

$N=1$ SQM
Superspace $t, \theta, \bar{\theta}$
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odd

$$Q = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \bar{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \bar{Q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}} + \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$D = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \bar{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \bar{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}} - \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$\Phi^i = X^i(t) + \underline{\theta} \Psi^i + \bar{\theta} \bar{\Psi}^i + \underline{\theta} \bar{\theta} F^i \quad (1)$$

$$Q \Phi^i = \Psi^i + \bar{\theta} \partial_t X^i + \bar{\theta} F^i + \underline{\theta} \partial_t \Psi^i \quad (2)$$

$$\delta_Q X^i = \Psi^i \quad \delta_Q \bar{\Psi}^i = \partial_t X^i + F^i \quad \delta_Q \Psi^i = \partial_t \bar{\Psi}^i$$

$$\delta_{\bar{Q}} X^i = \bar{\Psi}^i \quad \delta_{\bar{Q}} \Psi^i = \partial_t X^i - F^i \quad \delta_{\bar{Q}} \bar{\Psi}^i = \partial_t \Psi^i$$

$$D \Phi^i = \Psi^i + \bar{\theta} \partial_t X^i + \bar{\theta} F^i - \underline{\theta} \partial_t \Psi^i$$

$$\bar{D} \Phi^i = \bar{\Psi}^i - \theta \partial_t X^i - \theta F^i - \underline{\theta} \partial_t \bar{\Psi}^i \quad (3)$$

$$\int d^2 \theta g_{ij}(\Phi) D \Phi^i \bar{D} \Phi^j$$

Case 1: g_{ij} is constant
pick up 2 θ 's $g_{ij} (\partial_t X^i + F^i) (\partial_t X^j - F^j) =$

$$= g_{ij} \partial_t X^i \partial_t X^j - g_{ij} F^i F^j$$

From terms in (3) linear in θ .

I can pick term $\theta \bar{\theta} \rightarrow$ kinetic terms

I can add so-called superpotential.

$$\int d^2 \theta W(\Phi) = \int \frac{\partial W}{\partial X^i} F^i \bar{\theta} \theta +$$

$$+ \int \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial X^i \partial X^j} \bar{\Psi}^i \Psi^j \bar{\theta} \theta$$

Altogether I get

$$S = \int \left(g_{ij} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial t} + g_{ij} \bar{\psi}^i \frac{\partial \psi^j}{\partial t} + \underbrace{g_{ij} F^i F^j}_{\text{Field } F} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i} F^i}_{\text{Field } F} + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \bar{\psi}^i \psi^j \right) dt$$

Field F has no time derivative in the action, so it could be eliminated by gaussian integration.

Result is $\int g_{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^j}$

We have a theory that is: Free theory for bosons $x^i(t)$ with potential $g_{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^j}$ and

Theory of fermions $g_{ij} \bar{\psi}^i \frac{\partial \psi^j}{\partial t}$ interacting with bosons by

$$\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \bar{\psi}^i \psi^j$$

of such theory in functional formalism. Let me go to interpretation

1) About bosons $\rightarrow \int_{x(0)=x_0}^{x(T)=x_1} \mathcal{D}x \exp \int g_{ij} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial t} - U(x)$
 \uparrow
 $\text{Fun}(X) \times \text{Fun}(X)$

2) Fermions $\int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \exp \int g_{ij} \bar{\psi}^i \frac{\partial \psi^j}{\partial t} + \text{int.}$

First order system should be treated like

Bosonic first order system - reminder

$$\int_{X(0)=X_0}^{X(T)=X_T} \mathcal{D}X e^{-\int \mathcal{L}(X) dt} = \int \mathcal{D}p \mathcal{D}X e^{\int (i p \dot{X} - p^2) dt}$$

$X(0)=X_0 \rightarrow$ no boundary conditions on p
 $X(T)=X_T$

So I treat fermions in the similar fashion
 I impose boundary condition only on ψ
 Altogether, the functional integral is a function of $X_0^i, \psi_0^i, X_T^i, \psi_T^i \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, so I have an operator $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$

In functional integral approach we say that local observables are just local functionals of local fields

$$\int \mathcal{D}\psi e^{\int \mathcal{L}(\psi) dt} \mathcal{O}(\psi)(t_1) = 0 < t_1 < T$$

$$= e^{(T-t_1)H} \hat{\mathcal{O}} e^{t_1 H}$$

what are operators, corresp. to local observables?

