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Dispersion Operators Algebra and Linear Canonical 3 Transformations

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12 Madagascar), BP 4279 101-Antananarivo, Madagascar; instn@moov.mg13 **Abstract:** This work intends to present a study on relations between a Lie algebra called dispersion
14 operators algebra, linear canonical transformation and a phase space representation of quantum
15 mechanics that we have introduced and studied in previous works. The paper begins with a brief
16 recall of our previous works followed by the description of the dispersion operators algebra which
17 is performed in the framework of the phase space representation. Then, linear canonical
18 transformations are introduced and linked with this algebra. A multidimensional generalization of
19 the obtained results is given.20 **Keywords:** Dispersion operator; Lie algebra; Linear Canonical Transformation; Quantum theory;
21 Phase space representation23

1. Introduction

24 The present work can be considered as a part of a series of studies concerning phase space, linear
25 canonical transformation and quantum theory that we have started and performed in our previous
26 works [1],[2]. Through history and scientific literature, it can be remarked that the description of
27 phase space in quantum theory and related problems like study of canonical transformations are
28 among of the most interesting subjects. We may quote many works since the beginning of quantum
29 physics and until nowadays; for instance we have [3-14]. A well known approach to tackle these
30 problems is based on the utilization of the Wigner distribution but other approaches may be also
31 considered. Our work is in this framework.32 Through all the paper, we use the natural system of units in which the light speed c and the
33 reduced Planck constant \hbar are set to unity ($c = 1, \hbar = 1$). We use also bold faced letter to denote
34 operators and normal letter for the eigenvalues. The matricial and tensorial notations used in the
35 section 4 are those of the reference [15].36 The main result that we have obtained from [1] was the establishment of a phase space
37 representation of quantum mechanics which takes into account the uncertainty relation. It is
38 based on the introduction of quantum states, denoted $|n, X, P, \Delta p\rangle$, defined by the means values X, P
39 and statistical dispersions $(\Delta x_n)^2 = (2n + 1)(\Delta x)^2, (\Delta p_n)^2 = (2n + 1)(\Delta p)^2$ of coordinate x and
40 momentum p . Δx and Δp satisfying the relation $(\Delta x)(\Delta p) = \frac{1}{2}$.41 For the sake of simplicity of writing, we will use the notation $a = \Delta x, b = \Delta p, A = (a)^2 =$
42 $(\Delta x)^2$, and $B = (b)^2 = (\Delta p)^2$. For instance, the state $|n, X, P, \Delta p\rangle$ will be denoted by $|n, X, P, b\rangle$. The
43 wave functions corresponding to a state $|n, X, P, b\rangle = |n, X, P, \Delta p\rangle$ respectively in coordinate and
44 momentum representation are the Harmonic Hermite-Gaussian functions denoted by

45
$$\langle x|n, X, P, b\rangle = \varphi_n(x, X, P, b) = \varphi_n(x, X, P, \Delta p)$$

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47 and their Fourier transform denoted by

$$48 \quad \langle p|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = \tilde{\varphi}_n(p, X, P, \mathcal{B}) = \tilde{\varphi}_n(p, X, P, \Delta p)$$

49 These functions were introduced and used in our previous works [1], [2], [16]. Explicitly we have

$$50 \quad \langle x|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = \varphi_n(x, X, P, \mathcal{B}) = \frac{H_n\left(\frac{x-X}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{A}}}\right)}{\sqrt{2^n n! \sqrt{2\pi\mathcal{A}}}} e^{-\frac{(x-X)^2}{4\mathcal{A}} + iPx} \quad (1)$$

$$51 \quad \langle p|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = \tilde{\varphi}_n(p, X, P, \mathcal{B}) = \frac{H_n\left(\frac{p-P}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}}}\right)}{\sqrt{2^n n! \sqrt{2\pi\mathcal{B}}}} e^{-\frac{(p-P)^2}{4\mathcal{B}} - iX(p-P)} \quad (2)$$

52 As usual H_n is the Hermite polynomial of degree n . $\Delta x = \alpha$, $\Delta p = \beta$, $\mathcal{A} = (\Delta x)^2 = (\alpha)^2$ and
53 $\mathcal{B} = (\Delta p)^2 = (\beta)^2$ satisfying the relations

$$54 \quad (\Delta x)(\Delta p) = \alpha\beta = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$55 \quad (\Delta x)^2(\Delta p)^2 = (\alpha)^2(\beta)^2 = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B} = \frac{1}{4} \quad (4)$$

56 The state $|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle$ is the eigenstate of the coordinate and momentum dispersion operators Σ_p and
57 Σ_x respectively with the eigenvalues $(2n+1)(\beta)^2$ and $(2n+1)(\alpha)^2$. If we denote respectively \mathbf{p}
58 and \mathbf{x} the momentum and coordinate operators [17] we have [1]

$$60 \quad \Sigma_p = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)^2}{(\beta)^2} + \frac{(x - X)^2}{(\alpha)^2} \right] (\beta)^2 = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{p} - P)^2 + 4(\mathcal{B})^2(x - X)^2] \quad (5)$$

$$61 \quad \Sigma_x = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)^2}{(\beta)^2} + \frac{(x - X)^2}{(\alpha)^2} \right] (\alpha)^2 = \frac{1}{2} [4(\mathcal{A})^2(\mathbf{p} - P)^2 + (x - X)^2] \quad (6)$$

$$62 \quad \Sigma_p|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = (2n+1)(\beta)^2|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = (2n+1)\mathcal{B}|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle \quad (7)$$

$$63 \quad \Sigma_x|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = (2n+1)(\alpha)^2|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle = (2n+1)\mathcal{A}|n, X, P, \mathcal{B}\rangle \quad (8)$$

64 In our work [2], it was remarked that a link may be established between linear canonical
65 transformation and the phase space representation of quantum mechanics. In the present work, we
66 show that this link can be described properly with the introduction of a Lie algebra that we may call
67 dispersion operators algebra. This Lie algebra is generated by the dispersion operators and some
68 other operators related to them. We have remarked during the design of the present work that
69 operators analogous to these operators have been already introduced and studied previously in
70 various works on linear canonical transformation [18]. As mentioned, our main contribution in this
71 paper is the exploitation of some properties of these operators in the introduction of the dispersion
72 operators algebra to describe properly the relations that can be established between this algebra, the
73 phase space representation and linear canonical transformation. We introduce also a generalization
74 of the results for the case of multidimensional theory.

