

Title: Clifford algebra of the Standard Model

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Abstract: We explore the \mathbb{Z}_2 graded product $C^*10 = C^*4 \hat{\otimes} C^*6$ (introduced by Furey) as a finite quantum algebra of the Standard Model of particle physics. The gamma matrices generating C^*10 are expressed in terms of left multiplication by the imaginary octonion units and the Pauli matrices. The subgroup of $Spin(10)$ that fixes an imaginary unit (and thus allows to write $O = C^*3 \hat{\otimes} C^*3$ expressing the quark-lepton splitting) is the Pati-Salam group $GP S = Spin(4) \tilde{\times} Spin(6)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \hat{\otimes} Spin(10)$. If we identify the preserved imaginary unit with the C^*6 pseudoscalar $\hat{I}_6 = \hat{I}_1 \dots \hat{I}_6$, $\hat{I}_6 = \hat{a}^7$ (cf. the talk of Furey and Hughes), then $P_{ex} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \hat{a}^7 \hat{I}_6)$ will play the role of the projector on the extended particle subspace including the right-handed (sterile) neutrino. We express the generators of C^*4 and C^*6 in terms of fermionic oscillators $\hat{a}_\pm, \hat{a}^j, \hat{I}_\pm, \hat{I}_\pm = 1, 2$ and $\hat{b}_j, \hat{b}^j, j = 1, 2, 3$ describing flavour and colour, respectively. The internal space observable algebra (an analog of the algebra of real functions on space-time) is then defined as the Jordan subalgebra of hermitian elements of the complexified Clifford algebra C^*10 that commute with the weak hypercharge $Y = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{b}^j \hat{a}^j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\pm=1}^2 \hat{I}_\pm \hat{a}_\pm$. We only distinguish particles from antiparticles if they have different eigenvalues of Y . Thus the sterile neutrino and antineutrino (with $Y = 0$) are allowed to mix into Majorana neutrinos. Restricting C^*10 to the particle subspace which consists of leptons with $Y < 0$ and quarks with $Y > 0$ allows a natural definition of the Higgs field \hat{H} , the scalar of Quillen's superconnection, as an element of C^*14 , the odd part of the first factor in C^*10 . As an application we express the ratio m_H/m_W of the Higgs and the W-boson masses in terms of the cosine of the theoretical Weinberg angle.

The talk is based on the paper arXiv:2010.15621v3 a copy of which including minor corrections is attached.

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Outline

- Haag-Kastler framework
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- Weak hypercharge \forall - central for \mathcal{G}_{SM}
- Early attempts: GUTs, Octonions (1973-)
 - $Cl_{10} = Cl_4 \hat{\otimes} Cl_6$ Fermi oscillators
 $a_\alpha^{(j)} = (a_{\alpha j}, a_{\alpha j}^*)$ $\alpha=1, 2$ flavour, $b_j^{(s)}$, $j=1, 2, 3$ - colour.
 - Sterile neutrino J_{SV} do not separate (anti)particles
 - Simple components of the observable (Jordan) algebra
 Aside: Jordan algebra with symmetry generators
 - Higgs field as odd part of a superconnection
 - Extended supercurvature satisfying Bianchi identity
 - Gauge boson mass spectrum; the Higgs mass
 - Concluding remarks. 2010.15621v3

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The Clifford algebra of the SM

Search for an internal quantum algebra - started with non commutative geometry in the late 1980s.

Haag's approach:

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Input from the Standard Model:

- Fundamental fermions 2^n
 - 4 leptons ν_L, e_L, ν_R, e_R (8 with the antileptons)
 - 4 quarks in 3 colours $12 + 4 = 2^4$
 - 16 fermions of each generation

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One can obtain an extension G
of the gauge group $G_{SM} = S(U(2) \times U(3))$
of the Standard Model as the
stabilizer of the lepton-quark
splitting of the octonions in J_2^8

$$\mathbb{O} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow G_{SM} \subset G \subset Spin(10)$$

