

# Symmetries in physics

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# Symmetry and group theory

Something symmetric is something that does not change under some kind of transformation

$$T(\text{"something"}) = \text{"something"}$$

Some shape, a matrix, a function, ...

Let us consider the set of all such  $T$ 's :  $S$ .

'Do nothing' must be one of the  $T$ 's  
( $\text{Id} \in S$ )

$$\text{Id}(\text{"something"}) = \text{"something"}$$

For each transformation  $T \in S$ , its inverse  
( $\equiv T^{-1}$ ) must also be a symmetry

$$T^{-1}(\text{"something"}) = \text{"something"}$$

If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are symmetries then  
application of both transformations  
must also produce no change.

$$(T_1 \circ T_2)(\text{"something"}) = \text{"something"}$$

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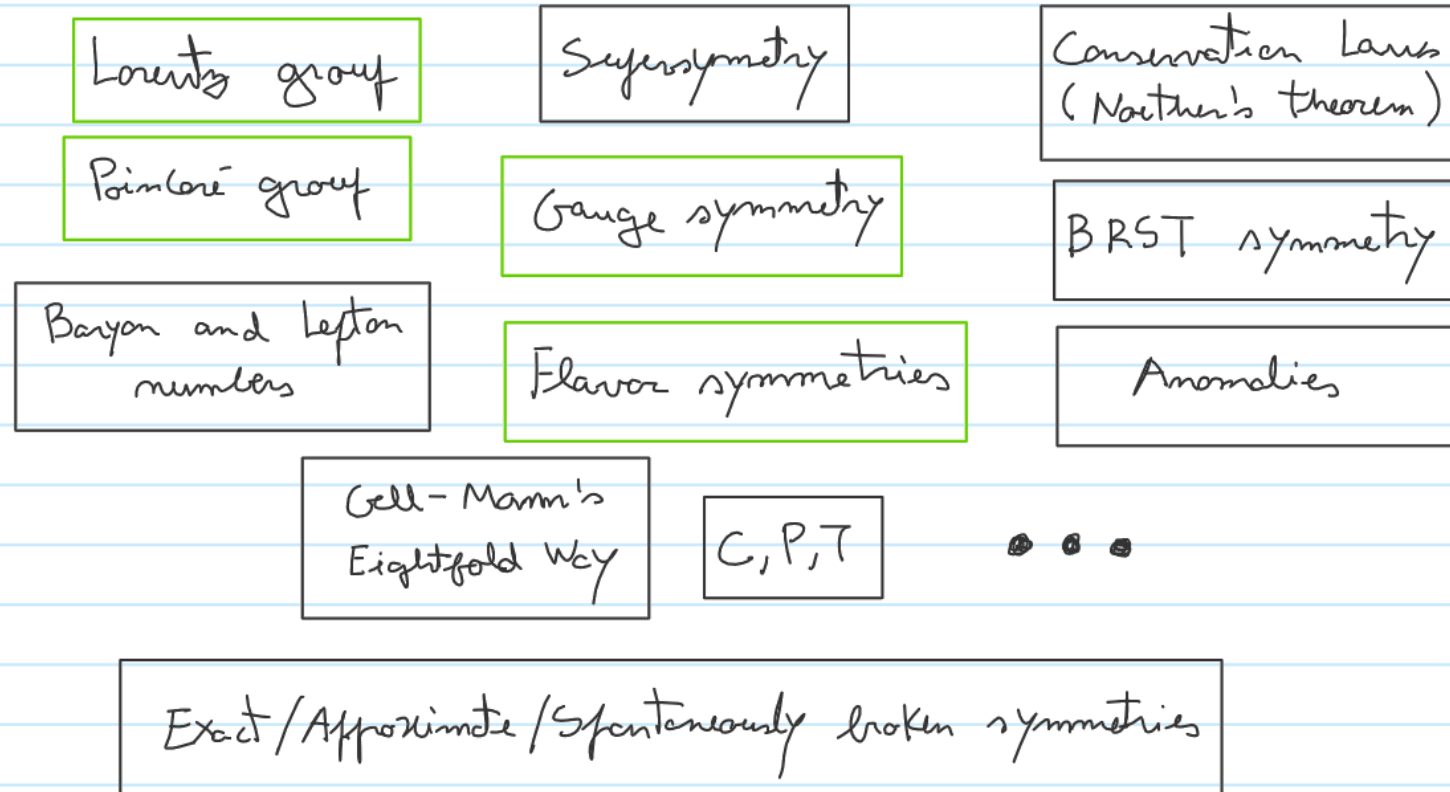
If we include the requirement that the composition of transformations is associative,  $T_1 \circ (T_2 \circ T_3) = (T_1 \circ T_2) \circ T_3$ , we have the definition of a group

A group is a set  $G$  and a binary operation  $\cdot (G \times G \rightarrow G)$  obeying

- $e \in G : e \cdot g = g \cdot e = g \quad \forall g \in G$
- For all  $g \in G$  there is an inverse,  $\equiv g^{-1}$ , such that  $g \cdot g^{-1} = g^{-1} \cdot g = e$
- $\forall g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G \quad g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot g_3) = (g_1 \cdot g_2) \cdot g_3$

# Group theory and physics

As you know, the importance group theory in fundamental physics is enormous





# Books

Group Theory in Physics, Wu-Ki Tung

Lie Algebras in Particle Physics: From isospin to unified theories, Howard Georgi

Group Theory - A physicist's survey, Pierre Ramond

Lie groups, Lie algebras and some of their applications, Robert Gilmore

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I will go through some of the basic concepts in group theory but at the same time I will consider that you had some exposure to the topic before

# Example of groups

## Finite groups

$Z_n$  :  $\{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$  with  $a^n = 1$ ,  $n$  elements, abelian = commutative

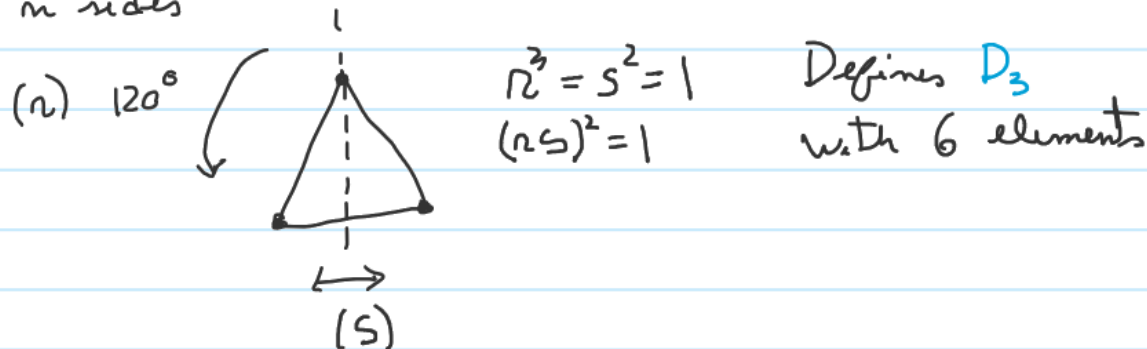
$S_n$  : group formed by the  $n!$  permutations of  $n$  objects

$\pi_{123}(\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) = \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ ;  $\pi_{321}(\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) = \{X_3, X_2, X_1\}$  + 4 more  
↙ identity

All finite groups are a subgroup of some  $S_n$  with  $n = \text{size of group}$

$A_n$  : Alternating group; composed of all even permutations of  $n$  objects  
(Subgroup of  $S_n$ )

$D_n$  : Dihedral group; composed of the symmetries of the regular polygon with  $n$  sides



# Example of groups

## Infinite discrete groups

One example would be the integers ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ) and addition (+) as the group operation.

All these were discrete groups. There are also continuous groups (Nature seems to prefer these)

# Example of groups

## Continuous groups

We will be very interested in these, particularly the Lie groups (and their algebra)

$(\mathbb{R}, +)$ : The real numbers with addition

$(\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, \times)$ : The non-null real numbers with multiplication

$U(1)$ : Set of complex numbers with norm 1, with usual multiplication



# Example of groups

There are also the *matrix group*, i.e. certain sets of invertible matrices and the usual dot product.

$GL(n)$ : The  $n$ -dimensional general linear group, composed of all  $n \times n$  invertible matrices.

$SL(n)$ : The  $n$ -dimensional special linear group;  $GL(n)$  matrices with  $\det = 1$

$U(n)$ : Unitary group:  $n \times n$  matrices  $U$  such that  $U^\dagger U = \mathbb{1}$

$SU(n)$ : Special unitary group: same as  $U(n)$  with  $\det(U) = 1$

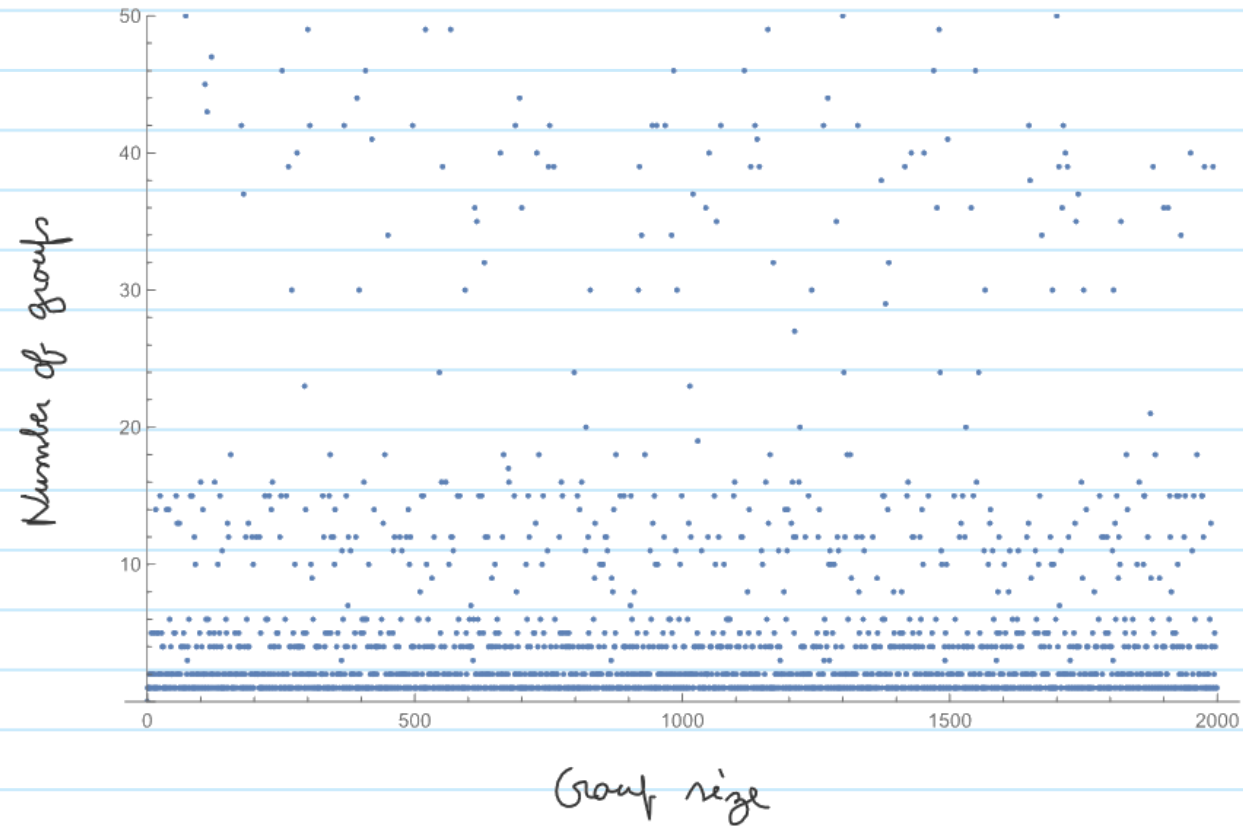
$O(n)$ : Orthogonal group: group of  $n$ -dimensional orthogonal matrices  
( $O^T O = \mathbb{1}$ )

