

The Cauchy problem for the Dirac operator on a Lorentzian spin manifold

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Gravitation interaction \longleftrightarrow Lorentzian manifold (\mathcal{M}, g)

$$\mathbf{Ric} + g \left(\Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{scal} \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \mathbf{T}$$

GEOMETRY: **Ric**: Ricci (0,2)-tensor, **scal**: scalar curvature

MATTER: **T**: stress-energy (0,2)-tensor

PHYSICS: Λ : cosmological constant, G : gravitational constant, c : speed of light

(using the contracted) **BIANCHI'S IDENTITY**

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{Ric} - \frac{\mathbf{scal}}{2} g) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{T}) = 0$$

$$g^{\alpha\gamma} \nabla_\gamma (\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{R}) = 0 \quad \underbrace{g^{\alpha\gamma} \nabla_\gamma \mathbf{T}_{\alpha\beta} = 0}_{\text{PDEs}}$$

GOAL: Well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the Dirac operator

Outline of the Talk

- **Mathematical Preliminaries**
 - **Lorentzian Manifolds: the Spacetime's Geometry**
 - **Spin Geometry in a Nutshell**
- **The Cauchy Problem for the Dirac Operator**
 - **Existence and Uniqueness in a Time Strip**
 - **Global Well-Posedness**
- **Outlook**

▶ Based on :

The well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the Dirac operator on globally hyperbolic manifolds with timelike boundary, Nadine Große and S.M. (arXiv:1806.06544 [math.DG])

Lorentzian Manifolds: the Spacetime's Geometry

Given a Lorentzian manifold (\mathcal{M}, g) we denote

- $v \in T_p\mathcal{M}$: *spacelike* if $g(v, v) > 0$, *lightlike* if $g(v, v) = 0$, *timelike* if $g(v, v) < 0$
- $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$: *spacelike* if $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) > 0$, *lightlike* if $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = 0$, *timelike* if $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) < 0$
- *future/past* $J^\pm(p) = \{p\} \cup \{q \in \mathcal{M} : \text{future/past directed causal curve from } p \text{ to } q\}$

Definition: Let \mathcal{M} of a connected, time-oriented, oriented Lorentzian manifold

- **Cauchy hypersurface** Σ : if each inextendible timelike curve $\gamma \cap \Sigma = \{\text{pt}\}$
- **Globally hyperbolic:** \mathcal{M} *strongly causal* and $\forall p, q \in \mathcal{M}, J^+(p) \cap J^-(q)$ compact

Bernal-Sánchez's Theorem: Then the following are equivalent.

- \mathcal{M} is globally hyperbolic;
- There exists a Cauchy hypersurface $\Sigma \subset \mathcal{M}$;
- \mathcal{M} isometric to $\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ with metric $-\beta^2 dt^2 + h_t$, where $\beta \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}, (0, \infty))$
 - h_t is a Riemannian metric on Σ depending smoothly on $t \in \mathbb{R}$
 - all sets $\{t_0\} \times \Sigma$ are Cauchy hypersurfaces in \mathcal{M}

Example: Minkowski spacetime (\mathbb{R}^4, η) , Schwarzschild spacetime $(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^2, g_S)$

NOT Example: anti-de Sitter space $(\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3, g_{adS})$, Gödel universe (\mathbb{R}^4, g_G)

Spin Geometry in a Nutshell

Definition: \mathcal{M} be a connected, time-oriented, oriented, $n + 1$ -dim Lorentzian manifold

- **Spinor bundle** $S\mathcal{M}$: complex vector bundle with $N := 2^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor}$ -dimensional fibers endowed with **fiberwise** pairing given by the canonical scalar product on \mathbb{C}^N

$$\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle : S_p \mathcal{M} \times S_p \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

and a **clifford multiplication**: fiber-preserving map $\gamma : T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{End}(S\mathcal{M})$

- **Spin Manifold**: manifold which admits a spinor bundle
- **Dirac operator**: $D : \Gamma(S\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S\mathcal{M})$ which in local coordinates this reads as

$$D = \sum_{\mu=0}^n v \gamma(e_\mu) \nabla_{e_\mu}$$

where $(e_\mu)_{\mu=0, \dots, n}$ is a local orthonormal Lorentzian frame of $T\mathcal{M}$ and $\gamma(u)\gamma(v) + \gamma(v)\gamma(u) = -2g(u, v)$ for every $u, v \in T_p \mathcal{M}$ and $p \in \mathcal{M}$.

