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# Unit 12 - Week 11

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Lecture 41: Lorentz Boosts, SO(3,1) Algebra-I

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Lecture 43: Representation

## Week 11-Assignment 11-MCQ

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment. **Due on 2018-10-17, 23:59 IST.**

1) The generators of the Lorentz Group treated as the real group  $SO(3, 1)$  are **1 point**

- all hermitian
- some skew-symmetric and some symmetric
- all unitary
- mostly orthogonal

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*some skew-symmetric and some symmetric*

2) A pseudovector can be distinguished from an ordinary vector by the operation of **1 point**

- Time Reversal
- Lorentz boost
- Space Inversion
- Spacetime Translation

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*Space Inversion*

3) Orthochronous Proper Lorentz transformation are characterised by, **1 point**

$\Lambda_0^0 \geq 1, \det \Lambda = 1$

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**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

$$\Lambda_0^0 \geq 1, \det \Lambda = 1$$

4) With the definition  $\gamma^5 \equiv i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3$ , evaluate the anti-commutator  $\{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\}$  where  $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$  (Metric convention  $\text{diag}(+, -, -, -)$ ) **1 point**

 0

$2\eta^{5\mu}\mathbb{I}_{n \times n}$

$-2\eta^{5\mu}\mathbb{I}_{n \times n}$

 None of the above
**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

0

5) For the irreps of  $SO(3, 1)$  written in the form  $(j_A, j_B)$ , all particles that are unchanged under space inversion must have **1 point**

$j_A - j_B = \frac{1}{2}$

$j_A > j_B$

$j_A < j_B$

$j_A = j_B$

**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

$$j_A = j_B$$

6) The  $2 \times 2$  matrix form of  $\mathbb{V} = V^0\mathbb{I} + \vec{V} \cdot \vec{\tau}$  is **1 point**

$\begin{pmatrix} V^0 - V^3 & V^1 - iV^2 \\ V^1 + iV^2 & V^0 + V^3 \end{pmatrix}$

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**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} V^0 + V^3 & V^1 - iV^2 \\ V^1 + iV^2 & V^0 - V^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

7) Pick out the conditions imposed on  $\gamma$  matrices as per the convention used in class. **1 point**

$$(\gamma^0)^\dagger = \gamma^0, (\gamma^i)^\dagger = \gamma^i$$

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**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:**

$$(\gamma^0)^\dagger = \gamma^0, (\gamma^i)^\dagger = -\gamma^i$$

8) The physical quantity that provides the generators of spacetime translations in 4 dimensions is **1 point**

the momentum 4-vector

the Hamiltonian

the orbital angular momentum

spin angular momentum

**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:***the momentum 4-vector*9) To build Clifford algebra for  $SO(6)$  with metric  $\mathbb{I}_{6 \times 6}$ , we need **1 point** $2 \times 2$  matrices $4 \times 4$  matrices $6 \times 6$  matrices $8 \times 8$  matrices**No, the answer is incorrect.****Score: 0****Accepted Answers:** $8 \times 8$  matrices10) Evaluate Trace  $(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)$  where  $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3$  **1 point**

0

 $2\eta^{\mu\nu}$

$$-2\eta^{\mu\nu}$$



$$4\eta^{\mu\nu}$$

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

$$4\eta^{\mu\nu}$$

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