

# Spinors in diverse dimensions

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ref) ① Jeong-Hyuck Park's personal lecture note

↔ rigorous analysis, available at the school webpage

② Van Proeyen arXiv: hep-th/9910030

↔ I mostly follow this notation,

③ Kugo and P.K. Townsend, Nucl. Phys. B 221 (1983) 357

↔ very classic note on this subject.

## Clifford algebra

$$\{\gamma_a, \gamma_b\} = 2\eta_{ab}\mathbb{1}$$

where spinor indices are omitted

$$\gamma_a^\alpha{}_\beta, \mathbb{1}^\alpha{}_\beta$$

and the  $\eta_{ab}$  is Lorentz metric in arbitrary dimensions & Signature

$$\eta_{ab} = \text{diag}(\underbrace{- \dots -}_t, \underbrace{+ \dots +}_s)$$

$$d = t + s$$

Theorem

(a) In even dimensions, there is only one irreducible representation of the gamma matrices, up to conjugacy.

i.e. if  $\gamma_a'$  and  $\gamma_a$  are two irreducible representations satisfying the clifford algebra, then

$$\gamma_a' = S \gamma_a S^{-1} \quad \text{for some } S$$

and  $S$  is unique up to constant.

(proof is in the reference ①)

$$\text{eg) } \begin{cases} \pm \gamma_a^\dagger = A_\pm \gamma_a A_\pm^{-1} \\ \pm \gamma_a^T = C_\pm \gamma_a C_\pm^{-1} \\ \pm \gamma_a^* = B_\pm \gamma_a B_\pm^{-1} \end{cases}$$

(b) Complex dimension of the irreducible rep. is  $2^{\frac{d}{2}}$ ,  $2^{\frac{d}{2}} \times 2^{\frac{d}{2}}$  complex matrix.

(c) We can take the chirality operator  $\gamma_{(d+1)}$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} \{ \gamma_{(d+1)}, \gamma_a \} = 0 & \text{and } \gamma_{(d+1)}^2 = 1 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ c \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_d & c = \pm (-i)^{\frac{d}{2} + t} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{d+1} \equiv (-i)^{\frac{d}{2} + t} \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_d$$

$\Rightarrow$  With  $\gamma_{d+1}$ , one can construct irreducible reps. in  $(d+1)$  dimensions (odd dimensions)

$$(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_d, \gamma_{d+1}) \quad (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_d, -\gamma_{d+1})$$

- size is same as  $d$ -dim.
- $\exists$  two inequivalent reps.

(⊙) Suppose they are equivalent

$$S \gamma_a S^{-1} = \gamma_a \quad \Rightarrow \quad S \gamma_{d+1} S^{-1} = \gamma_{d+1} \quad (\otimes)$$

To prove thm (b), let us take an explicit representation in (0,d)

$$\gamma_1 = \sigma_1 \times 1 \times 1$$

$$\gamma_2 = \sigma_1 \times 1 \times 1$$

$$\gamma_3 = \sigma_3 \times \sigma_1 \times 1$$

$$\gamma_4 = \sigma_3 \times \sigma_1 \times 1$$

$$\gamma_5 = \sigma_3 \times \sigma_3 \times \sigma_1$$

$$\gamma_6 = \sigma_3 \times \sigma_3 \times \sigma_2$$

⋮

(f) what if we have timelike directions?  
 In (t,s)  
 $\gamma_t \rightarrow i \gamma_t$   
 Thus we get hermiticity property  
 $\gamma_t^\dagger = -\gamma_t$  ,  $\gamma_s^\dagger = \gamma_s$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \gamma_m^\dagger = \gamma_m$

size is  $2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2}$ .

Is this an irreducible rep.?

i.e. Is there a smaller size rep. ? No!

Note Consider a set

$$\{\gamma^M\} \equiv \{1, \gamma_a, \gamma_{a_1 a_2}, \gamma_{a_1 a_2 a_3}, \dots, \gamma_{12 \dots d}\}$$

where  $\gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \equiv \gamma_{[a_1} \gamma_{a_2} \dots \gamma_{a_n]}$

collective coordinate which represents an element of the set.

