

SCALAR SUPERFIELD: U

Defⁿ/ A scalar superfield is a function from superspace to $\mathbb{C}$; $(x^m, \theta^\alpha, \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}}) \mapsto c \in \mathbb{C}$. The standard notation:

$$U(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = f + \theta \phi + \bar{\theta} \bar{\chi} + \theta \theta m + \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} n + \theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta} V_\mu + \theta \theta \bar{\theta} \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \theta \psi + \theta \theta \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} d(x)$$

$\{f, \phi, \bar{\chi}, m, n, V_\mu, \bar{\lambda}, \psi, d\}$ are functions from $\mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
(component fields)

This is the component field expansion. Notice $n_{\text{boson}} = n_{\text{ferm}}$.

Bosons: $f, m, n, V_\mu, d \rightarrow 1+1+1+4+1 = 8$ dof.
Fermions: $\phi, \bar{\chi}, \bar{\lambda}, \psi \rightarrow 2+2+2+2 = 8$ dof.

Physically the component fields are just ordinary quantum fields (carry a representation of Poincaré). What is extra here is that the superfield U has grouped bosonic and fermionic fields into a common "multiplet". We will see next how SUSY transforms one component field to another.

$$\delta_\epsilon U = \delta_\epsilon f + \theta \delta_\epsilon \phi + \bar{\theta} \delta_\epsilon \bar{\chi} + \theta \theta \delta_\epsilon m + \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \delta_\epsilon n + \theta \sigma^\mu \bar{\theta} \delta_\epsilon V_\mu + \theta \theta \bar{\theta} \delta_\epsilon \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \theta \delta_\epsilon \psi + \theta \theta \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \delta_\epsilon d$$

$$\delta_\epsilon U \equiv (\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}) U(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$$

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$Q_\alpha = \partial_\alpha - i \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^m \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\beta}} \partial_m$

$\bar{Q}^{\dot{\alpha}} = \bar{\partial}^{\dot{\alpha}} + i \theta^\beta \sigma_\beta^{\dot{\alpha}m} \partial_m$

By matching up powers of $\theta, \bar{\theta}, \theta\theta, \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}, \dots$ we can determine how δ_ϵ transforms the components.

(I think δ_ϵ is really a derivation, a tangent vector at the identity of the super Lie Group which acts on functions of the space which the group acts, namely superspace.)

COMPONENT FIELD VARIATIONS

So equating $\delta_\epsilon (f + \Theta\phi + \bar{\Theta}\bar{\chi} + \dots + \Theta\Theta\bar{\Theta}\bar{\Theta}d)$ with $\delta_\epsilon f + \Theta\delta_\epsilon\phi + \dots$ yields after some tribulation,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta f &= \epsilon\phi + \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\chi} \\
 \delta\phi &= 2\epsilon m + \sigma^m \bar{\epsilon} (i\partial_m f + V_m) \\
 \delta\bar{\chi} &= 2\bar{\epsilon} n + \epsilon \sigma^m (i\partial_m f - V_m) \\
 \delta m &= \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\lambda} - \frac{i}{2}\partial_m \phi \sigma^m \bar{\epsilon} \\
 \delta n &= \epsilon\psi + \frac{i}{2}\epsilon \sigma^m \partial_m \bar{\chi} \\
 \delta V_m &= \epsilon\partial_m \bar{\lambda} + \psi\sigma_m \bar{\epsilon} + \frac{i}{2}\epsilon\partial_m \phi - \frac{i}{2}\partial_m \bar{\chi}\bar{\epsilon} \\
 \delta\bar{\lambda} &= 2\bar{\epsilon}d + \frac{i}{2}\bar{\epsilon}\partial^m V_m + i\epsilon\sigma^m \partial_m n \\
 \delta\psi &= 2\epsilon d - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon\partial^m V_m + i\sigma^m \bar{\epsilon}\partial_m n \\
 \delta d &= \frac{i}{2}\partial_m [\psi\sigma^m \bar{\epsilon} + \epsilon\sigma^m \bar{\lambda}] \leftarrow \text{total derivative important later.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Lets see how the δf transformation is calculated, we want to keep all terms with no Θ 's in $\delta_\epsilon U$,

$$\epsilon Q U = \epsilon^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta^\alpha} - i\sigma^\mu_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} \bar{\Theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_\mu \right) (f + \Theta\phi + \bar{\Theta}\bar{\chi} + \dots) \cong \epsilon^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta^\alpha} \Theta^\alpha \phi = \epsilon\phi$$

$$\bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q} U = \bar{\epsilon}_{\dot{\alpha}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\Theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}} + i\Theta^\alpha \sigma^\mu_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \partial_\mu \right) (f + \Theta\phi + \bar{\Theta}\bar{\chi} + \dots) \cong \bar{\epsilon}_{\dot{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\Theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}} \bar{\Theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\chi} = \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\chi}$$

$$\therefore (\epsilon Q + \bar{\epsilon} \bar{Q}) U \Big|_{\substack{\text{no } \Theta \\ \text{component} \\ (\Theta=0)}} = \boxed{\delta_\epsilon f = \epsilon\phi + \bar{\epsilon}\bar{\chi}}$$

• Question: f in the component expansion has no Θ 's why doesn't it appear here?

