

$$(29.20) \quad \frac{1}{2N} \delta^{ab} + \frac{1}{2} d^{abc} T^c + \frac{1}{2} i f^{abc} T^c$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(T^a T^b) + \text{tr}(T^a \{T^b, T^c\}) T^c + [T^a, T^b] \right) = T^a T^b?$$

$$T^a T^b = T^a T^c f^{cb} \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

trace

symmetric traces

antisymmetric

$$T^a T^b = \frac{1}{2} \{T^a, T^b\} + \frac{1}{2} [T^a, T^b]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2N} \delta^{ab} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \{T^a, T^b\} - \frac{1}{2N} \delta^{ab} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i f^{abc} T^c$$

WTS equals $\frac{1}{2} d^{abc} T^c$

$$\boxed{\text{WTS: } d^{abc} T^c = \{T^a, T^b\} - \frac{1}{N} \delta^{ab} \text{ is satisfied by } d^{abc} = 2 \text{tr}[T^a \{T^b, T^c\}]}$$

multiply each by T^c and take trace:

$$\frac{d^{abc}}{2} = \text{tr}[\{T^a, T^b\} T^c]$$

$$\boxed{d^{abc} = 2 \text{tr}[T^c \{T^a, T^b\}]}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (23.21): \quad \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c) &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c + T^c T^a T^b) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c + T^c ([T^a, T^b] + T^b T^a)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c + T^a T^c T^b + i f^{abd} T^c T^d) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(T^a \{T^b, T^c\}) + i f^{abd} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} f^{cd} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{4} (d^{abc} + i f^{abc})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (23.22): \quad \text{use } T^a T^b &= \frac{1}{2N} \delta^{ab} + \frac{1}{2} d^{abc} T^c + \frac{1}{2} i f^{abc} T^c \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\delta^{ab}}{N} + (d^{abc} + i f^{abc}) T^c \right) \\
 \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c T^d) &= \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} \left(\frac{1}{N^2} \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd} + \frac{1}{N} \delta^{ab} (d^{cde} + i f^{cde}) T^e \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{N} \delta^{cd} (d^{abg} + i f^{abg}) T^g \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (d^{cde} + i f^{cde})(d^{abg} + i f^{abg}) T^e T^g \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{N^2} \text{tr}(\delta^{ab} \delta^{cd}) + \frac{1}{4} (d^{cde} + i f^{cde})(d^{abg} + i f^{abg}) \text{tr}(T^e T^g) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{4N} \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd} + \frac{1}{8} (d^{cde} + i f^{cde})(d^{abe} + i f^{abe})}
 \end{aligned}$$

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