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Instability in the Spectral and the Fredholm Properties of an Infinite Dimensional Dirac Operator on the Abstract Boson-Fermion Fock Space

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Abstract

A perturbed Dirac operator $Q(\alpha)$ on the abstract Boson-Fermion Fock space is considered, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is a perturbation (coupling) parameter and the unperturbed operator $Q(0)$ is taken to be a free infinite dimensional Dirac operator introduced by the author (A. Arai, J. Funct. Anal. **105**(1992), 342–408). The following results are reported: (i) Under some conditions, the kernel of $Q(\alpha)$ is one dimensional for all $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ with some $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ and degenerate at $\alpha = \alpha_0$, while, under another condition, the kernel of $Q(\alpha)$ is one dimensional for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$. (ii) There are cases where, for all sufficiently large $|\alpha|$ with $\alpha < 0$, $Q(\alpha)$ has infinitely many non-zero eigenvalues even if $Q(0)$ has no non-zero eigenvalues. This is a strong coupling effect. (iii) Fredholm property of $Q(\alpha)$ also depends on the coupling parameter α .

Key words: Boson-Fermion Fock space, supersymmetric quantum field, infinite dimensional Dirac operator, non-regular perturbation, kernel, spectrum, Fredholm property, strong coupling effect

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1 Introduction

Let $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{K}$ be separable complex Hilbert spaces. Then the abstract Boson-Fermion Fock space $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ associated with the pair $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K}), \quad (1.1)$$

where $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigotimes_s^n \mathcal{H}$ is the Boson Fock space over $\mathcal{H}$ ($\bigotimes_s^n \mathcal{H}$ denotes the n -fold symmetric tensor product Hilbert space of $\mathcal{H}$; $\bigotimes_s^0 \mathcal{H} := \mathbb{C}$) and $\mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K}) := \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} \bigwedge^p \mathcal{K}$ is the Fermion Fock space over $\mathcal{K}$ ($\bigwedge^p \mathcal{K}$ denotes the p -fold anti-symmetric tensor product Hilbert space of $\mathcal{K}$; $\bigwedge^0 \mathcal{K} := \mathbb{C}$).

Let $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ be the set of densely defined closed linear operators from $\mathcal{H}$ to $\mathcal{K}$. Then, for each $A \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$, one can define a Dirac-type operator Q_A on $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ [Ar92] (for the definition of Q_A , Section 2 below). The operator Q_A is an infinite dimensional version of free Dirac operators on finite dimensional spaces.

In [Ar92] some fundamental properties of Q_A were established. Moreover, a perturbed Dirac operator of the form $Q_A(V) := Q_A + V$ was considered in view of index theory, where V is a symmetric operator on $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$, and a functional integral representation for the index of $Q_A(V)$ restricted to a subspace, called the “bosonic subspace”, was derived (for related aspects and further developments, see [Ar89], [Ar91], [Ar93], [Ar93], [Ar94], [Ar96], [Ar97], [AM91], [AM93]). It still remains, however, as an important problem, to investigate spectral properties of $Q_A(V)$. In this paper, as a first step towards this direction, we present a perturbation of Q_A which is not of the form V considered in [Ar92] and rather simple, but, gives rise to interesting *nonperturbative instability phenomena* in spectral and Fredholm properties. For proofs on the results reported in this paper, see [Ar00].

2 A Class of Perturbed Dirac Operators

We denote by $a(f)$ ($f \in \mathcal{H}$) and $b(u)$ ($u \in \mathcal{K}$) the annihilation operators on $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$ and on $\mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K})$ respectively (e.g., [BR97, §5.2]). Let $\Omega_b := \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$ (resp. $\Omega_f := \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K})$) be the Fock vacuum in $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$ (resp. $\mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{K})$). Let $A \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_A^\infty := \mathcal{L} \Big\{ & a(f_1)^* \cdots a(f_n)^* \Omega_b \otimes b(u_1)^* \cdots b(u_p)^* \Omega_f \Big| n, p \geq 0, f_j \in C^\infty(A^*A), \\ & j = 1, \dots, n, u_k \in C^\infty(AA^*), k = 1, \dots, p \Big\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where $\mathcal{L}\{\dots\}$ means the subspace algebraically spanned by the vectors in the set $\{\dots\}$ and $C^\infty(T) := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D(T^n)$ for a linear operator T on a Hilbert space ($D(T^n)$ denotes the domain of T^n). It follows that $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ is dense in $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$.

