

Higher Spin Gauge Theories

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Spinorial and tensorial HS models

Tensorial HS models in any dimension:

HS fields are realized as forms carrying tensor indices.

Spinorial $3d$ and $4d$ HS models:

HS fields are realized as forms carrying spinor indices.

The case of four dimensions

Key fact $2 \times 2 = 4$

Minkowski coordinates as 2×2 hermitian matrices

$$x^n \Rightarrow x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{n=0}^3 x^n \sigma_n^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \quad \sigma_n^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (I^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \vec{\sigma}_k^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}})$$

$I^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$: **unit matrix**

$\vec{\sigma}_k^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3$: **Pauli matrices**

$\alpha, \beta, \dots = 1, 2, \dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta}, \dots = 1, 2$ **two-component spinor indices**

$$\det |x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}| = (x^0)^2 - (x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 - (x^3)^2$$

Lorentz symmetry: $sl(2, \mathbb{C}) \sim o(3, 1)$.

Two-component spinors

Two-component indices are contracted by the antisymmetric 2×2 matrix

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} : \quad \epsilon_{12} = \epsilon^{12} = 1, \quad \epsilon_{\alpha\gamma}\epsilon^{\beta\gamma} = \delta_{\alpha}^{\beta}, \quad \psi^{\alpha} = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\psi_{\beta}, \quad \psi_{\alpha} = \psi^{\beta}\epsilon_{\beta\alpha}$$

Lorentz invariants $\psi^{\alpha}\chi_{\alpha}$: **Lorentz Symmetry:** $sl_2(\mathbb{C}) \sim o(3,1)$.

Dictionary between tensors and multispinors by:

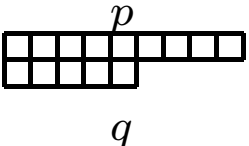
$$\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^a, \quad \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{[a}\sigma_{\beta}^{b]}, \quad \bar{\sigma}_{\dot{\alpha}\beta}^{ab} = \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{[a}\sigma_{\beta}^{b]}$$

Pair of dotted and undotted indices: vector

Pairs of symmetrized indices of the same type: antisymmetric tensors

Irreducible representations of the Lorentz group: symmetric multispinors

$$A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m} \oplus \bar{A}_{\beta_1 \dots \beta_m, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_n} \sim \omega_{a_1 \dots a_p, b_1 \dots b_q}, \quad p = |n+m|/2, \quad q = |n-m|/2$$

Irreducibility: $A_{(a_1 \dots a_p, a_{p+1}) b_2 \dots b_q} = 0$:  , $A_{a_1 \dots a_p, b_1 \dots b_q} \eta^{a_1 a_2} = 0$.

Gauge connections

Gauge 1-forms $\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}, \quad n + m = 2(s - 1)$

$$s = 1 : \quad \omega(x) = dx^n \omega_n(x)$$

$$s = 2 : \quad \omega_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}(x), \quad \omega_{\alpha\beta}(x), \quad \bar{\omega}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}(x)$$

$$s = 3/2 : \quad \omega_\alpha(x), \quad \bar{\omega}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x)$$

Frame-like fields: $|n - m| = 0$ (bosons) or $|n - m| = 1$ fermions

Auxiliary Lorentz-like fields: $|n - m| = 2$ (bosons)

Extra fields: $|n - m| > 2$

Gauge invariant field strengths

0-forms $C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}, \quad |n - m| = 2s$

(Anti)selfdual Weyl tensors carry only (dotted)undotted spinor indices

$s = 0 : C(x)$

$s = 1/2 : C_\alpha(x), \quad \bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}}(x)$

$s = 1 : C_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$

$s = 3/2 : C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}, \quad \bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}\dot{\gamma}}$

$s = 2 : C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}, \quad \bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_4}$

HS multiplets

Infinite set of spins $s = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2 \dots$

$\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}$ and $C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}$ with all $n \geq 0$ and $m \geq 0$.

Generating functions $\omega(Y|x)$ and $C(Y|x)$: **Unrestricted functions of commuting spinor (twistor) variables** $Y = (y_\alpha, \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}})$

$$A(Y|x) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n m!} A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_m} y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_n} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \dots \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_m}$$

Fermions require doubling of fields

$$\omega^{ii}(y, \bar{y} | x), \quad C^{i1-i}(y, \bar{y} | x), \quad i = 0, 1,$$

$$\bar{\omega}^{ii}(y, \bar{y} | x) = \omega^{ii}(\bar{y}, y | x), \quad \bar{C}^{i1-i}(y, \bar{y} | x) = C^{1-i i}(\bar{y}, y | x).$$

Twistor Central On-shell theorem

The full unfolded system for the doubled sets of free fields is

$$R_1^{ii}(y, \bar{y} | x) = \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C^{1-i i}(0, \bar{y} | x) + H^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} C^{i 1-i}(y, 0 | x) ,$$

$$\tilde{D}_0 C^{i 1-i}(y, \bar{y} | x) = 0 ,$$

where

$$H^{\alpha\beta} = h^\alpha_{\dot{\alpha}} \wedge h^{\beta\dot{\alpha}} , \quad \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \wedge h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} ,$$

$$R_1(y, \bar{y} | x) = D^{ad} \omega(y, \bar{y} | x)$$

$$D^{ad} \omega = D^L - \lambda h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \left(y_\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} \right) , \quad \tilde{D} = D^L + \lambda h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \left(y_\alpha \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} \right) ,$$

$$D^L A = d_x - \left(\omega^{\alpha\beta} y_\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} + \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} \right) .$$

NonAbelian generalization via star-product algebra

Weyl algebra

Weyl algebra A_n : associative algebra of functions $f(\hat{Y})$ of n pairs of oscillators

$$[\hat{Y}_\mu, \hat{Y}_\nu] = 2iC_{\mu\nu}, \quad \mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n.$$

Different types of orderings are equivalent for polynomial $f(\hat{Y})$ because commutators of oscillators decrease an order of polynomial.

