

Explicit and spontaneous breaking of $SU(3)$ into its finite subgroups

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along Mathematica package **SUtree** lots of features
<http://theophys.kth.se/~amerle/SUtree/SUtree.html>

0. Prologue -- finite groups

*not required for talk
(might want to hear anyway)*

★ Finite group F = group finite number of elements

- Example: *three permutations* S_3 : Order $|S_3|=3!=6$ $(), (12), (23), (13), (123), (132)$

★ Dimensionality thm: $|F| = \sum |\text{IRREPS}(F)|^2 \Rightarrow$ finite many of them

- $|S_3| = |1|^2 + |1'|^2 + |2|^2$

★ Characterized by charactertable (Brauer hypothesis)

- conjugacy classes $c' \sim gcg^{-1} \quad g \in F$
character $\chi = \text{tr}[c]$

S_3	$\{e\}$	$\{a, b, c\}$	$\{d, f\}$
Γ_1	1	1	1
Γ_2	1	α	β
Γ_3	2	γ	δ

- Almost all information e.g. Kronecker products $(2 \times 2)_{S_3} = (1 + 1 + 2)_{S_3}$

★ Many others than permutation groups -- any finite group can be embedded in a permutation group

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I. Introduction

Groups in “disguises”

consider S_4 : the group of permutation of four objects

- ★ geometric definition through irreps: $4! = |S_4| = \mathbf{1}^2 + \mathbf{1}'^2 + \mathbf{3}^2 + \mathbf{3}'^2$ (dim thm)
(to each of four objects assign orthogonal vectors -- implement permutation linearly)
- ★ abstract algebraic definition $S_4 = \langle\langle \text{words } a, b, \mid a^3=1, b^2=1, (ab)^4=1 \rangle\rangle$

today's particle physicist more familiar with Lie groups e.g. $O(3)$

- ★ $O(3) = \langle\langle M_3 \mid M_3^T M_3 = I \rangle\rangle$
equivalently all linear operations in three variables that leave $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ invariant.

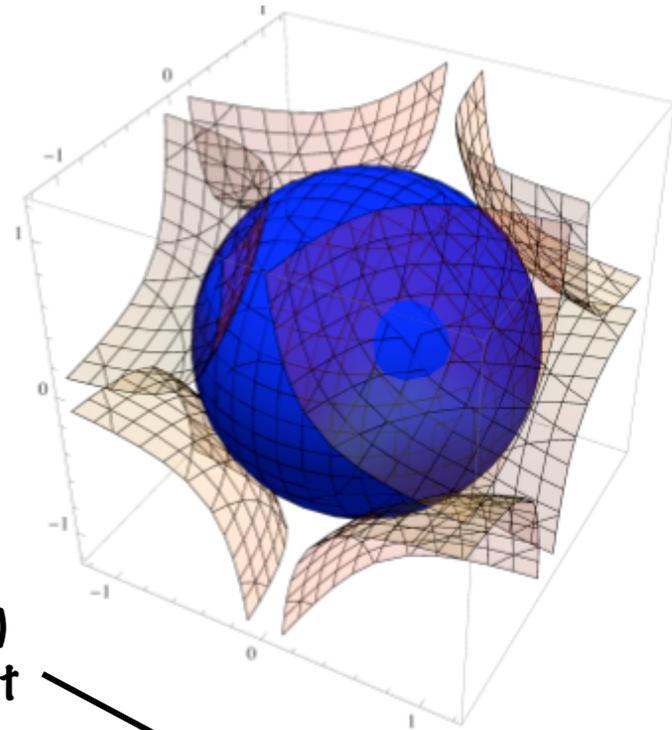
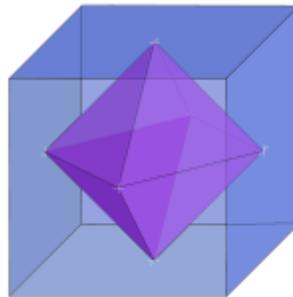
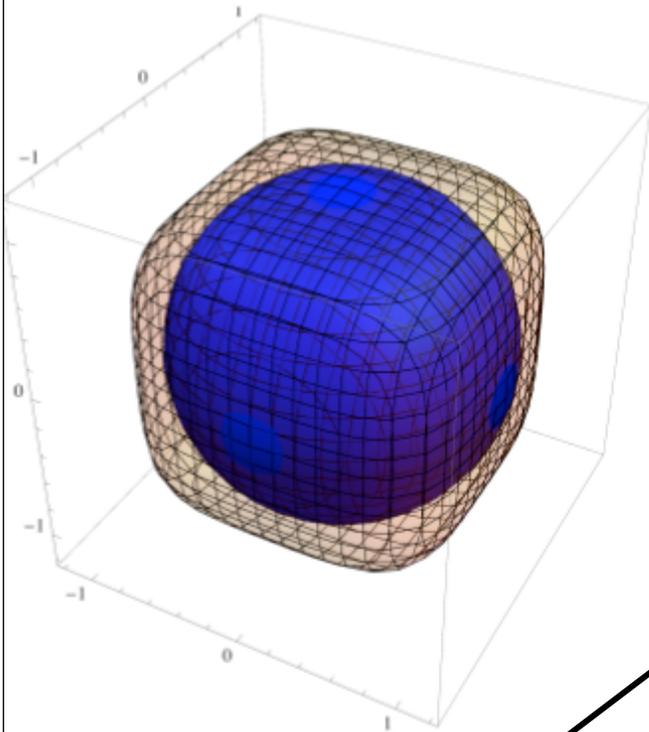
is there an analogous way to think about finite groups?

