

Bruno Le Floch, Princeton University, 2018.

Very sparse references, not always to original papers.

Help welcome at <https://github.com/blefloch/tables-for-supersymmetry>

## §1 Lie algebras and groups (dimension $< \infty$ )

**Complex simple Lie algebras.** Infinite series  $\mathfrak{a}_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}_{n \geq 1}$ ,

$$\mathbf{c}_{n>1}, \mathbf{d}_{n>2} \text{ with } \mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{a}_1 \oplus \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{d}_3 = \mathbf{a}_3$$

**Roots and Weyl group.** The Weyl group has  $\prod_i d_i$  elements where  $d_i$  are degrees of fundamental invariants. (Below,  $\mathbb{1}_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th unit vector in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ .)

$\mathfrak{a}_{n-1}$ : (note shifted rank) roots  $\mathbb{1}_i - \mathbb{1}_j$ , simple roots  $\mathbb{1}_i - \mathbb{1}_{i+1}$ .

The Weyl group  $S_n$  permutes the  $\mathbb{1}_i$ . Fundamental invariants:  $x_1^k + \cdots + x_n^k$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n$ .

$b_n$ : roots  $\pm \mathbf{l}_i$  and  $\pm \mathbf{l}_i \pm \mathbf{l}_j$ , simple roots  $\mathbf{l}_i - \mathbf{l}_{i+1}$  and  $\mathbf{l}_n$ . The Weyl group  $\{\pm 1\}^n \rtimes S_n$  permutes and changes signs of the  $\mathbf{l}_i$ .  
Fundamental invariants:  $x_1^{2n} + \cdots + x_n^{2k}$  for  $2 \leq 2k \leq 2n$ .

$\mathfrak{c}_n$ : roots  $\pm 2\mathbb{1}_i$  and  $\pm \mathbb{1}_i \pm \mathbb{1}_j$ , simple roots  $\mathbb{1}_i - \mathbb{1}_{i+1}$  and  $2\mathbb{1}_n$ .  
Same Weyl group and invariants as  $\mathfrak{b}_n$ .

$\mathfrak{d}_n$ : roots  $\pm \mathbb{1}_i \pm \mathbb{1}_j$ , simple roots  $\mathbb{1}_i - \mathbb{1}_{i+1}$  and  $\mathbb{1}_{n-1} + \mathbb{1}_n$ . The Weyl group  $\{\pm 1\}^{n-1} \rtimes S_n$  permutes the  $\mathbb{1}_i$  and changes an even number of signs. Fundamental invariants  $x_1 \cdots x_n$  and  $x_1^{2k} + \cdots + x_n^{2k}$  for  $2 \leq 2k \leq 2n - 2$ .

$\mathfrak{e}_8: \{\pm \mathbb{1}_i \pm \mathbb{1}_j\} \cup \{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^8 \epsilon_k \mathbb{1}_k \mid \epsilon_k = \pm 1, \prod_{k=1}^8 \epsilon_k = -1\}$ ,  
 simple roots  $\mathbb{1}_i - \mathbb{1}_{i+1}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(-\mathbb{1}_1 - \dots - \mathbb{1}_5 + \mathbb{1}_6 + \mathbb{1}_7 + \mathbb{1}_8)$ .  
 The  $2^{14} 3^5 5^2 7 = 696729600$ -element Weyl group is  $O_8^+(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .  
 Degrees of invariants are  $\{d_i\} = \{2, 8, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 30\}$ ,  
 with mnemonic  $1 + (\text{primes from } 7 \text{ to } 29)$ .

$\mathbf{e_7}$ : roots  $\sum_{i=1}^8 a_i \mathbb{1}_i$  of  $\mathbf{e_8}$  with  $a_1 = \sum_{i=2}^8 a_i$ , simple roots are those of  $\mathbf{e_8}$  except  $\mathbb{1}_1 - \mathbb{1}_2$ . The  $2^{10} \times 3^4 \times 5 \times 7 = 2903040$ -element Weyl group is  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathrm{PSp}_6(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . Degrees of invariants are  $\{d_i\} = \{2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18\}$ .

$\mathfrak{e}_6$ : roots  $\sum_{i=1}^8 a_i \mathbb{1}_i$  of  $\mathfrak{e}_8$  with  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $\sum_{i=3}^8 a_i = 0$ ,  
 simple roots are those of  $\mathfrak{e}_8$  except  $\mathbb{1}_1 - \mathbb{1}_2$  and  $\mathbb{1}_2 - \mathbb{1}_3$ .  
 The  $2^7 3^4 5 = 51840$ -element Weyl group is  $\text{Aut}(\text{PSp}_4(\mathbb{F}_3))$ .  
 Degrees of invariants are  $\{d_i\} = \{2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12\}$ .

**f<sub>4</sub>**: roots  $\pm \mathbb{1}_i, \pm \mathbb{1}_i \pm \mathbb{1}_j, \frac{1}{2}(\pm \mathbb{1}_1 \pm \mathbb{1}_2 \pm \mathbb{1}_3 \pm \mathbb{1}_4)$ , simple roots  $\mathbb{1}_1 - \mathbb{1}_2, \mathbb{1}_2 - \mathbb{1}_3, \mathbb{1}_3, -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1}_1 + \mathbb{1}_2 + \mathbb{1}_3 + \mathbb{1}_4)$ . It has an 1152-element Weyl group and  $\{d_i\} = \{2, 6, 8, 12\}$ .

$g_2$ : 12 roots  $e^{2\pi i k/6}$ ,  $e^{2\pi i(2k+1)/12}\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{C}$  for  $0 \leq k < 6$ , simple roots 1 and  $e^{5\pi i/6}\sqrt{3}$ . The 12-element Weyl group is the dihedral group  $D_6$ , and  $\{d_i\} = \{2, 6\}$ .

The Coxeter number  $h(\mathfrak{g}) = (\dim \mathfrak{g} / \text{rank } \mathfrak{g}) - 1$  is the largest  $d_i$ . A Coxeter element is the product of all simple reflections, in any order. Its eigenvalues  $e^{2\pi i(d_i - 1)/h}$  come in conjugate pairs.

**A real simple Lie algebra** is a complex algebra (see above) or a real form of it. Let  $\mathfrak{sp}(m, n) = \mathfrak{usp}(2m, 2n) = \mathfrak{u}(m, n, \mathbb{H})$ ,  $\mathfrak{su}^*(2n) = \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{H}) = \{\text{Re Tr } M = 0 \text{ in } \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{H})\} \simeq \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{H})/\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathfrak{so}^*(2n) = \mathfrak{o}(n, \mathbb{H})$ . A Lie algebra is called compact if it exponentiates to a compact Lie group. In  $\mathfrak{e}_{r(s)}$ ,  $s$  is the number of (non-compact) – (compact) generators. The maximal compact subalgebra of a complex algebra is its compact real form.

	Real form	Max compact subalgebra	Range
$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathfrak{su}(n)$	compact	
	$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$	$\supset \mathfrak{so}(n)$	
	$\mathfrak{su}(n-p, p)$	$\supset \mathfrak{su}(n-p) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(p) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)$	$0 < p < n$
	$\mathfrak{su}^*(n)$	$\supset \mathfrak{usp}(n)$	$n$ even
$\mathfrak{so}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathfrak{so}(n)$	compact	
	$\mathfrak{so}(p, n-p)$	$\supset \mathfrak{so}(p) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(n-p)$	$0 < p < n$
	$\mathfrak{so}^*(n)$	$\supset \mathfrak{u}(n/2)$	$n$ even
$\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathfrak{usp}(2n)$	compact	
	$\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$	$\supset \mathfrak{u}(n)$	
	$\mathfrak{usp}(2n-2p, 2p)$	$\supset \mathfrak{usp}(2n-2p) \oplus \mathfrak{usp}(2p)$	$0 < p < n$
$\mathfrak{e}_{6(-78)}$	compact	$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-248)}$ compact	
	$\supset \mathfrak{f}_4$	$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)} \supset \mathfrak{e}_7 \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	
	$\supset \mathfrak{so}(10) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2)$	$\mathfrak{e}_{8(8)} \supset \mathfrak{so}(16)$	
	$\supset \mathfrak{su}(6) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$		
$\mathfrak{e}_{6(2)}$	$\supset \mathfrak{usp}(8)$	$\mathfrak{g}_{2(-14)}$ compact	
		$\mathfrak{g}_{2(2)} \supset \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	
$\mathfrak{e}_{7(-133)}$	compact	$\mathfrak{f}_{4(-52)}$ compact	
	$\supset \mathfrak{e}_6 \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2)$	$\mathfrak{f}_{4(-20)} \supset \mathfrak{so}(9)$	
	$\supset \mathfrak{so}(12) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	$\mathfrak{f}_{4(4)} \supset \mathfrak{usp}(6) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	
	$\supset \mathfrak{su}(8)$		

#### Accidental isomorphisms.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{so}(2) &= \mathfrak{u}(1), & \mathfrak{so}(1, 1) &= \mathbb{R} & \mathfrak{so}(4, 1) &= \mathfrak{usp}(2, 2) \\
\mathfrak{so}(3) &= \mathfrak{su}(2) = \mathfrak{su}^*(2) = \mathfrak{usp}(2) & \mathfrak{so}(3, 2) &= \mathfrak{sp}(4, \mathbb{R}) \\
\mathfrak{so}(2, 1) &= \mathfrak{su}(1, 1) = \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{sp}(2, \mathbb{R}) & \mathfrak{so}(6) &= \mathfrak{su}(4) \\
\mathfrak{so}(4) &= \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) & \mathfrak{so}(5, 1) &= \mathfrak{su}^*(4) \\
\mathfrak{so}(3, 1) &= \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{sp}(2, \mathbb{C}) & \mathfrak{so}(4, 2) &= \mathfrak{su}(2, 2) \\
\mathfrak{so}(2, 2) &= \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) & \mathfrak{so}(3, 3) &= \mathfrak{sl}(4, \mathbb{R}) \\
\mathfrak{so}^*(4) &= \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) & \mathfrak{so}^*(6) &= \mathfrak{su}(3, 1) \\
\mathfrak{so}(5) &= \mathfrak{usp}(4) & \mathfrak{so}^*(8) &= \mathfrak{so}(6, 2)
\end{aligned}$$

**ADE classification** of symmetric matrices with eigenvalues in  $(-2, 2)$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  entries (adjacency matrices of ADE diagrams), of simply laced simple Lie algebras, of binary polyhedral groups  $\Gamma$  (discrete subgroups of  $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ ) and du Val singularities  $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma \simeq (\text{zeros of Kleinian polynomial})$ , of integers  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq r$  with  $1/p + 1/q + 1/r > 1$ , of singularities with no moduli (Arnold) hence of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  minimal models ( $c < 3$ ), of  $\mathcal{N} = 0$  unitary minimal models ( $c < 1$ ), of quivers of finite type,...

$\mathfrak{g}$	$(p, q, r)$	Kleinian polynomial
$\mathfrak{a}_k$	$(1, q, 1 + k - q)$	$w^2 + x^2 + y^{k+1}$
$\mathfrak{d}_k$	$(2, 2, k - 2)$	$w^2 + x^2 y + y^{k-1}$
$\mathfrak{e}_6$	$(2, 3, 3)$	$w^2 + x^3 + y^4$
$\mathfrak{e}_7$	$(2, 3, 4)$	$w^2 + x^3 + xy^3$
$\mathfrak{e}_8$	$(2, 3, 5)$	$w^2 + x^3 + y^5$

## §1.2 Lie groups

**Basics.** The identity component  $G_0$  is a normal subgroup:  $G/G_0$  is the group of components. The maximal compact subgroup  $K$  is unique up to conjugation.

**Every compact connected Lie group  $K$**  is a quotient of  $\mathrm{U}(1)^n \times \prod_{i=1}^m K_i$  by a finite subgroup  $\Gamma$  of its center, where  $K_i$  are simple, compact, simply-connected, connected. Then  $\pi_1(K)/\mathbb{Z}^n \simeq \Gamma$  for some embedding  $\mathbb{Z}^n \hookrightarrow \pi_1(K)$ , and the center of  $K$  is  $Z(K) = (\mathrm{U}(1)^n \times \prod_{i=1}^m Z(K_i))/\Gamma$ .

Center of all such  $K_i$ :  $Z(\mathrm{SU}(n)) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $Z(\mathrm{USp}(2n)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $Z(\mathrm{Spin}(n \geq 3)) = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ for } n \text{ odd}, \mathbb{Z}_4 \text{ for } n/2 \text{ odd}, \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \text{ otherwise})$ ,  $Z(\tilde{\mathrm{E}}_{6(-78)}) = \mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $Z(\tilde{\mathrm{E}}_{7(-133)}) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , while  $\mathrm{E}_{8(-248)}$ ,  $\mathrm{F}_{4(-52)}$ ,  $\mathrm{G}_{2(-14)}$  have no center.

Named quotients:  $\mathrm{SO}(n) = \mathrm{Spin}(n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathrm{PG} = G/Z(G)$  for  $G = \mathrm{SU}, \mathrm{USp}, \mathrm{SO}$  (also  $\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{GL}, \mathrm{SL}$ ). The other two quotients  $\mathrm{Spin}(4n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$  have no name.

