

STANDARD MODEL - II

LECTURE 1

- ① Group Theory elements
SU(N) groups \rightarrow Young Tableau
- ② Standard Model: Yang-Mills theories, QCD
EW, flavour, mass generation
Higgs mechanism
- ③ Brief intro to perturbation theory.
Feynman rules: amplitudes, χ secs and decay widths
 $ee \rightarrow ee$
- ④ BSM: Neutrino masses, Seesaw mechanisms
 - More Higgs bosons \rightarrow extended scalar sectors
 - Leptoquarks $(g-2)_m$, $P_{LR}^{(k)}$, $R_D^{(k)}$, $(g-2)_e$

- supersymmetry

For Group Theory

"Group Theory in a Nutshell for Physicists"

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General Properties of Lie Groups and Lie Algebras

Definition 1

A group G is a set with a map $G \times G \rightarrow G$ known as group multiplication satisfying the following properties:

- **Associativity**: $(g \cdot h) \cdot l = g \cdot (h \cdot l), \forall g, h, l \in G,$
- **Identity**: $\exists e \in G : e \cdot g = g \forall g \in G,$
- **Inverse**: $\forall g \in G \exists g' \in G : g' \cdot g = g \cdot g' = e$

In particle physics we are interested in **group representations**, which define a concrete realization of group transformations.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eg: } \psi &\longrightarrow \psi' = U\psi && G \\ \psi &\longrightarrow \psi' = e^{i\alpha(x)}\psi && U(1) \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2

A group representation ρ is a map that associates to each group element a linear transformation acting on a particular vector space V (real or complex):

$$\rho: G \longrightarrow \underbrace{GL(V)}_{\substack{\text{General} \\ \text{Linear Group:} \\ \text{Transformations} \\ \text{acting on } V.}}$$

where $\dim(\rho) = \dim(V)$

Reducible representation:

ρ is reducible if and only if there is a subspace $U \subset V$ left invariant by group transformations, i.e.

$$\rho(g)u \in U \quad \forall u \in U \text{ and } \forall g \in G.$$

If there is no UCV, the R is said to be **IRREDUCIBLE**, or an irrep. of G .

Irreps. are very relevant in particle physics.

Definition 3

A **Lie group** is a continuous group, i.e., in which all elements $g \in G$ depend continuously on a continuous set of parameters

$$g = g(\alpha), \quad \alpha = \{\alpha_a\}, \quad a = 1, \dots, N$$

The identity element e is taken to be

$$e = g(\alpha) \Big|_{\alpha=0}$$

$\alpha=0 \rightarrow$ origin of the space of parameters

such that for any R

$$R(\alpha) \Big|_{\alpha=0} = 11$$

Let us Taylor expand $R(\alpha)$ in the vicinity of the identity element:

$$R(\underbrace{d\alpha}_{\text{Infinitesimal change in } \{\alpha_a\}}) = 11 + \frac{\partial R(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_a} \Big|_{\alpha=0} d\alpha_a + \dots$$

Infinitesimal change in $\{\alpha_a\}$

$$\equiv 11 + i X^a d\alpha_a + \dots$$

$$X^a = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_a} R(\alpha) \Big|_{\alpha=0}$$

GROUP GENERATORS

$R(\alpha) \rightarrow$ Representation of a group element arbitrarily close to identity

↓
Included such that, for Unitary representations
one has $R^\dagger(\alpha) R(\alpha) = 11$

Group multiplication allows one to
obtain any other element of the group
as:

$$R(\alpha) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + i \frac{X^a \alpha_a}{k} \right)^k = e^{iX^a \alpha_a}$$

where $\alpha_a = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_a}{k}$

Exponential parametrization
of group elements

$$\alpha_a \in \mathbb{R}$$

For unitary representations

$$R^\dagger(\alpha) R(\alpha) = 11 \Leftrightarrow e^{-i(X^a)^\dagger \alpha_a} e^{iX^a \alpha_a} = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow X^a = (X^a)^\dagger \Rightarrow$$

