

Title: Division algebraic symmetry breaking

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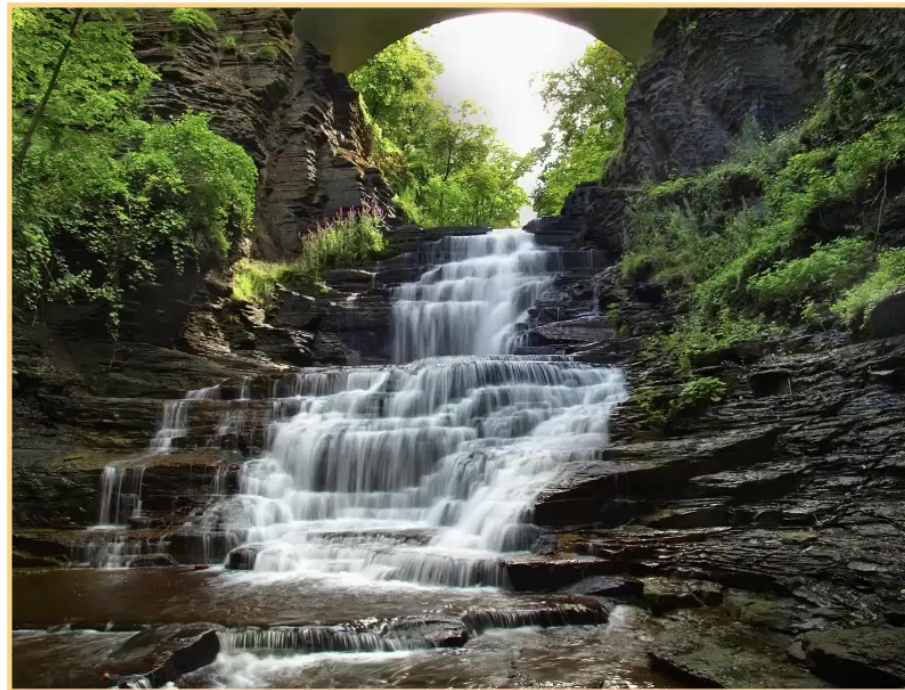
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Abstract: Can the 32C-dimensional algebra  $R(x)C(x)H(x)O$  offer anything new for particle physics? Indeed it can. Here we identify a sequence of complex structures within  $R(x)C(x)H(x)O$  which sets in motion a cascade of breaking symmetries:  $Spin(10) \rightarrow$  Pati-Salam  $\rightarrow$  Left-Right symmetric  $\rightarrow$  Standard model + B-L (both pre- and post-Higgs-mechanism). These complex structures derive from the octonions, then from the quaternions, then from the complex numbers. Finally, we describe a left-right symmetric Higgs system which exhibits, we believe for the first time, an explicit demonstration of quaternionic triality.

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$$so(10) \rightarrow so(6) \oplus so(4)$$

Pati-Salam



R, C, H, O

special → ubiquitous

**R,**



everywhere

**C,**



quantum

**H,**



special  
relativity

**O**



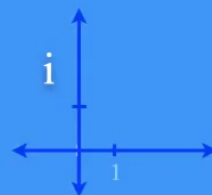
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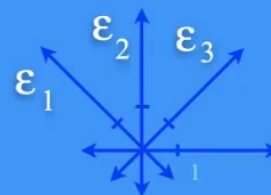
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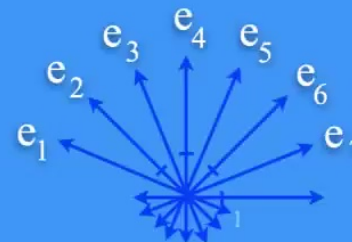
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quaternion

