

4 Superspace and Superfields

4.1 Superspace

QFT spacetime coordinates is denoted as $x^\mu = (t, \vec{x})$, its SUSY extension can be formulated on *superspace*, introduced by Salam and Strathdee (1978), with coordinates

$$(x^\mu, \theta_\alpha, \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}}) \quad (4.1)$$

where $\theta_\alpha, \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ are Grassmannian coordinates with spinor indices $\alpha, \dot{\alpha}$. There basic properties are

$$\theta^2 = \theta^\alpha \theta_\alpha = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \theta_\beta \theta_\alpha = 2\theta_2 \theta_1 = -2\theta_1 \theta_2 \quad (4.2)$$

$$\bar{\theta}^2 = \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} = \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} = -2\bar{\theta}_2 \bar{\theta}_1 = 2\bar{\theta}_1 \bar{\theta}_2 \quad (4.3)$$

$$\theta_\alpha \theta_\beta = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \theta^2, \quad \theta^\alpha \theta^\beta = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \theta^2 \quad (4.4)$$

$$\bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\beta}} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{\theta}^2, \quad \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{\theta}^2 \quad (4.5)$$

$$\theta_\alpha \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(\theta^\beta \sigma_{\mu\beta\dot{\beta}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}})}_{\theta\sigma_\mu\bar{\theta}} \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu \quad (4.6)$$

$$\partial_\alpha \theta^\beta \equiv \frac{\partial \theta^\beta}{\partial \theta^\alpha} = \delta_\alpha^\beta, \quad \partial^\alpha \theta_\beta = -\delta_\beta^\alpha \quad (4.7)$$

$$\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}}}{\partial \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}} = \delta_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}}, \quad \bar{\partial}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\beta}} = -\delta_{\dot{\beta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \quad (4.8)$$

where $(\partial_\alpha)^\dagger = \bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}}$.

Superfunction $Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ is defined to be analytic function on superspace. Its infinitesimal supertranslation on superspace means

$$\theta \rightarrow \theta + \epsilon, \quad \bar{\theta} \rightarrow \bar{\theta} + \bar{\epsilon} \quad (4.9)$$

One can write

$$\begin{aligned} & Y(x, \theta + \epsilon, \bar{\theta} + \bar{\epsilon}) \\ &= e^{-i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q})} Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) e^{i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q})} \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

$$= e^{-i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q})} e^{-i(xp + \theta Q + \bar{\theta} \bar{Q})} Y(0, 0, 0) e^{i(xp + \theta Q + \bar{\theta} \bar{Q})} e^{i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q})} \quad (4.11)$$

Let us determine

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q})} e^{i(xP + \theta Q + \bar{\theta} \bar{Q})} &= e^{i(xP + (\epsilon + \bar{\epsilon})Q + (\bar{\theta} + \bar{\epsilon})\bar{Q}) - \frac{1}{2}[\bar{\theta} \bar{Q}, \epsilon Q] - \frac{1}{2}[\theta Q, \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}]} \\
&= e^{i(xP + \theta Q + \bar{\theta} \bar{Q}) - (\epsilon \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta}) P_\mu - (\theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\epsilon}) P_\mu} \\
&= e^{i(x + i(\epsilon \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta}) + i(\theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\epsilon})) P_\mu + i(\theta + \epsilon) Q + i(\bar{\theta} + \bar{\epsilon}) \bar{Q}} \quad (4.12)
\end{aligned}$$

This means that the supertranslations result to the spacetime transformation in the form

$$\delta\theta = \epsilon, \quad \delta\bar{\theta} = \bar{\epsilon} \rightarrow \delta x^\mu = i(\theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\epsilon}) + i(\epsilon \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta}) \quad (4.13)$$

From (4.11) we will have

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}} Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) &= (i\theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\epsilon} + i\epsilon \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta}) \partial_\mu Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) \\
&\quad + i\epsilon^\alpha \partial_\alpha Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) + i\bar{\epsilon}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{\dot{\alpha}} Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) \quad (4.14)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly from (4.10), we can have

$$\begin{aligned}
&Y(x, \theta + \epsilon, \bar{\theta} + \bar{\epsilon}) \\
&= (1 - i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}) + \dots) Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) (1 + i(\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}) + \dots) - Y(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) \\
&= -i\epsilon [Q, Y] - i\bar{\epsilon} [\bar{Q}, Y] \quad (4.15)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us define

$$[Y, Q_\alpha] = Q_\alpha Y, \quad [Y, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}] = \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} Y \quad (4.16)$$

$$\rightarrow \delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}} Y = (i\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}) Y \quad (4.17)$$

