

# New Representation of the Self-Duality and Exact Solutions for Yang–Mills Equations

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In this paper, we found a new representation for self-duality. In addition, exact solution class of the classical  $SU(2)$  Yang–Mills field in four-dimensional Euclidean space and two exact solution classes for  $SU(2)$  Yang–Mills when  $\rho$  is a complex analytic function are also obtained.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The self-dual Yang–Mills (a system of for Lie algebra-valued functions of  $C^4$ ) play a central role in the field of integrable systems and also play a fundamental role in several other areas of mathematics and physics (Khater *et al.*, 1999a,b, 2002; Ablowitz *et al.*, 2003).

In addition, the self-dual Yang–Mills are of great importance in their own right and have found a remarkable number of applications in physics and mathematics as well. These arise in the context of gauge theory (Rajaraman, 1989), in classical general relativity (Mason and Newman, 1989; Witten, 1979), and can be used as a powerful tool in the analysis of 4-manifolds (Donaldson, 1983).

Nonabelian gauge theories first appeared in the seminal work of Yang and Mills (1954) as a nonabelian generalization of Maxwells. The fact that the Yang–Mills have a natural geometric interpretation was recognized early on in the history of gauge theory (Zakharov and Shabat, 1972; Ablowitz *et al.*, 1973).

The Yang–Mills are a set of coupled, second-order partial differential equations in four dimensions for the Lie algebra-valued gauge potential functions  $A_\mu$ , and are extremely difficult to solve in general. The self-dual Yang–Mills describe

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a connection for a bundle over the Grassmannian of two-dimensional subspaces of the twistor space (Corrigan, 1979a,b).

A very important property of the theory of nonabelian gauge fields is that the action functional has local minima in the Euclidean domain with nonvanishing field strength  $F_{\mu\nu}$  (Abolwitz and Clarkson, 1991). The corresponding field configurations, which are often called pseudoparticles, have the self-dual or anti-self-dual field strength, and fall into topologically inequivalent classes labelled by an integer  $n$ , the Pontryagin index. The existence of these nonlocal minima was first pointed out by Belavin *et al.* (1975) who also exhibited the solution of the self-duality with  $n = 1$  for an  $SU(2)$  gauge group. Solutions of the self-duality with an arbitrary number of pseudoparticles were discovered by Witten (1979) and 't Hooft (1979).

In this paper, we present a new representation and exact solutions for the self-duality.

The paper is organized as follows: This introduction followed by the new representation of the self-duality in Section 2. In Section 3 we, found an exact solution class of the classical  $SU(2)$  Yang–Mills field. Moreover, two exact solution classes for self-dual  $SU(2)$  gauge fields on Euclidean space when  $\rho$  is a complex analytic function are given in Section 4.

## 2. NEW REPRESENTATION OF THE SELF-DUALITY

The essential idea of Yang and Mills (1954) is to consider an analytic continuation of the gauge potential  $A_\mu$  into complex space where  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$  are complex. The self-duality  $F_{\mu\nu} = *F_{\mu\nu}$  are then valid also in complex space, in a region containing real space where the  $x$ 's are real. Now consider four new complex variables  $y, \bar{y}, z$  and  $\bar{z}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2}y &= x_1 + ix_2, & \sqrt{2}\bar{y} &= x_1 - ix_2, \\ \sqrt{2}z &= x_3 - ix_4, & \sqrt{2}\bar{z} &= x_3 + ix_4. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

It is simple to check that the self-duality  $F_{\mu\nu} = *F_{\mu\nu}$  reduces to

$$F_{yz} = 0, \quad F_{\bar{y}\bar{z}} = 0, \quad F_{y\bar{y}} + F_{z\bar{z}} = 0. \tag{2}$$

