

Geometric Constructions Underlying Relativistic Description of Spin on the Base of Non-Grassmann Vector-Like Variable

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Abstract. Basic notions of Dirac theory of constrained systems have their analogs in differential geometry. Combination of the two approaches gives more clear understanding of both classical and quantum mechanics, when we deal with a model with complicated structure of constraints. In this work we describe and discuss the spin fiber bundle which appeared in various mechanical models where spin is described by vector-like variable.

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1 Introduction

Already in 1926, Frenkel observed [20, 21] that variational formulation of relativistic spinning particle represents a nontrivial problem, if we intend to take into account the conditions which guarantee the right number of degrees of freedom in the theory. This leads to a rather complex singular Lagrangians, see [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 22, 24, 25] and references therein. In the Hamiltonian formulation, this implies a theory with Dirac's first and second-class constraints. Basic notions of the Dirac theory have their analogs in differential geometry. Second-class constraints mean that all true trajectories lie on a curved submanifold of the initial phase-space. The Dirac bracket, constructed on the base of second-class constraints, induces canonical symplectic structure on the submanifold. Besides, due to the first-class constraints (equivalently, due to local symmetries), a part of variables have ambiguous evolution. This also can be translated into geometric language: due to the ambiguity, the submanifold is endowed with a natural structure of fiber bundle. Physical variables are functions of the coordinates which parameterize the base of the fiber bundle.

Here we discuss the models where spin is considered as a composed quantity (inner angular momentum) constructed from non-Grassmann vector-like variable and its conjugated momentum [5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 24, 27]. They lead to the spin fiber bundle shortly described in [8, 9, 17]. In the present work we start from non-relativistic spinning particle [8] and describe the corresponding non-relativistic bundle in a more systematic form. Then we represent this in a manifestly Poincare-covariant form, arriving at the set of constraints which guarantees those of Frenkel [20] and Bargmann, Michel and Telegdi (BMT) [1] theories. The passage from vector-like to spin variable is not a change of variables, and acquires a natural interpretation in this geometric construction. This turns out to be useful in the study of both classical and quantum mechanics of a spinning particle [12, 16, 26, 28].

2 Non relativistic spin

2.1 Basic constraints

The Pauli equation involves spin operators which are proportional to the Pauli matrices, $\hat{S}_i = \frac{\hbar}{2}\sigma_i$. They form SO(3)-algebra with respect to commutator

$$[\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}_j]_- = i\hbar\epsilon_{ijk}\hat{S}_k. \quad (1)$$

Here ϵ_{ijk} is totally antisymmetric tensor with $\epsilon_{123} = 1$. Besides, they obey the identity

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2 = \hbar^2 s(s+1) = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}, \quad (2)$$

which corresponds to the value of SO(3)-Casimir $s = \frac{1}{2}$.

To construct the corresponding semiclassical model, we look for a classical-mechanics system which, besides the position variables x_i , contains additional degrees of freedom, appropriate for the description of a spin: in the Hamiltonian formulation the spin should be described, at the end, by three variables S_i which imply (1) and (2) in the course of canonical quantization. According to this, typical spinning-particle model consist of a point on a world-line and some set of variables describing the spin degrees of freedom, which form the inner space attached to that point [25]. In fact, different spinning particles discussed in the literature differ by the choice of inner space of spin. Exceptional case is the rigid particle which consist of only position variables, but with the action containing higher derivatives. Recently it has been shown [15], that this yields the Dirac equation, hence it can be used for description of spin.

We intend to construct spinning particle starting from a proper variational problem. This is the first task we need to solve, as the formulation of a variational problem in closed form is known only for the case of a phase space equipped with canonical Poisson bracket, say $\{\omega_i, \pi_j\} = \delta_{ij}$. The number of variables and their algebra are different from the number of spin operators and their commutators, (1). To improve this, we need to impose constraints and/or to pass from the initial to some composed variables. This implies the use of Dirac machinery for constrained theories [18].

The most natural way to arrive at the operator algebra (1) is to consider spin variables as composed quantities,

$$S_i = \epsilon_{ijk}\omega_j\pi_k, \quad (3)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\omega}$, $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ are coordinates of a phase space equipped with canonical Poisson bracket. This immediately induces SO(3)-algebra for S_i

$$\{S_i(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi}), S_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})\}_{\text{PB}} = \epsilon_{ijk}S_k.$$

Unfortunately, this is not the whole story. First, we need some mechanism which explains why \mathbf{S} , not $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ must be taken for the description of spin degrees of freedom. Second, the basic space is six-dimensional, while the spin manifold is two-dimensional (we remind that the square of spin operator has fixed value, equation (2)). To improve this, we look for variational problem which, besides dynamical equations, implies the constraints (a and b are given numbers)

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 = a^2, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 = b^2, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi} = 0. \quad (4)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{S}^2 = \boldsymbol{\omega}^2\boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - (\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi})^2 = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}, \quad (5)$$

if we put $b^2 = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4a^2}$. We point out that this is essentially unique $\text{SO}(3)$ -invariant three-dimensional surface of \mathbb{R}^6 . The same result (5) follows from

$$\omega\pi = 0, \quad \pi^2 - \frac{a}{\omega^2} = 0, \quad a = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}. \quad (6)$$

These constraints naturally arise in the model of rigid particle, see [15]. Below we discuss Lorentz-covariant description for both sets.

