Symmetries in Physics Lecture 11

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III.3. Finite-dimensional vs. unitary representations III.3.1. Covariant normalization

- ▶ In the induced representation method, we defined $|\mathbf{p}\lambda\rangle = H(p) |\tilde{\mathbf{p}}\lambda\rangle$, with $\tilde{p} \in \{p_t, p_l, p_s\}$ being the representative momentum.
- Let us consider a normalization: $\langle \mathbf{p}' \lambda' | \mathbf{p} \lambda \rangle = N(p) \delta^3(\mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}') \delta^{\lambda'} \lambda$.

• For unitary representations, $\Lambda^{\dagger}\Lambda = E$ and

$$\langle \mathbf{p}' \lambda' | \mathbf{p} \lambda \rangle = \langle \mathbf{p}' \lambda' | \Lambda^{\dagger} \Lambda | \mathbf{p} \lambda \rangle = D_{s}^{\dagger} [R']^{\lambda'}{}_{\sigma'} \langle \Lambda \mathbf{p}' \sigma' | \Lambda \mathbf{p} \sigma \rangle D_{s} [R]^{\sigma}{}_{\lambda}, \quad (1)$$

where $R' \equiv R(\Lambda, p')$ and $R \equiv R(\Lambda, p)$, $\forall \Lambda \in \widetilde{L}_+$.

Imposing the same normalization, we have

$$N(p)\delta^{3}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}') = N(\Lambda p)\delta^{3}(\Lambda \mathbf{p}-\Lambda \mathbf{p}'), \qquad (2)$$

where we used that $D_s^{\dagger}[R]^{\lambda'}{}_{\sigma'}\delta_{\sigma}^{\sigma'}D_s[R]^{\sigma}{}_{\lambda} = D_s[R^{-1}R]^{\lambda'}{}_{\lambda} = \delta_{\lambda}^{\lambda'}$. • Eq. (2) represents the condition for a covariant normalization.

III.3.2. Covariant integration measure

▶ To find N(p), consider the expansion of a state vector $|\psi\rangle$:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\lambda} \int |\mathbf{p}\lambda\rangle \,\psi_{\lambda}(\mathbf{p})\widetilde{d\mathbf{p}},\tag{3}$$

where dp is the yet-to-be-determined integration measure.

• The components $\psi_{\lambda'}(p') = \langle \mathbf{p}' \lambda' | \psi \rangle$ can be obtained as

$$\psi_{\lambda'}(p') = \int \psi_{\lambda'}(p) \mathcal{N}(p) \delta^3(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \widetilde{dp} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \widetilde{dp} = \frac{d^3p}{\mathcal{N}(p)}.$$
 (4)

If N(p) is covariant, then dp̃ = dΛp̃ and the integration measure becomes Lorentz-invariant.

For a 4-vector with arbitrary components $p^{\mu} = (p^0, \mathbf{p})$, we have

$$d^4(\Lambda p) = (\det \Lambda) d^4 p = d^4 p, \qquad \forall \Lambda \in \widetilde{L}_+.$$
 (5)

▶ Imposing that $p^0 > 0$ and moreover, $p^2 = p_0^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 = c_1$, we have

$$\widetilde{dp} = \frac{2}{N_0} \theta(p^0) \delta(p^2 - c_1) d^4 p = \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 p^0},$$
(6)

where $p^0 = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + c_1}$ in the last expression and $N_0 = (2\pi)^3$ is a conventional momentum-independent constant, $A = (2\pi)^3 = 0$

III.3.3. Relativistic wave functions

Def: A c-number relativistic wave function is a set of n space-time functions ψ_σ(x) which transform under Λ ∈ L̃₊ as

$$\psi \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \psi', \quad \psi'^{\alpha}(x) = D[\Lambda]^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}\psi^{\beta}(\Lambda^{-1}x).$$
 (7)

Examples are shown below:

The Klein-Gordon wave function, \u03c6(x), for which n = 1, transforming with the (u, v) = (0,0) irrep, describing spin-0 particles:

$$\phi'(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\Lambda^{-1}\mathbf{x}). \tag{8}$$

• The antisymmetric field strength tensor $F^{\mu\nu}(x)$, with $F^{0i} = E^i$ and $F^{ij} = \varepsilon^{ijk}B^k$, transforming as $(1,0) \oplus (0,1)$:

$$F^{\prime\mu\nu}(x) = \Lambda^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\Lambda^{\nu}{}_{\beta}F^{\alpha\beta}(\Lambda^{-1}x).$$
(9)

