Matrix Model and Ginsparg-Wilson Relation

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We discuss that the Ginsparg-Wilson relation, which has the key role in the recent development of constructing lattice chiral gauge theory, can play an important role to define chiral structures in finite matrix models and noncommutative geometries.

1. Introduction

Various matrix models have been proposed toward the nonperturbative formulations of the superstring theory. IKKT matrix model\cite{1} is one of the proposals, and its several properties have been investigated\cite{2}. In the matrix model space-time is described in matrices, so noncommutative (NC) geometry\cite{3} naturally appears in itself. The realization of chiral fermion is one of the interesting issues from the standpoint of the unification of space-time and matter since the chiral structure of fermions may play important roles in quantization of space-time.

One way to realize the 4 dimensional chiral fermions in the matrix model is the Kaluza-Klein compactification with the non-trivial index. The construction of the non-trivial index in finite NC geometry or matrix model is thus an important subject. Topologically nontrivial configurations in finite NC geometries have been constructed based on algebraic K-theory and projective modules in much literature, but it would be better if we could find other prescriptions which are more natural in physical point of view. One of the possibilities is the utilization of the admissibility condition\cite{4} and the Ginsparg-Wilson relation\cite{5} in lattice gauge theory (LGT).

In LGT there occurred much development recently in the construction of chiral gauge theory. The first important observation was that, in the presence of the mass defect which is introduced as a scalar background in higher $4 + x$ dimensions, a chiral fermion appears at the defect. So far a domain wall fermion ($x = 1$)\cite{6} and a vortex fermion ($x = 2$)\cite{7} are constructed on the lattice. From the former model a practical solution to the GW relation\cite{5}, the overlap Dirac operator, is obtained\cite{8}. The index theorem\cite{9,10} and the modified chiral symmetry\cite{10,11} are also realized, and eventually, an anomaly free abelian chiral gauge theory is constructed on the lattice\cite{12}.

On the other hand in Connes’ NC geometry the formulation is evolved from the spectral triple $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$, where a chirality operator and a Dirac operator which anti-commute are introduced\cite{3}. In ref.\cite{13}, we proposed to generalize the algebraic relation to GW relation\cite{5} so that we can define chiral structures in a finite noncommutative geometry. We will discuss these topics briefly in the following.

2. GW fermion on finite NC geometry

First we overview the relevant works shortly.

The first literature related to this context is found in ref.\cite{14}, where overlap formula is applied to the unitary IIB matrix model. At this time, however, the real importance of the GW relation and the relation between them were not known yet. Next in ref.\cite{15} GW relation on fuzzy 2-sphere was discussed for free fermions in connection to the fermion doubling problems. On NC torus the lattice structure is visible\cite{16}, so the usual overlap Dirac operator\cite{8} can be put naively on NC torus as it is. The authors in ref.\cite{17} dis-
cussed the chiral gauge theory on NC torus using the overlap Dirac operator. In the paper[18] the gauge field was introduced to the Dirac operator in ref.[15], but the modified chiral symmetry was not maintained since the gauge field was introduced linearly in the Dirac operator. Dirac operator which has the exact chiral symmetry and no doubling species for general gauge fields has not been realized until the appearance of the paper[13].

The prescription proposed in ref.[13] as follows. First we introduce two hermitian chirality operators, $\Gamma$ and $\hat{\Gamma} = \frac{\gamma_5}{\sqrt{H}}$, which satisfy $\Gamma^2 = \hat{\Gamma}^2 = 1$. $H$ includes the differential operator and the gauge field. The Dirac operator $D_{GW}$ is defined by $1 - \Gamma \hat{\Gamma} = f(a, \Gamma)D_{GW}$, where $a$ is a small parameter. $H$ and the function $f$ must be defined so that the $D_{GW}$ has no doublers and the correct behavior in the commutative limit ($a \to 0$). $D_{GW}$ satisfies GW relation[5], $\Gamma D_{GW} + D_{GW} \Gamma = 0$, and we have the index theorem: $\text{index}D_{GW} = (n_+ - n_-) = \frac{1}{2} Tr(\Gamma + \hat{\Gamma})$. Under the modified chiral transformation $\delta \Psi = i \lambda \Gamma \Psi$, $\delta \hat{\Psi} = i \hat{\Psi} \lambda \Gamma$, the fermionic action $S_F = \text{tr}(\hat{\Psi} D_{GW} \Psi)$ is invariant, while the Jacobian produces $q(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} Tr(\lambda \Gamma + \lambda \hat{\Gamma})$, which is expected to provide the topological charge density and the index for $\lambda = 1$.

