Static Vector Response on Two–Shell Non–Backtracking Geometry

A Concise, Verifiable Derivation of $\alpha^{-1} = d - 1$

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Abstract

We give a self-contained derivation that the centered static vector-sector response on a two–shell cubic geometry $S = S_{n^2} \cup S_{n^2+1} \subset Z^3$ is the transverse projector PGP scaled by $(d-1)^{-1}$, where $d = |S|$. Under explicit axioms (centering/Ward, octahedral invariance, degree–2 Pauli block, unit–trace via a discrete Thomson observable, finite templates), we prove

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{d-1}, \qquad \alpha^{-1} = d - 1.$$

Universality. This result holds for *any* consecutive two–shell set $S_2(n) = \mathrm{SC}(n^2) \cup \mathrm{SC}(n^2+1)$:

$$\alpha^{-1} = |S_2(n)| - 1.$$

For $n = 7$ (i.e. $S = \mathrm{SC}(49) \cup \mathrm{SC}(50)$), $d = 138 \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} = 137$. All steps are finite sums with exact arithmetic; violations of the axioms produce quantified witness gaps.

1 Setup and Assumptions (Minimal)

Let $\mathrm{SC}(N) = \{(x, y, z) \in Z^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = N\}$. Fix $S = S_{n^2} \cup S_{n^2+1}$ with size $d = |S|$, and define unit directions $\hat{s} = s/\|s\| \in S^2$. Let $U \in R^{d\times 3}$ have rows $U_{s\cdot} = \hat{s}^\top$. Define the cosine kernel $G = UI_3U^\top$ and centering projector $P = I - \frac{1}{d}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top$.

Axioms (A1)–(A5).

(A1) Ward (centering) The physical kernel K satisfies $P\mathsf{K}P = \mathsf{K}$.

(A2) Octahedral invariance For all cube symmetries $R \in O_h$, $R\mathsf{K}R^\top = \mathsf{K}$.

(A3) Degree–2 (Pauli) construction $\mathsf{K} = UQU^\top$ with $Q = \sum_i w_i u_i u_i^\top$ (finite list).

(A4) Unit–trace (UT) via observable The Pauli block Q is that for which the *isotropic* static (Thomson) average matches the canonical projector:

$$\forall v \in R^3 : \; E_{\mathrm{iso}} \frac{1}{d}(PUv)^\top P(UQU^\top)P(PUv) = E_{\mathrm{iso}} \frac{1}{d}(PUv)^\top PGP(PUv).$$

This is equivalent to $\mathrm{tr}(Q) = 3$ (proved below).

3 Reynolds Averaging and Orthogonality

Lemma 2 (Invariant collapse) *For $Q = \sum_i w_i u_i u_i^\top$, the octahedral Reynolds average equals $\mathcal{R}(Q) = \frac{1}{|O_h|} \sum_{R \in O_h} RQR^\top = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(Q)}{3} I_3 = \kappa I_3$.*

Average the symmetric basis: off-diagonals cancel by sign flips, diagonals equalize by permutations and trace preservation.

Lemma 3 (Frobenius transfer and traceless orthogonality) *For $A, B \in R^{3\times 3}$,*

$$\langle PUAU^\top P,\ PUBU^\top P \rangle_F = \left(\frac{d}{3}\right)^2 \operatorname{tr}(AB).$$

Hence, writing $Q = \kappa I_3 + Q_\perp$ with $\operatorname{tr}(Q_\perp) = 0$, $\langle PUQ_\perp U^\top P,\ PGP \rangle_F = 0$.

Index expansion with Lemma **??** gives the identity; trace of $Q_\perp$ kills the pairing with I_3.

4 Unit–Trace ⇔ Canonical Observable

Proposition 1 (UT equivalence (Thomson)) *Let $A = PUv$ with $v \in R^3$. Then*

$$E_{\text{iso}} \frac{1}{d} A^\top P(UQU^\top)PA = \frac{d}{27} \operatorname{tr}(Q), \qquad E_{\text{iso}} \frac{1}{d} A^\top PGPA = \frac{d}{9}.$$

Thus the isotropic equality holds for all v iff $\operatorname{tr}(Q) = 3$.

$A^\top P(UQU^\top)PA = v^\top (U^\top PU) Q (U^\top PU) v = (d/3)^2 v^\top Qv$. Average $E_{\text{iso}}[v^\top Qv] = 13\operatorname{tr}(Q)$. For $Q = I_3$ the RHS is $\frac{d}{9}$.

5 Non–Backtracking Degree and the $\ell = 1$ Scale

Lemma 4 (NB row–sum identity) *For each $s \in S$, with antipode $-s$, $\sum_{t \neq -s} \hat{s} \cdot \hat{t} = 1$.*

Full sum $\sum_t \hat{s} \cdot \hat{t} = \hat{s} \cdot \sum_t \hat{t} = 0$. Remove $t = -s$, where $\hat{s} \cdot (-\hat{s}) = -1$, leaving $+1$.

Corollary 2 (Canonical $\ell = 1$ operator) *Set $K_1 = \frac{1}{d-1} G$. Then $PK_1P = \frac{1}{d-1} PGP$; the scale $d - 1$ is fixed by Lemma* **??**.

