# Hidden Symmetries

### Lecture 1

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# The Main Idea



• That is a conservation law that leads to an isospectral evolution

$$V(t) = U V(0) U^{-1}$$
 (non-Noether)

- It underlies gauge theories
- It underlies integrable theories

• Use it to construct the integral eqs. for Yang-Mills, its conserved charges and hidden symmetries in loop space



# Energy as an eigenvalue

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} p & K(q) \\ K(q) & -p \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\det (A - \lambda 1) = 0} \lambda^2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{K^2}{2} \\ U = \frac{1}{2}K^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
Look for iso-spectral evolution
$$A(t) = U(t) A(0) U^{-1}(t) \xrightarrow{dA} \frac{dA}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dU}{dt}U^{-1}, A \end{bmatrix}$$
Take
$$B = -\frac{dU}{dt}U^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{dK}{dq} \\ -\frac{dK}{dq} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} - [A, B] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dp}{dt} + \frac{dU}{dq} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
Newton's equation
Hidden symmetry
$$A \to gAg^{-1}$$

$$B \to gAg^{-1} = \frac{dg}{dt}g^{-1} = g \in SU(2)$$

 $B \to g B g^{-1} - \frac{1}{dt}g^{-1}$ 

#### **Path Independency**

Introduce "fake" variable x and denote  $A_x \equiv A$   $A_t \equiv B$ 

$$F_{tx} \equiv \partial_t A_x - \partial_x A_t + [A_t, A_x] = \partial_t A - [A, B] = 0$$

Wilson line  $\frac{dW}{dt} + A_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} W = 0 \longrightarrow W = P e^{-\int_{\gamma} d\sigma A_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma}}$ 

$$W = 1 - \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' A_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma'} + \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' A_{\mu}(\sigma') \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma'} \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma'} d\sigma'' A_{\nu}(\sigma'') \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\sigma''} - \dots$$

Newton's equation

$$W^{-1}\delta W = \int_{\gamma} d\sigma \, W^{-1} F_{\mu\nu} \, W \frac{d \, x^{\mu}}{d \, \sigma} \, \delta x^{\nu} = 0$$

 $\gamma + \delta \gamma$ 

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 $Pe^{-\int_0^t dx A(t)} Pe^{-\int_0^t dt' B(t')} = Pe^{-\int_0^t dt' B(t')} Pe^{-\int_0^t dx A(0)}$  $e^{-tA(t)} = U(t) e^{-tA(0)} U^{-1}(t)$  $U(t) = Pe^{-\int_0^t dt' B(t')}$  $A(t) = U(t) A(0) U^{-1}(t)$ 

### The general solution



But A is hermitian and B anti-hermitian (U is unitary)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} p & K(q) \\ K(q) & -p \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{dK}{dq} \\ -\frac{dK}{dq} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

initial data 
$$X \equiv W^{\dagger} W = W(0)^{\dagger} e^{-2 t A(0)} W(0)$$

Another way of looking at it  $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} p & K(q) \\ K(q) & -p \end{pmatrix} = p T_3 + K T_1 \qquad B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{d K}{d q} \\ -\frac{d K}{d q} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = i \frac{d K}{d q} T_2$ 

Automorphism:  $\sigma(T_3) = -T_3$   $\sigma(T_1) = -T_1$   $\sigma(T_2) = T_2$ 

 $[T_a, T_b] = i \varepsilon_{abc} T_c \qquad \sigma(A) = -A \qquad \sigma(B) = B \qquad \sigma(U) = U$ 

But  $W = U(t) e^{-t A(0)} W(0)$ 

Then  $X(W) \equiv \sigma(W)^{-1} W = \sigma(W(0))^{-1} e^{-2t A(0)} W(0)$ 

Note X(hW) = X(W)  $h \in U(1)$ 

Parametrizes the symmetric space SU(2)/U(1)

Phase space of a particle in 1-d

Hidden Symmetry in a coconut shell: Pendula on a clothes line Newton's equation  $(s_i \equiv l \theta_i)$  $\begin{array}{cccc}
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& & & \\$  $-\frac{\alpha}{i}\left(\theta_{i}-\theta_{i-1}\right)+\frac{\alpha}{i}\left(\theta_{i+1}-\theta_{i}\right)$ **Define**  $\theta_i \equiv \theta(x_i)$   $x_i = i\Delta$  $\Delta \equiv$  spacing between pendula

$$\frac{\theta_{i+1} - 2\theta_i + \theta_{i-1}}{\Delta^2} \to \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} \qquad \Delta \to 0$$

