

58. Studies on Holonomic Quantum Fields. V

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This is a continuation of the series of our notes [1].

Here we shall give a summary of the theory of Clifford group. As for details see [2]. We remark that we have changed the definition of T_η and $\text{nr}(g)$ which was given in [1].

1. Norms and rotations. Let W be an N dimensional vector space over C . We set $W^* = \text{Hom}_C(W, C) = \{\eta | \eta: W \rightarrow C, w \mapsto \eta(w)\}$. Let $\Lambda(W) = \bigoplus_{\mu=0}^N \Lambda^\mu(W)$ denote the exterior algebra over W . We denote by δ the linear homomorphism $\delta: W^* \rightarrow \text{End}_C(\Lambda(W))$, $\eta \mapsto \delta_\eta$ which satisfies $\delta_\eta(1) = 0$ and $\delta_\eta(wa) = \eta(w)a - w\delta_\eta(a)$ for $w \in W$ and $a \in \Lambda(W)$. Let κ be an element of $\text{Hom}_C(W, W^*)$ such that $\iota = \kappa + \underset{\text{def}}{\iota}\kappa$ is invertible. An orthogonal structure is introduced to W by the inner product $\langle w, w' \rangle = \iota(w)(w') = \iota(w')(w)$. We denote by $A(W)$ the Clifford algebra over the orthogonal space W thus obtained.

There exists a unique linear isomorphism

$$(1.1) \quad \text{Nr}_\kappa: A(W) \rightarrow \Lambda(W), \quad a \mapsto \text{Nr}_\kappa(a)$$

which satisfies $\text{Nr}_\kappa(1) = 1$ and

$$(1.2) \quad \text{Nr}_\kappa(wa) = w \text{Nr}_\kappa(a) + \delta_{\kappa(w)}(\text{Nr}_\kappa(a)).$$

We call $\text{Nr}_\kappa(a)$ the κ -norm of a . The constant term of $\text{Nr}_\kappa(a)$ is called the κ -expectation value and is denoted by $\langle a \rangle_\kappa$.

There exists a unique automorphism $a \mapsto \varepsilon(a)$ (resp. anti-automorphism $a \mapsto a^*$) of $A(W)$ characterized by $\varepsilon(w) = -w$ (resp. $w^* = w$) for $w \in W$. We denote by $G(W)$ the Clifford group $\{g \in A(W) | \exists g^{-1} \in A(W), gW\varepsilon(g)^{-1} = W\}$. We denote by T the group homomorphism $T: G(W) \rightarrow O(W)$, $g \mapsto T_g$ defined by $T_g(w) = gw\varepsilon(g)^{-1}$ for $w \in W$. Then we have the following exact sequence.

$$(1.3) \quad 1 \longrightarrow \text{GL}(1, C) \xrightarrow{\text{id.}} G(W) \xrightarrow{T} O(W) \longrightarrow 1.$$

A group homomorphism $\text{nr}: G(W) \rightarrow \text{GL}(1, C)$, $g \mapsto \text{nr}(g)$ is defined by $\text{nr}(g) = g\varepsilon(g)^*$, which is called the spinorial norm of g .

In what follows we shall adopt the following identifications: $\text{Hom}_C(W_1 \otimes_C W_2, C) \cong W_2^* \otimes_C W_1^* \cong \text{Hom}_C(W_1, W_2^*)$.

If $g \in G(W)$, we have

$$(1.4) \quad \langle g \rangle_\kappa^2 = \text{nr}(g) \det((\kappa T_g + \iota\kappa)\iota^{-1}).$$

If $\langle g \rangle_\kappa \neq 0$, we have

$$(1.5) \quad \text{Nr}_\kappa(g) = \langle g \rangle_\kappa \exp(\rho_g/2)$$

with $\rho_g = (T_g - 1)(\kappa T_g + {}^t\kappa)^{-1} \in A^2(W) \subset W \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(W^*, W)$. If $\langle g \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = 0$, then $\text{Ker}(\iota^{-1}\kappa + T_g \iota^{-1}\kappa) \neq 0$. Take a generic element w of W and set $g' = wg$. Then the following conditions i) and ii) for $w_1 \in W$ are equivalent;