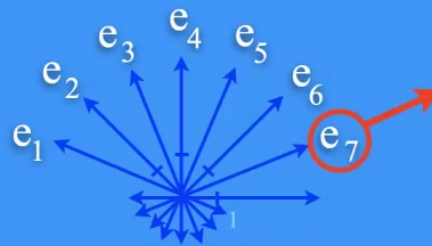


**O**  
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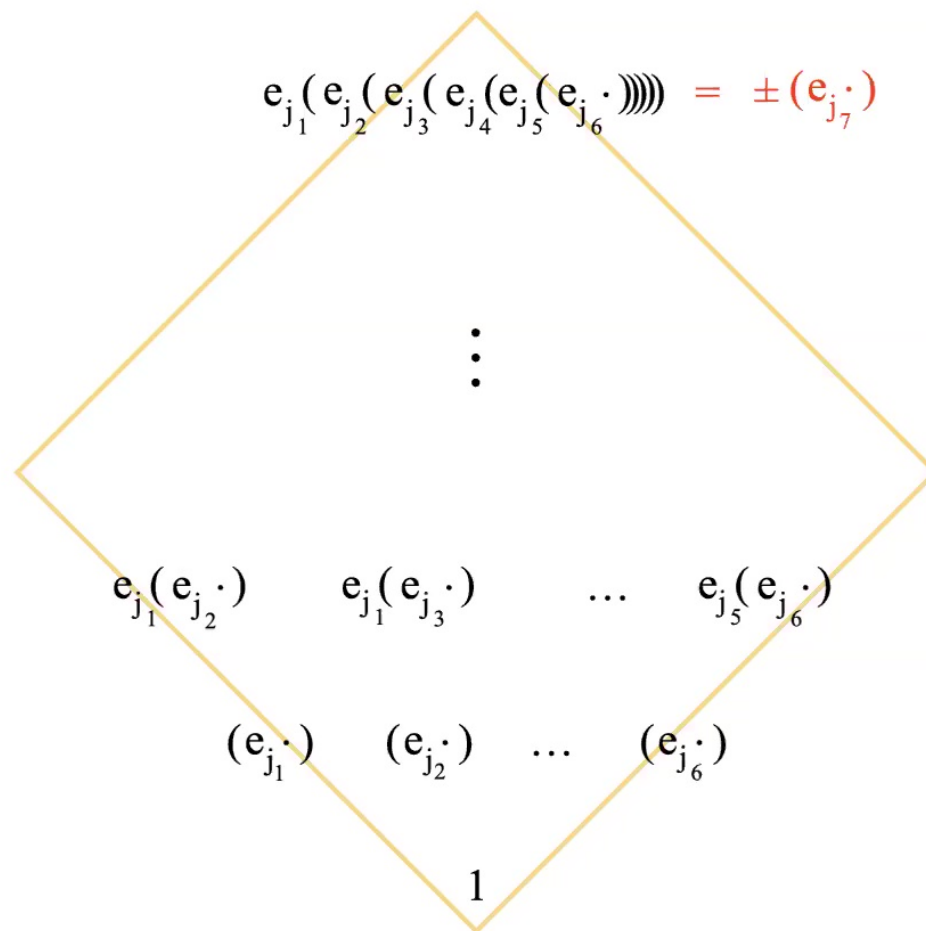
# Why isolate one imaginary unit?

