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Скалярные представления конформной супералгебры.

В работе построено двухпараметрическое семейство представлений, действующих на скалярные суперполя. Получены генераторы алгебры для таких представлений и конечные преобразования суперполей  $\phi(x, \theta)$ . Найдено R-преобразование, аналогичное R-инверсии конформной группы. Решаются математические проблемы, связанные с построением супергрупп  $SOQ(4,2)$  и  $SU(2,2;1)$  и обобщением понятия индуцированных представлений для супергрупп Ли.

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Some mathematical problems, connected with the construction of the supergroups  $SOQ(4,2)$  and  $SU(2,2;1)$  and the generalization of the concept of the induced representations for the case of Lie supergroups are discussed.

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### Introduction

Recently Wess and Zumino<sup>/1/</sup> have introduced a Lie superalgebra<sup>/3,4/</sup> containing the Lie algebra of conformal group (conformal superalgebra) and built some of its representations (scalar and vector multiplets). The explicit form of the conformal superalgebra was found by Ferrara<sup>/2/</sup>. In papers<sup>/5,6/</sup> the study of representations of this algebra was started on the basis of the notion of superfield proposed by Salam and Strathdee<sup>/7/</sup>.

Some two-parameter families of representations of the conformal superalgebra acting on scalar superfields  $\Phi(x, \theta^+, \theta^-)$  were built up in ref.<sup>/6/</sup>. For some connections between the parameters  $d$  (conformal dimension) and  $Z$  ( $\gamma_5$ -dimension) these representations turn out to be reducible<sup>/6,8/</sup> and, in particular, contain the subrepresentations which are equivalent to the scalar multiplet of Wess and Zumino<sup>/1,2,5/</sup> ("chiral" superfields  $\Phi^\pm(x, \theta^\pm)$ ). In paper<sup>/8/</sup> the spinor superfields  $\Psi_\alpha^\pm(x, \theta^+, \theta^-)$  were also considered and the two-point functions of these superfields were found as well as invariant subspaces of the corresponding representations.

In this paper another (two-parameter) family of representations acting on scalar superfields  $\Phi(x, \theta)$  is constructed (the representations  $T(d, Z)$ ). This set contains a one-parameter subset of representations equivalent to the Wess-Zumino vector multiplets.

The paper is organized as follows. §1 contains the necessary information on conformal superalgebra. In §2 the generators of the algebra for the representations  $T(d, Z)$  are built and finite transformations of the superfields  $\Phi(x, \theta)$  are found.

In §3 the transformation R analogous to the R-inversion of conformal group is constructed. By means of R-inversion in §4 the reduction of the representations  $T_X (X=(d, z))$  with respect to the conformal subgroup is performed. In Appendix I Lie supergroups<sup>/9,10/</sup>  $SOQ(4,2)$  and  $SU(2,2;1)$  are constructed. Appendix II is devoted to the generalization of the notion of induced representation<sup>/15/</sup> to the case of Lie supergroups.

The presentation does not pretend for mathematical rigour, partially because the theory of infinite-dimensional representations of Lie supergroups is practically undeveloped until now. Therefore, we have to follow analogies with the theory of semi-simple Lie groups and of their representations rather than strict results.

### 1. Conformal Superalgebra

The conformal superalgebra<sup>/1,2/</sup> is a Lie superalgebra<sup>/3,4,12/</sup> with commutation relations ( $g_{11}=g_{22}=g_{33}=g_{55}=-g_{66}=-g_{66}=1$ ):

$$[J_{AB}, J_{CD}] = -i(g_{AD}J_{BC} + g_{BC}J_{AD} - g_{AC}J_{BD} - g_{BD}J_{AC}) \quad (1.1)$$

$$[\pi, J_{AB}] = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

$$[Q, \pi] = -i\beta_7 Q \quad (1.3)$$

$$[Q, J_{AB}] = -i\gamma_{AB} Q \quad (1.4)$$

$$[Q_\alpha, Q_\beta]_+ = 2(\gamma_{AB} A^A B^B - \frac{3}{2}\beta_7 A\pi) \quad (1.5)$$

$$(A, B, C, D = 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, 8)$$

where

$$[\beta_A, \beta_B]_+ = 2g_{AB}, \quad \gamma_{AB} = \frac{1}{4}[\beta_A, \beta_B], \quad \beta_7 = \beta_0\beta_1\beta_2\beta_3\beta_5\beta_6, \quad (1.6)$$

A is the "charge conjugation" matrix with the properties:

$$A^{-1}\Gamma A = \Gamma^T \quad \text{for } \Gamma = I, \beta_A, \beta_A\beta_1, \beta_A\beta_2\beta_3, (A \neq B), \quad (1.7)$$

$$A^{-1}\Gamma A = -\Gamma^T \quad \text{for } \Gamma = \beta_7, \gamma_{AB}, \beta_A\beta_B\beta_C (A < B < C). \quad (1.8)$$

The algebra (1.1)-(1.5) contains the Lie algebra  $so(4,2)$  as a subalgebra, and is the minimal extension of  $so(4,2)$  containing the bispinor generator Q. We will denote this graded algebra as  $soq(4,2)$ , or as  $su(2,2;1)^*$ .

The algebra  $soq(4,2)$  is a real form of the algebra  $soq(6,6)$  (which is isomorphic to Kac's  $A(3,0)^{/12/}$ ). This may be verified by replacing  $J_{AB} \rightarrow iJ_{AB}, \pi \rightarrow i\pi$ , and using the Majorana representation for  $\beta_A$ , i.e., such a representation that  $\gamma_{AB}$  (the generators of bispinor representation) are real matrices<sup>/2/</sup>. Then all of the structure constants in (1.1)-(1.5) become real numbers.

In the Euclidean conformal invariant QFT (see, e.g.,<sup>/11/</sup> and Refs. therein) the algebra  $so(4,2)$  is replaced by the algebra  $so(5,1)$ , the representation theory of which is simpler than that of  $so(4,2)$ . It turns out, however, that we cannot make a similar replacement in our case. The reason is that the algebra  $soq(6,6)$  has no "Euclidean" real form (containing  $so(5,1)$  as a subalgebra). This fact follows from Kac's classification of simple real Lie superalgebras<sup>/12/</sup>.

