

Use of fields instead of potential (Pauli, Mandelstam etc)

Let $\hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a(x)$ be the Dirac string field such that

$$\partial_\mu \hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a = \hat{j}_\nu \quad \text{given.}$$

For non-Abelian, $\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \hat{\rho}^a(x) \hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a$, $\hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a D_\mu \hat{\rho} = 0$

This is possible if $\hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a [D_\mu D_\nu] \hat{\rho} = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\rho} \neq F_{\mu\nu} \hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a$.

So choose $\hat{\rho}^a \equiv \sigma \cdot F / |\sigma \cdot F|$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \hat{\rho}^2 = |\sigma \cdot F| = [(\hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu})^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta A_\nu} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -D_\mu (\hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}^a(x) \sigma \cdot F / |\sigma \cdot F|) = -\hat{j}_\nu \hat{\rho}^a(x) \equiv -J_\nu^a$$

Is the min. action indep of the string configuration?

Classically, yes. The eqs motion are the same. The virial Theorem unchanged.

I don't like the $||$ sign for non-Abelian. So instead

$$\mathcal{L} = \sigma \cdot F^a \phi^a - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\phi^2 - 1)$$

$$\delta \phi : \quad \sigma \cdot F = \lambda \phi$$

$$\delta \lambda : \quad \phi^2 = 1$$

Correction: The field ρ does not exist in general.

$$\rho = \sigma_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}(x) \text{ does not satisfy } \sigma_{\mu\nu} D_\nu \rho = 0.$$

In order to satisfy $D_1 \rho = 0$ along a sheet, we have to integrate along a path γ . The fact ~~that~~ $F_{12} = 0$ means that the ρ is ~~not~~ nonlocal & nonintegrable. Then we cannot satisfy $D_2 \rho = 0$ at the same time.

$$\text{If } \rho \parallel F \cdot \sigma \rightarrow \rho \times F \cdot \sigma = 0 \rightarrow n \cdot D_\mu (\rho \times F \cdot \sigma) = 0,$$

$$n \text{ tangent to } \sigma. \rightarrow \rho \times n \cdot D (F \cdot \sigma) = 0, \text{ since } n \cdot D \rho = 0$$

$$\rightarrow F \cdot \sigma \times n \cdot D (F \cdot \sigma) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } F \cdot \sigma \rightarrow F_{12}, \quad n \parallel 1 \rightarrow F_{12} \times D_1 (F \cdot \sigma) \quad D_1 \sigma_{12} = 0$$
$$\rightarrow F_{12} \times D_1 F_{12} \quad \text{since } n \cdot D$$

$$\text{or } D_1 F_{12} \parallel F_{12} \quad \text{Call } F_{12} = F \cdot \sigma \equiv \phi$$

$$\rightarrow n \cdot D \phi \propto \phi \rightarrow A \times \phi = 0 \rightarrow A_1, A_2 \parallel \phi.$$

\rightarrow locally Abelian.

More generally, consider

$$D_\mu G_{\mu\nu} = j_\nu \rightarrow D_\nu D_\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} \times G_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

We may set $G_{\mu\nu} \sim \sigma_{\mu\nu}$ i.e. only one comp $\neq 0$ and so $\parallel F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu}$

Then we have $G_{\mu\nu} = f(x) F \cdot \sigma_{\mu\nu}$ or $\equiv \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$

$D_\mu G_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$ is in the tangent space.

Is it possible to have $D_\mu \phi = 0$ in the tangent space?

$$\sigma_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} = \sigma_{12} : \quad D_1 G_{12} \rightarrow \partial_1 f F_{12} \sigma_{12} + f D_1 (F_{12} \cdot \sigma_{12}) = 0$$
$$D_2 \dots \quad \partial_2 f F_{12} \sigma_{12} + f D_2 (F_{12} \cdot \sigma_{12}) = 0$$

These can be integrated for f , since integrability is O.K.

$$\partial_1 \ln f = -D_1 \ln |F \cdot \sigma| \quad \text{or } \ln F \cdot \sigma$$

$$\partial_2 \ln f = -D_2 \ln |F \cdot \sigma|$$

provided that $D_1 (F \cdot \sigma) \parallel F \cdot \sigma$ or $A_1 \parallel F \cdot \sigma$

$\Rightarrow A_1 \parallel A_2 \parallel F \cdot \sigma$! Again locally Abelian.