\hat{X}^i is just multiplication by X^i
 bosonic momentum

$$g_{ij} \hat{\partial}_t X^j \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial X^i}$$

similarly, $\hat{\psi}^i$ is just multiplication by ψ^i

$$g_{ij} \hat{\psi}^i \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^j} \text{ being a momentum for } \psi$$

Reminder. We observed it by studying p and $\bar{\pi}$ observables in instantonic approach:

$$\int p \frac{dx}{dt} - \epsilon p v(t_2) - f(x)(t_2)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\epsilon} \int \mathcal{D}p \ e^{i \int p v(t_2) - f(x)(t_2)}$$

$\epsilon=0$ $t_1 > t_2$ $\int \cdot \cdot \cdot \epsilon$ -jump

Goal - show that operators announced $d + dW$ and $d^* + (dW)^*$ are actually Q and \bar{Q}

I want to show that

$$[d + dW, X^i] = \delta_Q X^i \quad (a)$$

$$[d + dW, \psi^i] = \delta_Q \psi^i \quad (b)$$

$$[d + dW, \bar{\psi}^i] = \delta_{\bar{Q}} \bar{\psi}^i \quad (c)$$

a) is easy $dX^i = \psi^i \quad (+)$

b) also easy $0 = 0$

$$c) \left[\psi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \psi^i \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i}, g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^j} \right] =$$

$$= \underbrace{g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}}_{\uparrow} + g^{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^j}$$

From $\delta_Q \psi^i = \underline{\underline{\partial_t X^i}} + F^i$ after integration over F

$$F^i = g^{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^j}$$

c) is proven.

Now, what about

$$\bar{Q} = d^* + (dW)^* = -g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^j} + g^{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^j}$$

may be treated in the same way.
 It is clear that $[\bar{Q}, \hat{x}^i] = -g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^j} = -\hat{\psi}^i$ as expected!

Similarly

$$[\bar{Q}, \psi^i] = -g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + g^{ij} \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^j} - \hat{\partial}_t x^i + \hat{F}^i$$

Thus, Q and \bar{Q} actually correspond to $d + dW$ and $d^* + (dW)^*$

$$\begin{aligned} D\varphi^i &= \psi^i \partial_t x^i + \bar{\theta} F^i - \bar{\theta} \theta \partial_t \psi^i \\ \bar{D}\varphi^i &= \bar{\psi}^i - \theta \partial_t x^i - \theta F^i - \bar{\theta} \theta \partial_t \psi^i \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Case 2 - nonconstant metric $g_{ij}(\varphi)$, what are new terms

$$\int d^4\theta g_{ij}(x + \theta\psi + \bar{\theta}\bar{\psi} + \theta\bar{\theta}F) D\varphi^i \bar{D}\varphi^i$$

$$\partial_k g_{ij} F^k \psi^i \bar{\psi}^j + \partial_k g_{ij} \psi^k \bar{\psi}^i (\partial_t x^i - F^i)$$

$$+ \partial_k \partial_l g_{ij} \psi^k \psi^l \bar{\psi}^i \bar{\psi}^j$$

by excluding F^i ($g_{ij} F^i F^j$) we get

$R_{ijkl} \psi^i \psi^j \bar{\psi}^k \bar{\psi}^l \leftrightarrow$ How to see it?