Return now to the algebra  $soq(4,2)$ . Writing in the Majorana representation<sup>/2/</sup> the spinor Q as

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ -\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.9)$$

and introducing the four-dimensional generators

$$M_{\mu\nu} \equiv J_{\mu\nu} \quad (\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3), \quad D \equiv J_5, \quad (1.10)$$

$$P_\mu \equiv J_{4\mu} + J_{5\mu}, \quad K_\mu \equiv J_{4\mu} - J_{5\mu},$$

\*V.G.Kac denotes the same algebra as  $su(4,1;2,1)^{/12/}$

we can obtain the commutation relations between the generators  $M_{\mu\nu}, K_{\mu}, P_{\mu}, D, \bar{\pi}, S_{\alpha}$  and  $T_{\alpha}$  (see<sup>12/</sup>). From these commutation relations it follows that the algebra  $soq(4,2)$  is actually a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie algebra<sup>14/</sup>:

$$L = \bigoplus_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} L_n \quad (1.11)$$

where<sup>\*)</sup>

$$L_0 = \{D, \pi, M_{\mu\nu}\}, L_1 = \{S_{\alpha}\}, L_{-1} = \{T_{\alpha}\} \quad (1.12)$$

$$L_2 = \{P_{\mu}\}, L_{-2} = \{K_{\mu}\}, L_k = 0 \text{ if } |k| > 2$$

and

$$[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j} \quad (1.13)$$

The generalized commutator is determined by the identity

$$[M_i, M_j] = M_i M_j - (-1)^{ij} M_j M_i \quad (M_i \in L_i, M_j \in L_j) \quad (1.14)$$

The grading is given by the eigenvalue of the dilatation operator:

$$[D, M] = \frac{1}{2} j M, \quad M \in L_j \quad (1.15)$$

Note that the operator

$$C_2 = J_{AB} J^{AA} - \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q} Q = M_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} - 2KP - 2D^2 - 4iD - \frac{3}{2} \pi^2 + i \bar{T} S \quad (1.16)$$

is the Casimir operator of the algebra  $soq(4,2)$ . The conjugated spinors entering into expression (1.16) are determined as follows (in the Majorana representation):

$$\bar{Q} = QA = Q\gamma_{60} \quad (1.17)$$

for the eight-dimensional spinor Q and

$$\bar{T} = T\gamma^0 \quad (1.17')$$

for the four-dimensional spinor T.

<sup>\*)</sup> The brackets  $\{a, \dots, b\}$  will denote, throughout this and the following papers, the set of elements  $a, \dots, b$ ; or the vector space with the basis  $a, \dots, b$ ; or the algebra generated by  $a, \dots, b$ .

For every four-dimensional spinor  $\theta$  we can introduce the Weil spinors  $\theta^+$  and  $\theta^-$ :

$$\theta^{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm i\gamma_5}{2} \theta, \quad \bar{\theta}^{\pm} = \bar{\theta} \frac{1 \pm i\gamma_5}{2} \quad (1.18)$$

The complex conjugation for anticommuting spinors  $\theta$  must be determined in such a way that<sup>17/</sup>

$$(\theta_{\alpha} \dots \theta_{\beta})^* = \theta_{\beta}^* \dots \theta_{\alpha}^* \quad (1.19)$$

For Majorana spinors  $\theta$  ( $\theta^* = \theta$  in the Majorana representation) the identity

$$(\theta^{\pm})^* = \theta^{\mp} \quad (1.20)$$

holds.

## 2. The Representations of Conformal Superalgebra

The algebra  $soq(4,2)$  is a simple Lie superalgebra<sup>12/</sup>. Consider an outer automorphism R of the algebra  $soq(4,2)$ :

$$M_{\mu\nu} = M_{\mu\nu}, \quad \dot{D} = -D, \quad \dot{\pi} = -\pi, \quad \dot{P}_{\mu} = K_{\mu}, \quad \dot{K}_{\mu} = P_{\mu}, \quad \dot{S}_{\alpha} = T_{\alpha}, \quad \dot{T}_{\alpha} = S_{\alpha} \quad (2.1)$$

where, by definition, for every element M of  $soq(4,2)$

$$M \equiv R(M) \quad (2.2)$$

The automorphism R is involutory

$$R^2 = I \quad (2.3)$$

It is an analogue of the R-inversion of conformal algebra  $so(4,2)$ .

We have the following "Cartan" decomposition of the algebra  $soq(4,2)$  with respect to the automorphism R:

$$soq(4,2) = \mathcal{R} \oplus \mathcal{P} \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$\mathcal{R} = \{M_{\mu\nu}, K_\mu + P_\mu, S_\alpha + T_\alpha\}, \quad \mathcal{P} = \{D, \bar{T}, K_\mu - P_\mu, S_\alpha - T_\alpha\} \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\dot{M} = M \quad (M \in \mathcal{R}), \quad \dot{M} = -M \quad (M \in \mathcal{P}) \quad (2.6)$$

$$[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}] \subset \mathcal{R}, \quad [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{P}] \subset \mathcal{P}, \quad [\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}] \subset \mathcal{R}. \quad (2.7)$$

Note that  $\mathcal{R}_0 \equiv \{M_{\mu\nu}, K_\mu + P_\mu\}$  is not a compact subalgebra.

We associate with "Cartan" decomposition (2.4) the following expansion (cf. /13, 16/),

$$soq(4,2) = \mathfrak{n} \oplus \mathcal{Q} \oplus \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathfrak{n}, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{D, \bar{T}\}, \quad \mathfrak{m} = \{M_{\mu\nu}\}, \quad \mathfrak{n} = \{K_\mu, T_\alpha\}, \quad \mathfrak{n} = \{P_\mu, S_\alpha\}. \quad (2.9)$$

Note that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the maximal abelian subalgebra in  $\mathcal{P}$ ;  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the centralizer of  $\mathcal{Q}$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ;  $\mathfrak{n}(\mathfrak{m})$  is the direct sum of subspaces of  $soq(4,2)$  with positive (negative) gradings (see eq. (1.12)).