$SO(n)$ : Special orthogonal group: as in  $O(n)$  and also  $\det(O) = 1$

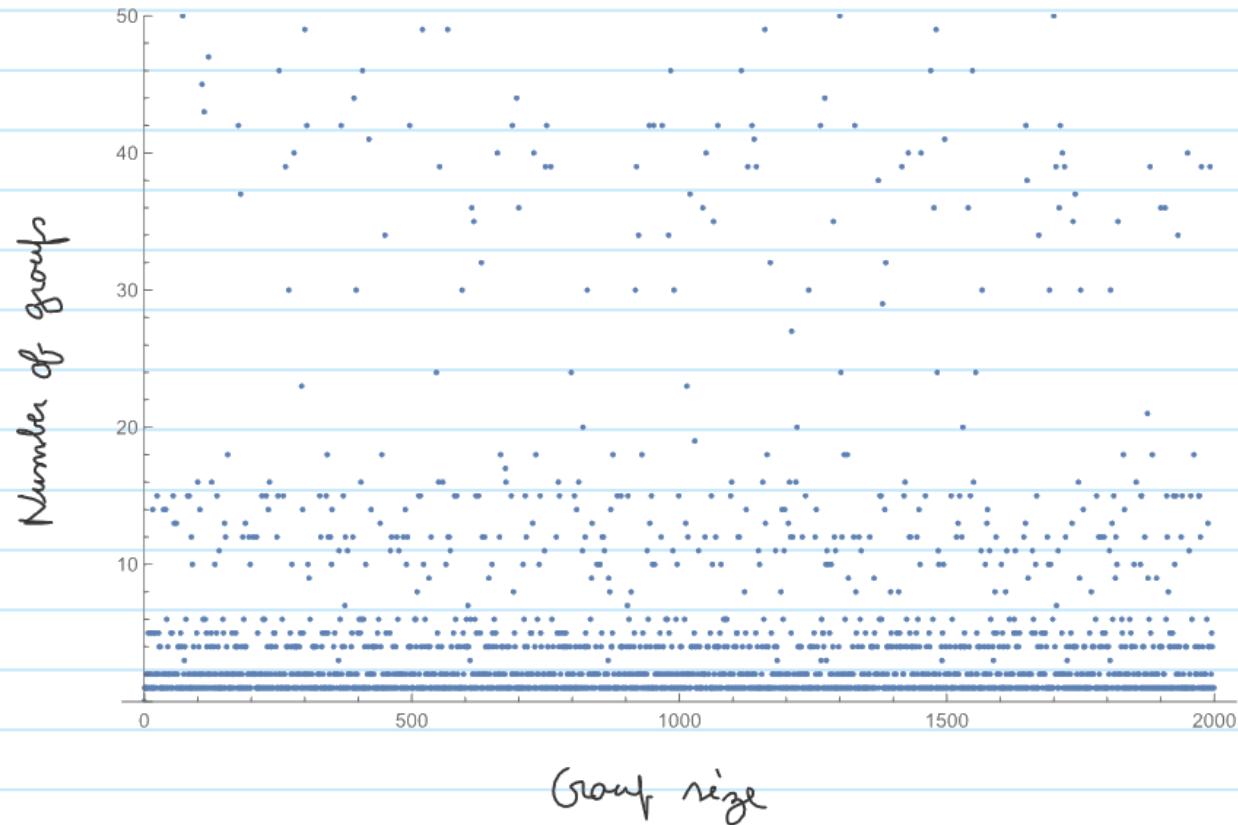
$SP(2n)$ : Symplectic group: matrices  $M$  such that  $M^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_n \\ -\mathbb{1}_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_n \\ -\mathbb{1}_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

→ The classical compact groups

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It does not seem that much. However I truncated the vertical axis

There are **49.910.531.351** groups with 2000 elements or less.

(More than 99% have size  $1024 = 2^{10}$ )

# Specifying a group

How do we specify a group? There are several ways.

Multiplication table  
(Brute force method)

$$g_i \cdot g_j = g_{\ell(i,j)}$$

provide this function for all  $i, j$

Some property

e.g. all square matrices  $M$ , such that  $\dim(M) = n$   
and  $M^\dagger M = \mathbb{1}$  (the  $U(n)$  group)

Presentation

e.g.

$$\langle r \mid r^n = 1 \rangle$$

$\mathbb{Z}_n$  group

$$\langle r, s \mid r^n = s^2 = (rs)^2 = 1 \rangle$$

$D_n$  group

3 generators  $\rightarrow$  nothing new  $\rightarrow$  stop

getting all elements of  $D_3$   
(6 of them)

0 gen.	1 gen.	2 gen.		
1	$r$	$r^2$	$r^3 = 1$	$r \cdot s \cdot r = s$
1	$s$	$r \cdot s$	$s^2 = 1$	$s \cdot r^2 = r \cdot s$
1		$s \cdot r$	$r \cdot s^2 = r$	$s \cdot r \cdot s = r^2$
1		$s^2 = 1$		



# Direct and semi-direct product

group  
↙ ↘

The **direct product group**  $G \times H$  has an underlying set which is just the **Cartesian product** of the sets of  $G$  and  $H$ . Group multiplication is inherited.

$$(g, h) \in G \times H$$

$\uparrow$        $\nwarrow$   
 $\in G$      $\in H$

$$(g_1, h_1) \cdot (g_2, h_2) = (g_1 \times g_2, h_1 * h_2)$$

Examples:  $S_3 \times SO(10)$      $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \mathbb{Z}_6$      $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \neq \mathbb{Z}_4$

This is a special case of an **indirect product**  $G \rtimes H$ . The idea is that  $h_2 \in H$  can be used to change  $g_1$ :  $g_1 \rightarrow \varphi_{h_2}(g_1)$

← Some appropriate function\* of  $h_2$

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# Direct and semi-direct product

$$(m, h) \in N \rtimes H$$

$$(m_1, h_1) \cdot (m_2, h_2) = (m_1 \cdot \psi_{h_1}(m_2), h_1 * h_2)$$

An example will help. Consider  $D_n : \langle r, s \mid r^n = s^2 = 1, s r s^{-1} = r^{-1} \rangle$   
 Equivalent to what we had before

An element of  $D_n$   $g = \underbrace{r s r s \dots s r}_{\text{word with } r's, s's}$  can always be written as  $g = r^i s^j$   $\left. \begin{matrix} i=0, \dots, n-1 \\ j=0, 1 \end{matrix} \right\} 2n \text{ elements}$

Let us multiply two elements of  $D_n$ :

$$\frac{r^i s^j}{g} \cdot \frac{r^{i'} s^{j'}}{g'} = \begin{cases} r^i (s r^{i'} s^{-1}) s^j s^{j'} & \text{if } j=1 \\ r^{i+i'} s^{j'} & \text{if } j=0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} r^{i-i'} s^{j'+1} & j=1 \\ r^{i+i'} s^{j'} & j=0 \end{cases}$$

We have  $g \cdot g'$  in a **canonical form**

Compare with taking the group elements as tuples  $(r^i, s^j)$ :

$$(r^i, s^j) \cdot (r^{i'}, s^{j'}) = (r^i \underbrace{\psi_{s^j}(r^{i'})}_{s^j r^{i'} s^{-j}}, s^j \cdot s^{j'})$$

$$D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$\mathbb{Z}_n$  here is a normal subgroup of  $D_n$

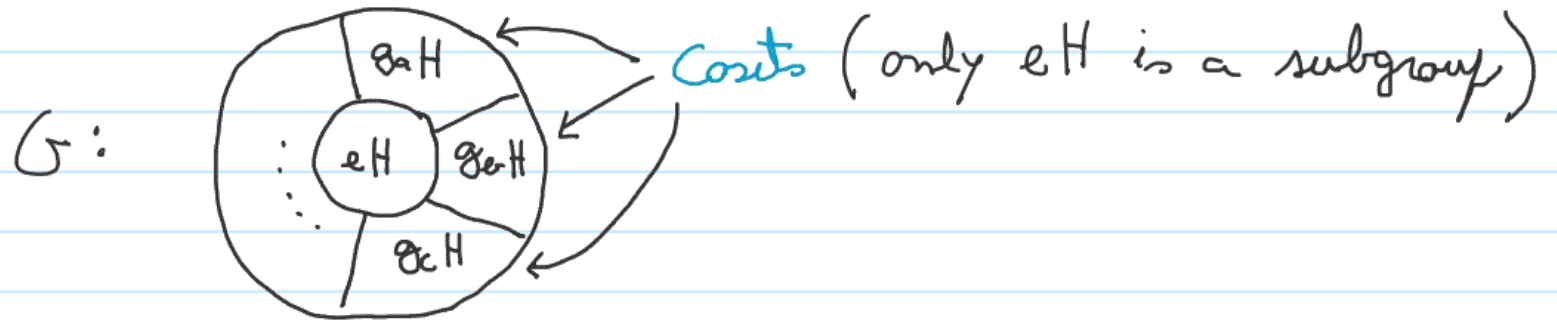
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Consider a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . It can be used to split  $G$  in  $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$  cosets:

$$G = eH + g_a H + g_b H + \dots$$

Non overlapping (right) cosets

There is some arbitrariness in picking  $e, g_a, g_b, \dots$  which are representatives of each coset



# Cosets, normal subgroup, factor group

Consider a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  and that of all  $g \in G$ ,  $h \in H$  we have  $ghg^{-1} \in H$ .

