

A supersymmetric model for gravity without gravitini

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We will present a supersymmetric model with gravity, internal gauge and matter (but without gravitini) in $d = 3$ & 4^\dagger .

Standard supergravity multiplets

$(e^a{}_\mu, \psi_\mu^\alpha, M, N, b_\mu)$:

[Stelle and West, '78,]

[Ferrara and van Nieuwenhuizen, '78].

$(e^a{}_\mu, \psi_\mu^\alpha, \dots)$:

[Breitenlohner, '77],

[Sohnius and West, '81].

- Construction and action principle,
- Gauge invariance,
- Concluding remarks

Case $d = 3$

Gauge fields and fermionic matter in a super-connection?

The connection can be expressed more compactly as

$$\mathbb{A} = \underbrace{AK}_{U(1)} + \underbrace{\bar{Q}\Gamma\psi + \bar{\psi}\Gamma Q}_{SUSY} + \underbrace{\omega^a J_a}_{SO(2,1)} + \cancel{e^a P_a}, \quad (1)$$

where $A = A_\mu dx^\mu$, $\omega^a = \omega_\mu^a dx^\mu = 1/2\epsilon^a{}_{bc}\omega^{bc}$ and

$$\Gamma = \gamma_\mu dx^\mu = \gamma_a e^a{}_\mu dx^\mu. \quad (2)$$

The nonvanishing (anti-)commutators are given by

$$[J_a, J_b] = \epsilon_{ab}{}^c J_c, \quad (3)$$

$$[J_a, Q^\alpha] = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_a)^\alpha{}_\beta Q^\beta, \quad [J_a, \bar{Q}_\alpha] = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{Q}_\beta(\gamma_a)^\beta{}_\alpha, \quad (4)$$

$$[K, Q^\alpha] = iQ^\alpha, \quad [K, \bar{Q}_\alpha] = -i\bar{Q}_\alpha, \quad (5)$$

$$\{Q^\alpha, \bar{Q}_\beta\} = -(\gamma^a)^\alpha{}_\beta J_a - i\frac{1}{2}\delta^\alpha{}_\beta K, \quad (6)$$

where $J_a = 1/4\epsilon^{ab}{}_{c} J_{ab}$ and $\bar{Q}_\alpha = (Q^\alpha)^T$.

→ We do not include translations,

- Local frames $e^a{}_\mu$ connect spinors on the tangent space to the base manifold.
- The metric $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta^{ab} e^a{}_\mu e^b{}_\nu$ will be considered as dynamical (although in principle could be assumed to be fixed).

In 2+1 we have the **Chern-Simons** action

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int \langle \mathbb{A} d\mathbb{A} + \frac{2}{3} \mathbb{A}^3 \rangle. \quad (7)$$

The action is (quasi)invariant under $\mathbb{A}' = g^{-1}(\mathbb{A} + d)g$, where $g \in OSp(2|2)$.
Explicitly we have

$$S = \int AdA + \frac{1}{8}[\omega^a{}_b d\omega^b{}_a + \frac{2}{3}\omega^a{}_b \omega^b{}_c \omega^c{}_a] + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} \Gamma[\overleftarrow{\nabla} - \overrightarrow{\nabla}] \Gamma \psi, \quad (8)$$

where $\overrightarrow{\nabla} \equiv d - iA - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_a \omega^a$, and $\overleftarrow{\nabla} \equiv \overleftarrow{d} + iA + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_a \omega^a$ are covariant derivatives for the group $U(1) \otimes SO(2,1)$ in the spin 1/2 representation.

The action can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S[A, \psi, \omega, e] = & \int AdA + \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega^a{}_b d\omega^b{}_a + \frac{2}{3} \omega^a{}_b \omega^b{}_c \omega^c{}_a \right] \\
 & + 2\bar{\psi} \left[\overleftarrow{\not{D}} - \overrightarrow{\not{D}} + 2i\not{A} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma^a \not{\omega}_{ab} \gamma^b \right] \psi |e| d^3x - \underbrace{2e^a T_a \bar{\psi} \psi}_{\text{mass term}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where $|e| = \det[e^a{}_\mu] = \sqrt{-g}$ and $T^a = de^a + \omega^a{}_b e^b$ is the torsion.