$R \sim \partial\Gamma - \partial\Gamma + \Gamma\Gamma$, where Γ is

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{g}}^i_j (\underline{\underline{\partial}}_k g^j_l + \underline{\underline{\partial}}_l g^j_k - \underline{\underline{\partial}}_j g^k_l)$$

$R \sim \partial g \cdot \partial g$ - terms and also $\partial^2 g$

$\partial_t X^i$ terms sum up into $\underbrace{\text{connection}}_{\text{Levi-civita connection}}$ terms.

$$S = \int g_{ij} \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial t} dt + \int g_{ij} \bar{\psi}^i \left(\partial_t \psi^j - \partial_t X^k \Gamma_{kl}^i \psi^l \right) dt + \int R_{ijkl} \psi^i \psi^j \bar{\psi}^k \bar{\psi}^l dt + g^{ij} \frac{\partial \psi^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}^l}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi^k}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \psi^i \psi^j$$

New concept - Witten index

Consider a space of states of an abstract TQM: V it is \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded.

I assume that $H = \{Q, \bar{Q}\}$ has a discrete spectrum

$$\bar{I} = \text{Str}_V e^{-TH} = \text{Tr}(-1)^p e^{-TH} \quad \text{F} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ T \end{array} \right)$$

p is parity

Theorem.

\bar{I}_T does not depend on T

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}}{\partial T} = \text{Tr}(-1)^p e^{-TH} (Q\bar{Q} + \bar{Q}Q) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} - Q(-1)^p e^{-TH} \bar{Q} &= \text{Tr} - (-1)^p e^{-TH} \bar{Q} Q = -\text{Tr} \bar{Q} Q = -\text{Tr} Q(-1)^p \\ &= -(-1)^p \text{Tr} Q = -\text{Tr} Q(-1)^p \end{aligned}$$

Important trick:

compare $T \rightarrow \infty$ and $T \rightarrow 0$ in the functional integral (in $N=1$ SQM)

$$T \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Str}_V e^{-TH} = \text{Str}_{\text{Harmonic } K \text{ forms, that are Ker of } H} e^{-TH} \quad \sum (-1)^{\dim H_d} = \chi \quad \uparrow \text{Euler number}$$

what happens in the opposite case

Claim: when $T \rightarrow 0$ we localize to constant maps.

$$X^i(t) = X_0^i + X_n \exp \frac{2\pi i n t}{T}$$

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{2\pi i n}{T} X_n \exp \frac{2\pi i n t}{T} \quad \left(\frac{dX}{dt}\right)^2 \sim \frac{4\pi^2}{T^2} X_n^2$$

$$\int_0^T \left(\frac{dX}{dt}\right)^2 dt \sim \sum_n \frac{X_n^2}{T}, \quad \text{for } T \rightarrow \infty$$

it is exp. vanishing \uparrow since it is in exponent.

Similar thing happens for fermions
 Altogether, the functional integral
 (it may be shown) reduces to

$$\int dX_0 d\psi_0 \exp(R_{ijkl} \psi_0^i \psi_0^j \bar{\psi}_0^k \bar{\psi}_0^l) =$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
zero modes

= Gauss-Boune formula for Euler number.

(We got functional integral proof)

One can prove many math. theorems using
 this idea (all index theory theorems)

Another consequence of $N=1$ SQM. \mathcal{W}

1) It is clear, that $d+\mathcal{W} = e^{-\mathcal{W}} d e^{\mathcal{W}}$, so

$$H_{d+\mathcal{W}}(X_{\uparrow}) = H_d$$

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compact

2) At the same time $H_d \cong$ Harmonic forms,

and Harmonic forms correspond to
 potential $g_{ij} \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial x^j}$ + term linear in \mathcal{W}

Consider rescaling $\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \lambda \mathcal{W}$, $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$
 potential looks like



Evaluate space of harmonic forms
its dimension is not greater than
the number of critical points

Each critical point has approximate
ground state with zero energy
and these states may only be lifted
due to tunnelling effect.

Tunneling can only deduce the
number of harmonic forms = $\dim H_0$

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Math. statement - number of critical
points of the function $W \geq$

$$\sum_k \dim H_k$$

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Here we are coming again to
the framework of Morse theory -
- to be explained next time.