The four-potential A^µ(x), describing spin-1 particles (vector bosons), transforming as (1/2, 1/2):

$$A^{\prime \mu}(x) = \Lambda^{\mu}{}_{\nu} A^{\nu}(\Lambda^{-1}x).$$
(10)

▶ The Dirac wave function $\psi^{\alpha}(x)$, with n = 4, transforming as $(0, 1/2) \oplus (1/2, 0)$, describing spin-1/2 particles:

$$\psi'(\mathbf{x}) = D[\Lambda]\psi(\Lambda^{-1}\mathbf{x}), \ D[\Lambda] = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega_{\alpha\beta}S^{\alpha\beta}}, \ S^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{i}{4}[\gamma^{\alpha},\gamma^{\beta}]. \ (11)$$

III.3.4. Relativistic field operators

Def: For a given matrix representation D[Λ] corresponding to the internal indices of a relativistic wave function, the *relativistic field* operator is a set of n operator-valued space-time functions {Ψ^α(x)} which transform as

$$U[\Lambda]\Psi^{\alpha}(x)U[\Lambda^{-1}] = D[\Lambda^{-1}]^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}\Psi^{\beta}(\Lambda x), \qquad (12)$$

where $U[\Lambda]$ acts on the Hilbert space where Ψ is defined.

- The relativistic field operators (quantum field theory) are the second-quantized versions of the relativistic wave functions (relativistic quantum mechanics).
- A free field Ψ^α(x) obeys the field equation Π(m, i∂)^α_βΨ^β(x) = 0, where Π is a linear differential operator of first or second order w.r.t. ∂_μ, that acts as an n × n matrix w.r.t. the internal structure α, β.
- Example: the Klein-Gordon equation: (∂^μ∂_μ − m²)Φ(x) = 0, for a single-component operator Φ.
- Example: the Dirac equation: $(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} m)\Psi = 0$, with γ^{μ} being the 4×4 gamma matrices.

III.3.5. Lorentz-covariant wave equations

• Under the Fourier transform $\Psi^{\alpha}(x) = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \widetilde{\Phi}^{\alpha}(p) e^{-ip \cdot x}$, the differential equation is converted into an algebraic one:

$$\Pi(m,p)\widetilde{\Phi}(p) = 0. \tag{13}$$

Under a Lorentz transformation, we have

$$\int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} U[\Lambda] \widetilde{\Phi}(p) U[\Lambda^{-1}] e^{-ip \cdot x} = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} D[\Lambda^{-1}] \widetilde{\Phi}(p) e^{-ip \cdot \Lambda x}.$$
(14)

Since $p \cdot (\Lambda x) = (\Lambda^{-1}p) \cdot x$ and $d^4p = d^4(\Lambda^{-1}p)$, we must have

$$U[\Lambda]\widetilde{\Phi}(p)U[\Lambda^{-1}] = D[\Lambda^{-1}]\widetilde{\Phi}(\Lambda p).$$
(15)

• Imposing that $\Pi(m, \Lambda p)\widetilde{\Phi}(\Lambda p) = 0$, we have

$$D[\Lambda^{-1}]\Pi(m,\Lambda p)D[\Lambda] = \Pi(m,p), \qquad (16)$$

or $\Pi(m, \Lambda p) = D[\Lambda]\Pi(m, p)D[\Lambda^{-1}].$

III.3.6. Plane-wave expansion

Field equations must contain the mass shell condition,

$$(p^2 - m^2)\widetilde{\Phi}(p) = 0. \tag{17}$$

This can be enforced by writing the solution as

$$\widetilde{\Phi}(p) = 2(2\pi)\delta(p^2 - m^2)\Phi(p), \qquad (18)$$

where $p^0 = \pm E_{\mathbf{p}}$, with $E_{\mathbf{p}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}$.

 In QFT, the two branches corresponding to positive- and negative-energy solutions represent particle and anti-particle states, begin separated as

$$\Psi(x) = \int \widetilde{dp} \left[\Phi_{+}(\mathbf{p}) e^{-ip \cdot x} + \Phi_{-}(\mathbf{p}) e^{ip \cdot x} \right],$$
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where $\Phi_{\pm}(\mathbf{p}) = \Phi(\pm E_{\mathbf{p}}, \pm \mathbf{p})$ satisfies $\Pi(m; \pm E_{\mathbf{p}}, \pm \mathbf{p})\Phi_{\pm}(\mathbf{p}) = 0$.

