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# Lattice formulation of supersymmetric gauge theories with exact supersymmetry

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# 1 Introduction

◇ **Lattice formulations** are conventional formulations enable to access to nonperturbative aspects of quantum field theory.

◇ We wish to extend such lattice study to supersymmetric (gauge) theories.  
Difficulty for realization of SUSY on lattice

In general,  $(\text{SUSY})^2 \sim (\text{infinitesimal translation})$

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Not a symmetry of lattice

◇ However, **a part of** supercharges can be preserved on the lattice.

e.g.) **Nilpotent supercharges (up to internal symmetry) do not induce translations.**

( $\Leftrightarrow$  scalar supercharges from topological twist)

Example: 2D  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SYM or SQCD case:

Lattice formulation preserving the supercharge:  $Q = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Q_L + \bar{Q}_R)$   
(BRST charge in *A*-model twist)

[Two R-symmetries] [on lattice]

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| $U(1)_A$ | O.K.   |
| $U(1)_V$ | broken |

Another possibility preserving the supercharge:  $Q' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{Q}_L + \bar{Q}_R)$   
(BRST charge in *B*-model twist)

[Two R-symmetries] [on lattice]

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| $U(1)_A$ | broken |
| $U(1)_V$ | O.K.   |

- $U(1)_V \Leftarrow$  chiral symmetry of 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$
- $U(1)_A \Leftarrow$  rotational symmetry on reduced 2D plane

Because we consider the theory on **flat space-time**, topological twists are just renaming the field variables of the continuum theory.

⇒ The continuum theory does not change by the twists.

However, the lattice theory becomes different depending on which of  $Q$  and  $Q'$  is exactly preserved.

◇ Plan of Talk

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## 2 Continuum 2D $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ SYM

After taking the Wess-Zumino gauge,

### ◇ Euclidean Action

$$S_{(2,2)}^{(E)} = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^2x \operatorname{tr} \left( H^2 - 2iHF_{12} + D_\mu\phi D_\mu\bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{4}[\phi, \bar{\phi}]^2 \right. \\ \left. + 4\bar{\lambda}_R D_z \lambda_R + 4\bar{\lambda}_L D_{\bar{z}} \lambda_L + 2\bar{\lambda}_R [\bar{\phi}, \lambda_L] + 2\bar{\lambda}_L [\phi, \lambda_R] \right),$$

### ◇ Q-SUSY

$$QA_\mu = \psi_\mu, \quad Q\psi_\mu = iD_\mu\phi, \\ Q\phi = 0, \\ Q\bar{\phi} = \eta, \quad Q\eta = [\phi, \bar{\phi}], \\ Q\chi = H, \quad QH = [\phi, \chi],$$

$Q^2 =$  (infinitesimal gauge transformation with the parameter  $\phi$ )

with the gaugino fields renamed as

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \psi_1 \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda_L + \bar{\lambda}_R), & \psi_2 \equiv \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda_L - \bar{\lambda}_R), & \mathbf{U(1)}_A \\
 \chi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda_R - \bar{\lambda}_L), & \eta \equiv -i\sqrt{2}(\lambda_R + \bar{\lambda}_L). & \mathbf{1} \\
 & & \mathbf{-1}
 \end{array}$$

⇒ The action can be expressed as the  $Q$ -exact form:

[Witten]

$$S_{(2,2)}^{(E)} = Q \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \operatorname{tr} \left[ \chi(-2iF_{12} + H) + \frac{1}{4}\eta[\phi, \bar{\phi}] - i\psi_\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu \bar{\phi} \right].$$

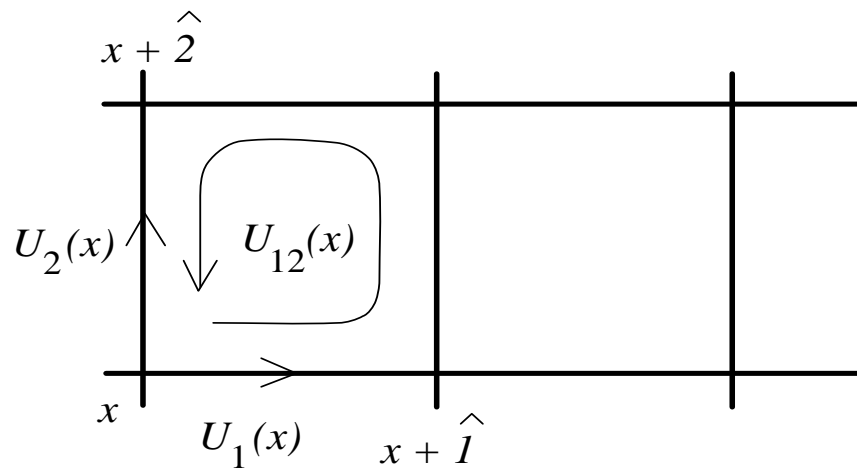


Figure 1: Link variables  $U_\mu(x)$  and plaquette field  $U_{12}(x)$ .  $U_{21}(x) = U_{12}(x)^{-1}$ .

