New Results from $SU(2)$ and $SU(3)$ Gauge Matrix Models

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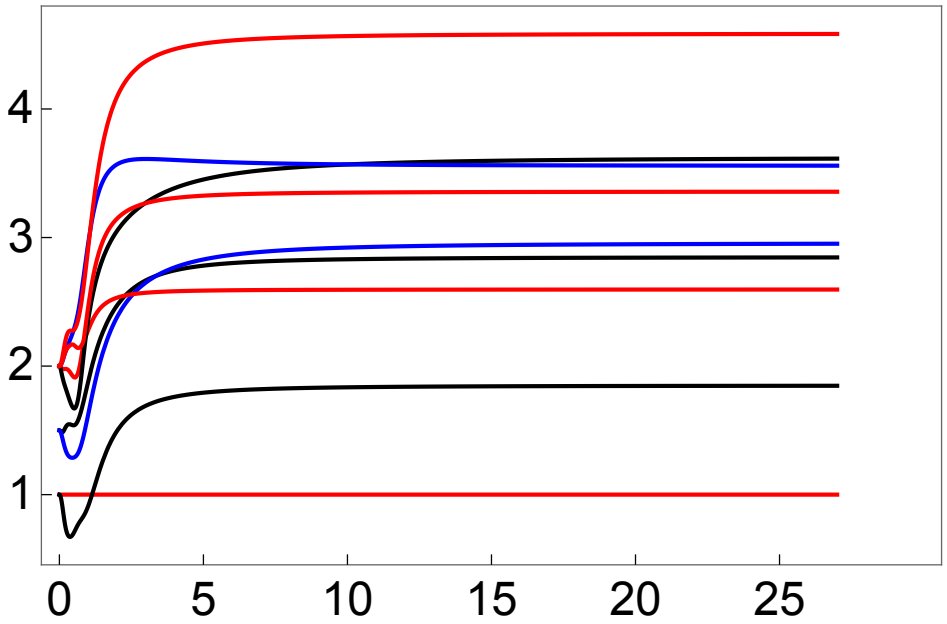

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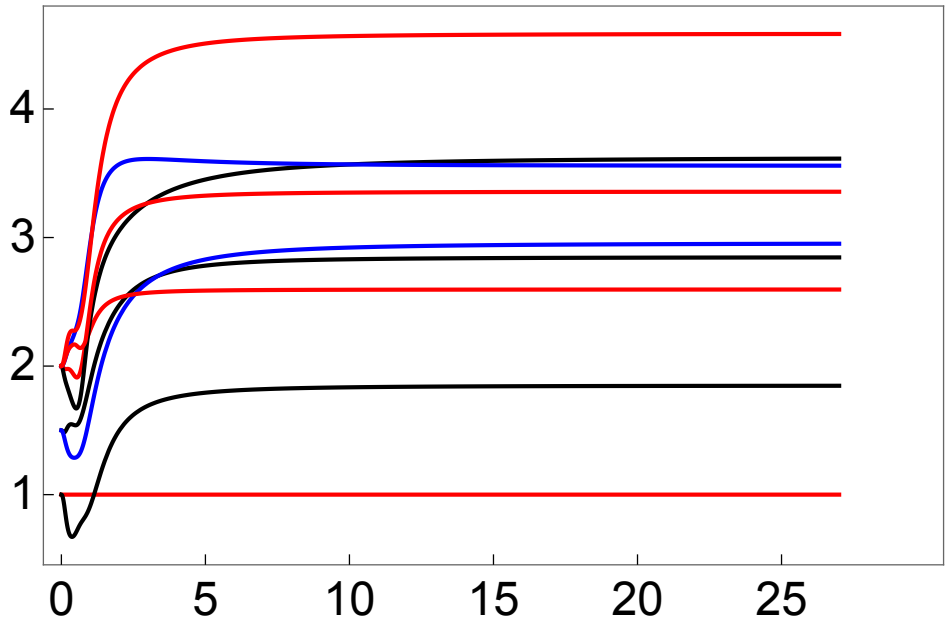

