

QUANTUM DYNAMICS AND BEREZIN'S DEFORMATION QUANTIZATION

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Abstract. *Let Γ be a discrete subgroup $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$. We describe a class of completely positive maps related to the von Neumann algebras in the Berezin's equivariant deformation quantization of the upper half plane, modulo the discrete subgroup Γ . When Γ is $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ we find a non-trivial obstruction for the existence of a one parameter family of isomorphisms, having a generator that preserves a certain differential structure, between the von Neumann algebras in the deformation.*

The aim of this note is to analyze the structure of a class of completely positive maps between the von Neumann algebras in the (equivariant) Berezin's deformation quantization. It turns out that that the symbol map is generating a quantum dynamics (or more precisely) an evolution process $\Psi_{s,t}$ in which the maps have the property that they are completely positive and $\Psi_{s,t} \circ \Psi_{t,r} = \Psi_{s,r}$.

In the following definition we summarize some of the properties of the Berezin's deformation quantization.

Definition. *Let $(\mathcal{A}_s)_{s>s_0}$ be a family of semifinite von Neumann algebras with faithful, semifinite trace $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{A}_s}$, indexed by the numbers s in an interval (s_0, ∞) . Let $(\Psi_{s,t})_{s>t>s_0}$ be a family of completely positive maps, $\Psi_{s,t} : \mathcal{A}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_s$. We call $(\mathcal{A}_s, \Psi_{s,t})$ a formal deformation quantization if the following conditions hold:*

- (i) $\Psi_{s,t}$ are unital, injective with weakly dense range and trace preserving.
- (ii) The (Markovianity) condition holds for all $s \geq t \geq r > s_0$: $\Psi_{s,t} \circ \Psi_{t,r} = \Psi_{s,r}$.
- (iii) The functions $s \rightarrow \tau_{\mathcal{A}_s}(\Psi_{s,t}(a_1) \dots \Psi_{s,t}(a_n))$, for all n and all a_1, \dots, a_n in a weakly dense subalgebra $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$ are differentiable at any point s .

In the examples we consider the following condition also holds true:

- (iv) If $\Psi_{s,t}^*$ is the adjoint of $\Psi_{s,t}$ with respect to the standard scalar product on $L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau_{\mathcal{A}_t})$, then $(\Psi_{s,t}^* \Psi_{s,t})_{s \geq t}$ is a commuting family of completely positive maps which converges point weakly to the identity when s approaches t .

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To such a formal deformation quantization we are associating a cyclic cohomology 2-cocycle ([5]) which is very similar to the cocycles introduced in [7] (see also [12]). The cocycles have a positivity property that is reminiscent to the Lindblad condition ([11], [8], [15]). This is proved in the following

Proposition. *Let $(\mathcal{A}_s, \Psi_{s,t})$ be as in the preceding definition. Also we assume the (technical) condition that $\Psi_{s,t}^{-1}(\Psi_{s,t}(a)\Psi_{s,t}(b))$ is defined for a, b in a weakly dense subalgebra of $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$. Let η_t, θ_t be the cocycles on $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$ defined by*

$$\eta_t(a, b, c) = \frac{d}{ds} \{ \tau_{\mathcal{A}_s} [[\Psi_{s,t}(a)\Psi_{s,t}(b) - \Psi_{s,t}(ab)]\Psi_{s,t}(c)] \}_{s=t}, a, b, c \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}_t,$$

$$\theta_t(a, b, c) = \frac{d}{ds} \{ \tau_{\mathcal{A}_s} [\Psi_{s,t}(a)\Psi_{s,t}(b)\Psi_{s,t}(c)] -$$

$$1/2\tau_{\mathcal{A}_s} [\Psi_{s,t}(ab)\Psi_{s,t}(c) + \Psi_{s,t}(bc)\Psi_{s,t}(a) + \Psi_{s,t}(ca)\Psi_{s,t}(b)] \}_{s=t}, a, b, c \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}_t.$$

Recall that B , the coboundary operator in Connes' cyclic cohomology, is defined on a multilinear functional ϕ on $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$ by the formula

$$B\phi(a, b, c, d) = \phi(ab, c, d) - \phi(a, bc, d) + \phi(a, b, cd) - \phi(da, b, c), a, b, c, d \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}_t.$$

Then both $B\eta_t$ and $B\theta_t$ do vanish. Moreover θ_t is cyclic in the variables a, b, c . In addition η_t is positive in the sense that the matrix

$$(\eta_t(a_i^*, a_j, c_i^* c_j))_{i,j}$$

is positive for all $a_1, \dots, a_n, c_1, \dots, c_n$ in $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$.

