

Berry phase in the phase space worldline representation: the axial anomaly and classical kinetic theory

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The Axial Anomaly

Background

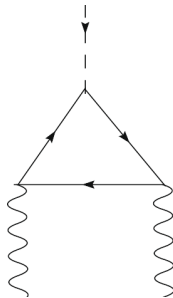
- Unlike the vector current the **axial (chiral) vector current**, j_5^μ , is not conserved.¹ Massless case:

$$\partial_\mu j_5^\mu = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

- It was first thought that *classically* $\partial_\mu j_5^\mu = 0$. But, due to *quantum* effects, chiral symmetry broken.

$$\frac{d(N_{5R} - N_{5L})}{dt} = \int d^3x \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$N_{5(R/L)}$ num of right or left handed (spin and momentum aligned) fermions



D. E. Kharzeev, *Ann. of Phys.* 325, 205218 (2010)

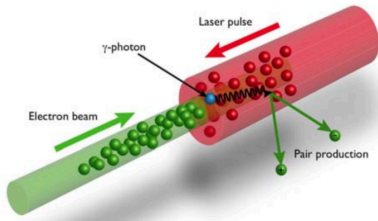
¹S. L. Adler, *Phys. Rev.* 177, 2426 (1969); J. S. Bell, R. Jackiw, *Il Nuovo Cimento A* 60, 47.

Axial Anomaly Environments

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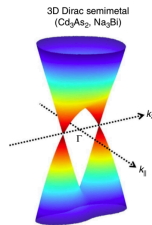
- Relativistic fermionic dispersion relation and anomaly observed directly in Weyl Semimetals.
- Need to probe the anomaly in QED and QCD.

QED - High Powered Lasers ?



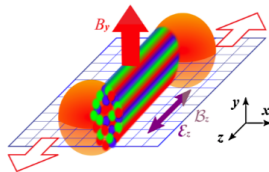
M. Marklund and J. Lundin, *Eur.Phys.J.D* 55, 319326 (2009)

3-D Semimetals ✓



M. Neupane, et. al., *Nat. Comm.* 10.1038 (2014)

QCD - Heavy Ion Collisions ?



K.Fukushima, D.Kharzeev, H.Warringa, *PRL* 104,212001(2010)

The Berry Phase and Chiral Kinetic Theory

Background

- Can we see the anomaly at a *classical* level?
With the **Berry phase**² we can!
- If the system evolves slowly (*adiabatically*) enough it will stay fixed in the same eigenstate.
- Consider for Weyl fermions in quantum mechanics with a positive helicity eigenstate³

$$\mathbf{p}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} u^+(t) = |\mathbf{p}(t)| u^+(t)$$

In addition to a dynamic factor $\int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt |\mathbf{p}|$ if we take a closed path such that $\mathbf{p}(t_i) = \mathbf{p}(t_f)$ we will acquire an additional phase

$$i\hbar u^+ \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} u^+ \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$$

the Berry phase!

²M. V. Berry, *Royal Soc. London. A.* 392, 45 (1984).

³I will show this later in the worldline formalism.

The Berry Phase and Chiral Kinetic Theory

Background

- Phase space evolution of a gas of Fermi particles (but with chiral effects) → **Chiral Kinetic Theory**⁴
- Liouville equation for distribution f for L/R handed particles w/o collisions:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot f \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot f \dot{\mathbf{p}} = 0$$

- Introduce Berry phase for chiral fermions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f' + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot f' \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot f' \dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} i \hbar \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \times u^+ \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} u^+$$

- Acquire a collision-like term with **Berry curvature**
- Makes possible a *non-conservation* of particle number into the phase space!
- Can write down a current agreeing with anomaly.

⁴M. A. Stephanov, Y. Yin, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 109, 162001 (2012),

The Worldline Formalism

Background

- Goal: To write a chiral kinetic theory at the classical level but with **Lorentz covariance!**
- How to go from 3 dimensions in QM to 3+1 dimensions?
→ **The Worldline Formalism**
- For example let's look at the QED effective action in a background field, A^μ .⁵

$$\int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{i \int d^4x \bar{\psi} [i\cancel{D} - m] \psi} = \det[i\cancel{D} - m] = e^{i\Gamma[A]}$$
$$\Gamma[A] = \text{circle} + \text{circle with 1 wavy line} + \text{circle with 2 wavy lines} + \text{circle with 3 wavy lines} + \dots$$

- 1 Calculations to *all* orders in the gauge field!
- 2 Wealth of physics in compact expressions, e.g.:
 - Schwinger effect (a vacuum instability) in $\text{Im}\Gamma[A]$
 - Light-by-light scattering in $\text{Re}\Gamma[A]$
 - Can also calculate observables like the chiral current $\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi$

⁵C. Schubert, *Phys. Rept.* 10.101 (2001).