At any pt, there are four isovectors A_μ^a , so \exists one relation

$$c_\mu A_\mu^a = 0 \rightarrow A_\lambda^a = 0 \text{ for some direction } c_\lambda$$

Then we ~~may~~ have to choose σ to contain c_λ . ~~$\rightarrow A$~~

Construction of Σ_{uv} : Given a boundary line j_v ,

Suppose j_v does not lie in the "null" direction n . Then

$\Sigma_{uv} \sim n \times j$. ~~The~~ So Σ_{uv} is generated by n ~~at~~ j_v .

If so, we may not be able to join two currents j_v by a sheet σ .

Next try a piece $\mathcal{L} \sim D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \cdot \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$

$$\delta A_\mu \rightarrow \cancel{-2 D_\mu (D_\nu \phi \times \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu})} \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + A_\mu \times \quad \text{so}$$

$$D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \cdot \phi = \partial_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \cdot \phi + [(A_\mu \times \phi) \times D_\nu \phi] \cdot \phi$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(A_\mu \times \phi) \cdot (D_\nu \phi \times \phi)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$A_\mu \cdot [\phi \times (D_\nu \phi \times \phi)]$$

$$\rightarrow 2 [\phi \times (D_\nu \phi \times \phi)] \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= 2 D_\nu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \phi \cdot D_\nu \phi \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= 2 D_\nu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{if } \phi^2 = \text{const.} = 1.$$

Therefore choose $\mathcal{L} = +\frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi) \cdot \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} //$

Then
$$D_\nu F_{\mu\nu} + D_\nu (\phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}) - (D_\nu \phi) \sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\phi j_\mu !$$

$$\delta \phi : \quad -\frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \phi + \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mp D_\mu (D_\nu \phi \times \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

$$D_\mu (D_\nu \phi \times \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}) = (D_\mu D_\nu \phi) \times \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} + (D_\nu \phi \times D_\mu \phi) \sigma_{\mu\nu} + (D_\nu \phi \times \phi) j_\nu$$

$$= (F_{\mu\nu} \times \phi) \times \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} + (D_\nu \phi \times D_\mu \phi) \sigma_{\mu\nu} + (D_\nu \phi \times \phi) j_\nu$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\phi F_{\mu\nu} \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} - F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\rightarrow + \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \phi \mp \phi F_{\mu\nu} \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \frac{3}{2} D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mp (D_\nu \phi \times \phi) j_\nu$$

$$\rightarrow \cancel{F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} + D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \cdot \sigma_{\mu\nu} // \phi} \quad \parallel 0$$

$$\cancel{F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} // \phi}$$

By contracting with ϕ :

$$-\phi \frac{1}{2} \phi \cdot F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \phi \cdot D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Rather, with a Lagrange multiplier $\lambda(\phi^2 - 1)$ in \mathcal{L} ,

$\frac{1}{2}$ should be replaced by $\lambda/2$, a field.

So there is no constraint except that $\phi \parallel F_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu}$ Good!

The \mathcal{L} amounts to taking

$$(F_{\mu\nu} + D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi) \cdot \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi \text{ contains } (A_\mu \times \phi) \times (A_\nu \times \phi) = -(A_\mu \times \phi) \cdot A_\nu \phi \\ = (A_\mu \times A_\nu) \cdot \phi \phi$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = (\partial_\mu + A_\mu \times) (\partial_\nu + A_\nu \times)$$

$$A_\mu \times (A_\nu \times \phi) - A_\nu \times (A_\mu \times \phi) \\ = \underbrace{A_\mu \times A_\nu}_X \phi - \underbrace{A_\nu \times A_\mu}_X \phi \\ = (A_\mu \times A_\nu) \times \phi$$

$$(A_\mu \times \phi) \times \partial_\nu \phi = A_\mu \cdot \partial_\nu \phi \phi - A_\mu \phi \cdot \partial_\nu \phi \\ = A_\mu \cdot \partial_\nu \phi \phi$$

$$\text{So } (F_{\mu\nu} + D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi) \cdot \phi \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} \cdot \phi + (A_\mu \times A_\nu) \cdot \phi + \underbrace{A_\mu \cdot \partial_\nu \phi}_X - \underbrace{\partial_\nu \phi \times A_\mu \cdot \phi}_X$$

$$\downarrow \\ \rightarrow \cancel{2 F_{\mu\nu} \cdot \phi} + \underbrace{\partial_\mu (A_\nu \cdot \phi)}_X - \underbrace{\partial_\nu \phi \times A_\mu \cdot \phi}_X$$

