

All problems are similar to homework problems or material covered in the lectures.

1.

$$ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

a.

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

b.

$$\theta^\mu \rightarrow \theta^\mu + \epsilon \zeta^\mu(\theta, \phi)$$

We want to find functions

$$A(\theta, \phi) = \zeta^1(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\text{and } B(\theta, \phi) = \zeta^2(\theta, \phi)$$

such that ds^2 remains invariant under the transformations.

$$\theta \rightarrow \theta + \epsilon A(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \epsilon B(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\sin \theta \rightarrow \sin(\theta + \epsilon A) \approx \sin \theta + \epsilon A \cos \theta$$

$$\sin^2 \theta \rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + 2\epsilon A \sin \theta \cos \theta + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Keeping terms to first order in ϵ

$$d\theta \rightarrow (1 + \epsilon \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta})d\theta + \epsilon \frac{\partial A}{\partial \phi}d\phi$$

$$d\phi \rightarrow \epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta}d\theta + (1 + \epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \phi})d\phi$$

$$d\theta^2 \rightarrow (1 + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta})d\theta^2 + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial A}{\partial \phi}d\theta d\phi$$

$$d\phi^2 \rightarrow (1 + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \phi})d\phi^2 + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta}d\theta d\phi$$

$$\sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \rightarrow \sin^2 \theta (1 + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \phi})d\phi^2 + \sin^2 \theta 2\epsilon \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta}d\theta d\phi + 2\epsilon A \sin \theta \cos \theta d\phi^2$$

we demand that ds^2 remains invariant.

$$d\theta^2 + \sin \theta d\phi^2 \rightarrow d\theta^2 + \sin \theta d\phi^2 + \underbrace{\dots\dots\dots}_{\text{terms that vanish}}$$

demanding that the additional terms vanish we obtain the following constraints

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta^2 : \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} = 0 &\Rightarrow A = A(\phi) = f'(\phi) = \frac{df}{d\phi} \\ d\phi^2 : \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial B}{\partial \phi} + A \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{df}{d\phi} \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \Rightarrow B = -f(\phi) \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + g(\theta) \\ d\theta d\phi : \frac{\partial A}{\partial \phi} + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta} = 0 &\Rightarrow f'' + \sin^2 \theta \left(\frac{f(\phi)}{\sin^2 \theta} + g'(\theta) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) In the lecture we have derived

$$\dot{p}_0 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_0}.$$

Therefore, p_0 is constant in time if H does not depend on q_0 .

One example for such a system is given in part (b) below, where H does not depend on ϕ . A second example would be a one dimensional harmonic oscillator (in x) embedded in two dimensions such that there is no y dependence and therefore the momentum $p_y = \text{constant}$.

(b) In polar coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \\ y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \\ z &= r \cos \theta, \end{aligned}$$

the kinetic energy is given by

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$$\frac{1}{2}m \left[\dot{r}^2 + (r\dot{\theta})^2 + (r \sin \theta \dot{\phi})^2 \right],$$

and with the potential energy V the Lagrangian is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m \left[\dot{r}^2 + (r\dot{\theta})^2 + (r \sin \theta \dot{\phi})^2 \right] - V.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} p_r &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} = m\dot{r}, \\ p_\theta &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = mr^2\dot{\theta}, \\ p_\phi &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = mr^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i - L = m\dot{r}^2 + mr^2\dot{\theta}^2 + mr^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{m}{2} \left(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2 \right) + V \\
&= \frac{m}{2} \left(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2 \right) + V \\
&= \frac{p_r^2}{2m} + \frac{p_\theta^2}{2mr^2} + \frac{p_\phi^2}{2mr^2 \sin^2 \theta} + V.
\end{aligned}$$

With this we get

$$\dot{p}_\phi = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = 0.$$

An axisymmetric potential does not depend on ϕ , so p_ϕ is a constant of the motion, and the angular momentum about the symmetry axis is conserved.

3. (a) Two-particle states are defined by

$$|\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\rangle = a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1)a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2)|0\rangle,$$

with $|\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_1\rangle$ as $[a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2)] = 0$.