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76 2. Dispersion Operators Algebra

77 2.1. Definitions and properties

78 Let us consider the three hermitian operators

$$79 \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{B}^+ = \Sigma_p = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{p} - P)^2 + 4(\mathcal{B})^2(x - X)^2] \\ \mathcal{B}^- = \frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{p} - P)^2 - 4(\mathcal{B})^2(x - X)^2] \\ \mathcal{B}^\times = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{p} - P)(x - X) + (x - X)(\mathbf{p} - P)] \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

80 Using the commutation relation of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{p} , $[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i$, we can deduce the following commutation
81 relations

$$82 \quad \begin{cases} [\mathcal{B}^+, \mathcal{B}^-]_- = 4i\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}^\times \\ [\mathcal{B}^-, \mathcal{B}^\times]_- = -4i\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}^+ \\ [\mathcal{B}^\times, \mathcal{B}^+]_- = 4i\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}^- \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

83 Let \mathfrak{g} be the complex vectorial space generated by the linear combination

84
$$\mathfrak{b} = \lambda \mathfrak{b}^+ + \mu \mathfrak{b}^- + \nu \mathfrak{b}^\times$$

85 of the three operators \mathfrak{b}^+ , \mathfrak{b}^- and \mathfrak{b}^\times with λ, μ, ν three complex numbers. It can be deduced easily
86 from the relation (10) that \mathfrak{g} is a complex Lie algebra of three dimensions. For any two elements

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$$\mathfrak{b}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathfrak{b}^+ + \mu_1 \mathfrak{b}^- + \nu_1 \mathfrak{b}^\times$$

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$$\mathfrak{b}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathfrak{b}^+ + \mu_2 \mathfrak{b}^- + \nu_2 \mathfrak{b}^\times$$

89 of \mathfrak{g} , it may be shown that

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$$\mathfrak{b}_3 = [\mathfrak{b}_1, \mathfrak{b}_2]_- = \lambda_3 \mathfrak{b}^+ + \mu_3 \mathfrak{b}^- + \nu_3 \mathfrak{b}^\times$$

91 with

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$$\begin{cases} \lambda_3 = -4i\mathcal{B}(\mu_1\nu_2 - \nu_1\mu_2) \\ \mu_3 = 4i\mathcal{B}(\nu_1\lambda_2 - \nu_2\lambda_1) \\ \nu_3 = 4i\mathcal{B}(\lambda_1\mu_2 - \lambda_2\mu_1) \end{cases}$$

93 is also an element of \mathfrak{g} . The Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} may be called dispersion operators algebra.

94 For future use and convenience, we introduce the following operators

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[(\mathbf{p} - P) - 2i\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x} - X)] \\ \mathbf{z}^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[(\mathbf{p} - P) + 2i\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x} - X)] = (\mathbf{z}^-)^\dagger \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (\mathbf{p} - P) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{z}^- + \mathbf{z}^+) \\ (\mathbf{x} - X) = \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{z}^- - \mathbf{z}^+) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x} = \frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2}(\Delta x)} = \frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2}\alpha} = \frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}} = \sqrt{2}(\Delta p)(\mathbf{x} - X) = \sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x} - X) \\ \mathbf{p} = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2}(\Delta p)} = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}} = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}} = \sqrt{2}(\Delta x)(\mathbf{p} - P) = \sqrt{2}\alpha(\mathbf{p} - P) = \sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{p} - P) \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^- = \frac{\mathbf{z}^-}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}}} - i \frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{A}}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{p} - i\mathbf{x}] \\ \mathbf{z}^+ = \frac{\mathbf{z}^+}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{B}}} + i \frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{A}}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{p} + i\mathbf{x}] \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

98 The following relations can be deduced

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$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{b}^+ = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{p})^2 + (\mathbf{x})^2] = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ + \mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^-) \\ \mathfrak{b}^- = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{p})^2 - (\mathbf{x})^2] = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 + (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \\ \mathfrak{b}^\times = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}) = i\mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 - (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

100 We may remark that the sets

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$$\{(\mathbf{p})^2, (\mathbf{x})^2, \mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}\}, \{(\mathbf{p})^2, (\mathbf{x})^2, \mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}\}$$

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$$\{\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ + \mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^-, (\mathbf{z}^-)^2, (\mathbf{z}^+)^2\}, \{\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ - \mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^-, (\mathbf{z}^-)^2, (\mathbf{z}^+)^2\}$$

103 are also four basis of the dispersion operators algebra \mathfrak{g} .

104 We have the following commutation relations

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$$[\mathbf{z}^-, \mathbf{z}^+]_- = 2\mathcal{B} \quad (15)$$

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$$[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = \left[\frac{(\mathbf{x} - X)}{\sqrt{2}\alpha}, \frac{(\mathbf{p} - P)}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}} \right]_- = [(\mathbf{x} - X), (\mathbf{p} - P)]_- = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i \quad (16)$$

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$$[\mathbf{z}^-, \mathbf{z}^+] = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{z}^-, \mathbf{z}^+]_- = 1 \quad (17)$$

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$$\begin{cases} [(\mathbf{x})^2, \mathbf{p}]_- = 2i\mathbf{x} \\ [\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i\mathbf{p} \\ [\mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i\mathbf{p} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

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$$\begin{cases} [(\mathbf{p})^2, \mathbf{x}]_- = -2i\mathbf{p} \\ [\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}]_- = -i\mathbf{x} \\ [\mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}]_- = -i\mathbf{x} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