GROUP GENERATORS
ARE HERMITIAN OPERATORS

STRUCTURE CONSTANTS

Consider two distinct linear combinations of group generators

$$\alpha_a X^a \neq \beta_a X^a$$

Using the exponential parametrization

$$\underbrace{e^{i\alpha_a X^a}}_{\text{GROUP element}} \underbrace{e^{i\beta_b X^b}}_{\text{GROUP element}} = \underbrace{e^{iS_a X^a}}_{\text{GROUP element}} \left. \vphantom{e^{i\alpha_a X^a}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{GROUP} \\ \text{multiplication} \end{array}$$

Continuity and differentiability of group elements allows one to find $\{S_a\}$ by expanding the above relation.

$$iS_a X^a = \log \left[1 + \underbrace{e^{i\alpha_a X^a} e^{i\beta_b X^b} - 1}_K \right] \equiv \log(1+K)$$

For small κ one has:

$$\log(1+\kappa) = \kappa - \frac{\kappa^2}{2} + \dots$$

Thus, up to quadratic order

$$\kappa = e^{i\alpha_a X^a} e^{i\beta_b X^b} - 1$$

$$= (1 + i\alpha_a X^a - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_a X^a)^2 + \dots) (1 + i\beta_b X^b - \frac{1}{2}(\beta_b X^b)^2 + \dots) - 1$$

$$= i\alpha_a X^a + i\beta_b X^b - \alpha_a X^a \beta_b X^b - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_a X^a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\beta_b X^b)^2 + \dots$$

And hence:

$$iS_a X^a = i\alpha_a X^a + i\beta_b X^b - \alpha_a X^a \beta_b X^b - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_a X^a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\beta_b X^b)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left[(1 + i\alpha_a X^a)(1 + i\beta_b X^b) - 1 \right]^2$$

$$= i\alpha_a X^a + i\beta_b X^b - \alpha_a X^a \beta_b X^b - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_a X^a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\beta_b X^b)^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left[\cancel{1} + i\alpha_a X^a + i\beta_b X^b - \cancel{1} + \dots \right]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= i\alpha_a \chi^a + i\beta_b \chi^b - \alpha_a \chi^a \beta_b \chi^b - \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_a \chi^a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\beta_b \chi^b)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_a \chi^a + \beta_b \chi^b)^2 + \dots \\
&\quad \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_a \chi^a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\beta_b \chi^b)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_a \chi^a \beta_b \chi^b + \frac{1}{2} \beta_b \chi^b \alpha_a \chi^a \\
&= i(\alpha_a + \beta_a) \chi^a - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_a \chi^a \beta_b \chi^b + \frac{1}{2} \beta_b \chi^b \alpha_a \chi^a + \dots \\
&= i(\alpha_a + \beta_a) \chi^a - \frac{1}{2} [\alpha_a \chi^a, \beta_b \chi^b] + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

generators don't commute in general

Then:

$$iS_a \chi^a - i(\alpha_a + \beta_a) \chi^a = -\frac{1}{2} [\alpha_a \chi^a, \beta_b \chi^b] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$[\alpha_a \chi^a, \beta_b \chi^b] = -2i(S_c - \alpha_c - \beta_c) \chi^c \equiv i\gamma_c \chi^c$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha_a \chi^a, \beta_b \chi^b] = i\gamma_c \chi^c$$

which must hold for any choice of

α_a, β_b and γ_c parameters

we then note that, choosing the constants

$$f^{abc} \alpha_a \beta_b = \gamma_c$$

$$\alpha_a \beta_b [X^a, X^b] = i \gamma_c X^c \quad (\Leftrightarrow)$$

$$\cancel{\alpha_a \beta_b} [X^a, X^b] = i f^{abc} \cancel{\alpha_a \beta_b} X^c$$

