

Explicitly checking that the energy of a Manton-like solution goes to infinity for a quotient theory

NB Some references: 1/1 Manton: Topology in the Weinberg-Salam theory
Manton & Klinkhamer: A Saddle-Point Solution in the Weinberg-Salam Theory | M
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ANSATZ:

$$U_{\infty} = \frac{1}{r} \begin{pmatrix} z & x+iy \\ -x+iy & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ig \sigma \cdot W_\mu = -a(r) U_{\infty} (\partial_\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger) = A_\mu \quad (\text{defined this way for consistency w/M})$$

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$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{v^2}{4} F(h)^2 \text{Tr}[D_\mu U D^\mu U^\dagger] - \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \quad \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{where } W_{\mu\nu}^\alpha = \partial_\mu W_\nu^\alpha - \partial_\nu W_\mu^\alpha - ig$$

Do the following:

→ Set a static solution for h [$r \rightarrow \infty$ limit]

→ Set $U = U_{\infty}$ [eg M]

→ Construct a covariant derivative: $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig \sigma \cdot W_\mu$

$$\sigma \cdot W_\mu = -2i f(r) \partial_\mu U_{\infty} U_{\infty}^\dagger \quad [\text{MHS}]$$

$$= \partial_\mu + i A_\mu$$

$$ig \sigma \cdot W_\mu = f(r) \partial_\mu U_{\infty} U_{\infty}^\dagger = -f(r) U_{\infty} \partial_\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger$$

Since sphalerons are static solutions:

$$E = \int d^3x \mathcal{L}$$

① Assuming static solution for h , contribution to energy is:

$$E_h = \int d^3x \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 = 0$$

② Calculating some pieces which contribute to the stress-energy tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu U_{\infty} &= \partial_\mu U_{\infty} + i a(r) U_{\infty} (\partial_\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger) U_{\infty} \\ &= \partial_\mu U_{\infty} - i a(r) \partial_\mu U_{\infty} U_{\infty}^\dagger U_{\infty} \\ &= (1 - i a(r)) \partial_\mu U_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_\mu U_{\infty} D^\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger = \partial_\mu U_{\infty} \partial^\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger (1 + a(r)^2)$$

$$\text{Tr}[D_\mu U_{\infty} D^\mu U_{\infty}^\dagger] = \frac{(1 + a(r)^2)}{r^2} \quad [\text{See mathematica notebook}]$$

$$E = \int d^3x \left(\frac{v^2 F(h)^2}{4} \frac{(1 + a(r)^2)}{r^2} \right) = \frac{v^2}{4} \cdot 4\pi^2 \cdot \int dr (1 + a(r)^2) \rightarrow \text{CURIOS SIGN!!}$$

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