

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

*Duality for gauge field and complex scalar*

Interacting theory with one abelian gauge field and a complex scalar

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}(\text{Re } Z)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{8}(\text{Im } Z)\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\rho\sigma}$$

Bianchi identity and equation of motion

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu \left[ (\text{Re } Z) F^{\mu\nu} - i(\text{Im } Z) \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right] = 0$$

Define the tensor  $G^{\mu\nu} \equiv \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{\partial S}{\partial F_{\rho\sigma}} = -i(\text{Re } Z)\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} - (\text{Im } Z)F^{\mu\nu}$

$$G^{\mu\nu-} = iZ F^{\mu\nu-}, \quad G^{\mu\nu+} = -i\bar{Z} F^{\mu\nu+}$$

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

$$\partial_\mu \text{Im } F^{\mu\nu -} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu \text{Im } G^{\mu\nu -} = 0$$

These equations are invariant under the transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} F'^{-} \\ G'^{-} \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} F^{-} \\ G^{-} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where

$$S \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad ad - bc = 1$$

is an  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  transformation

$$G'^{\mu\nu -} = iZ' F'^{\mu\nu -}$$

If 
$$iZ' = \frac{c + idZ}{a + ibZ}$$
 Which is the transformation of the scalar

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

$$\mathcal{L}(F, Z) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(Z F_{\mu\nu}^- F^{\mu\nu -})$$

Magnetic and electric charges appear as sources for the Bianchi identity and generalized Maxwell equation

vector of charges  $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$ , Transforms like  $\begin{pmatrix} F^- \\ G^- \end{pmatrix}$

Schwinger-Zwanziger quantization condition for dyons  $p_1 q_2 - p_2 q_1 = 2\pi n$

We have  $\operatorname{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , often called the modular group

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z' = Z - i, \quad Z' = \frac{1}{Z}. \quad \text{S-duality}$$

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

gauge fields  $A_\mu^A(x)$ , indexed by  $A = 1, 2, \dots, m$

scalar fields  $\phi^i$

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}, \quad \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}(\text{Re } f_{AB})F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{\mu\nu B} + \frac{1}{4}i(\text{Im } f_{AB})F_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu B}$$

$$f_{AB}(\phi) = f_{BA}(\phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(F^+, F^-) &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (f_{AB} F_{\mu\nu}^{-A} F^{\mu\nu - B}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (f_{AB} F_{\mu\nu}^{-A} F^{\mu\nu - B} + f_{AB}^* F_{\mu\nu}^{+A} F^{\mu\nu + B}) \end{aligned}$$

$$G_A^{\mu\nu -} = -2i \frac{\partial S(F^+, F^-)}{\partial F_{\mu\nu}^{-A}} = i f_{AB} F^{\mu\nu - B}$$

$$G_A^{\mu\nu +} = 2i \frac{\partial S(F^+, F^-)}{\partial F_{\mu\nu}^{+A}} = -i f_{AB}^* F^{\mu\nu + B}$$

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

$$\begin{aligned}\partial^\mu \operatorname{Im} F_{\mu\nu}^{A-} &= 0 & : & \text{Bianchi identities,} \\ \partial_\mu \operatorname{Im} G_A^{\mu\nu-} &= 0 & : & \text{Equations of motion}\end{aligned}$$

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

$$\begin{pmatrix} F'^{-} \\ G'^{-} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{S} \begin{pmatrix} F^{-} \\ G^{-} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^{-} \\ G^{-} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{if' = (C + iDf)(A + iBf)^{-1}}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}(2m, \mathbb{R})$$

$$\mathcal{S}^T \Omega \mathcal{S} = \Omega \quad \text{where} \quad \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dimension of the symplectic group  $m(2m+1)$

# Duality for the electromagnetic field

- Duality transformations
  - symmetries of one theory (S-duality)
  - transformations from theory to another theory (M-theory applications)

