

Topological Field Theories in Higher Dimensions and QP Structures

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目的 高次元 (≥ 3) TFT を作る

Physics

§1. 作り方 例 : 2次元

Izawa '99

2次元 manifold Σ を考える。 local coordinate σ^μ ($\mu = 1, 2$). $A_{\mu,i}(\sigma)$: ゲージ場、 $\phi^i(\sigma)$: スカラー場

$$S_0 = \int_{\Sigma} d^2\sigma \epsilon^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu,i} \partial_{\nu} \phi^i = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2\sigma \epsilon^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu,i} \phi^i$$

とすると、この理論は $U(1)$ ゲージ対称性 $\delta_0 A_{\mu,i} = \partial_{\mu} \epsilon_i$, $\delta_0 \phi^i = 0$, を持つ。(abelian BF theory)

consistent な相互作用項 S_I を決める。

$S = S_0 + S_I$, $\delta = \delta_0 + \delta_I$ とすると、 S のゲージ変換の満たすべき条件は、 $\delta S = 0$ (off shell) かつ $\{\delta_{\epsilon}, \delta_{\epsilon'}\} = \delta_{[\epsilon, \epsilon']} + (\text{equations of motion})$ 。

Batalin-Vilkovisky 形式

1. ゲージパラメータ ϵ^i を FP ghost c^i にかえる。 c^i : anticommuting boson (ゴースト数 $\text{gh } \Phi$. $\text{gh } A_{\mu,i} = \text{gh } \phi^i = 0, \text{gh } c^i = 1$)
2. ゲージ変換 δ_0 を BRST 変換に読みかえ、 $\delta_0^2 = 0$ を課す。これより $\delta_0 c = 0$.
3. それぞれの field Φ に対して、統計が逆の antifield Φ^* を導入する。ghost number は $\text{gh } \Phi + \text{gh } \Phi^* = -1$ と定義する。
 $A_{\mu,i} \rightarrow A^{\mu*i}, (\text{gh } A^{\mu*i} = -1), \phi^i \rightarrow \phi_i^*, (\text{gh } \phi_i^* = -1), c_i \rightarrow c^{*i}, (\text{gh } c^{*i} = -2)$.
4. antibracket を導入する。

$$\{F, G\} \equiv \sum_{\Phi} \int \left(F \overleftarrow{\partial} \overrightarrow{\partial} G - F \overleftarrow{\partial} \overrightarrow{\partial} G \right) \delta^2(\sigma - \sigma').$$

5. Batalin-Vilkovisky (BV) action S_0 を以下のように構成する。

$$S_{BV0} = S_0 + (-1)^{\text{gh}\Phi} \int_{\Sigma} \Phi^* \delta_0 \Phi + O(\Phi^{*2}).$$

$O(\Phi^{*2})$ は $\{S_{BV0}, S_{BV0}\} = 0$ となるように決める。 $\{S_{BV0}, S_{BV0}\} = 0$ を classical master equation という。今の場合、

$$S_{BV0} = \int_{\Sigma} d^2 \sigma \epsilon^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu,i} \partial_{\nu} \phi^i + \int_{\Sigma} d^2 \sigma A^{\nu*i} \partial_{\nu} c_i$$

6. $\{S_{BV0}, S_{BV0}\} = 0$ より、ゲージ不変性 $\rightarrow \delta_0 S_{BV0} = \{S_{BV0}, S_{BV0}\} = 0$.
 ゲージ代数が閉じる $\rightarrow \delta_0^2 F = \{S_{BV0}, \{S_{BV0}, F\}\} = \frac{1}{2} \{\{S_{BV0}, S_{BV0}\}, F\} = 0$.

