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Generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation and extension of Nambu-Poisson bracket to superspace

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Abstract: We propose a generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$ with three real and two Grassmann coordinates. We construct the even degree vector field in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$ by means of the right-hand sides of proposed generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation and show that this vector field is divergenceless in superspace. Then we show that our generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace leads to family of ternary brackets of even degree functions defined with the help of Berezinian. This family of ternary brackets is parametrized by the infinite dimensional group of invertible second order matrices, whose entries are differentiable functions on the space \mathbb{R}^3 . We study the structure of ternary bracket in a more general case of a superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|2}$ with n real and two Grassmann coordinates and show that for any invertible second order functional matrix it splits into the sum of two ternary brackets, where one is usual Nambu-Poisson bracket, extended in a natural way to even degree functions in a superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|2}$, and the second is a new ternary bracket, which we call Ψ -bracket, where Ψ can be identified with invertible second order functional matrix. We prove that ternary Ψ -bracket as well as the whole ternary bracket (the sum of Ψ -bracket with usual Nambu-Poisson bracket) is totally skew-symmetric, satisfies the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity (Fundamental Identity).

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1. Introduction

In [8] Nambu proposed a generalization of Hamilton equation, which contained a pair of Hamiltonians. Now this generalization is called the Nambu-Hamilton equation. Nambu showed that his generalization of Hamilton equation led in a natural way to ternary bracket of three functions, defined by means of third order determinant, whose entries are the derivatives of functions with respect to coordinates of \mathbb{R}^3 . Now this ternary bracket (or, more generally, n -ary bracket in the case of n -dimensional space) is called a ternary Nambu-Poisson bracket. An important fact of Nambu's approach was that in his generalization of Hamiltonian mechanics, Liouville's theorem (which is an important part of Hamiltonian dynamics) was also valid. We remind the Liouville's theorem [4], which asserts that the flow induced by a Hamiltonian vector field (one-parameter group of diffeomorphisms induced by a vector field) preserves a volume. The Liouville's theorem can be proved by means of a more general statement: if a vector field is divergenceless then it preserves a volume. It is easy to check that the vector field constructed by means of the right-hand sides of generalization of Hamilton equation proposed by Nambu is divergenceless. An excellent introduction to this field of research is given in [9].

Independently of Nambu, Filippov proposed a notion of n -Lie algebra, which is a generalization of the notion of Lie algebra based on n -ary Lie bracket [7]. The basic part of the definition of n -Lie algebra is generalized Jacobi identity, which is now referred to as either Fundamental Identity or Filippov-Jacobi identity. Later it turned out that a generalization of Hamiltonian mechanics proposed

by Nambu and a generalization of Lie algebra proposed by Filippov are closely related. Particularly, it was shown that ternary Nambu bracket (or, more generally, n -ary bracket) satisfies the Filippov-Jacobi identity. The question of quantization of Nambu-Poisson bracket has been considered in a number of papers, but so far this is the outstanding problem. In the paper [5] the authors propose the realization of quantum Nambu-Poisson bracket by means of n th order matrices, where the triple commutator is defined with the help of usual commutator and the trace of a matrix. This approach is extended to super Nambu-Poisson bracket by means of supermatrices, where the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded triple commutator is defined with the help of the supertrace of a supermatrix [1], [2].

A ternary generalization of Poisson bracket proposed by Nambu is defined with the help of the Jacobian of a mapping

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (f(x, y, z), g(x, y, z), h(x, y, z))$$

as follows

$$\{F, H, G\} = \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = \text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x F & \partial_y F & \partial_z F \\ \partial_x H & \partial_y H & \partial_z H \\ \partial_x G & \partial_y G & \partial_z G \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where x, y, z are the coordinates in \mathbb{R}^3 and F, H, G are differentiable functions. Evidently this ternary bracket is totally skew-symmetric. It can be also verified that it satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$\{G H, F^1, F^2\} = G \{H, F^1, F^2\} + H \{G, F^1, F^2\},$$

and the identity

$$\{G, H, \{F^1, F^2, F^3\}\} = \{\{G, H, F^1\}, F^2, F^3\} + \{F^1, \{G, H, F^2\}, F^3\} + \{F^1, F^2, \{G, H, F^3\}\}.$$

This identity is called either fundamental identity or Filippov-Jacobi identity and its n -ary version is the basic component of a concept of n -Lie algebra proposed by Filippov in [7].