In the limit  $\Delta \to 0$ , and  $\alpha \to \infty$ , with  $\Delta^2 \alpha \equiv$  finite, we get

sine-Gordon

eq. 
$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sin \theta \qquad \left(c^2 = \frac{\alpha \Delta^2}{m l^2}; \, \omega^2 = \frac{g}{l}\right)$$

## **Small Oscillations**

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \theta \qquad (\sin \theta \sim \theta)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 \, \cos(k \, x - \Omega \, t + \delta)$$

$$k^2 = \frac{\Omega^2 - \omega^2}{c^2}$$



## **Solitons Solutions**







• Solitons propagate without dissipating energy



- Under collision they are not destroyed. Suffer a time delay only
- They have a "topology"
- They become particles in the quantum theory (Thirring model)

# The magic of it ...

$$A_{0} = \frac{i}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x^{1}} & \frac{\omega}{c} \left( e^{i \theta/2} + \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-i \theta/2} \right) \\ \frac{\omega}{c} \left( e^{i \theta/2} + \lambda e^{-i \theta/2} \right) & -\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x^{1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{1} = \frac{i}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x^{0}} & \frac{\omega}{c} \left( e^{i \theta/2} - \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-i \theta/2} \right) \\ -\frac{\omega}{c} \left( e^{i \theta/2} - \lambda e^{-i \theta/2} \right) & -\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x^{0}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} x^{0} = c t \\ x^{1} = x \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $\lambda$  is arbitrary

$$F_{01} \equiv \partial_0 A_1 - \partial_1 A_0 + [A_0, A_1] = \frac{i}{4} \left( \partial_0^2 \theta - \partial_1^2 \theta + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \sin \theta \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0\\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$A_{\mu} \to g A_{\mu} g^{-1} + \partial_{\mu} g g^{-1} \qquad g = e^{i \zeta_a^m T_a^m}$$

Loop Algebra  $[T_i^m, T_j^n] = i \varepsilon_{ijk} T_k^{m+n}$   $(T_i^n = \lambda^n T_i)$ Kac-Moody Alg.  $[T_i^m, T_j^n] = i \varepsilon_{ijk} T_k^{m+n} + C m \delta_{m+n,0} \delta_{i,j}$ 

hidden symmetries

### Path independency

 $F_{\mu\nu} = 0$  means that  $W = P e^{-\int_{\gamma} d\sigma A_{\mu} \frac{d x^{\mu}}{d \sigma}}$  is path independent



Boundary Condition

 $A_t(-L,t) = A_t(L,t)$ 

iso-spectral evolution

$$W(C_t) = U W(C_0) U^{-1}$$

 $U = P e^{-\int_0^t d\sigma \ A_t(L,t) \frac{d t}{d \sigma}}$ 

power series in  $\lambda$ : infinite number of conserved quantities

# Soliton theory in 2d: quite well established



Flat connections in Kac-Moody algebras (path independency) Integrable Field Theories in (1 + 1)-dimensions

Lax-Zakharov-Shabat Equation (zero curvature condition)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} + [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}] = 0 \qquad \mu, \nu = 0, 1$$

 $A_{\mu}$  lives on a Kac-Moody algebra (infinite dimensional)

- Infinite number of conservation laws
- Inverse scattering method
- Dressing method
- Hirota method
- Classical r-matrix
- Quantum R-matrix
- Spin chains and N = 4 Super Yang-Mills
- etc

# Going to higher dimensions...

# How to find the charges Mr. Holmes?



# Quite elementary Mr. Watson! Charges in (2 + 1)-dimensions should be integrals over 2d space Σ Г $x_0$ space-time surface path in loop space $\Omega^{(1)} = \{ f : S^1 \to M \mid \text{north pole} \to x_0 \}$ Loop Space:

Introduce a flat connection  $\mathcal{A}$  in loop space

$$\mathcal{F} = \delta \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A} = 0$$

Construct the charges using path independency!

