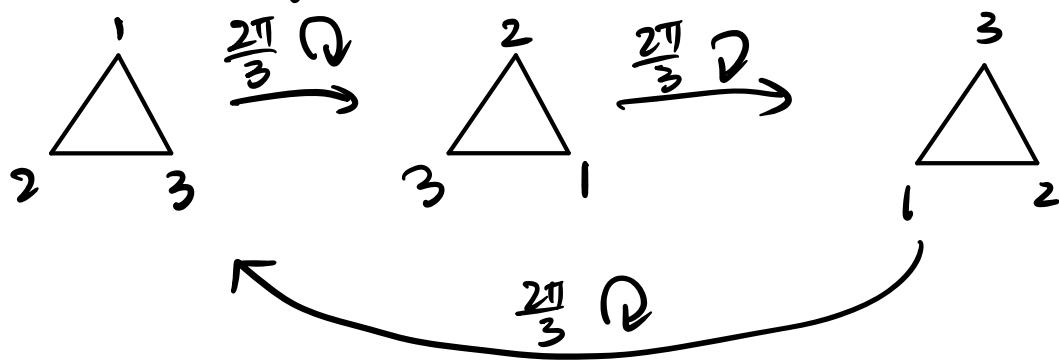


# - A Bit Discussion On Groups

\* Group, very roughly, can be used to characterize the Symmetry of a Geometric Object.

e.g. regular triangle



We call  $\alpha \equiv \frac{2\pi}{3} Q$  an operation on the triangle.

$$\text{then } a^2 = a \circ a = \frac{4\pi}{3} \quad \text{Q} \quad a^3 = a \circ a^2 = \frac{6\pi}{3} = 2\pi \quad \text{Q}$$

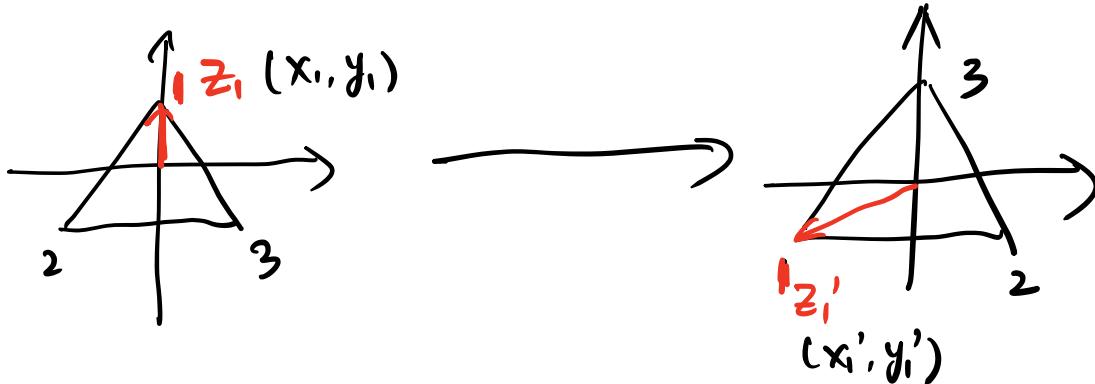
= No action.

$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{a \mid a^3 = 1\}$  collects rotation symmetric actions of 

Rmk: " $a$ " is an Operation, multiplication " $\circ$ " is a Composition of operations. " $1$ " is Identity Operation, i.e. Do NOTHING.

But if we place the triangle on the  $xy$ -plane, we

Can express the rotation operation  $\alpha$  in terms of coordinates.



$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = R(\alpha) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$R(\alpha)$  now is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,  
called a Representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Apperantly,  $R(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{2\pi}{3}, -\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$\uparrow$  Real Rep.