Weyl ordering: totally symmetric

$$f(\hat{Y}) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} f^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p} \hat{Y}_{\mu_1} \dots \hat{Y}_{\mu_p},$$

$f^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p}$ totally symmetric

Wick (normal) ordering $[\hat{a}_i^-, \hat{a}_i^{+j}] = \delta_i^j$

$$f(\hat{a}^\pm) = \sum_{p,q=0}^{\infty} \chi_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} \hat{a}^{+j_1} \dots \hat{a}^{+j_q} \hat{a}_{i_1}^- \dots \hat{a}_{i_q}^-$$

Star Product

Weyl symbol $f(Y)$ of the operator $\hat{f}(\hat{Y})$ is a function of commuting variables Y_μ that has the same expansion

$$f(Y) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} f^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p} Y_{\mu_1} \dots Y_{\mu_p}$$

Y_ν is the Weyl symbol of \hat{Y}_ν .

Wick symbol $f(a^\pm)$ of the operator $\hat{f}(\hat{a}^\pm)$ is a function of commuting variables a^\pm that has the same expansion

$$f(a^\pm) = \sum_{p,q=0}^{\infty} \chi_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} a^{+j_1} \dots a^{+j_q} a_{i_1}^- \dots a_{i_q}^-$$

Star-product algebra is defined by the rule

Weyl star-product $(f * g)(Y)$ is a symbol of $\hat{f}(\hat{Y})\hat{g}(\hat{Y})$. In particular,

$$[Y_\nu, Y_\mu]_* = 2iC_{\nu\mu}, \quad [a, b]_* = a * b - b * a$$

Wick star-product $(f \star g)(a^\pm)$ is a symbol of $\hat{f}(\hat{a}^\pm)\hat{g}(\hat{a}^\pm)$.

Examples

$$Y_\mu * Y_\nu = Y_{(\mu} Y_{\nu)} + iC_{\mu\nu}$$

$$a^{+j} \star a_i^- = a^{+j} a_i^-, \quad a_i^- \star a^{+j} = a^{+j} a_i^- + \delta_i^j$$

Problem 2.1. Prove

$$[Y_\nu, f(Y)]_* = 2i \frac{\partial}{\partial Y^\nu} f(Y), \quad Y^\nu = C^{\nu\mu} Y_\mu$$

$$\{Y_\nu, f(Y)\}_* = 2Y_\nu f(Y)$$

$$a^{+i} \star f(a^\pm) = a^{+i} f(a^\pm), \quad f(a^\pm) \star a_j^- = f(a^\pm) a_j^-$$

$$a_i^- \star f(a^\pm) = \left(a_i^- + \frac{\partial}{\partial a^{+i}} \right) f(a^\pm), \quad f(a^\pm) \star a^{+j} = \left(a^{+j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial a_j^-} \right) f(a^\pm)$$

Weyl-Moyal star-product

For the Weyl ordering, star-product is given by the Weyl-Moyal formula

$$(f_1 * f_2)(Y) = f_1(Y) \exp [i \overleftarrow{\partial}^\nu \overrightarrow{\partial}^\mu C_{\nu\mu}] f_2(Y) , \quad \partial^\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_\mu}$$

Problem 2.2. Prove using Campbell-Hausdorff formula for exponentials $\exp J^\nu \hat{Y}_\nu$

Important properties

- **associativity:** $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$
- **regularity:** star product of any two polynomials of Y is a polynomial

The Weyl-Moyal star product has integral representation

$$(f_1 * f_2)(Y) = \frac{1}{\pi^{2M}} \int dS dT \exp(-i S_\mu T_\nu C^{\mu\nu}) f_1(Y + S) f_2(Y + T)$$

Supertrace

$$\text{str}(f(Y)) = f(0)$$

Boson-fermion parity for spinorial Y_ν

$$f(Y) = (-1)^{\pi(f)} f(-Y)$$

$$\text{str}(f(Y) * g(Y)) = (-1)^{\pi(f)} \text{str}(g(Y) * f(Y)) = (-1)^{\pi(g)} \text{str}(g(Y) * f(Y))$$

Bilinear form $\text{str}(f * g)$ is invariant under $\delta f = [\epsilon, f]_*$ provided that fermion fields carry additional Grassmann parity

In components

$$\text{str}(A * B) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{n+m-1}}{n!m!} A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m} \wedge B^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m},$$

for

$$A(Y) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n!m!} A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_m} y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_n} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \dots \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_m}$$

