

Ginsparg–Wilson, Overlap Fermion, and extensions

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- **Quantum Field Theory**: universal framework in theoretical physics
- **Lattice Field Theory**: non-perturbative formulation of QFT
 - confinement in lattice gauge theory: Wilson's formulation
 - computational precision science: QCD, Standard Model
 - microscopic model for cond-mat physics
- **Fermion on a lattice**: doubling vs (chiral) anomaly
 - theoretical challenges: chiral gauge theory, topological phases
 - many avatars: Wilson, staggered, SLAC, domain-wall, overlap...

Lattice fermion and doubling

- **Discretization of Dirac operator:** $D = \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu - m$
 - difference operator: $\nabla_\mu \psi(x) = \frac{\psi(x + a\hat{\mu}) - \psi(x - a\hat{\mu})}{2a} \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} \partial_\mu \psi(x)$
 - (Euclidian) gamma matrices: γ^μ , lattice spacing: a , unit vector: $\hat{\mu}$
- **Momentum space representation:** ($p_\mu \in [0, 2\pi)$; $a = 1$)

$$D(p) = i\gamma^\mu \sin p_\mu - m \longrightarrow \begin{cases} +i\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m & (p_\mu \ll 1) \\ -i\gamma^\mu q_\mu - m & (p_\mu = \pi + q_\mu, q_\mu \ll 1) \end{cases}$$

Nielsen–Ninomiya theorem

Imposing **translational invariance**, **hermiticity**, and **locality**, there exists an equal number of left-handed and right-handed chiral fermions.

- Chiral theories?: chiral anomaly, chiral effects, chiral gauge theory...

Realizations

- Naive fermion: (many) doublers
- Wilson fermion: no doublers, but chiral symmetry violated
- Staggered fermion: (reduced) doublers, “flavored” chiral symmetry
- SLAC fermion: non-local formulation
- Minimal-doubling fermion: $\#\{\text{doublers}\} = 2$, lower spatial symmetry
- Domain-wall fermion: boundary of the extra dimension
- Overlap fermion: modified chiral symmetry

Ginsparg–Wilson relation

$$\gamma_5 D + D \gamma_5 = 2a D \gamma_5 D$$

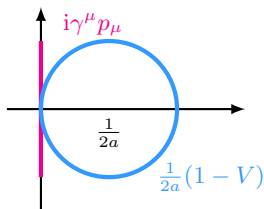
[Ginsparg–Wilson '82]

Overlap fermion

- **Overlap Dirac operator:** $D_{\text{ov}} = \frac{1}{2a}(1 - V)$

- unitary op.: $\gamma_5 V \gamma_5 = V^\dagger = V^{-1}$
- lattice spacing: a
- γ_5 -hermiticity: $\gamma_5 D \gamma_5 = D^\dagger$
- GW relation: $\gamma_5 D_{\text{ov}} + D_{\text{ov}} \gamma_5 = 2a D_{\text{ov}} \gamma_5 D_{\text{ov}}$

[Neuberger '98]

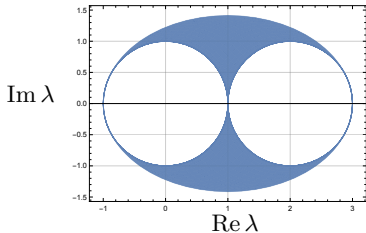


- **Construction of D_{ov} in d -dim**

- 1 Start with d -dim system (Wilson-Dirac operator D_W with mass)
- 2 Add an extra dimension of size N_{ext} with open b.c.
- 3 Integrate the extra dimension and take $aN_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow \infty$, $a \rightarrow 0$

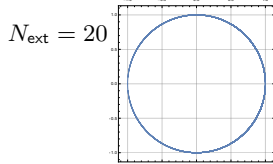
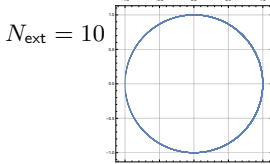
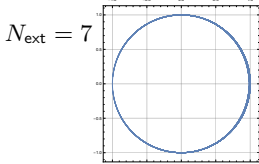
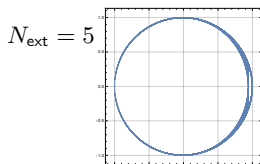
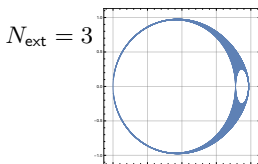
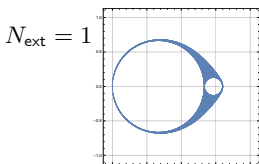
$$V = \frac{D_W}{\sqrt{D_W^\dagger D_W}} = \gamma_5 \frac{H_W}{\sqrt{H_W^2}}, \quad H_W = \gamma_5 D_W$$