If $\phi^2 \neq 1$, additional term:
~~Something is wrong.~~

$$(1 - \phi^2) [F_{\mu\nu} \cdot \phi - \underbrace{\partial_\mu (A_\nu \cdot \phi)}_X]$$

N.B. The combination $(F_{\mu\nu} - D_\mu\phi \times D_\nu\phi) \cdot \phi$
 must be the 't Hooft field which can also be written

$$\underline{\partial_\mu(\phi \cdot A_\nu)} - \partial_\mu\phi \times \partial_\nu\phi \cdot \phi$$

My form, when $D_\mu\phi \rightarrow 0$, is

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu\phi \times \partial_\nu\phi + \phi \overset{f}{G}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \phi \cdot F_{\mu\nu} - \phi \cdot \partial_\mu\phi \times \partial_\nu\phi = f_{\mu\nu}$$

The relation is not so transparent.

At any rate, we have the total \mathcal{L}

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F \cdot F - \frac{1}{2} G \cdot (F - H) - \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^2, \quad H_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu\phi \times D_\nu\phi$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \phi \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

Variation of y_μ :

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta y_\lambda} \sigma_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (y'_\nu \delta(y-x)) \delta_{\mu\lambda} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (y'_\mu \delta(y-x)) \delta_{\nu\lambda} + (\tau \leftrightarrow \sigma)$$

$$+ (\dot{y}_\mu \dot{y}'_\nu - \dot{y}_\nu \dot{y}'_\mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\lambda} \delta(y-x)$$

$$= -[y'_\nu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\rho} \delta(y-x) \delta_{\mu\lambda} + [y'_\mu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\rho} \delta(y-x) \delta_{\nu\lambda}$$

$$+ (\dot{y}_\mu \dot{y}'_\nu - \dot{y}_\nu \dot{y}'_\mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\lambda} \delta(y-x)$$

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$$\frac{\delta}{\delta y_\lambda} : X_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow -X_{\lambda\nu} [y'_\nu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\rho} \delta(y-x) + X_{\mu\lambda} [y'_\mu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\rho} \delta(y-x)$$

$$+ X_{\mu\nu} [\dot{y}_\mu \dot{y}'_\nu] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\lambda} \delta(y-x)$$

$$= X_{\lambda\nu} [y'_\nu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\rho} \delta(y-x) - X_{\mu\lambda} [y'_\mu \dot{y}'_\rho] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\rho} \delta(y-x)$$

$$- X_{\mu\nu} [\dot{y}_\mu \dot{y}'_\nu] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\lambda} \delta(y-x)$$

Given a random distribution of singularities of ϕ ,
how to ~~show~~ ^{derive} the area law?

Consider the correlation:-

$$Z = \exp[i \int \mathcal{L} d^4x]$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta y'_\sigma} \frac{\delta Z}{\delta y_\lambda} \Rightarrow - \langle \tilde{\sigma}_{\lambda\rho} k_\rho \times \tilde{\sigma}'_{\sigma\tau} k'_\tau \rangle$$

$\langle k_\rho k'_\sigma \rangle \rightarrow C \delta_{\rho\sigma}$ if the two points coincide.

$$\Rightarrow - C \tilde{\sigma}_{\lambda\rho} \tilde{\sigma}'_{\sigma\rho} Z$$

Probably this is not the correct treatment.

Given a current k_ρ , ~~if~~ $\delta Z / \delta y_\lambda \neq 0$, so the action is
not at a minimum. By changing y_λ , it will reach a lower

action configuration. So the min. will be reached, on the
averaged average, by moving by a distance of $\frac{1}{k}$

or average distance between monopoles.

monopole current $k_{\theta\mu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \partial_\nu \phi^a \partial_\lambda \phi^b \partial_\rho \phi^c \epsilon^{abc}$
 $= \partial_\lambda \pi_{\lambda\mu} ?$

$$\pi_{\lambda\mu} = \epsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\nu \phi^a \partial_\rho \phi^b \phi^c \epsilon^{abc} ? \quad \text{yes.}$$

and this is almost conserved. $\therefore \partial_\lambda \pi_{\lambda\mu} \approx 0$.