### 3 Lattice formulation of 2D $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ SYM

Lattice gauge fields are on links:  $A_\mu(x) \Rightarrow U_\mu(x) = e^{iaA_\mu(x)}$

All the other fields are on sites.

Lattice fields are dimensionless.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi, \bar{\phi} &= \mathcal{O}(a), & \psi_\mu, \chi, \eta &= \mathcal{O}(a^{3/2}), & H &= \mathcal{O}(a^2), \\ Q &= \mathcal{O}(a^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$



◇ Q-SUSY on the lattice

$$QU_\mu(x) = i\psi_\mu(x)U_\mu(x),$$

$$Q\psi_\mu(x) = i\psi_\mu(x)\psi_\mu(x) + ia\nabla_\mu\phi(x),$$

$$Q\phi(x) = 0,$$

$$Q\bar{\phi}(x) = \eta(x), \quad Q\eta(x) = [\phi(x), \bar{\phi}(x)],$$

$$Q\chi(x) = H(x), \quad QH(x) = [\phi(x), \chi(x)],$$

where  $a\nabla_\mu\phi(x) \equiv U_\mu(x)\phi(x + \hat{\mu})U_\mu(x)^{-1} - \phi(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow Q^2 =$  (infinitesimal gauge tr. with the parameter  $\phi(x)$ )

(Nilpotent up to gauge transformation on the lattice)

- Actually, starting with  $QU_\mu(x) = i\psi_\mu(x)U_\mu(x)$ , we get  $Q\psi_\mu(x)$  as

$$\underline{Q^2U_\mu(x)} = i(Q\psi_\mu(x))U_\mu(x) - i\psi_\mu(x)(QU_\mu(x))$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\phi(x)U_\mu(x) - U_\mu(x)\phi(x + \hat{\mu})$$

◇ Q-invariant Lattice Action: Q(gauge invariant terms)

[F.S.]

For admissible gauge fields ( $\|1 - U_{12}(x)\| < \epsilon$  for  $\forall x$ ),

$$S_{(2,2)}^{(\text{lat})} = Q \frac{1}{g_0^2} \sum_x \text{tr} \left[ \chi(x) \{-i\widehat{\Phi}(x) + H(x)\} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4} \eta(x) [\phi(x), \bar{\phi}(x)] - i \sum_{\mu} \psi_{\mu}(x) a \nabla_{\mu} \bar{\phi}(x) \right],$$

Otherwises,  $S_{\text{SYM}}^{(\text{lat})} = +\infty$ . (i.e. The Boltzmann weight is zero.)

Here, (for  $G = \mathbf{U}(N)$ )

$$\widehat{\Phi}(x) = \frac{-i(U_{12}(x) - U_{21}(x))}{1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \|1 - U_{12}(x)\|^2} \sim 2F_{12}$$

## Note

If we used a naive  $-i(U_{12}(x) - U_{21}(x))$  instead of  $\widehat{\Phi}$ ,  
gauge kinetic terms would be

$$\sim -\text{tr} (U_{12}(x) - U_{21}(x))^2 = \text{tr} (2 - U_{12}(x)^2 - U_{21}(x)^2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The configurations

$$U_{12}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{up to gauge tr.})$$

for  $\forall x$  would give the classical minima of the action.

Huge degeneracy! ( $\#$  of minima)  $\sim \mathcal{O} \left( 2^{N(\# \text{ of plaquettes})} \right)$

Because the continuum theory is derived from weak field expansion around  $U_\mu(x) = 1$ , we should single out the vacuum  $U_{12}(x) = 1$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The use of  $\widehat{\Phi}$  does the job with keeping  $Q$ -SUSY.

c.f.) The Wilson lattice gauge action:  $\text{tr} (2 - U_{12}(x) - U_{21}(x))$   
 $\Rightarrow$  The unique minimum  $U_{12}(x) = 1$ .

Note:

- $\epsilon$  is some positive number independent of the lattice spacing  $a$ .  
 $\Rightarrow F_{12}$  is almost unconstrained near the continuum limit.
- O.K. for  $G = U(N), SU(N)$  .

◇ Restoration of full SUSY

Of course, the lattice action reduces to the continuum classical action in the continuum limit  $a \rightarrow 0$  with  $g_{2d} \equiv g_0/a$  fixed.

How about quantum mechanically?

Possible relevant/marginal operators radiatively generated:

- $\text{tr } \phi$ ,  $\text{tr } \bar{\phi}$ ,  $\text{tr } H$  : forbidden by  $U(1)_A$  symmetry and reflection symmetry of the lattice action
- $\text{tr } \phi \bar{\phi}$  : forbidden by  $Q$ -SUSY.