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The Phase Space Worldline Representation

Worldline Formalism

- We can write the worldline formalism in **phase space** representation⁶ (to find Berry phase in momentum space)

$$\begin{aligned} G(A, x, y) &= \langle x | \frac{-\hbar}{i\hbar\partial - \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{A} - mc + i\epsilon} | y \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty dT i \langle x | e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(-i\hbar\partial + \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{A}(x) + mc)T} | y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- The path integral form of the Green's function is

$$\begin{aligned} G(A, x, y) &= i \int_0^\infty dT \int_{x(0)=y}^{x(T)=x} \mathcal{D}x \int \frac{\mathcal{D}p}{2\pi\hbar} e^{i S_A} \mathcal{W}_D \\ S_A &:= \int_0^T d\tau [-mc - p_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{e}{c} A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu], \quad \mathcal{W}_D := \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau \phi \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- All of the Berry phase contained in \mathcal{W}_D !
- Can also write a **worldline phase space effective action**

⁶A. Migdal, *Nuclear Physics B* 265, 594 (1986).

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Worldline Chiral Kinetic Theory for Weyl Fermions

- To begin, let's look at the simpler *massless* Weyl fermion case, just the left-handed case, i.e., stemming from the Lagrangian:

$$i\hbar \int d^4x \psi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu D^\mu \psi_L \quad \bar{\sigma}^\mu = (I_2, -\sigma^i)$$

- Same Green's function as before but with

$$\mathcal{W}_D \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_W := \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau p_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu \right\}$$

- Insert complete sets of unitary transform, U , into the path ordered element, where $U^\dagger p_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu U = p^0 I_2 + |\mathbf{p}| \sigma_3$. p^0 is already diagonal and *does not contribute* to Berry's phase
- The transformation matrix is $U = (u^-, u^+)$ with

$$u^- = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_p} \cos \frac{\theta_p}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta_p}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad u^+ = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\omega_p} \sin \frac{\theta_p}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\theta_p}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here the momentum is in spherical coordinates

$$\mathbf{p} = |\mathbf{p}| (\sin \theta_p \cos \omega_p, \sin \theta_p \sin \omega_p, \cos \theta_p)$$

Worldline Chiral Kinetic Theory for Weyl Fermions

- **The adiabatic Berry phase and curvature are**

$$\mathbf{B}_W^\pm = -i\hbar u^\pm \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} u^\pm, \quad \mathbf{S}_W^\pm = \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \times \mathbf{B}_W^\pm = \mp \hbar \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2|\mathbf{p}|^3}$$

- The path ordered element reads

$$\text{tr} \mathcal{W}_W \approx \sum_{\pm} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [p^0 \pm |\mathbf{p}| - \mathbf{B}_W^\mp \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}}] \right\}$$

- From which the worldline action (+ helicity) reads

$$\mathcal{S}_W = \int_0^T d\tau \left[-p_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{e}{c} A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + p^0 - |\mathbf{p}| - \mathbf{B}_W^+ \cdot \dot{\mathbf{p}} \right]$$

- Then find the following equations of motion

$$\dot{p}_\mu = \frac{e}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{S}_W^+ \times \dot{\mathbf{p}} \quad \dot{x}^0 = 1$$

- These are the exact same equations of motion for the **quantum mechanical case!**

- We can find a chiral kinetic theory in the exact same way⁷.

⁷M. Stephanov and Y. Yin *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 109, 162001 (2012).

