Poster on the Standard Model

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Dictionary between Physics and Math

Physics	Math
Symmetry	Group ($U(1)$ for EM, $SU(2)$ for weak, $SU(3)$ for strong, Poincaré for translation/rotation/relativistic boosts)
Matter field	Section of an associated vector bundle
Gauge transformation	Bundle automorphism
Gauge field/potential	Connection one-form
Field strength	Curvature of connection
Lagrangian	Map from sections of bundles to real-valued function on base
Interaction	Product of distinct sections in the Lagrangian

(adapted from http://www.disconzi.net/Notes_links_media/more/sheridan_math_thesis_final_05-20.pdf)

Standard model lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{8}tr\left(\mathbf{W}_{\mu\nu}\mathbf{W}^{\mu\nu}\right) - \frac{1}{2}tr\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu}\mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu}\right) \qquad \qquad (\mathrm{U}(1),\mathrm{SU}(2),\mathrm{and}\,\mathrm{SU}(3)\,\mathrm{gauge}\,\mathrm{terms}) \\ + \left(\bar{\nu}_L,\bar{e}_L\right)\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu}iD_{\mu}\binom{\nu_L}{e_L} + \bar{e}_R\sigma^{\mu}iD_{\mu}e_R + \bar{\nu}_R\sigma^{\mu}iD_{\mu}\nu_R + (\mathrm{h.c.}) \qquad (\mathrm{lepton}\,\,\mathrm{dynamical}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu}\left[\left(\bar{\nu}_L,\bar{e}_L\right)\phi M^e e_R + \bar{e}_R\bar{M}^e\bar{\phi}\binom{\nu_L}{e_L}\right] \qquad (\mathrm{electron},\mathrm{muon},\mathrm{tauon}\,\,\mathrm{mass}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu}\left[\left(-\bar{e}_L,\bar{\nu}_L\right)\phi^*M^{\nu}\nu_R + \bar{\nu}_R\bar{M}^{\nu}\phi^T\binom{-e_L}{\nu_L}\right] \qquad (\mathrm{neutrino}\,\,\mathrm{mass}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ + \left(\bar{u}_L,\bar{d}_L\right)\tilde{\sigma}^{\mu}iD_{\mu}\binom{u_L}{d_L} + \bar{u}_R\sigma^{\mu}iD_{\mu}u_R + \bar{d}_R\sigma^{\mu}iD_{\mu}d_R + (\mathrm{h.c.}) \qquad (\mathrm{quark}\,\,\mathrm{dynamical}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu}\left[\left(\bar{u}_L,\bar{d}_L\right)\phi M^d d_R + \bar{d}_R\bar{M}^d\bar{\phi}\binom{u_L}{d_L}\right] \qquad (\mathrm{down},\,\,\mathrm{strange},\,\,\mathrm{bottom}\,\,\mathrm{mass}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\nu}\left[\left(-\bar{d}_L,\bar{u}_L\right)\phi^*M^u u_R + \bar{u}_R\bar{M}^u\phi^T\binom{-d_L}{u_L}\right] \qquad (\mathrm{up},\,\mathrm{charm},\,\mathrm{top}\,\,\mathrm{mass}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ + \overline{\left(D_\mu\phi\right)}D^\mu\phi - \frac{m_h^2\left[\bar{\phi}\phi - \frac{\nu^2}{2}\right]^2}{2\nu^2} \qquad (\mathrm{Higgs}\,\,\mathrm{dynamical}\,\,\mathrm{and}\,\,\mathrm{mass}\,\,\mathrm{term}) \\ \end{array}$$

(from https://github.com/Sodiumlodide/Standard-Model-Lagrangian)

Lagrangians are the preferred condensed representation of what a theory is. Physics has (or works to create) algorithms to progress from a lagrangian to specific formulas for how a system evolves over time.

Terms like $B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}$ are the square of the curvature. Curvature has values in a Lie algebra, so you also take the trace or something similar, to get a function on spacetime.

Terms like $\overline{e}_R \sigma^{\mu} i D_{\mu} e_R$ are products of two "e"s and a "D", where the "D" includes the connection (covariant derivative). So such terms are an interaction among three things: two leptons and a force particle.