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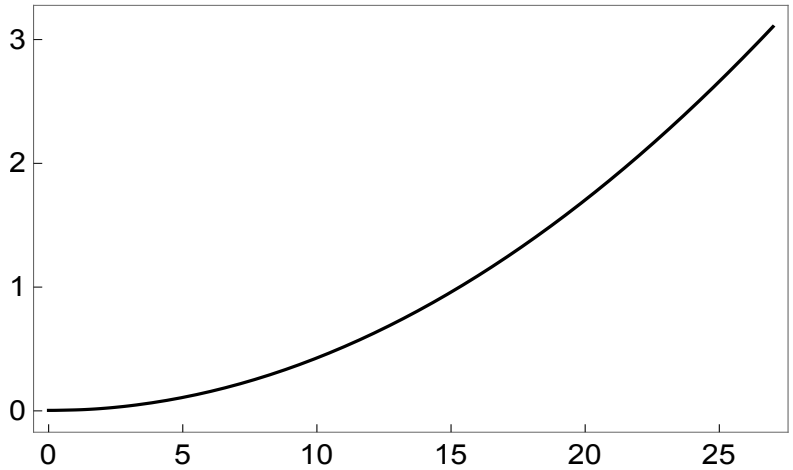
$R(g)$ versus g.



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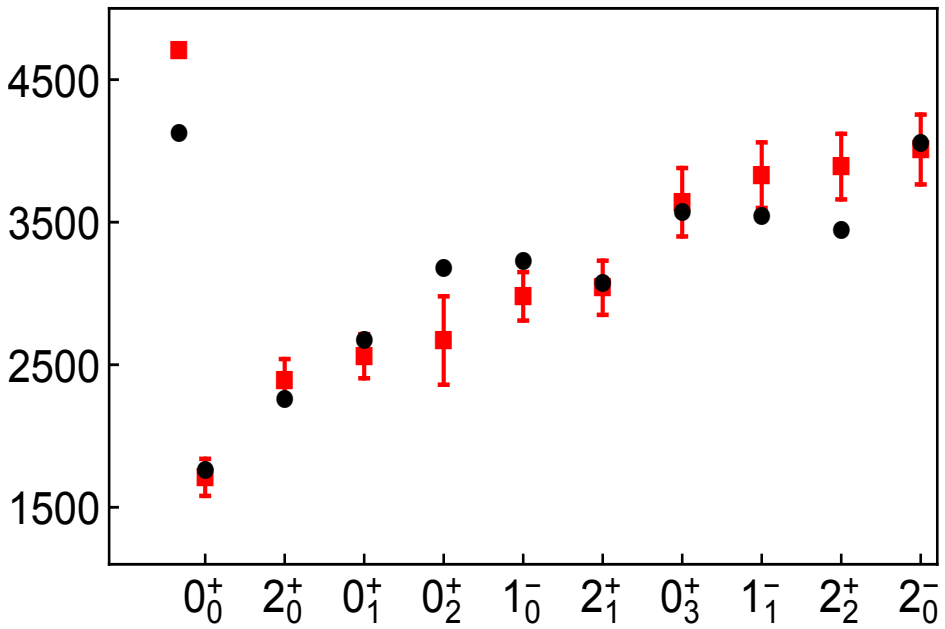

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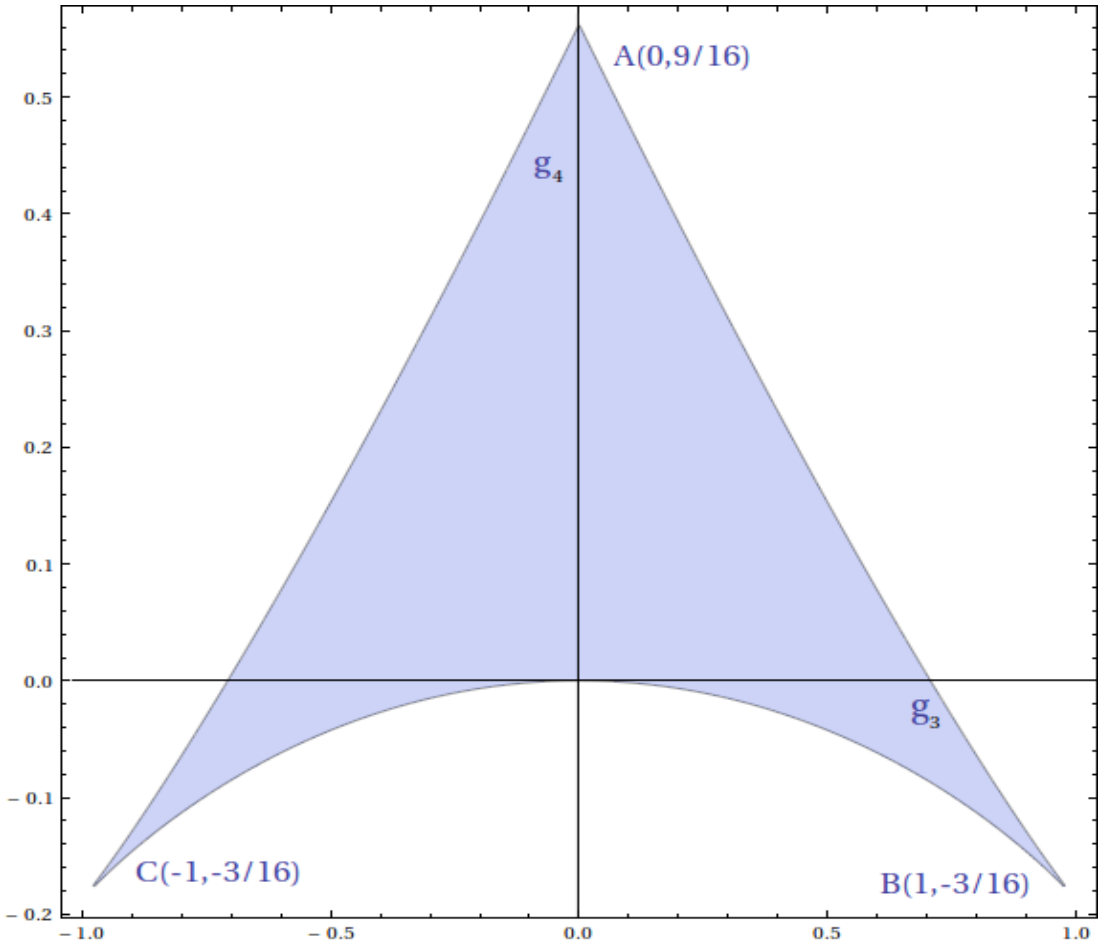