NonAbelian HS Algebra

$$R(Y|x) = d\omega(Y|x) + \omega(Y|x) * \wedge \omega(Y|x)$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_1, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{4i}(\omega_0^{\alpha\beta} y_\alpha y_\beta + \bar{\omega}_0^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} + 2\lambda h^{\alpha\beta} y_\alpha \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}})$$

$$R_0 = 0, \quad R_1 = D_0\omega_1 = d\omega_1 + [\omega_0, \omega_1]_*$$

HS gauge transformation

$$\delta\omega(Y|x) = D\epsilon(Y|x) = d\epsilon(Y|x) + [\omega(Y|x), \epsilon(Y|x)]_*$$

- **The simplest 4d HS algebra $hu(1,0|4)$ is the infinite-dimensional Lie algebra of even polynomials $f(-Y) = f(Y)$ with star-commutator $[f, g]_*$ as Lie product**

• $T^{\nu\mu}$ - generators of $sp(4) \sim (3, 2) \subset hu(1, 0|4)$: bilinears of Y .

Y^μ independent generators correspond to spin one

spin s generators are homogeneous Weyl symbols

$$\omega^s(\nu Y|x) = \nu^{2(s-1)} \omega(Y|x).$$

$hu(1, 0|4)$ is a global symmetry algebra of the most symmetric vacuum solution of the nonlinear bosonic HS theory

• HS algebras possess extensions to superalgebras $hu(n, m|2M)$, $ho(n, m|2M)$

$husp(2n, 2m|2M)$ with fermions and non-Abelian spin one YM gauge algebras $u(n) \oplus u(m)$, $o(n) \oplus o(m)$, $usp(2n) \oplus usp(2m)$

The construction of HS gauge symmetries is analogous Chan-Paton construction in String Theory

Orthogonal and symplectic gauge symmetry result from the construction analogous to orientifolds (Pradisi, Sagnotti) but in the space of auxiliary oscillators rather than in space-time

Properties of HS algebras

Let T_{s_1} be homogeneous polynomial of degree $2(s-1)$

$$[T_{s_1}, T_{s_2}] = T_{s_1+s_2-2m} = T_{s_1+s_2-2} + T_{s_1+s_2-4} + \dots + T_{|s_1-s_2|+2}.$$

Once a gauge field of spin $s > 2$ appears, the HS symmetry algebra requires an infinite tower of HS gauge fields together with gravity: $[T_s, T_s]$ gives rise to generators T_{2s-2} , of a gauge field of spin $s' = 2s - 2 > s$ and also gives rise to generators T_2 of $o(3, 2) \sim sp(4)$.

The spin-2 barrier separates theories with usual finite-dimensional lower-spin symmetries from those with infinite-dimensional HS symmetries. The maximal finite-dimensional subalgebra of $hu(1, 0|4)$ is: $u(1) \oplus o(3, 2)$, where $u(1)$ is associated with the unit element.

Even spin generators T_{2p} span a proper subalgebra $ho(1, 0|4)$.

Singletons and AdS/CFT

Representations of HS symmetries: HS multiplets

HS algebras in AdS_4 are conformal HS symmetries of

$3d$ massless scalar S and spinor F

Flato-Fronsdal theorem:

$B \otimes B$ and $F \otimes F$: $m = 0, s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \infty$ in AdS_4

$B \otimes F$: $m = 0, s = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2 \dots \infty$ in AdS_4

global HS symmetries are symmetries of free $3d$ and $4d$ fields.

Interactions deform symmetries by field-dependent corrections

Klebanov-Polyakov conjecture: AdS/CFT duality between $N \rightarrow \infty$ $3d$ $O(N)$

sigma-model and $4d$ HS gauge theory

Bianchi, Heslop, Riccioni conjecture: states of String Theory arrange

into modules of HS algebras

Cubic Actions

HS generalizations of the MacDowell-Mansouri action for gravity

$$S = -\frac{1}{4\kappa^2} \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{n+m-1}}{n!m!} \epsilon(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{m}) \int_{M^4} R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}(x) \wedge R^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}(x),$$

$R^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}(x)$ are components of the HS curvature tensor

$$R(Y|x) = d\omega(Y|x) + \omega(Y|x) \exp [i \overleftarrow{\partial}^\nu \overrightarrow{\partial}^\mu C_{\nu\mu}] \wedge \omega(Y|x)$$

$$\epsilon(-n) = -\epsilon(n), \quad \epsilon(n) = 1 \quad n > 0.$$

$$S(\epsilon(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow \mathbf{1}) = S^{top} = -\frac{1}{4\kappa^2} \int_{M^4} str(R \wedge *R), \quad \delta S^{top} = 0.$$

Free Action in AdS_4

The quadratic part S^2 with $R \rightarrow R_1$ is manifestly gauge invariant.

Extra field decoupling condition

$$\frac{\delta S^2}{\delta \omega^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_m}} \equiv 0, \quad |n - m| > 2$$

S^2 is the free action for all spin $s > 1$ massless fields.

Free massless equations of motion

$$h^{(\alpha_1 \dot{\beta} \wedge R^{\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{s-1}), \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_{s-1} \dot{\beta}} - h_{\gamma}(\dot{\alpha}_1 \wedge R^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{s-1} \gamma, \dot{\alpha}_2 \dots \dot{\alpha}_{s-1}) = 0$$

in the bosonic case and

$$h_{\gamma_1}{}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \wedge R^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{s-3/2} \gamma, \dot{\alpha}_2 \dots \dot{\alpha}_{s-1/2}} = 0,$$

and complex conjugated in the fermionic case.

