

Semiclassical Calculation of the Chiral Magnetic Effect in Even Spacetime Dimensions

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Semiclassical formulation for Dirac-like systems

Wave packet composed of the **Positive energy solutions**

$$H_0(\mathbf{p})u^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) = E_\alpha u^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}); \quad E_\alpha > 0.$$

The normalization is $u^{\dagger(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x})u^{(\beta)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$.

Center of the wave packet $(\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{p}_c)$

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{p}_c, \mathbf{x}_c) = \int [d\mathbf{p}] \delta(\mathbf{p}_c - \mathbf{p}) \sum_{\alpha} \xi_{\alpha} u^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}_c) e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}},$$

The one-form η , defined through

$$d\mathcal{S} \equiv \int [d\mathbf{x}] \delta(\mathbf{x}_c - \mathbf{x}) \Psi_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} (id - H_0 dt) \Psi_{\mathbf{x}} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \xi_{\alpha}^* \eta^{\alpha\beta} \xi_{\beta}.$$

By renaming $\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{p}_c \rightarrow \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}$ we obtain

$$\eta^{\alpha\beta} = \delta^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{a}^{\alpha\beta} \cdot d\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{A}^{\alpha\beta} \cdot d\mathbf{p} - H_0^{\alpha\beta} dt.$$

The matrix valued Berry gauge fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^{\alpha\beta} &= u^{\dagger(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} u^{(\beta)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}), \\ \mathcal{A}^{\alpha\beta} &= u^{\dagger(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} u^{(\beta)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

The symplectic two-form

$$w = d\eta - i\eta \wedge \eta,$$

can be employed to define the volume form

$$\Omega_{d+1} = \frac{(-1)^{[d/2]}}{d} w^d \wedge dt,$$

and obtain the Liouville eq. etc.

Weyl Hamiltonian and the Berry Gauge Field

The massless, free Dirac electron can be separated into the right and left handed states with the Weyl Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_W = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p},$$

where Σ_A are $2^{[(d-1)/2]} \times 2^{[(d-1)/2]}$ matrices.

$$\mathcal{H}_W \psi_E(\mathbf{p}) = E \psi_E(\mathbf{p}).$$

$E = (p, -p)$ where $p = |\mathbf{p}|$. Focusing on the positive energy solutions $|\psi^\alpha\rangle$; $\alpha = 1, \dots, 2^{[\frac{d-3}{2}]}$, one can define the Berry gauge field

$$\mathcal{A}_A^{\alpha\beta} = i \langle \psi^\alpha | \frac{\partial}{\partial p_A} | \psi^\beta \rangle.$$

\mathcal{A} is Abelian for $d = 3$, it becomes to be non-Abelian for higher dimensions. Thus, in general the Berry field strength

$$\mathcal{G}_{AB}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_B^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial p_A} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_A^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial p_B} - i[\mathcal{A}_A, \mathcal{A}_B]^{\alpha\beta}.$$

5+1 dimensional Berry fields

The Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H}_W = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_a p_a & i(p_4 + ip_5) \\ -i(p_4 - ip_5) & -\sigma_a p_a \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Berry fields are 2×2 matrices. e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_1 &= \frac{1}{2p(p-p_3)} \begin{pmatrix} -p_2 & -i\sqrt{p_4^2 + p_5^2} \\ i\sqrt{p_4^2 + p_5^2} & p_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{G}_{45} &= \frac{1}{2p^3(p-p_3)} \begin{pmatrix} (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) - pp_3 & (p_1 + ip_2)\sqrt{(p_4^2 + p_5^2)} \\ (p_1 - ip_2)\sqrt{(p_4^2 + p_5^2)} & -(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) + pp_3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$d + 1 = 2n + 2$ dimensional Chiral Kinetic Theory

Switch on the external electromagnetic fields: The magnetic field $\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}_{AB}dx_A \wedge dx_B$, and the electric field pointing towards the \hat{x}_A direction \mathcal{E}_A .

Define the symplectic two-form as the $2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}$ matrix

$$\tilde{W}_H \equiv dp_A \wedge dx_A + \mathcal{F} - \mathcal{G} - \hat{p}_A dp_A \wedge dt + \mathcal{E}_A dx_A \wedge dt.$$

$\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{G}_{AB}dp_A \wedge dp_B$. Introduce the matrix valued vector field

$$\tilde{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \dot{X}_A \frac{\partial}{\partial x_A} + \dot{P}_A \frac{\partial}{\partial p_A},$$

in terms of the matrix valued time evolutions \dot{X}_A, \dot{P}_A .