In this paper we continue to study an analog of ternary Nambu-Poisson bracket in superspace, which was proposed in [3]. We propose a generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$ with three real and two Grassmann coordinates $\theta, \bar{\theta}$. The right-hand sides of this generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation are constructed by means of Berezinian of two even degree functions H, G , which play a role of pair of Hamiltonians, and two odd degree functions ϕ, ψ , which we consider as parameters of generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace. In analogy with Nambu approach, we show that the even degree vector field, constructed by means of the right-hand sides of generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace, is divergenceless. Then we show that proposed generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace leads in a natural way to a family of ternary brackets defined with the help of Berezinian. This family is parametrized by the group of invertible second order matrices, whose entries are differentiable functions on three dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 . We show that for any invertible second order functional matrix this ternary bracket splits into the sum of the usual ternary Nambu-Poisson bracket (extended in natural way to even degree functions in superspace) and new ternary bracket, which we call ternary Ψ -bracket, where Ψ can be identified either with a pair of odd degree functions or with invertible second order functional matrix. We prove that the ternary Ψ -bracket as well as the whole sum (usual Nambu-Poisson bracket plus ternary Ψ -bracket) is totally skew-symmetric, satisfies the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity. This gives us grounds to consider our family of ternary brackets defined by means of Berezinian as the extension of Nambu-Poisson bracket to superspace.

2. Generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in superspace

Let us consider the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$ with the real coordinates x, y, z and the Grassmann coordinates $\theta, \bar{\theta}$. In what follows we will denote the collection of the even degree coordinates by r , the collection of

the odd degree coordinates by ξ and consider only smooth functions. The algebra of smooth functions on three dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 will be denoted by \mathfrak{C} .

Let us consider a smooth curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3|2}$, where $I \subset \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t), \theta(t), \bar{\theta}(t))$ and

$$\theta(t) = f_{11}(t)\theta + f_{12}(t)\bar{\theta}, \quad \bar{\theta}(t) = f_{21}(t)\theta + f_{22}(t)\bar{\theta}. \quad (2)$$

Let us denote

$$f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(t) & f_{12}(t) \\ f_{21}(t) & f_{22}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad |f(t)| = \text{Det } f(t). \quad (3)$$

Then $\theta(t)\bar{\theta}(t) = |f(t)|\theta\bar{\theta}$. Let H, G be two even degree functions and ϕ, ψ two odd degree functions on the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$. Functions ϕ, ψ can be written in terms of coordinates of superspace as follows

$$\phi(r, \xi) = \phi_1(r)\theta + \phi_2(r)\bar{\theta}, \quad \psi(r, \xi) = \psi_1(r)\theta + \psi_2(r)\bar{\theta}.$$

Let us denote by $\phi'_\theta, \phi'_{\bar{\theta}}, \psi'_\theta, \psi'_{\bar{\theta}}$ the partial derivatives of functions ϕ, ψ with respect to Grassmann coordinates $\theta, \bar{\theta}$. Then the determinant of the second order matrix

$$\Psi(r) = \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(\theta, \bar{\theta})} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_\theta & \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi'_\theta & \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(r) & \phi_2(r) \\ \psi_1(r) & \psi_2(r) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_1(r), \phi_2(r), \psi_1(r), \psi_2(r) \in \mathfrak{C}, \quad (4)$$

will be denoted by Δ . We would like to emphasize that the symbol $\frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(\theta, \bar{\theta})}$ will denote the matrix of partial derivatives of corresponding functions, while the determinant of this matrix will be denoted by vertical lines. Hence

$$\Delta = \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(\theta, \bar{\theta})} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \phi'_\theta & \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi'_\theta & \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{array} \right| = \phi'_\theta \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} - \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \psi'_\theta.$$

and we will assume that the functional matrix (4) is regular at any point r of \mathbb{R}^3 , i.e. $\Delta \neq 0$. It is useful to denote the algebra of second order matrices, whose entries are smooth functions on the three dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 , by $\text{Mat}_2(\mathfrak{C})$. Then the infinite dimensional group of regular matrices will be denoted by $\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathfrak{C})$, i.e.

$$\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathfrak{C}) = \{\Psi(r) \in \text{Mat}_2(\mathfrak{C}) : |\Psi(r)| \neq 0 \text{ at any point } r \in \mathbb{R}^3\}. \quad (5)$$

Thus $\Psi(r) \in \mathfrak{G}_2(\mathfrak{C})$.

