

# Nonassociative Differential Geometry: An Invitation.

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## Nonassociative Geometry

Algebras

Dirac Operators

Vector Fields & Differential Forms

Boson Dynamics

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# Curious Features of our Current Models

Diffeomorphisms  $\longleftrightarrow$  Coordinate Transformations

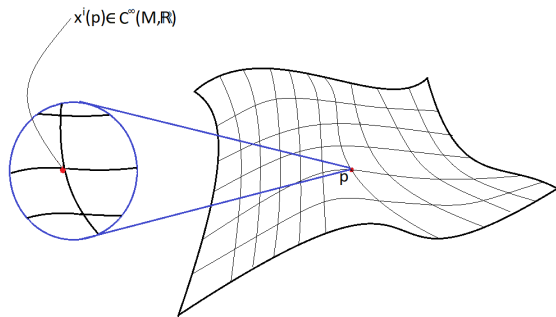
Gauge Transformations  $\longleftrightarrow$  ?

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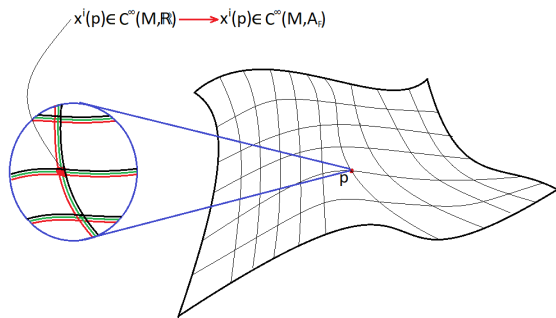
$$\Psi_i^\alpha(x)$$

# Noncommutative Geometry

# Coordinatizing a Geometry



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When  $A_F$  is non-commutative & associative,

What happens to our usual geometric notions?

- ▶ manifold
- ▶ vector fields
- ▶ differential forms
- ▶ connections
- ▶ metric
- ▶ ...

Non-commutative geometry gives us the tools...

## The standard model as an NCG

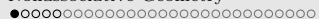
|                                      | SUSY | KK | GUT | NCG |
|--------------------------------------|------|----|-----|-----|
| Strong & electroweak Unification     | ×    | ×  | ✓   | ×   |
| Gauge Gravity Unification            | ×    | ✓  | ×   | ✓   |
| Gauge Higs Unification               | ×    | ✓  | ×   | ✓   |
| Boson & Fermion Unification          | ✓    | ×  | ×   | ×   |
| Constrains charges & representations | ×    | ×  | ✓   | ✓   |
| Avoids unobserved massive states     | ×    | ×  | ×   | ✓   |

Q: Why doesn't NCG help us make predictions?

A: It relies on too many assumptions:

| Assumption                     | Reason                     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Unimodularity                  | Remove Unobserved U(1)     |
| Symplectic Condition           | Remove unwanted U(1)       |
| Internal KO-dimension = 6      | Remove Fermion Quadrupling |
| Three Particle Generations     | Add particle tripling      |
| Massless Photon Condition      | Remove Unwanted Scalars    |
| Chiral Theory                  | Match Observation          |
| Associative Coordinate Algebra | ???                        |

# Nonassociative Geometry



## Example 1: Bison Algebra $\mathbb{B}_2$

|       | $x_0$ | $x_1$  | $x_2$  | $x_3$  | $x_4$  | $x_5$  | $x_6$  | $x_7$  |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $x_0$ | $x_0$ | $x_1$  | $x_2$  | $x_3$  | $x_4$  | $x_5$  | $x_6$  | $x_7$  |
| $x_1$ | $x_1$ | $x_2$  | $x_3$  | $-x_0$ | $x_5$  | $-x_6$ | $x_7$  | $x_4$  |
| $x_2$ | $x_2$ | $-x_3$ | $-x_0$ | $x_1$  | $-x_6$ | $x_7$  | $x_4$  | $-x_5$ |
| $x_3$ | $x_3$ | $x_0$  | $-x_1$ | $x_2$  | $x_7$  | $-x_4$ | $-x_5$ | $-x_6$ |
| $x_4$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$  | $x_6$  | $x_7$  | $-x_0$ | $-x_1$ | $-x_2$ | $-x_3$ |
| $x_5$ | $x_5$ | $x_6$  | $-x_7$ | $x_4$  | $-x_1$ | $x_2$  | $x_3$  | $x_0$  |
| $x_6$ | $x_6$ | $x_7$  | $-x_4$ | $-x_5$ | $x_2$  | $x_3$  | $-x_0$ | $-x_1$ |
| $x_7$ | $x_7$ | $-x_4$ | $x_5$  | $x_6$  | $-x_3$ | $-x_0$ | $-x_1$ | $x_2$  |