EOM for the Lorentz-like auxiliary fields: HS "zero-torsion" constraint

$$R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{s-1}, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_{s-1}} = 0.$$

Constraints and Cubic Interactions

Extra fields that contribute beyond quadratic approximation have to be expressed via derivatives of the frame-like field by the constraints

$$h_{(\alpha} \dot{\gamma} \wedge R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n) \alpha, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m \dot{\gamma}} = 0 \quad n > m \geq 0, \quad h^\gamma_{(\dot{\beta} \wedge R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \gamma, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m) \dot{\beta}} = 0$$

To prove HS gauge invariance in the cubic order it suffices to prove that

$$\delta S = \left(\frac{\delta S_2^s}{\delta \omega^{dyn}} \Delta(\omega^{dyn} \epsilon) \right)$$

since such terms can be compensated by a modification of the transformation law

$$\delta' \omega^{dyn} = \delta \omega^{dyn} - \Delta(\omega^{dyn} \epsilon)$$

Use first on-shell theorem which contains the constraints

$$R_1(y, \bar{y} | x) \sim \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha} \dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C(0, \bar{y} | x) + H^{\alpha \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} C(y, 0 | x)$$

HS gauge invariance of the cubic HS action

$$\delta S = -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{n+m-1}}{n!m!} \epsilon(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{m}) \int_{M^4} [\epsilon, R]_{*\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}(x) \wedge R^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}(x),$$

By Central On-Shell Theorem leaves three options

- **holomorphic:** $R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} \wedge R_{\beta_1 \dots \beta_m} \epsilon^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \beta_1 \dots \beta_m}$
- **antiholomorphic:** $R_{\dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_n} \wedge R_{\dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m} \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}$
- **mixed:** $R_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} \wedge R_{\dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m} \epsilon^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \beta_1 \dots \beta_m}$

Holomorphic and antiholomorphic terms vanish because $\epsilon(n - m) = \pm 1$.

The mixed terms vanish because

$$H^{\alpha\beta} \wedge \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \equiv h^{\alpha}_{\dot{\gamma}} \wedge h^{\beta\dot{\gamma}} \wedge h_{\gamma}^{\dot{\alpha}} \wedge h^{\gamma\dot{\beta}} \equiv 0$$

in

$$R(y, 0) \times R(0, \bar{y}) = \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C^{1-i i}(0, \bar{y} | x) \wedge H^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^{\alpha} \partial y^{\beta}} C^{i 1-i}(y, 0 | x)$$

Central On-Shell Theorem and unfolded dynamics

$$R^{ii}(y, \bar{y} | x) = \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C^{1-i i}(0, \bar{y} | x) + H^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} C^{i 1-i}(y, 0 | x) + \dots$$

$$\tilde{D}C^{i 1-i}(y, \bar{y} | x) + \dots, \quad \dots = O(C, \omega_1)$$

$$R(y, \bar{y} | x) = d\omega(y, \bar{y} | x) + \omega(y, \bar{y} | x) * \omega(y, \bar{y} | x)$$

$$\tilde{D}C(y, \bar{y} | x) = dC(y, \bar{y} | x) + \omega(y, \bar{y} | x) * C(y, \bar{y} | x) - C(y, \bar{y} | x) * \omega(y, -\bar{y} | x)$$

Such field equations are **unfolded**: exterior differential of any of the differential form field is expressed via the fields themselves

Problem: find nonlinear corrections that guarantee formal consistency
= gauge invariance of the system

Unfolded Dynamics

First-order form of differential equations

$$\dot{q}^i(t) = \varphi^i(q(t)) \quad \text{initial values: } q^i(t_0)$$

degrees of freedom = # of dynamical variables

Field theory: infinite number of degrees of freedom = spaces of functions

Maxwell $q \sim \vec{A}(x)$, $p \sim \vec{E}(x)$.

Dirac approach is nice and efficient but noncovariant.

Covariant extension $t \rightarrow x^n$?

Unfolded dynamics: multidimensional generalization

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow d, \quad q^i(t) \rightarrow W^\alpha(x) = dx^{n_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{n_p} W_{n_1 \dots n_p}^\alpha(x)$$

a set of differential forms

Unfolded equations

$$dW^\alpha(x) = G^\alpha(W(x)), \quad d = dx^n \partial_n$$

$G^\alpha(W)$: **function of “supercoordinates”** W^α

$$G^\alpha(W) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f^\alpha_{\beta_1 \dots \beta_n} W^{\beta_1} \wedge \dots \wedge W^{\beta_n}$$

Covariant first-order differential equations

$d > 1$: **Nontrivial compatibility conditions**

$$G^\beta(W) \wedge \frac{\partial G^\alpha(W)}{\partial W^\beta} \equiv 0$$

equivalent to the generalized Jacobi identities

$$\sum_{n=0}^m (n+1) f^\gamma_{[\beta_1 \dots \beta_{m-n}} f^\alpha_{\gamma \beta_{m-n+1} \dots \beta_m]} = 0$$

Any solution to generalized Jacobi identities: **FDA**

(Sullivan (1968))

FDA is **universal** if the generalized Jacobi identity holds independently of space-time dimension. The HS FDAs are universal.