I.e.  $\boxed{gHg^{-1} = H}$  These are called *normal subgroups*.

$$H \triangleleft G$$

The *cosets*  $g_a H$  are particularly interesting: they have a *group structure*.

$$(g_a H) \cdot (g_b H) = \underbrace{g_a g_b}_{g_c} \underbrace{(g_b^{-1} H g_b)}_H = g_c H \quad \left( eH = \text{id.}; g^{-1}H \text{ inverse of } gH \right)$$

This is called the *quotient / factor group*:  $G/H$

**Note** Even when  $H$  is not a normal subgroup of  $G$ , one can use  $G/H$  to denote the cosets of  $H$



# Automorphisms (the symmetry of symmetries)

For  $x, g \in G$   $\varphi_g(x) \equiv g^{-1}xg$  is a function which **conjugates**  $x$  by  $g$ .

Why is this interesting?

$$\varphi_g(x) \cdot \varphi_g(x') = \varphi_g(x \cdot x')$$

i.e. for any  $g \in G$  we may define a function  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi_g} G$  which preserves the group structure

Such functions are called **automorphisms** of  $G$ . They are symmetries of  $G$ .

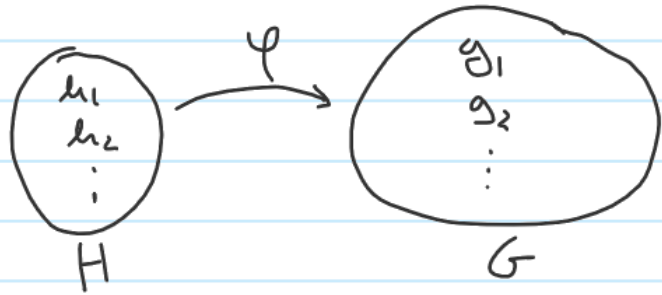
The set of all automorphisms of a group  $G$  forms a group:  $\text{Aut}(G)$

Some of these symmetries are trivial  $\rightsquigarrow \varphi_g$  for some  $g$ . They form the group of inner automorphisms  $\text{Inn}(G)$

The remaining automorphisms are called outer automorphisms:  $\text{Out}(G) = \text{Aut}(G)/\text{Inn}(G)$

# Subgroup embeddings

If  $H$  is a group and its elements can be mapped to some bigger group  $G$  and this map preserves the group structure of  $H$ , then  $H$  is a **subgroup of  $G$** .

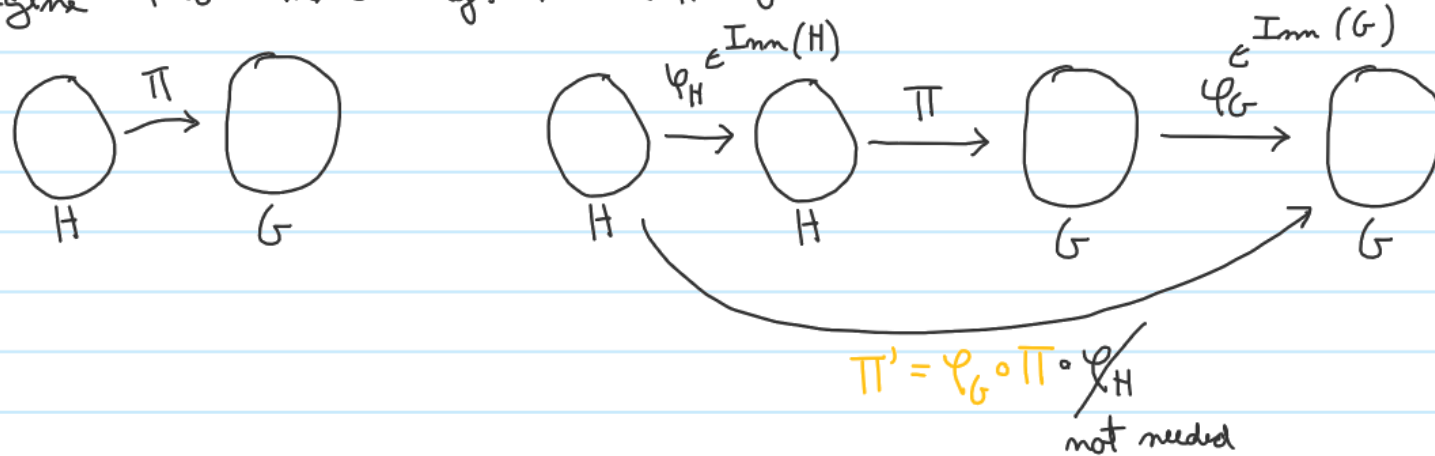


$$\varphi(h_i) \in G ; \quad \varphi(h_i \cdot h_j) = \varphi(h_i) * \varphi(h_j)$$

- This map is an **embedding** of  $H$  in  $G$ .
- We all know intuitively what is a subgroup. I bring this up because sometimes  $H$  can be embedded in  $G$  in more than one way [e.g.  $SU(2)$  in  $SU(3)$ ]

# Subgroup embeddings

Imagine two embeddings  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi'$  of  $H$  in  $G$ . When do we consider  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi'$  equivalent?



$\Pi$  and  $\Pi'$  are *equivalent* iff  $\exists \varphi \in \text{Inn}(G)$  such that  $\Pi' = \varphi \circ \Pi$ .  
 But this is hard to check. E. Dynkin came up with the concept of *linear equivalence* of 2 embeddings:

If  $\forall e$  rot of  $G$   $e \circ \Pi \sim e \circ \Pi'$  then  $\Pi'$  and  $\Pi$  are *linearly equivalent*.  
 (Note:  $\sim$  is labeled as "similar" with an upward arrow)

Much to unpack here. Just keep in mind that an  $H \subset G$  can have many embeddings.

# Simple groups

Simple groups are those which do not have (non-trivial) normal subgroups.

In a way, they can be compared to prime numbers:

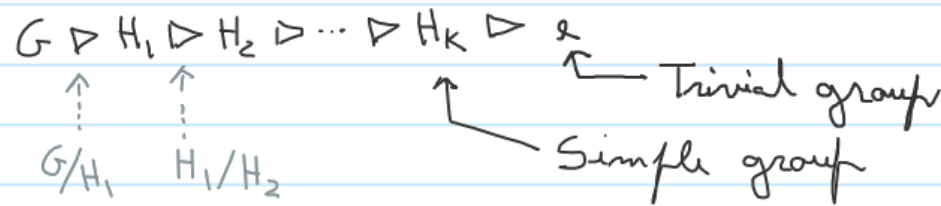
Every natural number has a unique prime decomposition

Eg:  $167706 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^3$

Every group can be "decomposed" into simple groups (not unique though)

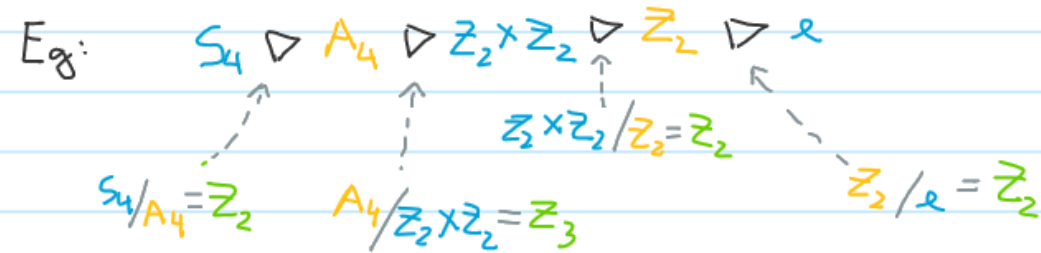
The way this works

- Start with  $G$  and pick one of its maximal normal subgroups  $H_1$ ;
- Do the same for  $H_1$ , by find a maximal normal subgr  $H_2$
- ...





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In green are the factor groups; they are simple (because the  $H_i$  are maximal normal subgroups)

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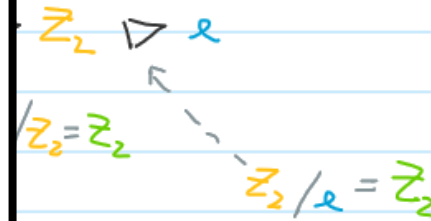
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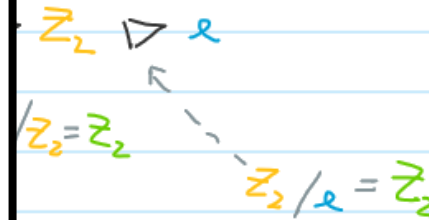
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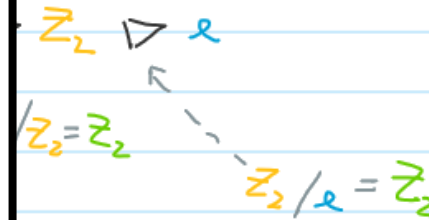
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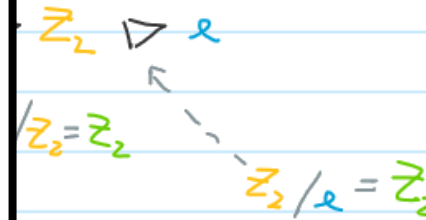
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Chevalley groups,

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Mathieu groups	M <sub>11</sub>	7920
	M <sub>12</sub>	95 040
	M <sub>22</sub>	443 520
	M <sub>23</sub>	10 200 960
	M <sub>24</sub>	244 823 040
Janko groups	J <sub>1</sub>	175 560
	J <sub>2</sub>	604 800
	J <sub>3</sub>	50 232 960
	J <sub>4</sub>	86 775 571 046 077 562 880
Conway groups	Co <sub>3</sub>	495 766 656 000
	Co <sub>2</sub>	42 305 421 312 000
	Co <sub>1</sub>	4 157 776 806 543 360 000
Fischer groups	Fi <sub>22</sub>	64 561 751 654 400
	Fi <sub>23</sub>	4 089 470 473 293 004 800
	Fi <sub>24</sub> '	1 255 205 709 190 661 721 292 800
Higman–Sims group	HS	44 352 000
McLaughlin group	McL	898 128 000
Held group	He	4 030 387 200
Rudvalis group	Ru	145 926 144 000
Suzuki sporadic group	Suz	448 345 497 600
O'Nan group	O'N	460 815 505 920
Harada–Norton group	HN	273 030 912 000 000
Lyons group	Ly	51 765 179 004 000 000
Thompson group	Th	90 745 943 887 872 000
Baby Monster group	B	4 154 781 481 226 426 191 177 580 544 000 000
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groups,  ${}^2G_2(3^{2n+1})$  (up)

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# Orbit and stability group

Take some set  $S$  and a group  $G$  acting on it. That means that there is some function  $\varphi: G \times S \rightarrow S$ , i.e.  $\varphi(g, s) = s'$ . It feels much better to just write  $g(s) = s'$ .