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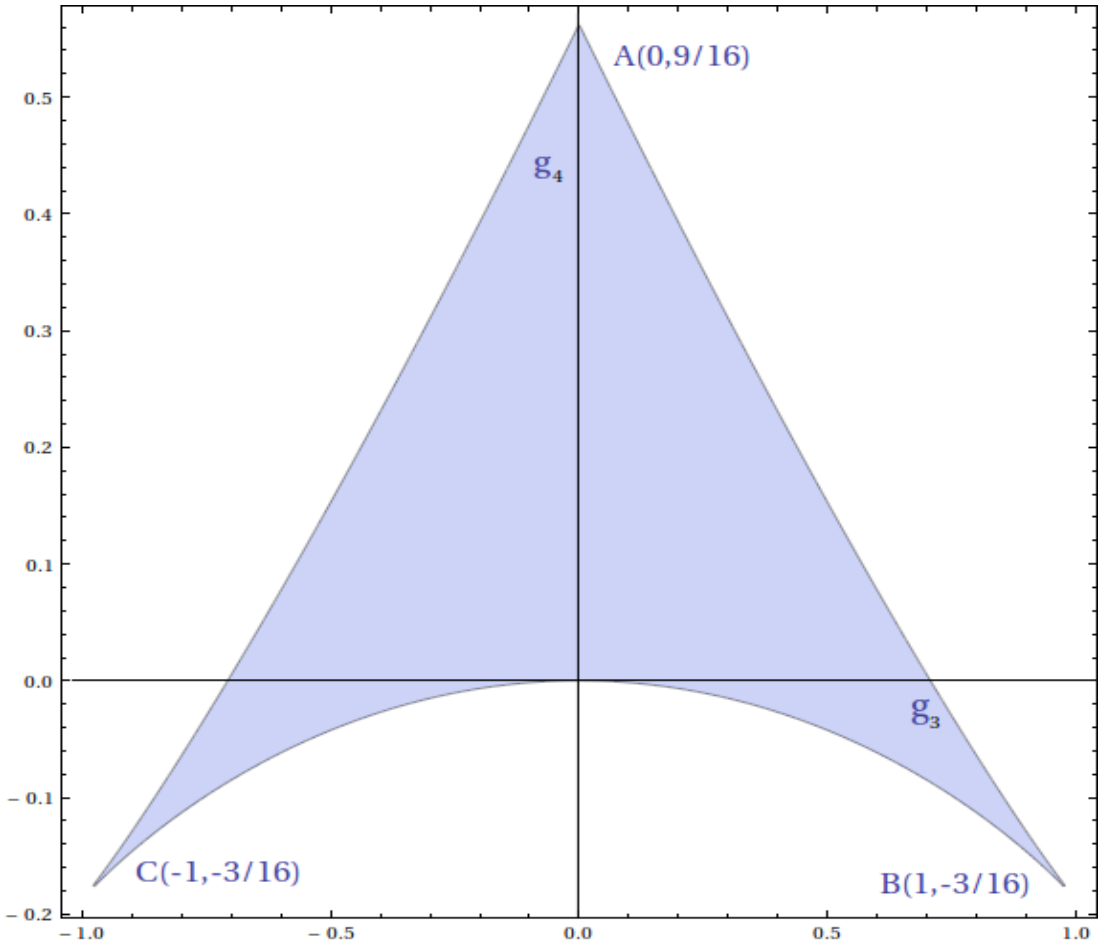