• # of element

$$1 + d + \binom{d}{2} + \binom{d}{3} + \dots + \binom{d}{d} = 2^d$$

• They form a group up to sign.

$$\{\gamma^M\} / \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ form a group. } \gamma^M \gamma^N = \sum_{L(M,N)}^{\pm 1} \gamma^L$$

eg)  $\gamma_{12} \gamma_3 = \gamma_{123}$

$$\gamma_{12} \gamma_{23} = \gamma_{13}$$

$$\gamma_{12} \gamma_{21} = -1$$

- Each elements are orthogonal to each other

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^M \gamma^N) \propto \delta^{MN}$$

$$\textcircled{\ominus} \text{Tr}(\gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}) = 0$$

$n = \text{even}$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma_{[a_1} \gamma_{a_2} \dots \gamma_{a_n]}$$

$$= \text{Tr} \gamma_{[a_n} \gamma_{a_1} \dots \gamma_{a_{n-1}]}$$

$$= (-1)^{n-1} \text{Tr}(\gamma_{[a_1} \dots \gamma_{a_n]})$$

$n = \text{odd}$

$$\text{Tr} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \gamma_5 \gamma_5$$

$$= \text{Tr} \gamma_5 \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \gamma_5$$

$$= (-1)^n \text{Tr} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The size should be  $\geq 2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2}$

(If size  $< 2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2} \rightarrow 2^d$  elements cannot be independent)

$\Rightarrow$  As we already saw that  $\exists 2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2}$  size rep.

$\textcircled{\ominus}$  the smallest size of irreducible rep is  $2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2}$

&  $\{\gamma^M\}$  forms a basis of the  $2^{d/2} \times 2^{d/2}$  matrices





(a) By uniqueness  $\left( \gamma_n^+ = \gamma_n^- \right)$ . From now on, We keep this property

•  $\gamma_a^+ = (-1)^t A \gamma_a A^{-1}$ ,  $A = \gamma_{1 \dots t}$ ,  $A^{-1} = A^+$  — (1)

(useful)  $(A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^+ = (-1)^{((n+t)^2 + t - n)/2} A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$

•  $\gamma_a^T = -\eta C \gamma_a C^{-1}$ ,  $C^T = -\epsilon C$ ,  $C^{-1} = C^+$  — (2)

$\pm 1$  "charge conjugation matrix"

Allowed sign for  $\eta$  &  $\epsilon$  are different depending on dimension  $d$ .

Which sign of  $\eta$  &  $\epsilon$  are allowed in dimension  $d$ ?

$(C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^T = -\epsilon (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} (-\eta)^n C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$   
 $\equiv \chi_n(\epsilon, \eta) C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$   
"±1"

Make a projection  $\frac{1}{2} (1 + \chi_n(\epsilon, \eta))$

and consider the summations, # of  $\gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$  which has  $n$ -indices.

$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^d \frac{1}{2} (1 + \chi_n(\epsilon, \eta)) \binom{d}{n} &= \# \text{ of symmetric matrices} = 2^{d/2} (2^{d/2} + 1) \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{" (" - " ) " } &= \# \text{ of antisym. matrices} = 2^{d/2} (2^{d/2} - 1) \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \right.$

We have two variables  $\epsilon$  and  $\eta$  and two equations for each dimension  $d$ .

Thus we can determine the signs  $\epsilon$  and  $\eta$  for dimension  $d$ .

Exercise!



# Irreducible spinors

Dirac spinor  $\lambda$  which has  $2^{d/2}$  complex component can further be reduced by

- Weyl condition (in even dimension)

$$P_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{(d+1)})$$

"Weyl spinor"  $\begin{cases} \lambda_L \equiv P_+ \lambda \\ \lambda_R \equiv P_- \lambda \end{cases}$

- Majorana condition (reality)

reality means that complex conjugate of  $\lambda$  is not independent of  $\lambda$ .

$$\lambda^* = \tilde{B} \lambda \quad \text{for some matrix } \tilde{B}$$

consistency

- Lorentz

$$\left(-\frac{1}{4} \gamma_{ab} \lambda\right)^* = \tilde{B} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \gamma_{ab} \lambda\right)$$

$\Leftrightarrow (3)$

$$-\frac{1}{4} B \gamma_{ab} B^{-1} \tilde{B} \lambda \Rightarrow \tilde{B} = \alpha B$$

$$\left((\not{\partial} - m) \psi\right)^* = 0$$

$$(\gamma^* \partial - m) \psi^* = 0$$

$$= -\eta(-1)^{\epsilon} (B \gamma B^{-1} \partial - m) B \psi$$

$$\stackrel{\equiv}{=} \eta(-1)^{\epsilon} B (\gamma \partial + \eta(-1)^{\epsilon} m) \psi$$