- Complex spectrum of Wilson–Dirac operator in $d = 2$:



- Point-gap non-hermitian sys.
 → deformable to unitary op.
 [Kawabata et al.]
- Overlap formalism = band flatten

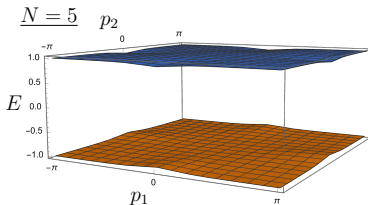
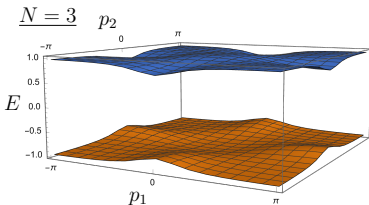
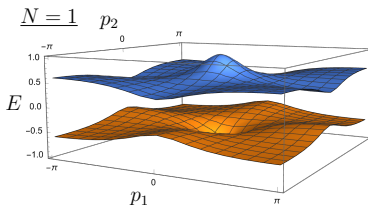
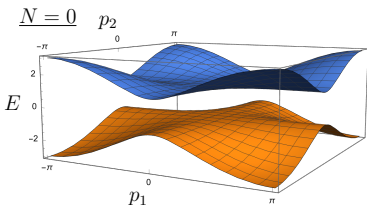
- N_{ext} dependence of the spectrum: $V^{(N_{\text{ext}})} \xrightarrow{N_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow \infty} V$



- Wilson–Dirac Hamiltonian in $d = 2$ (momentum space rep.):

$$H_W = \sigma_1 \sin p_1 + \sigma_2 \sin p_2 + (m + 2 - \cos p_1 - \cos p_2)\sigma_3$$

- Band flattening: $H_W^{(N_{\text{ext}})} = \gamma_5 V^{(N_{\text{ext}})} \xrightarrow{N_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_W}{\sqrt{H_W^2}} = \text{sgn}(H_W)$



Chiral anomaly and Dirac index

- **Chiral transformation:** $(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \mapsto (\gamma_5 \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma_5)$, $\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi \mapsto \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi$
 - Fujikawa method: $\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \mapsto \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \times \text{Jacobian}$
- **Ginsparg–Wilson relation:** $\gamma_5 D + D \gamma_5 = 2a D \gamma_5 D \iff \gamma_5 D + D \hat{\gamma}_5 = 0$
where $\hat{\gamma}_5 = \gamma_5(1 - 2aD) = \gamma_5 V$ implying modification: [Lüscher]
 $(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \mapsto (\hat{\gamma}_5 \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma_5) = (\gamma_5 V \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma_5)$, $\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \mapsto \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \times \det V^{-1}$
- **Atiyah–Singer index theorem and chiral anomaly:** $\text{ind } D = \partial^\mu j_\mu^5$

$$\text{ind } D = \dim \ker D - \dim \text{coker } D = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_M \text{tr } F \wedge F + (\text{R-term}) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Overlap operator index

$$\text{ind } D_{\text{ov}} = \text{tr } \gamma_5 D_{\text{ov}} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr } \gamma_5 V = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\frac{H_W}{\sqrt{H_W^2}} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \eta(H_W)$$

[Hasenfratz–Laliena–Niedermayer] [Lüscher] [Adams]

- **Q.** Is it all about the overlap fermion?
- **Hint:** 10-fold way classification of free fermion systems [Altland–Zirnbauer]
 - Wilson–Dirac system belongs to class A ($m \neq 0$)

- **Q.** Overlap fermion for other symmetry classes with \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{T} ?