Every universal FDA = some L_∞ algebra

Universal unfolded systems are analogues of one-dimensional Hamiltonian systems

The unfolded equation is invariant under the gauge transformation

$$\delta W^\alpha = d\varepsilon^\alpha + \varepsilon^\beta \frac{\partial G^\alpha(W)}{\partial W^\beta},$$

where the gauge parameter $\varepsilon^\alpha(x)$ is a $(p_\alpha - 1)$ -form.

(No gauge parameters for 0-forms W^α)

Properties

- General applicability
- Manifest (HS) gauge invariance
- Invariance under diffeomorphisms
- Exterior algebra formalism
- Interactions: nonlinear deformation of $G^\alpha(W)$
- Degrees of freedom are in 0-forms $C^i(x_0)$ at any $x = x_0$ (as $q(t_0)$)
infinite-dimensional module dual to the space of single-particle states
realized as a space of functions of auxiliary variables (like $C(y, \bar{y})$) instead
of phase space coordinates in the Hamiltonian approach
- Natural realization of infinite symmetries with higher derivatives
- Independence of ambient space-time
- Geometry is encoded by $G^\alpha(W)$
- Lie algebra cohomology interpretation: σ_- cohomology

Unfolding as a covariant twistor transform

Twistor transform

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C(Y|x) & \\ \eta \swarrow & & \searrow \nu \\ M(x) & & T(Y). \end{array}$$

$W^\alpha(Y|x)$ are functions on the “correspondence space” C .

Space-time M : coordinates x . Twistor space T : coordinates Y .

Unfolded equations describe the Penrose transform by mapping functions on T to solutions of field equations in M .

Effective (spinorial HS models):

$W^\alpha(Y|x)$ are unrestricted functions on $T = R^n$ or some projective space.

Ineffective (tensorial HS models):

$W^\alpha(Y|x)$ are subject to differential conditions in T . The unfolded field equations are still useful to describe interactions

Idea of Nonlinear Construction

Being possible in a few first orders, straightforward construction of nonlinear deformation quickly gets very complicated.

• Trick: to find a larger algebra g' such that the substitution

$$\star \quad \omega \rightarrow W = \omega + \omega C + \omega C^2 + \dots$$

into g' reconstructs nonlinear equations via a zero-curvature condition

$$dW + W \wedge W = 0$$

To find restrictions on W that reconstructs \star in all orders

Result: no interaction ambiguity modulo field redefinitions in the tensorial models and one arbitrary function in the $4d$ spinorial model.

YM constant $g^2 = |\Lambda|^{\frac{d-2}{2}} \kappa^2$ can be rescaled away in the classical HS model

Doubling of spinors and Klein operators

$$\omega(Y|x) \longrightarrow W(Z; Y; K|x), \quad C(Y|x) \longrightarrow B(Z; Y; K|x)$$

to be accompanied by equations that determine the dependence on the additional variables Z_ν in terms of “initial data”

$$\omega(Y; K|x) = W(0; Y; K|x) = \sum_{ij=1}^2 k^i \bar{k}^j \omega^{ij}(Y|x)$$

$$C(Y; K|x) = B(0; Y; K|x) = \sum_{ij=1}^2 k^i \bar{k}^j \omega^{ij}(Y|x).$$

$$S(Z, Y, K|x) = dZ^\nu S_\nu \text{ is connection along } Z^\nu$$

Klein operators $K = (k, \bar{k})$ generate chirality automorphisms

$$kf(A) = f(\tilde{A})k, \quad \bar{k}f(A) = f(-\tilde{A})\bar{k}, \quad A = (a_\alpha, \bar{a}_{\dot{\alpha}}) : \quad \tilde{A} = A = (-a_\alpha, \bar{a}_{\dot{\alpha}})$$

$k\bar{k}$ is boson-fermion parity generator: $k\bar{k}f(Y) = f(-Y)k\bar{k}$.

$$P(Y) = P^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} y_\alpha \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}} \longrightarrow \tilde{P}(Y) = -P(Y), \quad \tilde{M}(Y) = M(Y).$$

HS star product

$$(f \star g)(Z, Y) = \int dS dT f(Z + S, Y + S) g(Z - T, Y + T) \exp -iS_\nu T^\nu$$

$$[Y_\nu, Y_\mu]_\star = -[Z_\nu, Z_\mu]_\star = 2iC_{\nu\mu},$$

$Z - Y : Z + Y$ **normal ordering**

Inner Klein operators:

$$\kappa = \exp iz_\alpha y^\alpha, \quad \bar{\kappa} = \exp iz_{\dot{\alpha}} y^{\dot{\alpha}}, \quad \kappa \star f = \tilde{f} \star \kappa, \quad \kappa \star \kappa = 1$$

Nonlinear HS Equations

$$\mathcal{W} \star \mathcal{W} = i(dZ^\nu dZ_\nu + dz^\alpha dz_\alpha F(B) \star k \star \kappa + d\bar{z}^{\dot{\alpha}} d\bar{z}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{F}(B) \star \bar{k} \star \bar{\kappa}), \quad \mathcal{W} \star B = B \star \mathcal{W}$$

