

Homework 1

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Problem 1

Let

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu + \delta\omega^\mu_\nu$$

Then, (keeping only terms linear in $\delta\omega$)

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\rho\sigma} &= g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma \\ &= g_{\mu\nu} (\delta^\mu_\rho + \delta\omega^\mu_\rho) (\delta^\nu_\sigma + \delta\omega^\nu_\sigma) \\ &= g_{\mu\nu} \delta^\mu_\rho \delta^\nu_\sigma + g_{\mu\nu} \delta^\mu_\rho \delta\omega^\nu_\sigma + g_{\mu\nu} \delta\omega^\mu_\rho \delta^\nu_\sigma + O(\delta\omega^2) \\ &= g_{\rho\sigma} + \delta\omega_{\rho\sigma} + \delta\omega_{\sigma\rho} \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies 0 = \delta\omega_{\rho\sigma} + \delta\omega_{\sigma\rho}$$

$$\implies \boxed{\delta\omega_{\rho\sigma} = -\delta\omega_{\sigma\rho}}$$

Problem 2

Starting with

$$U(\Lambda)^{-1} U(\Lambda') U(\Lambda) = U(\Lambda^{-1} \Lambda' \Lambda)$$

we can expand Λ' to $\delta^\mu_\nu + \delta\omega'^\mu_\nu$. On the left hand side this gives

$$\begin{aligned} U(\Lambda)^{-1} U(\Lambda') U(\Lambda) &= U(\Lambda)^{-1} U(\delta^\mu_\nu + \delta\omega'^\mu_\nu) U(\Lambda) \\ &= U(\Lambda)^{-1} \left(\mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega'^\mu_\nu \right) U(\Lambda) \\ &= \mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega'_{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

On the right hand side we get

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\Lambda^{-1}\Lambda'\Lambda) &= U((\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\alpha \Lambda'^\alpha_\beta \Lambda^\beta_\nu) \\
&= U(\Lambda^\mu_\alpha (\delta^\alpha_\beta + \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta) \Lambda^\beta_\nu) \\
&= U(\delta^\nu_\mu + \Lambda^\mu_\alpha \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta) \\
&= U(\delta^\nu_\mu + \delta\tilde{\omega}^\mu_\nu) \\
&= \mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\delta\tilde{\omega}^\mu_\nu = \Lambda^\mu_\alpha \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu} &= g_{\mu\rho} \delta\tilde{\omega}^\rho_\nu \\
&= g_{\kappa\sigma} \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \Lambda^\sigma_\rho \Lambda^\rho_\alpha \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta \\
&= g_{\kappa\sigma} \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \delta^\sigma_\alpha \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta \\
&= g_{\kappa\sigma} \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'^\alpha_\beta \\
&= \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'_{\kappa\beta}
\end{aligned}$$

So we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega'_{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) &= \mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \Lambda^\beta_\nu \delta\omega'_{\kappa\beta} M^{\mu\nu} \\
\implies \delta\omega'_{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) &= \delta\omega'_{\kappa\beta} \Lambda^\kappa_\mu \Lambda^\beta_\nu M^{\mu\nu} \\
\implies \delta\omega'_{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) &= \delta\omega'_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\kappa \Lambda^\nu_\beta M^{\kappa\beta}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can equate the antisymmetric parts on both sides. Since $M^{\alpha\beta}$ is already antisymmetric, we can simply cancel $\delta\omega'_{\mu\nu}$, giving (after swapping out the contracted indicies to match the desired form):

$$\boxed{U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma M^{\rho\sigma}}$$

Problem 3

Starting with the solution from Problem 2, we can again expand Λ . On the left-hand side this gives

$$\begin{aligned}
U(\Lambda)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\Lambda) &= U(\delta^\rho_\sigma + \delta\omega^\rho_\sigma)^{-1} M^{\mu\nu} U(\delta^\alpha_\beta + \delta\omega^\alpha_\beta) \\
&= \left(\mathbb{I} - \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega_{\rho\sigma} M^{\rho\sigma} \right) M^{\mu\nu} \left(\mathbb{I} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\beta} \right) \\
&= M^{\mu\nu} - \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega_{\rho\sigma} M^{\rho\sigma} M^{\mu\nu} + \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} M^{\alpha\beta} + O(\delta\omega^2)
\end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side gives

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_\rho^\mu \Lambda_\sigma^\nu M^{\rho\sigma} &= (\delta_\rho^\mu + \delta\omega_\rho^\mu)(\delta_\sigma^\nu + \delta\omega_\sigma^\nu)M^{\rho\sigma} \\ &= M^{\mu\nu} + \delta\omega_\sigma^\nu M^{\mu\sigma} + \delta\omega_\rho^\mu M^{\rho\nu} + O(\delta\omega^2)\end{aligned}$$

Re-equating the two sides, canceling the first term in each, and swapping some contracted indicies gives

$$\frac{i}{2} (\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} M^{\alpha\beta} - \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu}) = \delta\omega_\alpha^\nu M^{\mu\alpha} + \delta\omega_\alpha^\mu M^{\alpha\nu}$$

