

Gauge fields and Kaluza-Klein theory

Correspondance potential A_μ - connection and field $F_{\mu\nu}$ - curvature

In a loop (+dx,+dy,-dx,-dy) the phase increases by :

$$\begin{aligned} & A_x dx + (A_y + \partial_x A_y dx) dy - (A_x + \partial_y A_x dy) dx - A_y dy \\ &= (\partial_x A_y - \partial_y A_x) dx dy \\ &= F_{xy} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Kaluza-Klein theory

The vielbeins e^a_μ are the matrices of base changing between curved and locally flat coordinates.

The metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$ in curved coordinates is :

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^a_\mu e^b_\nu$$

where η_{ab} is the metric tensor of the flat space-time (1 -1 -1 -1 on the diagonal, 0 elsewhere).

According to Kaluza-Klein theory, gauge fields are equivalent to gravitation (curvature of space-time according to general relativity) in compactified dimensions.

The vielbein is :

$$e^a_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} e^{a'}_{\mu'} & 0 \\ e^{a''}_{\mu''} & A^{V''}_{\mu} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $e^{a'}_{\mu'}$ is the vielbein of the space-time, $e^{a''}_{\mu''}$ is the vielbein of the compactified dimensions, and $A^{V''}_{\mu}$ is the potential.

We can number the dimensions of space-time from 0 to 3 (0=t, 1=x, 2=y, 3=z) and the compactified dimensions from 4 to d-1, and consider all the tensor defined for indices varying from 0 to d-1, completed with zeros, for example :

$$A^m_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^m_\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with indices $\mu = 0..3$ and $m = 4..d-1$; A^m_μ is 0 if μ is not in 0..3 or m is not in 4..d-1.

With this convention, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} e^a_\mu &= e^{a'}_{\mu'} + e^{a''}_n A^n_\mu + e^{a''}_\mu \\ &= e^{a'}_{\mu'} + e^{a''}_n (A^n_\mu + \delta^n_\mu) \\ &= e^{a'}_{\mu'} + e^{a''}_\mu + e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu \end{aligned}$$

Then the metric tensor in curved coordinates is :

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu} &= \eta_{ab} e^a_\mu e^b_\nu \\ &= \eta_{ab} (e^{a'}_{\mu'} + e^{a''}_n A^n_\mu + e^{a''}_\mu) (e^{b'}_{\nu'} + e^{b''}_\nu + e^{b''}_m A^m_\nu) \\ &= \eta_{ab} e^{a'}_{\mu'} e^{b'}_{\nu'} + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_n A^n_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_m A^m_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu e^{b''}_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu e^{b''}_n A^n_\nu \\ &\quad + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu e^{b''}_n A^n_\nu \end{aligned}$$

Since $\eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_\nu = 0$ because η_{ab} is not 0 only if $a = b$, $e^{a''}_\mu$ is not zero only if a is in 0..3 and $e^{b''}_\nu$ is not zero only if b is in 4..d-1, and same for $\eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_\nu$ we have :

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu} &= \eta_{ab} e^{a'}_{\mu'} e^{b'}_{\nu'} + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_\mu e^{b''}_n A^n_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu e^{b''}_\nu + \eta_{ab} e^{a''}_m A^m_\mu e^{b''}_n A^n_\nu \\ &= g'_{\mu\nu} + g''_{\mu\nu} + g''_{\mu n} A^n_\nu + g''_{m\nu} A^m_\nu + g''_{mn} A^m_\mu A^n_\nu \end{aligned}$$