

Master Thesis Notes

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background matrices configuration A_μ appears in the model only through \mathfrak{A}_μ . A_μ are $N \times N$ Hermitian; \mathfrak{A}_μ are $N^2 \times N^2$ Hermitian, also antisymmetric. Consider the Cartan directions

Mon, Apr 15

$$H \equiv \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Cart.}} H_\alpha T^\alpha, \quad .$$

1. If A_μ are diagonal (along the Cartan directions), then $\mathfrak{A}_\mu H = 0$ because Cartan directions commute.
2. For any A_μ , $\mathfrak{A}_\mu H$ has no component along the Cartan directions, but has components along the off-diagonal directions.
3. Diagonal A_μ gives zero modes, but can be lift by including non-diagonal elements.
4. $U(N)$ transformation can diagonalize one of A_μ , thus generates zero modes along certain spacetime direction.

Extremal configuration:

$$[A^\mu, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] = 0 \quad (1)$$

Or

$$\sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (A_\nu)_{\mathfrak{b}} = 0.$$

Note: A_μ along the zero direction of $\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}_\mu$. Or

$$([A^\mu, F_{\mu\nu}])^{\mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu)^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (F_{\mu\nu})_{\mathfrak{b}} = - \sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{F}_{\mu\nu})^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (A^\mu)_{\mathfrak{b}} = 0.$$

The existence of zero modes is quite general. The e.o.m. (1) is $U(N)$ invariant.

“RG directions” in the background Decomposition

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{background}} A + \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\text{RG}} A + (\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2).$$

\mathcal{A}_1 is effectively the $(N-1) \times (N-1)$ Hermitian; \mathcal{A}_2 is the integrated-out part.

The Gaussian term, assume diagonal A_μ (ignore zero modes temporarily)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu a}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{ab} \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mu a}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{ab} \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} + \alpha_{\mu a'}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu} \alpha_{\nu b'}.$$

$$a', b' \in \{(N, i), [N, i] | i = 1, \dots, N-1\}.$$

$$\mathfrak{A}_\mu \alpha_\nu = \sum_{a', b'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a' b'} \alpha_{\nu b'} T^{a'}.$$

The interaction terms, cubic part

$$-\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \rightarrow -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) \quad (2)$$

The direction of \mathcal{A} : a' or a . Commutators, schematically

$$[a', a'] \in a, \quad [a, a] \in a, \quad [a', a] \in a'.$$

Diagonal A : \mathfrak{A} keeps the separation $a' \rightarrow a'$, $a \rightarrow a$.

Separate the RG direction

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) &\rightarrow -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) \\ -2\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \alpha_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) &- \alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \end{aligned}$$

Indices notation

$$-\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) = -\alpha \sum_{a', b', c, d} \text{Tr}(T^c [T^{a'}, T^{b'}]) \mathfrak{A}_{[\mu|c|}{}^d \mathcal{A}_{\nu]d} \alpha_{a'}^\mu \alpha_{b'}^\nu$$

$$-2\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \alpha_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) = -2\alpha \sum_{a', b', c, d'} \text{Tr}(T^{a'} [T^{b'}, T^c]) \mathfrak{A}_{[\mu|a'|}{}^{d'} \alpha_{\nu]d'} \alpha_{b'}^\mu \mathcal{A}_c^\nu$$

Some information: A diagonal $\rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ has “almost diagonal” structure: $(N, i), [N, j]$ -elements only for $i = j$. Trace of T depends on the choice of normalization. In both traces, if a', b' in the same 2×2 block: $i = j$, c must be the Cartan directions (i, i) or (N, N) . We ignore the fluctuation along those directions?

The quartic interaction...

Tue, Apr 16

quartic interaction Schematically

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &\rightarrow \text{Tr}[a, a][a, a] \\ + \text{Tr}[a', a'][a, a] &+ \text{Tr}[a', a][a', a] + \text{Tr}[a', a'][a', a'] \end{aligned}$$

the quartic interaction terms

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &- \frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu] \\ -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &- \frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, A_\nu][\alpha^\mu, A^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \end{aligned}$$

$u(N)$ index \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}' structure:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]), \quad \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]), \quad \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{c}'}, T^{\mathbf{d}'}]). \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\nu. \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \\ & = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu) \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu] = -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{c}'}, T^{\mathbf{d}'}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} \alpha_{\mathbf{c}'}^\mu \alpha_{\mathbf{d}'}^\nu \end{aligned}$$

