## Problem Set 2 Introduction to Supersymmetry and Supergravity WS 15/16

## Problem 2.1

Solve the constraint

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}f(x,\theta,\bar{\theta}) = 0$$
, for  $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\partial_{\dot{\alpha}} - i\theta^{\beta}\sigma^{\mu}_{\beta\dot{\alpha}}\partial_{\mu}$ ,

and a general complex superfield  $f(x, \theta, \overline{\theta})$ .

## Problem 2.2

a) Compute the anticommutation relations of the operators

$$Q_{\alpha} = \partial_{\alpha} - i\sigma^{\mu}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}}\partial_{\mu} , \qquad \overline{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}} = -\partial_{\dot{\alpha}} + i\theta^{\beta}\sigma^{\mu}_{\beta\dot{\alpha}}\partial_{\mu} .$$

b) Compute the supersymmetry transformations of the lowest and  $\theta$  component for a general and a chiral superfield using

$$\delta_{\xi} f(x,\theta,\bar{\theta}) = (\xi Q + \bar{\xi}\bar{Q})f(x,\theta,\bar{\theta}) .$$

## Problem 2.3

a) Show that the superalgebra is left invariant by the transformation

$$Q \to Q' = e^{-i\alpha}Q$$
,  $\bar{Q} \to \bar{Q}' = e^{i\alpha}\bar{Q}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . (\*)

b) Assume that chiral superfields  $\Phi^i$  transform under the symmetry transformation (\*) as

$$\Phi^i \to \Phi^{i\prime} = e^{i q_i \alpha} \Phi^i \ , \qquad q_i \in \mathbb{R} \ .$$

Compute the transformation law of the component fields  $\phi^i, \chi^i, F^i$ .

- c) Derive the necessary transformation law of the superpotential  $W(\Phi)$  such that one obtains an invariant Lagrangian.
- d) Consider the superpotentials

$$W_1 = m\Phi^2$$
,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $W_2 = y\Phi^3$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $W_3 = W_1 + W_2$ .

Which Ws satisfy the transformation laws derived in c) and under which conditions.