# The one-form connection on loop space

### The curvature on loop space

$$\mathcal{F} = \delta \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \ W^{-1}(\sigma) \left[ D_{\lambda} B_{\mu\nu} + D_{\mu} B_{\nu\lambda} + D_{\nu} B_{\lambda\mu} \right] (x(\sigma)) W(\sigma) \frac{dx^{\lambda}}{d\sigma} \ \delta x^{\mu}(\sigma) \wedge \delta x^{\nu}(\sigma)$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' \left[ B_{\kappa\mu}^{W}(x(\sigma')) - F_{\kappa\mu}^{W}(x(\sigma')), B_{\lambda\nu}^{W}(x(\sigma)) \right] \frac{dx^{\kappa}}{d\sigma'} \frac{dx^{\lambda}}{d\sigma} \ \delta x^{\mu}(\sigma') \wedge \delta x^{\nu}(\sigma)$$

Problems to have 
$$\mathcal{F} = 0$$
:

- Non-locality
- Dependency upon reparameterization
- Hard to reconcile with local field theories

Connects to:

- Gerbes
- Two-form connections
- Higher spin gauge theories

• etc

Orlando Alvarez, LAF and J. Sánchez Guillén hep-th/9710147, *Nucl. Phys.* **B529** (1998) 689-736 *IJMPA*, **24** (2009) 1825 - 1888; arXiv:0901.1654 [hep-th].

 $D_{\mu} * \equiv \partial_{\mu} * + i e [A_{\mu}, *]$ Local conditions:  $[T_a, T_b] = i f_{abc} T_c$  $[T_a, P_i] = P_i R_{ii}(T_a)$  $[P_i, P_j] = 0$  $A_{\mu} = A^a_{\mu} T_a \qquad F_{\mu\nu} = 0$  $B_{\mu\nu} = B^i_{\mu\nu} P_i \qquad D \wedge B = 0$  $CP^1$ -model

Skyrme model Skyrme-Faddeev model Self-dual YM, etc



So,  $A_{\mu}$  is flat and we have Lax-Zakharov-Shabat equation

$$\partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} + [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}] = 0$$

Look for integral equations!!  $P_{d-1}e^{\int_{\partial\Omega} \mathcal{A}} = P_d e^{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{F}}$ Basic property of gauge theories: Flux=Charge

# Hidden Symmetries

Lecture 2

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### What have we learnt in Lecture 1?

Look for integral equations!!  $P_{d-1}e^{\int_{\partial\Omega}\mathcal{A}} = P_d e^{\int_{\Omega}\mathcal{F}}$ 

Basic property of gauge theories: Flux=Charge

$$P_{d-1} e^{\int_{\partial \Omega} \mathcal{A}} = P_d e^{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{F}}$$
$$= P_d e^{\int_{\Omega'} \mathcal{F}}$$



 $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$ : two 3-volumes with the same border

Path independency  $\rightarrow$  conservation laws

Non-Abelian Stokes Theorem



$$P_1 e^{-\int_{\Gamma} d\sigma A_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma}} = P_2 e^{\int_{\Sigma} d\sigma d\tau W^{-1}} F_{\mu\nu} W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \int_{\partial\Sigma} A = \int_{\Sigma} d\wedge A$$

# The Flatness Condition



Path independency on loop space  $\rightarrow$  conservation laws in 2 + 1 Examples: Chern-Simons in 2 + 1 Yang-Mills in 2 + 1

LAF and G. Luchini, NPB 858 (2012), 336; arXiv 1109.2606

An example: Chern-Simons theory  $A_{\mu} \in \text{Lie algebra } \mathcal{G}$ 

Eq. of motion 
$$\rightarrow$$
  $F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} J^{\rho} \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa} \tilde{J}_{\mu\nu}$ 

with  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} + [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}]$ 

For any surface  $\Sigma$  impose the integral equation:

$$P_{1} e^{-\int_{\partial \Sigma} d\sigma A_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma}} = P_{2} e^{\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma d\tau W^{-1} \tilde{J}_{\mu\nu} W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}}$$

$$\int_{\text{Flux}} \text{Charge}$$

For an infinitesimal  $\Sigma$  one gets the differential equation  $F_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{J}_{\mu\nu}$ 