While \mathbf{S} in (3) looks like angular momentum, the crucial difference with orbital angular momentum is the presence of local symmetry, which acts on the basic variables $\vec{\omega}, \vec{\pi}$, while leaves invariant the spin variable \vec{S} . We refer this as spin-plane symmetry. Using analogy with classical electrodynamics, ω and π are similar to four-potential A^μ while \mathbf{S} plays the role of $F^{\mu\nu}$. According to the general theory [7, 18, 23], in this case the coordinates ω of the “inner-space particle” are not physical (observable) quantities. The only observable quantities are the gauge-invariant variables \mathbf{S} . So our construction realizes, in a systematic form, the oldest idea about spin as “inner angular momentum”.

2.2 Spin-sector Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

As the Lagrangian which implies the constraints (4), we take the expression $L_{\text{spin}} = \frac{1}{2g}\dot{\omega}^2 + \frac{1}{2}gb^2 - \frac{1}{\phi}(\omega^2 - a^2)$, where $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$. Variation with respect to auxiliary variables $g(t)$ and $\phi(t)$ gives the equations $\dot{\omega}^2 = g^2b^2$ and $\omega^2 = a^2$, the latter implies $\dot{\omega}\omega = 0$. In the Hamiltonian formulation these equations turn into the desired constraints. We can integrate out the variable g , presenting Lagrangian in more compact form

$$L_{\text{spin}} = b\sqrt{\dot{\omega}^2} - \frac{1}{\phi}(\omega^2 - a^2).$$

This also gives the desired constraints. The last term represents kinematic (velocity-independent) constraint which is well known from classical mechanics. So, we might follow the classical-mechanics prescription to exclude ϕ as well. But this would lead to loss of manifest rotational invariance of the formalism. The model is manifestly invariant under rotations R_{ij} . The auxiliary variable ϕ is a scalar under these transformations. For the ω_i we have $\omega'_i = R_{ij}\omega_j$. There is also local (spin-plane) symmetry with the parameter $\beta(t)$

$$\delta\omega_i = \beta\dot{\omega}_i, \quad \delta\phi = \frac{1}{\phi^2} \left(\frac{\beta}{\phi} \right)^\cdot. \quad (7)$$

Let us consider Hamiltonian formulation of the model. Equations for the conjugate momenta π_i read $\pi_i = b\frac{\dot{\omega}_i}{\sqrt{\dot{\omega}^2}}$. This implies the primary constraint $\pi^2 = b^2$. Momentum for ϕ turns out to be one more primary constraint, $\pi_\phi = 0$. The complete Hamiltonian reads

$$H = \frac{\lambda_1}{2}(\pi^2 - b^2) + \frac{1}{\phi}(\omega^2 - a^2) + \lambda_2\pi_\phi. \quad (8)$$

We have denoted by λ_a the Lagrangian multipliers for the primary constraints. Equation (7) induces [14] the infinitesimal phase-space transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\omega_i &= \phi\beta\pi_i, & \delta\pi_i &= -\frac{2}{\lambda_1}\beta\omega_i, \\ \delta\phi &= \phi^2 \left(\frac{\beta}{\lambda_1} \right)^\cdot, & \delta\pi_\phi &= 0, & \delta\lambda_1 &= -(\phi\beta)^\cdot, & \delta\lambda_2 &= -(\delta\phi)^\cdot. \end{aligned}$$

They leave invariant the Hamiltonian action

$$S_H = \int dt \pi \dot{\omega} + \pi_\phi \dot{\phi} - H. \quad (9)$$

Finite transformations and their geometric interpretation will be discussed in Section 2.3.

Applying the Dirac procedure, we obtain the following sequence of constraints and equations for the Lagrangian multipliers: $\pi_\phi = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^2 - a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (\omega\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -\frac{2a^2}{b^2\phi}$. Hence all the desired constraints (4) appeared. Lagrangian multiplier λ_1 can be substituted into (8). Besides the constraints, the Hamiltonian (8) implies the dynamical equations $\dot{\phi} = \lambda_\phi$, $\dot{\pi}_\phi = 0$, $\dot{\omega}_i = -\frac{2a^2}{b^2\phi}\pi_i$, and $\dot{\pi}_i = \frac{2}{\phi}\omega_i$. Neither equations nor constraints determine the variables λ_ϕ and ϕ , the latter enters as an arbitrary function into general solution for the variables ω and π . Hence, the dynamics of these variables is ambiguous. This is in correspondence with invariance of the action (17) under local transformations (7). According to general theory [7, 18, 23], ω and π are not observable quantities. The variables $S_i = \epsilon_{ijk}\omega_j\pi_k$ have unambiguous evolution, as it should be $\dot{S}_i = 0$. In interacting theory \mathbf{S} will precess under torque exercised by magnetic field, see below. Due to equations (4), the coordinates S_i obey (5).