Remarks:

- Topological obstruction to existence of a spinor bundle;
- Existence of spinor bundles on parallelizable manifolds;
- The Dirac Cauchy problem is well posed on glob. hyp. spin manifolds with $\partial \mathcal{M} = \emptyset$

Our Setting: Globally Hyperbolic Spin Manifolds with Nonempty Boundary

- Let $(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}, g)$ be a globally hyperbolic spin manifold of dimension $n + 1 \geq 3$
- Let $(\mathcal{N}, g|_{\mathcal{N}})$ be a submanifold of $(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}, g)$ that is itself globally hyperbolic
- Let $\widetilde{\Sigma}$ be a smooth spacelike Cauchy surface of $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$
- Then, $\widehat{\Sigma} := \widetilde{\Sigma} \cap \mathcal{N}$ is a spacelike Cauchy surface for \mathcal{N}
- We assume that \mathcal{N} divides $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ into two connected components
- The closure of one of them we denote by \mathcal{M}

Definition: We call \mathcal{M} *globally hyperbolic manifold with timelike boundary*

- On $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ we choose a Cauchy time function $t: \widetilde{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Then $\{t^{-1}(s)\}_{s \in \mathbb{R}}$ gives a foliation by Cauchy surfaces
- We set $\Sigma_s := t^{-1}(s) \cap \mathcal{M}$.
- For $n + 1 = 2$, \mathcal{M} is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R} \times [a, \infty)$ or $\mathbb{R} \times [a, b]$

MAIN THEOREM

- (\mathcal{M}, g) be a *globally hyperbolic spin manifold* with *timelike boundary* $\partial\mathcal{M}$;
- $S\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be the *spinor bundle* and $D : \Gamma(S\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S\mathcal{M})$ be *Dirac operator*;
- *linear, non-invertible* $M : \Gamma(S\partial\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S\partial\mathcal{M})$ with *constant kernel dimension* s.t.

$$M\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad M^\dagger\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \quad \implies \quad \langle \psi | \gamma(\mathbf{e}_0)\gamma(\mathbf{n})\psi \rangle_q = 0.$$

Then the Cauchy problem for the Dirac operator is **well-posed**:

(I) $\forall f \in \Gamma_{cc}(S\mathcal{M})$ and $\forall h \in \Gamma_{cc}(S\Sigma_0)$ exists a unique $\psi \in \Gamma_{sc}(S\mathcal{M})$ such that

$$\begin{cases} D\psi = f \\ \psi|_{\Sigma_0} = h \\ M\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(II) moreover $\Gamma_{cc}(S\mathcal{M}) \times \Gamma_{cc}(S\Sigma_0) \ni (f, h) \mapsto \psi \in \Gamma_{sc}(S\mathcal{M})$ is continuous;

Example: MIT boundary condition $M = (\gamma(\mathbf{n}) - \iota)$

($\gamma(\mathbf{n})$ denotes Clifford multiplication for \mathbf{n} , the outward unit normal on $\partial\mathcal{M}$)

Remark: The Cauchy problem (1) is still well-posed for $(f, h) \in \Gamma_c(S\mathcal{M}) \times \Gamma_c(S\Sigma_0)$

Reformulation of the Cauchy Problem I

Symmetric Positive Hyperbolic Systems

- $E \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be a complex vector bundle with finite rank N and fiberwise metric $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$
- $\mathfrak{L} : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$ with formal L^2 -adjoint \mathfrak{L}^\dagger

$$(\cdot | \cdot)_{\mathcal{M}} := \int_{\mathcal{M}} \langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle \text{Vol}_{\mathcal{M}},$$

Definition: a 1st order \mathfrak{L} is called **symmetric positive hyperbolic system** if

- (S) $\sigma_{\mathfrak{L}}(\xi) : E_p \rightarrow E_p$ is Hermitian with respect to $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$, $\forall \xi \in T_p^* \mathcal{M}$ and $\forall p \in \mathcal{M}$.
- (P) $\langle (\mathfrak{L} + \mathfrak{L}^\dagger) \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ on E_p is positive definite
- (H) $\langle \sigma_{\mathfrak{L}}(\tau) \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ is positive definite on E_p , for any future-directed timelike $\tau \in T_p^* \mathcal{M}$

In local coordinates (t, x^1, \dots, x^n) on \mathcal{M} and a local trivialization of E :

$$\mathfrak{L} := A_0(p) \partial_t + \sum_{j=1}^n A_j(p) \partial_{x^j} + B(p) \quad A_0, A_j, B \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}, \text{Mat}(N \times N))$$

$$(S) \quad A_0 = A_0^\dagger, \quad A_j = A_j^\dagger \quad (P) \quad \kappa := \mathfrak{L} + \mathfrak{L}^\dagger = B - \partial_t(\sqrt{g})A_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_{x^j}(\sqrt{g}A_j) > 0$$

$$(H) \quad \sigma_{\mathfrak{L}}(\tau) = A_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \alpha_j A_j > 0 \quad \text{for any } \tau = dt + \sum_j \alpha_j dx^j$$

