

Now back to general case: $\psi^\sigma(x^\mu)$

$$\psi^\sigma(x^\mu) = \left\{ g^{\alpha\beta} \sigma - \frac{i}{2} \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta} \omega_{\alpha\beta} \right\} \psi^\sigma(x^\mu)$$

$$\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{L}^{\alpha\beta} + N^{\alpha\beta}$$

representation of Lorentz algebra in tensorial/spinorial component space

$$[N^{\alpha\beta}, N^{\gamma\delta}] = i(g^{\alpha\delta} N^{\beta\gamma} + g^{\beta\delta} N^{\alpha\gamma} - g^{\alpha\gamma} N^{\beta\delta} - g^{\beta\gamma} N^{\alpha\delta})$$

$$[\hat{L}^{\alpha\beta}, N^{\gamma\delta}] = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}$ is a representation of Lorentz algebra

6.10 Defining Representation of Poincaré Group:

Poincaré transformation: Lorentz transformation Λ + shift a

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu \rightarrow \text{"inhomogeneous"}$$

Lorentz transformation: scalar product of a four-vector is invariant
Poincaré " : leaves distances between four-vectors invariant

$$g_{\mu\nu} (x^\mu - y^\mu) (x^\nu - y^\nu) = g_{\mu\nu} (x'^\mu - y'^\mu) (x'^\nu - y'^\nu)$$

Set \mathcal{P} of all Poincaré transformations: group

(Λ, a) : element of \mathcal{P}

• closedness: $(\Lambda_1, a_1), (\Lambda_2, a_2) \in \mathcal{P}$

$$x^\mu_2 = \Lambda_2^\mu_\nu x^\nu_1 + a_2^\mu = \Lambda_2^\mu_\nu (\Lambda_1^\nu_\rho x^\rho + a_1^\nu) + a_2^\mu = \underbrace{\Lambda_2^\mu_\nu \Lambda_1^\nu_\rho}_{\Lambda^\mu_\rho} x^\rho + \underbrace{\Lambda_2^\mu_\nu a_1^\nu + a_2^\mu}_{a^\mu}$$

$$\text{short-hand notation: } (\Lambda_2, a_2) (\Lambda_1, a_1) = (\Lambda_2 \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 a_1 + a_2) \in \mathcal{P}$$

semi-direct product of Lorentz group \mathcal{L} and translation group \mathcal{T}

• associativity: $(\Lambda_1, a_1), (\Lambda_2, a_2), (\Lambda_3, a_3) \in \mathcal{P}$

$$(\Lambda_1, a_1) ((\Lambda_2, a_2) (\Lambda_3, a_3)) = ((\Lambda_1, a_1) (\Lambda_2, a_2)) (\Lambda_3, a_3)$$

• unity element of \mathcal{P} : $(\Lambda_0, a_0) = (I, 0)$

$$(\Lambda, a) \in \mathcal{P}; (I, 0) (\Lambda, a) = (\Lambda, a) = (\Lambda, a) (I, 0)$$

• inverse element of \mathcal{P} : $(\Lambda, a)^{-1} = (\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1} a)$

$$(\Lambda, a)^{-1} (\Lambda, a) = (I, 0) = (\Lambda_0, a_0)$$

Remark: $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2 \oplus \mathcal{P}_3 \oplus \mathcal{P}_4$

rest of ourselves

6.11 Tensor/Spinor Representation of Poincaré Algebra:

translation with four-vector a^μ : $x'^\mu = x^\mu + a^\mu \Leftrightarrow x^\mu = x'^\mu - a^\mu$

naïve interpretation: x'^μ and x^μ describe one and the same space-time point in S' and S

invariance of tensor/spinor field: $\psi^\sigma(x'^\mu) = \psi^\sigma(x^\mu)$

$$\psi^\sigma(x'^\mu) = \psi^\sigma(x^\mu - a^\mu) \xrightarrow{\text{omit } a^\mu \text{ as simplification}} \psi^\sigma(x^\mu) = \psi^\sigma(x^\mu - a^\mu)$$

infinitesimal translation: $a^\mu = \epsilon^\mu \rightarrow$ Taylor expansion

$$\psi^\sigma(x^\mu) = \left\{ 1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon^\mu \hat{p}_\mu \right\} \psi^\sigma(x^\mu); \hat{p}^\alpha = i\hbar \partial_\alpha \text{ momentum operators}$$