Now let us consider the system of equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(z, x, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(x, y, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left(\left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \bar{\theta})} \right| \right), \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left(\left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \theta)} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \theta)} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \theta)} \right| \right), \quad (8)$$

where the right-hand sides of the equations (6) are the Berezinians of the corresponding supermatrices. For instance

$$\text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} = \text{Sdet} \frac{\partial(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} = \text{Sdet} \begin{pmatrix} H'_y & H'_z & | & H'_\theta & H'_\bar{\theta} \\ G'_y & G'_z & | & G'_\theta & G'_\bar{\theta} \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ \phi'_y & \phi'_z & | & \phi'_\theta & \phi'_\bar{\theta} \\ \psi'_y & \psi'_z & | & \psi'_\theta & \psi'_\bar{\theta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

where Sdet stands for the superdeterminant of supermatrix and dotted lines show the structure of the supermatrix, i.e. they split the matrix into even degree and odd degree blocks. The elements of the upper-right block of this supermatrix are the right derivatives of functions H, G with respect to Grassmann variables $\theta, \bar{\theta}$, i.e.

$$H'_\theta = H \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}}, \quad H'_{\bar{\theta}} = H \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}}, \quad G'_\theta = G \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}}, \quad G'_{\bar{\theta}} = G \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}}.$$

Thus according to the definition of superdeterminant [6] we have

$$\text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} = \Delta^{-1} \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} - \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(\theta, \bar{\theta})} \left(\frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(\theta, \bar{\theta})} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, z)} \right| \quad (10)$$

The expression at the right-hand side of the equation (7) contains the determinants of matrices

$$\frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \bar{\theta})} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_z & \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi'_z & \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \bar{\theta})} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_y & \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi'_y & \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta})} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_x & \phi'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi'_x & \psi'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

These matrices have no structure of supermatrices because their first columns consist of the odd degree elements while the second columns consist of the even degree elements. But determinants of these matrices are correctly defined because the elements of the main diagonal, as well as the elements of the secondary diagonal, commute. It is worth to mention that the values of these determinants are the odd degree functions and this is consistent with the left-hand side of (7), which is also the odd degree function. This also holds for the right-hand side of the equation (8).

Let us suppose that two even degree functions H, G do not depend on Grassmann coordinates $\theta, \bar{\theta}$ and two odd degree functions $\phi(r, \zeta), \psi(r, \bar{\zeta})$ do not depend on real coordinates x, y, z of the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$, i.e. we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(r, \zeta) &= \lambda_{11}\theta + \lambda_{12}\bar{\theta}, \\ \psi(r, \bar{\zeta}) &= \lambda_{21}\theta + \lambda_{22}\bar{\theta}, \end{aligned}$$

where λ_{ij} are real numbers. Then the matrix (4) has the form

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. it does not depend on a point $r \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and its determinant Δ is the non-zero real number. In this case the matrices (11) have zero column and their determinants vanish. Hence the right-hand sides of equations (7), (8) becomes zeroes and we get $\theta'_i = \bar{\theta}'_i = 0$. Hence if $\alpha(t)$ is a solution of the system of equations (6) - (8) in the case when odd degree functions $\phi(r, \zeta), \psi(r, \bar{\zeta})$ are constant functions in coordinates x, y, z , then Grassmann coordinates of solution $\alpha(t)$ do not depend on t and this solution can be considered as a parametrized curve $r(t)$ in the three dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 . Moreover, in this case the upper-right block of the supermatrix (9) is zero matrix and it follows immediately from the definition of superdeterminant (10) that the right-hand side of the first equation in (6) turns into ordinary determinant of the matrix $\frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)}$ with irrelevant numerical factor Δ^{-1} . The similar results hold in the case of the right-hand sides of the second and third equations in (6). Thus the equations (6) take on the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \Delta^{-1} \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right|, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \Delta^{-1} \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right|, \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = \Delta^{-1} \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right|, \quad (12)$$

and we see that in this particular case the system of equations (6) - (8) reduces to the Nambu-Hamilton equations in three dimensional space [8]. This gives us grounds to call the system of equations (6) - (8) the generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$.