• Consider now the case $c_1 = m^2 > 0$. The wavefunction $u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p} = 0, \lambda)$ corresponding to the reference momentum satisfies

$$\Pi(m, p_t)^{\alpha}{}_{\beta} u^{\beta}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda) = 0, \quad \lambda = -s, -s+1, \dots s.$$
 (20)

• Then, $u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}, \lambda) = D[H(p)]^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}u^{\beta}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda)$ satisfies

$$\Pi(m,p)u(\mathbf{p},\lambda) = D[H(p)]\Pi(m,p_t)u(\mathbf{0},\lambda) = 0, \qquad (21)$$

when $p^{\mu} = H(p)^{\mu}{}_{\nu}p^{\nu}_{t}$.

- The elementary plane wave solutions u^α(**p**, λ) represent the concrete realisation of the momentum basis states |**p**, λ⟩.
- The general solution of the field equation is then

$$\Psi^{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{\lambda} \int \widetilde{dp}[e^{-ip \cdot x} u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}, \lambda) b(\mathbf{p}, \lambda) + \text{negative energy terms}].$$
(22)

In QFT, the expansion coefficients b(p, λ) are one-particle annihilation operators and their Hermitian conjugates, b[†](p, λ), are one-particle creation operators.

III.3.7. Lorentz-Poincaré connection

In QFT, particle states with definite momentum can be created from the vacuum |0> using the creation operators:

$$|\mathbf{p},\lambda\rangle = b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{p},\lambda)|0\rangle$$
 (23)

• Starting from the reference state $|\mathbf{0},\lambda\rangle = b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0},\lambda) |0\rangle$, we have

$$\mathbf{p}, \lambda \rangle = H(p) \left| \mathbf{0} \lambda \right\rangle = H(p) b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda) H^{-1}(p) H(p) \left| \mathbf{0} \right\rangle, \qquad (24)$$

which shows that $b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{p},\lambda) = H(p)b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0},\lambda)H^{-1}(p)$, while

$$U[\Lambda]b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{p},\lambda)U[\Lambda^{-1}] = b^{\dagger}(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda')D_{s}[R(\Lambda,p)]^{\lambda'}{}_{\lambda},$$

$$U[\Lambda]b(\mathbf{p},\lambda)U[\Lambda^{-1}] = D_{s}[R^{-1}(\Lambda,p)]^{\lambda}{}_{\lambda'}b(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda').$$
(25)

The wavefunction of a state |φ⟩ is φ^α(x) = ⟨0|Ψ^α(x)|φ⟩.
 The plane wave solutions can be obtained as

$$u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p},\lambda)e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} = \langle 0|\Psi^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{p},\lambda\rangle = \sum_{\lambda'}\int \widetilde{d\mathbf{p}'}e^{-i\mathbf{p}'\cdot\mathbf{x}}u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}',\lambda') \times \langle 0|b(\mathbf{p}',\lambda')b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{p},\lambda)|0\rangle, \quad (26)$$

which implies

$$\langle 0|b(\mathbf{p}',\lambda')b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{p},\lambda)|0\rangle = (2\pi)^{3} E_{\mathbf{p}} \delta^{3}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}').$$

- **Theorem:** The *c*-number wave functions $u^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}, \lambda)e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot \mathbf{x}}$ are the coefficient functions which connect the operators $b(\mathbf{p}, \lambda)$, transforming as unitary irreps (m, s) of the Poincaré group, to the set of field operators $\Psi^{\alpha}(x)$, transforming as finite-dimensional non-unitary representations of the Lorentz group.
- Applying Λ on the plane-wave expansion in Eq. (22) gives:

$$U(\Lambda)\Psi^{\alpha}(x)U(\Lambda^{-1}) = D[\Lambda^{-1}]^{\alpha}{}_{\alpha'}\sum_{\lambda}\int \tilde{d}p \times [b(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda)u^{\alpha'}(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda)e^{-ip\cdot x} + a.p.], \quad (28)$$

where a.p. denotes the antiparticle sector.

Using Eq. (25), we have

$$U(\Lambda)\Psi^{\alpha}(x)U(\Lambda^{-1}) = \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'} D_{\mathfrak{s}}[R^{-1}(\Lambda,p)]^{\lambda'}{}_{\lambda} \int \tilde{d}p \times [b(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda)u^{\alpha'}(\mathbf{p},\lambda')e^{-ip\cdot x} + a.p.].$$
(29)

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Comparing the two expressions above, it follows that $D[\Lambda]^{\alpha}{}_{\alpha'}u^{\alpha'}(\mathbf{p},\lambda) = u^{\alpha}(\Lambda\mathbf{p},\lambda')D_{s}[R(\Lambda,p)]^{\lambda'}{}_{\lambda}.$