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$$\begin{cases} [(\mathbf{p})^2, (\mathbf{x})^2]_- = -2i(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}) \\ [(\mathbf{p})^2, \mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}]_- = -2i(\mathbf{p})^2 \\ [(\mathbf{x})^2, \mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}]_- = 2i(\mathbf{x})^2 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

111 We may define the operators

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$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}^+ = \frac{\mathfrak{I}^+}{4\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{4}((\mathbf{p})^2 + (\mathbf{x})^2) = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{z}^- \mathbf{z}^+ + \mathbf{z}^+ \mathbf{z}^-) \\ \mathfrak{B}^- = \frac{\mathfrak{I}^-}{4\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{4}((\mathbf{p})^2 + (\mathbf{x})^2) = \frac{1}{4}((\mathbf{z}^-)^2 + (\mathbf{z}^+)^2) \\ \mathfrak{B}^x = \frac{\mathfrak{I}^x}{4\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}) = \frac{i}{4}((\mathbf{z}^-)^2 - (\mathbf{z}^+)^2) \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

113 The set $\{\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-, \mathfrak{B}^x\}$ is also a basis of the dispersion operator algebra \mathfrak{g} . It may be deduced easily
114 from the commutation relation of $\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-$ and \mathfrak{B}^x that $\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-$ and \mathfrak{B}^x satisfy to the following
115 commutation relations

116
$$\begin{cases} [\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-]_- = i\mathfrak{B}^x \\ [\mathfrak{B}^-, \mathfrak{B}^x]_- = -i\mathfrak{B}^+ \\ [\mathfrak{B}^x, \mathfrak{B}^+]_- = i\mathfrak{B}^- \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

117 And we have

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$$\begin{cases} [\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathbf{p}]_- = \frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{x} \\ [\mathfrak{B}^-, \mathbf{p}]_- = -\frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{x} \\ [\mathfrak{B}^x, \mathbf{p}]_- = \frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{p} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

119
$$\begin{cases} [\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathbf{x}]_- = -\frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{p} \\ [\mathfrak{B}^-, \mathbf{x}]_- = -\frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{p} \\ [\mathfrak{B}^x, \mathbf{x}]_- = -\frac{1}{2}i\mathbf{x} \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

120 **2.2. Representation of the dispersion operators algebra over the state space of a particle**

121 To define a representation of the dispersion operators algebra \mathfrak{g} over the state space \mathcal{E} of a particle,
122 we have to find the matrix representation of the three operators $\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-$ and \mathfrak{B}^x in a basis of \mathcal{E} . It is
123 obvious that an adequate basis is the basis $\{|n, X, P, \ell\rangle\}$ composed by the eigenstates of the
124 momentum dispersion operator \mathfrak{B}^+

125
$$\mathfrak{B}^+|n, X, P, \ell\rangle = (2n + 1)\mathcal{B}|n, X, P, \ell\rangle \quad (25)$$

126 \mathfrak{B}^+ is represented by a diagonal matrix with elements equal to $(2n + 1)\mathcal{B}$.

127 Now we have to find the expressions of $\mathfrak{B}^-|n, X, P, \ell\rangle$ and $\mathfrak{B}^x|n, X, P, \ell\rangle$. We consider the relation

128
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^+ = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ + \mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^-) \\ \mathbf{z}^- = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 + (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \\ \mathbf{z}^x = i\mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 - (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

129 Let us first search for the expression of $\mathbf{z}^-|n, X, P, \theta\rangle$ and $\mathbf{z}^+|n, X, P, \theta\rangle$. From the commutation
130 relation $[\mathbf{z}^-, \mathbf{z}^+]_- = 1$ we can deduce the relation

131
$$\mathbf{z}^+ = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ + \mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^-) = \mathcal{B}(2\mathbf{z}^+\mathbf{z}^- + 1) = \mathcal{B}(2\mathbf{z}^-\mathbf{z}^+ - 1) \quad (27)$$

132 and the commutation relations

133
$$\begin{cases} [\mathbf{z}^+, \mathbf{z}^-]_- = -2\mathcal{B}\mathbf{z}^- \\ [\mathbf{z}^+, \mathbf{z}^+]_- = 2\mathcal{B}\mathbf{z}^+ \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

134 Then from the relations (27) and (28), it may be deduced after lengthy but straightforward
135 calculations that

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^-|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ \mathbf{z}^+|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1, X, P, \theta\rangle \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

137 So

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$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{z}^-)^2|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = \mathbf{z}^-\sqrt{n}|n-1, X, P, \theta\rangle = \sqrt{n(n-1)}|n-2, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ (\mathbf{z}^+)^2|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = \mathbf{z}^+\sqrt{n+1}|n+1, X, P, \theta\rangle = \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}|n+2, X, P, \theta\rangle \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

139 As

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^+ = \mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 + (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \\ \mathbf{z}^x = i\mathcal{B}[(\mathbf{z}^-)^2 - (\mathbf{z}^+)^2] \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

141 we obtain for the representation of the three operators \mathbf{z}^+ , \mathbf{z}^- and \mathbf{z}^x in the basis $\{|n, X, P, \theta\rangle\}$ of the
142 state space of a particle

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^+|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = (2n+1)\mathcal{B}|n, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ \mathbf{z}^-|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = \sqrt{n(n-1)}\mathcal{B}|n-2, X, P, \theta\rangle + \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}\mathcal{B}|n+2, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ \mathbf{z}^x|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = i\left[\sqrt{n(n-1)}\mathcal{B}|n-2, X, P, \theta\rangle - \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}\mathcal{B}|n+2, X, P, \theta\rangle\right] \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

144 We may also write these relations in the form

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}^+|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = (2n+1)\mathcal{B}|n, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ (\mathbf{z}^- - i\mathbf{z}^x)|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = 2\sqrt{n(n-1)}\mathcal{B}|n-2, X, P, \theta\rangle \\ (\mathbf{z}^- + i\mathbf{z}^x)|n, X, P, \theta\rangle = 2\sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}\mathcal{B}|n+2, X, P, \theta\rangle \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

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147 3. Linear Canonical Transformations

