

First we show how the isomorphism between  $SO(3, 1) \cong SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$  works.

Any group element  $g \in SO(3, 1)$  can be assumed to take the form  $g = e^{i(\theta_i J_i + \phi_i K_i)}$ , let this be expressed in  $J_{\pm i} = J_i \pm iK_i$  generators as

$$e^{i(\theta_i J_i + \phi_i K_i)} = e^{i(\alpha_i J_{+i} + \beta_i J_{-i})}$$

Then we know

$$\alpha_i(J_i + iK_i) + \beta_i(J_i - iK_i) = \theta_i J_i + \phi_i K_i \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_i + \beta_i = \theta_i \\ \alpha_i - \beta_i = -i\phi_i \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_i = \frac{\theta_i - i\phi_i}{2} \\ \beta_i = \frac{\theta_i + i\phi_i}{2} \end{cases}$$

Now given  $g$ , we can use its  $\alpha_i, \beta_i$  to construct two elements  $(u, v) \in SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$  where

$$u = e^{i\alpha_i \sigma_i}$$

$$v = e^{i\beta_i \sigma_i}$$

This is how an element of the Lorentz group  $SO(3, 1)$  can be represented by a pair of Weyl spinors  $(u, v)$ . On the other hand, given two spinors  $u, v$ , we can reverse the procedure to determine  $\theta_i, \phi_i$  hence  $g \in SO(3, 1)$ . The fact that the construction is homomorphic is not shown here, but the octave scripts has a demonstration.

Now we elaborate on the point that  $(u^\dagger u, u^\dagger \vec{\sigma} u)$  transforms like 4-vector.

Consider rotation  $e^{i\theta_3 J_3}$ . Recall that

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad iJ_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then expanding the exponential and focusing on the  $x, y$  components, we have (as  $2 \times 2$  matrix)

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta_3 J_3} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{(i\theta_3)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta_3)^4}{4!} + \dots \right] I + \left[ \frac{\theta_3}{1!} - \frac{\theta_3^3}{3!} + \dots \right] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_3 & \sin \theta_3 \\ -\sin \theta_3 & \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} = R(-\theta_3) \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the boost  $e^{i\phi_3 K_3}$ , recall that

$$K_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad iK_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (iK_3)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Expanding,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\phi_3 K_3} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{\phi_3^2}{2!} + \frac{\phi_3^4}{4!} + \dots \right] I + \left[ \frac{\phi_3}{1!} + \frac{\phi_3^3}{3!} + \dots \right] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \phi_3 & \sinh \phi_3 \\ \sinh \phi_3 & \cosh \phi_3 \end{bmatrix} = B(\phi_3) \end{aligned}$$

A spacetime 4-vector  $(t, x, y, z)$  under  $R(-\theta_3)$  transforms like

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_3 \\ -\theta_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + \theta_3 y \\ y - \theta_3 x \end{bmatrix}$$

We now use the isomorphic construction above to see the action of the same rotation on  $u$ , and how it effectively transforms  $(u^\dagger u, u^\dagger \vec{\sigma} u)$ . Since

$$u \rightarrow e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} u$$

$$u^\dagger \rightarrow u^\dagger e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2}$$

we know that the "time component"  $u^\dagger u$  is invariant, so is the  $\sigma_3$  component of  $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . But the  $x$  and  $y$  components transform like the following

$$\begin{bmatrix} u^\dagger \sigma_1 u \\ u^\dagger \sigma_2 u \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u^\dagger e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_1 e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ u^\dagger e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_2 e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} u \end{bmatrix}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_1 e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} &\approx (I - i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2) \sigma_1 (I + i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2) \\ &\approx \sigma_1 + i \frac{\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_1, \sigma_3] \\ &= \sigma_1 + i \frac{\theta_3}{2} (-2i\sigma_2) = \sigma_1 + \theta_3 \sigma_2 \end{aligned}$$

similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_2 e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} &\approx (I - i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2) \sigma_2 (I + i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2) \\ &\approx \sigma_2 + i \frac{\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_2, \sigma_3] \\ &= \sigma_2 + i \frac{\theta_3}{2} (2i\sigma_1) = \sigma_2 - \theta_3 \sigma_1 \end{aligned}$$

Which is precisely how  $(x, y)$  transforms under  $R(-\theta_3)$ .