O  
octonion



## Octonion

### Left multiplication



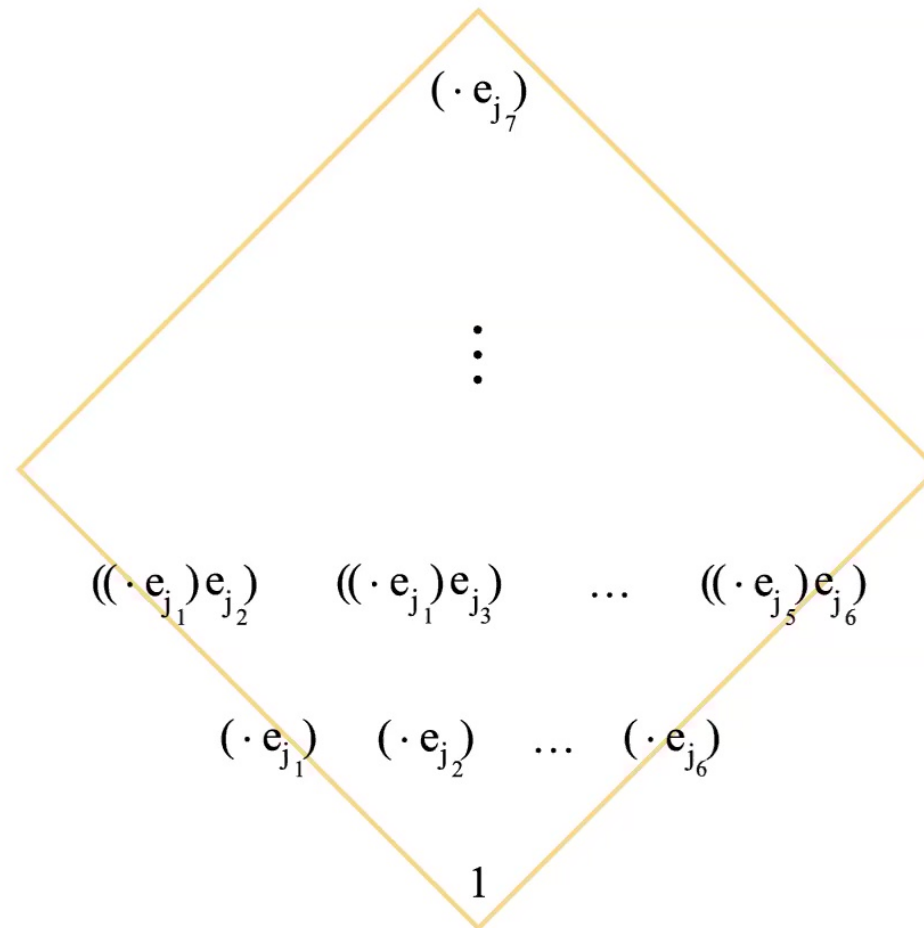
Octonion

Right multiplication

$\Rightarrow Cl(0,6)$

$$(\cdot e_7) = 1/2 (e_1(e_3 \cdot) + e_2(e_6 \cdot) + e_4(e_5 \cdot) - (e_7 \cdot))$$