# Example: Jordan Pati-Salam $M_2(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_2(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C})$

$$\pi(\mathfrak{a})\Psi = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathfrak{q}_L & \\ \hline & \mathfrak{q}_R \\ \hline & & & M \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} \Psi_{11} & \Psi_{12} & \Psi_{13} & \Psi_{14} & & & & & \\ \Psi_{21} & \Psi_{22} & \Psi_{23} & \Psi_{24} & & & & & \\ \Psi_{31} & \Psi_{32} & \Psi_{33} & \Psi_{34} & & & & & \\ \Psi_{41} & \Psi_{42} & \Psi_{43} & \Psi_{44} & & & & & \\ \hline \bar{\Psi}_{11} & \bar{\Psi}_{21} & \bar{\Psi}_{31} & \bar{\Psi}_{41} & & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{12} & \bar{\Psi}_{22} & \bar{\Psi}_{32} & \bar{\Psi}_{42} & & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{13} & \bar{\Psi}_{23} & \bar{\Psi}_{33} & \bar{\Psi}_{43} & & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{14} & \bar{\Psi}_{24} & \bar{\Psi}_{34} & \bar{\Psi}_{44} & & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

# Example: Jordan Pati-Salam $M_2^+(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_2^+(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_4^+(\mathbb{C})$

$$\pi(\mathfrak{a})\Psi = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathfrak{q}_L & \\ \hline & \mathfrak{q}_R \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & M \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} \Psi_{11} & \Psi_{12} & \Psi_{13} & \Psi_{14} & & & & \\ \Psi_{21} & \Psi_{22} & \Psi_{23} & \Psi_{24} & & & & \\ \Psi_{31} & \Psi_{32} & \Psi_{33} & \Psi_{34} & & & & \\ \Psi_{41} & \Psi_{42} & \Psi_{43} & \Psi_{44} & & & & \\ \hline \bar{\Psi}_{11} & \bar{\Psi}_{21} & \bar{\Psi}_{31} & \bar{\Psi}_{41} & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{12} & \bar{\Psi}_{22} & \bar{\Psi}_{32} & \bar{\Psi}_{42} & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{13} & \bar{\Psi}_{23} & \bar{\Psi}_{33} & \bar{\Psi}_{43} & & & & \\ \bar{\Psi}_{14} & \bar{\Psi}_{24} & \bar{\Psi}_{34} & \bar{\Psi}_{44} & & & & \end{array} \right) \right\}$$

Bonus: No need for Unimodularity or Symplectic condition.

Compatible with  $J\Psi = \Psi = \Gamma\Psi$ .

Gauge group  $\mathcal{G} = \mathrm{SU}_L(2) \times \mathrm{SU}_R(2) \times \mathrm{SU}_c(4)$







# How do we usually Build a Dirac operator?

First off, the ingredients: Gamma matrices

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma^0 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & -i & | & | \\ \hline i & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -i \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & \sigma^1 & | & | \\ \hline \sigma^1 & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -\sigma^1 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & \sigma^2 & | & | \\ \hline \sigma^2 & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & \sigma^2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}, \\
 \gamma^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & \sigma^3 & | & | \\ \hline \sigma^3 & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -\sigma^3 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma^4 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & \sigma^2 \\ \hline \sigma^2 & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -\sigma^2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma^5 &= \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & i\sigma^2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -i\sigma^2 \\ \hline -i\sigma^2 & | & | & | \\ \hline | & i\sigma^2 & | & | \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

