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Abstract: Various links between supersymmetry and the normed division algebras $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ were found in the 1980s. This talk will focus on the link between $\mathbb{K}=\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ and supersymmetric field theories in a Minkowski spacetime of dimension $D=3,4,6,10$. The first half will survey the history starting with a 1944/5 paper of Dirac and heading towards the links found in 1986/7 between $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ and super-Yang-Mills theories. The second half will review a result from 1993 that connects, via a twistor-type transform, the superfield equations of super-Maxwell theory in $D=3,4,6,10$ to a \mathbb{K} -chirality constraint on a \mathbb{K} -valued worldline superfield of $N=1,2,4,8$ worldline supersymmetry. This provides an explicit connection of octonions to the free-field $D=10$ super-Maxwell theory.



Supersymmetry and \mathbb{RCHO} revisited

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- $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ and $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ and supersymmetry.
Some history: 1945-1990
- Massless particles, Lorentz harmonics and celestial spheres.
1991-2 work of **Delduc, Galperin, Howe, Sokatchev, Stelle**
- Twistor-like transform for $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ super-Maxwell equations and \mathbb{K} -chirality for $N = 1, 2, 4, 8$ worldline superfields
(**Galperin, Howe, PKT, 1993**)

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Dirac's wartime 'braneworld'



The 1944/5 Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy includes a paper by Dirac on “Applications of Quaternions to Lorentz Transformations”. This paper cites no one and has rarely been cited. It contains the following observations:

- Lorentz group in a 6D Minkowski spacetime is $SL(2; \mathbb{H})$
- $SL(2; \mathbb{H})$ acts by fractional linear transformations on the celestial 4-sphere $\mathbb{H}P^1$.
- Restricting to $\text{Mink}_4 \subset \text{Mink}_6$ one finds that

$$SL(2; \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow SL(2; \mathbb{C}) \times U(1)$$

where $SL(2; \mathbb{C})$ acts by fractional linear transformations on the celestial 2-sphere $\mathbb{C}P^1 \subset \mathbb{H}P^1$

Many years later ...

N -extended susy 2D sigma-models. Metric on target manifold M is

- Real for $N = 1$
- Kähler for $N = 2$ (Zumino, 1979)
- HyperKähler for $N = 4$ (Alvarez-Gaumé & Freedman, 1981)
- Flat for $N = 8$, but $\dim M = 8m$ for integer m

In addition, a superspace formulation of N -extended 4D SYM suggested a connection of $N = 1, 2$ with \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H} (Ivanov, 1982).

By considering the maximal (Minkowski) spacetime dimension D permitted by susy, one sees that (Kugo, PKT, 1982)

$$D = 2 + \dim \mathbb{K}, \quad \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}.$$

Expected for \mathbb{RCH} (and \mathbb{O} ?) from $Spin(1, 1 + \dim \mathbb{K}) \cong SL(2; \mathbb{K})$

Lorentz groups in $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$

- $D = 3$: $SL(2; \mathbb{R}) \cong Spin(1, 2)$
- $D = 4$: $SL_1(2; \mathbb{C}) \cong Spin(1, 3) \times U(1)$
- $D = 6$: $SL(2; \mathbb{H}) \cong Spin(1, 5)$
- $D = 10$: $SL(2; \mathbb{O}) \cong Spin(1, 9)$ [algebra: (Sudbery, 1983); group: (Tachibana, Imaeda, 1989; Manogue, Schray 1993; Viera 2015)]

Check: $SL(2; \mathbb{K})$ has $4 \dim \mathbb{K} - 1$ generators for $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$, but

$$\text{(naive) } \dim \mathfrak{sl}(2; \mathbb{O}) \neq 4 \times 8 - 1 = 31 \quad (?)$$

