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Representation of the corresponding Lie algebra g_{NC} reads:

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1] &= [\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2] = i\hbar\mathbb{I}, \\ [\hat{Q}_1, \hat{Q}_2] &= i\vartheta\mathbb{I}, \text{ and } [\hat{P}_1, \hat{P}_2] = i\beta\mathbb{I}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Here, the central generators associated with the group parameters θ , ϕ and ψ are all mapped to scalar multiples of the identity operator \mathbb{I} on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

A quick recap of group extension

Given a connected and simply connected Lie group G , the local exponents ξ giving its central extensions are functions $\xi : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, obeying the following properties:

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Inequivalent local exponents to arrive at G_{NC}

We shall show that certain triple central extension of the abelian group of translations of \mathbb{R}^4 reproduces the noncommutative commutation relations (2). The relevant central extensions are executed using inequivalent local exponents that are enumerated in the following theorem:

Theorem

The three real valued functions ξ , ξ' and ξ'' on $G_T \times G_T$ given by

$$\xi((q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2), (q'_1, q'_2, p'_1, p'_2)) = \frac{1}{2}[q_1 p'_1 + q_2 p'_2 - p_1 q'_1 - p_2 q'_2],$$

$$\xi'((q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2), (q'_1, q'_2, p'_1, p'_2)) = \frac{1}{2}[p_1 p'_2 - p_2 p'_1],$$

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are inequivalent local exponents for the group, G_T , of translations in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Group composition rule for G_{NC}

The group G_{NC} is a 7-dimensional real nilpotent Lie group. Its group composition rule is given by (see [?])

$$\begin{aligned} &(\theta, \phi, \psi, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})(\theta', \phi', \psi', \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{p}') \\ &= (\theta + \theta' + \frac{\alpha}{2}[\langle \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}' \rangle - \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}' \rangle], \phi + \phi' + \frac{\beta}{2}[\mathbf{p} \wedge \mathbf{p}'], \\ &\psi + \psi' + \frac{\gamma}{2}[\mathbf{q} \wedge \mathbf{q}'], \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}'), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where α , β and γ some denote strictly positive dimensionful constants associated with the triple central extension. Here, $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2)$ and $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2)$. Also, in (3), $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and \wedge are defined as $\langle \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} \rangle := q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2$ and $\mathbf{q} \wedge \mathbf{p} := q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$, respectively..

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with the following identification:

$$\hbar = \frac{1}{\rho\alpha}, \quad \vartheta = -\frac{\sigma\beta}{(\rho\alpha)^2} \text{ and } \mathcal{B} = -\frac{\tau\gamma}{(\rho\alpha)^2}.\tag{7}$$

$B := \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\hbar}$, here, can be interpreted as the constant magnetic field applied normally to the $\hat{Q}_1\hat{Q}_2$ -plane.

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A 2-parameter (l, m) continuous family of unitarily equivalent irreducible representations, associated with the 4-dimensional coadjoint orbit $\mathcal{O}_4^{\rho, \sigma, \tau}$ of the connected and simply connected nilpotent Lie group G_{NC} due to a fixed nonzero triple (ρ, σ, τ) satisfying $\rho^2 \alpha^2 - \tau \gamma \sigma \beta \neq 0$, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & (U_{l,m}^{\rho, \sigma, \tau}(\theta, \phi, \psi, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})f)(r_1, r_2) \\ &= e^{i\rho\theta + i\sigma\phi + i\tau\psi} e^{i\rho\alpha p_1 r_1 + i\rho\alpha p_2 r_2 + \frac{i\rho^2 \alpha^2 \gamma(1-l)}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2 \alpha^2} q_1 r_2 + i l \tau \gamma q_2 r_1 + i \left[\frac{\rho\alpha}{2} + \frac{\rho\alpha\tau\gamma\sigma\beta m(1-l)}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2 \alpha^2} \right] p_1 q_1} \\ & \times e^{i \left[\frac{\rho\alpha}{2} - \frac{l\tau\gamma\sigma\beta(1-m)}{\rho\alpha} \right] p_2 q_2 + i \left(m - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sigma \beta p_1 p_2 + i \left[\frac{\tau\gamma}{2} - \frac{\tau\gamma(1-l)(\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \tau\gamma\sigma\beta l m - \rho^2 \alpha^2)}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2 \alpha^2} \right] q_1 q_2} \\ & \times f \left(r_1 - \frac{(1-m)\sigma\beta}{\rho\alpha} p_2 + \frac{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta(l+m-lm) - \rho^2 \alpha^2}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2 \alpha^2} q_1, r_2 + \frac{m\sigma\beta}{\rho\alpha} p_1 - \frac{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l(1-m) - \rho^2 \alpha^2}{\rho^2 \alpha^2} q_2 \right), \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

where $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, d\mathbf{r})$. Here, $l \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\rho^2 \alpha^2}{\tau \gamma \sigma \beta} \right\}$ and $m \in \mathbb{R}$.