Reformulation of the Cauchy Problem II

NOT Example: $\mathcal{M}^4 := \mathbb{R}^3 \times [0, \infty)$ endowed with the element line

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2.$$

For the Dirac operator $D = i\gamma(e_0)\partial_t + i\gamma(e_1)\partial_x + i\gamma(e_2)\partial_y + i\gamma(e_3)\partial_z$ we have

$$(S) \quad \gamma(e_j)^\dagger = -\gamma(e_j) \quad \text{!} \quad (P) \quad \kappa = 0 \quad \text{!} \quad (H) \quad \sigma_D(dt) = \gamma(e_0) \neq 0 \quad \text{!}$$

Lemma 1: Let be $\mathfrak{G} : \Gamma(S\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S\mathcal{M})$ defined by $\mathfrak{G} = -i\gamma(e_0)D + \lambda \text{Id}$. Then:

(I) \mathfrak{G} is symmetric hyperbolic system for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

(II) Its Cauchy problem is equivalent to the Cauchy problem for the Dirac operator

$$\begin{cases} D\psi = f \in \Gamma_c(S\mathcal{M}) \\ \psi|_{\Sigma_0} = h \in \Gamma_c(S\Sigma_0) \\ M\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0. \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \mathfrak{G}\Psi = f \in \Gamma_c(S\mathcal{M}) \\ \Psi|_{\Sigma_0} = h \in \Gamma_c(S\Sigma_0) \\ M\Psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

(III) $\forall \mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{M}$ compact $\exists \lambda > 0$ s. t. \mathfrak{G} is a symmetric positive hyperbolic system.

Idea of Proof of (II): $\Psi = e^{-\lambda t}\psi \implies h = e^{-\lambda t}h, f = e^{-\lambda t}\gamma(e_0)f$ and

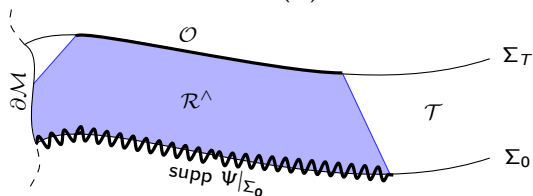
$$\mathfrak{G}\Psi = \mathfrak{G}(e^{-\lambda t}\psi) = (-i\gamma(e_0)D + \lambda \text{Id})(e^{-\lambda t}\psi) = -ie^{-\lambda t}\gamma(e_0)D\psi = e^{-\lambda t}\gamma(e_0)f.$$

$$M\Psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = e^{-\lambda t}M\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad M\psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0.$$

Energy Inequality in a Time Strip

- Time strip: $\mathcal{T} := t^{-1}([0, T])$ where $t: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the Cauchy time function
- Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\mathfrak{G} = -\nu\gamma(e_0)D + \lambda$ is a *symmetric positive hyperbolic system* on

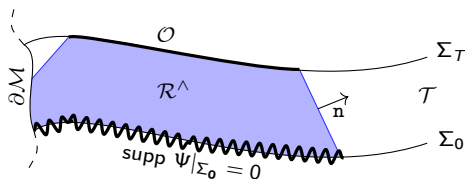
$$\mathcal{R}^\wedge := J^-(\mathcal{O}) \cap \mathcal{T}$$



Lemma 2: Let $\Psi \in \Gamma(ST)$ satisfy $\Psi|_{\Sigma_0} = 0$ and $M\Psi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0$. Then Ψ satisfies the **Energy Inequality** $\|\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} \leq c\|\mathfrak{G}\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)}$ for constant $c > 0$ independent on Ψ .

Sketch of the proof of Lemma 2

(Now we use that \mathfrak{G} is a Symmetric Positive Hyperbolic system)



$$-(S) \Rightarrow \text{Green identity:} \quad (\Psi | \mathfrak{G}\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} - (\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Psi | \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} = (\Psi | \gamma(e_0)\gamma(\mathbf{n})\Psi)_{\partial\mathcal{R}^\wedge}$$

$$\underbrace{(\Psi | \gamma(e_0)\gamma(\mathbf{n})\Psi)_{\partial\mathcal{R}^\wedge}}_{\text{we want to estimate}} - 2(\Psi | \mathfrak{G}\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} = -(\Psi | \mathfrak{G}\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} - (\Psi | \mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge}$$

$$= -(\Psi | (\mathfrak{G} + \mathfrak{G}^\dagger)\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} \stackrel{(P)}{\leq} -2c(\Psi | \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge}$$

$$\text{- Boundary: } \partial\mathcal{R}^\wedge = \mathcal{O} \cup (\Sigma_0 \cap J^-(\mathcal{O})) \cup Y, \text{ and } Y = (Y \cap \partial\mathcal{M}) \sqcup (Y \setminus (Y \cap \partial\mathcal{M}))$$