Maybe useful formula:

$$\text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) = 0.$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}'} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \propto \text{Tr} T^{\mathbf{a}} T^{\mathbf{b}}.$$

what's the coefficient?

susy, Ward identity?, BRST? Formula

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi] &= [\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma] = \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma \} \\ &\quad + \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \end{aligned}$$

The last term is zero if $\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \propto \mathbb{1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi]) &= \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma [\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma]) \\ &= \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma \} - \bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta) \\ &= -\text{Tr}(\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} \bar{\psi}_\delta - \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \bar{\psi}_\delta) \end{aligned}$$

The first term

$$-\text{Tr}(\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} \bar{\psi}_\delta) = -\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \{ (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta, (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \psi^\gamma \} \psi^\delta).$$

The last term

$$\text{Tr}(\{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \bar{\psi}_\delta) = \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [(C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \psi^\gamma, (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta \psi^\delta]).$$

Add them to get

$$\text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi]) = -2(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma).$$

Vanishes if $\epsilon \propto \mathbb{1}$. Non-vanishing part

$$3\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) = \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) + (\text{cyclic } \beta, \delta, \gamma) \\ + \text{Tr}(\{\epsilon^\alpha, \psi^\beta\} \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) - \text{Tr}(\{\epsilon^\alpha, \psi^\gamma\} \psi^\beta \psi^\delta).$$

First part vanishes, second part is symmetrized for (γ, δ) .

$$\Gamma\text{-matrix } (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta: (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} = C_{\alpha\gamma}(\Gamma_\mu)^\gamma{}_\beta. \text{ Spinor product: } \bar{\psi}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \\ = \psi^\alpha (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta.$$

$(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta}$ is symmetric. In our case:

$$(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\gamma\delta} + (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\gamma} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\beta} + (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\delta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\beta\gamma} = 0$$

Check by looking at the explicit $C\Gamma^\mu$ in MW basis. Procedure: fix γ, δ (MW directions). Only one μ is non-zero (remarkable). Choose another two directions α, β with that μ . Then two vector directions μ, ν in the formula. Locate the matrix elements.

Understand the property of $\Gamma^\mu \otimes \Gamma_\mu \dots$

The susy transformation of $\text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu]$, consider

$$\text{Tr}[\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] = \text{Tr} \epsilon^\alpha (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta [A_\nu, [A^\mu, A^\nu]].$$

Susy vary ψ in $\text{Tr} \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]$

$$\text{Tr}(\psi^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \psi^\beta]) \rightarrow \text{Tr}([A_\mu, A_\nu] (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \epsilon^\alpha (C\Gamma^\rho)_{\gamma\beta} [A_\rho, \psi^\beta]) \\ + \text{Tr}(\psi^\beta (C\Gamma^\rho)_{\beta\gamma} [A_\rho, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \epsilon^\alpha) \\ = 2(C\Gamma^\rho)_{\beta\gamma} (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu]) \\ = 2(C\Gamma^\rho \Gamma^{\mu\nu})_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu])$$

$$2(C\Gamma^\rho \Gamma^{\mu\nu})_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu]) = [2(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho})_{\beta\alpha} + 4\eta^{\rho[\mu} (C\Gamma^{\nu]}{}_{\beta\alpha})] \\ \cdot [\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu])] + \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]])]$$

Use the Jacobi identity

$$[A_\rho, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] + (\text{cyclic } \rho, \mu, \nu) = 0$$

to prove

$$(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}) \text{Tr}(\dots [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]]) = 0.$$

The last term

$$4\eta^{\rho[\mu} (C\Gamma^{\nu]}{}_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]])$$

will cancel with $\text{Tr}[\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu]$.

Left with (vanish when $\epsilon \propto \mathbb{1}$)

$$\left[2(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho})_{\beta\alpha} + 4\eta^{\rho[\mu}(C\Gamma^{\nu]})_{\beta\alpha} \right] \cdot \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha[A_\rho, \psi^\beta[A_\mu, A_\nu]]).$$

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Thu, Apr 18

Gaussian with interaction Canonical generator basis (Apr. 10). $\mathbf{a} = (k, l)$, $[k, l]$ or (k, k) . Fix $k < l$. $\mathbf{a}' = (k, N)$, $[k, N]$, $k = 1, \dots, N-1$. Normalize such that $\text{Tr} T^{\mathbf{a}} T^{\mathbf{b}} = \delta^{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$.

