

## TRANSFORMATION PROPERTIES OF PSEUDOSCALAR AND PSEUDOVECTOR BILINEAR FORMS

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### ABSTRACT

By using spinor calculus the following Lorentz transformation properties of pseudoscalar and pseudovector bilinear forms are proved:

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma_5\Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda] \bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma_5\Psi(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma_5\gamma^\mu\Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda]\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma_5\gamma^\nu\Psi(x)$$

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### INTRODUCTION

Let  $GL(4, R)$  be the general linear group on  $R^4$ , then the Lorentz group  $L$  is defined as follows [Muller-Kirsten 1987]

$$L \equiv O(1,3) = \{ \Lambda \in GL(4, R) \mid \Lambda^T g \Lambda = g \}$$

where  $g$  is the metric tensor  
 $g = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$

The proper Lorentz group  $L_+$  is defined by

$$L_+ \equiv SO(1,3) = \{ \Lambda \in O(1,3) \mid \det \Lambda = +1 \}$$

while the improper Lorentz group  $L$  is defined by

$$L_- = \{ \Lambda \in O(1,3) \mid \det \Lambda = -1 \}$$

The orthochronous Lorentz transformations  $L^\uparrow$  are defined by

$$L^\uparrow = \{ \Lambda \in O(1,3) \mid \Lambda^0{}_0 \geq 1 \}$$

The restricted Lorentz group, synonymously the proper orthochronous

Lorentz group  $L_+^\uparrow$  is defined by

$$L_+^\uparrow = L_+ \cap L^\uparrow$$

Let  $\Psi'(x')$  and  $\Psi(x)$  be the four-component Dirac spinors at the space-time points  $x'$  and  $x$  respectively, then Lorentz covariance is expressed by [Bjorken 1964]

$$\Psi'(x') = S(\Lambda)\Psi(x)$$

where the 4 X 4 matrix S satisfies

$$S^{-1}(\Lambda)\gamma^\mu S(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu_{\nu}\gamma^\nu \tag{1}$$

and where in the Weyl (Chiral) representation

$$\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

with  $\sigma^\mu = (\sigma^0, \sigma) = (1, \sigma)$  (3a)

$\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (\bar{\sigma}^0, \bar{\sigma}) = (1, -\sigma)$  (3b)

and with  $\sigma = (\sigma^1, \sigma^2, \sigma^3)$  being the three Pauli matrices. Also

$$\Psi_a(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_A \\ \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{A}} \end{pmatrix} \quad a = 1,2,3,4 \text{ and } A, \bar{A} = 1,2 \tag{3c}$$

The improper Lorentz transformation that we shall consider is the space inversion operator

$$S = P \doteq \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) = g^{\mu\nu}$$

Eq. (1) then becomes

$$g^{\mu\nu}\gamma^\nu = P^{-1}\gamma^\mu P \tag{4}$$

Eq. (4) is satisfied by

$$P = e^{i\phi}\gamma_0 \tag{5}$$

where  $\phi$  is a phase factor. We may note the commutation relation

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5\} = 0 \quad (6a)$$

from which it follows that

$$\{S, \gamma^5\} = 0 \quad (6b)$$

We may note that in the Weyl (chiral) representation

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

as a special case of Eq. (6b), we have

$$P\gamma^5 = -\gamma^5P \quad (6c)$$

Covariant and contravariant undotted spinors transform respectively as follows

$$\phi'_A = M_A^B \phi_B \quad A, B = 1, 2 \quad (7a)$$

$$\phi'^A = (M^{-1T})^A_B \phi^B \quad A, B = 1, 2 \quad (7b)$$

where  $M(M^{-1T})$  is the self-representation (equivalent self-representation) on the representation space  $F(F^*)$  of  $SL(2, C)$ , where

$$SL(2, C) = \{M \in GL(2, C) \mid \det M = +1\}$$

Similarly, covariant and contravariant dotted spinors transform respectively as follows

$$\bar{\Psi}'_A = (M^*)^{\dot{A}}_A \bar{\Psi}_{\dot{B}} \quad (8a)$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'^{\dot{A}} = (M^{*-1T})^{\dot{A}}_{\dot{B}} \bar{\Psi}^{\dot{B}} \quad (8b)$$