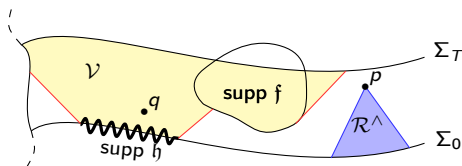
$$\text{- (H)} \Rightarrow (\Psi | \gamma(e_0)\gamma(\mathbf{n})\Psi)_{\mathcal{O}} > 0 \text{ and } (\Psi | \gamma(e_0)\gamma(\mathbf{n})\Psi)_{Y \setminus (Y \cap \partial\mathcal{M})} \geq 0$$

$$\text{- Hence: } 2(\Psi | \lambda\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} \leq 2(\Psi | \mathfrak{G}\Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge} \xrightarrow{\text{H\"older ineq.}} \|\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} \leq \lambda^{-1} \|\mathfrak{G}\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)}$$

Finite Propagation of Speed

Proposition 3: Any solution ψ to the Dirac Cauchy problem (1) propagates with at most speed of light, i.e. its support on \mathcal{T} is inside the region

$$\mathcal{V} := \left(J^+(\text{supp } f \cap \mathcal{T}) \cup J^+(\text{supp } h) \right) \cap \mathcal{T},$$

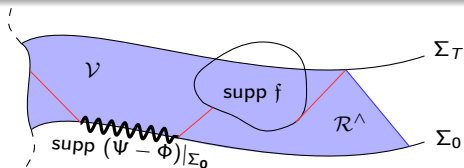


Proof:

- Choose λ s.t. \mathfrak{G} is a symmetric positive hyperbolic system on $\mathcal{R}^\wedge = \mathcal{T} \cap J^-(p)$
- $\mathfrak{h}|_{\mathcal{R}^\wedge \cap \Sigma_0} \equiv 0$ and Lemma 2 $\Rightarrow \|\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} \leq c \|\mathfrak{G}\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} = 0$ in \mathcal{R}^\wedge
- Hence, $\Psi = 0$ outside \mathcal{V} .
- Lemma 1 $\Rightarrow \psi$ propagates with at most speed of light □

Uniqueness of the Solution

Proposition 4: Suppose there exist $\psi, \phi \in \Gamma(ST)$ satisfying the same Cauchy problem (1). Then $\psi = \phi$.



Proof:

- Lemma 1 $\Rightarrow \Psi, \Phi$ are solutions for the same Cauchy problem (2).

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{G}(\Psi - \Phi) = 0 \\ (\Psi - \Phi)|_{\Sigma_0} = 0 \\ \mathfrak{M}(\Psi - \Phi)|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Finite Prop. Speed \Rightarrow $\text{supp } \Psi$ and $\text{supp } \Phi$ are contained in \mathcal{R}^\wedge for $\mathcal{O} := \mathcal{V} \cap \Sigma_T$.

- Energy Inequality $\Rightarrow \|\Psi - \Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} \leq c \|\mathfrak{G}\Psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^\wedge)} = 0$

- Hence $\Psi = \Phi \xrightarrow{\text{Lemma 1}} \psi = \phi$. □

Weak and Strong Solutions

Definition: We call $\Psi \in \mathcal{H} := \overline{(\Gamma_c(ST), (\cdot | \cdot)_T)}^{(\cdot | \cdot)_T}$

(W) **Weak Solution** if it holds $(\Phi | f)_T = (\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi | \Psi)_T$

for any $\Phi \in \Gamma_c(ST)$ such that $M^\dagger \Phi|_{\partial \mathcal{M}} = 0$ and $\Phi|_{\Sigma_T} \equiv 0$

(S) **Strong Solution** if $\exists \{\Psi_k\}_k \subset C^\infty(\Gamma(SU))$ s.t. $M\Psi_k = 0$ on $\partial \mathcal{M} \cap U$ and

$$\|\Psi_k - \Psi\|_{L^2(U)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathfrak{G}\Psi_k - f\|_{L^2(U)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

where $U \subset \mathcal{M}$ be a compact subset in \mathcal{M} .

Lemma 5: A weak solution Ψ of the Cauchy problem (2) is locally a strong solution.