Proof (Sketch) We consider the associative product \circ_s defined on a dense subalgebra of $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$ by the formula $a \circ_s b = \Psi_{s,t}^{-1}(\Psi_{s,t}(a)\Psi_{s,t}(b))$. The properties $B\eta_t = 0$ and $B\theta_t = 0$ are obtained by taking the derivative of the associativity relation $a \circ_s (b \circ_s c) = (a \circ_s b) \circ_s c$.

The positivity condition on η_t is also a consequence of the fact that $\Psi_{s,t}$ are completely positive maps and hence the matrix $(a_i^* \circ_s a_j)_{i,j}$ is less (with respect to the order induced by the involutive product \circ_s on a dense subalgebra of $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$) that the matrix $(a_i^* \circ_t a_j)_{i,j}$.

Hence for all $a_1, \dots, a_n, c_1, \dots, c_n$ in $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_t$, the function

$$f(s) = \sum_{i,j} [\tau_{\mathcal{A}_t} (c_i^* \circ_s (a_i^* \circ_t a_j) \circ_s c_j) - \tau_{\mathcal{A}_t} (c_i^* \circ_s (a_i^* \circ_s a_j) \circ_s c_j)],$$

is positive with $f(t) = 0$ and hence $f'(t) \geq 0$. Consequently, if we use the formal notation $a \circ'_t b = \frac{d}{ds} [a \circ_s b]_{s=t}$, which corresponds to $\eta(a, b, c) = \tau_{\mathcal{A}_t} ((a \circ'_t b) \circ_t c)$, then $f'(t) \geq 0$, gives

$$\tau_{\mathcal{A}_t} (c_i^* \circ_s (a_i^* \circ'_t a_j) \circ_s c_j).$$

Remark. One may use the positivity of η_t to deduce (as in [15]) that the product $a \circ'_t b$ defines a bimodule structure on $\mathcal{A}_t \otimes \mathcal{A}_t$. The \mathcal{A}_t valued scalar product is defined by the formula

$$\langle a \otimes b, a \otimes b \rangle = b^*(a^* \circ'_t a)b.$$

We note that in the case when the algebras \mathcal{A}_s are all equal and if $\Psi_{s,t}$ has the property that $X_t = \frac{d}{ds}\Psi_{s,t}|_{s=t}$ exists, in the strong operator topology, pointwise, then

$$\eta_t(a, b, c) = \tau\{[X(ab) - aX(b) - X(a)b]c\},$$

$$\theta_t(a, b, c) = \tau\{[(\text{Im } X(ab) - a \text{Im } X(b) - \text{Im } X(a)b)]c\},$$

for a, b, c in a dense subalgebra. Finally, one may use the Bhat-Parthasarathy dilation theorem [3] to our context:

Remark. In the setting of the definition of a formal deformation quantization, there exists embeddings $j_s : \mathcal{A}_s \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{A}}_s \subseteq B(\hat{H})$ in the algebra of all bounded operators on a Hilbert space \hat{H} for all $s > s_0$. We identify the algebras $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_s$ with the original algebras. Also there exists a decreasing (with s) net of projections p_s in $B(\hat{H})$ such that the following formula, (for $s_0 < t \leq s$),

$$p_s a p_s b p_s = p_s (a *_s b) p_s, a, b \in \mathcal{A}_t,$$

defines, uniquely, a deformation product on (a weakly dense subalgebra of) \mathcal{A}_t .

We specialize now this construction for the Berezin's quantization of the upper half plane \mathbb{H} (equivariant with respect a discrete lattice in $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$). Let Γ be a discrete subgroup of $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ of finite covolume.