Invariance under local $U(1)$ and local $SO(2, 1)$.

Extra built in symmetry: local rescaling

$$e^a(x) \rightarrow \tilde{e}^a(x) = \lambda(x) e^a(x), \quad \psi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\psi}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(x)} \psi(x). \tag{10}$$

Symmetries

An infinitesimal gauge transformation generated by

$$G = \alpha K + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{ab} J_{ab} + \bar{Q} \epsilon - \bar{\epsilon} Q, \quad (11)$$

is given by

$$\delta \mathbb{A} = dG + [\mathbb{A}, G] = \delta A K + \bar{Q} \delta(\Gamma \psi) + \delta(\bar{\psi} \Gamma) Q + \delta \omega^a J_a, \quad (12)$$

$U(1)$:

$$\delta A = d\alpha$$

$$\delta(\Gamma \psi) = i\alpha(\Gamma \psi)$$

$$\delta(\bar{\psi} \Gamma) = -i\alpha(\bar{\psi} \Gamma)$$

$$\delta \omega^a = 0$$

$SO(2, 1)$:

$$\delta A = 0$$

$$\delta(\Gamma \psi) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{ab} \epsilon_{abc} \gamma^c (\Gamma \psi)$$

$$\delta(\bar{\psi} \Gamma) = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda^{ab} \epsilon_{abc} \gamma^c (\bar{\psi} \Gamma)$$

$$\delta \omega^a = d\lambda^a + \epsilon^a{}_{bc} \omega^b \lambda^c$$

$SUSY$:

$$\delta A = -\frac{i}{2} (\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma \psi + \bar{\psi} \Gamma \epsilon)$$

$$\delta(\Gamma \psi) = \overrightarrow{\nabla} \epsilon$$

$$\delta(\bar{\psi} \Gamma) = -\bar{\epsilon} \overleftarrow{\nabla}$$

$$\delta \omega^a = -(\bar{\epsilon} \gamma^a \Gamma \psi + \bar{\psi} \Gamma \gamma^a \epsilon)$$

The Lagrangian changes by a boundary term $\delta L = dC_\alpha^{U(1)} + dC_{\bar{\epsilon}, \epsilon}^{susy} + dC_\lambda^{Lor}$

$$C_\alpha^{U(1)} = 2\alpha dA, \quad C_{\bar{\epsilon}, \epsilon}^{susy} = \bar{\epsilon} \overleftarrow{d} \Gamma \psi + \bar{\psi} \Gamma d\epsilon, \quad (13)$$

$$C_\lambda^{Lor} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{abc} \lambda^a R^{bc} + \frac{1}{2} (d\lambda^a + \epsilon^a{}_{bc} \omega^b \lambda^c) \omega_a.$$

Field representation of the superalgebra

The variation of the composite field is $\delta(\Gamma\psi) = (\delta e^a)\gamma_a\psi + e^a\gamma_a(\delta\psi)$, where δe^a is not fixed a priori, \mathbb{P}_a does not appear in the connection/algebra.

- $U(1)$ transformations, $g_\alpha = \exp[\alpha(x)\mathbb{K}]$:

$$\delta A_\mu = \partial_\mu\alpha, \quad \delta\psi = i\alpha(x)\psi, \quad \delta\bar{\psi} = -i\alpha(x)\bar{\psi}, \quad \delta\omega^a{}_\mu = 0 = \delta e^a. \quad (14)$$

- Lorentz transformations, $g_\lambda = \exp[\lambda^a(x)\mathbb{J}_a]$:

The product $\Gamma\psi = e^a\gamma_a\psi$ belongs to a reducible representation of $1 \otimes 1/2 = 1/2 \oplus 3/2$, $\delta_\lambda(\Gamma\psi) = (\delta_\lambda e^a)\gamma_a\psi + e^a\gamma_a(\delta_\lambda\psi)$, with

$$\delta_\lambda e^a = \epsilon^a{}_{bc}e^b\lambda^c, \quad \delta_\lambda\omega^a = d\lambda^a + \epsilon^a{}_{bc}\omega^b\lambda^c \quad (15)$$

$$\delta_\lambda\psi = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^a\gamma_a\psi, \quad \delta_\lambda\bar{\psi} = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}\gamma_a\lambda^a, \quad \delta_\lambda A = 0. \quad (16)$$

