

On gauged maximal d=8 supergravities

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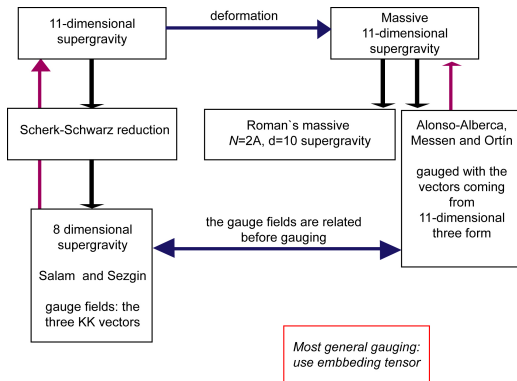
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- The gauging of maximal 8-dimensional supergravity: Salam and Sezgin obtained this theory with an $SO(3) \subset SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ gauging (Other 3-dimensional groups can be obtained by the same procedure)
- The gauge fields of this theory are the three Kaluza-Klein vectors. However, the theory has another $SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ triplet of vectors that can be used as gauge fields: the vectors that come from the 11-dimensional 3-form.
- It is not known how to obtain this theory from the conventional 11-dimensional supergravity.
- It is believed that it should be possible to obtain this second $SO(3)$ -gauged theory by an $SL(2)$ rotation of the Salam-Sezgin one.
- From the 8-dimensional point of view, these two theories should be equivalent.
- It is hard to say whether these two theories are equivalent from the 11-dimensional point of view.

From 11-dimensional to 8-dimensional supergravity



Salam and Sezgin, (1985),
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- We want to show that, from the 8-dimensional point of view, it is related to the Salam-Sezgin one (The SS theory, [Salam and Sezgin, \(1985\)](#)) by an $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ transformation. We will achieve both goals by constructing a 1-parameter family of $SL(2)$ -related $SO(3)$ -gauged supergravities that interpolates between the SS and AAMO theories.

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where the kinetic matrices $\mathcal{G}_{xy}, \mathcal{M}_{IJ}, \mathcal{M}^{mn}, \Im \mathcal{N}_{ab}$ as well as the matrix $\Re \mathcal{N}_{ab}$ are scalar-dependent.

Gauging the global symmetries of the theory

The most general possibilities can be explored using the embedding tensor formalism

Cordaro, Fré, Gualtieri, Termonia and Trigiante (1998). Nicolai and Samtleben (2001). De Wit and Samtleben (2001). De Wit, Samtleben and Trigiante (2003)

Bonus

The tensor hierarchy

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- It turns out that all couplings that deform an ungauged supergravity into a gauged one, can be given in terms of the embedding tensor.
- Gauged supergravities are classified by the embedding tensor, subject to a number of algebraic or group-theoretical constraints.
- The embedding tensor Θ_M^α pairs the generators t_α of the group G with the vector fields A_μ^M used for the gauging.

$$A_\mu^M \Theta_M^\alpha,$$

- Which combinations of group generators

$$X_M = \Theta_M^\alpha t_\alpha$$

can be seen as the generators of the gauge group?.

The gauging of the global symmetry

We promote the global parameters α^A to local ones $\alpha^A(x)$ and we make the identifications:

The embedding tensor and the global parameters

$$\alpha^A \equiv \sigma^I \vartheta_I^A.$$

The embedding tensor and the 1 – forms

The gauge fields for these symmetries are given by

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The first Constraint and the 1-forms

The derivatives transform covariantly under gauge transformations $\delta_\sigma = \sigma^I \vartheta_I^A \delta_A$ provided that the embedding tensor is gauge-invariant

$$\delta_\sigma \vartheta_I^A = 0,$$

and provided that the 1-forms transform as

$$\delta_\sigma A^I = \mathcal{D}\sigma^I + \Delta A^I, \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \Delta A^I \vartheta_I^A = 0, \\ \mathcal{D}\sigma^I = d\sigma^I - A^J X_{J^I K} \sigma^K, \end{cases}$$

The gauge invariance of the embedding tensor leads to the so-called *quadratic constraint*

$$\vartheta_J^B \left[T_B{}^K{}_I \vartheta_K^A - f_{BC}{}^A \vartheta_I^C \right] = 0.$$

To determine ΔA^I we have to construct the gauge-covariant 2-form field strengths F^I .

