QUESTIONS #1

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Hi Evan, I tried to evaluate some (seemingly doable) integrals for the d-dimensional problem after our discussion and came up with some questions.

1. When we write the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iP(\xi)-ix\cdot\xi} \, d\xi,$$

how is the measure $d\xi$ defined? When, say, d=2, is $d\xi$ just equal to dxdy in the euclidean basis?

2. Under some change of basis, say

$$\xi \to t^E \eta$$
,

does this measure change as

$$d\xi \to t^{\operatorname{tr} E} d\eta \sim t^{\operatorname{tr} E} dt d\Omega(\eta)$$

as I would expect?

3. I looked at your "Some thoughts/questions in algebraic geometry" and found an example of a nondegenerate homogeneous $P(\xi): \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$P(\xi) = -i\xi_1 + \xi_2^2$$

with respect to the euclidean basis with diag $(1,1/2) \in \text{Exp}(P)$. Assuming $d\xi = d\xi_1 d\xi_2$ in the euclidean basis and letting x = 0, I attempted to evaluate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iP(\xi)} \, d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i(i\xi_1 + \xi_2^2)} \, d\xi_1 d\xi_2.$$

I recognized that we don't need to worry about "integrating out the angular element" since $P(\xi)$ doesn't have any cross terms. So I rewrote this as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\xi_1} d\xi_1 \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi_2^2} d\xi_2}_{(1-i)\sqrt{\pi/2}}.$$

The first integral doesn't converge, even as an improper Riemann integral. Does this mean there must be other restrictions other than $P(\xi)$ being nondegenerate homogeneous for $H^1_P(\xi_1, \xi_2)$ to exist?

4. I guess this is not a question. I tried to evaluate the following integral after the change of variables from $\xi \to t^E \eta$, where η is such that $P(\eta) = 1$:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-iP(\eta)t} t^{\operatorname{tr} E} dt.$$

where I'm leaving out the "angular integration Ω " for now. It turned out that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-it} t^{\operatorname{tr} E} dt = -ie^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}i\pi\operatorname{tr} E\right)} \Gamma(\operatorname{tr} E + 1)$$

so long as $\operatorname{tr} E \neq 0$ and $-1 < \operatorname{tr} E$. This all assumes that x = 0 in

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iP(\xi)-ix\cdot\xi} \,d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-it-ix\cdot t^E\eta} t^{\operatorname{tr} E} \,dt d\Omega(\eta).$$

I'm running some test cases with $x \neq 0$, assuming $x \cdot t^E \eta$ to be just some linear combination of the powers of t. Most of them seem to converge. But of course I'll have to worry about integrating over all η as well.