

Last time: Applied Noether's theorem to space-time translations symmetry (btw, N. th'm applies for continuous symmetries only):

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu - \delta a^\mu \Rightarrow \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(x'^\mu) + \delta a^\mu \partial'_\mu \phi(x')$$

$\Rightarrow$  obtained a conserved current

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta(\partial^\mu \phi)} \partial_\nu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L} \quad \text{energy-momentum tensor}$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \sim \text{conserved tensor}$$

Defined Hamiltonian  $H = \int d^3x [\pi \cdot \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L}]$

with  $\pi = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \dot{\phi}}$  the canonical momentum

conserved charges  $Q^\nu = \int d^3x T^{0\nu} \Rightarrow Q^0$  is

the Hamiltonian  $Q^0 = H$ ,  $Q^i \sim$  momentum of the field

## Lorentz & Poincare Groups and Classification of Fields. (cont'd)

### Elements of Group Theory (cont'd)

Group  $G$ : (i)  $f \cdot g \in G$  (ii)  $f \cdot (g \cdot h) = (f \cdot g) \cdot h$  (iii)  $\exists e: f \cdot e = e \cdot f = f$   
 $f, g, h \in G$  (iv)  $\forall f \exists f^{-1}: f^{-1} \cdot f = f \cdot f^{-1} = e$

$f \cdot g = g \cdot f$  Abelian       $f \cdot g \neq g \cdot f$  non-Abelian

(Def.) group of unitary  $n \times n$  matrices,  $U U^\dagger = U^\dagger U = \mathbf{1}$ ,  
 along with  $\det U = +1$  = special unitary group,  $SU(n)$

(Def.) -1- orthogonal -1-       $U U^T = U^T U = \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow SO(n)$

(Def.) Group representation:  $f \in G : f \rightarrow D(f)$   
 $\uparrow$  repr.

(i)  $D(e) = \mathbf{1}$       (ii)  $D(g_1) D(g_2) = D(g_1 g_2)$ ,  $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G$ .

dimension of representation = dim of  $D(g)$

(Def.) Reducible representation:  $\exists M$ :

$$M D(g) M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} D_1(g) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2(g) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow D = D_1 \oplus D_2 + \dots$$

no such  $M \Rightarrow$  irreducible representation

(Def.) Direct-product  $G \otimes H = \{g: h_j\} \Rightarrow g_k h_e \cdot g_m h_n =$   
 $= g_k \cdot g_m h_e \cdot h_n$

### Lie Groups:

(Def.) Lie group:  
 $g(\alpha^i)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, N$ ,  $\alpha^i$  ~ continuous set of parameters

can represent group elements as  $(\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^N))$

$$D(\vec{\alpha}) = e^{i \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{X}}, \quad X_i \sim \text{generators of Lie group.}$$

→ assume that  $g(d_i=0) = e$  (the identity element)

→ for a representation of the group:

$$D(d_i=0) = \mathbb{1}$$

Taylor expand  $D(d_i)$  near 0:

$$D(Sd_i) = \mathbb{1} + i S d_i X_i + \dots = \mathbb{1} + i S \vec{d} \cdot \vec{X}$$

(summation over repeating indices assumed)

Def.

$X_i$  are called generators of the group.

$$\vec{Sd} = \frac{\vec{d}}{k}, k = \text{integer}$$

$$D(d_i) = D(Sd_i) D(Sd_i) \dots D(Sd_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathbb{1} + i \vec{Sd} \cdot \vec{X} \right)^k \\ = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathbb{1} + i \frac{\vec{d}}{k} \cdot \vec{X} \right)^k = e^{i \vec{d} \cdot \vec{X}}$$

Def.

A group with elements depending smoothly on continuous set of parameters  $d_i, i=1, \dots, N$ , with generators  $X_i$  is called a Lie group.

$$D(\vec{d}) = e^{i \vec{d} \cdot \vec{X}} \Rightarrow \text{as } D \text{ can be a matrix}$$

→  $\vec{X}$  can be a matrix; therefore in

general  $[X_i, X_j]$  does not have to be 0.  
" $X_i X_j - X_j X_i$ "

$\Rightarrow$  however  $D(\vec{\alpha}) D(\vec{\beta}) = e^{i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{X}} e^{i\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{X}}$  is (19)

also a group element  $\Rightarrow e^{i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{X}} e^{i\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{X}} = e^{i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{X}}$

$\Rightarrow$  can show that for this to work we need

$$[X_a, X_b] = i f_{abc} X_c$$

Lie algebra  
of generators

$f_{abc} \sim$  structure constants of the group

Def. Commutator:  
 $f_{abc} = -f_{bac}; \quad [A, B] = A \cdot B - B \cdot A.$

$f_{abc}$  are real for unitary representations  $D$

(for hermitean  $X_a$ ):  $D^\dagger D = D D^\dagger = 1$

Example take the group  $SU(2)$ : unitary  $2 \times 2$   
matrices with  $\det = +1$  ( $U U^\dagger = U^\dagger U = 1, \det U = 1$ ).  
(defining representation)

Using Pauli matrices we can define a  
representation of  $SU(2)$ :

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow D(\vec{\alpha}) = e^{i\frac{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}}$ ,  $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$  a 3-vector.

rotations around  $\frac{\vec{\alpha}}{|\vec{\alpha}|}$  axis by angle  $|\vec{\alpha}|$ .

as  $\sigma_i^\dagger = \sigma_i$  (hermitean)  $\Rightarrow$  any  $2 \times 2$

unitary matrix with  $\det = +1$  can be represented

as  $e^{i \frac{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}} = U$

Check:  $U U^\dagger = e^{i \frac{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}} e^{-i \frac{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}} = \mathbb{1}$

$\det U = \det e^{i \frac{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}} = \left[ \text{as } \det e^A = e^{\text{tr} A} \right] = 1$

as  $\text{tr} \sigma_i = 0$ .   
  $\begin{matrix} \text{comp's} & \text{cond's} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 8-4=4 & \end{matrix}$  (linearly independent)

$\Rightarrow$  there are  $2^2 - 1 = 3$  different  $n \times n$  traceless hermitean matrices  $\Rightarrow \{ \sigma_i \}$  use up all possibilities.

