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Quantum Theory and Quantum Field theory derived from information-theoretic principles

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The information-theoretical paradigm:

the physical law as an algorithm





The New Axiomatization Program

To derive the whole Physics axiomatically

from "principles" stated in form of purely mathematical axioms without physical primitives, but having a thorough physical interpretation.

Solution: informationalism

physical primitives: mass, force, rods, clocks,...



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Project: A Quantum-Digital Universe, Grant ID: 43796

• Mechanics (QFT) derived in terms of countably many quantum systems in interaction





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Algorithm -> discreteness!

discrete



continuum





"But you have correctly grasped the drawback that the continuum brings. If the molecular view of matter is the correct (appropriate) one, i.e., if a part of the universe is to be represented by a finite number of moving points, then the continuum of the present theory contains too great a manifold of possibilities. I also believe that this too great is responsible for the fact that our present means of description miscarry with the quantum theory. The problem seems to me how one can formulate statements about a discontinuum without calling upon a continuum (space-time) as an aid; the latter should be banned from the theory as a supplementary construction not justified by the essence of the problem, which corresponds to nothing "real". <u>But we still lack</u> the mathematical structure unfortunately. How much have I already plagued myself in this way!"

John Stachel in *From Quarks to Quasars: Philosophical Problems of Modern Physics,* University of Pittsburg Press, pag. 379

A new mathematics: geometric group theory

The geometrization of group theory



Mikhail Gromov

Geometric group theory: a primer



Example: $Z^{2} = \{(n, m) | n, m \in Z\}$ $Z^{2} = \langle a, b | aba^{-1}b^{-1} \rangle \quad e = (0, 0), a = (1, 0), b = (0, 1),$ $ab = ba \Longrightarrow aba^{-1}b^{-1} = e$

 $\implies abaab^{-1}abbba^{-1}baabb^{-1}aa^{-1} = a^5b^4$

Geometric Group Theory: Cayley graph of a group



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Virtually Abelian groups





Geometric Group Theory



Quasi isometric embedding

Suppose that *f* is a (not necessarily continuous) function from one metric space M_1 to a second metric space M_2 . Then it is called a *quasi-isometry* from M_1 to M_2 if there exist constants $A \ge 1$, $B \ge 0$, $C \ge 0$ such that the following two properties both hold:

1) for every two points and in M_1 , the distance between their images is (up to the additive constant *B*) within a factor of *A* of their original distance: $\forall x.u \in M_1$

$$\frac{1}{A}d_1(x,y) - B \leqslant d_2(f(x), f(y)) \leqslant Ad_1(x,y) + B$$

2) every point of M_2 is within a constant distance C from the image point:

 $\forall z \in M_2 : \exists x \in M_1 : d_2(z, f(x)) \leqslant C$

Theorem: A group is quasi-isometrically embeddable in R^d iff it is virtually Abelian

Theorem: A group has polynomial growth iff it is virtually nihilpotent # points ~r^d





G non virtually nihilpotent \rightarrow exponential growth



quasi-isometrically embeddable in hyperbolic space



Linearity in the field corresponds to work with transition matrices between blocks of direct-sum of Hilbert spaces instead of unitary interactions on tensor product of Hilbert spaces.

$$\mathscr{A}\psi_g = U\psi_g U^{\dagger} = \sum_{g'} A_{g,g'}\psi_{g'}$$



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w.l.g. Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}=\oplus_{g\in G}\mathbb{C}^{s_g}$ $|G|\leqslant\aleph,\ s_g\in\mathbb{N}$

Evolution $\psi_g(t+1) = \sum_{g' \in S_g} A_{gg'} \psi_{g'}(t)$ $\sum_{g'} A_{gg'} A_{g''g'}^{\dagger} = \sum_{g'} A_{gg'}^{\dagger} A_{g''g'} = \delta_{gg''} I_{sg}$