This  $G$ -group action on  $S$  must obey  $e(s) = s$  and  $g(g'(s)) = (gg')(s)$

I will only mention two concepts on this matter: orbit and stability group

Very intuitive: pick some  $s \in S$ ;

$$G_s = \{g_i \cdot s\} \leftarrow \text{the orbit of } s \in S$$

↑  
use all elements of  $G$

the set of all  $g_i \in G$  which leave  $s$  invariant ( $g_i(s) = s$ ) is the stability group of  $s$ ,  $K(s)$  (also called little group).

# Orbit and stability group

E.g. Consider rotations in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Take  $\nu = (0, 0, 1) \in S$  (north pole).  
 $\uparrow$   $G = SO(3)$   $\uparrow$   $S$

- Then  $z$ -axis rotations leave  $\nu$  invariant, so  $K(\nu) = SO(2)$
- $G\nu =$  set of all points at a distance 1 from the origin.  
I.e. the orbit of  $\nu$  is the sphere  $S_2$ .

$$\text{stability group} = SO(2) \text{ ; Orbit} = S_2 \text{ ; } \underbrace{SO(3)/SO(2)}_{\text{Set of Orbits}} = S_2$$

(Little group)

E.g #2: Take the Poincaré group (more on this later) and  
Consider a massive particle. Go to rest frame where  $P^\mu = (M, 0, 0, 0)$ .

Boosts change  $P^\mu$ , so the stability group is  $SO(3)$   $\rightarrow$  tagged with a spin  
3D rotations

For massless particles, let us choose  $P^\mu = (E, 0, 0, E)$ . Not so intuitive,  
but the stability group here is  $E_2$  = group of symmetries of a 2D plane.  
Its representations can be tagged with a "helicity".

# Representations

It is very useful to study the action of a group  $G$  on a vector field.

For that we associate to every  $g \in G$  a linear operator on  $V$ . I.e. a matrix.

$$g \in G \mapsto \rho(g) \in GL(V)$$

← Recall: group with all invertible matrices action on  $V$

This mapping must be an homomorphism:

$$\rho(g_1)\rho(g_2) = \rho(g_1 \cdot g_2) \rightsquigarrow \text{preserve } G \text{ structure}$$

We call "representation" to the mapping  $\rho$  itself, but also to the matrices  $\rho(g_i)$  and often even to the vector space  $V$ .

↗  
"Field  $\mathcal{F}$  (i.e. the  $V$ ) is an irrep of the gauge group"

The vector space  $V$  for us is usually  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

# Representations

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{e, a, a^2\}$$

$$\blacksquare \rho(e) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho(a^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\blacksquare \sigma(e) = \sigma(a) = \sigma(a^2) = (1) \quad V = \mathbb{R}^1 \text{ is a trivial representation}$$

$$\blacksquare \psi(e) = (1) \quad \psi(a) = (\omega) \quad \psi(a^2) = (\omega^2) \quad V = \mathbb{R}^1, \quad \omega = \exp(i\frac{2\pi}{3}) \quad \omega^3 = 1$$

$\mathbb{R}$  with "+" as the group operation

$$\blacksquare \rho(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leadsto \rho(x_1)\rho(x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1+x_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \rho(x_1+x_2) \quad V = \mathbb{R}^2$$

# Representations

## Similar / Equivalent representations

$$g \rightarrow \rho(g)$$

vs

$$g \rightarrow \overbrace{S^{-1} \rho(g) S}^{\equiv \rho'(g)} \text{ for all } g \in G$$

Same matrix

$\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are equivalent

## Unitary representations

$\rho(g)$  is a unitary matrix:  $\rho^\dagger(g) \rho(g) = \mathbb{1}_m$

## Faithful representation

If there are no  $g_1 \neq g_2 \in G$  such that  $\rho(g_1) = \rho(g_2)$  then the representation is **faithful** (one can actually use the  $\rho(g_i)$  to define the group)



# Representations

→ Some representations are special and have their own name :

→ Natural rep. of  $S_n = n$ -dimensional (reducible)

→ Fundamental irrep of  $SU(n) = n$

→ Spinor representation of  $SO(n)$

→ Adjoint of a Lie group ( $= 3$  in  $SU(2)$ ,  $= 8$  in  $SU(3)$ , ...)

→ Regular representation

# Real/pseudo-real/complex representation

## Real/Complex/Pseudo-real representations

- If there is a basis where the representation matrices are all real,

$$\exists B : B \rho(g_i) B^{-1} = (B \rho(g_i) B^{-1})^* \text{ for all } g_i$$

then the representation is real.

- If  $\rho$  and  $\rho^*$  are not equivalent,

$$\nexists B : \rho(g_i)^* = B \rho(g_i) B^{-1} \text{ for all } g_i$$

then the representation is complex.

- There is a third possibility.  $\rho$  and  $\rho^*$  might be isomorphic but it is impossible to make the matrices real.

The representation is pseudo-real.

Eg.  $SU(2)$ : 1, 3, 5, 7, ... are real; 2, 4, 6, ... are pseudo-real

$SU(3)$ :  $\underbrace{3, \bar{3}, 6, \bar{6}, \dots}_{\text{Complex}}; \underbrace{8, 27, \dots}_{\text{real}}$

$S_n$ : all irreps are real

# Irreducible representations

Take  $Z_2 = \{e, a\}$  and  $\rho(e) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\rho(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

With  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$  we get an equivalent representation

$$S^{-1}\rho(e)S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S^{-1}\rho(a)S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is (block) diagonal.

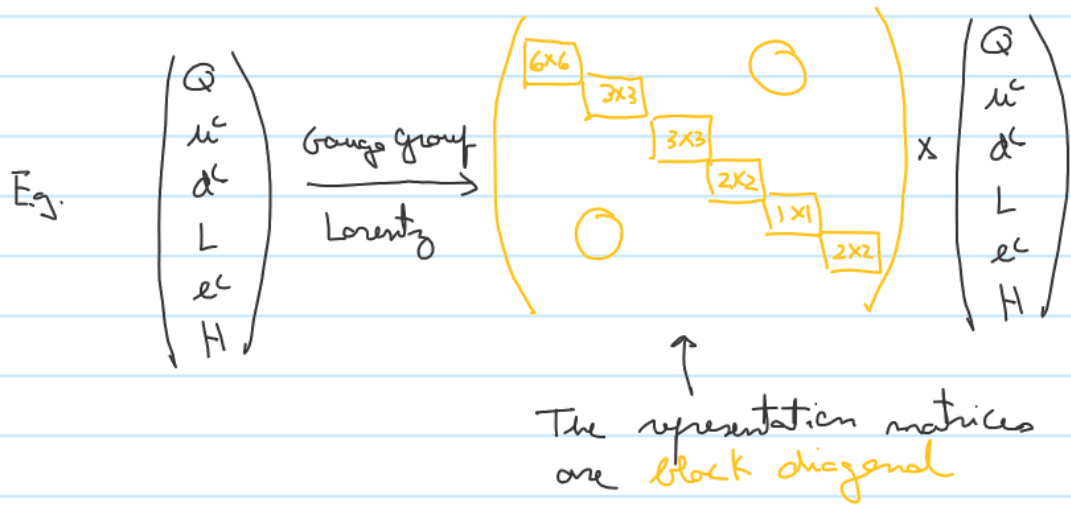
Any representation whose matrices cannot be simultaneously block diagonalized

i.e.  $\rho(g_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\text{matrix}} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{\text{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}$  for all  $g_i \in G$  is not possible

is said to be *irreducible* (an irrep)

They are very important: they are the building blocks of all representations

# Irreducible representations



One could change basis, for example handling  $Q_{1,1} + H_2 - \sqrt{2} e^c$  but that looks like a very bad idea; rep matrices become more complicated

→ Often we call irreps by their dimension (maybe adding bar's and primes's)

$Z_2: 1, 1'$        $A_4: 1, 1', 1'', 3$        $SU(3): 1, 3, \bar{3}, 8, 10, 15, 15', \dots$

→ In these cases, some label can be used:

→ Half-integer  $j$  for the irreps of  $SU(2)$

→ Partitions / Young diagrams for  $S_n$  (e.g.  $S_3 \rightarrow 1 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}, 1' = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}, 2 = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$ )

→ Mass  $m$  and spin  $s$  for massive irreps of the Poincaré group

...

# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries

Finite groups have been used to try to explain flavor in the SM.

Take the  $u$  quark masses:

$$\bar{u}_L \begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix} u_R \langle H^0 \rangle$$

$Y^u = M^u / \langle H^0 \rangle$  can be anything

Here is an idea: what if the laws of physics are invariant under permutations of the quarks?

# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries

①  $S_3^L \times S_3^R \leadsto$  We may permute  $\mu_L$ 's and  $\mu_R$ 's independently.

$M^u = A \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ | & | & | \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix} \leadsto$  two massless quarks  
(not a bad approximation:  $m_t \gg M_{u,c}$ )

②  $S_3 \leadsto$   $\mu_L$ 's and  $\mu_R$ 's transform in the same way

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_L &\rightarrow T_i \mu_L \\ \mu_R &\rightarrow T_i \mu_R \end{aligned} \quad T_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots$$

$$M^u = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & B \\ B & A & B \\ B & B & A \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{change of basis}} \begin{pmatrix} A-B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A-B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A+2B \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{2 degenerate masses}$$

This last result was predictable. Let's see why...

# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries

(A) Symmetry requires  $T_i^\dagger M^u T_i = M^u \Leftrightarrow [M^u, T_i] = 0$

(B) Our  $T_i$  is *reducible*: natural rep of  $S_n = 1 + (n-1)$ .

So there is a basis where  $T_i = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{xx} & 0 \\ \boxed{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{x} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow 2 \\ \leftarrow 1 \end{matrix}$

(C) The  $T_i$  are not a random collection of 6 3-dim matrices;  
They represent a group.

