

Classification of minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras and some applications

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Abstract

This paper presents the classification, over the fields of real and complex numbers, of the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and Lie superalgebras spanned by 4 generators and with no empty graded sector. The inequivalent graded Lie (super)algebras are obtained by solving the constraints imposed by the respective graded Jacobi identities.

A motivation for this mathematical result is to systematically investigate the properties of dynamical systems invariant under graded (super)algebras. Recent works only paid attention to the special case of the one-dimensional $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Poincaré superalgebra.

As applications, we are able to extend certain constructions originally introduced for this special superalgebra to other listed $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded (super)algebras. We mention, in particular, the notion of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace and of invariant dynamical systems (both classical worldline sigma models and a quantum Hamiltonian).

As a further byproduct we point out that, contrary to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebras, a theory invariant under a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra implies the presence of ordinary bosons and three different types of exotic bosons, with exotic bosons of different types anticommuting among themselves.

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1 Introduction

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and superalgebras were introduced in [1, 2] by taking the construction of ordinary Lie superalgebras as a starting point; some possible physical applications were suggested. The difference between $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and superalgebras is specified by an inner product which determines the graded brackets given by (anti)commutators. Ever since the graded superalgebras have been widely investigated by mathematicians, see e.g. [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9].

Early works considering physical applications of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras are [10, 11, 12, 13]. It is nevertheless only recently that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras have been systematically investigated and applied to dynamical systems. It was recognized in [14, 15] that they describe symmetries of Lévy-Leblond equations; furthermore the following constructions have been introduced: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded invariant worldline [16] and two-dimensional [17] sigma models, quantum mechanics [18, 19], superspace [20]. The role of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded parastatistics has been clarified in [21] (see also [23, 22] and references therein for earlier works). Up to our knowledge, so far $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras received little or no attention in connection with dynamical systems. Indeed, the recent activity for graded (super)algebras is mostly based [16, 18, 19, 21] on the special case of the so-called $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded one-dimensional Poincaré superalgebra, since this is the natural generalization of the invariant superalgebra of the supersymmetric quantum mechanics [24].

The main motivation of this paper is to start a systematic investigation of the properties of dynamical systems invariant under a broader class of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded (super)algebras. Accordingly, this work presents a mathematical part which is complemented by a discussion of some selected applications.

On the mathematical side this paper presents the classification of the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and Lie superalgebras (over \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C}) spanned by 4 generators and with no empty graded sector. Two tables, **1** and **2**, are given. They respectively list the inequivalent algebras and superalgebras. The particular case of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded one-dimensional Poincaré superalgebra mentioned above corresponds to the $S10_{\epsilon=1}$ entry in the classification of Table **2**.

The mathematical results are the basis to discuss some applications. A generalization of the notion of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace (for both algebras and superalgebras) is given in Section **4**. As an illustration of the method, covariant derivatives for certain listed (super)algebras are obtained. In Section **5** the derivation of new $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded invariant dynamical systems (both classical worldline sigma models and a quantum Hamiltonian) is presented as an example.

As a byproduct of our results we stress the fact that a dynamical system based on a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebra presents four types of fields. In the algebra case these fields are divided into ordinary bosons and three types of exotic bosons (bosons belonging to different types mutually anticommute instead of commuting). This is a new situation which should be compared with the already recognized feature, see [16], that the four types of fields associated with a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebra correspond to ordinary bosons, exotic bosons and two types of fermions (fermions of different types mutually commute). Further comments about the obtained results and suggested investigations are given in the Conclusions.

The scheme of the paper is the following. The classification of minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras is presented in Section **2**. The construction of minimal matrix representations is discussed in Section **3**. The $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace for both algebras and superalgebras is introduced in Section **4**. New examples of invariant dynamical systems are introduced in Section **5**. The notion of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras is recalled in Appendix **A**. Minimal graded matrices are introduced in Appendix **B**. Useful minimal matrix representations are given

in Appendix C.

2 Classification of minimal graded Lie (super)algebras

In this Section we present the classification of the minimal graded Lie (super)algebras, with no empty graded sector, over the fields of real and complex numbers. The three classes of cases here considered are presented in Appendix A. For completeness and propaedeutic reasons we start with the minimal \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebras. The core result is the presentation of the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras. A minimal graded Lie (super)algebra is spanned by one and only one non-vanishing generator in each graded sector. Therefore, the minimal \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebras are spanned by two generators, while the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and superalgebras are spanned by 4 generators. The inequivalent classes of these graded Lie (super)algebras are obtained by solving the constraints imposed by the respective graded Jacobi identities, see formula (A.5).

