

1) 99(S): Pure Rotational Limit

In previous work the pure rotational case is considered to be that where R^a_b is dual to T^c in the Minkowski tangent spacetime:

$$R^a_b = -\frac{\kappa}{2} \epsilon^a_{bd} T^d \quad - (1)$$

In this note this idea is developed with the introduction of covariant derivatives:

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] V^\rho = R^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} V^\sigma - T^\lambda_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda V^\rho \quad - (2)$$

The pure rotational limit is considered to be:

$$R^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} V^\sigma = -T^\lambda_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda V^\rho \quad - (3)$$

which is similar to eq. (1) but written completely in the base manifold. With eq. (3) eq. (2) becomes a rotation generator type equation:

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] V^\rho = -2 T^\lambda_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda V^\rho \quad - (4)$$

which is an operator type equation:

$$\boxed{[D_\mu, D_\nu] = -2 T^\lambda_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda} \quad - (5)$$

The operators or group generators always obey the Jacobi identity:

$$[D_\rho, [D_\mu, D_\nu]] + [D_\nu, [D_\rho, D_\mu]] + [D_\mu, [D_\nu, D_\rho]] = 0$$

2) As given for example in Ryder, p. 113, the generators of any group obey the Jacobi identity, so D_μ, D_ν and D_λ can be considered to be group generators. For example the generators of $SO(3)$ (a $SU(2)$) obey:

$$[\mathbb{I}_i, \mathbb{I}_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} \mathbb{I}_k = C_{ijk} \mathbb{I}_k \quad - (7)$$

where the group structure constant is:

$$C_{ijk} = i \epsilon_{ijk} \quad - (8)$$

which obeys the condition:

$$C_{lin} C_{ajk} + C_{lja} C_{nki} + C_{lkn} C_{nij} = 0 \quad - (9)$$

and can be defined by the adjoint representation:

$$C_{ian} = (\mathbb{I}_i)_{an} \quad - (10)$$

where:

$$\mathbb{I}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{I}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{I}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (11)$$

There is a clear similarity between eqs.

(5) and (7), except that eq. (5) is written in the general manifold and eq. (7) in flat spacetime.

Therefore it is possible to look at the tensor term in eq. (4) as a group

3) structure constant of the group whose generators are D_μ, D_ν and D_λ . Taking this analogy further it is well known that the $SU(3)$ group is defined by:

$$\left[\frac{\lambda_a}{2}, \frac{\lambda_b}{2} \right] = i f_{abc} \frac{\lambda_c}{2} \quad - (12)$$

where λ_a are the Gell-Mann matrices and f_{abc} are the structure constants of $SU(3)$.

It therefore becomes clear that if eq. (5) is considered to be rotational in nature, T_λ are $T^1_{23}, T^2_{31}, T^3_{12}$, the possible values of T_λ are totally anti-symmetric values. These are space like and play a role analogous to $f_{123}, f_{231}, f_{312}$ or f_{abc} . Their Hodge duals are T^1_{01}, T^2_{02} and T^3_{03} . In ECE theory they define the electric and magnetic field components

$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= cA^{(0)} T^1_{01}, & B_x &= A^{(0)} T^1_{23}, \\ E_y &= cA^{(0)} T^2_{02}, & B_y &= A^{(0)} T^2_{31}, \\ E_z &= cA^{(0)} T^3_{03}, & B_z &= A^{(0)} T^3_{12} \end{aligned} \quad - (13)$$

which are used as:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0, \quad \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \underline{J} \quad - (14)$$