変形理論 $S = S_{BV0} + gS_1 + g^2S_2 + \dots$, として、 $\{S, S\} = 0$ の解 S_a を順に求めていく。(descent equations を解く)

$A_i \equiv dx^\mu A_{\mu,i}$, $A^{+i} \equiv dx^\mu \epsilon_{\mu\nu} A^{\nu*i}$, $\phi_i^+ = *\phi_i^*$, $c^{+i} = *c^{*i}$, として、

一般解

$$S_1 = \int \frac{1}{2} f^{ij}(\phi) (A_i A_j - 2\phi_i^+ c_j) + \frac{\partial f^{ij}}{\partial \phi^k} \left(\frac{1}{2} c^{+k} c_i c_j - A^{+k} A_i c_j \right) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 f^{ij}}{\partial \phi^k \partial \phi^l} A^{+k} A^{+l} c_i c_j,$$

$$S_a = 0 \quad (a = 2, 3, \dots).$$

$f^{ij}(\phi)$ は ϕ の関数で

$$\frac{\partial f^{ij}}{\partial \phi^m}(\phi) f^{mk}(\phi) + \frac{\partial f^{jk}}{\partial \phi^m}(\phi) f^{mi}(\phi) + \frac{\partial f^{kl}}{\partial \phi^m}(\phi) f^{mj}(\phi) = 0$$

$\Phi^* = 0$ とおくと、

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} d^2\sigma \left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu,i} \partial_\nu \phi^i + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} f^{ij}(\phi) A_{\mu,i} A_{\nu,j} \right).$$

Theorem 1. *kinetic term* が 2次元 abelian BF 理論のとき、もっとも一般的な拡張は *Poisson sigma model* である。

性質

1. $f^{ij}(\phi) = f^{ij}_k \phi^k$ のとき、2次元 nonabelian BF 理論
2. ゲージ対称性

$$\delta\phi^i = -f^{ij}(\phi)\epsilon_j, \quad \delta A_{\mu,i} = \partial_\mu\epsilon_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f^{jk}(\phi)}{\partial\phi^i} A_{\mu,j}\epsilon_k.$$

3. gauge algebra は Lie algebroid

Levin, Olshanetsky '00

$$f_1^m{}_j \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_k}{\partial\phi^m} - f_1^m{}_k \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_j}{\partial\phi^m} + f_1^i{}_m f_2^m{}_{jk} = 0,$$

$$f_1^m{}_{[i} \frac{\partial f_2^l{}_{jk]} }{\partial\phi^m} + f_2^l{}_{m[i} f_2^m{}_{jk]} = 0,$$

Take $f_1^{ij} = f^{ij}(\phi)$, $f_2^{jk} = \frac{\partial f^{jk}}{\partial\phi^i}(\phi)$.

4. tree (disc) open string amplitude は Poisson 多様体 M の変形量子化 (*積) と一致する。
(Kontsevich 公式)

Kontsevich '97, Cattaneo, Felder '99

§4. Superspace 形式

よく見ると、Poisson sigma model の BV action $S = S_{BV0} + S_1$ は、superfield で書ける。
 (field を再定義して $g = 1$ とする。) supercoordinate θ^μ ($\mu = 1, 2$) を導入する。(degree=ghost number: $|\theta| = 1$.) **superfield** を

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^i(\sigma, \theta) &\equiv \phi^i + \theta^\mu A_\mu^{+i} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^\mu\theta^\nu c_{\mu\nu}^{+i}, & |\phi| = 0, \\ \mathbf{A}_i(\sigma, \theta) &\equiv -c_i + \theta^\mu A_{\mu,i} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^\mu\theta^\nu \phi_{\mu\nu,i}^+, & |\mathbf{A}| = 1,\end{aligned}$$

と定義すると **BV action** は

$$S = \int d^2\sigma d^2\theta \left(\mathbf{A}_i d\phi^i + \frac{1}{2} f^{ij}(\phi) \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{A}_j \right)$$

ここで、 $d \equiv \theta^\mu \partial_\mu$, antibracket は

$$\{F, G\} \equiv \int d^2\sigma d^2\theta \left(F \overleftarrow{\partial} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial \phi^i} G - F \overleftarrow{\partial} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial \mathbf{A}_i} G \right)$$