2.3 SO(3) spin surface and associated spin fiber bundle

While our model (17) consists of the basic variables ω and π , quantum mechanics obtained in terms of spin variables \mathbf{S} . The passage from ω, π to \mathbf{S} is not a change of variables, and acquires a natural interpretation in the geometric construction described below. This can be resumed as follows. All the trajectories $\omega(t), \pi(t)$ belong to the surface (4) of phase space which we identify with the group manifold SO(3). The map $(\omega, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$ determines natural structure of fiber bundle on SO(3) with the structure group being SO(2). The structure group turn into local symmetry in dynamical theory and selects \mathbf{S} as the physical (observable) variables. Canonical quantization of the fiber bundle yields the Pauli equation, see the next section. Generalization on SO(k, n) Lie–Poisson manifold has been presented in [13].

In this section we normalize the basic spin variables in such a way, that the constraints have the form $\omega^2 - 1 = 0$, $\pi^2 - 1 = 0$ and $(\omega\pi) = 0$.

Consider six-dimensional phase space equipped with canonical Poisson bracket

$$\mathbb{R}^6 = \{\omega_i, \pi_j; \{\omega_i, \pi_j\}_{\text{PB}} = \delta_{ij}\},$$

and three-dimensional spin space $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{S_i\}$. Define the map

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R}^6 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, & f : (\omega_i, \pi_j) &\rightarrow S_i = \epsilon_{ijk}\omega_j\pi_k, \\ \text{or} \quad \mathbf{S} = \omega \times \pi, && \text{rank} \frac{\partial(S_i)}{\partial(\omega_j, \pi_k)} &= 3. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Poisson bracket on \mathbb{R}^6 and the map (10) induce SO(3) Lie–Poisson bracket on \mathbb{R}^3

$$\{S_i, S_j\} \equiv \{S_i(\omega, \pi), S_j(\omega, \pi)\}_{\text{PB}}, \quad \{S_i, S_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk}S_k.$$

According to previous section, all trajectories $\omega(t), \pi(t)$ lie on SO(3)-invariant surface of \mathbb{R}^6

$$\mathbb{T}^3 = \{\omega^2 - 1 = 0, \pi^2 - 1 = 0, \omega\pi = 0\}. \quad (11)$$

\mathbb{T}^3 can be identified with group manifold SO(3). Indeed, given ω, π , consider 3×3 matrix with the lines ω, π and $\omega \times \pi$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ \pi \\ \omega \times \pi \end{pmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

Equations (11) imply $RR^T = 1$ and $\det R = 1$. The map $\mathbb{T}^3 \rightarrow \text{SO}(3)$ given by equation (12) determines diffeomorphism of the manifolds.

When $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \in \mathbb{T}^3$, we have $\mathbf{S}^2 = \boldsymbol{\omega}^2 \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - (\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi})^2 = 1$. So, f maps the manifold \mathbb{T}^3 onto two-dimensional sphere of unit radius (spin surface), $f(\mathbb{T}^3) = \mathbb{S}^2$. Denote $\mathbb{F}_S \in \mathbb{T}^3$ preimage of a point $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{S}^2$, $\mathbb{F}_S = f^{-1}(\mathbf{S})$. This set is composed by all pairs $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$ which lie on the same plane and thus related by $\text{SO}(2)$ rotations of the plane.

The manifold \mathbb{T}^3 acquires natural structure of fiber bundle

$$\mathbb{T}^3 = (\mathbb{S}^2, \mathbb{F}, f), \quad (13)$$

with base \mathbb{S}^2 , standard fiber \mathbb{F} , projection map f and structure group $\text{SO}(2)$.

Transformations of structure group read

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}' &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \cos \beta + \boldsymbol{\pi} \sin \beta, \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}' &= -\boldsymbol{\omega} \sin \beta + \boldsymbol{\pi} \cos \beta \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \delta\omega_i = \beta\pi_i, \\ \delta\pi_i = -\beta\omega_i. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

By construction, they leave inert points of base, $\delta S_i = 0$.

In the dynamical realization of previous section, the structure group acts independently at each instance of time and turn into the local spin-plane symmetry. To see this, let us present the action functional equivalent to (9) and invariant under (14). Consider extended Hamiltonian action S_{ext} for (9). This obtained adding all the higher-stage constraints (with their own Lagrangian multipliers) to S_H . For the present case this is

$$S_{\text{ext}} = \int dt P \dot{Q} - (H + \lambda_3 \boldsymbol{\omega} \boldsymbol{\pi}).$$

It is known [7, 23] that the theories S_H and S_{ext} are equivalent. S_{ext} is invariant (modulo to total derivative) under local version of the transformation (14), $\beta \rightarrow \beta(t)$, accompanied by the following transformation of auxiliary variables

$$g'_{ab} = (KgK^T)_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\beta}\delta_{ab}, \quad \lambda'_2 = -(\phi')^{\cdot}, \quad (15)$$

where

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\phi} & \frac{\lambda_3}{2} \\ \frac{\lambda_3}{2} & \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (16)$$

Let $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \in \mathbb{T}^3$, $\omega_3 \neq 0$. As local coordinates of \mathbb{T}^3 in vicinity of this point, we can take $S_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$, $S_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$, and ω_3 . The coordinates adjusted with structure of fibration. That is S_1 , S_2 parameterize the base \mathbb{S}^2 while ω_3 parameterizes the fiber \mathbb{F} . The spin-plane symmetry determines physical sector of the theory, and hence play the fundamental role in this construction, see discussion at the end of Section 2.1.