# Non-abelian Gauge Field

An element of the gauge group in the fundamental representation

$$U(x) = e^{-\Theta(x)}, \text{ with } \Theta(x) = \theta^A(x)t_A$$

a spinor field  $\Psi$  in the fundamental representation

$$\Psi(x) \rightarrow U(x)\Psi(x)$$

given any field in the adjoint representation, such as  $\phi^A(x)$

$$U(x)t_A U(x)^{-1} = t_B R^B_A(x) \quad R^B_A = \delta^B_A + \theta^C f_{AC}^B$$

$$\Phi(x) = t_A \phi^A(x) \quad \Phi(x) \rightarrow U(x)\Phi(x)U(x)^{-1}$$

$$\text{Gauge potential } \mathbf{A}_\mu(x) = t_A A_\mu^A(x)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_\mu(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}'_\mu(x) \equiv \frac{1}{g} U(x) \partial_\mu U(x)^{-1} + U(x) \mathbf{A}_\mu(x) U(x)^{-1}$$



# Non-abelian Gauge Field

infinitesimal transformations

$$\delta A_\mu(x) = \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \Theta(x) + [A_\mu(x), \Theta(x)]$$

Covariant derivatives

$$D_\mu \Psi \equiv (\partial_\mu + g \mathbf{A}_\mu) \Psi$$

$$D_\mu \bar{\Psi} \equiv \partial_\mu \bar{\Psi} - g \bar{\Psi} \mathbf{A}_\mu$$

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi + g [\mathbf{A}_\mu, \Phi]$$

$$D_\mu \Psi \rightarrow U(x) D_\mu \Psi, \quad D_\mu \bar{\Psi} \rightarrow D_\mu \bar{\Psi} U(x)^{-1}, \quad D_\mu \Phi \rightarrow U(x) D_\mu \Phi U(x)^{-1}$$

# Non-abelian Gauge Field

non-abelian field strength

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} = t_A F_{\mu\nu}^A = \partial_\mu \mathbf{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathbf{A}_\mu + g[\mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{A}_\nu]$$

Bianchi identity  $D_\mu F_{\nu\rho} + D_\nu F_{\rho\mu} + D_\rho F_{\mu\nu} = 0$

$$D_\mu F_{\nu\rho}^A + D_\nu F_{\rho\mu}^A + D_\rho F_{\mu\nu}^A = 0$$

Where

$$D_\mu F_{\nu\rho}^A = \partial_\mu F_{\nu\rho}^A + gf_{BC}{}^A A_\mu^B F_{\nu\rho}^A$$

Action

$$S[\mathbf{A}_\mu, \bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int d^D x \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}) + \bar{\Psi}(\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)\Psi \right]$$

# Non-abelian Chern Simons

$$S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_M \text{tr}(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A)$$

Equation of motion

$$F = dA + A \wedge A \quad F = 0$$

# Internal Symmetry for Majorana Spinors

Majorana spinors play a central role in supersymmetric field theories

spinor fields of super-Yang-Mills theory are denoted as  $\lambda^A$   
transform in the adjoint representation

$$\lambda^A \rightarrow \lambda'^A = R^A_B \lambda^B.$$

$R^A_B$  real and therefore compatible with the Majorana condition

# Internal Symmetry for Majorana Spinors

- **D=4**  $t_A$  Complex representation, we have the highest rank element

$$\chi^\alpha \rightarrow \chi'^\alpha \equiv (e^{-\theta^A(t_A P_L + t_A^* P_R)})^\alpha{}_\beta \chi^\beta$$

The chiral projection transform

$$P_L \chi^\alpha \rightarrow P_L \chi'^\alpha \equiv (e^{-\theta^A t_A})^\alpha{}_\beta P_L \chi^\beta$$

$$P_R \chi^\alpha \rightarrow P_R \chi'^\alpha \equiv (e^{-\theta^A t_A^*})^\alpha{}_\beta P_R \chi^\beta$$

Variation of the mass term

$$\delta(\bar{\chi}\chi) = -\theta^A \bar{\chi}(t_A + t_A^T)\gamma_*\chi$$

If  $G=\text{SU}(n)$ , the mass term is preserved by  $\text{SO}(n)$

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

Consider now a free spinor abelian gauge field

$\Psi_\mu(x)$  we omit the spinor indexes

Gauge transformation  $\Psi_\mu(x) \rightarrow \Psi_\mu(x) + \partial_\mu \epsilon(x)$