(**super Poisson bracket** of degree 1) BRST 変換は

$$\delta \phi^i = \{S, \phi^i\} = d\phi^i + f^{ij}(\phi) \mathbf{A}_j, \quad \delta \mathbf{A}_i = \{S, \mathbf{A}_i\} = d\mathbf{A}_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f^{jk}}{\partial \phi^i}(\phi) \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{A}_k,$$

§5. 3次元

The most general deformation of a BF type topological field theory in three dimensions:

(ϕ : scalar, A_1 : 1-form, B_2 : 2-form)

N.I. '00

$$S = S_0 + S_1 = \int_X \left[-B_{2,i} d\phi^i + \frac{k_{ab}}{2} A_1^a dA_1^b \right] + \int_X \left[f_1^i{}_a(\phi) A_1^a B_{2,i} + \frac{1}{6} f_{2abc}(\phi) A_1^a A_1^b A_1^c \right],$$

Properties

1. the Chern-Simons theory as a special case.
2. the Rozansky-Witten theory
3. Gauge Algebra

Qiu, Zabzine, '09

$$\begin{aligned} k^{ab} f_1^i{}_a f_1^j{}_b &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_b}{\partial \phi^j} f_1^j{}_c - \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_c}{\partial \phi^j} f_1^j{}_b + k^{ef} f_1^i{}_e f_{2fbc} &= 0, \\ \left(f_1^i{}_d \frac{\partial f_{2abc}}{\partial \phi^i} - f_1^i{}_c \frac{\partial f_{2dab}}{\partial \phi^i} + f_1^i{}_b \frac{\partial f_{2cda}}{\partial \phi^i} - f_1^i{}_a \frac{\partial f_{2bcd}}{\partial \phi^i} \right) \\ + k^{ef} (f_{2eab} f_{2cdf} + f_{2eac} f_{2dbf} + f_{2ead} f_{2bcf}) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2. *A gauge algebra of a topological field theory in three dimensions = Courant algebroid*
N.I. '02, Hofman, Park '02, Roytenberg '06

- A bilinear bracket of vector fields X, Y and 1-forms ξ, η , which is diffeomorphism invariant and satisfies the Jacobi identity: $[X + \xi, Y + \eta]_C = [X, Y] + L_X \eta - i_Y d\xi$

§6. 4次元

N.I., Uchino '10

superfields

\mathbf{x}^i : including a scalar $x^i(\sigma)$. \mathbf{q}^a : including a 1-form $q_\mu^a(\sigma)$.

\mathbf{p}_a : including a 2-form $p_{\mu\nu,a}(\sigma)$. $\boldsymbol{\xi}_i$: including a 3-form $\xi_{\mu\nu\lambda,i}(\sigma)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= S_0 + S_1, \\
 S_0 &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} d^4\sigma d^4\theta (\boldsymbol{\xi}_i d\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{p}_a d\mathbf{q}^a), \\
 S_1 &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} d^4\sigma d^4\theta (f_1^i{}_a(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\xi}_i \mathbf{q}^a + \frac{1}{2} f_2^{ab}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}_a \mathbf{p}_b + \frac{1}{2} f_3^a{}_{bc}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}_a \mathbf{q}^b \mathbf{q}^c \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4!} f_{4abcd}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{q}^a \mathbf{q}^b \mathbf{q}^c \mathbf{q}^d).
 \end{aligned}$$

Gauge Algebra: Lie algebroid up to homotopy (twisted Lie algebroid, Lie 3-algebroid).

$$f_1^i{}_b f_2^{ba} = 0,$$

$$f_1^k{}_c \frac{\partial f_2^{ab}}{\partial x^k} + f_2^{da} f_3^b{}_{cd} + f_2^{db} f_3^a{}_{cd} = 0,$$

$$f_1^k{}_b \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_a}{\partial x^k} - f_1^k{}_a \frac{\partial f_1^i{}_b}{\partial x^k} + f_1^i{}_c f_3^c{}_{ab} = 0,$$

$$f_1^k{}_{[d} \frac{\partial f_3^a{}_{bc]}{\partial x^k} + f_2^{ae} f_{4bcde} - f_3^a{}_{e[b} f_3^e{}_{cd]} = 0,$$

$$f_1^k{}_{[a} \frac{\partial f_{4bcde]}{\partial x^k} + f_3^f{}_{[ab} f_{4cde]f} = 0.$$

- nonabelian BF 理論, Topological Yang-Mills 理論、 Topological F 理論を含む。

Mathematics

§7. QP Manifold

Definition 1. A following triple (\mathcal{M}, ω, Q) is called a (classical) QP-manifold of degree n .