2.1 The minimal \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebras

This case presents one generator, H , belonging to the \mathcal{G}_0 sector and one generator, Q , belonging to the \mathcal{G}_1 sector (see Appendix A). The most general (anti)commutators compatible with the gradings are

$$[H, Q] = rQ, \quad \{Q, Q\} = 2sH, \quad \text{with } r, s \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } r, s \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (1)$$

The graded Jacobi identities require the constraint

$$rs = 0 \quad (2)$$

to be satisfied. This constraint is implied by taking, in the graded Jacobi identity (A.5), either $A = H$, $B = C = Q$ or $A = B = C = Q$.

Three classes of solutions are recovered: $r = s = 0$, $r = 0$ with $s \neq 0$ and $r \neq 0$ with $s = 0$, respectively. By suitably rescaling the generators the three inequivalent minimal \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebras are

i) the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded “abelian” superalgebra

$$[H, Q] = \{Q, Q\} = 0, \quad (3)$$

ii) the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ one-dimensional supersymmetry algebra

$$[H, Q] = 0, \quad \{Q, Q\} = 2H, \quad (4)$$

iii) the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebra with a Grassmann generator

$$[H, Q] = Q, \quad \{Q, Q\} = 0. \quad (5)$$

These three superalgebras are inequivalent for both real (\mathbb{R}) and complex (\mathbb{C}) number fields.

The \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded “abelian” superalgebra *i)* enters the construction of the simplest example of superspace, see [25], given by two (one even and one odd) coordinates. The superalgebra *ii)* is the simplest example of superalgebra associated with the one-dimensional Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics [24], where H is a Hamiltonian and Q is its (unique) square root supersymmetry operator. The superalgebra *iii)* enters the topological mechanics, with H playing the role of a scaling operator, see [26].

2.2 The minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras

We consider here $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras with non-empty sectors.

The four generators H, Q_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) can be assigned into each graded sector as

$$H \in \mathcal{G}_{00}, \quad Q_1 \in \mathcal{G}_{10}, \quad Q_2 \in \mathcal{G}_{01}, \quad Q_3 \in \mathcal{G}_{11}. \quad (6)$$

Since the three sectors $\mathcal{G}_{11}, \mathcal{G}_{01}, \mathcal{G}_{10}$ are on equal footing (see the remark 1 in Appendix A) any permutation of the Q_i 's produce equivalent algebras.

The (anti)commutators defining the algebras are

$$\{Q_i, Q_j\} = d_k |\epsilon_{ijk}| Q_k, \quad [H, Q_i] = b_i Q_i. \quad (7)$$

The six structure constants d_i, b_i ($d_i, b_i \in \mathbb{K}$, with $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}) have to be constrained to satisfy the graded Jacobi identities presented in Appendix A, see (A.5). In (7) ϵ_{ijk} is the totally antisymmetric tensor normalized as $\epsilon_{123} = 1$. Its modulus is taken because in the right hand side of the first set of equations (7) the anticommutators appear; the sum over the repeated index k is understood.

The constraints from the graded Jacobi identities come from the triples H, Q_i, Q_j with $i \neq j$. They are

$$d_1(b_1 - b_2 - b_3) = d_2(b_2 - b_3 - b_1) = d_3(b_3 - b_1 - b_2) = 0. \quad (8)$$

We classify their inequivalent solutions.

By rescaling the Q_i 's generators through $Q_i \rightarrow \lambda_i Q_i$, a given non-vanishing d_i , let's say d_3 , can be rescaled to 1 by setting $\lambda_3 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 d_3$. By plugging this result, a second non-vanishing coefficient, let's say d_2 , is rescaled as $d_2 \mapsto \lambda_1^2 d_2 d_3$. For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ the second coefficient can be rescaled to 1 by setting $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_2 d_3}}$. For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ it can be set to ± 1 according to the sign of the product $d_2 d_3$. For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ and three non-vanishing constants d_i , at least two of them can be rescaled to +1, while the third one can be rescaled to ± 1 . By taking into account that the three sectors $\mathcal{G}_{11}, \mathcal{G}_{01}, \mathcal{G}_{10}$ can be mutually permuted, we arrive at the following inequivalent presentations of the d_i 's structure constants:

$$\text{For } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C} \quad : \quad (d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}. \quad (9)$$

$$\text{For } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R} \quad : \quad (d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, -1, 1), (1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}. \quad (10)$$