Under comparison with (4.14), we observe that

$$Q_\alpha = -i\partial_\alpha - \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} \partial_\mu \quad (4.18)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = +i\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \theta^\beta \sigma_{\beta\dot{\alpha}}^\mu \partial_\mu \quad (4.19)$$

$$\rightarrow \{Q_\alpha, Q_\beta\} = \{\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = 0, \quad \{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu P_\mu \quad (4.20)$$

4.2 Chiral superfields

Let us define the chiral operators

$$D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha + i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} \partial_\mu \quad (4.21)$$

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} = \bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} + i\theta^\beta \sigma_{\beta\dot{\alpha}}^\mu \partial_\mu \quad (4.22)$$

$$\rightarrow \{D_\alpha, \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = 2i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu \partial_\mu = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu P_\mu \quad (4.23)$$

The chiral superfield $\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ is defined to satisfy a condition

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = 0 \quad (4.24)$$

The anti-chiral superfield $\bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ is defined to satisfy a condition

$$D_{\alpha}\bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = 0 \quad (4.25)$$

Let us define the chiral and anti-chiral coordinates, respectively, as

$$y^{\mu} = x^{\mu} + i\theta\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\theta} \rightarrow \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}y^{\mu} = 0 \quad (4.26)$$

$$\bar{y}^{\mu} = x^{\mu} - i\theta\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\theta} \rightarrow D_{\alpha}\bar{y}^{\mu} = 0 \quad (4.27)$$

So that the general form of chiral superfield can be written as

$$\Phi(y, \theta) = \phi(y) + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi(y) - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 F(y) \quad (4.28)$$

From (4.26), with Taylor's expansion for $\theta \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) &= \phi(x) + i\theta\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\theta}\partial_{\mu}\phi(x) - \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\partial^2\phi(x) \\ &+ \sqrt{2}\theta\psi(x) - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta\theta\partial_{\mu}\psi(x)\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\theta} - \theta\theta F(x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

Let us determine

$$\delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}}\Phi(y, \theta) = (i\epsilon Q + i\bar{\epsilon}\bar{Q})\Phi(y, \theta) \quad (4.30)$$

$$Q_{\alpha} = -i\partial_{\alpha}, \quad \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -i\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} + 2\theta^{\alpha}\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\mu}\partial_{y^{\mu}} \quad (4.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}}\Phi(y, \theta) = (\epsilon^{\alpha}\partial_{\alpha} + 2i\theta^{\alpha}\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^{\mu}\bar{\epsilon}^{\dot{\beta}}\partial_{y^{\mu}})\Phi(y, \theta) \\ &= \sqrt{2}\epsilon\psi(y) - 2\epsilon\theta F(y) + 2i\theta\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\epsilon}\left(\partial_{y^{\mu}}\phi(y) + \sqrt{2}\theta\partial_{y^{\mu}}\psi(y)\right) \\ &= \sqrt{2}\epsilon\psi(y) + \sqrt{2}\theta\left(-\sqrt{2}\epsilon F(y) + \sqrt{2}i\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\epsilon}\partial_{y^{\mu}}\phi(y)\right) \\ &\quad - \theta\theta\left(-i\sqrt{2}\bar{\epsilon}\sigma^{\mu}\partial_{y^{\mu}}\psi(y)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

For SUSY invariant superfield $\delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}}\Phi(y, \theta)$, then we have SUSY transformations on component fields in the form

$$\delta_{\epsilon}\phi = \sqrt{2}\epsilon\psi \quad (4.33)$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon}\psi_{\alpha} = \sqrt{2}i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^{\mu}\bar{\epsilon}^{\dot{\beta}}\partial_{\mu}\phi - \sqrt{2}\epsilon_{\alpha}F \quad (4.34)$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon}F = i\sqrt{2}\partial_{\mu}\psi\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\epsilon} \quad (4.35)$$

A similar expression for anti-chiral superfield $\bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ will be

$$D_\alpha \bar{\Phi} = 0, \quad \bar{y}^\mu = x^\mu - i\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta} \quad (4.36)$$

$$\bar{\Phi}(\bar{y}) = \phi^*(\bar{y}) + \sqrt{2}\bar{\theta}\bar{\psi}(\bar{y}) - \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}F^*(\bar{y}) \quad (4.37)$$