**Real connected simple Lie groups** are the simply-connected  $\tilde{G}$  (classified by simple Lie algebras) and their quotients by a subgroup  $\Gamma \subset Z(\tilde{G})$  of the center; equivalently, covers of the center-free  $G_{\mathrm{cf}} = \tilde{G}/Z(\tilde{G})$ . One has  $\pi_1(\tilde{G}/\Gamma) = \Gamma$  and  $Z(\tilde{G}/\Gamma) = Z(\tilde{G})/\Gamma$ . The algebraic universal cover  $\tilde{G}_{\mathrm{alg}}$  (largest with a faithful finite-dimensional representation) may be a quotient of  $\tilde{G}$ . We define  $\pi_1^{\mathrm{alg}}(\tilde{G}_{\mathrm{alg}}/\Gamma) = \Gamma$ . For each real simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we tabulate:  $G_{\mathrm{cf}}$  as a quotient of  $\tilde{G}_{\mathrm{alg}}$ ; the (topological)  $\pi_1$ ; the real rank  $r_{\mathrm{Re}}$ ; and the maximal compact subgroup  $K \subset G_{\mathrm{cf}}$ . Below,  $\iota(l) = (1 \text{ for } l \text{ odd}, 2 \text{ otherwise})$ ,  $p + q = n$  with  $p, q \geq 1$ , and  $2k = n$  when  $n$  is even. For  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  use  $\mathrm{SU}(2) = \mathrm{Sp}(2)$ ,  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) = \mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) = \mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

	$\tilde{G}_{\mathrm{alg}}/\pi_1^{\mathrm{alg}}(G_{\mathrm{cf}})$	$K$	$\pi_1$	$r_{\mathrm{Re}}$
$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{SU}(n)/\mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathrm{SU}(n)/\mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$	0
	$\mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{Z}_{\iota(n)}$	$\mathrm{PSpin}(n)^{\dagger \S}$	$Z(\mathrm{Spin}(n))^{\dagger \S}$	$n - 1$
	$\mathrm{SU}(p, q)/\mathbb{Z}_{p+q}$	$\frac{\mathrm{SU}(p) \times \mathrm{SU}(q) \times \mathrm{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_{pq/\gcd(p,q)}} \P$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\min(p, q)$
	$\mathrm{SU}^*(2k)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2k)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$k - 1$
$\mathfrak{so}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{C})/\mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathrm{SU}(n)/\mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$	$n - 1$
	$\mathrm{PSpin}(n)^{\dagger}$	$\mathrm{PSpin}(n)$	$Z(\mathrm{Spin}(n))^{\dagger}$	0
	$\mathrm{PSpin}(p, q)^{\dagger}$	$\frac{\mathrm{SO}(p) \times \mathrm{SO}(q)}{\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ if } p, q \text{ even}}$	$\Gamma^{\parallel}$	$\min(p, q)$
	$\mathrm{SO}^*(2k)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathrm{U}(k)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{\iota(k)} \times \mathbb{Z}$	$\lfloor k/2 \rfloor$
$\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{PSpin}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{PSpin}(n)$	$Z(\mathrm{Spin}(n))^{\dagger}$	$\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
	$\mathrm{USp}(2n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	0
	$\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathrm{U}(n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{\iota(n)} \times \mathbb{Z}$	$n$
	$\mathrm{USp}(2p, 2q)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\frac{\mathrm{USp}(2p) \times \mathrm{USp}(2q)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\min(p, q)$
$\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2n)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$n$

$\dagger$  For  $r + s \geq 3$ ,  $\mathrm{PSpin}(r, s) = \mathrm{Spin}(r, s)/Z(\mathrm{Spin}(r, s))$  and  $Z(\mathrm{Spin}(r, s)) = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ if } r \text{ or } s \text{ odd}, \mathbb{Z}_4 \text{ if } \frac{r+s}{2} \text{ odd, else } \mathbb{Z}_2^2)$ .

$\S$  Exception: for  $n = 2$ ,  $K = \mathrm{SO}(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\P$   $K \ni (\overline{A, B, \lambda}) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{q/(p+q)} A & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-p/(p+q)} B \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{PSU}(p, q)$ .

$\parallel$   $\Gamma = \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(p)) \times \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(q))$  for  $p$  or  $q$  odd (each factor is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  except  $\pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(1)) = 0$  and  $\pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}$ ); otherwise  $\Gamma \subset \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(p)/\mathbb{Z}_2) \times \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(q)/\mathbb{Z}_2)$  consists of  $(\gamma_p, \gamma_q)$  such that both or neither  $\gamma$  is in the corresponding  $\pi_1(\mathrm{SO}) \subset \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}/\mathbb{Z}_2)$ .

Discrete groups in this table should not be trusted.

$\tilde{G}_{\text{alg}}/\pi_1^{\text{alg}}(G_{\text{cf}})$	$K$	$\pi_1$	$r_{\text{Re}}$
$\tilde{E}_{6(-78)}/\mathbb{Z}_3$	$= E_{6(-78)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	0
$\tilde{E}_{6(-26)}$	$F_{4(-52)}$	1	2
$\tilde{E}_{6(-14)}/\mathbb{Z}$	$\text{Spin}(10) \times \text{U}(1)/?$	$\mathbb{Z}$	2
$\tilde{E}_{6(2)}/\mathbb{Z}_6$	$(\text{SU}(6)/\mathbb{Z}_6) \times \text{SU}(2)$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	4
$\tilde{E}_{6(6)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{USp}(8)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	6
$\tilde{E}_6^{\mathbb{C}}/\mathbb{Z}_3$	$E_{6(-78)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	6
$\tilde{E}_{7(-133)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$= E_{7(-133)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	0
$\tilde{E}_{7(-25)}/\mathbb{Z}$	$E_{6(-78)} \times \text{U}(1)/?$	$\mathbb{Z}$	3
$\tilde{E}_{7(-5)}/\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\text{Spin}(12) \times \text{SU}(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	4
$\tilde{E}_{7(7)}/\mathbb{Z}_4$	$\text{SU}(8)/\mathbb{Z}_4$	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	7
$\tilde{E}_7^{\mathbb{C}}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$E_{7(-133)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	7
$\tilde{E}_{8(-248)}$	$E_{8(-248)}$	1	0
$\tilde{E}_{8(-24)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{E}_{7(-133)} \times \text{SU}(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	4
$\tilde{E}_{8(8)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{SO}(16)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	8
$\tilde{E}_8^{\mathbb{C}}$	$E_{8(-248)}$	1	8
$\tilde{F}_{4(-52)}$	$F_{4(-52)}$	1	0
$\tilde{F}_{4(-20)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{Spin}(9)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\tilde{F}_{4(4)}$	$\text{USp}(6) \times \text{SU}(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	4
$\tilde{F}_4^{\mathbb{C}}$	$F_{4(-52)}$	1	4
$\tilde{G}_{2(-14)}$	$G_{2(-14)}$	1	0
$\tilde{G}_{2(2)}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	4
$\tilde{G}_2^{\mathbb{C}}$	$G_{2(-14)}$	1	4

**Spin and Pin groups.**  $\text{SO}(n)$  has a double cover  $\text{Spin}(n)$ . Since  $\pi_0(\text{O}(n)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$  there are two double covers:  $\text{Pin}_+(n)$  in which a reflection  $R$  obeys  $R^2 = 1$ , and  $\text{Pin}_-(n)$  in which  $R^2 = (-1)^F$ . For  $p, q \geq 1$ ,  $\pi_0(\text{O}(p, q)) = \pi_0(\text{O}(p)) \times \pi_0(\text{O}(q)) = \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ ; the identity component  $\text{SO}_+(p, q)$  has a double cover  $\text{Spin}(p, q)$ . The eight double covers of  $\text{O}(p, q)$  differ in whether  $R^2$ ,  $T^2$  and  $(RT)^2$  are  $+1$  or  $(-1)^F$ .

**Accidental isomorphisms** (real reductive Lie groups)  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = \text{U}(1)$ ;  $\text{SU}(2) = \text{Spin}(3) \twoheadrightarrow \text{SO}(3)$ ; ...

**Homotopy.** Any connected Lie group is homeomorphic to its maximal compact subgroup  $K$  times a Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . All  $\pi_{j \geq 1}(K)$  are abelian and finitely generated,  $\pi_2(K) = 0$ ,  $\pi_3(K) = \mathbb{Z}^m$  where  $m$  counts simple factors in a finite cover  $\text{U}(1)^n \times \prod_{i=1}^m K_i \twoheadrightarrow K$ , and  $\pi_j(K) = \prod_{i=1}^m \pi_j(K_i)$  for  $j \geq 2$ .

For any  $G$  there exists  $\prod_{i=1}^{\text{rank } G} S^{2d_i-1} \rightarrow G$  which induces isomorphisms of rational (i.e., torsion-free part of) homotopy/cohomology groups where  $d_i$  are the degrees of fundamental invariants. For compact simple  $K$ ,

Group	$(2d_i - 1)$
$E_6$	3, 9, 11, 15, 17, 23
$E_7$	3, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 35
$E_8$	3, 15, 23, 27, 35, 39, 47, 59
$F_4$	3, 11, 15, 23
$D_n$	3, 7, ..., $4n - 5$ , $2n - 1$
$G_2$	3, 11

$\pi_{j \geq 2}(G)$  has a factor  $\mathbb{Z}$  for each  $S^j$  above, and some torsion. Explicitly,  $\pi_j(\text{SU}(n))$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$  for odd  $j < 2n$ , 0 for even  $j < 2n$ , and is pure torsion for  $j \geq 2n$ . Similarly,  $\pi_{j < 4n+2}(\text{USp}(2n))$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$  for  $j \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  for  $j \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}$ , and 0 otherwise.

### §1.3 Simple Lie superalgebras

**Classical Lie superalgebras:** the bosonic algebra acts on the fermionic generators in a completely reducible representation. This excludes Cartan-type superalgebras  $\mathfrak{w}(n)$ ,  $\mathfrak{s}(n)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}(n)$  and  $\mathfrak{h}(n)$ . In this table,  $m, n \geq 1$  and we do not list purely bosonic Lie algebras. The factor  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}(m|n)$  must be removed if  $m = n$ .

	Bosonic algebra	Fermionic repr.
$\mathfrak{sl}(m n)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$	$(m, \bar{n}) \oplus (\bar{m}, n)$
$\mathfrak{osp}(m 2n)$	$\mathfrak{so}(m, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})$	$(m, 2n)$
$\mathfrak{d}(2, 1, \alpha)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})^3$	$(2, 2, 2)$
$\mathfrak{f}(4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(7, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$	$(8, 2)$
$\mathfrak{g}(3)$	$\mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$	$(7, 2)$
$\mathfrak{p}(m)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{C})$	$\text{sym} \oplus (\text{antisym})^*$
$\mathfrak{q}(m)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{C})$	adjoint

**Real forms of Lie superalgebras,** starting from their compact form ( $p = q = 0$ ).  $\mathfrak{p}(m)$  has no compact form. Here,  $m, n \geq 1$ ,  $0 \leq p \leq m/2$ ,  $0 \leq q \leq n/2$ . The forms  $\mathfrak{su}^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{osp}^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{q}^*$  only exist for even rank;  $\mathfrak{sl}'$  only if  $m = n$ .

Real form	Bosonic algebra
$\mathfrak{su}(m-p, p n-q, q)$	$\mathfrak{su}(m-p, p) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(n-q, q) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)^{\ddagger}$
$\mathfrak{sl}(m n)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(1, 1)^{\ddagger}$
$\mathfrak{sl}'(n n) \quad (m = n)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$
$\mathfrak{su}^*(m n) \quad (m, n \text{ even})$	$\mathfrak{su}^*(m) \oplus \mathfrak{su}^*(n) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(1, 1)^{\ddagger}$
$\mathfrak{osp}(m-p, p 2n)$	$\mathfrak{so}(m-p, p) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{osp}^*(m 2n-2q, 2q) \quad (m \text{ even})$	$\mathfrak{so}^*(m) \oplus \mathfrak{usp}(2n-2q, 2q)^{\P}$
$\mathfrak{d}^p(2, 1, \alpha) \quad \S$	$\mathfrak{so}(4-p, p) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \quad (p = 0, 1, 2)$
$\mathfrak{f}^p(4) \text{ for } p = 0, 3$	$\mathfrak{so}(7-p, p) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{f}^p(4) \text{ for } p = 1, 2$	$\mathfrak{so}(7-p, p) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$
$\mathfrak{g}_s(3) \text{ for } s = -14, 2$	$\mathfrak{g}_{2(s)} \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{p}(m)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{uq}(m-p, p)$	$\mathfrak{su}(m+1-p, p)$
$\mathfrak{q}(m)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{q}^*(m) \quad (m \text{ odd})$	$\mathfrak{su}^*(m+1)$

$\ddagger$  For  $m = n$ ,  $\mathfrak{u}(1)$  and  $\mathfrak{so}(1, 1)$  factors are absent. Additionally, one can project down to a single bosonic factor.

$\P$   $\triangleleft$  A real form of  $\mathfrak{osp}(2|2, \mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{sl}(2|1, \mathbb{C})$  is missing.

$\S$  The three  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  bosonic factors of  $\mathfrak{d}(2, 1, \alpha)$  appear with weights 1,  $\alpha$  and  $-1 - \alpha$  in fermion anticommutators. For  $\mathfrak{d}^0$  and  $\mathfrak{d}^2$ ,  $\alpha$  is real. For  $\mathfrak{d}^1$ ,  $\alpha = 1 + ia$  with  $a$  real.

**Some isomorphisms:**  $\mathfrak{su}(1, 1|1) = \mathfrak{sl}(2|1) = \mathfrak{osp}(2|2)$  and  $\mathfrak{su}(2|1) = \mathfrak{osp}^*(2|2, 0)$  and  $\mathfrak{d}^p(2, 1, \alpha = 1) = \mathfrak{osp}(4-p, p|2)$  and  $\mathfrak{osp}(6, 2|4) = \mathfrak{osp}^*(8|4)$ .

### §1.4 Lie supergroups

### §1.5 Representations

## §2 Gauge theory generalities

### §2.1 Generalities

**Yang–Mills term.** A gauge group is a compact reductive Lie group  $G$  such as  $(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))/\mathbb{Z}_6$ . The gauge kinetic term is  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} = g^{-2} \text{Tr } F \wedge \star F$ , with one real gauge coupling  $g$  per simple factor.

**Theta term** in even dimension:  $\theta \text{Tr } F^{\wedge(d/2)}$  with  $\theta$  periodic. In 4d,  $\theta$  and  $g$  combine to  $\tau = \theta/(2\pi) + 4\pi i/g^2$ .

**Chern–Simons term** in 3d:  $k \text{Tr}(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A)$  with  $k$  quantized (normalization missing).