2.4 Canonical quantization and Pauli equation

To test our procedure, we discuss spinning particle corresponding to the Pauli equation on a stationary magnetic field¹. Consider the action

$$S = \int dt \left[\frac{m}{2} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^2 + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A} \dot{\mathbf{x}} + b\sqrt{(D\boldsymbol{\omega})^2} - \frac{1}{\phi} (\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - a^2) \right], \quad D\omega_i = \dot{\omega}_i - \frac{\mu e}{mc} \epsilon_{ijk} \omega_j B_k. \quad (17)$$

¹The case of an arbitrary electromagnetic background [19] represents much more complex problem [16].

The configuration-space variables are $x_i(t)$, $\omega_i(t)$ and $\phi(t)$. Here x_i represents the spatial coordinates of the particle with the mass m , the charge e , and magnetic moment μ , $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$. Second term in equation (17) represent minimal interaction with the vector potential $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$ of an external electromagnetic field, while the third term contains interaction of spin with a magnetic field. At the end, it produces the Pauli term in quantum-mechanical Hamiltonian.

Let us construct Hamiltonian formulation for the model. Equations for the conjugated momenta p_i and π_i reads

$$p_i = m\dot{x}_i + \frac{e}{c}A_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{x}_i = \frac{1}{m}\left(p_i - \frac{e}{c}A_i\right), \quad \pi_i = b\frac{D\omega_i}{\sqrt{(D\omega)^2}}. \quad (18)$$

Equation (18) implies the primary constraint $\pi^2 = b^2$. Momentum for ϕ turns out to be one more primary constraint, $\pi_\phi = 0$. The complete Hamiltonian, $H = P\dot{Q} - L + \lambda_a\Phi_a$, $Q = (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \phi)$, $P = (\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \pi_\phi)$, reads

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}\left(p_i - \frac{e}{c}A_i\right)^2 - \frac{\mu e}{mc}\epsilon_{ijk}B_i\omega_j\pi_k + \frac{1}{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - a^2) + \frac{\lambda_1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - b^2) + \lambda_2\pi_\phi. \quad (19)$$

We have denoted by λ_a the Lagrangian multipliers for the primary constraints $\Phi_a = (\boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - b^2, \pi_\phi)$.

Applying the Dirac procedure, we obtain the following sequence of constraints and equations for the Lagrangian multipliers

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - b^2 = 0 \\ \pi_\phi = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - a^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = -\frac{2a^2}{b^2\phi}.$$

Lagrangian multiplier λ_1 can be substituted into (19). Besides the algebraic equations, the Hamiltonian (19) implies the dynamical equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\phi} &= \lambda_\phi, & \dot{\pi}_\phi &= 0, \\ \dot{x}_i &= \frac{1}{m}\left(p_i - \frac{e}{c}A_i\right), & \dot{p}_i &= \frac{e}{c}\dot{x}_j\partial_i A_j + \frac{\mu e}{mc}S_j\partial_i B_j, \\ \dot{\omega}_i &= -\frac{2a^2}{b^2\phi}\pi_i + \frac{\mu e}{mc}\epsilon_{ijk}\omega_j B_k, & \dot{\pi}_i &= \frac{2}{\phi}\omega_i + \frac{\mu e}{mc}\epsilon_{ijk}\pi_j B_k. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

The variable $S_i = \epsilon_{ijk}\omega_j\pi_k$ have unambiguous evolution, as it should be

$$\dot{S}_i = \frac{\mu e}{mc}\epsilon_{ijk}S_j B_k.$$

This is the classical equation for precession of spin in an external magnetic field. Due to equations (4), the coordinates S_i obey (5). Equations (20) imply the second-order equation for x_i

$$m\ddot{x}_i = \frac{e}{c}\epsilon_{ijk}\dot{x}_j B_k + \frac{e}{mc}S_k\partial_i B_k. \quad (21)$$

Since $\mathbf{S}^2 \sim \hbar^2$, the S -term disappears from equation (21) at the classical limit $\hbar \rightarrow 0$. Then equation (21) reproduces the classical motion of charged particle subject to the Lorentz force. Note that in the absence of interaction, the particle does not experience a self-acceleration.

To construct quantum mechanics of the spinning particle, we follow Dirac prescription for quantization of a system with constraints. The constraints $\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - a^2 = 0$ and $(\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi}) = 0$ represent the second-class system,

$$\{\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - a^2, (\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi})\} = 2\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 \neq 0, \quad (22)$$

while Poisson brackets of

$$\pi_\phi = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 - b^2 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}(\omega^2 - a^2) = 0, \quad (23)$$

with all constraints vanish, so, they are the first-class constraints.