- i) $(\iota^{-1}\kappa + T_g \iota^{-1}\kappa)(w_1) = 0,$
- ii) $\begin{cases} (\iota^{-1}\kappa + T_g \iota^{-1}\kappa)(w_1) = 0, \\ \langle w, \iota^{-1}\kappa(w_1) \rangle = 0. \end{cases}$

Moreover we have $\text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}}(g) = w_1 \text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}}(g')$, where w_1 is any element of W satisfying $(\iota^{-1}\kappa + T_g \iota^{-1}\kappa)(w_1) = 0$ and $\langle w, \iota^{-1}\kappa(w_1) \rangle = 1$. Thus the norm of g is of the following form.

$$(1.6) \quad \text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}}(g) = cw_1 \cdots w_k \exp(\rho_g/2)$$

where $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $\sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{C}w_j = \text{Ker}(\iota^{-1}\kappa + T_g \iota^{-1}\kappa)$ and $\rho_g \in A^2(W)$.

Conversely, assume that g is given by (1.6). We set $\text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}}(g_1) = c \exp(\rho_g/2)$, $W_g = \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{C}w_j$ and denote by i_g the natural inclusion $i_g: W_g \rightarrow W$. Then we have

$$(1.7) \quad \text{nr}(g_1) = \langle g_1 \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}^2 \det(1 + {}^t\kappa\rho_g).$$

Now assume that $\text{nr}(g_1) \neq 0$. Then g_1 belongs to $G(W)$ and we have

$$(1.8) \quad T_{g_1} = (1 - \rho_g \kappa)^{-1} (1 + \rho_g {}^t\kappa).$$

Moreover we have

$$(1.9) \quad \text{nr}(g) = (\det_{(w_1, \dots, w_k)} {}^t i_g (1 - \kappa\rho_g)^{-1} \kappa i_g) \text{nr}(g_1).$$

Here $\det_{(w_1, \dots, w_k)} {}^t i_g (1 - \kappa\rho_g)^{-1} \kappa i_g$ means the determinant of the matrix representation of ${}^t i_g (1 - \kappa\rho_g)^{-1} \kappa i_g$ with respect to the basis (w_1, \dots, w_k) and its dual basis. If $\text{nr}(g) \neq 0$, g belongs to $G(W)$ and we have

$$(1.10) \quad T_g = T_{g_1} - (1 - \rho_g \kappa)^{-1} i_g [{}^t i_g (1 - \kappa\rho_g)^{-1} \kappa i_g]^{-1} {}^t i_g (1 - \kappa\rho_g)^{-1} \iota.$$

2. The closure of $G(W)$. Let G^k denote the subset $\{cw_1 \cdots w_k \exp(\rho/2) \mid c \in \mathbb{C}, w_1, \dots, w_k \in W \text{ and } \rho \in A^2(W)\}$ of $A(W)$, and set $G = \bigcup_{k=0}^N G^k$. We also set $A^+(W) = \bigoplus_{k: \text{even}} A^k(W)$, $A^-(W) = \bigoplus_{k: \text{odd}} A^k(W)$ and $G^{\pm} = G \cap A^{\pm}(W)$.

G is closed in $A(W)$. $P(G^{\pm}) = (G^{\pm} - \{0\})/\text{GL}(1, \mathbb{C})$ is a non-singular projective variety in $P(A^{\pm}(W))$ of $(1/2)N(N-1)$ dimensions. $\{P(G^k)\}$ ($k=0, 1, \dots, N$) gives a stratification of $P(G)$. $P(G^k)$ is a fiber bundle over $M_{N,k}(\mathbb{C})$ with the fiber $A^2(\mathbb{C}^{N-k})$. Here we denote by $M_{N,k}(\mathbb{C})$ the Grassmann manifold consisting of k dimensional subspaces in \mathbb{C}^N .

In particular, the closure $\bar{G}(W)$ of $G(W)$ coincides with $\text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(\{cw_1 \cdots w_k \exp(\rho/2) \mid c \in \mathbb{C}, w_1, \dots, w_k \in W, \rho \in A^2(W) \text{ and } k=0, 1, \dots, N\})$.

