

Jordan algebra conformal toolbox

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We employ the Jordan algebras for a succinct description of the dynamical conformal symmetries of integrable models. Given an Euclidean Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} via Tits-Kantor-Köcher construction we obtain a representation of the conformal (Möbius) group $Co(\mathfrak{J})$. Since the seminal work of Gerhard Mack and Ivan Todorov [1] on irreducible minimal conformal group $U(2,2)$ -representations it is known that the orbital wavefunctions of the hydrogen atom transform in a minimal $U(2,2)$ -representation. Given the Jordan algebra $\mathfrak{J}_2^{\mathbb{C}}$ of hermitian 2×2 matrices (Pauli matrices)[2] we recover the hydrogen spectrum $U(2,2)$ -representation from the TKK construction via $SU(2,2) \cong Co(\mathfrak{J}_2^{\mathbb{C}})$. A reality condition imposed on the Jordan algebra of Pauli matrices yields the Jordan algebra $\mathfrak{J}_2^{\mathbb{R}}$ of real symmetric matrices and reduces the 3D H-atom to a 2D system. The Majorana reduction of the 4D Dirac spinor transforming under $SU(2,2)$ yields the dynamical conformal symmetry $Sp(4, \mathbb{R}) \cong Co(\mathfrak{J}_2^{\mathbb{R}})$ of the quantum motion of an electron in magnetic field (Landau problem). Different Landau levels turn out to be packed into a single conformal spinorial representation of $SO(3,2)$ which is identified with the Dirac's "Remarkable representation of the 3+2 de Sitter group"[3]. We finally speculate on higher Jordan algebras and their relevance to the mass spectrum of elementary particles [4].

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