Noncommutative Induced Gauge Theory

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- Pick S_H(φ, φ[†]), couple it to external A_μ in a gauge invariant way, integrate over matter and get effective action Γ(A).
 - Guess possible form(s) for a candidate as a renormalisable gauge action
 - ▶ Is there some additional terms that appear in the action, beyond $F_{\mu\nu} \star F_{\mu\nu}$.
 - How does the harmonic term survive in the resulting effective action?
 - ▶ Check whether or not \exists some relic of the Langmann-Szabo duality

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▶ The structure of the resulting action:

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► The connection is further assumed to preserve the hermitian structure *h*, i.e $\partial_{\mu}h(m_1, m_2) = h(\nabla_{\mu}m_1, m_2) + h(m_1, \nabla_{\mu}m_2), \quad \forall m_1, m_2 \in \mathcal{H}$

(Recall that *h* is a sesquilinear map from $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$ to \mathcal{M} verifying $h(m_1 \star f_1, m_2 \star f_2) = f_1^{\dagger} \star h(m_1, m_2) \star f_2, \forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{M}, \forall m_1, m_2 \in \mathcal{H})$

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► Gauge transformations are defined by the automorphisms of the module M preserving the hermitian structure h: γ ∈ Aut_h(M). One has

$$\gamma(f) = \gamma(\mathbb{I} \star f) = \gamma(\mathbb{I}) \star f , \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{N} \ h(\gamma(f_1), \gamma(f_2)) = h(f_1, f_2) \quad \forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{M}$$

The latter relation implies

$$\gamma(\mathbb{I})^{\dagger} \star \gamma(\mathbb{I}) = \mathbb{I}$$

so that the gauge transformations are determined by $\gamma(\mathbb{I}) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M})$, where $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M})$ is the group of unitary elements of \mathcal{M} .

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- ► In \mathcal{M} , the derivative ∂_{μ} is an inner derivative, since one has $\partial_{\mu}\phi = [i\xi_{\mu}, \phi]_{\star}, \quad \xi_{\mu} \equiv -\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{-1}x_{\nu}$

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so that D_{μ} is a derivation. These NC analogs of "gauge transformation in the adjoint representation" can be understood in terms of *actual* NC gauge transformations provided the initial algebra \mathcal{M} is enlarged to \mathcal{M} by $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{M}^{o}$, where \mathcal{M}^{o} is the opposite algebra which amounts to deal with real structure instead of hermitian structure.

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- The effect of the inclusion of non-orientable interactions on the renormalisability is not known.

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Goals:

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- ► Is there some additional terms that appear in the action, beyond the expected $F_{\mu\nu} \star F_{\mu\nu}$.
- How does the harmonic term survive in the resulting effective action?
- Check whether or not some relic of the Langmann-Szabo shows up in the effective action

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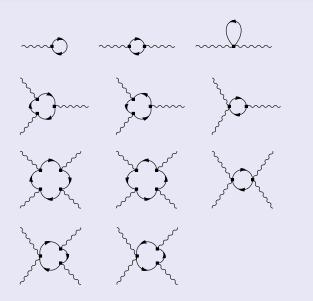
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► The effective action $\Gamma_{1/oop}(A)$ can be conveniently obtained in the *x*-space formalism. Compute relevant diagrams using the Mehler-type propagator $C(x,y) \equiv \langle \phi(x)\phi^{\dagger}(y) \rangle$ (set $\widetilde{\Omega} \equiv 2\frac{\Omega}{\theta}$ and $x \wedge y \equiv 2x_{\mu}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{-1}y_{\nu}$) $C(x,y) = \frac{\Omega^2}{\pi^2\theta^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{\sinh^2(2\widetilde{\Omega}t)} \exp^{(-\frac{\widetilde{\Omega}}{4}\coth(\widetilde{\Omega}t)(x-y)^2 - \frac{\widetilde{\Omega}}{4}\tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t)(x+y)^2 - m^2t)}$

combined with the vertex whose generic expression is

$$\int d^4 x (f_1 \star f_2 \star f_3 \star f_4)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^4 \theta^4} \int \prod_{i=1}^4 d^4 x_i f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) f_3(x_3) f_4(x_4)$$
$$\times \delta(x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4) e^{-i \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j+1} x_i \wedge x_j}.$$

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- It involves a mass-type term for the gauge potential A_μ (a bare mass term for a gauge potential is forbidden by gauge invariance in commutative Yang-Mills theories).

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involves suitable candidates for renormalisable actions for gauge theory defined on Moyal spaces.

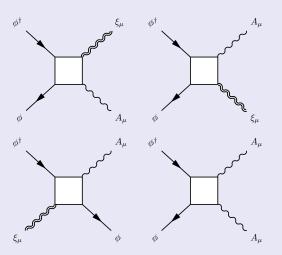
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Next step

- Clarify the vacuum problem
- What goes on for IR singularity in the polarisation tensor?

