

Scalar fields in p-adic QFT

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Physical Motivations

Two sets $S_1, S_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ are called **spacelike separated** if $x \in S_1$ and $y \in S_2$ implies that $|x - y|^2 < 0$. If $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ are spacelike separated then $[\Phi(f), \Phi(g)] = 0$.

In the 80's I. Volovich proposed that spacetime on Planck distances has a non-Archimedean structure.

The acausal spacetime

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$$(\mathcal{F}g)(k) = \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^4} \chi_p(\mathfrak{B}(x, k)) g(x) d\mu(x), \quad d\mu(x) = C(q) d^n x.$$

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The **orthogonal group** $O(q)$ is defined to be

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For $t \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$, put $V_t := V_t(\mathfrak{q}) = \{ k \in \mathbb{Q}_p^4 : \mathfrak{q}(k) = t \}$.

Then **orthogonal group** $O(\mathfrak{q})$ acts transitively on V_t .

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Set

$$V := \{k = (k_0, \mathbf{k}) \in \mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{Q}_p^3; q(k) = 1\}.$$

$1 = q(k) = k_0^2 - q_0(k)$, where $q_0(k) = sk_1^2 + pk_2^2 - spk_3^2$

We now define in $U_q \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^3$, two analytic functions as follows:

$$U_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$$

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \pm \sqrt{1 + sk_1^2 + pk_2^2 - spk_3^2} =: \pm \sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})},$$

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To define **positive** and **negative**, we need a multiplicative character that takes two values

$$\mathbb{Q}_p^\times \rightarrow \{1, -1\}$$

$$x \rightarrow \pi(x)$$

$$x > 0 \text{ if } \pi(x) = 1$$

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The restricted p -adic Poincaré group

Definición

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The group \mathcal{P}_+^\uparrow acts on \mathbb{Q}_p^4 through $(a, \Lambda)x = \Lambda x + a$.

Klein-Gordon type pseudodifferential equations

Definición

For $\alpha > 0$, $m \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$, and q as before, let us put:

$$\square_{q,\alpha,m} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \circ |q - m^2|_p^\alpha \circ \mathcal{F}, \quad (1)$$

Operators of this type are called (1), *p-adic pseudodifferential Klein-Gordon operators*.

Definición

We say that $E_{q,\alpha} \in \mathcal{D}'_{\mathbb{C}}$ is a *fundamental solution* for

$$\square_{q,\alpha} u = \varphi, \quad (2)$$

if $u = E_{q,\alpha} * \varphi$ is a solution to (2) in $\mathcal{D}'_{\mathbb{C}}$, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Fundamental solutions

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There exist fundamental solutions $E_{q,\alpha}$ to $\square_{q,\alpha}$ which are invariant under the action $\mathbf{O}(q)$. Moreover, the distributions $E_{q,\alpha}$ satisfy:

(i)

$$\mathcal{F}(E_{q,\alpha}) = \mathcal{F}(E_{q,\alpha}^0) + C\delta(q-1), \quad (3)$$

where C is a non-zero complex constant and $\mathcal{F}(E_{q,\alpha}^0)$, $\delta(q-1)$ are distributions invariant under $\mathbf{O}(q)$.

(ii)

$$1_V \mathcal{F}(E_{q,\alpha}) = C\delta(q-1). \quad (4)$$

In particular, the restriction of $\mathcal{F}(E_{q,\alpha})$ to V is unique up to the multiplication by a non-zero complex constant.

Fundamental Solutions for p -adic pseudodifferential Operators of Klein-Gordon Type

$\mathcal{F} [E_{q,\alpha}^0]$ is a linear combination of distributions of any of the types

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^4 \setminus \mathcal{V}} |q(x) - 1|_p^{-\alpha} \theta(x) d^4x \quad \text{or} \quad p^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} |u_0|_p^{-\alpha} (\Theta_b(u_0) - \Theta_b(0)) du_0.$$

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Now consider the non-homogeneous p -adic Klein-Gordon equation:

$$\square_{q,\alpha} u(t, \mathbf{x}) = h(t, \mathbf{x}), \quad (5)$$

where $(t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{Q}_p^3$ and $h(t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{Q}_p^3)$.

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(i) The equation

$$\square_{q,\alpha} u(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

admits plane wave solutions: $\chi_p \{ -\mathcal{B}((t, \mathbf{x}), (E^\pm, \boldsymbol{\kappa})) \}$ is a weak solution of (6). Where $(E^\pm, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) \in V^\pm$ with $E^\pm = \pm \sqrt{\omega(\boldsymbol{\kappa})}$.

(ii) The distributions

$$\int_{U_q} \chi_p \left\{ -\mathcal{B} \left((t, \mathbf{x}), \left(\sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})}, \mathbf{k} \right) \right) \right\} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{\left| \sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})} \right|_p} +$$
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are the unique weak solutions of (6) invariant under \mathcal{L}_+^\uparrow .

