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# Deformed conformal and super-Poincaré symmetries in the non- (anti-) commutative spaces

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**Abstract.** Generators of the super-Poincaré algebra in the non- (anti-) commutative superspace are represented using appropriate higher derivative operators defined in this quantum superspace. Also discussed are the analogous representations of the conformal and superconformal symmetry generators in the deformed spaces. This construction is obtained by generalizing the recent work of Wess et al. on the Poincaré generators in the  $\theta$ -deformed Minkowski space, or by using the substitution rules we derived on the basis of the phase-space structures of non- (anti-) commutative-space variables. Even with the non-zero deformation parameters the algebras remain unchanged although the comultiplication rules are deformed. The transformation of the fields under deformed symmetry is also discussed. Our construction can be used for systematic development of field theories in the deformed spaces.

## 1 Introduction

In present-day physics, non-commutativity of coordinates [1, 2] is no longer taken as something unusual. It occurs for instance when one studies the charged particle dynamics in a strong magnetic field with lowest Landau-level projection [3]. It also arises in string theory with a non-zero B-field and in a certain limit the theory reduces to a gauge theory on a non-commutative space [4]. Many interesting features of non-commutative field theories, e.g., UV/IR mixing, soliton solutions, etc. have been discussed extensively in the recent literature (for a review and a list of references, see [5, 6]). In these developments it has become typical to promote the ordinary field-theory Lagrangian to the Lagrangian in the non-commutative spacetime by using the Moyal–Weyl  $\star$  product [7–9].

The non-commutativity of the space-time coordinates is often taken as the signature for violation of Lorentz invariance. But, recently, it has been shown by using the (twisted) Hopf algebra [10, 11] that the corresponding field theories possess *deformed* Lorentz invariance. This suggests above all to use the representation theory of the deformed Poincaré algebra as a basis for systematic field-theoretic discussions of these theories. In the related developments, Wess and his collaborators [12–16] have de-

veloped the differential calculus which is more suitable for the field-theory applications. Based on the latter approach, an explicit differential realization of the deformed space-time generators can be found, a novelty here being the appearance of the higher derivative terms. An application of these ideas for investigating deformed Schrödinger symmetry has also been made in [17]. In this work we show that the approach of Wess et al. can be generalized to the case of the non- (anti-) commutative superspace, and we find explicit derivative realizations for the generators of the deformed super-Poincaré symmetries. Conformal and superconformal symmetries are also discussed along the same lines. A simple change-of-variable-type formula, which relates these space-time generators of the deformed space to the corresponding (more familiar) expressions of the undeformed space, is given. These results are then used to derive the appropriate field transformation laws in the deformed space and to discuss the corresponding symmetries.

The plan of this paper is as follows. In the next section we will first review the formalism of [12–16] and apply it to the conformal generators in the  $\theta$ -deformed Minkowski space. As a result of the deformation, these generators contain higher derivative operators, and we provide a simple understanding of these by considering the phase-space roles of the non-commutative-space position and momentum variables. The comultiplication rules are also worked out using these higher derivative realizations, and the results are consistent with those obtained through Hopf-algebraic considerations. Then, in Sect. 3, we consider the

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superspace with non- (anti-) commutative Grassmannian coordinates [18–21] and develop the necessary differential calculus in this deformed superspace. With this machinery we explicitly construct the deformed generators of the super-Poincaré group and also the superconformal generators in the form of higher derivative operators in the deformed superspace. The very expressions also follow as we consider the appropriate change of variables with the familiar linear differential operator forms relevant to the undeformed superspace case. The generators thus constructed satisfy the same algebras as in the undeformed case but give rise to certain modifications in the multiplication rules. In Sect. 4 we discuss the transformation properties of the fields under the conformal and super-Poincaré group. The field transformation laws, obtained using the appropriate higher derivative representations of the previous sections, give a manifestly invariant meaning to the equations of motion in the deformed space; for this, however, the transformation laws for the (local) composite fields must be introduced in accordance with the multiplication rules. In Sect. 5 are our concluding remarks.

## 2 Deformed Minkowski-space calculus and conformal algebra

Consider the  $\Theta$ -deformed Minkowski space with non-commutative space-time coordinates  $\hat{x}^\mu$  which satisfy the commutation relations

$$[\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = i\Theta^{\mu\nu}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\Theta \equiv (\Theta^{\mu\nu})$  is a real, antisymmetric, constant matrix. In this space a general function  $\hat{f}(\hat{x})$  may be expressed using the Weyl-ordered monomials as basis elements, i.e., by the form

$$\hat{f}(\hat{x}) = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)} : \hat{x}^\mu : + f^{(2)} : \hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu : + \dots, \quad (2)$$

where, according to the Weyl-ordering rule,

$$: \hat{x}^\mu := \hat{x}^\mu, \quad : \hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu := \frac{1}{2}(\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + \hat{x}^\nu \hat{x}^\mu), \quad (3)$$

etc. We can also introduce, in a way consistent with the relations (1), the operation of derivation  $\hat{\partial}_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}^\mu}$ , satisfying following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & [\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = \delta_\mu^\nu, \quad [\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{\partial}_\nu] = 0, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \hat{\partial}_\mu(\hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}(\hat{x})) = (\hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{f}(\hat{x})) \hat{g}(\hat{x}) + \hat{f}(\hat{x}) \hat{\partial}_\mu(\hat{g}(\hat{x})) \\ & \text{(Leibniz rule)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

This allows us to consider further a general higher order differential operator  $\hat{X}$  which acts on a function  $\hat{f}(\hat{x})$  according to

$$\hat{X} \hat{f}(\hat{x}) = \sum_r \hat{\xi}_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(\hat{x}) \hat{\partial}_{\mu_1} \dots \hat{\partial}_{\mu_r} \hat{f}(\hat{x}), \quad (5)$$

with appropriate coefficients  $\hat{\xi}_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(\hat{x})$ .

