

- 1) Consider a Lorentz vector with components x^μ , which transforms under Lorentz transformations as

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu.$$

Note that throughout this problem we are using summation convention.

- a) Let $f^{\mu\nu} \equiv x^\mu x^\nu$. Find the transformation behavior of $f^{\mu\nu}$, $f^\mu_\nu = x^\mu x_\nu$ and $f_{\mu\nu} = x_\mu x_\nu$ under Lorentz transformations.
- b) For another Lorentz vector y^μ , find the transformation behavior of $f^{\mu\nu} y_\mu$ under Lorentz transformations.
- c) Compute

$$\sum_\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} x^\mu.$$

- d) Work out the transformation behavior of

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$$

under Lorentz transformations. Use c) to argue for the same result.

- 2) Write a 4-vector (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) as a matrix M_x with $M_x^\dagger = M_x$:

$$M_x := \begin{pmatrix} x^0 + x^3 & x^1 - ix^2 \\ x^1 + ix^2 & x^0 - x^3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.1)$$

For $g \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ define an action $F(g)$ on \mathbb{R}^4 by

$$g \rightarrow F(g) \quad F(g)M_x := gM_x g^\dagger. \quad (0.2)$$

- a) Show that F is a homomorphism from $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ to L .
- b) For a rotation in the x^1, x^2 -plane, find the element $g \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ that is mapped to it by F . Repeat the same for a boost along the x^1 direction.

Here are some things to ponder:

1. How is the Lorent group defined? Why is it defined that way?
2. What's the point about upper/lower indices?