- SUSY transformations, $g_\epsilon = \exp[\bar{\mathbb{Q}}\epsilon(x) - \bar{\epsilon}(x)\mathbb{Q}]$:

We will assume $\delta_{SUSY}(\gamma_\mu\psi) = \gamma_\mu\delta_{SUSY}\psi$. So under supersymmetry, the spin 1/2 parts, ψ and $\bar{\psi}$, transform, while e^a remains invariant,

$$\delta A_\mu = -\frac{i}{2}(\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon}\gamma_\mu\psi), \quad (17)$$

$$\delta\psi = \frac{1}{3}(\not{\partial} - \not{A} - \frac{1}{2}\omega^a{}_\mu\gamma^\mu\gamma_a)\epsilon, \quad \delta\bar{\psi} = \bar{\delta}\bar{\psi}, \quad (18)$$

$$\delta\omega^a{}_\mu = -(\bar{\psi}\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon}\psi)e^a{}_\mu - \epsilon^a{}_{bc}e^b{}_\mu(\bar{\psi}\gamma^c\epsilon - \bar{\epsilon}\gamma^c\psi), \quad (19)$$

$$\delta e^a{}_\mu = 0. \quad (20)$$

Absence of gravitini

The invariance of the vielbein under SUSY allows to work in a **linear representation**,

$$\delta_\lambda(\Gamma\psi) = (\delta e^a)\gamma_a\psi + e^a\gamma_a(\delta\psi) = \nabla\epsilon, \quad (21)$$

$$\delta e^a{}_\mu = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta\psi = \frac{1}{D}\nabla\epsilon. \quad (22)$$

But this condition also implies invariance of the metric $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta^{ab}e^a{}_\mu e^b{}_\nu$ and so the **absence of gravitini**.

Spin components of the Rarita-Schwinger field ($1/2 \otimes 1 = 1/2 \oplus 3/2$):

$$\phi_\mu^\alpha = \psi_\mu^\alpha + \xi_\mu^\alpha, \quad (23)$$

the γ -traceless part ξ_μ^α carries the $s = 3/2$ component ($\gamma^\mu\xi_\mu^\alpha \equiv 0$).

Projectors $P^{(1/2)} + P^{(3/2)} = 1$

$$(P^{(1/2)})_\mu{}^\nu = \frac{1}{D}\gamma_\mu\gamma^\nu, \quad (P^{(3/2)})_\mu{}^\nu = \delta_\mu^\nu - \frac{1}{D}\gamma_\mu\gamma^\nu, \quad (24)$$

$$\psi_\mu^\alpha = (P^{(1/2)})_\mu{}^\nu\phi_\nu^\alpha, \quad \xi_\mu^\alpha = (P^{(3/2)})_\mu{}^\nu\phi_\nu^\alpha, \quad (25)$$

so in our case

$$\psi_\mu^\alpha = \gamma_\mu\psi^\alpha = e^a{}_\mu\gamma_a\psi^\alpha, \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_\mu^\alpha \equiv 0, \quad (26)$$

We act with the projectors on the eq.

$$\delta_\lambda(\Gamma\psi) = (\delta e^a)\gamma_a\psi + e^a\gamma_a(\delta\psi) = \nabla\epsilon, \quad (27)$$

that tell us $\psi = \frac{1}{D}\nabla\epsilon$ and force us to impose the condition

$$P_\nu^{(3/2)\mu}\nabla_\mu\epsilon = 0, \quad (28)$$

Thus

$$\nabla_\mu\epsilon = \gamma_\mu\chi(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta\psi = \chi(x), \quad (29)$$

Integrability conditions $[\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu]\epsilon \Rightarrow$

Flat space: $\epsilon = \epsilon^{(0)} + x^\mu\gamma_\mu\epsilon^{(1)}$ where $\epsilon^{(0)}, \epsilon^{(1)} = \text{const}$,
Flat space & $A_\mu = \partial_\mu\alpha(x)$: $\epsilon = e^{i\alpha}(\epsilon^{(0)} + x^\mu\gamma_\mu\epsilon^{(1)})$.

