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# The Standard Model

(Latham Boyle)

What are:

- the fundamental building blocks of nature?
- the fundamental rules they obey?

The greatest puzzle!

Best current understanding:

- General Relativity (1915)
- Standard Model of Particle Physics (1970s)

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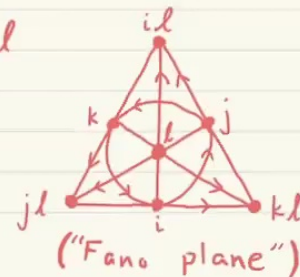


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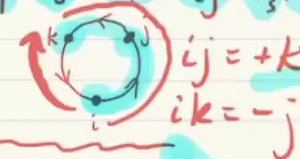
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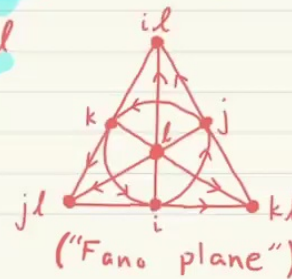
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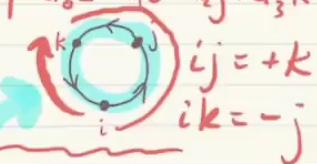
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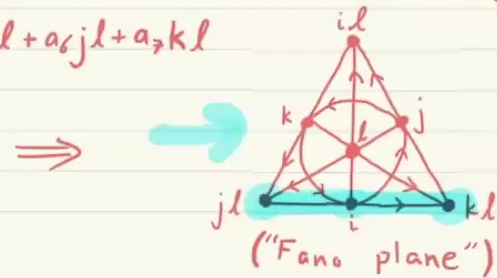
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$$z = a_0 + a_1 i$$

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## 6) Group $G$ :

i) Associative

product:  $\forall g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G: g_1, g_2 \in G, (g_1, g_2) g_3 = g_1 (g_2, g_3)$

ii) Identity:  $\exists '1'$  s.t.  $1g = g1 = g$  ( $\forall g \in G$ )

iii) Inverses:  $\forall g, \exists g^{-1}$  s.t.  $g g^{-1} = g^{-1} g = 1$

Lie group  $G$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ \cdot \\ g_1, g_2, g_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g = e^x \approx 1+x$$

Classical Simple Lie Groups:

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Exceptional Lie Groups:

$G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8$   
(related to octonions  $\mathbb{O}$ )



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Bonus:

Holonomy(g)	dim(M)	type	
$O(n)$	$n$	Non-orientable	← $\mathbb{R}$
$SO(n)$	$n$	Orientable	
$U(n)$	$2n$	Kähler	← $\mathbb{C}$
$SU(n)$	$2n$	Calabi-Yau	
$Sp(n) \cdot Sp(1)$	$4n$	Quaternionic Kähler	← $\mathbb{H}$
$Sp(n)$	$4n$	Hyperkähler	
$G_2$	$7$	$G_2$ Manifold	← $\mathbb{O}$
$Spin(7)$	$8$	$Spin(7)$	



(the Monster)

Also: Singularities/catastrophes, Jordan algebras, Finite simple groups, Supersymmetric YM theories + classical string theories, Hopf fibrations,...