Projection onto an arbitrary ϕ of this combination is always integrable.

A New look:

Conditions for integrable phase factor

$$\text{Let } \tilde{D}_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + A_\mu x + V_\mu x = D_\mu + V_\mu x \quad \text{or} \quad = \partial_\mu + \tilde{A}_\mu$$

$$\text{and } U\Phi = \text{Pexp} \left[i \int \tilde{A}_\mu dx^\mu \right] \quad \tilde{A}_\mu = A_\mu + V_\mu$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \sigma_{\mu t}} U = i U' \tilde{F}_{\mu t} U''$$

This $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$ can be displaced if $\tilde{D}_t \tilde{F}_{\mu t} = 0$:

$$\frac{\delta U(x,y)}{\delta \sigma_{\mu t}(y)} = i \tilde{F}_{\mu t}(x) U(x,y) \quad \text{?}$$

$$\rightarrow U_{\vec{T}} \left(\begin{matrix} x,y \\ \text{time } T \end{matrix} \right) = \exp \left[i L \int_0^T \tilde{F}_{03}(t) dt \right] U_0(x,y)$$

If further $\tilde{D}_0 \tilde{F}_{03} = 0$

~~$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow &= \exp \left[i L T \tilde{F}_{03}(x,T) \right] U_0(x,y) \\ &= U_0(x,y) \exp \left[i L T \tilde{F}_{03}(y,T) \right] \end{aligned}$$~~

This assumes a flat surface.

So define $\tilde{D}_\mu = D_\mu + V_\mu$ or $\tilde{A}_\mu = A_\mu + V_\mu$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = [\tilde{D}_\mu, \tilde{D}_\nu] = F_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{D_\mu V_\nu - D_\nu V_\mu}_{V_\mu \times V_\nu}$$

$(\mu, \nu) = (0, 3)$ only
 $\tilde{D}_0 \tilde{F}_{03} = \tilde{D}_3 \tilde{F}_{30} = 0 \rightarrow$ call $\tilde{F}_{03} = \kappa^2 \phi$, $\phi^2 = \text{const}$

$$\tilde{A}_\mu = -\phi \times \partial_\mu \phi + \phi \tilde{a}_\mu \quad \text{or} \quad V_\mu = -\phi \times \underbrace{D_\mu \phi}_{\tilde{a}_\mu} + \phi a_\mu$$

$\tilde{a} = a + A \cdot \phi$, a : gauge covariant

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu} + \cancel{D_\mu V_\nu - D_\nu V_\mu} + V_\mu \times V_\nu$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = -\partial_\mu \phi \times \partial_\nu \phi + \phi \underbrace{\partial_\mu \tilde{a}_\nu}$$

$$\underbrace{D_\mu V_\nu - D_\nu V_\mu}_{V_\mu \times V_\nu} = -F_{\mu\nu} + \phi \cdot \phi \cdot F_{\mu\nu} - (\underbrace{D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi}_{\partial_\mu a_\nu} - \partial_\mu a_\nu) \phi$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \phi [\phi \cdot F_{\mu\nu} - \underbrace{D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi}_{\partial_\mu a_\nu} + \partial_\mu a_\nu]$$

Field eq. $\rightarrow \phi \cdot F_{\mu\nu} - \underbrace{D_\mu \phi \times D_\nu \phi}_{\partial_\mu a_\nu} + \partial_\mu a_\nu = \text{const} = \kappa^2$

to determine a_μ for given $F_{\mu\nu}$ & ϕ .

What is the effective \mathcal{L} ?