After Taylor's expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) &= \phi^*(x) - i\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}\partial_\mu\phi^*(x) - \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\partial^2\phi^*(x) \\ &+ \sqrt{2}\bar{\theta}\bar{\psi}(x) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi(x) - \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}F^*(x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.38)$$

And the supersymmetric variation $\delta_{\epsilon, \bar{\epsilon}}\bar{\Phi}$ will be

$$\delta_\epsilon\phi^* = \sqrt{2}\bar{\epsilon}\bar{\psi} \quad (4.39)$$

$$\delta_\epsilon\bar{\psi} = -i\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\phi^* - \sqrt{2}\bar{\epsilon}F^* \quad (4.40)$$

$$\delta_\epsilon F^* = -i\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\psi} \quad (4.41)$$

4.3 Chiral superfield Lagrangian

The kinetic term of chiral multiplet can be constructed from chiral superfield in the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin} = \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta}\bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = \bar{\Phi}\Phi|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\theta} \quad (4.42)$$

Let us determine

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) &= [\phi^*(x) + \sqrt{2}\bar{\theta}\bar{\psi}(x) - \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}F^*(x) - i\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}\partial_\mu\phi^*(x) \\ &- \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\partial^2\phi^*(x) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\psi}] [\phi(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi(x) - \theta\theta F(x) \\ &+ i\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}\partial_\mu\phi(x) - \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\partial^2\phi(x) - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta\theta\partial_\mu\psi(x)\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}] \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\Phi}\Phi|_{\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} = \theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\phi^*\partial^2\phi + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\psi}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\partial_\mu\psi - \partial_\mu\bar{\psi}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\psi) + F^*F \right) \quad (4.44)$$

So that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{kin} &= \partial_\mu\phi^*(x)\partial^\mu\phi(x) + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\psi}(x)\bar{\sigma}^\mu\partial_\mu\psi(x) - \partial_\mu\bar{\psi}(x)\bar{\sigma}^\mu\psi(x)) \\ &+ F^*(x)F(x) + \text{total derivative} \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

This is known as Wess-Zumino model. A more general kinetic term can be constructed from the *Kahler superpotential* $K(\bar{\Phi}, \Phi)$, a polynomial of its argument, in the form

$$K(\bar{\Phi}, \Phi) = \sum_{n,m=1}^{N,M} c_{nm} \bar{\Phi}^n \Phi^m \quad (4.46)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin} = \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} K(\bar{\Phi}, \Phi) = K(\bar{\Phi}, \Phi)|_{\bar{\theta}\theta\theta\theta} \quad (4.47)$$

Its simplest form $K(\bar{\Phi}, \Phi) = \bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ is called *canonical Kahler superpotential*. and results to Wess-Zumino model above.

The interaction term can be derived from the superpotentials $W(\Phi)$, $\bar{W}(\bar{\Phi})$, in the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \int d^2\theta W(\Phi) + \int d^2\bar{\theta} \bar{W}(\bar{\Phi}) = W(\Phi)|_{\theta\theta} + \bar{W}(\bar{\Phi})|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} \quad (4.48)$$

Let us determine the Taylor's expansion of $W(\Phi)$ about the scalar field component as

$$\begin{aligned} W(\Phi) &= W(\phi + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi - \theta\theta F) \\ &= W(\phi) + \sqrt{2}\frac{\partial W}{\partial\phi}\theta\psi - \theta\theta \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial\phi}F + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial\phi\partial\phi}\psi\psi \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.49)$$

$$\rightarrow W(\Phi)|_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial\phi}F - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial\phi\partial\phi}\psi\psi \quad (4.50)$$

Note that we have use the fact that $\theta^\alpha\psi_\alpha\theta^\beta\psi_\beta = -\frac{1}{2}\theta^\alpha\theta_\alpha\psi^\beta\psi_\beta$. Therefore

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial\phi}F - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial\phi\partial\phi}\psi\psi + h.c. = -W_\phi F - \frac{1}{2}W_{\phi\phi}\psi\psi + h.c. \quad (4.51)$$

The total Lagrangian, with the canonical Kahler superpotential, becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \bar{\Phi}\Phi|_{\bar{\theta}\theta\theta\theta} + W(\Phi)|_{\theta\theta} + \bar{W}(\bar{\Phi})|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} \\ &= \partial_\mu\phi^*\partial^\mu\phi + \frac{i}{2}(\partial_\mu\psi\sigma^\mu\bar{\psi} - \psi\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\psi}) + F^*F \\ &\quad - W_\phi F - \frac{1}{2}W_{\phi\phi}\psi\psi - \bar{W}_{\bar{\phi}}F^* - \frac{1}{2}\bar{W}_{\bar{\phi}\bar{\phi}}\bar{\psi}\bar{\psi} \end{aligned} \quad (4.52)$$

