

Higher spin symmetry in the IIB matrix model with the operator interpretation

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Introduction

Introduction

The IIB Matrix Model

→ A candidate for the nonperturbative formulation of string theory [N. Ishibashi, H. Kawai, Y. Kitazawa, A. Tsuchiya(1996)]

$$S_{\text{IIB}} = -\frac{1}{g^2} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{4} [A_a, A_b]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi} \Gamma^a [A_a, \Psi] \right)$$

$A_a, \Psi : N \times N$ Hermitian matrices

- The existence of the spacetime is not assumed; it emerges from the matrices
- Rich dynamics →
 - Reproduction of the light-cone Hamiltonian of SFT [M. Fukuma, H. Kawai, Y. Kitazawa, A. Tsuchiya(1997)]
 - Emergence of (3+1) D expanding spacetime [S. Kim, J Nishimura, A Tsuchiya(2011)], ...
 - Emergence of chiral zero modes in the fermionic sector [J Nishimura, A Tsuchiya(2013)], ...

Introduction

On the other hand, the physical interpretation of the matrices is still unclear. There are several interpretation.

- In many works ... Coordinate interpretation

- Matrices represent the coordinate of some object embedded in the flat spacetime (string, brane, universe *etc.*).
- Their fluctuations are field variables on it.

$$A_a \sim X_a + a_a$$

(Embedding coor.) + (Field)

- An interesting variation ... Noncommutative interpretation

- Matrices form some algebra and noncommutative spacetimes emerge from it.
- Their fluctuations are described with noncommutative field theory.

$$\text{ex) } [A_a, A_b] = i\epsilon_{abc}A_c \Rightarrow \text{Fuzzy } S^2$$

- An sophisticated realization of gravity and higher spin symmetries
→ Prof. H. Steinacker's talk

Introduction

- In this talk ... **Operator interpretation**

[M.Hanada, H.Kawai, Y.Kimura (2005)]

- Matrices represent operators which act on some functional space.

$$\begin{aligned}(A_a \cdot f)(x) &= \int dy K_a(x, y) f(y) \\ &\sim (a_a(x) + a_a^\mu \partial_\mu + a_a^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu + \dots) f(x)\end{aligned}$$

- The generalization of momentum
(If one consider $A_a \sim i\partial_a$ acting on functions defined on a flat spacetime.
→ It is momentum.)
- It is natural that matrices include the notion of the momentum. In the IIB matrix model as large- N reduction of Yang-Mills theory, momenta are absorbed in the matrices.

This interpretation has many interesting aspects
(symmetries, dynamics, *etc.*).

I'll explain them soon, but firstly give more concrete definition

- A review of the operator interpretation

Definition

On what functional space are matrices as operators defined?

- Naively $A_a \in \text{End}(C^\infty(\mathcal{M}))$, $\mathcal{M}$: spacetime

$$A_a \stackrel{?}{=} a_a(x) + \frac{1}{2}[a_a^\mu(x), i\nabla_\mu]_+ + \frac{1}{2}[a_a^{\mu\nu}(x), i\nabla_\mu i\nabla_\nu]_+ + \dots$$

Difficulty:

The above operator is an vector operator.

(Each component is not defined globally in an independent way.)

On the other hand, each of $A_1, A_2, \dots$ is independently well-defined.



$$\cancel{(A_a = \nabla_a)}$$

We cannot interpret matrices as derivative operator straightforwardly.

$$\text{ex) } A_1 A_2 \text{ vs. } \nabla_1 \nabla_2 = \partial_1 \nabla_2 - \Gamma_{12}^c \nabla_c$$

Definition

In order to resolve such difficulty...

- We introduce a principal bundle

$$E_{\text{prin}} \sim \mathcal{M} \times G, \quad G : \text{Lorentz group}$$

$$C^\infty(E_{\text{prin}}) \ni f(x, g) : \text{functions in the regular representation of Lorentz group}$$

- Then we define derivative operators on $C^\infty(E_{\text{prin}})$.

$$\text{ex) } \nabla_{(a)} := R_{(a)}^b(g^{-1}) \nabla_b$$

$$R_{(a)}^b(g^{-1}) : \text{Matrix element for the vector rep. of } G$$

 Each of $\nabla_{(1)}, \nabla_{(2)}, \dots$ - is defined globally.
- belongs to $\text{End}(C^\infty(E_{\text{prin}}))$.

$$(A_a = i\nabla_{(a)}) \text{OK!}$$

Definition

More details...

