coherent states for a reduced physical system if we know such states for the system before reduction. Applications of this construction to concrete physical situations are also presented.

1. Introduction

In [3] it was shown that any physical system can be described by the following triple of geometrical objects:

- i) a finite-dimensional manifold M ;
- ii) a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{M} ;
- iii) a map $\mathcal{K}: M \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\mathcal{M})$ (coherent states map).

The mechanical systems which we want to discuss here are distinguished by symplecticity of the map $\mathcal{K}: M \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\mathcal{M})$, i.e. the requirement that the pull-back ω_{FS} of the Fubini-Study form ω be a symplectic form. According to [3], the energy function $h: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ of the mechanical system is related to $(M, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}: M \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\mathcal{M}))$ by an integral equation. Therefore, having the coherent states map, we can describe the system completely. Among other things, we can find the family of observable characteristic for the system, and its Lagrangian. An exhaustive description of the approach to mechanics is given in [3].

In this paper (see §2) beginning with $(M, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}: M \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\mathcal{M}))$, we construct the coherent states map $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}: \tilde{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\tilde{\mathcal{M}})$ for the reduced phase space \tilde{M} . The quotient manifold \tilde{M} is obtained from M by the reduction procedure (see [1] using the system of commuting observables $f_1, \dots, f_n \in C^\infty(M, \mathbf{R})$, $\{f_i, f_j\} = 0$ which admit the Ehrenfest quantization (see [3]). The reduced coherent states map $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}: \tilde{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\tilde{\mathcal{M}})$ and the reduced projective Hilbert space $\mathbf{CP}(\tilde{\mathcal{M}})$ are defined in the natural way, i.e. by the quantum reduction of the coherent states $\mathcal{K}(m)$, $m \in M$. The usefulness of the reduction procedure proposed in §2 is confirmed in §3 by its application to concrete physical systems. Let us also note that considering the mechanical system as a triple $(M, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}: M \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}(\mathcal{M}))$, one finds a natural relation between the classical and quantum reduction procedure.