Let $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a complete orthonormal system of $\mathcal{K}$ such that $e_n \in D(A^*)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then it is shown that there is a unique densely defined closed linear operator d_A on $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ such that (i) for all $\Psi \in \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$

$$d_A \Psi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(A^* e_n) b(e_n)^* \Psi \quad (2.2)$$

independently of the choice of $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ and (ii) $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ is a core of d_A . It follows that $d_A^2 = 0$. The operator may be regarded as an infinite dimensional version of finite dimensional exterior differential operators. A free Dirac operator on $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ is defined by

$$Q_A = d_A + d_A^*. \quad (2.3)$$

We have an orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{F}_+(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) \oplus \mathcal{F}_-(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) \quad (2.4)$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}_+(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \bigoplus_{p=0}^\infty \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \wedge^{2p}(\mathcal{K}), \quad \mathcal{F}_-(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}) := \bigoplus_{p=0}^\infty \mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H}) \otimes \wedge^{2p+1}(\mathcal{K}). \quad (2.5)$$

Let P_+ and P_- be the orthogonal projections onto $\mathcal{F}_+(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ and $\mathcal{F}_-(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ respectively and define

$$\Gamma := P_+ - P_-. \quad (2.6)$$

For a self-adjoint operator S on $\mathcal{H}$ (resp. $\mathcal{K}$), $d\Gamma_b(S)$ (resp. $d\Gamma_f(S)$) denotes the second quantization of S in the Boson Fock space $\mathcal{F}_b(\mathcal{H})$ (resp. the Fermion Fock space $\mathcal{F}_f(\mathcal{H})$) [BR97, §5.2].

Basic properties of Q_A are as follows [Ar92]:

- (i) The operator Q_A is self-adjoint and essentially self-adjoint on $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$.
- (ii) The operator Γ leaves $D(Q_A)$ invariant and $\Gamma Q_A + Q_A \Gamma = 0$ on $D(Q_A)$.
- (iii) The following operator equations hold :

$$Q_A^2 = d_A^* d_A + d_A d_A^* = d\Gamma_b(A^* A) \otimes I + I \otimes d\Gamma_f(AA^*), \quad (2.7)$$

where I denotes identity.

We perturb Q_A through a perturbation of d_A . Let $g \in D(A)$, $g \neq 0$, and $v \in D(A^*)$, $v \neq 0$ and define

$$d(\alpha) := d_A + \alpha a(g) \otimes b(v)^*. \quad (2.8)$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is a coupling constant. It is easy to see that $D(d(\alpha)) \supset \mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ and $d(\alpha)|_{\mathcal{D}_A^\infty}$ is closable. Let

$$\bar{d}(\alpha) := \overline{d(\alpha)|_{\mathcal{D}_A^\infty}}, \quad (2.9)$$

the closure of $d(\alpha)|_{\mathcal{D}_A^\infty}$, and

$$Q(\alpha) := \bar{d}(\alpha) + \bar{d}(\alpha)^*. \quad (2.10)$$

This is the perturbed Dirac operator considered in this paper.

3 Results

- Theorem 3.1** (i) For all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $Q(\alpha)$ is self-adjoint, and essentially self-adjoint on $\mathcal{D}_A^\infty$ with $Q(\alpha) = \overline{Q_A + V_{g,v}}$, where $V_{g,v} := \alpha a(g) \otimes b(v)^* + \alpha^* a(g)^* \otimes b(v)$. Moreover, Γ leaves $D(Q(\alpha))$ invariant and $\Gamma Q(\alpha) + Q(\alpha) \Gamma = 0$ on $D(Q(\alpha))$.
- (ii) Suppose that A is injective and $g \in D(|A|^{-1})$. Then, for all $|\alpha| < (\|v\| \| |A|^{-1} g \|)^{-1}$, $D(Q(\alpha)) = D(Q_A)$.
- (iii) For all $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$, $(Q(\alpha) - z)^{-1}$ is strongly continuous in $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$.

To describe the spectral properties of $Q(\alpha)$, we introduce a bounded linear operator $T_{g,v}$ from $\mathcal{H}$ to $\mathcal{K}$ by

$$T_{g,v}f := (g, f)v, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (3.1)$$

where $(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes inner product, and define

$$A(\alpha) := A + \alpha T_{g,v}. \quad (3.2)$$

For a linear operator T on a Hilbert space, we denote by $\sigma(T)$ (resp. $\sigma_p(T)$) the (resp. point) spectrum of T . A general feature of the spectra of $Q(\alpha)$ is given in the following theorem:

Theorem 3.2 For all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $\sigma(Q(\alpha))$ and $\sigma_p(Q(\alpha))$ are symmetric with respect to the origin and

$$\sigma(Q(\alpha)) = \{0\} \cup \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma(A(\alpha)^* A(\alpha)), j = 1, \dots, n \right\}}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sigma_p(Q(\alpha)) = \{0\} \cup \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j} \mid \lambda_j \in \sigma_p(A(\alpha)^* A(\alpha)), j = 1, \dots, n \right\} \right), \quad (3.4)$$

with

$$\dim \ker(Q(\alpha) - \lambda) = \dim \ker(Q(\alpha) + \lambda), \quad \lambda \in \sigma_p(Q(\alpha)). \quad (3.5)$$

This theorem shows that the spectrum and the point spectrum of $Q(\alpha)$ are completely determined from those of $A(\alpha)^* A(\alpha)$.

