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**Algebraic Analysis of the System Associated to  
Rarita–Schwinger operators**

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## OUTLINE

1. Rarita–Scwinger operator in *real dimension 3*
2. The **complex** associated to 1, 2 and more operators
3. Exactness, compatibility conditions, **algebraic properties**
4. Rarita–Scwinger in *real dimension 4* : some **experiments**

**DEFINITION**

dimension 3

$(\rho_m, V_m)$  irreducible representation of  $SU(2)$ ,  $(\rho_2, V_2) \simeq (ad, \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C})$ ,

$$(\rho_m, V_m) \otimes (\rho_2, V_2) \simeq (\rho_{m+2}, V_{m+2}) \oplus (\rho_m, V_m) \oplus (\rho_{m-2}, V_{m-2})$$

$$\nabla^S : \Gamma(S_m) \longrightarrow \Gamma(S_m \otimes T^*(M))$$

$$\Gamma(S_m \otimes T^*M) \simeq \Gamma(S_{m+2}) \oplus \Gamma(S_m) \oplus \Gamma(S_{m-2}) \quad \pi_+, \pi_0, \pi_- \text{ projections}$$

$$RS := \pi_0 \circ \nabla^S : \Gamma(S_3) \longrightarrow \Gamma(S_3)$$

we need now local coordinates...

## FLAT REPRESENTATION

[Y.Homma using mathematica]

$\{e_i\}_{i=1..3}$  a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$        $\{z^k\}_{k=0..m}$  a basis of  $V_m$

$$D^m = \sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_m^0(e_i) \cdot \nabla_{e_i} : \Gamma(S_m) \longrightarrow \Gamma(S_m)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_m^0\left(\frac{e_1}{2}\right)z^k = i\left(k - \frac{m}{2}\right)z^k \\ \rho_m^0\left(\frac{e_2}{2} + i\frac{e_3}{2}\right)z^k = -kz^{k-1} \\ \rho_m^0\left(\frac{e_2}{2} - i\frac{e_3}{2}\right)z^k = (m - k)z^{k+1}. \end{array} \right.$$

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## Rarita–Schwinger System

differentiable functions  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n : U \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^3)^n \longrightarrow V_3$

consider the **inhomogeneous** system of PDEs - with data  $g_1 \dots g_n$

$$\begin{cases} RS_1 f & = & g_1 \\ & \dots & \\ RS_n f & = & g_n \end{cases}$$

It can be written in the form  $P(D)f = g$  where

$P$  is a matrix of polynomials in  $R := \mathbb{C}[x_i^t]_{i=1..3}^{t=1..n}$ ,  
 $D = (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1^1}, \dots, -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3^n})$ .

## ALGEBRAIC ANALYSIS

compact form of the system:  $P(D)f = g$

we study algebraic properties of  $R^s/M$ , where  $M = \langle \text{rows of } P \rangle$

→ **compatibility conditions of the system = syzygies of  $M$**

*More in general* we are interested in the free resolution:

$$0 \longrightarrow R^{\beta_s} \longrightarrow R^{\beta_{s-1}} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^{\beta_1} \longrightarrow R^{\beta_0} \longrightarrow R^4/M \longrightarrow 0$$

## Matrix Representation

(with opportune coordinates):

Cauchy – Fueter :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x_{t0}} & -\partial_{x_{t1}} & -\partial_{x_{t2}} & -\partial_{x_{t3}} \\ \partial_{x_{t1}} & \partial_{x_{t0}} & -\partial_{x_{t3}} & \partial_{x_{t2}} \\ \partial_{x_{t2}} & \partial_{x_{t3}} & \partial_{x_{t0}} & -\partial_{x_{t1}} \\ \partial_{x_{t3}} & -\partial_{x_{t2}} & \partial_{x_{t1}} & \partial_{x_{t0}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$

Rarita – Schwinger :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \partial_{X_{t1}} & \partial_{X_{t3}} & 0 & 0 \\ \partial_{X_{t2}} & \partial_{X_{t1}} & 2\partial_{X_{t3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 2\partial_{X_{t2}} & -\partial_{X_{t1}} & \partial_{X_{t3}} \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_{X_{t2}} & -\partial_{X_{t1}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

