

Plan

I plan the research on generalized function-type potentials and boundary conditions in quantum mechanics. I especially aim at one-dimensional system whose Hamiltonian is given by second-order differential operator as follows:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x).$$

It is known that the system with the generalized function-type interaction, for example delta-function potential, result in boundary problems at the support of the generalized function. Kurasov [1] considered 4-parameter family of generalized functions and showed that an element of the family corresponds to a boundary condition that is permitted physically⁽¹⁾. But the correspondence in [1] is not complete; there exist boundary conditions that do not correspond to any generalized functions proposed in [1]. Moreover, I find the class of generalized functions have extension characterized by 16-parameters⁽²⁾. Since the boundary conditions permitted physically are characterized by 4 real numbers [2], there exists redundancy in the correspondence of the generalized function-type potentials to the boundary conditions. In order to clarify the situation, I plan to investigate the complete correspondence of a boundary condition to the class of generalized function-type potentials. I already find a class of generalized function-type potentials that corresponds to the smooth boundary condition, in other words, no generalized function-type potential case. The smooth boundary class of the generalized functions includes generalized functions with arbitrary size coupling constant. This fact implies that a strong coupled generalized function and a weak one give an identity boundary condition. It implies explicit strong-weak correspondence in quantum mechanics.

I consider that the strong-weak correspondence in quantum mechanics is important in following two meanings. Firstly, the strong-weak correspondence enables us to perturbative calculation in strong coupled generalized function-type potential. It is known that the path integral of systems with delta-function potentials can be done exactly by using the perturbation [3]. The perturbation method is easily applied to systems with generalized function-type potentials then the correspondence will be useful. Such pass integrals lead to partition functions; therefore exact thermodynamic property of the system with boundary conditions, which is interested recently and studied in [5,6], are obtained. As another application, I expect to obtain propagator of system in the quantum graph that is one-dimensional system with branches. Secondly, through the study of field theories that result in quantum mechanics Hamiltonian with generalized function-type potentials studied in [7]etc., I expect to find strong-weak correspondence in field theory. For these two future views, I believe that this research on the generalized function and boundary conditions is important. In order to carry out this research, I would like to go to Czech Technical University and have a discussion with Prof. Pavel Exner who is the authority of this field.

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⁽¹⁾It is known that some boundary conditions break self-adjointness of Hamiltonian; therefore, a class of boundary conditions that maintain the self-adjointness of Hamiltonian is important in the context of physics.

⁽²⁾This extension is essential in order to discuss the quantum graph.