Comments on the Proof of Lemma 5:

- Far from the boundary, we can use a family of mollifier to conclude
- At the boundary, we choose Fermi coordinates $(x^0, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1}, \tilde{z})$ such that

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{G}} := (\gamma(e_0)\gamma(e_n))^{-1}\mathfrak{G} = \partial_{\tilde{z}} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_j(x)\partial_{x^j} + B(x)$$

- Family of mollifier in (x^0, \dots, x^{n-1}) -direction + Sobolev theory to conclude.

Existence of a Weak Solution

Theorem 6: There exists a unique weak solution $\Psi \in \mathcal{H}$ to the Cauchy problem (2) with $f \in \Gamma_{cc}(SM)$ and $h \equiv 0$, restricted to \mathcal{T} .

Sketch of the Proof:

- Fin. Prog. Speed: $(\Phi | f)_{\mathcal{R}^V} = (\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi | \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^V}$

- Energy Estimates: $\|\Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} \leq c \|\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)}$

- The kernel of the operator \mathfrak{G}^\dagger acting on $\text{dom } \mathfrak{G}^\dagger$ is trivial

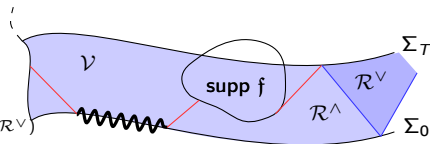
$$\text{dom } \mathfrak{G}^\dagger := \{\Phi \in \Gamma_c(S\mathcal{T}) \mid \Phi|_{\Sigma_T} = 0, M^\dagger \Phi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}} = 0\}$$

- $\ell: \mathfrak{G}^\dagger(\text{dom } \mathfrak{G}^\dagger) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $\ell(\Theta) = (\Phi | f)_{\mathcal{R}^V}$ where Φ satisfies $\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi = \Theta$

- Energy Estimates $\Rightarrow \ell$ is bounded:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\Theta) = (\Phi | f)_{\mathcal{R}^V} &\leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} \|\Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} && \text{(Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)} \\ &\leq \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} \|\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} = \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)} \|\Theta\|_{L^2(\mathcal{R}^V)}, \end{aligned}$$

-Hence $(\Phi | f)_{\mathcal{R}^V} = \ell(\Theta) \stackrel{\text{Riesz Thm.}}{=} (\Theta | \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^V} = (\mathfrak{G}^\dagger \Phi | \Psi)_{\mathcal{R}^V}$ for all $\Phi \in \text{dom } \mathfrak{G}^\dagger$



Global Existence and Green Operators

Sketch of part (I) of the MAIN THEOREM:

- for any $T \in [0, \infty)$ exists a unique $\psi_T \in \Gamma(ST_T)$ of the Dirac Cauchy problem (1)
- For any $T_1, T_2 \in [0, \infty)$ with $T_2 > T_1 \xrightarrow[\text{sol.}]{\text{unique}} \psi_{T_2}|_{\mathcal{T}_{T_1}} = \psi_{T_1}$.
- Hence, we can glue everything together to obtain a smooth solution for all $\mathcal{T} \geq 0$
- A similar arguments holds for negative time.
- Since $h \in \Gamma_{cc}(S\Sigma_0)$, $f \in \Gamma_{cc}(SM) \xrightarrow[\text{Speed}]{\text{Fin. Prop.}}$ the solution is spacelike compact. \square

Proposition 7: The Dirac operator is Green hyperbolic. i.e. there exist linear maps *advanced/retarded Green operator* $G^\pm : \Gamma_{cc}(SM) \rightarrow \Gamma_{sc}(SM)$ satisfying

- (i) $G^\pm \circ Df = D \circ G^\pm f = f$ for all $f \in \Gamma_{cc}(SM)$;
- (ii) $\text{supp}(G^\pm f) \subset J^\pm(\text{supp} f)$ for all $f \in \Gamma_{cc}(SM)$,

where J^\pm denote the causal future (+) and past (-).

Outlook

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND WHAT COMES NEXT?

- well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for
 - ✓ Dirac equation with local boundary condition (Nadine Große)
 - ? Dirac equation with nonlocal boundary condition (Nicolò Drago & Nadine Große)
 - ? Wave equation (with Nicolas Ginoux & Nadine Große)
 - ? Maxwell equation (with Nicolas Ginoux & Nadine Große)

ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES:

- reduce wave equation and maxwell equation to 1st-order systems
 - Q: Are those systems **symmetric, hyperbolic and positive**?
- $\partial\mathcal{M}$ is **characteristic** for the 1st-order systems: $\det \not{n} = 0$ where $n \perp \partial\mathcal{M}$
 - Q: **weak solution=strong solution?**