

$$S_f - S_i = 2\pi - \Lambda / (NG\mathbb{Z}).$$

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

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

2.1 Wess-Zumino term and Witten extension

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

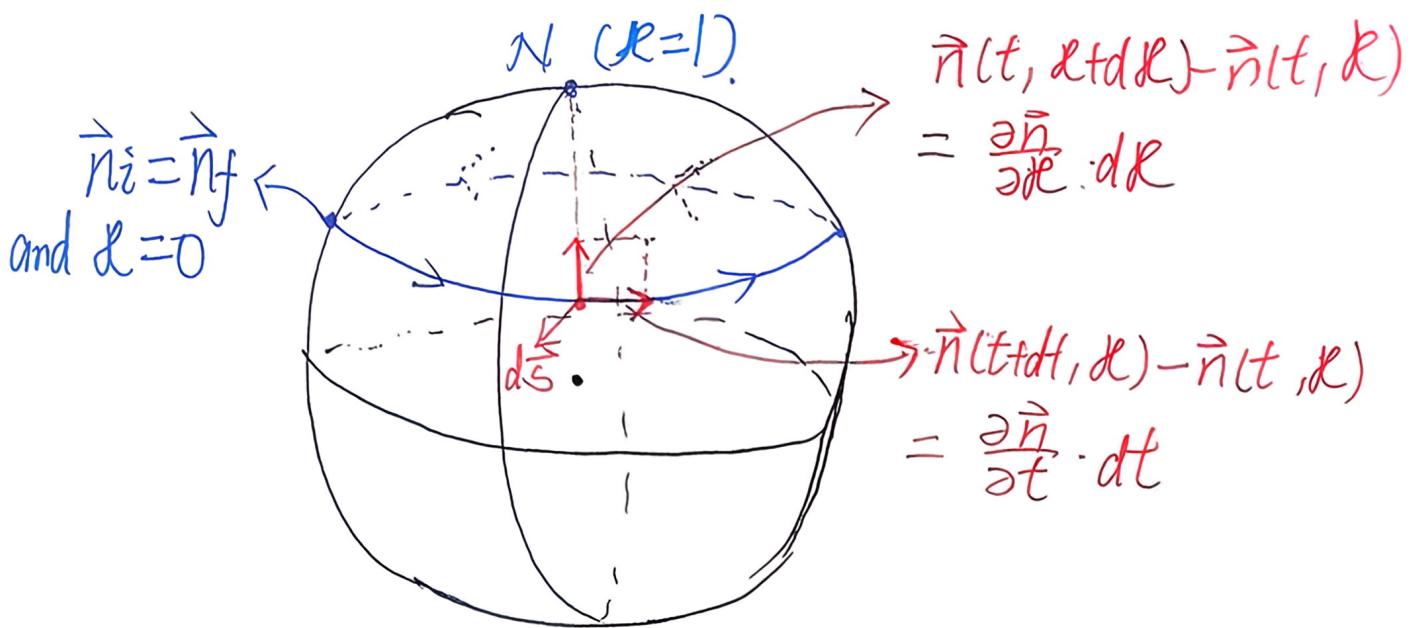
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\#A\Gamma} d\Omega_2 = \frac{1}{2} S_{WZ} = S_{\text{spin}} \cdot S_{WZ}.$$

It means that:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WZ} &= - \iint_{\#A\Gamma} d\Omega_2 = - \iint_{\#A\Gamma} \vec{n} \cdot d\vec{\Omega} \\ &= - i \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \langle n(t) | \frac{d}{dt} | n(t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

let's rewrite the integral with $|n(t)\rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

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



2.3. Emergence of U(1) gauge degrees of freedom.

$$S = i \int_{\gamma} dt \langle \vec{n}(t) | \partial_t | \vec{n}(t) \rangle = i \int_{\gamma} dt \vec{z}^{\dagger} \cdot \partial_t \vec{z}$$

where, $\vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = |\vec{n}\rangle$

Using the chain rule where $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ are coordinates on Bloch Sphere:

$$S = i \int_{\gamma} \vec{z}^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}} \cdot \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \cdot dt.$$

define the Gauge Potential \vec{A} :

$$\vec{A} = i \vec{z}^{\dagger} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

so S can be written as

$$S = \int_{\gamma} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{t}$$

where \vec{n} can regard as the field strength w/o whose charge is 1. Because \vec{n} locate in the sphere, it can be the function of two parameter t and λ , which form an orthonormal basis on the sphere. So $d\vec{s}$ can be written as:

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

So the Wess-Zumion term have another expression that is broadly used:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So the Gauge Potential change as:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A}' &= izte^{i\phi} \left(e^{i\phi} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \vec{x}} + \vec{z} \cdot \cancel{\vec{e}^i} \nabla \phi \right) \\ &= \vec{A} + \vec{v} \cdot \phi\end{aligned}$$

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

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

A single spin $\xleftrightarrow{\text{equivalent to}}$ A spherical Landau problem with a monopole.

Because of : (for closed path)

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

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S[\vec{n}(t)] = S_{\text{spin}} \cdot S_{WZ}[\vec{n}(t)] \quad (\vec{A}=0) \\ \langle \vec{n} | \vec{s} | \vec{n} \rangle = S_{\text{spin}} \cdot \vec{n} \end{array} \right.$$