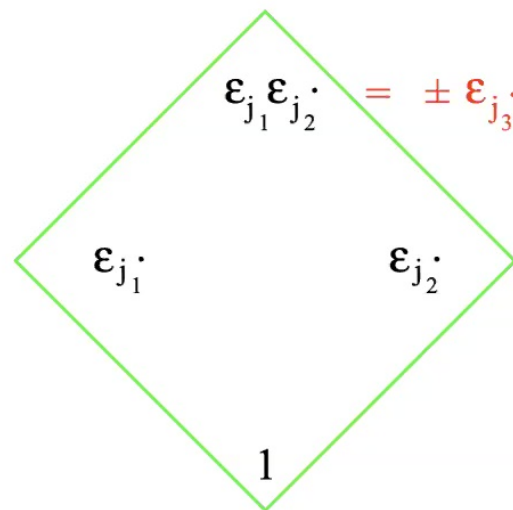
$$=: (E_7 \cdot)$$



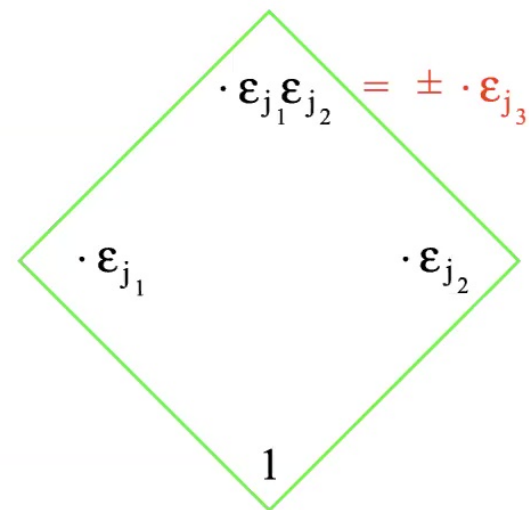


# Quaternion

## Left and Right multiplication



$Cl(0, 2)$



$Cl(0, 2)$

$$O \Rightarrow Cl(0, 6)$$

$$H \Rightarrow Cl(0, 2) \otimes Cl(0, 2)$$

L mult  $\sim$  R mult

Isolated

✓

$O \Rightarrow Cl(0, 6)$

$e_{j_7}$

✗

$H \Rightarrow Cl(0, 2) \otimes Cl(0, 2)$

$\epsilon_{j_3}$

✓

$C \Rightarrow Cl(0, 1)$

$i$

✓

$R \Rightarrow Cl(0, 0)$

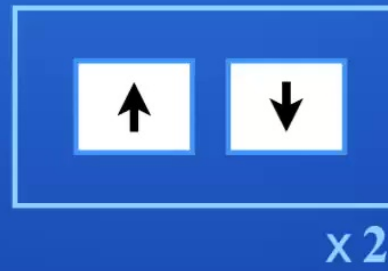
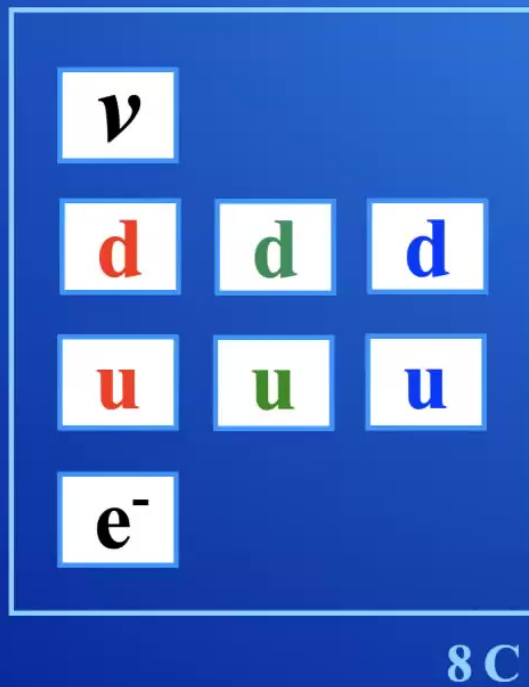
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$$=: (E_7 \cdot)$$

# One generation

## 64 R



$$\begin{aligned} R \otimes C \otimes H \otimes O \\ = C \otimes H \otimes O \end{aligned}$$

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$\downarrow$   
 $\mathbb{C}l(10)$

$\text{so}(10)$

Spin(10)

$\text{so}(6) \oplus \text{so}(4)$

Pati-Salam

$\text{su}(3) \oplus \text{su}(2) \oplus \text{su}(2) \oplus \text{u}(1)$

LR symmetric

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Standard Model

Anything new beyond  $Cl(10)$ ?



Spin(10)

$$r_{ij} \gamma_i \gamma_j$$

**X** no  
substructure

**X**  $16 \oplus 16^*$

old way

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Spin(10)

$$\downarrow s_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i (\mathbf{e}_j \cdot) + \downarrow s_{mn} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_n \cdot + \downarrow s_{ni} i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_n \mathbf{e}_i \cdot$$

real

$n, m = 1, 2, 3$      $i, j = 1 \dots 7$

new way

Spin(10)

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$$n, m = 1, 2, 3 \quad i, j = 1 \dots 7$$

new way

✓ more  
substructure

✓  $16_{\uparrow} \oplus 16_{\downarrow}$

Spin(10)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \downarrow r''_{ij} e_i (e_j \cdot) + \downarrow r_n P_L \epsilon_n \cdot + \downarrow r'_n P_R \epsilon_n \cdot \\
 & + \uparrow r_{ni} i \epsilon_n e_i \cdot + \uparrow r''_i e_i (e_7 \cdot) \\
 & \text{real} \quad \quad \quad n=1,2,3 \quad i,j=1 \dots 6
 \end{aligned}$$

new way

# Complex structure

Generalizes notion of multiplying by complex  $i$ .

# Cascade of complex structures





Spin(10)

$$r_{ij}'' e_i (e_j \cdot) + r_n P_L \epsilon_n \cdot + r_n' P_R \epsilon_n \cdot \\ + r_{ni} i \epsilon_n e_i \cdot + r_i'' e_i (e_7 \cdot)$$

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$$e_7 \Psi \Downarrow$$

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Standard model  
+ B-L

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$$i \Psi \quad \Downarrow$$

Unbroken  
+ B-L

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$$i,j=1 \dots 6$$

Spin(10)