Consider the "Bruhat" decomposition of the Lie supergroup  $SOQ(4,2)$  (the definition of this supergroup see in App. I) generated by decomposition (2.8):

$$SOQ(4,2) = e^{\mathfrak{n}} e^{\mathcal{Q}} e^{\mathfrak{m}} e^{\mathfrak{n}}. \quad (2.10)$$

Here  $e^{\mathfrak{n}}$  stands for a subsupergroup of  $SOQ(4,2)$  generated by the superalgebra  $\mathfrak{n}$ , etc., the supergroup  $e^{\mathfrak{n}}$  is a supermanifold<sup>/10/</sup> of the kind:

$$e^{\mathfrak{n}} = \{X; C^\infty(X) \otimes \Lambda_\nu(\theta)\} \equiv (x, \theta), \quad (2.11)$$

where  $X$  is the Minkowski space and  $\Lambda_\nu(\theta)$  Grassman algebra generated by the components of the anticommuting Majorana spinor  $\theta$ .

We shall study the (ray) representations of the supergroup

$SOQ(4,2)$  acting on "superfields"<sup>/11/</sup>  $\phi(x, \theta)$  determined on the supermanifold  $(X, \theta)$  which is supposed to be imbedded into the homogeneous space  $SOQ(4,2)/e^{\mathcal{Q}} e^{\mathfrak{m}} e^{\mathfrak{n}}$  in accordance with decomposition (2.10).

Let some linear representation  $B$  of the subgroup  $H = e^{\mathcal{Q}} e^{\mathfrak{m}} e^{\mathfrak{n}}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded space  $V$  be given, with the generators

$$B(M_{\mu\nu}) = \Sigma_{\mu\nu}, \quad B(D) = -id, \quad B(\bar{T}) = Z, \quad B(K_\mu) = k_\mu, \quad B(T_\alpha) = t_\alpha. \quad (2.12)$$

The representation  $B$  induces the representation  $T_B$  of the group  $SOQ(4,2)$  on some linear subspace  $E$  of the space of functions on  $X$  with values in  $V \otimes \Lambda_\nu(\theta)$  (i.e., the representation  $T_B$  acts on superfields). We may construct the generators of the representation  $T_B$  by applying the standard procedure of the induced representation method generalized to the case of Lie supergroups (see Appendix II)

$$T_B(S) = i\partial_\theta + \bar{\partial}\theta; \quad T_B(P) = i\partial; \quad T_B(D) = -i(d + x\partial + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\theta}\partial_\theta); \quad T_B(\bar{T}) = Z - i\bar{\theta}\partial_\theta \quad (2.13)$$

$$T_B(T) = \hat{x}T_B(S) + t + 2i\Sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^{\mu\nu}\theta + 2(d + \frac{3}{2}iZ\gamma_\mu)\theta + i\bar{\theta}\partial\partial\theta + (\bar{\theta}\theta + \bar{\theta}^r\theta_r - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\theta}\theta)\gamma_\mu\theta \quad (2.14)$$

$$T_B(M_{\mu\nu}) = \Sigma_{\mu\nu} - i(x_\mu\partial_\nu - x_\nu\partial_\mu + \bar{\theta}\gamma_{\mu\nu}\partial_\theta) \quad (2.15)$$

$$T_B(K_\mu) = k_\mu + 2\Sigma_{\mu\nu}x^\nu - i\bar{\theta}\gamma_\mu\gamma^{\rho\sigma}\theta\Sigma_{\rho\sigma} - \bar{\theta}\gamma_\mu t + \frac{3}{2}i\bar{\theta}\gamma_r\theta z - 2ix_\mu d - i[x_\mu\bar{\theta} + 2\bar{\theta}\gamma_{\mu\nu}x^\nu - i\bar{\theta}\theta\bar{\theta}\gamma_\mu]\partial_\theta - i[2x_\mu x^\nu - \theta^\nu(x^\mu + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\theta}\theta^\mu)]\partial_\theta. \quad (2.16)$$

If the representation  $B$  is such that  $k_\mu = t_\alpha = 0$  and, besides,  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$  form an irreducible representation of the Lorentz group, then the operators  $d$  and  $Z$  turn out to be multiples of the unit operator<sup>\*</sup>). The Casimir operator  $C_2$  (see eq. (1.16)) for the induced representation  $T_B$  is expressed in this case by the operators  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}, d, Z$ :

<sup>\*</sup>) So that in this case the representation  $T_B$  is determined by a character of the subgroup  $e^{\mathcal{Q}}$  and by a representation of the subgroup  $e^{\mathfrak{m}}$  (cf. /13, 16/).

$$C_x = \sum_{\mu\nu} \Sigma^{\mu\nu} + 2d^2 - 4d - \frac{1}{2}z^2. \quad (2.17)$$

Note that the (eigen) value of this operator is the same for the representations  $T_{(\Sigma_{\mu\nu}, d, z)}$  and  $T_{(\Sigma_{\mu\nu}, 2-d, z)}$ .

From now on we will study only the scalar representations

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = k_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad d \in \mathbb{C}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (2.18)$$

Denote the corresponding induced representations as  $T_\lambda$ , where

$$\lambda \equiv (d, z). \quad (2.19)$$

The representation  $T_\lambda$  acts in the space  $E_\lambda$  of scalar superfields:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, \theta) = & A(x) + \bar{\theta} \psi(x) + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\theta} \theta F(x) + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\theta} \gamma_\mu \theta G^\mu(x) + \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\theta} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \theta A^{\mu\nu}(x) + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\theta} \theta \bar{\theta} \lambda(x) + \frac{1}{32} (\bar{\theta} \theta)^2 D(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

The fields  $A(x), \psi(x), \dots, D(x)$  entering into the decomposition (2.20) will be called the coordinates of the superfield  $\phi(x, \theta)$ .

A more complete definition of the spaces  $E_\lambda$  is given below (see §4). Note, that the fields  $A(x), \psi(x), \dots, D(x)$  in the decomposition of the superfield  $\phi(x, \theta) \in E(d, 0)$  form the "vector multiplet" of Wess and Zumino<sup>[11]</sup>.