Let κ_0 denote the linear homomorphism $\kappa_0: W \rightarrow W^*$ such that $2\kappa_0(w)(w') = \langle w, w' \rangle$. We denote by σ^{μ} the projection $A(W) \xrightarrow{\text{Nr}_{\kappa_0}} A(W) = \bigoplus_{\nu=0}^N A^{\nu}(W) \xrightarrow{\text{projection}} A^{\mu}(W) \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} A(W) \xrightarrow{\text{Nr}_{\kappa_0}^{-1}} A(W)$. For an element $a \in A(W)$ we define

$$(2.1) \quad \sigma_t(a) = \sum_{\mu=0}^N (1+t)^{(N-\mu)/2} (1-t)^{\mu/2} \sigma^{\mu}(a).$$

$$(3.4) \quad \rho'_m(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) = (-1)^{(m+k)/2} \langle g \rangle_\varepsilon \times \text{Pfaffian} \left[\begin{array}{c|cc} & & {}^t e \\ \hline -e & -(K'-K) & 1 \\ & -1 & R \end{array} \right] / \text{Pfaffian} \begin{pmatrix} & \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next we shall give formulas for products of elements in $\bar{G}(W)$. If $w \in W$ and $\text{Nr}_\varepsilon(g) = cw_1 \cdots w_k \exp(\rho/2)$, we have

$$(3.5) \quad \text{Nr}_\varepsilon(wg) = c \left(\sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j-1} w_1 \cdots w_{j-1} \langle ww_j \rangle_\varepsilon w_{j+1} \cdots w_k + \tilde{w} w_1 \cdots w_k \right) \exp(\rho/2)$$

where $\tilde{w} = (1 - \rho\kappa)(w)$.

Let $W^{(\nu)}$ ($\nu = 1, \dots, n$) be copies of W . Let A denote an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix $(\lambda_{\mu\nu})_{\mu, \nu=1, \dots, n}$ with $\lambda_{\nu\nu} = 1$ ($\nu = 1, \dots, n$). Let $W(A)$ denote the vector space $\bigoplus_{\nu=1}^n W^{(\nu)}$ equipped with the inner product $\langle (w^{(1)}, \dots, w^{(n)}), (w'^{(1)}, \dots, w'^{(n)}) \rangle_A = \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^n \lambda_{\mu\nu} \langle w^{(\mu)}, w'^{(\nu)} \rangle$. If $\det A \neq 0$, $W(A)$ is an orthogonal space. Let κ_A denote an element of $\text{Hom}_C(W(A), W(A)^*)$ given by

$$\kappa_A((w^{(1)}, \dots, w^{(n)}))((w'^{(1)}, \dots, w'^{(n)})) = \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^n \lambda_{\mu\nu} \kappa(w^{(\mu)})(w'^{(\nu)}).$$

Let $g^{(\nu)}$ be an element of $\bar{G}(W^{(\nu)}) \subset \bar{G}(W(A))$ given by $\text{Nr}_\varepsilon(g^{(\nu)}) = c^{(\nu)} w_1^{(\nu)} \cdots w_k^{(\nu)} \exp(\rho^{(\nu)}/2)$, with $\rho^{(\nu)} = \sum_{j,l=1}^n R_{jl}^{(\nu)} v_j^{(\nu)} v_l^{(\nu)}$. We set $\text{Nr}_\varepsilon(g_1^{(\nu)}) = c^{(\nu)} \exp(\rho^{(\nu)}/2)$. Let $c_j^{(\nu)}$ denote the column vector ${}^t(c_{j,1}^{(\nu)}, \dots, c_{j,N}^{(\nu)})$ where

$$w_j^{(\nu)} = \sum_{m=1}^N v_m^{(\nu)} c_{j,m}^{(\nu)}, \text{ and let } r \text{ be an } Nn \times k \text{ matrix } \begin{bmatrix} c_1^{(1)} \cdots c_k^{(1)} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & c_1^{(n)} \cdots c_k^{(n)} \end{bmatrix},$$

where $k = \sum_{\mu=1}^n k^{(\mu)}$. Let $(\hat{v}_1, \dots, \hat{v}_{Nn})$ denote the basis $(v_1^{(1)}, \dots, v_N^{(1)}, \dots, v_1^{(n)}, \dots, v_N^{(n)})$ and let $\hat{e}_1, \dots, \hat{e}_{Nn}$ denote the Nn component column

vectors, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, etc., respectively. Let R and $A(A)$ denote an