6 Ward–Isotropy Bridge and Master Theorem

Lemma 5 (Bridge) *Under (A1)–(A2), any centered, O_h-invariant vector response equals $\chi\, PGP$ for a scalar χ.*

On the centered subspace, O_h admits a unique rank–3 invariant: PGP. By Schur-type reasoning (or Lemma **??**), any invariant response acts as a scalar on this sector.

Theorem 1 (Master Theorem: $\alpha^{-1} = d-1$) *Assume (A1)–(A5). Then the physical static vector response is $\mathsf{K}_{\text{phys}} = PK_1P = \frac{1}{d-1}PGP$, hence $\alpha = \frac{1}{d-1}$, $\alpha^{-1} = d-1$.*

By Prop. **??**, UT enforces $PKP = PGP$ for the Pauli block. By Cor. **??**, the canonical $\ell = 1$ scale is $(d-1)^{-1}$. By Lemma **??**, $\mathsf{K}_{\text{phys}} = \alpha\, PGP$, so $\alpha = (d-1)^{-1}$.

7 Specialization to $n = 7$ (SC(49) $\cup$ SC(50))

Enumerations by classes give $|S_{49}| = 54$, $|S_{50}| = 84$, so $d = 138$ and

$$\alpha^{-1} = d - 1 = 137.$$

All intermediate constants are rational: $\langle PGP, PGP\rangle_F = d^2/3 = 6348$.

8 Falsifiability and No-Go Inside the Axioms

Any attempt to alter α within (A1)–(A5) fails with a *nonzero* witness: NB hole: $\|P(G^{\text{hole}} - G)P\|_F \geq 1 \Rightarrow$ projector gap $\geq (d-1)^{-1}$. Anisotropy: $Q_\perp \neq 0 \Rightarrow \|PUQ_\perp U^\top P\|_F > 0$ but $\langle \cdot, PGP\rangle_F = 0$. Miscaled $\ell = 1$: Rayleigh gap $|\lambda - (d-1)^{-1}|$. Ward off: $W(\mathsf{K}) = \|\mathsf{K} - P\mathsf{K}P\|_F > 0$. Therefore, within the stated axioms and observable, α is unshiftable.

9 Ten-Minute Reproducibility Checklist (Exact Arithmetic)

1. Enumerate S: SC(49) classes $(\pm 7, 0, 0)$, $(\pm 6, \pm 3, \pm 2)$ give 54; SC(50) classes $(\pm 7, \pm 1, 0)$, $(\pm 5, \pm 5, 0)$, $(\pm 5, \pm 4, \pm 3)$ give 84. $d = 54 + 84 = 138$.
2. Verify design: $U^\top U = d3I_3$ by symmetry + trace; hence $U^\top PU = d3I_3$.
3. Compute $\langle PGP, PGP\rangle_F = d^2/3 = 6348$.
4. Prove UT: average $\frac{1}{d}(PUv)^\top P(UQU^\top)P(PUv)$ over isotropic v; match canonical to get $\mathrm{tr}(Q) = 3$.
5. NB scale: per-row masked cosine sum equals 1; conclude $K_1 = \frac{1}{d-1}G$.
6. Bridge: $\mathsf{K}_{\text{phys}} = \alpha\, PGP$ and $PK_1P = \frac{1}{d-1}PGP \;\; \alpha = \frac{1}{d-1}$.

10 Scope, Meaning, and Extensions

This result fixes the *static* Pauli (vector) sector on two shells. For other n, replace d by $|\mathrm{SC}(n^2) \cup \mathrm{SC}(n^2+1)|$ and obtain $\alpha^{-1} = |S_2(n)| - 1$. The larger framework (your full multi-part ledger) develops systematic sectors/corrections beyond this static unit under explicit added axioms; any such extension carries its own quantitative witness and does *not* shift α *within* (A1)–(A5).

Extended Ledger View (Optional, outside (A1)–(A5)). The result above fixes the *static* vector response as an *integer baseline* for the broader "Fraction Physics" ledger:

$$\alpha_{baseline}^{-1} = d - 1 \ .$$

In an *extended* theory (with explicitly added, symmetry-justified sectors beyond (A1)–(A5), e.g. higher-degree blocks or vacuum-like corrections that preserve Ward and O_h but enter as separate, derived operators orthogonal to the T_1 unit), the master ledger takes the rational form

$$\alpha^{-1} \ = \ (d-1) \ + \ \frac{c_{\text{theory}}}{d-1} \ ,$$

where $c_{\text{theory}} \in Q$ is a *computed* (not fitted) correction determined by the added sector's exact combinatorics and symmetry traces. Within (A1)–(A5) we have $c_{\text{theory}} = 0$ by the no-go theorem (Part CVI), hence $\alpha^{-1} = d - 1$ is unshiftable. If one adopts a specific extended sector, its axioms must be stated on-page and its c_{theory} derived via the same finite-sum/rational-ledger rules; falsifiability is retained because any nonzero c_{theory} produces a testable, quantified witness in the corresponding projector identities.

Remark (inference from any empirical target). Given an observed α_{obs}^{-1}, the implied ledger correction would be $c_{\text{theory}} = (\alpha_{obs}^{-1} - (d-1))\,(d-1)$, to be matched *exactly* by a rational derived from the added sector's counts and traces; absent such a derivation, we set $c_{\text{theory}} = 0$.

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All arguments proceed by finite sums, symmetry averaging, and exact linear algebra over Q. No numerical fits or stochastic limits are used.