In order to write the generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation in a more compact form we introduce the functions $\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{S}$, where $\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{M}$ are the functions at the right-hand sides of the equations in (6) (from left to the right respectively), and $\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{S}$ are the right-hand sides of the equations (7), (8) respectively. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{K} &= \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, & \mathfrak{L} &= \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(z, x, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, & \mathfrak{M} &= \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(x, y, \theta, \bar{\theta})}, \\ \mathfrak{X} &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left(\left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \bar{\theta})} \right| \right) \\ \mathfrak{S} &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left(\left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \theta)} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \theta)} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \theta)} \right| \right).\end{aligned}$$

The right-hand sides of the generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation induce the even degree vector field on the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathfrak{K} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathfrak{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathfrak{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} \mathfrak{X} + \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}} \mathfrak{S}. \quad (13)$$

It is worth to remind that the vector field induced by the right-hand sides of Nambu-Hamilton equation is divergenceless [8] and this motivated Y. Nambu to develop his approach, because the divergenceless of corresponding vector field is sufficient and necessary condition for Liouville theorem, which states that the volume of the flow generated by Hamiltonian vector field is constant in time. In analogy with Nambu-Hamilton equation it can be shown by straightforward computations that the vector field of the generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation (13) is also divergenceless in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$. Thus we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathfrak{K}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathfrak{L}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \mathfrak{M}}{\partial z} + \mathfrak{X} \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} + \mathfrak{S} \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}} = 0.$$

3. Extension of Nambu-Poisson ternary bracket to superspace

The Nambu-Hamilton equations in three dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 induce the ternary Nambu-Poisson bracket of smooth functions. This bracket is defined by means of the determinant of the matrix of partial derivatives of functions with respect to coordinates of \mathbb{R}^3 . The Nambu-Poisson bracket is totally skew-symmetric, satisfies the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity (Fundamental Identity) [9]. The aim of this section is to show that the generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equations (6) - (8) introduced in the previous section leads to ternary bracket of even degree functions, this ternary bracket depends on a pair of odd degree functions and can be defined by means of superdeterminant.

Let $F(r, \xi)$ be an even degree function, i.e. $F(r, \xi) = F_0(r) + F_1(r) \theta \bar{\theta}$. This function restricted to a curve $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t), \theta(t), \bar{\theta}(t))$, where

$$\theta(t) = f_{11}(t) \theta + f_{12}(t) \bar{\theta}, \quad \bar{\theta}(t) = f_{21}(t) \theta + f_{22}(t) \bar{\theta},$$

can be written in the form $F(t) = F_0(r(t)) + F_1(r(t)) |f(t)| \theta \bar{\theta}$, where $|f(t)|$ is the determinant of the matrix (3). The derivative of this function can be written in the form

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} + F \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + F \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}} \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dt}. \quad (14)$$

Indeed we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dt} &= \frac{dF_0}{dt} + \frac{dF_1}{dt} |f(t)| \theta \bar{\theta} + F_1 \frac{d}{dt} (|f(t)|) \theta \bar{\theta} \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} - (F_1 \bar{\theta}(t)) \frac{d\theta}{dt} + (F_1 \theta(t)) \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dt} \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} + F \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + F \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}} \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dt}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Next we assert that if $\alpha(t)$ is a solution of generalization of Nambu-Hamilton equation (6) - (8) in superspace then the derivative of any even degree function F can be expressed by means of Berezinian as follows

