

$$\delta f - \delta i = 2\pi \cdot N \quad (N \in \mathbb{Z})$$

So for a close path, $S[n(t)]$, to be more precise, the geometric phase factor, $e^{iS'} = e^{iS + i\Delta S} = e^{iS + 2\pi N i} = e^{iS}$

$$e^{iS'} = e^{iS + i\Delta S} = e^{iS + 2\pi N \cdot i} = e^{iS}$$

remains unchanged, or that the geometric phase S is invariant under the mod 2π operation.

2.7 Wess-Zumino term and Witten extension

The Wess-Zumino term is S_{WZ} , which satisfies:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathbb{A}^2} d\Omega = \frac{1}{2} S_{WZ} = S_{\text{spin}} \cdot S_{WZ}$$

It means that:

$$S_{WZ} = -\iint_{\mathbb{A}^2} d\Omega = -\int \int \vec{n} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= -i \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \langle n(t) | \frac{d}{dt} | n(t) \rangle$$

let's rewrite the integral with $|n(t)\rangle = \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$

and $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ which are coordinates on Bloch Sphere.

where \vec{n} can be regarded as the field strength ~~val~~ whose charge is 1. Because \vec{n} lies in the sphere, it can be the function of two parameters t and x , which form an orthonormal basis on the sphere. So $d\vec{S}$ can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{S} &= d\vec{n}(t+dt, x) \times d\vec{n}(t, x+dx) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial t} \cdot dt \right) \times \left(\frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial x} \cdot dx \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial x} \right) dt \cdot dx. \end{aligned}$$

So the Wess-Zumino term has another expression that is broadly used:

$$S_{WZ} = - \int_0^1 dx \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \cdot \vec{n}(t, x) \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial \vec{n}}{\partial x} \right]$$

where x is an auxiliary parameter, in order to extend $\vec{n}(t)$ to $\vec{n}(t, x)$ with:

$$\vec{n}(t, 0) = \vec{n}(t)$$

$$\vec{n}(t, 1) = n_0 \text{ (North Pole)}$$

$$\vec{n}(t_i, x) = \vec{n}(t_f, x) \text{ (Closed Path)}$$

where. $d\vec{r} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot dt = \vec{v} \cdot dt$ is the differential of path γ .
 we apply a local gauge transformation where the state z picks up a position-dependent phase $\phi(\vec{r})$

$$z \rightarrow z \cdot e^{i\phi}$$

So the Gauge Potential change as:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}' &= i \vec{z}^\dagger e^{-i\phi} \left(e^{i\phi} \frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{r}} + \vec{z} \cdot \nabla \phi \right) \\ &= \vec{A} + \nabla \phi \end{aligned}$$

So the potential \vec{A} is not gauge-invariant

From what we have discussed above, we can know that:

A single spin \longleftrightarrow A spherical Landau ~~problem~~ problem with a monopole.

Because of: (for closed path)

$$S = \oint_{\gamma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

where, \vec{A} can be regarded as a magnetic potential that is responsible for a "magnetic monopole" at the center of Bloch Ball. Therefore, S_{WZ} can be regarded as

a quantum mechanical problem: a charge particle with sufficiently small mass is confined on the unit sphere, and feels electromagnetic field generated by the "magnetic monopole" at the center of the ball.

2.4 Conclusion.

In the previous discussion, we have obtained path integral formalism of a single spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ ($S=\frac{1}{2}$).

For a generic spin- S ($S=\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$), the action is given by:

$$\begin{cases} S[\vec{n}(t)] = -S_{\text{spin}} \cdot S_{WZ}[\vec{n}(t)] \quad (\vec{A}=0) \\ \langle \vec{n} | \vec{S} | \vec{n} \rangle = S_{\text{spin}} \cdot \vec{n} \end{cases}$$