- **Graded manifold** \mathcal{M} : a graded manifold with nonnegative degrees (N-manifold) of degrees n (a ringed space with a structure sheaf of nonnegatively graded algebras)

- **P-structure**

A graded symplectic form ω of degree n on \mathcal{M} .

- **Q-structure**

A vector field Q of degree $+1$ on \mathcal{M} satisfying $Q^2 = 0$ and compatible with the P-structure, that is, $\mathcal{L}_Q \omega = 0$.

Notes

$\Theta \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ of degree $n + 1$ satisfying $Q(-) = \{\Theta, -\}$. $Q^2 = 0 \leftrightarrow \{\Theta, \Theta\} = 0$.

§8. AKSZ Construction of Topological Field Theory

Alexandrov, Kontsevich, Schwartz, Zaboronsky '97, Cattaneo, Felder '01, Roytenberg '06

Let X be a manifold in k dimensions.

(\mathcal{X}, D) : a differential graded (dg) manifold with a D -invariant nondegenerat measure μ . \mathcal{X} : graded manifold such that $\mathcal{X}|_0 = X$, D : differential on \mathcal{X} .

(\mathcal{M}, ω, Q) : QP-manifold of degree n

An *evaluation map* $ev : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{M}^x \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is defined as $ev : (z, \Phi) \longmapsto \Phi(z)$, where $z \in \mathcal{X}$ and $\Phi \in \mathcal{M}^x$.

A *chain map* $\mu_* : \Omega^\bullet(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{M}^x) \longrightarrow \Omega^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^x)$ is defined as $\mu_* F = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu F$ where $F \in \Omega^\bullet(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{M})$ and $\int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu$ is a Berezin integration on \mathcal{X} .

Definition 2. [P-structure] For a graded symplectic form ω on \mathcal{M} , we define the graded symplectic form on $\text{Map}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M})$ as $\omega = \mu_* ev^* \omega$.

Definition 3. [Q-structure (BV action)] $S = S_0 + S_1$ on $\text{Map}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M})$. $S_0 := \iota_{\hat{D}} \mu_* ev^* \vartheta$, where $\omega = -d\vartheta$, and $S_1 := \mu_* ev^* \Theta$.

Theorem 3. [Alexandrov, Kontsevich, Schwartz, Zaboronsky '97] *If \mathcal{X} is a dg manifold with a compatible measure and \mathcal{M} is a QP-manifold, the graded manifold $\text{Map}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M})$ has a QP-structure. i.e. $\{\Theta, \Theta\} = 0 \iff \{S, S\} = 0$.*

The QP-structure on $\text{Map}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M})$ is equivalent to a BV formalism of a topological field theory in $n + 1$ dimensions if $\mathcal{X} = T[1]X$ and $k = n + 1$.

Deformation Theory

§9. Local Coordinate

1: $\mathcal{X} = T[1]X$.

supercoordinate (σ^μ, θ^μ) in $n + 1$ dimensions (degree $\deg_{\mathcal{X}}(\sigma^\mu, \theta^\mu) = (0, 1)$).

superderivative $\mathbf{d} = \theta^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^\mu}$

2: \mathcal{M} is a graded manifold with degree n .