### The flatness condition

For a closed surface  $\Sigma_c$  the integral equation implies

$$P_2 e^{\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\Sigma_c} d\sigma d\tau W^{-1} \tilde{J}_{\mu\nu} W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}} = 1$$

On the loop space  $\Sigma_c \equiv$  closed path



### Path (surface) independency

## Construction of conserved charges



# Integral Equations for Yang-Mills in (2 + 1)-Dimensions Non-Abelian Stokes theorem $P_1 e^{\int_{\partial \Sigma} \mathcal{A}_{\mu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma}} = P_2 e^{\int_{\Sigma} \mathcal{W}^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{W} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}}$ Take $\mathcal{A}_{\mu} = \mathcal{A}_{\mu} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\mu}$ $\widetilde{F}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} F^{\nu\rho}$ $\beta$ is a free parameter $P_1 e^{-ie \oint_{\partial \Sigma} d\sigma} (\mathcal{A}_{\mu} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\mu}) \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} = P_2 e^{ie \int_{\Sigma} d\tau} d\sigma W^{-1} (F_{\mu\nu} - \beta \widetilde{J}_{\mu\nu} + ie \beta^2 [\widetilde{F}_{\mu}, \widetilde{F}_{\nu}]) W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}}{d\tau}$ $\widetilde{J}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} J^{\rho}$

For  $\Sigma \to 0$ , gets the Yang-Mills equations

$$D_{\mu}\widetilde{F}_{\nu} - D_{\nu}\widetilde{F}_{\mu} = -\widetilde{J}_{\mu\nu} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad D_{\nu}F^{\nu\mu} = J^{\mu}$$

Conserved charges are obtained the same way as for Chern-Simons

# How to do it in 3 + 1 dimensions, Mr. Holmes?





Quite elementary, Mr. Watson?

#### Ask Prof. Maxwell !!!

$$\begin{split} \overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} & \overrightarrow{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \\ \overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \overrightarrow{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \\ \hline F_i &= F_{0i} & B_i = -\frac{1}{2c} \varepsilon_{ijk} F_{jk} & j^{\mu} \equiv \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \left(\rho, -\frac{1}{c} J^i\right) \\ \hline \partial_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu} &= j^{\nu} & \partial_{\mu} \widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ \hline \partial_{\nu} j^{\nu} &= 0 \\ \hline Q &= \int_V d^3 x \, j^0 = \int_V d^3 x \, \partial_i F^{i0} = \int_{\partial V} d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{E} \\ \end{split}$$

 $\boldsymbol{Q}$  is conserved and gauge invariant

# **Abelian Stokes Theorem**

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} B = \int_{\Omega} d \wedge B$$

For an abelian two-form  $B_{\mu\nu}$  and a 3-volume  $\Omega$ 

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} B_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \partial_{\rho} B_{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\nu} B_{\rho\mu} + \partial_{\mu} B_{\nu\rho} \right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\zeta}$$



# Back to Faraday: Integral Equations



$$\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu\nu} = j^{\nu} \longrightarrow \qquad \partial_{\rho}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\nu}\tilde{F}_{\rho\mu} + \partial_{\mu}\tilde{F}_{\nu\rho} = \tilde{j}_{\rho\mu\nu}$$
$$\partial_{\mu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \qquad \qquad \partial_{\rho}F_{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\nu}F_{\rho\mu} + \partial_{\mu}F_{\nu\rho} = 0$$
$$j^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{3!}\epsilon^{\lambda\rho\mu\nu}\tilde{j}_{\rho\mu\nu}$$

In Stokes theorem, take  $B_{\mu\nu} \equiv \alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \beta \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$  to get

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \left[ \alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \beta \,\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} = \beta \,\int_{\Omega} \tilde{j}_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\zeta}$$

For  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$ , and  $\Omega$  purely spatial

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \widetilde{F}_{ij} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial \tau} \, d\sigma \, d\tau = -\int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\Sigma} = -\int_{\Omega} \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} = -\frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad \text{Gauss law}$$