Result: basis operators of translation are momentum operators

Extension: infinitesimal Poincaré transformation

$$\psi^\sigma(x^\mu) = \left\{ 1 - \frac{i}{2} \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta} \omega_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon_\alpha \hat{p}^\alpha \right\} \psi^\sigma(x^\mu)$$

total angular momentum operators
infinitesimal rotation/boost
momentum operators
infinitesimal translation

$$\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{L}^{\alpha\beta} + N^{\alpha\beta}$$

representation of Lorentz algebra in tensor/spinor space

representation of Lorentz algebra in space-time

$$\text{orbital angular momentum operator: } \hat{L}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\hbar} (x^\alpha \hat{p}^\beta - x^\beta \hat{p}^\alpha)$$

It remains to determine commutation relations between basis generators of Poincaré algebra
 $[\hat{p}^\alpha, \hat{p}^\beta]_- = 0 \hat{=} \text{translations are a subgroup of Poincaré group}$
 $[\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- = 0 \Rightarrow [\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- = [\hat{L}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- = i(g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{p}^\alpha - g^{\alpha\sigma} \hat{p}^\beta)$
 $[\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{M}^{\sigma\tau}]_- = i(g^{\alpha\sigma} \hat{M}^{\beta\tau} + g^{\beta\tau} \hat{M}^{\alpha\sigma} - g^{\alpha\tau} \hat{M}^{\beta\sigma} - g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{M}^{\alpha\tau})$ last lecture
 as discussed: commutation relations of Lorentz algebra $\hat{=} \text{Lorentz group is a subgroup of Poincaré group}$

6.12 Casimir Operators of Poincaré Algebra:

Casimir operator of a Lie algebra is an operator, which commutes with all operators of the algebra

1. Casimir operator of Poincaré algebra: $\hat{p}^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} \hat{p}^\alpha \hat{p}^\beta$
 $[\hat{p}^2, \hat{p}^\alpha]_- = g_{\beta\gamma} [\hat{p}^\beta \hat{p}^\gamma, \hat{p}^\alpha]_- = g_{\beta\gamma} \{ \hat{p}^\beta [\hat{p}^\gamma, \hat{p}^\alpha]_- + [\hat{p}^\beta, \hat{p}^\alpha]_- \hat{p}^\gamma \} = 0$
 \hat{p}^2 is manifestly by construction a Lorentz scalar
 $[\hat{p}^2, \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}]_- = g_{\sigma\delta} [\hat{p}^\sigma \hat{p}^\delta, \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}]_- = g_{\sigma\delta} \{ \hat{p}^\sigma [\hat{p}^\delta, \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}]_- + [\hat{p}^\sigma, \hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}]_- \hat{p}^\delta \}$
 $= i(g^{\alpha\sigma} \hat{p}^\beta - g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{p}^\alpha) \hat{p}^\delta = i(g^{\alpha\sigma} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{p}^\delta - g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{p}^\alpha \hat{p}^\delta) = 0$

four-
"vector"
definition

In view of 2. Casimir operator we consider Pauli-Lubanski operator: $\hat{W}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta}$
 four-dimensional, antisymmetric unity tensor
 $\hat{=} \text{relativistic extension of Levi-Civita tensor}$

$\epsilon_{0123} = 1, \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -\epsilon_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta} = -\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\delta\gamma} = -\epsilon_{\alpha\gamma\delta\beta} = -\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta\alpha} = \dots$

Scalar product of \hat{W}_α and \hat{p}^α vanishes:
 $\hat{W}_\alpha \hat{p}^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{p}^\gamma \hat{M}^{\delta\alpha} = 0$
 anti-symmetric in α, β symmetric in α, β due to $[\hat{p}^\alpha, \hat{p}^\beta]_- = 0$
 by definition