$e_{a(i)}(\sigma, \theta)$ is a section of $T^*[1]X \otimes \mathbf{x}^*(\mathcal{M}_i)$ such that $|e_{a(i)}| = \deg_{\mathcal{M}} e_{a(i)} = i$, which is called a **superfield** of degree i , where $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

$e_{a(i)}(\sigma, \theta) = \mathbf{x}^{a(0)}(\sigma, \theta) = \mathbf{q}^{a(0)}(\sigma, \theta)$ for $i = 0$,

$= \mathbf{q}^{a(i)}(\sigma, \theta)$ for $1 \leq i \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$,

$= \mathbf{p}_{a(n-i)}(\sigma, \theta)$ for $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor < i \leq n - 1$,

$= \boldsymbol{\xi}_{a(0)}(\sigma, \theta) = \mathbf{p}_{a(0)}(\sigma, \theta)$ for $i = n$.

We expand $e_{a(i)}(\sigma, \theta) = \sum_{k, \mu^{(k)}} \frac{1}{k!} \theta^{\mu^{(1)}} \dots \theta^{\mu^{(k)}} e_{a(i), \mu^{(1)} \dots \mu^{(k)}}^{(k)}(\sigma)$.

§10. Gauge Symmetry in $n = 3$

N.I., Uchino '10

$\mathcal{M} = T^*[3]E[1]$: graded manifold with grading $(0, 1, 2, 3)$

$$\omega = d\xi_i \wedge dx^i - dp_a \wedge dq^a$$

The corresponding QP-structure on \mathcal{M} is

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta &= f_1^i{}_a(x)\xi_i q^a + \frac{1}{2}f_2^{ab}(x)p_a p_b + \frac{1}{2}f_3^a{}_{bc}(x)p_a q^b q^c + \frac{1}{4!}f_{4abcd}(x)q^a q^b q^c q^d, \\ &= \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_{13} := \theta_1 + \theta_3,$$

where a local coordinate is (x^i, q^a, p_a, ξ_i) of degree $(0, 1, 2, 3)$ on \mathcal{M} .

Operations is defined by derived brackets.

1. $\rho(e)(F) := \{\{\theta_{13}, e\}, F\}$; a bundle map $\rho : E \rightarrow TM$,
2. $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) := \{\{\theta_2, \alpha_1\}, \alpha_2\}$; a C^∞ -valued symmetric pairing on E^* ,
3. $[e_1, e_2] := \{\{\theta_{13}, e_1\}, e_2\}$; a skewsymmetric bracket on ΓE .
4. $\Omega(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) := \{\{\{\{\{\theta_4, e_1\}, e_2\}, e_3\}, e_4\}$; a 4-form on E .

where $e_k \in \Gamma E$ and $\alpha_k \in \Gamma E^*$.

Algebroids (Anchored almost Lie algebroids)

Definition 4. Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle over M , let $[-, -]$ be a skewsymmetric bracket defined on the space of sections ΓE and let $\rho : E \rightarrow TM$ a bundle map. The triple $(E, [-, -], \rho)$ is called an **algebroid**, if the following two conditions are satisfied,

$$(A0) \quad \rho[e_1, e_2] = [\rho(e_1), \rho(e_2)],$$

$$(A1) \quad [e_1, Fe_2] = F[e_1, e_2] + \rho(e_1)(F)e_2,$$

where $e_1, e_2 \in \Gamma E$ and $F \in C^\infty(M)$.

Theorem 4. Operations 1.3. become an algebroid.

- de Rham type derivation on $\Gamma \wedge^k E^*$ (from the algebroid structure), $\delta(-) := \{\theta_{13}, -\}$, $\delta\delta \neq 0$ in general.

- a Lie type derivation on ΓE^* , $\mathcal{L}_e(\alpha) := \{\{\theta_{13}, e\}, \alpha\}$.

3'. a symmetric bundle map $\partial : E^* \rightarrow E$, $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \langle \partial\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rangle$,
($\langle -, - \rangle$ is a natural pairing of E and E^* .)