$e_7 \Psi$

Pati-Salam

$E_7 \Psi$

LR  
Symmetric

$\epsilon_3 \Psi_R$

SM  
+ B-L

$i \Psi$

Unbroken  
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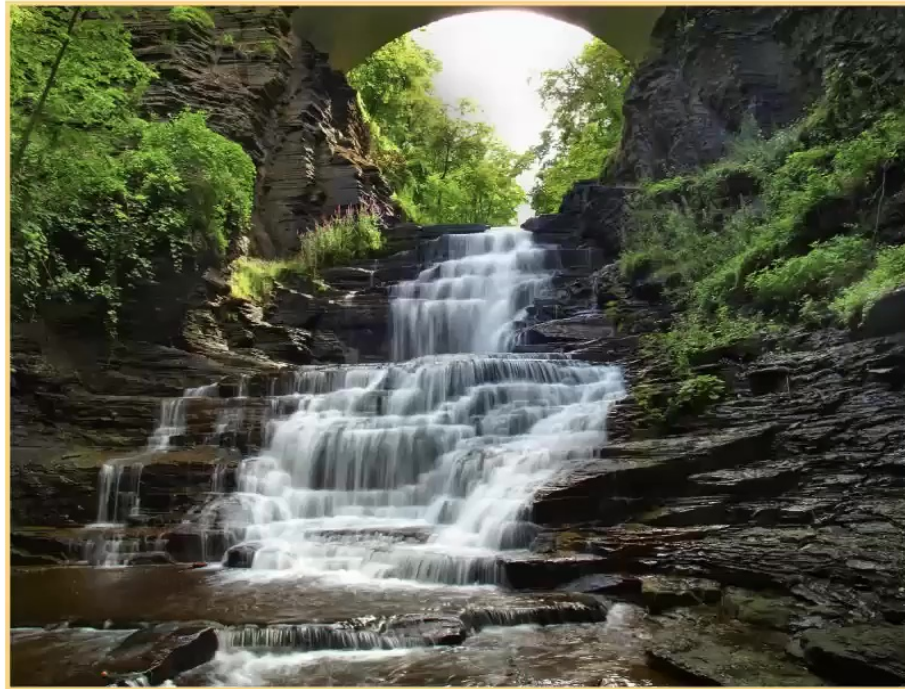
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# Summary

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$$\begin{array}{lll}
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 & & \text{Pati-Salam} \qquad \qquad \text{LR symmetric} \\
 & \rightarrow & g_{sm} \oplus u(1) \rightarrow u(3) \oplus u(1) \\
 & & \text{SM + B-L} \qquad \qquad \text{Unbroken + B-L}
 \end{array}$$



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# Non-degenerate Trilinear Forms

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- In general, the division-algebraic multiplication rule is:

$$e_a e_b = t_{abc} e_c$$

- There is a natural inner product on each algebra:

$$\langle \psi^* \chi \rangle := \frac{1}{2}(\psi^* \chi + \chi^* \psi) = \psi_a \chi_a$$

- So if we multiply two elements of a division algebra  $\mathbb{K}$ :

$$v\psi = (v_a e_a)(\psi_b e_b) \rightleftharpoons v_a \psi_b t_{abc} e_c$$

and take the inner product with a third:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\chi^*(v\psi) + (v\psi)^*\chi) = v_a \psi_b \chi_c t_{abc}$$







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- So each normed division algebra  $\mathbb{K}$  gives rise to a trilinear form, called a “normed triality”:

$$t(v, \psi, \chi) = \langle \chi^* v \psi \rangle = v_a \psi_b \chi_c t_{abc}$$

- Because of the division algebra property, this trilinear form is non-degenerate (and because of the normed property, the triality is “normed”)
- Such trilinear forms are extremely rare: there’s one for each normed division algebra, and that’s it!



