

# “MANIFEST BOSONIC DEMOCRACY”

## THE SU(3) ALGEBRA IN A CYCLIC BASIS

“The SU(3) Algebra in A Cyclic Basis” P.F. Harrison, R. Krishnan and W. G. Scott, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 017302. [ArXiv:1407.8360\[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.8360)

Please first consider – already familiar - :

## THE SU(2) ALGEBRA IN A CYCLIC BASIS:

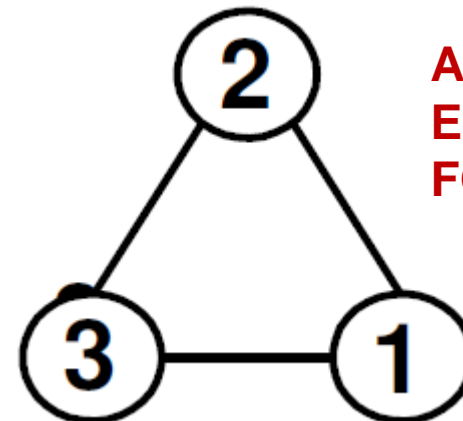
Just the old  
3-d vector product rule  
for orthogonal  
unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$

$$\hat{1} \times \hat{2} = \hat{3}$$

$$\hat{2} \times \hat{3} = \hat{1}$$

$$\hat{3} \times \hat{1} = \hat{2}$$

$su(2) \subset A_1$



ALL ON  
EQUAL  
FOOTING

## Defn. of Lie Algebra:

Lie Product is Anti-Symmetric, i. e. :  $(1 \times 2) = - (2 \times 1)$  etc.

And obeys Jacobi identity:  $1 \times (2 \times 3) + 2 \times (3 \times 1) + 3 \times (1 \times 2) = 0$

# The (complex) algebra $A_1$ in the “Chevalley Basis”

- perhaps better aligned to the SM context ( $3' = 2 I_3$ ):

$$3' \times 1' = +2 \cdot 1' \quad 3' \times 2' = -2 \cdot 2'$$

$$1' \times 2' = 3'$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \\ & \approx \mathfrak{su}(1, 1) \\ & \subset A_1 \end{aligned}$$

Basis  $1', 2', 3'$  related to the cyclic basis  $1, 2, 3$  by the (complex) basis transformation:




$$\begin{pmatrix} 1' \\ 2' \\ 3' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i & -1 & 0 \\ i & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

SM Lagrangian remains invariant  
with re-defined (complex)  
fields proportional to:

$$\begin{aligned} W^+ &= (W_1 - iW_2)/\sqrt{2} \\ W^- &= (W_1 + iW_2)/\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$W^0 = W_3$$

# Outline:

Introduction:	su(2) su(3)	cyclic Gell-Mann	non-cyclic non-cyclic
Computer Search : 	280 Bn	 972	 2
	case-1	case-2	
case-1 3x3 rep:	an aside on:	"Tri-Maximal Mixing"	
case-1 $\leftrightarrow$ case-2 :	circulant- transformations	assertion, conjecture	
Referee's Report :	"a good turn"	proof ??	
"By-The-Way" :	TSCs = Trigonometric Structure Constants	su(2,1) "case-3"	
GUTS :	su(5) "bi-cyclic"	TSC version	
Challenge:	su(5) <del>£1000,000</del>	Glory!	

In a perhaps more acceptable notation

(as in our paper):

su(2) (cyclic basis):

$$[\hat{w}_1, \hat{w}_2] = \hat{w}_3 \quad [\hat{w}_2, \hat{w}_3] = \hat{w}_1 \quad [\hat{w}_3, \hat{w}_1] = \hat{w}_2, \quad (1)$$

A<sub>1</sub> Chevalley basis (non-cyclic):

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{w}'_3, \hat{w}'_1] &= 2\hat{w}'_1 & [\hat{w}'_3, \hat{w}'_2] &= -2\hat{w}'_2 \\ [\hat{w}'_1, \hat{w}'_2] &= \hat{w}'_3 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

A<sub>2</sub> (Gell-Mann basis - non-cyclic):

su(3)  $\subset$  A<sub>2</sub>

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_2] &= \hat{g}_3 & [\hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_4] &= \hat{g}_7/2 & [\hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_5] &= -\hat{g}_6/2 \\ [\hat{g}_2, \hat{g}_4] &= \hat{g}_6/2 & [\hat{g}_2, \hat{g}_5] &= \hat{g}_7/2 & [\hat{g}_4, \hat{g}_5] &= \hat{g}_3/2 + \sqrt{3}/2\hat{g}_8 \\ [\hat{g}_4, \hat{g}_8] &= -\sqrt{3}/2\hat{g}_5 & [\hat{g}_6, \hat{g}_7] &= -\hat{g}_3/2 + \sqrt{3}/2\hat{g}_8 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

So the question arises - can su(3) be put in cyclic form.....????