Yes: visual “proof” for $SO(3) \rightarrow S_4$

S_4 isomorphic cubic-symmetry
(dual octahedron)

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4$$

$$(xyz)^2$$



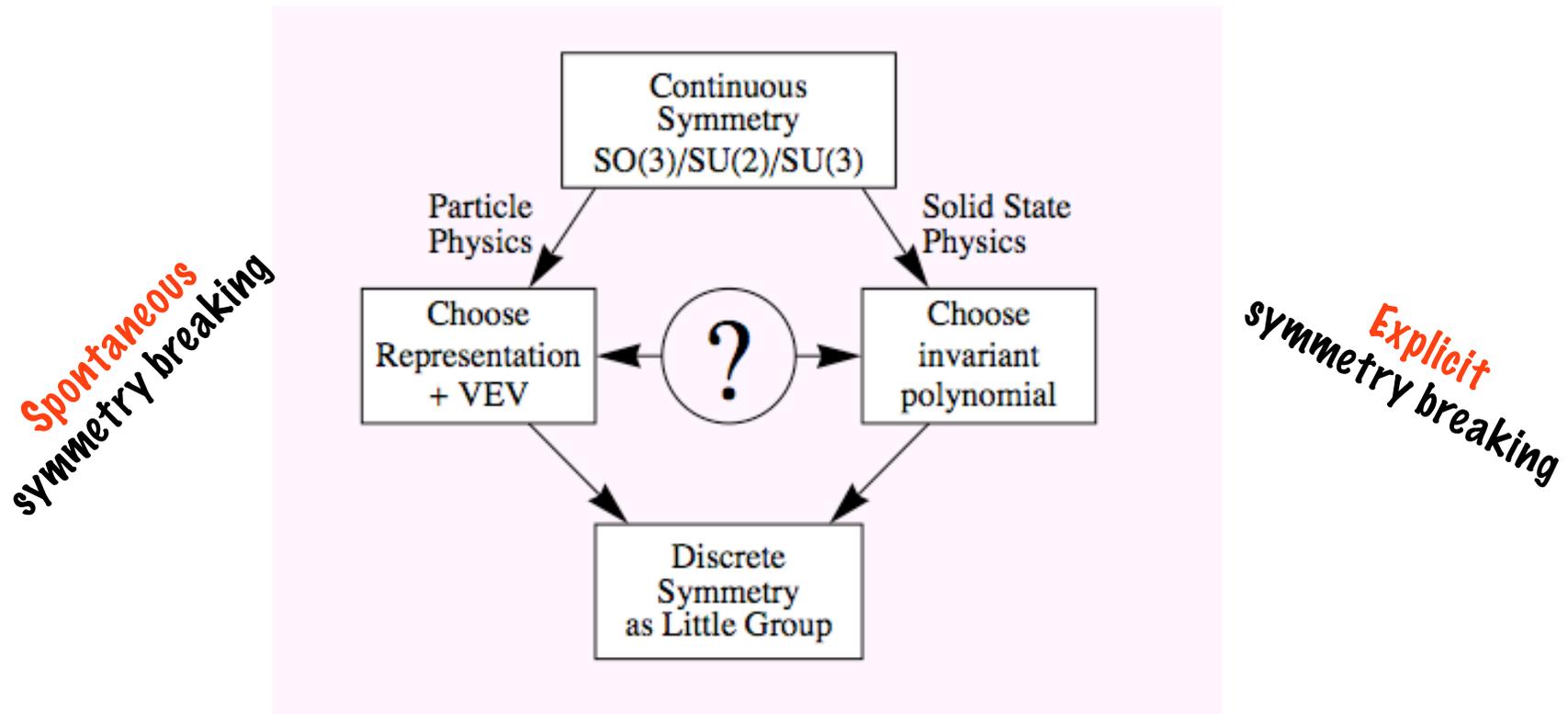
intersections of sphere $SO(3)$
and add. invariant = constant

vertices of octahedron

vertices of cube

Turning to the physicist's vocabulary

Definition of a group \Leftrightarrow Conditions breaking into this group



- ➔ This talk:
- link between SSB & explicit breaking
 - classification invariants,
 - necessary conditions to define group

for $SU(3)$

II. Main ideas ...

... discussed within $SO(3) \rightarrow S_4$

Spontaneous symmetry breaking (through vacuum)