148 3.1. Definitions and properties

149 In quantum mechanics, a linear canonical transformation can be defined as a linear transformation
150 mixing the coordinate operator \mathbf{x} and the momentum operator \mathbf{p} and leaving invariant the
151 commutator $[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i$. As \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{p} are linked with the operators \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{p} through the linear
152 relations (12), we may also take a definition of linear canonical transformation as linear
153 transformation mixing \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{p}

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \Pi\mathbf{p} + \Theta\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}' = \Xi\mathbf{p} + \Lambda\mathbf{x} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{p}' \quad \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (34)$$

156 in which

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}' = \frac{(\mathbf{x}' - X')}{\sqrt{2}\alpha'} = \frac{(\mathbf{x}' - X')}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}'} = \sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{x}' - X') = \sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}'(\mathbf{x}' - X') \\ \mathbf{p}' = \frac{(\mathbf{p}' - P')}{\sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}'} = \frac{(\mathbf{p}' - P')}{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{B}'} = \sqrt{2}\alpha'(\mathbf{p}' - P') = \sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}'(\mathbf{p}' - P') \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

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$$[\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = \frac{1}{2\alpha'\mathbf{a}'}[(\mathbf{x}' - X'), (\mathbf{p}' - P')]_- = [\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- \quad (36)$$

159 where \mathbf{x}' and \mathbf{p}' are the new coordinate and momentum operators resulting from the
160 transformation. If we have a linear canonical transformation, we must have

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$$[\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i \quad (37)$$

162 So taking into account the relation (36), we must have

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$$[\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = [\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- \quad (38)$$

164 Then in our case the full definition of the linear canonical transformation is

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \Pi\mathbf{p} + \Theta\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}' = \Xi\mathbf{p} + \Lambda\mathbf{x} \\ [\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}'] = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}] = i \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

166 The last condition $[\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]_- = i$ leads to the relation

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$$\Pi\Lambda - \Theta\Xi = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad (40)$$

168 If we consider real linear canonical transformation (the parameters Π , Λ , Ξ and Θ are real), the
169 relation (40) means that the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}$ is an element of the special linear group $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$. We
170 may write it in the form

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = e^{\mathcal{M}} = e^{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & \mathcal{M}_4 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (41)$$

172 with \mathcal{M} an element of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ of the Lie group $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$, we have

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$$\Pi\Lambda - \Theta\Xi = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_4 = -\mathcal{M}_1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & -\mathcal{M}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (42)$$

174 Then, for an infinitesimal linear canonical transformation, we have

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = 1 + \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & -\mathcal{M}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & 1 - \mathcal{M}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (43)$$

176 So

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \Pi\mathbf{p} + \Theta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \mathcal{M}_1\mathbf{p} + \mathcal{M}_2\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}' = \Xi\mathbf{p} + \Lambda\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{M}_3\mathbf{p} - \mathcal{M}_1\mathbf{x} \end{cases} \quad (44)$$

178 *3.2. Unitary representation and relation with the dispersion operators algebra*

179 As the linear canonical transformation is a transformation which affects quantum operators, we may
180 represent it by an unitary transformation

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \Pi\mathbf{p} + \Theta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathbf{x}' = \Xi\mathbf{p} + \Lambda\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \quad (45)$$

182 where \mathbf{U} is a unitary operator which can be considered as acting in the state space \mathcal{E} of a particle. It
183 may be verified that the commutator $[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}] = i$ is invariant under the unitary representation defined
184 in (45) as expected for a linear canonical transformation

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$$[\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}']_- = [\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{U}^\dagger, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{U}^\dagger]_- = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{U}^\dagger\mathbf{U}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{U}^\dagger - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{U}^\dagger\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]\mathbf{U}^\dagger = i\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\dagger = i \quad (46)$$

186 It can be shown that \mathbf{U} may be written in the form

187
$$\mathbf{U} = e^{i\mathbf{\Sigma}} = e^{i(\theta_+ \mathbf{\Xi}^+ + \theta_- \mathbf{\Xi}^- + \theta_x \mathbf{\Xi}^x)} \quad (47)$$

188 in which $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \theta_+ \mathbf{\Xi}^+ + \theta_- \mathbf{\Xi}^- + \theta_x \mathbf{\Xi}^x$ is an element of the dispersion operators algebra and
189 $\theta_+, \theta_-, \theta_x$ three real numbers. In fact, for an infinitesimal transformation, we have

190
$$\mathbf{U} = 1 + i(\theta_+ \mathbf{\Xi}^+ + \theta_- \mathbf{\Xi}^- + \theta_x \mathbf{\Xi}^x) \quad \mathbf{U}^\dagger = 1 - i(\theta_+ \mathbf{\Xi}^+ + \theta_- \mathbf{\Xi}^- + \theta_x \mathbf{\Xi}^x)$$

191 Then it can be deduced from (45) that

192
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} + i\theta_+ [\mathbf{\Xi}^+, \mathbf{p}]_- + i\theta_- [\mathbf{\Xi}^-, \mathbf{p}]_- + i\theta_x [\mathbf{\Xi}^x, \mathbf{p}]_- \\ \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + i\theta_+ [\mathbf{\Xi}^+, \mathbf{x}]_- + i\theta_- [\mathbf{\Xi}^-, \mathbf{x}]_- + i\theta_x [\mathbf{\Xi}^x, \mathbf{x}]_- \end{cases} \quad (48)$$

193 Taking into account the relations (23) and (24), we obtain

194
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{2}\theta_+ \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_- \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}\theta_x \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{2}\theta_x \mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2}(\theta_- - \theta_+) \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_+ \mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_- \mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_x \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}(\theta_- + \theta_+) \mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_x \mathbf{x} \end{cases} \quad (49)$$

195 identifying the relations (44) and (49) it can be deduced that

196
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{M}_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\theta_x \\ \mathcal{M}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\theta_- - \theta_+) \\ \mathcal{M}_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\theta_- + \theta_+) \end{cases} \quad (50)$$

197 So briefly, we have for a linear canonical transformation

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \Pi \mathbf{p} + \Theta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathbf{x}' = \Xi \mathbf{p} + \Lambda \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{p}' \quad \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (51)$$

199 with

200
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = e^{\mathcal{M}} = e^{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & \mathcal{M}_4 \end{pmatrix}} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\theta_x & \theta_+ + \theta_- \\ \theta_- - \theta_+ & \theta_x \end{pmatrix}} \quad (52)$$

201 and

202
$$\mathbf{U} = e^{i(\theta_+ \mathbf{\Xi}^+ + \theta_- \mathbf{\Xi}^- + \theta_x \mathbf{\Xi}^x)} \quad (53)$$

203 The unitarity of \mathbf{U} results from the hermiticity of the operators $\mathbf{\Xi}^+, \mathbf{\Xi}^-$ and $\mathbf{\Xi}^x$.