$[\hat{W}_\alpha, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- = g^{\alpha\lambda} [\hat{W}_\lambda, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta} [\hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta}, \hat{p}^\sigma]_-$
 $= \hat{p}^\beta [\hat{M}^{\gamma\delta}, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- + [\hat{p}^\beta, \hat{p}^\sigma]_- \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta} = i(g^{\delta\sigma} \hat{p}^\beta - g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{p}^\delta) \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta} = 0$
 $= \frac{i}{2} g^{\alpha\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda\beta\gamma\delta} (g^{\delta\sigma} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta} - g^{\beta\sigma} \hat{p}^\delta \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta}) = 0$
 anti-symmetric in β, δ and β, δ symmetric in β, δ symmetric in β, δ due to $[\hat{p}^\alpha, \hat{p}^\beta]_- = 0$

$[\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{W}_\sigma]_- = g^{\sigma\delta} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\delta\gamma\epsilon\tau} [\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{p}^\gamma \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau}]_-$
 $= [\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{p}^\gamma]_- \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} + \hat{p}^\gamma [\hat{M}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau}]_-$
 $= i(g^{\beta\gamma} \hat{p}^\alpha - g^{\alpha\gamma} \hat{p}^\beta) \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} = i(g^{\beta\gamma} \hat{M}^{\alpha\epsilon} + g^{\beta\delta} \hat{M}^{\alpha\tau} - g^{\beta\tau} \hat{M}^{\alpha\delta} - g^{\alpha\delta} \hat{M}^{\beta\tau})$
 $= \frac{i}{2} g^{\sigma\delta} \epsilon_{\delta\gamma\epsilon\tau} \{ g^{\beta\gamma} \hat{p}^\alpha \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} - g^{\alpha\gamma} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} + g^{\beta\tau} \hat{p}^\alpha \hat{M}^{\gamma\epsilon} - g^{\beta\tau} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\epsilon} - g^{\alpha\delta} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\tau} + g^{\alpha\delta} \hat{p}^\alpha \hat{M}^{\gamma\tau} \}$
 cyclic permutation anti-symmetry
 $= \frac{i}{2} g^{\sigma\delta} \{ g^{\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{\delta\gamma\epsilon\tau} (\hat{p}^\alpha \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} - 2 \hat{p}^\tau \hat{M}^{\alpha\epsilon}) - g^{\alpha\gamma} \epsilon_{\delta\gamma\epsilon\tau} (\hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\epsilon\tau} - 2 \hat{p}^\tau \hat{M}^{\beta\epsilon}) \} \quad (I)$

What is this? Must be related to W in order to have \hat{W}_α as a "vector"

$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \epsilon^{\alpha'\beta'\gamma'\delta'} = \delta^{\alpha'}_\alpha \delta^{\beta'}_\beta \delta^{\gamma'}_\gamma \delta^{\delta'}_\delta + \delta^{\alpha'}_\alpha \delta^{\beta'}_\gamma \delta^{\gamma'}_\delta \delta^{\delta'}_\beta + \delta^{\alpha'}_\alpha \delta^{\beta'}_\delta \delta^{\gamma'}_\beta \delta^{\delta'}_\gamma + \delta^{\alpha'}_\beta \delta^{\beta'}_\alpha \delta^{\gamma'}_\gamma \delta^{\delta'}_\delta - \delta^{\alpha'}_\beta \delta^{\beta'}_\gamma \delta^{\gamma'}_\delta \delta^{\delta'}_\alpha - \delta^{\alpha'}_\beta \delta^{\beta'}_\delta \delta^{\gamma'}_\alpha \delta^{\delta'}_\gamma - \delta^{\alpha'}_\gamma \delta^{\beta'}_\alpha \delta^{\gamma'}_\delta \delta^{\delta'}_\beta - \delta^{\alpha'}_\gamma \delta^{\beta'}_\delta \delta^{\gamma'}_\beta \delta^{\delta'}_\alpha - \delta^{\alpha'}_\delta \delta^{\beta'}_\alpha \delta^{\gamma'}_\gamma \delta^{\delta'}_\beta - \delta^{\alpha'}_\delta \delta^{\beta'}_\beta \delta^{\gamma'}_\gamma \delta^{\delta'}_\alpha$ (*)
 useful in order to insert $\hat{W}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^\beta \hat{M}^{\gamma\delta}$
 $\hat{W}_\alpha \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\beta\gamma\delta\alpha} \epsilon_{\beta'\gamma'\delta'\alpha} \hat{p}^{\beta'} \hat{M}^{\gamma'\delta'}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\hat{p}^{\beta'} \hat{M}^{\gamma'\delta'} + \hat{p}^{\delta'} \hat{M}^{\beta'\gamma'} + \hat{p}^{\gamma'} \hat{M}^{\delta'\beta'} - \hat{p}^{\delta'} \hat{M}^{\beta'\gamma'} - \hat{p}^{\gamma'} \hat{M}^{\delta'\beta'} - \hat{p}^{\beta'} \hat{M}^{\gamma'\delta'})$
 $= \hat{p}^{\beta'} \hat{M}^{\gamma'\delta'} + \hat{p}^{\delta'} \hat{M}^{\beta'\gamma'} + \hat{p}^{\gamma'} \hat{M}^{\delta'\beta'} \quad (***)$