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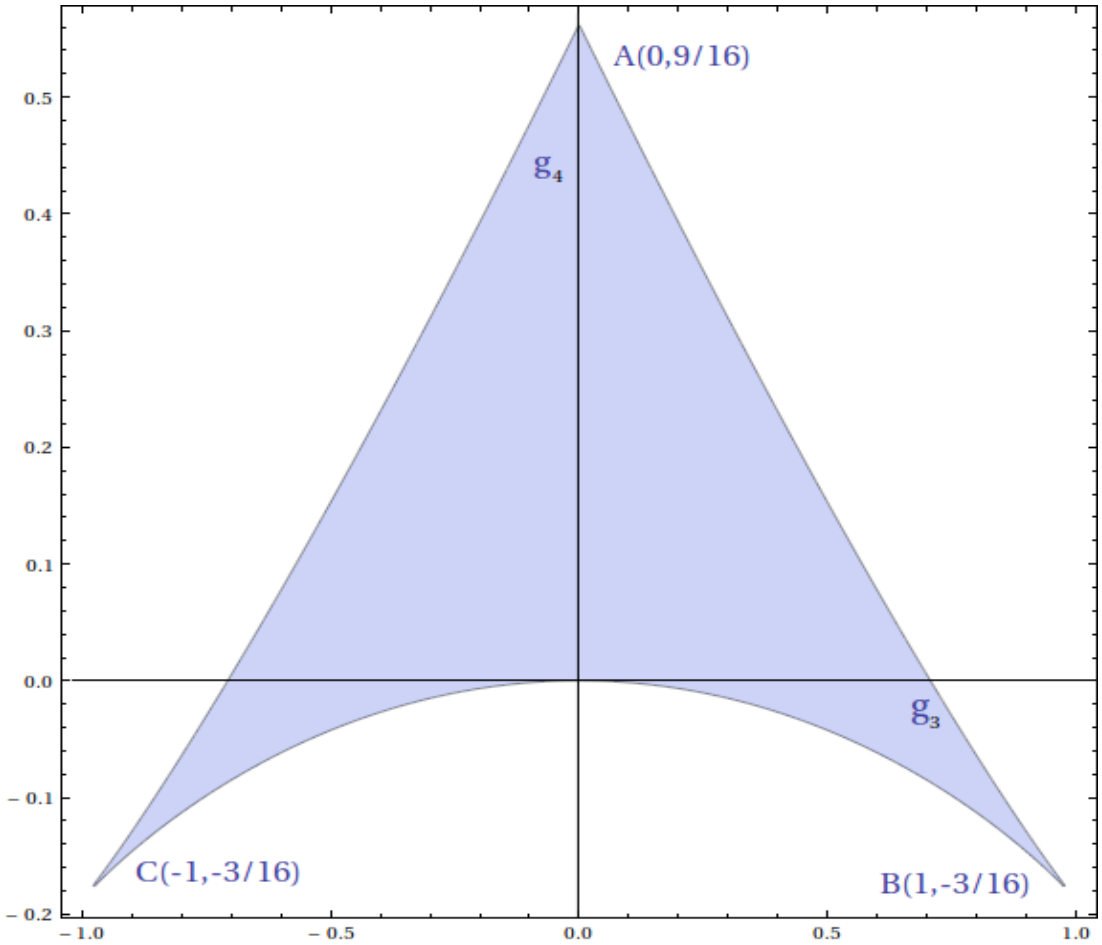