What we have above is the algebra  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}}$ , the quotient space of the algebra freely generated by the elements  $\hat{x}^\mu$  divided by the ideal generated by (1). As is well known, this algebra  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}}$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_x$  of commuting variables with the  $\star$  product as multiplication. Explicitly, given two functions  $\hat{f}(\hat{x})$  and  $\hat{g}(\hat{x})$ , the isomorphism is implemented by

$$\hat{f}(\hat{x}) \leftrightarrow f(x) = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)} x^\mu + f^{(2)} x^\mu x^\nu + \dots \quad (6)$$

(similarly for  $\hat{g}(\hat{x})$ ), and

$$: \hat{f}(\hat{x}) \hat{g}(\hat{x}) : \leftrightarrow f(x) \star g(x) \equiv f(x) e^{\frac{i}{2} \Theta^{\mu\nu} \overleftarrow{\partial}_{x^\mu} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{x^\nu}} g(x). \quad (7)$$

In [12–16] the above isomorphism has been extended to general higher order differential operators: there exists an invertible map from the differential operator  $\hat{X}$  defined in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}}$  to a differential operator  $\Xi_X$  in  $\mathcal{A}_x$  preserving the algebraic structure. But note that the map can change the order of the differential operators; for this reason, the strict restriction to linear differential operators (as in the usual Killing symmetry considerations) becomes superfluous. Explicitly, for  $\hat{X} \hat{f}$  specified as in (5), the map reads

$$\hat{X} \hat{f} \rightarrow X^\star \star f(x) \equiv \Xi_X f(x), \quad (8)$$

with

$$X^\star = \sum_r \xi_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(x) \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_r}, \quad (9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_X = \sum_{n,r} \left( \frac{i}{2} \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \Theta^{\mu_1 \nu_1} \dots \Theta^{\mu_n \nu_n} \xi_r^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_r}(x) \\ \times \left( \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_1} \dots \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_n} \right) \left( \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\nu_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\nu_n} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_r} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

assuming that  $\xi_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(x) \leftrightarrow \hat{\xi}_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(\hat{x})$  in the sense of (6). The inverse map has also been found: if one has in the commutative space a general differential operator of the form

$$\Xi = \sum_r \tilde{\xi}_r^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(x) \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_r}, \quad (11)$$

the  $\star$  differential operator  $X_\Xi^\star$  with the property

$$X_\Xi^\star \star f(x) = \Xi f(x) \quad (12)$$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_\Xi^\star = \sum_{n,r} \left( -\frac{i}{2} \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \Theta^{\mu_1 \nu_1} \dots \Theta^{\mu_n \nu_n} \tilde{\xi}_r^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_r}(x) \\ \times \left( \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_1} \dots \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu_n} \right) \left( \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\nu_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\nu_n} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_r} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From  $X_\Xi^*$  follows  $\hat{X}_\Xi$  immediately (i.e., write (13) in the form (9) and then use above the correspondence to change it into the corresponding non-commutative-space differential operator  $\hat{X}$ ). Note that if  $\Xi$  is a linear differential operator but with coefficients which are  $l$ th-degree polynomials in  $x$ , we will end up with the operator  $\hat{X}_\Xi$  which is an  $(l+1)$ th-order differential operator.

The inverse map given above can be used to construct the differential operator representations (or space-time representations) for the symmetry algebra in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}}$ . Take the case of conformal generators, encompassing those for the translations ( $P$ ), Lorentz transformations ( $M$ ), the dilatation ( $D$ ) and special conformal transformations ( $K$ ). In the commutative space (i.e. with  $\Theta = 0$ ), they are represented by the linear differential operators

$$\begin{aligned} P_\mu &= -i\partial_\mu, & M_{\mu\nu} &= -i(x_\mu\partial_\nu - x_\nu\partial_\mu), \\ D &= ix^\mu\partial_\mu, & K_\mu &= -i(2x_\mu x^\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu x^2)\partial_\nu. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Identifying  $\Xi$  with any of these operators, we can now apply the inverse map to obtain the related generators in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}}$ , viz.,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_\mu &= -i\hat{\partial}_\mu, & \hat{D} &= i\hat{x}^\mu\hat{\partial}_\mu, \\ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} &= -i(\hat{x}_\mu\hat{\partial}_\nu - \hat{x}_\nu\hat{\partial}_\mu) - \frac{1}{2}(\Theta^{\rho\lambda}\eta_{\rho\mu}\hat{\partial}_\nu\hat{\partial}_\lambda - \Theta^{\rho\lambda}\eta_{\rho\nu}\hat{\partial}_\mu\hat{\partial}_\lambda), \\ \hat{K}_\mu &= -2i\hat{x}_\mu\hat{x}^\nu\hat{\partial}_\nu + i\hat{x}^2\hat{\partial}_\mu - \Theta^{\rho\lambda}\eta_{\rho\mu}\hat{\partial}_\lambda - \Theta^{\rho\lambda}\eta_{\rho\mu}\hat{x}^\nu\hat{\partial}_\nu\hat{\partial}_\lambda \\ &\quad + \Theta^{\rho\lambda}\hat{x}_\rho\hat{\partial}_\lambda\hat{\partial}_\mu - \frac{i}{4}\eta_{\rho\lambda}\Theta^{\rho\sigma}\Theta^{\lambda\tau}\hat{\partial}_\sigma\hat{\partial}_\tau\hat{\partial}_\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Notice that  $\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}$  contains double derivatives and  $\hat{K}_\mu$  terms up to triple derivatives; these follow since the corresponding undeformed forms in (14) involve coefficients which are linear and quadratic in  $x$ , respectively. These deformed generators satisfy the usual commutation relations of the conformal algebra (which we verified explicitly):

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{\partial}_\nu] &= 0, & [\hat{\delta}_\omega, \hat{\partial}_\nu] &= \omega_\nu^\lambda \hat{\partial}_\lambda, \\ [\hat{\delta}_\omega, \hat{\delta}'_\omega] &= \hat{\delta}_\omega \times \omega' & (\text{with } \omega \times \omega' &\equiv -(\omega_\mu^\sigma \omega_\sigma'^\nu - \omega_\nu^\sigma \omega_\sigma'^\mu)), \\ [\hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\partial}_\nu] &= \hat{\partial}_\nu, & [\hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\delta}_c] &= -\hat{\delta}_c, \\ [\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{\delta}_c] &= -2c_\mu \hat{\delta}_d + 2ic^\nu \hat{M}_{\nu\mu}, \\ [\hat{\delta}_\omega, \hat{\delta}_c] &= ic^\nu \omega_\nu^\lambda \hat{K}_\lambda, \\ [\hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\delta}_\omega] &= [\hat{\delta}_c, \hat{\delta}'_c] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $\hat{\delta}_d$ ,  $\hat{\delta}_\omega$  and  $\hat{\delta}_c$  denote the infinitesimal generators defined as ( $\omega_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $c_\lambda$  are real constants):

$$\hat{\delta}_d = i\hat{D}, \quad \hat{\delta}_\omega = -\frac{i}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}\hat{M}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \hat{\delta}_c = ic_\lambda\hat{K}^\lambda. \quad (17)$$

We remark that if, instead of the operators given in (15), the related higher derivative  $\star$  differential operators ( $\partial_\mu^*$ ,  $\delta_d^*$ ,  $\delta_\omega^*$ ,  $\delta_c^*$ ) are considered, they also satisfy the unmodified conformal algebra relations (i.e., in the form (16)) with the bracket now provided by the so-called  $\star$ -commutator.