Manifest gauge invariance

$$\delta \mathcal{W} = [\varepsilon, \mathcal{W}]_\star, \quad \delta B = \varepsilon \star B - B \star \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon(Z; Y; K|x)$$

$x - z$ decomposition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dW + W \star W = 0 \\ dB + W \star B - B \star W = 0 \\ dS + W \star S + S \star W = 0 \\ S \star B - B \star S = 0 \\ S \star S = i(dZ^\nu dZ_\nu + dz^\alpha dz_\alpha F(B) \star k \star \kappa + d\bar{z}^{\dot{\alpha}} d\bar{z}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{F}(B) \star \bar{k} \star \bar{\kappa}) \end{array} \right.$$

Nontrivial equations are free of space-time differential d .

HS equations describe two dimensional **fuzzy hyperboloid** in noncommutative space of Y_μ and Z_μ . Its radius depends on HS curvature $B(x)$.

Consistency

I. Compatibility with

a. $d^2 = 0$

$$d^2W = d(W \star W) = (W \star W) \star W - W \star (W \star W) = 0$$

b. $(f \star g) \star h = f \star (h \star g)$

$$(S \star S) \star S = S \star (S \star S)$$

is elementary. The term with B may look problematic because S does not commute with the B -dependent terms but it is zero because $(dz^\alpha)^3 = 0$ and $(\delta\bar{z}^{\dot{\alpha}})^3 = 0$.

II. No divergences despite non-polynomial inner Klein operators elements: $\kappa = \exp iz_\alpha y^\alpha$ and $\bar{\kappa} = \exp i\bar{z}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}}$

Less trivial but still elementary

A particular form of star product plays crucial role

Perturbative analysis

Vacuum solution

$$B_0 = 0, \quad S_0 = dZ^\nu Z_\nu, \quad W_0 = \frac{1}{2} \omega_0^{\mu\nu}(x) Y_\mu Y_\nu$$

$$dW_0 + W_0 \star W_0 = 0$$

$\omega_0^{\mu\nu}(x)$: **describes** AdS_d .

First-order fluctuations

$$B_1 = C, \quad S = S_0 + S_1, \quad W = W_0 + W_1$$

$$[S_0, f]_\star = -2id_z f, \quad d_z = dZ^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial Z^\nu}$$

Central On-Shell Theorem

is reproduced in the lowest order in a few steps:

1. $[S, B]_{\star} = 0$ **implies** $d_z B(Z; Y; K|x) = 0$ **and hence**

$$B(Z; Y; K|x) = C(Y; K|x) + \dots$$

2. $dB + W_0 \star B - B \star W_0 = 0$ **implies**

$$\tilde{D}_0 C = 0$$

3. $S \star S = idz^\alpha dz_\alpha F(B)$ **implies in the lowest order** $\{d_z, S_1\}_{\star} = -\frac{1}{2}F(C)dz^\alpha dz_\alpha$
and hence reconstructs S_1 **via** C **up to** Z -**exact terms**

$$S_1 = S_1(C) + d_z \epsilon(Z; Y; K|x)$$

4. $\epsilon(Z; Y; K|x)$ represents infinitesimal HS gauge transformations $\delta\mathcal{W} = [\epsilon, \mathcal{W}]_\star$. Fixing the gauge ambiguity by setting $d_z\epsilon(Z; Y; K|x) = 0$ leaves leftover symmetry with

$$\epsilon(Z; Y; K|x) = \epsilon(Y; K|x)$$

where $\epsilon(Y; K|x)$ is the HS gauge parameter of the original formulation.

5. Solving $d_x + W \star S + S \star W = 0$ implies in the lowest order $D_0(S_1) = 2id_z W_1$. This gives

$$W_1 = \omega(Y; K|x) + W_1(W_0, C)$$

where $\omega(Y; K|x)$ is an arbitrary function of its arguments to be identified with the original HS gauge field in the frame-like formalism

6. Substitution of W_1 into the zero-curvature equation $dW + W \star W = 0$ gives the equation

$$R = hhC$$

of the Central-On-Shell theorem

HS theory in any dimension

$$Y_\nu \rightarrow Y_i^A, \quad C_{\nu\mu} \rightarrow \epsilon_{ij}\eta^{AB}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \quad A, B = 0, 1, \dots, d$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = -\epsilon_{ji}, \quad \epsilon_{12} = \epsilon^{12} = 1: \quad sp(2) \text{ symplectic form}$$

$$\eta_{AB} = \eta_{BA}: \quad o(d-1, 2) \text{ invariant metric}$$

$$A^A = \eta^{AB} A_B, \quad a^i = \epsilon^{ij} a_j, \quad a_i = a^j \epsilon_{ji}$$

Star-product algebra

$$[Y_i^A, Y_j^B]_* = \epsilon_{ij} \eta^{AB}$$

T^{AB} rotates $o(d-1, 2)$ vector indices

$$[T^{AB}, Y_i^C]_* = \frac{1}{2} \left(Y_i^A \eta^{BC} - Y_i^B \eta^{AC} \right)$$