In fact, it's much simple to introduce complex number

$$\text{i.e. } z_i = x_i + iy_i, \quad z'_i = x'_i + iy'_i$$

then  $z'_i = R(\alpha) \cdot z_i = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}} z_i$

check:

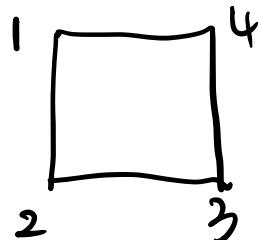
$$x'_i + iy'_i = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) (x_i + iy_i) = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} x_i - \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} y_i \right) + i \left( \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} x_i + \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} y_i \right)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{2\pi}{3}, -\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,  $R(\alpha)$  is a Complex Rep. of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Now we use Complex Rep. and simply call  $R(a)$  as  $a$ .

Consider a square now

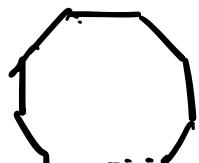


Collections of rotation symmetric action.

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{a \mid a^4 = 1\}. "a" \text{ is } \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

In terms of Rep.  $a = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}}$ .

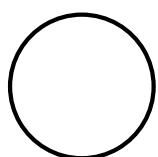
One can simply generalize it to a  $N$ -polygon.



Sym. Group is  $\mathbb{Z}_N = \{a \mid a^N = 1\}, a = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$ .

Now, let  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we go from  $N$ -polygon. to  $S^1$

$N \rightarrow \infty$



ANY arbitrary Rotation by angle  $\theta$  is a  
symmetric action of the circle  $S^1$

The sym. of  $S^1$  is called  $U(1) = \{e^{i\theta} \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

The sym. group of  $S^1$  itself is a circle of radius 1,

which is called a Lie Group. { Group structure  
geometric structure.

On the other hand, in Real Rep.

$$\vec{r}' = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = R(a) \cdot \vec{r} = R(a) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{is a sym. action.}$$

$$\text{iff } |\vec{r}'|^2 = |\vec{r}|^2 \text{ i.e. } \vec{r}'^T \vec{r}' = \vec{r}^T \cdot R(a)^T R(a) \cdot \vec{r} \\ = \vec{r}^T \cdot \vec{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(a)^T R(a) = \mathbb{1}_2.$$

$$SO(2) = \{g \mid g^T g = \mathbb{1}_2\} \rightsquigarrow g = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Rank:  $U(1) = SO(2)$

Analogously, consider two-sphere  $S^2$ , what's the Sym. group

$$\vec{r}' = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = R(a) \cdot \vec{r} = R(a) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{of } S^2?$$

$$\text{iff } |\vec{r}'|^2 = |\vec{r}|^2 \text{ i.e. } R(a)^T R(a) = \mathbb{1}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow SO(3) = \{g \mid g^T g = \mathbb{1}_3\}$$

Similarly, For a  $S^{N-1}$ -sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , its sym.

Group is called  $SO(N) = \{ g \mid g^T g = \mathbb{1}_N, \det g = 1 \}$

(Rmk: The sym. Group of  $S^{N-1}$  is actually  $O(N)$ , but I have no time to explain it.  $O(N) \xrightarrow{\det g=1} SO(N)$ )

## \* Lie Algebra.

For Lie Group, because they are also manifold, one can study them by considering a infinitesimal transformation, that is called a generator of the Lie Group.

The collections of generators  $\{ T_i \}$  form an Algebra. called Lie algebra.

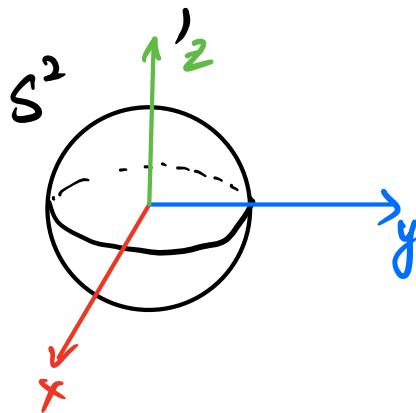
e.g.  $U(1) = \{ e^{i\theta} \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R} \}$ .  $e^{i\theta} = 1 + i\theta + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$

the generator  $T_\theta = i$ . Complex Rep. of Lie Alg.  $U(1)$ .

or for  $SO(2)$   $g = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}_2 + \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

the generator.  $T_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Real Rep. of Lie Alg.  $U(1)$ .

$$\text{e.g. } S(3) = \{ g \mid g^T g = 1 \}$$



One can rotate along x, y, z-axis.

$$R_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha \\ 0 & \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{pmatrix} = I_3 + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \parallel T_1$$

$$R_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & 0 & -\sin\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\beta & 0 & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix} = I_3 + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \parallel T_2$$

$$R_z = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\gamma & -\sin\gamma & 0 \\ \sin\gamma & \cos\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_3 + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \parallel T_3$$

There are three generators  $\{T_1, T_2, T_3\}$ .