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where

$M^* (M^{*-1T})$  is the self-conjugate (equivalent self-conjugate) representation of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  on the representation space  $\dot{F}(\dot{F}^*)$  of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

### PROOF OF THE PSEUDOSCALAR BILINEAR FORM IDENTITY

In an earlier paper [Odundun, 2000] the following two identities were proved:

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\Psi'(x') = \bar{\Psi}(x)\Psi(x)$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma^\mu\Psi'(x') = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma^\nu\Psi(x)$$

In another paper [Odundun 2002] the following tensor identity was proved

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\sigma_4^{\mu\nu}\Psi'(x') = \Lambda^\mu{}_\rho\Lambda^\nu{}_\sigma\bar{\Psi}(x)\sigma_4^{\rho\sigma}\Psi(x)$$

We now prove the following pseudoscalar and pseudovector bilinear form identities

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma_5\Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda]\bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma_5\Psi(x)$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma_5\gamma^\mu\Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda]\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma_5\gamma^\nu\Psi(x)$$

We shall start with the proof of the first identity for  $\Lambda \in L_+$  and then for  $\Lambda \in L_-$ . In the latter case it is sufficient to choose  $\Lambda$  as the parity operator

$$S = P = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) = g^{\mu\nu}$$

Let us first note that the index structure of  $\sigma^\mu$  and  $\bar{\sigma}^\mu$  are respectively  $\sigma^\mu_{AA}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}^{\mu AA}$

These two four-matrices are related by

$$\bar{\sigma}^{\mu AA} = \varepsilon^{AB}\varepsilon^{\dot{A}\dot{B}}\sigma^\mu_{\dot{B}\dot{B}}$$

and

$$\bar{\sigma}^{\mu AA} = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\bar{\sigma}^{\nu AA} \quad (9)$$

$$\sigma_{AA}^{\mu} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu \dot{B}B} = 2\delta_A^B \delta_{\dot{A}}^{\dot{B}} \quad (10)$$

It can be shown that the spinor representation of  $\Lambda \in L_+^{\uparrow}$  is

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[M^+ \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} M \sigma_{\nu}] \quad (11)$$

With  $\Psi(x)$  given by Eq. (3c) and, noting Eq. (2), the adjoint spinor

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}(x) &= \Psi^{\dagger}(x) \gamma^0 = \left( \phi^A, \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_{AB}^0 \\ \bar{\sigma}^0 AB & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left( \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}} \bar{\sigma}^0 AB, \phi^A \sigma_{AB}^0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

On using the identities

$$\phi^B = \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}} \bar{\sigma}^0 AB \quad (12a)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_{\dot{B}} = \phi^A \sigma_{AB}^0 \quad (12b)$$

we find that

$$\bar{\Psi}(x) = (\phi^A, \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}}) \quad (12c)$$

We now have

$$\bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) = (\phi^A, \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_A \\ \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}} \end{pmatrix} = -\phi^A \phi_A + \bar{\psi}_{\dot{A}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{A}} \quad (13)$$

Similarly,

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \Psi'(x') = -\phi'^A \phi'_A + \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{A}} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}}$$

(On using Eqs. (7b), (7a), (8a), and (8b))

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -(M^{-1T})^A{}_B \phi^B M_A{}^C \phi_C + (M^*)^A{}_B \bar{\psi}^B (M^{*-1T})^A{}_C \bar{\psi}^C \\
 &= -\phi^B (M^{-1})_B{}^A M_A{}^C \phi_C + \bar{\psi}^B (M^{*T})^B{}_A (M^{*-1T})^A{}_C \bar{\psi}^C \\
 &= -\phi^B \delta_B{}^C \phi_C + \bar{\psi}^B \delta_B{}^C \bar{\psi}^C = -\phi^B \phi_B + \bar{\psi}^B \bar{\psi}^B \\
 \text{i.e., } &\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \Psi'(x') = [1] \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) = \det[\Lambda] \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

We now consider  $\Lambda \in L_-$  i.e.,  $\Lambda = S = P$ . Here we shall use the Dirac four-spinor formulation.

$$\text{Since } \Psi'(x') = S(\Lambda) \Psi(x),$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \Psi'(x') = \Psi'^+ (x') \gamma^0 \gamma_5 \Psi'(x') = \Psi^+ (x) S^+ \gamma^0 \gamma_5 S \Psi(x)$$