Extension to $SU(3)$ is not trivial:

One way to proceed is to take an octet ϕ^a and complete $\partial_\mu (A_\nu \cdot \phi)$ by an additional term.

$$= \underbrace{\partial_\mu A_\nu^a \cdot \phi^a}_{\downarrow} + \underbrace{\partial_\mu \phi^a A_\nu^a}_{\downarrow}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a \cdot \phi^a =: f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \phi^a$$

so $\underbrace{\partial_\mu \phi^a A_\nu^a}_{\text{}} - f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \phi^a + X_{\mu\nu}$ X indep. of A .

$$(D_\mu \phi)^a = \partial_\mu \phi^a + f^{abc} A_\mu^b \phi^c$$

$$(D_\mu \phi)^a \cdot A_\nu^a = \partial_\mu \phi^a \cdot A_\nu^a + f^{abc} A_\mu^b \phi^c A_\nu^a$$

$$= \partial_\mu \phi^a \cdot A_\nu^a + f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \phi^a$$

~~Find $\partial_\mu \phi^a A_\nu^a$~~

Try $(D_\mu \phi)^a (D_\nu \phi)^b \chi^c f^{abc}$

contains $\underbrace{\partial_\mu \phi^a A_\nu^l \phi^m}_{\text{}} f^{blm} \chi^c f^{abc}$

$$+ f^{aij} A_\mu^i \phi^j f^{blm} A_\nu^l \phi^m \chi^c f^{abc}$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\partial_\mu \phi^a A_\nu^l}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\phi^m \chi^c f^{blm} f^{abc}}_{\text{}} + \dots$$

should be = $\delta^{al} \phi \cdot \chi$ (1)

and $A_\mu^i A_\nu^j \phi^k \phi^m \chi^c \cdot f^{aij} f^{blm} f^{abc}$

should be = $- f^{ilk} \phi^k A_\mu^i A_\nu^l$

or $\phi^j \phi^m \chi^c f^{aij} f^{blm} f^{abc} = - f^{ilk} \phi^k$ (2)

$$f^{abc} f^{blm} = ?$$

If ① is satisfied, then ② = $\phi^j f^{aij} g^{al} = \phi^j f^{lij}$ o.k.

So we need only ①

But contract ① with χ^a : $0 = \chi^l!$

Thus it cannot be $\sim g^{al}$.

Rather, we can add a term which lead to $\partial_a \phi \cdot \phi \rightarrow 0$.

or i.e. $\sim g^{am} \phi^a \chi^l$

In the case of $SU(2)$:

$$\varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon^{blm} = - \varepsilon^{bac} \varepsilon^{blm} = - \delta^{al} \delta^{mc} + \delta^{am} \delta^{lc}$$

o.k.

For $SU(3)$ this is not so!

$$f^{abc} f^{blm} \equiv T^{(ac, lm)}$$

~~It is the [ac] [lm] part of this tensor? since~~

But if $\phi \propto \chi$, we are taking the symmetric part (mc) of T.

Let ϕ be $\alpha \phi^3 + \beta \phi^{\otimes 2}$ ~~or~~ Then only terms $l=a$ contribute. So we should choose $\phi \propto \chi$ to be commuting.

A trivial solution:

Let u, u^\dagger be isospinor (or $SO(3) \cong SU(2)$)

Write the current term as $\frac{i}{2} u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu u j^\mu$

$$= u^\dagger A_\mu u j^\mu + \frac{i}{2} u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu u j^\mu$$

So the source is simply $u^\dagger \frac{i}{2} u j^\mu$ or $\phi^i = u^\dagger \frac{i}{2} u$!

This is certainly covariant. There is a $U(1)$ ^{-like} contribution _^

$$A_\mu^0 = \frac{i}{2} u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu u !$$

We can also write it as a sheet:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int (u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{F}_{\mu\nu} u + i \underbrace{D_\mu u^\dagger D_\nu u}_{\partial_\mu A_\nu^0}) \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \int [\underbrace{\partial_\mu (u^\dagger A_\nu u)}_{\partial_\mu A_\nu^0} + i \underbrace{\partial_\mu u^\dagger \partial_\nu u}_{\partial_\mu A_\nu^0}] \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

In this way, no ~~integer~~ shape dependence enters. Alas!

Wait! A_μ^0 ~~has~~ can have a string singularity.

How can u become singular? Assume the $SU(2)$ (or $SU(3)$) part is regular.

$$u \sim \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b e^{i\phi n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \phi \sim \text{azimuthal angle.}$$

$u^\dagger i u$ non-singular if $ab \neq 0$. So $a=0$ if $b \neq 0$.
 $\rightarrow b=1$.