Problem due to failure of Jacobi identity [Sudbery]:

$$[A, [B, X]] - [B, [A, X]] = [[A, B], X] + E(A, B)X,$$

where $E(A, B) \in G_2$. Since $\dim G_2 = 14$, the correct count is

$$\dim[\mathfrak{sl}(2; \mathbb{O})] = 31 + 14 = 45 \quad \checkmark$$



Super-Yang-Mills and $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$

- 1976. **Brink, Schwarz & Scherk** construct SYM for $D = 2, 4, 6, 10$. An identity cubic in D -dim **commuting** spinors is required. However, $D = 3$ is maximal for the assumed $(1, 1)$ susy, not $D = 2$, so no connection to $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ was suspected.
- 1984. **Green & Schwarz** find same cubic identity for GS superstring: now $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$.
- 1986. **Sierra** interprets cubic identity as Jordan identity for 3×3 hermitian matrices over $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$ (as does **Schray** in 1994)
- 1987. **Evans** interprets cubic identity in terms of the Adams “trialities” that are satisfied only for $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$.

Aside: Supersymmetry and the Magic square

1983. **Günaydin, Sierra, PKT** relate $D = 5$ Maxwell-Einstein supergravity theories to cubic-norm Jordan algebras, and recover Freudenthal-Tits magic square by dimensional reduction to $D = 4, 3$.



Conformal groups for $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$

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For $n = 2$ we have the conformal isometry groups of Minkowski spacetime in $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$

- $D = 3$. $Sp(4; \mathbb{R}) \equiv Spin(2, 3)$
- $D = 4$. $Sp^\dagger(4; \mathbb{C}) \equiv Spin(2, 4) \times U(1)$
- $D = 6$. $Sp^\dagger(4; \mathbb{H}) \equiv Spin(2, 6)$
- $D = 10$ $Sp^\dagger(4; \mathbb{O}) \equiv Spin(2, 10)$ (Chung & Sudbery, 1987)

These are conformal isometries of $Mink_d$ **except extra $U(1)$** for $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$
For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$, we have $\dim[sp(4; \mathbb{K})] = 6 \dim \mathbb{K} + 4$

For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{O}$ the **add 14 rule** again applies:

$$\dim sp(4; \mathbb{O}) = 6 \times 8 + 4 + 14 = 66 \quad \checkmark$$

Rotation subgroups of $SL(2; \mathbb{K})$

Define $SO^\dagger(n; \mathbb{K})$ as group preserving **Hermitian** quadratic form. For $n = 2$ we get rotation groups for $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$:

- $D = 3$. $SO(2; \mathbb{R}) \equiv U(1) \cong Spin(2)$
- $D = 4$. $SO^\dagger(2; \mathbb{C}) \equiv U(2) \cong Spin(3) \times U(1)$
- $D = 6$. $SO^\dagger(2; \mathbb{H}) \cong Sp_2 \cong Spin(5)$
- $d = 10$. $SO^\dagger(2; \mathbb{O}) \cong Spin(9)$ (Sudbery, ...)

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For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$, we have $\dim[so(2; \mathbb{K})] = 3 \dim \mathbb{K} - 2$

For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{O}$ apply **add 14 rule**

$$\dim[so(2; \mathbb{O})] = (3 \times 8 - 2) + 14 = 36 \quad \checkmark$$

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- $d = 6$. M5-brane : $(OSp)^\dagger(2|4; \mathbb{H})$
- $d = 10$. HM9-‘brane’: $(OSp)^\dagger(1|4; \mathbb{O})$?

[This has been interpreted as “D=11 de Sitter-like superalgebra” (Hasiewicz, Lukierski, 1984)]



Lorentz (co)vectors and \mathbb{RCHO}

For spacetime dimension $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ we can represent position in Minkowski spacetime by a 2×2 Hermitian matrix \mathbb{X} over $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$:

$$\mathbb{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -X^0 + X^1 & \mathbf{X} \\ \bar{\mathbf{X}} & -X^0 - X^1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{K}).$$

For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$, Lorentz transformation of D -vector is

$$\mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}\mathbb{X}\mathbb{L}^\dagger, \quad \boxed{\det(\mathbb{L}\mathbb{L}^\dagger) = 1} \Rightarrow \mathbb{L} \in SL(2; \mathbb{K})$$

For co-vector, e.g. particle momentum, we have

$$\mathbb{P} \rightarrow (\mathbb{L}^\dagger)^{-1}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{L}^{-1}$$

Trace reversal [Schray]