★ Consider fundamental irrep $SO(3)$ i.e. $\mathbf{3}_{(l=1)}$

vacuum vector $\uparrow \Rightarrow SO(2)$ symmetry remains ; not enough

★ Consider higher dimensional irrep $l = 2, 3, 4, 5$; abandon geometric picture

Proceeding abstract manner:

Choose vacuum v , then $H_v = \{g \in SO(3) \mid R(g)v = v\} \subset R(SO(3))$ defines a subgroup

$\Rightarrow SO(3) \rightarrow H$ through VEV v

Explicit symmetry breaking (through invariants)

★ Consider $\varphi_i \in \mathbf{3}_{(l=1)}$ $L_{\text{tot}} = L_{SO(3)}(|\varphi|^2) + L_{\text{break}(H)}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)$

Again any $L_{\text{break}(H)}$ will break $SO(3) \rightarrow H$ some subgroup

From our geometric “proof” $L_{S^4} = \varphi_1^4 + \varphi_2^4 + \varphi_3^4$

One-to-one link between spontaneous & explicit symmetry breaking

- ★ How can polynomials be linked to vector spaces?
⇒ Groups have polynomial representation functions

spherical harmonics $Y_{l,m}$
for $SO(3)$
= complete set of irreps

$$\mathcal{I}[S_4] = x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = c \left(Y_{4,-4} + \sqrt{\frac{14}{5}} Y_{4,0} + Y_{4,4} \right)$$

- ★ This means that choosing a VEV:

$$v \sim (1, 0, 0, 0, \sqrt{\frac{14}{5}}, 0, 0, 0, 1) \quad \text{then} \quad \mathbf{9}_{l=4}|_{S_4} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{S_4} + \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{branching rule}$$

which is easily verified explicitly

- ★ Extension to $SU(3)$ involves finding $SU(3)$ representation function
⇒ complex spherical harmonics (studied in 60's) (discuss latter)

II.a Classification of invariants

- all polynomial invariants
 - algebraic dependencies etc
- } general

Molien's theorem (1897)

$$M_{\mathcal{R}(H)}(P) \equiv \frac{1}{|\mathcal{R}(H)|} \sum_{h \in \mathcal{R}(H)} \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{1} - Ph)} = \sum_{m \geq 0} h_m P^m, \quad \text{easy to compute}$$

$\mathcal{R}(H)$ is an irrep of a finite group H .

Thm: Positive coefficients h_m count the number of polynomial invariants of degree m .

Algebraic dependence

★ For n variables there are n algebraically independent invariants (Noether 1916)
Those we call primary and all the other secondary invariants.

★ Dependence of secondary invariants as follows:

$$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{n_i}^2 = f_0(\mathcal{I}_{m_1}, \mathcal{I}_{m_2}, \mathcal{I}_{m_3}) + \sum_j f_1^{(j)}(\mathcal{I}_{m_1}, \mathcal{I}_{m_2}, \mathcal{I}_{m_3}) \cdot \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{n_j},$$

SYZYGY

★ Fact: If degrees primary & secondary invariants known then the Molien fct assumes ..

$$\{\mathcal{I}_{m_1}, \mathcal{I}_{m_2}, \mathcal{I}_{m_3}, \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{n_i}, \dots\} \Rightarrow M_{H(\mathbf{3})}(P) = \frac{1 + \sum_i a_{n_i} P^{n_i}}{(1 - P^{m_1})(1 - P^{m_2})(1 - P^{m_3})} .$$

The form of the Molien fct is not unambiguous thus no \Leftarrow implication

★ \Rightarrow establishing primary & secondary invariants is non-trivial

In practice: 1) guess form of Molien fct as above*

2) generate invariants

3) verify syzygies (great sport)

Thm: number of secondary invariants $\equiv 1 + \sum_i a_{n_i} = \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot m_3}{|H|}$,

★ Generating invariants: symmetrize over group (Reynold operator)

$$\mathcal{I}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{R}(H)|} \sum_{h \in \mathcal{R}(H)} f(h \circ x, h \circ y, h \circ z) ,$$

for any ansatz $f(x,y,z)$, \mathcal{I} is an invariant

II.b Exemplified with S_4

★ Molien function takes form (level of ambiguity low)

$$M_{S_4}(P) = \frac{1 + P^9}{(1 - P^2)(1 - P^4)(1 - P^6)} ,$$

★ The following (candidate) primary and secondary invariants are found

$$\mathcal{I}_2[S_4] = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 , \quad \mathcal{I}_6[S_4] = (xyz)^2 , \quad \mathcal{I}_4[S_4] = x^4 + y^4 + z^4 ,$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_9[S_4] = xyz(x^2 - y^2)(y^2 - z^2)(z^2 - x^2) ,$$