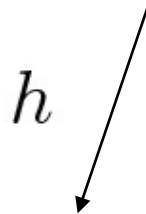
Consider $f(x, g) \in C^\infty(E_{\text{prin}})$. $\rightarrow (h \cdot f)(x, g) = f(x, h^{-1}g)$

An important feature of the regular representation

$$V_r \otimes V_{\text{reg}} \simeq V_{\text{reg}} \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{\text{reg}}$$

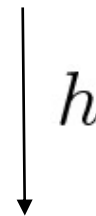
$$f_a(x, g) \simeq R_{(a)}^{\langle r \rangle b}(g^{-1}) f_b(x, g)$$

matrix elements of g^{-1}
in the r -rep.



$$R_a^{\langle r \rangle b}(h) f_b(x, h^{-1}g)$$

Transforming as $(r \otimes \text{reg})$ - rep..
The components are mixed.



$$R_{(a)}^{\langle r \rangle b}(h^{-1}g) f_b(x, h^{-1}g)$$

Transforming as reg. rep..
Each component transforms independently.

Definition

Matrices as general derivative operators acting on $C^\infty(E_{\text{prin}})$

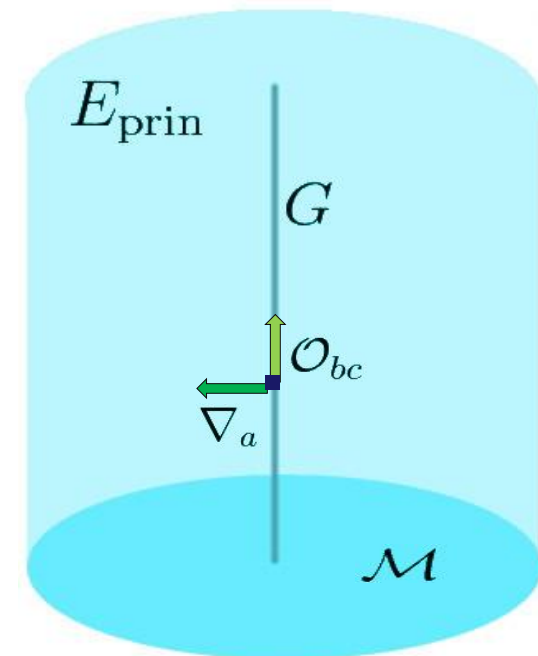
- We expand a “matrix” to derivatives of infinite degree, both in spacetime-manifold and in fiber-bundle directions.
- We further expand each coefficient field of regular representation to those of various representations.

$$A_a = \hat{a}_{(a)}(x, g) + \frac{1}{2}[\hat{a}_{(a)}^\mu(x, g), i\nabla_\mu]_+ + \cdots,$$

$$\hat{a}_{(a)}(x, g) = a_{(a)}(x, g) + \frac{1}{2}[a_{(a)}^{bc}, \mathcal{O}_{bc}]_+ + \cdots,$$

Lorentz generator

$$a_{(a)}(x, g) = \sum_{r:\text{irr.rep.}} R^{\langle r \rangle}_i{}^j(g) a^{\langle r \rangle}_{(a)j}(x) \quad \text{Peter-Weyl thm}$$

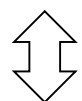


Advantages

Equations of Motion

When we pose an ansatz of the form $A_a = i\nabla_{(a)}$,

$$[A^{(a)}, [A_{(a)}, A_{(b)}]] = 0$$

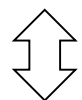


$$(A_{(a)} A_{(b)} \cdots = R_{(a)}{}^c(g^{-1}) R_{(b)}{}^d(g^{-1}) \cdots A_c A_d \cdots)$$

$$0 = [\nabla^a, [\nabla_a, \nabla_b]]$$

$$= [\nabla^a, R_{ab}{}^{cd} \mathcal{O}_{cd}]$$

$$= (\nabla^a R_{ab}{}^{cd}) \mathcal{O}_{cd} + R_{ab}{}^{ac} \nabla_c$$



$$R_{ab} = 0$$

- A curved spacetime $\mathcal{M}$ emerges as a classical sol.
- We can also show that the fluctuations on this sol. is fields living on $\mathcal{M}$.