There is an alternative way to understand the higher derivative structure that we have found for the generators in the deformed space. In the abstract phase space having  $(x^\mu, p_\mu)$  as canonical coordinates, it is possible to introduce *non-canonical* coordinates  $(\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{p}_\mu)$  which are related to  $(x^\mu, p_\mu)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}^\mu &= x^\mu - \frac{1}{2}\Theta^{\mu\sigma}p_\sigma, \\ \hat{p}_\mu &= p_\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Then the Poisson brackets between the  $x$  and  $p$  will be non-standard ones – we rather find, after quantization, the ones consistent with the non-commutative-space commutation relations (1), together with  $[\hat{p}_\mu, \hat{p}_\nu] = 0$  and  $[\hat{p}_\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = -i\delta_\mu^\nu$ . The inverse transformation of (18) reads

$$\begin{aligned} x^\mu &= \hat{x}^\mu + \frac{1}{2}\Theta^{\mu\sigma}\hat{p}_\sigma, \\ p_\mu &= \hat{p}_\mu = -i\hat{\partial}_\mu, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where we have made the replacements  $\hat{p}_\mu \rightarrow -i\hat{\partial}_\mu$ . If we use the transformation (19) in (14), we then obtain, quite remarkably, the deformed generators shown in (15); higher derivative terms show up here because our transformation (19) mixes coordinates with momenta. This also explains why our deformed generators satisfy the unmodified commutation relations of the conformal algebra.

To make connection with the Hopf-algebra-based approach [10,11], we now derive the comultiplication rules implied by the above differential representation. They follow upon applying the operators in (15) on the product of two functions,  $\hat{f}\hat{g}$ . Here, for the coproduct of translation generators  $\Delta(\hat{P}_\mu)$ , the Leibniz rule holds (since  $\hat{P}_\mu$  equals  $-i\hat{\partial}_\mu$ ):

$$\Delta(\hat{P}_\mu) = \hat{P}_\mu \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{P}_\mu. \quad (20)$$

On the other hand, using the above expressions for  $\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\hat{D}$ , which involve higher derivative operators, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_{\mu\nu}(\hat{f}\hat{g}) &= (\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}\hat{f})\hat{g} + \hat{f}(\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}\hat{g}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\Theta_\mu^\sigma\hat{\partial}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma\hat{\partial}_\mu)\hat{f}\hat{\partial}_\sigma\hat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\partial}_\sigma\hat{f}(\Theta_\mu^\sigma\hat{\partial}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma\hat{\partial}_\mu)\hat{g}, \\ \hat{D}(\hat{f}\hat{g}) &= (\hat{D}\hat{f})\hat{g} + \hat{f}(\hat{D}\hat{g}) + \Theta^{\mu\nu}\hat{\partial}_\nu\hat{f}\hat{\partial}_\mu\hat{g}, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

and these in turn lead to the following comultiplication rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}) &= \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\Theta_\mu^\sigma\hat{P}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma\hat{P}_\mu) \otimes \hat{P}_\sigma \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\hat{P}_\sigma \otimes (\Theta_\mu^\sigma\hat{P}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma\hat{P}_\mu), \\ \Delta(\hat{D}) &= \hat{D} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{D} + \Theta^{\mu\nu}\hat{P}_\mu \otimes \hat{P}_\nu. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Similarly the comultiplication rules for the special conformal generators  $\hat{K}_\mu$  are obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\hat{K}_\mu) = & \hat{K}_\mu \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{K}_\mu + \Theta^{\rho\sigma} \left( \left( \eta_{\rho\mu} \hat{D} + \hat{M}_{\rho\mu} \right) \otimes \hat{P}_\sigma \right. \\ & + \hat{P}_\rho \otimes \left( \eta_{\sigma\mu} \hat{D} + \hat{M}_{\sigma\mu} \right) \Big) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \Theta^{\rho\sigma} \Theta^{\lambda\omega} \left( \left( \eta_{\lambda\mu} \hat{P}_\rho - \eta_{\lambda\rho} \hat{P}_\mu + \eta_{\rho\mu} \hat{P}_\lambda \right) \otimes \hat{P}_\omega \hat{P}_\sigma \right. \\ & + \hat{P}_\lambda \hat{P}_\rho \otimes \left( \eta_{\omega\mu} \hat{P}_\sigma - \eta_{\omega\sigma} \hat{P}_\mu + \eta_{\sigma\mu} \hat{P}_\omega \right) \Big). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

In this manner, i.e., with the help of explicit differential realizations, the comultiplication rule  $\Delta(\hat{M}_{\mu\nu})$  (first appearing in [10, 11]) was deduced in [12, 13] (see also [22]). As for the rules involving  $\hat{D}$  and  $\hat{K}_\mu$ , the results given above (which we derived using our differential operator realizations in (15)) were also found recently [23] from quantum group arguments. One can easily verify that the coproducts  $(\Delta(\hat{P}_\mu), \Delta(\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}), \Delta(\hat{D}), \Delta(\hat{K}_\mu))$ , with comultiplication rules given above, satisfy the commutation relations of the conformal algebra without modification – they define the conformal bialgebra.

### 3 Deformed superspace calculus and super-Poincaré and superconformal algebras

Let us now turn to the case of non- (anti-) commutative superspace. In this work we shall be concerned with the unextended (i.e.  $\mathcal{N} = 1$ ) superspace only. Before considering any deformation, the coordinates of this superspace are denoted by  $(x^\mu, \theta^\alpha, \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}})$ . (We follow the notation of [24].) The Grassmannian coordinates  $\theta^\alpha$  and  $\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  anticommute; but in the deformed superspace, we may assume the related coordinates  $\hat{\theta}^\alpha, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  to satisfy the anticommutation relations of the form [18–21]

$$\{\hat{\theta}^\alpha, \hat{\theta}^\beta\} = C^{\alpha\beta}, \quad \{\hat{\theta}^\alpha, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}\} = \{\hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\beta}}\} = 0. \quad (24)$$

with non-zero constant  $C^{\alpha\beta}$ . This deformation, breaking half of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supersymmetry, will lead to a theory with  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{2}$  supersymmetry [21].

To discuss the more general deformation (containing the deformed commutation relations (1)), it is convenient to introduce the chiral coordinates

$$\hat{y}^\mu = \hat{x}^\mu + i\hat{\theta}^\alpha \sigma^\mu_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \quad (25)$$

and then posit the (anti-) commutation relations [18–21]

$$[\hat{y}^\mu, \hat{y}^\nu] = i\Theta^{\mu\nu}, \quad [\hat{y}^\mu, \hat{\theta}^\alpha] = \Psi^{\mu\alpha}, \quad [\hat{y}^\mu, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}] = 0, \quad (26)$$

together with (24). Here,  $\Psi^{\mu\alpha}$  are some Grassmannian c-numbers. The result is the deformed superspace with three kinds of deformation parameters, i.e.,  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $C^{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\Psi^{\mu\alpha}$ .

