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where  $\{\gamma^{\mu}\}$  are matrices satisfying the rules of the Clifford algebra

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### KAHLER-ATIYAH ALGEBRA

In 1962 Kahler proposed an inner calculus over the exterior algebra of a manifold M, equipped with a metric tensor g. He provided a representation of the Clifford algebra Cl(TM,g) on the exterior algebra  $\Lambda(M)$  by defining the so called  $\lor$ -product

$$\phi \lor \omega = \sum_{s} \frac{(-1)^{s(s-1)/2}}{s!} g^{a_1 b_1} \cdots g^{a_s b_s} (\mu^s \{ i_{e_{a_1}} \cdots i_{e_{a_s}} \phi \}) \land \{ i_{e_{b_1}} \cdots i_{e_{b_s}} \omega \}$$

where  $\phi \in \Lambda^k(M)$  and  $\omega \in \Lambda^p(M)$ . This representation, however, is not irreducible, being defined on a  $2^m$ -dimensional module.

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It is possible to show that this operator coincides with the following one:

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$$(d+\delta-m)\psi=0$$

(2) is clearly a square-root of the Laplace-de Rham operator  $\Delta = (d + \delta)^2$  but it does not need to be represented in terms of matrix-valued differential operators.

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- The range of each projector is an ideal of this Clifford algebra and it is a module on which Clifford action is irreducible: these elements are called algebraic spinors.
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Let us consider a concrete example: SU(2) as Lie group with the metric tensor

$$g = \delta_{ab} \theta^a \otimes \theta^b$$

where  $\{\theta^a\}$  is a basis of left-invariant differential forms. The  $\lor$ -product among these differential forms is easily computed

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A family of projectors which provides a decomposition of this action into irreducible subspaces is given by

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Each range is a two dimensional Clifford module on which the differential forms  $\{\theta^a\}$  have the following representation

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These projectors, however, are not compatible with the action of the corresponding Dirac-Kahler operator. The Levi-Civita connection indeed is

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$$i_{X_3}\alpha = 0$$

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Differential forms  $\alpha \in \Lambda_0(S^3)$  can be written as

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### QUADRATIC FORM

- If one considers the Killing-Cartan metric on the sphere  $S^3$  with the associated metric volume  $\theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 \wedge \theta^3$ , the corresponding Dirac-Kähler operator does not give a meaningful operator when its domain is restricted to  $\Lambda_0(S^3)$
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