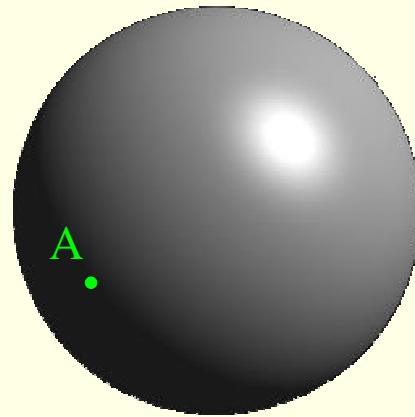
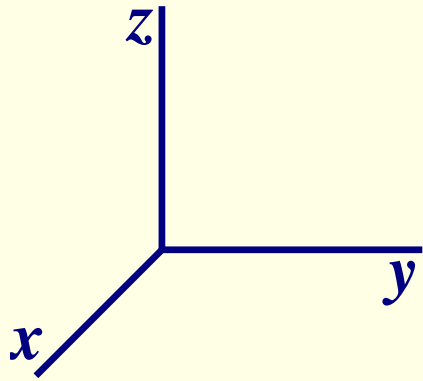


The Geometry of Noncommutative Spheres and their Symmetries

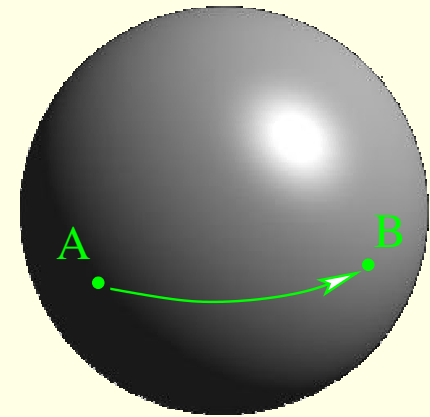
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Its **dimension** is the nonnegative integer n for which the eigenvalue sums $\sigma_N = \sum_{0 \leq k < N} \mu_k$ of the operator $|D|^{-n}$ satisfy $\sigma_N \sim C \log N$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

—→ **noncommutative integral** on \mathcal{A} defined to be the constant in front of $\log N$ in the eigenvalue sums σ_N (as $N \rightarrow \infty$) of the operator $a|D|^{-n}$; it will be denoted by $\int a$.

Example: canonical spectral triple

The basic example of a spectral triple is constructed by means of the Dirac operator on a compact n -dimensional Riemannian spin manifold M .

- $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(M)$ is the **algebra** of smooth functions on M .
- $\mathcal{H} = L^2(M, S)$ is the **Hilbert space** of square integrable sections of a spinor bundle on M , on which \mathcal{A} acts by pointwise multiplication.
- D is the **Dirac operator** associated with the Levi-Civita connection.

The noncommutative integral reduces to the Riemann integral:

$$\int f := \int_M f$$

Connes' reconstruction theorem provides a duality between Riemannian spin manifolds and spectral triples with a commutative algebra.

Quantum Groups

Q: How to encode **group structure** on a topological group G in terms of the algebra of (smooth, continuous) functions $\mathcal{F}(G)$ on it?

We take $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{F}(G)$ as the algebra of representative functions, satisfying $\mathcal{F}(G) \otimes \mathcal{F}(G) = \mathcal{F}(G \times G)$.

- Multiplication $G \times G \rightarrow G; (g, h) \rightarrow gh$ induces a map $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ called the **coproduct**:

$$\Delta(f)(g, h) = f(gh)$$

Associativity of G becomes **coassociativity** on \mathcal{A} :

$$(\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta, \quad \text{or} \quad f((gh)k) = f(g(hk)). \quad (\text{a})$$

- Unit $e \in G$ induces a map $\epsilon : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, called **counit**, which satisfies:

$$(\text{id} \otimes \epsilon) \circ \Delta = \text{id} = (\epsilon \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta, \quad \text{or} \quad f(ge) = f(eg) = f(g). \quad (\text{b})$$

- Inverse map $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ becomes the **antipode** $S : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$, defined by $S(f)(g) = f(g^{-1})$ satisfying:

$$m(S \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta = m(\text{id} \otimes S) \circ \Delta = 1_{\mathbb{A}}\epsilon, \quad \text{or} \quad f(g^{-1}g) = f(gg^{-1}) = f(e). \quad (\text{c})$$

where $m : \mathbb{A} \otimes \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ denotes pointwise multiplication of functions.