$$F^I = dA^I - \frac{1}{2} X_J^I{}_K A^{JK} + Z^{Im} B_m,$$

$$H_m = \mathcal{D}B_m - d_{mIJ} dA^I A^J + \frac{1}{3} X_J^M{}_K A^{IJK} + Z_{im} C^i,$$

$$G^i = \mathcal{D}C^i + d^i{}_I{}^n \left[F^I B_n - \frac{1}{2} Z^{Ip} B_n B_p + \frac{1}{3} d_{nJK} dA^J A^{KI} + \frac{1}{12} d_{mMJ} X_K^M{}_L A^{IJKL} \right] - Z_{im} \tilde{H}^m$$

$$\tilde{H}^m = \mathcal{D}\tilde{B}^m - d_{il}{}^m F^l C^i + d^{mnp} B_n \left(H_p + \Delta H_p - 2Z_{ip} C^i \right)$$

$$+ d^m{}_{IJK} dA^I dA^J A^K$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{12} d_{iJ}{}^m d^j{}_K{}^n d_{nIL} - \frac{3}{4} d^m{}_{IJM} X_K^M{}_L \right) dA^I A^{JKL}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{3}{20} d^m{}_{NPM} X_I^N{}_J - \frac{1}{60} d_{iM}{}^m d_I^i{}^n d_{nPJ} \right) X_K^P{}_L A^{IJKLM}$$

$$+ Z^{Im} \tilde{A}_I,$$

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- Maybe find more general non-covariant deformations of 11-dimensional supergravity leading to the rest of $SO(3)$ -gauged 8-dimensional maximal supergravities.

Cremmer and Julia (1978)

The bosonic fields of $N = 1, d = 11$ supergravity are:

$$\left\{ \hat{e}_{\hat{\mu}}^{\hat{a}}, \hat{C}_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}\hat{\rho}} \right\}.$$

The field strength of the 3-form is

$$\hat{G} = 4\partial\hat{C},$$

and is obviously invariant under the gauge transformations

$$\delta\hat{C} = 3\partial\hat{\chi},$$

where $\hat{\chi}$ is a 2-form.

The action for these bosonic fields is

$$\hat{S} = \int d^{11}\hat{x} \sqrt{|\hat{g}|} \left[\hat{R} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4!} \hat{G}^2 - \frac{1}{6^4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\hat{g}|}} \hat{\varepsilon} \partial \hat{C} \partial \hat{C} \hat{C} \right].$$

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where C is a 3-form, B_m a triplet of 2-forms, A^{im} , a doublet of triplets of 1-forms (six in total), a and φ are the axion and dilaton fields which can be combined into the axidilaton field

$$\tau \equiv a + ie^{-\varphi},$$

or into the $SL(2, \mathbb{R})/SO(2)$ symmetric matrix

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 & + \frac{1}{3} G^1 [H_m A^{2m} - B_m F^{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{mnp} F^{2m} A^{1n} A^{2p}] \\
 & + \frac{1}{3} H_m F^{2m} [C^1 + \frac{1}{6} \varepsilon_{mnp} A^{1m} A^{1n} A^{2p}] \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{3!} \varepsilon^{mnp} H_m H_n (B_p - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{pqr} A^{1q} A^{2r}) \right\}.
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- Comparing the field strengths of this theory with those of the generic ungauged theory we get that the d -tensors can be constructed entirely in terms of the U-duality invariant tensors $\delta^i{}_j, \varepsilon_{ij}, \delta^m{}_n, \varepsilon_{mnp}$:

$$d_{mIJ} \rightarrow d_{minjp} = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{mnp} \varepsilon_{ij},$$

$$d^i{}_I{}^m \rightarrow d^i{}_j{}^m = \delta^i{}_j \delta^m{}_n.$$

Moreover

$$d^i (|_I{}^m d_{i|J})^n = -2d^{mnp} d_{pIJ}, \Rightarrow d^{mnp} = +\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{mnp}.$$

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and include, as limiting cases, the SS and the AAMO theories.

We have found a set of deformation parameters which are a solution for all constraints

$$\vartheta_{im}{}^n = v_i \delta_m{}^n, \quad Z^{imn} = v^i \delta^{mn}, \quad Z_{im} = 0$$

- The kinetic terms in the action

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- We add

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- Another correction

$$S^{(2)} = \int \left\{ -\frac{1}{12} v_i (F^{im} - v^i B_m) B_m B_n B_n + \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^{mnp} B_m \Delta H_n \Delta H_p - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ij} \square G^i \square F^{jm} B_m \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{24} \varepsilon_{ij} A^{im} A^{in} \mathcal{D} B_m \Delta H_n \right\}.$$

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- They can be written in terms of the *dressed structure constants* of the gauge group.

The scalar potential

$$V = -\frac{1}{4} S_{IJ} S^{*IJ} + \frac{1}{8} \delta^{mn} N_m{}^I{}_J N_n{}^*{}^J{}_I = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{W}^{ij} v_i v_j \left[\text{Tr}(\mathcal{M})^2 - 2\text{Tr}(\mathcal{M}^2) \right],$$

where \mathcal{W}^{ij} is the $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})/\text{SO}(2)$ symmetric matrix, and where we have used

$$\mathcal{M}_{mn} \equiv L_m{}^P L_n{}^P, \text{ so that } T = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{M}), \text{ and } T^{mn} T^{mn} = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{M}^2).$$