Under  $B(\phi_3)$ , the spacetime 4-vector transforms as

$$\begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \phi_3 & \sinh \phi_3 \\ \sinh \phi_3 & \cosh \phi_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi_3 \\ \phi_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t + \phi_3 z \\ z + \phi_3 t \end{bmatrix}$$

And similarly, under boost

$$\begin{aligned} u &\rightarrow e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ u^\dagger &\rightarrow u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u^\dagger \sigma_0 u \\ u^\dagger \sigma_1 u \\ u^\dagger \sigma_2 u \\ u^\dagger \sigma_3 u \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_0 e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_1 e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_2 e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_3 e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \end{bmatrix}$$

Picking  $i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma_i e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} &\approx (I + \phi_3 \sigma_3/2) \sigma_i (I + \phi_3 \sigma_3/2) \\ &\approx \sigma_i + \frac{\phi_3}{2} \{\sigma_i, \sigma_3\} \end{aligned}$$

which leaves  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  unchanged, and transforms

$$I = \sigma_0 \rightarrow \sigma_0 + \phi_3 \sigma_3 \quad \sigma_3 \rightarrow \sigma_3 + \phi_3 \sigma_0$$

which is precisely how  $(t, z)$  transforms under  $B(\phi_3)$ .

Next let's show that the Weyl Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = iu^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u$$

is Lorentz invariant.

We do this by looking at how it transforms under infinitesimal rotation  $e^{i\theta_3 J_3} \sim R(-\theta_3)$  and infinitesimal boost  $e^{i\phi_3 K_3} \sim B(\phi_3)$  respectively.

Under rotation  $R(-\theta_3)$ , focusing on the  $x, y$  components,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = R(-\theta_3) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \cos \theta_3 + y \sin \theta_3 \\ -x \sin \theta_3 + y \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= R^{-1}(-\theta_3) \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \cos \theta_3 - y' \sin \theta_3 \\ x' \sin \theta_3 + y' \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \\ \partial'_\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x'} \\ \partial_{y'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x'} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x'} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y'} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial y'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \cos \theta_3 + \partial_y \sin \theta_3 \\ -\partial_x \sin \theta_3 + \partial_y \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} = R^{-1T}(-\theta_3) \partial_\mu \end{aligned}$$

Restoring to the full 4-vector, under rotation  $e^{i\theta_3 J_3} \sim R(-\theta_3)$

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu + \theta_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_y \\ -\partial_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Combining with  $u \rightarrow e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} u, u^\dagger \rightarrow u^\dagger e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2}$ , the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  is transformed by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &\rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = iu^\dagger e^{-i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu + \theta_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_y \\ -\partial_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ &\approx iu^\dagger \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) \sigma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu + \theta_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_y \\ -\partial_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) u \\ &\approx \mathcal{L} + iu^\dagger \left[ \frac{i\theta_3}{2} (\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 - \sigma_3 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu) + \theta_3 (\sigma^1 \partial_y - \sigma^2 \partial_x) \right] u \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mathcal{L}$  were to be Lorentz invariant, the operator inside the brackets will have to be zero. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 u &= \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 \begin{bmatrix} u_1(t, \vec{x}) \\ u_2(t, \vec{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ -u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= I \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t u_1 \\ -\partial_t u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^1 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x u_1 \\ -\partial_x u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_y u_1 \\ -\partial_y u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^3 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z u_1 \\ -\partial_z u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t u_1 \\ -\partial_t u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\partial_x u_2 \\ \partial_x u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} i\partial_y u_2 \\ i\partial_y u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z u_1 \\ \partial_z u_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_3 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u &= \sigma_3 \left( I \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t u_1 \\ \partial_t u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^1 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x u_1 \\ \partial_x u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_y u_1 \\ \partial_y u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \sigma^3 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z u_1 \\ \partial_z u_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t u_1 \\ -\partial_t u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x u_2 \\ -\partial_x u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -i\partial_y u_2 \\ -i\partial_y u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z u_1 \\ \partial_z u_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Therefore