Remind that a theory with second-class constraints, say $\Phi_a = 0$, $\{\Phi_a, \Phi_b\} = \Delta_{ab}$, $\det \Delta_{ab} \neq 0$, can not be consistently quantized on the base of Poisson bracket. Indeed, since in classical theory $\Phi_a = 0$, one expects that the corresponding operators vanish on physical states, $\hat{\Phi}_a \Psi = 0$. Quantizing the theory by means of the Poisson bracket, we obtain $(\hat{\Phi}_a \hat{\Phi}_b - \hat{\Phi}_b \hat{\Phi}_a)\Psi = \Delta_{ab}\Psi$. The left-hand side of this expression vanishes, but the right-hand side does not. The problem is resolved by postulating commutators that resemble the Dirac bracket

$$\{A, B\}_{\text{D}} = \{A, B\} - \{A, \Phi_a\} \Delta_{ab}^{-1} \{\Phi_b, B\},$$

instead of the Poisson one. Owing to the property $\{\Phi_a, A\}_{\text{D}} = 0$, quantum analog of the Dirac bracket is consistent with the condition $\hat{\Phi}_a \Psi = 0$. For our case the Dirac bracket reads

$$\{A, B\}_{\text{D}} = \{A, B\} + \{A, \omega^2\} \frac{1}{2\omega^2} \{\omega \boldsymbol{\pi}, B\} - (A \leftrightarrow B).$$

For the basic variables this gives

$$\{\omega_i, \omega_j\} = 0, \quad \{\omega_i, \pi_j\} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{\omega_i \omega_j}{\omega^2}, \quad \{\pi_i, \pi_j\} = -\frac{\omega_i \pi_j - \omega_j \pi_i}{\omega^2}.$$

Due to the property $\{\Phi_a, A\}_{\text{D}} = 0$, second-class constraints can now be used before computing the bracket. So, we can omit the third term in the Hamiltonian (19). For the physical variables x_i, p_i, S_i , the Dirac bracket coincides with the Poisson one

$$\{x_i, p_j\}_{\text{D}} = \delta_{ij}, \quad \{S_i, S_j\}_{\text{D}} = \epsilon_{ijk} S_k. \quad (24)$$

Now we are ready to complete canonical quantization of the model. We quantize only the physical variables. As the last two terms in (19) does not contributes into equations of motion for the physical variables, we omit them. This gives the physical Hamiltonian²

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left(p_i - \frac{e}{c} A_i \right)^2 - \frac{\mu e}{mc} B_i S_i. \quad (25)$$

The first equation from (24) implies the standard quantization of the variables x and p , we take $\hat{x}_i = x_i$, $\hat{p}_i = -i\hbar\partial_i$. According to the second equation from (24), we look for the wave-function space which is representation of the group SO(3). Finite-dimensional irreducible representations of the group are numbered by spin s , which is related with values of Casimir operator as follows: $\mathbf{S}^2 \sim s(s+1)$. Then equation (5) fixes the spin $s = \frac{1}{2}$, and S_i must be quantized by $\hat{S}_i = \frac{\hbar}{2}\sigma_i$. The operators act on space of two-component complex spinors Ψ . Quantum Hamiltonian is obtained from equation (25) replacing classical variables by the operators. This yields the Pauli equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{1}{2m} \left(\hat{\mathbf{p}} - \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A} \right)^2 - \frac{\mu e}{mc} \mathbf{B} \hat{\mathbf{S}} \right) \Psi.$$

In resume, we have constructed non relativistic spinning particle with desired properties on both the classical and the quantum level.

²Equivalently, we could impose the gauge $\phi = 1, \omega_3 = 0$ for the first-class constraints (23) and construct the corresponding Dirac bracket. This does not spoil neither the brackets (24) nor equations of motion for physical variables. Dealing with the Dirac bracket, all the constraints can be omitted from equation (19), this gives (25).

3 Lorentz covariant form of spin fiber bundle

In this section we represent $\text{SO}(3)$ spin fiber bundle of Section 2.3 in the Lorentz-covariant form. This yields automatically a set of constraints which underly those determining Frenkel and BMT models. We remind that our construction involves basic and target spaces: fiber bundle is a submanifold of the basic space, the base of the fiber bundle is a submanifold of the target space. First, we extend basic and target spaces in the following way.

Let $\Lambda : \omega' \rightarrow \Lambda\omega'$ be vector representation of the Lorentz group $\text{SO}(1, 3)$, we introduce diagonal action of the group on space of direct product $\mathbb{R}^8 = \mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$

$$\text{SO}(1, 3) : \begin{pmatrix} \omega' \\ \pi' \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ \pi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega' \\ \pi' \end{pmatrix}. \quad (26)$$

Consider also six-dimensional space \mathbb{R}^6 with coordinates \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}' . Lorentz group naturally acts on the space, it is sufficient to arrange the coordinates into 4×4 antisymmetric matrix

$$J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{j}] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k'_1 & k'_2 & k'_3 \\ -k'_1 & 0 & j'_3 & -j'_2 \\ -k'_2 & -j'_3 & 0 & j'_1 \\ -k'_3 & j'_2 & -j'_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then the transformation

$$\text{SO}(1, 3) : J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}'] \rightarrow J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{j}] = \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta J^{\alpha\beta}[\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}']. \quad (27)$$

determines transformation rules of \mathbf{k}' and \mathbf{j}' . Next we define a map f from $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ into \mathbb{R}^6

$$f : (\omega'^\mu, \pi'^\nu) \rightarrow J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}'] = 2(\omega'^\mu \pi'^\nu - \omega'^\nu \pi'^\mu). \quad (28)$$

This map has rank equals 5, it maps a point from $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ to a pair of orthogonal three-dimensional vectors, $(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}') = 0$.