Definition 1. A **Hopf algebra** \mathbb{A} is an algebra \mathbb{A} , together with two algebra maps $\Delta : \mathbb{A} \otimes \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ (coproduct), $\epsilon : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (counit), and a bijective \mathbb{C} -linear map $S : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ (antipode), such that equations (a)–(c) are satisfied.

The Noncommutative Spin Geometry of Quantum $SU(2)$

Geometry of (classical) $SU(2)$

Construct q -version of spin geometry on $SU(2)$:

- Homogeneous space:

$$SU(2) = \frac{\text{Spin}(4)}{\text{Spin}(3)} = \frac{SU(2) \times SU(2)}{SU(2)}$$

with $\text{Spin}(3)$ the diagonal $SU(2)$ subgroup of $\text{Spin}(4)$.

Quotient map: $(p, q) \mapsto pq^{-1}$

- Action of $\text{Spin}(4) = SU(2) \times SU(2)$ on $SU(2)$: $(p, q) \cdot x = pxq^{-1}$.
- Spinor bundle $\mathcal{S} := \text{Spin}(4) \times_{SU(2)} \mathbb{C}^2$ is parallelizable: $\mathcal{S} = SU(2) \times \mathbb{C}^2$.

Algebraic preliminaries

Definition. The algebra $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{A}(\mathrm{SU}_q(2))$ of *polynomials* on $\mathrm{SU}_q(2)$ is the $*$ -algebra generated by a and b , subject to:

$$\begin{aligned} ba &= qab, & b^*a &= qab^*, & bb^* &= b^*b \\ a^*a + q^2b^*b &= 1, & aa^* + bb^* &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

This becomes a **Hopf $*$ -algebra** with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -qb^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -qb^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -qb^* & a^* \end{pmatrix}, \\ \epsilon : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -qb^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ S : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -qb^* & a^* \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a^* & -qb \\ b^* & a \end{pmatrix}. \end{array} \right.$$

Definition. The $*$ -algebra $\mathcal{U} := \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ is generated by elements e, f, k , with k invertible, satisfying:

$$ek = qke, \quad kf = qfk, \quad k^2 - k^{-2} = (q - q^{-1})(fe - ef)$$

It is also a Hopf $*$ -algebra.

The irreducible finite dimensional representations σ_l of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ are labelled by nonnegative half-integers $l = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$, and given by

$$\sigma_l(k) |lm\rangle = q^m |lm\rangle,$$

$$\sigma_l(f) |lm\rangle = \sqrt{[l - m][l + m + 1]} |l, m + 1\rangle,$$

$$\sigma_l(e) |lm\rangle = \sqrt{[l - m + 1][l + m]} |l, m - 1\rangle,$$

on the irreducible \mathcal{U} -modules $V_l = \text{Span}\{|lm\rangle\}_{m=-l, \dots, l}$.

Action of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ on $\mathcal{A}(\mathrm{SU}_q(2))$

There is a dual pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ inducing left and right action of $\mathfrak{h} \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ on $x \in \mathcal{A}(\mathrm{SU}_q(2))$:

$$\mathfrak{h} \triangleright x := x_{(1)} \langle \mathfrak{h}, x_{(2)} \rangle \quad x \triangleleft \mathfrak{h} := \langle \mathfrak{h}, x_{(1)} \rangle x_{(2)},$$

where we use Sweedler's notation for the coproduct in $\mathcal{A}(\mathrm{SU}_q(2))$:

$$\Delta x = x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}, \quad (x \in \mathcal{A})$$

Using the antipode, the right action can be transformed into a left action, which we will denote by $\mathfrak{h} \cdot x$.