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Vertices involving A_{μ}



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Tadpole diagram I

The amplitude for the tadpole diagram is

$$T_1 = \frac{\Omega^2}{4\pi^6\theta^6} \int d^4x \ d^4u \ d^4z \int_0^\infty \frac{dt \ e^{-tm^2}}{\sinh^2(\widetilde{\Omega}t)\cosh^2(\widetilde{\Omega}t)} \ A_\mu(u) \ e^{-i(u-x)\wedge z}$$

$$\times e^{-\frac{\Omega}{4}(\coth(\Omega t)z^2 + \tanh(\Omega t)(2x+z)^2}((1-\Omega^2)(2\widetilde{x}_{\mu}+\widetilde{z}_{\mu}) - 2\widetilde{u}_{\mu})$$

Introduce the following 8-dimensional vectors X, J and the 8×8 matrix K defined by

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t)\mathbb{I} & 2 \tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t)\mathbb{I} - 2i\Theta^{-1} \\ 2 \tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t)\mathbb{I} + 2i\Theta^{-1} & (\tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t) + \coth(\widetilde{\Omega}t))\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i\widetilde{u} \end{pmatrix}$$

This permits one to reexpress the amplitude in a form such that some Gaussian integrals can be easily performed:

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$$\times e^{-\frac{1}{2}X.K.X+J.X}((1-\Omega^{2})(2\widetilde{x}_{\mu}+\widetilde{z}_{\mu})-2\widetilde{u}_{\mu})$$
By performing the Gaussian integrals on X, we find
$$\mathcal{T} \qquad \frac{\Omega^{4}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int d^{4}u \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dt \ e^{-tm^{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} A_{\mu}(u)\widetilde{u} = e^{-\frac{2\Omega}{\mu(1-\Omega^{2})}\tanh(\widetilde{\Omega}t)u^{2}}$$

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Tadpole diagram II

Inspection of the behaviour of T_1 for $t \to 0$ shows that this latter expression has a quadratic as well as a logarithmic UV divergence. From Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{T}_{1} &= - \; \frac{\Omega^{2}}{4\pi^{2}(1+\Omega^{2})^{3}} \left(\int d^{4}u \; \widetilde{u}_{\mu}A_{\mu}(u) \right) \; \frac{1}{\epsilon} \; - \frac{m^{2}\Omega^{2}}{4\pi^{2}(1+\Omega^{2})^{3}} \left(\int d^{4}u \; \widetilde{u}_{\mu}A_{\mu}(u) \right) \; \ln \\ &- \; \frac{\Omega^{4}}{\pi^{2}\theta^{2}(1+\Omega^{2})^{4}} \left(\int d^{4}u \; u^{2}\widetilde{u}_{\mu}A_{\mu}(u) \right) \; \ln(\epsilon) \; + \dots, \end{split}$$

where $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ is a cut-off and the ellipses denote finite contributions.

Higher order terms

- ▶ The regularisation of the diverging amplitudes is performed in a way that preserves gauge invariance of the most diverging terms. In D = 4, these are UV quadratically diverging so that the cut-off ϵ on the various integrals over the Schwinger parameters $(\int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dt)$ must be suitably chosen.
- ▶ We find that this can be achieved with $\int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dt$ for \mathcal{T}_{2}'' while for \mathcal{T}_{2}' the regularisation must be performed with $\int_{\epsilon/4}^{\infty}$.
- ► In field-theoretical language, gauge invariance is broken by the naive *ϵ*-regularisation of the Schwinger integrals and must be restored by adjusting the regularisation scheme. Note that the logarithmically divergent part is insensitive to a finite scaling of the cut-off.

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Higher order terms II

▶ The one-loop effective action can be expressed in terms of heat kernels:

$$\Gamma_{1loop}(\phi, A) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \operatorname{Tr} \left(e^{-tH(\phi, A)} - e^{-tH(0, 0)} \right)$$
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= $-\frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \to 0} \Gamma(s) \operatorname{Tr} \left(H^{-s}(\phi, A) - H^{-s}(0, 0) \right),$

where $H(\phi, A) = \frac{\delta^2 S(\phi, A)}{\delta \phi \, \delta \phi^{\dagger}}$. Expanding:

$$H^{-s}(\phi, A) = \left(1 + a_1(\phi, A)s + a_2(\phi, A)s^2 + \dots\right)H^{-s}(0, 0),$$
(3)

we obtain

$$\Gamma_{1loop}(\phi, A) = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \to 0} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\left(\Gamma(s+1)a_1(\phi, A) + s\Gamma(s+1)a_2(\phi, A) + \dots \right) H^{-s}(0, 0) \right).$$
With $\Gamma(s+1) = 1 - s\gamma + \dots$ we have
$$\Gamma_{1loop}(\phi, A) = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \to 0} \operatorname{Tr} \left(a_1(\phi, A) H^{-s}(0, 0) \right) \\
- \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\left(a_2(\phi, A) - \gamma a_1(\phi, A) \right) H^{-s}(0, 0) \right). \quad (4)$$

The second line is the Wodzicki residue which corresponds to the logarithmically divergent part of the one-loop effective action. The quadratically divergent part $-\frac{1}{2} \lim_{s \to 0} \operatorname{Tr}(a_1 H^{-s}(0,0))$ in the action which cannot be gauge-invariant.