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EMBEDDING OF LEPTONS AND QUARKS IN OCTONIONIC STRUCTURES

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Lately, the idea of succession of the lepton-quark generations (or families) becomes very popular in the elementary particle physics. At present time, we have two total and third almost accomplished (now only the $t$-quark needs confirmation) generations

$$
\nu_{0}, e, u, d ; \quad \nu_{\mu}, \mu, c, s ; \quad \nu_{\tau}, \tau, t ?, b
$$

The most remarkable property of these generations is the recurrence of the interaction characteristics: The corresponding leptons and quarks have the same electric charges $(0,-1$, $2 / 3,-1 / 3$ ) and are submitted to the same electroweak interaction, all quarks participate in the strong interaction with the same (universal) gluons, and the corresponding $S U(3)_{c}$ symmetry is perfect. It is very likely that leptons and quarks from different generations differ only by their masses (Here we digress from the problem of the quark-mixing in the weak interaction).

In this report, $I$ propose to compare the repetition of the quark-lepton generations with some mathematical scheme of post-octonions obtained by means of the Cayley-Dickson procedure of doubling of hypernumber systems/l/. Maybe, the adequate mathematical description can help us to answer the physical sacramental questions?

It is well known that this doubling procedure* yields to the recurrence: real number ( $\mathcal{R}$ ) $\Rightarrow$ complex numbers ( $(\mathscr{C}) \Rightarrow$ quaternions $(Q) \Rightarrow$ octonions ( $O$ ), with the loss of commutativity for $Q$ and the associativity for 0 , successively. These hypernumber systems contain $0,1,3,7$ imaginary units, respectively. This series may be continued by the doubling of

[^0]octonions. Then, we receive di-octonions with the number of imaginary units equal to 15. Further, we obtain di-dioctonions with 31 imaginary units and so on. We name these hypernumber systems obtained from octonions by the doubling procedure postoctonions. All these systems are nonassociative*.

Now we compose the hyperfield.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi(x)=\sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} e_{\alpha} \Psi^{\alpha}(x) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Psi^{\alpha}(x)$ are the charge-self-conjugated Majorana fields obeying ordinary Fermi statistics with normal (Fermi) relative anticommutation relations, and quantities $e_{\alpha}$ are the imeginary units of a given hypernumber system. Thus, the hyperfield (1) satisfies the Dirac equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\hat{\gamma}^{\mu} \partial_{\mu}-m\right) \psi(x)=0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\hat{\gamma}^{\mu} \equiv i \gamma^{\mu}$. We make use of the Majorana basis for the Dirac gamma matrices and thus matrices $\hat{\gamma}^{\mu}$ are real. This condition is essential because the hypernumbers are defined over real numbers, and we have no right to use imaginary numbers. In the Majorana basis the charge conjugation involves only Hermitian conjugation for the fields:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi_{c}(x)=\psi^{+}(x) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for the Majorana field (1) (and its components) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi^{+}(x)=\psi(x) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

As the imaginary units satisfy the clifford algebra (with the nonessential change of the sign in the left-hand side of equation)

[^1]\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{\alpha} e_{\beta}+e_{\beta} e_{\alpha}=-2 \delta_{\alpha \beta} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

the hyperfield (1) is the Green parafield satisfying the Green trilinear commutation relations ${ }^{\prime 2 /}$. Thus, we can consider the hyperfield (1) as nonassociative algebraic realization of the para-Fermi statistics of an order $p$ of identical particles.

Günaydin and Gürsey $/ 3 /$ were the first who adopted octonions for the description of colour quarks. Then, Gürsey $/ 4 /$ proposed to use octonions for the unified description of leptons and coloured quarks.

In the case of octonions, we have seven imaginary units. The octofield (octonionic hyperfield) (1) can be represented as a column

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi(x)=\binom{1(x)}{q(x)} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where a scalar component $l(x)$ coincides with the seventh component $\psi^{7}(x)$, and it is the Majorana field $\nu(x)$ times $i$ which we called a lepton (Majorana neutrino) component of the octofield; the vector components are the Dirac fields*

$$
\begin{equation*}
q_{k}=\Psi^{k}+i \Psi^{k+3}, k=1,2,3 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

which we named colour quark components of octofield.
The product of two octofields is defined in the same manner as a product of two octonions (see, Appendix A) with a substitution of the complex conjugation by the charge- or Hermitian-conjugation (without an alternation of the order of initial anticommuting field operators).