The EOM of the scalar field F, F^* , from Euler-Lagrange equation, becomes

$$F^* = W_\phi, \quad F = \bar{W}_{\bar{\phi}} \quad (4.53)$$

Back insertion into (4.48), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \partial_\mu \phi^* \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{i}{2} (\partial_\mu \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} - \psi \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \\ & - |W_\phi|^2 - \frac{1}{2} W_{\phi\phi} \psi \psi - \frac{1}{2} \bar{W}_{\bar{\phi}\bar{\phi}} \bar{\psi} \bar{\psi}\end{aligned}\quad (4.54)$$

There appears a non-trivial scalar potential in the form

$$V(\phi, \phi^*) = |W_\phi|^2 \quad (4.55)$$

For example of interacting Wess-Zumino model, with the superpotential

$$W(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} m \Phi^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{int} = -m^2 \phi^* \phi - \frac{1}{2} m \psi \psi - \frac{1}{2} m \bar{\psi} \bar{\psi} \quad (4.56)$$

It is the mass term.

4.4 Vector superfield

The real vector superfield $V(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$, with a condition $V^\dagger = V$, its possible component fields are

$$\begin{aligned}V(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = & C(x) + i\theta\chi(x) - i\bar{\theta}\bar{\chi}(x) + \theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}v_\mu(x) \\ & + \frac{i}{2}\theta\theta B(x) - \frac{i}{2}\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}B^*(x) \\ & + i\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\left(\bar{\lambda}(x) + \frac{i}{2}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\partial_\mu\chi(x)\right) \\ & - i\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\left(\lambda(x) + \frac{i}{2}\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\chi}(x)\right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\left(D(x) - \frac{1}{2}\partial^2 C(x)\right)\end{aligned}\quad (4.57)$$

Note that real bosonic fields (C, M, N, v_μ, D) gives 8 bosonic degrees of freedom, while the fermionic fields (χ, λ) give 8 fermionic degrees of freedom.

Let us apply with the *supergauge transformation* of the form

$$V \rightarrow V + i(\Phi^* + \Phi), \quad (4.58)$$

where $\Phi = (\phi, \psi, F)$ is chiral superfield, we will observe the transformations

$$C \rightarrow C + i(\phi^* + \phi) \quad (4.59)$$

$$\chi \rightarrow \chi - i\sqrt{2}\psi \quad (4.60)$$

$$B \rightarrow B - iF \quad (4.61)$$

$$v_\mu \rightarrow v_\mu + \partial_\mu(\phi + \phi^*) \quad (4.62)$$

$$\lambda \rightarrow \lambda \quad (4.63)$$

$$D \rightarrow D \quad (4.64)$$

In order to get gauge invariant vector field model, we have to choose ($C = 0, \chi = 0, B = 0$) components, this is called *Wess-Zumino gauge condition*. From (4.57) we will have

$$V(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = \theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}v_\mu(x) + i\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\lambda}(x) - i\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\lambda(x) + \frac{1}{2}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}D(x) \quad (4.65)$$

or simply as $V = (v_\mu, \lambda, \bar{\lambda}, D)$. SUSY variations of these component fields are

$$\sqrt{2}\delta_\epsilon v^\mu = \epsilon\sigma^\mu\bar{\lambda} - \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\chi \quad (4.66)$$

$$\sqrt{2}\delta_\epsilon\lambda = \epsilon D + \frac{i}{2}\sigma^\mu\bar{\sigma}^\nu(\partial_\mu v_\nu - \partial_\nu v_\mu) \quad (4.67)$$

$$\sqrt{2}\delta_\epsilon D = \epsilon\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\lambda + \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\partial_\mu\lambda \quad (4.68)$$

4.5 Supersymmetric vector (gauge) field Lagrangian

In order to construct SUSY invariant vector field Lagrangian, we have to construct the super-field strength tensor of the form

$$W_\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha V, \quad \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\frac{1}{4}DD\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}V \quad (4.69)$$

We can observe that they are invariant under super-gauge transformation

$$W_\alpha \rightarrow W_\alpha - \frac{i}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha(\bar{\Phi} + \Phi) = 0 \quad (4.70)$$

$$\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} \rightarrow \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} - \frac{i}{4}DD\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}(\bar{\Phi} + \Phi) = 0 \quad (4.71)$$

