

On the logical structure of physics

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Claim. Post-Newtonian physics speaks in the language of
continuous logic

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2. Probability amplitudes calculus in Dirac's quantum mechanics

Probability amplitude of a state with energy H at time t is

$$\frac{Ht}{\hbar} \in \mathbb{U} \mapsto \frac{1}{C_t} e^{\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \in \mathbb{C}; \quad \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

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-Regularisations:

E.g.: for some infinite matrix A ,

$$\det A \text{ “=” } \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n \text{ “=” } e^{\zeta'(0)} = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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Problem. Give an *interpretation* of the CL-axioms in the context of continuous model theory.

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With values in some **finite or pseudo-finite** \mathbb{F} :

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Roger Penrose in *The Road to reality* on using finite fields in physics:

... If \mathbb{F}_p were to take the place of the real-number system, in any significant sense, then p has to be very large indeed. ... To my mind, a physical theory which depends fundamentally upon some absurdly enormous prime number would be a far more complicated (and improbable) theory than one that is able to depend on a simple notion of infinity. Nevertheless, it is of some interest to pursue these matters. ...

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a surjective homomorphism of groups.

Limits of finite structures

Theorem *For some non-standard prime p , highly divisible $i \in {}^*\mathbb{Z}$ and a very large $\mathbf{i} \in {}^*\mathbb{Z}$, there is a pair of surjective “limit” homomorphisms which make the diagram commute*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Im}_{\mathbb{U}} : & \mathbb{U} & \twoheadrightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbb{C}} \\ & \exp_p \downarrow & \exp \downarrow ; \\ \text{Im}_{\mathbb{F}} : & \mathbb{F}_p & \twoheadrightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbb{C}} \end{array}$$

where $\text{Im}_{\mathbb{U}}$ is a homomorphism of a $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{i}]$ -modules such that

$$\text{Im}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{u}) = i \cdot \text{Im}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{u}), \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$$

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$$F \hookrightarrow {}^*\mathbb{C}$$

so allows *non-standard analysis* on F .

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{y \in *\mathbb{Z}/\mathcal{N}} \exp_p(g(\bar{x}, y) \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

(cf. E.Kowalski's and E.Hrushovski's works on additive character over finite fields).

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which interpret the continuous logic quantifiers

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Theorem. For some natural subgroup-subdomains

$$\mathbb{V}_{\text{QM}} \subset \mathbb{V}_{\text{SM}} \subset \mathbb{U}^n$$

$$\mathbb{V}_{\text{QM}} = \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{\text{SM}};$$

$$\mathbf{u} \mapsto \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{u} \text{ induces } \varphi \mapsto \varphi^{\mathbf{i}}$$

where

$$\varphi : \mathbb{V}_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}; \quad \varphi^{\mathbf{i}} : \mathbb{V}_{\text{QM}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

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This results in the **Wick rotation isomorphism**

$$\{\}^i : \mathbb{H}_{SM} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{QM}$$