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}'} (T^{\mathbf{a}'})_{iN} (T^{\mathbf{a}'})_{Nj} = \delta_{ij}.$$

$\mathbf{a}' = (i, N)$, $[i, N]$ contributes to the sum. Gaussian from bosonic action (Apr. 10)

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} [\mathcal{A}_\mu (\mathfrak{A}^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + \mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}^\nu - 2\mathfrak{F}^{\mu\nu}) \mathcal{A}_\nu].$$

The simplest case $\mathfrak{F} = 0$ because $[A, A] = 0$. \mathfrak{A}^2 is diagonal because A is diagonal. Consider $A \oplus a$, a is a number, the (N, N) matrix element; A is a general $(N-1) \times (N-1)$ matrix. Calculate the adjoint

$$\mathfrak{A} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} (A \oplus a)_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathbf{a}} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]).$$

$\mathbf{c} \in \{(N, N), (i, i), (k, l), [k, l]\}$. First consider $\mathbf{c} = (N, N)$. This contributes to the matrix element $(\mathbf{a} = (i, N), \mathbf{b} = [i, N])$ or $(\mathbf{a} = [i, N], \mathbf{b} = (i, N))$.

$$[T^{(N,N)}, T^{(i,N)}] = iT^{[i,N]}, \quad [T^{(N,N)}, T^{[i,N]}] = -iT^{(i,N)}$$

$\mathbf{c} = (N, N), (i, i)$ will generate the matrix element

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),[i,N]} = -(\mathfrak{A})_{[i,N],(i,N)} = i(a - A_{ii}).$$

There are matrix elements between different $(i, N), (j, N)$ (also $(i, N), [j, N]$ and $[i, N], [j, N]$)

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),(j,N)} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{(i,N)} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{(j,N)}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{[i,j]}.$$

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),[j,N]} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{(i,N)} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{[j,N]}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{(i,j)}.$$

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{[i,N],[j,N]} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{[i,N]} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{[j,N]}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{[i,j]}.$$

The matrix elements $((i, j), (i, N))$ vanish because $A_{[i,N]} = 0$.

The matrix elements of \mathfrak{A} :

square

	(i, N)	$[i, N]$	(j, N)	$[j, N]$
(i, N)	0	$i(a - A_{ii})$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$
$[i, N]$	$-i(a - A_{ii})$	0	$-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$
(j, N)	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	0	$i(a - A_{jj})$
$[j, N]$	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$-i(a - A_{jj})$	0

	(i, N)	$[i, N]$	(j, N)	$[j, N]$
(i, N)	$(a - A_{ii})^2$	0	?	?
$[i, N]$	0	$(a - A_{ii})^2$?	?
(j, N)	?	?	$(a - A_{jj})^2$	0
$[j, N]$?	?	0	$(a - A_{jj})^2$

The simplest approximation $a - A_{ii} \approx a - A_{jj} \equiv d$, $A_{(ij)} \approx 0$, $A_{[ij]} \approx 0$ (classical background). The Gaussian from bosonic action for $\alpha_{\mu\alpha'}$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{\alpha'} [\alpha_{\mu\alpha'} (d^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + d^\mu d^\nu) \alpha_{\nu\alpha'}] \quad (3)$$

We ignore d depending on α' in the approximation.

Consider the interaction

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}([T^{\alpha'}, T^a][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) = \sum_{ijkl} T_{ij}^{[a'} T_{jk}^a] T_{kl}^{[b'} T_{li}^{\mathbf{b}}].$$

Because one of the index of $T^{\alpha'}$ must be N , while no index of T^a is N , only the following terms non-vanishing

$$-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijk} \left(T_{iN}^{\alpha'} T_{Nj}^{\mathbf{b}'} T_{ki}^a T_{jk}^{\mathbf{b}} + T_{Ni}^{\alpha'} T_{ik}^a T_{kj}^{\mathbf{b}} T_{jN}^{\mathbf{b}'} \right).$$

Contraction between α' , \mathbf{b}' gives

$$\sum_{\alpha'\mathbf{b}'} \delta_{\alpha',\mathbf{b}'}(\dots) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(T^a T^{\mathbf{b}}).$$

This result is applied to

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \\ & = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\alpha'}, T^a][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\alpha'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu). \end{aligned}$$

Contract α

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \text{Tr}(T^a T^{\mathbf{b}})(\Delta^{-1})_{\mu\nu} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu) \\ & = \alpha (\Delta^{-1})_{\mu\nu} \text{Tr}(\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho + \mathcal{A}^\mu \mathcal{A}^\nu). \end{aligned}$$

Δ^{-1} is the inverse of $\eta^{\mu\nu} d^2 + d^\mu d^\nu$.