III.3.8. Relativistic wave equations

- Relativistic wave equations have as solutions the plane-wave basis vectors, u(**p**, λ), satisfying Π(m, p)^α_βu^β(**p**, λ) = 0.
- ▶ In general, $\Pi(m, p)$ acts on the Lorentz structure $\alpha, \beta, ...$ under a finite-dimensional (non-unitary) representation, e.g. $(u, v) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ for the vector field A^{μ} and $(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \oplus (0, \frac{1}{2})$ for the Dirac field $\psi(x)$.
- A priori, u^α(**p**, λ) can be decomposed into |u − v| ≤ j ≤ u + v. If the field operator Ψ(x) characterizes particles with a definite spin s,
- Then, Π(m, p) must project out all j ≠ s. Focussing on the characteristic momentum state, p_t, we have

$$\Pi^{j'\lambda'}{}_{j\lambda}(p_t) \sim \delta_s^{j'} \delta_s^{j} \delta_\lambda^{\lambda'}.$$
(31)

• W.r.t. the direct product representation basis $|kl\rangle$ of (u, v), we have

$$\Pi^{k'l'}{}_{kl}(p_t) \sim \sum_{\lambda} \langle k'l'(uv)s\lambda \rangle \langle s\lambda(uv)kl \rangle.$$
(32)

At arbitrary p, we have

$$\Pi(m,p) = D[H(p)]\Pi(m,p_t)D[H(p)^{-1}],$$
(33)

or explicitly,

$$\Pi^{j'\lambda'}{}_{j\lambda}(m,p) \sim \sum_{\sigma} D[H(p)]^{j'\lambda'}{}_{s\sigma} D[H(p)^{-1}]^{s\sigma}{}_{j\lambda}. \tag{34}$$

III.4. Discrete transformations III.4.1. Space inversion

- Space inversion is a transformation that changes the sign of one or several spatial coordinates.
- ▶ In 2D, we have $I_{\alpha} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j (I_{\alpha})^j_i$, with $\alpha \in \{1, 2, s\}$:

$$I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad I_s = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(35)

- Since det $I_s = 1$, $I_s \in SO(2)$, corresponding to a rotation by π .
- det $I_1 = \det I_2 = -1 \Rightarrow I_1, I_2 \notin SO(2).$
- ► Taking I_2 as reference, $I_{\theta} = R(\theta)I_2R^{-1}(\theta)$ represents the reflection into the line inclined at θ w.r.t. the x axis.
- ▶ In general, $IR(\theta)I^{-1} = R(-\theta), \forall R(\theta) \in SO(2).$
- Clearly, $IJI^{-1} = -J$.
- ▶ The orthogonal group O(2) consists of all matrices satisfying $A^T A = E$ and is comprised of R and $I_2 R$, with $R \in SO(2)$.

III.4.2. Irreps of O(2)

► Considering the irrep given by $|m\rangle$ with $J|m\rangle = |m\rangle m$, the spatial inversion corresponds to $m \rightarrow -m$:

$$JI |m\rangle = I |m\rangle (-m) \quad \Rightarrow \quad I |m\rangle = |-m\rangle e^{i\alpha_m}.$$
 (36)

Since $I^2 = E$, we have $\alpha_{-m} = -\alpha_m$.

- ▶ The phase ambiguity can be absorbed in the definition of the basis vectors. Defining $|m\rangle' = |m\rangle$ and $|-m\rangle' = |-m\rangle e^{i\alpha_m}$, we have $I|m\rangle' = |-m\rangle'$ with $\alpha'_m = -\alpha'_m = 0$.
- Theorem: O(2) has two types of inequiv. unitary irreps: (i) two degenerate 1D irreps:

$$R(\theta) |0\eta\rangle = |0\eta\rangle, \qquad I |0\eta\rangle = |0\eta\rangle \eta, \qquad \eta = \pm 1; \qquad (37)$$

and (ii) the faithful angular momentum basis $\{|\pm m\rangle\},$ for each $m=1,2,\ldots$, with

$$R(\theta) |\pm m\rangle = |\pm m\rangle e^{\mp i m \theta}, \qquad I |\pm m\rangle = |\mp m\rangle.$$
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III.4.3. Extended Euclidean group \vec{E}_2

- ▶ **Def:** The *extended Euclidean group* \widetilde{E}_2 represents the full symmetry group of the 2D Euclidean space and consists of translations, rotations and space reflections.
- The action of a spatial inversion I on translations is

$$IT(\mathbf{b})I^{-1} = T(I\mathbf{b}), \quad IP_iI^{-1} = P_jI^j{}_i.$$
 (39)

- Translations make an invariant subgroup \Rightarrow the factor group $\widetilde{E}_2/T_2 \sim O(2)$.
- As in the case of E_2 , we have the degenerate irrep corresponding to $p^2 = 0$, induced by the factor group O(2).
- The faithful irreps are characterized by P^2 and η (inversion eigenvalue).
- Starting from the standard p₀ = pi, we have

$$\mathbf{P} |\mathbf{p}_0\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_0\rangle \,\mathbf{p}_0, \quad \mathbf{I}_2 |\mathbf{p}_0\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_0\rangle \,\eta, \tag{40}$$

with $\eta = \pm 1$.