1) <u>Locality</u>: S_g uniformly bounded

2) <u>Reciprocity</u>: $A_{gg'} \neq 0 \implies A_{g'g} \neq 0$

3) <u>Homogeneity</u>: all $g \in G$ are "equivalent"

$$S_g = S, \ s_g = s \ \dots$$
 label $A_{gg'} =: A_h, \ h \in: S$

define the "action" on the set of vertices G: gh := g' whenever $A_{gg'} = A_h$

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Build the free group *F* of words made with letters: $h \in S := S_+ \cup S_$ with action on vertices in G:gh := g' whenever $A_{gg'} = A_h$ Consider the subgroup *H* of closed paths H normal subgroup of *F* D'Ariano, Perinotti, PRA **90** 062106 (2014)

 g_6

g

 g_3

 g_5

 g_4

 g_1

 g_2

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 $\Gamma(G, S_+)$ colored directed graph with vertices $g \in G$ and edges (g, g') with g' = gh

Either the graph is connected, or it consists of disconnected copies. W.I.g. assume it as connected.

Being H normal, one concludes that:

 $G = F/H = \langle S|R \rangle$ is a group with Cayley graph $\Gamma(G, S_+)$ (the identity any element $e \in G$).

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4) <u>Isotropy:</u>

There exist:

- a group L of permutations of S_+ , transitive over S_+ that leaves the Cayley graph invariant
- a unitary s-dimensional (projective) representation $\{L_l\}$ of L such that:

The following operator over the Hilbert space $\ell^2(G)\otimes \mathbb{C}^s$ is unitary

$$A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h$$

where T is the right regular representation of G on $\ell^2(G)$ acting as

$$T_g|g'\rangle = |g'g^{-1}\rangle$$

iff for Quantum Walk on Cayley graph

$$A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h = \sum_{h \in S} T_{lh} \otimes L_l A_h L_l^{\dagger}$$

The quantum walk on the Cayley graph is completely specified as

$$Q = (G, S_+, s, \{A_h\}_{h \in S})$$

Induced representation theorem

$$Q = (G, S_+, s, \{A_h\}_{h \in S})$$
 with virtually Abelian G

equivalent to

 $Q' = (H, S_+, si_H, \{A_h\}_{h \in S})$, $H \subset G$, i_H : index of H





The Weyl QW

Solution Minimal dimension for nontrivial unitary A: s=2

- Unitarity \Rightarrow for d=3 the only possible G is the BCC!!
- Isotropy \Rightarrow Fermionic ψ (d=3)

Unitary operator:
$$A = \int_{B}^{\oplus} d\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Two QWs connected by P

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = -i\sigma_x(s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z)$$

$$\mp i\sigma_y(c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z)$$

$$-i\sigma_z(c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z)$$

$$+ I(c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)$$

$$s_{\alpha} = \sin \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$c_{\alpha} = \cos \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The Weyl QW

$$i\partial_t \psi(t) \simeq \frac{i}{2} [\psi(t+1) - \psi(t-1)] = \frac{i}{2} (A - A^{\dagger}) \psi(t)$$

 $\frac{i}{2}(A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} - A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger}) = + \sigma_x(s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \quad \text{"Hamiltonian"} \\ \pm \sigma_y(c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ + \sigma_z(c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z)$

$$k \ll 1$$
 \square $i\partial_t \psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma^{\pm} \cdot \mathbf{k} \psi$ So Weyl equation! $\sigma^{\pm} := (\sigma_x, \pm \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$

Two QCAs connected by P

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = -i\sigma_x(s_xc_yc_z \pm c_xs_ys_z)$$

$$\mp i\sigma_y(c_xs_yc_z \mp s_xc_ys_z)$$

$$-i\sigma_z(c_xc_ys_z \pm s_xs_yc_z)$$

$$+ I(c_xc_yc_z \mp s_xs_ys_z)$$

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Dirac QW



<u>Local</u> coupling: $A_{\mathbf{k}}$ coupled with its inverse with off-diagonal identity block matrix

$$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} & imI\\ imI & nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$n^{2} + m^{2} = 1 \qquad n, m \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\omega_{\pm}^{E}(\mathbf{k}) = \cos^{-1}[n(c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)]$$