**Boundaries and gauge redundancies.** On a non-compact spacetime one can consider the group of gauge redundancies with various boundary conditions. Let  $H \subset F$  be the constant transformations included as gauge redundancies (including constant gauge transformations by  $H \cap G$ ). The Higgs branch flavour symmetry is then  $\{x \in F \mid xG = Gx, xH = Hx\}/H$ .

## §2.2 Anomalies

**Continuous anomalies** in  $d = 2n$ , in  $(n+1)$ -point functions of currents:  $(n+1)$ -gon fermion loop, summed over fermions. Forbid simultaneous nontrivial backgrounds for all  $n+1$  symmetries. Anomaly with  $(n+1)$  gauge currents  $\implies$  theory is sick. Anomaly with  $n$  gauge, one flavour  $\implies$  classical flavour symmetry fails at one-loop,  $D_\mu J^\mu \sim \text{Tr}(dA_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dA_n) + O(A^{n+1})$ .

**Fermion effective action**  $\Gamma[A]$  defined by  $\exp(-\Gamma[A]) = \int D\bar{\chi} D\psi \exp(-\int d^4x \bar{\chi} i \not{D} \gamma_- \psi)$  always has gauge-invariant and diffeomorphism-invariant real part but varies by the imaginary  $D_\mu(\delta\Gamma/\delta A_\mu) = D_\mu\langle J^\mu \rangle$  and  $D_\mu(\delta\Gamma/\delta g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2}D_\mu\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$ , non-zero in case of anomaly.

**Anomaly polynomial:** formal  $(d+2)$ -form built from field strengths  $F$  and Riemann  $R$  two-forms, traced.

**Continuous gravitational anomaly.**  $\text{Spin}(1, d-1)$  plus CPT only has complex representations for  $d = 4k+2$ : for other even  $d$ , CPT exchanges chirality so we cannot have a single Weyl spinor. Focus on  $d = 1 + (4k+1)$ , Weyl fermions of spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  and self-dual  $2k+1$  form. In 10d, unique theory with anomaly cancellation between fields of different spins: IIB supergravity. Above 10d, only same spins can cancel.

**Discrete gravitational anomaly.** In  $d = 8k$  and  $d = 8k+1$ , single Majorana spinors cannot be given mass (but pairs can). It turns out that coupling an odd number of spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  Majorana fermions to gravity is inconsistent.

**Mixed gauge-gravity anomaly** (or flavour-gravity) corresponds to  $(\frac{1}{2}d+1)$ -gons fermion loops with an even number of stress-tensors and some currents.

## §2.3 Supersymmetric theories

**Vector.** Yang–Mills, theta, Chern–Simons terms have supersymmetric completion. Additionally, FI parameter, real for 4 supercharges, triplet for 8 supercharges. Dimensionless in 2d, the FI parameter combines with the theta angle.

**Matter.** For 16 supercharges, none. For 8 supercharges, symplectic representation  $V \simeq \mathbb{H}^n$  namely  $G \rightarrow F = \text{USp}(2n)$ . For 4 supercharges, unitary representation  $V \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$  namely  $G \rightarrow F = \text{U}(n)$ . Canonical kinetic term for bosons:  $D_\mu \phi_i D^\mu \phi_i$ .

**Superpotential term.** For 4 supercharges,  $\int d^2\theta W$  gives a potential for scalars and Yukawa-type interactions.  $W$  is holomorphic in chiral fields and in couplings seen as background fields. Example: the kinetic term  $\text{Im} \int d^2\theta [\tau W_\alpha^2]$  of an abelian gauge field:  $W_\alpha^2$  is a chiral field so  $\tau$  is the background value of a chiral field.

**An accidental symmetry** is a flavour symmetry of the IR but not of the UV.

**R-symmetry.** In 2d and higher the IR R-symmetry is part of the superconformal algebra, rather than an outer automorphism of it. The manifest (UV) R-symmetry can be a mixture of the IR R-symmetry and of a flavour symmetry:  $R_{\text{UV}} \subset R_{\text{IR}} \times F$ . For nonabelian R-symmetry that flavour symmetry must be accidental as it does not commute with  $R_{\text{UV}}$ . For abelian R-symmetry the mixing is continuous; assuming no accidental flavour symmetries it is fixed in 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  by  $a$ -extremization, in 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  by  $Z_{S^3}$ -extremization, in 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (0, 2)$  by  $c$ -extremization.

Vector multiplet scalars and gauge field are  $U(1)_R$  neutral.

For chirals,  $\Delta \geq \frac{1}{2}(d-1)|R|$  at the fixed point.

**Classical vacua:** Coulomb, Higgs and mixed branches. Coulomb branch ( $\mathfrak{g}$  modulo conjugation by  $G$ ) parametrized by vector multiplet scalars, larger in 3d due to monopoles, can be lifted by quantum effects. For 4 supercharges, Higgs branch parametrized by chiral multiplet scalars: Kähler quotient  $R//G$ . For 8 supercharges, Higgs branch parametrized by hypermultiplet scalars: hyper-Kähler quotient  $\tilde{R}//G$ . The Higgs branch has flavour symmetry  $\{x \in F \mid xG = Gx\}/G$  normalizer of  $G$  in  $F = \text{U}(R)$  or  $F = \text{USp}(\tilde{R})$  modulo  $G$ . Background vector multiplet scalars (real/twisted masses) reduce the Higgs and mixed branches to fixed points of corresponding flavour symmetries.

## §2.4 Spinors (e.g. [hep-th/9910030])

**Clifford algebra.** Let  $h_{ab}$  be diagonal with  $s$  ‘+1’ and  $t$  ‘−1’, and  $d = s + t$ . The Clifford algebra  $\{\Gamma_a, \Gamma_b\} = 2h_{ab}$  has real dimension  $2^d$  and is isomorphic to a matrix algebra  $M_{2^\#}(\bullet)$  with

$s - t \bmod 8$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\bullet$ is	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{C}$

**Charge conjugation.**  $(-\eta)\Gamma_a^T = C\Gamma_a C^{-1}$  are conjugate for  $\eta = \pm 1$  because they obey the same algebra. Get  $C^T = -\epsilon C$  with  $\epsilon = \pm 1$  by transposing twice. Let  $\Gamma^{(n)} = \Gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$ . Using  $(C\Gamma^{(n)})^T = -\epsilon(-)^{n(n-1)/2}(-\eta)^n C\Gamma^{(n)}$  find which  $n \bmod 4$  give symmetric  $C\Gamma^{(n)}$ . The sum of  $\binom{d}{n}$  must be  $2^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} (2^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} + 1)/2$ . This fixes  $\epsilon, \eta$ . Odd  $d$  require  $\eta = (-1)^{d(d+1)/2}$  to preserve  $\Gamma^{(d)}$ . Even  $d$  allow two choices of signs: consult the rows  $d \pm 1$ .

$d \bmod 8$	$n$	$\epsilon$	$\eta$
0	1	−1	−1
2	3	+1	+1
4	5	+1	−1
6	7	−1	+1

**Reduced spinors.**  $M_{ab} \in \mathfrak{so}(s, t)$  acts as  $\gamma_a \gamma_b$  on representations of the Clifford algebra. But the  $2^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}$ -dimensional representation is not irreducible as a representation of  $\mathfrak{so}(s, t)$ .

In even  $d$ , Weyl (or chiral) spinors  $\Gamma^{(d)}\lambda = \pm\lambda$  have  $2^{d/2-1}$  real components. Let  $B$  be defined by  $\Gamma_a^* = -\eta(-1)^t B\Gamma_a B^{-1}$ . Majorana spinors  $\lambda^* = B\lambda$  exist for  $s - t \equiv 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \bmod 8$ ; the case  $s - t \equiv \pm 2$  requires  $\eta = \mp(-1)^{d/2}$ . When  $s - t \equiv 3, 4, 5$ , a set of  $2n$  spinors can be symplectic Majorana:  $(\lambda^I)^* = B\Omega_{IJ}\lambda^J$  for  $\Omega = ((0, \mathbb{1}_n); (-\mathbb{1}_n, 0))$ . (Symplectic) Majorana–Weyl spinors exist for  $s - t \equiv 0, 4 \bmod 8$ . The table also includes the real dimension of the minimal spinor.

d	$t \equiv 0$	1	2	3 mod 4
1 (D 2) M	1	M	1	
2 (W 2) M <sup>-</sup>	2	MW	1	M <sup>+</sup> 2
3 (D 4) s	4	M	2	M 2 s 4
4 (W 4) sW	4	M <sup>+</sup>	4	MW 2 M <sup>-</sup> 4
5 (D 8) s	8	s	8	M 4 M 4
6 (W 8) M <sup>+</sup>	8	sW	8	M <sup>-</sup> 8 MW 4
7 (D 16) M	8	s	16	M 8
8 (W16) MW	8	M <sup>-</sup>	16	sW 16 M <sup>+</sup> 16
9 (D 32) M	16	M	16	s 32
10 (W32) M <sup>-</sup>	32	MW	16	M <sup>+</sup> 32 sW 32
11 (D 64) s	64	M	32	M 32 s 64
12 (W64) sW	64	M <sup>+</sup>	64	MW 32 M <sup>-</sup> 64

**Flavour symmetries** of  $N$  minimal spinors. This is also the R-symmetry of the  $N$ -extended superalgebra. For (symplectic) Majorana Weyl spinors, specify  $N = (N_L, N_R)$  left/right-handed.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{M} & \begin{cases} \mathfrak{u}(N) & \text{if } d \text{ even} \\ \mathfrak{so}(N) & \text{if } d \text{ odd} \end{cases} \\
\text{MW} &: \mathfrak{so}(N_L) \times \mathfrak{so}(N_R) \\
\text{s} &: \mathfrak{usp}(2N) \\
\text{sW} &: \mathfrak{usp}(2N_L) \times \mathfrak{usp}(2N_R)
\end{aligned}$$

E.g., Lorentzian 6d (2, 0) has  $\mathfrak{usp}(4) \times \mathfrak{usp}(0)$  R-symmetry.

**Products of spinor representations.** For odd  $d = 2m + 1$ , let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a spinor representation of complex dimension  $2^m$ . The symmetric product  $S^2\mathcal{S}$  consists of  $k$ -forms with  $k \equiv m \pmod{4}$ . Since  $k$ -forms and  $(d - k)$ -forms are the same representation, other descriptions can be given. For the antisymmetric product  $\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}$ , take  $k \equiv m - 1 \pmod{4}$ . See the list of forms in the table.

d	1	3	5	7	9	11
$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{S}$	1	2	4	8	16	32
$S^2\mathcal{S}$	0	1	2	0, 3	0, 1, 4	1, 2, 5
$\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}$	.	0	0, 1	1, 2	2, 3	0, 3, 4

For even  $d = 2m$ , let  $\mathcal{S}_{\pm}$  be the Weyl spinor representations of complex dimension  $2^{m-1}$ . The tensor product  $\mathcal{S}_{+} \otimes \mathcal{S}_{-}$  consists of  $(m - 1 - 2j)$ -forms for  $0 \leq j \leq (m - 1)/2$ . The symmetric products  $S^2\mathcal{S}_{\pm}$  decompose into the (anti)-self-dual  $m$ -forms and  $(m - 4j)$ -forms for  $0 < j \leq m/4$ . The antisymmetric products  $\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}_{\pm}$  decompose into  $(m - 2 - 4j)$ -forms for  $0 \leq j \leq (m - 2)/4$ .

d	2	4	6	8	10	12
$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{S}_{\pm}$	1	2	4	8	16	32
$S^2\mathcal{S}_{\pm}$	1 <sup>†</sup>	2 <sup>†</sup>	3 <sup>†</sup>	0, 4 <sup>†</sup>	1, 5 <sup>†</sup>	2, 6 <sup>†</sup>
$\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}_{\pm}$	.	0	1	2	3	0, 4
$\mathcal{S}_{+} \otimes \mathcal{S}_{-}$	0	1	0, 2	1, 3	0, 2, 4	1, 3, 5

Note that  $S^2(\mathcal{S}_{+} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{-}) = S^2\mathcal{S}_{+} \oplus (\mathcal{S}_{+} \otimes \mathcal{S}_{-}) \oplus S^2\mathcal{S}_{-}$

$$\bigwedge^2 (\mathcal{S}_{+} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{-}) = \bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}_{+} \oplus (\mathcal{S}_{+} \otimes \mathcal{S}_{-}) \oplus \bigwedge^2 \mathcal{S}_{-}$$

### §3 Supersymmetry

#### §3.1 Generalities

**The Poincaré algebra** is  $\mathbb{R}^{s,t} \ltimes \mathfrak{so}(s, t)$ , the semi-direct product of translations by rotations. Namely,  $[P_a, P_b] = 0$ ,  $[M_{ab}, P_c] = 2ih_{c[a}P_{b]}$ , and  $[M_{ab}, M^{cd}] = 4ih_{[a}^c M_{b]}^d$ .

**Super-Poincaré algebra.** Add supercharges in some spinor representation  $Q$  of the Poincaré algebra (so  $[P_a, Q] = 0$ ). Their anticommutator transforms in the representation  $S^2Q$  and should include the one-form  $P$ . Depending on  $s, t$  they can include other  $k$ -forms  $Z$ , called central charges because  $[P, Z] = [Z, Z] = 0$ . The super-Poincaré algebra is  $((\mathbb{R}^{s,t} \times Z) \cdot Q) \ltimes (\mathfrak{so}(s, t) \times R)$ , where the R-symmetry acts on  $Q$ . This Lie superalgebra is graded:  $\text{gr}(\mathbb{R}^{s,t} \times Z) = -2$ ,  $\text{gr}(Q) = -1$ , and  $\text{gr}(\mathfrak{so}(s, t) \times R) = 0$ . The supertranslations consist of  $(\mathbb{R}^{s,t} \times Z) \cdot Q$ .