We also know that

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$$[a(\mathbf{p}_1), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2)] = (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2 | \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2 \rangle &= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
&= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
&= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \} | 0 \rangle \\
&\quad + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
&= (2\pi)^3 2p_2^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_1) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \} | 0 \rangle \\
&\quad + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) a(\mathbf{p}'_1) + (2\pi)^3 2p_2^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \} | 0 \rangle \\
&= (2\pi)^6 (2p_1^0)(2p_2^0) \{ \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) + \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) The number operator is

$$N := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}').$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{With this } [N, a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] &= \left[\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} [a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') [a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] + [a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] a(\mathbf{p}') \} \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') 2p'^0 (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}).
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) - a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})N &= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \\
\Rightarrow Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) &= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})(N+1), \\
\text{and } N|\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \mathbf{p}_n\rangle &= Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1)(N+1)a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1)a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2)(N+2) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= \dots = a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)(N+n)|0\rangle \\
&= n a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \quad (\text{as } a(\mathbf{p})|0\rangle = 0 \text{ and so } N|0\rangle = 0) \\
&= n|\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \mathbf{p}_n\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + im\psi &= 0, \quad (\partial_\mu \psi^\dagger) \gamma^{\mu\dagger} - im\psi^\dagger = 0 \\
\Rightarrow (\partial_\mu \psi^\dagger) \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 - im\psi^\dagger &= 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \gamma^\mu - im\bar{\psi} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

(a) With this

$$\partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) = (\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \gamma^\mu \psi + \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu \psi) = (im\bar{\psi}) \psi + \bar{\psi} (-im\psi) = 0.$$

(b) Similarly, and with $\{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\} = 0$ we get

$$\partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi) = (\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi + \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 (\partial_\mu \psi) = (im\bar{\psi}) \gamma^5 \psi - \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 (im\psi) = 2im\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi.$$

(c) From the Dirac equation for the spinors \bar{u}_f and u_i we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \bar{u}_f (\not{p}_f - m) \gamma^\mu u_i = \bar{u}_f \gamma^\mu (\not{p}_i - m) u_i \\
\Rightarrow 2m\bar{u}_f \gamma^\mu u_i &= \bar{u}_f (\not{p}_f \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \not{p}_i) u_i \\
\text{and } \not{p}_f \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \not{p}_i &= \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu p_{f\nu} + \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu p_{i\nu}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu &= 2g^{\mu\nu}, \\
\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu &= -2i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \\
\Rightarrow \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu &= g^{\mu\nu} - i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} + i\sigma^{\mu\nu}.
\end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\not{p}_f \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \not{p}_i = g^{\mu\nu} (p_f + p_i)_\nu + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} (p_f - p_i)_\nu = (p_f + p_i)^\mu + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} (p_f - p_i)_\nu,$$

and finally have derived the Gordon decomposition

$$\bar{u}_f \gamma^\mu u_i = \frac{1}{2m} \bar{u}_f [(p_f + p_i)^\mu + i\sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_f - p_i)_\nu] u_i.$$

5. (a) The electromagnetic field strength tensor is given by

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu,$$

and the electromagnetic Lagrangian is

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\text{e.m.}} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\alpha} \eta^{\nu\beta} (\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha)(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu). \end{aligned}$$

The Euler-Lagrange equations of motion for this Lagrangian are obtained from

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_\mu} = 0.$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial A_\mu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) = 0.$$

Hence calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\delta A_\epsilon)} &= -\frac{1}{4} \eta^{\alpha\mu} \eta^{\beta\nu} [(\delta_\alpha^\delta \delta_\beta^\epsilon - \delta_\beta^\delta \delta_\alpha^\epsilon)(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) \\ &\quad + (\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha)(\delta_\mu^\delta \delta_\nu^\epsilon - \delta_\nu^\delta \delta_\mu^\epsilon)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} [(\eta^{\delta\mu} \eta^{\epsilon\nu} - \eta^{\epsilon\mu} \eta^{\delta\nu})(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) \\ &\quad + (\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha)(\eta^{\alpha\delta} \eta^{\beta\epsilon} - \eta^{\alpha\epsilon} \eta^{\beta\delta})] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} 4 [\partial^\delta A^\epsilon - \partial^\epsilon A^\delta] \\ &= -F^{\delta\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\delta} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\delta A_\epsilon)} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\delta} F^{\delta\epsilon} = 0,$$

which are the Maxwell equations in the absence of sources.

(b)

$$A_\mu \rightarrow \tilde{A}_\mu = A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu \tilde{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \tilde{A}_\mu = \partial_\mu (A_\nu + \partial_\nu \Lambda) - \partial_\nu (A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda) \\ &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \Lambda - \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \Lambda \\ &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = F_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

as the derivatives of the scalar function Λ commute. With $F_{\mu\nu}$ also $L_{\text{e.m.}}$ is invariant under the transformation.

