The Spinning Particles as a Nonlinear Realizations of the Superworldline Reparametrization Invariance

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The superdiffeomorphisms invariant description of \( N \) - extended spinning particle is constructed in the framework of nonlinear realizations approach. The action is universal for all values of \( N \) and describes the time evolution of \( D + 2 \) different group elements of the superdiffeomorphisms group of the \( (1, N) \) superspace. The form of this action coincides with the one-dimensional version of the gravity action, analogous to Trautman’s one.

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I. INTRODUCTION

As is well known there exist several equivalent formulations of the massless relativistic particles. The second order and first order formalisms are examples of them. One more example is the conformally invariant description [1], which starts from \( D + 2 \) dimensional spacetime. The existence of alternative approaches always sheds some new light on the nature of the physical system. In particular, as opposed to the conventional description of relativistic massless particles, when the particle coordinates and einbein being the fundamental variables play essentially different roles, in the conformally invariant description both of these types of variables are constructed from the more fundamental ones [2, 3]. The geometrical nature of these initial variables has been understood [3, 4] in the framework of the nonlinear realizations approach and their connection with the dilaton(s) of the reparametrization symmetry of the worldline of the particle was established.

When it applied to different physical systems, the method of nonlinear realizations [3, 4] allows to understand the geometrical meaning of the basic variables of the system and construct the corresponding Lagrangians following some standard procedure.

As was shown in [4], gravity can be treated as a nonlinear realization of the four dimensional diffeomorphisms group. The consideration was based on the fact that infinite dimensional diffeomorphisms group in four dimensional space can be represented as the closure of two finite dimensional groups - conformal and affine ones [3]. As a consequence of such representation of the diffeomorphisms group, the basic field in this consideration was the symmetric tensor field of the second rank - the metric field \( g_{\mu \nu} \), which corresponds to symmetric generators of the affine group. The generalization of this approach to the case of superspace was given in [12].

Alternatively, one can consider nonlinear realization of the whole infinite dimensional diffeomorphisms group of the arbitrary (super)space. Among the coordinates parameterizing the group element (coset space) in such realization there exist usual coordinates of the (super)space. The vielbeins and connections are represented by the other coordinates of the coset space. This approach in the case of \( D \)-dimensional bosonic space-time naturally leads to the Trautman’s [13] description of the gravity in terms of vielbeins and connection [14]. In particular case of \( D = 1 \) the same Lagrangian reproduces the conformally invariant description of the massless relativistic particles [2]. Though this approach was not applied to the \( D \)-dimensional superspace (to describe supergravity), its application to the \( (1, N) \) superspace with one bosonic and \( N \) Grassmann coordinates \((\tau, \vartheta^a)\), \(a = 1, 2, \cdots N\) (spinning particles) reveals many features of the bosonic case.

The einbein and its superpartners, as well as spacetime coordinates along with their own superpartners describing the spin of the particle, are connected to some parameters (dilaton and its superpartners) parameterizing the superdiffeomorphisms group of the proper-time superspace \((1, N)\). As it was shown [3], there exist problems in constructing the action in the superspace approach starting from the case \( N = 3 \). On the other hand, as it was claimed, the component approach, developed in the paper [3] for \( N = 1 \), is applicable for an arbitrary value of \( N \).

In the present paper we construct the conformally invariant form [5] of the action for \( N \) - extended spinning particle [5, 6] in terms of geometrical quantities of the reparametrization group of the proper-time superspace.
(1, N). The action is invariant with respect to the general
(1, N) group of superdiffeomorphisms and coincides with
the conformally invariant action \([1, 2]\) after some gauge
fixing.

II. NONLINEAR REALIZATION OF THE
REPARAMETRIZATIONS IN THE (1, N)
SUPERSPACE

With the help of the coordinate representation of the
generators in an auxiliary (1, N) superspace \((s, \eta^a)\)
\[
\begin{align*}
P_m \in \mathbb{H} & := \{P_a \, | \, a = 1, 2, ..., n \} \\
P_m & = \sum_i \bar{\lambda}_i \partial/\partial \bar{\lambda}_i + \sum_i \lambda_i \partial/\partial \lambda_i
\end{align*}
\]
one can calculate the corresponding algebra of diffeom-
orphisms and forget about this representation. In what
follows these generators will be considered as abstract
ones. Using them we can write down the group elements
of the diffeomorphisms group. Some parameters in the
representation of this group elements transform under
the left multiplication as the coordinates of the (1, N)
superspace. They actually describe the proper-time su-
prae-space of the N - extended spinning particles.