Advantages

As a part of symmetries...

$U(N)$ symm. as the matrix model

$\supset U(1)$, diffeomorphism, local Lorentz symmetries

$$\delta A_a = i[\Lambda, A_a]$$

ex) around flat background, modes with lower degrees of derivative

$$A_a = R_{(a)}^b(g^{-1})[\partial_b + \underline{f_b(x)} + \underline{e_b^\mu(x)}i\partial_\mu + \underline{\omega_b^{cd}(x)}\mathcal{O}_{cd} + \dots]$$

gauge field vielbein fluctuation spin connection

$$\Lambda = \lambda(x)$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}[\lambda^\mu(x), i\partial_\mu]_+$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}[\lambda^{bc}, \mathcal{O}_{bc}]_+$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta f_a &= -e_a^\mu \partial_\mu \lambda, \\ \delta e_a^\mu &= 0, \\ \delta \omega_a^{bc} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta f_a &= \lambda^\mu \partial_\mu f_a, \\ \delta e_a^\mu &= -e_a^\nu \partial_\nu \lambda^\mu + \lambda^\nu \partial_\nu e_a^\mu, \\ \delta \omega_a^{bc} &= \lambda^\mu \partial_\mu \omega_a^{bc}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta f_a &= i\lambda_a^b f_b, \\ \delta e_a^\mu &= i\lambda_a^b e_b^\mu, \\ \delta \omega_a^{bc} &= -e_a^\mu \partial_\mu \lambda^{bc} + 2i\lambda_d^{[b} \omega_a^{c]d} \\ &\quad + i\lambda_a^d \omega_d^{bc}.\end{aligned}$$

Advantages

Other features and advantages of the op. interpretation

- $U(N)$ symmetry appears to allow some kind of mass terms.
...However, such terms is not induced by loop correction in the presence of SUSY.
[KS (2017)]
- The effective action is written in the form of “products of the integration of local operators.” [Y.Asano, H.Kawai, A.Tsuchiya (2012)]

$$S = \sum_i S_i + \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} S_i S_j + \sum_{i,j,k} c_{ijk} S_i S_j S_k + \cdots, \quad S_i = \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} O_i(x)$$

Actions of this form can lead to resolution of fine-tuning problem.
[Y.Hamada, H.Kawai, K.Kawana (2015)]

- Infinitely many massless fields of various representations.
→ Physically meaningful DoF? The structure of gauge symmetries?

We analyze this aspect by studying the bosonic part in the flat background.

Higher spin symmetry

Settings

We focus on the zero-modes with respect to the bundle-dependence.

$$A_a = R_{(a)}^b (g^{-1}) [a_b(x, \cancel{g}) + a_b{}^\mu(x, \cancel{g}) \partial_\mu + \dots]$$

In the following we will write this as A_a .

An useful technique: “Semiclassical limit”

Replacing derivatives with c-numbers: $i\partial_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu$, $\mathcal{O}_{bc} \rightarrow t_{bc}$

$$\text{ex) } A_a = \frac{1}{2} [a_a{}^{\mu\nu}(x), i\partial_\mu i\partial_\nu]_+ \longrightarrow a_a{}^{\mu\nu}(x) p_\mu p_\nu$$

Commutators $\rightarrow$ Poisson brackets

$$-i[f, h] \rightarrow \{f, h\} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_\mu}}_{\text{Derivatives in the spacetime directions}} + i(\mathcal{M}_{ab} g)_{ij} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t_{ab}} \frac{\partial h}{\partial g_{ij}} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_{ij}} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{ab}} \right)}_{\text{Derivatives in the bundle directions}} + i f^{ab}{}_{cd,ef} t_{ab} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_{cd}} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{ef}}$$

Derivatives in the
spacetime directions

Derivatives in the
bundle directions

(~ We ignore the complication of anti-commutators, but taking into account commutators.)