To discuss functions of the deformed superspace, we need to introduce appropriate ordering on related monomials. Here we adopt the natural generalization of (3), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} :\hat{y}^\mu \hat{y}^\nu: &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y}^\mu \hat{y}^\nu + \hat{y}^\nu \hat{y}^\mu), \\ :\hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{\theta}^\beta: &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{\theta}^\beta - \hat{\theta}^\beta \hat{\theta}^\alpha), \\ :\hat{y}^\mu \hat{\theta}^\alpha: &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y}^\mu \hat{\theta}^\alpha + \hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{y}^\mu), \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

etc. Since the status of the coordinates  $\hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  is not changed in our deformation, no ordering rules for them need to be specified. In this space, we can again introduce (in a way consistent with (24) and (26)) the derivatives

$$\hat{\partial}_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}^\mu} \Big|_{\hat{\theta}, \hat{\bar{\theta}}}, \quad \hat{\partial}_\alpha \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}^\alpha} \Big|_{\hat{y}, \hat{\bar{\theta}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}} \Big|_{\hat{y}, \hat{\theta}}$$

satisfying

$$[\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{y}^\nu] = \delta_\mu^\nu, \quad \{\hat{\partial}_\alpha, \hat{\theta}^\beta\} = \delta_\alpha^\beta, \quad \{\hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\beta}}\} = \delta_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}}, \quad (28)$$

plus other vanishing (anti-) commutation relations. Notice that  $\hat{\partial}_\alpha$  and  $\hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}}$  denote partial derivatives at “fixed”  $\hat{y}^\mu$  rather than at “fixed”  $\hat{x}^\mu$ . Given due consideration to the Grassmann parity nature of the functions involved, the Leibniz rule holds with these derivatives.

We now discuss the isomorphism existing between the algebra of functions in the deformed superspace and that defined in the ordinary superspace. Here, let us denote the deformed superspace coordinates by  $\hat{Y}^M \equiv (\hat{y}^\mu, \hat{\theta}^\alpha, \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}})$ , and the corresponding undeformed ones by  $Y^M \equiv (y^\mu, \theta^\alpha, \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}})$ . For the ordered product considered in (27), we write  $:\hat{Y}^M \hat{Y}^N:$ . Then a general function of the deformed superspace (with definite Grassmann parity),  $\hat{F}(\hat{Y})$ , may be expressed by the form (here  $:\hat{Y}^M \equiv \hat{Y}^M$ )

$$\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) = f^{(0)} + f_M^{(1)} : \hat{Y}^M : + f_{MN}^{(2)} : \hat{Y}^M \hat{Y}^N : + \dots \quad (29)$$

Now the isomorphism is implemented by

$$\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) \leftrightarrow F(Y) = f^{(0)} + f_M^{(1)} Y^M + f_{MN}^{(2)} Y^M Y^N + \dots, \quad (30)$$

and, for the product  $:\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) \hat{G}(\hat{Y}):$  involving two arbitrary functions  $\hat{F}(\hat{Y})$  and  $\hat{G}(\hat{Y})$ , by the generalized  $\star$  product

$$\begin{aligned} & :\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) \hat{G}(\hat{Y}): \leftrightarrow F \star G(Y) \\ & \equiv F(Y) e^{\frac{i}{2} \Theta^{MN} \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial Y^M}} \overrightarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial Y^N}}} G(Z) \Big|_{Y \rightarrow Z}, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where

$$\frac{\vec{\partial}}{\partial Y^N} \equiv \left( \partial_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\mu} \Big|_{\theta, \bar{\theta}}, \partial_\alpha \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^\alpha} \Big|_{y, \bar{\theta}}, \bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}} \Big|_{y, \theta} \right),$$

$$\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial Y^N} \equiv \left( \overleftarrow{\partial}_\mu, \overleftarrow{\partial}_\alpha, \overleftarrow{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right)$$

with  $\theta^\alpha \overleftarrow{\partial}_\beta = -\delta_\beta^\alpha$ , etc. and  $\Theta \equiv (\Theta^{MN})$  is the supermatrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Theta^{\mu\nu} & -i\Psi^{\mu\beta} & 0 \\ i\Psi^{\alpha\nu} & iC^{\alpha\beta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (32)$$

with  $\Psi^{\alpha\nu} = -\Psi^{\nu\alpha}$ . Similarly, an invertible map preserving the algebraic structure can be established between a differential operator  $\hat{X}$  defined in the deformed superspace and a related differential operator  $\Xi_X$  in the ordinary superspace. Let  $\hat{X}$  be a general differential operator (with definite Grassman parity), which acts on a function  $\hat{F}(\hat{Y})$  as

$$\hat{X}\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) = \sum_r \hat{\xi}_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(\hat{Y}) \hat{\partial}_{M_1} \dots \hat{\partial}_{M_r} \hat{F}(\hat{Y}) \quad (33)$$

with appropriate coefficients  $\hat{\xi}_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(\hat{Y})$ . Here we have denoted  $\hat{\partial}_M \equiv (\hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{\partial}_\alpha, \hat{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}})$ . This is then mapped to the elements  $\Xi_X$  of the ordinary superspace by

$$\hat{X}\hat{F}(\hat{Y}) \rightarrow X^* \star F(Y) \equiv \Xi_X F(Y), \quad (34)$$

where, if  $\xi_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(Y)$  is related to  $\hat{\xi}_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(\hat{Y})$  in the sense of (30), we have

$$X^* = \sum_r \xi_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(Y) \partial_{M_1} \dots \partial_{M_r} \quad (35)$$

and therefore

$$\Xi_X = \sum_{n,r} \left( \frac{i}{2} \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \Theta^{M_1 N_1} \dots \Theta^{M_n N_n} \xi_r^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_r}(Y) \\ \times \left( \overleftarrow{\partial}_{M_1} \dots \overleftarrow{\partial}_{M_n} \right) \left( \overrightarrow{\partial}_{N_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{N_n} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_r} \right). \quad (36)$$

The map (34), an exact parallel of the result (8) without Grassmannian coordinates, can be demonstrated, say, by the method of induction [12, 13]. For the inverse map, given a differential operator

$$\Xi = \sum_r \xi_r^{M_1 \dots M_r}(Y) \partial_{M_1} \dots \partial_{M_r}, \quad (37)$$

we must find a differential operator  $X_\Xi^*$  such that

$$X_\Xi^* \star F(Y) = \Xi F(Y). \quad (38)$$

The desired differential operator can be shown to be of the form (13), i.e.

$$X_\Xi^* = \sum_{n,r} \left( -\frac{i}{2} \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \Theta^{M_1 N_1} \dots \Theta^{M_n N_n} \xi_r^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_r}(Y) \\ \times \left( \overleftarrow{\partial}_{M_1} \dots \overleftarrow{\partial}_{M_n} \right) \left( \overrightarrow{\partial}_{N_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{N_n} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_1} \dots \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\rho_r} \right), \quad (39)$$

as may be verified by checking whether  $\Xi_X$  for  $X$  given by (39) leads back to the form (37). Promoting  $X_\Xi^*$  to  $\hat{X}_\Xi$  is trivial.