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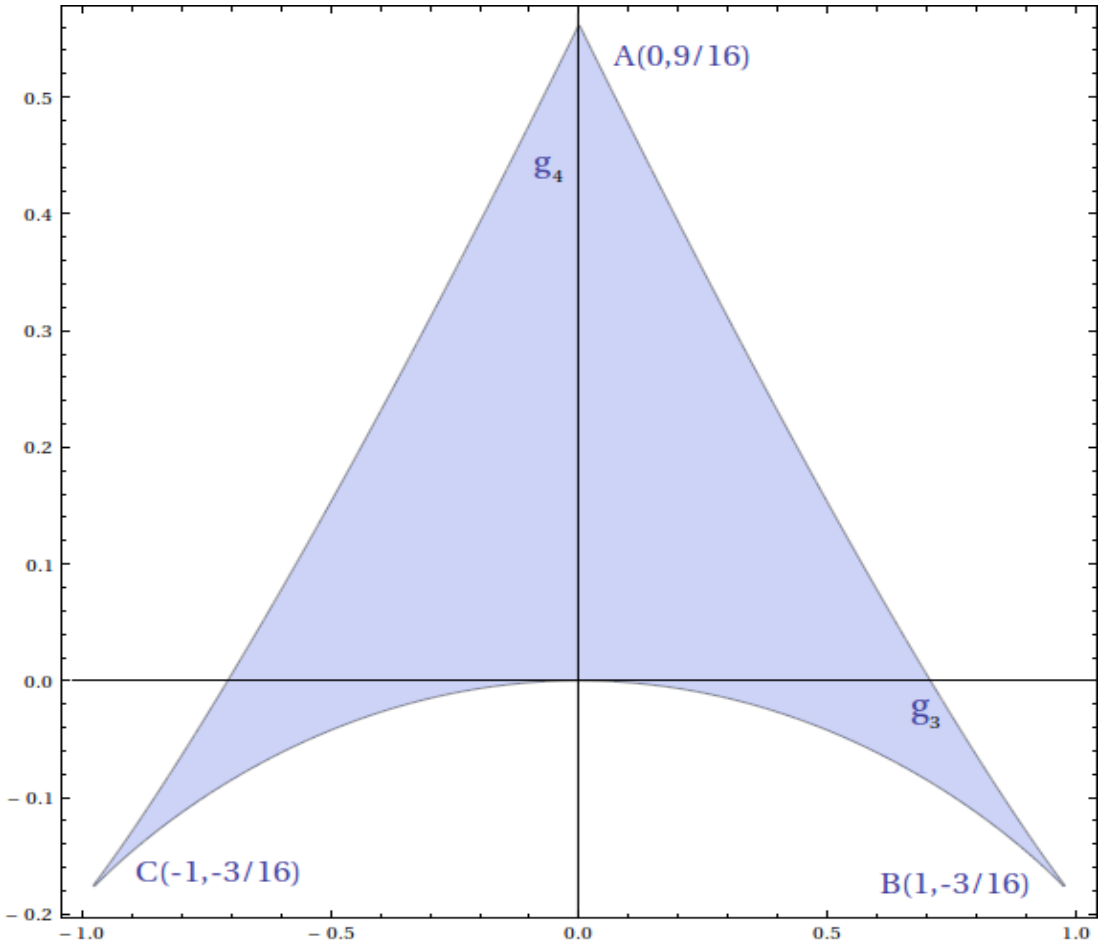

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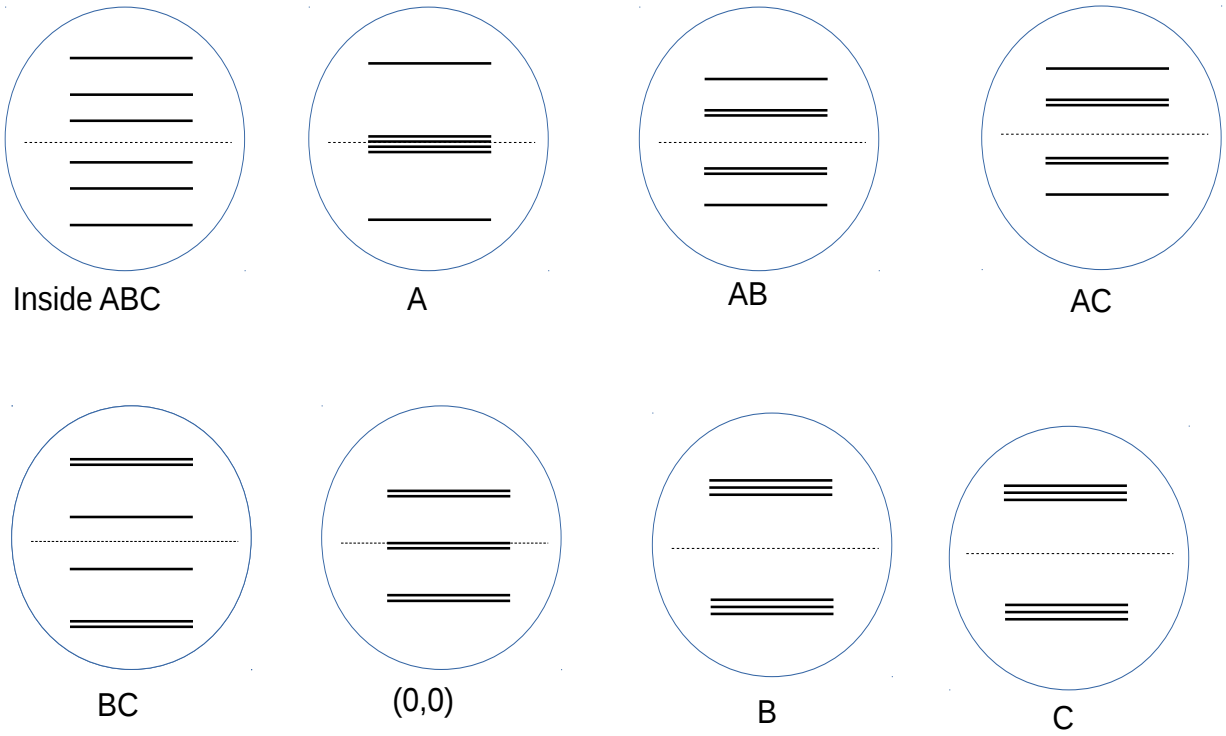