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 Spin(9) Kirill Krasnov 1912.11282v2
 Spin(10) $\subset E_6$ Latham Boyle 2006.16265

Here, in 2010.15621 v3,
 we postulate superselection of the
weak hypercharge Y , generator of center of g_{SM} .
 It appears naturally in the picture
 of Fermi oscillator - CAR
 Equivalent to complex structure D-V 1992
 $Cl_{10} = Cl_4 \hat{\otimes} Cl_6$, Cl_4 $\begin{matrix} a_\alpha & \alpha=1,2 \\ a_{\bar{\alpha}} & \text{flavour} \end{matrix}$; Cl_6 $\begin{matrix} b_j & j=1,2,3 \\ \bar{b}_j & \text{colour} \end{matrix}$
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Weak isospin $I = I^L$

$$I_+ = a_1^* a_2, \quad I_- = a_2^* a_1, \quad 2I_3 = a_1^* a_1 - a_2^* a_2$$

$$B-L = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 [b_j^*, b_j]$$

Hypercharge = difference of number operators:

$$\frac{1}{2} Y = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j^* b_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 a_\alpha^* a_\alpha$$

$U(1)_Y : b_i \rightarrow e^{-i\frac{e}{3}} b_i, \quad b_i^* \rightarrow e^{i\frac{e}{3}} b_i^*$

$$a_\alpha \rightarrow e^{i\bar{z}} a_\alpha, \quad a_\alpha^* \rightarrow e^{-i\bar{z}} a_\alpha^*$$

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Unexpected invariants:

$$\Omega = a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 b_3, \quad \Omega^* = b_3^* b_2^* b_1^* a_2^* a_1^*, \quad \Omega^2 = \Omega \Omega^*$$

$S_\theta = e^{i\theta} \Omega + e^{-i\theta} \Omega^* \in J$ - Jordan algebra of observables

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$$J_{\nu\nu} = J_{\mathcal{J}}^2 \quad \dim J_{\nu\nu} = 4 \quad \text{of SM } J_{\nu\nu} = 0.$$

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Projector on the 15 dimensional particle subspace:

$P = l + q$ $l (= l^2)$ projects on 3 leptons:

$\nu_L, e_L (Y = -1); e_R (Y = -2)$

$q = q_1 + q_2 + q_3$ q_i - coloured quark in 4 flavours

Elementary projectors:

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$$\pi_\alpha = a_\alpha a_\alpha^*, \quad \pi_\alpha' = a_\alpha^* a_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, 2$$

$$p_j = b_j b_j^*, \quad p_j' = b_j^* b_j, \quad j = 1, 2, 3.$$

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$$l = p_1 p_2 p_3 (1 - \pi_1 \pi_2) = p_1 p_2 p_3 - |v_R\rangle \langle v_R|$$

$$l = \nu_{123} (1 - \pi_1 \pi_2) = \nu_{123} - |\nu_R\rangle \langle \nu_R|$$

Primitive projectors (leptons):

$$|\nu_L\rangle \langle \nu_L| = \pi_1' \pi_2' P_1 P_2 P_3 = \pi_1' \pi_2' l \quad \text{Products of 5 elementary}$$

$$|e_L\rangle \langle e_L| = \pi_1 \pi_2' l, \quad |e_R\rangle \langle e_R| = \pi_1 \pi_2 l$$

Jordan algebra \mathcal{J} of superselected observables

$$\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}_p \oplus \mathcal{J}_{\bar{p}} \oplus \mathcal{J}_{sv}$$

particles + antiparticle + sterile neutrino

D-V.T. 2003.06⁵⁹¹ have taken $\mathcal{P}_0 = l_0 + q, \quad l_0 = P_1 P_2 P_3 = l + |\nu_R\rangle \langle \nu_R|$

$$\mathcal{P} \mathcal{P}_0 = \mathcal{P}$$

Decomposition of the particle
Jordan algebra into simple
(irreducible) components J_r^d