• Answer: $f = f(x^m)$ that is $f \neq f(\Theta, \bar{\Theta})$
 So $\partial^\alpha f = 0$ and $\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}} f = 0$. Additionally the $\sigma^m \bar{\Theta} \partial_m$ and $\Theta \sigma^m \partial_m$ terms don't vanish when acting on f , but they do have a Θ or $\bar{\Theta}$ leftover, hence they don't contribute to $\delta_\epsilon f$.
 (notice those terms go into $\delta\phi$ and $\delta\bar{\chi}$)

CHIRAL & ANTICHIRAL SUPERFIELDS : $\Phi \neq \Phi^\dagger$

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We saw the superfield U had $8_\theta + 8_\psi = 16$ components
this representation of SUSY is in fact reducible,

Defⁿ/ Φ is CHIRAL SUPERFIELD if $\bar{D}_\alpha \Phi = 0$
 $\bar{\Phi}$ is ANTICHIRAL SUPERFIELD if $D_\alpha \bar{\Phi} = 0$

Lets see why $\{Q_\alpha, \bar{D}_\beta\} = 0$ is important :

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^\rho Q_\rho (\bar{D}_\alpha \Phi) &= \epsilon^\rho (-\bar{D}_\alpha Q_\rho) \Phi \\ &= \bar{D}_\alpha (\epsilon^\rho Q_\rho \Phi) \\ &= \bar{D}_\alpha (\delta \Phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Chiral S.F. $\Phi \longmapsto \Phi + \delta \Phi$ from the calculation above its clear that $\bar{D}_\alpha (\Phi + \delta \Phi) = 0$ hence susy takes Chiral S.F. $\longmapsto$ CHIRAL S.F.'s. The Chiral constraint is called a covariant constraint since it is preserved under susy δ 's.

Now you could work out $\bar{D}_\alpha \Phi = 0$ to find directly what constraints are $\Rightarrow$ for the components:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= 0 & \bar{\lambda} &= \frac{i}{2} (\partial_m \phi) \sigma^m \\ \eta &= 0 & \psi &= 0 \\ v_m &= i \partial_m f & d &= -\frac{1}{4} \square f \end{aligned}$$

Its not hard to see $\delta \chi = 0$, $\delta \eta = 0$, $\delta \psi = 0$ which is just the same covariance realized at the component level. We have reduced the number of components by constraining the S.F. you could count to see $n_\theta = n_\psi$ still, but it will be more convenient after we find the general solⁿ for Φ .

CHIRAL SUPERFIELD'S COMPONENTS

A somewhat sneaky solⁿ to this problem goes like so, intro. coordinates $Y^m = X^m + i\Theta\sigma^m\bar{\Theta}$ under which the supercovariant derivative takes the form

$$D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha + 2i\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m \bar{\Theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial/\partial Y^m$$

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} = \bar{\partial}_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

A nice simplification in view of the following,

$$\boxed{\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} Y^m = 0} \quad \text{AND} \quad \boxed{\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Theta^{\dot{\alpha}} = 0}$$

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Phi(Y, \Theta) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial Y^m} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} Y^m + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Theta^{\dot{\alpha}}} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Theta^{\dot{\alpha}} = 0$$

Thus a function of Y and Θ will be a Chiral Superfield!

$$\boxed{\Phi(Y, \Theta) = A(Y) + \sqrt{2}\Theta\psi(Y) + \Theta\Theta F(Y)}$$

$$\text{BOSONS : } A, F : n_B = 1+1$$

$$\text{FERMIONS : } \psi : n_F = 2$$

- We have constrained Φ so as to make $n_B = n_F$. In fact this is as far as we can go, it's not possible to put further restraints on Φ and still have a superfield, hence Φ forms an irreducible representation of SUSY.
- Next time we will see $\exists$ another way to constrain a superfield covariantly... the "Vector Superfield"
- By the way what we have eliminated via $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Phi = 0$ does not on its own form a SUSY rep, the general unconstrained S.F. is not fully reducible. It turns out that the CHIRAL AND VECTOR S.F.'s are the only irreducible rep's of SUSY for $N=1$ SUSY in 4-spacetime dimensions.