Equations (2) can be immediately integrated, since they are pure gauge, to give (Chau and Yamanaka, 1992, 1993; Ge *et al.*, 1994)

$$A_y = D^{-1}D_y, \quad A_z = D^{-1}D_z, \quad A_{\bar{y}} = \bar{D}^{-1}\bar{D}_{\bar{y}}, \quad A_{\bar{z}} = \bar{D}^{-1}\bar{D}_{\bar{z}}, \tag{3}$$

where  $D$  and  $\bar{D}$  are arbitrary  $2 \times 2$  complex matrix functions of  $y, \bar{y}, z$  and  $\bar{z}$  with determinant = 1 ( for  $SU(2)$  gauge group ) and  $D_y = \partial_y D$ , etc. For real gauge fields  $A_\mu \doteq -A_\mu^+$  (the symbol  $\doteq$  is used for valid only for real values of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

and  $x_4$ ), we require

$$\bar{D} \doteq (D^+)^{-1}. \tag{4}$$

Gauge transformations are the transformations

$$D \longrightarrow DU, \quad \bar{D} \longrightarrow \bar{D}U, \quad U^+U = I, \tag{5}$$

where  $U$  is a  $2 \times 2$  complex matrix function of  $y, \bar{y}, z$  and  $\bar{z}$  with determinant = 1. Under transformation (5), (4) remains invariant. We now define the hermitian matrix  $J$  as (Corrigan et al., 1978, 1979, 1983)

$$J \equiv D\bar{D}^{-1} \doteq DD^+. \tag{6}$$

$J$  has the very important property of being invariant under the gauge transformation (5). The only nonvanishing field strengths in terms of  $J$  becomes

$$F_{u\bar{v}} = -\bar{D}^{-1}(J^{-1}J_u)_{\bar{v}}\bar{D}, \tag{7}$$

( $u, v = y, z$ ) and the remaining self-duality (2) takes the form:

$$(J^{-1}J_y)_{\bar{y}} + (J^{-1}J_z)_{\bar{z}} = 0. \tag{8}$$

The action density in terms of  $J$  (Corrigan and Hasslacher, 1979) is

$$\phi(J) \equiv -\frac{1}{2}Tr F_{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} = -2Tr(F_{y\bar{y}}F_{z\bar{z}} + F_{y\bar{z}}F_{\bar{y}z}), \tag{9}$$

where

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial\mu A_\nu - \partial\nu A_\mu - [A_\mu, A_\nu]. \tag{10}$$

Our construction begins by explicit parametrization of the matrix  $J$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \phi & \bar{\rho} \\ \rho & \frac{1+\rho\bar{\rho}}{\phi} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{11}$$

and for real gauge fields  $A_\mu \doteq -A_\mu^+$ , we require  $\phi \doteq real$ ,  $\bar{\rho} \doteq \rho^*$  ( $\rho^* \equiv complex\ conjugate\ of\ \rho$ ). The self-duality (8) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \rho\bar{\rho})\partial\mu\partial\mu\ln\phi - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho + \frac{\rho}{\phi}[\phi_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] + \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\phi}[\phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}] \\ - \rho_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \rho_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\phi\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho - \rho\partial\mu\partial\mu\phi + 2(\phi_{\bar{y}}\rho_y + \phi_z\rho_z - \phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} - \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}) = 0, \tag{13}$$

$$\phi\partial\mu\partial\mu\bar{\rho} - \bar{\rho}\partial\mu\partial\mu\phi + 2(\phi_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}} - \phi_{\bar{y}}\bar{\rho}_y - \phi_{\bar{z}}\bar{\rho}_z) = 0, \tag{14}$$

where  $\partial\mu\partial\mu = 2(\partial y\partial\bar{y} + \partial z\partial\bar{z})$ .

The positive definite Hermitian matrix  $J = DD^+$  can be factored into a product upper and lower (or vice versa) triangular matrices as follows

$$J = RR^+ = R^I R^{I+},$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\phi} & 0 \\ \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\phi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad R^I = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi^I}} & \frac{\rho^I}{\sqrt{\phi^I}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\phi^I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

$$\phi \doteq real, \quad \bar{\rho} \doteq \rho^*, \quad \phi^I \doteq real, \quad \bar{\rho}^I \doteq \rho^{I*}. \quad (16)$$

It is evident from (15) that one can choose a gauge so that  $D = R$  or  $D = R^I$  and it is easy to check that in both gauges the self-duality (12)–(14) (in the case of  $D = R^I$  all the  $\phi, \rho, \bar{\rho}$  are replaced by  $\phi^I, \rho^I, \bar{\rho}^I$ ).