**Example: M-theory algebra.**  $d = 10 + 1$  super-Poincaré algebra with  $Q = \text{Majorana}$ . Since  $S^2Q$  has 1, 2, and 5-forms, there are 2-form and 5-form central charges  $Z_{(2)}$  and  $Z_{(5)}$  (under which M2 and M5 branes are charged):

$$\begin{aligned}
\{Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}\} &= (\gamma^M C)_{\alpha\beta} P_M + \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{MN} C)_{\alpha\beta} Z_{(2)}^{MN} \\
&+ \frac{1}{5!} (\gamma_{MNPQR} C)_{\alpha\beta} Z_{(5)}^{MNPQR}
\end{aligned}$$

Altogether the M-theory algebra is  $\mathfrak{osp}(1|32)$ .

**Lorentzian superconformal algebras** are the same as super  $AdS_{d+1}$ . The bosonic part is  $\mathfrak{so}(d, 2)$  and R-symmetries. As a supermatrix:  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{so}(d, 2) & Q + S \\ Q - S & R \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} R & Q + S \\ Q - S & \mathfrak{so}(d, 2) \end{pmatrix}$ . Note that  $\{Q, S\}$  contains  $R$ . For  $d = 2$ , the finite conformal algebra is  $\mathfrak{so}(2, 2) = \mathfrak{so}(2, 1) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2, 1)$ , sum of two  $d = 1$  algebras, so the superalgebra is sum of two  $d = 1$  superalgebras.

d	Superalgebra	R-symm (compact)	#Q+#S
1	$\mathfrak{osp}(N 2)$	$\mathfrak{o}(N)$	$2N$
	$\mathfrak{su}(N 1, 1)$	$\mathfrak{su}(N) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)$ for $N \neq 2$	$4N$
	$\mathfrak{su}(2 1, 1)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2)$	8
	$\mathfrak{osp}(4^* 2N)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{usp}(2N)$	$8N$
	$\mathfrak{g}_{-14}(3)$	$\mathfrak{g}_{2(-14)}$	14
	$\mathfrak{f}^0(4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(7)$	16
	$\mathfrak{d}^0(2, 1, \alpha)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	8
3	$\mathfrak{osp}(N 4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(N)$	$4N$
4	$\mathfrak{su}(2, 2 N)$	$\mathfrak{su}(N) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)$ for $N \neq 4$	$8N$
	$\mathfrak{su}(2, 2 4)$	$\mathfrak{su}(4)$	32
5	$\mathfrak{f}^2(4)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2)$	16
6	$\mathfrak{osp}(8^* N)$	$\mathfrak{usp}(N)$ ( $N$ even)	$8N$

**Dimensional reduction** of Lorentzian supersymmetry algebras. The 1d column gives the number of real supercharges.

10d	6d	5d	4d	3d	2d	1d
$\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$	(1, 1)	2	4	8	(8, 8)	16
	(1, 0)	1	2	4	(4, 4)	8
			1	2	(2, 2)	4

**Supersymmetry on symmetric curved spaces** 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry on  $S^4$  is  $\mathfrak{osp}(2|4)$ . 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  supersymmetry on  $S^2$  is  $\mathfrak{osp}(2|2)$ .

#### §3.2 Explicit supersymmetry algebras

4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ .  $\{Q_{\alpha}^A, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}^B\} = \epsilon^{AB} P_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$ ;  $0 = \{Q_{\alpha}^A, Q_{\beta}^B\} = \{\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}^A, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\beta}}^B\}$ .

3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ .  $\{Q_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\beta}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu} P_{\mu} + 2i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} Z$  with  $Z = P_3$  a central charge;  $0 = \{Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}\} = \{\bar{Q}_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\beta}\}$ .

### §3.3 Spin $\leq 1$ supermultiplets

**For 16 supercharges**, there is only the vector multiplet.

**For 8 supercharges**, vector multiplet and hypermultiplet; in 3d and lower also twisted vector multiplet and twisted hypermultiplet.

**For 4 supercharges**, vector ( $V = V^\dagger$ ) and chiral ( $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}X = 0$ ) multiplets; in 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  also linear multiplets ( $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}D_\alpha D_\beta \Sigma = 0 = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}}\bar{\Sigma}$ ); in 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  also twisted vector, twisted chirals, semichirals, ...

**For 2 supercharges**, vector, chiral, linear, Fermi, ...

### §3.4 Other supermultiplets

6d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$  tensor multiplet with self-dual two-form gauge field  $B$  (namely  $dB = \star dB$ ), four spinors, five scalars.

6d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$  tensor multiplet (contains one scalar), reduces to 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector.

6d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$  supergravity multiplet, reduces to 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supergravity multiplet and two vectors.

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supercurrent multiplet** contains stress tensor and/or R-symmetry current; is a source for supergravity. Ferrara–Zumino supercurrent  $\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}}J_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = D_\alpha X$  with  $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}X = 0$  contains stress tensor; sources old minimal supergravity. R-symmetry multiplet  $\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}}R_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \chi_\alpha$ ,  $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\chi_\alpha = 0$ ,  $D^\alpha\chi_\alpha = \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\chi}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  contains (conserved) R-symmetry current; sources new minimal supergravity. Komargodski–Seiberg multiplet [1002.2228]  $\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}}S_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \chi_\alpha + D_\alpha X$ , with  $\chi_\alpha$  and  $X$  as above, contains both stress tensor and R-symmetry current and sources 16/16 supergravity.

## §4 Supersymmetric (gauge) theories

### §4.1 Maximal super Yang–Mills

**Data:** gauge group.

**Lorentzian** 10d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM is anomalous unless the gauge group is abelian. Its dimensional reductions are anomaly-free and have one gauge field,  $10 - d$  scalars and  $\mathcal{N}$  (symplectic or Majorana, and Weyl or not) spinors. The Lagrangian’s R-symmetry Spin( $10 - d$ ) is contained in the automorphism group of the superalgebra (they coincide for  $d \geq 5$ ).

dim.	$\mathcal{N}$ spinors	autom. $\supset$ R-sym.
10d	(1, 0) MW	
9d	1 M	
8d	1 M	U(1) = Spin(2)
7d	1 s	USp(2) = Spin(3)
6d	(1, 1) sW	USp(2) <sup>2</sup> = Spin(4)
5d	2 s	USp(4) = Spin(5)
4d	4 M	U(4) $\supset$ Spin(6)
3d	8 M	Spin(8) $\supset$ Spin(7)
2d	(8, 8) MW	Spin(8) <sup>2</sup> $\supset$ Spin(8)
1d	16 M	Spin(16) $\supset$ Spin(9)

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$**  has exactly marginal parameter  $\tau = \theta/(2\pi) + 4\pi i/g^2$ . Lagrangian theories are characterized by  $G$  but non-Lagrangian theories are not ruled out.

**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 8$**  [0806.1218] Bagger–Lambert, ABJM

### §4.2 Theories with 9 to 12 supercharges

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 3$**  theories exist, always non-Lagrangian.

**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 5, 6$**  [0806.1218, 0807.4924] ABJM, ABJ

### §4.3 Theories with 8 supercharges

**6d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$**  UV-complete Lagrangian gauge theories classified in [1502.05405, 1502.06594].

**5d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SCFTs** built from 5-brane diagrams or UV fixed point of gauge theory.

SU( $2N$ ) SYM with  $N_f \leq 7$  fundamental hypermultiplets has SO( $2N_f$ )  $\times$  U(1)<sub>T</sub>  $\subset$  E<sub>N<sub>f</sub>+1</sub> flavour symmetry enhancement. For SU(2) and  $N_f = 0$ , non-trivial “ $\theta$ ” in  $\pi_4(\text{SU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$  gives the  $\tilde{E}_1$  theory with U(1)<sub>T</sub> symmetry only.

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theories** classified in [1309.5160]: SU(2)<sup>n</sup> gauge group with trifundamental hypermultiplets; quiver in the shape of a (possibly single-node) Dynkin or affine Dynkin diagram; finitely many exceptions.

### 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ generalities

There can be no continuous flavour symmetry enhancement.

The theory on  $\mathbb{R}_{\epsilon_1, 0}^4$  (Nekrasov–Shatashvili limit)  $\leftrightarrow$  quantum integrable system with Planck constant  $\epsilon_1$ .

Coulomb moduli  $\leftrightarrow$  action variables.

Supersymmetric vacua  $\leftrightarrow$  eigenstates.

Lift to  $\mathbb{R}^4 \times S^1$  gives  $K$ -theoretic Nekrasov partition function. The 5d theory  $\leftrightarrow$  relativistic version of the integrable system.

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  ( $G, G'$ ) Argyres–Douglas theories** (with  $G$  and  $G'$  among  $A_k, D_k, E_{6,7,8}$ ) are engineered as IIB strings on three-fold singularity  $f_G(x_1, x_2) + f_{G'}(x_3, x_4) = 0$  where  $f_{A_k}(x, y) = x^2 + y^{k+1}$  etc. (see page 2).

**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$**  has SU(2)<sub>C</sub>  $\times$  SU(2)<sub>H</sub> R-symmetry acting on the Coulomb and Higgs branch. Both branches are hyper-Kähler and the SU(2) rotates their  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  worth of complex structures. Denote  $T \subset G$  the Cartan torus. The Coulomb branch is a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration  $\mathcal{M}_C \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_C/\text{Weyl}$  with generic fiber  $T_C^\vee \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^{\text{rank } G}$ . Its classical Hom( $\pi_1(G), \text{U}(1)$ ) topological flavour symmetry can be enhanced quantum mechanically.

Example:  $[\text{SU}(N)] - (\text{U}(N-1)) - \dots - (\text{U}(2)) - (\text{U}(1))$  (edges denote bifundamental hypermultiplets) is the  $T[\text{SU}(N)]$  theory. Its manifest  $\mathfrak{su}(N) \times \mathfrak{u}(1)^{N-1}$  flavour symmetry enhances to  $\mathfrak{su}(N)^2$ . The  $T[G]$  theory has flavour symmetry  $G \times {}^L G$  acting on Higgs and Coulomb branch respectively. Mirror symmetry exchanges  $G \leftrightarrow {}^L G$ . Gauging  $G$  and  ${}^L G$  with two 4d vector multiplets realizes the S-duality domain wall of 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM [0804.2902].

**2d  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  gauge theories.** Typically get in the IR a direct sum of 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  SCFTs (from the Coulomb and Higgs branches) whose central charges are different. Their SU(2)  $\times$  SU(2) left/right-moving R-symmetries are different.

### §4.4 Theories with 4 supercharges

**Superspace**  $\mathbb{R}^{4|4} \ni (x^m|\theta^\alpha, \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}})$  in  $(2, 2) \oplus (2, 1) \oplus (1, 2)$  of  $\mathfrak{so}(1, 3)$  or  $\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{su}(2)^2$ . Supercharges  $Q_\alpha = \partial_{\theta^\alpha} - i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{x^m}$  and  $\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\partial_{\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}} + i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m \theta^\alpha \partial_{x^m}$  obey  $\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m \partial_{x^m}$ . They commute with superderivatives  $D_\alpha$  and  $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}$  obtained by  $\sigma \leftrightarrow -\sigma$ . Note  $\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = e^{-A}\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}e^A$  for  $A = 2i\theta\sigma^m\bar{\theta}\partial_{x^m}$ ; likewise  $D_\alpha$  is conjugate to  $Q_\alpha$ .

**4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  pure SYM** classically has  $U(1)_R$  symmetry, broken by instantons to  $\mathbb{Z}_{2h}$  with  $h = C_2(\text{adj})$ . It confines, is mass-gapped, and has  $C_2(A)$  vacua associated to breaking  $\mathbb{Z}_{2h}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  by gaugino condensation  $\langle \lambda \lambda \rangle$ . Witten index  $\text{Tr}(-1)^F = h$ .

$W_\alpha = -\frac{1}{4} \overline{D} \overline{D} e^{-V} D_\alpha e^V$  and  $\overline{W}_\alpha = -\frac{1}{4} D D e^{-V} \overline{D}_\alpha e^V$  field strength.

**Wess-Zumino model:** chiral multiplet  $\phi$  with superpotential  $W = m\phi^2 + g\phi^3$ .

**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$**  [hep-th/9703110]

In Abelian theories or (only approximately) deep in the Coulomb branch, the dual photon  $\gamma$  (a periodic real scalar) is defined by  $d\gamma = J_T = \star F$  where  $J_T$  is the topological current. Chiral superfield  $\Phi = \phi + i\gamma$  where  $\phi$  is the vector multiplet scalar.

Field strength  $\Sigma = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \overline{D}_\alpha D_\beta V$ .

$$Z_{S^3} = \int_t du \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in \text{root}} (2 \sinh(\alpha u/2))^2}{\prod_{w \in \mathcal{R}} \cosh(wu/2)} e^{ik \text{Tr } u^2 / (4\pi)}$$

**2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ .** Classical  $U(1) \times U(1)$  R-symmetry. The axial  $U(1)$  R-symmetry has an anomaly with  $U(1)$  gauge symmetry proportional to the total charge under that gauge symmetry.

The gauge field strength is a twisted chiral multiplet  $\Sigma$ .

Integrating out massive chirals gives a twisted superpotential  $-\text{Tr}_R(\Sigma \log(\Sigma/\mu) - \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma$  combines gauge field strength and twisted masses. FI parameters (twisted superpotentials linear in  $\Sigma$ ) thus run as  $\log(\mu)$  times the sum of charges.

Twisted chiral ring relations:  $\partial W / \partial \Sigma_j \in 2\pi i \mathbb{Z}$ .

**1d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$**

Data: gauge group  $G$ , representation  $V$  of  $G$  for chiral multiplets. Gauge couplings, FI parameters, superpotential  $W$ . Flavour group, twisted and real masses  $v, m_1 + im_2, m_3 \in \mathfrak{g}_F$  that commute.

R-symmetry:  $SU(2)$ , times  $U(1)$  if  $W$  has charge 2.

## §4.5 Theories with 2 supercharges

**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$**

**2d  $\mathcal{N} = (0, 2)$**

**2d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$**

**1d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$**

Discrete data: gauge group  $G$ , chiral multiplets in a representation  $V$  of  $G$ , Wilson line in a unitary representation  $M = M_0 \oplus M_1$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , flavour symmetry group  $G_F \subseteq U(V) \times U(M_0) \times U(M_1)$  commuting with  $G$ . Gauge anomaly cancellation:  $M \otimes \det^{1/2} V$  must be a representation of  $G$ .