We obtain $\Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ by expanding $\Phi(Y, \theta)$. Remember $\Phi(Y, \theta) = A(Y) + \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(Y) + \theta \theta F(Y)$ where $Y = x + i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}$,

$$\begin{aligned} A(Y) &= A(x + i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}) \\ &= A(x) + i \theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m A(x) + \frac{1}{2} (i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}) (i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}) \partial_m \partial_n A(x) \\ &= A(x) + i \theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m A(x) - \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} (\theta \theta) (\bar{\theta} \bar{\theta}) \partial_\mu \partial_\nu A(x) \\ &= A(x) + i \theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m A(x) - \frac{1}{2} (\theta \theta) \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \square A(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(Y) &= \psi(x + i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}) \\ &= \psi(x) + i \theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m \psi(x) + (\text{terms that vanish when multiplied by } \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(Y) &= \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(x) + i \sqrt{2} \theta (\theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m \psi(x)) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(x) + i \sqrt{2} \theta^\gamma (\theta^\alpha \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_m) \psi_\gamma(x) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(x) + i \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \theta \theta (\partial_m \psi(x) \sigma^m \bar{\theta}) \right) \\ &\quad (\text{now it's in conventional form}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(Y) &= F(x + i \theta \sigma \bar{\theta}) \\ &= F(x) + (\text{terms which vanish against } \theta \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) &= A(x) + \sqrt{2} \theta \psi(x) + \theta \theta F(x) + i \theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} \partial_m A(x) \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \theta \theta \partial_m \psi(x) \sigma^m \bar{\theta} - \frac{1}{4} \theta \theta \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} \square A(x) \end{aligned}$$

What are these ???

$$\begin{aligned} \delta A &= \sqrt{2} \epsilon \psi \\ \delta \psi &= \sqrt{2} \epsilon F + \sqrt{2} i \sigma^m \bar{\epsilon} \partial_m A \\ \delta F &= \sqrt{2} i \partial_m \psi \sigma^m \bar{\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\chi} = 0, \phi \rightarrow \sqrt{2} \psi) \\ (m \rightarrow F, V_m \rightarrow i \partial_m f, f \rightarrow A) \\ (\bar{\lambda} \rightarrow \frac{i}{2} \partial_m \phi \sigma^m) \end{aligned}$$

Notational Apology: In lecture 1 we used real scalars A, B and Majorana here we have complex scalars and Weyl Spinors

(Dictionary Between CHIRAL Φ AND U .)

$$A = \frac{A - iB}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta A &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\delta A - i \delta B) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\epsilon} \psi + \bar{\epsilon} \gamma^5 \psi) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\epsilon} (1 + \gamma^5) \psi \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\epsilon^\alpha \bar{\epsilon}_{\dot{\alpha}}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ \bar{\psi}_{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \epsilon^\alpha \psi_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Likewise we could see the equivalence of this lectures F and F, G before

$$F = \frac{F + iG}{\sqrt{2}}$$

VECTOR SUPERFIELDS

The Vector S.F. provides another irreducible representation of SUSY. Like last time we constrain a function on superspace to kill some of the component fields.

Defⁿ V is a vector superfield if V is a scalar superfield that obeys $V = V^\dagger$

Lets see what this means for the component fields,

$$V = f + \theta\phi + \bar{\theta}\bar{\chi} + \theta^2 m + \bar{\theta}^2 n + \theta\sigma\bar{\theta}v_m + \theta^2\bar{\theta}\bar{\lambda} + \bar{\theta}^2\theta\psi + \theta^2\bar{\theta}^2 d$$

$$V = V^\dagger$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} f & = & f^* \\ \bar{\chi} & = & \phi^* \\ m & = & n^* \\ v_m & = & v_m^* \\ \bar{\lambda} & = & \psi^* \\ d & = & d^* \end{array} \right.$$

this is (76) in
Lykken's Review.
Probably some #'s
should read $\dagger$
instead.