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\rho, \mathcal{A}_\mu][\alpha_\sigma, \mathcal{A}_\nu]) \rightarrow \alpha (\Delta^{-1})_{\rho\sigma} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) \quad (4)$$

Note. there is no $\mathfrak{A}_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$ dependence. What is d ?

fermionic contribution the action

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \psi_a^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \psi_b^\beta \quad (5)$$

$$\int [d\psi] e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi])} = \text{Pf} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \right).$$

The matrix elements are labeled by $(\alpha, \mathfrak{a}), (\beta, \mathfrak{b})$.

The RG setting, background $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{A}_2$, \mathfrak{A}_2 in the directions $\mathfrak{a}', \mathfrak{b}'$.

$$\text{Pf} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \right) \approx \text{Pf} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu})^{ab} \right) \text{Pf} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^{a'b'} \right)$$

Factorization only works for background, not for fluctuation.

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{A}} = \sum_c \alpha_c \text{Tr}(T^a [T^c, T^b])$$

No simple relation between $\text{Pf}(A \otimes B)$ and $\text{Pf}(A), \text{Pf}(B)$.

Write

$$M_{(\alpha, \mathfrak{a}), (\beta, \mathfrak{b})} \equiv (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}}.$$

Use

$$\text{Pf} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{2} M \right) = \pm \exp \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{4} M^2 \right) \right].$$

$$M = C\Gamma^\mu \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu} \oplus \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu}).$$

$$M^2 = (C\Gamma^\mu C\Gamma^\nu) \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu} \mathfrak{A}_{1\nu} \oplus \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu} \mathfrak{A}_{2\nu}).$$

\mathfrak{A}_2 for the RG directions. Factor out

$$\exp \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 \right) \right].$$

Background $(\mathfrak{A}_2)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}^2 = d^2 \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}$ (the approximation).

$$(C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 = \left(\sum_{\mu=2}^9 (d_\mu)^2 \right) \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + (\dots?).$$

$\log(\dots)?$ For simplicity, assume $d_0 = 0$,

$$(C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 = \left(\sum_{\mu=1}^9 (d_\mu)^2 \right) \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \equiv d^2 \mathbb{1}.$$

$\text{Tr} = 16 \cdot 2(N-1)$, for $\mathfrak{a}' \in \{(i, N), [i, N]\}$.

$$\exp \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 \right) \right] = \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{4} d^2 \right)^{8(N-1)}.$$

Question 1. where is the scaling?

Clarify M

$$M_{(\alpha, a), (\beta, b)} \equiv (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a, b}.$$

The inverse of M : M^{-1} ? Diagonal background

$$\sum_c (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{ac} (\mathfrak{A}_\nu)_{cb} = \delta_{a, b} d_{a\mu} d_{a\nu}.$$

Spinor part is not easy, but easy if $d_0 = 0$.

$$\{(C\Gamma^i), (C\Gamma^j)\} = 2\delta^{ij}\mathbb{1}, \quad C\Gamma^0 = -\mathbb{1}$$

$$\{(C\Gamma^0), (C\Gamma^i)\} = -2(C\Gamma^i).$$

Define $\overline{C\Gamma}^\mu$

$$\overline{C\Gamma}^0 = -C\Gamma^0, \quad \overline{C\Gamma}^i = C\Gamma^i.$$

Reminiscent of Pauli 4-vector? If $d_0 = 0$, $M^{-1} \propto M$. $M^{-1} \propto \overline{C\Gamma}^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_\mu$?

Fri, Apr 19

summarize the ingredients General assumptions: diagonal background A_μ ; imagine $(A_\mu)_{ii}$, $i = 1, \dots, N-1$ are small while $(A_\mu)_{NN}$ is large:

$$(A_\mu)_{NN} - (A_\mu)_{ii} \approx d_\mu, \quad (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \equiv (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{(i, N)[j, N]} = -(\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{[j, N](i, N)} = i d_\mu \delta_{ij}.$$

The idea is just to make the Gaussian term simple.