Settings

Notations

$$X^{(\mu_1 \cdots \mu_n)} \longrightarrow X^{\mu(n)},$$

$$Y^{(\mu_1 \cdots \mu_n} X^{\mu_{n+1} \cdots \mu_{n+m})} \longrightarrow Y^{\mu(n)} X^{\mu(m)},$$

$$\partial_{\mu_1} \cdots \partial_{\mu_n} \longrightarrow \partial_{\mu(n)}, \quad p_{\mu_1} \cdots p_{\mu_n} \longrightarrow p_{\mu(n)},$$

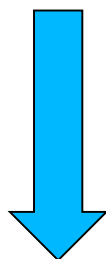
$$Y^{(c_1 \cdots c_n)} X^{(d_1 \cdots d_n)} t_{c_1 d_1} \cdots t_{c_n d_n} \longrightarrow Y^{c(n)} X^{d(n)} t_{c(n) d(n)}$$

Analysis on gauge symmetries

Higher spin gauge symm. in field theories [C. Fronsdal(1978)]

$$a_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_s}(x) : \text{symmetric}, \quad a^{\nu\lambda}{}_{\nu\lambda\mu_3\cdots\mu_s}(x) = 0$$

$$\delta a_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_s}(x) = \partial_{(\mu_s} \lambda_{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1})}(x), \quad \lambda^{\nu}{}_{\nu\mu_3\cdots\mu_{s-1}} = 0$$



We would like to find out the same symm. In the matrix model.

With a naïve parametrization,

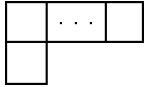
$$A_a = p_a + a_a^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1}}(x)p_{\mu_1}\cdots p_{\mu_{s-1}}, \quad \Lambda = \lambda^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1}}(x)p_{\mu_1}\cdots p_{\mu_{s-1}}$$

$$\delta A_a = \{A_a, \Lambda\} \Leftrightarrow \delta a_a^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1}} = \partial_a \lambda^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1}} + O(a \times \lambda)$$

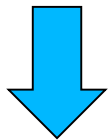
- This trsf. fails to eliminate the longitudinal components, because $a_a^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{s-1}}$ has non-totally symmetric part.

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \boxed{} \cdots \boxed{} \otimes \boxed{a} \\ \oplus \text{ (trace rep.)} \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c} \boxed{} \cdots \cdots \boxed{a} \\ \oplus \text{ (trace rep.)} \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \boxed{} \cdots \boxed{} \\ \boxed{a} \\ \oplus \text{ (trace rep.)} \end{array} \right)$$

Analysis on gauge symmetries

Introduction of an additional gauge parameter removing  part.

$$\Lambda = \frac{\lambda^{\mu(s-1)}}{\text{[Young diagram: 1x3 row with ellipsis]}} p_{\mu(s-1)} + \frac{\lambda^{c,d\mu(s-2)}}{\text{[Young diagram: 2x2 square with ellipsis in top-right]}} t_{cd} p_{\mu(s-2)}$$



$$b^{a,\mu(s-1)} := \frac{s-1}{s} (a^{a|\mu(s-1)} - \overset{\substack{\text{Symmetrized} \\ \text{indices}}}{a^{\mu|a\mu(s-2)}}) : \text{[Young diagram: 2x2 square with ellipsis in top-right]} \text{ part of } a^{a|\mu(s-1)}$$

Its trsf. law is

$$\delta b^{a,\mu(s-1)} = \frac{s-1}{s} (\partial^a \lambda^{\mu(s-1)} - \partial^\mu \lambda^{a\mu(s-2)}) - \lambda^{a,\mu(s-1)} + O(b \times \lambda)$$

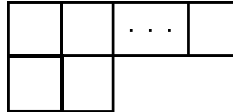
However, $\delta A_a = \{A_a, \Lambda\} \ni \partial_a \lambda^{c,d\mu(s-2)} t_{cd}$

Some additional field required in order to absorb this variation.

