

Geometry of quantum uncertainty

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| STATES | Probability measures on M | Density ops $\rho \in \mathcal{S}$ |
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where $\operatorname{sgrad} f, \operatorname{sgrad} g$ Hamiltonian vector fields of $f, g \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$

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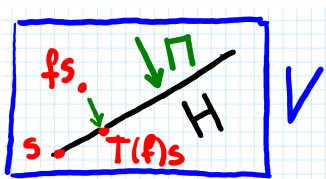
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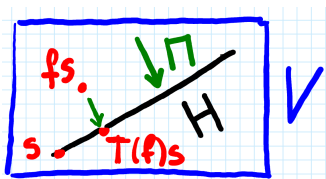
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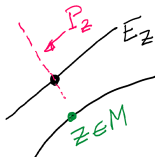
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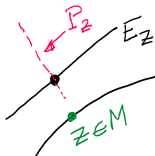
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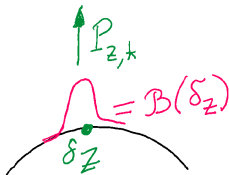
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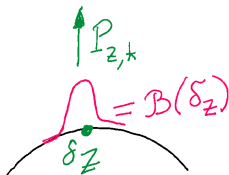
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