If \mathbb{R}^8 is considered as a symplectic space with canonical Poisson bracket, $\{\omega'^\mu, \pi'^\nu\} = \eta^{\mu\nu}$, the map f induces $\text{SO}(1, 3)$ -Lie-Poisson bracket on \mathbb{R}^6

$$\{J^{\mu\nu}(\omega', \pi'), J^{\alpha\beta}(\omega', \pi')\} = 2(\eta^{\mu\alpha} J^{\nu\beta} - \eta^{\mu\beta} J^{\nu\alpha} - \eta^{\nu\alpha} J^{\mu\beta} + \eta^{\nu\beta} J^{\mu\alpha}).$$

By construction, f is compatible with actions (26) and (27) of $\text{SO}(1, 3)$: if $J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{j}'] = 2(\omega'^\mu \pi'^\nu - \omega'^\nu \pi'^\mu)$, then $J^{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{j}] = 2(\omega^\mu \pi^\nu - \omega^\nu \pi^\mu)$.

3.1 Spin fiber bundle \mathbb{T}^3

Given a particular coordinate system (ω'^μ, π'^ν) in the basic space, let us consider the surface

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}'^2 = a_3, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}'^2 = a_4, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}' \boldsymbol{\pi}' = 0, \quad \pi'_0 = 0, \quad \omega'_0 = 0. \quad (29)$$

Comparing this with (11) we identify the spin fiber bundle (13), $\mathbb{T}^3 \sim \text{SO}(3)$, with this surface. Being restricted to the surface (29), the map f reads

$$J^{\mu\nu}|_{f(\mathbb{T}^3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & j'_3 & -j'_2 \\ 0 & -j'_3 & 0 & j'_1 \\ 0 & j'_2 & -j'_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{j}' = 2\boldsymbol{\omega}' \times \boldsymbol{\pi}'. \quad (30)$$

Comparing equations (28) and (29)–(30) with (10) and (11) we conclude that $\text{SO}(3)$ -construction of previous section is embedded into $\text{SO}(1, 3)$.

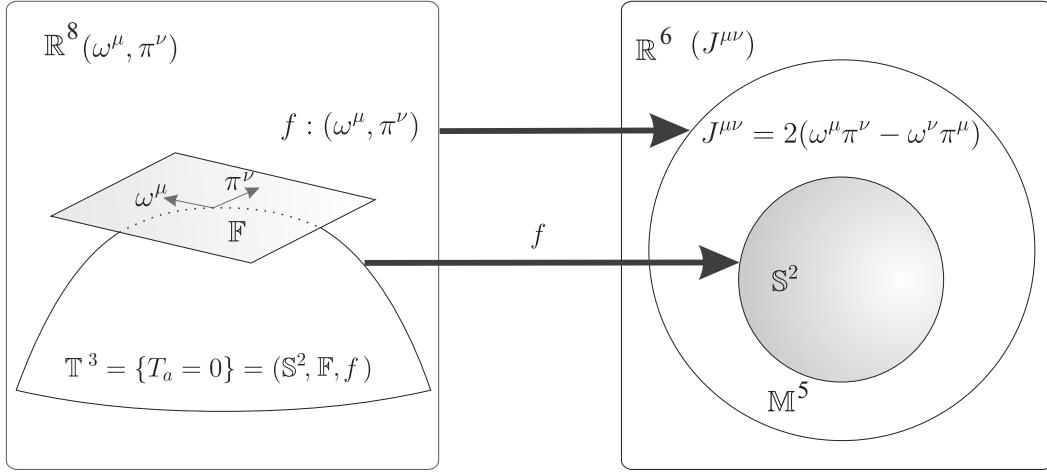


Figure 1. Identification of spin surface \mathbb{S}^2 with base of the spin fiber bundle \mathbb{T}^3 .

To write the spin fiber bundle (29) in a manifestly covariant form, we see how this surface looks like in the coordinate system related with (ω', π') by $\text{SO}(1, 3)$ -transformation. Since the surface is already invariant under $\text{SO}(3) \subset \text{SO}(1, 3)$, we consider only boost to the system moving with velocity \mathbf{v} . Using the standard notation for relativistic factors $\beta = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c}$ and $\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$ we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega'^0 \\ \omega' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma \beta^T \\ \gamma \beta & I_3 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{\beta^2} \beta \beta^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega^0 \\ \omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad (31)$$

Applying the boost to (29) we obtain covariant equations of the surface \mathbb{T}^3 in an arbitrary reference frame

$$\begin{aligned} T_3 = \pi^2 - a_3 &= 0, & T_4 = \omega^2 - a_4 &= 0, & T_5 = \omega\pi &= 0, \\ T_6 = \mathcal{P}\omega &= 0, & T_7 = \mathcal{P}\pi &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

We have introduced time-like four-vector

$$\mathcal{P}^\mu = (\tilde{m}\gamma c, \tilde{m}\gamma \mathbf{v}), \quad \text{then} \quad \gamma = \frac{|\mathcal{P}^0|}{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}_0^2 - \mathcal{P}^2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{P}^0}.$$

\tilde{m} is an effective mass related with this vector

$$\tilde{m}c = \sqrt{\mathcal{P}_0^2 - \mathcal{P}^2}.$$

In the dynamical model this vector appeared as the four-momentum of spinning particle.