The equations of motion are obtained in terms of the interior product as

$$i_{\tilde{V}} \tilde{W}_H = 0,$$

yielding

$$\dot{P}_A = \dot{X}_B \mathcal{F}_{AB} + \mathcal{E}_A, \quad \dot{X}_A = \mathcal{G}_{AB} \dot{P}_B + \hat{p}_A.$$

Liouville Equation

We do not treat spin degrees of freedom as dynamical variables. Classical dynamics is asserted through the phase space variables, so that we define **the volume form** as

$$\tilde{\Omega} \equiv \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \tilde{W}_H^{2n+1} \wedge dt.$$

Express it in terms of the $2d$ dimensional Liouville measure dV as

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{W}_{1/2} dV \wedge dt.$$

\tilde{W}_H is a **two-form** in the phase space variables, so that $\tilde{W}_{1/2}$ is the **Pfaffian** of the $(4n+2) \times (4n+2)$ matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{AB} & -\delta_{AB} \\ \delta_{AB} & -\mathcal{G}_{AB} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Definition: For M , a skew-symmetric matrix, $[Pf(M)]^2 = \det M$, a polynomial in the elements of M .

The explicit form of $\tilde{W}_{1/2}$ can be provided within our formalism.

Liouville equation can be expressed formally as

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\tilde{V}} \tilde{\Omega} &= (i_{\tilde{V}} d + d i_{\tilde{V}}) \tilde{W}_{1/2} dV \wedge dt \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{W}_{1/2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_A} (\dot{X}_A \tilde{W}_{1/2}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_A} (\tilde{W}_{1/2} \dot{P}_A) \right) dV \wedge dt. \end{aligned}$$

To find it one needs to calculate

$$L_{\tilde{V}} \tilde{\Omega} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} d\tilde{W}_H^{2n+1}.$$

We introduced matrix valued quantities. However, **measure of the related path integral should be a scalar.**

An appropriate **definition of the path integral measure** is

$$\sqrt{W} \equiv \text{Tr} [\tilde{W}_{1/2}].$$

To obtain the corresponding classical chiral kinetic theory we let \dot{X}_A, \dot{P}_A , denote **the ordinary velocities** and define

$$\text{Tr} [(\dot{X}_A \tilde{W}_{1/2}] \equiv \sqrt{W} \dot{X}_A, \quad \text{Tr} [\tilde{W}_{1/2} \dot{P}_A]) \equiv \sqrt{W} \dot{P}_A.$$

Hence, let us discuss the trace properties:

Properties of the Berry Curvature and the Σ Matrices

When we take the trace, a **generic term** which we should calculate

$$\epsilon_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2m+1} \dots A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{G}_{A_2 A_3} \dots \mathcal{G}_{A_{2m} A_{2m+1}}].$$

For the Weyl Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_W = \Sigma \cdot \mathbf{p}$, the **Berry fields** can be written in terms of

$$P^+ = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}_W}{p} + 1 \right).$$

Thus the **generic term**

$$= (2i)^m \epsilon_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2m+1} \dots A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [P^+ (\partial_{A_2} P^+) \dots (\partial_{A_{2m+1}} P^+)],$$

which can be written as

$$= (2i)^m \frac{p_A}{(2p)^{2m+1}} \epsilon_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2m+1} \dots A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\Sigma_A \Sigma_{A_2} \dots \Sigma_{A_{2m+1}}].$$

Σ_A obey the Clifford algebra,

$$\{\Sigma_A, \Sigma_B\} = 2\delta_{AB}.$$

Moreover, they are traceless,

$$\text{Tr} [\Sigma_A] = 0,$$

and in $2n + 2$ dimensional spacetime they satisfy the identity,

$$\Sigma_1 \dots \Sigma_{2n+1} = i^{n+2} \mathbf{1}_{2^n \times 2^n}.$$

Thus the trace of $2n + 1$ antisymmetric product of the Σ matrices yields

$$\frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \epsilon_{A_1 \dots A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\Sigma_{A_1} \dots \Sigma_{A_{2n+1}}] = i^{n+2} 2^n.$$

Actually one can observe that the trace of the product of even number of different Σ matrices always vanishes because of satisfying the Clifford algebra:

$$\text{Tr} [\Sigma_{A_1} \dots \Sigma_{A_{2m}}] = 0.$$

Moreover, it can be easily shown that the trace of the product of $2m + 1$ different Σ matrices is equal to the trace of the product of the remaining $2(n - m)$, Σ matrices which is equal to zero.

Therefore, the trace of the antisymmetrized product of the Berry field strength vanishes

$$\epsilon^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2m-1} A_{2m} \dots A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{G}_{A_1 A_2} \dots \mathcal{G}_{A_{2m-1} A_{2m}}] = 0,$$

for the case $m < n$. When $m = n$ one finds

$$\epsilon_{A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_{2n} A_{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{G}_{A_2 A_3} \dots \mathcal{G}_{A_{2n} A_{2n+1}}] = (-1)^{n+1} (2n)! \frac{p_{A_1}}{2p^{2n+1}},$$

which is the Dirac monopole field: $\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2p^{2n+1}}$.