204 3.2. Transformation law of the basis $\{\mathbf{\Xi}^+, \mathbf{\Xi}^-, \mathbf{\Xi}^x\}$ of the dispersion operators algebra

205 Taking into account the relation (14) and (21), we may define the operators

206
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\Xi}'^+ = \mathcal{B}'((\mathbf{p}')^2 + (\mathbf{x}')^2) \\ \mathbf{\Xi}'^- = \mathcal{B}'((\mathbf{p}')^2 - (\mathbf{x}')^2) \\ \mathbf{\Xi}'^x = \mathcal{B}'(\mathbf{p}' \mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{p}') \end{cases} \quad (54)$$

207
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\Xi}'^+ = \frac{\mathbf{\Xi}^+}{4\mathcal{B}'} = \frac{1}{4}((\mathbf{p}')^2 + (\mathbf{x}')^2) \\ \mathbf{\Xi}'^- = \frac{\mathbf{\Xi}^-}{4\mathcal{B}'} = \frac{1}{4}((\mathbf{p}')^2 - (\mathbf{x}')^2) \\ \mathbf{\Xi}'^x = \frac{\mathbf{\Xi}^x}{4\mathcal{B}'} = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}' \mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{p}') \end{cases} \quad (55)$$

208 Taking into account the relations (51), we obtain

209
$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}^{+'} = \frac{1}{2}[(\Pi)^2 + (\Theta)^2]\mathfrak{B}^+ + \frac{1}{2}[(\Xi)^2 - (\Lambda)^2]\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Theta + \Xi\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^\times = \mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^+\mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathfrak{B}^{-'} = \frac{1}{2}[(\Pi)^2 + (\Theta)^2]\mathfrak{B}^+ - \frac{1}{2}[(\Xi)^2 - (\Lambda)^2]\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Theta - \Xi\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^\times = \mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^-\mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathfrak{B}^{\times'} = (\Pi\Xi + \Theta\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^+ + (\Pi\Xi - \Theta\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Lambda + \Theta\Xi)\mathfrak{B}^\times = \mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^\times\mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

210
$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}^{+'} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\{[(\Pi)^2 + (\Theta)^2]\mathfrak{B}^+ + \frac{1}{2}[(\Xi)^2 - (\Lambda)^2]\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Theta + \Xi\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^\times\} = \frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^+\mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathfrak{B}^{-'} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\{[(\Pi)^2 + (\Theta)^2]\mathfrak{B}^+ - \frac{1}{2}[(\Xi)^2 - (\Lambda)^2]\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Theta - \Xi\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^\times\} = \frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^-\mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathfrak{B}^{\times'} = \frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\{[(\Pi\Xi + \Theta\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^+ + (\Pi\Xi - \Theta\Lambda)\mathfrak{B}^- + (\Pi\Lambda + \Theta\Xi)\mathfrak{B}^\times]\} = \frac{\mathcal{B}'}{\mathcal{B}}\mathbf{U}\mathfrak{B}^\times\mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

211 **4. Multidimensional Generalization**

212 *4.1. Dispersion Operators Algebra*

213 We may generalize the operators $\mathfrak{B}^+, \mathfrak{B}^-, \mathfrak{B}^\times$ by the following tensor operators

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$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+ = \frac{1}{2}[(\mathbf{p}_\mu - P_\mu)(\mathbf{p}_\nu - P_\nu) + 4\mathcal{B}_{\mu\alpha}\mathcal{B}_{\nu\beta}(x^\alpha - X^\alpha)(x^\beta - X^\beta)] \\ \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^- = \frac{1}{2}[(\mathbf{p}_\mu - P_\mu)(\mathbf{p}_\nu - P_\nu) - 4\mathcal{B}_{\mu\alpha}\mathcal{B}_{\nu\beta}(x^\alpha - X^\alpha)(x^\beta - X^\beta)] \\ \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^\times = \mathcal{B}_{\mu\alpha}[(\mathbf{p}_\nu - P_\nu)(x^\alpha - X^\alpha) + (x^\alpha - X^\alpha)(\mathbf{p}_\nu - P_\nu)] \end{cases} \quad (58)$$

215 in which $\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu}$ are the components of the momentum dispersion-codispersion tensor [1]. Let $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ be
216 the components of the symmetric bilinear form η associated with the considered space. For the case
217 of a general N -dimensional pseudo-Euclidian space, if (N_+, N_-) is the signature of $(N_+ + N_- = N)$,
218 we have

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$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \mu = \nu = 0, 1, \dots, N_+ - 1 \\ -1 & \text{for } \mu = \nu = N_+, N_+ + 1, \dots, N - 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \nu \end{cases} \quad (59)$$

220 for instance, in the case of Minkowski space, the signature of η is (1,3). So we have

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$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \mu = \nu = 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } \mu = \nu = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \nu \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

222 If we introduce the operators \mathbf{p}_μ and \mathbf{x}^ν defined by the relations

223
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_\mu = \sqrt{2}\beta_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + P_\mu \\ \mathbf{x}^\nu = \sqrt{2}\alpha_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}^\mu + X^\mu \end{cases} \quad (61)$$