We are now ready to give the differential operator representation for the super-Poincaré and superconformal generators in the superspace. As for the generators of the super-Poincaré algebra, we may apply the above inverse map to the corresponding expressions in the ordinary superspace, i.e., to

$$P_\mu = -i\partial_\mu, \quad Q_\alpha = i\partial_\alpha, \\ \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -i\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} - 2\theta^\alpha \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\rho \partial_\rho, \\ M_{\mu\nu} = -i(y_\mu \partial_\nu - y_\nu \partial_\mu) + i\theta^\alpha (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta \partial_\beta - i\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} \bar{\partial}_{\dot{\beta}}. \quad (40)$$

The result is (here  $\hat{\partial}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \equiv \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\rho \hat{\partial}_\rho$ )

$$\hat{P}_\mu = -i\hat{\partial}_\mu, \\ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} = -i(\hat{y}_\mu \hat{\partial}_\nu - \hat{y}_\nu \hat{\partial}_\mu) + i\hat{\theta}^\alpha (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta \hat{\partial}_\beta - i\hat{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\partial}_{\dot{\beta}} \\ - \frac{1}{2} (\Theta_\mu^\rho \hat{\partial}_\nu \hat{\partial}_\rho - \Theta_\nu^\rho \hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{\partial}_\rho) + \frac{i}{2} (\Psi_\mu^\alpha \hat{\partial}_\nu \hat{\partial}_\alpha - \Psi_\nu^\alpha \hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{\partial}_\alpha) \\ + \frac{i}{2} \Psi^{\rho\alpha} (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta \hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\partial}_\beta - \frac{i}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\gamma \hat{\partial}_\beta \hat{\partial}_\gamma, \\ \hat{Q}_\alpha = i\hat{\partial}_\alpha, \\ \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -i\hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}} - 2\hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + C^{\alpha\beta} \hat{\partial}_\beta \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} - \Psi^{\rho\alpha} \hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}. \quad (41)$$

As one can verify explicitly, this differential operator representation in the deformed superspace satisfies the unmodified (anti-) commutation relations of the super-Poincaré algebra

$$\left[ \hat{P}_\mu, \hat{Q}_\alpha \right] = \left[ \hat{P}_\mu, \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right] = 0, \\ \left[ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu}, \hat{Q}_\alpha \right] = -i(\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta \hat{Q}_\beta, \\ \left[ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu}, \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right] = i(\bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\beta}}, \\ \left\{ \hat{Q}_\alpha, \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right\} = 2\hat{P}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}. \quad (42)$$

Are there appropriate analogues of the transformations (18) and (19) in the superspace? The answer is yes. From (24) and (26) it is clear that only  $y^\mu$  and  $\theta^\alpha$  need to be transformed while the other variables (including derivatives) remain unchanged. We then find, for the relevant transformations, the following formulas:

$$\hat{y}^\mu = y^\mu + \frac{i}{2} \Theta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{\mu\alpha} \partial_\alpha, \\ \hat{\theta}^\alpha = \theta^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\beta + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{\alpha\mu} \partial_\mu. \quad (43)$$

Taking the usual canonical brackets for  $y$ ,  $\theta$ , etc. immediately reproduces the non-canonical (deformed) algebra of (24) and (26). Since the derivatives are invariant, the inverse transformations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} y^\mu &= \hat{y}^\mu - \frac{i}{2} \Theta^{\mu\nu} \hat{\partial}_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{\mu\alpha} \hat{\partial}_\alpha, \\ \theta^\alpha &= \hat{\theta}^\alpha - \frac{1}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} \hat{\partial}_\beta - \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{\alpha\mu} \hat{\partial}_\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Substituting these expressions in (40) leads to the deformed generators (41). It also explains the fact that these deformed generators satisfy the same super-Poincaré algebra as the undeformed ones. Hence, despite deformation, one may use the same Casimir operators as the undeformed case to classify the various representations, etc.

We can apply the inverse map to the superconformal generators in the ordinary superspace, to get a representation of the superconformal algebra in the deformed superspace. The appropriate linear differential operator representation in the ordinary superspace can be found for instance in [25]. Because of the complexity involved in the expressions, we shall present the representation with the  $C^{\alpha\beta}$  deformation only. (If one wishes, the full expressions containing the deformation parameters  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  and  $\Psi^{\mu\alpha}$  as well can be easily worked out.) The superconformal algebra has 24 generators – in addition to the 14 generators ( $P_\mu, M_{\mu\nu}, Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ ) of the super-Poincaré algebra, it contains  $D$  (dilatation),  $K_\mu$  (special conformal transformations),  $A$  (axial charge) and  $S_\alpha, \bar{S}_{\dot{\alpha}}$  (so-called  $S$ -supersymmetry transformations). In the  $C$ -deformed superspace the representations of ( $P_\mu, M_{\mu\nu}, Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ ) are available from (41), now with  $\Theta^{\mu\nu} = \psi^{\mu\alpha} = 0$ . For the other generators the inverse map gives rise to the following representations:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D} &= i\hat{y}^\mu \hat{\partial}_\mu + \frac{i}{2} \hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{\partial}_\alpha + \frac{i}{2} \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \\ \hat{A} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{\theta}^\alpha \hat{\partial}_\alpha - \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right), \\ \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} &= -i(\hat{y})_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} (\hat{y})_{\dot{\alpha}}^\beta \hat{\partial}_\beta \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} + 2i\theta_\alpha (\hat{y})_{\dot{\alpha}}^\beta \hat{\partial}_\beta \\ &\quad + 2i\hat{\bar{\theta}}_{\dot{\alpha}} (\hat{y})_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} + 4\hat{\theta}_\alpha \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \\ &\quad - i\epsilon_{\alpha\gamma} C^{\gamma\delta} (\hat{y})_{\dot{\alpha}}^\beta \hat{\partial}_\delta \hat{\bar{\partial}}_\beta - 2\epsilon_{\alpha\gamma} C^{\gamma\delta} \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_\delta \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \\ \hat{S}_\alpha &= -2i(\hat{y})_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\partial}_\beta + 2i\hat{\theta}^2 \hat{\partial}_\alpha + (\hat{y})_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} + 4i\hat{\theta}_\alpha \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} \\ &\quad + iC^{\beta\gamma} (\hat{y})_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\partial}_\gamma \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} + 2iC^{\beta\gamma} \hat{\theta}_\beta \hat{\partial}_\gamma \hat{\partial}_\alpha \\ &\quad - 2i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} C^{\beta\gamma} \hat{\bar{\theta}}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\partial}_\gamma, \\ \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} &= -2i\hat{\bar{\theta}}^2 \hat{\bar{\partial}}_{\dot{\alpha}} + (\hat{y})_{\dot{\alpha}}^\beta \hat{\partial}_\beta, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