Details:

$$((\theta\phi)^\dagger = \bar{\theta}\bar{\phi}) \rightarrow V = V^\dagger \Rightarrow \bar{\theta}\bar{\chi} = \bar{\theta}\bar{\phi} \\ \therefore \bar{\chi} = \bar{\phi}$$

Notice that ψ and $\bar{\psi}$ are related by

$$\bar{\psi}_\alpha \equiv (\psi_\alpha)^\dagger \quad \& \quad \psi^\alpha \equiv (\bar{\psi}_\alpha)^\dagger$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^\alpha &= (\bar{\psi}_\beta)^* \bar{\sigma}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}\alpha} \\ \bar{\psi}^{\dot{\alpha}} &= (\psi_\beta)^* \sigma^{\alpha\dot{\beta}\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad \left(\text{How } \psi \text{ and } \bar{\psi} \text{ are related} \right)$$

COMPONENTS OF VECTOR SUPERFIELD

The expansion below may seem strange, but we will see the utility of this choice of basis in a moment,

$C(x)$ in Wess & Bagger.

$$V(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = f(x) + i\theta\chi + i\bar{\theta}\bar{\chi} + \frac{i}{2}[m+in]\theta\theta - \frac{i}{2}[m-in]\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta} \\ - \theta\sigma^m\bar{\theta}V_m + i\theta\theta\bar{\theta}[\bar{\lambda} + \frac{i}{2}\bar{\sigma}^m\partial_m\chi] - i\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta[\lambda + \frac{i}{2}\sigma^m\partial_m\bar{\chi}] \\ + \frac{1}{2}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}[D + \frac{1}{2}\square f]$$

Consider now the sum of a Chiral & AntiChiral Superfield where Φ and $\Phi^\dagger$ are related thru conjugation,

$$\Phi + \Phi^\dagger = A + A^* + \sqrt{2}(\theta\psi + \bar{\theta}\bar{\psi}) + \theta\theta F + \bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}F^* \\ + i\theta\sigma^m\bar{\theta}\partial_m(A - A^*) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\sigma}^m\partial_m\psi \\ + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\theta\sigma^m\partial_m\bar{\psi} + \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\square(A + A^*)$$

Easy to see that $\Phi + \Phi^\dagger$ is a vector superfield. Then the transformation $V \mapsto V + \Phi + \Phi^\dagger$ is sensible, the output is also a vector S.F.

$$\begin{aligned} f &\mapsto f + A + A^* \\ \chi &\mapsto \chi - i\sqrt{2}\psi \\ m+in &\mapsto m+in - 2iF \\ V_m &\mapsto V_m - i\partial_m(A - A^*) \leftarrow \text{like usual transformation} \\ \lambda &\mapsto \lambda \leftarrow \text{"gauge" invariant} \\ D &\mapsto D \end{aligned}$$

$\Phi + \Phi^\dagger$ encodes a gauge transformation in the language of superfields.

$$V \mapsto V + \Phi + \Phi^\dagger$$

Supergauge Transformation

WESS ZUMINO GAUGE : V_{WZ}

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The generalized gauge transformation $V \rightarrow V + \Xi + \Xi^\dagger$ seemed to have more than we really needed. This is particularly clear if we examine the vector field in the "WESS ZUMINO GAUGE" ($C=m=n=\chi=0$)

$$\begin{aligned} V_m &\mapsto V_m - i\partial_m(A - A^*) \\ \lambda &\mapsto \lambda \\ D &\mapsto D \end{aligned}$$

Recall how SUSY mixed the component fields and it will become clear that SUSY will not preserve the $V\bar{Z}$ type vector superfield, we need to construct the "SPINOR SUPERFIELD" which has just V_m, λ, D as components. Before that notice a few more things about V_{WZ}

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

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 VECTOR BOSON
OR GAUGE BOSON

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 GAUGINO
(SUPERPARTNER
OF GAUGE
BOSON)

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 AUXILIARY
FIELD

$V \sim$ Supersymmetric Yang-Mills Potential
(or vector potential, here everything ABELIAN)

Just as $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ (or $F = dA$) we expect the SPINOR SUPERFIELD OR SUPERFIELD STRENGTH to involve some sort of derivative of V .

SPINOR SUPERFIELDS ; W_α AND $\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}$

We need a definition which is sensible in view of SUSY transformations, and makes it so W_α has just V_m , λ and D for components.

$$\text{Def: } \begin{aligned} W_\alpha &= -\frac{1}{4} (\bar{D}\bar{D}) D_\alpha V & \text{where } V = V^\dagger \\ \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} &= -\frac{1}{4} (D D) \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} V & \text{that is } V \text{ is vector S.F.} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: You can see from acting on the definition,

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha (W_\alpha &= -\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}\bar{D} D_\alpha V) \\ \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} &= -\frac{1}{4} D D \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} V) \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \quad \boxed{\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} = D^\alpha W_\alpha}$$