Then $-i u^\dagger \partial_\phi u = \frac{n}{\phi} \mathbb{1}$ is singular.

$$\oint -i u^\dagger \partial_\phi u \cdot d\phi = 2\pi n$$

Similarly for $SU(3)$: $u \sim \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b e^{i\phi n} \\ c e^{i\phi^2 n} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow a=0, \quad n=m; \quad b, c \neq 0$$

$$\text{or } a=0, \quad b=0, \quad c=1 \quad \text{or } (b \neq 1, c=0)$$

$$-i u^\dagger \partial_\phi u = (b^2 + c^2) n = n.$$

Suppose, however, that u itself is not one-valued, e.g.

$$u \sim \begin{pmatrix} a e^{-i\phi/2} \\ b e^{+i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} e^{-i\phi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\phi}{2} e^{+i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

equivalent to $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$ for $u^\dagger i u$.

$$\text{Then } -i n^\dagger \partial_\phi u = -\frac{1}{2}(a^2 - b^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } a \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\frac{i}{2} u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu u = \frac{i}{2} u_\alpha^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu u_\alpha \quad u_\alpha = \sqrt{\rho_\alpha} e^{-i\theta_\alpha}$$

$$\rightarrow = \sum_\alpha \rho_\alpha \partial_\mu \theta_\alpha \quad \sum \rho_\alpha = 1.$$

This is like a pure gauge, or almost.

Suppose u is replaced by a set of u 's: $\{u_n\}$
and demand only that $\sum_n u_n^\dagger u_n = 1$.

Then each u_n need not be normalized to unity.

If one of them has a singularity, it will contribute

$$\int i u_n^\dagger \partial_\mu u_n = |u_n|^2 2\pi$$

Thus the action is surface-dependent!

Examples. 1. $u \rightarrow q \quad u^\dagger \partial_\mu u \rightarrow \bar{q} \partial_\mu q$

$\bar{q} q$ not $\Rightarrow 0$.

2. u is a flavor doublet.

Remarks on the Stokes' formula.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{i}{2} \int u^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D} u j^\mu \text{ is not equal to}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \iint (u^\dagger F_{\mu\nu} u + i \underbrace{D_\mu u^\dagger D_\nu u}_{\neq 0}) \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \iint [\underbrace{\partial_\mu (u^\dagger A_\nu u)}_{\neq 0} + i \underbrace{\partial_\mu u^\dagger \partial_\nu u}_{\neq 0}] \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

because $\underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu u}_{\neq 0} \neq 0$.

$$\textcircled{2} = \textcircled{1} - \frac{i}{2} \iint u^\dagger \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu u}_{\neq 0} \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{or } \textcircled{1} + \frac{i}{2} \iint \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu u^\dagger}_{\neq 0} u \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

∂_μ behaves like a covariant derivative: $[\partial_\mu, \partial_\nu]$

$$\approx (\exp [i \oint A \cdot dx] - 1) / \text{area}$$

$$\rightarrow i 2\pi n \delta^2(x)$$

$$\text{In other words, } \frac{i}{2} \iint \quad = \sum_i 2\pi n_i$$

This looks like the formula of residues.

$$\text{If } u^\dagger u \neq 1, \text{ we have } \sum_i 2\pi n_i p_i$$

It measures the amount of vortices ^{on} the surface.

Winding numbers

Consider an area & a line integral

$$I = \iint d\sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(x)} \int dy_\lambda X_\rho \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \quad X_\rho = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\rho} f(x-y)^2$$

$$= \iint \underbrace{\dot{x}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu} d\tau d\sigma \int \dot{y}_\lambda ds X_\rho \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}$$

with $x_\mu(\tau, \sigma)$, $y_\lambda(s)$ given.