Self adjoint representation of g_{NC} acting on the smooth vectors of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, dr_1 dr_2)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Q}_1^m &= r_1 - m \frac{i\sigma\beta}{\rho^2\alpha^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2}, \\ \hat{Q}_2^m &= r_2 + (1-m) \frac{i\sigma\beta}{\rho^2\alpha^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1}, \\ \hat{P}_1^{l,m} &= \frac{\tau\gamma\rho\alpha(1-l)}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2\alpha^2} r_2 - \frac{i}{\rho\alpha} \left[\frac{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta(l+m-lm) - \rho^2\alpha^2}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2\alpha^2} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1}, \\ \hat{P}_2^{l,m} &= \frac{l\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha} r_1 + i \left[\frac{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l(1-m) - \rho^2\alpha^2}{\rho^3\alpha^3} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2}.\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

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 \hat{P}_2^{l,m} &= \frac{l\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha} \hat{Q}_1^m - \frac{i}{\rho\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{l\tau\gamma\sigma\beta}{\rho^2\alpha^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Commutation relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
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Inspired by the fact that the real parameters l and m do not contribute to the commutation relations of NCQM as has been verified in (13), we can thereby choose a continuous family of gauges using the noncommutative position operators \hat{Q}_1 and \hat{Q}_2 given in (11).

Definition

Associated with the UIRs (10) of G_{NC} , one can define the 2-parameter family of vector potentials

$\mathbf{A}^{l,m} \equiv \left(-\frac{\tau\gamma\rho\alpha(1-l)}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta l - \rho^2\alpha^2} \hat{Q}_2^m, -\frac{l\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha} \hat{Q}_1^m \right)$ for a fixed nonzero triple (ρ, σ, τ) satisfying $\rho^2\alpha^2 - \tau\gamma\sigma\beta \neq 0$, with \hat{Q}_i^m 's as given in (12), to be noncommutative vector potentials determining continuous family of NCQM gauges for $l \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\rho^2\alpha^2}{\tau\gamma\sigma\beta} \right\}$ and $m \in \mathbb{R}$. While writing the vector potential $\mathbf{A}^{l,m}$, its dependence on ρ, σ and τ is suppressed due to notational convenience.

- **Landau gauge** corresponds to $l = 1, m = 0$ so that the gauge potential is $\mathbf{A}^{1,0} \equiv \left(0, -\frac{\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha}\hat{Q}_1^0\right) = \left(0, -\frac{\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha}r_1\right)$ satisfying $\partial_1 A_2^{1,0} - \partial_2 A_1^{1,0} = -\frac{\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha} := B$.

Self adjoint representation of g_{NC} in the Landau gauge:

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- It can be verified that the following holds:

$$\partial_1 A_2^{l_s, \frac{1}{2}} - \partial_2 A_1^{l_s, \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2\hbar}{\vartheta} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{B\vartheta}{\hbar}} - 1 \right) := \bar{B}, \quad (16)$$

where we chose $B = -\frac{\tau\gamma}{\rho\alpha}$, $\vartheta = -\frac{\sigma\beta}{\rho^2\alpha^2}$ and $\hbar = \frac{1}{\rho\alpha}$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Q}_1^{\frac{1}{2}} &= r_1 - \frac{i\sigma\beta}{2\rho^2\alpha^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2}, \\ \hat{Q}_2^{\frac{1}{2}} &= r_2 + \frac{i\sigma\beta}{2\rho^2\alpha^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1}, \\ \hat{P}_1^{l_s, \frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{(\sqrt{\rho^2\alpha^2 - \gamma\beta\sigma\tau} - \rho\alpha)}{\sigma\beta} r_2 - \frac{i}{2\rho^2\alpha^2} (\rho\alpha + \sqrt{\rho^2\alpha^2 - \gamma\beta\sigma\tau}) \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1}, \\ \hat{P}_2^{l_s, \frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{(\rho\alpha - \sqrt{\rho^2\alpha^2 - \gamma\beta\sigma\tau})}{\sigma\beta} r_1 - \frac{i}{2\rho^2\alpha^2} (\rho\alpha + \sqrt{\rho^2\alpha^2 - \gamma\beta\sigma\tau}) \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

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