Dirac in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$

m: mass, $m^2 \le 1$ n⁻¹: refraction index





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Maxwell QW



 $c^{\mp}(\mathbf{k}) = c \left(1 \pm \frac{k_x k_y k_z}{|\mathbf{k}|^2} \right)$

 k_z

 $2\vec{n}_{\mathbf{k}}$

k

 $\vec{v}_g(\mathbf{k})$

 k_y

 k_x

$$M_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm *}$$
$$F^{\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\,\mathbf{q}}{2\pi} f(\mathbf{q}) \tilde{\psi}(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} - \mathbf{q}) \sigma^{\mu} \varphi(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} + \mathbf{q})$$

Maxwell in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$ Boson: made with pairs of entangl Fermions (De Broglie neutrino-theory of photon)





2d Dirac

- Evolution of a *narrow-band particle-state*
- Evolution of a *localized* state



Weyl 3d



D'Ariano, Mosco, Perinotti, Tosini, arXiv:1603.06442

fidelity with Dirac for a narrowband packets % k=1 in the relativistic limit $k\simeq m\ll 1$

$$F = \left| \left\langle \exp\left[-iN\Delta(\mathbf{k}) \right] \right\rangle \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\mathbf{k}) &:= (m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3})^{\frac{1}{2}} - \omega^E(\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}k_x k_y k_z}{(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3})^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{3(k_x k_y k_z)^2}{(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3})^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{24}(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3})^{\frac{3}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(k^4 + N^{-1}k^2) \end{aligned}$$

relativistic proton: $N \simeq m^{-3} = 2.2 * 10^{57} \Rightarrow t = 1.2 * 10^{14} \text{s} = 3.7 * 10^{6} \text{ y}$

UHECRs:
$$k = 10^{-8} \gg m \Rightarrow N \simeq k^{-2} = 10^{16} \Rightarrow 5 * 10^{-28}$$
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Analytical solution of Dirac (d=1) and Weyl (d=1,2,3)

The analytical solution of the Dirac automaton can also be expressed in terms of Jacobi polynomials $P_k^{(\zeta,\rho)}$ performing the sum over f in Eq. (16) which finally gives

$$\psi(x,t) = \sum_{y} \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1\}} \gamma_{a,b} P_k^{(1,-t)} \left(1 + 2\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^2 \right) A_{ab} \psi(y,0),$$

$$k = \mu_+ - \frac{a \oplus b + 1}{2},$$

$$\gamma_{a,b} = -(\mathbf{i}^{a \oplus b}) n^t \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{2+a \oplus b} \frac{k! \left(\mu_{(-)^{ab}} + \frac{\overline{a \oplus b}}{2}\right)}{(2)_k}, \quad (18)$$

where $\gamma_{00} = \gamma_{11} = 0$ ($\gamma_{10} = \gamma_{01} = 0$) for t + x - y odd (even) and $(x)_k = x(x+1) \cdots (x+k-1)$.

Dispersive Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{split} i\partial_{t} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_{0}\cdot\mathbf{x}+i\omega_{0}t}\psi(\mathbf{k},t) &= s[\omega(\mathbf{k})-\omega_{0}]e^{-i\mathbf{k}_{0}\cdot\mathbf{x}+i\omega_{0}t}\psi(\mathbf{k},t)\\ i\partial_{t}\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k},t) &= s[\omega(\mathbf{k})-\omega_{0}]\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k},t)\\ i\partial_{t}\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t) &= s[\mathbf{v}\cdot\mathbf{\nabla}+\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{D}\cdot\mathbf{\nabla}\mathbf{\nabla}]\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t)\\ \mathbf{v} &= (\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{k}}\omega)(\mathbf{k}_{0})\\ \mathbf{D} &= (\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{k}}\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{k}}\omega)(\mathbf{k}_{0}) \end{split}$$

<u>کر</u> 0.010

0.005

0.000

200

400

х

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400

х

600

800

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The New Axiomatization Program

Cases of study:

- physical standards
- special relativity from quantum theory without kinematics
- particle notion without mechanics
- proper time

Case of study 1: LTM standards in adimensional theory

$$x = \frac{x_{[m]}}{a_*} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t = \frac{t_{[sec]}}{t_*} \in \mathbb{N}, \quad m = \frac{m_{[kg]}}{m_*} \in [0, 1]$$

$$m_* \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}\pi} \frac{\hbar k}{c(k) - c(0)}$$

Heuristic argument of the mini-black-hole:

 m_{st} Planck mass

 $c \equiv c(0) = \frac{a_*}{t_*}$ $\hbar = m_* a_* c$

from the relativistic limit

Relativity Principle: Invariance of the dynamical law with the inertial frame

Inertial frame: a reference frame where the Newton inertia law holds for a mechanically isolated system

Poincaré group: group of changes of inertial frame that leave the dynamical law invariant.