(c) The Lagrangian for a massive photon without sources is given by

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + m^2 A_\mu A^\mu.$$

As before the first term is invariant under the transformation considered above. However, the second term transforms as

$$m^2 A_\mu A^\mu \rightarrow m^2 \tilde{A}_\mu \tilde{A}^\mu = m^2 A_\mu A^\mu + m^2 (\partial_\mu \Lambda \partial^\mu \Lambda + \partial_\mu \Lambda A^\mu + A_\mu \partial^\mu \Lambda).$$

The extra terms do not vanish, so the mass term would not be invariant under the transformation, i.e. *break the invariance*. Insisting on the invariance therefore forbids the mass term, i.e. $m^2 = 0$ and the photon has to remain massless.

6a. To show that orbital angular momentum is a constant of the motion we have to show that it commutes with the Hamiltonian, *i.e.*

$$[\hat{L}_i, \hat{H}] = 0,$$

where the \hat{L}_i 's are the components of the angular momentum operator in the x , y and z directions. For a free particle the Hamiltonian is given by $H = \vec{p}^2/(2m)$ and the orbital angular momentum is given by $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$. Hence, for example, for L_z (we drop the hats from now on) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [L_z, p^2] &= [xp_y - yp_z, p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2] \\ &= [x, p_x^2]p_y - [y, p_y^2]p_x \\ &= (p_x[x, p_x] + [x, p_x]p_x)p_y - (p_y[y, p_y] + [y, p_y]p_y)p_x \\ &= (2i\hbar p_x p_y - 2i\hbar p_y p_x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where we used the commutation relations $[x_i, p_j] = i\hbar\delta_{ij}$. Similar results are obtained for L_x and L_y . Hence, the orbital angular momentum commutes with the Hamiltonian and is a constant of the motion.

- 6b. Similarly to show that the orbital angular momentum is not a constant of the motion for a Dirac particle, we have to show that it does not commute with the Dirac Hamiltonian,

$$H = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m = \alpha_i p_i + \beta m$$

where summation over i is assumed.

$$[L_z, H] = [x, H]p_y - [y, H]p_x = i\hbar(\alpha_x p_y - \alpha_y p_x) = i\hbar(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_z$$

hence

$$[\vec{L}, H] = i\hbar \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p} \neq 0$$

and consequently orbital angular momentum does not commute with the Hamiltonian and is not a constant of the motion.

- 6c. The total angular momentum for a Dirac particle is

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

where \vec{L} is the orbital angular momentum and \vec{S} is the spin angular momentum. we saw in part b that $[\vec{L}, H] = i\hbar \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}$ hence we need to find \vec{S} such that

$$[\vec{S}, H] = -i\hbar \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}$$

We take

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma}$$

with

$$\Sigma_j = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_j & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_j \end{pmatrix}$$

where σ_j are the Pauli matrices and the 0 entries are 2×2 zero matrices. It is easy to verify that

$$[\frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma}, H] = -i\hbar \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}$$

and therefore $[\vec{J}, H] = 0$ and the total angular momentum \vec{J} is a constant of the motion.

- 7(a). 2 diagonal generators.

$$\lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \lambda_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

7b. $D = 8$

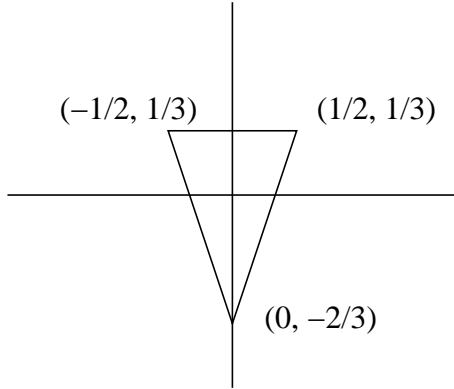
$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

7c.

$$3 = (2, 1/3) + (1, -2/3)$$

under the maximal subgroup $SU(2) \times U(1)$

7d.



7e.

$$\begin{aligned}3 \times \bar{3} &= \{(2, 1/3) + (1, -2/3)\} \times \{(2, -1/3) + (1, 2/3)\} = \\ &8 + 1 = \{(2, +1) + (3, 0) + (1, 0) + (2, -1)\} + (1, 0)\end{aligned}$$

7f.

$$\begin{aligned}3 \times 3 &= \{(2, 1/3) + (1, -2/3)\} \times \{(2, 1/3) + (1, -2/3)\} = \\ &6 + \bar{3} = \{(3, 2/3) + (2, -1/3) + (1, -4/3)\} + \{(2, -1/3) + (1, 2/3)\}\end{aligned}$$