$t_{ij} = Y_i^A Y_j^B \eta_{AB}$ rotate $sp(2)$ indices

$$[t_{ij}, Y_k^A]_* = \epsilon_{jk} Y_i^A + \epsilon_{ik} Y_j^A$$

T^{AB} and t_{ij} form a **Howe dual pair** $o(d-1, 2) \oplus sp(2)$

$$[T^{AB}, t_{ij}]_* = 0$$

\mathcal{S} subalgebra of the Weyl algebra spanned by $sp(2)$ singlets $f(Y)$

$$\mathcal{S} : [f(Y), t_{ij}]_* = 0$$

\mathcal{S} is not simple: two-sided ideal

$$g \in \mathcal{I} : g = t_{ij} * g^{ij} = g^{ij} * t_{ij}.$$

Since

$$t_{ij} = Y_i^A Y_j^B \eta_{AB}$$

\mathcal{I} contains traces, $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{S}/\mathcal{I}$ consists of traceless tensors $\{T_s\}$ described by two-row rectangular tableaux.

HS algebra results from \mathcal{A}

Invariant functionals via Q -cohomology

Equivalent form of compatibility condition

$$Q^2 = 0, \quad Q = G^\alpha(W) \frac{\partial}{\partial W^\alpha}$$

Q -manifolds

Hamiltonian-like form of the unfolded equations

$$dF(W(x)) = Q(F(W(x))), \quad \forall F(W).$$

Action in unfolded dynamics approach

$$S = \int L(W(x)), \quad QL = 0 \quad (2005)$$

$L = QM$: total derivatives

Actions and conserved charges: Q cohomology

for off-shell and on-shell unfolded systems, respectively

Nonlocality of HS Gauge Theory

Having infinitely many HS fields with higher derivatives in interactions, the HS Gauge Theory is nonlocal:

$$\lambda^{-1}D \sim 1$$

since

$$[\lambda^{-1}D, \lambda^{-1}D] \sim 1$$

A different mass scale parameter like α' is needed for a low-energy expansion

4d massless fields in ten dimensions

To describe all 4d massless fields as two fields the Minkowski space-time M^4 has to be replaced by the ten dimensional space \mathcal{M}_4 of symmetric matrices $X^{\mu\nu} = X^{\nu\mu}$ Fronsdal 1985

$\mu, \nu = 1, 2, 3, 4$ Majorana (real) spinor indices $\mu = (\alpha, \dot{\alpha})$

$$X^{\mu\nu} = (x^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}, y^{\alpha\beta}, \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}\beta})$$

$x^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}$: Minkowski coordinates

$y^{\alpha\beta}, \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}\beta}$: six spinning coordinates

From $d = 4$ to $d = 10$ via unfolded dynamics

Unfolded equations in the $4d$ flat Minkowski space

$$(d_x + dx^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}}}) C(Y|x) = 0, \quad d_x = dx^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}}$$

Extend $x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$ to $X^{\mu\nu}$

$$(d_X + dX^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^\mu \partial Y^\nu}) C(Y|x) = 0, \quad d_X = dX^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mu\nu}}$$

There are only two dynamical fields in \mathcal{M}_M :

Scalar field $C(X)$ in the hyperspace $\mathcal{M}_4 =$ all massless bosons in $4d$ Minkowski space.

Spinor field $C_\mu(X)$ in the hyperspace $\mathcal{M}_4 =$ all massless fermions in $4d$ Minkowski space.

Field Equations

(2001)

$$\text{bosons : } \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^{\mu\nu} \partial X^{\rho\sigma}} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^{\rho\nu} \partial X^{\mu\sigma}} \right) C(X) = 0$$

$$\text{fermions : } \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\mu\nu}} C_\rho(X) - \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\rho\nu}} C_\mu(X) \right) = 0$$

- No index contraction: no metric in ten dimensions
- The system is overdetermined
- Makes sense for \mathcal{M}_M with $\mu, \nu = 1, 2 \dots M$
- The field equations are $Sp(8)$ invariant

$Sp(8)$ is an extension of the 4d conformal group $SU(2, 2)$.

$Sp(8)$ unifies all massless bosons and fermions into just two multiplets.

$X^{\mu\nu}$ are coordinates of the minimal $Sp(8)$ invariant space \mathcal{M}_4 .

Fourier Transform

$$C(X) = C_0 \exp i k_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

the field equation gives $k_{\mu\nu} k_{\rho\sigma} = k_{\mu\rho} k_{\nu\sigma}$, **i.e.**

$$k_{\mu\nu} = k \xi_\mu \xi_\nu, \quad k = \pm 1$$

ξ_μ **is real.** $k = \pm 1$ **distinguishes between positive and negative energy**

branches: particles and antiparticles

General solution

$$C(X) = \int d^M \xi \left(b^+(\xi) \exp i \xi_\mu \xi_\nu X^{\mu\nu} + b^-(\xi) \exp -i \xi_\mu \xi_\nu X^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

is parameterized by two functions of four real variables ξ_μ :

Initial data to be given on a M -**dimensional surface** E **in** \mathcal{M}_M .

E : local Cauchy bundle

For $M = 4$, $E = R^3 \times S^1$:

R^3 **is space in Minkowski space-time,** S^1 -**modes describe helicity**

Time and Space

Let $T^{\mu\nu}$ be a positive definite matrix.