Equations (32) determine the spin fiber bundle $\mathbb{T}^3 \sim \text{SO}(3)$ in a covariant form. Let us describe its structure (see Fig. 1). The covariant projection map has been already defined by (28), its form is independent from the choice of coordinates. The image of $f(\mathbb{T}^3) \subset \mathbb{R}^6$ is a base of \mathbb{T}^3 . Due to equations (32), this is given by the following 5 equations

$$J_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu} = 8 [(T_4 - a_4)(T_3 - a_3) - T_5^2] \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}|_{\mathbb{T}^3} = 8a_3 a_4, \quad (33)$$

$$J^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{P}_\nu = 0. \quad (34)$$

The last equation represents the Frenkel-type condition necessary for construction of Frenkel and BMT equations.

As $(J^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{P}_\mu)\mathcal{P}_\nu \equiv 0$, we have 4 independent equations imposed on 6 variables, therefore the base has dimension 2, as it should be. Denote $\mathbb{F}_S \in \mathbb{T}^3$ preimage of a point J of the base, $\mathbb{F}_J = f^{-1}(J)$. This set is composed by all pairs (ω, π) which lie on the same plane and thus related by $\text{SO}(2)$ rotations of the plane. In the result, the manifold \mathbb{T}^3 acquires structure of fiber bundle with the base determined by equations (33) and (34), standard fiber \mathbb{F} , projection map f and structure group $\text{SO}(2)$.

Let us determine a conventional coordinate system of the base. We write independent among the equations (33) and (34) explicitly in the vector form

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}^0} [\mathbf{j} \times \boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}], \quad (\mathbf{j}^2 - \mathbf{k}^2) = 3\hbar^2.$$

From these equations follows that \mathbf{k} is orthogonal to the plane defined by \mathbf{j} and $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}$. Excluding \mathbf{k} we obtain a single equation of a quadric surface

$$\mathbf{j}^2 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_0^2} [\mathbf{j} \times \boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}]^2 = 3\hbar^2.$$

Consider a spherical coordinate system in \mathbb{R}^3 with the zenith direction given by vector $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}$. The spherical coordinates of vectors \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} read

$$\mathbf{j} = (j, \theta, \phi), \quad \mathbf{k} = \left(k, \frac{\pi}{2}, \phi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right),$$

where θ and ϕ are polar and azimuthal angles of \mathbf{j} . In the spherical coordinates the equation of base reads

$$j^2 (1 - \sin^2(\theta)\beta^2) = 3\hbar^2.$$

Returning to Cartesian coordinates with the third axis along $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}$, we recognize the equation of an ellipsoid

$$j_3^2 + \frac{j_2^2 + j_1^2}{\gamma^2} = 3\hbar^2,$$

that is $f(\mathbb{T}^3) \sim S^2$. The lengths of \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} are

$$j = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{3}{1 - \sin^2(\theta)\beta^2}}, \quad k = \hbar \beta \sin(\theta) \sqrt{\frac{3}{1 - \sin^2(\theta)\beta^2}}.$$

In the rest coordinate system, when $\beta = 0$ this ellipsoid turns into a sphere.

Finally we introduce BMT four-vector of spin which generalizes (10)

$$S^\mu = \frac{1}{\tilde{m}c} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{P}_\nu \omega_\alpha \pi_\beta = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{-\mathcal{P}^2}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{P}_\nu J_{\alpha\beta}.$$

S^μ can be expressed in terms of \mathbf{j} and vice versa

$$S^0 = \frac{\gamma}{2} (\beta \mathbf{j}), \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbf{j} + \gamma \beta (\beta \mathbf{j}) \right), \quad \mathbf{j} = 2\gamma (\mathbf{S} - \beta (\beta \mathbf{S})), \quad \mathbf{k} = 2\gamma [\mathbf{S} \times \beta].$$

Four mutually orthogonal vectors ω^μ , π^μ , \mathcal{P}^μ and S^μ allow us to define uniquely a basis in $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$. They determine also the following element of $\text{SO}(1, 3)$

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} (\tilde{m}c)^{-1} \mathcal{P}^\mu \\ a_4^{-1/2} \omega^\mu \\ a_3^{-1/2} \pi^\mu \\ (2a_3 a_4)^{-1/2} S^\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda^{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\nu\beta} = \eta^{\mu\nu}.$$

This is the element (12) of $\text{SO}(3)$ -group written in the boosted frame (31).