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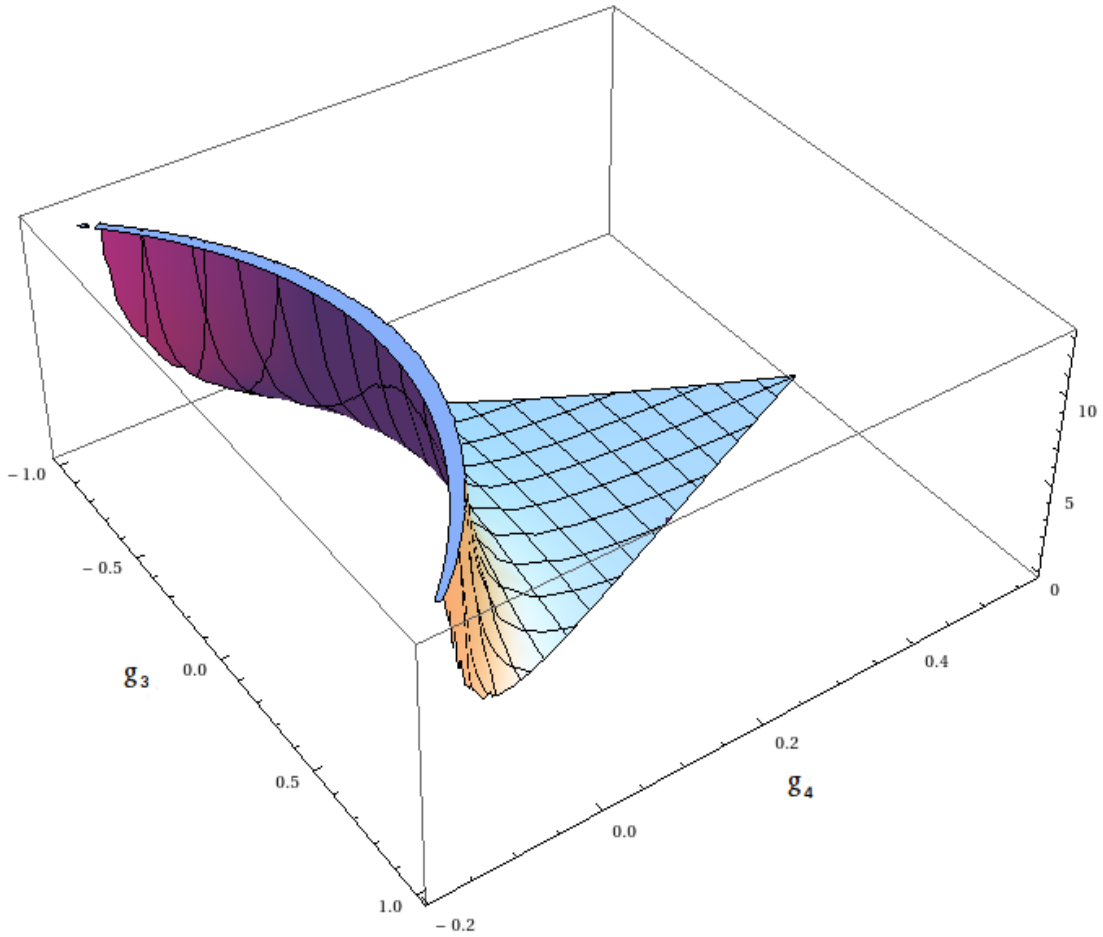