Worldline Chiral Kinetic Theory for Weyl Fermions

- How does this lead to an anomaly? **Incompressible phase space measure!**⁸.
- E.O.M. become:

$$(1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^+) \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{S}_W^+ + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{S}_W^+ \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}})$$

$$(1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^+) \dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{E} + \hat{\mathbf{p}} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{S}_W^+(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

- Incompressible phase space measure:

$$(1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^+) d^3x d^3p / (2\pi)^3$$

- Modified distribution function: $f' = (1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^+) f$
- The phase space current is $j^\mu = \int d^3p (f', f' \dot{\mathbf{x}}) / (2\pi)^3$, we find

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f' + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot f' \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot f' \dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_W^+$$

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = \frac{\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{4\pi^2}$$

⁸M. Stephanov and Y. Yin *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 109, 162001 (2012).

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Berry Phase for Dirac Fermions

Worldline CKT for Dirac Fermions

- Let's extend our scope to **Dirac fermions**!
- "Diagonalize" \not{p} in a Lorentz covariant way using eigenspinors.

$$s^{-1} \not{p} s = p \gamma_0 \quad p := \sqrt{p^\mu p_\mu} \quad (\not{p} - p) u_i = 0 \quad (\not{p} + p) v_i = 0$$

$$s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2] (\gamma_0 - \gamma_5) \quad \text{Weyl representation}$$

- For the adiabatic theorem keep only $\bar{u}_i \dot{u}_j$ and $\bar{v}_i \dot{v}_j$ parts.
- The **adiabatic Berry phase** can be found (where $\hat{p}_\mu = p_\mu / p$)

$$B^\mu = i \frac{\hbar}{8} \frac{1}{p_0 + p} \Gamma^{\mu\nu} \hat{p}_\nu \quad \Gamma_{\mu\nu} := [\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu] + \gamma_0 [\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu] \gamma_0$$

- And the associated curvature is

$$\begin{aligned} S^{\mu\nu} &= \partial^{\rho\mu} B^\nu - \partial^{\rho\nu} B^\mu + i \hbar^{-1} [B^\mu, B^\nu] \\ &= i \frac{\hbar}{8} \frac{(\hat{p}^{[\mu} + g^{[\mu 0}] p_\alpha \Gamma^{\alpha\nu]}) - (p + p_0) \Gamma^{\mu\nu}}{p^2 (p_0 + p)} \end{aligned}$$

where for generic tensor $A^{[\mu\nu]} = A^{\mu\nu} - A^{\nu\mu}$

Barut Zanghi Spinors

Worldline CKT for Dirac Fermions

- We now have an “action” that is matrix weighted, $S_A + p\gamma_0 - B_\mu \dot{p}^\mu \dots$ How to define equations of motion?
- With a coherent state! Use a spinor construction of **Barut and Zanghi**.

Path ordering \rightarrow **path integral over spinors**

$$\text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [p\gamma_0 - B_\mu \dot{p}^\mu]} = \int \mathcal{D}z \mathcal{D}\bar{z} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau \bar{z} [p\gamma_0 - B_\mu \dot{p}^\mu + i\hbar \frac{d}{d\tau}] z}$$

- z and $\bar{z} = z^\dagger \gamma_0$ are like the QED and QCD fermions, ψ .

$$z \sim \psi$$

- We can see the similarity transform $s \in \text{SO}(1, 3)$
- However:
 - ① z is just a vector of 4 complex (and commutable!) numbers.
 - ② $\int \mathcal{D}z \mathcal{D}\bar{z}$ integrates over all 8 independent variables.

Worldline Chiral Kinetic Theory for Dirac Fermions

Worldline CKT for Dirac Fermions

- After the similarity transform the worldline action with the Berry phase reads:

$$\mathcal{S}_D = \int_0^T d\tau [-mc - p_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{e}{c} A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \bar{z} p \gamma_0 z - \bar{z} B_\mu z \dot{p}^\mu + i\hbar \bar{z} \dot{z}]$$

- The **classical (and covariant!) e.o.m.** are (with 'bars' representing, e.g., $\bar{S}_{\mu\nu} = \bar{z} S_{\mu\nu} z$, and $\dot{x} = d/d\tau$)

$$\dot{x}_\mu = \hat{p}_\mu \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{S}_{\mu\nu} \dot{p}^\nu, \quad \dot{p}_\mu = \frac{e}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu,$$

$$\dot{\bar{z}} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \bar{z} (p \gamma_0 - B_\mu \dot{p}^\mu), \quad \dot{z} = \frac{i}{\hbar} (p \gamma_0 - B_\mu \dot{p}^\mu) z$$