Analysis on gauge symmetries

$$A^a = p^a + a^{a|\mu(s-1)} p_{\mu(s-1)} + \omega^{a|c,d\mu(s-2)} t_{cd} p_{\mu(s-2)}$$

$$\Lambda = \lambda^{\mu(s-1)} p_{\mu(s-1)} + \lambda^{c,d\mu(s-2)} t_{cd} p_{\mu(s-2)} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{c_1 c_2, d_1 d_2 \mu(s-3)} t_{c_1 d_1} t_{c_2 d_2} p_{\mu(s-3)}$$





Decomposing the new field as $\omega^{a|c,d\mu(s-2)} = \omega^{ac,d\mu(s-2)} + \omega^{[a|c],d\mu(s-2)}$,
their trsf. laws are

$$\left[\begin{aligned} \delta \omega^{ac,d\mu(s-2)} &= \partial^{(a} \lambda^{c),d\mu(s-2)} - \lambda^{ac,d\mu(s-2)} \\ \delta \omega^{[a|c],d\mu(s-2)} &= -\frac{2(s-1)}{s} \delta(\partial^{[a} a^{c]|d\mu(s-2)}) \end{aligned} \right.$$

- $\omega^{ac,d\mu(s-2)}$ can be removed, but $\delta A^a = \{A^a, \Lambda\} \ni \partial^a \lambda^{c_1 c_2, d_1 d_2 \mu(s-3)} t_{c_1 d_1} t_{c_2 d_2} p_{\mu(s-3)}$ is...
- $\omega^{[a|c],d\mu(s-2)}$ can be written in terms of $a^{a|\mu(s-1)}$ by imposing **“the generalized torsion-free condition”**:

$$\omega^{[a|c],d\mu(s-2)} = -\frac{2(s-1)}{s} \partial^{[a} a^{c]|d\mu(s-2)}$$

Analysis on gauge symmetries

We repeat the same procedure. Introducing $\omega^{a|b(k),\mu(s-1)}$ ($1 \leq k \leq s-1$), and analyzing the gauge trsf. laws, we find that

$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{s-1 boxes} \\ \boxed{} \cdots \boxed{} \\ \boxed{} \cdots \boxed{} \\ k \end{array} \right)$ part can be removed by gauge trsf., while the other part can be written with the lower-rank field.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \delta \omega^{ab(k),\mu(s-1)} = \partial^{(a} \lambda^{b(k)),\mu(s-1)} - \lambda^{ab(k),\mu(s-1)} \quad (k \leq s-2) \\ \omega^{[a|b]b(k-1),\mu(s-1)} = -\frac{2(s-1-k)}{s} \partial^{[a} \omega^{b]|b(k-1),\mu(s-1)} \quad (k \leq s-1) \quad \cdots(\star) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} (\star) \text{ is consistent with the Bianch id. for the lowest GTCs;} \\ \partial^{[a} \omega^{b|c],\mu(s-1)} \propto \partial^{[a} \partial^b a^{c]|\mu(s-1)} = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

As for the highest-rank field $\omega^{a|b(s-1),\mu(s-1)}$, we have no gauge parameter to remove it. However, the GTC for it can be solved and the gauge variation for it is consistent.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{just like that the spin connection can be written with vielbein through torsion-free cond..} \\ \omega^{[\mu|a],b} = -\partial^{[\mu} e^{a]|,b} \Rightarrow \omega^{\mu|a,b} = \omega^{\mu|a,b}(e) \end{array} \right)$$

Analysis on gauge symmetries

As a result,

The suitable parametrization is

$$A^a = a^{a|\mu(s-1)} p_{\mu(s-1)} + \sum_{n=1}^{s-1} \frac{1}{n!} A_{(n)}^a,$$

$$A_{(n)}^a = \omega^{a|c(n),d(n)\mu(s-1-n)} t_{c(n)d(n)} p_{\mu(s-1-n)}$$

Using the gauge trsf.s and GTC,s it can be written with totally-symmetric part of $a^{a|\mu(s-1)}$.

$$A^a = \sum_{n=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{n!} \partial^{c(n)} a^{ad(n)\mu(s-1-n)} t_{c(n)d(n)} p_{\mu(s-1-n)},$$

Furthermore, there is a residual gauge symmetries holding the above gauge-fixing;

$$\Lambda = \sum_{n=0}^{s-1} \frac{s-n}{n!} \partial^{c(n)} \lambda^{d(n)\mu(s-1-n)} t_{c(n)d(n)} p_{\mu(s-1-n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta A^a = \{A^a, \Lambda\} &\Leftrightarrow \delta a^{a\mu(s-1)} = \partial^a \lambda^{\mu(s-1)} + O(a \times \lambda) \\ &\sim \partial^{(a} \lambda^{\mu(s-1))} \end{aligned}$$

