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**QUATERNIONIC-LIKE COMPLEXES FOR
HIGHER-SPIN DIRAC OPERATORS**

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DEFINITIONS

dimension 3

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

$$(\rho_j, V_j) \otimes (\rho_2, V_2) \simeq (\rho_{j+2}, V_{j+2}) \oplus (\rho_j, V_j) \oplus (\rho_{j-2}, V_{j-2})$$

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

$$S_j \otimes T^*M \simeq S_{j+2} \oplus S_j \oplus S_{j-2} \quad \pi_+, \pi_0, \pi_- \text{ projections}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_j := \pi_0 \circ \nabla^S : S_j \longrightarrow S_j$$

Let us focus on the **flat version** of the operator...

FLAT REPRESENTATION

Y.Homma [1] and Mathematica[®]

$\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ a basis of \mathbb{R}^3

$\{z^k\}_{k=0..j}$ a basis of V_j

Higher-spin Dirac $D_j : \Gamma(V_j) \longrightarrow \Gamma(V_j)$

$$D_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_j^0(e_i) \cdot \nabla_{e_i}$$

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

SYMBOL MATRIX

some identifications

- $\nabla_{e_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \longrightarrow x_i$
- change of coordinates $x = -ix_1 \quad y = x_2 + ix_3 \quad z = -x_2 + ix_3$
- Coordinate ring: $R := \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$
- The symbol of D_j is a matrix $P_j \in \text{Mat}_{j+1}(R)$

Expression from Homma [1]: $P_1 := \begin{pmatrix} -ix_1 & -x_2 + ix_3 \\ x_2 + ix_3 & ix_1 \end{pmatrix}$

After a change of coordinates: $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -x & z \\ y & x \end{pmatrix}$

This is a complex version of Moisil-Theodorescu on $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{H})$

INTEGER SPIN

Spin 1

Expression from Homma [1]:

$$P_2 := \begin{pmatrix} -2ix_1 & -x_2 + ix_3 & 0 \\ 2x_2 + 2ix_3 & 0 & -2x_2 + 2ix_3 \\ 0 & x_2 + ix_3 & 2ix_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

After a change of coordinates: $P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & z & 0 \\ 2y & 0 & 2z \\ 0 & y & -2x \end{pmatrix}$

This is NOT ELLIPTIC and in fact it behaves differently.

RARITA-SCHWINGER

Spin 3/2

Expression from Homma [1]:

$$P_3 := \begin{pmatrix} -3ix_1 & -x_2 + ix_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_2 + 3ix_3 & -ix_1 & -2x_2 + 2ix_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2x_2 + 2ix_3 & ix_1 & -3x_2 + 3ix_3 \\ 0 & 0 & x_2 + ix_3 & 3ix_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

After a change of coordinates: $P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3x & z & 0 & 0 \\ 3y & x & 2z & 0 \\ 0 & 2y & -x & 3z \\ 0 & 0 & y & -3x \end{pmatrix}$

This is the simplest elliptic higher-spin version of Dirac.

HIGHER-SPIN DIRAC

Spin $j/2$

$$P_j = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{j}x & z & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{j}y & (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{2})x & \mathbf{2}z & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{1})y & (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{4})x & \mathbf{3}z & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{3}y & (\mathbf{4} - \mathbf{j})x & (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{1})z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \mathbf{2}y & (\mathbf{2} - \mathbf{j})x & \mathbf{j}z \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & y & -\mathbf{j}x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(P_j) = \prod_{k=0}^j (j - 2k) \cdot (x^2 + yz)^{\frac{j+1}{2}} = \gamma_j \cdot (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{\frac{j+1}{2}}$$

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Algebra, freely available at <http://cocoa.dima.unige.it>

ALGEBRAIC ANALYSIS

n operators

- We want to study algebraic invariants of R^{j+1}/M_j where $M = \text{Im}(P^T)$, $P^T = [P_{j1}^T, \dots, P_{jn}^T]$



- This captures the algebraic nature of $P(D)f = g$ with $f, g \in \mathcal{C}^\infty$, $D = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n})$

- We then look for a free resolution of the R module:

$$0 \longrightarrow R^{\beta_t} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^{\beta_3} \longrightarrow R^{\beta_2} \longrightarrow R^{n(j+1)} \xrightarrow{P^T} R^{j+1} \longrightarrow 0$$

DIRAC

CoCoA results, $j = 1$, $m = 3$

$$n = 1$$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^2 \xrightarrow{P_1^T} R^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$n = 2$$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^2 \longrightarrow R^4 \longrightarrow R^4 \xrightarrow{P_2^T} R^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$n = 3$$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^4 \longrightarrow R^{18} \longrightarrow R^{30} \longrightarrow R^{20} \longrightarrow R^6 \xrightarrow{P_3^T} R^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

...

$$n \geq 3$$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^{2(n-1)} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^{\binom{2n}{3}} \longrightarrow R^{2n} \xrightarrow{P_n^T} R^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