$$\frac{i\theta_3}{2} (\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 - \sigma_3 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu) u = \theta_3 \begin{bmatrix} (-i\partial_x - \partial_y) u_2 \\ (i\partial_x - \partial_y) u_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which exactly cancels

$$\theta_3 (\sigma^1 \partial_y - \sigma^2 \partial_x) u = \theta_3 \left( \sigma^1 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_y u_1 \\ \partial_y u_2 \end{bmatrix} - \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x u_1 \\ \partial_x u_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \theta_3 \left( \begin{bmatrix} \partial_y u_2 \\ \partial_y u_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} i\partial_x u_2 \\ -i\partial_x u_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Similarly under boost  $e^{i\phi_3 K_3} \sim B(\phi_3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} t' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = B(\phi_3) \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \cosh \phi_3 + z \sinh \phi_3 \\ t \sinh \phi_3 + z \cosh \phi_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \\ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= B^{-1}(\phi_3) \begin{bmatrix} t' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t' \cosh \phi_3 - z' \sinh \phi_3 \\ -t' \sinh \phi_3 + z' \cosh \phi_3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \\ \partial'_\mu &= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{t'} \\ \partial_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial t'} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t'} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial z'} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t \cosh \phi_3 - \partial_z \sinh \phi_3 \\ -\partial_t \sinh \phi_3 + \partial_z \cosh \phi_3 \end{bmatrix} = B^{-1T}(\phi_3) \partial_\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu - \phi_3 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \partial_t \end{bmatrix}$$

Combining with  $u \rightarrow e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u, u^\dagger \rightarrow u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2}$ , the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  is transformed by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &\rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = i u^\dagger e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} \sigma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu - \phi_3 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \partial_t \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3/2} u \\ &\approx i u^\dagger \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) \sigma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu - \phi_3 \begin{bmatrix} \partial_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \partial_t \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) u \\ &\approx \mathcal{L} + u^\dagger \left[ \frac{\phi_3}{2} (\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu) - \phi_3 (\partial_z + \sigma^3 \partial_t) \right] u \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we know that

$$\frac{\phi_3}{2} (\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu) u = \phi_3 \begin{bmatrix} (\partial_t + \partial_z) u_1 \\ (-\partial_t + \partial_z) u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which exactly cancels

$$-\phi_3 (\partial_z + \sigma^3 \partial_t) u = -\phi_3 \begin{bmatrix} (\partial_z + \partial_t) u_1 \\ (\partial_z - \partial_t) u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we prove the useful "Weyl map". Let  $\sigma^\mu = (\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$ , and  $\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (\sigma_0, -\sigma_1, -\sigma_2, -\sigma_3)$ . The Weyl map claims

$$\bar{\sigma}^\mu \Lambda_\mu{}^\nu = (S_R^{-1})^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\nu S_R^{-1} \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma^\mu \Lambda_\mu{}^\nu = (S_L^{-1})^\dagger \sigma^\nu S_L^{-1} \quad (4)$$

$$\Lambda^\nu{}_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu = S_R^{-1} \bar{\sigma}^\nu (S_R^{-1})^\dagger \quad (5)$$

$$\Lambda^\nu{}_\mu \sigma^\mu = S_L^{-1} \sigma^\nu (S_L^{-1})^\dagger \quad (6)$$

where  $S_R, S_L$  are the representations of  $\Lambda$  in the right/left-handed Weyl spinor respectively, i.e.,