[^2]Let us extend this scheme and pass to dioctonions with fifteen imaginary units ${ }^{/ 1 /}$. Then, we can include the full first lepton-quark generation into the dioctofield which can be represented by two columns

$$
\psi(x)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
i v(x) & e(x)  \tag{8}\\
u(x) & d(x)
\end{array}\right)
$$

The second step gives us two lepton-quark generations within the di-dioctofield

$$
\psi(x)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
i \nu_{e} & e & \nu_{\mu} & \mu  \tag{9}\\
\mathrm{u} & \mathrm{~d} & c & \mathrm{~s}
\end{array}\right)
$$

One ought to emphasize that in the construction (9) only the electron neutrino $v_{e}$ is a Majorana particle, whereas the muon neutrino $\nu_{\mu}$ is a Dirac particle.

If we continue this process, we shall achieve four (not three!) lepton-quark generations at the next step of this procedure. Thus, the existence of four lepton-quark generations is an inevitable result of this construction.

At the next step we have eight generations, and our mind gives up to estimate the finish of this avalanche-like generation doubling process.

Now we consider a gauging of theories of that kind.

It is remarkable that beginning from octonions the group of automorphisms of hypernumber systems is always the same Cartan exceptional $G_{2}$. group ${ }^{\prime 5 /(14}$ parameters, rank 2)*. The $G_{2}$ group transforms separate columns of postoctonions (8), $(9)$ by the vertical independently.

For the gauging of this automorphism group we ought to introduce gauge vector fields and change the derivative to

[^3]the gauge-covariant derivative
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$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{\mu}\binom{1}{q}=\binom{\partial_{\mu} 1-i g\left(y_{\mu}^{+} \cdot q^{+} y_{\mu} \cdot q^{+}\right)}{\partial_{\mu} q-i g\left[y_{\mu}\left(1-1^{+}\right)-y_{\mu}^{+} \times q^{+}+\sum_{j=1}^{3} w_{\mu}^{j} q_{j}\right]} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

where gauge fields $Y_{\mu}$ are responsible for the lepton-quark transitions, and $w_{\mu}^{J}$ are gluon fields mixing up colour components of quarks. The components of the gluon fields obey the following conditions:

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{\mu}^{1 J}=\left(w_{\mu}^{\prime f}\right)^{+}, \quad w_{\mu}^{11}+w_{\mu}^{22}+w_{\mu}^{33}=0 \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Naturally, we need to suppress the lepton-quark transitions. This suppression can be obtained by the Higgs mechanism.

We introduce the scalar octofield with only first nonvanishing column

$$
\phi=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
i \phi_{0} & 0  \tag{12}\\
f & 0
\end{array}\right), \phi_{0}^{+}=\phi_{0} .
$$

The Lagrangian of this scalar octofield has the Higgs form

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathscr{L}_{\phi}=-\left(D_{\mu} \phi\right)\left(D^{\mu_{\phi}}\right) & -\mu^{2} \phi^{2}-\lambda \phi^{4}=\left(D_{\mu} \phi_{o}\right)\left(D_{\phi_{0}}\right)^{+}+\left(D_{\mu} f\right)\left(D^{\mu_{f}}\right)^{+}+ \\
& +\mu^{2}\left(\phi_{o}^{2}+\mathrm{f} \cdot \mathrm{f}^{+}\right)-\lambda\left(\phi_{o}^{2}+\mathrm{f} \cdot \mathrm{f}^{+}\right)^{2} \tag{13}
\end{align*}
$$

The minimum of the scalar potential is achieved at

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\left\langle\phi^{2}\right\rangle_{0}=\left\langle\phi_{0}^{2}\right\rangle_{0}+\left\langle f \cdot f^{+}\right\rangle_{0}=v^{2} / 2, \quad v^{2} \equiv \mu^{2} / \lambda . \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the $G_{2}$ - gauge invariance we can choose the gauging with $f \equiv 0$. Then, decomposing $\phi_{0}=\left\langle\phi_{0}\right\rangle_{0}+\theta(x)$ we take the Higgs scalar $\theta$ with the mass equal to $\sqrt{ } 2 \mu$, vector bosons $y_{\mu}$ with the masses equal to $\sqrt{ } 2 \mathrm{gv}$, and massless gluons, $\mathbf{w}_{\mu}$. We can choose the value of the parameter $v$ sufficiently large for the strong suppression of lepton-quark transitions. Thus, the perfect $S U(3)$ symmetry of colour quarks belonging to different generations can be explained as an unbroken subgroup of the spontaneously broken automorphism group $G_{2}$.