2.1. Example on fuzzy 2-sphere

We give the concrete example of $H$ and $f$ for fuzzy 2-sphere case setting the NC coordinates as $x_i = a L_i$, where $L_i$’s are 2$L + 1$ dimensional irreducible representation matrices of $SU(2)$ algebra. The radius of the sphere is then given by $\rho = a \sqrt{L(L+1)}$. One example set of $H$ and $f$ are $H = \Gamma R + a D_w$ and $f = -a \Gamma R$, where $a = 1/(L + 1/2)$ and $R$ means that the operator acts from the right on the matrices. $D_w$ and $\Gamma R$ are given by $D_w = \sigma_i (\mathcal{L}_i + \rho a_i) + 1$ and $\Gamma R = \frac{1}{2L+1} (2\sigma_i \mathcal{L}_i - 1)$, where $i$ runs from 1 to 3. $a_i$’s are gauge fields and $\mathcal{L}_i$’s are Killing vectors satisfying $\mathcal{L}_i M = [L_i, M]$ for any hermitian matrix $M$. We denote here the Dirac operator constructed from these $H$ and $f$ as $D_{AIN}$.

We can show that the Chern-character is correctly produced from the Jacobian in the commutative limit; $q(\lambda) = 2\rho \int \frac{d^2 \lambda}{(4\pi)^2} e_{ijk} x_j \partial_i a'_k$ where $a'_k$ is a tangential component of $a_k$: $a'_k = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j a_k/\rho[13]$.

The properties of $D_{AIN}$ and other types $D_{WW}$ and $D_{GKP}$ are summarized in Table 1. $D_{WW}$, $D_{GKP}$ and their properties related to doublers are seen in refs.[19],[20] and [21,15], respectively. Here we note that $D_w$ is equal to $D_{GKP}$ and that $D_{WW}$ has no chiral anomaly. The source of the chiral anomaly in $D_{GKP}$ is the breaking in a cut-off scale of the action under the chiral transformation[22], while that in $D_{AIN}$ is the Jacobian[13]. These facts suggest that some kind of Nielsen-Ninomiya’s theorem exists in matrix model and NC geometry.

Non-trivial index on fuzzy 2-sphere

Based on the construction in ref.[13], a concrete example of the non-trivial index is constructed with the projective module method in ref.[23]. Using the same method we can construct the TP monopole on fuzzy 2-sphere[24]. However, the index operator is modified and the original interpretation is lost. This is an open problem.

2.2. Example on NC torus

GW fermion on NC torus is defined with the overlap Dirac operator[8] in LGT as it is[17]. In addition to the usual chirality operator $\gamma_{d+1}$, the other one $\bar{\gamma} = \frac{\gamma_5}{\sqrt{H}}$ is introduced. Here $H = \gamma_{d+1} (m_0 - a D_w)$ with the Wilson-Dirac operator, $D_w = \frac{1}{2} [\gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu + \nabla_\mu) - a r \nabla_\mu \nabla_\mu]$, where $m_0$ and $r$ are free parameters. Using the above chirality operators, the GW Dirac operator is expressed as $D_{GW} = \frac{1}{a} [1 - \gamma_{d+1} \bar{\gamma}]$, which is free of species doubling if $0 < \frac{m_0}{r} < 2[8]$.

The Jacobian is shown to produce the correct chiral anomaly in arbitrary dimensions ($d = 2n$) using the result in ref.[25]. The final expression is written as $q(\lambda) = \frac{(4\pi)^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_{\gamma_{\nu_1 \rho_1} \cdots \gamma_{\nu_1 \rho_1}} \int d^d x \lambda(x) \ast F_{\nu_1 \rho_1}(x) \cdots \ast F_{\nu_1 \mu_1}(x)[26]$.

Non-trivial index on NC torus

In LGT the non-trivial topological structure in gauge field space is realized by the admissibility condition[4], which requires that the fluctuation of the gauge field strength is sufficiently small.
On NC torus GW fermion includes the gauge field in the compact form, so it is expected that the non-trivial topology may be realized with the condition not appealing to projective modules. The index can be studied by the spectral flow method. The gauge field configurations which satisfy the admissibility condition and produce non-trivial indices are indeed found numerically on NC torus\cite{27}. This result shows that the non-trivial topological structure is naturally realized in the gauge field space on NC torus.

3. Discussion

GW relation has important roles in matrix model as well as in LGT. It is desirable to construct many examples of GW fermions on various higher-dimensional NC geometries. We hope that not only the topology of gauge field space but also that of space-time can be classified with the index operator or its generalization.

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