Equivariant representation of $\mathcal{A}(\mathrm{SU}_q(2))$

We establish the **left regular representation** of \mathcal{A} as an **equivariant representation** with respect to two copies of \mathcal{U} acting via \cdot and \triangleright on the left.

Definition. *Let λ and ρ be mutually commuting representations of the Hopf algebra \mathcal{U} on a vector space V . A representation π of the algebra \mathcal{A} on V is (λ, ρ) -**equivariant** if the following compatibility relations hold:*

$$\lambda(\mathfrak{h}) \pi(\mathfrak{x}) \xi = \pi(\mathfrak{h}_{(1)} \cdot \mathfrak{x}) \lambda(\mathfrak{h}_{(2)}) \xi,$$

$$\rho(\mathfrak{h}) \pi(\mathfrak{x}) \xi = \pi(\mathfrak{h}_{(1)} \triangleright \mathfrak{x}) \rho(\mathfrak{h}_{(2)}) \xi,$$

for all $\mathfrak{h} \in \mathcal{U}$, $\mathfrak{x} \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\xi \in V$.

Representation space: $V := \bigoplus_{2l=0}^{\infty} V_l \otimes V_l$;

The two copies of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ act via the irreducible representations σ like

$$\lambda(\mathfrak{h}) = \sigma_l(\mathfrak{h}) \otimes \text{id}, \quad \rho(\mathfrak{h}) = \text{id} \otimes \sigma_l(\mathfrak{h}) \quad \text{on } V_l \otimes V_l.$$

We abbreviate $|lmn\rangle := |lm\rangle \otimes |ln\rangle$, for $m, n = -l, \dots, l$.

Proposition. *A (λ, ρ) -equivariant $*$ -representation π of $\mathcal{A}(\text{SU}_q(2))$ on V is necessarily given by the left regular representation. Explicitly:*

$$\pi(\mathfrak{a}) |lmn\rangle = A_{lmn}^+ |l + \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}\rangle + A_{lmn}^- |l - \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}\rangle,$$

$$\pi(\mathfrak{b}) |lmn\rangle = B_{lmn}^+ |l + \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}, n - \frac{1}{2}\rangle + B_{lmn}^- |l - \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}, n - \frac{1}{2}\rangle,$$

where for example the constants A_{lmn}^+ are given by

$$A_{lmn}^+ = q^{(-2l+m+n-1)/2} \left(\frac{[l+m+1][l+n+1]}{[2l+1][2l+2]} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

Spinor representation

We amplify the representation π of \mathcal{A} to **spinor representation** $\pi' = \pi \otimes \text{id}$ on $V \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$, and set $\rho' = \rho \otimes \text{id}$, but λ' as the tensor product of the representations λ on V and $\sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}$ on $V_{\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbb{C}^2$:

$$\lambda'(\mathbf{h}) := (\lambda \otimes \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}})(\Delta \mathbf{h}) = \lambda(\mathbf{h}_{(1)}) \otimes \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{h}_{(2)}).$$

Proposition. *The representation π' of \mathcal{A} is (λ', ρ') -equivariant.*

Clebsch-Gordan decomposition:

$$V \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \left(\bigoplus_{2l=0}^{\infty} V_l \otimes V_l \right) \otimes V_{\frac{1}{2}} \simeq \underbrace{\bigoplus_{2j=0}^{\infty} (V_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \otimes V_j)}_{|j\mu n \uparrow\rangle} \oplus \underbrace{\bigoplus_{2j=1}^{\infty} (V_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \otimes V_j)}_{|j\mu n \downarrow\rangle}.$$

\implies expressions for π' in basis $\{|j\mu n \uparrow\rangle, |j\mu n \downarrow\rangle\}$ contain off-diagonal terms.