## **Integral Equations and Conservation Laws**

For a 3-volume  $\Omega$  without border ( $\partial \Omega = 0$ )

$$0 = \int_{\partial\Omega} \left[ \alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \beta \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} = \beta \int_{\Omega} \tilde{j}_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\zeta}$$

time



# **Faraday's Path Independency**

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \left[ \alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \beta \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} = \beta \int_{\Omega} \tilde{j}_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\zeta}$$

$$\Omega^{(2)} = \{ f : S^{2} \to M \mid \text{north pole} \to x_{R} \} = \beta \int_{\Omega'} \tilde{j}_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\zeta}$$

$$\Omega \text{ and } \Omega' : \text{ two 3-volumes with the same border}$$

connection in loop space:

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \int_{\text{loop}} \tilde{j}_{\mu\nu\rho} \, \frac{d \, x^{\mu}}{d \, \sigma} \, \frac{d \, x^{\nu}}{d \, \tau} \, \delta x^{\rho}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \delta \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A} = 0$$
  
$$\partial_{\rho} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\nu} \tilde{F}_{\rho\mu} + \partial_{\mu} \tilde{F}_{\nu\rho} = \tilde{j}_{\rho\mu\nu}$$
  
$$(d \wedge \tilde{j} = 0)$$
 abelian

The laws of Electromagnetism correspond to flat connections in loop space!!

### **Generalizing Maxwell: Yang-Mills theory**





Yang-Mills equations

$$D^{\mu}F_{\mu\nu} = J_{\nu} \qquad \qquad D^{\mu}\widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} + i e [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}] \qquad D_{\mu}* = \partial_{\mu}* + i e [A_{\mu}, *]$$

 $J_{\mu} = \bar{\psi} \, \gamma_{\mu} \, R(T_a) \, \psi \, T_a$ 

Invariant under a gauge group G

# The (text book) conserved charges

$$j_{\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu} F_{\mu\nu} = J_{\nu} - i e \left[ A_{\mu} , F_{\mu\nu} \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial^{\mu} j_{\mu} = 0$$
$$\widetilde{j}_{\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu} \widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = -i e \left[ A_{\mu} , \widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial^{\mu} \widetilde{j}_{\mu} = 0$$

Charges

$$Q = \int d^3x \,\partial^i F_{i0} = \int d^3x \,\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \int d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$$
$$\widetilde{Q} = \int d^3x \,\partial^i \widetilde{F}_{i0} = -\int d^3x \,\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = -\int d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Under a gauge transformation

$$Q \rightarrow \int d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot g \, \vec{E} \, g^{-1} = g \, Q \, g^{-1} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{eigenvalues of } Q \\ \text{are gauge invariant} \end{array}$$
not gauge invariant if g is constant at infinity

#### **Generalizing Faraday: Non-Abelian integrals**



$$\frac{d V}{d \tau} - V T (A, B, \tau) = 0$$
$$T (B, A, \tau) \equiv \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma W^{-1} B_{\mu\nu} W \frac{d x^{\mu}}{d \sigma} \frac{d x^{\nu}}{d \tau}$$

It is a surface ordered integral

$$V(\Sigma) = V_R P_2 e^{\int_{\Sigma} d\sigma d\tau} W^{-1} B_{\mu\nu} W \frac{d x^{\mu}}{d \sigma} \frac{d x^{\nu}}{d \tau}$$

Vary  $\Sigma$ 



$$\begin{split} \delta V V^{-1} &\equiv \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\tau \, \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \, V(\tau) \, \{ \\ W^{-1} \left[ D_{\lambda} B_{\mu\nu} + D_{\mu} B_{\nu\lambda} + D_{\nu} B_{\lambda\mu} \right] \, W \frac{d \, x^{\mu}}{d \, \sigma} \, \frac{d \, x^{\nu}}{d \, \tau} \, \delta x^{\lambda} \\ &- \int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' \left[ B_{\kappa\rho}^{W}(\sigma') - i e F_{\kappa\rho}^{W}(\sigma') \,, \, B_{\mu\nu}^{W}(\sigma) \right] \, \frac{d x^{\kappa}}{d \sigma'} \, \frac{d x^{\mu}}{d \sigma} \\ &\times \left( \frac{d \, x^{\rho}(\sigma')}{d \, \tau} \delta x^{\nu}(\sigma) - \delta x^{\rho}(\sigma') \, \frac{d \, x^{\nu}(\sigma)}{d \, \tau} \right) \right\} V^{-1}(\tau) \end{split}$$