Finite transformations of the superfields:

$$(\Gamma_\lambda \phi)(x, \theta, g) = B_\lambda(x, \theta, g) \phi(g^{-1}x, g^{-1}\theta) \quad (2.21)$$

can be obtained with the help of the generators (2.13)-(2.16):

For example:

$$e^{i\beta D}(x, \theta) = (e^{-\beta}x, e^{-\beta/2}\theta), \quad B_\lambda(x, \theta; e^{i\beta D}) = e^{\beta d}; \quad (2.22)$$

$$e^{i\beta F}(x, \theta) = (x, (\cos\beta - \sin\beta\gamma_1)\theta), \quad B_\lambda(x, \theta; e^{i\beta F}) = e^{i\beta z}; \quad (2.23)$$

$$e^{i\bar{\epsilon}S}(x, \theta) = (x - i\bar{\epsilon}\gamma\theta, \theta + \epsilon), \quad B_\lambda(x, \theta; e^{i\bar{\epsilon}S}) = 1; \quad (2.24)$$

$$e^{i\gamma P}(x, \theta) = (x + y, \theta), \quad B_\lambda(x, \theta; e^{i\gamma P}) = 1. \quad (2.25)$$

However, to find the finite special conformal transformations in this way seems to be very tedious. The latter may be calculated by means of Eq.(2.25) and the R-inversion transformation (see §3):

$$e^{iCK}(x, \theta) = \left( \frac{x + cx^2}{1 + 2cx + c^2x^2} - \frac{c(1+x)(x) - xc^2}{2(1 + 2cx + c^2x^2)} (\bar{\theta}\theta)^2, \frac{(1+\bar{c}\bar{x})\theta - i\bar{\theta}\theta\bar{c}\theta}{1 + 2cx + c^2x^2} \right) \quad (2.26)$$

$$B_\lambda(x, \theta; e^{iCK}) = (1 - 2cx + c^2x^2)^{-d} \exp \left\{ \frac{-3z(\bar{\theta}\gamma_1\bar{c}\theta - c'\theta\gamma_1\bar{x}\theta) + dc\gamma\bar{\theta}\theta}{2(1 - 2cx + c^2x^2)} \right\} \quad (2.27)$$

Eqs.(2.26)-(2.27) have, of course, only formal meaning now, because the representations  $T_\lambda$  as determined here are only infinitesimal representations of  $SOQ(4, 2)$ . In §4 global representations are constructed (denoted by the same symbol  $T_\lambda$ ) for which Eqs.(2.26)-(2.27) as well as Eqs.(3.17)-(3.18) of §3 become correct.

The last thing to be found in this section is the representation conjugated to the representation  $T_\lambda$  i.e. the representation  $\tilde{T}_\lambda$  acting on the space  $\tilde{E}_\lambda$  of continuous linear functionals over  $E_\lambda$  as follows:

$$\langle \tilde{T}_\lambda(M) F | \varphi \rangle + (-1)^i \langle F | T_\lambda(M) \varphi \rangle = 0, \quad M \in (SOQ(4, 2))_i, \quad F \in (\tilde{E}_\lambda)_i, \quad (i, \bar{i}) \quad (2.28)$$

To get the generators of the representation  $\tilde{T}_\lambda$  we use the properties of the generalized Jacobian (Berezinian)<sup>[17]</sup> and obtain that if

$$T_\lambda(M_i) = B_i(y) + i\varphi_i'(y)\partial_j, \quad (2.29)$$

then

$$\tilde{T}_\lambda(M_i) = -B_i^T(y) + i\varepsilon_{ij} \varepsilon_j \partial_j \varphi_i'(y), \quad (2.30)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } [y_i, y_j] = [\partial_i, \partial_j] = 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } [y_i, y_j] = [\partial_i, \partial_j] \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.31)$$

Here both commuting variables  $x_i$  and anticommuting variables  $\theta_i$  are combined in a unique set of variables  $\{y_i\}$  for the compactness of expressions (2.29)-(2.31).

Applying Eq. (2.30) to the generators (2.13)-(2.16) we find immediately

$$\tilde{T}_x \equiv \tilde{T}_{(d,2)} \sim T_{(2-d,-2)} \equiv T_{\tilde{x}}. \quad (2.32)$$

The sign " $\sim$ " in Eq. (2.32) denotes the weak equivalence of the representations [14] under consideration, i.e., roughly speaking, the fact that the transformations (2.21) are identical for both representations ( $\tilde{T}_x$  and  $T_{\tilde{x}}$ ).

The representations conjugated to the scalar representations  $R_i^+$  and  $R_i^-$  acting on "chiral" superfields  $\phi(x, \theta^+)$  and  $\phi(x, \theta^-)$  (see [5,6]) can be found similarly:

$$\tilde{R}_i^+ \sim R_{3-d}^+, \quad \tilde{R}_i^- \sim R_{3-d}^-. \quad (2.33)$$

### § 3. R-inversion

In this section the transformations of the space  $(X, \theta)$  and of the scalar superfields  $\phi(x, \theta)$  under the action of R-inversion (see (2.1), (2.2)) are found.

Given a (graded) Lie algebra  $L$  having an outer automorphism  $R$ . Denote for every  $K \in L$

$$K' \equiv R(K). \quad (3.1)$$

Suppose that the automorphism  $R$  is involutory, i.e.,

$$R^2 = 1. \quad (3.2)$$

The automorphism  $R$  of the algebra  $L$  induces the automorphism of the corresponding group  $G = e^L$ :

$$R^*(e^{iyK}) \equiv e^{iyK'} \quad (3.3)$$

and the automorphism of the space of the (classes of equivalent) representations of the group  $G$ , which maps every representation  $T$  on the representation  $\hat{T}$  defined as follows:

$$\hat{T}(g) \equiv T(g). \quad (3.4)$$

The representation  $\hat{T}$  is called the "mirror image" (or R-image) of the representation  $T$ . Note that in general  $\hat{T}$  is not equivalent to  $T$ .

The automorphism  $R^*$  is supposed to be generated by an element  $R$  of the group  $G$  (because  $G$  can always be extended, if necessary, so as to include  $R$ ):

$$RgR = \hat{g}. \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $X = G/H$ , where  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and determine the function  $X'(x)$  by the expression

$$X'(x) \equiv R(x), \quad x \in X. \quad (3.6)$$

From Eq. (3.5) it follows that

$$gX'(x) = X'(\hat{g}x), \quad (3.7)$$

or in an infinitesimal form:

$$\varphi_j^k(x) \partial_k X'^i(x) = \hat{\varphi}_j^i(x'), \quad (3.8)$$

where the functions  $\hat{\varphi}_j^i$  are determined by the generator  $\hat{M}_j \equiv R(M_j)$  (see Eq. (A.II. 7)).