From (15) we see that  $R^{-1}R^I$  is a unitary matrix so that we can always make a gauge transformation from the  $R$  gauge to the  $R^I$  gauge.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $(\phi, \rho, \bar{\rho})$  satisfy (12)–(14) then so do  $(\phi^I, \rho^I, \bar{\rho}^I)$  defined by (Prasad, 1980)*

$$\phi^I = \frac{\phi}{1 + \rho\bar{\rho}}, \quad \rho^I = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{1 + \rho\bar{\rho}}, \quad \bar{\rho}^I = \frac{\rho}{1 + \rho\bar{\rho}}.$$

### 3. EXACT SOLUTION CLASS OF THE CLASSICAL SU(2) YANG–MILLS FIELD

To obtain an exact solution class of the classical  $SU(2)$  Yang–Mills field in four-dimensional Euclidean space, consider the system.

$$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \rho\bar{\rho})\partial\mu\partial\mu\ln\phi - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho + \frac{\rho}{\phi}[\phi_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] + \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\phi}[\phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}]$$

$$-[\rho_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \rho_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] = 0,$$

$$\phi\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho - \rho\partial\mu\partial\mu\phi + 2(\phi_{\bar{y}}\rho_y + \phi_{\bar{z}}\rho_z - \phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} - \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}) = 0. \quad (17)$$

Let us make the ansatz (Kyriakopoulos, 1980)

$$\phi = \phi(g), \quad \rho = e^{ia}\sigma(g). \quad (18)$$

Where  $g = g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  is a real function of  $x_\mu, \mu = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  are real functions of  $g$ , and  $a$  is a real constant. Then (17) give, the relations

$$\left(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}} \frac{\phi^4}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma^2}{\phi^2}\right)' + (g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})\phi^2 \left[(1 + \sigma^2)\frac{\phi'}{\phi} - \sigma\sigma'\right]' = 0, \quad (19)$$

$$(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}})\phi^2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\phi}\right)' + (g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})(\phi\sigma' - \sigma\phi')' = 0. \quad (20)$$

Where the prime means differentiation with respect to  $g$ . The above relations imply that the determinant of the coefficients of  $(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}})$  and  $(g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})$  is zero i.e.

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sigma^2}{\phi^2}\right)' (\phi\sigma' - \sigma\phi') - 2 \left[ (1 + \sigma^2) \frac{\phi'}{\phi} - \sigma\sigma' \right]' \left(\frac{\sigma}{\phi}\right)' = 0. \tag{21}$$

We shall determine  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  from the above (21), let  $(\frac{1+\sigma^2}{\phi^2}) = u$ , then  $(\frac{1+\sigma^2}{\phi^2})' = u'$ , (21) takes the form

$$(u'\phi^2)' \left(\frac{\phi\sigma' - \sigma\phi'}{\phi^2}\right) + u'(\phi\sigma' - \sigma\phi') = 0, \tag{22}$$

if we write  $(u'\phi^2) = h$ ,  $(\phi\sigma' - \sigma\phi') = w$ , then (22) becomes

$$h'w + w'h = 0, \tag{23}$$

from (23), we find  $wh = c'$ , then  $w = c$ , where  $c$  and  $c'$  are constants. Therefore we get finally

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^{-g}, \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^g, \text{ then } \rho = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^{g+ia}. \tag{24}$$

Applying theorem (1) to  $\phi$  and  $\rho$  of (24), then we get

$$\phi^I = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^{-g}}{1 + \frac{c}{2}e^{2g}}, \quad \rho^I = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^{g-ia}}{1 + \frac{c}{2}e^{2g}}, \quad \bar{\rho}^I = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}e^{g+ia}}{1 + \frac{c}{2}e^{2g}}. \tag{25}$$

(24) and (25) is a new class of solutions of Yang–Mills for self-dual  $SU(2)$  gauge fields.

#### 4. EXACT SOLUTIONS FOR SELF-DUAL $SU(2)$ GAUGE FIELDS ON EUCLIDEAN SPACE WHEN $\rho$ IS A COMPLEX ANALYTIC FUNCTION

Following (Khater *et al.*, 2004), we reduce the for self-dual  $SU(2)$  gauge fields on Euclidean space to the following

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}(1 + \rho\bar{\rho})\partial\mu\partial\mu\ln\phi - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho + \frac{\rho}{\phi}[\phi_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] + \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\phi}[\phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}] \\ &\quad - [\rho_y\bar{\rho}_{\bar{y}} + \rho_z\bar{\rho}_{\bar{z}}] = 0, \\ &\phi\partial\mu\partial\mu\rho - \rho\partial\mu\partial\mu\phi + 2(\phi_{\bar{y}}\rho_y + \phi_{\bar{z}}\rho_z - \phi_y\rho_{\bar{y}} - \phi_z\rho_{\bar{z}}) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