where  $\hat{y}_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}} = \hat{y}^\mu (\sigma_\mu)_\alpha^{\dot{\beta}}$ , etc. The (anti-) commutation relations of the superconformal algebra are satisfied by this representation without modification; viz., they satisfy (in addition to those in (42))

$$\left[ \hat{D}, \hat{Q}_\alpha \right] = -\frac{i}{2} \hat{Q}_\alpha, \quad \left[ \hat{D}, \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right] = -\frac{i}{2} \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \hat{D}, \hat{S}_\alpha \right] &= \frac{i}{2} \hat{S}_\alpha, & \left[ \hat{D}, \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right] &= \frac{i}{2} \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \\ \left[ \hat{P}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{S}_\beta \right] &= 2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, & \left[ \hat{P}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\beta}} \right] &= -2\epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \hat{Q}_\alpha, \\ \left[ \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{Q}_\beta \right] &= 2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, & \left[ \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\beta}} \right] &= -2\epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \hat{S}_\alpha, \\ \left[ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu}, \hat{S}_\alpha \right] &= i(\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta \hat{Q}_\beta, & \left[ \hat{M}_{\mu\nu}, \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right] &= i(\bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\beta}}, \\ \left\{ \hat{S}_\alpha, \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right\} &= 2\hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \\ \left\{ \hat{S}_\alpha, \hat{Q}_\beta \right\} &= 4i\hat{M}_{\alpha\beta} + 2i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{D} + 6\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{A}. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

While the (anti-) commutation relations of the symmetry algebra are unchanged, there are modifications to the comultiplication structure because of the deformation. The comultiplication rules for our super-Poincaré generators follow if we apply the differential operators in (41) on the product of, say, two scalar superfields: the results are

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\hat{P}_\mu) &= \hat{P}_\mu \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{P}_\mu, \\ \Delta(\hat{M}_{\mu\nu}) &= \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{M}_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \Theta_\mu^\sigma \hat{P}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma \hat{P}_\mu \right) \otimes \hat{P}_\sigma \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \hat{P}_\sigma \otimes \left( \Theta_\mu^\sigma \hat{P}_\nu - \Theta_\nu^\sigma \hat{P}_\mu \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{2} \left( \Psi_\mu^\alpha P_\nu - \Psi_\nu^\alpha P_\mu \right) \otimes Q_\alpha \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} Q_\alpha \otimes \left( \Psi_\mu^\alpha P_\nu - \Psi_\nu^\alpha P_\mu \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} \Psi^{\rho\alpha} (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\beta (P_\rho \otimes Q_\beta - Q_\beta \otimes P_\rho) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_\alpha^\gamma (Q_\beta \otimes Q_\gamma + Q_\gamma \otimes Q_\beta), \\ \Delta(\hat{Q}_\alpha) &= \hat{Q}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{Q}_\alpha, \\ \Delta(\hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}}) &= \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{\bar{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \\ &\quad + C^{\alpha\beta} (\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\rho P_\rho \otimes Q_\beta - Q_\beta \otimes \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\rho P_\rho) \\ &\quad - \Psi^{\rho\alpha} (P_\rho \otimes \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\lambda P_\lambda - \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\lambda P_\lambda \otimes P_\rho). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

These comultiplication rules may again be used to verify the unmodified (anti-) commutation relations of the super-Poincaré algebra. Very recently, these rules were derived also from quantum group theoretic arguments [26–28]. The comultiplication rules for the superconformal generators can also be found in a similar way. Especially, in the  $C$ -deformed superspace, we may use the differential operator representation in (45) to find the following rules for  $\hat{D}, \hat{A}, \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{S}_\alpha$  and  $\hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}}$  also:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\hat{D}) &= \hat{D} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{D} - \frac{i}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} \hat{Q}_\alpha \otimes \hat{Q}_\beta, \\ \Delta(\hat{A}) &= \hat{A} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{A} - \frac{1}{2} C^{\alpha\beta} \hat{Q}_\alpha \otimes \hat{Q}_\beta, \\ \Delta(\hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}) &= \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{K}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} C^{\beta\gamma} \\ &\quad \times \left( \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \otimes Q_\gamma + Q_\gamma \otimes \hat{\bar{S}}_{\dot{\alpha}} \right), \\ \Delta(\hat{S}_\alpha) &= \hat{S}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{S}_\alpha \\ &\quad + iC^{\beta\gamma} \left( 2\hat{M}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{D} - 3i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \hat{A} \right) \otimes Q_\gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -iC^{\beta\gamma}Q_\gamma \otimes \left(2\hat{M}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}\hat{D} - 3i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}\hat{A}\right) \\
& + iC_\alpha^\gamma C^{\beta\delta} \left(\hat{Q}_\beta \otimes \hat{Q}_\gamma \hat{Q}_\delta + \hat{Q}_\gamma \hat{Q}_\delta \otimes \hat{Q}_\beta\right), \\
\Delta(\hat{S}_\alpha) &= \hat{S}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \hat{S}_\alpha.
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

To our knowledge, these comultiplication rules have not been given before.

## 4 Field transformations and symmetries

The advantage of working with deformed generators is that they act as manifest symmetries of the equations of motion in the non- (anti-) commutative space. In this section we shall consider the transformation properties of the fields under conformal and super-Poincaré symmetries and the invariance of equations of motion as regards the deformed symmetries for some simple cases. To discuss the transformation properties of the fields under conformal symmetry, we will here consider the generalization of the “minimal” space-time representation (17) in such a way that the differential operators  $\hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\delta}_\omega$  and  $\hat{\delta}_c$  may be given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\delta}_d &= -\hat{x}^\rho \hat{\partial}_\rho - d, \\
\hat{\delta}_\omega &= -\hat{x}^\lambda \omega_\lambda^\rho \hat{\partial}_\rho + \frac{i}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} \omega_\mu^\rho \hat{\partial}_\nu \hat{\partial}_\rho + \frac{i}{2} \omega^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu}, \\
\hat{\delta}_c &= 2c \hat{x}^\rho \hat{\partial}_\rho - \hat{x}^2 c^\lambda \hat{\partial}_\lambda - i c_\lambda \theta^{\lambda\rho} \hat{x}^\sigma \hat{\partial}_\sigma \hat{\partial}_\rho + i c^\lambda \theta^{\rho\sigma} \hat{x}^\rho \hat{\partial}_\sigma \hat{\partial}_\lambda \\
&+ \frac{1}{4} c_\lambda \theta^{\alpha\rho} \theta_\alpha^\sigma \partial_\rho \hat{\partial}_\sigma \hat{\partial}_\lambda + 2dc \hat{x} - i dc_\lambda \theta^{\lambda\rho} \hat{\partial}_\rho - 2i \hat{x}^\nu c^\lambda \Sigma_{\lambda\nu} \\
&- c^\lambda \theta^{\nu\sigma} \Sigma_{\lambda\nu} \hat{\partial}_\sigma.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