Invariant Dirac operator

Proposition. Any self-adjoint operator on $\mathcal{H} = (V \otimes \mathbb{C}^2)^{\text{cl}}$, that commutes with both actions ρ', λ' of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ is of the form

$$D|j\mu n \uparrow\rangle = d_j^\uparrow |j\mu n \uparrow\rangle, \quad D|j\mu n \downarrow\rangle = d_j^\downarrow |j\mu n \downarrow\rangle.$$

Moreover, if $d_j^\uparrow, d_j^\downarrow$ are linear in j , then $[D, \pi'(x)] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, ($x \in \mathcal{A}$).

Spectrum (with multiplicities) of D coincides with that of the classical Dirac operator on the round sphere $S^3 \simeq \text{SU}(2)$.

→ $(\mathcal{A}(\text{SU}_q(2)), \mathcal{H}, D)$ is a **spectral triple of dimension 3**.

Isospectral deformation: H and D unchanged, only algebra deformed.

Analysis of the spin geometry on $SU_q(2)$

- In general, a **real structure** on a spectral triple (\mathcal{A}, H, D) gives H the structure of an **\mathcal{A} -bimodule**, with the conditions that the **right** action π'° of \mathcal{A} on H commutes with the **left** action of $[D, \mathcal{A}]$.

In our case, those conditions turn out to be *almost* satisfied. The ideal \mathcal{K}_q in $\mathcal{B}(H)$ generated by $L_q |j\mu n\rangle := q^j |j\mu n\rangle$ contains all defects:

$$[\pi'(x), \pi'^{\circ}(y)] \in \mathcal{K}_q; \quad [[D, \pi'(x)], \pi'^{\circ}(y)] \in \mathcal{K}_q.$$

- **Connes-Moscovici local index theorem**: noncommutative generalization of the Atiyah-Singer index theorem.

The Geometry of Gauge Fields on Toric Noncommutative Manifolds

Classical Yang-Mills theory

A central role is played by the theory of principal bundles.

Definition. A *G-principal bundle* on X is a fiber bundle $P \rightarrow X$ with typical fiber a Lie group G such that G acts freely and transitively on P . The *associated bundle* to P by a representation V of G is given by the vector bundle: $E := P \times_G V$.

The space of sections $\Gamma(X, E)$ of E has the structure of a $C(X)$ -**module**, defined in terms of pointwise multiplication: $(sf)(x) = s(x)f(x)$.

Definition. A *connection* (or *covariant derivative*) on $\Gamma(E)$ is a map

$$\nabla : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E) \otimes_{C(X)} \Omega^1(X)$$

satisfying $\nabla(sf) = \nabla(s)f + s \otimes df$.

Its *curvature* F is defined to be the map $F = \nabla^2 : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E) \otimes_{C(X)} \Omega^2(X)$

Hodge star operator on X is a map $*$: $\Omega^p(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{\dim X - p}(X)$; if $\dim X = 4$, it maps $\Omega^2(X)$ onto itself.

Definition. *The **Yang-Mills action** for a connection ∇ with curvature F is defined by $S = \int_X \text{tr}(F \wedge *F)$.*

Its equations of motion are called the **Yang-Mills equations**: $\nabla * F = 0$.

Connections with (anti)selfdual curvature $*F = \pm F$ satisfy YM equations since $\nabla F = 0$.

→ **Instantons**: absolute minima of the YM action.

Goal: Construct Yang-Mills theory and noncommutative instantons on toric noncommutative manifolds.

Example: noncommutative $SU(2)$ -principal Hopf fibration $S^7_\theta \rightarrow S^4_\theta$

The sphere S_θ^4

With θ a real parameter, the algebra $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ of polynomial functions on the sphere S_θ^4 is generated by elements $z_0 = z_0^*$, z_j, z_j^* , $j = 1, 2$, subject to

$$z_\mu z_\nu = \lambda_{\mu\nu} z_\nu z_\mu, \quad z_\mu z_\nu^* = \lambda_{\nu\mu} z_\nu z_\mu^*, \quad z_\mu^* z_\nu^* = \lambda_{\mu\nu} z_\nu^* z_\mu^*, \quad \mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2,$$

with deformation parameters given by

$$\lambda_{12} = \bar{\lambda}_{21} =: \lambda = e^{2\pi i \theta}, \quad \lambda_{j0} = \lambda_{0j} = 1, \quad j = 1, 2$$

and together with the spherical relation $\sum_\mu z_\mu^* z_\mu = 1$.