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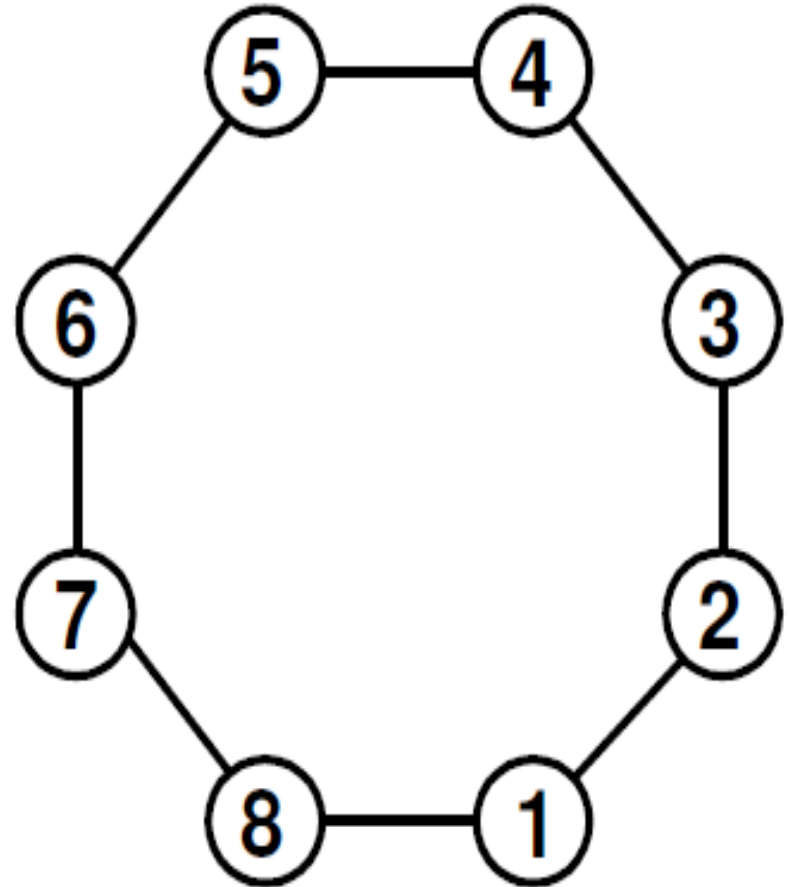
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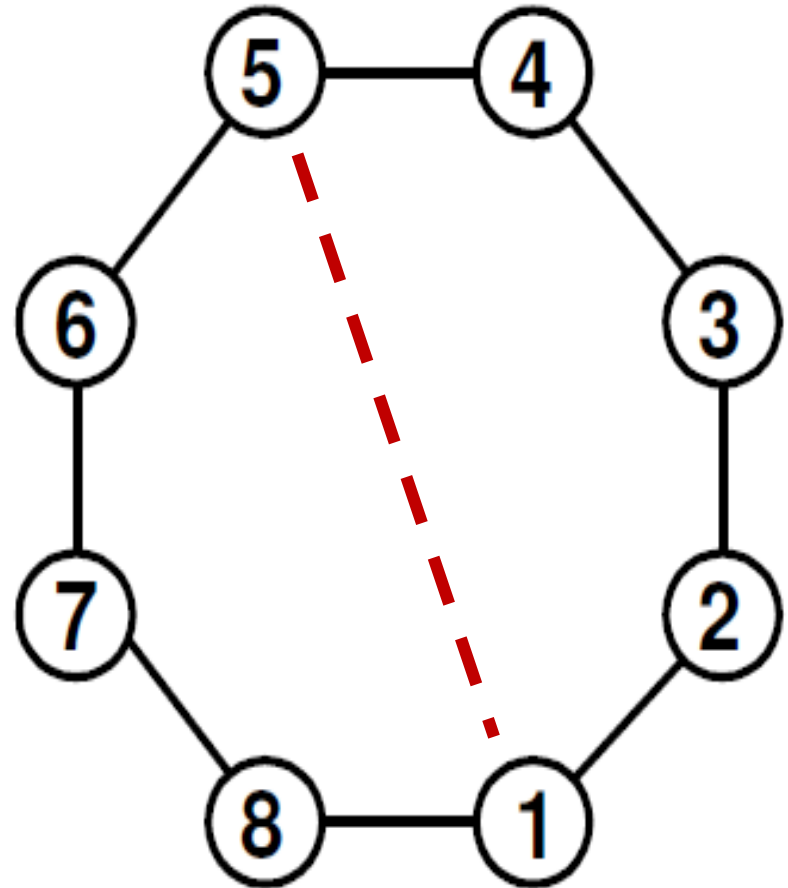
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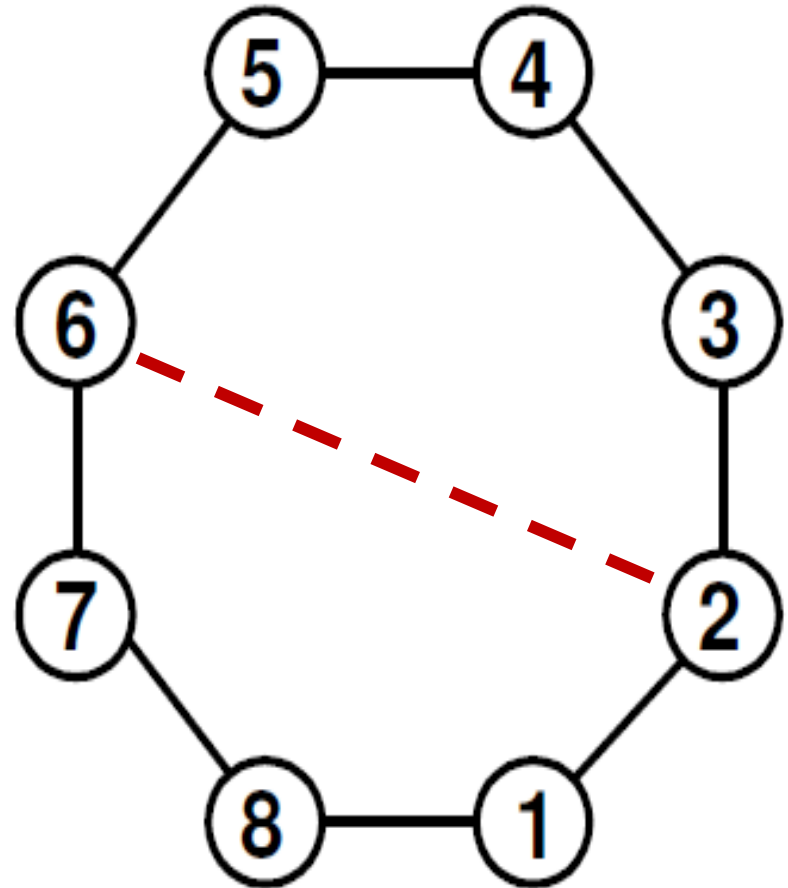
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Any Opposite Pair!