 $(X^W \equiv W^{-1} X W)$ 

## The generalized non-abelian Stokes Theorem

$$V_{R} P_{2} e^{\int_{\partial \Omega} d\tau d\sigma W^{-1} B_{\mu\nu} W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}} = P_{3} e^{\int_{\Omega} d\zeta \mathcal{K}} V_{R}$$

$$\frac{dV}{d\tau} - VT(A, B, \tau) = 0$$

$$T(B, A, \tau) = \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma W^{-1} B_{\mu\nu} W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}$$

$$K \equiv \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\tau \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma V(\tau) \{$$

$$W^{-1} [D_{\lambda} B_{\mu\nu} + D_{\mu} B_{\nu\lambda} + D_{\nu} B_{\lambda\mu}] W \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\lambda}}{d\zeta}$$

$$-\int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' [B_{\kappa\rho}^{W}(\sigma') - ieF_{\kappa\rho}^{W}(\sigma'), B_{\mu\nu}^{W}(\sigma)] \frac{dx^{\kappa}}{d\sigma'} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{dx^{\rho}(\sigma')}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\nu}(\sigma)}{d\zeta} - \frac{dx^{\rho}(\sigma')}{d\zeta} \frac{dx^{\nu}(\sigma)}{d\tau}\right) \right\} V^{-1}(\tau)$$
Flat connection on the loop space:
$$(X^{W} \equiv W^{-1} X W)$$

 $\Omega^{(2)} = \left\{ f : S^2 \to M \mid \text{north pole} \ \to x_0 \right\}$ 

# The Integral Equations for Yang-Mills

$$P_2 e^{ie \int_{\partial \Omega} d\tau d\sigma \left[ \alpha F^W_{\mu\nu} + \beta \widetilde{F}^W_{\mu\nu} \right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}} = P_3 e^{\int_{\Omega} d\zeta d\tau V \mathcal{J} V^{-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J} &\equiv \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \left\{ ie\beta \widetilde{J}_{\mu\nu\lambda}^{W} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\lambda}}{d\zeta} + e^{2} \int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' \right. \\ &\times \left[ \left( \left( \alpha - 1 \right) F_{\kappa\rho}^{W} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\kappa\rho}^{W} \right) \left( \sigma' \right), \left( \alpha F_{\mu\nu}^{W} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^{W} \right) \left( \sigma \right) \right] \\ &\times \frac{dx^{\kappa}}{d\sigma'} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \left( \frac{dx^{\rho} \left( \sigma' \right)}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\nu} \left( \sigma \right)}{d\zeta} - \frac{dx^{\rho} \left( \sigma' \right)}{d\zeta} \frac{dx^{\nu} \left( \sigma \right)}{d\tau} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} \to \alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \qquad D^{\mu}F_{\mu\nu} = J_{\nu} \qquad D^{\mu}\widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Direct consequence of Stokes theorem and Yang-Mills eqs. Implies Yang-Mills eqs. in the limit  $\Omega \to 0$ 

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$$J^{\mu} = \frac{1}{3!} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} \, \widetilde{J}_{\nu\rho\lambda}$$

### **Conserved Charges**

$$P_2 e^{ie \int_{\partial\Omega} d\tau d\sigma \left[\alpha F^W_{\mu\nu} + \beta \tilde{F}^W_{\mu\nu}\right] \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}} = P_3 e^{\int_{\Omega} d\zeta d\tau V \mathcal{J} V^{-1}}$$

If  $\Omega_c$  is a closed volume  $(\partial \Omega_c = 0) \longrightarrow P_3 e^{\oint_{\Omega_c} d\zeta d\tau V \mathcal{J} V^{-1}} = 1$ 



**Iso-spectral evolution:** 

$$V(\Omega_t) = U(t) \cdot V(\Omega_0) \cdot U^{-1}(t)$$

Eigenvalues of  $V(\Omega_t)$  are constant in time

Conserved charges are eigenvalues of the operator

$$V(\Omega_t) = P_2 \ e^{ie \int_{\mathcal{S}^{2,(t)}_{\infty}} d\tau \ d\sigma \left(\alpha F^W_{\mu\nu} + \beta \tilde{F}^W_{\mu\nu}\right) \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau}} = P_3 \ e^{\int_{\Omega_t} d\zeta \ d\tau \ V \mathcal{J} V^{-1}}$$