If hermitian \mathbb{M} is a vector then $\tilde{\mathbb{M}} := \mathbb{M} - (\text{tr}\mathbb{M})\mathbb{I}_2$ is a covector. And

$$\tilde{\tilde{\mathbb{M}}} = \mathbb{M}, \quad \mathbb{M}\tilde{\mathbb{M}} = -(\det \mathbb{M})\mathbb{I}_2$$

The (super)particle and $\mathbb{R}\text{CHO}$

Action for particle of mass m in $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ is

$$S = \int dt \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_{\mathbb{R}}(\dot{\mathbb{X}}\mathbb{P}) + \frac{1}{2} e (\det \mathbb{P} - m^2) \right\}$$

The Casalbuoni-Brink-Schwarz superparticle for $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ requires

$$d\mathbb{X} \rightarrow d\mathbb{X} + (\Theta d\Theta^\dagger - \Theta^\dagger d\Theta).$$

for **Grassmann-odd** $Sl(2; \mathbb{K})$ spinor Θ .

➔ $D = 6, 10$ constructions for $m^2 = 0$ using \mathbb{H} , \mathbb{O} spinors were given in 1988 (Kimura, Oda & Oda, Kimura, Nakamura) and again in 1994 (Schray); Schray also found a simple presentation of the 'cubic identity', discussed further in Baez, Huerta, 2009.

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Now gauge invariance is $U \rightarrow UR$ for $R \in SO^\dagger(2; \mathbb{K})$.

Celestial spheres as $SL(2; \mathbb{K})$ coset spaces

For any D , the Lorentz algebra $spin(1, D - 1)$ has the decomposition

$$h_- \oplus h_0 \oplus h_+; \quad h_0 = spin(D - 2) \oplus so(1, 1),$$

where the $(D - 2)$ -vectors h_{\pm} are raising/lowering operators for $SO(1, 1)$ weight. The subalgebra $h_B = h_0 \oplus h_+$ generates a maximal parabolic (Borel) subgroup H_B of $Spin(1, D - 1)$, and the celestial $(D - 2)$ -sphere is the coset space (Galperin, Howe, Stelle, 1991).

$$Spin(1, D - 1)/H_B, \quad H_B = [Spin(D - 2) \times SO(1, 1)] \ltimes H_+.$$

➔ For $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$ we may write $\mathbb{L} \in SL(2; \mathbb{K})$ as a pair of spinors:

$$\mathbb{L} = (U^+, U^-), \quad [\text{equivalently, } (\mathbb{L}^\dagger)^{-1} = (V_+, V_-)]$$

where (U^+, V_-) have weight $+1$ (and the others -1)

Integrating over a celestial sphere

Lorentz invariant measure on celestial sphere involves **only** (U^+, V_-) because **only these spinors are H_+ -inert**. Because $(V_-)^\dagger U^+ \equiv 0$,

$$\omega^{++} = V_-^\dagger dU^+$$

is H_B -invariant except for its non-zero weight. It can be used to construct a measure $d\mu$ of weight $2\dim \mathbb{K}$, so an integral is H_B -invariant if the integrand has weight $-2\dim \mathbb{K}$ (Delduc, Galperin, Sokatchev 1992).

➔ For $D = 3, 4$ the spinors U^+ and V_- are in equivalent Lorentz reps.

Celstial spheres as projective lines

H_B acts on U^+ as **right-multiplication by a non-zero element of \mathbb{K}** . This tells us that $SL(2; \mathbb{K})/H_B = \mathbb{K}P^1$



Solving the 3D wave-equation



A positive-energy solution to $\square\phi(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$\phi(x) = \int d^3p e^{ip \cdot x} \delta(p^2) \tilde{\varphi}(p) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}}{2p^0} e^{ip \cdot x} \tilde{\varphi}(p) \quad (p^0 = |\mathbf{p}|).$$