# Triality Algebras

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- If we treat the 3 inputs to  $t$  as if they belong to different spaces, can we rotate each of them in such a way that preserves the trilinear form?

$$t(v, \psi, \chi) = t(O_v v, O_\psi \psi, O_\chi \chi)$$

$$O_v, O_\psi, O_\chi \in O(\dim[\mathbb{K}])$$

- This gives the automorphism groups of the trialities, whose Lie algebras are:

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{R}) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)$$

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{H}) = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \overset{\mathbb{I}}{\mathfrak{su}(2)}$$

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{O}) = \mathfrak{so}(8)$$







# Triality Triples

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- Each of the triality algebras consists of  $\mathfrak{so}(\dim[\mathbb{K}])$  plus a possible extra part:

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{so}(1) = \emptyset$$

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$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{H}) = \mathfrak{so}(4) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$$

$$\text{tri}(\mathbb{O}) = \mathfrak{so}(8) \quad \mathbb{I}$$

- The three inputs to the triality transform as the vector, spinor and conjugate spinor of  $\mathfrak{so}(\dim[\mathbb{K}])$ :

$$v \in V, \quad \psi \in S_+, \quad \chi \in S_-,$$

- And the structure constants are actually just the intertwiner (“Pauli matrices”) between these three reps:

$$t_{abc} = (\sigma_a)_{bc}$$





# Quaternionic Triality

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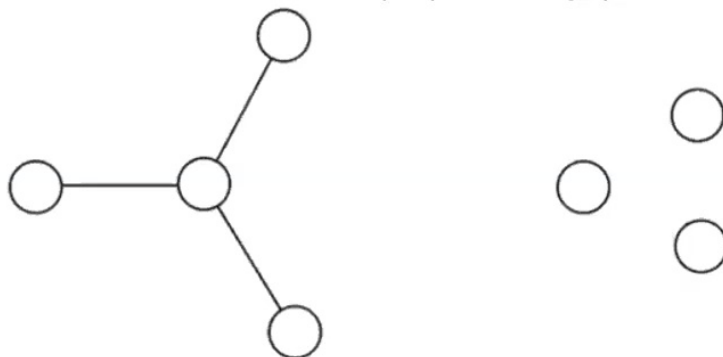
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- Triality is reflected in the symmetry of the famous Dynkin diagram for  $\text{tri}(\mathbb{O}) = \mathfrak{so}(8)$ , as well as its less famous cousin  $\text{tri}(\mathbb{H}) = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$



- In the  $\mathbb{H}$  case, our trusty three reps transform as:

$$(2, 2, 1) : \quad \delta v = \theta_1 v - v \theta_2,$$

$$(2, 1, 2) : \quad \delta \psi = \theta_2 \psi + \psi \theta_3,$$

$$(1, 2, 2) : \quad \delta \chi = \theta_1 \chi + \chi \theta_3, \quad \theta_i \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$$



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## $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$ Formulation of the $SO(10)$ Model

- There is a way to write nice-looking  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  transformations on an element of  $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$ :

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with  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 7$  and  $m = 1, 2, 3$

- So we have decomposed  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  as follows:

$$\mathfrak{so}(10) \cong \mathfrak{so}(7) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(3) + \text{Im}(\mathbb{O}) \otimes \text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$$

- Under this action  $\psi$  transforms as 2 copies of the **16** of  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$



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## $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$ Formulation of the SO(10) Model

- An element  $\psi$  of  $\mathbb{A} := \mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$  has 32 complex components – just right for a **(16; 2, 1)** of  $\mathfrak{so}(10) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})!$  <sub>I</sub>
- In other words, an element of  $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$  is perfectly suited to house one generation of SM fermions
- But how do you transform them correctly?



# Lorentz Symmetry

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- While the  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  acts via left-multiplication,

$$\delta\psi = \frac{1}{4}\theta^{IJ}\sigma_I(\bar{\sigma}_J\psi),$$

the  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  acts by right-multiplication by elements of  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$ :

$$\delta\psi = \psi\theta_S, \quad \theta_S \in \mathbb{C} \otimes \text{Im}(\mathbb{H})$$

- Of course this commutes with the  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$ , since left- and right-multiplication in  $\mathbb{H}$  commute!
- So we do indeed have exactly a **(16; 2, 1)** of  $\mathfrak{so}(10) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$





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- Seeing  $\psi$  as an  $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{O}$ -valued field in 4-d Minkowski space, we can define a Dirac operator

$$\not{\partial}\psi := \partial_0\psi - \partial_1\psi i\epsilon_1 + \partial_2\psi i\epsilon_2 - \partial_3\psi i\epsilon_3$$

- Then to write the free kinetic terms all we need is

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle i\psi^\dagger \not{\partial}\psi \rangle$$