$\Psi_\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  are complex spinors with  $2^{[D/2]}$  spinor components

This is fine for a free theory, but interacting supergravity theories are more restrictive .  
We will need to use Majorana and/or Weyl spinors

Field strength

$$\partial_\mu \Psi_\nu - \partial_\nu \Psi_\mu$$

gauge invariant

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Action

Properties: a) Lorentz invariant, b) first order in space-time derivatives  
c) gauge invariant, d) hermitean

$$S = - \int d^D x \bar{\Psi}_\mu \gamma^{\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\nu \Psi_\rho$$

contains the third rank Clifford algebra element  $\gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}$

$\bar{\Psi}_\mu$  is the Dirac conjugate

$$\bar{\Psi}_\mu = \Psi^\dagger i\gamma^0$$

The lagrangian is invariant up to a total derivative

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = -\partial_\mu (\bar{\epsilon} \gamma^{\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\nu \tilde{\Psi}_\rho)$$

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Equation of motion

$$\gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}\partial_\nu\Psi_\rho = 0$$

Noether identities  $\gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\Psi_\rho = 0$

Using  $\gamma_\mu\gamma^{\mu\nu\rho} = (D-2)\gamma^{\nu\rho}$

$$\gamma^{\mu\nu\rho} = \gamma^\mu\gamma^{\nu\rho} - \eta^{\mu\nu}\gamma^\rho + \eta^{\mu\rho}\gamma^\nu$$

We can write the equations of motion as

$$\gamma^\mu(\partial_\mu\Psi_\nu - \partial_\nu\Psi_\mu) = 0$$



# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Massless particles

$$\not{\partial}(\partial_\rho \Psi_\nu - \partial_\nu \Psi_\rho) = 0$$

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Initial value problem

The gauge  $\gamma^i \Psi_i = 0$  fixes completely the gauge

$$\gamma^i \Psi'_i = \gamma^i (\Psi_i + \partial_i \epsilon) = \gamma^i \partial_i \epsilon \longrightarrow \nabla^2 \epsilon = 0$$

the equations of motion in components

$$\gamma^i \partial_i \Psi_0 - \partial_0 \gamma^i \Psi_i = 0$$

$$\gamma \cdot \partial \Psi_i - \partial_i \gamma \cdot \Psi = 0$$

Using the gauge condition one can see that  $\nabla^2 \Psi_0 = 0$ , so  $\Psi_0 = 0$

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Initial value problem

The spatial components  $\Psi_i$  then satisfy the Dirac equation

$$\gamma \cdot \partial \Psi_i = 0$$

We have also  $\partial^i \Psi_i = 0$

The restrictions on the initial conditions are

$$\gamma^i \Psi_i(\vec{x}, 0) = 0$$

$$\Psi_0(\vec{x}, 0) = 0$$

$$\partial^i \Psi_i(\vec{x}, 0) = 0$$

there are only  $2^{\lfloor \frac{D}{2} \rfloor} (D - 3)$  initial components

# The free Rarita-Schwinger field

- Initial value problem

The on-shell degrees freedom are half of  $2^{[\frac{D}{2}]}(D - 3)$

In  $D=4$ , with Majorana conditions, we find two states expected for a massless particle for any  $s>0$ . The helicities are  $+3/2$  and  $-3/2$

# Degrees of freedom

## D=11 Supergravity

128 bosons degrees of freedom  
graviton  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , **44** of SO(9):  $\square\square$

3-form  $C_{\mu\nu\rho}$ ,  $C_{(3)}$ , **84** of SO(9):  $\begin{matrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{matrix}$

128 fermions degrees of freedom

SO(9) little group of massless particles of ISO(10,1)

$$L = \sqrt{-g} \left\{ R - \frac{1}{2} (F_{(4)})^2 + \dots \right\} + C_{(3)} \wedge dC_{(3)} \wedge dC_{(3)} + \dots \text{fermions}$$

$F_{(4)} = \partial C_{(3)}$ , 4-form field strength

$$d(*F_{(4)} + C_{(3)} \wedge dC_{(3)}) = 0$$