Continuous data: gauge couplings, FI parameters, flavour Wilson line and real mass  $v, \sigma \in \mathfrak{g}_F$  that commute,  $\mathfrak{g}$ -equivariant holomorphic odd map  $Q: V \rightarrow \text{End } M$  with  $Q^2 = 0$  describing how supercharges act on  $M$ .

Special case: Fermi multiplets in representation  $V_f$  of  $G$  with  $G$ -equivariant holomorphic maps  $E: V \rightarrow V_f$  and  $J: V \rightarrow V_f^\vee$  obeying  $J \cdot E = 0$  are equivalent to Wilson line in  $M = \wedge V_f \otimes \det^{-1/2} V_f$  with  $Q = E \wedge + J \lrcorner$ .

R-symmetry:  $U(1)$  if  $Q: V \rightarrow \text{End } M$  has charge 1. Mixing with flavour symmetries not fixed by superconformal algebra.

**NLSM Chiral multiplet:** scalar  $\phi$  in a Kähler target  $X$  and fermion in holomorphic bundle  $\phi^* T_X$ . Wilson line depends on a complex of vector bundles  $\mathcal{F}$ . Fermi multiplet takes values in a holomorphic vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  with hermitian metric, equivalent to Wilson line with  $\mathcal{F} = \det^{-1/2} \mathcal{E} \otimes \wedge \mathcal{E}$ . Anomaly cancellation:  $\sqrt{K_X} \otimes \wedge T_X \otimes \det^{-1/2} \mathcal{E} \otimes \wedge \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{F}$  is a well-defined vector bundle on  $X$ .

## §5 Other theories

Chern-Simons  $(2m-1)$ -form  $m \text{Tr}(A \int_0^1 dt (tdA + t^2 A^2)^{m-1})$ .

### §5.1 2d conformal field theories

**Virasoro algebra**  $\text{Vir}_c$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ : generators  $L_m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  obey  $[L_m, L_n] = (m-n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}(m^3-m)\delta_{m+n,0}$  and  $L_n^\dagger = L_{-n}$ .

**$\mathcal{N} = 1$  super-Virasoro algebra** additionally  $[L_m, G_r] = (m/2 - r)G_{m+r}$  and  $\{G_r, G_s\} = 2L_{r+s} + \frac{c}{3}(r^2 - 1/4)\delta_{r+s,0}$  where either  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  (Ramond algebra) or  $r \in \mathbb{Z} + 1/2$  (Neveu-Schwarz algebra). Adjoint  $G_r^\dagger = G_{-r}$ .

**$\mathcal{N} = 2$  super-Virasoro algebra**  $[L_m, J_n] = -nJ_{m+n}$ ,  $[J_m, J_n] = \frac{c}{3}m\delta_{m+n,0}$ ,  $[L_m, G_r^\pm] = (m/2 - r)G_{m+r}^\pm$ ,  $[J_m, G_r^\pm] = \pm G_{m+r}^\pm$ ,  $\{G_r^+, G_s^+\} = \{G_r^-, G_s^-\} = 0$ ,  $\{G_r^+, G_s^-\} = L_{r+s} + \frac{1}{2}(r-s)J_{r+s} + \frac{c}{6}(r^2 - 1/4)\delta_{r+s,0}$ . Adjoint  $L_m^\dagger = L_{-m}$ ,  $J_m^\dagger = J_{-m}$ ,  $(G_r^\pm)^\dagger = G_{-r}^\pm$ ,  $c^\dagger = c$ . The algebras with  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  (Ramond) or  $r \in \mathbb{Z} + 1/2$  (Neveu-Schwarz) are isomorphic under spectral shift  $\alpha_{\pm 1/2}$  where  $\alpha_\eta(L_n) = L_n + \eta J_n + \frac{c}{6}\eta^2\delta_{n,0}$ ,  $\alpha_\eta(J_n) = J_n + \frac{c}{3}\eta\delta_{n,0}$ ,  $\alpha_\eta(G_r^\pm) = G_{r \pm \eta}^\pm$ . Another automorphism is  $G_r^+ \leftrightarrow G_r^-$ ,  $J_m \mapsto -J_m - \frac{c}{3}\delta_{m,0}$ . We get a  $\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$  automorphism group.

**$SW(3/2, 2)$  super-Virasoro algebra** has  $L, G, W, U$

**bc system**

**$\beta\gamma$  system**

**Liouville CFT** has  $c = 1 + 6(b+1/b)^2$  and primary operators with  $h(\alpha) = \alpha(b+1/b-\alpha)$  for “momentum”  $\alpha \in \frac{1}{2}(b+1/b) + i\mathbb{R}$ .

**Minimal model**  $\mathcal{M}_{p,q}$  for  $p > q$  coprime is a quotient of  $b = i\sqrt{p/q}$  Liouville CFT. It has  $c = 1 - \frac{6(p-q)^2}{pq}$  and primary operators with  $h_{r,s} = \frac{(ps-qr)^2 - (p-q)^2}{4pq}$  for  $0 < r < p$  and  $0 < s < q$ ; no degeneracy besides  $h_{r,s} = h_{p-r, q-s}$ . Example: Ising model  $\mathcal{M}_{4,3}$ , tricritical Ising model  $\mathcal{M}_{5,4}$ , Yang-Lee singularity  $\mathcal{M}_{5,2}$ .

**Unitary minimal model**  $\mathcal{M}_{k+2, k+1}$  is coset  $\frac{\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(2)_{k-1} \times \widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(2)_1}{\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(2)_k}$

**$\mathcal{N} = 2$  minimal models** have an ADE classification; the  $A_k$  has  $c/3 = 1 - 2/(k+2)$  and is the IR limit of a Landau-Ginzburg model with  $W = \Phi^{k+2}$  superpotential.

### §5.2 3d gauge theories

**Chern-Simons term**  $S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_M d^3x \text{Tr}(A dA + 2A^3/3)$  for a trivial  $G$ -bundle; otherwise realize  $A$  as boundary of an  $A_{4d}$  on some 4d manifold  $X$  with  $M = \partial X$  and use  $S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_X d^4x \text{Tr}(F \wedge F)$ . This gives a TQFT (topological quantum field theory).

**Magnetic global symmetry**  $G_{\text{mag}} = \text{Hom}(\pi_1(G), U(1))$ . Gauging discrete  $\Gamma \subset G_{\text{mag}}$  enlarges gauge group  $G$  to a covering with  $\tilde{G}/\Gamma = G$ . Explicit “topological” current  $J = \star dA / (2\pi)$  for  $G = U(1)$ .

**Contact term in  $\langle JJ \rangle$**  where  $J$  is a conserved current in 3d:  $\langle J_\mu(x) J_\nu(y) \rangle = \dots + \frac{w}{2\pi} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} \partial_{x\rho} \delta^3(x-y)$  for some  $w$ .

**Action of  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$**  [hep-th/0307041] on 3d CFTs with  $\text{U}(1)$  flavour symmetry (current  $J$ ).  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  gauges the  $\text{U}(1)$  but gives no kinetic energy to  $A$ ;  $T^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  shifts background Chern–Simons level by  $k$ , equivalently adds contact term to  $\langle JJ \rangle$ , where  $k \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  if the manifold has no spin structure. Relations:  $S^2: J \rightarrow -J$  simply, while  $(ST)^3$  multiplies path integral by theory-independent topological invariant of  $M$ .

### §5.3 Supergravity and strings

**String actions** Polyakov action  $L_P = \lambda^{mn}[(\partial_m X)(\partial_n X) - g_{mn}] + \frac{1}{\alpha'} \sqrt{-g}$ . Using equations of motion get Nambu–Goto action  $L_{\text{NG}} = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \sqrt{-\det[(\partial_m X)(\partial_n X)]}$  or [inspire:109550] action  $L_{\text{BdVHDZ}} = \frac{1}{2\alpha'} \sqrt{-g} [g^{mn}(\partial_m X)(\partial_n X) - (d-2)]$  with  $d = 2$  the world-sheet dimension.

**Pure supergravities** in  $4 \leq d \leq 11$ . Gravity is topological in  $d = 3$ . The maximum number of supercharges  $Q = 32$  forbids  $d > 11$ . A priori, all  $Q = 4k$  are possible. Focus on 32, 16, 8, 4.

$d$	$Q = 32$	16	8	4
11	✓			
10	$\overset{\text{IIB}}{(2,0)} \overset{\text{IIA}}{(1,1)}$	$\overset{\text{I}}{(1,0)}^\ddagger$		
9	✓	✓		
8	✓	✓		
7	✓	✓		
6	$(2,2)$	$(2,0) (1,1)$	$(1,0)$	
5	✓	✓	✓	
4	$N = 8$	$N = 4$	$N = 2$	$N = 1$

$^\ddagger$  10d (1,0) supergravity (“type I”) has a gravitational anomaly [inspire:192309]. (Perhaps 6d (2,0) or (1,0) supergravity too?)

**M-theory** has as its low-energy limit 11d supergravity, which has two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS membrane solutions (with 16 Killing spinors): M2-brane  $ds^2 = \Lambda^4 dx^2 + \frac{dy^2}{\Lambda^2}$  with  $\Lambda = (1 + \frac{c_2 N_2 l^6}{|y|^6})^{-1/6}$ , and M5-brane  $ds^2 = \Lambda dx^2 + dy^2 / \Lambda^2$  with  $\Lambda = (1 + \frac{c_5 N_5 l^3}{|y|^3})^{-1/3}$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{p,1}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{10-p}$ . In the near horizon  $y \rightarrow 0$  these become  $\text{AdS}_4 \times S^7$  and  $\text{AdS}_7 \times S^4$  with 32 Killing spinors.

**Branes** IIA strings: D0, F1 (strings), D2, D4,  $\text{O}4^\pm$ ,  $\widetilde{\text{O}4}^+$ , NS5, D6, D8 (wall), O8 (wall), etc.. IIB strings: D(−1), F1 (strings), D1, D3,  $(p, q)$  5-branes (includes D5 and NS5),  $\text{O}5^\pm$ ,  $\widetilde{\text{O}5}^+$ , D7,  $\text{O}7^\pm$ ,  $\text{ON}^0$ , etc.. M-theory: M2, M5,  $\text{OM}5$ , M9.

**Flat space brane configurations** Flat space preserves 32 supercharges. One stack of parallel branes breaks half; two stacks break all unless:  $Dp$  and  $Dq$  have 0, 4 or 8 directions that one brane spans and not the other;  $Dp$  branes have 1 or 3 directions transverse to any NS5; any pair of NS5 branes has 2, 4, 6 common directions. Kappa-projection: for  $Dp$  is  $\Gamma_{01\dots p} \epsilon_L = \epsilon_R$ , for NS5 is  $\Gamma_{01\dots 5} \epsilon_L = \epsilon_L$ . Then at least  $32/2^{\#\text{stacks}}$  supercharges preserved.

**S-rule, brane creation** Let a  $Dp$  have 3 directions transverse to an NS5. Zero or one  $D(p-2)$  can stretch between the two (spanning common directions and directions where neither  $Dp$  nor NS5 stretch). Moving  $Dp$  through NS5 toggles between zero and one.

**Little string theory (LST)** Decoupled  $g_s \rightarrow 0$ , fixed  $\alpha$  description of  $k$  coincident NS5 branes on transverse  $T^5$  gives (1,1) LST for IIB and (2,0) LST for IIA. Has  $\text{AdS/CFT}$  dual with linear dilaton background.

### §5.4 Integrable models

**Relativistic quantum Toda chain.**  $H = \sum_{n=1}^N (\cos(2\eta \hat{p}_n) + g^2 \cos(\eta \hat{p}_n + \eta \hat{p}_{n+1}) e^{x_{n+1} - x_n})$ . Its non-relativistic limit is  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  imaginary with  $g/(i\eta\sqrt{2}) = c$  fixed.

## §6 Dualities

### §6.1 4d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ dualities

**IR duality:** the “electric” theory A has the same IR limit as the “magnetic” theory B: TQFT, SCFT, free theory, infinite flow, or sum of products thereof.

Gauge-invariant chirals  $\mathcal{O}$  of trial R-charge  $\leq 2/3$  are free and of true IR R-charge  $2/3$  thanks to mixing with accidental  $\mathfrak{u}(1)$  acting on  $\mathcal{O}$ . Other view: given a term  $\delta W$ , trial R-charge obeys  $R(\delta W) = 2$  but true R-charge maybe  $R(\delta W) > 2$ ; then  $\delta W$  is irrelevant and leaves some chiral free.

Typical evidence: global symmetries, ’t Hooft anomaly matching, moduli space of vacua, chiral rings, behaviour of these under F-term deformations, superconformal index ( $S_b^3 \times S^1$  partition function).

**Seiberg duality** [hep-th/9411149]  $[\text{SU}(F)] \overset{Q}{\dashv} (\text{SU}(C)) \overset{\tilde{Q}}{\dashv} [\text{SU}(F)]$  dual to  $[\text{SU}(F)] \overset{\tilde{q}}{\dashv} (\text{SU}(C')) \overset{q}{\dashv} [\text{SU}(F)]$  with  $W = \text{Tr}(M\tilde{q}q)$  and  $C' = F - C \geq 0$  (here  $\text{SU}(1) = \text{SU}(0) = \{1\}$ ).

Non-anomalous global symmetries  $\mathfrak{su}(F)^2 \times \mathfrak{u}(1)_B \times \mathfrak{u}(1)_R$  coincide, where  $(Q, \tilde{Q})$ ,  $M$ ,  $(\tilde{q}, q)$  have  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_B$  charges  $\pm \frac{1}{C}$ , 0,  $\pm \frac{1}{F-C}$  and trial  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_R$  charges  $\frac{F-C}{F}$ ,  $2\frac{F-C}{F}$ ,  $\frac{C}{F}$ .