Once fixed the d_i 's structure constants, the b_i 's structure constants are determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_1, d_2, d_3) = (0, 0, 0) &\Rightarrow \text{no constraint on } b_1, b_2, b_3, \\ (d_1, d_2, d_3) = (0, 0, 1) &\Rightarrow b_3 = b_1 + b_2, \\ (d_1, d_2, d_3) = (0, \pm 1, 1) &\Rightarrow b_1 = 0, \quad b_2 = b_3, \\ (d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\pm 1, 1, 1) &\Rightarrow b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Taking into account the rescaling of H as $H \rightarrow \lambda H$ and the permutations among the $\mathcal{G}_{11}, \mathcal{G}_{01}, \mathcal{G}_{10}$ sectors, the list of inequivalent, minimal, $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras (7) is given by the following table:

	d_1	d_2	d_3	b_1	b_2	b_3
$A1_\epsilon :$	ϵ	1	1	0	0	0
$A2_\epsilon :$	0	ϵ	1	0	0	0
$A3_\epsilon :$	0	ϵ	1	0	1	1
$A4 :$	0	0	1	0	0	0
$A5 :$	0	0	1	1	-1	0
$A6_x :$	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2} - x$	$\frac{1}{2} + x$	1
$A7 :$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$A8_{y,z} :$	0	0	0	y	z	1

Table 1: classification of the inequivalent minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebras over \mathbb{R} with non-empty graded sectors; some of the algebras are labeled by the $\epsilon = \pm 1$ sign, while continuous classes of inequivalent real superalgebras are parametrized by $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. The restrictions are

$$\epsilon = \pm 1 \quad \text{and, for } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \quad x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq |y| \leq |z| \leq 1. \quad (12)$$

Remark 1: The classification of the inequivalent, minimal, $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras over \mathbb{C} with non-empty graded sectors are directly read from table 1 by taking into account:
i) the irrelevance of the ϵ sign (two complex algebras differing by this sign are identified);
ii) that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$, with the constraint on x being replaced by $0 \leq \theta < \pi$ for $x = \rho e^{i\theta}$.

2.3 The minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras

We consider here $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras with non-empty sectors. The four generators H, Q_1, Q_2, Z are assigned into each graded sector as

$$H \in \mathcal{G}_{00}, \quad Q_1 \in \mathcal{G}_{10}, \quad Q_2 \in \mathcal{G}_{01}, \quad Z \in \mathcal{G}_{11}. \quad (13)$$

The (anti)commutators defining these superalgebras are

$$\begin{aligned} [H, Q_i] &= a_i Q_i, & [H, Z] &= bZ, & [Q_1, Q_2] &= cZ, \\ \{Q_i, Q_i\} &= \alpha_i H, & \{Z, Q_i\} &= \beta_i |\epsilon_{ij}| Q_j. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

In the last equation the sum over the repeated index j is understood (the antisymmetric tensor ϵ_{ij} is normalized as $\epsilon_{12} = 1$).

The structure constants $a_1, a_2, b, c, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{K}$ are constrained by the graded Jacobi identities. The complete set of nontrivial constraints derived for each choice of the A, B, C generators entering equation (A.5) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A = H, \quad B = Q_1, \quad C = Q_2 & : & c(b - a_1 - a_2) &= 0, \\ A = H, \quad B = Q_1, \quad C = Z & : & \beta_1(a_2 - a_1 - b) &= 0, \\ A = H, \quad B = Q_2, \quad C = Z & : & \beta_2(a_1 - a_2 - b) &= 0, \\ A = Q_1, \quad B = Q_1, \quad C = Q_2 & : & c\beta_1 - \alpha_1 a_2 &= 0, \\ A = Q_2, \quad B = Q_2, \quad C = Q_1 & : & c\beta_2 + \alpha_2 a_1 &= 0, \\ A = Q_1, \quad B = Q_1, \quad C = Z & : & c\beta_1 - \alpha_1 b &= 0, \\ A = Q_2, \quad B = Q_2, \quad C = Z & : & c\beta_2 + \alpha_2 b &= 0, \\ A = Q_1, \quad B = Q_2, \quad C = Z & : & \beta_1 \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

