

① Compute the number of zero modes for a fermion in the  $n$ -dimensional irrep. of  $SU(2)$  coupled to an instanton background of charge  $k$ , on some spin 4-manifold  $M$ .

② Consider  $N=1$  SYM in  $d=8$  with algebra  $so(2n+1)$ .

[This is Yang-Mills theory coupled to a Weyl fermion in the adjoint representation.] Choose a subalgebra

$$su(2) \oplus su(2)' \oplus so(2n-3)$$

and put the theory on  $S^4 \times M^4$ , such that there is a unit instanton charge on the  $S^4$ . Show that the effective theory on  $M^4$  has a global anomaly.

③(a) Assuming that the standard model gauge group is  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$ , and the  $SU(3) \times SU(2)$  representation is fixed, show that (up to  $U(1)$  redefinitions) there are exactly two  $U(1)_Y$  assignments compatible with anomaly cancellation. (Assume that  $Q_Y(\nu_R) = 0$ .)

(b) Show that if the standard model gauge group is  $\frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$  only the assignment of hypercharge we see in nature is anomaly-free.

(c) If you imposed gauge-gravity mixed anomaly cancellation above, try to obtain the same results without that assumption, assuming only that  $U(1)_Y$  is really  $U(1)_Y$  and not  $\mathbb{R}_Y$ , so hypercharges are rational numbers.

[Difficult but fun! See 1907.00514<sup>by Lohitsiri and Tong</sup> for the solution]

④ Show that IIB super is the only solution to the local gravitational anomaly equations worked out in the lecture, assuming  $n_{1/2} = 1$ .