Schur lemma: If  $U$  and  $U'$  are irreps of some group  $G$   
and there is a matrix  $A$  such that

$$A U'(g) = U(g) \cdot A \quad \forall g \in G$$

Then  $\begin{cases} A \propto \mathbb{1} & \text{if } U=U' \\ A=0 & \text{if } U \neq U' \end{cases}$   $\leftarrow$  "equivalent"/"inequivalent"

# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries

$$\overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} P_2 & 0 \\ 0 & R_1 \end{pmatrix}}^{T_i} \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} M_{22} & M_{21} \\ M_{12} & M_{11} \end{pmatrix}}^{M^u} - \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} M_{22} & M_{21} \\ M_{12} & M_{11} \end{pmatrix}}^{M^u} \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R_2 & 0 \\ 0 & R_1 \end{pmatrix}}^{T_i} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_2 M_{22} - M_{22} R_2 = 0 &\rightarrow M_{22} = A' \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ R_2 M_{21} - M_{21} R_1 = 0 &\rightarrow M_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ R_1 M_{12} - M_{12} R_2 = 0 &\rightarrow M_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ R_1 M_{11} - M_{11} R_1 = 0 &\rightarrow M_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} B' \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} M^u = \begin{pmatrix} A' & & \\ & A' & \\ & & B' \end{pmatrix}$$

So just by knowing that our rep =  $R_1 + R_2 + \dots \Rightarrow M^u = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \mathbb{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

Sizes of blocks given by irrep sizes; off-diagonal blocks are possible with repeated irreps



# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries

We have discussed masses only; mixing can also be predicted by symmetry.

For some time the  $\theta_{13}$  angle in leptons was compatible with 0.

[Daya Bay and other reactor experiments later showed that  $\theta_{13} > 0$ ;  $\theta_{13} \sim 8^\circ - 9^\circ$ ]

The whole lepton mixing matrix was compatible with a tri-bimaximal form: (TBM)

$$|U_{PMNS}| = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} & 0 \\ \sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/2} \\ \sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Harrison, Perkins, Scott 0202074

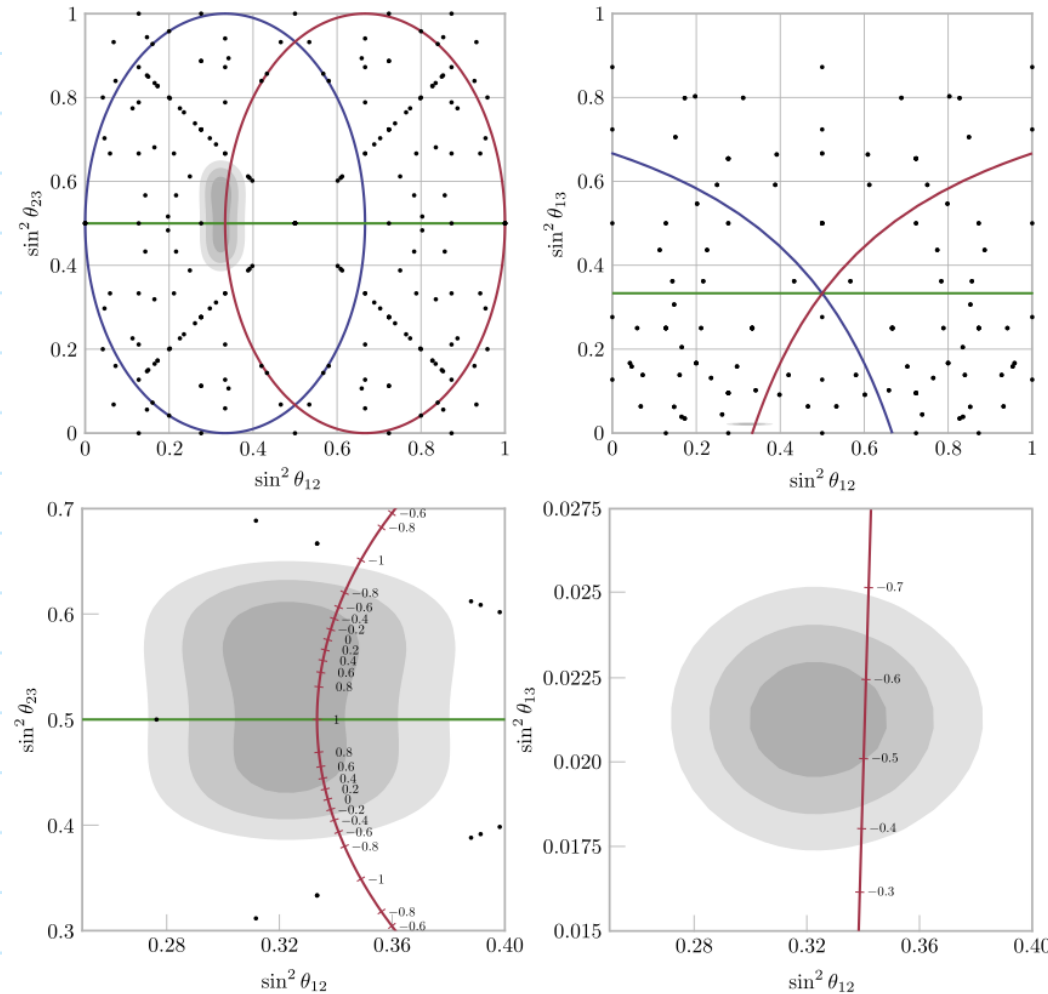
Very symmetric looking;  $A_4$  was used extensively to get it. But a convincing case was made that  $S_4$  was in fact the TBM symmetry group.

Lam 0809.1185

With the same mindset we classified all mixing patterns predicted by all finite groups involving genuine 3 generation mixing.

RF, Grimus 1405.3678

# Application: quark/lepton flavor symmetries



The lines correspond essentially to the  $\Delta(6m^2)$  groups which had already been identified in other works as giving a good fit to the data.

# GAP examples: Predefined group

```
GAP
GAP 4.10.2 of 19-Jun-2019
https://www.gap-system.org
Architecture: i686-pc-cygwin-default32-kv3
Configuration: gmp 6.1.2, readline
Loading the library and packages ...
Packages:  ACLib 1.3.1, Alnuth 3.1.1, AtlasRep 2.1.0, AutoDoc 2019.05.20, AutPGrp 1.10, Browse 1.8.8, CRISP 1.4.4, Cryst 4.1.19, CrystCat 1.1.9, CTblLib 1.2.2, FactInt 1.6.2, FGA 1.4.0,
Forms 1.2.5, GAPDoc 1.6.2, genss 1.6.5, IO 4.6.0, IRREDSOL 1.4, LAGUNA 3.9.3, orb 4.8.2, Polenta 1.3.8, Polycyclic 2.14, PrimGrp 3.3.2, RadiRoot 2.8, recog 1.3.2,
ResClasses 4.7.2, SmallGrp 1.3, Sophus 1.24, SpinSym 1.5.1, TomLib 1.2.8, TransGrp 2.0.4, utils 0.63
Try '??help' for help. See also '?copyright', '?cite' and '?authors'
gap> A4:=AlternatingGroup(4);
Alt( [ 1 .. 4 ] )
gap> Order(A4);
12
gap> elA4:=Elements(A4);
[ (), (2,3,4), (2,4,3), (1,2)(3,4), (1,2,3), (1,2,4), (1,3,2), (1,3,4), (1,3)(2,4), (1,4,2), (1,4,3), (1,4)(2,3) ]
gap> GeneratorsOfGroup(A4);
[ (1,2,3), (2,3,4) ]
gap> IsSimple(A4);
false
gap> StructureDescription(A4);
"A4"
gap> StructureDescription(AutomorphismGroup(A4));
"S4"
gap> Display(CharacterTable(A4));
CT1

      2  2  2  .  .
      3  1  .  1  1

      1a 2a 3a 3b
2P 1a 1a 3b 3a
3P 1a 2a 1a 1a

X.1   1  1  1  1
X.2   1  1  A /A
X.3   1  1 /A  A
X.4   3 -1  .  .

A = E(3)^2
= (-1-Sqrt(-3))/2 = -1-b3
gap> matsA4:= IrreducibleRepresentations(A4);
[ PcgS([ (2,4,3), (1,3)(2,4), (1,2)(3,4) ]) -> [ [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ], PcgS([ (2,4,3), (1,3)(2,4), (1,2)(3,4) ]) -> [ [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ],
PcgS([ (2,4,3), (1,3)(2,4), (1,2)(3,4) ]) -> [ [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ], PcgS([ (2,4,3), (1,3)(2,4), (1,2)(3,4) ]) -> [ [ [ 0, 0, 1 ], [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ] ],
[ [ -1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, -1 ] ], [ [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, -1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, -1 ] ] ] ]
gap> List( elA4, x -> x^matsA4[1] );
[ [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ]
gap> List( elA4, x -> x^matsA4[2] );
[ [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ]
gap> List( elA4, x -> x^matsA4[3] );
[ [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ 1 ] ], [ [ E(3)^2 ] ], [ [ E(3) ] ], [ [ 1 ] ] ]
gap> List( elA4, x -> x^matsA4[4] );
[ [ [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, 1 ] ], [ [ 0, 1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, 1 ], [ 1, 0, 0 ] ], [ [ 0, 0, 1 ], [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ] ], [ [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, -1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, -1 ] ],
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```

# GAP examples: From a presentation

```
gap> FG:=FreeGroup("R","S");
<free group on the generators [ R, S ]>
gap> R:=FG.1; S:=FG.2;
R
S
gap> D7:=FG/[R^7,S^2,(R*S)^2];
<fp group on the generators [ R, S ]>
gap> Order(D7);
14
gap> Elements(D7);
[ <identity ...>, S, R, R^-1*S, R^2, R^-2*S, R^3, R^-3*S, R^-3, R^3*S, R^-2, R^2*S, R^-1, R*S ]
gap> StructureDescription(D7);
"D14"
gap> StructureDescription(AutomorphismGroup(D7));
"C7 : C6"
gap> Display(CharacterTable(D7));
CT4

      2  1  1  .  .  .
      7  1  .  1  1  1

      1a 2a 7a 7b 7c
2P 1a 1a 7b 7c 7a
3P 1a 2a 7c 7a 7b
5P 1a 2a 7b 7c 7a
7P 1a 2a 1a 1a 1a

X.1      1  1  1  1  1
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X.3      2  .  A  B  C
X.4      2  .  B  C  A
X.5      2  .  C  A  B

A = E(7)+E(7)^6
B = E(7)^2+E(7)^5
C = E(7)^3+E(7)^4
```

# GAP examples: From matrices