The gauge $S U(2)_{L} \times U(i)$-symmetry of electroweak interactions mixes up the (left) components of two columns of dioctofields by the horizontal. As usual, left components $\left(\nu_{L}, e_{L}\right),\left(\dot{u}_{L}, d_{L}\right)$ etc. compose doublets and right components $e_{R}, u_{R}$, and $d_{R}$ etc. compose singlets.

For the spontaneous breakdown of the electroweak symmetry we introduce another Higgs scalar hyperfield including the usual unit:

$$
\xi(x)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\xi_{0}^{-}(x) & X_{0}^{-}(x)  \tag{15}\\
x(x) & X^{-}(x)
\end{array}\right)
$$

so $\xi_{0}^{+} \neq-\xi_{0}$. We can get rid of colour components $x$ and $x^{-}$via $G_{2}$ - gauge transformation. However, this gauge could not coincide with the previous one eliminating fields f. If we pass to this latter gauge, the colour components in (15) could appear again:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x=i y\left(\xi_{0}-\xi_{o}^{+}\right), \quad x^{-}=i y\left[x_{o}^{-}-\left(x_{o}^{-}\right)^{+}\right] \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the parameters $y$ characterize the transition from one gauge to another. But now we can apply the $S U(2)_{2} \times U(1)$ gauge invariance and shake off the component $X_{0}{ }^{-}$from the beginning and turn the $\xi_{0}$-component into the proper Hermitian (real) form: $\xi_{0}=\xi_{0}^{+}$(to compare with the proper imaginary $i \phi_{0}$ in (12)). Thus, we achieve the gauge when the dioctofield $\xi(x)$ turns into the usual Higgs scalar field, and our theory becomes the usual Glashow-Salam-Weinberg theory.

Spinor lepton-quark fields and Higgs-scalar fields can be embedded into the post-octonionic parafields. However, gauge fields cannot be formulated within proper octofields. For their formulacion we need to transform the separate components of spinor and scalar hyperfields.

The only self-consistent gauge hyperfield is the quaternionic one which is equivalent to the SO(3)-gauge theory. In this case, gauge fields become "quaterfiels" too $/ 6 /$.

Now we consider the possibility of determining charges of leptons and quarks in the framework of the postoctonionic hyperfield theory.

We propose, following Günaydin and Gürsey $/ 3,4 /$, that only associative combinations of nonassociative hyperfields can be involved into the consistent theory*. Then, we shall consider the transformations which leave these combinations invariant.

For the inclusion of two quark-lepton generations we at once consider di-dioctofield (9).

The bilinear associative combination has the form of $a$ commutator

$$
-\frac{1}{2}\left[\psi_{\left.\alpha^{\prime}, \psi_{\beta}\right]_{-}=\nu_{\alpha}^{e} \nu_{\beta}^{e}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{1=e, \nu_{\mu}, \mu} .\left(1_{\alpha}^{+} 1_{\beta}+1{ }_{\alpha} I_{\beta}^{+}\right)+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=u, d, c, s}\left(q_{\alpha}^{+} \mathbf{q}_{\beta}+q_{\alpha} q_{\beta}^{+}\right),(17)}\right.
$$

where only spinor indices $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are kept in arguments.
Now we consider the phase-trasformation

$$
\begin{equation*}
1 \Rightarrow 1 \exp \left(i \omega Q_{1}\right), \quad q \Rightarrow q \exp \left(i \omega Q_{q}\right) \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\omega$ is an arbitrary phase, and $Q_{1}$ and $Q_{q}$ are electric charges of leptons and quarks, respectively. The invariance of the form (17) under transformations (18) implies only that the electron neutrino $\nu_{e}$ being the Majorana particle has no electric charge. Other charges of leptons and quarks remain arbitrary.

Remark, the Lagrangian contains the commutator of free fields in the form (17) which is antisymmetric under the exchange of $\alpha$ and $\beta$.

