

Title: Explorations in Particle Theory (PHYS 646) - Lecture 9

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expand RHS into  $x^m$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}(y^m, \theta^\alpha) &= \varphi(x^m) + i(\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})\partial_\mu\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2}(\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})(\theta\sigma^\nu\bar{\theta})\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\varphi(x) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{2}\theta^\alpha(\psi_\alpha(x) + i\theta^\beta\sigma_{\beta\dot{\beta}}^m\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}}\partial_\mu\psi_\alpha(x)) \\ &\quad + \theta\theta F(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$S = \varphi + \theta\psi + \bar{\theta}\bar{\chi} + \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}N + (\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})V_\mu + (\theta\theta)\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\lambda + (\theta\theta)\theta\bar{\theta}\rho + (\theta\theta)(\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta})D + \theta\theta M$$

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$$\underline{\Phi}(y^m, \theta^\alpha) = \varphi(x^m) + i(\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})\partial_\mu\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2}(\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})(\theta\sigma^\nu\bar{\theta})\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\varphi(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta^\alpha(\psi_\alpha(x) + i\theta^\beta\sigma_{\beta\dot{\beta}}^m\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}}\partial_\mu\psi_\alpha(x))$$

$$+ \theta\theta F(x)$$

$$= \varphi(x) + i(\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})\partial_\mu\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{4}(\theta\theta)(\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta})\square\varphi(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi(x) - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(\theta\theta)\partial_\mu\psi^\beta\sigma_{\beta\dot{\beta}}^m\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} + \theta\theta F(x)$$



$$S = \psi + \theta\psi + \bar{\theta}\bar{\psi} + \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}N + (\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta})V_\mu + (\theta\theta)\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\lambda + (\theta\theta)\theta\bar{\theta}\rho + (\theta\theta)(\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta})D + \theta\theta M$$

Hence

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expand RHS into  $x^m$

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$$\Rightarrow \delta\psi = \sqrt{2} \epsilon \psi$$

$$\delta\psi = i\sqrt{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \bar{\epsilon} \partial_{\mu} \psi + \sqrt{2} \epsilon F$$

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Product of 2 chiral superfields is  $\lambda$  real

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Product of 2 real superfields is real

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$$\bar{D}_\alpha (S_1^+) \neq 0$$

Product of 2 chiral superfields is chiral

$$\text{since } \bar{D}_\alpha (S_1 S_2) = S_1 (\bar{D}_\alpha S_2) + (\bar{D}_\alpha S_1) S_2 = 0$$

II  $\mathbb{F}$  is a real s-field,

$\mathbb{F}^+ \mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbb{F}^+ \overline{\mathbb{F}}$  are real superfields  
not real or anti-chiral