One can check the generators satisfy the

Commutation relation

$$[T_i, T_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} T_k.$$

## II. FREE FIELDS & THEIR QUANTIZATION.

### A. Lorentz Symmetry

- Lorentz Group.

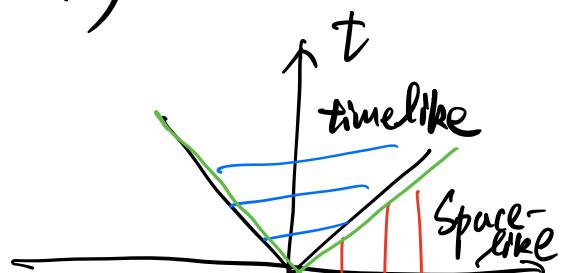
The law of NATURE is relativistic, i.e. time and space are on the equal footing. We collect time "t" and space coordinates " $\vec{x}$ " together as.

$$x^M = (t, \vec{x})$$

\* Space-time interval:

$$d(x', x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} (x'^\mu - x^\mu)(x'^\nu - x^\nu)$$

with  $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}\{1, -1, -1, -1\}$ .



\* 4-momentum  $P^\mu = (E, \vec{P})$

$$P^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} P^\mu P^\nu = E^2 - \vec{P}^2 = m^2$$

rest mass  
L.I. quantity.

Lorentz sym. is a transformation ( $\Lambda$ )

that keeps the space-time interval Invariant.

$$SO(1,3) = \left\{ \Lambda \mid \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta, \det \Lambda = 1, (\Lambda x)^0 > 0 \text{ if } x^0 > 0 \right\}$$

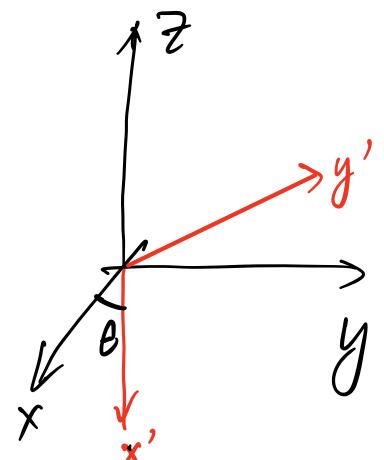
① preserve orientation

② proper boost that keeps time arrow.

\* A spatial rotation (along z-axis)

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda_{r,y}^\mu x^\nu$$

$$\Lambda_{r,y}^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



All spatial rotations along x, y, z-axes form a group  $SO(3) = \{ g \mid g^T g = \mathbb{1}_3, \det g = 1 \}$

↑  
Special orthogonal group (Lie Group)  
特殊 正交 群.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} = e^{\theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} = \mathbb{1}_2 + \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + O(\theta^2)$$

$$g = e^{\theta^i T_i} = \mathbb{1} + \theta^i T_i + O(\theta^{i2})$$

$$\text{Bnt. } g^T g = \mathbb{1} = (\mathbb{1} + \theta^i T_i^T) (\mathbb{1} + \theta^i T_i) + \dots \\ = \mathbb{1} + \theta^i (T_i^T + T_i) + O(\theta^2) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_i^T = -T_i$$

$$T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[T_i, T_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} T_k \quad \epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & (123) \\ -1 & (213) \\ 0 & \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

$$J_i = i T_i$$

$$[J_i, J_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} J_k. \text{ (usual commutation relation)}$$

\* A Lorentz Boost between  $t$  and  $x$  with velocity  $v < 1$ .