Definition 5. [N.I., Uchino '10] Let $(E, [-, -], \rho)$ be an algebroid equipped with a symmetric bundle map $\partial : E^* \rightarrow E$ and a skewsymmetric 4-form Ω . We call the algebroid a **Lie algebroid up to homotopy** (twisted Lie algebroid), if the four identities (A2)-(A5) are satisfied.

$$(A2) \quad [[e_1, e_2], e_3] + (\text{cyclic permutations}) = \partial\Omega(e_1, e_2, e_3).$$

$$(A3) \quad \rho\partial = 0,$$

$$(A4) \quad \rho(e)(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = (\mathcal{L}_e\alpha_1, \alpha_2) + (\alpha_1, \mathcal{L}_e\alpha_2),$$

$$(A5) \quad \delta\Omega = 0,$$

Theorem 5. [N.I., Uchino '10] *A (classical) QP-structure of degree 3 on $\mathcal{M} = T^*[3]E[1]$ is a Lie algebroid up to homotopy on E .*

• Higher Courant-Dorfman brackets

$[-, -]_{CD} := \{\{\Theta, -\}, -\}$ is called a Courant-Dorfman (CD) bracket. It is a Loday bracket. $C^2(\mathcal{M}) = \Gamma(E \oplus \wedge^2 E^*)$ is a subalgebra. If $\theta_2 = 0$, the CD-bracket on $E \oplus \wedge^2 E^*$ has the following form

$$[e_1 + \beta_1, e_2 + \beta_2]_{CD} = [e_1, e_2] + \mathcal{L}_{e_1}\beta_2 - i_{e_2}\delta\beta_1 + \Omega(e_1, e_2),$$

where $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma \wedge^2 E^*$.

Hagiwara '02, Sheng '10

Example in $n = 3$

Topological Yang-Mills Theory. We consider a semi-simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} and a nondegenerate Killing form $(-, -)_K$. Consider a vector bundle E with a fibre \mathfrak{g} and $\mathcal{M} = T^*[3]E[1]$.

$\Theta = \theta_2 + \theta_3$, where $\theta_2 = (p, p)_{K^{-1}}$ and $\{\Theta, \Theta\} = 0$.

$$S = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu (-\mathbf{p}_a \mathbf{F}^a + k^{ab} \mathbf{p}_a \mathbf{p}_b).$$

This is equivalent to a topological Yang-Mills theory,

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu k_{ab} \mathbf{F}^a \mathbf{F}^b.$$

§11. Classical Observables

A classical observable \mathcal{O} is defined as $Q\mathcal{O} = \{S, \mathcal{O}\} = 0$. Since $S = S_0 + S_1$, define $Q_0\mathcal{O} = \{S_0, \mathcal{O}\} = d\mathcal{O}$, $Q_1\mathcal{O} = \{S_1, \mathcal{O}\}$. Then since $Q_0^2 = 0$, $Q_1^2 = 0$ and $\{Q_0, Q_1\} = 0$ are satisfied, Q_0 and Q_1 define a **double complex**.

Q-Cohomology

Theorem 6. For a Q_1 cohomology class \mathcal{O} , $\int \mathcal{O}$ is a Q -cocycle since $Q\mathcal{O} = Q_0\mathcal{O} = d\mathcal{O}$.

We assume that the fiber of $T^*[3]E[1]$ is a direct sum of semi-simple Lie algebras. We consider a special observable which is Q_1 -cohomology class. Then an invariant polynomial is constructed as $W_N = c_N \text{tr } \mathcal{O}^N$, where tr is a trace with respect to the fiber and c_N is a normalization

constant. From the theorem, the integration on a k -cycle γ_k ,

$$\mathcal{O}_k^{(N)} = \int_{\gamma_k} W_N$$

is a Q -cohomology class.

In the example, a topological Yang-Mills theory, we consider

$$W_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\mathbf{p}^a)^2,$$

Set $\mathbf{q} = c + A + 0 + 0 + 0$, $\mathbf{p} = -i\phi + i\psi + B + 0 + 0$, and define $F^a = \mathbf{d}A^a - \frac{1}{2}f_3^a{}_{bc}A^b A^c$.
Using the equations of motion,

$$W_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [(\phi + \psi + F)^2] = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} F^2 + i \text{tr} \psi F + \text{tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} \psi^2 - i\phi F \right) - \text{tr} \psi \phi + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \phi^2$$

is a Donaldson polynomial invariant.

Witten '88, Kanno '89

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