RARITA-SCHWINGER

CoCoA results, $j = 3, m = 3$

$$\boxed{n = 1} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^4 \xrightarrow{P_1^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{n = 2} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^4 \longrightarrow R^8 \longrightarrow R^8 \xrightarrow{P_2^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{n = 3} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^8 \longrightarrow R^{36} \longrightarrow R^{60} \longrightarrow R^{40} \longrightarrow R^{12} \xrightarrow{P_3^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

...

$$\boxed{n \geq 3} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^{4(n-1)} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^{2\binom{2n}{3}} \longrightarrow R^{4n} \xrightarrow{P_n^T} R^4 \longrightarrow 0$$

HIGHER-SPIN

CoCoA results, $j = 5, m = 3$

$$\boxed{n = 1} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^6 \xrightarrow{P_1^T} R^6 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{n = 2} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^6 \longrightarrow R^{12} \longrightarrow R^{12} \xrightarrow{P_2^T} R^6 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\boxed{n = 3} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^{12} \longrightarrow R^{48} \longrightarrow R^{90} \longrightarrow R^{60} \longrightarrow R^{18} \xrightarrow{P_3^T} R^6 \longrightarrow 0$$

...

$$\boxed{n \geq 3} \quad 0 \longrightarrow R^{6(n-1)} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^{4\binom{2n}{3}} \longrightarrow R^{6n} \xrightarrow{P_n^T} R^6 \longrightarrow 0$$

RESULTS

j odd, $m = 3$

- The resolution has length $2n - 1$ and linearizes after the first syzygies (quadratic)

$$0 \longrightarrow R_{(-2n)}^{\beta_{2n-1}} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R_{(-4)}^{\beta_3} \xrightarrow{Q_2^T} R_{(-3)}^{\beta_2} \xrightarrow{Q_1^T} R_{(-1)}^{(j+1)n} \xrightarrow{P^T} R^{j+1} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\beta_d = n(\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{1}) \binom{2n-1}{d} \frac{d-1}{d+1}, \quad d > 1.$$

- **Key ingredient:** standard Gröbner Basis techniques.

COMPLEX OF OPERATORS

applying results from [3]

- Let U be a convex open set of \mathbb{R}^3 and let $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{3n}, V_j)$ be the sheaves of smooth functions with values in the irreducible representation V_j , $j = 1, 3, 5, \dots$. Let \mathcal{S}^P be the kernel of $P(D)$ on \mathcal{S} . Then the dual of the free resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}^P(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}^{\beta_0} \xrightarrow{P(D)} \mathcal{S}(U)^{\beta_1} \xrightarrow{Q_1(D)} \mathcal{S}(U)^{\beta_2} \xrightarrow{Q_2(D)} \dots \xrightarrow{Q_{2n-2}(D)} \mathcal{S}(U)^{\beta_{2n-1}} \longrightarrow 0$$

is an exact complex.

- **Key ingredient:** computation of $\text{Ext}_R(R^{j+1}/M_j, R)$

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DEFINITION

real dimension m

★ On smooth functions $f : \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_m$ we have $\partial = \sum_i e_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$

★ Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_1 f = g_1 \\ \dots \\ \partial_n f = g_n \end{cases}$$

for $f : (\mathbb{R}^m)^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_m$ and try to apply some algebraic methods...

★ Many questions still need to be answered (Souček, Franek, Sabadini)

PARTIAL ANSWERS

n -Dirac in dimension m

- ★ **Franek**: calculation of a complex using **Verma modules**:
 - the complex is symmetric, for $m \geq 2n$
 - syzygies are at most quadratic
 - Betti numbers using representation theory

- ★ **Damiano, Sabadini**: calculation of a complex using **Gröbner Bases**
 - for $R^{2^m}/M_{m,n}$ we have $\text{LT}(M_{m,n})$ hence the Hilbert series
 - the exceptional behavior for $m < 2n$ is clear from $\text{LT}(M_{m,n})$
 - exactness follows from the Cohen-Macaulyness of $M_{m,n}$

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INVARIANT OPERATORS

Theorem from [5]

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{massless} & \boxed{\nabla_{A'}^{i,A} \varphi_{A\dots D} = 0} \quad A\dots D \in \{0, 1\}, i \in \{1\dots n\} \\ \text{twistor} & \boxed{\nabla_{(A'}^{i,A} \varphi_{B'\dots D')} = 0} \quad A\dots D \in \{0, 1\}, i \in \{1\dots n\} \end{array}$$

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SYMBOL MATRIX

massless field operator

$$(j + 1) \times 2j : \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} \nabla_{0'}^{i,0} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,0} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla_{0'}^{i,0} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,0} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \nabla_{0'}^{i,0} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,0} \\ \hline \nabla_{0'}^{i,1} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla_{0'}^{i,1} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,1} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \nabla_{0'}^{i,1} & \nabla_{1'}^{i,1} \end{array} \right)$$