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Representation of the corresponding Lie algebra  $g_{\text{NC}}$  reads:

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1] &= [\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2] = i\hbar\mathbb{I}, \\ [\hat{Q}_1, \hat{Q}_2] &= i\vartheta\mathbb{I}, \text{ and } [\hat{P}_1, \hat{P}_2] = i\beta\mathbb{I}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Here, the central generators associated with the group parameters  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are all mapped to scalar multiples of the identity operator  $\mathbb{I}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

# A quick recap of group extension

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# Inequivalent local exponents to arrive at $G_{\text{NC}}$

We shall show that certain triple central extension of the abelian group of translations of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  reproduces the noncommutative commutation relations (2). The relevant central extensions are executed using inequivalent local exponents that are enumerated in the following theorem:

## Theorem

*The three real valued functions  $\xi$ ,  $\xi'$  and  $\xi''$  on  $G_T \times G_T$  given by*

$$\xi((q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2), (q'_1, q'_2, p'_1, p'_2)) = \frac{1}{2}[q_1 p'_1 + q_2 p'_2 - p_1 q'_1 - p_2 q'_2],$$

$$\xi'((q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2), (q'_1, q'_2, p'_1, p'_2)) = \frac{1}{2}[p_1 p'_2 - p_2 p'_1],$$

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*are inequivalent local exponents for the group,  $G_T$ , of translations in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .*

# Group composition rule for $G_{\text{NC}}$

The group  $G_{\text{NC}}$  is a 7-dimensional real nilpotent Lie group. Its group composition rule is given by (see [?])

$$\begin{aligned} &(\theta, \phi, \psi, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})(\theta', \phi', \psi', \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{p}') \\ &= (\theta + \theta' + \frac{\alpha}{2}[\langle \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}' \rangle - \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}' \rangle], \phi + \phi' + \frac{\beta}{2}[\mathbf{p} \wedge \mathbf{p}'], \\ &\psi + \psi' + \frac{\gamma}{2}[\mathbf{q} \wedge \mathbf{q}'], \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}'), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  some denote strictly positive dimensionful constants associated with the triple central extension. Here,  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2)$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2)$ . Also, in (3),  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\wedge$  are defined as  $\langle \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} \rangle := q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2$  and  $\mathbf{q} \wedge \mathbf{p} := q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$ , respectively..

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## Theorem

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## Theorem

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