- $\lambda^{**} = \lambda$

$$\left(\tilde{B} \lambda\right)^* = \tilde{B}^* \tilde{B} \lambda \Rightarrow \tilde{B}^* \tilde{B} = 1 \Rightarrow |\alpha|^2 B^* B = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha| = 1 \ \& \ B^* B = 1$$

It turns out that this condition is satisfied only for

$$s - t = 0, 1, 7 \pmod{8}$$

$$s - t = 2 \pmod{8} \quad \text{with } \eta(-1)^{d/2} = +1$$

$$s - t = 6 \pmod{8} \quad \text{with } \eta(-1)^{d/2} = -1$$

eg) (1+1) dim OK

(1+3) dim OK only for  $\eta = 1$

(1+9) dim OK

"Majorana spinor"

$$\lambda^* = \alpha B \lambda$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \tilde{\lambda} \equiv \lambda^T C \right)$$

$\lambda^{\dagger} A \alpha^{-1}$  "Dirac conjugate"

$d=1$  usually.

$\downarrow$   
we can set  $d=1$

$$cf) (\gamma^a \partial_a - m) \psi = 0)^* \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-\eta(-1)^t B \gamma_a^t B^t - m) B \psi = 0 \Leftrightarrow -\eta(-1)^t B (\gamma^a \partial_a + \eta(-1)^t m) \psi = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \eta(-1)^t = -1 & \text{Majorana} \\ \eta(-1)^t = +1 & \text{Pseudo-Majorana} \end{cases}$$

### Symplectic Majorana condition

In case  $B^*B = -1$ ,  $\exists$  still another possibility if we have extended supersymmetry.

$$\lambda_i^* = (\lambda^i)^* = B \Omega_{ij} \lambda^j$$

$$\text{Where } \Omega \Omega^* = -1 \quad (\odot \Leftrightarrow \lambda^{**} = \lambda)$$

eg) (1+5) dimension

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{**} &= B^* \Omega^* B \Omega \lambda \\ &= \underbrace{B^* B}_{-1} \underbrace{\Omega^* \Omega}_{-1} \lambda \end{aligned}$$

### (Symplectic) Majorana Weyl (evend)

If  $B^*B = 1$ , Try Majorana Weyl

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{L,R}^* &= B \lambda_{L,R} = B \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}) \lambda \\ &\parallel \\ &(\frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}) \lambda)^* \\ &\parallel \\ &\frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}^*) B \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_{d+1}^* = B \gamma_{d+1} B^{-1}$$

If  $B^*B = -1$ , try Symplectic MW

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{L,R}^* &= B \Omega_{ij} \lambda_{L,R}^j \\ &\parallel \\ &(\frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}) \lambda^i)^* \quad \parallel \quad B \Omega_{ij} \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}) \lambda^j \\ &\parallel \\ &\frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_{d+1}^*) \Omega_{ij} B \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_{d+1}^* = B \gamma_{d+1} B^{-1}$$

In any case it should be that

$$\gamma_{d+1}^* = B \gamma_{d+1} B^{-1}$$

Compare it with

$$\gamma_{d+1}^* = (-1)^{d/2+t} B \gamma_{d+1} B^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow (\odot \gamma_{d+1} \equiv (-i)^{\frac{d}{2}+t} \gamma_{1\dots d})$$

$$\Rightarrow s+t = 0 \pmod{4} \quad (\text{Symplectic}) \text{ Majorana-Weyl}$$

$$B^*B = -1 \quad B^*B = 1$$

Result

d \ t	0	1	...
1	M	M	
2	M <sup>-</sup>	MW	
3		M	
4	SMW	M <sup>+</sup>	only if $\eta = +1$
5			
6	M <sup>+</sup>	SMW	
7	M		
8	MW	M <sup>-</sup>	
9	M	M	
10	M <sup>-</sup>	MW	
11		M	
12	SMW	M <sup>+</sup>	

table 2

Summary

- $\gamma_a^\dagger = (-1)^t A \gamma_a A^{-1}$ ,  $A = \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_t$ ,  $A^{-1} = A^\dagger$
- $\gamma_a^T = -\eta C \gamma_a C^{-1}$ ,  $C^T = -\epsilon C$ ,  $C^{-1} = C^\dagger$
- $\gamma_a^* = -\eta (-1)^t B \gamma_a B^{-1}$ ,  $B^T = C^T A^{-1}$ ,  $B^\dagger = B^{-1}$