From (4.65) and (4.69) we will have

$$W_\alpha = -i\lambda_\alpha + \theta_\alpha D + i(\sigma^{\mu\nu}\theta)_\alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \theta\theta(\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\lambda})_\alpha \quad (4.72)$$

with $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu v_\nu - \partial_\nu v_\mu$. Now determine

$$\int d^2\theta W^\alpha W_\alpha = W^\alpha W_\alpha|_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{1}{2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - 2i\lambda\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\lambda} + D^2 + \frac{i}{4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\rho\sigma} \quad (4.73)$$

One thus finally have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{gauge} &= \frac{1}{4}W^\alpha W_\alpha|_{\theta\theta} + \frac{1}{4}\bar{W}^{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + i\lambda\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}D^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.74)$$

This an *abelian supersymmetric gauge field Lagrangian*.

For the case of *non-abelian supersymmetric gauge field*, we will have

$$V = V^a T^a, \quad a = 1, 1, \dots, \dim(G) \quad (4.75)$$

where $\{T^a\}$ is a set of generators of gauge group G of dimension $\dim(G)$. The super-gauge transformation will be written in the form

$$e^V \rightarrow e^{i\Phi^*} e^V e^{-i\Phi} \quad (4.76)$$

Within the Wess-Zumino gauge fixing condition the vector superfield, we will have the fact that

$$e^V = 1 + V + \frac{1}{2}V^2 \quad (4.77)$$

The super-field strength tensor are now written in the form

$$W_\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}(e^{-V}D_\alpha e^V), \quad \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\frac{1}{4}DD(e^V\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}e^{-V}) \quad (4.78)$$

Under the super-gauge transformation

$$\begin{aligned} W_\alpha &\rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}(e^{i\Phi}e^{-V}e^{-i\Phi^*}D_\alpha e^{i\Phi^*}e^V e^{-i\Phi}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}e^{i\Phi}\bar{D}\bar{D}(e^{-V}D_\alpha e^V)e^{-i\Phi} = e^{i\Phi}W_\alpha e^{-i\Phi} \end{aligned} \quad (4.79)$$

Similarly

$$\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} \rightarrow e^{i\Phi^*}\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}e^{-i\Phi^*} \quad (4.80)$$

Now from (4.77), let us determine

$$\begin{aligned}
W_\alpha &= -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}\left[\left(1-V+\frac{1}{2}V^2\right)D_\alpha\left(1+V+\frac{1}{2}V^2\right)\right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha V - \frac{1}{8}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha V^2 + \frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}VD_\alpha V \\
&= -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha V - \frac{1}{8}\bar{D}\bar{D}V(D_\alpha V) - \frac{1}{8}\bar{D}\bar{D}(D_\alpha V)\cdot V + \frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}VD_\alpha V \\
&= -\frac{1}{4}\bar{D}\bar{D}D_\alpha V + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8}\bar{D}\bar{D}[V, D_\alpha V]}_{\text{additional term}} \quad (4.81)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us determine the additional term

$$\frac{1}{8}\bar{D}\bar{D}[V, D_\alpha V] = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^{\mu\nu}\theta)_\alpha[v_\mu, v_\nu] - \frac{i}{2}\theta\theta\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^\mu[v_\mu, \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}] \quad (4.82)$$

Then we have

$$W_\alpha = -i\lambda_\alpha + \theta_\alpha D + i(\sigma^{\mu\nu}\theta)_\alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \theta\theta(\sigma^\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\bar{\lambda})_\alpha \quad (4.83)$$

$$\text{with } F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu v_\nu - \partial_\nu v_\mu - \frac{i}{2}[v_\mu, v_\nu], \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - \frac{i}{2}[v_\mu, \] \quad (4.84)$$

Insertion of gauge coupling constant, let us modify $V \rightarrow 2gV$ which results to

$$v_\mu \rightarrow 2gv_\mu, \quad \lambda \rightarrow 2g\lambda, \quad D \rightarrow 2gD$$

and then

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu v_\nu - \partial_\nu v_\mu - ig[v_\mu, v_\nu], \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig[v_\mu, \]$$

The non-abelian supersymmetric gauge field (super Yang-Mills) Lagrangian is then written in the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{susy-YM} = \frac{1}{4} \int d^2\theta Tr [W^\alpha W_\alpha] = Tr \left[-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - i\lambda\sigma^\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\bar{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}D^2 \right] \quad (4.85)$$