There does not appear dangerous operator which prevents from restoring full SUSY.  $\Rightarrow$  No fine tuning needed

This is a perturbative argument.

Nonperturbative check for the restoration has been done by numerical study in case of  $G = SU(2)$ . [Kanamori-Suzuki]

#### 4 Continuum 2D $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ SQCD

2D  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SQCD  $\Leftarrow$  dimensional reduction from 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SQCD

Field contents:

- $V = (A_\mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}; \lambda; H) \Leftarrow$  4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vector superfield
- $\Phi_{+I} = (\phi_{+I}; \psi_{+IR}, \psi_{+IL}; F_{+I}) \Leftarrow$  4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  chiral superfield  
(fundamental repre., flavors:  $I = 1, \dots, n_+$ )
- $\Phi_{-I} = (\phi_{-I}; \psi_{-IR}, \psi_{-IL}; F_{-I}) \Leftarrow$  4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  chiral superfield  
(anti-fundamental repre., flavors:  $I = 1, \dots, n_-$ )

The continuum Lagrangian :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} + \left[ \sum_{I=1}^{n_+} \Phi_{+I}^\dagger e^V \Phi_{+I} + \sum_{I=1}^{n_-} \Phi_{-I} e^{-V} \Phi_{-I}^\dagger \right] \Big|_{\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} + W(\Phi_+, \Phi_-) \Big|_{\theta\theta} + \bar{W}(\Phi_+^\dagger, \Phi_-^\dagger) \Big|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}},$$

◇ Lattice formulation of 2D  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SQCD

Ginsparg-Wilson formulation can be extended to realize both of  $Q$ -SUSY and chiral flavor symmetry.  $\rightarrow$  O.K. for general  $n_{\pm}$  [Kikukawa-F.S.]

- O.K. for general superpotential with preserving holomorphic structure
- Application to gauged linear sigma models

◇  $Q'$  invariant lattice formulation ( $B$ -model twist): [Kadoh-F.S.-Suzuki]

seems more natural to preserve the chiral flavor symmetry.

- In the case  $n_- = 0$  (only fund.) or  $n_+ = 0$  (only anti-fund.), the constructed action can be shown to have the single minimum  $U_{12}(x) = 1$  without using the admissibility conditions.
- $G = U(N)$

Superpotentials:

- $\overline{W}$  is  $Q'$ -exact.  $\Rightarrow \overline{W}$  is  $Q'$ -invariant on the lattice.
- $W$  is not  $Q'$ -exact.  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to realize  $Q'$ -invariant  $W$  on the lattice.

## 5 2D $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$ SYM

2D  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  SYM  $\Leftrightarrow$  (dim. red.) = 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SYM

Bosons :  $A_\mu, B, C, \phi, \bar{\phi}$

Fermions :  $\psi_{\pm\mu}, \chi_\pm, \eta_\pm$

There are two supercharges  $Q_\pm$  nilpotent in the sense of

$Q_+^2 =$  (infinitesimal gauge transformation with parameter  $\phi$ ),

$Q_-^2 =$  (infinitesimal gauge transformation with parameter  $-\bar{\phi}$ ),

$\{Q_+, Q_-\} =$  (infinitesimal gauge transformation with parameter  $C$ ).

Under  $SU(2)_R$  subgroup of the R-symmetry group  $SU(4)$ ,

$(Q_+, Q_-), (\psi_+, \psi_-), (\chi_+, \chi_-), (\eta_+, -\eta_-)$ : doublets,

$(\phi, C, \bar{\phi})$ : triplet.



The classical action can be expressed as the  $Q_{\pm}$  exact form: [Dijkgraaf-Moore], [Blau-Thompson],...

$$S_{(4,4)}^{(E)} = Q_+ Q_- \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{(4,4)} \equiv \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \operatorname{tr} \left[ -2iBF_{01} - \psi_{+\mu}\psi_{-\mu} - \chi_+\chi_- - \frac{1}{4}\eta_+\eta_- \right].$$

$\mathcal{F}_{(4,4)}$  : gauge and  $SU(2)_R$  invariant.

The lattice action with  $Q_{\pm}$ -SUSY can be constructed essentially by  $2F_{12} \rightarrow \widehat{\Phi}(x)$  other than trivial changes. [F. S.]

Perturbatively, it is shown that full SUSY is restored in the continuum limit with no fine-tuning.