- For  $0 \leq C \leq F/3$  the  $\text{SU}(C)$  theory is IR-free.
- For  $F/3 < C < 2F/3$  flow to SCFT.
- For  $2F/3 \leq C \leq F$  the  $\text{SU}(C')$  theory is IR-free.
- For  $0 < F < C$  supersymmetry is broken.

Gauge-invariants match: mesons  $M^j_i = \tilde{Q}^j Q_i$ ; (anti)baryons  $B_A = \bigwedge_{i \in A} Q_i \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i \notin A} \tilde{q}^i$  and  $\tilde{B}_A = \bigwedge_{j \in A} \tilde{Q}^j \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{j \notin A} q_j$  for  $A \subset [1, F]$  with  $|A| = C$ . Relation  $\tilde{B}_A B_A = \det(M^j_i)_{i \in A}^{j \in A'}$  of  $\text{SU}(C)$  theory only holds quantumly in  $\text{SU}(C')$  theory.

A mass term  $W = m \tilde{Q}_F Q_F$  decouples a flavour ( $F \rightarrow F-1$ ) and Higgses  $\text{SU}(C')$  to  $\text{SU}(C'-1)$ . Dually, Higgsing  $\text{SU}(C)$  to  $\text{SU}(C-1)$  using  $\langle \tilde{Q}_F Q_F \rangle \rightarrow \infty$  (so  $F \rightarrow F-1$ ) gives mass to  $q_F, \tilde{q}_F$  and leaves  $\text{SU}(C')$  fixed.

**SO:**  $[\text{SU}(F)] \overset{Q}{\dashv} (\text{SO}(C))$  dual to  $M(\text{SU}(F)) \overset{q}{\dashv} (\text{SO}(C'))$  with  $C' = F - C + 4$  and  $W = Mqq$  (we assume  $C, C' \geq 4$ ).

Non-anomalous global symm.  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_R \times (\text{SU}(F) \times \mathbb{Z}_{2F}) / \mathbb{Z}_{F, \text{diag}}$ ;  $Q, M, q$  have trial  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_R$  charges  $\frac{F-C+2}{F}$ ,  $2\frac{F-C+2}{F}$ ,  $\frac{C-2}{F}$  and are  $\square, \text{sym}^2 \square, \square$  under  $\text{SU}(F)$ , while  $\mathbb{Z}_{2F}$  acts by  $Q \rightarrow e^{\pi i/F} Q$ ,  $q \rightarrow C e^{-\pi i/F} q$  with  $C$  charge conjugation.

- For  $F/3 < C-2 < 2F/3$  flow to SCFT.
- For  $2F/3 \leq C-2 \leq F-2$  the  $\text{SU}(C')$  theory is IR-free.
- For  $F+5 \leq C$  supersymmetry is broken.

Gauge-invariants match: mesons  $M_{(ij)} = Q_i Q_j$ ; field strength  $W_{A,\alpha} = W_\alpha \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in A} Q_i \leftrightarrow W_\alpha \wedge \bigwedge_{i \notin A} q^i$  for  $|A| = C-2$  flavours; baryons  $B_A = \bigwedge_{i \in A} Q_i \leftrightarrow W_\alpha \wedge W_\alpha \wedge \bigwedge_{i \notin A} q^i$  for  $|A| = C$  and  $b_A = W_\alpha \wedge W_\alpha \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in A} Q_i \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i \notin A} q^i$  for  $|A| = C-4$ .

**USp:**  $[\text{SU}(F)] \overset{Q}{\dashv} (\text{USp}(2C))$  dual to  $M(\text{SU}(F)) \overset{\tilde{q}}{\dashv} (\text{USp}(2C'))$  with  $W =$  and  $C' = F - C - 2$ .



**Self-duality** in the SU, SO, USp dualities for  $F = 2C, 2C - 4, 2C + 2$  respectively, namely  $C(R_{\text{chirals}}) = 2C(\text{adj})$ ; adding an adjoint gives  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFTs.

**Kutasov–Schwimmer–Seiberg duality** [hep-th/9510222]

$$\boxed{\text{SU}(F)} \overset{Q}{\curvearrowright} \boxed{\text{SU}(C)} \overset{\tilde{Q}}{\curvearrowright} \boxed{\text{SU}(F)} \text{ dual to } \boxed{\text{SU}(F)} \overset{\tilde{q}}{\curvearrowright} \boxed{\text{SU}(C')} \overset{q}{\curvearrowright} \boxed{\text{SU}(F)}$$

$M_1, \dots, M_k$

for  $W_{\text{el}} = \text{Tr } P(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} s_{k+1-j} \text{Tr } X^j/j$  (with  $s_1 = 0$ ) and  $W_{\text{mag}} = \alpha(s) - \text{Tr } P(x) + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq k} s_{k-j} M_i \tilde{q} x^{j-i} q$ , for some function  $\alpha$  and mass  $\mu$ . Here,  $\tilde{C}' = kF - C \geq 0$ .

Non-anomalous global symmetries  $\mathfrak{su}(F)^2 \times \mathfrak{u}(1)_B \times \mathfrak{u}(1)_R$  where  $(Q, \tilde{Q})$ ,  $X$ ,  $(q, \tilde{q})$ ,  $x$  have  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_B$  charges  $\pm \frac{1}{C}$ ,  $0$ ,  $\pm \frac{1}{C'}$ ,  $0$  and  $\mathfrak{u}(1)_R$  charges  $1 - \frac{2C}{(k+1)F}$ ,  $\frac{2}{k+1}$ ,  $1 - \frac{2C'}{(k+1)F}$ ,  $\frac{2}{k+1}$ .

Gauge-invariants: mesons  $M_j = \tilde{Q} X^{j-1} Q$ ; baryons  $B_A = \bigwedge_{(i,j) \in A} (X^{j-1} Q_i) \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{(i,j) \notin A} (x^{j-1} q_i)$  and antibaryons  $\tilde{B}_A = \bigwedge_{(i,j) \in A} (\tilde{Q}_i X^{j-1}) \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{(i,j) \notin A} (\tilde{q}_i x^{j-1})$  for  $A \subset \llbracket 1, F \rrbracket \times \llbracket 1, k \rrbracket$  with  $|A| = C$ ; and  $\text{Tr } X^j/j = \partial W / \partial s_{k+1-j} = \partial W_{\text{mag}} / \partial s_{k+1-j}$  expressed in terms of  $\text{Tr } x^i$  (for this,  $\alpha(s)$  matters); ...

**Aharony–Sonnenschein–Yankielowicz** [hep-th/9504113]  $\text{SU}(C)$  with  $F$  flavours  $(Q, \tilde{Q})$ ,  $F'$  flavours  $(Z, \tilde{Z})$  and an adjoint  $X$ , with  $W_{\text{el}} = \tilde{Z} X Z + \text{Tr } X^3/3$  is dual to  $\text{SU}(2F + F' - C)$  with  $F + F'$  flavours  $q, \tilde{q}, z, \tilde{z}$ , an adjoint  $x$ , gauge singlets  $M_j$ ,  $N$ ,  $\tilde{N}$  and  $W_{\text{mag}} = \tilde{z} x z + \text{Tr } x^3/3 + M_1 \tilde{q} x q + M_2 \tilde{q} q + N \tilde{z} q + \tilde{N} \tilde{q} z$ . Duality likely generalizes to  $W = \text{Tr } P(X) + \sum_i \tilde{Z}_i X^{k_i} Z_i$  with an  $\text{SU}(F \deg P + \sum_i k_i - C)$  dual.

**Other 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  dualities** Brodie, Intriligator–Pouliot, Argyres–Intriligator–Leigh–Strassler, Klebanov cascade, Intriligator–Leigh–Strassler, Kutasov–Lin.

## §6.2 3d dualities

We recall  $\text{Sp}(n) = \text{USp}(2n)$ .

**Level-rank duality** of Chern–Simons TQFTs (proven). For  $k, N \geq 0$ , have  $\text{U}(k)_{\pm N} \leftrightarrow \text{SU}(N)_{\mp k}$ ,  $\text{SO}(k)_{\pm N} \leftrightarrow \text{SO}(N)_{\mp k}$ ,  $\text{Sp}(k)_{\pm N} \leftrightarrow \text{Sp}(N)_{\mp k}$  but subtleties [1607.07457].

**Chern–Simons matter dualities** [1706.08755] where scalars and fermions are in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  for  $\text{U}(N)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^N$  for  $\text{SO}(N)$ ,  $\mathbb{H}^N$  for  $\text{Sp}(N)$ , and scalars have quartic coupling. Assuming  $N, k, F$ ,  $\pm$  obey  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $F/2 \pm k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and an unknown upper bound  $F < N_*$  greater than  $2|k|$ , conjectured dualities (modified for  $\text{SO}(1)$  and  $\text{SO}(2)$ , see reference):

- $\text{SU}(N)_k$  &  $F$  fermions  $\leftrightarrow \text{U}(F/2 \pm k)_{\mp N}$  &  $F$  scalars;
- $\text{SO}(N)_k$  &  $F$  fermions  $\leftrightarrow \text{SO}(F/2 \pm k)_{\mp N}$  &  $F$  scalars;
- $\text{Sp}(N)_k$  &  $F$  fermions  $\leftrightarrow \text{Sp}(F/2 \pm k)_{\mp N}$  &  $F$  scalars.

Denote  $X = \text{SU}, \text{SO}, \text{Sp}$  and  $X' = \text{U}, \text{SO}, \text{Sp}$  to uniformize cases. Turn on equal mass  $m$  for all fermions. For  $\mp m \gg g^2$  the theory flows to  $X(N)_{k \mp F/2} \leftrightarrow X'(|k \mp F/2|)_{-\text{sign}(k \mp F/2)N}$ . If  $F \leq 2|k|$  the (only) bosonic dual has the same two phases. If  $2|k| < F < N_*$  a confining phase sits between these phases; each bosonic dual describes two of the three phases. In the confining phase the global symmetry breaks to  $Y(F/2 + k) \times Y(F/2 - k) \subset Y(F)$ , giving an NLSM on the quotient and  $N$  times the Wess–Zumino term. Here  $Y$  is  $\text{Sp}$  for  $\text{SU}(2)$  and otherwise  $\tilde{X}$ .

Integrating out one fermion of large mass  $m$  shifts  $F \rightarrow F - 1$ . For  $\mp m > 0$  get  $k \rightarrow k + 1/2$ ; the dual scalar becomes massive and  $k + F/2$  is unchanged. For  $\pm m > 0$  get  $k \rightarrow k - 1/2$ ; the dual scalar has Mexican potential so  $k + F/2 \rightarrow k + F/2 - 1$ .

**With scalars and fermions** [1712.00020, 1712.04933] (less firm footing). Denote “ $\phi$ ” and “ $\psi$ ” for scalars and fermions, let  $(X, X')$  be one of  $(\text{SU}, \text{U})$ ,  $(\text{SO}, \text{SO})$ ,  $(\text{Sp}, \text{Sp})$ , and assume  $0 \leq S \leq N$ ,  $0 \leq F \leq k$  and additionally  $(S, F) \neq (N, k)$  for  $(X, X') = (\text{SU}, \text{U})$  and  $S + F + 3 \leq N + k$  for  $\text{SO}$ . The duality is then  $X(N)_{k-F/2}, S\phi, F\psi \leftrightarrow X'(k)_{-N+S/2}, F\phi, S\psi$ .

## §6.3 Field theory dualities

2d  $\mathcal{N} = (0, 2)$  Gadde–Gukov–Putrov triality (IR).

2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  mirror symmetry of Calabi–Yau sigma models (exact).

2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  Hori–Tong (SU), Hori (Sp, SO groups), plus adjoint (ADE-type and  $(2, 2)^*$ -like) dualities (IR).

2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  Hori–Vafa/Hori–Kapustin duality of gauged linear sigma models and Landau–Ginzburg models (IR).

3d Chern–Simons level-rank duality.

3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Aharony, Giveon–Kutasov, Aharony–Fleischer dualities (IR).

3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  and  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  mirror symmetry exchanging Coulomb and Higgs branches (IR).

S-duality of 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theories (exact).

S-duality of 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM (exact).

## §6.4 String theory dualities

In this table “type IIA” etc. refer to string theories not supergravities

F-theory on K3	$\Leftrightarrow \text{E}_8 \times \text{E}_8$ heterotic on $T^2$
M-theory on K3	$\Leftrightarrow$ heterotic or type I on $T^3$
Type IIA on K3	$\Leftrightarrow$ heterotic or type I on $T^4$
M-theory on $\text{G}_2$ -manifolds <sup>1</sup>	$\Leftrightarrow$ heterotic or type I on $\text{CY}_3$
M-theory on $\text{K3}^2$	$\Leftrightarrow$ type IIA on $T^3/\mathbb{Z}_2$

## §7 Manifolds

### §7.1 Pseudo-Riemannian geometry

$T_{\dots\lambda[\mu_1\dots\mu_m]\nu\dots} = m!^{-1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \epsilon(\sigma) T_{\dots\lambda\mu_{\sigma(1)}\dots\mu_{\sigma(m)}\nu\dots}$  antisymmetrization, where  $\epsilon(\sigma) = \pm 1$  is the signature of the permutation; symmetrization  $T_{\dots\lambda(\mu_1\dots\mu_m)\nu\dots}$  is without  $\epsilon$ . Derivatives:  $\partial_\mu = \partial/\partial x^\mu$  and  $T_{\rho_1\dots\rho_r}^{\nu_1\dots\nu_n}{}_{\mu_1\dots\mu_m} = \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_m} T_{\rho_1\dots\rho_r}^{\nu_1\dots\nu_n}$  and  $T_{\rho_1\dots\rho_r}^{\nu_1\dots\nu_n}{}_{\mu_1\dots\mu_m} = \nabla_{\mu_1} \dots \nabla_{\mu_m} T_{\rho_1\dots\rho_r}^{\nu_1\dots\nu_n}$  (namely “ $\nabla$ ” is  $\nabla$ ).