$$\Rightarrow [X^a, X^b] = i f^{abc} X^c$$

The antisymmetry property of the commutator, i.e., $[A, B] = -[B, A]$

then

$$f^{abc} = -f^{bac}$$

Antisymmetric in the first two indices

The f^{abc} are known as the
group structure constants
and define the Lie Algebra $\mathfrak{g}(G)$ of
the group G described by the
above commutation $[X^a, X^b] = if^{abc} X^c$

$$[\tau_i, \tau_j] = \sum_k i \epsilon_{ijk} \tau_k$$

The structure constants are an
intrinsic property of the Lie Algebra
and are solely determined by the
group multiplication and by
continuity.

Proposition 1

For unitary group representations the structure constants are real.

Demonstration

We have seen above that, for unitary group representations the generators are hermitian, i.e.,

$$(X^a)^{\dagger} = X^a.$$

Then, on one hand we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [X^a, X^b]^{\dagger} &= (i f^{abc} X^c)^{\dagger} = -i (f^{abc})^* (X^c)^{\dagger} \\ &= -i (f^{abc})^* X^c \end{aligned}$$

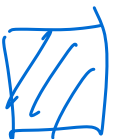
on the other hand we know that

$$\begin{aligned} [\chi^a, \chi^b]^\dagger &= (\chi^a \chi^b - \chi^b \chi^a)^\dagger \\ &= (\chi^a \chi^b)^\dagger - (\chi^b \chi^a)^\dagger \\ &= (\chi^b)^\dagger (\chi^a)^\dagger - (\chi^a)^\dagger (\chi^b)^\dagger \\ &= \chi^b \chi^a - \chi^a \chi^b \\ &= [\chi^b, \chi^a] = i f^{bac} \chi^c \\ &= -i f^{abc} \chi^c \end{aligned}$$

then:

$$-i (f^{abc})^* \chi^c = -i f^{abc} \chi^c \implies$$

$$(f^{abc})^* = f^{abc} \implies f^{abc} \in \mathbb{R}$$



Exercise: prove the Jacobi identity.

$$[X^a, [X^b, X^c]] + [X^b, [X^c, X^a]] + [X^c, [X^a, X^b]] = 0$$

Adjoint Representation

The structure constants can be used to define the adjoint rep

$$(\sigma^i)^{jk} = i f^{ijk}$$

as

$$(T^a)^{bc} = i f^{abc}$$

which are $N \times N$ matrices

Proposition 2

The T^a matrices satisfy the commutation relation of the corresponding Lie Algebra, i.e.

$$[T^a, T^b] = i f^{abc} T^c$$

Demonstration

Let's expand the commutator:

$$\begin{aligned} [T^a, T^b]^{cd} &= (T^a T^b - T^b T^a)^{cd} \\ &= (T^a)^{ce} (T^b)^{ed} - (T^b)^{ce} (T^a)^{ed} \\ &= i f^{ace} i f^{bed} - i f^{bce} i f^{aed} \\ &= -f^{ace} f^{bed} + f^{bce} f^{aed} \end{aligned}$$

Now note that, for the generators

$$\begin{aligned} [X^a, [X^b, X^c]] &= [X^a, i f^{bcd} X^d] \\ &= i f^{bcd} [X^a, X^d] \\ &= -f^{bcd} f^{ade} X^e \end{aligned}$$

Using the Jacobi identity :

$$[X^a, [X^b, X^c]] + [X^b, [X^c, X^a]] + [X^c, [X^a, X^b]] = 0$$

$$-(f^{bcd} f^{ace} + f^{cad} f^{bde} + f^{abd} f^{cde}) X^e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{bcd} f^{ace} + f^{cad} f^{bde} + f^{abd} f^{cde} = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow f^{bce} f^{aed} + f^{cae} f^{bed} + f^{abe} f^{ced} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{bce} f^{aed} - f^{ace} f^{bed} = -f^{abe} f^{ced}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [T^a, T^b]^{cd} &= -f^{abe} f^{ced} \\
 &= f^{abe} f^{ecd}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= i f^{abe} (T^e)^{cd}$$

$$\Rightarrow [T^a, T^b] = i f^{abc} T^c$$



Definition 4

A sub-algebra $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})$ is a linear space defined as

$$\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \quad [X, Y] \in \mathcal{A}$$