Discussion on equations of motions

The structures of EoM

Apparently, the single equation of matrix leads to s equations of the field:

$$[A^b, [A^a, A_b]] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{(\text{EOM}_1)^{a\mu(s-1)}_{=0}}_{=0} p_{\mu(s-1)} + \underbrace{(\text{EOM}_2)^{c,ad\mu(s-2)}_{=0}}_{=0} t_{cd} p_{\mu(s-2)} + \dots = 0$$

We find that among the equations, only the $(s-1)$ -th and s -th ones is nontrivial; the others are identically zero.

$$\begin{aligned} [A^b, [A_a, A_b]] = 0 \Leftrightarrow & 0 \cdot p_{\mu(s-1)} + 0 \cdot t_{cd} p_{\mu(s-2)} + \dots \\ & + \underbrace{\left(\square \partial^{c(s-2)} a^{a\mu d(s-2)} - \partial^{c(s-2)} \partial^{(a} \partial_b a^{\mu)bd(s-1)} + \partial^{a\mu} \partial^{c(s-2)} a_b^{bd(s-2)} \right) t_{c(s-2)d(s-2)} p_{\mu}}_{\text{1}} \\ & + \underbrace{\left(\partial^a \partial^{c(s-1)} \partial^b a_b^{d(s-1)} - \square \partial^{c(s-1)} a^{ad(s-1)} \right) t_{c(s-1)d(s-1)}}_{\text{2}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(EoM (2) can be derived from EoM (1) by taking a derivative and anti-symmetrizing the indices.)



$$\partial^{c(s-2)} \left[\square a^{a\mu d(s-2)} - \partial^{(a} \partial_b a^{\mu)bd(s-1)} + \partial^{a\mu} a_b^{bd(s-2)} \right] = 0.$$

Discussion on equations of motions

Rewriting the EoM...

$$\eta_{cc} R^{c(s),d(s)} = 0,$$

$$R^{c(s),d(s)} = \partial^{c(s)} a^{d(s)} \quad \text{with [c- and d-] indices unti-symmetrized.}$$

: the generalized curvature

[B. de Witt & D. Z. Freedman (1980)]

c	$\dots\dots$	c
d	$\dots\dots$	d

It is the only gauge-invariant quantity without a traceless condition
(and we indeed have no such condition in the matrix model)

In conclusion,

- higher spin fields in the matrix model with the operator interpretation represent the generalized curvature, rather than Fronsdal fields.
- The EoM is the condition that the trace of the generalized curvature vanishes.
- It includes s derivatives, making it difficult to understand the dynamics.

Summary

Summary

- We have studied the gauge symmetries of higher spin fields that emerge in the IIB matrix model with the operator interpretation.
- In order to equip the appropriate gauge symmetries, we have to introduce auxiliary fields of non-totally symmetric representation. However, a part of them can be written with totally symmetric fields, while the rest part can be removed by gauge transformations.
- We have still residual gauge symmetry that remove the longitudinal components of the totally-symmetric field.
- As far as we focus on the kinetic terms of EoM, the field is generalized curvatures, not Fronsdal fields.

Open questions

- Does the homogeneous terms in gauge trsf.s cause any problem? ($\delta a \sim \lambda + O(\{a\} \times \{\lambda\})$)
- What is the physical meaning of the generalized curvatures in the matrix model? (EoM for the spin- s curvature contains s derivatives... how do we discuss the stability?)
- What about fields in the general class, which depends on the bundle coor. g ?

Back up

Definition

More details...

U_i, U_j : local patches of $\mathcal{M}$

For $x \in U_i \cap U_j$, $t_{ij}(x)$: transition function

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{(a)}^{[i]} &= R_{(a)}^b(g^{-1})\nabla_b^{[i]} \\ &\rightarrow R_{(a)}^b(g^{-1})R_b^c(t_{ij}(x))\nabla_c^{[j]} \\ &= R_{(a)}^c((t_{ij}(x)^{-1}g)^{-1})\nabla_c^{[j]} \\ &= \nabla_{(a)}^{[j]}\end{aligned}$$

This equation means that each of $\nabla_{(1)}, \nabla_{(2)}, \dots$ is a scalar operator, hence defined globally.