★ The one and only syzygy is:

$$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_9^2 = \mathcal{I}_2^4 \mathcal{I}_4 \mathcal{I}_6 - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{I}_2^6 \mathcal{I}_6 - \frac{5}{4} \mathcal{I}_2^2 \mathcal{I}_4^2 \mathcal{I}_6 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{I}_4^3 \mathcal{I}_6 + 5 \mathcal{I}_2^4 \mathcal{I}_6^2 - 9 \mathcal{I}_2 \mathcal{I}_4 \mathcal{I}_6^2 - 27 \mathcal{I}_6^3 ,$$

II.c Problem of **sufficient** criteria for breaking $G \rightarrow H$

- ★ Is the hard problem (in the sense that there's no general strategy)
SO(3) famous Michel criterion '79 counterexamples found
- ★ Illustration of the problem:
Fact 1: A_4, S_4 both leave $I_4 = x^4 + y^4 + z^4$ invariant
Fact 2: A_4 is a subgroup of S_4
 $\Rightarrow I_4$ breaks SO(3) into S_4 (if at all) but not into A_4
- ★ \Rightarrow imposing I_x , SO(3) breaks into maximal subgroup for which I_x is an invariant.
- ★ ought to know entire subgroup tree from G to H (and their invariants)
not known in general
finding subgroups of say SU(n) seems case by case study -- more thought later

no general strategy → look example

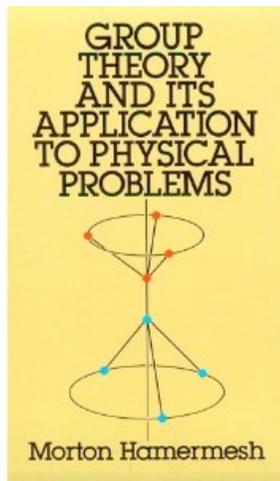
III. Finite subgroups of $SU(3)$

- Of interest flavour model building
- Alternatives to $SU(3)_F$ (eightfold way)
- Discretization of $SU(3)_c$ for lattice e.g. Michael et al

Finite subgroups of SU(3) denoted by F_3

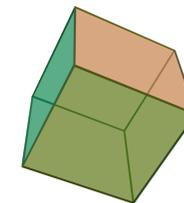
- ★ Classified in a classic book [Miller, Dickson, Blichfeld '1916](#) , analyzed further 8-fold way [Fairbairn, Fulton, Klink '64](#)
Further analyzed (lattice ...) [Bovier, Luling, Wyler '80](#) Rescrutinized tri-bi-hype [Luhn, Nasri Ramand; Fischbacher RZ, Ludl, Grimus 03'](#) onwards
- ★ First SO(3) subgroups (3d irreps) -- then algebraic abstraction SU(3)

Dihedral $D_n = Z_n \rtimes Z_2$



- symmetries of a molecule
- irreps smaller equal to 3

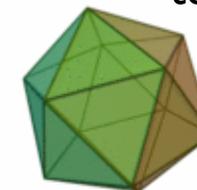
Crystallographic



cube= S_4



tetrahedron= A_4



icosahedron= A_5

“better” approximation to SO(3)

★ Algebraic abstraction to SU(3) (not simple factor groups $Z_3 \times \dots$)

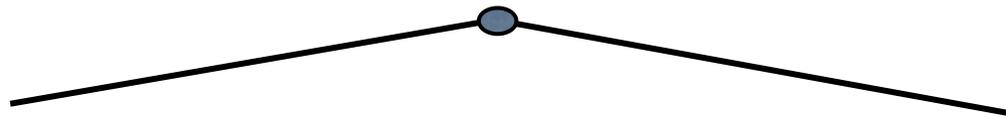
C,D-groups
= dihedral-like
= trihedral

crystallographic
type

Group	Generators C-,D-type	$\Sigma(X)$ -type
$C(n, a, b)$	$E, F(n, a, b)$	
$D(n, a, b; d, r, s)$	$E, F(n, a, b), G(d, r, s)$	
$\Delta(3n^2) = C(n, 0, 1), n \geq 2$	$E, F(n, 0, 1)$	
$\Delta(6n^2) = D(n, 0, 1; 2, 1, 1), n \geq 2$	$E, F(n, 0, 1), G(2, 1, 1)$	
$T_{n[a]} = C(n, 1, a), (1 + a + a^2) = n\mathbb{Z}$	$E, F(n, 1, a)$	
$\Sigma(60) = A_5 = I = Y$	$E, F(2, 0, 1)$	H
$\Sigma(168) = PSL(2, 7)$	$E, M \equiv F(7, 1, 2)$	N
$\Sigma(36\phi)$	$E, J \equiv F(3, 0, 1)$	K
$\Sigma(72\phi)$	$E, J \equiv F(3, 0, 1)$	K, L
$\Sigma(216\phi)$	$E, J = F(3, 0, 1), P \equiv F(9, 2, 2)$	K
$\Sigma(360\phi)$	$E, F(2, 0, 1), Q \equiv G(6, 3, 5)$	H