224 with α_μ^ν and β_μ^ν verifying the relations

225
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{B}_{\mu\alpha}\alpha_\nu^\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\rho}\beta_\nu^\rho \\ \alpha_\mu^\lambda\beta_\lambda^\nu = \frac{1}{2}\delta_\mu^\nu \end{cases} \quad (62)$$

226 (δ_μ^ν being the components of the Kronecker's symbol) we obtain

227
$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+ = \beta_\mu^\rho\beta_\nu^\lambda\mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^+ \\ \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^- = \beta_\mu^\rho\beta_\nu^\lambda\mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^- \\ \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^\times = \beta_\mu^\rho\beta_\nu^\lambda\mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^\times \end{cases} \quad (63)$$

228 in which

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$$\begin{cases} \Xi_{\mu\nu}^+ = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu + \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu) \\ \Xi_{\mu\nu}^- = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu - \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu) \\ \Xi_{\mu\nu}^\times = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu + \mathbf{x}_\nu \mathbf{p}_\mu) \end{cases} \quad (64)$$

230 If we define also the operators

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_\mu^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{p}_\mu - i\mathbf{x}_\mu) \\ \mathbf{z}_\mu^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{p}_\mu + i\mathbf{x}_\mu) \end{cases} \quad (65)$$

232 We have

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$$\begin{cases} \Xi_{\mu\nu}^+ = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{z}_\mu^+ \mathbf{z}_\nu^- + \mathbf{z}_\mu^- \mathbf{z}_\nu^+) \\ \Xi_{\mu\nu}^- = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{z}_\mu^+ \mathbf{z}_\nu^+ + \mathbf{z}_\mu^- \mathbf{z}_\nu^-) \\ \Xi_{\mu\nu}^\times = \frac{i}{8}([\mathbf{z}_\mu^+, \mathbf{z}_\nu^-]_+ - [\mathbf{z}_\mu^+, \mathbf{z}_\nu^+]_+ + [\mathbf{z}_\mu^-, \mathbf{z}_\nu^-]_+ - [\mathbf{z}_\mu^-, \mathbf{z}_\nu^+]_+) \end{cases} \quad (66)$$

234 $[\mathbf{z}_\mu^+, \mathbf{z}_\nu^-]_+$ being the anticomutator

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$$[\mathbf{z}_\mu^+, \mathbf{z}_\nu^-]_+ = \mathbf{z}_\mu^+ \mathbf{z}_\nu^- + \mathbf{z}_\nu^- \mathbf{z}_\mu^+$$

236

237 From the commutation relation $[\mathbf{p}_\mu, \mathbf{x}^\nu]_- = i\delta_\mu^\nu$ we may deduce the following commutators

238

$$[\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu]_- = i\eta_{\mu\nu} \quad (67)$$

239

$$[\mathbf{z}_\mu^+, \mathbf{z}_\nu^-]_- = \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad (68)$$

240

$$\begin{cases} [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = -i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\mu - i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = -i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\mu \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = -i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\nu \end{cases} \quad (69)$$

241

$$\begin{cases} [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\mu + i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\mu \end{cases} \quad (70)$$

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$$\begin{cases} [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = -\frac{1}{4}(i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\mu + i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu) \\ [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = \frac{1}{4}(i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\mu + i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu) \\ [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^\times, \mathbf{p}_\rho]_- = -\frac{i}{2}\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\mu \end{cases} \quad (71)$$

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$$\begin{cases} [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = \frac{1}{4}(i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\mu + i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\nu) \\ [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = \frac{1}{4}(i\eta_{\nu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\mu + i\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{p}_\nu) \\ [\Xi_{\mu\nu}^\times, \mathbf{x}_\rho]_- = \frac{i}{2}\eta_{\mu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu \end{cases} \quad (72)$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\lambda]_- = i\eta_{\lambda\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\rho + i\eta_{\rho\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\lambda + i\eta_{\lambda\mu} \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\nu + i\eta_{\rho\mu} \mathbf{x}_\lambda \mathbf{p}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\lambda]_- = i\eta_{\lambda\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\rho + i\eta_{\lambda\mu} \mathbf{p}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\lambda]_- = i\eta_{\rho\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\lambda + i\eta_{\rho\mu} \mathbf{p}_\lambda \mathbf{p}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\lambda]_- = -i\eta_{\rho\nu} \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\lambda - i\eta_{\rho\mu} \mathbf{x}_\lambda \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\lambda]_- = -i\eta_{\lambda\nu} \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\rho - i\eta_{\lambda\mu} \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{p}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\lambda]_- = -i\eta_{\rho\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\lambda + i\eta_{\lambda\mu} \mathbf{p}_\rho \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\lambda]_- = -i\eta_{\lambda\nu} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{x}_\rho + i\eta_{\rho\mu} \mathbf{p}_\lambda \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\lambda]_- = i\eta_{\rho\nu} \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{p}_\lambda - i\eta_{\lambda\mu} \mathbf{x}_\rho \mathbf{p}_\nu \end{array} \right. \quad (73)$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^+]_- = \frac{i}{8} [\eta_{\nu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\mu}^+) + \eta_{\nu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\mu}^+) + \eta_{\mu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\rho}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^+) + \eta_{\mu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\lambda}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\nu}^+)] \\ [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^-]_- = -\frac{i}{8} [\eta_{\nu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^- - \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\mu}^-) + \eta_{\nu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^- - \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\mu}^-) + \eta_{\mu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\rho}^- - \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^-) + \eta_{\mu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\lambda}^- - \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\nu}^-)] \\ [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^-]_- = \frac{i}{2} (\eta_{\nu\mu} \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^+ - \eta_{\rho\lambda} \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+) \end{array} \right. \quad (74)$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^-]_- = \frac{i}{8} [\eta_{\nu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\mu}^-) + \eta_{\nu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\mu}^-) + \eta_{\mu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\rho}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^-) + \eta_{\mu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\lambda}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\nu}^-)] \\ [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^+]_- = \frac{i}{4} [\eta_{\lambda\nu} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^-) + \eta_{\lambda\mu} (\mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^-) + \eta_{\rho\nu} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^-) + \eta_{\rho\mu} (\mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\nu}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\lambda\nu}^-)] \\ [\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\lambda}^+]_- = -\frac{i}{4} [\eta_{\nu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\rho}^-) + \eta_{\nu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^+ + \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\lambda}^-) - \eta_{\mu\lambda} (\mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\rho\nu}^-) - \eta_{\mu\rho} (\mathfrak{B}_{\nu\lambda}^+ - \mathfrak{B}_{\nu\lambda}^-)] \end{array} \right. \quad (75)$$

247 It can be deduced easily from the relations (74) and (75) that the set $\{\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^X\}$ is a basis of a Lie
248 algebra which is the dispersion operators algebra for the multidimensional case.