Since  $(\gamma^0)^2 = 1$ , Eqs. (5) and (6a) yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi^+ (x) S^+ \gamma^0 \gamma_5 S \Psi(x) &= \Psi^+ (x) \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma_5 \gamma^0 \Psi(x) = -\Psi^+ (x) \gamma^0 \gamma_5 \Psi(x) \\
 &= -\bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) = \det[\Lambda] \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any  $\Lambda \in L_{\pm}$ , eqs. (14) and (15) give

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda] \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) \quad (16)$$

### PROOF OF THE PSEUDOVECTOR BILINEAR FORM IDENTITY

We now show that

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda] \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma^\nu \Psi(x)$$

by first considering  $\Lambda \in L_+$ . By Eq. (12c)

$$\bar{\Psi}(x) = (\phi^A, \bar{\psi}_A)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma^\nu \Psi(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi^A, \bar{\psi}_A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^{\nu AB} \\ \sigma^{\nu AB} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_B \\ \bar{\psi}^B \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= -\phi^A \sigma^{\nu AB} \bar{\psi}^B + \bar{\psi}_A \sigma^{\nu AB} \phi_B \quad (17)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{With } \Psi'(x') = \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_A \\ \bar{\psi}'^A \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') = \Psi'^+(x')\gamma^0 = (\phi'^B, \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}})$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma^{\mu}\Psi'(x') &= (\phi'^B, \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^{\mu}_{\dot{B}\dot{B}} \\ \bar{\sigma}^{\mu}_{\dot{B}\dot{B}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_{\dot{B}} \\ \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}}\phi'_{\dot{B}} - \phi'^B\sigma^{\mu}_{\dot{B}\dot{B}}\bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}} \\ &= -\phi'^A\sigma^{\mu}_{AA}\bar{\psi}'^A + \bar{\psi}'^A\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}\phi'_A \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

We start by considering the second term of Eq. (18)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}'^A\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}\phi'_A &= (M^*)^{\dot{B}}_A \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}M_A^B\phi_B \\ &= \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{B}}(M^+)^{\dot{B}}_A \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}M_A^B\phi_B \\ &= \bar{\psi}'_{\dot{C}}\delta^{\dot{C}\dot{B}}(M^+)^{\dot{B}}_A \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}M_A^B\delta_B^C\phi_C \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

On using Eq. (10), Eq. (19) then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}'_{\dot{C}}\bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}}\sigma_{\nu\dot{B}\dot{B}}(M^+)^{\dot{B}}_A \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}M_A^B\phi_C \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[(M^+)^{\dot{B}}_A \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}M_A^B\sigma_{\nu\dot{B}\dot{B}}][\bar{\psi}'_{\dot{C}}\bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}}\phi_C] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}Tr[M^+\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}M\sigma_{\nu}][\bar{\psi}'_{\dot{C}}\bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}}\phi_C] \end{aligned}$$

(by Eq. (11))

$$\bar{\psi}'^A\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}}\phi'_A = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu}\bar{\psi}'^A\bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{A}\dot{A}}\phi'_A \quad (20)$$

We now consider the first term in Eq. (18)

By Eq.(10)

$$-\phi'^A\sigma^{\mu}_{AA}\bar{\psi}'^A = -\phi'^A\varepsilon_{AB}\varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}}\bar{\psi}'^A$$

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(using Eqs. (7b) and 8b))

$$= -(M^{-1T})^A_C \phi^C \varepsilon_{AB} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^{*-1T})^{\dot{A}}_{\dot{C}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{C}} \\ = -(M^{-1T})^A_C \delta^C_D \phi^D \varepsilon_{AB} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^{*-1T})^{\dot{A}}_{\dot{C}} \delta^{\dot{C}}_{\dot{D}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{D}}$$

(On using Eq. (10))

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (M^{-1T})^A_C \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}} \sigma_{\nu\dot{D}\dot{D}} \phi^D \varepsilon_{AB} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^{*-1T})^{\dot{A}}_{\dot{C}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{D}} \quad (21)$$