To get the index locations on the right to agree with the left, we can toss on some metrics:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\omega_\alpha^\nu M^{\mu\alpha} + \delta\omega_\alpha^\mu M^{\alpha\nu} &= g^{\nu\beta} \delta\omega_{\beta\alpha} M^{\mu\alpha} + g^{\mu\alpha} \delta\omega_{\beta\alpha} M^{\beta\nu} \\ &= -g^{\nu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} + g^{\mu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\nu}\end{aligned}$$

In the first term of the second line above, the antisymmetry of $\delta\omega$ was used to swap its indices. In the second term, the contracted indices were simply relabeled. The full expression is now

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} M^{\alpha\beta} - \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} &= -2i (-g^{\nu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} + g^{\mu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\nu}) \\ &= -i (-g^{\nu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} + g^{\mu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\nu} + g^{\nu\alpha} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\beta} - g^{\mu\beta} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\nu})\end{aligned}$$

Just as in Problem 2, the antisymmetry of $M^{\alpha\beta}$ allows us to cancel all the $\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta}$. Swapping contracted indices again to match the desired result, we have

$$\begin{aligned}M^{\mu\nu} M^{\rho\sigma} - M^{\rho\sigma} M^{\mu\nu} &= i (g^{\nu\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} - g^{\mu\beta} M^{\alpha\nu} - g^{\nu\alpha} M^{\mu\beta} + g^{\mu\beta} M^{\alpha\nu}) \\ \implies [M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\rho\sigma}] &= (g^{\mu\rho} M^{\nu\sigma} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)) - (\rho \leftrightarrow \sigma)\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

To show that

$$[J_i, J_j] = i\varepsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

we can start by expressing the J s in terms of the M s:

$$\begin{aligned}J_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{1jk} M^{jk} = -\frac{1}{2}(M^{23} - M^{32}) = M^{32} \\ J_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{2jk} M^{jk} = -\frac{1}{2}(M^{31} - M^{13}) = M^{13} \\ J_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{3jk} M^{jk} = -\frac{1}{2}(M^{12} - M^{21}) = M^{21}\end{aligned}$$

Now, using the result from Problem 3, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}[J_1, J_2] &= [M^{32}, M^{13}] \\ &= i(g^{31} M^{23} - g^{21} M^{33} - g^{33} M^{21} + g^{23} M^{31}) \\ &= iM^{21} \\ &= iJ_3\end{aligned}$$

Taking cyclic permutations of the above result gives

$$\boxed{[J_i, J_j] = i\varepsilon_{ijk}J_k}$$

For the next identity, consider

$$\begin{aligned} [J_1, K_2] &= [M^{32}, M^{20}] \\ &= i(g^{32}M^{20} - g^{22}M^{30} - g^{30}M^{22} + g^{20}M^{32}) \\ &= iM^{30} \\ &= iK_3 \end{aligned}$$

Again, taking cyclic permutations of the above result gives

$$\boxed{[J_i, K_j] = i\varepsilon_{ijk}K_k}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} [K_i, K_j] &= [M^{10}, M^{20}] \\ &= i(g^{12}M^{00} - g^{02}M^{10} - g^{10}M^{02} + g^{00}M^{12}) \\ &= iM^{12} \\ &= -iJ_3 \end{aligned}$$

taking cyclic permutations of the above result then gives

$$\boxed{[K_i, K_j] = -i\varepsilon_{ijk}J_k}$$

Problem 5

(a) Starting with

$$U(\Lambda)^{-1}\partial^\mu\phi(x)U(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu_{\rho}\bar{\partial}^\rho\phi(\Lambda^{-1}x)$$

we can expand both sides using $\Lambda = 1 + \delta\omega$. Starting with the left-hand side this gives

$$\begin{aligned} U(\Lambda)^{-1}\partial^\mu\phi(x)U(\Lambda) &= \partial^\mu U(\Lambda)^{-1}\phi(x)U(\Lambda) \\ &= \partial^\mu (\mathbb{I} - \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta}M^{\alpha\beta})\phi(x) (\mathbb{I} + \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta}M^{\alpha\beta}) \\ &= \partial^\mu \left[\phi(x) + \frac{i}{2}\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} (\phi(x)M^{\alpha\beta} - M^{\alpha\beta}\phi(x)) \right] \\ &= \partial^\mu \left[\phi(x) + \frac{i}{2}[\phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] \right] \\ &= \partial^\mu\phi(x) + \frac{i}{2}[\partial^\mu\phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] \end{aligned}$$

while the right-hand side gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda^\mu_\rho \bar{\partial}^\mu \phi(\Lambda^{-1}x) &= \partial^\mu \phi(\Lambda^{-1}x) \\
&= \partial^\mu \phi((1 - \delta\omega)x) \\
&= \partial^\mu \phi(x - x\delta\omega) \\
&= \partial^\mu (\phi(x) - \delta\omega_{\mu\nu} x^\nu \partial^\mu \phi(x))
\end{aligned}$$