To state properties of the kernel of $Q(\alpha)$, we introduce the following conditions on $\{A, g, v\}$:

- (C.1) A is injective and $v \in D(A^{-1})$ with $(g, A^{-1}v) \neq 0$. In this case we introduce a constant

$$\alpha_0 := -\frac{1}{(g, A^{-1}v)}. \quad (3.6)$$

- (C.2) A^* is injective and $g \in D(A^{*-1})$ with $(A^{*-1}g, v) \neq 0$. In this case we introduce a constant

$$\beta_0 := -\frac{1}{(A^{*-1}g, v)}. \quad (3.7)$$

(C.3) A is injective, and $v \notin D(A^{-1})$ or $v \in D(A^{-1})$ with $(g, A^{-1}v) = 0$.

(C.4) A^* is injective, and $g \notin D(A^{*-1})$ or $g \in D(A^{*-1})$ with $(A^{*-1}g, v) = 0$.

For a linear operator T on a Hilbert space, we set $\text{nul } T := \dim \ker T$.

Theorem 3.3 (i) Suppose that (C.1) and (C.2) hold. Let

$$\Psi_{n,j} := a(A^{-1}v)^{*n}\Omega_b \otimes b(A^{*-1}g)^{*j}\Omega_f, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad j = 0, 1. \quad (3.8)$$

Then $\text{nul } Q(\alpha_0) = \infty$ with $\ker Q(\alpha_0) = \overline{\mathcal{L}\{\Psi_{n,j} | n \geq 0, j = 0, 1\}}$. Moreover, for all $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$,

$$\text{nul } Q(\alpha) = 1, \quad \ker Q(\alpha) = \{c\Omega_b \otimes \Omega_f | c \in \mathbb{C}\}. \quad (3.9)$$

(ii) Suppose that (C.1) and (C.4) hold. Then $\text{nul } Q(\alpha_0) = \infty$ with

$$\ker Q(\alpha_0) = \overline{\mathcal{L}\{\Psi_{n,0} | n \geq 0\}}.$$

Moreover, for all $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$, (3.9) holds.

(iii) Suppose that (C.2) and (C.3) hold. Then $\text{nul } Q(\beta_0) = 2$ with $\ker Q(\beta_0) = \mathcal{L}\{\Psi_{0,j} | j = 0, 1\}$.

(iv) Suppose that (C.3) and (C.4) hold. Then, for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, (3.9) holds.

As for non-zero eigenvalues of $Q(\alpha)$, we have the following result:

Theorem 3.4 Consider the case where $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K}$, A is a nonnegative self-adjoint operator with $\ker A = \{0\}$ and $g = v \in D(A^{-1})$ (then $\alpha_0 = -1/(v, A^{-1}v) < 0$). Let $\alpha < \alpha_0$. Then, there exists a constant $x_0(\alpha) < 0$ such that $\alpha(v, (x_0(\alpha) - A)^{-1}v) = 1$, and for all $n \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$,

$$\pm \sqrt{n}|x_0(\alpha)| \in \sigma_p(Q(\alpha)). \quad (3.10)$$

Note that this theorem holds even if Q_A has no non-zero eigenvalues. As the condition that $\alpha < \alpha_0$ shows, this is a *strong coupling effect*.

By Theorem 3.1 (i)-(ii), the operator $Q_+(\alpha)$ defined by

$$D(Q_+(\alpha)) := D(Q(\alpha)) \cap \mathcal{F}_+(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}), \quad Q_+(\alpha)\Psi := Q(\alpha)\Psi, \quad \Psi \in D(Q_+(\alpha)) \quad (3.11)$$

is a densely defined closed linear operator from $\mathcal{F}_+(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ to $\mathcal{F}_-(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$. We define an index of $Q(\alpha)$ by

$$\text{ind}_\Gamma(Q(\alpha)) := \text{nul } Q_+(\alpha) - \text{nul } Q_+(\alpha)^*, \quad (3.12)$$

the index of $Q_+(\alpha)$, provided that $\text{nul } Q_+(\alpha) < \infty$ or $\text{nul } Q_+(\alpha)^* < \infty$.

Results on the (semi-)Fredholm property and the index $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha)$ are as follows:

Theorem 3.5 (i) Suppose that (C.1) and (C.2) hold. Then $Q(\alpha_0)$ is not semi-Fredholm. Moreover, for all $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$, $Q(\alpha)$ is Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha) = 1$.

- (ii) Suppose that (C.1) and (C.4) hold. Then $Q(\alpha_0)$ is semi-Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha) = \infty$. Moreover, for all $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$, $Q(\alpha)$ is Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha) = 1$.
- (iii) Suppose that (C.2) and (C.3) hold. Then $Q(\beta_0)$ is Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\beta_0) = 0$. Moreover, for all $\alpha \neq \beta_0$, $Q(\alpha)$ is Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha) = 1$.
- (iv) Suppose that (C.3) and (C.4) hold. Then, for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $Q(\alpha)$ is Fredholm with $\text{ind}_\Gamma Q(\alpha) = 1$.

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