Equations (3.8) are equivalent to the operator equations:

$$M_i^0(x', \theta') = \hat{M}_i^0(x, \theta). \quad (3.9)$$

The number of independent equations among equations (3.8) is equal to the number of different pairs  $\{M_i, \hat{M}_i\}$  of the generators. As a rule, one of the two equivalent equations of each pair turns out to be a linear differential equation.



Given a representation  $T_x$  of the group G. Let

$$(T_x(R)f)(x) \equiv B_x^R(x)f(Rx). \quad (3.11)$$

We are looking for the representation  $T_x$  with the property

$$T_x(R)T_x(g)T_x(R) = T_x(g), \quad (3.12)$$

where  $T_x$  is the R-image of  $T_x$  (see (3.4)).

The identity (3.2) (or (3.12)) implies

$$T_x(R)T_x(R) = 1. \quad (3.13)$$

In other words, we are looking for a representation  $T_x$  such that there exists an intertwining operator  $T_x(R): T_x \rightarrow T_x$  establishing the equivalence of the representations  $T_x$  and  $T_x$ . Taking into account the definitions (3.14) and (A.II.4) equations (3.12)-(3.13) can be rewritten in terms of the multipliers of the representations as

$$B_x(x, g) = B_x^R(x) B_x^R(Rx, g) B_x^R(g^{-1}Rx), \quad (3.14)$$

$$B_x^R(Rx) B_x^R(x) = 1, \quad (3.15)$$

or in an infinitesimal form

$$i(B_x^R(x) B_x^R(Rx) - B_x^R(Rx) B_x^R(x)) = -\psi_i^j(x) \partial_j B_x^R(x), \quad (3.16)$$

where the functions  $B_x^R(x)$  and  $\psi_i^j(x)$  are determined by the generator  $M_i$  in the representation  $T_x$  (see Eq. (A.II.5) of Appendix II).

Equations (3.16) permit to find the representation  $\chi$  and the multiplier  $B_x^R(x)$  of the intertwining operator  $T_x(R)$ .

Return now to the case of  $L = \text{so}(4, 2)$  and R determined by eqs. (2.1)-(2.2). Solving equations (3.8) and (3.16) we get

$$R(x, \theta) = \left( \frac{x}{x^2}, e^{\frac{(\theta\theta)^*}{2x^2}}, -\frac{1}{x^2} (\bar{x}\theta - i\theta\bar{\theta}) \right), \quad (3.17)$$

$$B_x^R(x, \theta) = (x^2)^{-d} \exp \left\{ \frac{-3z\bar{\theta}\gamma_r \bar{x}\theta + d(\bar{\theta}\theta)^*}{2x^2} \right\}. \quad (3.18)$$

Besides, if  $\chi = (d, z)$ , then

$$\dot{\chi} = (d, -z). \quad (3.19)$$

Note that the expression

$$T(x, \theta) \equiv \frac{\bar{\theta}\gamma_r \bar{x}\theta}{x^2} \quad (3.20)$$

is R-invariant:  $T(x, \theta) = T(Rx, R\theta)$ .

Now we are in a position to establish, for example, the transformation law of the superfield  $\phi(x, \theta)$  under the action of special conformal transformations:

$$e^{iK} \phi(x, \theta) = R e^{iK} \phi(Rx + c, R\theta), \quad (3.21)$$

$$B_x(x, \theta; e^{iK}) = B_x^R(x, \theta) B_x^R(Rx - c, R\theta). \quad (3.22)$$

Substituting expressions (3.17) and (3.18) into equalities (3.21) and (3.22) we obtain Eqs. (2.26)-(2.27).

It should be noted that formulas (3.17) and (3.18) are valid only for the Majorana spinors  $\theta$ . For arbitrary complex spinors Eqs. (3.17), (3.18) must be generalized as follows:

$$R(x, \theta) = \left\{ \left[ \frac{x}{x^2} e^{\frac{(\theta\theta)^*}{2x^2}} \right]^*, -\frac{1}{x^2} (\bar{x}\theta - i\theta\bar{\theta})^* \right\}, \quad (3.23)$$

$$B_x^R(x, \theta) = (x^2)^{-d} \exp \left\{ \frac{3z^* \bar{\theta}\gamma_r \bar{x}\theta + d^*(\bar{\theta}\theta)^*}{2x^2} \right\}^*, \quad (3.24)$$

where  $*$  denotes complex conjugation. Taking Majorana spinors  $\theta$  and Hermitean  $x$  we recover Eqs. (3.17), (3.18) from Eqs. (3.23), (3.24) taking into account Eq. (1.19).

Now, in particular, we can obtain the R-transformation of the manifold  $(X, \theta')$  and of chiral superfields  $\phi(x, \theta')$  /5,6/;

$$R(x, \theta') = \left( \frac{x^+}{x'^+}, -\frac{x^-}{x'^-} \right), \quad \theta'_i(x, \theta') = (x'^+)^{-d} \theta_i \quad (3.25)$$

Moreover, the following identity:

$$R e^{i\epsilon S} R = e^{i\epsilon' S'} \quad (3.26)$$

is valid. For example,  $R e^{i\epsilon' S'} R = e^{i\epsilon S}$  (we recall that  $(\epsilon')^a = \epsilon^a$  if  $\epsilon$  is a Majorana spinor as in our case).

#### §4. The Spaces $E_x$ of Superfields

In this section we construct another realization of the representations  $T_x$  and diagonalize them with respect to the conformal subgroup.

The supergroup  $SO(4,2)$  acts on the complex "Minkowski" space, i.e., on the supermanifold  $\{z, C^\omega(z) \otimes \Lambda_+(z)\}$ , where  $z$  is a complexification of the space  $x$  and  $\tau = \theta + i\theta'$  is a complex anticommuting spinor.