- $\mathcal{C} = CK$, $\mathcal{T} = TK$

where $CHC^{-1} = -H^*$, $THT^{-1} = +H^*$, $KOK = \mathcal{O}^*$

with $\mathcal{C}^2 = \pm 1$, $\mathcal{T}^2 = \pm 1$

- Overlap fermion in odd-dimension: [Bietenholz–Nishimura]

$$D = \frac{1}{2a}(1 - V), \quad V^\dagger = V^{-1} \quad (\text{no } \gamma_5\text{-hermiticity condition})$$

- Remark: $H_{3d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ m - i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \{\gamma_5, H_{3d}\} = 0$ (class AIII)

- Unitary operator:

$$V^\dagger = V^{-1} = \gamma_5 V \gamma_5 \implies V \in \frac{U}{U \times U}, \quad V^\dagger = V^{-1} \implies V \in U$$

Symmetry class	\mathcal{C}	Classifying space $S_{\mathcal{C}}$	T-evolution operator $U_{\mathcal{C}}$	\mathcal{T}^2	\mathcal{C}^2	χ
A	C_0	$U/U \times U$	U	0	0	0
AIII	C_1	U	$U/U \times U$	0	0	1
AI	R_0	$O/O \times O$	U/O	+1	0	0
BDI	R_1	O	$O/O \times O$	+1	+1	1
D	R_2	O/U	O	0	+1	0
DIII	R_3	U/Sp	O/U	-1	+1	1
AII	R_4	$Sp/Sp \times Sp$	U/Sp	-1	0	0
CII	R_5	Sp	$Sp/Sp \times Sp$	-1	-1	1
C	R_6	Sp/U	Sp	0	-1	0
CI	R_7	U/O	Sp/U	+1	-1	1

10-fold way classification of overlap operator

For class \mathcal{C} system, **the unitary operator** in the overlap operator takes a value in **the classifying space** $S_{\mathcal{C}}$:

$$D_{\text{ov}} = \frac{1}{2a}(1 - V) \quad \text{where} \quad V \in S_{\mathcal{C}}$$

[K-Watanabe]

Ginsparg–Wilson relation revisited

- Ginsparg–Wilson relation: $\gamma_5 D + D \gamma_5 = 2a D \gamma_5 D$

→ non-linear deformation of **chiral symmetry** $\{\gamma_5, D\} = 0$

- Reformulation: [Bietenholz–Nishimura]

$$\gamma_5 D + D \gamma_5 = 2a D \gamma_5 D \xrightarrow{\gamma_5 D \gamma_5 = D^\dagger} D + D^\dagger = 2a D D^\dagger$$

→ deformation of **anti-hermiticity** $D + D^\dagger = 0$ (masslessness)

Ginsparg–Wilson relation for \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} symmetry

Ginsparg–Wilson relation for \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} symmetric system is given by

$$CD + D^T C = 2a D^T C D, \quad TD + D^* T = 2a D^* T D$$

Defining $\hat{C} = CV$ and $\hat{T} = TV$, it is equivalent to

$$CD + D^T \hat{C} = 0, \quad TD + D^* \hat{T} = 0$$

which implies anomalous \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} transformations,

$$\mathcal{C} : (\psi, \bar{\psi}) \mapsto (\hat{C} \bar{\psi}^T, \psi^T C^{-1}), \quad \mathcal{T} : (\psi, \bar{\psi}) \mapsto (\hat{T} \psi, \bar{\psi} T^{-1})$$

\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} anomaly and mod-two index

- Ginsparg–Wilson relation for \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} symmetry implies anomalies of:
 - Majorana(-Weyl) fermion [Huet–Narayanan–Neuberger] [Inagaki–Suzuki]
 - \mathcal{T} -invariant topological insulator [Fukui–Fujiwara] [Ringel–Stern]

Mod-two overlap index

Let $\nu = \text{ind } D_{\text{ov}} = \dim \ker D_{\text{ov}} \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ be **the mod-two index** of D_{ov} for **the class with** $V \in \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{U}$. Then, we have

$$(-1)^\nu = \det V$$

[K–Watanabe]

- Remark: mod-two index in the domain-wall fermion formalism

[Fukaya et al.]

Summary

- Ginsparg–Wilson relation and overlap fermion:

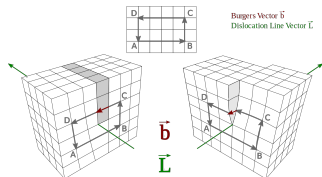
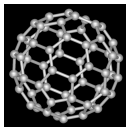
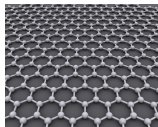
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- 10-fold way of overlap fermion: $V \in S_{\mathcal{C}}$ (classifying space)

- Ginsparg–Wilson relation for \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T} symmetric system:

$$CD + D^T C = 2a D^T C D, \quad TD + D^* T = 2a D^* T D$$

- Curved space-time (with torsion)?



[wikipedia]