

Identities

Symmetry properties of $V(\Phi)$ impose constraints on its expansion coefficients, M_{ij}^2 , c_{ijk} & c_{ijkl} :

If $V(\Phi)$ is invariant under some group (not necessarily simple), then:

$$V'(\Phi') = V(\Phi) \quad \text{where} \quad \Phi'_i = \left(e^{i\alpha^a g T_{Im}^a} \right)_{ij} \Phi_j \approx (1 + \alpha^a g T_{Re}^a)_{ij} \Phi_j$$

absorb "i"

Then

$\alpha^a \equiv$ transformation parameter
 $g T^a \equiv$ generator

$$V'(\Phi') = V'((1 + \alpha^a g T^a) \Phi)$$

$$\approx V(\Phi) + \alpha^a (g T^a \Phi)_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_i} = V(\Phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(g T^a \Phi)_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_i} = 0} \quad \text{since eqn true for any } \alpha^a.$$

Now differentiate this \uparrow with respect to Φ_j :

$$\boxed{g T^a_{ij} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_j} + (g T^a \Phi)_i \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} = 0} \quad \text{or} \quad g T^a_{ji} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_j} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} (g T^a \Phi)_j = 0$$

(used symm of $\frac{d}{d\Phi}$)

Note: $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} = M_{ij}^2(\Phi)$ is the shifted mass matrix when all scalars are shifted.

When this identity is evaluated at the tree level minimum, $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_0$, we have

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_j} \Big|_{\langle \Phi \rangle} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{(g T^a \langle \Phi \rangle)_i M_{ij}^2 = 0}$$

or

$$\boxed{(m_A^2)_{ki} M_{ij}^2 = 0}$$

where M_{ij}^2 is the tree-level mass matrix for scalar fields.

This means at the tree-level minimum,

$$[m_A^2, M^2] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad m_A^2 \text{ \& \ } M^2 \text{ are simultaneously diagonalizable. (VERY IMPORTANT)}$$

Note that $m_A^2(\phi)^{ab} = (gT^a \phi)_i (gT^b \phi)_i$ and $m_A^2(\phi)_{ij} = (gT^a \phi)_i (gT^a \phi)_j$ have the same non-zero eigenvalues — even as functions of ϕ .

Proof: Let ω^b be an e-vector of $m_A^2(\phi)^{ab}$ with e-value λ .

$$m_A^2(\phi)^{ab} \omega^b \equiv (gT^a \phi)_i (gT^b \phi)_i \omega^b = \lambda \omega^a$$

Now multiply by $(gT^a \phi)_j$ and sum over a .

$$\underbrace{(gT^a \phi)_j (gT^a \phi)_i}_{m_A^2(\phi)_{ji}} \underbrace{(gT^b \phi)_i \omega^b}_{\text{Define: } \equiv \mathcal{N} \omega_i} = \lambda \underbrace{(gT^a \phi)_j \omega^a}_{\equiv \mathcal{N} \omega_j}$$

$$m_A^2(\phi)_{ji} \mathcal{N} \omega_i = \lambda \mathcal{N} \omega_j$$

$$\text{or } \underline{m_A^2(\phi)_{ij} \mathcal{N} \omega_j = \lambda \mathcal{N} \omega_i} \quad \blacksquare$$

To get the normalization for ω_j (the e-vector of $m_A^2(\phi)_{ij}$), suppose ω^a is normalized: $\omega^a \omega^a = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \omega_i \omega_i &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} (gT^a \phi)_i \omega^a (gT^b \phi)_i \omega^b \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} \underbrace{(gT^a \phi)_i (gT^b \phi)_i \omega^b \omega^a}_{m_A^2(\phi)^{ab} \omega^b = \lambda \omega^a} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} \lambda \underbrace{\omega^a \omega^a}_1 = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} \lambda = 1$$

$$\text{Then } \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

So, if ω^b is an e-vector of $m_A^2(\phi)^{ab}$ with e-value λ ,

then $\omega_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (gT^a \phi)_j \omega^a$ is an e-vector of $m_A^2(\phi)_{ij}$ with the same e-value.

NOTE: Nothing can be said about e-vectors with zero e-values. In fact $(m_A^2)^{ab}$ & $(m_A^2)_{ij}$ may have differing number of zero e-values.