Recall that the setting for this quantization is as follows: let H_r be the Hilbert space of analytic functions on the upper halfplane \mathbb{H} , square integrable with respect to the measure $\nu_r = (\text{Im } z)^{r-2} dz d\bar{z} = (\text{Im } z)^r \nu_0$, (ν_0 is the $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ invariant measure). On the Hilbert spaces H_r there exists projective, unitary representations π_r of $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$, (see [14]), defined by the Mobius transforms. Let, for $z \in \mathbb{H}$, e_z^r , be the point evaluation vectors in H_r ; these vectors are subject to the relation $f(z) = \langle f, e_z^r \rangle$ for f in H_r .

The Berezin's (contravariant symbol) is defined for A in $B(H_r)$ by the formula

$$\hat{A}(\bar{z}, \zeta) = \frac{\langle A e_z^r, e_\zeta^r \rangle}{\langle e_z^r, e_\zeta^r \rangle}, z, \zeta \in \mathbb{H}.$$

Note that \hat{A} is antianalytic in the first variable and analytic in the second. If A commutes with $\pi_t(\Gamma)$ then the symbol \hat{A} is Γ -invariant: that is $\hat{A}(\bar{z}, \zeta) = \hat{A}(\overline{\gamma z}, \gamma \zeta)$, for all γ in Γ .

Definition. Let $\Psi_{s,t} : B(H_t) \rightarrow B(H_s)$ be the linear mapping that is associating to a bounded linear operator A on H_t the operator on H_s having the same symbol as the original operator A . Then $\Psi_{s,t}$ takes its values into $B(H_s)$. Consequently, the Berezin's quantization, has the properties of a formal quantization, as explained in the first definition.

Let \mathcal{A}_t be the commutant $\{\pi_t(\Gamma)\}' \subseteq B(H_t)$. As the symbols are, in this case, Γ -invariant, we obtain a deformation of \mathbb{H}/Γ (using the restrictions of the symbols to the diagonal). Moreover $\Psi_{s,t}$ maps \mathcal{A}_t into \mathcal{A}_s . Consequently $(\mathcal{A}_s, \Psi_{s,t})$ has also the properties of a formal deformation.

Note that if Γ has finite covolume, then (by using the generalization in ([13]) of the theorem contained in [9] (see also [2], [6])) one obtains that the Murray von Neumann dimension ([9],[10]) of H_t , as a left Hilbert module over the type II_1 factor associated to the discrete group Γ , is

$$\dim_{\Gamma} H_t = (t - 1)(\text{covolume } \Gamma)^{-1}.$$

Recall that if M is a type II_1 factor and e is a selfadjoint idempotent of trace t , then M_t denotes the isomorphism class of the type II_1 factor eMe . Consequently

$$\mathcal{A}_s \cong \mathcal{L}(\Gamma)_{[(s-1)(\text{covolume } \Gamma)^{-1]},}$$

if s is an integer or Γ is $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$.

The following result is an easy consequence of the computations in [13]. It proves that the cyclic cocycle associated to the deformation, introduced in the first definition, is non-trivial on a suitable subalgebra:

Theorem. *Let $(\mathcal{A}_s, \Psi_{s,t})$ be the Berezin's deformation quantization, when Γ is $PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$. Then there exists a strictly positive number C_t and an antisymmetric form χ_t on a dense subset of $L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau)$ such that the following formula holds for the cocycle θ_t associated with the deformation (as in the first proposition):*

$$\theta_t(a, b, c) = C_t \tau(abc) + \chi_t(ab, c) + \chi_t(bc, a) + \chi_t(ca, b),$$

for a, b, c in a dense subspace of \mathcal{A}_t . In particular θ_t is non-trivial.

The following remark explains the role of the cocycle θ_t as an obstruction to the existence of a family of unital isomorphisms from the algebra \mathcal{A}_t onto \mathcal{A}_s that preserve a certain differentiable structure.