It can be observed that the submanifold  $\{T^+, C^\omega(T^+) \otimes \Lambda_+(T^+)\}$  (where  $T^+$  is a forward tube  $T^+ = \{x + iy; y^+ < 0, y^- > 0\}$ ) is invariant with respect to the supergroup  $SO(4,2)$ , so that we can realize the representation  $T_x$  in the space of analytic functions on the forward tube domain with entries in the complex Grassman algebra  $\Lambda_+(z)$  (cf. /18-20/). In close analogy with the case of conformal group /18-20/ we can consider the boundary values instead of analytic functions, i.e., realize the representation  $T_x$  in some subspace  $E_x$  of the space  $S'_+(x) \otimes \Lambda_+(x)$ . Here  $S'_+(x)$  is the space of tempered distributions having supports within the forward light cone /18-20/ Eqs. (2.13) - (2.16)

and (2.22) - (2.27) remain unchanged but  $\lambda^+$  must be replaced by  $x^+ + i\epsilon x^-$ . From now on the representations  $T_x$  are supposed to act on these subspaces of tempered distributions.

The only thing which remains unclear now is the asymptotic behaviour of the superfields  $\phi(x, \theta')$  entering into the space  $E_x$ . Instead of direct computation of the asymptotic behaviour of the superfields we can diagonalize the representation  $T_x$  with respect to the conformal subgroup applying afterwards the results of Rühl concerning the representations of the interpolated discrete series of conformal group /18-20/. It may be observed that the special conformal transformations and R-inversion are nondiagonal operators in the "basis" consisting of the fields  $A(x), \dots, D(x)$ , but rather triangular, because in transformations of each of the fields  $A^M(x), D(x)$  and  $X(x)$  one of the fields  $A(x)$  or  $X(x)$  takes part as well. The situation differs in this respect from what we have in the case of chiral superfields  $\phi(x, \theta')$  and  $\phi(x, \theta')$  /5,6/.

Our task now is to find such an operator  $\mathcal{D}_x : E_x \rightarrow E'_x$  (where  $E'_x \subset S'_+(x) \otimes \Lambda_+(x)$ ) transforming the coordinates  $A(x), \dots, D(x)$  of the superfield  $\phi(x, \theta)$  into the coordinates  $A'(x), \dots, D'(x)$  of the superfield

$$\phi'(x, \theta) = (\mathcal{D}_x \phi)(x, \theta) \quad (4.1)$$

that the fields  $A'(x), \dots, D'(x)$  transform independently under the action of the conformal subgroup  $SO(4,2)$ , i.e., that the elements of this subgroup (and R-inversion in particular) be diagonal in the basis consisting of the primed fields  $A'(x), \dots, D'(x)$ .

The last requirement determines the operator  $\mathcal{D}_x$  uniquely. It turns out that

$$\mathcal{D}_x^{-1} = 1 + N_x, \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$(N_x \phi')(x, \theta) = -\frac{3z}{4d} \bar{\theta} \gamma_\mu \partial^\mu (A'(x) - \frac{i}{2(d-1)} \bar{\theta} \theta \bar{\theta}^2 + \frac{3z}{2} (\gamma_\mu \theta) \partial^\mu \psi'(x)) + \frac{(\bar{\theta} \theta)^2}{16} \left\{ \frac{2(d - (\frac{3}{2}z)^2)}{d(d-1)} \partial^2 A'(x) + \frac{3z}{d-2} \partial_\mu A'^\mu(x) \right\}. \quad (4.3)$$

The operator  $N_x$  is a nilpotent operator so that

$$\mathcal{D}_x = 1 - N_x + N_x^2 \quad (4.4)$$

The explicit expression of the operator  $\mathcal{D}_x$  can be found from (4.3). It is not difficult to see that the operator  $\mathcal{D}_x$  turns out to be a polynomial of the operators  $\theta$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\partial_\theta$ .

Under the action of the conformal group and R-inversion the fields  $A'(x)$ ,  $\psi'(x)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\rho'(x)$  transform independently as if they belong to the representation  $C_{(0,d)}$ ,  $C_{(\frac{1}{2}, d+\frac{1}{2})}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $C_{(0, d+1)}$  respectively, of the conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  ( $C_{(s,d)}$  is the representation of the interpolated discrete series of  $SO(4,2)$  with spin  $s$  and anomalous dimension  $d$  [18-20]). Thus we obtain the reduction of the representation  $T_x$  with respect to the conformal subgroup of the group  $SOQ(4,2)$  (if  $\chi \notin \{(1,2), (0, z \neq 0), (2, z \neq 0)\}$ );

$$T_x = C_{(0,d)} \oplus C_{(\frac{1}{2}, d+\frac{1}{2})} \oplus 2C_{(0, d+1)} \oplus C_{(1, d+1)} \oplus C_{(\frac{1}{2}, d+\frac{3}{2})} \oplus C_{(0, d+2)}. \quad (4.5)$$

The space  $E_x$  is completely determined by Eqs. (4.1)-(4.5), if  $\chi \notin \{(1,2), (0, z \neq 0), (2, z \neq 0)\}$ . But if  $\chi = (1,2)$  or  $\chi = (0, z \neq 0)$  or  $\chi = (2, z \neq 0)$  then the operator-valued function  $\mathcal{D}_x$  has singularities.

This gives evidence to the fact that the representation  $T_x$  is not decomposable with respect to the conformal subgroup at these exceptional values of  $\chi$ , and, in particular, at canonical dimension.

The representation  $T_x' \equiv \mathcal{D}_x T_x \mathcal{D}_x^{-1}$  determined on the set of superfields  $E_x' \equiv \mathcal{D}_x E_x$  is equivalent to the representation  $T_x$  and, besides, the coordinates  $A'(x), \dots, D'(x)$  of the superfield  $\phi' \in E_x'$  transform in the usual way [16, 18-20] with respect to the conformal subgroup  $SO(4,2)$ . This is one of the reasons why the basis consisting of the fields  $A'(x), \psi'(x), \dots, D'(x)$  may be called the physical one. The other is the "diagonality" of the two-point,  $SO(4,2)$ -invariant Green functions with respect to this basis, i.e., the absence of the nondiagonal terms of the type  $\langle A'(x_i) D'(x_j) \rangle$  etc., in the decomposition of the two-point function in powers of  $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_j$  (owing to the usual law of "conservation of dimensions" [11]). Therefore, in constructing a nontrivial  $SOQ(4,2)$ -invariant physical theory it would, presumably, be more convenient to deal with this basis.

