

P&S QFT - Chapter 3 problems

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$$[J^{\mu\nu}, J^{\rho\sigma}] = i(g^{\nu\rho} J^{\mu\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho} J^{\nu\sigma} - g^{\nu\sigma} J^{\mu\rho} + g^{\mu\sigma} J^{\nu\rho}) \quad (1)$$

(a)

$$L^i = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{ijk} J^j k, \quad K^i = J^{0i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L^i, L^j] &= \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^{ikl}\epsilon^{jmn}[J^{kl}, J^{mn}] \\ &= -\frac{i}{4}\epsilon^{ikl}\epsilon^{jmn}(\delta^{lm}J^{kn} - \delta^{km}J^{ln} - \delta^{ln}J^{km} + \delta^{kn}J^{lm}) \\ &= (...renaming summation variables...) \\ &= -\frac{i}{4}(\epsilon^{ikl}\epsilon^{jln} - \epsilon^{ilk}\epsilon^{jln} - \epsilon^{ikl}\epsilon^{jnl} + \epsilon^{ilk}\epsilon^{jnl})J^{kn} \\ &= -i\epsilon^{ikl}\epsilon^{jln}J^{kn} = -i\epsilon^{lik}\epsilon^{lnj}J^{kn} = -i(\delta^{in}\delta^{kj} - \delta^{ij}\delta^{kn})J^{kn} \\ &= -i(J^{ji} - \delta^{ij}J^{kk}) = iJ^{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Now:

$$\epsilon^{ijk}L^k = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{ijk}\epsilon^{klm}J^{lm} = \frac{1}{2}(\delta^{il}\delta^{jm} - \delta^{im}\delta^{lj})J^{lm} = J^{ij} \quad (3)$$

Thus:

$$[L^i, L^j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}L^k \quad (4)$$

Commutator of boost and rotation:

$$\begin{aligned}
[L^i, K^j] &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ikl} [J^{kl}, J^{0j}] = \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{ikl} \left(g^{l0} J^{kj} - g^{k0} J^{lj} - g^{lj} J^{k0} + g^{kj} J^{l0} \right) \\
&= \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{ikl} \left(g^{lj} K^k - g^{kj} K^l \right) = -\frac{i}{2} \left(\epsilon^{ikj} K^k - \epsilon^{ijl} K^l \right) \\
&= i \epsilon^{ijk} K^k
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Commutator of two boosts:

$$[K^i, K^j] = [J^{0i}, J^{0j}] = -i J^{ij} = -i \epsilon^{ijk} L^k \tag{6}$$