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## Standard Model

Every irrep of  $SU(2)$  is equivalent to the "spin- $j$  rep",

$S^n V$  where

$$V = \mathbb{C}^2 \text{ and } j = \frac{n}{2}.$$

There are also reps of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ , which are also irreducible.  
We saw

$V \cong \bar{V}$  as reps of  $SU(2)$  but not  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

So  $\bar{V}$  is an irrep of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  not of the form  $S^n V$ ,  
so there are other irreps of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

**Thm:** Every finite dim'l irrep of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  is equivalent  
to

$$S^n V \otimes S^m \bar{V},$$

called the "spin- $(j, k)$ " irrep where  $j = n/2$ ,  $k = m/2$ .

Let's now consider the Poincaré group

$$P = SO_0(3, 1) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^4 \quad (\mathbb{R}^4 \text{ normal subgroup of } P)$$

or really its double cover:

$$\tilde{P} = SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^4$$

Most of the  $\tilde{P}$  irreps are infinite-dim'l and they  
unitary

Consist of functions

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow S^n V \otimes S^m \bar{V}$$

(Minkowski spacetime)

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow S^n V \otimes S^m \bar{V}$$

satisfying some PDE which depends on  $(j, k)$  and also on a "mass,"  $m \geq 0$ .

Examples that appear in Standard Model:

① Massive scalar field

Here  $m \geq 0$  and  $(j, k) = 0$  (so that  $\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \\ \text{trivial} \\ \mathbb{C} \end{matrix}$ ) and the Hilbert space of our representation consists of functs

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} S^0 V \cong \mathbb{C}, \\ S^0 \bar{V} \cong \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right)$$

satisfying the Klein-Gordon equation:

$$(\square + m^2) \psi = 0 \quad \text{where}$$

$$\square = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{is called the } \underline{\text{D'Alembertian}}$$

( $\square$  does same thing for Mink. spacetime that Laplacian does)

If  $m=0$  this describes waves moving in space w/ speed 1. (speed of light)

s.t.  $\|\psi\| < \infty$  where  $\|\psi\|^2 = \langle \psi, \psi \rangle$  using some  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

$\tilde{P}$  acts on this space of funts. as follows:

First do  $\tilde{P} \xrightarrow{z=1} P$  to get  $g \in P$  and then

$$(\rho(g)\psi)(x) = \psi(g^{-1}x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

rep  $\rho$  of  
Poincare grp  
on space of  
funts

Check this gives a rep: i.e.  $\rho(g)\rho(h) = \rho(gh)$  &  $\rho(1) = 1$ .

## ② Massless left-handed spinor fields

This rep. corresponds to  $m=0$  and  $(j,k) = (1/2, 0)$   
and consists of funts

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} S^1 V = V = \mathbb{C}^2 \\ S^0 \bar{V} = \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{so} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} S^1 V \otimes S^0 \bar{V} = \\ \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}^2 \end{array} \right)$$

We call elts of  $V$  "left-handed spinors"  
satisfying the Dirac eqn:

$$\not{D}\psi = 0$$

where

$$\not{D} = \sigma_0 \frac{d}{dt} + \sigma_1 \frac{d}{dx} + \sigma_2 \frac{d}{dy} + \sigma_3 \frac{d}{dz}$$

where  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$  are "Pauli matrices" - certain  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

$\tilde{P}$  acts on the space of solns as follows:

given  $\tilde{g} \in \tilde{P}$  form  $g \in P$  and define

$$(\rho(g)\psi)(x) = (\tilde{h}\psi)(g^{-1}x) \text{ where}$$

$$\tilde{h} \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \text{ comes from } \tilde{g} \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{R}^4$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\tilde{h}$

anti-particles  
related to  
conjugate  
rep.

Again we really need a Hilbert space of  $\psi$  w/

$$\langle \psi, \psi \rangle < \infty$$

②' Massless right-handed spinors

This corresponds to  $m=0$  and  $(j, k) = (0, 1/2)$

i.e.

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \bar{V} \text{ satisfying the Dirac eqn.}$$

This is the conjugate rep of ② so it describes "antiparticles" of the particles described in ②.

### ③ · Massless vectors

This corresponds to  $m=0$  and  $(j, k) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

The  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  rep. of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  is on

$$S'V \otimes S'\bar{V} = V \otimes \bar{V} \cong \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

Recall  $2 \times 2$  self-adjoint matrices,  $\mathcal{H}$  (from begin. of course) is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , i.e. Minkowski space. Complex lin. combs. of these give all  $2 \times 2$  complex matrices.