**Connection**  $\nabla = \partial + \Gamma$  in terms of Christoffel symbols  $\Gamma$ .  $T_{\rho_1\dots}^{\nu_1\dots}{}_{;\mu} = T_{\rho_1\dots}^{\nu_1\dots}{}_{;\mu} + (T_{\rho_1\dots}^{\lambda\nu_2\dots} \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu_1} + \dots) - (T_{\lambda\rho_2\dots}^{\nu_1\dots} \Gamma_{\rho_1\mu}^{\lambda} + \dots)$  for a tensor. In particular,  $\nabla_\mu v^\nu = \partial_\mu v^\nu + v^\lambda \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$  for a vector and  $\nabla_\mu \omega_\nu = \partial_\mu \omega_\nu - \omega_\lambda \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda$  for a one-form. Extra  $-w(\log \Omega)_{,\mu} T_{\rho_1\dots}^{\nu_1\dots}$  for a weight  $w$  tensor density, where  $\Omega$  is the volume factor ( $|\det g|^{1/2}$  for a metric).

**The Levi-Civita connection** of a metric  $g$  is  $\nabla = \partial + \Gamma$  with  $\Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\nu = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\mu} (\partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\rho} - \partial_\mu g_{\nu\rho})$ . It is the only torsion-free connection ( $\Gamma_{[\mu\nu]}^\lambda = 0$ ) that kills the metric. Note that  $\Gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\mu} \partial_\rho g_{\lambda\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\rho \log |\det g|$ . Denote  $\sqrt{g} = |\det g|^{1/2}$ . Then  $\sqrt{g} \nabla_\nu v^\nu = \partial_\nu (v^\nu \sqrt{g})$  and  $\sqrt{g} \nabla_\nu F^{[\nu\rho]} = \partial_\nu (F^{[\nu\rho]} \sqrt{g})$  are total derivatives.

**Killing vector**  $k_\mu$  such that  $\nabla_\mu k_\nu = 0$ . For a symmetric conserved stress-tensor  $T$  we have  $\nabla_\mu (k_\nu T^{\mu\nu}) = 0$ , giving conserved quantities.

## §7.2 G-structures, holonomy

**Structure group.** A  $G$ -structure on a manifold  $X$  (with  $n = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} X$ ) is a  $G$ -subbundle of the  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ -principal bundle  $\mathrm{GL}(TX)$  of tangent frames, namely a global section of  $\mathrm{GL}(TX)/G$ .

A manifold is oriented if it has a  $\mathrm{GL}_+(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{\det > 0\}$  structure. Similar definitions for Riemannian manifolds etc.:

$G$ -structure	Manifold type	Other characterization <sup>‡</sup>
$\mathrm{O}(n)$	Riemannian	metric $g > 0$
$\mathrm{SO}(n)$	oriented, Riemannian	
$\mathrm{O}(p, q)$	pseudo-Riemannian	metric of signature $(p, q)$
$\mathrm{SO}_+(p, q)$	pseudo-Riemannian, oriented, time-oriented	
$\mathrm{Pin}_{\pm}$ or $\mathrm{Spin}$	(pseudo)-Riemannian $\mathrm{pin}_{\pm}$ or spin manifold	
$\mathrm{GL}(n/2, \mathbb{C})$	Almost complex	$\mathbb{C} \subset TX$ (i.e., $J^2 = -1$ )
$\mathrm{Sp}(2n/2, \mathbb{R})$	Almost symplectic	Non-degenerate $\omega \in \Omega^2 X$
$\mathrm{U}(n/2)$	Almost Hermitian	Two compatible $(g, J, \omega)$ <sup>§</sup>
$\mathrm{U}^*(n/2)$	Almost hypercomplex <sup>¶</sup>	$J_1, J_2, J_3 \subset TX$
$\mathrm{USp}(n/2)$	Almost hyperHermitian	$(g, J_{1,2,3}, \omega_{1,2,3})$
$\mathrm{U}^*(n/2)\mathrm{USp}(2)$	Almost quaternionic <sup>¶</sup>	$\mathbb{H} \subset TX$
$\mathrm{USp}(n/2)\mathrm{USp}(2)$	Almost quaternion-Hermitian	$(g, \mathbb{H}, \omega_{1,2,3})$

<sup>‡</sup> All sections are global. For instance, an almost complex structure is a global section  $J$  of  $\mathrm{End} TX$  with  $J^2 = -1$ . A metric is a global section  $g$  of  $S^2(T^*X)$ .

<sup>§</sup> Any two of  $(g, J, \omega)$  fix the third by  $\omega_{ik} = J_i^j g_{jk}$  if they are compatible:  $J_i^j J_l^k \omega_{jk} = \omega_{il}$  or  $J_i^j J_l^k g_{jk} = g_{il}$  namely  $\omega$  or  $g$  is  $J$ -invariant, or  $\omega_{ij} g^{jk} \omega_{kl} = -g_{il}$ . In a basis  $e^{\beta}, \bar{e}^{\bar{\gamma}}$  ( $= dz^{\beta}, d\bar{z}^{\bar{\gamma}}$  for Hermitian manifolds) of  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  forms,  $\omega = \frac{i}{2} h_{\beta\bar{\gamma}} e^{\beta} \wedge \bar{e}^{\bar{\gamma}}$  and  $g = \frac{1}{2} h_{\beta\bar{\gamma}} (e^{\beta} \otimes \bar{e}^{\bar{\gamma}} + \bar{e}^{\bar{\gamma}} \otimes e^{\beta})$ .

On an almost complex manifold,  $(p, q)$ -forms are wedge products  $\Omega^{(p, q)} X = \bigwedge^p (\Omega^{(1, 0)} X) \wedge \bigwedge^q (\Omega^{(0, 1)} X)$  where  $J$  acts by  $\pm i$  on  $\Omega^1 X = \Omega^{(1, 0)} X \oplus \Omega^{(0, 1)} X$ . The exterior derivative is  $d = d^{2, -1} + d^{1, 0} + d^{0, 1} + d^{-1, 2}$  with  $d^{i, j} : \Omega^{(p, q)} \rightarrow \Omega^{(p+i, q+j)}$ . Dolbeault differential operators are  $\partial = d^{1, 0}$  and  $\bar{\partial} = d^{0, 1}$ .

An almost symplectic  $2m$ -manifold admits the volume form  $\omega^m/m!$ . On an almost Hermitian manifold  $X$  it is equal to the Riemannian volume form and belongs to  $\Omega^{(m, m)} X$ .

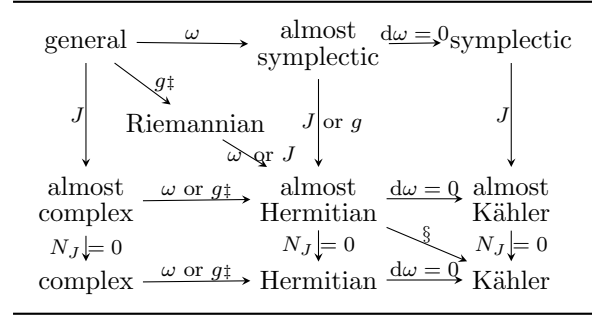
<sup>¶</sup> While almost quaternionic manifolds have a 3d subbundle of  $\mathrm{End} TX$  locally spanned by  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  with  $J_i^2 = J_1 J_2 J_3 = -1$ , almost hypercomplex manifolds require  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  to be global.

**Integrability.** A  $G$ -structure is  $k$ -integrable (resp. integrable) near  $x \in X$  if it can be trivialized to order  $k$  (resp. all orders) in a neighborhood of  $x$ . We automatically have 0-integrability.

Any Riemannian structure is 1-integrable thanks to Riemann normal coordinates. Integrability is equivalent to the Riemann curvature vanishing.

An almost complex structure is complex if (equivalently) it is integrable; it is 1-integrable; it has a vanishing Nijenhuis tensor  $N_J : \bigwedge^2 X \rightarrow TX$  defined on vector fields  $u, v$  by the Lie brackets  $N_J(u, v) = -J^2[u, v] + J[J u, v] + J[u, J v] - [J u, J v]$ ; the Lie bracket of  $(1, 0)$  vector fields is a  $(1, 0)$  vector field;  $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$  namely  $d^{2, -1} = 0 = d^{-1, 2}$ ; or  $\bar{\partial}^2 = 0$ .

A symplectic structure is an integrable almost symplectic structure. Equivalently, it is 1-integrable:  $d\omega = 0$ . Altogether,



(Almost) quaternionic/quaternionHermitian/quaternionKähler and (almost) hypercomplex/hyperHermitian/hyperKähler manifolds are defined by replacing  $J$  by a 3d subbundle of  $\mathrm{End} TX$  or by global sections  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  as in the table of  $G$ -structures.

<sup>‡</sup> Since  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})/\mathrm{O}(n)$  is contractible, any manifold admits (non-canonically) an  $\mathrm{O}(n)$ -structure, namely a smooth choice of which frames are orthonormal, i.e., a Riemannian metric  $g$ . Similarly  $\mathrm{GL}(n/2, \mathbb{C})/\mathrm{U}(n/2)$  is contractible so almost complex manifolds admit almost Hermitian structures.

<sup>§</sup> An almost Hermitian manifold is Kähler if (equivalently) its  $\mathrm{U}(n/2)$ -structure is 1-integrable;  $d\omega = 0$  and  $N_J = 0$ ;  $\nabla\omega = 0$ ;  $\nabla J = 0$ ; or the holonomy group is in  $\mathrm{U}(n/2)$ . Locally,  $\omega = i\partial\bar{\partial}\rho$  for some real-valued Kähler potentials  $\rho$ , and  $\omega$  is invariant under Kähler transformations  $\rho \rightarrow \rho + f(z) + \bar{f}(\bar{z})$ .

**The holonomy group** at  $x \in X$  of a connection  $\nabla$  on a bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  is the group of symmetries of  $E_x$  arising from parallel transport along closed curves based at  $x$ .

For Riemannian manifolds  $X$  the holonomy group is defined as that of the Levi-Civita connection on the tangent bundle. It is a subgroup of  $\mathrm{O}(n)$  (or  $\mathrm{SO}(n)$  for  $X$  orientable) since parallel transport preserves orthogonality ( $\nabla g = 0$ ).

If the holonomy group acts reducibly on the tangent space then  $X$  is locally (globally if  $X$  is geodesically complete) a product. Simply connected  $X$  that are locally neither products nor symmetric spaces (we give a list later) can have the following special holonomy subgroups of  $\mathrm{SO}(n)$  (Berger's theorem)

Holonomy	Manifold type	$\dim_{\mathbb{R}}$
$\mathrm{U}(m)$	Kähler	$2m$
$\mathrm{SU}(m)$	Calabi–Yau $\mathrm{CY}_m$	$2m$
$(\mathrm{USp}(2k) \times \mathrm{USp}(2))/\mathbb{Z}_2$	quaternionic Kähler	$4k$
$\mathrm{USp}(2k)$	hyperKähler	$4k$
$\mathrm{Spin}(7)$	$\mathrm{Spin}(7)$ manifold	8
$\mathrm{G}_2$	$\mathrm{G}_2$ manifold	7

Note that hyperKähler  $\implies$  Calabi–Yau  $\implies$  Kähler since  $\mathrm{USp}(m) \subset \mathrm{SU}(m) \subset \mathrm{U}(m)$ . In contrast, quaternionic-Kähler manifolds are not Kähler.

A Calabi–Yau manifold is a Kähler manifold such that (equivalently) some Kähler metric has global holonomy group in  $\mathrm{SU}(m)$ ; the structure group can be reduced to  $\mathrm{SU}(m)$ ; or the holomorphic canonical bundle is trivial i.e., there exists a nowhere vanishing holomorphic top-form. A weaker set of equivalent conditions

*todo: here*

For simply connected manifolds, the conditions above are equivalent to the following (always equivalent) conditions on  $X$ : some Kähler metric has local holonomy group in  $\mathrm{SU}(m)$ ; some Kähler metric has vanishing Ricci curvature; the first real

Chern class vanishes; a positive power of the holomorphic canonical bundle is trivial;  $X$  has a finite cover with trivial holomorphic canonical bundle;  $X$  has a finite cover equal to the product of a torus and a simply connected manifold with trivial holomorphic canonical bundle.

**Spin structures todo:** see <http://mathoverflow.net/questions/220502/>

**Symmetric spaces todo:** list missing

**K3 surfaces** are the only CY<sub>2</sub>: they have holonomy SU(2).

**Yau's theorem.** Fix a complex structure on a compact complex manifold  $X$  of  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X > 1$  and vanishing real first Chern class. Any real class  $H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{C})$  of positive norm contains a unique Kähler form whose metric is Ricci flat.

(from Wikipedia on Calabi conjecture: "The Calabi conjecture states that a compact Kähler manifold has a unique Kähler metric in the same class whose Ricci form is any given 2-form representing the first Chern class.")

## §8 Misc

### §8.1 Special functions

**Multiple gamma function.** For  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re} a_i > 0$ ,  $\Gamma_N(x|\vec{a}) = \prod_{\vec{n}}^{\operatorname{reg}} (x + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{a})^{-1} = \exp(\partial_s \sum_{\vec{n}} (x + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{a})^{-s}|_{s=0})$ , where  $\vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^N$ . Here, we zeta-regularized the product; the sum is analytically continued from  $\operatorname{Re} s > N$ . The meromorphic  $x \mapsto \Gamma_N(x|\vec{a})$  has no zero and poles at  $x = -\vec{n} \cdot \vec{a}$  (simple poles for generic  $\vec{a}$ ).  $\Gamma_0(x) = 1/x$ ,  $\Gamma_1(x|a) = a^{x/a-1/2} \Gamma(x/a)/\sqrt{2\pi}$ ,  $\Gamma_N(x|\vec{a}) = \Gamma_{N-1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_{N-1})\Gamma_N(x+a_N|\vec{a})$  and it is invariant under permutations of  $\vec{a}$ .