Relativity Principle: Invariance of the dynamical law with the inertial frame

Inertial frame: a reference frame where energy and momentum are conserved for a mechanically *isolated* system.

Poincaré group: group of changes of inertial frame that leave the dynamical law invariant.

Relativity Principle: Invariance of the dynamical law with the inertial frame

Inertial frame: Representation of the dynamical law for given *values* of the constants of motion for an *isolated* system.

Dynamical law: expressed in terms of the values of the constants of motion.

Poincaré group: group of changes of inertial frame that leave the dynamical law invariant.

Relativity Principle: Invariance of the dynamical law with the inertial frame

Inertial frame: Representation of the physical law in terms of eigenspaces of the constants of the dynamics $k:=(\omega,{\bf k})$

Dynamical law: eigenvalue equation

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}\psi(\mathbf{k},\omega) = e^{i\omega}\psi(\mathbf{k},\omega)$$

Poincaré group: group of changes of representations in terms of eigenspaces of the constants of dynamics that leave the eigenvalue equation invariant.

- Mathematical statement: invariance of eigenvalue equation under change of representation.
- Physical interpretation:

invariance of the physical law under change of inertial reference frame.

FIG. 2: The distortion effects of the Lorentz group for the discrete Planck-scale theory represented by the quantum walk in Eq. (6). Left figure: the orbit of the wavevectors $\mathbf{k} = (k_x, 0, 0)$, with $k_x \in \{.05, .2, .5, 1, 1.7\}$ under the rotation around the z axis. Right figure: the orbit of wavevectors with $|\mathbf{k}| = 0.01$ for various directions in the (k_x, k_y) plane under the boosts with $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ parallel to \mathbf{k} and $|\boldsymbol{\beta}| \in [0, \tanh 4]$.

m=0 Deformed Poincaré group SO(1,3)m>0 Deformed De Sitter group SO(1,4)Lorentz transformations are perfectly recovered for $k,m\ll 1$ For $k\sim 1$:

- Double Special Relativity (Camelia-Smolin).
 - *Relative locality* (in addition to relativity of simultaneity)

FIG. 3: The green surface represents the orbit of the wavevector $\mathbf{k} = (0.3, 0, 0)$ under the full rotation group SO(3).

Case of study 3: particle notion without mechanics

 Mathematical statement: irreducible representation of the group of invariance of dynamics (deformed Poincaré group).

- The Brillouin zone separates into four Poincaré-invariant regions diffeomorphic to balls, corresponding to four different <u>particles</u>.
- *m*≠0 De Sitter *SO*(1,4)

Case of study 4: proper time

• Mathematical statement: topology of domain of the particle mass is a circle

Physical interpretation: proper time is discrete!

Interacting theory for d=1: exact solution

First quantum cellular automata *interacting* theory satisfying all principles: massive Hubbard model. Solved analytically by Bethe ansatz. Bounded states established.

FIG. 2: Discrete spectrum of the Hubbard QCA for $\chi = 1.14$. ω_+ in red and ω_- in blue.

FIG. 1: Dispersion relation of the two particle Dirac Quantum Walk. The eigenvalue of the eigenstates $|++\rangle$, $|--\rangle$, $|+-\rangle$ and $|-+\rangle$ are respectively depicted in black, red, blue and green. The eigenvalues are plotted in terms of the relative momentum k, while the mass m and the total momentum p are fixes. The mass and total momentum parameters are m = 0.9, 0.7, 0.5, 0.3 and $p = -3\pi/4, -\pi/4, \pi/4, 3\pi/4$ from the top left to the bottom right.

This is more or less what I wanted to say

Thank you for your attention