

## Exercise 1

1. Show that

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$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta,$$

where  $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$  is a Lorentz transformation and  $\eta_{\alpha\beta}$  is the Minkowski metric.

- For a time-like or light-like four vector, sign of time component doesn't change under Lorentz transformation.
- Lorentz transformations with  $\Lambda^0{}_0 \geq 1$  and  $\det \Lambda = 1$  make a group.

2. Let  $U(\Lambda, a)$  be a unitary Poincare transformation. Show that  $J^{\mu\nu}$  and  $P^\mu$  are hermitian.

3. With  $W^\mu$  being the Pauli-Lubanski operator in 3+1 dimension

$$W^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P_\nu J_{\alpha\beta},$$

show that

$$[W_\alpha, P_\mu] = 0, P^\alpha W_\alpha = 0,$$

and compute  $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} [W_\nu, J_{\alpha\beta}]$ .

4. Compute  $[V, P_\alpha]$  and  $[V, J_{\alpha\beta}]$  where  $V = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} J_{\mu\nu} J_{\alpha\beta}$ .

5. Find Galilean algebra by taking Wigner-Inönü contraction of Poincare algebra.

6.

- Write Pauli-Lubanski operator in 2+1 dimension and compute its commutator with  $J_{\mu\nu}$  and  $P_\alpha$ .
- Construct massive and massless irreducible representation of 2+1 dimension Poincare group.