$Nn \times Nn$ skew-symmetric matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^{(1)} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & R^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda_{12}K & \cdots & \lambda_{1n}K \\ -\lambda_{21}{}^tK & 0 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \lambda_{n-1n}K \\ -\lambda_{n1}{}^tK & \cdots & -\lambda_{nn-1}{}^tK & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ respectively. Then}$$

we have

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle g_1^{(1)} \cdots g_1^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon_A} &= \langle g_1^{(1)} \rangle_\varepsilon \cdots \langle g_1^{(n)} \rangle_\varepsilon (\det(1 - A(A)R))^{1/2} \\ &= \langle g_1^{(1)} \rangle_\varepsilon \cdots \langle g_1^{(n)} \rangle_\varepsilon \text{Pfaffian} \begin{pmatrix} -A(A) & 1 \\ -1 & R \end{pmatrix} / \text{Pfaffian} \begin{pmatrix} & \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\langle g_1^{(1)} \cdots g_1^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon_A} \neq 0$, we have

(3.7) $\text{Nr}_{\varepsilon_A}(g_1^{(1)} \cdots g_1^{(n)}) = \langle g_1^{(1)} \cdots g_1^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon_A} \exp(\rho(\Lambda)/2)$
 where $\rho(\Lambda) = \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^{N_n} R(\Lambda)_{\mu\nu} \hat{v}_\mu \hat{v}_\nu$ with $R(\Lambda) = R(1 - A(\Lambda)R)^{-1}$. If we write $\text{Nr}_{\varepsilon_A}(g^{(1)} \cdots g^{(n)}) = \sum_{m=0}^{N_n} 1/m! \sum_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m=1}^{N_n} \rho_m(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) \hat{v}_{\mu_m} \cdots \hat{v}_{\mu_1}$, the coefficient $\rho_m(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$ is given by

$$(3.8) \quad \rho_m(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) = (-1)^{(m+k)/2} \langle g_1^{(1)} \rangle_{\varepsilon} \cdots \langle g_1^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon} \left[\begin{array}{c|cc} & {}^t e & \\ \hline -e & -A(\Lambda) & 1 \\ & -r & -1 \quad R \end{array} \right]$$

where $e = (e_{\mu_1}, \dots, e_{\mu_m})$. If $\langle g^{(1)} \cdots g^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon_A} \neq 0$, we have

$$(3.9) \quad \rho_m(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) = \langle g^{(1)} \cdots g^{(n)} \rangle_{\varepsilon_A} \times \text{Pfaffian} \begin{pmatrix} {}^t e & \\ & {}^t r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -R(1 - A(\Lambda)R)^{-1} & (1 - RA(\Lambda))^{-1} \\ -(1 - A(\Lambda)R)^{-1} & (1 - A(\Lambda)R)^{-1}A(\Lambda) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e \\ r \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. The extended Clifford group. Since we have not expounded this subject in [2], here we shall explain it in detail.

Let us consider the orthogonal space $C \oplus W$ equipped with the inner product $\langle c + w, c' + w' \rangle = -\{(c + w)\varepsilon(c' + w') + (c' + w')\varepsilon(c + w)\} = -2cc' + \langle w, w' \rangle$. Let $G_{\text{ext}}(W)$ denote the extended Clifford group $\{g \in A(W) \mid \exists \varepsilon(g)^{-1}, g(C \oplus W)\varepsilon(g)^{-1} = C \oplus W\}$. We denote by T_g the linear transformation of $C \oplus W$ induced by g , $T_g: c + w \mapsto g(c + w)\varepsilon(g)^{-1}$. $c + w \in C \oplus W$ belongs to $G_{\text{ext}}(W)$ if and only if $-c^2 + w^2 \neq 0$, and we have

$$(4.1) \quad T_{c+w}(c' + w') = -(c' - w') + \{(-2cc' - \langle w, w' \rangle)/(-c^2 + w^2)\}(c + w).$$

