

Exercise 1: Non-Abelian and Abelian gauge transformations.

- (a) A field (fermion or scalar) is said to transform under the “fundamental” representation of a non-Abelian gauge group $SU(N)$ if $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi' = U\Phi$, where U is a gauge transformation matrix. The covariant derivative is written as $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igA_\mu$, where g is a coupling constant and A_μ are traceless and Hermitean matrices. Show that for gauge “covariance”, $D'_\mu \Phi' = UD_\mu \Phi$, the matrix A_μ needs to transform as

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = UA_\mu U^{-1} + \frac{i}{g} U \partial_\mu U^{-1} .$$

- (b) Show that if $U \in SU(N)$, then A'_μ is also traceless and Hermitean.
- (c) A traceless and Hermitean matrix Ξ is said to transform under the “adjoint” representation of a gauge group $SU(N)$ if $\Xi \rightarrow \Xi' = U \Xi U^{-1}$. Show that in this case it is the structure $[D_\mu, \Xi]$ which transforms covariantly: $[D'_\mu, \Xi'] = U[D_\mu, \Xi]U^{-1}$.
- (d) Various MSM fields have different “charges” with respect to the Abelian $U_Y(1)$ gauge group, whereas with respect to the non-Abelian groups all fields transform in the same way (or do not transform at all). Can you explain why different fields can have different couplings ($g_Y \rightarrow g_Y Y$) for the single gauge group $U_Y(1)$?

Exercise 2: Conjugate Higgs field. A general $SU(2)$ transformation can be written as

$$U = \sigma^0 \cos |\alpha| + i \sum_{a=1}^3 \sigma^a \alpha^a \frac{\sin |\alpha|}{|\alpha|} , \quad |\alpha| := \left(\sum_{a=1}^3 \alpha^a \alpha^a \right)^{1/2} .$$

Here σ^a , $a = 1, 2, 3$, are the Pauli matrices, α^a are real parameters, and $\sigma^0 := \mathbb{1}_{2 \times 2}$.

- (a) Verify that $U \in SU(2)$.
- (b) If Φ transforms as $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi' = U e^{ig_Y Y \theta} \Phi$, then how does $\tilde{\Phi} \equiv i\sigma^2 \Phi^*$ transform?

Exercise 3: Hypercharge assignments. The fields Φ , Q_{iL} , u_{jR} , d_{jR} , L_{iL} , ν_{jR} , e_{jR} have the hypercharge assignments $-\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{6}$, $-\frac{2}{3}$, $+\frac{1}{3}$, $+\frac{1}{2}$, 0 , $+1$, respectively.

- (a) Verify that the following Yukawa interactions are invariant both under $SU_L(2)$ and $U_Y(1)$:

$$\bar{Q}_{iL} \tilde{\Phi} u_{jR} , \quad \bar{Q}_{iL} \Phi d_{jR} , \quad \bar{L}_{iL} \tilde{\Phi} \nu_{jR} , \quad \bar{L}_{iL} \Phi e_{jR} .$$

- (b) Leaving the assignments of Φ and the leptons fixed, but generalizing that of d_{jR} to be $(N_c - 1)/(2N_c)$, where N_c is a free integer, determine the assignments of Q_{iL} and u_{jR} .