special case of (*)
 $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = (4-1-1) \delta_{\alpha}^{\alpha'} \delta_{\beta}^{\beta'} + (1+1-4) \delta_{\alpha}^{\beta'} \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha'}$ (**)
 $= +2 = -2$

1) $\hat{W}_{\alpha} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \epsilon_{\sigma\tau\theta\delta} = 2 (\hat{W}_{\sigma} \delta^{\alpha\tau} - \hat{W}_{\tau} \delta^{\alpha\sigma})$
 2) $\epsilon_{\sigma\tau\theta\delta} (\hat{p}^{\beta} \hat{m}^{\alpha\delta} + \hat{p}^{\delta} \hat{m}^{\beta\alpha} + \hat{p}^{\delta} \hat{m}^{\alpha\beta}) = \epsilon_{\sigma\tau\theta\delta} (\hat{p}^{\beta} \hat{m}^{\alpha\delta} - 2 \hat{p}^{\delta} \hat{m}^{\beta\alpha})$
 anti-symmetric of ϵ anti-symmetric of \hat{m} identities (II)

(II) in (I):

$[\hat{m}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{w}^{\delta}] = i (g^{\beta\delta} \hat{w}^{\alpha} - g^{\alpha\delta} \hat{w}^{\beta}) = - (L^{\alpha\beta})^{\delta} \hat{w}^{\delta}$
 $(L^{\alpha\beta})^{\delta} = i (g^{\alpha\delta} g^{\beta\gamma} - g^{\beta\delta} g^{\alpha\gamma})$

=> Pauli-Lubanski operator transforms like a tensor of rank n=1

2. Casimir operator of Poincaré algebra: $\hat{w}^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} \hat{w}^{\alpha} \hat{w}^{\beta}$

$[\hat{p}^{\alpha}, \hat{w}^2] = 0$ due $[\hat{w}^{\alpha}, \hat{p}^{\beta}] = 0$
 $[\hat{m}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{w}^2] = g_{\gamma\delta} [\hat{m}^{\alpha\beta}, \hat{w}^{\gamma} \hat{w}^{\delta}] = abc\text{-rule} = 0$

finally: Physical interpretation of both Casimir operators of Poincaré algebra? describe particle with fixed four-momentum $\vec{p} = (p^{\mu})$ via some tensor spinor field $\psi(x^{\mu})$ and the eigenvalue problem $\hat{p}^{\mu} \psi(x) = p^{\mu} \psi(x)$

1. Casimir operator: $\hat{p}^2 \psi(x) = p^2 \psi(x)$ with $p^2 = g_{\mu\nu} p^{\mu} p^{\nu} = (mc)^2$
 => determined by rest mass of the particle