If we denote by \hat{T}_{c+w} the reflection in $C \oplus W$ with respect to the hyperplane $\{c' + w' \in C \oplus W \mid \langle c + w, c' + w' \rangle = 0\}$, then (4.1) reads

$$(4.2) \quad T_{c+w} = -\hat{T}_{c+w} \circ \varepsilon = -\varepsilon \circ \hat{T}_{c-w}.$$

This implies that any element of $G_{\text{ext}}(W)$ is of the form $(c_1 + w_1) \cdots (c_k + w_k)$ with $c_j + w_j \in (C + W) \cap G_{\text{ext}}(W)$. The following exact sequence is valid

$$(4.3) \quad 1 \rightarrow \text{GL}(1, C) \rightarrow G_{\text{ext}}(W) \xrightarrow{\text{def}} \text{SO}(C \oplus W) \rightarrow 1.$$

Let $W_{\text{ext}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Cw_0 \oplus W$ be an orthogonal space, where w_0 satisfies the following: $w_0^2 = -1$, $\langle w, w_0 \rangle = 0$ for any $w \in W$. The theory of the extended Clifford group is reduced to that of $G^+(W_{\text{ext}}) = \{g \in G(W_{\text{ext}}) \mid \varepsilon(g) = g\}$. Firstly $F_{C \oplus W}: C \oplus W \rightarrow W_{\text{ext}}$, $c + w \mapsto cw_0 + w$ is an isomorphism. We also denote by $F_{A(W)}$ the isomorphism $A(W) \rightarrow A^+(W_{\text{ext}})$, $a^+ + a^- \mapsto a^+ + w_0 a^-$. Note that $F_{C \oplus W}(c + w) = F_{A(W)}(c + w)w_0$. We have $F_{A(W)}(\varepsilon(a)^*) = \varepsilon(F_{A(W)}(a))^*$ and $\text{nr}(g) = g\varepsilon(g)^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nr}(F_{A(W)}(g))$ for $g \in G_{\text{ext}}(W)$. Moreover we have for $g \in G_{\text{ext}}(W)$

$$(4.4) \quad F_{C \oplus W} \circ T_g = T_{F_{A(W)}(g)} \circ F_{C \oplus W},$$

and the exact sequence (4.3) isomorphically is transformed into

$$(4.5) \quad 1 \rightarrow \text{GL}(1, C) \rightarrow G^+(W_{\text{ext}}) \rightarrow \text{SO}(W_{\text{ext}}) \rightarrow 1.$$

Let κ be an element of $\text{Hom}_C(W, W^*)$, and define $\kappa_{\text{ext}} \in \text{Hom}_C(W_{\text{ext}}, W_{\text{ext}}^*)$ by $\langle ww' \rangle_{\kappa_{\text{ext}}} = \langle ww' \rangle_{\kappa}$, $\langle ww_0 \rangle_{\kappa_{\text{ext}}} = 0$ for $w, w' \in W$. If we denote by

$F_{A(W)}$ the isomorphism $A(W) \rightarrow A^+(W_{\text{ext}})$, $a^+ + a^- \mapsto a^+ + w_0 a^-$, then we have

$$(4.6) \quad F_{A(W)} \circ \text{Nr}_k = \text{Nr}_{k_{\text{ext}}} \circ F_{A(W)}.$$

(4.4) and (4.6) provide us with a means to compute the norm of an element of $G_{\text{ext}}(W)$ and the rotation it induces in $\mathbb{C} \oplus W$ from each other. In particular, the closure $\overline{G}_{\text{ext}}(W)$ coincides with $\text{Nr}_k^{-1}(\{cw_1 \cdots w_k \cdot \exp(\rho/2 + w) \mid c \in \mathbb{C}, w_1, \dots, w_k, w \in W, \rho \in A^2(W)\})$.

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