When  $\rho$  is a complex analytic function of  $y$  and  $z$ , then we have

$$\rho_{\bar{y}} = \rho_{\bar{z}} = 0, \quad \rho_{y\bar{y}} + \rho_{z\bar{z}} = 0. \tag{27}$$

Then, the self-dual Yang–Mills (26) takes the form

$$\phi(\phi_{y\bar{y}} + \phi_{z\bar{z}}) - (\phi_y\phi_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\phi_{\bar{z}}) = 0, \tag{28}$$

$$\rho(\phi_{y\bar{y}} + \phi_{z\bar{z}}) - (\rho_y\phi_{\bar{y}} + \rho_z\phi_{\bar{z}}) = 0. \tag{29}$$

We consider now two cases: (a) Let  $\rho = \rho(\phi)$ , then we find

$$\rho_y = \rho'\phi_y, \quad \rho_z = \rho'\phi_z. \tag{30}$$

Then the two Equations (28) and (29) becomes

$$\phi(\phi_{y\bar{y}} + \phi_{z\bar{z}}) - (\phi_y\phi_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\phi_{\bar{z}}) = 0, \tag{31}$$

$$\rho(\phi_{y\bar{y}} + \phi_{z\bar{z}}) - \rho'(\phi_y\phi_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\phi_{\bar{z}}) = 0. \tag{32}$$

If we do not consider the case  $(\phi_{y\bar{y}} + \phi_{z\bar{z}}) = 0$  and  $(\phi_y\phi_{\bar{y}} + \phi_z\phi_{\bar{z}}) = 0$ , then we have

$$\phi\rho' - \rho = 0, \tag{33}$$

by integration we obtain

$$\rho = c\phi, \quad \text{where } c \text{ is complex constant.} \tag{34}$$

Both (31) and (32) reduce to the same. A solution is given by

$$\phi_y = \phi_z \quad \phi_{\bar{y}} = \phi_{\bar{z}}. \tag{35}$$

The solution class is given by

$$\phi = F(y + z, \bar{y} - \bar{z}), \tag{36}$$

where  $F$  is an arbitrary function, (34) and (36) gives a new class of solutions of Yang–Mills for self-dual  $SU(2)$  gauge fields. Applying theorem (1) to  $\phi$  and  $\rho$  of (34) and (36), then we get

$$\phi^I = \frac{F}{1 + c\bar{c}F^2}, \quad \rho^I = \frac{\bar{c}F}{1 + c\bar{c}F^2}, \quad \bar{\rho}^I = \frac{cF}{1 + c\bar{c}F^2}. \tag{37}$$

(b) Let us make the ansatz

$$\phi = \phi(g), \quad \rho = e^{ia}\sigma(g). \tag{38}$$

where  $g = g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  is a real function of  $x_\mu, \mu = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  are real functions of  $g$ , and  $a$  is a real constant. Then (28) and (29) give the relations

$$\phi\phi'(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}}) + (g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})\phi^2[\phi\phi'' - \phi'^2] = 0, \tag{39}$$

$$\sigma\phi'(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}}) + (g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})(\sigma\phi'' - \phi'\sigma') = 0. \tag{40}$$

where the prime means differentiation with respect to  $g$ . The above relations imply that the determinant of the coefficients of  $(g_{y\bar{y}} + g_{z\bar{z}})$  and  $(g_y g_{\bar{y}} + g_z g_{\bar{z}})$  is

zero i.e.,

$$\frac{\sigma'}{\sigma} = \frac{\phi'}{\phi}, \quad (41)$$

by integrating(41), we obtain

$$\sigma(g) = c\phi(g), \quad \rho = ce^{ia}\phi(g). \quad (42)$$

Applying Theorem 1 to  $\phi$  and  $\rho$  of (42), then we get

$$\phi^I = \frac{\phi(g)}{1 + c^2\phi^2(g)}, \quad \rho^I = \frac{ce^{-ia}\phi(g)}{1 + c^2\phi^2(g)}, \quad \bar{\rho}^I = \frac{ce^{ia}\phi(g)}{1 + c^2\phi^2(g)}. \quad (43)$$

(42) and (43) is a new class of solutions of Yang–Mills for self-dual  $SU(2)$  gauge fields.

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