Here we will comment on the existence of nontrivial classical solutions. For the present picture they are relevant as a dynamical symmetry breaking mechanism.

The field equations are

$$\delta A \quad \rightarrow \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} j^\lambda, \quad j^\mu = -i|e|\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi, \quad (30)$$

$$\delta\omega \quad \rightarrow \quad R^{ab} = 2e^a e^b \bar{\psi}\psi, \quad \Rightarrow \quad R^a{}_b e^b = 0 = DDe^a = DT^a, \quad (31)$$

$$\delta\bar{\psi} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left[\not{\partial} - i\not{A} - \frac{1}{4}\gamma^a\psi_{ab}\gamma^b + \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{1}{2|e|}\partial_\mu(|e|E_a^\mu)\gamma^a \right] \psi = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$\delta e \quad \rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi} \left[\gamma^b \Delta_{ab}^{\mu\lambda} \vec{\not{\partial}}_\lambda - \overleftarrow{\not{\partial}}_\lambda \gamma^b \Delta_{ab}^{\mu\lambda} - 2i\gamma^b \Delta_{ab}^{\mu\lambda} A_\lambda + \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} T_{a\nu\lambda} \right] \psi = 0, \quad (33)$$

where

$$|e|\kappa d^3x \equiv e^a T_a, \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{ab}^{\mu\nu} = |e|(E_a^\mu E_b^\nu - E_b^\mu E_a^\nu). \quad (34)$$

Let us consider infinitesimal fermionic excitations $\psi \sim \varepsilon$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (35)$$

$$R^{ab} = 0 = d\omega^{ab} + \omega^a{}_c \omega^{cb}, \quad (36)$$

By counting free components we can suggest the following ansatz

$$T^a = \tau \epsilon^{abc} e_b e_c + \beta e^a, \quad \xrightarrow{DT^a=0} \quad d\tau + \tau\beta = 0, \quad d\beta = 0, \quad (37)$$

we have either (I) $\tau = 0$ and β -closed or (II) $\tau \neq 0$ and $\beta = -d \log \tau$, but (II) contains (I), so we can choose

$$T^a = \tau \epsilon^{abc} e_b e_c - \frac{d\tau}{\tau} e^a, \quad (38)$$

and using the Weyl invariance we can finally write

$$T^a = -\frac{m}{3} \epsilon^{abc} e_a e_b. \quad (39)$$

The integration constant m can be identified as the mass of the fermionic excitation.

Constant Curvature Solutions

We separate the metric contribution to the torsion

$$\omega^{ab} = \bar{\omega}^{ab} + \kappa^{ab}, \quad de^a + \bar{\omega}^a{}_b e^b = 0, \quad T^a = \kappa^a{}_b e^b, \quad (40)$$

where $\kappa^{ab} = -\kappa^{ba}$ is the contorsion.

From the solution of the torsion we read the contorsion

$$T^a = -\frac{m}{3} \epsilon^{abc} e_a e_b = \kappa^a{}_b e^b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \kappa_{ab} = \frac{m}{3} \epsilon_{abc} e^c, \quad (41)$$

using this we obtain an expression for the Riemann tensor

$$R^{ab} = \bar{R}^{ab} + \underbrace{\bar{D}\kappa^{ab}}_0 + \kappa^a{}_c \kappa^{cb} = \bar{R}^{ab} + \frac{2}{9} m^2 e^a e^b = 0, \quad (42)$$

where we recognize the cosmological constant as $\lambda = -2m^2/9$.

The values of the mass and the cosmological constant are linked.

Constant Curvature Solutions

Solutions of constant curvature are well known [Brown and Henneaux, 1986], [Banados, Teitelboim and Zanelli, 1992].