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} x^\nu$$

$$\Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma v & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma v & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

$$\text{Notice } \gamma^2 - (\gamma v)^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Set } \gamma \equiv \cosh \beta \quad \gamma v \equiv \sinh \beta$$

$$= \frac{e^\beta + e^{-\beta}}{2} \quad = \frac{e^\beta - e^{-\beta}}{2}$$

$$= 1 + O(\beta^2) \quad = \beta + O(\beta^3).$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma v \\ \gamma v & \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \beta & \sinh \beta \\ \sinh \beta & \cosh \beta \end{pmatrix} \simeq \mathbb{1}_2 + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad [k_i, k_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} T_k$$

$$\text{and } [k_i, T_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} k_k$$

$$[T_i, T_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} T_k \quad M_i = (T_i + k_i)/2$$

$$[k_i, k_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} T_k \quad N_i = (T_i - k_i)/2$$

$$[k_i, T_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} k_k.$$

$$\Rightarrow [M_i, M_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} M_k. \quad \Rightarrow \text{so}(1,3) \cong \text{so}(3) \times \text{so}(3)$$

$$[N_i, N_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} N_k \quad \cong \text{su}(2) \times \text{su}(2)$$

We know that Rep. of  $\text{su}(2)$  are labeled by spin  $s$ .

e.g.  $s=1/2$  2-dim. Rep.  $(2s+1)$ -dim Rep.

Now, a relativistic particle/field needs two labels.

$(s_1, s_2)$

e.g.  $(0,0)$  scalar field. complex

$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$  2-component spinor (left-handed.) / Weyl

$(0, \frac{1}{2})$  - - - - - (Right ..... ) } Spinor.  
complex

$(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \oplus (0, \frac{1}{2})$  4-component <sup>complex</sup> Spinor (Both L/R) Dirac Spinor.

$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  4-component Lorentz vector. (photon)

They are off-shell D.O.F. (Not physical).

Rmk: A field  $\phi(x)$  has infinitely many D.O.F. as claimed in the beginning. Here D.O.F. we mean is to count the internal D.O.F. of a field  $\phi(x)$  at a fixed time space spot "x".

- Little Group.

Reps of  $SU(3)$  count off-shell D.O.F.

From physics perspective, we are more interested in

on-shell D.O.F., i.e. those D.O.F. really

propagate, or say those satisfying the E.O.M.

e.g. We use 4-vector potential  $A_\mu = (\phi, \vec{A})$  to

describe photon. (Recall  $\vec{E} = \vec{\nabla}\phi$ ,  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ )

there are 4 D.O.F off-shell, But photon only has 2 physical D.O.F (2 polarization)

To count D.O.F on-shell, we introduce the concept of "little group." That is:

We consider a massive particle at its rest frame under the reduced Lorentz group (little group) that keeps the particle in the frame, and thus count its D.O.F.; a massless particle ----- light-cone frame -----.

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\* MASSIVE CASE:  $p^M = (E, \vec{p})$   $E^2 - |\vec{p}|^2 = M^2$

rest frame:  $p_{\text{rest}}^M = (M, \underbrace{0, 0, 0}_S, 0)$

$SU(3)$

the little group  $\Lambda_l \cdot P = P \Rightarrow \Lambda_l \in SO(3) \cong SU(2)$

$\Rightarrow$  For scalar

D.O.F.	$SU(2)$
1	0 Rep

Dirac Spinor	4 (2 complex)	$\frac{1}{2}$ Rep.
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massive vector ( $W, Z^i$ )	3	1 Rep.
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massive spin 2 particle	5	2 Rep.
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\* massless case:  $P^\mu = (E, \vec{p})$        $E^2 - |\vec{p}|^2 = 0$

light cone frame:  $P_{lc}^\mu = (E, \underbrace{0, 0}_{SO(2)}, \pm E)$

D.O.F.	massive.
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For scalar

1	1
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Weyl Spinor

2	$4 = 2_L + 2_R$
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photon (massless vec.)

2	$3 = 2 + 1$ $\{-1, +1\} \times \{0\}$
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I will explain  $\rightarrow$  graviton (massless spin 2)

2	$5 = 2 + 2 + 1$ $\{\pm 1\} \times \{\pm 1\} \times \{0\}$
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right away.