These expressions differ from the minimal space-time representations by the presence of the spin matrix  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$  (satisfying the Lorentz algebra by themselves) and the constant parameter  $d$  which will assume the role of the scale dimension of the field in consideration. The differential operators in this generalized form also satisfy the commutation relation of the conformal algebra (16), as one can easily verify. Then, the (deformed) conformal symmetry may be realized by taking the following transformations of the fields  $\hat{\psi}(\hat{x})$  (which can be Lorentz tensors/spinors with an appropriate choice of the spin matrix  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\delta}^T \hat{\psi} &= -a^\mu \hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{\psi}, \quad \hat{\delta}^L \hat{\psi} = -\hat{\delta}_\omega \hat{\psi}, \quad \hat{\delta}^D \hat{\psi} = -\hat{\delta}_d \hat{\psi}, \\
\hat{\delta}^C \hat{\psi} &= -\hat{\delta}_c \hat{\psi}.
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

The bold-faced  $\hat{\delta}$ 's, acting on the fields  $\hat{\psi}(\hat{x})$  (with tensor/spinor indices suppressed), provide a “field representation” of the conformal algebra in the non-commutative space, and thus  $(\hat{\delta}^T, \hat{\delta}^L, \hat{\delta}^D, \hat{\delta}^C)$  satisfy the same commutation relations of the conformal algebra as the space-time representations  $(\hat{\delta}_a \equiv a^\mu \hat{\partial}_\mu, \hat{\delta}_\omega, \hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\delta}_c)$  do.

If the field  $\hat{\psi}(\hat{x})$  is taken to be an elementary scalar field  $\hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$  in 4-dimensional space-time, one may choose  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $d = 1$  in (50). Then, for the related derivatives fields  $\hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$  and  $\hat{\partial}^2 \hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$ , one may use (50) to derive

the appropriate transformation properties. For the field  $\hat{V}_\mu \equiv \hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$ , one finds that their Poincaré and scale transformations are consistent with our field transformation laws in (50) only if we now take the Lorentz vector spin matrix  $(\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(V)})_\rho^\lambda = i(\eta_{\mu\rho} \eta_\nu^\lambda - \eta_{\nu\rho} \eta_\mu^\lambda)$  and the scale dimension  $d = 2$  for  $\hat{V}_\mu(\hat{x})$ : explicitly using a notation like  $\delta_d^{(0)}, \delta_\omega^{(0)}$ , etc. to indicate the operators obtained with  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $d = 1$  in (49),

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\delta}^T(\hat{V}_\rho) &\equiv \hat{\partial}_\rho(\hat{\delta}^T \hat{\phi}) = -a^\mu \hat{\partial}_\mu(\hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\phi}) = -a^\mu \hat{\partial}_\mu \hat{V}_\rho, \\
\hat{\delta}^L(\hat{V}_\rho) &\equiv \hat{\partial}_\rho(\hat{\delta}^L \hat{\phi}) = -\hat{\delta}_\omega^{(0)}(\hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\phi}) - [\hat{\partial}_\rho, \hat{\delta}_\omega^{(0)}] \hat{\phi} \\
&= -\hat{\delta}_\omega^{(0)}(\hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\phi}) + \omega_\rho^\lambda (\hat{\partial}_\lambda \hat{\phi}) \equiv -\hat{\delta}_\omega^{(V)}(\hat{V}_\rho), \\
\hat{\delta}^D(\hat{V}_\rho) &\equiv \hat{\partial}_\rho(\hat{\delta}^D \hat{\phi}) = -\hat{\delta}_d^{(0)}(\hat{\partial}_\rho \hat{\phi}) - [\hat{\partial}_\rho, \hat{\delta}_d^{(0)}] \hat{\phi} \\
&= -(-\hat{x}^\nu \hat{\partial}_\nu - 2) \hat{V}_\rho.
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

But under special conformal transformations,  $\hat{V}_\mu(\hat{x})$  cannot be described by our formulas in (50). In contrast, for the field  $\hat{\chi}(\hat{x}) \equiv \hat{\partial}^2 \hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$ , one finds after some straightforward algebra that its full conformal transformation behaviors, including those under special conformal transformations, are described by (50) (appropriate to a *dimension-3* Lorentz scalar field  $\hat{\chi}(\hat{x})$ ).

We now turn to the action of these symmetry generators on the local product of the fields. This can be done by making use of the comultiplication structure derived in (20)–(23). Here it should be noted that, even if more general differential operators in (49) are allowed to act on a product of two functions  $\hat{f}\hat{g}$  (with different sets of  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$  and  $d$  chosen for  $\hat{f}$  and  $\hat{g}$ ), the comultiplication rules as given by the forms in (20)–(23) continue to satisfy the commutation relation of the conformal algebra. Based on this bialgebra structure, we may now take the conformal transformations for the composite fields  $\hat{\psi}_1 \otimes \hat{\psi}_2$  to be given by

$$\hat{\delta}^X \hat{\psi}_1 \otimes \hat{\psi}_2 = -\Delta(\hat{\delta}_x) \hat{\psi}_1 \otimes \hat{\psi}_2, \tag{52}$$

where  $\Delta(\hat{\delta}_x)$  on the right denotes the differential operator acting on  $\hat{\psi}_1 \otimes \hat{\psi}_2$  according to the rules (20)–(23). Here the superscript  $X$  (subscript  $x$ ) can refer to any of the full conformal transformations.

Using (52), it is not difficult to derive the conformal transformation properties of the composite fields like  $\hat{\Psi}_1(\hat{x}) \equiv \hat{\phi}^2(\hat{x})$  and  $\hat{\Psi}_2(\hat{x}) \equiv \hat{\phi}^3(\hat{x})$ , where  $\hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$  is an elementary, dimension-1, scalar field with its transformation properties specified as above. The results are simply

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\delta}^X \hat{\Psi}_1 &= -\hat{\delta}_x \hat{\Psi}_1 \text{ (with } \Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0 \text{ and } d = 2 \text{ for } \hat{\Psi}_1), \\
\hat{\delta}^X \hat{\Psi}_2 &= -\hat{\delta}_x \hat{\Psi}_2 \text{ (with } \Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0 \text{ and } d = 3 \text{ for } \hat{\Psi}_2),
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

i.e., despite the twisted comultiplication their conformal transformations are exactly of the same form as those of an elementary field. Use of the higher derivative representation (49) for  $\hat{\delta}_x$  is responsible for this. Furthermore, as

the fields  $\hat{\partial}^2 \hat{\phi}(\hat{x})$  and  $\hat{\phi}^3(\hat{x})$  have identical conformal transformation properties (in 4-dimensional space-time), we can conclude that the scalar field equation of the form

$$\hat{\partial}^2 \hat{\phi} + g \hat{\phi}^3 = 0 \quad (54)$$

is invariant under full (deformed) conformal transformations. This is the generalization of the well-known fact for a massless  $\phi^4$ -theory in ordinary space-time.