Further, we consider the only trilinear associative combination in the form**

[^4]\[

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{\alpha}\left(\psi_{\beta} \psi_{\gamma}\right)+\left(\psi_{\gamma} \psi_{\beta}\right) \psi_{\alpha}=\left[-i v_{\alpha}^{e}\left(\nu_{\beta}^{\mu} \nu_{\gamma}^{\mu+}+u_{\beta} \cdot u_{\gamma}^{+}+c_{\beta}^{+} \cdot c_{\gamma}\right)+\nu_{\alpha}^{\mu} u_{\beta} \cdot c_{\gamma}^{+}+\nu_{\alpha}^{\mu+} u_{\beta}^{+} \cdot c_{\gamma}\right. \\
& \left.-\frac{1}{6} u_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\beta} \times u_{\gamma}-\frac{1}{6} u_{\alpha}^{+} \cdot u_{\beta}^{+} \times u_{\gamma}^{+}+\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha} \cdot c_{\beta} \times c_{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha}^{+} \cdot c_{\beta}^{+} \times c_{\gamma}^{+}\right]+ \\
& +\left[-i \nu_{\alpha}^{e}\left(e_{\beta} e_{\gamma}^{+}+\mu_{\beta}^{+} \mu_{\gamma}+\mathrm{d}_{\beta}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{d}_{\gamma}+\mathrm{s}_{\beta} \cdot \mathrm{s}_{\gamma}^{+}\right)+\nu_{\alpha}^{\mu}\left(e_{\beta} \mu_{\gamma}^{+}+\mathrm{d}_{\beta}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{s}_{\gamma}\right)+\nu_{\alpha}^{\mu+}\left(e_{\beta}^{+} \mu_{\gamma}+\mathrm{d}_{\beta} \cdot \mathrm{s}_{\gamma}^{+}\right)\right. \\
& +e_{\alpha}\left(u_{\beta} \cdot d_{\gamma}^{+}+s_{\beta}^{+} \cdot c_{\gamma}\right)+e_{\alpha}^{+}\left(u_{\beta}^{+} \cdot d_{\gamma}+s_{\beta} \cdot c_{\gamma}^{+}\right)+ \\
& +\mu_{\alpha}\left(s_{\beta}^{+} \cdot u_{\gamma}+d_{\beta}^{+} \cdot c_{\gamma}\right)+\mu_{\alpha}^{+}\left(s_{\beta} \cdot u_{\gamma}^{+}+d_{\beta} \cdot c_{\gamma}^{+}\right)+ \\
& \left.+\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha} \cdot d_{\beta} \times d_{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha}^{+} \cdot d_{\beta}^{+} \times d_{\gamma}^{+}-\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha} \cdot s_{\beta} \times s_{\gamma}-\frac{1}{2} u_{\alpha}^{+} \cdot s_{\beta}^{+} \times s_{\gamma}^{+}-d_{\alpha} \cdot s_{\beta} \times c_{\gamma}-d_{\alpha}^{+} \cdot s_{\beta}^{+} \times c_{\gamma}^{+}\right]+ \\
& + \text {all permutations of }(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \text {. } \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

The terms in the first square brackets are obtained when second and fourth columns of di-dioctofields (9) vanish, i.e. di-dioctofields (9) contain only two half-generations. Any phase-transformation (18) is forbidden by these terms. To avoid such prohibition of any phase-transformation we are compeled to subtract the form (19) with first half-generations from the whole form (19) at the onset. Then, only terms standing in the second square brackets remain. The demand of the invariance of these terms under the transformation (18) leads to the following relations for the electric charges of leptons and quarks (of two generations)

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
Q_{\nu_{\mu}}+Q_{e}-Q_{\mu}=0 & \text { (20a) } & Q_{\nu_{\mu}}+Q_{d}-Q_{s}=0 \\
Q_{c}+Q_{u}-Q_{d}=0 & (20 c) & Q_{e}+Q_{s}-Q_{c}=0 \\
Q_{\mu}+Q_{s}-Q_{u}=0 & (20 \mathrm{e}) & Q_{\mu}+Q_{d}-Q_{c}=0  \tag{20f}\\
& Q_{u}+2 Q_{d}=0 & \text { (2Og) } \\
Q_{u}+2 Q_{s}=0 \\
& Q_{d}+Q_{s}+Q_{c}=0 & \text { (2Oh) }
\end{array}
$$