Property: W_α is CHIRAL since $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} W_\alpha = -\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{D}\bar{D}) D_\alpha V = 0$
Likewise $\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ is ANTICHIRAL since $D_\alpha \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} = 0$

Lets examine how $\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ transforms under a supergauge transformation, meaning $V \rightarrow V + \Xi + \Xi^\dagger$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} &\mapsto -\frac{1}{4} D D \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} (V + \Xi + \Xi^\dagger) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} D D \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} V - \frac{1}{4} D D \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Xi - \frac{1}{4} D D \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \Xi^\dagger \\ &= \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} - \frac{1}{4} D^\alpha (D_\alpha \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} D_\alpha) \Xi^\dagger \quad (\text{added zero} = D_\alpha \Xi^\dagger = 0) \\ &= \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} D^\alpha \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m P_m \Xi^\dagger \quad (\text{since } \{D_\alpha, \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = -2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m P_m) \\ &= \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m (D^\alpha P_m - P_m D^\alpha) \Xi^\dagger \quad (\text{again } D^\alpha \Xi^\dagger = 0) \\ &= \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m [D^\alpha, P_m] \Xi^\dagger \\ &= \bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

$\bar{W}_{\dot{\alpha}}$ AND W_α ARE INVARIANT
UNDER A SUPERGAUGE TRANSFORMATION

COMPONENTS OF SPINOR SUPERFIELD

If you are patient or very bored you might try to work out the components of W_α from the definition in the end you would find,

$$W_\alpha = \underbrace{-i\lambda_\alpha}_{\text{Gaugino}} + \underbrace{\theta D}_{\text{Auxiliary}} - \frac{i}{2} (\sigma^m \bar{\sigma}^n \theta)_\alpha \underbrace{[\partial_m V_n - \partial_n V_m]}_{f_{mn} \equiv \partial_m V_n - \partial_n V_m \text{ (field strength)}} + \theta \theta \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^m \partial_m \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\text{fermionic}} &= 4 & (\lambda \text{ is fermion}) \\ n_{\text{bosonic}} &= 1 + 3 & (D \text{ is scalar and } f_{mn} \text{ gives } 3) \\ & & (\text{it's clear } f_{mn} \text{ has } 6 \text{ real dof} \Rightarrow 3 \text{ complex dof.}) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{mn} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 \\ -E_1 & 0 & B_3 & B_2 \\ -E_2 & B_3 & 0 & B_1 \\ -E_3 & B_2 & B_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim 6 \text{ indep. components.}$$

Remark: W_α contains just the fields of interest. If you wanted to construct the simplest SUSY model containing a vector boson you would be forced to consider the $\{\lambda, V_m, D\}$ multiplet. In fact superfields can be built from the components using the operator:

$$e^{(\theta Q + \bar{\theta} \bar{Q})} (\text{component field}) \rightarrow \text{more components.}$$

See Wess-Bagger Chapter III, they explicitly build the Wess-Zumino model in this way.

Nonabelian Spinor Superfield

We build W_α so that it contains just the components of the vector superfield of interest (f_{mn}, λ, D).

$$W_\alpha \equiv -\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}\bar{D} e^{-V} D_\alpha e^V$$

Examine then how W_α transforms under a non-abelian gauge transformation $e^V \rightarrow e^{i\Lambda} e^V e^{i\Lambda^\dagger}$,

$$\begin{aligned} W_\alpha \rightarrow W'_\alpha &= -\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}\bar{D} [e^{i\Lambda} e^{-V} e^{i\Lambda^\dagger} D_\alpha e^{-i\Lambda^\dagger} e^V e^{i\Lambda}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}\bar{D} e^{i\Lambda} e^{-V} D_\alpha (e^V e^{i\Lambda}) \\ &= e^{i\Lambda} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}\bar{D} e^{-V} D_\alpha e^V \right) e^{i\Lambda} \\ &= e^{i\Lambda} W_\alpha e^{i\Lambda} \end{aligned}$$

We can then using the cyclicity of trace see the following lagrangian is invariant under a gauge transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16g^2} \text{Trace} & \left(WW|_{\theta\theta} + \bar{W}\bar{W}|_{\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} + \Phi^\dagger e^V \Phi|_{\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}} \right. \\ & \left. + \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} m_{ij} \Phi_i \Phi_j + \frac{1}{3} g_{ijk} \Phi_i \Phi_j \Phi_k \right) |_{\theta\theta} + \text{h.c.} \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

must be symmetric tensors with respect to gauge group.

This lagrangian is a model which couples $i=1,2,\dots,n$ Chiral Superfields to a gauge superfield W_α . This is the building block for the

Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model
"MSSM"