known generators

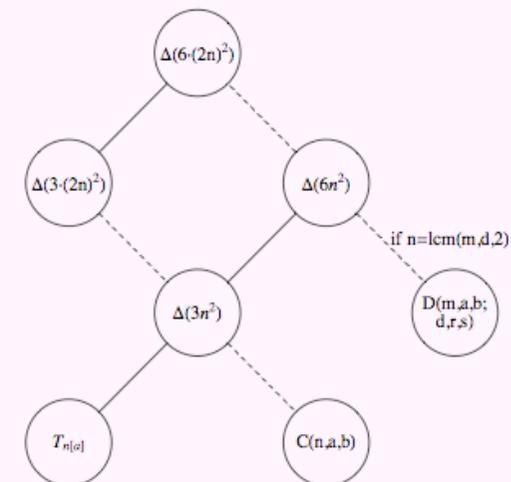
- general C,D-groups not everything is known (continuous progress ...)
- known: topological structure irreps smaller 3/6 respectively
- unknown: order group subgroup (partial results)



General

Database....

work out sufficient criteria
 $SU(3) \rightarrow F_3$ (later)



IV. Database: groups of order smaller 512 (61 of them)

V. Example criteria for breaking
 $SU(3) \rightarrow F_3$

★ $SU(3) \rightarrow F_3$ problem to know $F_3 \subset H \subset SO(3)$

- H might be continuous $SO(3)$ and $SU(2)$ and subgroups thereof
 - a) $SO(3)$ know all the subgroups ok
 - b) notice all subgroups have cyclic generator $E(x,y,z) \rightarrow (y,z,x)$ $SU(2)$ out of the game
- H mixed ... out for the same reason
- H finite one of our list \Rightarrow work with explicit generators



**justify
as generators
specific embedding**

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F(n, a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} \eta^a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta^b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta^{-a-b} \end{pmatrix}, \quad G(d, r, s) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta^s \\ 0 & -\delta^{-r-s} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \mu_- & \mu_+ \\ \mu_- & \mu_+ & -1 \\ \mu_+ & -1 & \mu_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix},$$

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega \\ \omega & 1 & \omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N = \frac{i}{\sqrt{7}} \begin{pmatrix} \beta^4 - \beta^3 & \beta^2 - \beta^5 & \beta - \beta^6 \\ \beta^2 - \beta^5 & \beta - \beta^6 & \beta^4 - \beta^3 \\ \beta - \beta^6 & \beta^4 - \beta^3 & \beta^2 - \beta^5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon\omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\omega \\ 0 & -\omega^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{B.1}$$

$$\eta \equiv e^{2\pi i/n}, \quad \delta \equiv e^{2\pi i/d}, \quad \mu_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(-1 \pm \sqrt{5} \right), \quad \omega \equiv e^{2\pi i/3}, \quad \beta \equiv e^{2\pi i/7}, \quad \epsilon \equiv e^{4\pi i/9}.$$

V.a Crystallographic groups

★ Module embedding rather straightforward (just apply all generators to them.._

Group	Molien function	Invariant of lowest degree that breaks $SU(3) \rightarrow \Sigma(X)$
$\Sigma(60)$	$\frac{1+P^{15}}{(1-P^2)(1-P^6)(1-P^{10})}$	$(\phi_0^2 x^2 - y^2)(\phi_0^2 z^2 - x^2)(\phi_0^2 y^2 - z^2)$
$\Sigma(36\phi)$	$\frac{1+P^9+P^{12}+P^{21}}{(1-P^6)^2(1-P^{12})}$	$(x^6 + 2x^3y^3 - 6x^4yz + cy.) - 18x^2y^2z^2$
$\Sigma(168)$	$\frac{1+P^{21}}{(1-P^4)(1-P^6)(1-P^{14})}$	$x^3z + z^3y + y^3x$
$\Sigma(72\phi)$	$\frac{1+P^{12}+P^{24}}{(1-P^6)(1-P^9)(1-P^{12})}$	$x^6 + y^6 + z^6 - 10x^3y^3 - 10y^3z^3 - 10z^3x^3$
$\Sigma(216\phi)$	$\frac{1+P^{18}+P^{36}}{(1-P^9)(1-P^{12})(1-P^{18})}$	$x^6(y^3 - z^3) + y^6(z^3 - x^3) + z^6(x^3 - y^3)$
$\Sigma(360\phi)$	$\frac{1+P^{45}}{(1-P^6)(1-P^{12})(1-P^{30})}$	$x^6 + y^6 + z^6 + ax^2y^2z^2 + b_+(x^4y^2 + cy.) + b_-(x^4z^2 + cy.)$