\* Generic case in  $D$ -dimensional Spacetime.

Lorentz Group $SO(1, D-1)$	Scalar	too simple
	Spinor	kind of intricate.

massive little group  $SO(D-1)$

D.O.F.

Vec. field  $A_\mu$

D-1

Rank-2 traceless  $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\frac{(D-1)D}{2} - 1 = \frac{(D-2)(D+1)}{2}$$

massless little group  $SO(D-2)$

D.O.F.

Vec. field  $A_\mu$

D-2

Rank-2 traceless  $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\frac{(D-2)(D-1)}{2} - 1 = \frac{D(D-3)}{2}$$

2D gauge theory has no

3D gravity has no D.O.F.

D.O.F.  $\simeq$  Topological

3D Chern-Simons Theory.

Field Theory.

— Infinitesimal Transformation under Lorentz Symmetry  
(Poincaré)

Consider Lorentz Group

$$SO(1,3) = \left\{ \Lambda \mid \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta, \det \Lambda = 1, (\Lambda x)^o > 0 \text{ if } x^o > 0 \right\}$$

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu \quad \text{or a Vector } V^\mu \rightarrow V'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu V^\nu$$

$$x_\mu x^\mu = x^\rho \eta_{\rho\mu} x^\mu \rightarrow \Lambda^\rho_\sigma \eta_{\rho\mu} \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\sigma x^\nu = \eta_{\sigma\nu} x^\sigma x^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^\rho_\sigma \eta_{\rho\mu} \Lambda^\mu_\nu = \delta^\rho_\nu$$

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

use  $\eta_{\nu}^{\mu} = \delta_{\nu}^{\mu} + \omega_{\nu}^{\mu}$ ,  $\omega$  is infinitesimal.

$$(\delta_{\alpha}^{\mu} + \omega_{\alpha}^{\mu}) \eta_{\beta\mu} (\delta_{\nu}^{\nu} + \omega_{\nu}^{\nu}) = \eta_{\alpha\nu} + \omega_{\nu\alpha} + \omega_{\alpha\nu} = \eta_{\alpha\nu} + O(\omega^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{\nu\alpha} = -\omega_{\alpha\nu} \quad \text{anti-symmetric matrix.}$$

One can check how many independent matrices in 4-dim.

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6 = 3 + 3$$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
reflections    boosts

Find A basis for the 6 AS-matrices.

$$\boxed{(\mathcal{M}^{P\alpha})^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\rho} \eta_{\alpha\nu} - \eta^{\nu\rho} \eta_{\alpha\mu}}$$

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{P\alpha})^{\mu\nu}$$

$\uparrow$   
label 6 Ns.     $\uparrow$  entries of  
 $\mathcal{M}^{P\alpha}$

one can check the pairs  $(P, \alpha)$  - AS,  $(\mu, \nu)$  - AS.

use " $\eta$ " to lower the entries.

$$(\mathcal{M}^{P\alpha})^{\mu}_{\nu} = (\mathcal{M}^{P\alpha})^{\mu\tau} \eta_{\tau\nu} = \eta^{\mu\rho} \delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} - \eta^{\nu\rho} \delta_{\nu}^{\alpha}$$

$$\text{One can check, e.g. } (\mathcal{M}^{01})^{\mu}_{\nu} = \eta^{0\mu} \delta_{\nu}^1 - \eta^{1\mu} \delta_{\nu}^0$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = K_1$$

$$(M^{12})^\mu_\nu = \eta^{1\mu} \delta^2_\nu - \eta^{2\mu} \delta^1_\nu$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -T_3$$

One can verify the commutation relation:

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\rho\alpha}] = -\eta^{\mu\rho} M^{\nu\alpha} + \eta^{\mu\alpha} M^{\nu\rho} + \eta^{\nu\rho} M^{\mu\alpha} - \eta^{\nu\alpha} M^{\mu\rho}$$