By taking into account the normalization of the generators and the admissible $\mathcal{G}_{01} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}_{10}$ exchange of the graded sectors recalled in remark 2 of Appendix A, a convenient presentation of

the inequivalent, minimal, $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras over \mathbb{R} is expressed by the following table of structure constants satisfying the (15) constraints:

	a_1	a_2	b	c	β_1	β_2	α_1	α_2
$S1 :$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S2 :$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
$S3_\epsilon :$	0	0	0	0	0	0	ϵ	1
$S4 :$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
$S5 :$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
$S6_\epsilon :$	0	0	0	0	ϵ	1	0	0
$S7_\epsilon :$	0	0	0	0	ϵ	1	ϵ	1
$S8 :$	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
$S9 :$	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
$S10_\epsilon :$	0	0	0	1	0	0	ϵ	1
$S11 :$	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
$S12 :$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$S13_\epsilon :$	0	1	1	1	ϵ	0	ϵ	0
$S14 :$	0	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0
$S15 :$	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
$S16 :$	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
$S17_x :$	0	1	x	0	0	0	0	0
$S18_{y,z} :$	1	y	z	0	0	0	0	0
$S19_x :$	1	x	$1-x$	0	0	1	0	0
$S20_\epsilon :$	1	1	0	0	1	ϵ	0	0
$S21_y :$	1	y	$1+y$	1	0	0	0	0

Table 2: classification of the inequivalent minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebras over \mathbb{R} with non-empty graded sectors; some of the superalgebras are labeled by the $\epsilon = \pm 1$ sign, while continuous classes of inequivalent real superalgebras are parametrized by $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. The restrictions are

$$\epsilon = \pm 1 \quad \text{and, for } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \quad x \neq 0, \quad 0 < |y| \leq 1, \quad z \text{ unconstrained.} \quad (16)$$

Remark 2: The classification of the inequivalent, minimal, $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras over \mathbb{C} with non-empty graded sectors are directly read from table 2 by taking into account:
i) the irrelevance of the ϵ sign (two complex superalgebras differing by this sign are identified);
ii) that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$; the (16) restrictions on x, y hold in the complex case as well.

3 Construction of minimal matrix representations

The minimal, faithful, representations of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras presented in Tables 1 and 2 are given by 4×4 matrices whose nonvanishing real entries m_i 's are assigned as in formula (B.6) presented in Appendix B. For each graded (super)algebra the closure of the (anti)commutators puts restrictions on the m_i values. The construction of these matrices is done by solving these constraints. For any given (super)algebra all resulting four matrices (one in each graded sector) are required to be nonzero. For completeness and their possible usefulness in applications, the results of the computations are reported in Appendix C. Solutions are obtained for all cases listed in Tables 1 and 2 with three exceptions: the algebra $A5$, the algebra $A6_x$ for

$x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and the superalgebra $S13_e$. It is easily shown that the consistency conditions, applied to the above three cases, imply that at least one of the four matrices is identically zero.

The presentation of the results in Appendix C makes use of the freedom to rescale to 1, for the matrices of the graded sectors \mathcal{G}_{10} , \mathcal{G}_{01} , \mathcal{G}_{11} , one of their nonvanishing entries. It is on the other hand convenient to keep as general as possible the diagonal entries (eigenvalues) of the matrices $H \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$. Further comments about the construction and the presentation of the solutions are given in Appendix C.

It is useful to make some comments about certain special examples of graded (super)algebras and their matrix representations. In particular, the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded abelian (i.e., all their (anti)commutators are vanishing) algebra $A7$ and superalgebra $S1$ define the respective graded superspaces discussed in the following Section 4. Therefore, their respective matrices given in Appendix C provide a matrix representation for the superspace coordinates.

Furthermore, the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded structures of quaternions and split-quaternions are summarized as follows.

3.1 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded structures of quaternions and split-quaternions

Quaternions and split-quaternions (see [27] for definitions and properties) admit a natural $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded structure. We present their connections with $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebras and superalgebras.

The composition law of the three imaginary quaternions e_i ($i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$) is

$$e_i \cdot e_j = -\delta_{ij}e_0 + \epsilon_{ijk}e_k, \quad (17)$$

where $\epsilon_{123} = 1$ is the totally antisymmetric tensor and e_0 is the identity. The three imaginary quaternions induce a realization of the $Cl(0, 3)$ Clifford algebra, see [28].