famous **Klein-quartic**

$$\phi_0 \equiv \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad a = 3(5 - i\sqrt{15}), \quad b_{\pm} = \frac{3}{8} \left[5 \mp 3\sqrt{5} + i(\sqrt{15} \pm 5\sqrt{3}) \right]$$

V.b $\Delta(6n^2), \Delta(3n^2), T_{n[a]}$ -series

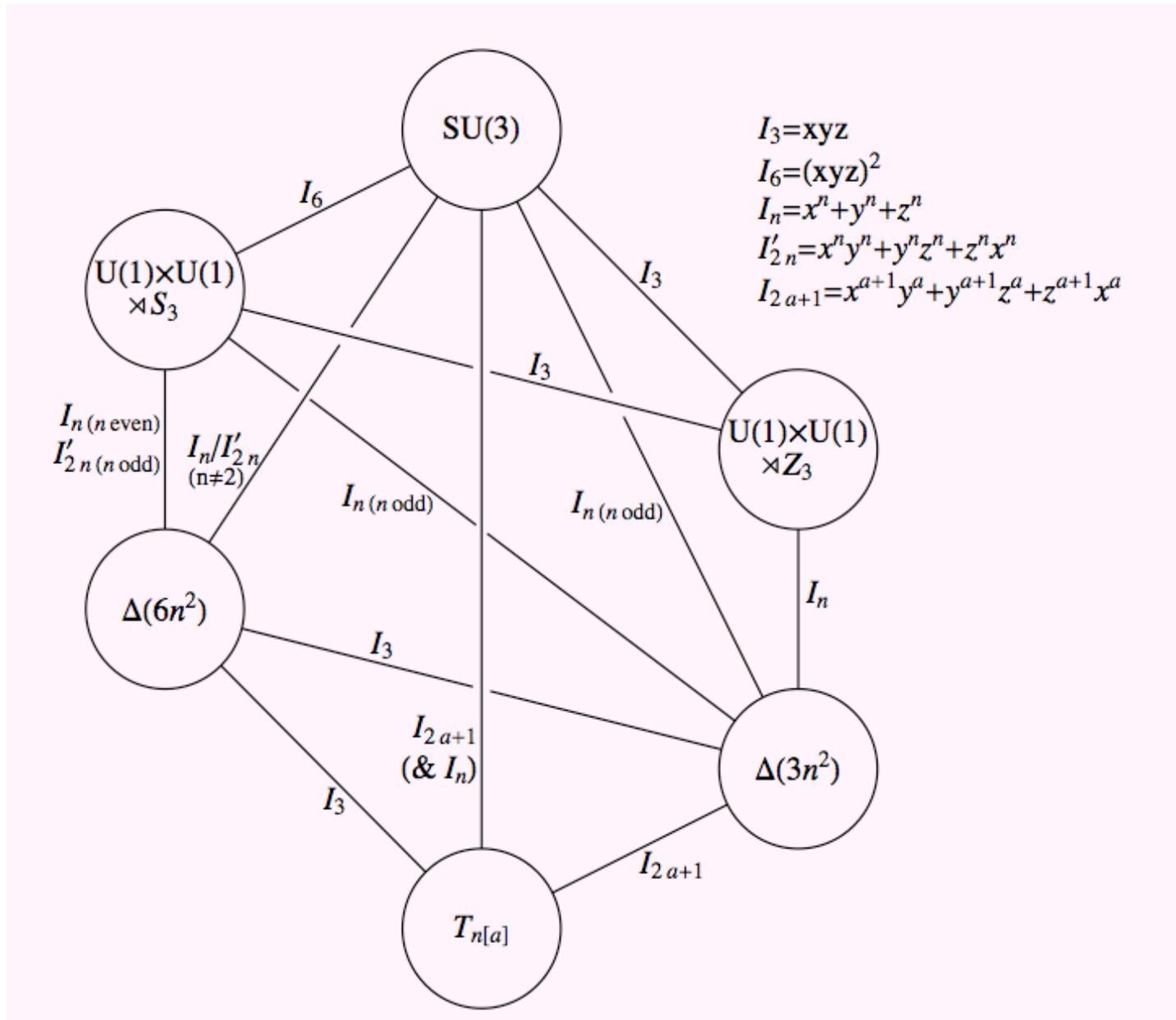
- ★ are the known series amongst C/D subgroups -- dihedral-like
- ★ insight comes from invariants & syzygies -- doable for general n (exceptional)!