To describe the D - dimensional spinning particle in
a conformally invariant way we introduce \((D + 2)\) group
elements in the following form \((I = 0, 1, ..., D + 1)\):
\[
G_I = e^{i \tau P_0} e^{i \nu^a (\tau) P_a}
\]
\[
e^{i L_1} e^{i \chi_a (P_0 + 1/2 P_a) e^{i \chi_b (P_0 + 1/2 P_b)} e^{i \chi_c (P_0 + 1/2 P_c)} e^{i \chi_d (P_0 + 1/2 P_d)} e^{i \chi_e (P_0 + 1/2 P_e)} e^{i \chi_f (P_0 + 1/2 P_f)}
\]
\[
e^{i \theta_1^2 g_{1/2} L_1 \chi P_0} e^{i \theta_2^2 g h L_1 L_2} L_0.
\]

The third exponent in the second line is chosen to be
such in order to simplify the form of resulting differen-
tial invariants.

Strictly speaking, the expression \([2]\) describes the parameterizations of the coset space of the diffeomor-
phisms group over its \(SO(N)\) subgroup generated by the
rotations in the odd subspace of the proper-time super-
space \([3]\). Since the quantities which will be used
for the construction of the action are inert with respect
to the stability subgroup, one can consistently restrict
the consideration to this coset space.

The elements \(G_I\) \([3]\) differ from each other only in the
last line, which represents the subgroup, generated by di-
lation \(L_0 = P_0 + 1/2 P_a\), one dimensional conformal boost
\(L_1 = P_0 + 1/2 P_a\) and \(N\) superconformal transfor-
mations \(G_{1/2} = -i P_0 + P_a + P_b + \cdots\). So, all \((D + 2)\) elements have
the same parameters in the group space, except the last
three ones \(\Theta^2, \Pi_I, U_\tau\). This property of the elements is
unchanged after the left action
\[
G_I' = G_0 G_I
\]
with an arbitrary constant group element \(G_0\). It is a
consequence of the representation
\[
G_I = KH_I
\]
in which parameters of the coset \(K\) transform indepen-
dently from the parameters of the subgroup \(H_I\) \([3]\). In
spite of the fact that the element \(G_0\) is a constant ele-
ment, it contains infinite number of parameters, similarly
to the elements \([3]\). Under such (infinitesimal) transforma-
tions
\[
G_0 = 1 + i \epsilon
\]
the first two parameters \(\tau\) and \(\vartheta^a\) transform exactly
as the coordinates \(x^M = \{\tau, \vartheta^a\}\) of the (1, N) super-
space \([4]\)
\[
\delta \tau = \epsilon (\tau, \vartheta^b), \quad \delta \vartheta^a = \epsilon^a (\tau, \vartheta^b),
\]
where infinitesimal superfunctions \(\epsilon (\tau, \vartheta^b) = \epsilon^0 (x^M)\)
and \(\epsilon^a (\tau, \vartheta^b) = \epsilon^a (x^M)\) are constructed out of parameters of the infinitesimal element
\[
\epsilon = \epsilon^M P_M + \epsilon^M_{M1} P_{M1} + \epsilon^M_{M1M2} P_{M1} P_{M2} + \cdots
\]
which belong to the superdiffeomorphisms algebra. The explicit form of the \(\epsilon^M (x)\) is the following
\[
\epsilon^M (x) = e^M + \epsilon^M_{M1} x^M_{M1} + \epsilon^M_{M1M2} x^M_{M1} x^M_{M2} + \cdots
\]
One can consistently consider all other parameters in
the group element as superfields - as functions of all these
superspace coordinates. As it was already mentioned,
such superfield approach faces difficulties when \(N \geq 3\).
So, in this paper we will consider the so called sponta-
eously broken realization, i.e., when the parameters \(\vartheta^a\) instead of being the Grassmann coordinates of the su-
prae-space are the Goldstone fields \(\vartheta^a (\tau)\) which depend
on only bosonic coordinate \(\tau\). All other parameters are the
functions of \(\tau\) as well, though we do not write this ex-
plitly for shortness. The transformation laws \([4]\) look in
this case as
\[
\delta \tau = \epsilon (\tau, \vartheta^b (\tau)), \quad \delta \vartheta^a = \epsilon^a (\tau, \vartheta^b (\tau)).
\]

III. CONSTRUCTION OF THE INVARIanT
ACTION

As is well known, the Cartan’s differential forms \(\Omega_I =
G_I^{-1} dG_I\) are invariant under the transformations \([4]\).
Their expansion coefficients at different generators in the
series
\[
\Omega_I = i \omega_{\tau} P_0 + i \omega_{\tau}^a P_a + \cdots + i \omega_{\tau}^{00} P_{00} + \cdots
\]
are invariant differential one-forms which can be used for
the construction of invariant action integrals. In one-
dimensional space which is under the consideration the
external products of one-forms vanish and the only non-vanishing differential invariants are linear combinations of the coefficients ω_I.

Consider the following expression for the action

\[ S = -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma_I \int \omega_{I00}^0, \]  

(11)

where \( \Sigma_I = (- + + \ldots + + +) \) is the signature of \( D + 2 \)-dimensional space-time and summation over external index \( I \) is assumed.

