

## ON 1D FRACTIONAL SUPERSYMMETRIC THEORY

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### Abstract

Following our previous work on fractional supersymmetry (FSUSY) [1,2], we focus here our contribute to the study of the superspace formulation in 1D that is invariant under FSUSY where  $F = 3$  and defined by  $Q^3 = H$ , we extend our formulation in the end of our paper to arbitrary  $F$  with  $F > 3$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Motivating by the results founded in [1,2], the aim of this paper is to develop a superspace formulation in 1D QFT that is invariant under fractional supersymmetry (FSS). In such construction, the Hamiltonian  $H$  is expressed as the  $F^{th}$  power of a conserved fractional supercharge:  $Q^F = H$ , with  $[H, Q] = 0$  and  $F \geq 3$ . Here, we shall reformulate these results in fractional superspace, using generalized Grassmann variable of order  $F$  satisfying  $\theta^F = 0$ . Additionally, we construct the Noether fractional supercharges in the case where  $F = 3$ .

The presentation of this paper is as follow: In section 2, we present the Fractional Superspace and Fractional Supersymmetry  $F = 3$ . In section 3, we will give the Fractional supercharges and Euler-Lagrange equations for  $F = 3$ . In section 4, we will generalise the FSUSY in arbitrary order and finally, we give a conclusion.

### 2. Fractional Superspace and Fractional Supersymmetry $F = 3$

The FSUSY of order 3 are generated by the Hamiltonian  $H$  generator of the time translation, and  $Q$  the generator of FSUSY transformations. they satisfies:

$$[Q, H] = 0 \quad ; \quad Q^3 = H \quad (1)$$

In fields quantum theory, this symmetry can be realized on generalized superspace  $(t, \theta)$ , where  $t$  is the time, and

$\theta$  is a real generalized Grassmann variable. The latter variable and his derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = \partial$  satisfies:

$$\theta^3 = 0 \quad ; \quad \partial^3 = 0$$

$$\partial_\theta \theta - q \theta \partial_\theta = I \quad (2)$$

$$\int d\theta \equiv \partial_\theta^2$$

The introduction of the  $\varepsilon$  (parameter of the transformation associated to  $Q$ ) et  $f$  (parameter of the transformation associated to  $H$ ) in the case where  $F = 3$  give the following transformations [3]:

$$t' = t - f - q(\varepsilon^2 \theta + \varepsilon \theta^2) \quad (3)$$

$$\theta' = \theta + \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  verify:

$$\varepsilon^3 = 0$$

$$\theta \varepsilon = q \varepsilon \theta \quad (4)$$

where  $q = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}}$ . The q-commutation relation between the two variables  $\varepsilon$  and  $\theta$  ensures that:

- if  $\varepsilon^3 = \theta^3 = 0$  then  $(\theta + \varepsilon)^3 = 0$  ;
- the reality of the time is not affected by the FSUSY transformation;
- the FSUSY transformations q-commute with covariant derivative;
- the FSUSY transformations satisfied the Leibnitz rules.

We now can introduce the scalar superfield  $\Phi$  of order 3:

$$\Phi(t, \theta) = \varphi_0 + q^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \varphi_1 + q^2 \theta^2 \varphi_2 \quad (5)$$

where  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1$  et  $\varphi_2$  are the extension of the bosonic and the fermionic field. These fields verifies:

$$\theta \varphi_0(t) = \varphi_0(t) \theta$$

$$\theta \varphi_1(t) = q^2 \varphi_1(t) \theta \quad (6)$$

$$\theta \varphi_2(t) = q \varphi_2(t) \theta$$

We now can see that  $\Phi = \Phi^*$ . Using relations (3), we get easily the FSUSY transformations upon the fields:

$$\delta \varphi_0 = q^{1/2} \varepsilon \varphi_1$$

$$\delta \varphi_1 = -q^{-1/2} \varepsilon \varphi_2 \quad (7)$$

$$\delta \varphi_2 = -\varepsilon \partial_{-1} \varphi_0$$

Then, let us consider the two basic objects  $Q$  and  $D$ , which represent respectively the FSUSY generator and the covariant derivative [1]

$$Q = -q \theta^2 \partial_{-1} - q \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \theta + \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$

$$D = -(\theta)^2 \partial_{-1} - q^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \theta + \theta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \quad (8)$$

Using the equations (2) and (4), we can prove that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^3 &= Q^3 = \partial_z \\
 QD &= q^2 DQ \\
 \delta_\varepsilon D\Phi &= D\delta_\varepsilon \Phi
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where

$$\delta_\varepsilon \Phi = \varepsilon Q\Phi \tag{10}$$

The invariant action under the FSUSY transformations in equations (7) is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \frac{q}{2} \int dt d^2\theta \partial_{-1} \Phi D\Phi = \int dt L \\
 &= \frac{q}{2} \int dt d^2\theta \theta^2 [-\dot{\varphi}_0^2 + q\dot{\varphi}_1\varphi_2 - q^2\dot{\varphi}_2\varphi_1] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int dt [\dot{\varphi}_0^2 - q\dot{\varphi}_1\varphi_2 + q^2\dot{\varphi}_2\varphi_1]
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