On using the identities

$$(M^{-1T})^A_C = \varepsilon^{AE} M_E^F \varepsilon_{FC} \quad (22)$$

and

$$(M^{*-1T})^{\dot{A}}_{\dot{C}} = \varepsilon^{\dot{A}\dot{E}} (M^*)^{\dot{E}}_{\dot{F}} \varepsilon_{\dot{F}\dot{C}} \quad (23)$$

Eq. (21) becomes

$$-\frac{1}{2} M_E^F \varepsilon_{FC} \varepsilon^{AE} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}} \sigma_{\nu\dot{D}\dot{D}} \phi^D \varepsilon_{AB} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^*)^{\dot{E}}_{\dot{F}} \varepsilon^{\dot{A}\dot{E}} \varepsilon_{\dot{F}\dot{C}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{D}} \quad (24)$$

Upon using

$$\sigma_{\dot{F}\dot{F}}^{\nu} = \varepsilon_{FC} \varepsilon_{\dot{F}\dot{C}} \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{C}\dot{C}} \quad (25)$$

Eq. (24) becomes

$$-\frac{1}{2} M_E^F \varepsilon_{FC} \varepsilon^{AE} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \sigma_{\dot{F}\dot{F}}^{\nu} \sigma_{\nu\dot{D}\dot{D}} \phi^D \varepsilon_{AB} \varepsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^*)^{\dot{E}}_{\dot{F}} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{D}} \quad (26)$$

Upon using

$$\varepsilon^{AE} \varepsilon_{AB} = (\varepsilon^T)^{EA} \varepsilon_{AB} = -\delta^E_B$$

and



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$$\epsilon^{\dot{A}\dot{E}} \epsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} = (\epsilon^{\Gamma})^{\dot{E}\dot{A}} \epsilon_{\dot{A}\dot{B}} = -\delta^{\dot{E}}_{\dot{B}}$$

we have -  $\phi'^A \sigma_{AA}^{\mu} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}}$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} M_B^F \sigma_{FF}^{\nu} \phi_{DD}^D \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} (M^*)_{\dot{B}}^{\dot{F}} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{D}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{B}\dot{B}} M_B^F \sigma_{FF}^{\nu} (M^*)_{\dot{B}}^{\dot{F}} \right] \left[ \phi_{DD}^D \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{D}\dot{D}} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{D}} \right]$$

On using Eq. (11) we have

$$-\phi'^A \sigma_{AA}^{\mu} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} \left[ -\phi^D \sigma_{DD}^{\nu} \bar{\psi}^{\dot{D}} \right] \quad (27)$$

On combining Eqs. (20) and (27) we obtain

$$\bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}} \phi'_A - \phi'^A \sigma_{AA}^{\mu} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}} = [1] \left[ \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{A}\dot{A}} \phi'_A - \phi'^A \sigma_{AA}^{\mu} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{A}} \right]$$

$$= \det[\Lambda] \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} (\bar{\psi}'^{\dot{B}} \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\dot{B}\dot{B}} \phi_B - \phi^B \sigma_{BB}^{\nu} \bar{\psi}'^{\dot{B}})$$

$$i.e., \bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda] \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma^{\nu} \Psi(x) \quad (28)$$

We now consider  $\Lambda \in L_-$ , i.e.,  $\Lambda = S = P$ . Then

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi'(x') = \Psi^+(x) \gamma^0 (P^+ \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} P) \Psi(x)$$

Since  $\gamma_5$  is diagonal and real in the Weyl representation, Eq. (6c) gives

$$\gamma_5 P^+ = -P^+ \gamma_5$$

$$\therefore \bar{\Psi}'(x') \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi'(x') = -\Psi^+(x) \gamma^0 \gamma_5 P^+ \gamma^{\mu} P \Psi(x)$$

$$= -\Psi^+(x) \gamma^0 \gamma_5 P^{-1} \gamma^{\mu} P \Psi(x) \quad (\text{by Eq. (1)})$$

$$= -\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma^{\nu} \Psi(x)$$

$$= \det[\Lambda] \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma^{\nu} \Psi(x) \quad (29)$$

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Hence, Eqs. (28) and (29) give for  $\Lambda \in L_+$

$$\bar{\Psi}'(x')\gamma_5\gamma^\mu\Psi'(x') = \det[\Lambda]\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma_5\gamma^\nu\Psi(x)$$

This completes the proof of the pseudovector bilinear form identity.

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