# The Fundamental (3 x 3) Representation in Cyclic Form:

$$b = (x_- \omega + x_0 + x_+ \varpi) / 3$$

$$\bar{b} = (x_- \varpi + x_0 + x_+ \omega) / 3$$

(where  $x_- = 1/\sqrt{3} - 1$ ,  $x_0 = -2/\sqrt{3}$ ,  $x_+ = 1/\sqrt{3} + 1$   
with  $\omega$ ,  $\varpi$  complex Cube-roots of unity)

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_- & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_+ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b\omega & \bar{b} \\ \bar{b}\varpi & 0 & b\varpi \\ b & \bar{b}\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b\varpi & \bar{b} \\ \bar{b}\omega & 0 & b\omega \\ b & \bar{b}\varpi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{b}\varpi & b \\ b\omega & 0 & \bar{b}\omega \\ \bar{b} & b\varpi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_8 = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & \bar{b} \\ \bar{b} & 0 & b \\ b & \bar{b} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

“Tri-Maximal Mixing”:

Harrison & Scott

PLB 333 (1994) 471

[hep-ph/9406351](http://hep-ph/9406351); see

also: [hep-ph/9909431](http://hep-ph/9909431)

Any choice of “non-opposite” pair  $\lambda_i, \lambda_j$  are maximally non-commuting !!!



“Threefold-Maximal Mixing”

“Tri-Maximal Mixing”



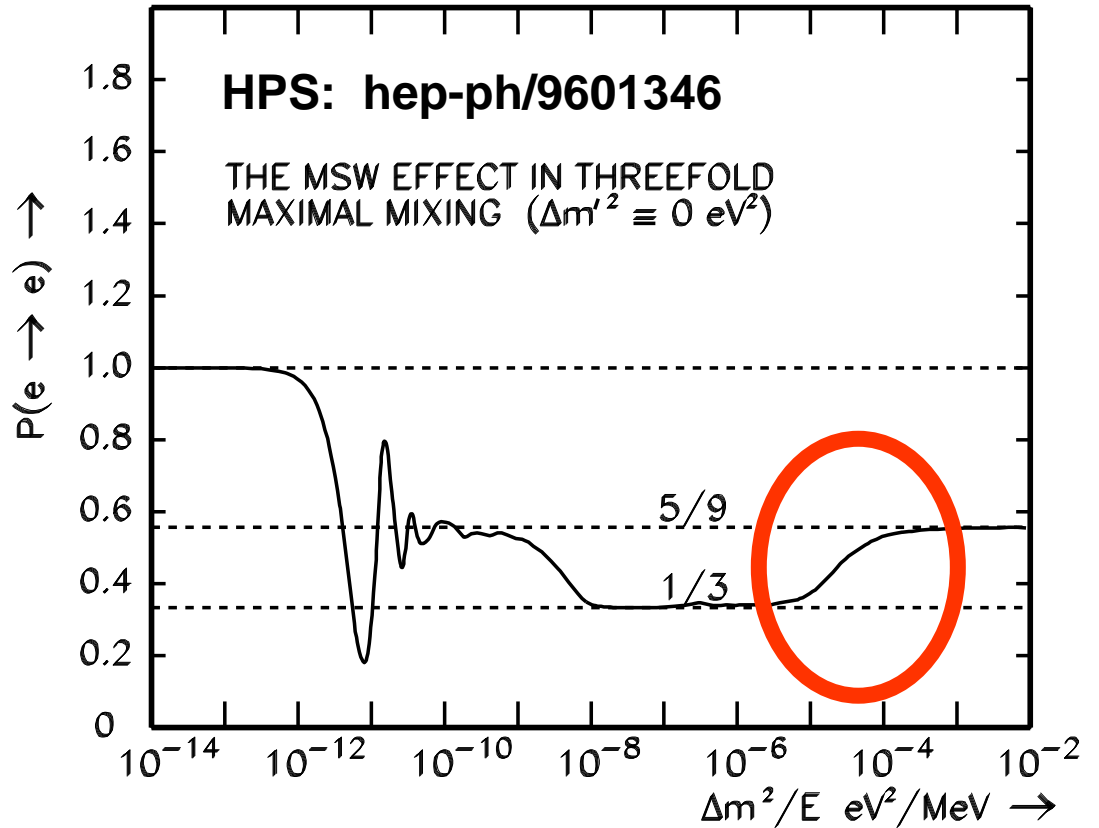
$$\begin{matrix} & \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 \\ e & \left( \begin{matrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{matrix} \right) \\ \mu & & & \\ \tau & & & \end{matrix}$$