$$S_R = e^{i\alpha_i \sigma_i} = e^{i(\theta_i - i\phi_i) \sigma_i/2}$$

$$S_L = e^{i\beta_i \sigma_i} = e^{i(\theta_i + i\phi_i) \sigma_i/2}$$

note that

$$\begin{aligned} (S_R^{-1})^\dagger &= (e^{-i(\theta_i - i\phi_i) \sigma_i/2})^\dagger = e^{i(\theta_i + i\phi_i) \sigma_i/2} = S_L \quad \text{and vice versa} \\ (S_L^{-1})^\dagger &= S_R \end{aligned}$$

We prove (3)-(6) with infinitesimal rotation around z-axis and infinitesimal boost along z-axis.

First, with rotation  $\Lambda = e^{i\theta_3 J_3}$ , we have

$$\Lambda \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \theta_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\theta_3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_R = e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \approx I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2}, \quad S_L = e^{i\theta_3 \sigma_3/2} \approx I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2}$$

For (3),  $\nu = 1$ ,

$$\text{LHS} = \bar{\sigma}^1 \Lambda_1{}^1 + \bar{\sigma}^2 \Lambda_2{}^1 = -\sigma_1 + \theta_3 \sigma_2$$

$$\text{RHS} = \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_1) \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_1 - \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_1] = -\sigma_1 + \theta_3 \sigma_2$$

$\nu = 2$ ,

$$\text{LHS} = \bar{\sigma}^1 \Lambda_1{}^2 + \bar{\sigma}^2 \Lambda_2{}^2 = -\theta_3 \sigma_1 - \sigma_2$$

$$\text{RHS} = \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_2) \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_2 - \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_2] = -\sigma_2 - \theta_3 \sigma_1$$

For (4),  $\nu = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sigma^1 \Lambda_1^1 + \sigma^2 \Lambda_2^1 = \sigma_1 - \theta_3 \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_1) \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_1 + \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_1] = \sigma_1 - \theta_3 \sigma_2\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sigma^1 \Lambda_1^2 + \sigma^2 \Lambda_2^2 = \theta_3 \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_2) \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_2 + \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_2] = \sigma_2 + \theta_3 \sigma_1\end{aligned}$$

For (5),  $\nu = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda_1^1 \bar{\sigma}^1 + \Lambda_2^1 \bar{\sigma}^2 = -\sigma_1 - \theta_3 \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_1) \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_1 + \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_1] = -\sigma_1 - \theta_3 \sigma_2\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda_1^2 \bar{\sigma}^1 + \Lambda_2^2 \bar{\sigma}^2 = \theta_3 \sigma_1 - \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_2) \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_2 + \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_2] = -\sigma_2 + \theta_3 \sigma_1\end{aligned}$$

For (6),  $\nu = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda_1^1 \sigma^1 + \Lambda_2^1 \sigma^2 = \sigma_1 + \theta_3 \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_1) \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_1 - \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_1] = \sigma_1 + \theta_3 \sigma_2\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda_1^2 \sigma^1 + \Lambda_2^2 \sigma^2 = -\theta_3 \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_2) \left( I + \frac{i\theta_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_2 - \frac{i\theta_3}{2} [\sigma_3, \sigma_2] = \sigma_2 - \theta_3 \sigma_1\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for boost  $\Lambda = e^{i\phi_3 K_3}$ , we have

$$\Lambda \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \phi_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \phi_3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_R = e^{\phi_3 \sigma_3 / 2} \approx I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2}, \quad S_L = e^{-\phi_3 \sigma_3 / 2} \approx I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2}$$

For (3),  $\nu = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \bar{\sigma}^0 \Lambda_0^0 + \bar{\sigma}^3 \Lambda_3^0 = I - \phi_3 \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_0) \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = I - \phi_3 \sigma_3\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \bar{\sigma}^0 \Lambda_0^3 + \bar{\sigma}^3 \Lambda_3^3 = \phi_3 I - \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_3) \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_3 + \phi_3 I\end{aligned}$$

