

(13.1) (a) Show that the conserved charge in eqn 13.16 may be written

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{N_c} = \int d^3p \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \mathbf{J} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}} \quad (13.41)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}} = (\hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}}, \hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}}, \hat{a}_{3\mathbf{p}})$  and  $\mathbf{J} = (J_x, J_y, J_z)$  are the spin-1 angular momentum matrices from Chapter 9.

(b) Use the transformations from Exercise 3.3 to find the form of the angular momentum matrices appropriate to express the charge as  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{N_c} = \int d^3p \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \mathbf{J} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{p}}$  where  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{p}} = (\hat{b}_{1\mathbf{p}}, \hat{b}_{0\mathbf{p}}, \hat{b}_{-1\mathbf{p}})$ .

(a) Here is equation (13.16).

$$\mathbf{Q}_{N_c} = \int d^3x (\mathbf{\Phi} \times \partial_0 \mathbf{\Phi}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{Q}_{N_c}^a = -i \int d^3p \varepsilon^{abc} \hat{a}_{b\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{c\mathbf{p}} \quad (13.16)$$

Recall that  $\varepsilon^{abc}$  is the Levi-Civita symbol

$$\varepsilon^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varepsilon^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varepsilon^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Scalars commute with operators hence  $\varepsilon^{abc}$  and  $\hat{a}_{b\mathbf{p}}^\dagger$  can be interchanged.

$$\hat{Q}_{N_c}^a = -i \int d^3p \hat{a}_{b\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \varepsilon^{abc} \hat{a}_{c\mathbf{p}}$$

The sum over  $b$  and sum over  $c$  are inner products hence we can write

$$\hat{Q}_{N_c}^a = -i \int d^3p \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \varepsilon^a \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}$$

Let

$$J_x = -i\varepsilon^1, \quad J_y = -i\varepsilon^2, \quad J_z = -i\varepsilon^3$$

Then

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{N_c} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{N_c}^1 \\ Q_{N_c}^2 \\ Q_{N_c}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \int d^3p \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}} = \int d^3p \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \mathbf{J} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}$$

(b) From Exercise 3.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{b}_{1\mathbf{p}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}} + i\hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}}) \\ \hat{b}_{0\mathbf{p}} &= \hat{a}_{3\mathbf{p}} \\ \hat{b}_{-1\mathbf{p}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}} + i\hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}})\end{aligned}$$

We need a unitary matrix  $U$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}} + i\hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}}) \\ \hat{a}_{3\mathbf{p}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}} + i\hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}}) \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_{1\mathbf{p}} \\ \hat{a}_{2\mathbf{p}} \\ \hat{a}_{3\mathbf{p}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It follows that

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \mathbf{J}' \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{p}} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger U^\dagger \mathbf{J}' U \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{p}}$$

From (13.41) we have

$$U^\dagger \mathbf{J}' U = \mathbf{J}$$

Then from  $U^{-1} = U^\dagger$  we have

$$\mathbf{J}' = U \mathbf{J} U^\dagger$$

The components of  $\mathbf{J}'$  are

$$\begin{aligned}J'_x &= U J_x U^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ J'_y &= U J_y U^\dagger = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ J'_z &= U J_z U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$