Space coordinates $x^{\mu\nu}$ are various T -traceless matrices

$$X^{\mu\nu} \in \Sigma_t : \quad X^{\mu\nu} = x^{\mu\nu} + tT^{\mu\nu}, \quad x^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad T_{\mu\nu}T^{\nu\rho} = \delta_{\mu}^{\rho}.$$

\mathcal{M}_M has one time parameter $t = \frac{1}{M}X^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu}$. Using the ambiguity in $c^{\pm}(\xi)$ in the general solution

$$C(X) = \int d^M \xi \left(c^+(\xi) \exp i\xi_{\mu}\xi_{\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + c^-(\xi) \exp -i\xi_{\mu}\xi_{\nu}X^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

it is possible to localize solutions in M coordinates: physical events are M -dimensional.

Whether there exist some $d-1$ space-like coordinates x^n :

$$X^{\mu\nu} = \sigma_n^{\mu\nu} x^n$$

such that, using $c^\pm(\xi)$ it is possible to built solutions of the field equations proportional to (derivatives of)

$\delta^{d-1}(x - x_0)$ at any $x_0 \in R^{d-1}$?!

If yes, at given time we can switch on light at the point x_0 of our space $R^{d-1} \subset E$.

This happens if there exists a map $k_n = \sigma_n^{\mu\nu} \xi_\mu \xi_\nu$ onto R^{d-1} . By changing integration variables from ξ_μ to k_n plus some other variables in case $d - 1 < M$, $\delta^{d-1}(x - x_0)$ can be obtained from the integration over k_n .

Usual space in \mathcal{M}_M is realized in terms of Clifford algebra:

$$\gamma_n^\mu{}_\nu = \sigma_n^{\mu\rho} T_{\rho\nu}, \quad \{\gamma_n, \gamma_m\} = 2\eta_{nm},$$

\mathcal{M}_M is visualized via Clifford algebras.

No metric tensor in the $sp(8)$ invariant dynamical equations in \mathcal{M}_M .

Space metric η_{nm} appears via Clifford algebra along with the concept of local event.

Different Physical Dimensions in \mathcal{M}_4

Different $sp(8)$ invariant equations visualize \mathcal{M}_4 as space-times of local events of different dimensions

Rank two equations

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial X^{\mu_1 \nu_1} \partial X^{\mu_2 \nu_2} \partial X^{\mu_3 \nu_3}} C(X) = 0$$

describe 6d space-time with the $SU(2)$ spin variable: $E = R^5 \times SU(2)$.

Rank four equations describe 10d space-time with the S^7 spin variable.

Delocalized branes of different dimensions in the same 10d space-time

\mathcal{M}_4 ?!

Rank two equations in $\mathcal{M}_M \sim$ rank one in \mathcal{M}_{2M} Gelfond, MV (2002)

$M = 2, 4, 8, 16 :$

$d = 3, 4, 6, 10$ Bando, Lukierski, Sorokin (1999)

Symmetries

Let some local Cauchy bundle $E = R^{d-1} \times S$ be chosen to visualize \mathcal{M}_M .

A transformation that maps Minkowski space-time to itself leaving the fibers intact is a usual conformal transformation.

A symmetry that does not shift points of the Minkowski space-time, acting on the coordinates of the fiber is the (generalized) electric-magnetic duality transformation that acts on all spins.

$Sp(2M)$ transformations that shift E in \mathcal{M}_M look as nongeometric symmetries from the Minkowski space-time perspective, extending $su(2, 2) \oplus u(1)$ to $sp(8)$ which mixes fields of different spins.

Riemann theta functions as solutions of massless field equations

A surprising property of the unfolded massless field equations formulated in \mathcal{M}_M

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial Z^{\mu\nu}} + i h \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^\mu \partial Y^\nu} \right) C^+(Y|Z) = 0,$$

is that Riemann theta functions form their natural solutions

Gelfond, MV 2008

$$C^+(Y|Z) = \sum_{n^\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^M} c_n^+ \exp i(h Z^{\mu\nu} (2\pi n_\mu)(2\pi n_\nu) + 2\pi n_\rho Y^\rho)$$

\mathcal{M}_M is a boundary of Siegel space

$c_n = 1$: $C^+(Y|Z)$ is Riemann theta function = D-function periodic in Y .

Space-time coordinates: period matrix?!

Conclusions

Nonlinear HS gauge theories do exist in various dimensions.

Unbroken HS gauge symmetries require

Infinite HS multiplets + nonzero curvature = nonlocal theory

Free $4d$ HS theory admits concise formulation in the ten-dimensional space.

Metric tensor appears after coordinates of local events are defined.

Higher rank systems visualize physical space-times of different dimension as coexisting delocalized “branes” imbedded into \mathcal{M}_M

M : $M = 8 \rightarrow d = 6$, $M = 16 \rightarrow d = 10$, $M = 32 \rightarrow d = 11?!$

To do

Extend nonlinear HS theory to

Mixed symmetry fields

Matrix space-times \mathcal{M}_M

HS symmetry breaking mechanism

Low energy expansion parameter analogous to α'

Relation to String Theory

Exact solutions

So far very few exact solutions including

$m \neq 0$ matter in $3d$

selfdual in $4d$

Black hole in $4d$

Integrability?!

AdS/CFT!

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