- This is equivalent to the kinetic terms of 16 free 2-component complex Weyl spinors
- Taking gauge fields valued in  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  or any of its subalgebras, we can promote  $\partial \rightarrow D$  and write appropriate gauge-invariant kinetic terms



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- The Pati-Salam model comes from breaking  $so(10)$  into  $so(6) \oplus so(4) \cong su(4)_C \oplus su(2)_L \oplus su(2)_R =: \mathfrak{g}_{PS}$

- This breaks  $\psi$  into two irreducible pieces:

$$\psi = \psi_+ + \psi_-,$$

where

$$\psi_+ \in (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}; \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}),$$

$$\psi_- \in (\bar{\mathbf{4}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}),$$

of  $su(4) \oplus su(2)_L \oplus su(2)_R \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$

- $\psi_+$  contains a generation of LH fermions and  $\psi_-$  contains the RH fermions



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- Within  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  there is  $\mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{spin}}$ , the spatial rotation subgroup, so in fact we have a subalgebra  $\text{tri}(\mathbb{H}) = \mathfrak{su}(2)_L \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_R \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{spin}} \subset \mathfrak{g}_{PS} \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})!$

- Under this subgroup  $\psi_+$  and  $\psi_-$  transform as

$$\delta\psi_+ = \theta_L\psi_+ + \psi_+\theta_{\text{spin}},$$

$$\delta\psi_- = \theta_R\psi_+ + \psi_+\theta_{\text{spin}},$$

- So  $\psi_+$  is just 4 lots of the  $(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}; \mathbf{2})$  and  $\psi_-$  is just 4 lots of the  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{2})!$  What about the  $(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{1})?!$



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- It begins with an “H”, so it should obviously be in  $\mathbb{H}$ ...
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$$h \in \mathbb{H} \cong (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{1}) \text{ of } \mathfrak{g}_{PS} \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{spin}}$$

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- At this point it's obvious how the quaternions' trilinear form fits into the picture... the Yukawa terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = k \langle \widetilde{\psi_+} h \psi_- \rangle,$$

where the tilde denotes simultaneous  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{O}$  conjugation

- Expanding out the octonionic part of the inner product splits this into the 4 colours:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = k \langle \widetilde{\psi_{+A}} h \psi_-^A \rangle,$$

with  $A = 0, 1, 2, 3$  and  $\psi_{+A}, \psi_-^A \in \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{H}$



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- Further splitting  $\psi_{+A}$  and  $\psi_{-}^A$  into their  $\mathbb{C}$ -real and  $\mathbb{C}$ -imaginary parts gives 8 copies of the pure quaternionic triality scalar!
- Of course once  $g_{PS}$  is broken to  $g_{SM}$  these terms will end up with different coupling constants, leading to the different masses of the SM fermions
- But at the  $g_{PS}$  level it seems  $\mathbb{H}$  triality can tie in nicely with the Pati-Salam model





## Further Work: Octonionic Triality

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- Of course it would be much more exciting to find  $O$  triality in the Standard Model
- Perhaps the  $\mathfrak{g}_{PS_I} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{SM}$  Higgs could be written as a (complex) octonion?
- What does the division-algebraic multiplication rule actually do for the fermions?





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$C(0,8)$



3 generations + 3  $\nu_R$

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256 R

$Cl(0,8)$



256 R

3 generations + 3  $\nu_R$

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+12 R

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$Cl(8)$

$$[Pi\Lambda_j, PCl(8)] + c.c.$$

$$Cl(8) \mapsto$$

$$(4 \times \underline{\mathbf{8}}) \oplus (24 \times \underline{\mathbf{3}}) \oplus (18 \times \underline{\mathbf{1}}) \oplus$$

$$(4 \times \underline{\mathbf{1}}) \oplus (24 \times \underline{\mathbf{3}}^*) \oplus (18 \times \underline{\mathbf{1}}) \oplus$$

Z boson  $(4 \times \underline{\mathbf{1}}) \oplus \mathcal{C}_{36}$

$SU(3)_c$  decomposition

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$Cl(8)$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n P_i a P_i b + P_i b (P_i a)^\dagger$$

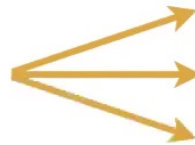
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