“Tri-Bi-Maximal Mixing”

$$\begin{matrix} & \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 \\ e & \left( \begin{matrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 1/6 & 1/3 & 1/2 \\ 1/6 & 1/3 & 1/2 \end{matrix} \right) \\ \mu & & & \\ \tau & & & \end{matrix}$$

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 Phys. Lett. B 349 (1995) 357 – No Arxiv.  
 Also: [hep-ph/9702243](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9702243), [hep-ph/9904297](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9904297)  
[hep-ph/0402006](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0402006) (BHS), [hep-ph/0511201](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0511201)



**Tri-Bi-Maximal Mixing** ([hep-ph/0202074](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0202074))  
 dominated phenomenology for a decade

We also found (“Case-2”):

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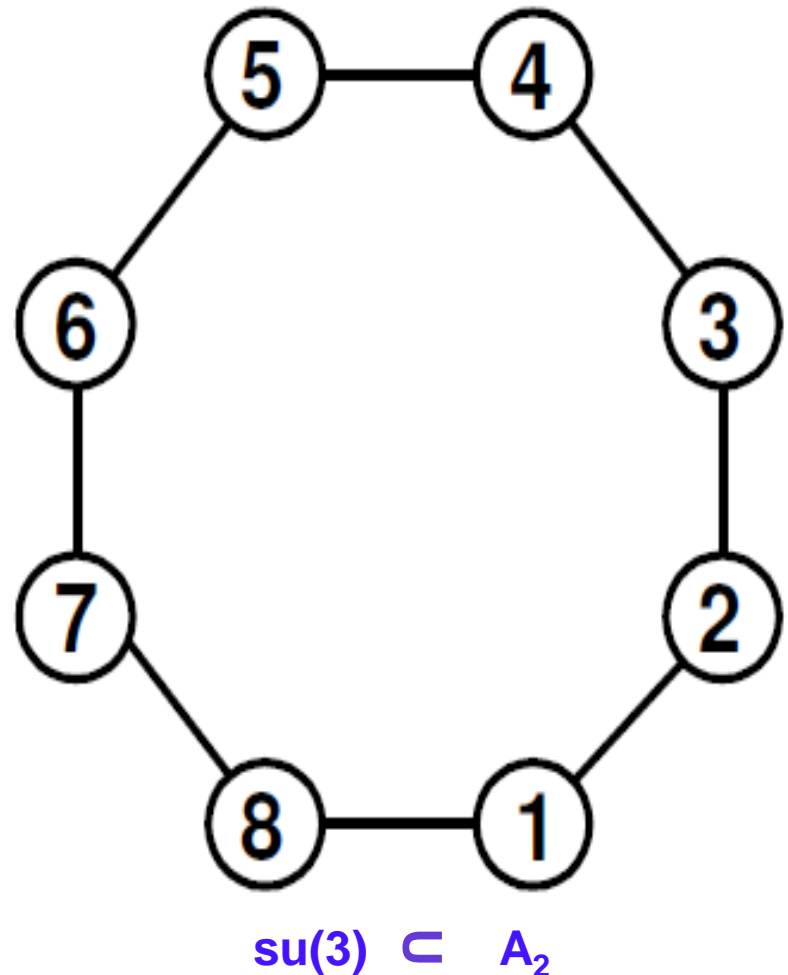
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Structure Constants all unit modulus  
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Killing Form is off-diagonal  
but circulant:

$$K_{ab} = \text{circ}(-12, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0)$$

Metric Signature :  $(-18)^4$  ,  $(-6)^4$



Again - as presented  
in our paper:

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**Cyclic su(3) – case-1:**

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(1)}, \hat{g}_{a+2}^{(1)} \right] = \hat{g}_{a+3}^{(1)} + \hat{g}_{a+4}^{(1)} - \hat{g}_{a+7}^{(1)} + \hat{g}_{a+8}^{(1)} \quad (15)$$