249 As the indices μ, ν, ρ, λ run from 0 to $N - 1$, the dimension D of this dispersion operators algebra
250 which is equal to the numbers of the elements of the basis $\{\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+, \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^-, \mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^X\}$ is

$$251 \quad D = \frac{N(N+1)}{2} + \frac{N(N+1)}{2} + N^2 = N(2N+1) \quad (76)$$

252 In fact, from the relation (64) we can deduce that the number of operators $\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^+$ is equal to $\frac{N(N+1)}{2}$,

253 the number of operators $\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^-$ equal to $\frac{N(N+1)}{2}$ and the number of operators $\mathfrak{B}_{\mu\nu}^X$ equal to N^2 .

254 4.2. Dispersion Operators Algebra

255 We may define the linear canonical transformation as the linear transformation given by the
256 relation

$$257 \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_\mu' = \Pi_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + \Theta_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ \mathbf{x}_\mu' = \Xi_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + \Lambda_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}_\nu \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{p}' \quad \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (77)$$

258 and which leave invariant the canonical commutation relations

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$$260 \quad \begin{cases} [\mathbf{p}_\mu', \mathbf{p}_\nu']_- = 0 \\ [\mathbf{x}_\mu', \mathbf{x}_\nu']_- = 0 \\ [\mathbf{p}_\mu', \mathbf{x}_\nu'] = i\eta_{\mu\nu} \end{cases} \quad (78)$$

261 we obtain the following conditions

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$$\begin{cases} \Pi_\mu^\rho \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Theta_\nu^\lambda - \Theta_\mu^\rho \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Pi_\nu^\lambda = 0 \\ \Xi_\mu^\rho \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Lambda_\nu^\lambda - \Lambda_\mu^\rho \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Xi_\nu^\lambda = 0 \\ \Pi_\mu^\rho \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Lambda_\nu^\lambda - \Xi_\nu^\lambda \eta_{\rho\lambda} \Theta_\mu^\rho = \eta_{\mu\nu} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Pi^t \eta \Theta - \Theta^t \eta \Pi = 0 \\ \Xi^t \eta \Lambda - \Lambda^t \eta \Xi = 0 \\ \Pi^t \eta \Lambda - \Theta^t \eta \Xi = \eta \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \eta \\ -\eta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (79)$$

264 If the signature of η is $(N, 0)$, it is equal to the $N \times N$ identity matrix $\eta = I_N$ (case of Euclidian
265 space), the relation (79) becomes

266
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_N \\ -I_N & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (80)$$

267 according to this relation the $2N \times 2N$ matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}$ is in this case an element of the symplectic
268 group $Sp(2N)$. We may generalize this result for the general case of pseudo-Euclidian space i.e.
269 with η having a signature (N_+, N_-) : in that case, we may call a matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}$ verifying the
270 relation (79) a pseudo-symplectic matrix and their set the pseudo-symplectic group. We may denote
271 this Lie group $Sp(2N_+, 2N_-)$ and its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sp}(2N_+, 2N_-)$. The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}$ can be written
272 in the form

273
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = e^{\mathcal{M}} = e^{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & \mathcal{M}_4 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (81)$$

274 in which $\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & \mathcal{M}_4 \end{pmatrix}$ is an element of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sp}(2N_+, 2N_-)$, we have

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \eta \\ -\eta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{M}_2^t = \eta \mathcal{M}_2 \eta \\ \mathcal{M}_4 = -\eta \mathcal{M}_1^t \eta \\ \mathcal{M}_4 = -\eta \mathcal{M}_1^t \eta \\ \mathcal{M}_3^t = \eta \mathcal{M}_3 \eta \end{cases} \quad (82)$$

276 It can be deduced easily from the relation (82) that the matrix \mathcal{M} and his transpose \mathcal{M}^t are of the
277 form

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$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & -\eta \mathcal{M}_1^t \eta \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1^t & \eta \mathcal{M}_2 \eta \\ \eta \mathcal{M}_3 \eta & -\eta \mathcal{M}_1 \eta \end{pmatrix} \quad (83)$$

279 If we introduce the parametrization

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$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{M}_1 = \eta \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{M}_2 = \eta \mathcal{Y} \\ \mathcal{M}_3 = \eta \mathcal{Z} \end{cases} \quad (84)$$

281 we obtain for \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}^t

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$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \mathcal{X} & \eta \mathcal{Z} \\ \eta \mathcal{Y} & -\eta \mathcal{X}^t \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}^t \eta & \mathcal{Y} \eta \\ \mathcal{Z} \eta & -\mathcal{X} \eta \end{pmatrix} \quad (85)$$

283 Then for an infinitesimal linear canonical transformation, we have

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}' & \mathbf{x}' \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x})(1 + \mathcal{M}) = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \eta \mathcal{X} & \eta \mathcal{Z} \\ \eta \mathcal{Y} & 1 - \eta \mathcal{X}^t \end{pmatrix}$$