Variation of x : ~~δy_λ~~ δx_α

$$\begin{aligned} \delta I / \delta x_\alpha(\tau, \sigma) &= \underbrace{\dot{x}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu}_{\substack{\text{cyc} \\ \alpha \mu \nu}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \dot{y}_\lambda ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \dot{x}_\nu X_\rho \dots \epsilon_{\alpha\nu\lambda\rho} \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \dot{x}_\mu X_\rho \dots \epsilon_{\mu\alpha\lambda\rho} \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \dot{x}_\nu X_\rho \dots \epsilon_{\alpha\nu\lambda\rho} \dots \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \dot{x}_\mu X_\rho \dots \epsilon_{\mu\alpha\lambda\rho} \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underbrace{\dot{x}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu}_{\substack{\text{cyc} \\ \alpha \mu \nu}} \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \dot{y}_\lambda = :$$

$$\text{Fix } \mu\nu\alpha = 123$$

$$\alpha = 3.$$

Call $\dot{x}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu \equiv \Sigma_{\mu\nu}$

$$\delta I / \delta x_\alpha = \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \sum_{(\alpha\mu\nu)} \partial_\alpha X_{\mu\nu} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \dot{y}_{\rho\lambda} = 2 \sum_{\lambda\rho}^* \partial_\alpha X_{\lambda\rho} \dot{y}_{\rho\lambda}$$

If $\alpha = 1$:

$$2 \Sigma_{23} (\partial_1 X_{23} \dot{y}_1 + \partial_2 X_{23} \dot{y}_2 + \partial_3 X_{23} \dot{y}_3) + 2 \Sigma_{34} (\partial_1 X_{34} \dot{y}_1 + \dots) + 2 \Sigma_{42} (\partial_1 X_{42} \dot{y}_1 + \dots)$$

$$= 2 \Sigma_{14}^* (\dots) + 2 \Sigma_{12}^* (\dots) + 2 \Sigma_{13} (\dots)$$

$$= 2 \Sigma_{1\beta}^* \partial_\alpha X_{\beta 1} \dot{y}_\alpha$$

or in general

$$\delta I / \delta x_\alpha = 2 \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^* \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_{\beta 1} \dot{y}_\alpha ds$$

Let $X_\beta = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \frac{1}{X^2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_{\beta 1} \dot{y}_\alpha = \int \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \frac{1}{X^2} \dot{y}_\alpha - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \frac{1}{X^2} \dot{y}_\beta \right]$$

↓
~ $\delta^4(x-y)$

1st term = $-\frac{\partial}{\partial x_\beta} \int \frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{(x-y(s))^2} \rightarrow 0$

so $\delta I / \delta x_\alpha = 2 \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^*(x) \int \delta^4(x-y) dy_\beta = 2 \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^*(x) j_\beta(x)$

Similarly for a variation of y_α :

$$\delta I / \delta y_\alpha = \int dt d\sigma \sum_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \left[\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_\alpha} X_\rho \right) \dot{y}_\lambda - \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\rho} X_\rho \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_\alpha} X_\rho = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\rho} \frac{1}{\partial X^2} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_\rho} X_\rho \dot{y}_\rho$$

but are performed partial integration

$$X_\rho \delta$$

$$= \int dt d\sigma \sum_{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda$$

$$= -2 \int \sum_{\lambda\rho}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda \quad \rightarrow \int \frac{\partial}{\partial}$$

Choose $\alpha=1$. $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda$

$$= \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda - \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } \sum_{(\lambda\rho\alpha)} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda &= \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda \\ &\quad + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\lambda} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda \\ &= \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\lambda} (\partial_\rho X_\rho) \dot{y}_\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Now what is $\sum_{(\lambda\rho\alpha)} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda$?

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \epsilon_{\lambda\rho\alpha\mu} = 2 (\delta_{\mu\alpha} \delta_{\nu\rho} - \delta_{\mu\rho} \delta_{\nu\alpha})$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda \rightarrow 2 \sum_{\alpha\rho} \partial_\alpha$$

$$\sum_{\alpha(\lambda\rho\alpha)} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \partial_\alpha X_\rho \dot{y}_\lambda$$

$$(\lambda\rho\alpha) = 123: \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu 12} \partial_3 X_2 \dot{y}_1 + \epsilon_{\mu\nu 31} \partial_2 X_2 \dot{y}_1 + \epsilon_{\mu\nu 23} \partial_1 X_2 \dot{y}_1$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu 23} \partial_2 X_3 \dot{y}_1$$

This must $\rightarrow 0$ because $\partial_\alpha X_\rho = \partial_\alpha \partial_\rho f$ is symmetric in $(\alpha\rho)$?