Noncommutative geometry and particle physics

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- Spectral action
- The (noncommutative) geometry of Yang-Mills fields
- Supersymmetry in noncommutative geometry

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• Real structure $J : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$, anti-unitary operator such that

$$JD = \pm JD, \qquad J\gamma = \pm \gamma J.$$

defining an $\mathcal A\text{-bimodule structure}$ on $\mathcal H$ via

$$(a,b)\cdot\psi=aJb^*J^{-1}\psi\quad(\psi\in\mathcal{H})$$

and we require (first order):

 $[[D,a],JbJ^{-1}] = 0$

Example: Riemannian spin geometry

Let M be an compact m-dimensional Riemannian spin manifold.

- $\mathcal{A} = C^{\infty}(M)$
- $\mathcal{H} = L^2(S)$, square integrable spinors
- $D = \partial$, Dirac operator
- $\gamma = \gamma_{m+1}$ if *m* even (chirality)
- J = C (charge conjugation)
- Then *D* has compact resolvent because ∂ elliptic self-adjoint. Also [D, f] bounded for $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$.

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● Then (B, H', D') is a spectral triple [Connes, 1996].

with real structure

Again, suppose $\mathcal{A} \sim_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{B}$.

• If there is a real structure J on $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$, then instead

$$\mathcal{H}' := \mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{H} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \overline{\mathcal{E}}$$

in terms of the conjugate (left \mathcal{A} -) module $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$ and define

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$$\mathsf{J}':\mathcal{H}'\to\mathcal{H}',\qquad\eta\otimes\psi\otimes\overline{\rho}\mapsto\rho\otimes\mathsf{J}\psi\otimes\overline{\eta}$$

complete the definition of a real spectral triple $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}', D', J')$.

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• The element A is the gauge field and it acts as $A \pm JAJ^{-1}$ on \mathcal{H} , that is, in the adjoint representation.

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- The part Tr (f(D/Λ)) is purely 'gravitational' (this terminology is justified by applying it to the commutative spectral triple associated to M).

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Proposition (Chamseddine-Connes)

- The self-adjoint operator A + JAJ⁻¹ with A = A^{*} ∈ Ω¹_D(A) describes an su(n)-valued one-form on M.
- The gauge group $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{A}) \simeq C^{\infty}(M, U(n))$ acts on \mathcal{H} in the (usual) adjoint representation.
- The spectral action is given by

$$S_{\Lambda}[A,\psi] = rac{f(0)}{24\pi^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \operatorname{Tr} \, F_A \wedge *F_A + \langle \psi, (\partial + \operatorname{ad} A)\psi
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Also, there exists a grading $\gamma = 1 \otimes \gamma_5$ (assuming *M* even dimensional) and a real structure $J = (.)^* \otimes C$.

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We collect this in a

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- The self-adjoint operator A + JAJ⁻¹ with A = A^{*} ∈ Ω¹_D(A) describes a section of adP × Λ¹(M).
- The gauge group U(A) ≃ Γ[∞](AdP), and acts on H in the adjoint representation.
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with F_A the curvature of the connection ∇ corresponding to $D + A + JAJ^{-1}$.

Outlook (Part 1)

- The noncommutative torus for rational θ is of the above type.
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(similar to Morita equivalence) Relation to the work of Ćaćić (MPIM,Caltech)?

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Reference: J. Boeijink. *Noncommutative geometry of Yang–Mills fields*, Master's thesis, Radboud University Nijmegen. (http://www.math.ru.nl/~waltervs)

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Interpretation/comparison with the MSSM

So, in addition to the previous SYM terms, we have

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We recognize from the MSSM [Kramml]:

- squark kinetic term $\propto |\partial_{\mu} \widetilde{q}|^2$.
- squark mass term $\propto |\widetilde{q}|^2$.
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- squark-gluon interactions $\propto |(\partial_{\mu} + A_{\mu})\tilde{q}|^2$.
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Outlook (Part 2)

- Unimodularity to reduce U(n) to SU(n). Fermion doubling. [CCM].
- An essential further step is to identify the coefficients of the terms just considered. However, the literature is on the MSSM, whereas we considered only part of that, namely super-QCD.
- Future plan is to include the electro-weak sector as well, exploiting the same ideas. This could lead to a noncommutative geometrical description of the MSSM, whose Lagrangian is highly non-trivial to write down. We hope to derive it as the spectral action of some noncommutative manifold.
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