

First we will prove eq (41).

Recall that

$$J_{\mu\nu} = i(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu) \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_\mu x_\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad (2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} [J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] &= [i(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu), i(x_\rho \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\rho)] = -[(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu), (x_\rho \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\rho)] \\ &= -[(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu)(x_\rho \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\rho) - (x_\rho \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\rho)(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu)] \\ &= -\left[\underbrace{x_\mu \partial_\nu x_\rho \partial_\sigma}_A - \underbrace{x_\mu \partial_\nu x_\sigma \partial_\rho}_B - \underbrace{x_\nu \partial_\mu x_\rho \partial_\sigma}_C + \underbrace{x_\nu \partial_\mu x_\sigma \partial_\rho}_D \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\underbrace{x_\rho \partial_\sigma x_\mu \partial_\nu}_E - \underbrace{x_\rho \partial_\sigma x_\nu \partial_\mu}_F - \underbrace{x_\sigma \partial_\rho x_\mu \partial_\nu}_G + \underbrace{x_\sigma \partial_\rho x_\nu \partial_\mu}_H \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= x_\mu \partial_\nu x_\rho \partial_\sigma = x_\mu \partial_\nu (x_\rho \partial_\sigma) = x_\mu [(\partial_\nu x_\rho) \partial_\sigma + x_\rho \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma] \\ &= x_\mu \eta_{\nu\rho} \partial_\sigma + x_\mu x_\rho \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \\ B &= x_\mu \eta_{\nu\sigma} \partial_\rho + x_\mu x_\sigma \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \\ C &= x_\nu \eta_{\mu\rho} \partial_\sigma + x_\nu x_\rho \partial_\mu \partial_\sigma \\ D &= x_\nu \eta_{\mu\sigma} \partial_\rho + x_\nu x_\sigma \partial_\mu \partial_\rho \\ E &= x_\rho \eta_{\sigma\mu} \partial_\nu + x_\rho x_\mu \partial_\sigma \partial_\nu \\ F &= x_\rho \eta_{\sigma\nu} \partial_\mu + x_\rho x_\nu \partial_\sigma \partial_\mu \\ G &= x_\sigma \eta_{\rho\mu} \partial_\nu + x_\sigma x_\mu \partial_\rho \partial_\nu \\ H &= x_\sigma \eta_{\rho\nu} \partial_\mu + x_\sigma x_\nu \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \end{aligned}$$

The second derivatives cancel between A/E, B/G, C/F and D/H, which leaves us with

$$\begin{aligned} [J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] &= -\left[\underbrace{\eta_{\nu\rho} (x_\mu \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\mu)}_{A-H} - \underbrace{\eta_{\nu\sigma} (x_\mu \partial_\rho - x_\rho \partial_\mu)}_{B-F} - \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\rho} (x_\nu \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\nu)}_{C-G} + \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\sigma} (x_\nu \partial_\rho - x_\rho \partial_\nu)}_{D-E} \right] \\ &= -i[-\eta_{\nu\rho} \cdot i(x_\mu \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\mu) + \eta_{\nu\sigma} \cdot i(x_\mu \partial_\rho - x_\rho \partial_\mu) + \eta_{\mu\rho} \cdot i(x_\nu \partial_\sigma - x_\sigma \partial_\nu) - \eta_{\mu\sigma} \cdot i(x_\nu \partial_\rho - x_\rho \partial_\nu)] \\ &= -i(\eta_{\nu\sigma} J_{\mu\rho} + \eta_{\mu\rho} J_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\nu\rho} J_{\mu\sigma} - \eta_{\mu\sigma} J_{\nu\rho}) \end{aligned}$$

Next we show eq (46):

$$\begin{aligned} [J_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho] &= i(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu) i \partial_\rho - i \partial_\rho i(x_\mu \partial_\nu - x_\nu \partial_\mu) \\ &= i^2 [x_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho - x_\nu \partial_\mu \partial_\rho - \partial_\rho (x_\mu \partial_\nu) + \partial_\rho (x_\nu \partial_\mu)] \\ &= i^2 [x_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho - x_\nu \partial_\mu \partial_\rho - (\eta_{\rho\mu} \partial_\nu + x_\mu \partial_\rho \partial_\nu) + (\eta_{\rho\nu} \partial_\mu + x_\nu \partial_\rho \partial_\mu)] \\ &= -i(\eta_{\rho\mu} i \partial_\nu - \eta_{\rho\nu} i \partial_\mu) \\ &= -i(\eta_{\mu\rho} P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\rho} P_\mu) \end{aligned}$$

Next we show that $P_\rho P^\rho$ is a Casimir invariant of the Poincaré algebra, i.e., it commutes with every generator $J_{\mu\nu}$ (it commutes with the P 's obviously).