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(1)}, \hat{g}_{a+3}^{(1)} \right] = -\hat{g}_{a+2}^{(1)} - \hat{g}_{a+4}^{(1)} - \hat{g}_{a+6}^{(1)} + \hat{g}_{a+8}^{(1)} \quad (16)$$

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(1)}, \hat{g}_{a+4}^{(1)} \right] = -\hat{g}_{a+2}^{(1)} + \hat{g}_{a+3}^{(1)} - \hat{g}_{a+6}^{(1)} - \hat{g}_{a+7}^{(1)} \quad (17)$$

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(1)}, \hat{g}_{a+5}^{(1)} \right] = 0, \quad a = 1 \dots 8 \quad \text{mod } 8, 1. \quad (18)$$

**Cyclic su(3) – case-2:**

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(2)}, \hat{g}_{a+2}^{(2)} \right] = \hat{g}_{a+4}^{(2)} - \hat{g}_{a+7}^{(2)} + \hat{g}_{a+8}^{(2)} \quad (19)$$

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$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(2)}, \hat{g}_{a+4}^{(2)} \right] = -\hat{g}_{a+2}^{(2)} + \hat{g}_{a+3}^{(2)} - \hat{g}_{a+6}^{(2)} \quad (21)$$

$$\left[ \hat{g}_{a+1}^{(2)}, \hat{g}_{a+5}^{(2)} \right] = 0, \quad a = 1 - 8 \quad \text{mod } 8, 1. \quad (22)$$

The transformations back and forth between the two forms 1  $\leftrightarrow$  2:

$$C^{(21)} = \text{circ}\{(1 + \sqrt{3})/4, 0, 0, 0, (1 - \sqrt{3})/4, 0, 0, 0\}$$

$$C^{(12)} = \text{circ}\{(1 + 1/\sqrt{3}), 0, 0, 0, (1 - 1/\sqrt{3}), 0, 0, 0\}$$

where `circ` denotes a `circulant` matrix: **(a cyclic transformation)**

$$(\hat{g}'_a)^T = C \cdot (\hat{g}_a)^T \quad C = \text{circ}(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{g}'_1 \\ \hat{g}'_2 \\ \hat{g}'_3 \\ \hat{g}'_4 \\ \hat{g}'_5 \\ \hat{g}'_6 \\ \hat{g}'_7 \\ \hat{g}'_8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 & c_8 \\ c_8 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 \\ c_7 & c_8 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 \\ c_6 & c_7 & c_8 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 \\ c_5 & c_6 & c_7 & c_8 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \\ c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 & c_8 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 & c_8 & c_1 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 & c_8 & c_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{g}_1 \\ \hat{g}_2 \\ \hat{g}_3 \\ \hat{g}_4 \\ \hat{g}_5 \\ \hat{g}_6 \\ \hat{g}_7 \\ \hat{g}_8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

We assert that all cyclic bases are accessible by such cyclic transformations and conjectured that cyclic bases exist for other lie algebras, e.g.  $su(n)$ ,  $n > 3$ .

## **Our PLB referee was clearly `rattled' by our paper:**

**“I urge the editors to reject this contribution.....**

**it is quite easy to show that such a basis exists for any finite-dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra by combining the expression of the structure constants in a basis orthogonal with respect of the Killing form and the existence of an orthogonal automorphism of the Lie algebra of order dimension of the Lie algebra. (Such an automorphism can even be chosen to be inner.) ....”**

**Our response to the editor was highly non-confrontational requesting only a copy of the referee's proof::**

**“We accept the referee's judgement....**

**However....would it be asking too much that he/she kindly passes us his/her proof in a little more detail (anonymously via the editor) for our edification?”**

**While we prepared our paper for submission to PRD  
(where it was accepted after only minor modifications !!!)**

**Incredibly we received the PLB referee's `proof':**

**His/her latex is beautiful .... but is the `proof' valid??**

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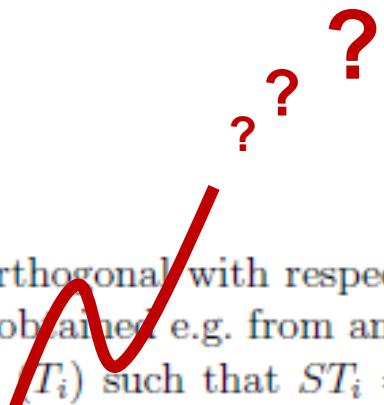
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BTW:

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In our search

- and rejected:

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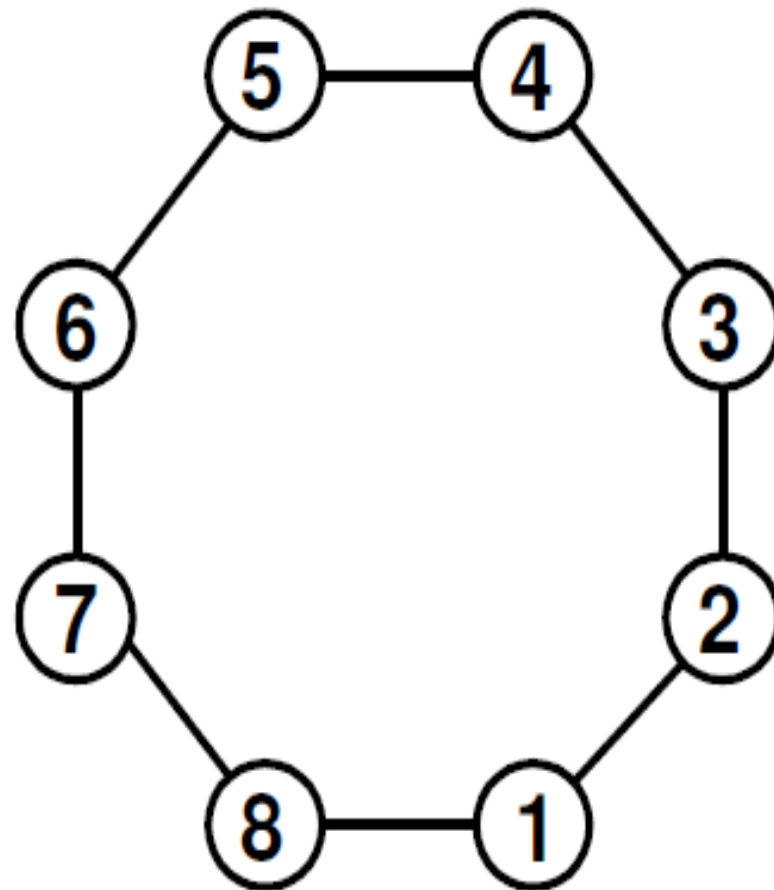
$$1 \times 3 = 8$$

$$1 \times 4 = -7$$

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This is A<sub>2</sub>  
but is  
NOT  
strictly  
su(3) !!!

c.f. "Trigonometric Structure Constants"  
e.g. Fairlie, Zachos, Vershik....



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- So actually SU(2,1) !!!



# Trigonometric Structure Constants (TSCs)

In particular for SU(N):

$$[ \hat{G}_m , \hat{G}_n ] = \sin( 2\pi/N (n \times m) ) \hat{G}_{m+n}$$

where:  $m = (m_1, m_2)$ ,  $n = (n_1, n_2) \pmod N$

In a wider context: “sine algebras”, “cross-product algebras”  
- mostly infinite dimensional