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$r = \text{rank}$, $d = \text{degree}$ (labeled by Y)

$$J_p = J_2^2 \oplus J_6^2 \text{ (left } \oplus \mathbb{R}e_R \oplus J_3^2 \oplus J_3^2 \text{ right)}$$

$$Y = \begin{matrix} -1 & 1/3 & \text{chiral} \\ -2 & 4/3 & \\ & 2/3 & \text{chiral} \end{matrix}$$

Sterile neutrinos form a simple

component $J_{SD} = J_2^2$, $G_{SM} J_{SD} = 0$

Aside: What give us (special) Jordan algebras? ⁹

$$X \circ Y = Y \circ X \quad X^2 = X \circ X, \quad X^{m+1} = X^m \circ X$$

Power associativity; partially ordered $X^2 > 0$
for $X \neq 0$. For finite dimensional $X^2 > 0$ (if $X \neq 0$).

Observables in J play a dual role:
they generate symmetry:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [X, H] =: X \alpha H = -H \alpha X$$

"α-product"

Two products symmetric and skewsymmetric

hermitian matrices

$$\dim J_r^2 = r^2$$

J_r^2 are all special = Jordan subalgebras
of associative algebras with
Jordan product

$$X \circ Y = \frac{1}{2} [X, Y]_+ = \frac{1}{2} (XY + YX)$$

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Finite quantum algebra was

first envisaged in the framework of noncommutative geometry (Connes; Kerner, Madore, Dubois-Violette, 1988-) with the idea to give a geometric meaning of the Higgs boson.

The Higgs field finds a natural place in the odd part of a \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Clifford algebra.

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$$\mathcal{A}_{10} = \mathcal{A}_{10}^0 \oplus \mathcal{A}_{10}^1, \quad \mathfrak{g} \subset \text{spin}(10) \subset \mathcal{A}_{10}^0$$

$$\text{Higgs} \in \mathcal{A}_{10}^1, \quad \mathfrak{g} \subset \mathcal{A}_{10}^0$$

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Dirac fields include antiparticles - fermion doubling problem.

Particle field algebra: $\mathcal{F}_P = PFP$

$P = I + \gamma_5$, $P \gamma_j^{(*)} P = 0 \Rightarrow$ No symmetry breaking for QCD!

$$\{a_2^*\} = \{a_2^* a_1 - \dots\}$$

$$[F_+, \bar{F}_+]_+ = I_+, [F_+, \bar{F}_+]_+ = Z + I_3, 2Z = \ell Y$$

Lie superalgebra proposed in 1979
 by Ne'eman and Fairly
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Superconnection

$$\mathbb{D} = \chi D + \underline{\Phi}, \quad D = d + A = d x^\mu (\partial_\mu + A_\mu)$$

$$i A_\mu = W_\mu + B_\mu + G_\mu \quad (\in Cl_{10}^0), \quad \Phi \in Cl_4^1$$

$$\pi_a = a_\alpha a_\alpha^*$$

$$\chi = [a_1^*, a_1] [a_2^*, a_2] = (\pi_1' - \pi_1) (\pi_2' - \pi_2) \quad \pi_b' = a_\alpha^* a_\alpha$$

projection of chirality on Cl_4

$$P_L = \pi_1' \pi_2 + \pi_1 \pi_2', \quad P_R = \pi_1 \pi_2 + \pi_1' \pi_2'$$

\Leftrightarrow associativity: $\mathbb{D}\mathbb{D}^2 = \mathbb{D}^2\mathbb{D}$
 \mathbb{D}^2 -canonical curvature.

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constant matrix operator
$$\hat{m}^2 = m^2(\ell + g^2 q).$$

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$$m_W^2 = \frac{1+6g^2}{4} m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m_H^2 = 4 \frac{1+6g^4}{1+6g^2} m_W^2 = \frac{5}{2} m_W^2 = 4 \cos^2 \theta_W m_W^2$$

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 The role of triality in Yukawa interactions. \rightarrow Reduce the number of parameters?! Understand the mass spectrum of fundamental fermions?
 \rightarrow Extension of GSM - Will we need more Higgses?