## Matrix Representation

(continued):

$$\text{Moisil – Theodorescu : } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\partial_{x_{t1}} & -\partial_{x_{t2}} & -\partial_{x_{t3}} \\ \partial_{x_{t1}} & 0 & -\partial_{x_{t3}} & \partial_{x_{t2}} \\ \partial_{x_{t2}} & \partial_{x_{t3}} & 0 & -\partial_{x_{t1}} \\ \partial_{x_{t3}} & -\partial_{x_{t2}} & \partial_{x_{t1}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$

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# FREE RESOLUTION

$n = 1, 2$

$$n = 1 : \quad 0 \longrightarrow R(-1)^4 \xrightarrow{P^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$n = 2 : \quad 0 \longrightarrow R(-4)^4 \xrightarrow{P_2^T} R(-3)^8 \xrightarrow{P_1^T} R(-1)^8 \xrightarrow{P^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

where  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  involves *Rarita-Schwinger like* operators (invariant?)

## FREE RESOLUTION

$$n \geq 3$$

- Cauchy-Fueter and Rarita-Schwinger have *the same* free resolution:

$$0 \longrightarrow R_{(-2n)}^{\beta_{2n-1}} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R_{(-4)}^{\beta_3} \longrightarrow R_{(-3)}^{\beta_2} \longrightarrow R_{(-1)}^{4n} \xrightarrow{P^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\beta_d = 4n \binom{2n-1}{d} \frac{d-1}{d+1}, \quad d > 1.$$

- It can be proved used standard Gröbner Basis techniques

## Remarks

- Key ingredient: **Hilbert series**  $\mathcal{H}_{R^4/M}(z) = 4 \frac{1+(n-1)z}{(1-z)^{n+1}}$
- The algebraic dual of the free resolution is **exact**.
- This implies exactness at the level of sheaves [e.g.  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{3n})$ ]

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}^P \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}^{\beta_0} \xrightarrow{P(D)} \mathcal{S}^{\beta_1} \xrightarrow{P_1(D)} \dots \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}^{\beta_{2n-1}} \longrightarrow 0$$

- Is it the same as the complex of *invariant operators*?

## Compatibility conditions

- Key ingredient:

$$C_{ij} := \widetilde{RS}_i RS_j - \widetilde{RS}_j RS_i = 5(\partial_{X_{i2}} \partial_{X_{j3}} - \partial_{X_{i3}} \partial_{X_{j2}}) I_4$$

- Relations at the first step **include**:

$$(C_{ij} + RS_i \widetilde{RS}_j) g_i - RS_i \widetilde{RS}_i g_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

- Relations at the second step **include**:

$$RS'_i h_{ij} - RS'_j h_{ji} = 0 \quad i < j$$

- This implies the existence of "exceptional" syzygies for  $n > 2$ ...

## Dimension Four

$$m = 4$$

Penrose notation:  $\nabla^{A\dot{B}}\varphi_{AB\dot{A}} = 0$  Rarita-Scwinger equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla^{0\dot{0}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{0}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla^{0\dot{0}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{0}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \nabla^{0\dot{0}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{0}} & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla^{0\dot{i}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{i}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \nabla^{0\dot{i}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{i}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \nabla^{0\dot{i}} & 0 & \nabla^{1\dot{i}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{00\dot{0}} \\ \varphi_{00\dot{i}} \\ \varphi_{10\dot{0}} \\ \varphi_{10\dot{i}} \\ \varphi_{11\dot{0}} \\ \varphi_{11\dot{i}} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

## Some Experiments

$$m = 4$$

$$\bullet n = 1 : 0 \longrightarrow R^6 \xrightarrow{RS} R_{(1)}^6 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\bullet n = 2 : 0 \longrightarrow R^6 \xrightarrow{RS} R_{(1)}^{12} \xrightarrow{P_1} R_{(2)}^2 \oplus R_{(3)}^8 \longrightarrow R_{(4)}^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\bullet n = 3 :$$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^6 \xrightarrow{RS} R_{(1)}^{18} \xrightarrow{P_1} R_{(2)}^6 \oplus R_{(3)}^{38} \longrightarrow R_{(4)}^{60} \longrightarrow R_{(5)}^{36} \longrightarrow R_{(6)}^8 \longrightarrow 0$$

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(this means it's over!)

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