The split-quaternions are defined by the three elements \tilde{e}_i plus the identity \tilde{e}_0 , with composition law expressed by

$$\tilde{e}_i \cdot \tilde{e}_j = N_{ij}\tilde{e}_0 + \tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk}\tilde{e}_k. \quad (18)$$

The 3×3 matrix N_{ij} is diagonal: $N_{ij} = \text{diag}(N_1, N_2, N_3)$, with $N_1 = -N_2 = -N_3 = -1$. The totally antisymmetric tensor of the split-quaternions is $\tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} = \epsilon_{ijk}N_k$. The three elements \tilde{e}_i give a realization of the Clifford algebra $Cl(2, 1)$, see [28].

A matrix presentation of the quaternions is

$$e_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

A matrix presentation of the split-quaternions is

$$\tilde{e}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

Quaternionic and split-quaternionic matrices give representations of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded abelian algebra $A7$. They are recovered from the formulas given in Appendix C for that case after setting $p = -q = -1$ (and, respectively, $p = q = -1$).

The quaternionic matrices (19) give a representation of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra $S10_{\epsilon=1}$. They are recovered, up to normalizing factors, from the matrices presented in Appendix C after setting, for $\epsilon = 1$, $\lambda = -2$, $p = 1$, $q = -1$.

The split-quaternionic matrices (20) give a representation of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra $S10_{\epsilon=-1}$. They are recovered, up to normalizing factors, from the matrices given in Appendix C after setting, for $\epsilon = -1$, $\lambda = 2$, $p = 1$, $q = 1$.

We recall that the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra $S10_{\epsilon=1}$ was investigated in [16, 18, 19]. Its role, in those works, is of the one-dimensional $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Poincaré superalgebra.

4 Applications to generalized $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspaces

We extend here the notion of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace and covariant derivatives, originally introduced in [20] for the one-dimensional $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Poincaré superalgebra $S10_{\epsilon=1}$, to other cases of graded algebras and superalgebras listed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

At first the general construction is presented in parallel for both graded algebras and superalgebras. Then, as an illustration, after recalling the $S10_{\epsilon=1}$ superspace formulation, we present the formulas of covariant derivatives in two selected graded algebra cases, $A4$ and $A8_{y,z}$ at $y = z = 0$.

4.1 Superfield conventions

In the algebra case the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace is defined by the graded coordinates x, w_1, w_2, w_3 (with grading assignment $x \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$, $w_1 \in \mathcal{G}_{10}$, $w_2 \in \mathcal{G}_{01}$, $w_3 \in \mathcal{G}_{11}$), which satisfy the graded abelian algebra $A7$; their (anti)commutators are

$$[x, w_1] = [x, w_2] = [x, w_3] = \{w_1, w_2\} = \{w_2, w_3\} = \{w_3, w_1\} = 0. \quad (21)$$

The grading assignment of the derivative operators is: $\partial_x \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$, $\partial_{w_1} \in \mathcal{G}_{10}$, $\partial_{w_2} \in \mathcal{G}_{01}$, $\partial_{w_3} \in \mathcal{G}_{11}$. The superspace coordinates and their derivatives satisfy a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra, whose nonvanishing (anti)commutators are

$$[\partial_x, x] = 1, \quad \{\partial_{w_i}, w_j\} = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2, 3. \quad (22)$$

In the superalgebra case the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superspace is defined by the graded coordinates x, θ, η, s (with grading assignment $x \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$, $\theta \in \mathcal{G}_{10}$, $\eta \in \mathcal{G}_{01}$, $s \in \mathcal{G}_{11}$), which satisfy the graded abelian superalgebra $S1$; their (anti)commutators are

$$[x, \theta] = [x, \eta] = [x, s] = [\theta, \eta] = \{\theta, \theta\} = \{\eta, \eta\} = \{\theta, s\} = \{\eta, s\} = 0. \quad (23)$$

The grading assignment of the derivative operators is: $\partial_x \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$, $\partial_\theta \in \mathcal{G}_{10}$, $\partial_\eta \in \mathcal{G}_{01}$, $\partial_s \in \mathcal{G}_{11}$. The superspace coordinates and their derivatives satisfy a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra, whose nonvanishing (anti)commutators are

$$[\partial_x, x] = [\partial_s, s] = \{\partial_\theta, \theta\} = \{\partial_\eta, \eta\} = 1. \quad (24)$$