Similar considerations can take place for chiral representations  $R_d^+$  and  $R_d^-$ . The reduction with respect to the conformal subgroup is:

$$R_d^\pm = C_{(0,d)} \oplus C_{(\frac{1}{2}, d+\frac{1}{2})} \oplus C_{(0, d+1)}, \quad (4.6)$$

so that the conformal subgroup is diagonal with respect to the superfields  $\phi(x, \theta^i)$  from the very beginning [6]. In a subsequent paper the invariant two- and three-point functions of scalar superfields belonging to the representations  $T_x$  will be found. These functions will be used then to construct invariant bilinear and Hermitean forms of the representations  $T_x$ , as well as the intertwining operators of these representations which, in turn, will permit to give a more complete treatment of the reducibility of the representations  $T_x$ . The unitary scalar representations will be also found.

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#### Appendix I. The Supergroups $SU(2,2;1)$ and $SOQ(4,2)$

The notion of Lie supergroup and of supermanifold are introduced in the paper of Berezin and Leites<sup>/10/</sup> (see also an earlier work of Berezin and Kac<sup>/9/</sup>).

Consider the complex Lie supergroup  $\mathcal{GL}_{4,1}$ <sup>/9,21/</sup>. Let be

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv C^\omega(GL(4) \times C^+) \otimes \Lambda_8^e(\theta) \quad (A1.1)$$

the algebra of global section of this supergroup and

$$T \equiv (T)_{mn} \quad (m, n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \quad (A1.2)$$

the matrix of generating system of the algebra.

The algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a complex  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra with involution. The relations

$$\Delta(T) - I = 0, \quad TST^+ - S = 0, \quad (A1.3)$$

where  $\Delta(T)$  is the Berezinian<sup>/17/</sup> of the matrix  $T$  and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & & \\ & -I_2 & \\ & & I_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1.4)$$

determine some factoralgebra  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$  and some real subsupermanifold of the supermanifold  $\mathcal{GL}_{4,1}$ :

$$SU(2,2;1) \equiv \{U(2,2), C^\omega(U(2,2)) \otimes \Lambda_8^R(\theta)\} \quad (A1.5)$$

and even more, the supermanifold  $SU(2,2;1)$  is a subsupergroup of the supergroup  $\mathcal{GL}_{4,1}$ .

Consider now the subalgebra in  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$  consisting of even functions of the generators  $T_{ij}$ . This subalgebra defines a factor supergroup

$$SOQ(4,2) \approx SU(2,2;1)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \quad (A1.6)$$

which is isomorphic as a supermanifold to

$$SOQ(4,2) \approx \{SO(4,2) \times U(1), C^\omega(SO(4,2) \times U(1)) \otimes \Lambda_8^R(\theta)\}. \quad (A1.7)$$

Appendix 11. Induced Representations of Lie Supergroups

Definition 1. Let  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}})$  be a supermanifold. The vector bundle over the supermanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is a sheaved space  $\mathcal{V} = \{M, \mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{M}}\}$  where the sheaf  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a locally free  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}}$ -Module of the finite type.

In other words,  $\mathcal{V}$  is a vector bundle over  $\mathcal{M}$  if there exists an open covering  $M = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  and the set  $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded finite dimensional  $K$ -vector spaces ( $K$  is a basic field) such that for every  $i \in I$   $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{M}}(U_i) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes V_i$ . If all of the  $V_i$  are isomorphic to the vector space  $V$  then  $V$  is said to be a fibre of the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$ .

Definition 2. Let  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$  be the supermanifolds,  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V}'$  the vector bundles over  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$ , respectively,  $\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{M}'$  morphism of the supermanifolds<sup>/10/</sup>.

The morphism  $\alpha: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}'$  of the sheaved spaces is referred to as  $f$ -comorphism of  $\mathcal{V}$  into  $\mathcal{V}'$  if it is consistent (in an obvious sense) with the morphism  $f$  (cf. /22/). Vector bundles with comorphisms form a category denoted further as Buncom. Comorphisms would be denoted by wavy arrows in order not to mix them with the ordinary morphisms (Def. 4).

Let  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$  be the supermanifolds,  $\mathcal{V}$  the vector bundle over  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}' \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{M}$  a morphism of the supermanifolds. Consider the category  $Arr(f, \mathcal{V})$  of arrows  $\mathcal{V}' \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{V}$ , where  $\alpha$  is  $f$ -comorphism and morphisms in this category are by definition  $Id_{\mathcal{M}'}$ -comorphisms such that the corresponding diagram be commutative.

Definition 3. The universal repelling object in the category  $Arr(f, \mathcal{V})$  is referred to as the inverse image of the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$  with respect to the morphism  $f$ . It is denoted as  $f^* \mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{V}$ .

Lemma 1. The inverse image exists for every  $f$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ . If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a vector bundle with fibre  $V$ , then  $f^* \mathcal{V}$  is also a vector bundle with fibre  $V$ .

Definition 4. Let  $\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{M}'$  be morphism of the supermanifolds,  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V}'$  vector bundles over  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$ , respectively.  $Id_{\mathcal{M}}$ -comorphism  $f^* \mathcal{V}' \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{V}$  is said to be  $f$ -morphism of the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$  into the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}'$ . Morphisms would be denoted further by the straight arrows. The comorphism  $f^* \mathcal{V}' \xrightarrow{Id_{\mathcal{M}}} f^* \mathcal{V}'$  defines, in particular, some  $f$ -morphism  $f^* \mathcal{V}' \xrightarrow{f^*} \mathcal{V}'$ .

Lemma 1'. Every  $f$ -morphism  $\mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{V}'$  can be uniquely decomposed as  $\varphi = f^* \circ \varphi^*$ , where  $\varphi^*$  is some  $Id_{\mathcal{M}'}$ -morphism.

Lemma 2. Bundles and morphisms of bundles form a category (Bun).

Definition 5. Given the supermanifolds  $\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2$  and the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$  over  $\mathcal{M}_2$ . Denote as  $\mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{V}$  the vector bundle  $\pi_2^* \mathcal{V}$  over  $\mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2$  ( $\pi_2$  is a canonical projection  $\mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$ ). It is said to be a product of the supermanifold  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$ .