Let us now consider the transformation properties of the superfields in the non- (anti-) commutative superspace. For simplicity, only the super-Poincaré transformations on scalar superfields will be considered here. Though the supercharges  $\hat{Q}_{\hat{\alpha}}$  are deformed in the non- (anti-) commutative superspace, the covariant derivatives remain unchanged:

$$\hat{D}_{\alpha} = i\hat{\partial}_{\alpha} - 2\hat{\theta}^{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\hat{\alpha}}, \quad \hat{D}_{\hat{\alpha}} = -i\hat{\partial}_{\hat{\alpha}}. \quad (55)$$

One can define the chiral superfield  $\hat{\Phi}(\hat{y}, \hat{\theta})$  in the usual manner, i.e., by demanding that  $\hat{\hat{D}}_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{\Phi}(\hat{y}, \hat{\theta}) = 0$ . For a component expansion in  $\hat{\theta}$ , we can write it as

$$\hat{\Phi}(\hat{y}, \hat{\theta}) = \hat{a}(\hat{y}) + \sqrt{2}\hat{\theta}\hat{\psi}(\hat{y}) + \hat{\theta}^2 \hat{f}(\hat{y}). \quad (56)$$

The anti-chiral superfield  $\hat{\hat{\Phi}}(\hat{y}, \hat{\hat{\theta}})$  can be expanded analogously by rewriting first  $\hat{y}$  in terms of  $\hat{y}$ , etc.

To write the supersymmetry transformation of the chiral superfields, we follow the approach similar to the bosonic symmetries and write the field transformations as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}^{\epsilon} \hat{\Phi} &= -\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} \hat{\Phi} = -i\epsilon^{\alpha} (i\hat{\partial}_{\alpha}) \hat{\Phi}, \\ \hat{\delta}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Phi} &= -\hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Phi} = -i\hat{\epsilon}^{\hat{\alpha}} (-i\hat{\partial}_{\hat{\alpha}} - 2\hat{\theta}^{\alpha} \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\hat{\alpha}} + C^{\alpha\beta} \hat{\partial}_{\beta} \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\hat{\alpha}} \\ &\quad - \Psi^{\rho\alpha} \hat{\partial}_{\rho} \hat{\partial}_{\alpha\hat{\alpha}}) \hat{\Phi}. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Then, for the covariant derivatives of the chiral superfield, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}^{\epsilon} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}) &\equiv \hat{D}_{\alpha} (\hat{\delta}^{\epsilon} \hat{\Phi}) = -\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}) - [\hat{D}_{\alpha}, \hat{\delta}_{\epsilon}] \hat{\Phi} \\ &= -\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}), \\ \hat{\delta}^{\hat{\epsilon}} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}) &\equiv \hat{D}_{\alpha} (\hat{\delta}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Phi}) = -\hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}) - [\hat{D}_{\alpha}, \hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}}] \hat{\Phi} \\ &= -\hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}} (\hat{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\Phi}). \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

The transformations rules for the anti-chiral superfield and the corresponding covariant derivatives can be written in a similar fashion. Using the above relations and acting with  $\hat{D}_{\alpha}$  ( $\hat{\hat{D}}_{\hat{\alpha}}$ ) once more, it is an easy exercise to show that  $\hat{D}^2 \hat{\Phi}$  ( $\hat{\hat{D}}^2 \hat{\hat{\Phi}}$ ) transform as a chiral (anti-chiral) superfield under the deformed supersymmetry.

For the local product of two (or more) chiral superfields, the transformations rules can be written using the comultiplication rules (47). Using the bialgebra structure of the comultiplication rules (47), the transformation of the product  $\hat{\Phi}_1 \otimes \hat{\Phi}_2$  can be taken by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}^{\epsilon} \hat{\Phi}_1 \otimes \hat{\Phi}_2 &= -\Delta(\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon}) \hat{\Phi}_1 \otimes \hat{\Phi}_2, \\ \hat{\delta}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Phi}_1 \otimes \hat{\Phi}_2 &= -\Delta(\hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}}) \hat{\Phi}_1 \otimes \hat{\Phi}_2. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

This has the simple consequence that the transformation law for the product of two chiral superfields,  $\hat{\Psi} \equiv \hat{\Phi}^2$  behaves again as that of a chiral superfield, i.e.,

$$\hat{\delta}^{\epsilon} \hat{\Psi} = -\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} \hat{\Psi}, \quad \hat{\delta}^{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Psi} = -\hat{\delta}_{\hat{\epsilon}} \hat{\Psi}. \quad (60)$$

Note that the higher derivative nature of  $\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon}$  and the related modified comultiplication rule  $\Delta(\hat{Q}_{\hat{\alpha}})$  in (47) are crucial to ensure this behavior. As the supersymmetry transformations of  $\hat{\hat{D}}^2 \hat{\Phi}$  and  $\hat{\Phi}^2$  are exactly the same as that of a chiral superfield, we can immediately conclude for instance that equation of motion for the Wess–Zumino model

$$\hat{\hat{D}}^2 \hat{\Phi} - m \hat{\Phi} - g \hat{\Phi}^2 = 0 \quad (61)$$

is manifestly invariant under deformed supersymmetry. The above discussion can be generalized to other superfields (e.g. vector superfields) and one can write the corresponding operator equations in the non- (anti-) commutative superspace which are invariant under deformed supersymmetry.

## 5 Concluding remarks

In this work we have considered the differential calculus in the deformed superspace, generalizing the corresponding approaches [12–16] in the deformed Minkowski space. Based on this, we have found the differential operator representations in the deformed space for the conformal, super-Poincaré and superconformal generators. They contain higher derivative terms, but satisfy the same (anti-) commutation relations of the algebras as in the undeformed case. The higher derivative terms are responsible for the modifications in the comultiplication structures and we have exhibited them explicitly. We then considered the transformation of the fields under deformed symmetry and exhibited that they can provide a natural realization of the field-theoretic symmetry in the deformed spaces. Though the symmetry cannot be given a meaning in the sense of Noether’s theorem because of the “twisted” comultiplication structure used to derive the transformation laws for the composite fields, it serves as a useful tool to write the invariant equations of motion in the deformed spaces. We hope that the differential calculus developed in this paper and the deformed-symmetry considerations can be useful for studying various aspects of field theories defined on non- (anti-) commutative superspace. It is desirable to study for instance the consequences of these symmetries on soliton solutions and on issues related to quantum loop corrections such as the renormalization and anomaly structures of field theories defined in the non-commutative spaces. One may also study the supergravity theories in the deformed superspace using this formalism. Some of these issues are under consideration.

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