- A sub-algebra is abelian if

$$\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \quad [X, Y] = 0$$

(the same applies to the full $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})$)

- A sub-algebra is an ideal if:

$$\forall x \in \mathfrak{A} \quad \forall z \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{C}) \quad [x, z] \in \mathfrak{A}$$

and a proper ideal if, in addition

$$\mathfrak{A} \neq \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{C}), \{0\}$$

→ an ideal can be thought as a subgroup of G .

→ **Proper group**: A group is denoted G improper if its subgroups are just itself and the identity. All other groups are called proper.

Definition 5

A Lie Algebra is **simple** if it does not contain any proper ideals and **semi-simple** if it does not contain abelian ideals except $\{0\}$.

Theorem 1:

A Lie algebra is semi-simple if and only if

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_N$$

where $\mathfrak{g}_i, i=1, \dots, N$ are simple algebras

Proof:

This is not a full proof but instead a generic example to illustrate the general properties:

Consider the product group G

$$G = G_1 \times G_2$$

where the Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}(G_1)$ and $\mathfrak{g}(G_2)$ are simple, i.e., they do not contain any proper ideal.

Using a matrix form, a generic element of G can be written as

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & 0 \\ 0 & g_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$\in \mathfrak{G}_1$ (above g_1)
 $\in \mathfrak{G}_2$ (below g_2)

This is diagonal due to the linear independence of \mathfrak{G}_1 and \mathfrak{G}_2

such that the elements of the Lie algebra read as:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$$

$\in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ (above T_1)
 $\in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G}_2)$ (below T_2)

Consider now the sub-algebra $\mathfrak{g}_1(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ with elements:

$$T' = \begin{pmatrix} T'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(\mathfrak{G}_1)$$

The commutator of a generic element of $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$ with a generic element of $\mathfrak{g}_1(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ is:

$$[T, T'] = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} T'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} T_1, T_1' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} T_1', T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} T_1'' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

plays the role of \mathcal{A}

with $T_1'' = [T_1, T_1'] \in \mathfrak{g}_1(G_1) \neq \mathfrak{g}(G)$

- A sub-algebra is an ideal if:

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{A} \forall z \in \mathfrak{g}(G) \quad [x, z] \in \mathcal{A}$$

and a proper ideal if, in addition
 $\mathcal{A} \neq \mathfrak{g}(G), \{0\}$

- A Lie Algebra is simple if it does not contain any proper ideals
- and semi-simple if it does not contain abelian ideals

Thus, the elements of $\mathfrak{g}_1(G_1)$ constitute a proper ideal and therefore $\mathfrak{g}(G)$ cannot be simple.

similar reasoning for $\mathfrak{g}_2(G_2)$ shows that it also forms a proper ideal.

Furthermore, since $\mathfrak{g}_1(G_1)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_2(G_2)$ are simple they do not contain proper ideals, which means that $\mathfrak{g}_1(G_1)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_2(G_2)$ are the only ideals of $\mathfrak{g}(G)$.

In conclusion, provided that $\mathfrak{g}_1(\mathfrak{G}_1)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_2(\mathfrak{G}_2)$ are **not abelian**, then

$$\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G}) = \mathfrak{g}_1(\mathfrak{G}_1) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2(\mathfrak{G}_2)$$

is **semi-simple**!

