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Spin Number in WL

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Abstract: Notes on Spin Number

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1 Derivation in 2208.10522

We are investigating the spin number of two products, say v_x and v'_x. They can be defined as

$$v_x = v\exp(im(\theta_0 - \theta))$$

$$v'_x = v'\exp\big(im'(\theta'_0 - \theta)\big)$$

We know to get the component of a complex number, we have $\mathrm{Re}\, z = (z + z^*)/2$ and $\mathrm{Im}\, z = (z - z^*)/2i$.

Then 2208.10522 then computes $v_x^* v'_x$ and $v_x v' x$:

$$v_x^* v'_x = v'v\exp\big(-i(m' - m)\theta + m'\theta_0 - m\theta_0)\big) \tag{1.1}$$

$$v_x v'_x = v'v\exp\big(-i(m' + m)\theta + m'\theta_0 + m\theta_0)\big), \tag{1.2}$$

and argues you can compute the "**products between the components**" of v_x and v'_x with these two quantities. This is not true, unless taking the real and imaginary part is also considered a linear operation (it is not, by definition of linearity however). Moreover, the components of a field does **have a definition of spin**, because it has no phase (just real number). I think the authors actually meant that they want the **components of the product**, but in that case, what we need is actually $v_x v'_x$ and $(v'_x v_x)^*$, according to the relationship in the previous section. They are, quite naively,

$$v_x^* v'^*_x = v'v\exp\big(i(m' + m)\theta + m'\theta_0 + m\theta_0)\big) \tag{1.3}$$

$$v_x v'_x = v'v\exp\big(-i(m' + m)\theta + m'\theta_0 + m\theta_0)\big), \tag{1.4}$$

This essentially says that, the product between a spin-m and a spin-m' product should just be spin-$m + m'$.

2 Other Reasons

I also think there are other evidence for my argument. First, I think the statement in 2208.10522:

Define $\partial = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$.

we may also calculate the following:

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2}\partial^*\partial\psi, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2}\partial\partial\psi = |\gamma|e^{2i\phi}, \tag{2.2}$$

If we are saying a spin-m quantity times a spin-m' quantity gives a spin-$m+m'$ and a spin-$m-m'$ component, then it looks like γ, which is product of a spin-0 quantity and two spin 1 quantity, it should have both spin-2 and spin-0 component. However, it only has a spin-2 component.

We then see κ is a spin-0 quantity. If we say $z' = e^{-i\theta}z$, we have $\partial = \frac{\partial}{\partial e^{-i\theta}z} = e^{i\theta}\partial$ and $\partial^* = \frac{\partial}{\partial e^{i\theta}z^*} = e^{-i\theta}\partial^*$. Because ψ never changes phase with rotation (being a real potential).

Taking a further complex gradient, we may define two more complex fields:

$$F = \frac{1}{2}\partial^*\partial\partial\psi = |F|e^{i\phi}, \quad (10) \tag{2.3}$$

$$G = \frac{1}{2}\partial\partial\partial\psi = |G|e^{3i\phi}, \quad (11) \tag{2.4}$$

These are the ways to derive spin quantities more comfortable to me. Note that derivative and the coordinates, while having the same spin number, transform differently.

So the correct way to see the spin number of product of two γ

$$\gamma\gamma = |\gamma|^2 e^{4i\phi}$$

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