Isospectral deformation: canonical triple on sphere $(\mathcal{A}(S^4), \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{D})$ is deformed to a spectral triple $(\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4), \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{D})$ of dimension 4;

\mathbb{H} and \mathbb{D} unchanged, only difference in algebra and its representation on \mathbb{H} .

Differential forms on S_θ^4

Differential calculus $\Omega(S_\theta^4)$ is graded differential $*$ -algebra with generators z_μ, z_μ^* of degree 0 and elements dz_μ, dz_μ^* of degree 1 satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned} dz^\mu dz^\nu + \lambda^{\mu\nu} dz^\nu dz^\mu &= 0; & d\bar{z}^\mu dz^\nu + \lambda^{\nu\mu} dz^\nu d\bar{z}^\mu &= 0; \\ z^\mu dz^\nu &= \lambda^{\mu\nu} dz^\nu z^\mu; & \bar{z}^\mu dz^\nu &= \lambda^{\nu\mu} dz^\nu \bar{z}^\mu. \end{aligned}$$

There is a **Hodge star operator** $*_\theta$ that maps $\Omega^p(S_\theta^4)$ to $\Omega^{4-p}(S_\theta^4)$. Together with the noncommutative integral on $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ coming from the spectral triple, this gives an **inner product** on $\Omega^p(S_\theta^4)$:

$$(\alpha, \beta)_2 := \int *_\theta(\alpha^* *_\theta \beta)$$

The sphere $S_{\theta'}^7$

With $\lambda'_{ab} = e^{2\pi i \theta'_{ab}}$ and (θ'_{ab}) a real antisymmetric matrix, the algebra $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7)$ is generated by elements ψ_a, ψ_a^* , $a = 1, \dots, 4$, subject to

$$\psi_a \psi_b = \lambda'_{ab} \psi_b \psi_a, \quad \psi_a \psi_b^* = \lambda'_{ba} \psi_b^* \psi_a, \quad \sum_a \psi_a^* \psi_a = 1.$$

Differential calculus $\Omega(S_{\theta'}^7)$ is graded differential $*$ -algebra with generators ψ_a, ψ_a^* of degree 0 and the elements $d\psi_a, dz_a^*$ of degree 1 with relations:

$$\begin{aligned} d\psi_a d\psi_b + \lambda'_{ab} d\psi_b d\psi_a &= 0; & d\psi_a^* d\psi_b + \lambda'_{ba} d\psi_b d\psi_a^* &= 0; \\ \psi_a d\psi_b &= \lambda'_{ab} d\psi_b \psi_a; & \psi_a^* d\psi_b &= \lambda'_{ba} d\psi_b \psi_a^*. \end{aligned}$$

Noncommutative Hopf fibration

A minimal requirement for $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ and $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7)$ to constitute a **noncommutative $SU(2)$ -principal bundle** is that there is

- an inclusion $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7)$
- an action α of $SU(2)$ on $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7)$ such that $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ can be identified with the subalgebra of invariant elements under this action.

It turns out that these two conditions express θ' in terms of θ and we identify:

$$z_0 = \psi_1^* \psi_1 + \psi_2^* \psi_2 - \psi_3^* \psi_3 - \psi_4^* \psi_4$$

$$z_1 = 2(\mu \psi_3^* \psi_1 + \psi_2^* \psi_4)$$

$$z_2 = 2(-\mu \psi_4 \psi_1^* + \psi_2 \psi_3^*)$$

$$\theta'_{ab} = \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Noncommutative vector bundles

A vector space is called a **right \mathcal{A} -module** if it carries a right representation of the algebra \mathcal{A} .

Definition. A right \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{E} is said to be **finite projective** if there exists an projector $p = p^* = p^2 \in M_N(\mathcal{A})$ such that $\mathcal{E} \simeq p\mathcal{A}^N$ as right \mathcal{A} -modules.