285
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} + \eta \mathcal{X} \mathbf{p} + \eta \mathcal{Y} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \eta \mathcal{Z} \mathbf{p} - \eta \mathcal{X}^t \mathbf{x} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \mathbf{p}_\mu + [\eta \mathcal{X}]_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + [\eta \mathcal{Y}]_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \mathbf{x}_\mu + [\eta \mathcal{Z}]_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu - [\eta \mathcal{X}^t]_\nu^\mu \mathbf{x}_\nu \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \mathbf{p}_\mu + \eta_{\mu\rho} \mathcal{X}^{\rho\nu} \mathbf{p}_\nu + \eta_{\mu\rho} \mathcal{Y}^{\rho\nu} \mathbf{x}_\nu \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \mathbf{x}_\mu + \eta_{\mu\rho} \mathcal{Z}^{\rho\nu} \mathbf{p}_\nu - \eta_{\mu\rho} \mathcal{X}^{\nu\rho} \mathbf{x}_\nu \end{cases} \quad (86)$$

287 We may introduce a unitary representation of the linear canonical transformation

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \quad (87)$$

289 and we can verify that \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{U}^\dagger can be given by the relations

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{U} = e^{i(\theta_+^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^+ + \theta_-^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^- + \theta_{\times}^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^{\times})} \\ \mathbf{U}^\dagger = e^{-i(\theta_+^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^+ + \theta_-^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^- + \theta_{\times}^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^{\times})} \end{cases} \quad (88)$$

291 In fact, for an infinitesimal transformation

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{U} = 1 + i(\theta_+^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^+ + \theta_-^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^- + \theta_{\times}^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^{\times}) \\ \mathbf{U}^\dagger = 1 - i(\theta_+^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^+ + \theta_-^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^- + \theta_{\times}^{\epsilon\sigma} \Xi_{\epsilon\sigma}^{\times}) \end{cases} \quad (89)$$

293 So (87) become

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \mathbf{p}_\mu + i\theta_+^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^+, \mathbf{p}_\mu]_- + i\theta_-^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^-, \mathbf{p}_\mu]_- + i\theta_{\times}^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^{\times}, \mathbf{p}_\mu]_- \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \mathbf{x}_\mu + i\theta_+^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^+, \mathbf{x}_\mu]_- + i\theta_-^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^-, \mathbf{x}_\mu]_- + i\theta_{\times}^{\rho\lambda} [\Xi_{\rho\lambda}^{\times}, \mathbf{x}_\mu]_- \end{cases} \quad (90)$$

295 Then, taking into account the relations (71) and (72), we obtain

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \mathbf{p}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\rho\mu} (\theta_+^{\rho\nu} - \theta_-^{\rho\nu}) \mathbf{x}_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\times}^{\nu\rho} \eta_{\rho\mu} \mathbf{p}_\nu \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \mathbf{x}_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\rho\mu} (\theta_+^{\rho\nu} + \theta_-^{\nu\rho}) \mathbf{p}_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\rho\mu} \theta_{\times}^{\rho\nu} \mathbf{x}_\nu \end{cases} \quad (91)$$

297 Indefying the relations (86) and (91) gives

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$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{X}^{\rho\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\times}^{\nu\rho} \\ \mathcal{Y}^{\rho\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_+^{\rho\nu} - \theta_-^{\rho\nu}) \\ \mathcal{Z}^{\rho\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\theta_+^{\rho\nu} + \theta_-^{\rho\nu}) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} = \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\times}^t \\ \mathcal{Y} = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_+ - \theta_-) \\ \mathcal{Z} = -\frac{1}{2} (\theta_+ - \theta_-) \end{cases} \quad (92)$$

299 then the relations in (83) and (85) become

300
$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1 & \mathcal{M}_3 \\ \mathcal{M}_2 & -\eta \mathcal{M}_1^t \eta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \mathcal{X} & \eta \mathcal{Z} \\ \eta \mathcal{Y} & -\eta \mathcal{X}^t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \eta \theta_{\times}^t & -\eta (\theta_+ + \theta_-) \\ \eta (\theta_+ - \theta_-) & -\eta \theta_{\times} \end{pmatrix} \quad (93)$$

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$$\mathcal{M}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1^t & \eta \mathcal{M}_2 \eta \\ \eta \mathcal{M}_3 \eta & -\eta \mathcal{M}_1 \eta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}^t \eta & \mathcal{Y} \eta \\ \mathcal{Z} \eta & -\mathcal{X} \eta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{\times} \eta & (\theta_+ - \theta_-) \eta \\ -(\theta_+ - \theta_-) \eta & -\theta_{\times} \eta \end{pmatrix} \quad (94)$$

302 So briefly, we have for a linear canonical transformation in the case of multidimensional theory

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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}'_\mu = \Pi_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + \Theta_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}_\nu = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger \\ \mathbf{x}'_\mu = \Xi_\mu^\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu + \Lambda_\mu^\nu \mathbf{x}_\nu = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{p}' \quad \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{p} \quad \mathbf{x}) \begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (95)$$

305 with

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi & \Xi \\ \Theta & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} = e^{\mathcal{M}} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \eta \theta_{\times}^t & -\eta (\theta_+ + \theta_-) \\ \eta (\theta_+ - \theta_-) & -\eta \theta_{\times} \end{pmatrix}} \quad (96)$$

307 and

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$$\mathbf{U} = e^{i(\theta_+^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^+ + \theta_-^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^- + \theta_{\times}^{\rho\lambda} \Xi_{\rho\lambda}^{\times})} \quad (97)$$

309 5. Conclusions

310 The results obtained in this paper show that the introduction of the dispersion operators algebra
311 permits to perform a natural and well description of the link which can be established between the

312 phase space representation of quantum mechanics and linear canonical transformation. This link is a
313 consequence of the existence of relationship between dispersion operators and the phase space
314 representation on one hand and dispersion operator algebra and linear canonical transformation on
315 the other hand. The phase space representation is built with the eigenstates $|n, X, P, \theta\rangle$ of dispersion
316 operators; linear canonical transformation can be represented using the dispersion operators algebra.
317 The relations (32), (33) and (53) allow to conclude that a right way to describe and to represent linear
318 canonical transformation over state space in framework of quantum mechanics is to use the basis
319 $\{|n, X, P, \theta\rangle\}$.

320 The calculations performed in the section 4 show that these main results obtained for the case of
321 one dimension quantum mechanics may be generalized in the case of multidimensional theory.

322 The results that we have established in this paper may have many interesting applications in
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