Conserved charges are:

- 1) Gauge invariant  $V(\Omega_t) \to g_R V(\Omega_t) g_R^{-1}$
- 2) Independent of reference point

$$V_{x_R}(\Omega_t) \to W^{-1}(\widetilde{x}_R, x_R) V_{\widetilde{x}_R}(\Omega_t) W(\widetilde{x}_R, x_R)$$

3) Independent of parameterization

 $P_3 e^{\int_{\Omega_{\infty}^{(t)}} d\zeta \ d\tau \ V \mathcal{J} V^{-1}}$  is path independent

4) Gives non-trivial dynamical magnetic charges to monopoles

5) Relevant for the global aspects of Yang-Mills theory

#### Wu-Yang and 't Hooft-Polyakov monopoles

At spatial infinity they are the same:

$$A_{i} = -\frac{1}{e} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\hat{r}_{j}}{r} T_{k} \qquad F_{ij} = \frac{1}{e} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\hat{r}_{k}}{r^{2}} \hat{r} \cdot T \qquad [T_{i}, T_{j}] = i \varepsilon_{ijk} T_{k}$$

Important property:

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left( W^{-1} \hat{r} \cdot T W \right) = W^{-1} D_i (\hat{r} \cdot T) W \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \xrightarrow{D_i (\hat{r} \cdot T) = 0} W^{-1} \hat{r} \cdot T W = T_R$$

$$W^{-1} F_{ij} W = \frac{1}{e} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\hat{r}_k}{r^2} T_R \qquad T_R \equiv (\hat{r} \cdot T)_{\text{at } x_R}$$

Charge operator:

Text book charges:

$$Q_S = e^{i e \alpha \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\sigma \, d\tau \, W^{-1} F_{ij} \, W \, \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \, \frac{dx^j}{d\tau}} = e^{-i e \alpha \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{B}^R} = e^{i 4 \pi \, \alpha \, T_R}$$

Conserved charges are the eigenvalues of  $Q_S$ 

$$Q_{\text{old}} = \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\sigma \, d\tau \, F_{ij} \, \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \, \frac{dx^j}{d\tau} = 0$$

Note however that one must have (for  $\beta = 0$ )

$$Q_S = P_2 e^{\alpha \, ie \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\tau d\sigma F^W_{ij} \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^j}{d\tau}} = P_3 e^{e^2 \alpha (\alpha - 1) \int_{R^3} d\zeta d\tau V \mathcal{C} V^{-1}}$$

with

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{C} &\equiv \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' \left[ F_{\kappa\rho}^{W}(\sigma'), F_{\mu\nu}^{W}(\sigma) \right] \frac{dx^{\kappa}}{d\sigma'} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \left( \frac{dx^{\rho}(\sigma')}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\nu}(\sigma)}{d\zeta} - \frac{dx^{\rho}(\sigma')}{d\zeta} \frac{dx^{\nu}(\sigma)}{d\zeta} \right) \\ & \text{density of magnetic charge} \\ \text{Integral Bianchi identity implies:} \qquad Q_{S}^{(\alpha=1)} = e^{-ie \int_{S_{\infty}^{2}} d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{B}^{R}} = 1 \\ & \text{eigenvalues of } \int_{S_{\infty}^{2}} d\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{B}^{R} = \frac{2\pi n}{e} \end{split}$$

For 'tHooft-Polyakov monopole both sides match. Commutator plays the role of density of magnetic charge

For Wu-Yang monopole C = 0One needs a source of magnetic charge C.P. Constantinidis, LAF, G. Luchini; JPA 52, 155202 (2019) in the sense of distribution theory One can expand both sides of the integral equation in powers of  $\alpha$ 

$$Q_S = P_2 e^{\alpha \, ie \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\tau d\sigma F^W_{ij} \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^j}{d\tau}} = P_3 e^{e^2 \alpha (\alpha - 1) \int_{R^3} d\zeta d\tau V \mathcal{C} V^{-1}}$$

#### It implies that

$$1 + \alpha \int_{0}^{\tau} d\tau' T(\tau') + \alpha^{2} \int_{0}^{\tau} d\tau' \int_{0}^{\tau'} d\tau'' T(\tau'') T(\tau') + \dots$$
  