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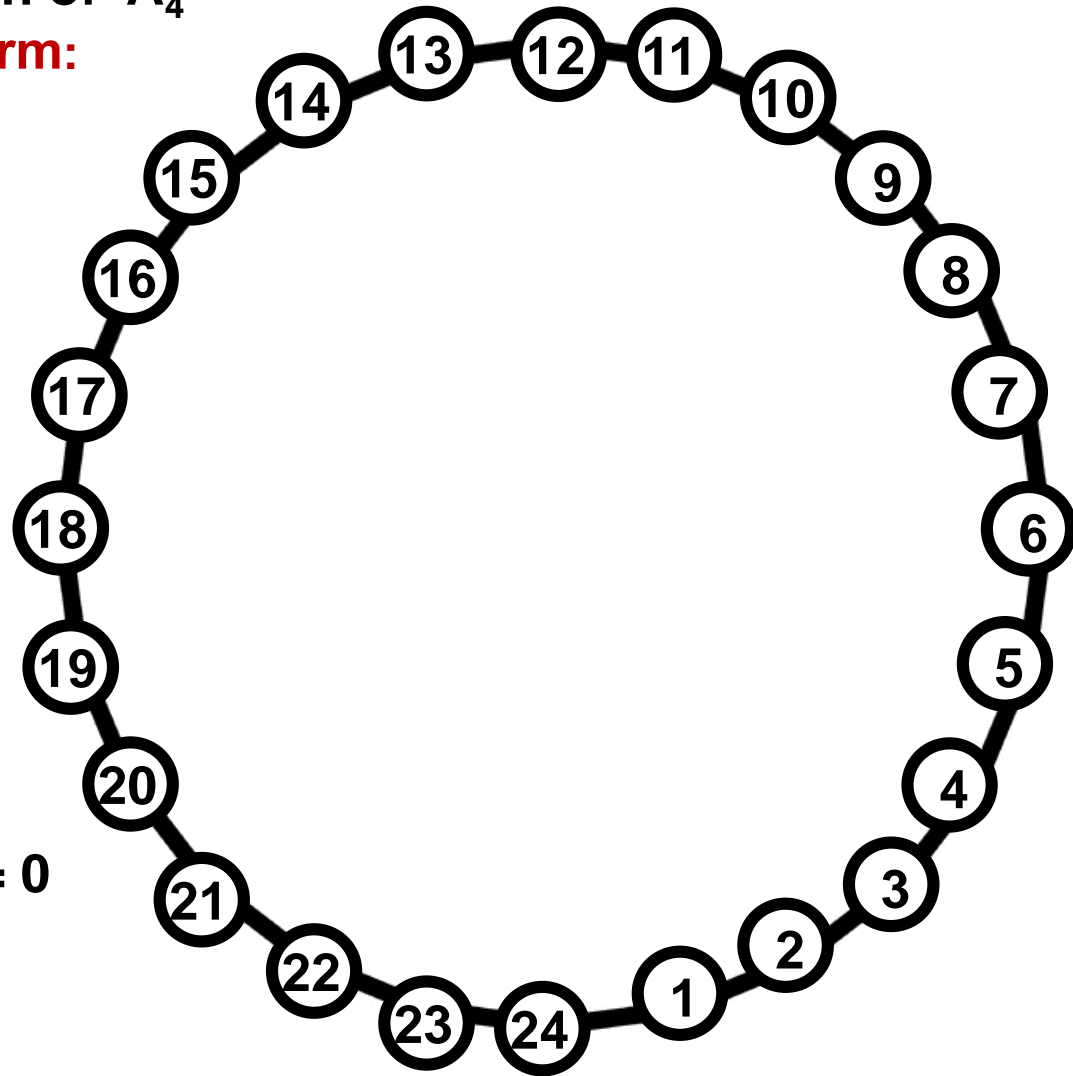
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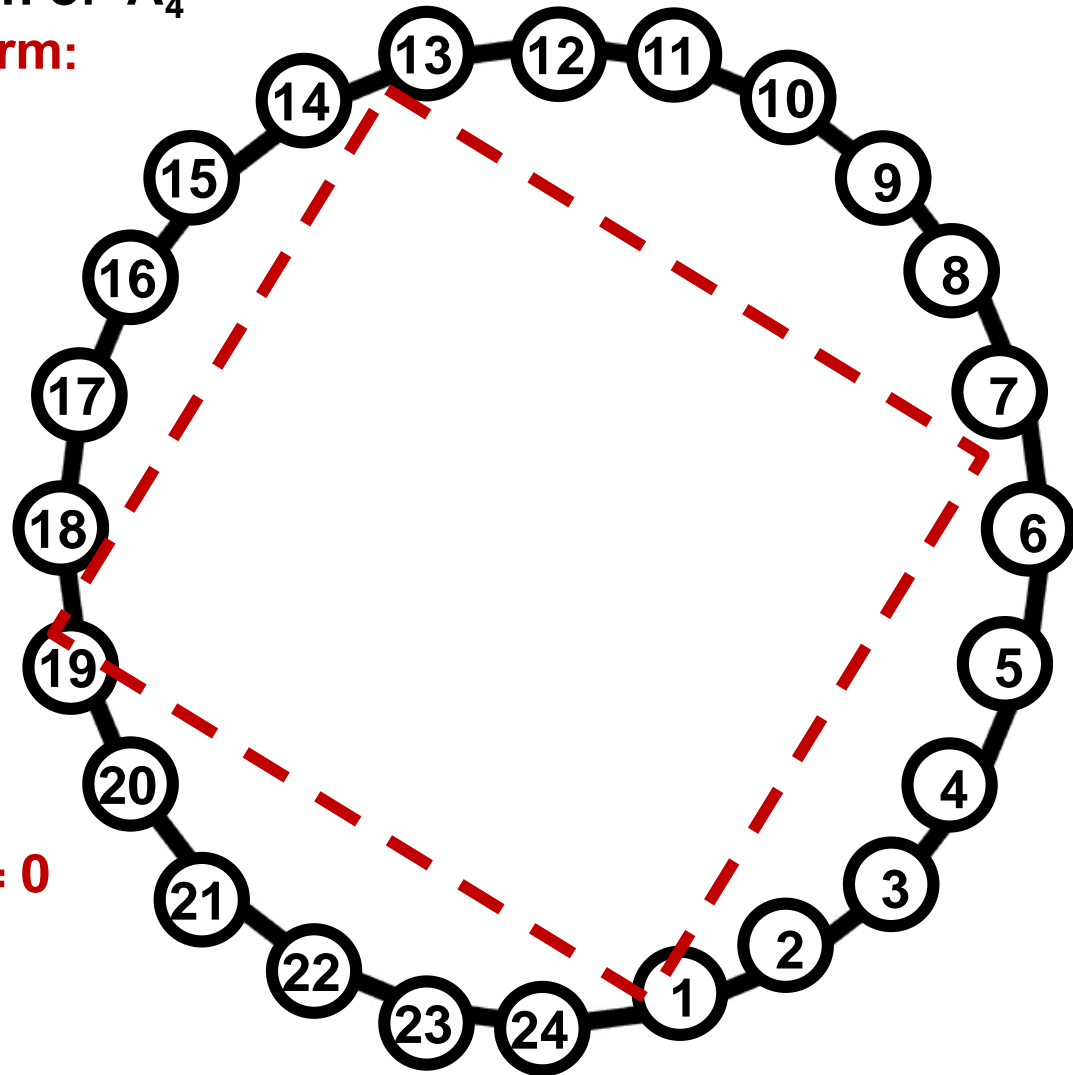
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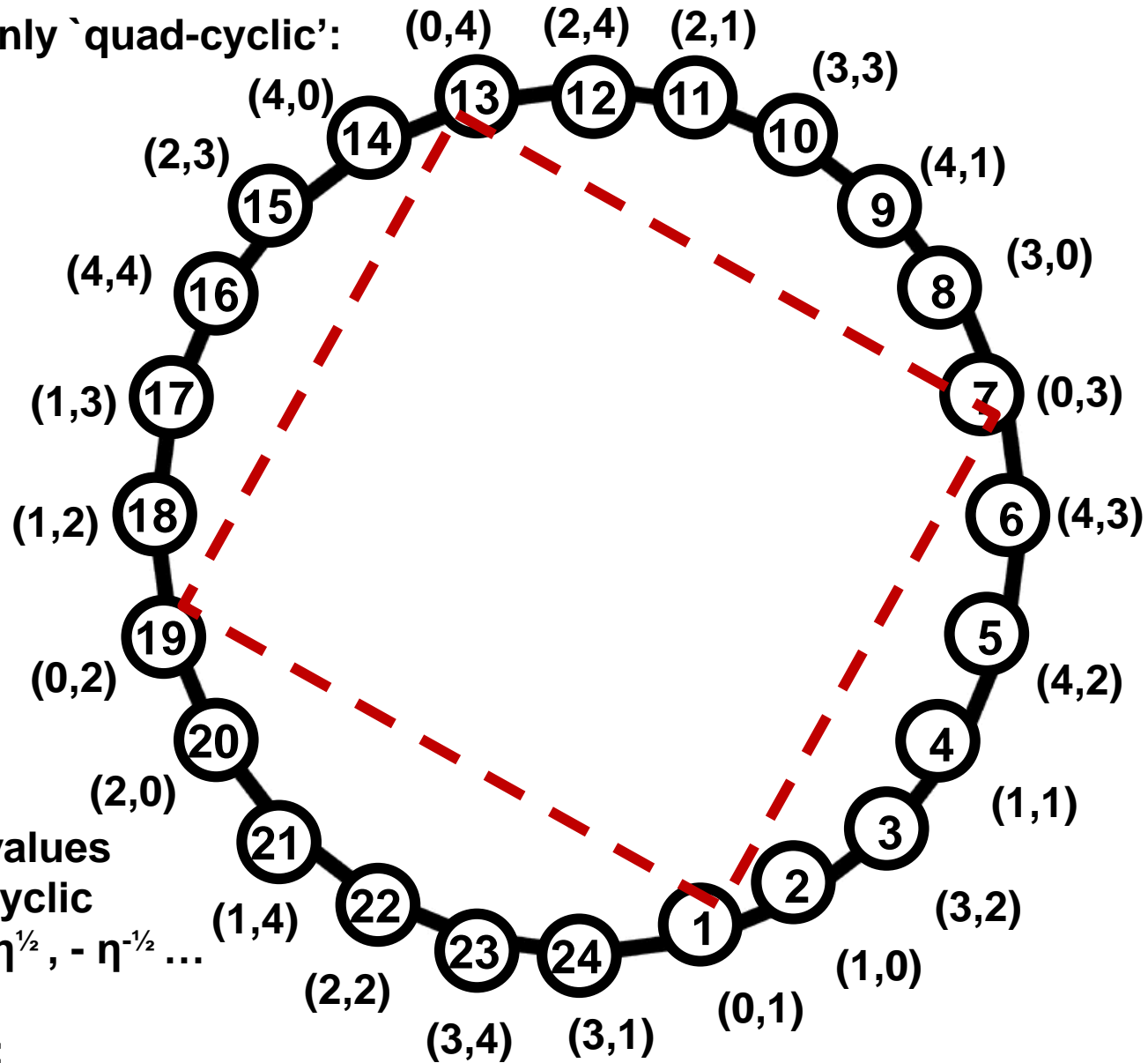
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TSC version of  $A_4$  is only 'quad-cyclic':