A finite Lorentz transformation

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}\theta_{\rho\alpha} M^{\rho\alpha}\right\}^\mu_\nu,$$

$$= \delta^\mu_\nu + \frac{1}{2}\theta_{\rho\alpha} (M^{\rho\alpha})^\mu_\nu,$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \theta_{\rho\alpha} \theta_{\tau\lambda} (M^{\rho\alpha})^\mu_\kappa (M^{\tau\lambda})^\kappa_\nu$$

$$+ \dots \mathcal{O}(\theta^3)$$

$$\text{A infinitesimal one } \Lambda^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu + \omega^\mu_\nu$$

with  $\omega^\mu_\nu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\rho\sigma} (M^{\rho\sigma})^\mu_\nu$

$$\delta X^\mu = (X')^\mu - X^\mu = \left( \delta^\mu_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\rho\sigma} (M^{\rho\sigma})^\mu_\nu \right) X^\nu - X^\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\rho\sigma} (M^{\rho\sigma})^\mu_\nu X^\nu$$

Besides, there are also translation symmetry.

$$X^\mu \rightarrow (X')^\mu = X^\mu + a^\mu \quad \text{→ 4 Sym. parametrized by } a^\mu.$$

Infinitesimally,  $\delta X^\mu = (X')^\mu - X^\mu$

$$= (X^\mu + \epsilon^\mu) - X^\mu = \epsilon^\mu.$$

$\mathbb{R}^4$

the Full Sym. of a GFT is

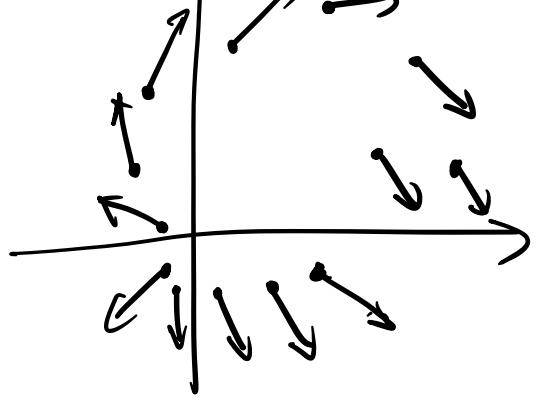
" $SU(3) \times \mathbb{R}^4$ " the Poincaré Group

\* Now we turn to Lorentz (Poincaré) transformations

of Fields



$V^\mu(x)$  assigns a vector for



each spot of  $x$ ,

So when taking a Lorentz transformation

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

↑                      ↑  
 coordinate transformed  
 Vector transformed

$V^{\mu}(x) \rightarrow V'^{\mu}(x')$  is called "Passive transformation"  
 that is the coordinate also changes from  $x$  to  $x'$   
 It's therefore equivalent to rotate/boost the coordinate,  
 and thus it's similar to just rotate/boost the vector.  $V^{\mu}$

$$\text{i.e. } V'^{\mu}(x') = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} V^{\nu}(x)$$

More generally, consider a Manifold  $M$ , on which there  
 is a vector field.  $V = V^{\mu}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}}$

a diffeomorphism  $x \rightarrow x' = f(x)$

changes the vector field to  $V = V'^\mu(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu}$

$$= V'^\mu(x') \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}$$

$$= V^\nu(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow V^\nu(x) = V'^\mu(x') \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu}$$

or  $V'^\mu(x') = \underbrace{\frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}}_{\Lambda^\mu_\nu} V^\nu(x)$

$\Lambda^\mu_\nu$ , if the diffeomorphism is Lorentz.  
i.e.  $x' = f(x) = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \cdot x^\nu$