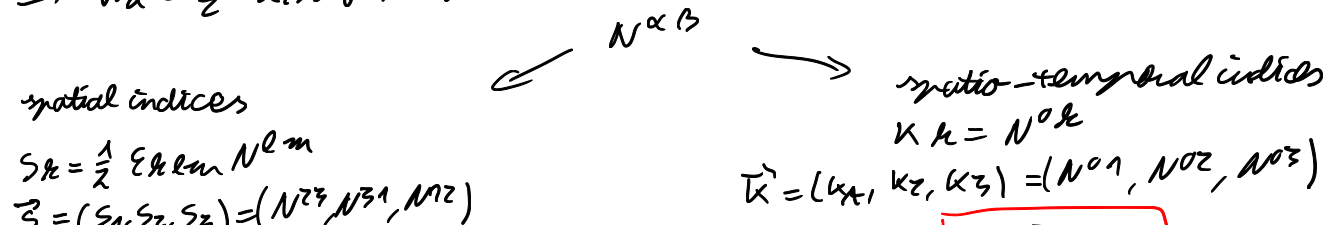
2. Casimir operator: interpret physically Pauli-Lubanski operator \hat{w}^{α}

$\hat{m}^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{L}^{\alpha\beta} + N^{\alpha\beta}$, $\hat{L}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\hbar} (x^{\alpha} \hat{p}^{\beta} - x^{\beta} \hat{p}^{\alpha})$
 $\hat{w}_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^{\beta} \hat{m}^{\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{6} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} (\hat{p}^{\beta} \hat{L}^{\gamma\delta} + \hat{p}^{\delta} \hat{L}^{\beta\gamma} + \hat{p}^{\delta} \hat{L}^{\alpha\beta}) + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^{\beta} N^{\gamma\delta}$
 $= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hat{p}^{\gamma} (x^{\delta} \hat{p}^{\delta} - x^{\delta} \hat{p}^{\delta}) + \frac{1}{\hbar} \hat{p}^{\delta} (x^{\delta} \hat{p}^{\beta} - x^{\beta} \hat{p}^{\delta}) + \frac{1}{\hbar} \hat{p}^{\delta} (x^{\beta} \hat{p}^{\delta} - x^{\delta} \hat{p}^{\beta})$
 $[\hat{p}^{\alpha}, x^{\beta}] = i \hbar g^{\alpha\beta}$

=> $\hat{w}_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \hat{p}^{\beta} N^{\gamma\delta} \equiv 0$

• no orbital angular momentum
 • only representation of Lorentz algebra in tensor/spinor space contains \hat{w}^{α} spin
 eigenvalue problems Pauli-Lubanski operator: $\hat{w}_{\alpha} \psi(x) = w_{\alpha} \psi(x)$

=> $w_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} p^{\beta} N^{\gamma\delta}$



$w_0 = \frac{1}{\hbar} \epsilon_{0i\gamma k} p^i N^{\gamma k} = p^i \frac{1}{\hbar} \epsilon_{i\gamma k} N^{\gamma k} = p^i s_i = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{S} = w_0$

$w_i = \frac{1}{\hbar} (\epsilon_{i0\gamma k} p^0 N^{\gamma k} + \epsilon_{i\gamma 0k} p^{\gamma} N^{\mu k} + \epsilon_{i\gamma k 0} p^{\gamma} N^{\mu 0})$
 $= -\epsilon_{0i\gamma k} p^0 N^{\gamma k} = -p^0 \cdot 2 S_i$
 $= -\epsilon_{i\gamma k} p^{\gamma} N^{\mu k} = -(\vec{p} \times \vec{K})_i$
 $= -\epsilon_{i\gamma k 0} p^{\gamma} N^{\mu 0} = -(\vec{p} \times \vec{K})_i$

=> $(w_{\alpha}) = (w_0, -\vec{w}) \Rightarrow \vec{w} = p^0 \vec{S} + \vec{p} \times \vec{K}$

rest frame of particle: $p^0 = mc$, $\vec{p} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow w_0 = 0, \vec{w} = mc \vec{S}$