```
gap> a:=E(5);;
gap> m1:=[[a,0,0],[0,1,0],[0,0,1/a]];;
gap> m2:=[[1,0,0],[0,0,1],[0,1,0]];;
gap> m3:=[[0,0,1],[1,0,0],[0,1,0]];;
gap> group1:=Group(m1,m2,m3);
<matrix group with 3 generators>
gap> group2:=Group(m1,m3);
Group([ [ [ E(5), 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ], [ 0, 0, E(5)^4 ] ], [ [ 0, 0, 1 ], [ 1, 0, 0 ], [ 0, 1, 0 ] ] ])
gap> Order(group1);
150
gap> Order(group2);
75
gap> StructureDescription(group1);
"(C5 x C5) : S3"
gap> StructureDescription(group2);
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$$\Delta(3n^2) \sim (\mathcal{Z}_n \times \mathcal{Z}_n) \rtimes \mathcal{Z}_3 .$$

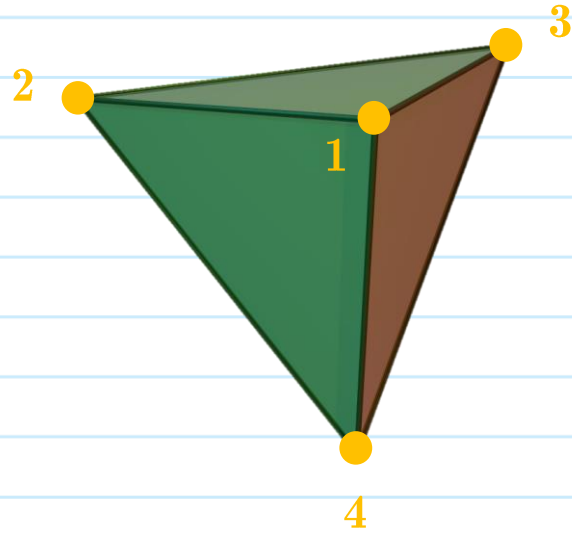
[0701188 Luhn, Nasri, Ramond]

The group  $\Delta(6n^2)$  is a non-Abelian finite subgroup of  $SU(3)$  of order  $6n^2$ . It is isomorphic to the semidirect product of the  $\mathcal{S}_3$ , the smallest non-Abelian finite group, with  $(\mathcal{Z}_n \times \mathcal{Z}_n)$  [15],

$$\Delta(6n^2) \sim (\mathcal{Z}_n \times \mathcal{Z}_n) \rtimes \mathcal{S}_3 .$$

[0809.0639 Escobar, Luhn]

# GAP examples: tetrahedron symmetries



What are the symmetries of a tetrahedron?

We take the set of points  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\} \equiv T, P_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$   
 What rotations ( $\in SO(3)$ ) leave  $T$  invariant?

The orbit-stabilizer theorem can help count the size of the group (very intuitive)

$G \equiv$  group of symmetries  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\subset SO(3)$

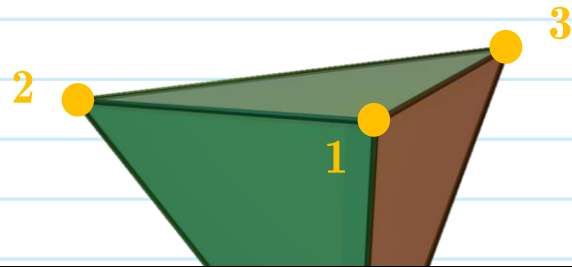
$$|G| = \underbrace{|\text{Orbit of } P_1 \text{ under } G|}_4 \cdot \underbrace{|\text{Subgroup of } G \text{ which stabilizes } P_1|}_3$$

one can move  $P_1 \rightarrow P_{1,2,3,4}$  with a rotation

$120^\circ$  rotations change  $P_{2,3,4}$  leaving  $P_1$  fixed

$|G| = 12$  What group?

# GAP examples: tetrahedron symmetries

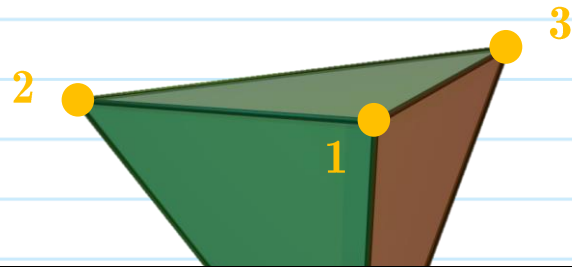


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```
gap> SmallGroupsInformation(12);  
  
There are 5 groups of order 12.  
  
The groups whose order factorises in at most 3 primes  
have been classified by O. Hoelder. This classification is  
used in the SmallGroups library.  
  
This size belongs to layer 1 of the SmallGroups library.  
IdSmallGroup is available for this size.  
  
gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,1));  
"C3 : C4"  
gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,2));  
"C12"  
gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,3));  
"A4"  
gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,4));  
"D12"  
gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,5));  
"C6 x C2"
```



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gap> StructureDescription(SmallGroup(12,5));  
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```

The answer is  $A_4$  ( $S_4$  if we allow reflections as well)

# Continuous groups

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$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial x^\sigma}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\rho}{\partial x'^\nu} g_{\sigma\rho} = g_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{for } g = \eta \quad ?$$

The full answer:  $x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + b^\mu$

Homogeneous;  
The Lorentz group  $O(1,3)$   
= Rotations + Boosts

Translations

Poincaré group  
Symmetries in physics

# The Lorentz group

Corresponds to all matrices  $\Lambda$  such that  $\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma = \eta_{\rho\sigma}$

$\Lambda$  has 6 free parameters

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

3 free parameters;  
SO(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh \alpha_x & \sinh \alpha_x & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \alpha_x & \cosh \alpha_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, (Y), (Z)$$

3 boosts

Under an infinitesimal transformation  $\Lambda(\delta\omega) = \mathbb{1} - \frac{i}{2} \delta\omega^{\mu\nu} \underline{J_{\mu\nu}}$

$$[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}] = i (J_{\lambda\nu} g_{\mu\sigma} - J_{\nu\lambda} g_{\mu\sigma} + J_{\mu\lambda} g_{\nu\sigma} - J_{\nu\sigma} g_{\mu\lambda})$$

# The Lorentz group

Let us separate the 6 anti-symmetric  $J_{\mu\nu}$  in 3+3 generators of rotations and boosts:

$$\underbrace{J_k \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{kmn} J_{mn}}_{\text{Rotations}}; \underbrace{K_m \equiv J_{m0}}_{\text{Boosts}} \quad (k, m, n = 1, 2, 3)$$

You can go ahead and rewrite  $[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}]$  in terms of  $J_k$  and  $K_m$ . But it is more instructive to consider

$$A_k^R \equiv \frac{1}{2} (J_k + i K_k)$$

$$A_k^L \equiv \frac{1}{2} (J_k - i K_k)$$

$$(A_{1,2,3}^R)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A_{1,2,3}^L)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# The Lorentz group

We can rotate these matrices ( $A_i^{L/R} \rightarrow V^\dagger A_i^{L/R} V$ ) such that they become  $\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes (\frac{1}{2}\sigma_i)$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}\sigma_i) \otimes \mathbb{1}_2$ .

↑ find V

↑ These are the representation matrices of a bi-doublet of SU(2)

$$A \sim (2, 2) \text{ of } SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \quad [(2, 2) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \text{ using spins}]$$

↑  
 $J_R$

↑  
 $J_L$

It is also very easy to check that

$$[A_i^{R/L}, A_j^{L/R}] = 0$$

$$[A_i^{R/L}, A_j^{R/L}] = i \epsilon_{ijk} A_k^{R/L}$$

Finite dimensional representations: one can infer them from those of  $SU(2)^2$ :

$(J_R, J_L)$ 
 $J_{R/L} = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$

# The Lorentz group

Scalar  $\phi = (0, 0)$  ; Weyl R-fermion  $= (\frac{1}{2}, 0)$  ; Weyl L-fermion  $= (0, \frac{1}{2})$  ;  $A_\mu = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

Dirac spinor  $= \psi_R + \psi_L = (\frac{1}{2}, 0) + (0, \frac{1}{2})$  ;  $F_{\mu\nu} \sim [D_\mu, D_\nu] = \underbrace{(1, 0) + (0, 1)}_{3+3 \text{ real components}}$

We can also immediately use what we know from  $SU(2)$  to figure out what is and what is not Lorentz invariant:

$\phi^m$  ✓

$\psi_R \psi_R$  ✓

$\psi_L \psi_L$  ✓

$A_\mu A^\mu$  ✓\*

$\psi_R \psi_L A_\mu$  ✓\*

Obviously one must check if these are invariant under the remaining model sym

BUT there are 3 things to keep in mind



# The Lorentz group

① Careful with the conjugation of representations

$$\psi_R^* \neq (1/2, 0) \quad \psi_L^* \neq (0, 1/2) \quad \text{contrary to expectations. In fact}$$

$$\psi_R^* = (0, 1/2) \sim \psi_L \quad \psi_L^* = (1/2, 0) \sim \psi_R \quad \underline{\text{Why?}}$$

The restricted Lorentz group  $SO(1,3)^+$  is not the same as  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$

$$\exp(i\alpha_i J_i + i\beta_i K_i)$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 $\in \mathbb{R}$                        $\in \mathbb{R}$

$$\exp(i\delta_i A_i^R + i\epsilon_i A_i^L)$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 $\in \mathbb{R}$                        $\in \mathbb{R}$

$$A_k^R \equiv \frac{1}{2} (J_k + i K_k)$$

$$A_k^L \equiv \frac{1}{2} (J_k - i K_k)$$

Consequences: [1]  $(j_R, j_L)^* = (j_L, j_R)$

[2] The Lorentz group is not compact. It has no finite and unitary representations

# The Lorentz group

② We did not consider the full Lorentz group

The moment we considered infinitesimal transformations  $(J_i, K_i)$  we left behind any disconnected part of the group.

The full Lorentz group  $O(1,3)$  has 4 disconnected parts:

$\Lambda^0_0 = 1, \det(\Lambda) = 1$   $\rightarrow$  Forms a group, the proper Lorentz group  $SO(1,3)^+$  which we just considered.

+

$\Lambda^0_0 = -1, \det(\Lambda) = 1$  +  $\Lambda^0_0 = 1, \det(\Lambda) = -1$  +  $\Lambda^0_0 = -1, \det(\Lambda) = -1$

We missed the space and time reversal symmetries.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$O(1,3) = \underbrace{SO(1,3)^+}_{\text{Proper Lorentz group}} \times \underbrace{\{I, P, T, PT\}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2}$$

# The Lorentz group

What are the representations of the full  $O(1,3)$ ?

Both  $P$  and  $T$  revert the sign of boosts  $K_i$ , preserving rotations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} P J_i P^{-1} = J_i & P K_i P^{-1} = -K_i \\ T J_i T^{-1} = J_i & T K_i T^{-1} = -K_i \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{e.g. } (j_R, j_L) \xrightarrow{P} (j_L, j_R)$$

So inps of the full  $O(1,3)$  are

$$(j, j) \text{ and } (j_R, j_L) + (j_L, j_R) \quad j_R \neq j_L$$

Note In quantum mechanics the implementation of time involves some thinking  $\rightsquigarrow$  anti-unitary operator

$$|\psi(t, \vec{x})\rangle \xrightarrow{T} \eta |\psi(-t, \vec{x})\rangle = |\psi^\dagger(-t, \vec{x})\rangle$$

# The Lorentz group

③ Ignore P and T. We didn't really study  $SO(1,3)^+$  but rather  $Spin(3) = SU(2)$

$SU(2) \neq SO(3)$  [  $SU(2)$  is the universal covering group ]

And we took  $SU(2)$  for the rotation group (half spin representations).

So we used the double cover of the proper Lorentz group ( $SO(1,3)^+$ )  
which is called  $Spin(1,3)$  and it is isomorphic to  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

↑  
Complex  $2 \times 2$  invertible  
matrices with  $\det = 1$

$$SO(1,3)^+ = SL(2, \mathbb{C}) / \mathbb{Z}_2$$

The mapping between the two groups is usually presented as follows:

# The Lorentz group

$$x^\mu \longleftrightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{\nu} x^\nu}_{\equiv X} = \begin{pmatrix} x^0 + x^3 & -x^1 - ix^2 \\ -x^1 + ix^2 & x^0 - x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(X) = (x^0)^2 - (x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 - (x^3)^2 \quad X^\dagger = X$$

An  $SO(1,3)^\dagger$  transformation  $x^\mu \rightarrow \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu$  induces a transformation in  $X$ :

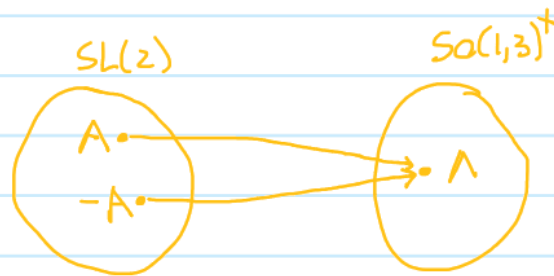
$$X \rightarrow X' \equiv A X A^\dagger$$

↖ depends on  $\Lambda$

$\det(X') = \det(X)$  so  $|\det(A)|^2 = 1$ ; let's settle on just  $\det(A) = 1$

So  $A \in SL(2) \leftarrow 6$  generators, just like  $SO(1,3)^\dagger$ .

But crucially



$SL(2)$  is simply connected; so it is the universal covering group.  
It also means that  $\exp(\langle \text{Algebra of } SO(1,3)^\dagger \rangle) = SL(2)$ .

# The Poincaré group

To the Lorentz group we add translations:

$$x'^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} x^{\nu} + \delta x^{\mu}$$

Homogeneous;  
The Lorentz group  $O(1,3)$   
= Rotations + Boosts

An infinitesimal one:  $T(\delta v) = \mathbb{1} - i \delta v^{\mu} P_{\mu}$  ↑ The 4 generators

We must add them to the 6  $J_{\alpha\beta}$  of  $O(1,3)$ .

Translations commute      Translations do not commute with rotations / boosts

NEW  $[P_{\mu}, P_{\nu}] = 0$  ;  $[P_{\mu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}] = i (P_{\lambda} g_{\mu\sigma} - P_{\sigma} g_{\mu\lambda})$

$$[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}] = i (J_{\lambda\nu} g_{\mu\sigma} - J_{\nu\lambda} g_{\mu\sigma} + J_{\mu\lambda} g_{\nu\sigma} - J_{\nu\sigma} g_{\mu\lambda})$$

# The Poincaré group

Eugene Wigner (1902-1995) classified the representations of the group.

In the standard approach to this topic one uses two Casimir operators to establish two invariants, which can then be used to tag the representations.

$$C_1 = P^\mu P_\mu \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = W_\mu W^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad W^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} J_{\nu\rho} P_\sigma$$

↑  
Pauli-Lubanski vector

$[J_\mu J^\mu, P^\nu] \neq 0$  so one must use  $C_2$  instead

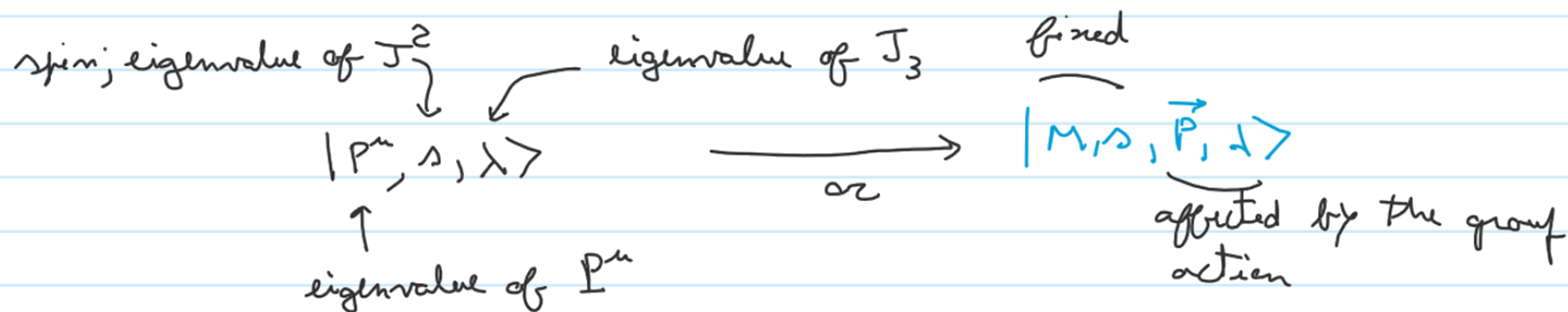
$$\underline{P^\mu P_\mu = M^2 > 0}$$

Consider one particular  $P^\mu$ , e.g.  $\tilde{P}^\mu = (M, \vec{0})$ . Acting on it with the Lorentz group allows us to get any other  $P^\mu$  such that  $P^\mu P_\mu = M^2$ .

# The Poincaré group

Note that the *stability group (little group)* of  $\tilde{P}^\mu$  are the 3D rotations, i.e.  $SO(3)$ .

So we need more labels for each vector/state.



$$\begin{aligned}
 P^\mu |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle &= P^\mu |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle \\
 J^2 |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle &= s(s+1) |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle \\
 J_3 |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle &= \lambda |M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$|M, s, \vec{P}, \lambda\rangle$  form an infinite dimensional representation  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = s, s-1, \dots, -s+1, s \\ \vec{P} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{array} \right.$



# The Poincaré group

$$\underline{P_\mu P^\mu = 0 \quad \text{with } P_\mu \neq 0}$$

A particular choice of  $P_\mu$  would be  $\tilde{P}_\mu = (E, 0, 0, E)$ . With a boost and a rotation one can get to any other 4-vector such that  $P_\mu P^\mu = 0$ .

But before we do that let's try to figure out what is the little group of  $\tilde{P}_\mu$ . This will also help the full vector space associated with each irrep.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{For } \tilde{P}_\mu \\ W^0 = W^3 = E J_3 \quad \leftarrow \text{Generator of } z \text{ rotations} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} W_1 = E (J_1 + K_2) \\ W_2 = E (J_2 - K_1) \end{array} \right\} \text{Mixture of rotations and boosts involving } x, y \end{array}$$

Out of the 4 components only 3 are independent (e.g.  $J_3, W_1, W_2$ ). What group do they generate?

# The Poincaré group

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 |w, \lambda\rangle &= w^2 |w, \lambda\rangle \\ J_3 |w, \lambda\rangle &= \lambda |w, \lambda\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$w \geq 0$  a continuous parameter  
 $\lambda = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

When  $w > 0$  you can check that  $w_{1,2}$  acting on  $|w, \lambda\rangle$  change the value of  $\lambda$  and  $|\lambda|$  is unbounded (imagine the  $SU(2)$   $J_{\pm}$  but with no limit on new vectors created). The "continuous spin representations" because of  $w \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$|w > 0, \lambda\rangle$  is an infinite irrep. No field known in the representation.

We are left with  $|w = 0, \lambda\rangle$ . For this case

$$\exp(i\alpha_1 W_1 + i\alpha_2 W_2) |0, \lambda\rangle = |0, \lambda\rangle \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} W_1, W_2 \text{ produce no effect;} \\ |0, \lambda\rangle \text{ is an unfaithful irrep} \\ \text{of } E_2 \end{array}$$

$$\exp(i\alpha_3 J_3) |0, \lambda\rangle = e^{i\lambda\alpha_3} |0, \lambda\rangle$$

$\lambda =$  the helicity; how fast the state changes under  $z$  rotations  $\rightarrow U(1)$

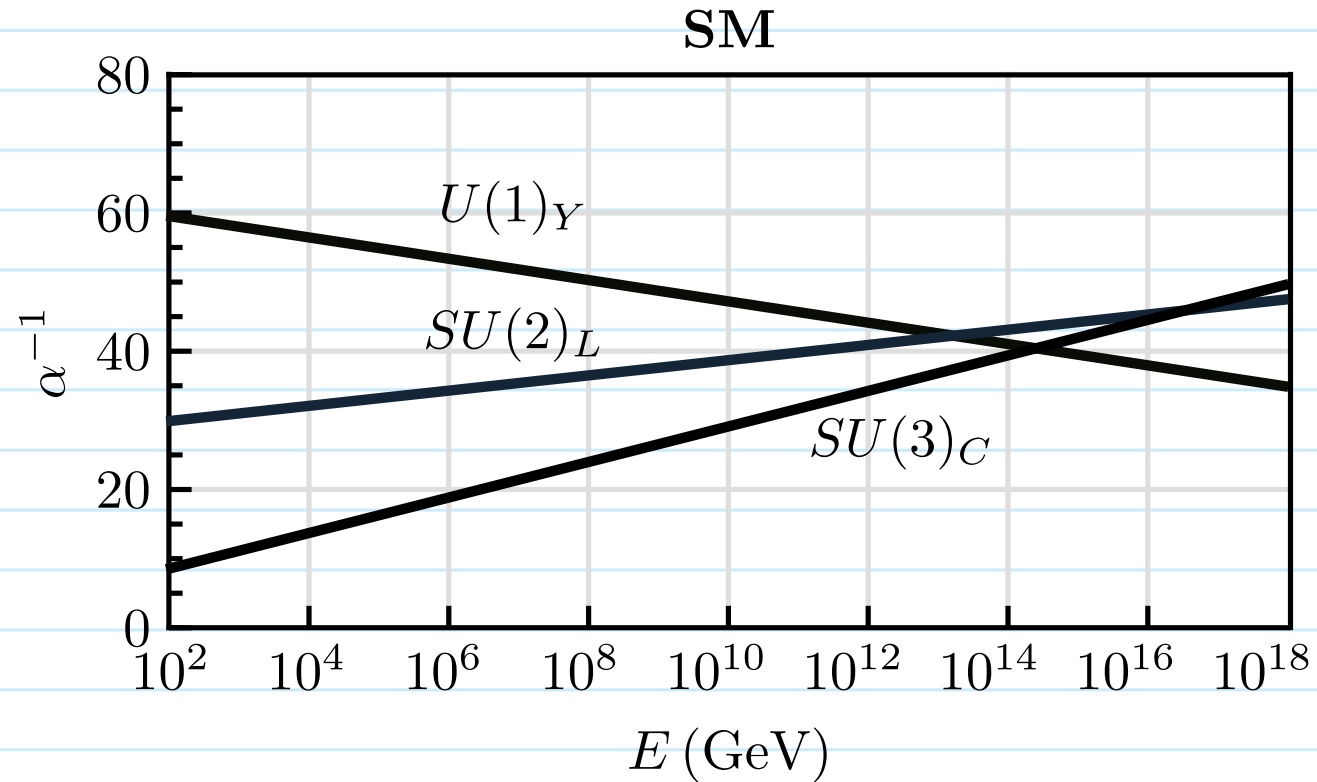
# The gauge group

	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$SO(3,1)^+$
$Q$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$u^c$	<b><math>\bar{3}</math></b>	<b>1</b>	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$d^c$	<b><math>\bar{3}</math></b>	<b>1</b>	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$L$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$e^c$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	$1$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$H$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$(0, 0)$
$F_G$	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	$0$	$(1, 0)$
$F_W$	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	$0$	$(1, 0)$
$F_B$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	$0$	$(1, 0)$



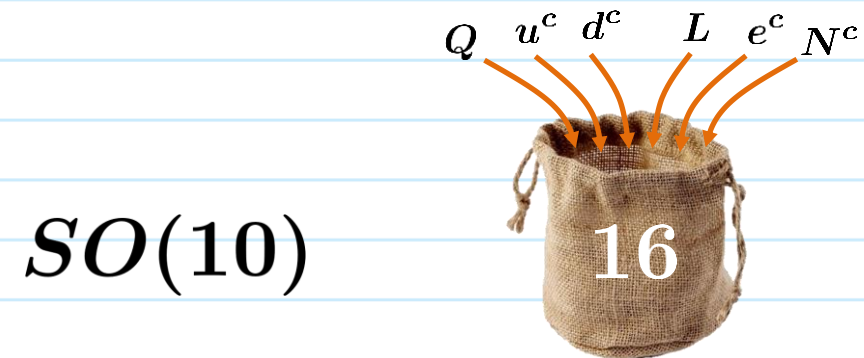
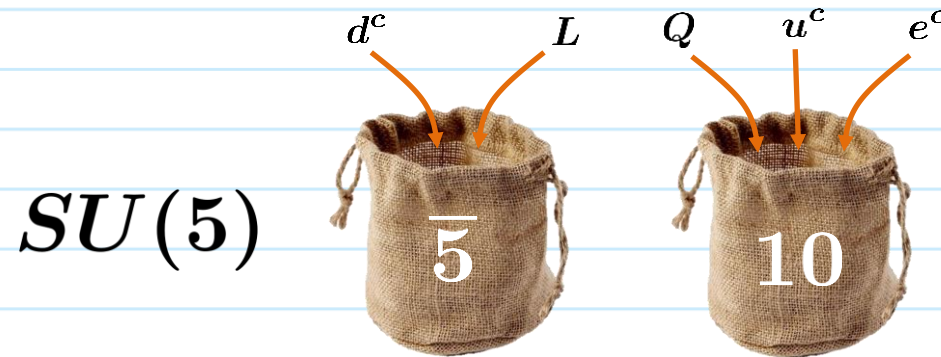
The Standard Model has a  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  gauge group.  
Can it be the remnant of a larger group?

# Grand unification?



Running of the gauge couplings suggests that at high scales they have a similar value

# Grand unification?



$SU(5)$  and  $SO(10)$  are strong candidates for the bigger group. The Standard Model fermions would need to be part of larger multiplets.

# Landscape of possible groups

Simple algebra	Dynkin diagram	Cartan matrix			
$SU(m+1)$ $A_n$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & 0 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_6$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$SO(2m+1)$ $B_n$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & 0 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_7$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$SP(2m)$ $C_n$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & 0 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_8$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$SO(2m)$ $D_n$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & 0 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$F_4$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
			$G_2$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

These are the complex simple Lie algebras

# Examples: some small irreps

GAP also has code for continuous groups.

For particle physics we also have some packages: LieART 2 Eeger, Kephart, Sasakowski 1912.14929  
GroupMath R.F. 2011.01764

## Examples with GroupMath