## 6 2D lattice for 4D SYM

### ◇ Mass-deformed 2D $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$ SYM

[Hanada-Matsuura-F.S.] (in progress)

We can consider a mass-deformation analogous to the BMN matrix model to the 2D  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  action **with keeping the full 8 SUSY** as

$$S_{(4,4)M}^{(E)} = \frac{2}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \operatorname{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} F_{12}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu X^I)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^T (D_1 + \gamma_2 D_2) \Psi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{i}{2} \Psi^T \gamma_I [X^I, \Psi] - \frac{1}{4} [X^I, X^J]^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{M}{3} \right)^2 (X^a)^2 - i \frac{M}{6} \Psi^T \gamma_{23} \Psi + i \frac{M}{3} X^3 F_{12} + i \frac{M}{3} \epsilon_{abc} X^a X^b X^c \right]$$

with  $I, J = 3, 4, 5, 6$  and  $a, b, c = 4, 5, 6$ . c.f. [Das-Michelson-Shapere]

Then,  $Q_\pm$ -SUSY is deformed so that they are nilpotent up to gauge and  $SU(2)_R$  rotations :

$$Q_+^2 = (\text{gauge transf. with } \phi) + \frac{M}{3} J_{++},$$

$$Q_-^2 = (\text{gauge transf. with } -\bar{\phi}) - \frac{M}{3} J_{--},$$

$$\{Q_+, Q_-\} = (\text{gauge transf. with } C) - \frac{M}{3} J_0$$

with  $J_0, J_{\pm\pm}$  : generators of  $SU(2)_R$ .

The action is expressed as

$$S_{(4,4)M}^{(E)} = \left( Q_+ Q_- - \frac{M}{3} \right) \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)},$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{(4,4)}$  is identical with the undeformed case.

Note that  $S_{(4,4)M}^{(E)}$  is not precisely  $Q_+ Q_-$ -exact but  $Q_{\pm}$  invariant.

For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_+ S_{(4,4)M}^{(E)} &= Q_+^2 Q_- \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)} - \frac{M}{3} Q_+ \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)} \\ &= \frac{M}{3} J_{++} Q_- \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)} - \frac{M}{3} Q_+ \mathcal{F}_{(4,4)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

◇  $Q_{\pm}$  invariant lattice action for the deformed theory can be obtained again by  $2F_{12} \rightarrow \widehat{\Phi}(x)$ .

Perturbatively, full SUSY is restored in the continuum limit without fine-tuning.

- The theory has **no flat directions**, but discrete minima corresponding to Fuzzy spheres

$$[X^a, X^b] = i \frac{M}{3} \epsilon_{abc} X^c.$$

Fuzzy sphere configurations are supersymmetric.

⇒ Expanding around one of the configurations

$$X^a = \frac{M}{3} L_{(k)}^a \otimes \mathbf{1}_n, \quad (L_{(k)}^a : k\text{-dim. irre. rep. of } \text{SU}(2))$$

we obtain **4D  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SYM on  $R^2 \times$  Fuzzy  $S^2$** .

- gauge group of the 4d theory :  $G_{4d} = \text{U}(n)$  ( $n$  finite!)
- “lattice spacing” of Fuzzy  $S^2$  :  $b = 1/(Mk)$ ,

NC parameter  $\theta \sim 1/(Mk^2)$

$b \rightarrow 0$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) limit is smooth? UV-IR mixing?

◇ We are considering the similar thing for mass-deformed 2d  $\mathcal{N} = (8, 8)$  SYM.

[Hanada-Matsuura-F.S.] (in progress)

- The continuum 2d theory would be obtained from the lattice theory with no fine-tuning.

- 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM on  $R^2 \times$  Fuzzy  $S^2$  is obtained.

Now,  $b \rightarrow 0$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) limit is expected to be smooth.

$\Rightarrow$  Continuum 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM with  $G_{4d} = U(n)$  on  $R^2 \times S^2$  could be obtained with no fine-tuning. ( $1/M$  : radius of  $S^2$ )

- Finally, take  $M \rightarrow 0$  limit to get the theory on  $R^4$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If this scenario works, the 2D lattice would give the nonperturbative formulation of 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM with  $G_{4d} = U(n)$ .

## 7 Summary and Discussion

◇ Lattice formulations of 2D  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SYM (and SQCD) have been discussed.

- $Q$ -invariant formulation ( $A$ -model twist)
  - $G = \mathbf{U}(N), \mathbf{SU}(N)$
  - general  $n_{\pm}$  by employing the Ginsparg-Wilson operator  
Exact chiral flavor symmetry on the lattice
  - general superpotentials
- $Q'$ -invariant formulation ( $B$ -model twist)
  - simpler than the  $A$ -model twist case (Admissibility cond. is not necessary)
  - $G = \mathbf{U}(N)$
  - $(n_+, n_-) = (n_+, 0)$  or  $(0, n_-)$

◇ Lattice formulation of 2D  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  SYM and its mass-deformed version has been discussed.

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Thank you very much!

Happy Birthday, Kazama-san!