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|\psi^0_9\rangle &= A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{kc}A^\dagger_{kc}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{10}\rangle &= A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ib}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{jc}A^\dagger_{kc}A^\dagger_{ka}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{11}\rangle &= \epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{lmn} A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{mb}A^\dagger_{kc}A^\dagger_{nc}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{12}\rangle &= \epsilon_{i_1 j_1 k_1} f_{a_1 b_1 c_1} \epsilon_{i_2 j_2 k_2} f_{a_2 b_2 c_2} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} A^\dagger_{j_1 b_1} A^\dagger_{k_1 c_1} A^\dagger_{i_2 a_2} A^\dagger_{j_2 b_2} A^\dagger_{k_2 c_2}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{13}\rangle &= d_{abc} d_{def} A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{id}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{je}A^\dagger_{kc}A^\dagger_{kf}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{14}\rangle &= d_{b_1 c_1 d} d_{b_2 c_2 d} A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{jb_1}A^\dagger_{jc_1}A^\dagger_{kb_2}A^\dagger_{kc_2}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{15}\rangle &= \epsilon_{i_1 j_1 k_1} f_{a_1 b_1 c_1} \epsilon_{i_2 j_2 k_2} f_{a_2 b_2 c_2} d_{c_1 d_1 e} d_{c_2 d_2 e} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} A^\dagger_{j_1 b_1} A^\dagger_{k_1 d_1} A^\dagger_{i_2 a_2} A^\dagger_{j_2 b_2} A^\dagger_{k_2 d_2}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^0_{16}\rangle &= d_{abc} d_{ad_1 e_1} d_{ad_2 e_2} d_{ad_3 e_3} A^\dagger_{id_1} A^\dagger_{ie_1} A^\dagger_{jd_2} A^\dagger_{je_2} A^\dagger_{kd_3} A^\dagger_{ke_3}|0\rangle
\end{aligned}
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- f_{abc} and d_{abc} are the structure constants of $SU(3)$.

Spin-1

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\begin{aligned}
|\psi_1^1\rangle &= d_{abc} A^\dagger_{jb} A^\dagger_{jc} A^\dagger_{ia} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_2^1\rangle &= \epsilon_{jkl} d_{ab_1 c_1} f_{ab_2 c_2} A^\dagger_{ib_1} A^\dagger_{jc_1} A^\dagger_{kb_2} A^\dagger_{lc_2} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_3^1\rangle &= d_{ace} A^\dagger_{ia} A^\dagger_{jb} A^\dagger_{jb} A^\dagger_{kc} A^\dagger_{ke} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_4^1\rangle &= d_{ace} A^\dagger_{ib} A^\dagger_{jb} A^\dagger_{ja} A^\dagger_{kc} A^\dagger_{ke} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_5^1\rangle &= d_{ace} A^\dagger_{ia} A^\dagger_{jb} A^\dagger_{jc} A^\dagger_{ke} A^\dagger_{kb} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_6^1\rangle &= d_{abc} f_{bc_1 b_2} f_{cc_2 b_1} A^\dagger_{ia} A^\dagger_{jb_1} A^\dagger_{jc_1} A^\dagger_{kb_2} A^\dagger_{kc_2} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_7^1\rangle &= \epsilon_{jkl} d_{abc} f_{ade} A^\dagger_{ib} A^\dagger_{jc} A^\dagger_{kd} A^\dagger_{le} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_8^1\rangle &= \epsilon_{jkl} d_{ab_1 c_1} f_{aa_2 b_2} A^\dagger_{ia_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 b_1} A^\dagger_{jc_1} A^\dagger_{ka_2} A^\dagger_{lb_2} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_9^1\rangle &= \epsilon_{ijk} d_{ab_1 c_1} d_{aa_2 b_2} A^\dagger_{ja_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 a_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 b_1} A^\dagger_{kc_1} A^\dagger_{la_2} A^\dagger_{lb_2} |0\rangle \\
|\psi_{10}^1\rangle &= \epsilon_{ijk} d_{ab_1 c_1} f_{bb_2 c_2} A^\dagger_{i_1 b_1} A^\dagger_{i_1 c_1} A^\dagger_{la} A^\dagger_{lb} A^\dagger_{jb_2} A^\dagger_{kc_2} |0\rangle
\end{aligned}
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Spin-2