In the classical case, any vector bundle E on a topological space X can be described by the $C(X)$ -module $\Gamma(X, E)$ of its sections.

Theorem. [Serre-Swan] There exists a projector $p \in M_N(C(X))$ such that $\Gamma(X, E) \simeq p(C(X))^N$.

Here $(C(X))^N := \mathbb{C}^N \otimes C(X)$.

Thus, a noncommutative vector bundle over $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ is described by a finite projective $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ -module, given by a projector p .

Associated modules

We associate $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ -modules to the noncommutative principal bundle $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7)$ by all (f.d) representations of $SU(2)$. Let ρ be a representation of $SU(2)$ on $V^{(n)} = \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$:

$$\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \boxtimes_{\rho} V^{(n)} := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \otimes V^{(n)} : (\alpha_w \otimes \text{id})(f) = (\text{id} \otimes \rho(w)^{-1})(f) \right\}$$

There are **projections** $p_{(n)} \in M_{4n}(\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4))$ such that the right $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ -modules $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \boxtimes_{\rho} V^{(n)} \simeq p_{(n)} \mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)^{4n}$.

→ **twisted Dirac operator** $D_{(n)} = p_{(n)} D p_{(n)}$ with coefficients in the module $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \boxtimes_{\rho} V^{(n)}$. Its index ($\dim \ker - \dim \text{coker}$) equals:

$$\text{Index } D_{(n)} = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(n+2).$$

Yang-Mills theory on S_θ^4

Definition. A *connection* on a module \mathcal{E} over $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ is a map

$$\nabla : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)} \Omega^1(S_\theta^4)$$

satisfying *Leibniz rule*: $\nabla(\eta\alpha) = \nabla(\eta)\alpha + \eta d\alpha$ for $\eta \in \mathcal{E}$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$.

Its *curvature* is given by $F = \nabla^2 : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)} \Omega^2(S_\theta^4)$.

Definition. The *Yang-Mills action* for a connection ∇ on a finite projective $\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)$ -module \mathcal{E} with curvature F is defined by $S = \int \text{tr } *_\theta(F *_\theta F)$.

Equations of motion: *noncommutative Yang-Mills equations* $[\nabla, *_\theta F] = 0$.

Bianchi identity $[\nabla, F] = 0 \implies$ connections with (anti)selfdual curvature $*_\theta F = \pm F$ (*instantons*) are solutions of the YM equations; absolute minima of YM-action.

Basic (charge 1) instanton on S_θ^4

A generic element in the module $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \boxtimes_\rho \mathbb{C}^2$ can be written as $\Psi^* f$, $f \in \mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)^4$ with

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 & -\psi_2^* \\ \psi_2 & \psi_1^* \\ \psi_3 & -\psi_4^* \\ \psi_4 & \psi_3^* \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{satisfying } \Psi^* \Psi = \mathbb{I}_2.$$

Thus, $p = \Psi \Psi^*$ is a projection in $M_4(\mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4))$ and in fact $\mathcal{E} \simeq p \mathcal{A}(S_\theta^4)^4$.

Connection $\nabla_0 = p d \rightarrow$ curvature satisfies $*_\theta F = F$: **basic instanton on S_θ^4** .

On $\mathcal{A}(S_{\theta'}^7) \boxtimes_\rho \mathbb{C}^2$ we have

$$(\nabla_0 f)_i = df_i + \omega_{ij} f_j; \quad \text{with } \omega = \Psi^* d\Psi.$$

Construction of instantons on S_θ^4

- Basic instanton gauge potential ω is **invariant** under the twisted action of the Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_\theta(\mathfrak{so}(5))$.
- New (charge 1) instantons are constructed by the action of **twisted conformal transformations** forming the Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_\theta(\mathfrak{so}(5,1))$, resulting in a five-dimensional set of (infinitesimal) instantons.
- Using an index theoretical argument, we compute that the dimension of the ‘tangent’ to the moduli space of instantons on S_θ^4 equals five, showing that the above set of infinitesimal instantons is complete.