= 1 + \alpha(\alpha - 1) \int\_{0}^{\zeta} d\zeta' K(\zeta') + \alpha^{2}(\alpha - 1)^{2} \int\_{0}^{\zeta} d\zeta' \int\_{0}^{\zeta'} d\zeta'' K(\zeta') K(\zeta'') + \dots + \dots

The 'tHooft-Polyakov monopole satisfies it for any  $\alpha$  (checked up to second order)

C.P. Constantinidis, LAF, G. Luchini, [1710.03359], PRD 97 (085006) (2018)

### Example: (multi) Monopoles

At spatial infinity the magnetic field has the form:

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{e} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\hat{r}_k}{r^2} G(\theta, \varphi)$$
  
But  $\frac{d}{d\sigma} (W^{-1} G W) = W^{-1} D_i G W \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \xrightarrow{D_i G = 0} W^{-1} G W = G_R$ 

In such a case the charge operator becomes:

$$Q_S = e^{i e \alpha} \int_{S^2_{\infty}} d\sigma \, d\tau \, W^{-1} F_{ij} \, W \, \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \, \frac{dx^j}{d\tau} = e^{i 4 \pi \alpha} G_R$$

Eigenvalues of  $G_R$  are the charges

For BPS multi-monopole solutions

$$G_R = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{\operatorname{rank} G} n_a \, \frac{2 \, \vec{\alpha}_a}{\alpha_a^2} \cdot \vec{h}$$

In a d-dimensional representation the eigenvalues of  $G_R$  are:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{\operatorname{rank} G} n_a \left( m_a^{(1)}, m_a^{(2)}, \dots, m_a^{(d)} \right)$$

### The case of SU(3)

For the triplet representation the charges are

$$\frac{1}{2e} (n_1, n_2 - n_1, -n_2)$$

and for the adjoint representation

$$\frac{1}{2e} (n_1 + n_2, 2n_1 - n_2, -n_1 + 2n_2, 0, 0, -2n_1 + n_2, n_1 - 2n_2, -n_1 - n_2)$$

So, charges are the magnetic weights  $n_a$ 

The topological charges are

$$SU(3) \to U(1) \otimes U(1) \longrightarrow Q_B^{\text{Top.(max.)}} = v \frac{\pi}{e} (n_1 + n_2)$$
$$SU(3) \to SU(2) \otimes U(1) \longrightarrow Q_B^{\text{Top.(min.)}} = v \frac{\pi}{e} n_2$$

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### To think further...

• Yang-Mills is equivalent to the flatness condition on loop space  $\mathcal{L}^{(2)}$   $(S^2 \to M)$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{A} &\equiv \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\tau \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\sigma \, V \, \left\{ i e \beta \widetilde{J}_{\mu\nu\lambda}^{W} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \delta x^{\lambda} \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. + e^{2} \int_{0}^{\sigma} d\sigma' \left[ \left( \left( \alpha - 1 \right) F_{\kappa\rho}^{W} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\kappa\rho}^{W} \right) \left( \sigma' \right), \left( \alpha F_{\mu\nu}^{W} + \beta \widetilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^{W} \right) \left( \sigma \right) \right] \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. \left. \left. \frac{dx^{\kappa}}{d\sigma'} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\sigma} \left( \frac{dx^{\rho} \left( \sigma' \right)}{d\tau} \delta x^{\nu} \left( \sigma \right) - \delta x^{\rho} \left( \sigma' \right) \frac{dx^{\nu} \left( \sigma \right)}{d\tau} \right) \right\} \right\} V^{-1} \right. \end{split}$$

(it solves parameterization problem!)

• The hidden symmetries are the gauge transformations on loop space  $\mathcal{L}^{(2)}$ 

• The conserved charges are eigenvalues of the holonomy

$$\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{P} e^{\int_{\mathrm{space}} \mathcal{A}}$$

• It connects to integrable field theories

# **Final Comments**

• The important symmetries for many non-linear phenomena are not, in general, of the Noether type

• The concept of path independency plays an important role in iso-spectral evolution

• Soliton theory in two dimensions and its applications, are based on flat connections

• Gauge theories and integrable field theories share some very interesting structures

• After 60 years the integral Yang-Mills equations and their truly gauge invariant charges could be constructed using concepts of flat connections on loop spaces

• It paves the way to interesting new developments

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