Set $p = \Omega \bar{u}^+ \gamma u^+$ and use $dp_1 \wedge dp_2 = 2p^0 d\Omega \wedge \bar{u}^+ du^+$ to get

$$\phi(x) = \int_{S^1} \bar{u}^+ du^+ \left[\int_0^\infty d\Omega e^{i\Omega x^{++}} \tilde{\varphi}(p) \right] = \int_{S^1} d\mu f(x^{++}, u^+)$$

with $x^{++} = (\bar{u}^+ \not{x} u^+)$. By construction $f(\lambda^2 x^{++}, \lambda u^+) = \lambda^{-2} f(x^{++}, u^+)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \square\phi &= \int_{S^1} d\mu (u^+ \gamma u)^2 \partial_{++}^2 f = 0 && (\partial_{++} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{++}}) \\ &= 0 && (\text{because } \bar{u}^+ \gamma u^+ \text{ is null}) \end{aligned}$$

4D and the twistor transform



A positive-energy solution to $\square\phi(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$\phi(x) = \int_{S^2} d\mu f(x^{++}, u^+) \quad x^{++} = x^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} u_\alpha^+ \bar{u}_{\dot{\beta}}^+$$

where u^+ is **complex 2-cpt Weyl spinor**, and f has weight -4 since

$$d\mu = (\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} u_\alpha^+ du_\beta^+) \wedge (\varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{u}_{\dot{\alpha}}^+ d\bar{u}_{\dot{\beta}}^+) = |u_1|^4 dz \wedge d\bar{z} \quad (z = u_2/u_1)$$

$\Rightarrow d\mu f = dz \wedge d\bar{z} F$ for zero-weight function $F = |u_1|^4 f$.

➤ As S^2 is symplectic manifold we can use the Duistermaat-Heckman theorem to localise contributions to points on S^2 , which can be expressed as contour integrals \rightarrow **Penrose's twistor transform solution**.

Solving 3D super-Maxwell equations

The 3D superMaxwell equations are equivalent to the following equation for **anticommuting spinor superfield** $\Psi(x, \theta)$:

$$D_\alpha \Psi^\alpha = 0, \quad \{D_\alpha, D_\beta\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}}$$

Solutions to this equation can be written as

$$\Psi_\alpha = \int_{S^1} d\mu u_\alpha^+ \psi(x^{++}, \theta^+, u^+), \quad (\theta^+ = \bar{\theta} u^+)$$

where ψ is any (anticommuting) **worldline superfield** of weight -3 :

$$\begin{aligned} D_\alpha \Psi^\alpha &= \int_{S^1} d\mu (\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} u_\beta^+ u_\alpha^+) D_+ \psi(x^{++}, \theta^+, u^+), & \{D_+, D_+\} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{++}} \\ &= 0 & & \text{(because } u^+ \text{ is commuting spinor)} \end{aligned}$$



Solving 4D super-Maxwell

Now we have $D_\alpha \Psi^\alpha = 0$ for anticommuting **complex Weyl-spinor superfield** $\Psi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$. As for 3D, solutions can be expressed as

$$\Psi_\alpha = \int_{S^2} d\mu u_\alpha^+ \psi(x^{++}, \theta^+, \bar{\theta}^+ u^+) \quad (\theta^+ = \theta^\alpha u_\alpha^+, \bar{\theta}^+ = \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{u}_{\dot{\alpha}}^+)$$

where ψ is now an $N = 2$ worldline superfield of weight -5 . However, it is now constrained by the chirality condition on Ψ :

$$0 = \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Psi_\alpha = \int_{S^2} d\mu u_\alpha^+ \bar{u}_{\dot{\alpha}}^+ \bar{D}_+ \psi \quad \{D_+, \bar{D}_+\} = \partial_{++}$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{D}_+ \psi = 0$ i.e. ψ must be a **chiral $N = 2$ worldline superfield**.