(Recall 3-dimensional: $\frac{dx}{dt} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{S}_+ \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$ and $\frac{dp_\mu}{dt} = \frac{e}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{dt}$)

- Must invert $\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} := g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{e}{c} \bar{S}_{\mu\sigma} F^\sigma{}_\nu$.

$$I_{\tilde{F}F} = -\frac{1}{4} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \quad I_{\tilde{S}\bar{S}} = -\frac{1}{4} \tilde{S}_{\mu\nu} \bar{S}^{\mu\nu}, \quad I_{\bar{S}F} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{S}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\sqrt{\det \mathcal{G}} = 1 - \frac{e}{c} I_{\bar{S}F} - \left(\frac{e}{c}\right)^2 I_{\tilde{F}F} I_{\tilde{S}\bar{S}}$$

Worldline Chiral Kinetic Theory for Dirac Fermions

Worldline CKT for Dirac Fermions

- We can find for the **Berry phase modified equations:**

$$\sqrt{\det \mathcal{G}} \dot{x}_\mu = \left[g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{e}{c} \tilde{F}_{\mu\sigma} \tilde{S}^\sigma_\nu \right] \hat{p}^\nu \bar{\gamma}_0,$$

$$\sqrt{\det \mathcal{G}} \dot{p}_\mu = \left[\frac{e}{c} F_{\mu\nu} + \left(\frac{e}{c} \right)^2 I_{\tilde{F}\tilde{F}} \tilde{S}_{\mu\nu} \right] \hat{p}^\nu \bar{\gamma}_0$$

- Conserved phase space measure: $d\mu_D = \sqrt{\det \mathcal{G}} \frac{d^4 p d^4 x d\Omega_z}{(2\pi)^4}$.
- Phase space distribution function satisfies a Boltzmann equation, $\frac{d}{d\tau} f = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \dot{x}^\mu \partial_\mu + \dot{p}^\mu \partial_\mu^p + \dot{z}_a \partial_a^z + \dot{\bar{z}}_a \partial_a^{\bar{z}} \right] f = 0$
- Write a general f up to a bilinear term in B.Z. spinors:

$$f(x, p, z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{4} \bar{z} \left\{ \mathcal{S} + \gamma_5 \mathcal{P} + \gamma_\mu \mathcal{V}^\mu + \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{A}^\mu + \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} \right\} z$$

- Define a divergence of the velocity, **only the axial vector parts remain!** Anomaly for distribution \mathcal{A} .

$$\partial_\mu \int \frac{d^4 p d\Omega_z}{(2\pi)^4} \sqrt{\det \mathcal{G}} \dot{x}_\mu f = - \left(\frac{e}{c} \right)^2 I_{\tilde{F}\tilde{F}} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{2\hbar}{p^3 (p_0 + p)} \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathbf{p}.$$

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Axial-Ward Identity

Fujikawa Method on the Worldline

- Perform the **Fujikawa method**⁹ on the BZ spinor coherent state to find the axial Ward identity.

$$\Gamma[A] = i\hbar \int_0^\infty \frac{dT}{T} \oint \mathcal{D}x \int \frac{\mathcal{D}p}{2\pi\hbar} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_A} \text{tr} \mathcal{W}_D$$
$$\text{tr} \mathcal{W}_D = \oint \mathcal{D}z \mathcal{D}\bar{z} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [\bar{z} \dot{p} z + i\hbar \bar{z} \dot{z}]}$$

- Perform the axial rotation $z \rightarrow e^{i\theta(\tau)\gamma_5} z$, and absorb phase

$$\text{tr} \mathcal{W}_D = \det[e^{2i\theta\gamma_5}] \oint \mathcal{D}\Omega_z e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [\bar{z} \dot{p} z - \hbar \dot{\theta} \bar{z} e^{2i\theta\gamma_5} \gamma_5 z + i\hbar \bar{z} e^{2i\theta\gamma_5} \dot{z}]}$$

- Write the axial rotation as a Hamiltonian transformation:
 $\not{p} \rightarrow e^{-i\theta\gamma_5} \not{p} e^{i\theta\gamma_5} + ie^{-i\theta\gamma_5} \frac{d}{d\tau} e^{i\theta\gamma_5} \sim$ **exact Berry phase**
- Associated functional form of the effective action:

$$\Gamma[A] = -2\hbar \text{Tr} \theta \gamma_5 - i\hbar \text{Tr} \ln \left[\not{p} - \frac{e}{c} \not{A} + \partial_\mu \theta \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu - e^{2i\theta\gamma_5} mc \right]$$

This is the form which produces the axial Ward identity.