These satisfy  $\{\gamma^I, \gamma^J\} = 2\delta^{IJ}$ . We can then build:

$$J = i\gamma^0\gamma^2\gamma^4 \circ \text{cc} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{I}_4 \\ \mathbb{I}_4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \circ \text{cc}, \quad \Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} | & \mathbb{I}_2 & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -\mathbb{I}_2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & -\mathbb{I}_2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \\ \hline | & | & | & \mathbb{I}_2 \\ \hline | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

These satisfy:  $J^2 = 1$ ,  $Ji\gamma^I = i\gamma^IJ$ ,  $J\Gamma = -\Gamma J \rightarrow \text{KO } 6$ .

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Consider a connection on two different bases:

$$\nabla_{\mu}(V^{\nu}\partial_{\nu}) = \partial_{\mu}(V^{\nu})\partial_{\nu} - V^{\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho}\partial_{\rho} = \underbrace{[\partial_{\mu}V^{\nu} - V^{\rho}\Gamma_{\mu\rho}^{\nu}]}_{D_{\mu}V^{\nu}}\partial_{\nu}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu}(V^A e_A) = \partial_{\mu}(V^A)e_A - V^A\omega_{\mu A}^B e_B = \underbrace{[\partial_{\mu}V^A - V^B\Gamma_{\mu B}^A]}_{D_{\mu}V^A}e_A$$

If these bases are related by vielbein  $e_A = e_A^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega_{\mu A}^B e_B &= \nabla_{\mu}e_A = \nabla_{\mu}(e_A^{\nu}\partial_{\nu}) = \partial_{\mu}(e_A^{\rho})\partial_{\rho} - e_A^{\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho}\partial_{\rho} \\ &\rightarrow -\omega_{\mu A}^B = e_{\rho}^B\partial_{\mu}(e_A^{\rho}) - e_A^{\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho}e_{\rho}^B \end{aligned}$$

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Introduce the gamma matrices as a vielbein  $\gamma_b^a = (\gamma^A)_b^a e_A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\mu (V^b W_a \gamma_b^a) &= \partial_\mu (V^b W_a) \gamma_b^a - V^b W_a \theta_{\mu b}^c \gamma_c^a + V^b W_a \theta_{\mu c}^a \gamma_b^c \\ &= \underbrace{[\partial_\mu V^c - \theta_{\mu b}^c V^b]}_{D_\mu V^c} \gamma_c^a W_a + V^b \underbrace{\gamma_b^c [\partial_\mu W_c + \theta_{\mu c}^a W_a]}_{D_\mu W_c} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\theta_\mu)_b^a = \frac{1}{8}(\omega_{\mu AB}[\gamma^A, \gamma^B])_b^a$ .

# How do we usually Build a Dirac operator?

Now we have the tools to build the Dirac action:

$$S = i \int \epsilon_{A_1 \dots A_6} e^{A_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{A_5} [\bar{\Psi} \gamma^{A_6} D\Psi - \overline{D\Psi} \gamma^{A_6} \Psi]$$

where  $e^A = e^A_\mu dx^\mu$  and  $D = dx^\mu D_\mu$ .

# How do we usually Build a Dirac operator?

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= i6! \int d^6x e_A^\mu [\bar{\Psi} \gamma^A D_\mu \Psi - \overline{D_\mu \Psi} \gamma^A \Psi] \\
 &= i6! \int d^6x [\bar{\Psi} \gamma^A e_A^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi - \overline{\partial_\mu \Psi} \gamma^A e_A^\mu \Psi - \underbrace{\frac{1}{8} \bar{\Psi} e_A^\mu \omega_{\mu BC} \{ \gamma^A, [\gamma^B, \gamma^C] \}}_{\bar{\Psi} \Phi \Psi} \Psi]
 \end{aligned}$$

How do we usually Build a Dirac operator?

$$ie_A^\mu \omega_{\mu BC} \{\gamma^A [\gamma^B, \gamma^C]\} \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Phi^\dagger & M^\dagger & 0 \\ \Phi & 0 & 0 & N^\dagger \\ M & 0 & 0 & \Phi^T \\ 0 & N & \bar{\Phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_L \\ l_R \\ \bar{l}_L \\ \bar{l}_R \end{pmatrix}$$