3.2 Spin fiber bundle \mathbb{T}^4

Consider the set of Lorentz-covariant constraints

$$\mathcal{P}\omega = 0, \quad \mathcal{P}\pi = 0, \quad (35)$$

$$\omega\pi = 0, \quad \pi^2 - \frac{a}{\omega^2} = 0. \quad (36)$$

To see their meaning, we pass to the rest frame of \mathcal{P}^μ , that is $\mathcal{P}^\mu = (\mathcal{P}^0, \mathbf{0})$. Then equations (35) mean $\omega^0 = \pi^0 = 0$. Taking this into account, the remaining constraints determines the following surface in $\mathbb{R}^6(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$

$$\mathbb{T}^4 = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi} = 0, \pi^2 - \frac{a}{\omega^2} = 0 \right\}, \quad (37)$$

that is $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ represent a pair of orthogonal vectors with ends attached to hyperbole $y = \frac{a}{x}$. Besides, the constraints (35) imply $J^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{P}_\nu = 0$. In the rest frame this gives $J^{i0} = 0$, that is the spin-tensor has only three components which we identify with non-relativistic spin-vector, $J_{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk}S_k$. The constraints (37) then imply that the spin-vector belong to two-dimensional sphere of radius \sqrt{a}

$$J_{ij}J_{ij} = 8a, \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{S}^2 = a, \quad \text{so we assume} \quad a = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}.$$

The chosen value of parameter corresponds to spin one-half particle.

Hence, to describe spin in the rest frame, we have six-dimensional space of basic variables $\mathbb{R}^6(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$, the spin-tensor space $\mathbb{R}^3(J_{ij} \sim \mathbf{S})$ and the map

$$f : \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad f : (\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \rightarrow \mathbf{S} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\pi}, \quad \text{rank} \frac{\partial(S_i)}{\partial(\omega_j, \pi_k)} = 3.$$

f maps the manifold \mathbb{T}^4 onto spin surface, $f(\mathbb{T}^4) = \mathbb{S}^2$.

Denote $\mathbb{F}_S^2 \in \mathbb{T}^4$ preimage of a point $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{S}^2$, $\mathbb{F}_S^2 = f^{-1}(\mathbf{S})$. Let $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \in \mathbb{F}_S^2$. Then the two-dimensional manifold \mathbb{F}_S^2 contains all pairs $(k\boldsymbol{\omega}, \frac{1}{k}\boldsymbol{\pi})$, $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$, as well as the pairs obtained by rotation of these $(k\boldsymbol{\omega}, \frac{1}{k}\boldsymbol{\pi})$ in the plane of vectors $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$. So elements of \mathbb{F}_S^2 are related by two-parametric transformations

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}' = \boldsymbol{\omega}k \cos \beta + \boldsymbol{\pi} \frac{k|\boldsymbol{\omega}|}{|\boldsymbol{\pi}|} \sin \beta, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi}' = -\boldsymbol{\omega} \frac{|\boldsymbol{\pi}|}{k|\boldsymbol{\omega}|} \sin \beta + \boldsymbol{\pi} \frac{1}{k} \cos \beta. \quad (38)$$

In the result, the manifold \mathbb{T}^4 acquires natural structure of fiber bundle

$$\mathbb{T}^4 = (\mathbb{S}^2, \mathbb{F}^2, f),$$

with base \mathbb{S}^2 , standard fiber \mathbb{F}^2 , projection map f and structure group given by transformations (38). As local coordinates of \mathbb{T}^4 adjusted with the structure of fiber bundle we can take k, β , and two coordinates of the vector \mathbf{S} . By construction, the structure-group transformations leave inert points of base, $\delta S_i = 0$.

The covariant equations (35)–(36) together with the map $J^{\mu\nu} = 2\omega^{[\mu}\pi^{\nu]}$ represent this construction in an arbitrary Lorentz frame.

4 Conclusion

Reparametrization symmetry is known to be crucial for Lorentz-covariant description of a spinless particle. To describe a spinning particle on the base of vector-like variable, we need one

more local symmetry written in equation (7). The spin-plane symmetry appears already in non-relativistic model. Together with two second-class constraints (22), this guarantees the right number of degrees of freedom and determines physical sector of the model. Variational formulation of the spinning particle implies a singular Lagrangian which leads to a curved phase-space endowed with the structure of fiber bundle (13). The local symmetry (7) represents transformations of structure group (14) acting independently at each instance of time, and has clear geometric interpretation: this corresponds to rotations of the pair ω, π in the plane formed by these vectors. Equation (15) suggests that the matrix (16), formed from auxiliary variables of the model, play a role of gauge field associated with the symmetry.

We have described the spin fiber bundles (4) and (6) in Lorentz-covariant form, \mathbb{T}^3 and \mathbb{T}^4 . The resulting sets of covariant constraints (32) and (35)–(36) guarantee the Frenkel-type condition (34), so dynamical realization of \mathbb{T}^3 gives variational formulation for the Frenkel and BMT equations [12, 28]. The constraints (36) of the space \mathbb{T}^4 appeared in the model of rigid particle [15].

In non-relativistic model (17), the spin-plane symmetry acts only in the spin-sector. Relativistic description of spin can lead to nontrivial transformation law of the position variable x^μ [11]. This turns out to be crucial point for various issues including the identification of operators of the Dirac equation with their classical analogs, and analysis of *Zitterbewegung* phenomenon. For instance, the model discussed in [10] indicates that the *Zitterbewegung* represents an evolution of gauge non-invariant (hence unobservable) variables.

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