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \text{Ber} \left(\frac{F, H, G, \phi, \psi}{(x, y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} \right) = \text{Sdet} \begin{pmatrix} F'_x & F'_y & F'_z & | & F'_\theta & F'_\bar{\theta} \\ H'_x & H'_y & H'_z & | & H'_\theta & H'_\bar{\theta} \\ G'_x & G'_y & G'_z & | & G'_\theta & G'_\bar{\theta} \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \\ \phi'_x & \phi'_y & \phi'_z & | & \phi'_\theta & \phi'_\bar{\theta} \\ \psi'_x & \psi'_y & \psi'_z & | & \psi'_\theta & \psi'_\bar{\theta} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (16)$$

This formula suggests that it is natural to introduce a new bracket, which can be considered as an analogue of the Nambu-Poisson ternary bracket [8,9] in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$. We consider even degree functions F, H, G in (16) as arguments and two odd degree functions ϕ, ψ as parameters of this new ternary bracket. Evidently these two functions can be identified with the matrix $\Psi(r)$ (4). We denote this new ternary bracket by bold curly brackets and define it by

$$\{F, H, G\}_\Psi = \text{Ber} \left(\frac{F, H, G, \phi, \psi}{(x, y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} \right), \quad (17)$$

where F, H, G are even degree functions on the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$ and Ψ shows dependence of ternary bracket on matrix $\Psi \in \mathfrak{G}_2(\mathbb{C})$ associated to odd degree functions ϕ, ψ . Thus we have associated to each element Ψ of the infinite dimensional group of invertible matrices $\mathfrak{G}_2(\mathbb{C})$ the ternary bracket (17) of even degree functions on the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$, that is

$$\Psi \in \mathfrak{G}_2(\mathbb{C}) \mapsto \{ , , \}_\Psi.$$

Now our aim is to prove the formula (16). In order to simplify the form of formulae we introduce the following notations

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{x,y}^{H,G} &= \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(x, y)} \right|, & \epsilon_{y,z}^{H,G} &= \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(y, z)} \right|, & \epsilon_{z,x}^{H,G} &= \left| \frac{\partial(H, G)}{\partial(z, x)} \right| \\ \delta_{x,\theta} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \theta)} \right|, & \delta_{y,\theta} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \theta)} \right|, & \delta_{z,\theta} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \theta)} \right|, \\ \delta_{x,\bar{\theta}} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta})} \right|, & \delta_{y,\bar{\theta}} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \bar{\theta})} \right|, & \delta_{z,\bar{\theta}} &= \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \bar{\theta})} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Then the Berezinian of the supermatrix at the left-hand side of (16) can be written in the form of ordinary determinant

$$\Delta^{-1} \begin{vmatrix} F'_x - F'_\theta \frac{\delta_{x,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + F'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{x,\theta}}{\Delta} & F'_y - F'_\theta \frac{\delta_{y,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + F'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{y,\theta}}{\Delta} & F'_z - F'_\theta \frac{\delta_{z,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + F'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{z,\theta}}{\Delta} \\ H'_x - H'_\theta \frac{\delta_{x,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + H'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{x,\theta}}{\Delta} & H'_y - H'_\theta \frac{\delta_{y,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + H'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{y,\theta}}{\Delta} & H'_z - H'_\theta \frac{\delta_{z,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + H'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{z,\theta}}{\Delta} \\ G'_x - G'_\theta \frac{\delta_{x,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + G'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{x,\theta}}{\Delta} & G'_y - G'_\theta \frac{\delta_{y,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + G'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{y,\theta}}{\Delta} & G'_z - G'_\theta \frac{\delta_{z,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + G'_\bar{\theta} \frac{\delta_{z,\theta}}{\Delta} \end{vmatrix}, \quad (18)$$

where $H'_\theta, H'_\theta, G'_\theta, G'_\theta$ are right derivatives. If we expand this determinant along the first row we get

$$F'_x \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(y, z, \theta, \bar{\theta})} + F'_y \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(z, x, \theta, \bar{\theta})} + F'_z \text{Ber} \frac{(H, G, \phi, \psi)}{(x, y, \theta, \bar{\theta})} + F'_\theta \frac{1}{\Delta^2} (\epsilon_{y,z}^{H,G} \delta_{x,\bar{\theta}} + \epsilon_{z,x}^{H,G} \delta_{y,\bar{\theta}} + \epsilon_{x,y}^{H,G} \delta_{z,\bar{\theta}}) + F'_\theta \frac{1}{\Delta^2} (\epsilon_{y,z}^{H,G} \delta_{x,\theta} + \epsilon_{z,x}^{H,G} \delta_{y,\theta} + \epsilon_{x,y}^{H,G} \delta_{z,\theta}). \quad (19)$$

Now making use of the system of equations (6) - (8) and the equation (15), we get the equation (16).