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned}
[J_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho P^\rho] &= [J_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho] P^\rho + P_\rho [J_{\mu\nu}, P^\rho] \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho] \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\sigma + P_\rho [J_{\mu\nu}, \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\sigma] \\
&= [-i(\eta_{\mu\rho} P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\rho} P_\mu) \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\sigma] + P_\rho [-i(\eta_{\mu\sigma} P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\sigma} P_\mu) \eta^{\sigma\rho}] \\
&= -i(\eta_{\mu\rho} \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\nu P_\sigma - \eta_{\nu\rho} \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\mu P_\sigma + \eta_{\mu\sigma} \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\rho P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\sigma} \eta^{\sigma\rho} P_\rho P_\mu) \\
&= -i(\delta_\mu^\sigma P_\nu P_\sigma - \delta_\nu^\sigma P_\mu P_\sigma + \delta_\mu^\rho P_\rho P_\nu - \delta_\nu^\rho P_\rho P_\mu) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Next we show eq (48):

$$\begin{aligned}
W_\sigma P^\sigma &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} J^{\mu\nu} P^\rho P^\sigma \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \cdot i(x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \cdot i \partial^\rho \cdot i \partial^\sigma \\
&= \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \cdot (x^\mu \partial^\nu \partial^\rho \partial^\sigma - x^\nu \partial^\mu \partial^\rho \partial^\sigma)
\end{aligned}$$

It's easy to see all six terms corresponding to the same x^μ sum to zero because the ∂ 's commute, but the ϵ changes sign upon exchange of two indices.

Next we show that eq (48) implies W_σ transforms like a vector (with some caveats). In the following all the digits actually mean an index subscript so $1 \leftrightarrow \mu_1$.

By definition

$$W_4 = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{1234} J^{12} P^3$$

We would like to raise the lower index to upper one by contracting it with η^{45} , so

$$\begin{aligned}
W^5 &= \eta^{45} W_4 = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{1234} \eta^{45} J^{12} P^3 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{1234} \eta^{45} \eta^{16} \eta^{27} J_{67} \eta^{38} P_8 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{1234} \eta^{45} \eta^{16} \eta^{27} \eta^{38}) J_{67} P_8 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{6785} \det \eta J_{67} P_8 \quad (\text{define } E^{6785} \equiv \epsilon_{6785} \det \eta) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} E^{6785} J_{67} P_8
\end{aligned}$$

The caveat is, the "upper index" flavor of W will have to use E^{6785} which differs by the regular ϵ_{6785} by a factor of $\det \eta = -1$.

Now we show the commutator relationship between W and Poincaré generators.

First,

$$[P_1, W_2] = 0$$

In fact

$$\begin{aligned}
[P_1, W_2] &= \left[P_1, -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} J^{34} P^5 \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} [P_1, J^{34} P^5] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} \{ [P_1, J^{34}] P^5 + J^{34} [P_1, P^5] \} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} \{ [P_1, \eta^{36} \eta^{47} J_{67}] P^5 + J^{34} [P_1, \eta^{58} P_8] \} \quad ([P_1, P_8] = 0) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} \eta^{36} \eta^{47} [P_1, J_{67}] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3452} \eta^{36} \eta^{47} [i(\eta_{61} P_7 - \eta_{71} P_6)] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{3452} [(\eta^{36} \eta_{61})(\eta^{47} P_7) - (\eta^{47} \eta_{71})(\eta^{36} P_6)] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{3452} [\delta_1^3 P^4 - \delta_1^4 P^3] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{1452} P^4 P^5 + \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{3152} P^3 P^5
\end{aligned}$$

which is easily seen to vanish since $P^4 P^5$ commute but ϵ_{1452} changes sign upon exchanging index 4 and 5.