Remark. *Let $\beta_{s,t}$ be a unital family of endomorphisms, $\beta_{s,t} : \mathcal{A}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_s$. Let δ_t be the (unbounded) quadratic form, with domain contained in $L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau)$, defined by the relation*

$$\delta_t(a, b) = \frac{d}{ds} \tau_{\mathcal{A}_t} \{ [\Psi_{s,t}^{-1}(\beta_{s,t}(a))] b^* \},$$

the domain of δ_t consisting of all a, b for which the above differentiation makes sense. Then the imaginary part of the quadratic form δ_t , defined by $\text{Im } \delta_t(a, b) = \delta_t(a, b) - \delta_t(b, a)$ has the property that

$$\theta_t(a, b, c) = \text{Im } \delta_t(ab, c) + \text{Im } \delta_t(bc, a) + \text{Im } \delta_t(ca, b),$$

for all a, b, c for which the above forms are defined. In particular, by the result in the previous theorem, there exists no such a family $\beta_{s,t}$ such that the domain of the associated quadratic form δ_t , contains the domain of χ_t .

One can also prove the following: Let X_t is be the antisymmetric unbounded operator associated with χ_t . Let 1 be the symbol of the identity operator. Then

$X_t^*1 = (-C_t)1$. In particular if one is able to solve the differential equation $y'(s) = X_s y(s)$ for all initial values, then the associated evolution operator would induce a family of endomorphisms from \mathcal{A}_t into \mathcal{A}_s scaling the trace by C_t/C_s , which turns out to be $(t-1)/(s-1)$.

A possible interesting problem is the determination of an index, similar to the Power's index for semigroups of endomorphisms, for the family of endomorphisms $\beta_{s,t}$, generated by the above method, (that verifies the relation $\beta_{s,t} = \beta_{s,r} \circ \beta_{r,t}$). The formalism in ([1]) would be probably very helpful in approaching such a subject.

In the rest of this paper we analyze a larger class of completely positive maps on the algebras \mathcal{A}_t . These maps are similar to the Schurr multipliers on group algebras. Let F be a fundamental domain for Γ in \mathbb{H} . Let $d(z, w) = \frac{\operatorname{Im} z \operatorname{Im} w}{|\bar{z} - w|^2}$ for z, w in \mathbb{H} , ($d(z, w)$ is the hyperbolic cosine of the the hyperbolic distance between z and w in the upper half plane).

We note that the space $L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau)$ is the Hilbert space \mathcal{K}_t of functions (kernels) k on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$, antianalytic in the first variable and analytic in the second, Γ -invariant ($k(\bar{z}, \zeta) = k(\overline{\gamma z}, \gamma \zeta)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$). The norm of an element k in \mathcal{K}_t is computed by the formula $\|k\|^2 = (\text{const}) \int_F \int_{\mathbb{H}} |k(z, w)|^2 (d(z, w))^t d\nu_0(z) d\nu_0(w)$. The constant is determined by the requirement that the norm of the identity element be equal to 1.

For complex numbers a, b, c, d let $[a, b, c, d]$ be the cross ratio $\frac{(a-b)(c-d)}{(a-c)(b-d)}$. Consider

$$e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} [\overline{\gamma z}, \gamma \zeta, \overline{\eta_1}, \eta_2]^t.$$

Then the function $e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t$ defines an element of \mathcal{K}_t for all $z, \zeta \in \mathbb{H}$ and $e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t$ is the evaluation vector for the Hilbert space of analytic functions \mathcal{K}_t , that is

$$e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t \in \mathcal{K}_t \text{ and } \langle k, e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t \rangle = k(\bar{z}, \zeta), z, \zeta \in \mathbb{H}, k \in \mathcal{K}_t.$$

The following relation (with convergence in the weak topology) gives a generators and relations presentation for the algebra \mathcal{A}_t :

$$(*) \quad e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t e_{\bar{z}_1, \zeta_1}^t = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} [\bar{z}, \zeta, \overline{\gamma z_1}, \gamma \zeta_1]^t e_{\overline{\gamma z_1}, \zeta_1}^t, \text{ for all } z, z_1, \zeta, \zeta_1 \in \mathbb{H}.$$

The following definition is analogous to the definition of the Schurr multipliers on a group algebra:

Definition. Let Φ be a function on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$ that is Γ invariant ($\Phi(\gamma z, \gamma w) = \Phi(z, w)$, for all $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$). We also assume that Φ is completely positive, that is for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all z_1, \dots, z_n in \mathbb{H} , the matrix $[\Phi(z_i, z_j)]_{i,j}$ is positive. If $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{H}} \Phi(z, z)$ is finite then Φ defines, by pointwise multiplication, a Toeplitz operator \mathcal{T}_Φ on the Hilbert space \mathcal{K}_t . Moreover, if \mathcal{T}_Φ maps \mathcal{A}_t into \mathcal{A}_t , then \mathcal{T}_Φ is a completely positive map.

The following proposition follows from the computations in [13]

Remark. Let Φ be the function d^a for a positive number a . Then \mathcal{T}_{d^a} is equal to $\Psi_{t+a,t}^* \Psi_{t+a,t}$ and the operators are a commuting family. Moreover, there exists a positive number $f(t)$, depending linearly on t , such that \mathcal{T}_d is unitary equivalent to a resolvent $(f(t) - \Delta)^{-1}$ of the invariant laplacian Δ on the fundamental domain F .

This remark is an easy consequence of the Berezin's transform; the completely positive maps are unitary equivalent to operators that are functions of the invariant laplacian.

Let T be any trace class operator on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{K}_t = L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau)$. Then the Berezin's theory implies that the trace of T is computed by the formula

$$\text{Tr } T = \int_F \int_{\mathbb{H}} \langle T e_{\bar{\eta}_1, \eta_2}^t, e_{\eta_2, \eta_1}^t \rangle d(\eta_1, \eta_2)^t d\nu_0(\eta_1) d\nu_0(\eta_2).$$

Let Φ be a completely positive multiplier on the algebra \mathcal{A}_t . Then we have the following formula for the trace of \mathcal{T}_Φ as an operator on the Hilbert space \mathcal{K}_t :

Proposition. Let Φ be a function on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$ that is Γ invariant (that is $\Phi(\gamma z, \gamma w) = \Phi(z, w)$, for all $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$) and assume that Φ is completely positive, that is for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all z_1, \dots, z_n in \mathbb{H} , the matrix $[\Phi(z_i, z_j)]_{i,j}$ is positive. Assume that \mathcal{T}_Φ is a trace class operator on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{K}_t = L^2(\mathcal{A}_t, \tau)$. Then, for any k in \mathcal{A}_t ,

$$\text{Tr} (\mathcal{T}_\Phi k) = \int_F \int_{\mathbb{H}} \tau(e_{\bar{\eta}_1, \eta_2}^t e_{\eta_2, \eta_1}^t k) \Phi(\eta_1, \eta_2) (d(\eta_1, \eta_2))^t d\nu_0(\eta_1) d\nu_0(\eta_2).$$

Proof. This follows from the following (elementary) expression for the trace of $\mathcal{T}_\Phi k$:

$$\text{Tr} (\mathcal{T}_\Phi k) = \int_F \int_{\mathbb{H}} \sum_{\gamma} k(\gamma \bar{\eta}_1, \eta_1) [\gamma \bar{\eta}_1, \gamma \eta_2, \bar{\eta}_2, \eta_1] d(\eta_1, \eta_2)^t d\nu_0(\eta_1) d\nu_0(\eta_2).$$

This expression follows from the formula for the reproducing kernel of the operator $\mathcal{T}_\Phi k$.

By taking $k = e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t$ and using the formula (*) we get the formula in the statement for $e_{\bar{z}, \zeta}^t$. The general result then follows by linearity.

Corollary. Let a, b be automorphic forms of order p . Let T_a, T_b be the Toeplitz operators on the Hilbert spaces H_t into H_{t+p} , with symbols a, b . Let $k = T_a T_b^*$. Then

$$\text{Res}_{\epsilon=1} \text{Tr} (\mathcal{T}_{d^\epsilon} k) = \text{const } \tau_{\mathcal{A}_t}(k) \text{Tr}_\omega(\mathcal{T}_d),$$

where Tr_ω is the Macaeu trace ([5]).

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