Solving 6D super-Maxwell I

Use $SL(2; \mathbb{H}) \cong SU^*(4)$ to replace U^+ (V_-) by 4-cpt chiral 'symplectic-Majorana' spinors:

$$U^+ \rightarrow u_{\alpha}^{+A}, \quad V_- \rightarrow v_{-\dot{A}}^{\alpha} \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4; A, \dot{A} = 1, 2)$$

The 6D Maxwell antichiral spinor superfield $\Psi_j^{\alpha}(x, \theta)$ satisfies

$$(i) \quad D_{\alpha}^i \Psi_j^{\alpha} = 0, \quad (ii) \quad D_{\alpha}^{(i} \Psi^{j)\beta} = 0 \quad \{D_{\alpha}^i, D_{\beta}^j\} = \varepsilon^{ij} \partial_{\alpha\beta}$$

Using $i \boxed{v_{\dot{A}}^{\alpha} u_{\alpha}^A \equiv 0}$, solve (i) by

$$\Psi_j^{\alpha} = \int_{S^4} d\mu v_{-\dot{A}}^{\alpha} \psi_j^{\dot{A}}(x^{++}, \theta^+, u^+), \quad [(\theta^+)^{iA} = \theta^{\alpha i} u_{\alpha}^A]$$

for $[SU(2) \times SU(2)]$ -vector $N = 4$ worldline superfield ψ of weight -9 .



10D preliminaries

Use 16-cpt chiral spinors of $Spin(1, D - 1)$. Write $L \in Spin(1, D - 1)$ as

$$L = (u_{\alpha}^{+A} u_{\alpha}^{-\dot{A}}) \rightarrow (L^{-1})^T = (v_{+\dot{A}}^{\alpha}, v_{-A}^{\alpha})$$

where the 16 spinors are separated into two $Spin(8)$ 8-plets of opposite chirality and $SO(1, 1)$ weight. As before, we can use only the positive-weight spinors $(u_{\alpha}^{+A}, v_{-\dot{A}}^{\alpha})$ for integration over the celestial sphere.

➔ It is essential that the 10-vector $\bar{u}^{+A} \gamma u^{+A}$ (summed on A) is null. It is null (by cubic identity) because $(u_{\alpha}^{+}, u_{\alpha}^{-}) \in Spin(1, 9)$ imposes (Galperin, Howe, Stelle 1991 & Delduc, Sokatchev, 1992)

$$\bar{u}^{+A} \gamma u^{+B} = \frac{1}{8} \delta^{AB} (\bar{u}^{+C} \gamma u^{+C})$$

Solving 6D super-Maxwell II



To solve (ii) we need to impose the following worldline superfield constraint:

$$(ii)' \quad D_{+A}^{(i} \psi^{j)\dot{A}} = 0 \quad \{D_{+A}^i, D_{+B}^j\} = \varepsilon^{ij} \varepsilon_{AB} \partial_{++}$$

There are four components of $\psi_{\dot{A}}^j$ and four supercovariant derivatives:

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Solving 10D super-Maxwell

The 10D super-Maxwell equations for chiral spinor superfield Ψ are

$$(i) D_\alpha \Psi^\alpha = 0, \quad (ii) [\gamma^{abcd} D]_\alpha \Psi^\alpha = 0$$

We can solve (i) by

$$\Psi^\alpha = \int_{S^8} d\mu v_{-A}^\alpha \psi^{\dot{A}}(x^{++}, \theta^+, u^+) \quad (\theta^+)^A = \theta^\alpha u_\alpha^{+A}$$

Now have an 8-plet of $N = 8$ worldline superfields; equivalently an octonionic-valued superfield ψ on an octonionic worldline superspace with supercovariant derivatives $D = D_* + \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{D}$, where \mathbf{e} are the 7 imaginary units. Then (ii) is solved by imposing (Galperin, Howe, PKT 1992)

$$\mathbf{D}\psi + \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{D}_*\psi = 0.$$

An octonionic analog of the $N = 2$ chirality condition.



Last thoughts

For a superparticle in a target space of dimension $D = 2 + \dim \mathbb{K}$, the number of worldline susy charges is

$$N = \dim \mathbb{K}$$

while the number of susy charges of the field theory in $D = 2 + \dim \mathbb{K}$ is

$$N_s = 2 \dim \mathbb{K}$$

But the susy field theories describe fluctuations of BPS on worldvolumes of dimension $d = 2 + \dim \mathbb{K}$, and these are sources in supergravity theories for which the number of supersymmetry charges is

$$N_S = 4 \dim \mathbb{K}$$

and $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{O}$ yields 32 supersymmetry charges.



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