**Plethystic exponential.** Let  $\mathbf{m} \subset R[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$  be series with no constant term over a ring  $R$ . Then  $\operatorname{plexp} : \mathbf{m} \rightarrow 1 + \mathbf{m}$  obeys  $\operatorname{plexp}[x_i^p] = 1/(1 - x_i^p)$ ,  $\operatorname{plexp}[f + g] = \operatorname{plexp}[f] \operatorname{plexp}[g]$  and  $\operatorname{plexp}[\lambda f] = \operatorname{plexp}[f]^\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in R$ . It maps an index of single-particle states  $f(x)$  to that of multiparticle states  $\operatorname{plexp} f(x) = \exp \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k)$ .

**q-Pochhammer**  $(a; q)_\infty = \operatorname{plexp} \frac{-a}{1-q} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k)$  and finite version  $(a; q)_n = (a; q)_\infty / (aq^n; q)_\infty$ . Products are often denoted  $(a_1, \dots, a_N; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n \cdots (a_N; q)_n$ . Properties:  $(a; q)_{-n}(q/a; q)_n = (-q/a)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}$  and q-binomial theorem  $(ax; q)_\infty / (x; q)_\infty = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n (a; q)_n / (q; q)_n$ .

**q-gamma (or basic gamma) function** for  $|q| < 1$ ,  $\Gamma_q(x) = (1 - q)^{1-x} (q; q)_\infty / (q^x; q)_\infty$  obeys  $\Gamma_q(x+1) = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q} \Gamma_q(x)$  and  $\Gamma_q(x) \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1} \Gamma(x)$ . It has simple poles at  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$  and no zero.

**Modular form** of weight  $k$ : holomorphic on  $\mathbf{H} = \{\operatorname{Im} \tau > 0\}$  and as  $\tau \rightarrow i\infty$  and obeys  $f(\frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}) = (c\tau+d)^k f(\tau)$ .

**Dedekind eta function:**  $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} (q; q)_\infty$  for  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ .  $\Delta = \eta^{24}$  is a modular form of weight 12.

**Theta functions:** q-theta  $\theta(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty (q/z; q)_\infty$  obeys  $\theta(z; q) = \theta(q/z; q) = -z\theta(1/z; q)$ . Variant  $\theta_1(z; q) = \theta_1(\tau|u) = iz^{-1/2} q^{1/12} \eta(\tau) \theta(z; q) = -iz^{1/2} q^{1/8} (q; q)_\infty (qz; q)_\infty (1/z; q)_\infty$  with  $z = e^{2\pi i u}$ .

**Eisenstein series** ( $k \geq 1$ )  $E_{2k} = 1 + \frac{2}{\zeta(1-2k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2k-1} \frac{q^n}{1-q^n}$  obeys  $E_{2k}(\frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}) = (c\tau+d)^{2k} E_{2k}(\tau) + \frac{6}{\pi i} c(c\tau+d) \delta_{k=1}$ . For  $k \geq 2$  it is a modular form and  $E_{2k} = \frac{1}{2\zeta(2k)} \sum_{0 \neq \lambda \in \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}} \lambda^{-2k}$ .

**Elliptic gamma function**  $\Gamma(z; p, q) = \operatorname{plexp} \frac{z-pq/z}{(1-p)(1-q)} = \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - p^{m+1} q^{n+1} z^{-1}) / (1 - p^m q^n z)$  obeys  $\Gamma(z; p, q) = \Gamma(z; q, p) = 1/\Gamma(pq/z; p, q)$  and  $\Gamma(pz; p, q) = \theta(z; q) \Gamma(z; p, q)$  and  $\Gamma(z; 0, q) = 1/(z; q)_\infty$ .

**Polylogarithm and Riemann zeta**  $\zeta(s) = \operatorname{Li}_s(1)$  where  $\operatorname{Li}_s(z) = \sum_{k \geq 1} z^k / k^s = (1/\Gamma(s)) \int_0^\infty t^{s-1} dt / (e^t/z - 1)$  obeys  $\operatorname{Li}_{s+1}(z) = \int_0^z \operatorname{Li}_s(t) dt / t$  and  $\operatorname{Li}_1(z) = -\log(1 - z)$ . The dilogarithm obeys  $\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(1-x) = \pi^2/6 - \log(x) \log(1-x)$  (reflection formula) and  $\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(y) - \operatorname{Li}_2(xy) = \operatorname{Li}_2(t) + \operatorname{Li}_2(u) + \log(1-t) \log(1-u)$  where  $x = t/(1-u)$  and  $y = u/(1-t)$  (pentagon formula).

**Gauss hypergeometric function** is given by  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} z^n (a)_n (b)_n / (n! (c)_n)$  converging for  $|z| < 1$ , continued to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty)$  with branch cut. Here  $(a)_n = a(a+1) \cdots (a+n-1)$ .

**Generalized hypergeometric functions:** let  $a_i, b_i \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$ . Then  ${}_jF_k(a; b; z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} z^n (a_1)_n \cdots (a_j)_n / (n! (b_1)_n \cdots (b_k)_n)$  converges if  $j = k+1$  and  $|z| < 1$ , or if  $j \leq k$ . Differential equation  $z \prod_{i=1}^j (z \partial_z + a_i) F(z) = z \partial_z \prod_{i=1}^k (z \partial_z + b_i - 1) F(z)$ . Physically: vortex partition function of the 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  U(1) theory with  $j$  charge +1 and  $k+1$  charge -1 chiral multiplets. Fox-Wright, Appell, Kampé de Fériet and Lauricella functions are vortex partition functions of specific U(1)<sup>n</sup> theories.

**Basic hypergeometric series** in terms of q-Pochhammer  ${}_j\phi_k(a; b; q, z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-q^{(n-1)/2})^{n(1+k-j)} z^n (a_1, \dots, a_j; q)_n / (b_1, \dots, b_k; q)_n$ .

### §8.2 Physics of gauge theories

**Phases characterized by potential**  $V(R)$  (up to a constant) between quarks at distance  $R$ : Coulomb  $1/R$ , free electric  $1/(R \log(R\Lambda))$ , free magnetic  $\log(R\Lambda)/R$ , Higgs (constant), confining  $\sigma R$ .

**Instantons** are anti-self-dual ( $F = -\star F$ ) connections on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that decay at infinity and extend to  $S^4$ . The bundles are classified by  $\pi_3(G)$  so an instanton number  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  for simple gauge groups; for fixed  $k \geq 0$  ( $k \leq 0$ ) (anti)instantons minimize the action. The  $k$ -instanton moduli space for  $G = \operatorname{SU}(N)$  is a  $4Nk$ -dimensional [inspire:128223] hyperKähler manifold, in bijection with rank  $N$  framed locally free sheaves on  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  [inspire:125044].

### §8.3 Homology and cohomology

$H_k(\mathbb{CP}^n, M) = M$  for  $0 \leq k \leq 2n$  even, else 0.

### §8.4 Homotopy groups $\pi_n$

**Basic properties.**  $\pi_0(X, x)$  is the set of connected components.  $\pi_1(X, x)$  is the fundamental group. For  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\pi_k(X, x)$  only depends on the connected component of  $x$ .  $\pi_k(X \times Y, (x, y)) = \pi_k(X, x) \times \pi_k(Y, y)$ .

**Quotient.** If  $G$  acts on connected simply-connected  $X$  then  $\pi_1(X/G) = \pi_0(G)$  ( $= G$  for  $G$  discrete).

**Long exact sequence for a fiber bundle**  $F \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow B$ : for base-points  $b_0 \in B$  and  $e_0 = f_0 \in F = p^{-1}(b_0) \subset E$ ,  $\cdots \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(B) \rightarrow \pi_i(F) \rightarrow \pi_i(E) \rightarrow \pi_i(B) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \pi_0(E)$  is exact, namely each image equals the next kernel (inverse image of the constant map).

**Homotopy groups of spheres** are finite except  $\pi_n(S^n) = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\pi_{4n-1}(S^{2n}) = \mathbb{Z} \times \text{finite}$ . For  $k < n$ ,  $\pi_k(S^n) = 0$ , and  $\pi_{n+k}(S^n)$  is independent of  $n$  for  $n \geq k + 2$ . All  $\pi_k(S^0) = 0$ ,  $\pi_k(S^1) = 0$  for  $k \neq 1$ , and  $\pi_k(S^3) = \pi_k(S^2)$  for  $k \neq 2$ .

	$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_4$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_6$	$\pi_7$	$\pi_8$
$S^0$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S^1$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S^2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^3$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S^4$	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$
$S^5$	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_{24}$

$\pi_1(\mathbb{RP}^n) = \mathbb{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $\pi_k(\mathbb{RP}^n) = \pi_k(S^n)$  for  $k \geq 2$ .  
 $\pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^n) = 0$ ,  $\pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^n) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\pi_k(\mathbb{CP}^n) = \pi_k(S^{2n+1})$  for  $k \geq 3$ .

**Topological groups have abelian  $\pi_1(G)$ .** Proofs. 1. The multiplication in  $G$  (point-wise) and concatenation of loops are two compatible group structures, hence (by Eckmann–Hilton theorem) coincide and are commutative. 2. Explicitly, for  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \pi_1(G)$  loops,  $(t_1, t_2) \mapsto \alpha_1(t_1)\alpha_2(t_2) \in G$  is a homotopy between  $\alpha_1 \star \alpha_2$  (concatenation) along bottom and right edges,  $\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2$  (point-wise multiplication) along the diagonal, and  $\alpha_2 \star \alpha_1$  along left and top edges.

### §8.5 Kähler 4-manifolds

**K3 surfaces** are (the only besides  $T^4$ ) compact complex surfaces of trivial canonical bundle. They have  $h^{1,0} = 0$  (in contrast to  $T^4$  which has *todo: value*). Their first Chern class  $c_1 \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  thus vanishes. By Yau’s theorem there exists a Ricci flat metric, whose holonomy is then  $\text{SU}(2) = \text{USp}(2)$  by Berger’s classification. K3 surfaces are thus Calabi–Yau ( $\text{CY}_2$ ) and hyperKähler ( $\text{hK}_4$ ). Their moduli space is connected and they are all diffeomorphic.

**Examples of K3 surfaces.** Quartic hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ . Kummer surface namely resolution of  $T^4/\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**Non-simply connected Ricci-flat Kähler manifolds** may fail to be  $\text{CY}_n$  when the restricted holonomy group is  $\text{SU}(n)$  but the global holonomy group is disconnected. For example an Enriques surface  $\text{K3}/\mathbb{Z}_2$  has a non-trivial canonical bundle.

**A gravitational instanton** is a metric with (anti-)self-dual curvature. A simply-connected Riemannian 4-manifold is hyperKähler if and only if it is a gravitational instanton. Compact  $\text{hK}_4$  are K3 and  $T^4$ . Non-compact  $\text{hK}_4$  are ALE (asymptotically locally Euclidean), ALF (asymptotically locally flat), ALG, ALH if their volume growth rate is of order 4, 3, 2, 1. ALE spaces are resolutions of  $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$  for a finite subgroup  $\Gamma < \text{USp}(2)$ . The quotient  $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$  can appear as a local model of an orbifold singularity in a K3 surface.

**ALE hyperKähler 4-manifolds**  $X$  are diffeomorphic to the minimal resolution of  $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$  for some finite  $\Gamma < \text{SU}(2)$ . The metric is fixed (up to isometry) by cohomology classes  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in H^2(X, \mathbb{R})$  such that there is no two-cycle  $\Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma \cdot \Sigma = -2$  and all  $\alpha_i(\Sigma) = 0$ .

*todo: Taub-NUT spaces, multi-Taub-NUT spaces, Eguchi–Hanson spaces, Gibbons–Hawking multicenter spaces. Write metric. todo: Non-explicitly: Atiyah–Hitchin space (moduli space of two  $\text{SU}(2)$  ’t Hooft–Polyakov monopoles in 4d).*

*todo: The only compact  $\text{CY}_2$  are  $T^4$  and K3 surfaces.*

*todo: The only compact hypercomplex 4-manifolds are  $T^4$ , K3 surfaces, and the Hopf surface  $((\mathbb{H} \setminus 0)/(q^{\mathbb{Z}})$  for a quaternion  $|q| > 1$ ; it is diffeomorphic to  $S^3 \times S^1$ ).*

### §8.6 Some algebraic constructions

**Reduction of a Lie (super)algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .** If  $\mathfrak{g} = V_1 \oplus V_2$  with  $[V_1, V_2] \subseteq V_2$  then the bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  restricted and projected to  $V_1$  defines a Lie (super)algebra.

**S-expansion of a Lie (super)algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$**  by an abelian multiplicative semigroup  $S$ : Lie (super)algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \times S$  with bracket  $[(x, \alpha), (y, \beta)] = ([x, y], \alpha\beta)$ . If  $S = S_1 \cup S_2$  with  $S_1 S_2 \subseteq S_2$  (in particular if there is a zero element  $0_S = 0_S \alpha = \alpha 0_S$ ) then by reduction we get a Lie (super)algebra structure on  $\mathfrak{g} \times S_1$ .

**A color (super)algebra** is a graded vector space with a bracket such that (for  $X, Y, Z$  with definite grading)  $\text{gr}[X, Y] = \text{gr } X + \text{gr } Y$  and  $[X, Y] = -(-1)^{(\text{gr } X, \text{gr } Y)}[Y, X]$  and Jacobi identity  $[X, [Y, Z]](-1)^{(\text{gr } Z, \text{gr } X)} + [Y, [Z, X]](-1)^{(\text{gr } X, \text{gr } Y)} + [Z, [X, Y]](-1)^{(\text{gr } Y, \text{gr } Z)} = 0$ , where  $(\bullet, \bullet)$  is some bilinear mapping into  $\mathbb{C}/(2\mathbb{Z})$ .

### §8.7 Other

**A fuzzy space** is  $d$  Hermitian matrices  $X^a$  (“coordinates”) acting on some Hilbert space  $H$ . The dispersion of  $\psi \in H$  is  $\delta_\psi = \sum_a (\langle \psi | (X^a)^2 | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | X^a | \psi \rangle^2)$ .