$\gamma_{d+1} \equiv (-i)^{\frac{d+1}{2} + t} \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_d$ ,  $\{\gamma_{(d+1)}, \gamma_a\} = 0$  and  $\gamma_{(d+1)} \gamma_{(d+1)} = 1$

$(A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\dagger = (-1)^{((n+t)^2 + t - n)/2} A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$

$(C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^T = -\epsilon (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} (-\eta)^n C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$

$B^* B = -\epsilon \eta^t (-1)^{t(t+1)/2}$

with table (1), (2).

Def Majorana:  $\psi^* = \alpha B \psi \Leftrightarrow \psi^\dagger A \psi^{-1} = \psi^T C$   $\begin{matrix} \bar{\psi} \\ \parallel \\ \psi \end{matrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} s=t \\ (d=1) \end{matrix}$

Symplectic Majorana:  $(\lambda^i)^* = B \Omega_{ij} \lambda^j$ ,  $\Omega^* \Omega = -1$

Exercise 1

Show that

$$(A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\dagger = (-1)^{\frac{(n+t)^2 + (t-n)}{2}} A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$$

$$(C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^T = -\epsilon (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} (-\eta)^n C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n}$$

and determine sign factors  $\alpha, \beta$

$$(\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda)^* = \alpha (\bar{\lambda} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \psi),$$

$$(\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda) = \beta (\bar{\lambda} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \psi) \quad \text{for Majorana spinors } \psi \text{ and } \lambda$$

Ans

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda)^* &= (\psi^\dagger A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda)^* \\ &= ((\psi^*)_\alpha (A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\alpha_\beta \lambda^\beta)^* \\ &= \psi^\alpha [(A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\alpha_\beta (\lambda^*)_\beta] \\ &= -(\lambda^*)_\beta (A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\dagger \beta_\alpha \psi^\alpha \\ &= -(\lambda^*)_\beta (A \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^\beta_\alpha \psi^\alpha (-1)^{\frac{(n+t)^2 + (t-n)}{2}} \\ &= (-1) (-1)^{\frac{(n+t)^2 + (t-n)}{2}} (\bar{\lambda} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \psi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda) &= (\psi^T C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda) \\ &= (\psi^\alpha (C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})_{\alpha\beta} \lambda^\beta) \\ &= -\lambda^\beta (C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})^T_{\beta\alpha} \psi^\alpha \\ &= (-1) \lambda^\beta (C \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})_{\beta\alpha} \psi^\alpha (-\epsilon) (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} (-\eta)^n \\ &= \epsilon (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} (-\eta)^n (\bar{\lambda} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \psi) \end{aligned}$$

## Useful relation

$$\gamma_{a_m \dots a_1} \gamma^{b_1 \dots b_n} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\min(m,n)} \ell! \binom{m}{\ell} \binom{n}{\ell} \gamma_{[a_m \dots a_{\ell+1}} \delta_{a_1 \dots a_\ell}^{[b_{\ell+1} \dots b_n} \delta_{a_1 \dots a_\ell}^{b_1 \dots b_\ell]}$$

## Exercise 2

Use the above formula, show the following examples

$$\gamma_a \gamma^b = \gamma_a^b + \delta_a^b$$

$$\gamma_{ba} \gamma^c = \gamma_{ba}^c + 2 \gamma_{[b} \delta_{a]}^c$$

$$\gamma_{ba} \gamma^{cd} = \gamma_{ba}^{cd} + 2 \cdot 2 \gamma_{[b} \delta_{a]}^{[c} \delta_{d]} + 2 \delta_{[a}^{[c} \delta_{b]}^{d]}$$