The solution of these equations gives the following relations: $Q_{u}=-2 Q_{d}=-2 Q_{s}$ due to (20g) and (20h), $Q_{c}=Q_{u}$ due to (20i), $Q_{\nu_{\mu}}=0$ due to (20b), $Q_{e}=Q_{\mu}$ due to (20a), and finally, $Q_{e}=3 Q_{d}=-(3 / 2) Q_{u}$ due to (20c). Thus, we obtain the right eigenvalues of the electric charges of leptons and quarks

$$
\begin{gather*}
Q_{\nu_{e}}=Q_{\nu_{\mu}}=0, \quad Q_{\mu}=Q_{e}  \tag{21}\\
Q_{u}=Q_{c}=-(2 / 3) Q_{e}, \quad Q_{d}=Q_{s}=(1 / 3) Q_{e}
\end{gather*}
$$

We emphasize that these values are obtained automatically from the requirement of the invariance of the modified trilinear form (19) under the phase-transformation (18)..

Now, the main open question of this scheme is: what is the reason for the increase of lepton quark masses for successive generations and where the limit of the doubling generation process lies?

## Appendix A. The Cayley-Dickson doubling procedure

Let there be an algebra with unity and with the number $p$ of imaginary units such that their products are

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{a} e_{b}=-\delta_{a b}+f_{a b c} e_{c}, a, b=1, \ldots, p, \tag{A.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\delta_{a b}$ is the Kronecker symbol and $f_{a b c}$ are antisymmetrical structure constants.
one introduces a new imaginary unit $e, e^{2}=-1$ and composes other new imaginary units by means of multiplication of initial imaginary units on $e$

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{a}=e_{a} e=-e e_{a} \tag{A.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, the algebra consisting of $1, e_{a}, e_{,} E_{a}(a=1, \ldots, p)$ is accomplished by the multiplication rules

$$
\begin{gather*}
e E_{a}=-E_{a} e=e_{a} \\
e_{a} E_{b}=-E_{b} e_{a}=-\delta_{a b} e-f_{a b c} E_{c},  \tag{A.3}\\
E_{a} E_{b}=-\delta_{a b}-f_{a b c} e_{c} .
\end{gather*}
$$

Therefore, the antisymmetry of the product of both initia] and new imaginary units is conserved.

For the octonions we have the following multiplicatiol table:

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & e_{j} & e_{j+3} & e_{7} \\
e_{i} & -\delta_{i j}+\varepsilon_{i j k} e_{k} & \delta_{i j} e_{7}-\varepsilon_{i j k} e_{k+3} & -e_{i+3} \\
e_{i+3} & -\delta_{i j}-\varepsilon_{i j k} e_{k+3} & -\delta_{i j}-\varepsilon_{i j k} e_{k} & e_{i} \\
e_{7} & e_{j+3} & -e_{j} & -1
\end{array}
$$

where $i, j=1,2,3$, and $\varepsilon_{i j k}$ is the antisymmetric tensor with $\varepsilon_{123}=1$.

Any octonion can be presented by a column

$$
\begin{equation*}
a=\binom{a_{0}}{a} \tag{A.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where a is a complex scalar, and a is a comlex vector. The product of two octonions is defined as.*

$$
\begin{equation*}
a b=\binom{a_{0}}{a}\binom{b_{0}}{b}=\binom{a_{0} b_{0}-a \cdot b^{*}}{a_{0} b+a b_{0}^{*}+a^{*} \times b^{*}} \tag{A.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where a star denotes the comlex conjugation (or the Hermitian conjugation for the field operators without an alternation of the order of operators). In this representation octonionic units have the forms

[^5]\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
1=\binom{1}{0}, e_{7}=\binom{i}{0}, e_{j}=\binom{0}{e_{j}}, e_{j+3}=\binom{0}{i e_{j}} \tag{A.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

where e, are three orthonormal basis vectors:

$$
e_{i} \cdot e_{j}=\delta_{i j} \quad e_{i} \times e_{j}=\varepsilon_{i \jmath k} e_{k}
$$