Under circular symmetry we have

$$ds^2 = -f^2 dt^2 + f^{-2} dr^2 + (rd\phi - Ndt)^2, \quad (43)$$

$$f^2 = (r/\ell)^2 - M + (J/2r)^2, \quad N = -J/2r^2, \quad \lambda = -2/\ell \quad (44)$$

BTZ	$M\ell > J $
extremal BTZ	$M\ell = J $
AdS	$J = 0$ and $M = -1$
naked conical singularity	$- J < M\ell < 0$

Killing spinor solutions exist for AdS, massless BTZ and the extremal BTZ case preserving all, half and 1/4 of the supersymmetries respectively [Coussaert and Henneaux, 1994].

The existence of killing spinors implies that the bosonic BPS vacua is stable in SG.

Case $d = 4$

Connection for $OSp(2|4)$

In $d = 4$ we use $USp(2, 2|1)$. Translations **must be included** in the connection:

$$\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}\mathbb{K} + \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha \Gamma \psi^\alpha + \bar{\psi}_\alpha \Gamma Q^\alpha + f^a \mathbb{J}_a + \frac{1}{2} \omega^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (45)$$

where $a = 0, \dots, 3$, $\alpha = 1, \dots, 4$. The curvature is given by

$$\mathbb{F} \equiv d\mathbb{A} + \mathbb{A} \wedge \mathbb{A} = \mathcal{F}\mathbb{K} + \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha \mathcal{F}^\alpha + \bar{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha Q^\alpha + \mathcal{F}^a \mathbb{J}_a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (46)$$

What invariants we can use as an action principle?

so

$$\mathbb{F} \sim \mathbb{F}\mathbb{K} + \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha^i \mathcal{F}_i^\alpha + Df^a \mathbb{J}_a + \frac{1}{2} R^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (47)$$

The only invariant is

$$P_1 = \langle \mathbb{F}\mathbb{F} \rangle \quad (48)$$

The invariant P_1 is a closed form –the Chern class–, whose integral over a compact manifold is a topological invariant (Chern-Weil theorem).

The Lagrangian must be an invariant of smaller group.

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possible invariants are

$$P_1 = \langle \mathbb{F} \wedge \mathbb{F} \rangle, \quad P_2 = \langle \mathbb{F} \wedge *F \rangle, \quad P_3 = \langle \mathbb{F} \wedge \tilde{\mathbb{F}} \rangle, \quad (50)$$

$$P_4 = \langle S.F \wedge \mathbb{F} \rangle, \quad P_5 = \langle S.F \wedge *F \rangle, \quad P_6 = \langle S.F \wedge \tilde{\mathbb{F}} \rangle. \quad (51)$$

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The Lagrangian will be $L = \langle F \circledast F \rangle$, where $\circledast = (*, S) (\Rightarrow \circledast^2 = -1)$

Gauge and gravity kinetic terms:

$$L \supset 2F * F = |e| F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} d^4x, \quad (52)$$

$$L \supset \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{abcd} (R^{ab} + f^a f^b) (R^{cd} + f^c f^d). \quad (53)$$

$$L \supset \bar{\psi} \not{e} \gamma_5 \not{\overleftarrow{\nabla}} (\not{e} \psi) - (\bar{\psi} \not{e}) \overleftarrow{\nabla} \not{e} \gamma_5 \psi, \quad (54)$$

'Townsend' identification $f^a = \mu e^a$ [Phys Rev D 15 \(1977\) 2795](#)

Nambu-Jona-Lasinio term for dynamical symmetry breaking

[Phys. Rev. 122 \(1961\) 345](#); [Phys. Rev. 124 \(1961\)](#)

$$L \supset g [(\bar{\psi} \psi)^2 - (\bar{\psi} \Gamma_5 \psi)^2]. \quad (55)$$

Scales come with the identification $f^a = \mu e^a$ and $\psi_{\text{physical}} \sim \sqrt{\nu}\psi$.

Fermion quadratic mass term: $m \sim \mu^2/\nu$ and NJL coupling constant: $g = (3\nu)^{-2}$.

Newton's constant $G = -s^2(4\pi\mu^2)^{-1}$ and cosmological constant $\Lambda = -s^2\mu^2$.