Group	Type	Invariants
$\Delta(3n^2)$	primary	$\mathcal{I}_3 = xyz,$ $\mathcal{I}_n = x^n + y^n + z^n$ $\mathcal{I}_{2n} = x^{2n} + y^{2n} + z^{2n}$
	secondary	$\mathcal{I}_{3n} = x^{3n} + y^{3n} + z^{3n}$
	syzygy	$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{3n}^2 = 9\mathcal{I}_3^{2n} + 9\mathcal{I}_3^n \mathcal{I}_n \mathcal{I}_{2n} + \frac{9}{4}\mathcal{I}_n^2 \mathcal{I}_{2n}^2 - 3\mathcal{I}_3^n \mathcal{I}_n^3 - \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{I}_n^4 \mathcal{I}_{2n} + \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{I}_n^6$
$\Delta(6n^2)$ even n	primary	$\mathcal{I}_6 = (xyz)^2,$ $\mathcal{I}_n = x^n + y^n + z^n$ $\mathcal{I}_{2n} = x^{2n} + y^{2n} + z^{2n}$
	secondary	$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{3n+3} = xyz(x^n - y^n)(y^n - z^n)(z^n - x^n)$
	syzygy	$\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{3n+3}^2 = \mathcal{I}_6 \left[\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{I}_{2n}^3 - 27\mathcal{I}_6^n - 9\mathcal{I}_6^{n/2} \mathcal{I}_n \mathcal{I}_{2n} + 5\mathcal{I}_6^{n/2} \mathcal{I}_n^3 + \mathcal{I}_n^4 \mathcal{I}_{2n} - \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{I}_n^6 - \frac{5}{4}\mathcal{I}_n^2 \mathcal{I}_{2n}^2 \right]$

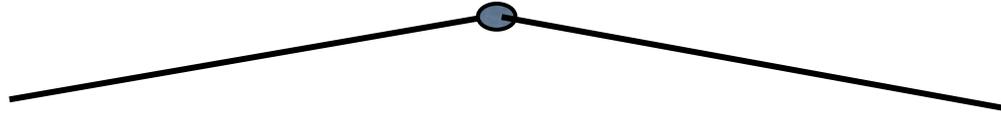
suggests the that the dihdral-like groups are generalizations tetrahedron/cube by changing the euclidian metric

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 A_4; S_4 : & \rightarrow & \Delta(3n^2); \Delta(6n^2)_{n \in 2\mathbb{N}} : S_3 : & \rightarrow & \Delta(6n^2)_{n \in 2\mathbb{N}+1} : & & \\
 x^2 + y^2 + z^2 & \rightarrow & x^n + y^n + z^n . & & xy + yz + zx & \rightarrow & x^n y^n + y^n z^n + z^n x^n ,
 \end{array}$$

★ after tedious (yet fun -- geometric intuition) work we were able to show:



V.c Hint at questions of embedding



equivalent embedding
= similarity transformation

$g' = AgA^{-1}$
using Schur's Lemma
& subgroup tree show
not "lost" anything

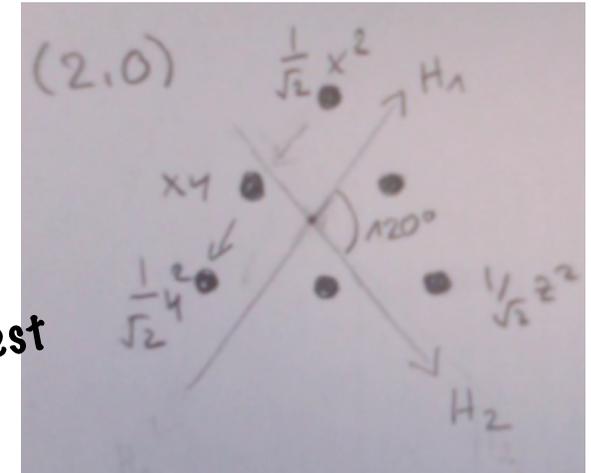
inequivalent embedding
= distinct irrep

e.g. A_5 **3,3'**
show image same or complex conjugate
(latter case particle/anti-particle)