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\begin{aligned}
|\psi^2_1\rangle &= (A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ja} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{la})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_2\rangle &= A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}(A^\dagger_{ia_2}A^\dagger_{ja_2} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{j_2a_2})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_3\rangle &= (A^\dagger_{ia_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1b_1}A^\dagger_{jb_1} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1b_1}A^\dagger_{lb_1})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_4\rangle &= d_{abc}d_{ade}A^\dagger_{i_1b}A^\dagger_{i_1c}(A^\dagger_{id}A^\dagger_{je} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{ld}A^\dagger_{le})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_5\rangle &= A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ja} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{la})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_6\rangle &= \tfrac{1}{2}d_{abc}(\epsilon_{ikl}A^\dagger_{ja_1}A^\dagger_{ka_1} + \epsilon_{jkl}A^\dagger_{ia_1}A^\dagger_{ka_1})A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{mb}A^\dagger_{mc}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_7\rangle &= \tfrac{1}{2}d_{abc}(\epsilon_{ikl}A^\dagger_{ja} + \epsilon_{jkl}A^\dagger_{ia})A^\dagger_{kb}A^\dagger_{la_1}A^\dagger_{ma_1}A^\dagger_{mc}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_8\rangle &= \epsilon_{klm}f_{abc}d_{da_1a}d_{da_2b_2}A^\dagger_{ka_1}A^\dagger_{lb}A^\dagger_{mc}(A^\dagger_{ia_2}A^\dagger_{jb_2} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2b_2})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_9\rangle &= A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ja} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{la})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{10}\rangle &= A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2a_1}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ja} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{la})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{11}\rangle &= d_{ab_1c_1}d_{ab_2c_2}A^\dagger_{i_1b_1}A^\dagger_{i_1c_1}A^\dagger_{i_2b_2}A^\dagger_{i_2c_2}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{ja} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{la})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{12}\rangle &= A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}(A^\dagger_{ia_2}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2b_2}A^\dagger_{jb_2} - A^\dagger_{la_2}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2b_2}A^\dagger_{lb_2})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{13}\rangle &= d_{aa_2b_2}d_{ac_2e_2}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_2a_2}A^\dagger_{i_2b_2}(A^\dagger_{ic_2}A^\dagger_{jd_2} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{lc_2}A^\dagger_{ld_2})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{14}\rangle &= \tfrac{1}{2}(\epsilon_{ikl}A^\dagger_{jb}A^\dagger_{kb} + \epsilon_{jkl}A^\dagger_{ib}A^\dagger_{kb})\epsilon_{mnp}d_{ab_1c_1}f_{bb_2c_2}A^\dagger_{lb_1}A^\dagger_{mc_1}A^\dagger_{nb_2}A^\dagger_{pc_2}|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{15}\rangle &= d_{ab_1c_1}d_{ab_2c_2}A^\dagger_{lb_1}A^\dagger_{lc_1}A^\dagger_{mb_2}A^\dagger_{mc_2}(\tfrac{1}{2}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{jb} + A^\dagger_{ja}A^\dagger_{ib}) - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la_2}A^\dagger_{lc_2})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{16}\rangle &= d_{ab_1c_1}d_{bb_2c_2}A^\dagger_{i_1a}A^\dagger_{i_1b}A^\dagger_{j_1b_1}A^\dagger_{j_1c_1}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{jb} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{lb})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{17}\rangle &= d_{aa_2b_2}d_{bc_2a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_1}A^\dagger_{i_1a_2}A^\dagger_{j_1b_2}A^\dagger_{j_1c_2}(A^\dagger_{ia}A^\dagger_{jb} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la}A^\dagger_{lb})|0\rangle \\
|\psi^2_{18}\rangle &= d_{ab_1c_1}d_{aa_2b_2}f_{bb_2c_2}A^\dagger_{i_1b_1}A^\dagger_{i_1c_1}A^\dagger_{i_2c_2}A^\dagger_{i_2d_2}(A^\dagger_{ia_2}A^\dagger_{je_2} - \tfrac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}A^\dagger_{la_2}A^\dagger_{le_2})|0\rangle
\end{aligned}
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New Identities

We discovered some (new?) identities involving 3×8 matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M D_a M^T M D_a) &= -\frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M D_a)\,\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M D_a) \\
&+ \frac{2}{3}\,\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M M^T M) + \frac{1}{3}\,\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M)^2 \\
\epsilon_{ijk} f_{abc} M_{ia} M_{jb} (M M^T M)_{kc} &= \frac{1}{3}\epsilon_{ijk} f_{abc} M_{ia} M_{jb} M_{kc}\,\mathrm{Tr}(M^T M)
\end{aligned}$$

where $(D_a)_{bc} \equiv d_{abc}$.