

Schwarz 8.6(a)

$k_{\mu} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} = 0$ removes 1 DOF for each ν index,
so removes a total of 4.

$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\nu\mu}$ removes transposing $\epsilon_{\mu\nu}$, so 6 DOF

They total removes 10 DOF.

Schwarz 8.6(b) We pick $k_\mu = (m, 0, 0, 0)$

then $\epsilon_{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

by symmetry of $\epsilon_{\mu\nu}$ ($\epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\nu\mu}$),

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b & c \\ 0 & b & d & e \\ 0 & c & e & f \end{pmatrix}$$

$\epsilon_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{pmatrix}$ is the degree of freedom we have

Impose orthonormality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\mu\nu}\epsilon_{\mu\nu} &= \epsilon_{00}\epsilon_{00} - \epsilon_{01}\epsilon_{01} - \epsilon_{02}\epsilon_{02} - \epsilon_{03}\epsilon_{03} \\ &\quad - \epsilon_{10}\epsilon_{10} + \epsilon_{11}\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{12}\epsilon_{12} + \epsilon_{13}\epsilon_{13} \\ &\quad - \dots \\ &\quad - \dots - \epsilon_{32}\epsilon_{32} + \epsilon_{33}\epsilon_{33} \\ &= a^2 + d^2 + f^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2e^2\end{aligned}$$

The solutions are

$$\epsilon_{ij}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{ij}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{ij}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\epsilon_{ij}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{ij}^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & \\ & 0 & \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{ij}^6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$