⁹K. Fujikawa, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 42, 1195 (1979); *Phys. Rev. D* 21, 2848 (1980).

Noncovariant Berry Phase

Fujikawa Method on the Worldline

- Let's consider another (non-covariant) transform which takes

$$\tilde{s}^{-1} \not{p} \tilde{s} = \gamma_5 p$$

$$\tilde{s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (I_4 - \gamma_5 \not{\hat{p}}) = \exp \left[-\frac{8n+1}{4} \pi \gamma_5 \not{\hat{p}} \right]$$

- Like with the axial rotation, take the following transformation

$$z \rightarrow \tilde{s} z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr} \mathcal{W}_D &= \det \left[e^{-\frac{(8n+1)}{2} \pi \gamma_5 \not{\hat{p}}} \right] \oint \mathcal{D}\Omega_z \\ &\times \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau \left[\bar{z} \not{p} z + i\hbar \bar{z} \dot{\tilde{s}} \tilde{s} z + i\hbar \bar{z} e^{-\frac{(8n+1)}{2} \pi \gamma_5 \not{\hat{p}}} \dot{z} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Noncovariant Berry phase transformation has similar structure as axial rotation.*

Berry Phase on the Phase Space Worldline

- ① How to develop a classical and **covariant** chiral kinetic theory? → **Phase Space Worldline Formalism.**
- ② Weyl fermions *reduce in dimension* → quantum mechanics
- ③ Dirac fermions
 - Non-Abelian Berry phase
 - Barut Zanghi spinors
 - **Covariant phase space evolution!**

Thank you for your time and attention!

- Adiabaticity at a classical level permitted the anomaly. How about at the *quantum* level?
- Study the **index theorem** under the same adiabaticity that led to a chiral kinetic theory.
- The index theorem¹⁰ counts the number of zero modes of the fermion operator describing the non-conservation of chiral current in the anomaly.
- While the index is normally defined¹¹ as
$$I_n = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr} \gamma_5 [M^2 / (\not{D}^2 + M^2)]$$
we use the equivalent expression

$$I_n = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr} \gamma_5 \frac{-M}{i\not{D} - M},$$

¹⁰G. t Hooft, *Phys. Rev. D* 14, 3432 (1976); M. Atiyah, et.al., *Phys. Lett. A* 65, 185 (1978).

¹¹S. Vandoren and P. van Nieuwenhuizen, *arXiv:0802.1862* (2008).

Index Theorem with the Berry phase

Backup

- Cast the index definition into a phase space path integral:

$$I_n = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \text{tr} \int d^4 p M \gamma_5 G(A, p, p)$$

- In the momentum representation we have (with $m \rightarrow M$)

$$G(A, p, p) = i \int_0^\infty dT \int \mathcal{D}x \int_{p(0)=p}^{p(T)=p} \frac{\mathcal{D}p}{2\pi\hbar} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_A} \mathcal{W}_D$$

$$\mathcal{W}_D = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau \not{p} \right\}.$$

- Take a gauge transformation to arrive at the Berry phase

$$\text{tr} \gamma_5 \mathcal{W}_D = \text{tr} \gamma_5 \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [\gamma_0 p - B_{\text{Exact}\mu} \dot{p}^\mu] \right\}$$

Vanishing Index Theorem under Adiabaticity

Backup

- Actually we find independence of proptime T :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{d}{dT} \text{tr} \gamma_5 \mathcal{W}_D &= \text{tr} \gamma_5 \not{p}(T) \mathcal{W}_D = \text{tr} \gamma_5 \mathcal{W}_D \not{p}(0) \\ &= -\text{tr} \gamma_5 \not{p}(T) \mathcal{W}_D = 0,\end{aligned}$$

The adiabatic theorem should be permissible as $T \rightarrow \infty$, but

$$\text{tr} \gamma_5 \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T d\tau [\gamma_0 p - B_{\text{Ad}\mu} \dot{p}^\mu] \right\} = 0,$$

- And hence the index (and Chern Simons term leading to the non-conservation of axial current)
will vanish under adiabaticity!