

The sign of \mathcal{K}^i can be determined by comparing the action of its non-relativistic counterpart in an active transformation with the translation operator and using the representation in terms of derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}\exp\left[-i(\vec{a}\vec{\mathcal{P}} + \vec{v}\vec{\mathcal{K}})\right] &= \exp\left[-i(\vec{a} + \vec{v}t)\vec{\mathcal{P}}\right] \implies \mathcal{K}^i = x^0\mathcal{P}^i = -it\nabla^i \\ \implies [\mathcal{K}^i, \mathcal{H}] &= [-it\nabla^i, i\partial_t] = -\nabla^i = -i\mathcal{P}^i\end{aligned}$$

The relativistic definition is then

$$\mathcal{M}^{0i} = \mathcal{K}^i = x^0\mathcal{P}^i - x^i\mathcal{P}^0$$

Likewise, as in non-relativistic quantum mechanics,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}^{ij} &= \epsilon^{ijk}\mathcal{J}^k = x^i\mathcal{P}^j - x^j\mathcal{P}^i \\ \implies \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu} &= x^\mu\mathcal{P}^\nu - x^\nu\mathcal{P}^\mu\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Polarization vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^\mu(\vec{0}, \lambda') \vec{\mathcal{J}}_{\lambda'\lambda}^{(j)} &= \vec{\mathbb{J}}^\mu_\nu \epsilon^\nu(\vec{0}, \lambda) \\ \implies \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^0(\vec{0}, \lambda') \vec{\mathcal{J}}_{\lambda'\lambda}^{(j)} &= \vec{\mathbb{J}}^0_\nu \epsilon^\nu(\vec{0}, \lambda) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \epsilon^0(\vec{0}, \lambda) = \epsilon^0(\vec{0}, 0) \equiv \epsilon^0(\vec{0})$ describes particles with $j = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda) &= 2\delta_k^i \epsilon^k(\vec{0}, \lambda) = \vec{\mathbb{J}}^i_j \vec{\mathbb{J}}^j_k \epsilon^k(\vec{0}, \lambda) = \sum_{\lambda'\lambda''} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda') \vec{\mathcal{J}}_{\lambda'\lambda''}^{(j)} \vec{\mathcal{J}}_{\lambda''\lambda}^{(j)} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^0(\vec{0}, \lambda') j(j+1) \delta_{\lambda'\lambda} = j(j+1) \epsilon^0(\vec{0}, \lambda) \implies \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda) \rightarrow j = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbb{J}_3)^i_j \epsilon^j(\vec{0}, \lambda) = \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda') (\mathcal{J}_3)_{\lambda'\lambda}^{(1)} = \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda') \lambda \delta_{\lambda'\lambda} = \lambda \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda)$$

$\implies \epsilon^\mu(\vec{0}, 0) \propto (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$. We normalize so that $\epsilon^\mu(\vec{0}, 0) = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{J}_1 \pm i\mathbb{J}_2)^i_j \epsilon^j(\vec{0}, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \mp 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ \pm 1 & +i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mp 1 \\ -i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda') (\mathcal{J}_1 \pm i\mathcal{J}_2)_{\lambda'0}^{(1)} = \sum_{\lambda'} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \lambda') \sqrt{2} \delta_{\lambda', \pm 1} = \sqrt{2} \epsilon^i(\vec{0}, \pm 1) \\ \implies \epsilon^\mu(\vec{0}, +1) &\equiv \epsilon_R^\mu(\vec{0}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \epsilon^\mu(\vec{0}, -1) \equiv \epsilon_L^\mu(\vec{0}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where ϵ_R^μ appears with an extra overall sign relative to usual conventions.

We can write the standard boost as $L(\vec{p}) = R_3(\phi) R_2(\theta) B_3(\xi)$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \xi & 0 & 0 & \sinh \xi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sinh \xi & 0 & 0 & \cosh \xi \end{pmatrix}$$