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times 2 &= -\eta^{1/2} & 4 \\
 1 \times 3 &= \eta^{-1/2} & 10 \\
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 1 \times 5 &= \eta^{1/2} & 6 \\
 1 \times 6 &= \eta^{1/2} & 16 \\
 \mathbf{1 \times 7} &= \mathbf{0} \\
 1 \times 8 &= \eta^{-1/2} & 24 \\
 1 \times 9 &= \eta^{1/2} & 5 \\
 1 \times 10 &= \eta^{-1/2} & 23 \\
 1 \times 11 &= -\eta^{-1/2} & 22 \\
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 \mathbf{1 \times 13} &= \mathbf{0}
 \end{aligned}$$



All structure constants values are 'quad-cyclic' in the cyclic sequence ....  $-\eta^{1/2}, \eta^{-1/2}, \eta^{1/2}, -\eta^{-1/2}$  ...

Killing Form is circulant:

$$\kappa = \text{circ}(0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,-50,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)$$

# The “Harrison-Krishnan-Scott” Challenge:

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c,f. Millenium Prize Problems  
Hilbert’s 23 Problems  
Riemann Hypothesis ....  
etc. etc.

**Find a (mono-) cyclic basis for SU(5) !!**

If you believe the PLB referee’s proof you know it is possible/trivial !!!

~~Win 1 Million Pounds GBP !!!~~

~~£1,000,000~~

~~£1000~~

Just Glory!

# **From the same Authors:**

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