The Chiral Anomaly

The semiclassical anomalous Liouville equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sqrt{W} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_A} (\sqrt{W} \dot{x}_A) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_A} (\sqrt{W} \dot{p}_A) \right) = \\ \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (2n)!}{(n!)^2 2^{2n+1}} \text{Vol}(S^{2n}) \delta^{2n+1}(p) \epsilon_{ABC\dots DE} \mathcal{E}_A \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{BC} \dots \mathcal{F}_{DE}}^{n \text{ times}}.$$

Introduce the phase space distribution $f(x, p, t)$ satisfying the collisionless Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_A} \dot{x}_A + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_A} \dot{p}_A = 0.$$

Define the probability density $\rho(x, p, t) = \sqrt{W} f$;

The chiral particle density $n(x, t) = \int \frac{d^{2n+1}}{(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \rho$;

The chiral current density $j_A = \int \frac{d^{2n+1}}{(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \rho \dot{x}_A$.

Non-conservation of the chiral current

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n! 2^n (2\pi)^{n+1}} f(x, p=0, t) \mathcal{E}_A \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{BC} \dots \mathcal{F}_{DE}}^{n \text{ times}}.$$

is the semiclassical manifestation of the chiral anomaly.

The Chiral Magnetic Effect

Comparison of the formal and the explicit expressions for $L_{\tilde{V}}\tilde{\Omega}$ provides the solutions of the equations of motion for $\tilde{W}_{1/2}$, $(\dot{X}_A \tilde{W}_{1/2}, \tilde{W}_{1/2} \dot{P}_A)$ in terms of (x_A, p_A) . **Write only**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}_A \tilde{W}_{1/2} = & \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} dx_A \wedge \hat{p}_B dp_B \wedge dt \wedge \overbrace{dp_C \wedge dx_C \dots dp_D \wedge dx_D}^{2n \text{ times}} \\ & + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)!} dx_A \wedge \mathcal{E}_B dx_B \wedge dt \wedge \mathcal{G} \overbrace{dp_C \wedge dx_C \dots dp_D \wedge dx_D}^{2n-1 \text{ times}} \\ & + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-2)!} dx_A \wedge \hat{p}_B dp_B \wedge dt \wedge \mathcal{GF} \overbrace{dp_C \wedge dx_C \dots dp_D \wedge dx_D}^{2n-2 \text{ times}} \\ & + \dots + \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \epsilon_{ABC\dots DE} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{BC} \dots \mathcal{F}_{DE}}^{n \text{ times}} \epsilon_{IJK\dots LM} \hat{p}_I \overbrace{\mathcal{G}_{JK} \dots \mathcal{F}_{LM}}^{n \text{ times}}. \end{aligned}$$

In the semiclassical approximation we define the current as

$$j_A = \int \frac{d^{2n+1}p}{(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \text{Tr} [\dot{X}_A \tilde{W}_{1/2}] f(x, p, t).$$

$f(x, p, t)$ is the probability function.

CME is generated by the terms depending on the external magnetic field \mathcal{F}_{AB} .

Once we take the trace over the spin indices there remains only one term depending on the external magnetic field \mathcal{F}_{AB} . Therefore the chiral magnetic current is calculated

$$\begin{aligned}
 j_A^{\text{CME}} &= \frac{1}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \int \frac{d^{2n+1}p}{(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \epsilon_{ABC\dots DE} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{BC}\dots\mathcal{F}_{DE}}^{n \text{ times}} \\
 &\quad \text{Tr} \left[\epsilon_{IJK\dots LM} \hat{p}_I \overbrace{\mathcal{G}_{JK}\dots\mathcal{G}_{LM}}^{n \text{ times}} \right] f(x, p, t) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \int \frac{d^{2n+1}p}{(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \epsilon_{ABC\dots DE} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{BC}\dots\mathcal{F}_{DE}}^{n \text{ times}} (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{b}) f(x, p, t).
 \end{aligned}$$

When we deal with an "isotropic momentum distribution $f = f(E)$, the angular part of it can be computed, so that we establish the chiral magnetic current as

$$\begin{aligned}
 j_A^{\text{CME}} &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \frac{\text{Vol}(S^{2n})}{2(2\pi)^{2n+1}} \epsilon_{\text{ABC...DE}} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\text{BC...DE}}}^{n \text{ times}} \int dE f(E), \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2^n(2\pi)^{n+1}n!} \epsilon_{\text{ABC...DE}} \overbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\text{BC...DE}}}^{n \text{ times}} \int dE f(E).
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This is the chiral magnetic current conjectured in (*R.Loganayagam and P.Surowka, JHEP, 2012*). and supported by computations in (*R.Loganayagam, JHEP, 2013*).

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- ▶ **The formalism based on the matrix valued symplectic form is not restricted to even dimensions.** It can be employed to establish solution of the equations of motion in terms of phase space variables in any dimensions. These solutions which exhibit the spin dependence explicitly can be useful to formulate some interesting physical phenomena like the **spin Hall effect**.

Thank You!