Let us denote:

i) a graded Lie algebra-valued superfield as $\tilde{\Phi}$. We have

$$\tilde{\Phi}(x, w_1, w_2, w_3) = xH + w_1Q_1 + w_2Q_2 + w_3Q_3, \quad (25)$$

with H, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 the generators of one of the algebras listed in Table 1;

ii) a graded Lie superalgebra-valued superfield as $\bar{\Phi}$. We have

$$\bar{\Phi}(x, \theta, \eta, s) = xH + \theta Q_{10} + \eta Q_{01} + sZ, \quad (26)$$

with H, Q_{10}, Q_{01}, Z the generators of one of the superalgebras listed in Table 2.

The graded superspace coordinates are compactly denoted, in the algebra case, as $\tilde{X} = x, w_1, w_2, w_3$ and, in the superalgebra case, as $\bar{X} = x, \theta, \eta, s$. In order to have a unified notation we further set, depending on the case, $X \equiv \tilde{X}, \bar{X}$ and $\Phi(X) \equiv \tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{X}), \bar{\Phi}(\bar{X})$.

Exponentiating $\Phi(X)$ maps the corresponding $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebra valued superfield into the group element $g(X) = \exp(\Phi(X))$.

Different A, B points in the graded superspace are expressed by different graded coordinates X^A, X^B , whose graded components are either x^A, w_i^A and x^B, w_i^B or $x^A, \theta^A, \eta^A, s^A$ and $x^B, \theta^B, \eta^B, s^B$. The (anti)commutators among all graded components are vanishing.

The superfield commutators at different points are expressed in terms of the graded Lie (super)algebra structure constants, given in formula (7) for the algebra case and in formula (14) for the superalgebra case.

In the algebra case we get

$$\begin{aligned} [\tilde{\Phi}^A(\tilde{X}^A), \tilde{\Phi}^B(\tilde{X}^B)] &= (b_1(x^A w_1^B - w_1^A x^B) - d_1(w_2^A w_3^B + w_3^A w_2^B)) \cdot Q_1 + \\ & (b_2(x^A w_2^B - w_2^A x^B) - d_2(w_3^A w_1^B + w_1^A w_3^B)) \cdot Q_2 + \\ & (b_3(x^A w_3^B - w_3^A x^B) - d_3(w_1^A w_2^B + w_2^A w_1^B)) \cdot Q_3. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

In the superalgebra case we get

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\Phi}^A(\bar{X}^A), \bar{\Phi}^B(\bar{X}^B)] &= -(\alpha_1 \theta^A \theta^B + \alpha_2 \eta^A \eta^B) \cdot H + \\ & (a_1(x^A \theta^B - x^B \theta^A) - \beta_2(\eta^A s^B + s^A \eta^B)) \cdot Q_{10} + \\ & (a_2(x^A \eta^B - x^B \eta^A) - \beta_1(\theta^A s^B + s^A \theta^B)) \cdot Q_{01} + \\ & (b(x^A s^B - s^A x^B) + c(\theta^A \eta^B - \eta^A \theta^B)) \cdot Z. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

4.2 The general construction

Let $\Lambda \equiv \tilde{\Lambda}, \bar{\Lambda}$ be an infinitesimal graded Lie algebra valued superfield, whose infinitesimal graded components are respectively parametrized by ε, δ_i and $\varepsilon, \nu, \rho, \sigma$:

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \varepsilon H + \delta_1 Q_1 + \delta_2 Q_2 + \delta_3 Q_3, \quad \bar{\Lambda} = \varepsilon H + \nu Q_{10} + \rho Q_{01} + \sigma Z. \quad (29)$$

The left action induced by Λ on a group element $g(X)$ reads

$$g(X) = \exp(\Phi(X)) \mapsto g(X') = \exp(\Phi(X')) = \exp(\Lambda) \cdot \exp(\Phi(X)). \quad (30)$$

Due to the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula we get

$$\Phi(X') = \Phi(X) + \Lambda + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \Lambda^{(n)} + O(\Lambda^2), \quad (31)$$

in terms of the (linear in Λ) multiple commutators

$$\Lambda^{(0)} = [\Phi(X), \Lambda], \quad \Lambda^{(n+1)} = [\Phi(X), \Lambda^{(n)}]. \quad (32)$$

The coefficients c_n entering (31) belong to a subset of the Dynkin coefficients [29] for the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff expansion.