```
In[26]:= SU2 // MatrixForm
SU3 // MatrixForm
SO10 // MatrixForm
```

```
Out[26]//MatrixForm=
( 2 )
```

```
Out[27]//MatrixForm=
( 2 -1 )
( -1 2 )
```

```
Out[28]//MatrixForm=
( 2 -1 0 0 0 )
( -1 2 -1 0 0 )
( 0 -1 2 -1 -1 )
( 0 0 -1 2 0 )
( 0 0 -1 0 2 )
```

```
In[20]:= su2Reps = RepsUpToDimN[SU2, 10]
```

```
Out[20]= {{0}, {1}, {2}, {3}, {4}, {5}, {6}, {7}, {8}, {9}}
```

```
In[21]:= su3Reps = RepsUpToDimN[SU3, 10]
```

```
Out[21]= {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {0, 1}, {0, 2}, {2, 0}, {1, 1}, {3, 0}, {0, 3}}
```

```
In[22]:= so10Reps = RepsUpToDimN[SO10, 200]
```

```
Out[22]= {{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {1, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 1},
{0, 0, 0, 1, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {2, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0},
{0, 0, 0, 2, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 2}, {1, 0, 0, 1, 0}, {1, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

These are the Cartan matrices we saw earlier

Some of their representations

# Examples: some small irreps

```
In[33]:= Grid[
  {#, DimR[SU2, #], RepName[SU2, #], TypeOfRepresentation[SU2, #],
   Casimir[SU2, #], DynkinIndex[SU2, #]} & /@ su2Reps]
```

Out[33]=

{0}	1	1	R	0	0
{1}	2	2	PR	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
{2}	3	3	R	2	2
{3}	4	4	PR	$\frac{15}{4}$	5
{4}	5	5	R	6	10
{5}	6	6	PR	$\frac{35}{4}$	$\frac{35}{2}$
{6}	7	7	R	12	28
{7}	8	8	PR	$\frac{63}{4}$	42
{8}	9	9	R	20	60
{9}	10	10	PR	$\frac{99}{4}$	$\frac{165}{2}$

SU(2)

Out[32]=

{0,0}	1	1	R	0	0
{1,0}	3	3	C	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
{0,1}	3	$\bar{3}$	C	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
{0,2}	6	6	C	$\frac{10}{3}$	$\frac{5}{2}$
{2,0}	6	$\bar{6}$	C	$\frac{10}{3}$	$\frac{5}{2}$
{1,1}	8	8	R	3	3
{3,0}	10	10	C	6	$\frac{15}{2}$
{0,3}	10	$\bar{10}$	C	6	$\frac{15}{2}$

SU(3)

Out[34]=

{0,0,0,0,0}	1	1	R	0	0
{1,0,0,0,0}	10	10	R	$\frac{9}{2}$	1
{0,0,0,0,1}	16	16	C	$\frac{45}{8}$	2
{0,0,0,1,0}	16	$\bar{16}$	C	$\frac{45}{8}$	2
{0,1,0,0,0}	45	45	R	8	8
{2,0,0,0,0}	54	54	R	10	12
{0,0,1,0,0}	120	120	R	$\frac{21}{2}$	28
{0,0,0,2,0}	126	126	C	$\frac{25}{2}$	35
{0,0,0,0,2}	126	$\bar{126}$	C	$\frac{25}{2}$	35
{1,0,0,1,0}	144	144	C	$\frac{85}{8}$	34
{1,0,0,0,1}	144	$\bar{144}$	C	$\frac{85}{8}$	34

SO(10)

Some properties of the irreps



# Examples: weights

```
In[55]= Weights[SU2, {4}] // Grid
```

```
Out[55]= {4} 1
          {2} 1
          {0} 1
          {-2} 1
          {-4} 1
```

```
In[37]= Weights[SU3, {1, 0}] // Grid
```

```
Out[37]= {1, 0} 1
          {-1, 1} 1
          {0, -1} 1
```

```
In[38]= Weights[SU3, {1, 1}] // Grid
```

```
Out[38]= {1, 1} 1
          {2, -1} 1
          {-1, 2} 1
          {0, 0} 2
          {1, -2} 1
          {-2, 1} 1
          {-1, -1} 1
```

```
In[53]= Weights[E6, {1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}] // Grid
```

```
Out[53]= {1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0} 1
          {-1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0} 1
          {0, -1, 1, 0, 0, 0} 1
          {0, 0, -1, 1, 0, 1} 1
          {0, 0, 0, 1, 0, -1} 1
          {0, 0, 0, -1, 1, 1} 1
          {0, 0, 1, -1, 1, -1} 1
          {0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 1} 1
          {0, 0, 1, 0, -1, -1} 1
          {0, 1, -1, 0, 1, 0} 1
          {0, 1, -1, 1, -1, 0} 1
          {0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 0} 1
          {1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0} 1
          {1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0} 1
          {1, -1, 1, -1, 0, 0} 1
          {1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 1} 1
          {1, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1} 1
          {-1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0} 1
          {-1, 0, 0, 1, -1, 0} 1
          {-1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 0} 1
          {-1, 1, -1, 0, 0, 1} 1
          {-1, 1, 0, 0, 0, -1} 1
          {0, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1} 1
          {0, -1, 1, 0, 0, -1} 1
          {0, 0, -1, 1, 0, 0} 1
          {0, 0, 0, -1, 1, 0} 1
          {0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0} 1
```

Weights of some irreps