Every column of the determinant (18) is the linear combination of five columns

$$\mathfrak{R}_x = \begin{pmatrix} F'_x \\ H'_x \\ G'_x \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{R}_y = \begin{pmatrix} F'_y \\ H'_y \\ G'_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{R}_z = \begin{pmatrix} F'_z \\ H'_z \\ G'_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{R}_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} F'_\theta \\ H'_\theta \\ G'_\theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} = \begin{pmatrix} F'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ H'_{\bar{\theta}} \\ G'_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (20)$$

with corresponding coefficients. Hence we can write the determinant (18) in the form

$$\Delta^{-1} |\mathfrak{R}_x - \mathfrak{R}_\theta \frac{\delta_{x,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\delta_{x,\theta}}{\Delta} \quad \mathfrak{R}_y - \mathfrak{R}_\theta \frac{\delta_{y,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\delta_{y,\theta}}{\Delta} \quad \mathfrak{R}_z - \mathfrak{R}_\theta \frac{\delta_{z,\bar{\theta}}}{\Delta} + \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\delta_{z,\theta}}{\Delta}|. \quad (21)$$

Now using the properties of ordinary determinant and taking all possible combinations of columns, we can write the determinant (21) as the sum of determinants, where every determinant is determined by a corresponding combination of columns (20). It follows from the property $\theta^2 = \bar{\theta}^2 = 0$ of Grassmann coordinates that determinant of a combination of columns, which includes at least two columns $\mathfrak{R}_\theta, \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}}$, vanishes. Altogether we have seven non-trivial combinations of columns (i.e. the determinant of this combination of columns does not vanish), which give the following expression for the ternary bracket (17)

$$\{F, H, G\}_\Psi = \frac{1}{\Delta} |\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| - \frac{1}{\Delta^2} (|\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_\theta| \delta_{z,\bar{\theta}} + |\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_\theta \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| \delta_{y,\bar{\theta}} + |\mathfrak{R}_\theta \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| \delta_{x,\bar{\theta}} - |\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}}| \delta_{z,\theta} - |\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| \delta_{y,\theta} - |\mathfrak{R}_{\bar{\theta}} \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| \delta_{x,\theta}). \quad (22)$$

The first term at the right-hand side of the above relation is the usual Nambu-Poisson ternary bracket of even degree functions F, H, G

$$\{F, H, G\} = |\mathfrak{R}_x \quad \mathfrak{R}_y \quad \mathfrak{R}_z| = \begin{vmatrix} F'_x & F'_y & F'_z \\ H'_x & H'_y & H'_z \\ G'_x & G'_y & G'_z \end{vmatrix}. \quad (23)$$

In addition to the usual Nambu-Poisson ternary bracket, the expression at the right-hand side of relation (22) also includes terms enclosed in parentheses. These terms depend on the derivatives of odd degree functions ϕ, ψ . This suggests us to introduce one more ternary bracket as follows

$$\{F, H, G\}_\Psi = \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(x, y, \theta)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(x, \theta, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \bar{\theta})} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(\theta, y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta})} \right| - \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(x, y, \bar{\theta})} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(z, \theta)} \right| - \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(x, \bar{\theta}, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(y, \theta)} \right| - \left| \frac{\partial(F, H, G)}{\partial(\bar{\theta}, y, z)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x, \theta)} \right|. \quad (24)$$

It should be noted that the order of cofactors in every product at the right-hand side of (24) is important, because cofactors are odd degree functions.