⋮

$$\gamma_{(d+1)} \gamma^{b_1 \dots b_n}$$

$$= c \gamma_{1 \dots d} \gamma^{b_1 \dots b_n} \quad c = (-i)^{\frac{d}{2} + t}$$

$$= c \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{a_d \dots a_1} \gamma_{a_d \dots a_1} \gamma^{b_1 \dots b_n}$$

$$= c \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{a_d \dots a_1} n! \binom{d}{\ell} \gamma_{[a_d \dots a_{n+1}} \delta_{a_1 \dots a_n}^{[b_1 \dots b_n]}$$

$$= c \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{a_d \dots a_{n+1}, b_1 \dots b_n} n! \frac{d!}{(d-n)!} \gamma_{a_d \dots a_{n+1}}$$

$$= c \frac{1}{(d-n)!} \sum_{a_d \dots a_{n+1}, b_1 \dots b_n} \gamma_{a_d \dots a_{n+1}}$$

# Fierz identity

show that in even  $d$ .

$$(\bar{\psi} \lambda)(\bar{\psi} \epsilon) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{d}{2}} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} (\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n} \epsilon)$$

$$(\bar{\psi}_\alpha \lambda^\alpha)(\bar{\psi}_\beta \epsilon^\beta)$$

$$= (\bar{\psi}_\delta \delta_r^\alpha \lambda^r) (\bar{\psi}_\delta \delta_\beta^\epsilon \epsilon^\beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi}_\delta \lambda^r \bar{\psi}_\delta \epsilon^\beta \quad \delta_r^\alpha \delta_\beta^\epsilon \leftarrow \text{matrix } M_{r\beta}^{\delta\alpha}$$

recall that  $\{\gamma_{\mu}^M\} = \{1, \gamma^a, \gamma^{a_1 a_2}, \dots\}$  form

a complete basis for the  $2^{\frac{d}{2}} \times 2^{\frac{d}{2}}$  matrix space.

Treat  $\alpha, \beta$  indices as the index of this basis matrix,

and regard  $r, \delta$  as the index for coefficients,

And expand  $\delta_r^\alpha \delta_\beta^\epsilon$  w.r.t the complete basis

$$\delta_r^\alpha \delta_\beta^\epsilon = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (A_{a_1 \dots a_n})_\beta^r (\gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n})_\alpha^\epsilon$$

Using the orthogonality of the basis we can find the coefficient  $(A_{a_1 \dots a_n})_\beta^r$

$$\text{multiplying } \mathbb{1}_\alpha^\beta \rightarrow \text{we get } A_\beta^r = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} \delta_r^\beta$$

$$\text{" } (\gamma_b)^\beta_\alpha \rightarrow \text{we get } (A_b)_\beta^r = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} (\gamma_b)^\beta_r$$

$$\text{" } (\gamma_{b_1 b_2})^\beta_\alpha \rightarrow \text{we get } (A_{b_1 b_2})_\beta^r = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} (\gamma_{b_1 b_2})^\beta_r$$

$$\text{result } \delta_r^\alpha \delta_\beta^\epsilon = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} (\gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n})_\beta^r (\gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n})_\alpha^\epsilon$$

so,

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{d}{2}}} (\bar{\psi} \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_n} \lambda) (\gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n})_\beta^\alpha$$



Show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\psi} P_{\pm} \lambda) (\bar{P} P_{\pm} \epsilon) &= - \sum_{n: \text{even}}^d \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{d/2}} (\bar{P} \gamma_{a_n \dots a_1} P_{\pm} \lambda) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n} P_{\pm} \epsilon) \\
 (\bar{\psi} P_{\pm} \lambda) (\bar{P} P_{\mp} \epsilon) &= - \sum_{n: \text{odd}} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{d/2}} (\bar{P} \gamma_{a_n \dots a_1} P_{\pm} \lambda) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n} P_{\mp} \epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\psi} P_{+} \lambda) (\bar{P} P_{+} \epsilon) &= \sum_{n=0}^d \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{d/2}} (\bar{P} P_{+} \gamma_{a_n \dots a_1} P_{+} \lambda) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n} P_{+} \epsilon) \\
 &\downarrow \\
 \text{treat it as} & \quad \sum_{n: \text{even}} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2^{d/2}} (\bar{P} \gamma_{a_n \dots a_1} P_{+} \lambda) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^{a_1 \dots a_n} P_{+} \epsilon) \\
 \text{a single fermion.} & \quad \text{and use } P_{+} \gamma_a = \gamma_a P_{-}
 \end{aligned}$$



Note In (d+1)-dimension (odd dimension)

$\{ 1, \gamma_a, \dots, \gamma_{a_1 \dots a_d} \}$  form a complete basis.