### 3. Fractional supercharges and Euler-Lagrange equations

Following [3] and [6], we can introduce the generalized momenta conjugate to  $\varphi_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi_0 &\equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_0} = \dot{\varphi}_0 \\
 \pi_1 &\equiv 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_1} = -q\varphi_2 \\
 \pi_2 &\equiv 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_2} = q^2\varphi_1
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

If we consider  $\dot{\Phi}$  and  $D\Phi$  as independent variables, we can prove that the generalized momenta conjugate are the components of the fractional superspace momentum conjugate to  $\Phi(t, \theta)$

$$\Pi(t, \theta) \equiv \frac{2}{q} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\Phi}} = D\Phi \tag{13}$$

which is decomposed as

$$\Pi(t, \theta) = -\theta^2 \dot{\varphi}_0 + q^2 q^{\frac{1}{2}} \varphi_1 - q\theta\varphi_2 = \sum_{i=0}^2 q^{\frac{i^2-1}{2}} \theta^i \pi_{(2-i)} \tag{14}$$

Note that  $\Pi^* = \Pi$ . If wish to add

$$\int d\theta [\Pi, \Phi] = 0$$

$$\int d\theta [\Pi, \dot{\Phi}] = 0 \tag{15}$$

$$[\dot{\Phi}, \Phi] = 0 \tag{16}$$

we must require

$$\varphi_i \dot{\varphi}_j = \dot{\varphi}_j \varphi_i \quad \text{if} \quad j \neq 3-i \quad (17)$$

$$\varphi_1 \varphi_2 = q \varphi_2 \varphi_1 \quad (18)$$

Focus on the internal-space part of the Lagrangian  $L = -\frac{q}{2} \dot{\varphi}_1 \varphi_2 + \frac{q^2}{2} \dot{\varphi}_2 \varphi_1$ . The Lagrangian variation

$$\begin{aligned} \delta L &= -\frac{q}{2} [\delta \dot{\varphi}_1 \cdot \varphi_2 + \dot{\varphi}_1 \cdot \delta \varphi_2] + \frac{q^2}{2} [\delta \dot{\varphi}_2 \cdot \varphi_1 + \dot{\varphi}_2 \cdot \delta \varphi_1] \\ &= -\frac{q}{2} [\delta \dot{\varphi}_1 \cdot \varphi_2 + q \delta \varphi_2 \cdot \dot{\varphi}_1] + \frac{q^2}{2} [\delta \dot{\varphi}_2 \cdot \varphi_1 + q^2 \delta \varphi_1 \cdot \dot{\varphi}_2] \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and knowing that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_1} &= \frac{q}{2} \dot{\varphi}_2 \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_2} = -\frac{q^2}{2} \dot{\varphi}_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_1} &= -\frac{q}{2} \varphi_2 \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_2} = \frac{q^2}{2} \varphi_1 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Then, the Lagrangian variation will be:

$$\delta L = (\delta \varphi_1 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_1} + \delta \dot{\varphi}_1 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_1}) + (\delta \varphi_2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_2} + \delta \dot{\varphi}_2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_2}) \quad (21)$$

From this equation, it is easy to show that the generalized Euler-Lagrange equations which follow from a least-action principle are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_1} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_1} \right) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_2} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_2} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Therefore, the quantity

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^2 \delta \varphi_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_i} - X \quad ; \quad \frac{dC}{dt} = 0 \quad (23)$$

is a constant of motion when the lagrangian varies under a transformation  $\delta \varphi_i$  by the total derivative  $\delta L = dX/dt$

where  $X = \frac{1}{2} q^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\varphi}_0 \varphi_1$ . The particular case of the Hamiltonian when  $\delta \varphi_i = \dot{\varphi}_i$  is:

$$H = \sum_{i=0}^2 \dot{\varphi}_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}_i} - L = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\varphi}_0^2 \quad (24)$$

For  $\delta \varphi_i$  given by (7) and corresponding  $X$ , we find the following fractional supercharge associated with the symmetry transformations:

$$Q = \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} (\varphi_1 \dot{\varphi}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \varphi_2^2) \quad (25)$$

Note, like in [6], that  $(\varepsilon Q)^* = \varepsilon Q$ , i.e.,  $Q^* = qQ$ , using (17), we can prove that  $q^{-\frac{1}{2}}Q$  is a real charge.