Now we can express the ternary bracket (17) as the sum of the usual Nambu-Poisson bracket (23) and the ternary bracket (24). Hence

$$\{F, H, G\}_\Psi = \frac{1}{\Delta} \{F, H, G\} - \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \{F, H, G\}_\Psi. \quad (25)$$

The formula (25) gives grounds to consider the ternary bracket (17) introduced by means of superdeterminant as an extension of usual Nambu-Poisson bracket to the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{3|2}$. In the next section we will prove that this extension preserves all the algebraic properties of the Nambu-Poisson bracket such as skew-symmetry, the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity (Fundamental Identity). The ternary bracket (17) denoted by bold-face curly bracket and endowed with the subscript Ψ will be referred to as the ternary total Ψ -bracket and the ternary bracket (24) denoted by usual curly bracket and endowed with the subscript Ψ will be referred to as ternary Ψ -bracket.

4. Infinite dimensional family of Nambu-Poisson superspaces

In this section we consider a more general superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|2}$, whose n real coordinates will be denoted by x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n and Grassmann coordinates as before by $\theta, \bar{\theta}$. The algebra of smooth functions will be denoted by $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$, its subalgebra of even degree functions by $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$ and the subspace of odd degree functions by $C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$. As in the previous section, we fix two odd degree functions $\phi, \psi \in C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$ and define the total Ψ -bracket of n even degree functions F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n by means of the superdeterminant

$$\{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\}_\Psi = \text{Sdet} \begin{pmatrix} F_{x^1}^1 & F_{x^2}^1 & \dots & F_{x^n}^1 & | & F_\theta^1 & F_{\bar{\theta}}^1 \\ F_{x^1}^2 & F_{x^2}^2 & \dots & F_{x^n}^2 & | & F_\theta^2 & F_{\bar{\theta}}^2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & | & \dots & \dots \\ F_{x^1}^n & F_{x^2}^n & \dots & F_{x^n}^n & | & F_\theta^n & F_{\bar{\theta}}^n \\ \hline \phi_{x^1} & \phi_{x^2} & \dots & \phi_{x^n} & | & \phi_\theta & \phi_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi_{x^1} & \psi_{x^2} & \dots & \psi_{x^n} & | & \psi_\theta & \psi_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (26)$$

where we slightly simplified the notions for derivatives

$$F_{x^j}^i = \frac{\partial F^i}{\partial x^j}, \quad F_\theta^i = F^i \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}}, \quad F_{\bar{\theta}}^i = F^i \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}}, \quad \phi_{x^j}^i = \frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial x^j}, \quad \phi_\theta^i = \frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial \theta}, \quad \phi_{\bar{\theta}}^i = \frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial \bar{\theta}}.$$

It can be shown that the n -ary total Ψ -bracket (26) splits into the sum of n -ary Nambu-Poisson bracket and the n -ary Ψ -bracket

$$\{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\}_\Psi = \frac{1}{\Delta} \{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\} - \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\}_\Psi, \quad (27)$$

where

$$\{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\}_\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\left| \frac{\partial(F^1, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n)}{\partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \theta, \dots, x^n)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x^i, \theta)} \right| - \left| \frac{\partial(F^1, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n)}{\partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \bar{\theta}, \dots, x^n)} \right| \left| \frac{\partial(\phi, \psi)}{\partial(x^i, \bar{\theta})} \right| \right). \quad (28)$$

Now we give the following general definition:

Definition 4.1. A superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|m}$ with n real coordinates and m Grassmann coordinates is said to be a Nambu-Poisson superspace if it is endowed with a multilinear mapping

$$\{, \dots, \} : \underbrace{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|m}) \times C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|m}) \times \dots \times C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|m})}_{n \text{ times}} \rightarrow C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|m}), \quad (29)$$

such that

1. it is totally skew-symmetric

$$\{F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n\} = (-1)^{|\sigma|} \{F^{\sigma(1)}, F^{\sigma(2)}, \dots, F^{\sigma(n)}\},$$

where σ is a permutation of n integers and $|\sigma|$ is its parity,

2. it satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$\{HG, F^1, \dots, F^{n-1}\} = H\{G, F^1, \dots, F^{n-1}\} + G\{H, F^1, \dots, F^{n-1}\},$$

3. it satisfies the Filippov-Jacobi identity

$$\begin{aligned} \{F^1, \dots, F^{n-1}, \{G^1, G^2, \dots, G^n\}\} = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \{G^1, \dots, G^{i-1}, \{F^1, \dots, F^{n-1}, G^i\}, G^{i+1}, \dots, G^n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then a linear mapping (29) is referred to as n -ary Nambu-Poisson bracket in superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|m}$. The Nambu-Poisson superspace, whose Nambu-Poisson structure is determined by n -ary Nambu-Poisson bracket (29), will be denoted by $(\mathbb{R}^{n|m}, \{, \dots, \})$.