Generators:  $J_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{2} \Rightarrow D(\vec{\alpha}) = e^{i \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{J}}$

$\Rightarrow SU(2)$  is a Lie group

We know that  $[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 2i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow [\mathbb{J}_i, \mathbb{J}_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} \mathbb{J}_k$

$\Rightarrow$  generators of  $SU(2)$  form a Lie algebra with structure constants  $\epsilon_{ijk}$

$\epsilon_{ijk}$ : totally anti-symmetric Levi-Civita symbol,  $\epsilon_{123} = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_{ijk} = -\epsilon_{jik} = \epsilon_{jki} \dots$   
 $\epsilon_{112} = 0 \dots$

Another example:  $SU(3)$ :  $3 \times 3$  unitary matrices 21

with  $\det = +1$

Define Gell-Mann matrices:

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{cf. Pauli matrices})$$

$$\lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Normalization convention  $\text{tr}[\lambda_i \lambda_j] = 2 \delta_{ij}$ .

There are  $3^2 - 1 = 8$  traceless hermitian  $3 \times 3$  matrices

$\Rightarrow$  these should work.

Generators of  $SU(3)$ :  $T^a = \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow [T^a, T^b] = i f^{abc} T^c$ , with structure

constants  $f^{abc}$ , which are anti-symmetric

under the interchange of any two indices.

$\Rightarrow SU(3)$  is a Lie group with the generator algebra given above.

a	b	c	$f^{abc}$
1	2	3	1
1	4	7	1/2
1	5	6	-1/2
2	4	6	1/2
2	5	7	1/2
3	4	5	1/2
3	6	7	-1/2
4	5	8	$\sqrt{3}/2$
6	7	8	$\sqrt{3}/2$

$f_{112} = 0 \dots$   
 all other  $f^{abc}$ 's  
 can be obtained from  
 this table.

Casimir operator commutes  
 with all generators:  
 $\vec{T}^2 = T_1^2 + T_2^2 + \dots + T_n^2 = \frac{N^2 - 1}{2N}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  for  $su(2)$  it is  $3/4$   
 for  $su(3)$  it is  $4/3$ .

$D(\vec{A}) = e^{i \vec{A} \cdot \vec{T}}$ , with  $\vec{A} = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_8)$

$\sim$  an 8-component vector.

Jacobi Identity and the Adjoint Representation

$\sim$  go back to some general Lie group with  
 the generators  $X_a$  obeying some Lie  
 algebra  $[X_a, X_b] = i f_{abc} X_c$ .

One can then easily prove Jacobi identity:

$$[X_a, [X_b, X_c]] + [X_b, [X_c, X_a]] + [X_c, [X_a, X_b]] = 0.$$

(prove this by using definitions of commutators)

⇒ plug in the commutator of Lie algebra to write

$$f_{bdc} f_{ade} + f_{abd} f_{cde} + f_{cad} f_{bde} = 0$$

this relations are obeyed by structure constants of any Lie group, e.g. SU(n).

Define The generators in the adjoint representation:

by  $(t^a)_{bc} = -i f_{abc} \Rightarrow$  the above relation

gives  $[t^a, t^b] = i f_{abc} t^c$

⇒ they obey the Lie algebra too!

Def.  $D(\vec{A}) = e^{i A^a t^a}$  gives the adjoint representation of Lie group.



# Lorentz Group

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Work in Minkowski space,  $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\nu\rho} = \delta_{\mu}^{\rho}; \quad x_{\mu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu} = (t, -\vec{x}), \quad x^{\mu} = (t, \vec{x}).$$

Def. Set of linear <sup>(real)</sup> transformations

$$x^{\mu} \rightarrow x'^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} x^{\nu}$$

forms the Lorentz group if

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} x'^{\mu} x'^{\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^{\mu} x^{\nu}$$

(proper time is preserved).

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

metric tensor

Example  $\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for boosts along  $x^1$ -axis.

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} x'^{\mu} x'^{\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^{\mu} x^{\nu}$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\beta} x^{\alpha} x^{\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} x^{\alpha} x^{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\beta}}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\boxed{\eta = \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda}$$

$$\text{As } \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\nu\rho} = \delta_{\mu}^{\rho} \Rightarrow \eta \cdot \eta = \mathbb{1}$$

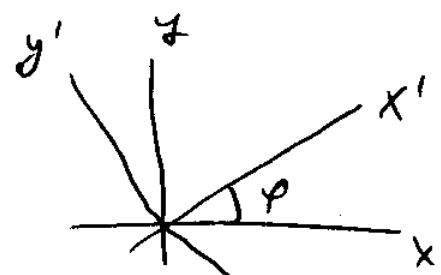


# Examples of Lorentz group elements:

(1) Usual Lorentz transformation:

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) Rotation in x-y plane:



$$x \rightarrow x' = x \cos \varphi + y \sin \varphi$$

$$y \rightarrow y' = -x \sin \varphi + y \cos \varphi =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Parity:  $\vec{x} \rightarrow -\vec{x}$ ,  
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$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(4) Time reversal,  $\Pi: t \rightarrow -t$ ,

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$