However, the "passive transformation" won't tell us ANYTHING

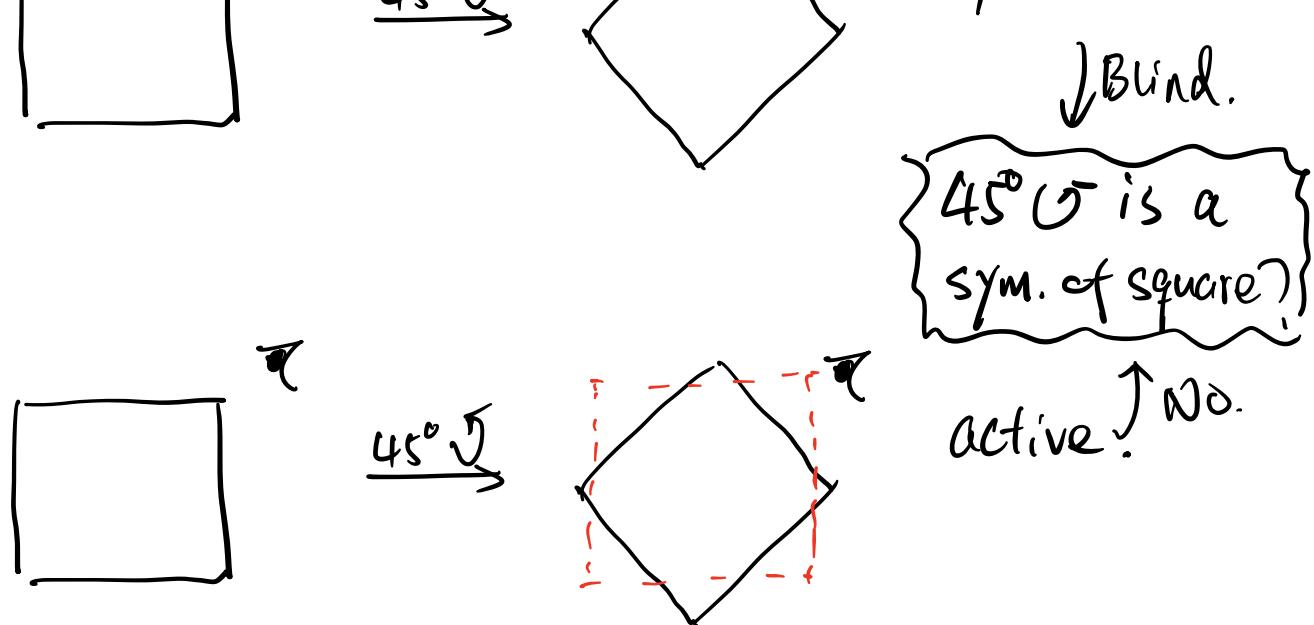
about the symmetry of our system. It simply shows how a field transform under an action (diffeomorphism, group action...).

What we really need is an "active transformation" that.

tells us the difference of the field at the SAME spot.

before and after the transformation.





An infinitesimal "active transformation" is to compare

$$\delta \text{Field}(x) = \text{Field}'(x) - \text{Field}(x)$$

e.g. scalar  $\phi(x)$ .

$$\text{passive: } \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \phi(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{active: } \delta\phi(x) &= \phi'(x) - \phi(x) \\ &= \phi'(x' - \delta x) - \phi(x) = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{translation: } \delta x^\mu = \epsilon^\mu \quad \delta_t \phi(x) = -\epsilon^\mu \partial_\mu \phi(x)$$

$$\text{rotation/boost: } \delta x^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\alpha} (M^{\rho\alpha})^\mu_\nu x^\nu \quad \delta_L \phi(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\alpha} (M^{\rho\alpha})^\mu_\nu x^\nu \partial_\mu \phi$$

$$\text{Recall } (M^{\rho\alpha})^\mu_\nu = \eta^{\rho\mu} \delta^\alpha_\nu - \delta^\rho_\nu \eta^{\alpha\mu}$$

$$S_L q(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{p\alpha} (\eta^{pm} x^\alpha - x^p \eta^{\alpha m}) \partial_p q.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{p\alpha} \underbrace{(x^p \partial^\alpha - x^\alpha \partial^p)}_{L^{p\alpha}} q$$