Obviously the usual Nambu-Poisson bracket (extended to even degree functions in a natural way) defines the Nambu-Poisson structure in superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|m}$. We will call this structure canonical Nambu-Poisson structure in superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|m}$.

Lemma 4.2. For any pair of odd degree functions $\Psi = (\phi, \psi) \in C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2}) \times C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$ such that the functional matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_\theta & \phi_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi_\theta & \psi_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (30)$$

is regular ($\Delta \neq 0$) the n -ary Ψ -bracket (28) is the Nambu-Poisson bracket in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|2}$, i.e. it is totally skew-symmetric, satisfies the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity. Hence there is the family of Nambu-Poisson superspaces $(\mathbb{R}^{n|2}, \{, \dots, \}_\Psi)$ parametrized by infinite dimensional group of regular functional matrices (32).

Proof. Let $F^i = F_0^i + F_1^i \theta \bar{\theta}$. We shall use the symbol η for both θ and $\bar{\theta}$. Our proof is based on the properties of determinant of the type

$$\begin{vmatrix} \partial(F^1, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n) \\ \partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \eta, \dots, x^n) \end{vmatrix}_i \quad (31)$$

The entries of this determinant are even degree functions except for i th column, where we have odd degree functions F_η^i either $F_\theta^i = -F_1^i \bar{\theta}$ or $F_{\bar{\theta}}^i = F_1^i \theta$ (right partial derivatives with respect to Grassmann coordinates). But F_η^i commute with other entries of determinant. Thus a determinant (31) has the properties of usual determinant. Hence if we do a permutation of functions F^1, F^2, \dots, F^n in the n -ary Ψ -bracket (28) then this is equivalent to the permutation of corresponding rows in every determinant (31). Hence a sign of the whole expression at the right-hand side of (28) will change according to the parity of permutation. This implies the total skew-symmetry of n -ary Ψ -bracket.

In order to prove the Leibniz rule we consider the bracket, where the first argument is the product of two even degree functions HG (Definition 4.1, condition 2). Then the first cofactor in every product of the expression at the left hand-side of (31) is the determinant of the type (31), where the entries of the first row are the derivatives of the product HG . For any integer $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ we have

$$(HG)_{x_j} = H_{x_j} G + H G_{x_j} \quad (j \neq i), \quad (HG)_\eta = H G_\eta + H_\eta G.$$

Using the above formula and the properties of usual determinant we get

$$\left| \frac{\partial(HG, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n)}{\partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \eta, \dots, x^n)} \right| = H \left| \frac{\partial(G, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n)}{\partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \eta, \dots, x^n)} \right| + G \left| \frac{\partial(H, F^2, \dots, F^i, \dots, F^n)}{\partial(x^1, x^2, \dots, \eta, \dots, x^n)} \right|,$$

which immediately gives the Leibniz rule for n -ary Ψ -bracket (28).

Similarly we can prove the Filippov-Jacobi identity. Indeed the first cofactor in every product in the sum at the right-hand side of (28) satisfies the Filippov-Jacobi identity because it has the properties of ordinary determinant. \square

Theorem 4.3. For any pair of odd degree functions $\Psi = (\phi, \psi) \in C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2}) \times C_1^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n|2})$ such that the functional matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_\theta & \phi_{\bar{\theta}} \\ \psi_\theta & \psi_{\bar{\theta}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (32)$$

is regular ($\Delta \neq 0$) the n -ary total Ψ -bracket (26) is the Nambu-Poisson bracket in the superspace $\mathbb{R}^{n|2}$, i.e. it is totally skew-symmetric, satisfies the Leibniz rule and the Filippov-Jacobi identity. Hence there is the family of Nambu-Poisson superspaces $(\mathbb{R}^{n|2}, \{ , \dots, \}_\Psi)$ parametrized by infinite dimensional group of regular functional matrices (32).

This theorem can be proved by means of Lemma 4.2.

5. Discussion

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