The action (11) exactly coincides with the action for \( N = 1 \) spinning particle[3] and is analogous to the Trautman’s formulation[3] of the gravity (in the form which admits the one-dimensional consideration[4]). The expression for the omega-form \( \omega_{I00}^0 \) is rather complicated and contains all parameters explicitly written in the expression (3). To make the connection with the known action for the spinning particle transparent, one have to gauge away some of them. Indeed, the transformation law (3) shows that the Goldstone fields θ^a can be vanished by the appropriate choice of the parameters Λ, \( \chi^a \), and \( \zeta^a \). Indeed, the transformation laws of all these fields contain terms, proportional to the derivatives of the transformation parameters ε(τ, \( \theta^d(τ) \)) and \( ε(τ, \theta^d(τ)) \).

\[ \delta \rho_a(τ) = \frac{δ}{δ \theta^a(τ)} ε(τ, \theta^d(τ)) + \ldots, \]  

(12)

\[ \delta C_{ab}(τ) = \frac{δ^2}{δ \theta^a(τ) δ \theta^b(τ)} ε(τ, \theta^d(τ)) + \ldots, \]  

(13)

\[ \delta \zeta_{ab}(τ) = \frac{δ^2}{δ \theta^a(τ) δ \theta^b(τ)} ε(τ, \theta^d(τ)) + \ldots. \]  

(14)

These derivatives are indeed the variational derivatives and they have to be calculated at the point \( \theta^a(τ) = 0 \) because we already have made this gauge choice.

The explicit expression for the \( \omega_{I00}^0 \) in this gauge is

\[ \omega_{I00}^0 = dτ e_U \{ \Pi_I^2 + \Pi_I - i \Theta^a_2 \Theta^a_2 - 3 \Lambda - \chi_a \kappa^a + \chi_a \chi_a - i \chi_a \Lambda_a + 2i \Lambda_a \Theta^a_2 - 2 \kappa_a \Theta^a_2 - 2 \Lambda_ab \chi_b \Theta^a_2 - 2i \Lambda_ab \chi_b \Theta^a_2 + \Lambda_ab \Theta^a_2 \Theta^b_2 - i \Lambda_ab \Theta^a_2 \Theta^b_2 \}. \]  

(15)

The rest of parameters \( \chi_a, \kappa^a \) and \( \kappa^a \) are eated by parameters \( \Lambda, \Lambda_a \) and \( \Lambda_ab \) which become, correspondingly, \( \Lambda, \Lambda_a \) and \( \Lambda_ab \):

\[ \Lambda = \Lambda + \frac{1}{3} \chi_a \kappa^a - \frac{1}{3} \kappa_a \chi_a + i \frac{1}{3} \chi_a \Lambda_a, \]  

(16)

\[ \Lambda_a = \Lambda_a + i \kappa_a + i \Lambda_ab \chi_b - \frac{1}{2} \chi_a \chi_b, \]  

(16)

\[ \Lambda_ab = \Lambda_ab - i \chi_ab. \]  

(16)

In addition, one can eliminate the field \( \Pi_I \) with the help of its equation of motion

\[ \Pi_I = \frac{1}{2} \dot{U}_I. \]  

(17)

In terms of new variables

\[ x_I = e^{U_I/2}, \]  

\[ \Psi^a_2 = e^{U_I/2} \Theta^a_2 \]  

(18)

the action (11) gets the familiar form[3]

\[ S = \frac{1}{2} \int dτ (\dot{x}_I^2 + i \dot{\Psi}_2 \Psi_2^a + 3 \dot{\Lambda}_a \Psi_2^a x_I - i \dot{\Lambda}_ab \Psi_2^a \Psi_2^b). \]  

(19)

So, the action (11) which is invariant with respect to the diffeomorphisms group of the proper-time superspace (1, \( N \)) properly describes the \( N \)-extended spinning particle.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In the framework of nonlinear realizations of infinite-dimensional diffeomorphisms groups of the (1, \( N \)) superspace we have constructed the reparametrization invariant actions for \( N \)-extended spinning particle in arbitrary dimension \( D \). It is achieved by simultaneous consideration of \( D + 2 \) group elements. The parameters of corresponding group points include the coordinates and momenta of the particle. The interaction between coordinates which effectively reduces the number of the space-time dimensions from \( D + 2 \) to \( D \) is included in the action by the presence of the parameters with higher dimensions, which play the role of the Lagrange multipliers and are the same for all considered \( D + 2 \) points on the group space.

It is worth mentioning, that the action obtained for the \( N \)-extended spinning particle have the same form as the Trautman’s[3] action for the gravity[4]. The first of them is invariant under the reparametrizations of the (1, \( N \)) superspace, having only one bosonic and \( N \) Grassmann coordinates. The second one is written down in \( D \)-dimensional bosonic space-time. This analogy is very intriguing. So, it would be interesting to apply the method developed here to higher dimensional superspaces to construct corresponding supergravity theories. In particular, such approach in two-dimensional (super)space can be useful to construct the Marnelius-like description of the bosonic strings and superstrings. The another possibility is the analogous consideration of the nonlinearly realized W-algebras giving the symmetries of the particle with rigidity.

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