$L^{p\alpha}$   $\leftarrow$  orbit angular momentum.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{p\alpha} L^{p\alpha} q.$$

e.g. A vector field  $V^M(x)$

$$V'^\mu(x) - V^\mu(x) = V'^\mu(x' + x - x') - V^\mu(x)$$

$$= V'^\mu(x') - \delta x^\nu \partial_\nu V'^\mu(x') - V^\mu(x)$$

$$= \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu(x) - V^\mu(x) - \delta x^\nu \partial_\nu (\Lambda^\mu{}_\rho V^\rho(x))$$

$$= (\delta^\mu{}_\nu + \omega^\mu{}_\nu) V^\nu - V^\mu(x) - \delta x^\nu \partial_\nu V^\mu$$

$$= -\omega^\nu_\lambda x^\lambda \partial_\nu V^\mu + \omega^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu$$

$$\omega^\nu_\lambda x^\lambda \partial_\nu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{p\alpha} (\Lambda^{p\alpha})^\nu{}_\lambda x^\lambda \partial_\nu$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{p\alpha} (\eta^{p\nu} \delta^\alpha_\lambda - \delta^p_\lambda \eta^{\alpha\nu}) x^\lambda \partial_\nu$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{p\lambda} x^\lambda \partial^p - \epsilon_{\lambda\alpha} x^\lambda \partial^\alpha)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\lambda\rho} (x^\lambda \partial^\rho - x^\rho \partial^\lambda)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\lambda\rho} L^{\lambda\rho}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\lambda\rho} \left( \underset{\text{orbit angular momentum.}}{\cancel{L^{\lambda\rho} \delta^\nu_\lambda + (M^{\lambda\rho})^\nu_\lambda}} \right) V^\lambda$$

orbit angular momentum.      Spin. angular momentum.

e.g. Consider  $L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$

translation inv.  $S\phi = \epsilon^\mu \partial_\mu \phi \Rightarrow X_\mu = \partial_\mu \phi$ .

Further,  $L = L(x)$  is a scalar resp. to  $X$

$$\Rightarrow S\mathcal{L} = \epsilon^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}$$

$$= \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi} S\phi + \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\mu S\phi.$$

$$= \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \right) \right) S\phi + \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} S\phi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} S\phi - \epsilon^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \epsilon^\nu \partial_\nu \phi - \epsilon^\nu S_\nu{}^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$$\epsilon^\nu \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\nu \phi - S_\nu{}^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$$T_\nu{}^\mu = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\nu \phi - S_\nu{}^\mu \mathcal{L} \quad \text{is conserved}$$

$$\text{or } T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\nu \phi} \partial^\mu \phi - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$$

$$= \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}. \quad (\text{Symmetric tensor})$$

$$\text{the conserved charges. } P^\mu = \int d^3x T^{\mu 0}(t, \vec{x})$$

$$\frac{dP^\mu}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{4-momentum conserved.}$$

$\sqrt{g}$  translation inv.

Lorentz inv.

$$S\phi = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} L_{\mu\nu} \phi = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} x_\rho \partial_\sigma \phi, \quad L_{\mu\nu} = x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu.$$

$$S\mathcal{L} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} x_\rho \partial_\sigma \mathcal{L} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\sigma (x_\rho \mathcal{L}) - \underbrace{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \eta_{\rho\sigma}}_0 \mathcal{L}$$

$$= \partial_\mu (\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} x_\rho \mathcal{L})$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \phi - \epsilon^{P^M} x_P L \right) \xrightarrow{\epsilon^{P^N} S_N{}^\mu}$$

$$= \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \epsilon^{P^N} x_P \partial_N \phi - \epsilon^{P^M} x_P L \right)$$

$$= \partial_\mu \epsilon^{P^N} \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} x_P \partial_N \phi - S_N{}^\mu x_P L \right)$$

$$= \partial_\mu \epsilon^{P^N} \left( x_P \partial^N \phi \partial_N \phi - S_N{}^\mu L \right)$$

$$= \partial_\mu \epsilon^{P^N} (x_P T^N{}_N) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \epsilon^{P^N} (x_P T^M{}_N - x_N T^M{}_P)$$

$$= \partial^M \epsilon^{P^N} \frac{1}{2} (x_P T_{PMN} - x_N T_{PPM})$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\mu\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} (T_{\mu\nu} x_\rho - T_{\mu\rho} x_\nu)$$

charges of angular momentum.

$$M_{\nu\rho} = \int d^3x m^\circ_{\nu\rho}$$