#### 4. FSUSY of arbitrary order

In this section, we will give a generalisation of the FSUSY of order  $F$  where  $F \geq 3$ . For this, we introduce the expression of the superfield  $\Phi(t, \theta)$  of order  $F$ .

$$\Phi(t, \theta) = \sum_{i=0}^{F-1} q^{\frac{i^2}{2}} \theta^i \varphi_i \quad (26)$$

where  $\theta$  is a real generalized Grassmann variable satisfied  $\theta^F = 0$  and  $q$  is the  $F$ -th root of unity ( $q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{F}}$ ). The superfield components verifies the following commutation relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \varphi_i &= q^{-i} \varphi_i \theta \\ \varphi_i \varphi_{F-i} &= q^i \varphi_{F-i} \varphi_i \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

the first relation in (27) implies that  $\Phi^* = \Phi$ . while the second relationship is used to introduce the following commutation relation:

$$\varphi_i \dot{\varphi}_{F-i} = q^i \dot{\varphi}_{F-1} \varphi_i \quad (28)$$

for  $F = 2$ , the equations (27) and (28) reduces to the usual results of supersymmetry  $\theta \varphi_1 = -\varphi_1 \theta$ ,  $\varphi_1^2 = 0$  and  $\varphi_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 = -\dot{\varphi}_1 \varphi_1$  while  $\varphi_0 \dot{\varphi}_0 = \dot{\varphi}_0 \varphi_0$ .

Les FSUSY transformations of order  $F$  are generated by the generator of the FSUSY  $Q$  whose expression is:

$$Q = A[-q\theta^{F-1}\partial_t - q\sum_{i=0}^{F-3} \theta^i (\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta})^{F-1} \theta^{F-2-i} + \theta^{F-2} (\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta})^{F-1}] \quad (29)$$

where  $A = (-q)^{\frac{F-2}{F}} (\{F-1\}!)^{\frac{F-1}{F}}$ . This implies that:

$$Q^F = \partial_t \quad (30)$$

Acting on  $\Phi(t, \theta)$ , we have

$$\delta \Phi(t, \theta) = \varepsilon Q \Phi(t, \theta) \quad (31)$$

which gives on components:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \varphi_i &= -Aq(q^{F-1})^i q^{\frac{(i+1)^2}{2} - \frac{i^2}{2}} \{F-1\}! \varepsilon \varphi_{i+1} \\ \delta \varphi_{F-2} &= A(q^{F-1})^{F-2} q^{\frac{(F-1)^2}{2} - \frac{(F-2)^2}{2}} \{F-1\}! \varepsilon \varphi_{F-1} \\ \delta \varphi_{F-1} &= -Aqq^{\frac{(F-1)^2}{2}} (q^{F-1})^{F-1} \varepsilon \dot{\varphi}_0 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

while  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, F-3\}$ ,  $\{F-1\} = \frac{1-q^{F-1}}{1-q}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is real infinitesimal parameter verify:

$$\theta \mathcal{E} = q \varepsilon \theta; \varphi_i \mathcal{E} = q^i \varepsilon \varphi_i \quad (33)$$

To build invariant action under FSUSY transformations need the introduction of the fractional covariant derivative commuting with  $\varepsilon Q$ .

$$D = B[-\theta^{F-1} \partial_t - \sum_{i=0}^{F-3} q^{F-1-i} \theta^i (\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta})^{F-1} \theta^{F-2-i} + \theta^{F-2} (\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta})^{F-1}] \quad (34)$$

where  $B = [(-1)^{\frac{F-1}{F}} (q^{F-2} q^{F-3} \dots q^2)^{\frac{1}{F}} (\{F-1\}!)^{\frac{F-1}{F}}]$ .  $Q$  et  $D$  satisfies the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} DQ &= qQD & ; & & D^F &= \partial_t \\ \varepsilon Q &= qQ\varepsilon & ; & & \varepsilon D &= q\varepsilon D \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

After defining the two generators of FSUSY, we can now give the expression of the action  $S$  invariant under the FSUSY transformations (32)

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -\frac{1}{2B\{F-1\}!} \int dt d^{F-1} \theta D\Phi \dot{\Phi} \\ S &= \frac{1}{2\{F-1\}!} \int dt d^{F-1} \theta \theta^{F-1} \{ \dot{\phi}_0^2 + \{F-1\}! \sum_{i=1}^{F-2} q^{\frac{i^2}{2}} q^{F-i} q^{\frac{(F-i)^2}{2}} q^{i(F-i)} \varphi_i \dot{\phi}_{F-i} \\ &\quad - \{F-1\}! q^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{F-1} q^{\frac{(F-1)^2}{2}} \varphi_{F-1} \dot{\phi}_1 \} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{1}{2} \int dt \{ \dot{\phi}_0^2 + \{F-1\}! \sum_{i=1}^{F-2} q^{\frac{i^2}{2}} q^{F-i} q^{\frac{(F-i)^2}{2}} q^{i(F-i)} \varphi_i \dot{\phi}_{F-i} \\ &\quad - \{F-1\}! q^{\frac{1}{2}} q^{F-1} q^{\frac{(F-1)^2}{2}} \varphi_{F-1} \dot{\phi}_1 \} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

### Conclusion

In this paper, we have extended the results founded in [1] and [2] of fractional symmetry (FSUSY) from  $2D$  to  $1D$ , and following [3] and [6], we are giving the fractional supercharge in  $F = 3$ . In the last section, we gave the generalized formulation of the generator of the FSUSY  $Q$  and fractional covariant derivative  $D$ .

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