So,  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathcal{H} \cong V \otimes \bar{V}$

We call  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathcal{H} \cong V \otimes \bar{V}$  the "vector" rep of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

Our "massless vector rep" of  $\tilde{P}$  consists of functs

$$\psi: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow V \otimes \bar{V} \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathcal{H}$$

↑  
4d complex v-space

satisfying Maxwell's eqns.

These describe electromagnetic fields, aka light, aka photons.

For ①, ③ the rep is its own conjugate so they describe particles that are their own antiparticle.

The (old) Standard Model, This describes all known particles and forces except gravity, i.e. 10% of what's out there.

To describe it, we need to specify

standard model

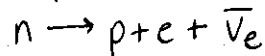
- a group  $G$
- certain irreps of  $G$  (kinds of particles)
- certain intertwiners (kinds of interactions)

$$G = \tilde{P} \times SU(3) \times \underbrace{SU(2) \times U(1)}$$

Poincaré  
grp

electroweak force -

electromagnetism & weak force



neutrino

strong force -

holds quarks together  
to form protons,  
neutrons

radioactive decay

The particles go like this:

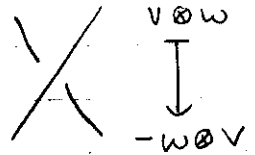
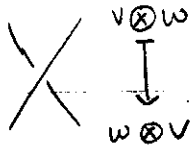
Kind of ways particles  
can act

Bosons

Fermions

$$j+k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$j+k \notin \mathbb{Z}$$



Scalars

$$(0,0), m > 0$$

Vectors

$$(1/2, 1/2), m=0$$

Spinors  $(1/2, 0)$   $\bar{e}_i$ ,  $(0, 1/2)$

Higgs boson  
(unseen)

- 8 gluons (strong force)
- $W^+$ ,  $W^-$ ,  $Z$  (weak force)
- $\gamma$  (photon)  
(electromagnetic force)

leptons  
(light-ones)  
(trivial reps of  
 $SU(3)$ )

• electron  $e_i$ ,  
neutrino  $\nu_e$

• muon  $\mu$   
(resembles electron  
but 200 times  
heavier)

$\bar{e}_i$   $\nu_\mu$  neutrino

• tauon  $\tau$  and  
 $\nu_\tau$  neutrino

quarks  
(nontrivial reps of  
 $SU(3)$ )

• down  $\bar{d}_i$ , up

• strange  $\bar{s}_i$ , charm

• bottom  $\bar{b}_i$ , top

Also - the antiparticles: scalars & vectors are  
their own antiparticles

\* spinors are not.



$\mathbb{C}$  stands for the trivial rep

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$$G = \tilde{P} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

Bosons

Higgs boson [massive scalar]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_1$  unaffected by strong force

Gauge bosons:

gluons [massless vector]  $\otimes (\mathbb{C} \otimes su(3)) \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}$   
complexified  $su(3)$

W's [massless vector]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes (\mathbb{C} \otimes su(2)) \otimes \mathbb{C}$

X [massless vector]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes (\mathbb{C} \otimes u(1))$

Fermions

Leptons:

1st generation

$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}$  [massless left-handed spinors]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_{-1}$  ← comes from work...

neutrino of electron  $\nu_e$ , electron — but the left-handed ones

$e^R$  [massless right-handed spinors]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{-2}$

2nd generation

$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu^L \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}$  [ ]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_{-1}$

$\mu^R$  [ ]  $\otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{-2}$

mu neutrinos, muon

3rd generation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^L \\ \tau^L \end{pmatrix} \quad [ \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_{-1} \\ \tau^R \quad [ \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{-2} \end{array} \right.$$

Quarks :

1st generation

up/down

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} u^L \\ d^L \end{pmatrix} \quad [ \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_{1/3} \\ u^R \quad [ \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{4/3} \\ d^R \quad [ \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{-2/3} \end{array} \right.$$

2nd generation

charm, strange

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} c^L \\ s^L \end{pmatrix} \\ c^R \\ s^R \end{array} \right.$$

same as above

3rd gen.  
top, bottom

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} t^L \\ b^L \end{pmatrix} \\ t^R \\ b^R \end{array} \right.$$

we have lots of intertwiners describing interactions!