Definition 6

The Killing form or Killing metric associated with a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$ is a symmetric bilinear map:

$$\Gamma : \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G}) \times \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

defined by:

$$\Gamma(X, Y) = \text{Tr}[\text{ad}(X) \cdot \text{ad}(Y)]$$

with $a^b(X)$ the generators of $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$
in the adjoint representation.

Considering a basis of generators $\{T^a\}$
for the Lie algebra one obtains
the Killing metric as:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^{ab} &= \Gamma(T^a, T^b) = \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = (T^a)^{cd} (T^b)^{dc} \\ &= i f^{acd} i f^{bdc} = -f^{acd} f^{bdc} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2

If $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$ is a compact Lie algebra,
i.e., if the underlying Lie group is compact,
the Killing metric is positive semi-definite

$$\Gamma(X, X) \geq 0, \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{G})$$

and $\Gamma(X, X) > 0, \forall X \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})$ for simple algebras

The proof is out of the scope of this course.

It follows from Theorem 2 that if the Killing metric is positive definite then, one can choose an orthonormal basis for the Lie algebra such that

$$\Gamma(T^a, T^b) = \delta^{ab}$$

which means that the Killing metric can be diagonalized and an appropriate renormalization for the generators can be chosen!

This leads to the following proposition!

Proposition 3

The structure constants are

completely antisymmetric

Demonstration

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma([T^a, T^b], T^c) + \Gamma(T^b, [T^a, T^c]) &= \\ \text{Tr}[(T^a T^b - T^b T^a) T^c] + \text{Tr}[T^b (T^a T^c - T^c T^a)] &= \\ \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^c) - \text{Tr}(T^b T^a T^c) + \text{Tr}(T^b T^a T^c) - \text{Tr}(T^b T^c T^a) &= \\ \text{using cyclic property of the trace} &= \\ \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^c) - \text{Tr}(T^a T^c T^b) + \text{Tr}(T^a T^c T^b) - \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^c) &= \\ 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\Gamma(i f^{abc} T^c, T^d) + \Gamma(T^b, i f^{acd} T^d) =$$

$$if^{abc} \underbrace{\text{Tr}(T^d T^c)}_{g^{dc}} + if^{acd} \underbrace{\text{Tr}(T^b T^d)}_{g^{bd}} =$$

$$if^{abc} g^{dc} + if^{acd} g^{bd} =$$

$$if^{abc} + if^{acb} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$f^{abc} = -f^{acb}$$

which shows antisymmetry with respect to the last two indices.

Since, by definition, the structure constants are also antisymmetric with respect to the first two indices, this implies that they are totally antisymmetric



Theorem 3

For a semi-simple Lie algebra
the quadratic Casimir Operator

$$C \equiv \gamma^{ij} T_i T_j, \quad \gamma^{ij} = \gamma^{ji}$$

commutes with all generators:

$$[C, T_k] = 0, \quad \forall T_k \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})$$

Demonstration

$$[C, T_k] = [\gamma^{ij} T_i T_j, T_k]$$

$$= \gamma^{ij} [T_i T_j, T_k]$$

$$= \gamma^{ij} (T_i [T_j, T_k] + [T_i, T_k] T_j)$$

$$= i\gamma^{ij} (T_i f_{jkm} T_m + f_{ikm} T_m T_j)$$

$$= i \gamma^{is} f_{jlm} T_i T_m + i \gamma^{is} f_{ilm} T_m T_j$$

$$= i \gamma^{is} f_{jlm} T_i T_m + i \underbrace{\gamma^{si}}_{= \gamma^{is} \rightarrow \text{symmetric}} f_{jem} T_m T_i$$

$$= i \underbrace{f_{jlm}}_{\text{antisymmetric}} \underbrace{\gamma^{is}}_{\text{symmetric}} (T_i T_m + T_m T_i)$$

antisymmetric
under $j \leftrightarrow m$
interchange

Symmetric under $s \leftrightarrow m$
interchange

$$= 0$$



The example of $SU(2)$

The group of 2×2 unitary matrices with unit determinant.