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$$u(t, \mathbf{x}; A, B, C) = E_q^0(t, \mathbf{x}) * h(t, \mathbf{x}) + C \int_{U_q} \left\{ \chi_p \left(-\sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})}t + \mathfrak{B}_0(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) \right) A(\mathbf{k}) + \chi_p \left(\sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})}t + \mathfrak{B}_0(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) \right) B(\mathbf{k}) \right\} \times \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{\left| \sqrt{\omega(\mathbf{k})} \right|_p},$$

where C is a non-zero complex number, and $A(\mathbf{k})$, $B(\mathbf{k}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{Q}_p^3)$, are weak solutions of (5).

Nuclear Hilbert spaces

The construction of a suitable analog of the Schwartz test functions is of the utmost importance.

Definición

[W. A. Zúñiga, 2017]. For $f, g \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$, with $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$, put:

$$\langle f, g \rangle_l := \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^4} [\xi]_p^l \widehat{f}(\xi) \overline{\widehat{g}(\xi)} d^4(\xi),$$

for $l \in \mathbb{N}$, with the overbar denoting complex conjugate. Also,

$$\mathcal{H}_{\infty}(\mathbb{Q}_p^4, \mathbb{K}) := \mathcal{H}_{\infty}(\mathbb{K}) = \bigcap_{l \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_l(\mathbb{K}).$$

Nuclear Hilbert spaces

The mapping

$$\square_{q,\alpha} : \mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{K})$$

$$h \rightarrow \square_{q,\alpha} h$$

is a well-defined continuous linear operator between locally convex spaces.

Fock spaces

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Let $H = \mathfrak{F}_s(L^2_{\mathbb{C}}(V^+, d\lambda))$, $\mathfrak{U} = \Gamma(U(\cdot, \cdot)) = \bigotimes_{k=1}^n U(\cdot, \cdot)$, where

$$(U(a, \Lambda)\psi)(k) = \chi_p(\mathfrak{B}(a, k))\psi(\Lambda^{-1}k), \quad \Phi \text{ and } D = F_0.$$

A p -adic scalar QFT is a set $\{H, \mathfrak{U}, \Phi, D\}$ satisfying

p -adic Gårding–Wightman axioms

1. **Relativistic invariance of states:** H is a separable Hilbert space and

$$\mathfrak{U}(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathcal{P}_+^\uparrow \longrightarrow U(H).$$

is a strongly continuous unitary representation.

2. **Spectral condition:** There exists a measure E_{V^+} on \mathbb{Q}_p^4 corresponding to $\mathfrak{U}(a, I)$ supported on $\overline{S(V^+)}$. (The topological closure of the additive semigroup generated by the vectors of V^+).
3. **Existence of a vacuum.** $\exists! \Upsilon_0 \in H \ni U(a, I) \Upsilon_0 = \Upsilon_0 \forall a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^4$, this vector is called the *vacuum*.

p -adic Gårding–Wightman axioms

4. **Invariant domains for the fields:** $\exists D \subset H$ and a map from $\mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{C})$ to the unbounded operators on H such that:

- (i) $\forall f \in \mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{C})$, it is $D \subset \text{Dom}(\Phi(f))$, $D \subset \text{Dom}(\Phi(f)^*)$, and $\Phi(f)^* \upharpoonright D = \Phi(\bar{f}) \upharpoonright D$.
- (ii) $\Upsilon_0 \in D$, and $\Phi(f)D \subset D \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{C})$.
- (iii) For any fixed $\psi \in D$, the mapping $f \rightarrow \Phi(f)\psi$ is linear in f .

5. **Regularity of fields:** $\forall \psi_1, \psi_2 \in D$, the mapping

$$f \rightarrow \langle \psi_1, \Phi(f)\psi_2 \rangle_H$$

lies in $\mathcal{H}_\infty^*(\mathbb{C})$.

p -adic Gårding–Wightman axioms

6. **Poincaré invariance of the field.**: $\forall (a, \Lambda) \in \mathcal{P}_+^\uparrow$,
 $\mathfrak{U}(a, \Lambda)D \subset D$, and $\forall f \in \mathcal{H}_\infty(\mathbb{C})$, $\psi \in D$,

$$\mathfrak{U}(a, \Lambda) \Phi(f) \mathfrak{U}(a, \Lambda)^{-1} \psi = \Phi((a, \Lambda) f) \psi,$$

7. **Local causality.** If $f, g \in \mathcal{D}_\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{Z}_p^4)$, then

$$[\Phi(f), \Phi(g)] \Psi = (\Phi(f)\Phi(g) - \Phi(g)\Phi(f)) \Psi = 0, \forall \Psi \in D.$$

8. **Ciclicity of vaccum:** The set D_0 of finite superpositions of vectors $\Phi(f_1) \cdots \Phi(f_n) \Upsilon_0$ is dense in H .

p -adic Gårding–Wightman axioms

Theorem (2) M. L. Mendoza, J. A. Vallejo, W. A. Zúñiga




(i) The set

$$\{\mathfrak{F}_s(L_{\mathbb{C}}^2(V^+, d\lambda)), \Gamma(U(\cdot, \cdot)), \Phi, F_0\}$$

satisfy the p -adic Gårding–Wightman axioms.

(ii) For any $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$,

$$\Phi(\square_{q,\alpha} f) = 0.$$

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