NJL mass for a cut-off \mathcal{M} ,

$$\frac{m_{\text{NJL}}^2}{\mathcal{M}^2} \log \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m_{\text{NJL}}^2} \right] = 1 - \frac{2\pi^2}{g\mathcal{M}^2}. \quad (56)$$

Contributions to the cosmological constant,

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = \Lambda + \frac{2}{\nu} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle - \frac{3m_{\text{NJL}}}{2\mu^2} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle, \quad (57)$$

Is it possible to avoid fine tuning?.

- Local $U(1)$ and $SO(2,1)$ and SUSY if the background allow it.
- The metric is required by matter ($s = 1/2$).
- Mass splitting without or with partial susy breaking.
- Weyl invariance $e \rightarrow \lambda e$. Mass term without breaking conformal symmetry.
- Existence of classical solutions.

What follows

- Level of fine tuning.
- Cosmological applications.
- Chiral matter.
- Higher dimensions.

Thank you for your attention!

- Only non-trivial unification of Poincaré and internal symmetries.
- Fewer free parameters / hierarchy problem.
- Positivity of energy, stable groundstates (BPS).
- Improved U.V. behaviour $\infty_B + \infty_F = 0$.
- Unification between B-F.

$$\begin{bmatrix} B \\ F \end{bmatrix}' = Q \begin{bmatrix} B \\ F \end{bmatrix} \quad (58)$$

We need SUSY-Breaking!.

Bosons and Fermions in standard model

Bosons	Fermions
Carriers of interactions	Building blocks of matter
Interaction potentials (not conserved)	Sources (conserved currents)
Spin 1 fields (poss. ex. Higgs)	Spin 1/2
1-forms $A_\mu dx^\mu$	zero-forms ψ
Connections (adj. rep.)	sections (vector reps.)
2nd order field eqns.	1st order field eqns.

Supersymmetry trick

For each field include another of the opposite statistics

photon	→	photino	electron	→	selectron
gluon	→	gluino	quark	→	squark
graviton	→	gravitino	neutrino	→	sneutrino
boson	→	bosino	fermion	→	sfermion

Bosons and Fermions in a connection

A good suggestion come from the similarity of kinetic terms of a Chern-Simons theory and a Dirac spinor in 3-dimensions:

$$AdA, \quad \bar{\psi} \not{d}\psi, \quad (59)$$

In fact, by defining:

$$\mathbb{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \not{A} & \psi \\ \bar{\psi} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \not{A}^\alpha_\beta & \psi^\alpha \\ \bar{\psi}_\beta & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}, \quad (60)$$

we get the correct transformation laws,

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha(x)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha(x)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2i\alpha(x)} \end{bmatrix} = \exp[\alpha(x)\mathbb{K}], \quad (61)$$

$$\mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}' = g^{-1}\mathbb{A}g + g^{-1}d g \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A' = g^{-1}A g + g^{-1}dg \\ \psi' = g^{-1}\psi \\ \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} g \end{cases}, \quad (62)$$

where $\mathbb{K} = i \text{diag}(1, 1, 2)$ and $\not{d} = \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu$.

We could consider now $g \in U(1) \subset G \leftarrow$ supergroup.

Antisymmetric γ -product

Let us consider the a set of γ matrices $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}$, we can define a 1-form in the exterior algebra defined by antisymmetrized product of γ matrices

$$A = A_\mu dx^\mu \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbb{A} = A_\mu \gamma^\mu \quad (63)$$

$$dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu = -dx^\nu \wedge dx^\mu \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \gamma^\mu \tilde{\wedge} \gamma^\nu \equiv \frac{1}{2}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] = -\gamma^\nu \tilde{\wedge} \gamma^\mu \quad (64)$$

$$d^2 = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbb{d}^2 = 0 \quad (65)$$

The γ^μ matrices span a basis for an exterior algebra defined by the anti-symmetrized product $\tilde{\wedge}$.