III.4.4. The O(3) group

- In 3D, the spatial inversion is I_s = diag(−1, −1, −1), flipping simultaneously the signs of all spatial coordinates.
- Theorem: The elements A of the O(3) group, satisfying A^TA = E, are divided into two classes: R and I_sR, ∀R ∈ SO(3).
- Theorem: The space inversion commutes with all rotations and their generators:

$$I_s R I_s^{-1} = R, \qquad [I_s, J_i] = 0.$$
 (41)

Proof: Straightforward, since *I_s* = −*E* in the natural representation.
 Therefore, *I_s* is a Casimir operator. Together with *j*, its eigenvalue η = ±1 distinguishes between irreps:

$$(J_3, \mathbf{J}^2, I_s) | m \rangle = | m \rangle (m, j(j+1), \eta).$$

$$(42)$$

▶ In the case of spherical harmonics, $Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \langle \hat{\mathbf{u}} | lm \rangle$ changes under space inversion to

$$Y_{lm}(-\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \langle \hat{\mathbf{u}} | I_s | lm \rangle = \eta Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}).$$
(43)

As a Casimir operator, η can be evaluated for $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$ and m = 0:

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z | I_s | I_0 \rangle = \langle -\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z | I_0 \rangle = \langle \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z | R_2(\pi) | I_0 \rangle = (-1)^I Y_{I_0}(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z).$$
(44)
Thus, $\eta = (-1)^I$.

III.4.5. The extended Euclidean group \vec{E}_3

Spatial inversion acts on translations by flipping the sign of their argument:

$$I_s T(\mathbf{b}) I_s^{-1} = T(-\mathbf{b}), \qquad I_s \mathbf{P} I_s^{-1} = -\mathbf{P}.$$
(45)

- While P² remains a Casimir operator, J · P flips sign under I_s ⇒ the second Casimir is (J · P)².
- ► The degenerate representations, corresponding to P = 0, are induced by the factor group *E*₃/*T*₃ ~ *O*(3).
- The non-degenerate irreps are induced by O(2), the little group of p₀ = pê_z. The irrep is characterized by (p, η) and

$$(\mathbf{P}, J_3) |\mathbf{p}_0, \pm\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_0, \pm\rangle (\mathbf{p}_0, \pm\lambda), \quad I_2 |\mathbf{p}_0, \pm\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_0, \pm\rangle.$$
(46)

• The general basis vector is obtained via $|\mathbf{p},\pm\rangle = R(\mathbf{p}) |\mathbf{p}_0,\pm\rangle$.

• The effect of $I_s = R_2(\pi)I_2$ is

$$I_{s} |\mathbf{p}, \pm\rangle = I_{s} R(\phi, \theta, 0) |\mathbf{p}_{0}, \pm\rangle = R(\phi, \theta, 0) R_{2}(\pi) |\mathbf{p}, \pm\rangle$$
$$= R(\pi + \phi, \pi) |-\mathbf{p} \pm\rangle (-1)^{\lambda}.$$
(47)

Exercises

- 1. Show that a four-vector A^{μ} transforms under the Lorentz group as the $(u, v) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ representation.
- WKT11.2 Write down the 3×3 matrix representation of the momentum operators (P_1, P_2) and the inversions (I_1, I_2) . Verify Eq. (39) explicitly.
- WKT11.4 Derive de representation matrices for the operators $T(\mathbf{b})$, $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ and I_s in the irrep corresponding to $\mathbf{P}^2 = p^2 \neq 0$, $(\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{P})^2 = 0$ for \widetilde{E}_3 .
- WKT11.5 Define the angular momentum basis of the (p, η) representation of \widetilde{E}_3 in terms of the linear momentum basis given by Eq. (??). Derive the representation matrices of the elements of the subgroup O(3).
- WKT11.6 Find eigenstates of the operator $I_{\theta} = R(\theta)I_2R^{-1}(\theta)$ in the vector space of the *m*-irrep (m = 1, 2, ...) of the O(2) group and the associated eigenvalues.