

Example

① Gaussian integrals

Recall: let A be a $2n \times 2n$ matrix s.t. $A^T = -A$. Let

$$\omega = \sum_{i < j} a_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j \in \Lambda(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$$

Then $\frac{1}{n!} \omega^n =: Pf(A) \theta_1 \dots \theta_n$

Therefore

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|2n}} d\theta e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|2n}} d\theta \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \omega^k$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|2n}} d\theta \frac{1}{n!} \omega^n = Pf(A).$$

Integrals over $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{m|n}} dx d\theta f(x, \theta) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{m|0}} dx \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|n}} d\theta f(x, \theta) \right)$$

Changes of variables are expressed in terms of super determinants.

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② Localization.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2|2}} dx d\theta f(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2|0}} dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|2}} d\theta_2 d\theta_1 f'(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \theta_1, \theta_2$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2|0}} dx f'(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^\infty dr r f'(r^2)$$

$$= \pi \int_0^\infty dx f'(x) = -\pi f(0)$$

(The integral is determined by $f(0)$ provided it converges)

More generally, let $O(2|2)$ be the group of linear transformations of $\mathbb{R}^{(2|2)}$ which preserves $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \theta_1, \theta_2$.

Then:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n|2}} dx d\theta \underbrace{f(x, \theta)}_{\substack{\text{Invariant} \\ \text{wrt } O(2,2) \\ \text{acting on } \mathbb{R}^{2|2} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n|2}}} = -\pi \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-2}} dx f(x, \theta) \Big|_{\substack{x_1=x_2=0 \\ \theta_1=\theta_2=0}}$$

Example (3) Determinant as a Gaussian Berezin integral. (8)

Suppose $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ -M^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{0|2n}} d\theta e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j} = Pf(A) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det M$

$\int \underbrace{d\theta_{2n} d\theta_{2n-1} \dots d\theta_{n+1} d\theta_n \dots d\theta_1}_{d\bar{\psi}_n \dots d\bar{\psi}_1} e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j} = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det M$
 $d\psi_n \dots d\psi_1$

$\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j = (\psi^T \bar{\psi}^T) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ -M^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{\psi}^T M & \psi^T M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix} = -2\bar{\psi}^T M \psi$ #

So $\int d\bar{\psi} d\psi e^{-\langle \bar{\psi}, M \psi \rangle} = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det M$