The conjugate octonion (and any conjugate postoctonion as well) marked by a tilda is determined by a change of signs of all imaginary units, i.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{a}=\binom{a_{0}^{*}}{-a} \tag{A.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Any dioctonions can be presented by two columns

$$
a=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
a_{0} & A_{0}  \tag{A.B}\\
a & A
\end{array}\right)
$$

and the product of two dioctonions is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a b=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
a_{0} & A_{0} \\
a & A
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{ll}
b_{0} & B_{0} \\
b & B
\end{array}\right)=
\end{aligned}
$$

The dioctonionic units have the forms

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right), e_{7}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
i & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right), e_{j}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 0 \\
e_{j} & 0
\end{array}\right), e_{j+3}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 0 \\
\text { ie, } & 0
\end{array}\right) \\
& e=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 1 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right), E_{7}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & i \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right), E_{j}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 0 \\
0 & e_{j}
\end{array}\right), E_{j+3}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 0 \\
0 & \text { iej }
\end{array}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $j=1,2,3$.
Any di-dioctonions can be presented by four colums

$$
a=\left(\begin{array}{llll}
a_{0} & A_{0} & a_{0}^{\prime} & A_{0}^{\prime}  \tag{A.10}\\
a_{0} & A & a^{\prime} & A^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\begin{array}{llll}
a_{0} & A_{0} & a_{0}^{\prime} & A_{0}^{\prime} \\
\mathbf{a} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{a}^{\prime} & A^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{llll}
b_{0} & B_{0} & b_{0}^{\prime} & B_{o}^{\prime} \\
\mathbf{b} & \mathrm{B} & \mathbf{b}^{\prime} & B^{\prime}
\end{array}\right)=
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{0} b_{o}^{\prime}-a^{*} \cdot b^{\prime}+a_{o}^{\prime} b_{0}^{*}+a^{\prime} \cdot b^{*}-A_{0}^{*} B_{o}^{\prime}+A_{0}^{\prime} B_{o}^{*}-A \cdot B^{\prime *}+A^{\prime}{ }^{*} \cdot B \\
& a_{0}^{*} b^{\prime}+a b_{0}^{\prime}-a^{*} \times b^{\prime *}-A_{0}^{*} B^{\prime}+A B_{0}^{\prime *}+A^{*} \times B^{\prime *}-a_{0}^{\prime} b+a^{\prime} b_{0}-a^{\prime *} \times b^{*} \\
& -A_{0}^{\prime *}{ }^{*}+A^{\prime} B_{o}^{*}+A^{\prime} \times B^{*} \\
& a_{0}^{*} B^{\prime}+a^{*} \cdot B^{\prime}+A_{0} b_{o}^{\prime}-A \cdot b^{\prime *}-a_{o}^{\prime} B_{0}+a^{\prime *} \cdot B+A_{0}^{\prime} b_{o}-A^{\prime} \cdot b^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

The di-dioctonionic units have the forms
$1=\left(\begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), e_{7}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), e_{j}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e, & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), e_{j+3}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i e_{j} & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)$
$e=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), E_{7}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), E_{j}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), E_{j+3}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 i e j & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)$
$e^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), e_{7}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), e_{j}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e, & 0\end{array}\right), e_{j+3}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 i e & 0\end{array}\right)$
$E^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), E_{7}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right), E_{j}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e_{j}\end{array}\right), E_{j+1}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \text { ie }\end{array}\right)$

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[^0]:    * This procedure is taken out into Appendix A

[^1]:    * The octonions are nonassociative but they remain alternative and power-associative. Already dioctonions lose the latter properties. The flexibility is the only property remaining valid for all postoctonions.

[^2]:    * To avoid misunderstanding, one should emphasize that the appearance of the imaginary unit $i$ in these components is a consequence of our special representation of octonionic units (see, Appendix A). The octonionic algebra remains to be defined over real numbers.

[^3]:    The automorphism group of complex numbers is complex conjugation $z_{2}$. The automorphism group of quaternions is so(3) whose gauging was presented in/6/.

[^4]:    * One may consider this requirement as the demand of the c-number character of the Wightman vacuum distributions.
    ** The analogous trilinear form was considered by Gamba in the investigation of peculiarities of the eight-dimensional space $/ 8 /$.

[^5]:    * The same multiplication rule for octonions has been applied by de Alfaro, Fubini and Furlan/8/for the description of instantons in the eight-dimensional space.