Lemma 3. Let  $\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{M}'$  is a morphism of supermanifolds,  $g: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}'$  morphism of vector bundles. There exists one and only one  $f^*$ -morphism  $(f, g): \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}' \times \mathcal{V}'$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{V} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{V} \\ \downarrow (f, g) & & \downarrow g \\ \mathcal{M}' \times \mathcal{V}' & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{V}' \end{array}$$

is commutative ( $\_$  denotes here the canonical functor  $Bun \rightarrow Supermanifolds$ , namely, transition to the bases and to their morphisms).

Let  $G$  be the supergroup,  $\mathcal{M}$  the supermanifold with some action  $\pi: G \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  of  $G$  (see /9, 10/),  $\mathcal{V}$  the vector bundle over  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Definition 6. The isomorphism  $G \times \mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{V}$  is said to be the continuation of the action  $\pi$  on the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}$  if some diagram of morphisms of vector bundles over  $G \times G \times \mathcal{M}$  is commutative (this diagram can be seen in chap. 3, §12 of Ref. /23/). Given such an action we define the quotient vector bundle  $(G, \pi) \backslash \mathcal{V}$  as a cokernel of the pair of morphisms<sup>/24/</sup>:

$$G \times V \xrightarrow[\pi_2]{\pi_1 \lambda} V \quad (\text{A.II.1})$$

$(G, \lambda) \times V$ , if it exists, is the vector bundle over  $G \backslash M$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a supergroup with multiplication  $\mu: G \times G \rightarrow G$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  a subsupergroup of  $G$  with canonical right action  $\pi_x: G \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow G$ ,  $V$   $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space with a linear representation  $\ell: \mathcal{H} \times V \rightarrow V$  on it ( $V$  is the vector bundle over a point  $\mathcal{H} = \{e\}$  and hence the object  $\mathcal{H} \times V$  is well defined). Let, further,  $\Delta: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$  is the diagonal morphism,  $\varphi_\ell: (G \times V) \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow G \times V$   $\pi_x$ -morphism which is the composition of morphisms

$$(G \times V) \times \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{(\Delta, \text{id})} (G \times V) \times (\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{(\mu, (\ell, \text{id}))} (G \times \mathcal{H}) \times (G \times V) \xrightarrow{(\pi_x, \text{id})} G \times V$$

where  $\ell: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  the inverse morphism of the supergroup  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then

a) morphism  $\varphi_\ell^*: (G \times V) \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \pi_x^*(G \times V)$  is a continuation of the action  $\pi_x$  on the vector bundle  $G \times V$ .

b) there exists the quotient supermanifold  $G/\mathcal{H}$  and the quotient vector bundle  $(G \times V)/(\mathcal{H} \times V)$  over  $G/\mathcal{H}$  denoted further as  $(G \times V)^*$ . Let  $p: G \times V \rightarrow (G \times V)^*$  the canonical projection and  $\pi_{G/\mathcal{H}}: G \times G/\mathcal{H} \rightarrow G/\mathcal{H}$  a canonical action of  $G$  on  $G/\mathcal{H}$ .

c) there exists one and only one  $\pi_{G/\mathcal{H}}$ -morphism  $G \times (G \times V)^* \rightarrow (G \times V)^*$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times (G \times V) & \xrightarrow{(\mu, \text{id})} & G \times V \xrightarrow{p} (G \times V)^* \\ \downarrow (\pi, p) & & \uparrow \tau_\ell \\ G \times (G \times V)^* & & \end{array} \quad (\text{A.II.2})$$

is commutative;  $\tau_\ell^*: G \times (G \times V)^* \rightarrow \pi_{G/\mathcal{H}}^*((G \times V)^*)$  is the continuation of the action  $\pi_{G/\mathcal{H}}$  on the vector bundle  $(G \times V)^*$ .

The linear representation  $T_\ell$  of  $G$  arising in the space of global sections of the structure sheaf of  $(G \times V)^*$  is referred to as the representation of  $G$  induced by the representation  $\ell$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

This construction is very convenient to use, as in the case of ordinary Lie groups, if

$$G = G_0 \mathcal{H} \quad G_0 \cap \mathcal{H} = 1 \quad (\text{A.II.3})$$

Here  $G_0 \mathcal{H}$  denotes the minimal closed supergroup containing both  $G_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ . The supergroup  $G_0$  can be imbedded into the supermanifold  $G/\mathcal{H}$ :  $G_0 \hookrightarrow G/\mathcal{H}$  so that the closure of  $G_0$  in  $G/\mathcal{H}$  be  $G/\mathcal{H}$ . In particular, the generating system of the algebra of global sections of  $G/\mathcal{H}$  and that of  $G_0$  can be identified.

The induced representation  $T_\ell$  acts in this case on some subspace  $E$  of the space  $\Gamma(G_0, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}})$  and the action  $T_\ell$  is given by the ordinary expression:

$$(T_\ell \Phi)(g, x) = B_\ell(x, g) \Phi(g^{-1}x) \quad (\text{A.II.4})$$

where  $x$  is the set of generators of the algebra  $\Gamma(G_0, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}})$  of global sections of  $G_0$ ,  $g$  - the same for  $\Gamma(G, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}})$ ;  $\Phi(x) \in E$ ;  $\Phi(g^{-1}x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (T_{\pi_2} \Phi)(g, x)$  ( $T_{\pi_2}$  is a trivial representation  $\mathcal{H} \times V \xrightarrow{\pi_2} V$ );  $B_\ell(x, g)$  is some element of the space  $\Gamma(G, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}}) \otimes \Gamma(G_0, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}}) \otimes V$  depending on  $\ell$  and defining naturally an automorphism of the space  $\Gamma(G, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}}) \otimes \Gamma(G_0, \mathcal{O}_{G/\mathcal{H}}) \otimes V$ .

Eq.(A.II.4) permits one to find the realization of the generators of Lie superalgebra of the supergroup  $G$  in the representation  $T_\ell$ . The most general expression for this generators is:

$$T_\ell(M_i) = B_i(x) + (\varphi_i^j(x) \partial_j) \equiv B_i(x) + M_i^0 \quad (\text{A.II.5})$$

We conclude this section with one remark concerning the connection between the "ordinary" vector bundles and supermanifolds: the category of supermanifolds is proved to be isomorphic to the category of bundles of Grassman algebras with comorphisms as morphisms.

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