A more standard expression is obtained by writing $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}_\mu^a T_a dx^\mu$, $T_a \in osp(2|2)$

$$\mathbb{A}_\mu = A_\mu \mathbb{K} + \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha (\gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta + \overline{\psi}_\beta (\gamma_\mu)^\beta{}_\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \omega_\mu^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (66)$$

where ψ is charged.

We can consider $\mathbb{A} \in osp(1|2)$ as well

$$\mathbb{A}_\mu = \cancel{A_\mu \mathbb{K}} + \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha (\gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta + \cancel{\overline{\psi}_\beta (\gamma_\mu)^\beta{}_\alpha \mathbb{Q}^\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_\mu^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (67)$$

where ψ satisfies Majorana condition.

Riemann-Cartan-Sciama-Kibble gravity,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{RCSK}} = \sqrt{-g}R, \quad (68)$$

where ω^{ab} and e^a are independent, Cartan '22 Sciama '64, Kibble '61.
Riemann-Cartan space $d = 1 + n$: $x^\mu = (x^0, \dots, x^n)$, $\nabla g = 0$

$$e^a = e^a{}_\mu dx^\mu, \quad \omega^{ab} = \omega^{ab}{}_\mu dx^\mu, \quad (69)$$

- Independent notions: metricity (e^a) and parallelism (ω^{ab}).
- Geodesics (shortest path): $\delta S = 0$, $S = \int \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}} dx^\mu dx^\nu$, Parallel transport ('straightest' path): $\nabla V = 0$ (or $\sim V$).
- metric: kinetic terms and energy tensor, connection: couplings.
- Cartan: economy of assumptions, Einstein: economy of number of independent fields.

Reviews: Trautman 0606062, Zanelli 0502193.

$$E_4 = \epsilon_{abcd} R^{ab} R^{cd}, \quad (70)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{EH} = \epsilon_{abcd} R^{ab} e^c e^d, \quad (71)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\Lambda = \epsilon_{abcd} e^a e^b e^c e^d, \quad (72)$$

$$C_2 = R^a{}_b R^b{}_a, \quad (73)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T_1} = \epsilon_{abcd} R^{ab} R^{cd}, \quad (74)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T_2} = \epsilon_{abcd} R^{ab} R^{cd}, \quad (75)$$

$$(76)$$

Troncoso, Zanelli, Class. Quan. Grav 17 (2000) 4451.

Theories with torsion:

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- thorough analysis (& counter examples): Hayashi et al Phys Rev D '79
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Sensible invariants

Curvature:

$$\mathbb{F} = \mathcal{F}\mathbb{K} + \bar{Q}_\alpha^i \mathcal{F}_i^\alpha + \mathcal{F}^a \mathbb{J}_a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}^{ab} \mathbb{J}_{ab}, \quad (77)$$

where

$$\mathcal{F} = F - \frac{i}{2} (\sigma^3)_i{}^j \bar{\psi}^i \not{\epsilon} \not{\epsilon} \psi_j, \quad (78)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i = \hat{\nabla}(\not{\epsilon} \psi_i), \quad (79)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^a = Df^a + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}^i \not{\epsilon} \gamma^a \not{\epsilon} \psi_i, \quad (80)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{ab} = R^{ab} + f^a f^b - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}^i \not{\epsilon} \gamma^{ab} \not{\epsilon} \psi_i, \quad (81)$$

some shortcuts:

$$\not{\epsilon} = e^a \gamma_a, \quad \not{\psi} = \omega^{ab} \gamma_{ab}, \quad (82)$$

$$F = dA, \quad (83)$$

$$Df^a = df^a + \omega^a{}_b f^b, \quad (84)$$

$$R^{ab} = d\omega^{ab} + \omega^a{}_c \omega^{cb}, \quad (85)$$

and $\hat{\nabla}$ is the covariant derivative for the full $U(1) \otimes SO(3,2)$ gauge group in the $s = 1/2$ representation

$$\hat{\nabla}_i{}^j(\not{\epsilon} \psi_j) = \left[\delta_i^j d(\) - iA(\sigma^3)_i{}^j + \delta_i^j \left(\frac{1}{2} \not{f} + \frac{1}{4} \not{\psi} \right) \right] (\not{\epsilon} \psi_j), \quad (86)$$