Second,

$$[J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] = i(\eta_{\nu\rho} W_\mu - \eta_{\mu\rho} W_\nu)$$

To see this, note that since $W_\rho P^\rho = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho P^\rho] \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] P^\rho + W_\rho [J_{\mu\nu}, P^\rho] \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] P^\rho + W_\rho \eta^{\rho\sigma} [J_{\mu\nu}, P_\sigma] \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] P^\rho + W_\rho \eta^{\rho\sigma} (-i)(\eta_{\mu\sigma} P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\sigma} P_\mu) \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] P^\rho + W_\rho (-i)(\delta_\mu^\rho P_\nu - \delta_\nu^\rho P_\mu) \implies \\
[J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] P^\rho &= i(W_\mu P_\nu - W_\nu P_\mu) \\
&= i(W_\mu \eta_{\nu\rho} - W_\nu \eta_{\mu\rho}) P^\rho
\end{aligned}$$

If they equal as differential operators for arbitrary states, we must have $[J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] = i(\eta_{\nu\rho} W_\mu - \eta_{\mu\rho} W_\nu)$.

Now we show that $W_\rho W^\rho$ is the second Casimir invariant of Poincaré algebra.

First

$$[P_\mu, W_\rho W^\rho] = [P_\mu, W_\rho] W^\rho + W_\rho [P_\mu, W^\rho] = 0$$

Next, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
[J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho W^\rho] &= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] W^\rho + W_\rho [J_{\mu\nu}, W^\rho] \\
&= [J_{\mu\nu}, W_\rho] W^\rho + W_\rho [J_{\mu\nu}, \eta^{\rho\sigma} W_\sigma] \\
&= i(\eta_{\nu\rho} W_\mu - \eta_{\mu\rho} W_\nu) W^\rho + W_\rho \eta^{\rho\sigma} (i)(\eta_{\nu\sigma} W_\mu - \eta_{\mu\sigma} W_\nu) \\
&= i(W_\mu W_\nu - W_\nu W_\mu) + i W_\rho (\delta_\nu^\rho W_\mu - \delta_\mu^\rho W_\nu) \\
&= i(W_\mu W_\nu - W_\nu W_\mu) + i(W_\nu W_\mu - W_\mu W_\nu) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Lastly we show eq (50).

$$\begin{aligned}
[W_1, W_2] &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} [J^{34} P^5, W_2] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} \{J^{34} [P^5, W_2] + [J^{34}, W_2] P^5\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} \{J^{34} [\eta^{56} P_6, W_2] + [J^{34}, W_2] P^5\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} [J^{34}, W_2] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} \eta^{36} \eta^{47} [J_{67}, W_2] P^5 \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{3451} \eta^{36} \eta^{47} (i) (\eta_{72} W_6 - \eta_{62} W_7) P^5 \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{3451} (\eta^{36} \delta_2^4 W_6 - \eta^{47} \delta_2^3 W_7) P^5 \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} (\epsilon_{3251} W^3 P^5 - \epsilon_{2451} W^4 P^5) \\
&= -\frac{i}{2} (\epsilon_{3251} W^3 P^5 + \epsilon_{4251} W^4 P^5)
\end{aligned}$$

Now remember the sum ranges over indices 3,4 and 5, when indices 1,2,5 have taken unique value, 3 and 4 must be equal to the only remaining value to make ϵ non-vanishing. We rename this as index 6, so the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
[W_1, W_2] &= -\frac{i}{2} (\epsilon_{6251} W^6 P^5 + \epsilon_{6251} W^6 P^5) \\
&= -i \epsilon_{6251} W^6 P^5 \quad (\text{applying two transpositions (16)(56)}) \\
&= -i \epsilon_{1265} W^6 P^5
\end{aligned}$$

renaming $1 \leftrightarrow \mu, 2 \leftrightarrow \nu, 6 \leftrightarrow \rho, 5 \leftrightarrow \sigma$, we get

$$[W_\mu, W_\nu] = -i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} W^\rho P^\sigma$$