The bosonic part of IKKT gives

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{a', b'} \alpha_{\mu a'} [(\mathfrak{A}^\rho \mathfrak{A}_\rho)_{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu} + (\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}^\nu)_{a'b'}] \alpha_{\nu b'} \quad (6)$$

Define the quadratic matrix

$$(\Delta_B)_{a'b'; \mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2} (d^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} + d_\mu d_\nu) \delta_{a'b'} \quad (7)$$

A simplification: gauge fixing

$$\sum_{b'} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu)_{a'b'} \alpha_{\mu b'} = 0, \quad \delta_t \alpha_{\mu a'} = i \sum_{b'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} t_{b'}.$$

In gauge fixing action, the bosonic part

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{a', b'} \alpha_{\mu a'} [(\mathfrak{A}^\rho \mathfrak{A}_\rho)_{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu}] \alpha_{\nu b'} \quad (8)$$

$$(\Delta_B)_{a'b'; \mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2} d^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{a'b'} \quad (9)$$

Then it's easy to inverse

$$(\Delta_B^{-1})_{a'b'}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\alpha d^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{a'b'} \quad (10)$$

The fermionic part of IKKT gives

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}', \alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \quad (11)$$

$$(\Delta_F)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'; \alpha\beta} \equiv -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} d_\mu J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \quad (12)$$

J forms a block diagonal form, each block reads

$$J_{(i,N),[i,N]} = -J_{[i,N],(i,N)} = i, \quad J_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = J_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus J_{N-1}.$$

The inverse

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{2}{\alpha d^2} (\overline{C\Gamma}^\mu)^{\alpha\beta} d_\mu J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \\ \overline{C\Gamma}^0 &= -C\Gamma^0, \quad \overline{C\Gamma}^i = C\Gamma^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 9. \\ (C\Gamma^\mu)(\overline{C\Gamma}^\nu) &= \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{1}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Contractions

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{ij} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{kl})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}). \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0, \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 2\delta_{ij}. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{ij} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{kl})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}). \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0, \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = -\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 2\delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

fermionic interaction

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}])$$

square

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{4} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \psi_{\mathfrak{c}'}^\gamma (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \psi_{\mathfrak{d}'}^\delta \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}]) \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{c}'}[T^{\mathfrak{b}}, T^{\mathfrak{d}'}])$$

Contraction 1. $\mathfrak{a}' - \mathfrak{d}'$ and $\mathfrak{b}' - \mathfrak{c}'$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{d}'}^{\alpha\delta} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{b}'\mathfrak{c}'}^{\beta\gamma} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}]) \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{c}'}[T^{\mathfrak{b}}, T^{\mathfrak{d}'}]). \\ &= -\frac{4 \times 16}{d^4} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}} T^{\mathfrak{b}}) d^\mu d^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} = -\frac{64}{d^4} d^\mu d^\nu \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu). \end{aligned}$$

Contraction 2 $\mathfrak{a}' - \mathfrak{c}'$ and $\mathfrak{b}' - \mathfrak{d}'$ gives the same.

In the contraction 1.

$$\text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^a, T^{b'}])\text{Tr}(T^{c'}[T^b, T^{d'}]) \rightarrow -4\text{Tr}(T^a T^b)$$

Cubic interaction

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$$\text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \rightarrow 4\text{Tr}[A_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu].$$

$$4 \sum_{a,b,c,d} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{ab} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} \mathcal{A}_c^\mu \mathcal{A}_d^\nu \text{Tr}(T^a[T^c, T^d]).$$

$$4 \sum_{a',b',c',d'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \alpha_{\nu b'} \alpha_{c'}^\mu \alpha_{d'}^\nu \text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^{c'}, T^{d'}]).$$

Fermionic action

$$\text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]) = \text{Tr}(\psi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \psi^\beta]).$$

fermionic background

$$\psi + \varphi.$$

with the direct sum bosonic background

$$\sum_{a'b'} \varphi_{a'}^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \varphi_{b'}^\beta + \sum_{a'b'c'} \varphi_{a'}^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \alpha_{\mu b'} \varphi_{c'}^\beta \text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^{b'}, T^{c'}]).$$

Also consider

$$\sum_{ab'c} \psi_a^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \alpha_{\mu b'} \psi_{c'}^\beta \text{Tr}(T^a[T^{b'}, T^{c'}]).$$

Show that it's vanish. Also consider

$$\text{Tr} \psi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\alpha_\mu, \varphi^\beta] + \text{Tr} \varphi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\alpha_\mu, \psi^\beta] = -2\text{Tr} \varphi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\psi^\beta, \alpha_\mu].$$

Similarly, define the adjoint matrix

$$\Psi_{ab} \equiv \sum_c \psi_c \text{Tr}(T^a[T^c, T^b]).$$