VI. The complex spherical harmonics

SU(3)-representation functions

- ★ eigenfunctions of Laplacian on SU(3)/SU(2)
- ★ formal construction SU(3) rank 2 -- basis Cartan subalgebra $\{T_3, T_8\}$
 $T_3 = \frac{1}{2}(x\partial_x - y\partial_y)$, $T_8 = ..$ highest weight $(p,0) \leftrightarrow x^p$
- ★ $(p,q) = \{ \text{polynom degree } (p,q) \text{ in } (\{x,y,z\}, \{x^*, y^*, z^*\}) / \{xx^* + yy^* + zz^*\}$



simplest

- ★ comparison of SO(3) vs SU(3)

group	SO(3)	SU(3)
rank	$1 \leftrightarrow l$	$2 \leftrightarrow (p, q)$
repres. fct.	$Y_{l,m}$	$h_{(p,q)}^{rst}$
fct. on manifold	$SO(3)/SO(2) \simeq S_2$	$SU(3)/SU(2) \simeq S_5$
embedding	$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ with $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$	$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ with $z_1\bar{z}_1 + z_2\bar{z}_2 + z_3\bar{z}_3 = \rho^2$
labelling irrep	$(l) \in \mathbb{N}_0$	$(p, q) \in \mathbb{N}_0^2$
dim(irrep)	$(2l + 1)$	$(p+1)(q+1)(p+q+2)/2$
labelling states irrep	$m = -l..l$	$r = 0..q, s = 0..p, t = 0..(p+r-s)$

Fun example $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{\text{SU}(3)} \rightarrow S_3$

★ Branching rule $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{\text{SU}(3)} \rightarrow (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}' + 3 \mathbf{2})_{S_3} \Rightarrow$ one S_3 -invariant in $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$ basis

★ This smells of eightfold way let's guess the invariant
 S_3 is a discrete flavour symmetry exchanging the x,y,z or u,d,s flavours

$$\mathcal{I}[S_3]_{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}} = xy^* + yx^* + z^*y + y^*z + x^*y + xz^* = v[S_3]_{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})} ,$$

$$v[S_3]_{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}} = (1, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, -1, -1) ,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})} = \left\{ xz^*, -yz^*, \frac{xx^* + yy^* - 2zz^*}{\sqrt{6}}, xy^*, \frac{xx^* - yy^*}{\sqrt{2}}, -x^*y, -y^*z, -x^*z \right\}$$

★ Construct Gell-Mann basis above (well in this case it's just the structure constants and check that S_3 -generators lead to a representation of S_3
 (this representation is reducible $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0})_{\text{SU}(3)} \rightarrow (\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2})_{S_3}$)

VII. The tensor-generating function

★ The Molien function counts the number of invariants
Is there an object that counts the number of covariants (=tensors)?

★ The (tensor)-generating function

$$M_H(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{f}; P) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{R}_f(h)|} \sum_{h \in H} \frac{\chi_{\mathbf{c}}[h]^*}{\det(\mathbf{1} - P\mathcal{R}_f(h))} = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n P^n$$

Thm: positive c_n number of \mathbf{c} -tensor in the irrep \mathbf{f} where $\chi_{\mathbf{c}}[h] = \text{tr}[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{c}}(h)]$ is the character
N.B. reduces to Molien fct for $\mathbf{c}=\mathbf{1}$, $\mathbf{f}=\mathbf{3}$; since $\chi_{\mathbf{1}}[h] = 1$

★ Similar program of syzygies, primary and secondary covariants etc applies (details paper...)

Important application: branching rules

★ Invariant generating fct = Molien fct $\Rightarrow (p,q) \rightarrow (n^I_{(p,q)} + \dots)_{F_3}$ number of invariants in branching rule

★ \Rightarrow **c**-Tensor generating fct $\Rightarrow (p,q) \rightarrow (n^c_{(p,q)} + \dots)_{F_3}$ number of **c**-tensors in branching rule

get the branching rules!!!

★ computed all tensor-generating fcts for database -- example how it works:

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In[1]:= SetDirectory["...(your directory).../SUtree_v1p0/"];  
  
In[2]:= $RecursionLimit=260;  
        <<SUtree.m  
  
In[3]:= BranchingSU3[{3,0}, "A4"];  
Out[3]= {{3, 0}, 10, {1, 1}, {3, 1}, {3, 1}, {3, 1}}
```

Epilogue

open ends

- ★ U(3) rather than SU(3)
 - classification not done (Ludl'10 some progress)
 - thought $U(3) = U(1) \times SU(3)$ more complicated than $F_1 \times F_3$ (there can be twists)
- ★ Generalization to SU(n) ... how much is known
 - Hanney & He '99 "A Monograph on the classification of the discrete subgroups of SU(4)"
 - Bet on "quadrihedral" groups $Z_n \times Z_n \times Z_n \rtimes Z_4$ with invariants $x^n + y^n + z^n + w^n$ and alike
- ★ Language between explicit and spontaneous breaking
 - how does potential look like which breaks $SU(3) \rightarrow F_3$? "What's the landscape?"
 - suppose explicit breaking terms are non-renormalizable
can potential in SSB-picture be renormalizable?
(examples in the literature give no answer ..)

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