# The Derivation based Calculus

# Tangent space for coordinate algebra $C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$

$$V = V^\mu \partial_\mu.$$

# Tangent space for coordinate algebra $C^\infty(M, A_F)$

$$V = V^\mu \partial_\mu + V^I \delta_I = V^a \delta_a \equiv \delta_V.$$

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$$\delta_{V+W} f = \delta_V f + \delta_W f.$$

$$\rightarrow df(\delta_V) \equiv \delta_V(f),$$

# Differential Forms for coordinate algebra $C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$

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where:  $dx^\mu(\partial_\nu) = \delta_\nu^\mu$

# Differential Forms for coordinate algebra $C^\infty(M, A_F)$

$$\text{Exact one Form: } df = \partial_\mu f \otimes dx^\mu + \delta_I f \otimes E^I \equiv \delta_a f \otimes E^a$$

$$\text{General one Form: } \omega = \omega_\mu \otimes dx^\mu + \omega_I \otimes E^I = \omega_a \otimes E^a$$

$$\text{where: } E^a(\delta_b) \equiv \delta_b^a$$

# Differential Forms (for Jordan coordinate algebras)

$$\omega_a E^a \times \omega'_b E^b \equiv (\omega_a \omega'_b) E^a \wedge E^b, \quad (\text{product}),$$

$$d^2 = 0, \quad (\text{nilpotency}),$$

$$d(\omega_1 \times \omega_2) = d(\omega_1) \times \omega_2 + (-1)^{|\omega_1|} \omega_1 \times d(\omega_2), \quad (\text{Leibniz}).$$

$$\omega = \omega_{1\dots n} E^1 \wedge \dots \wedge E^n.$$



# Connection Forms

$$\text{Coordinate basis: } \nabla(V_a E^a) = \underbrace{[dV_a - \Gamma_a^b V_b]}_{!!!} E^a$$

$$\text{Frame basis: } \nabla(V_A E^A) = \underbrace{[dV_A - \omega_A^B V_B]}_{!!!} E^A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Spin basis: } \nabla(V_\alpha W^\beta E_\beta^\alpha) &= \underbrace{[dV_\rho - \theta_\beta^\rho V^\beta]}_{!!!} E_\rho^\alpha W_\alpha \\ &+ V^\beta E_\beta^\rho \underbrace{[dW_\rho + \theta_\rho^\alpha W_\alpha]}_{!!!} \end{aligned}$$

# The Connection $\Gamma_{ab}^c$ .

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{\rho}{}_{\nu} E^{\mu} \wedge E^{\nu} = \left[ e_A^{\rho} \partial_{\mu} (e_{\nu}^A) + e_A^{\rho} \omega_{\mu}{}^A{}_B e_{\nu}^B \right] E^{\mu} \wedge E^{\nu},$$

$$B_{\mu}{}^K{}_I E^I \wedge E^{\mu} = \left[ e_A^K d_{\mu} (e_I^A) + (e_A^K \omega_{\mu}{}^A{}_B e_I^B - e_A^K \omega_I{}^A{}_B e_{\mu}^B) \right] E^I \wedge E^{\mu},$$

$$\Phi_I{}^K{}_J E^I \wedge E^J = e_A^K \omega_I{}^A{}_B e_J^B E^I \wedge E^J,$$

# The ‘Dirac’ Operator

$$i\Phi_{IJK}\{\gamma^I[\gamma^J, \gamma^K]\}\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \phi^\dagger & M^\dagger & 0 \\ \phi & 0 & 0 & N^\dagger \\ M & 0 & 0 & \phi^T \\ 0 & N & \bar{\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_L \\ l_R \\ \bar{l}_L \\ \bar{l}_R \end{pmatrix}$$

# Curvature of the Connection

$$\nabla\nabla(E^A) = -\nabla(\omega_B^A E^B) = -(d\omega_B^A + \omega_C^A \omega_B^C)E^B = -R_B^A E^B.$$