For (4),  $\nu = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sigma^0 \Lambda_0^0 + \sigma^3 \Lambda_3^0 = I + \phi_3 \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_0) \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = I + \phi_3 \sigma_3\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sigma^0 \Lambda_0^3 + \sigma^3 \Lambda_3^3 = \phi_3 I + \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_3) \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_3 + \phi_3 I\end{aligned}$$

For (5),  $\nu = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda^0_0 \bar{\sigma}^0 + \Lambda^0_3 \bar{\sigma}^3 = I - \phi_3 \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_0) \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = I - \phi_3 \sigma_3\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda^3_0 \bar{\sigma}^0 + \Lambda^3_3 \bar{\sigma}^3 = \phi_3 I - \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (-\sigma_3) \left( I - \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = -\sigma_3 + \phi_3 I\end{aligned}$$

For (6),  $\nu = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda^0_0 \sigma^0 + \Lambda^0_3 \sigma^3 = I + \phi_3 \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_0) \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = I + \phi_3 \sigma_3\end{aligned}$$

$\nu = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \Lambda^3_0 \sigma^0 + \Lambda^3_3 \sigma^3 = \phi_3 I + \sigma_3 \\ \text{RHS} &= \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) (\sigma_3) \left( I + \frac{\phi_3 \sigma_3}{2} \right) = \sigma_3 + \phi_3 I\end{aligned}$$

At last we show the Lorentz invariance of  $\mathcal{L}$  in index notation. Given  $\Lambda = e^{i(\theta_i J_i + \phi_i K_i)} \in SO(3, 1)$ , let  $S = e^{i(\theta_i - i\phi_i)\sigma_i/2}$  be the corresponding transformation to be applied to  $u$ .

First observe that

$$\sigma_i \partial_\nu \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_i \begin{bmatrix} \partial_\nu u_1 \\ \partial_\nu u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \partial_\nu \sigma_i \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \implies \quad [\sigma_i, \partial_\nu] = 0 \quad \implies \quad S \partial_\nu = \partial_\nu S$$

Now the differential operator  $\partial_\mu$  transforms like

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial'_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu}$$

By definition of  $\Lambda$ , we have

$$x^\nu = (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu{}_\mu x'^\mu$$

so

$$\partial'_\mu = (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu{}_\mu \partial_\nu = (\Lambda^{-1T})_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu$$

In fact

$$\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta \quad \implies \quad \Lambda^{-1T} = \eta \Lambda^T \eta \quad \implies \quad (\Lambda^{-1T})_\mu{}^\nu = \eta_{\mu\rho} \Lambda^\rho{}_\tau \eta^{\tau\nu}$$

therefore the Lagrangian transforms as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= iu^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u \rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = iu^\dagger S^\dagger \left[ \sigma^\mu (\Lambda^{-1T})_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu \right] Su \\ &= iu^\dagger S^\dagger \left[ \sigma^\mu \eta_{\mu\rho} \Lambda^\rho{}_\tau \eta^{\tau\nu} \partial_\nu \right] Su \\ &= iu^\dagger S^\dagger \left[ \bar{\sigma}_\rho \Lambda^\rho{}_\tau \partial^\tau \right] Su \quad (\text{applying Weyl map}) \\ &= iu^\dagger S^\dagger \left[ (S^{-1})^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\tau S^{-1} \partial^\tau \right] Su \quad ([S, \partial_\tau] = 0) \\ &= iu^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\tau \partial^\tau u = iu^\dagger \sigma^\tau \partial_\tau u\end{aligned}$$

Another way of saying  $\mathcal{L}$  is Lorentz invariant is that the Weyl equation

$$\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u = 0$$

transforms under  $S$  by

$$\sigma^\mu \partial'_\mu Su = (S^{-1})^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u = 0$$