In the new standard model we have right-handed neutrinos :

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^L \end{pmatrix} \quad [\text{massless spinor}] \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \rho_{-1} \\ \nu_e^R \quad [ \quad " \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_0 \\ e^R \quad [ \quad " \quad ] \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \rho_{-2} \end{array}$$

## Remarks on chart

Recall —  $SU(3)$  is the strong nuclear force

$SU(2) \times U(1)$  — electroweak

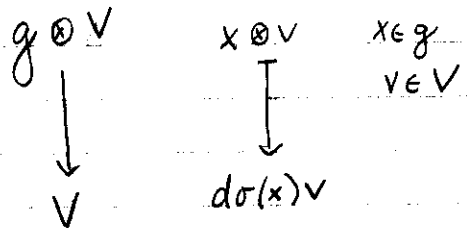
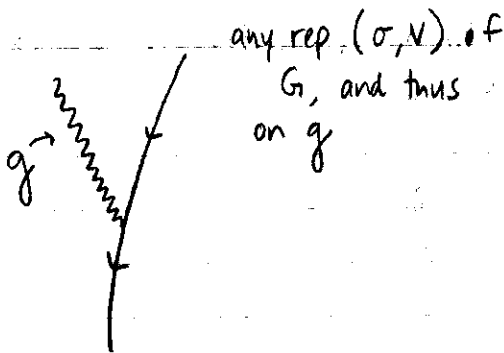
- every Lie grp  $G$  has a 'god-given' rep on its Lie alg  $\mathfrak{g}$  called the adjoint rep.

If  $G$  is a matrix Lie group,  $\mathfrak{g}$  consists of matrices too, and the adjoint rep  $\rho$  of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is:

$$\rho(g)v = \underbrace{gvg^{-1}}_{\in \mathfrak{g}}, \quad g \in G, v \in \mathfrak{g}$$

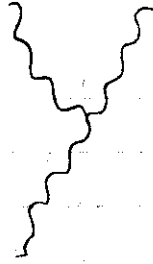
- gluons are elts. carrying the strong force  $SU(3)$   
(Lie alg elts act on reps of the Lie alg)

- any rep of  $G$  can become a rep of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and Lie alg elts act on it.



This Feynman diagram describes how gauge bosons assoc. to the group  $G$  act on particles

e.g. if  $(\sigma, V) = (p, q)$  we get



8 gluons - strong force -  $SU(3)$

3 W's - 

electroweak force
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 -  $SU(2)$

1 X - 

electroweak force
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 -  $U(1)$

In nature we see not 3 W's and an X, instead we see  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$ ,  $Z^0$  and  $\gamma$  (photon)

$W_1, W_2, W_3$  corresp. to a basis of  $su(2) \cong so(3)$ .

X corresp. to a basis of  $u(1)$

So they form a basis of  $su(2) \oplus u(1)$  but  $W^\pm, Z^0, \gamma$  form a different basis.

$$\gamma = W_3 + \frac{X}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

electric charge = isospin<sub>3</sub> +  $\frac{\text{hypercharge}}{2}$

Recall - our old notation for reps of  $U(1)$  was

$$\rho_k(e^{i\theta}) = e^{ik\theta} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$k$  was "charge" if this  $U(1)$  was for electromagnetism.  
For hypercharge people often normalize things differently.

Fermions in Standard Model:

come in 2 classes:

leptons - don't interact w/ strong force  
(transform in trivial rep of  $SU(3)$ )

quarks - do interact w/ strong force  
(transform in defining rep of  $SU(3)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ )

electric charge = isospin<sub>3</sub> +  $\frac{\text{hypercharge}}{2}$

for neutrino<sup>L</sup>

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} + -\frac{1}{2}$$

for electron<sup>L</sup>  $-1 = -\frac{1}{2} + -\frac{1}{2}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^L \end{pmatrix}$  means  $\mathbb{C}^2$  has basis  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

corr. to  
 $\nu_e^L$

corr. to  
 $e^L$

$$W_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so isospin}_3 \text{ of } \nu_e^L \text{ is } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$W_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so isospin}_3 \text{ of } e^L \text{ is } -\frac{1}{2}$$

for right handed electron:

$e^R$ :

$$\text{electric charge} = \text{isospin}_3 + \frac{\text{hypercharge}}{2}$$

$$-1 = 0 + \left(-\frac{2}{2}\right)$$

↑  
because  $e^R$  is  
in the trivial rep of  
 $SU(2)$

B. Franklin incorrectly assigned a sign to charge.  
This is why the electron is negative.

$$\text{charge} = \text{isospin}_3 + \frac{\text{hypercharge}}{2}$$

$$u^L \quad \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1/3}{2}$$

$$d^L \quad -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1/3}{2}$$

$$u^R \quad \frac{2}{3} = 0 + \frac{4/3}{2}$$

$$d^R \quad -\frac{1}{3} = 0 + \frac{(-2/3)}{2}$$

↑  
look at 3<sup>rd</sup>  
entry in tensor  
product

Now we're forced into using a new convention for our reps!

$$\rho_k(e^{i\theta}) = e^{3i\theta k} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}/3$$