Canceling the first terms, we now have that

$$\frac{i}{2} \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} [\partial^\mu \phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] = \partial^\mu (\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} x^\beta \delta^\alpha \phi(x))$$

Rearranging terms, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} [\partial^\mu \phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] &= -2i \partial^\mu (\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} x^\beta \delta^\alpha \phi(x)) \\
&= -i \partial^\mu (\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} x^\beta \delta^\alpha \phi(x) + \delta\omega_{\beta\alpha} x^\alpha \partial^\beta \phi(x)) \\
&= -i \partial^\mu (\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} x^\beta \partial^\alpha \phi(x) - \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} x^\alpha \partial^\beta \phi(x)) \\
&= -i \partial^\mu \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} (x^\beta \partial^\alpha \phi(x) - x^\alpha \partial^\beta \phi(x)) \\
&= \delta\omega_{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \phi(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can cancel the $\delta\omega_{\alpha\beta}$, giving

$$[\partial^\mu \phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] = \partial^\mu \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \phi(x)$$

We can now use the chain rule to expand the right-hand side further

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial^\mu \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \phi(x) &= \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) + (\partial^\mu \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta}) \phi(x) \\
&= \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) - i \partial^\mu (x^\alpha \partial^\beta - x^\beta \partial^\alpha) \phi(x) \\
&= \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) - i (g^{\mu\alpha} \partial^\beta - g^{\mu\beta} \partial^\alpha) \phi(x) \\
&= \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) - i (g^{\alpha\mu} \delta^\beta_\tau - g^{\beta\mu} \delta^\alpha_\tau) \partial^\tau \phi(x) \\
&= \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) + \left(S_V^{\alpha\beta} \right)_\tau^\mu \partial^\tau \phi(x)
\end{aligned}$$

which finally gives the desired result

$$\boxed{[\partial^\mu \phi(x), M^{\alpha\beta}] = \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\mu \phi(x) + \left(S_V^{\alpha\beta} \right)_\tau^\mu \partial^\tau \phi(x)}$$

(c) To begin, let's right out S_V^{12} as a matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_V^{12} &= -i (g^{1\rho} \delta_\tau^2 - g^{2\rho} \delta_\tau^1) \\
&= -i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \right] \\
&= -i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Now let $A = i (S_V^{12})$. Powers of A are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
A^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
A^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= -A
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can expand $\exp(-i\theta S_V^{12})$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp(-i\theta S_V^{12}) &= e^{-\theta A} \\
&= \mathbb{I} - \theta A + \frac{1}{2!} \theta^2 A^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \theta^3 A^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \theta^4 A^4 - \frac{1}{5!} \theta^5 A^5 + \frac{1}{6!} \theta^6 A^6 + \dots \\
&= \mathbb{I} - \theta A + \frac{1}{2!} \theta^2 A^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \theta^3 A - \frac{1}{4!} \theta^4 A^2 - \frac{1}{5!} \theta^5 A + \frac{1}{6!} \theta^6 A^2 + \dots \\
&= \mathbb{I} + \left(-\theta + \frac{1}{3!} \theta^3 - \frac{1}{5!} \theta^5 + \dots \right) A + \left(\frac{1}{2!} \theta^2 - \frac{1}{4!} \theta^4 + \frac{1}{6!} \theta^6 + \dots \right) A^2 \\
&= \mathbb{I} - (\sin \theta) A + (1 - \cos \theta) A^2
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in the above matrix expressions for A and A^2 gives the desired result:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) As in part c, we can begin by writing out S_V^{30} as a matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} S_V^{30} &= -i (g^{3\rho} \delta_\tau^0 - g^{0\rho} \delta_\tau^3) \\ &= -i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0) - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1) \right] \\ &= -i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now, letting $A = i (S_V^{30})$, powers of A are given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ A^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= A \end{aligned}$$

Now we can expand $\exp(i\eta S_V^{30})$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp(i\eta S_V^{30}) &= e^{\eta A} \\
&= \mathbb{I} + \eta A + \frac{1}{2!}\eta^2 A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\eta^3 A^3 + \frac{1}{4!}\eta^4 A^4 + \frac{1}{5!}\eta^5 A^5 + \dots \\
&= \mathbb{I} + \eta A + \frac{1}{2!}\eta^2 A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\eta^3 A + \frac{1}{4!}\eta^4 A^2 + \frac{1}{5!}\eta^5 A + \dots \\
&= \mathbb{I} + \left(\eta + \frac{1}{3!}\eta^3 + \frac{1}{5!}\eta^5 + \dots \right) A + \left(\frac{1}{2!}\eta^2 + \frac{1}{4!}\eta^4 + \dots \right) A^2 \\
&= \mathbb{I} + (\sinh \eta) A + (\cosh \eta - 1) A^2
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in the above matrix expressions for A and A^2 gives the desired result:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & 0 & 0 & \sinh \eta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \sinh \eta & 0 & 0 & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}$$