Using the vielbein:

$$R_B^A = e_a^A \left[ d_e(\Gamma_f^a{}_b) - \Gamma_c^a{}_b \Gamma_e^c{}_f + \Gamma_e^a{}_c \Gamma_f^c{}_b \right] e_B^b E^e \wedge E^f.$$

# Boson Dynamics

$$S_{\Omega} = \int \alpha_0 \star (\mathbb{I}) + \alpha_1 e^A e^B \star (R_{AB}) + \alpha_2 R^{AB} e^C e^D \star (R_{CD} e_A e_B) + \dots$$

# ‘Cosmological Constant’ Term

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\Omega^0} &= \alpha_0 \int \star(\mathbb{I}) \\
 &= \alpha_0 \int \epsilon_{A_{(1)} \dots A_{(n)}} e_{a_{(1)}}^{A_{(1)}} \dots e_{a_{(n)}}^{A_{(n)}} e^{a_{(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_{(n)}} \\
 &= n! \alpha_0 \int |e| d^4x E^{(n-4)}
 \end{aligned}$$

## ‘Einstein Hilbert’ Mass Term

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{\Omega^1} &= \alpha_1 \int e^C e^D \star (R_{CD}) \\
&= (n-2)! \alpha_1 \int |e| \left[ R^{(4)} + 2\Phi_I^{(I|} \Phi_K^{J|K)} \right] d^4 x E^{(n-4)}
\end{aligned}$$

# ‘Gauss–Bonnet’ Term

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\Omega^2} &= \alpha_2 \int R^{AB} e^C e^D \star (R_{CDE} e_A e_B) \\
 &= 4(n-4)! \alpha_2 \int e \left[ \underbrace{R_{[ab]}^{[ab]} R_{[cd]}^{[cd]}}_{(1)} + \underbrace{R_{[ab][cd]} R^{[ab][cd]}}_{(2)} - 4 \underbrace{R_{[ad]}^{[cd]} R_{[cb]}^{[ab]}}_{(3)} \right] d^4 x E^{(n-4)}
 \end{aligned}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
(2) &= \mathbb{R}^{[ab]}_{[ef]} \mathbb{R}_{[ab]}^{[ef]} \\
&= \mathbb{R}_{[\mu\nu][\rho\sigma]} \mathbb{R}^{[\mu\nu][\rho\sigma]} - \Phi_{\mathbf{K}}^{\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{M}} \Phi_{\mathbf{N})}^{\mathbf{KJ}} \Phi_{\mathbf{I}}^{\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{M}} \Phi_{\mathbf{LJ}}^{\mathbf{N})} \\
&+ \left( \partial_{[\rho} \mathbb{B}_{\sigma]}^{[IJ]} + \mathbb{B}_{[\rho}^{[I} \mathbb{B}_{\sigma]}^{\mathbf{K}|\mathbf{I}]} - \mathbb{B}_{\mu}^{[IJ]} \Gamma_{[\rho}^{\mu} \sigma]} \right) \left( \partial^{[\rho} \mathbb{B}^{\sigma]}_{\mathbf{IJ}} + \mathbb{B}^{[\rho]}_{\mathbf{IL}} \mathbb{B}^{\sigma]}_{\mathbf{J}} + \mathbb{B}_{\nu\mathbf{IJ}} \Gamma^{[\rho\sigma]\nu} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\rho} \Phi_{\mathbf{M}}^{[IJ]} + 2\mathbb{B}_{\rho}^{[I} \Phi_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathbf{K}|\mathbf{J}]} - \mathbb{B}_{\rho}^{\mathbf{K}} \Phi_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{J}} \right) \left( \partial^{\rho} \Phi_{\mathbf{[IJ]} }^{\mathbf{M}} + 2\mathbb{B}^{\rho}_{\mathbf{[I}|\mathbf{L}} \Phi_{\mathbf{J]} }^{\mathbf{ML}} - \mathbb{B}^{\rho\mathbf{LM}} \Phi_{\mathbf{L}[\mathbf{I}]\mathbf{J]} } \right).
\end{aligned}$$