The $\Lambda^{(0)}$ commutators and their $\Lambda^{(n)}$ iterations are read by inserting in formulas (27) and (28) the appropriate superfields. In particular $\tilde{\Lambda}^{(0)}$ is recovered after setting $\tilde{\Phi}(X^A) = \tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{X})$ and $\tilde{\Phi}(X^B) = \tilde{\Lambda}$ in (27), while $\bar{\Lambda}^{(0)}$ is recovered after setting $\bar{\Phi}(X^A) = \bar{\Phi}(\bar{X})$ and $\bar{\Phi}(X^B) = \bar{\Lambda}$ in (28).

The infinitesimal transformations $\delta X = X' - X$ of the graded component fields can be expressed in terms of the induced covariant derivatives.

In the algebra case we can set

$$\delta(\tilde{X}) = (\varepsilon \tilde{D}_x + \delta_1 \tilde{D}_{w_1} + \delta_2 \tilde{D}_{w_2} + \delta_3 \tilde{D}_{w_3})(\tilde{X}). \quad (33)$$

In the superalgebra case we have

$$\delta(\bar{X}) = (\varepsilon \bar{D}_x + \nu \bar{D}_\theta + \rho \bar{D}_\eta + \sigma \bar{D}_s)(\bar{X}). \quad (34)$$

We illustrate now the construction of covariant derivatives in three selected examples. We recover at first the [20] results for $S10_{\varepsilon=1}$; next we present the algebra cases $A4$ and $A8_{y=0, z=0}$.

4.3 The superalgebra $S10_{\varepsilon=\pm 1}$ revisited

Superalgebra $S10_{\varepsilon=\pm 1}$: we recover at $\varepsilon = 1$ the results of [20]. We recall that in this case the structure constants entering (28) are $a_1 = a_2 = b = \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$, $\alpha_1 = \varepsilon$, $\alpha_2 = c = 1$. For this choice of structure constants the series expansion in the right hand side of (31) terminates at $n = 0$ since

$$\bar{\Lambda}^{(0)} = [\bar{\Phi}(\bar{X}), \bar{\Lambda}] = -(\varepsilon\theta\nu + \eta\rho) \cdot H + (\theta\rho - \eta\nu) \cdot Z, \quad \bar{\Lambda}^{(n)} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \quad (35)$$

Taking into account that the first coefficient c_0 in (31) is $c_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$, the infinitesimal transformations of the graded coordinates are

$$\delta(x) = \varepsilon - \frac{1}{2}\nu\epsilon\theta - \frac{1}{2}\rho\eta, \quad \delta(\theta) = \nu, \quad \delta(\eta) = \rho, \quad \delta(s) = \sigma - \frac{1}{2}\rho\theta + \frac{1}{2}\nu\eta. \quad (36)$$

The induced covariant derivatives are

$$\bar{D}_x = \partial_x, \quad \bar{D}_\theta = \partial_\theta - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\theta\partial_x + \frac{1}{2}\eta\partial_s, \quad \bar{D}_\eta = \partial_\eta - \frac{1}{2}\eta\partial_x - \frac{1}{2}\theta\partial_s, \quad \bar{D}_s = \partial_s. \quad (37)$$

Their (anti)commutators close the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebra $S10_\varepsilon$ (with an overall -1 normalization sign in front of the structure constants). The nonvanishing ones are

$$\{\bar{D}_\theta, \bar{D}_\theta\} = -\varepsilon\bar{D}_x, \quad \{\bar{D}_\eta, \bar{D}_\eta\} = -\bar{D}_x, \quad [\bar{D}_\theta, \bar{D}_\eta] = -\bar{D}_s. \quad (38)$$

4.4 The $A4$ and $A8_{y=0,z=0}$ algebra cases

We set $b_1 = b_2 = d_1 = d_2 = 0$ and consider at first $b_3 = 0, d_3 = 1$ (algebra $A4$) and then $b_3 = 1, d_3 = 0$ (algebra $A8_{y,z}$ at $y = z = 0$).

Algebra $A4$:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}^{(0)} = [\tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{X}), \tilde{\Lambda}] = -(w_1\delta_2 + w_2\delta_1) \cdot Q_3, \quad \tilde{\Lambda}^{(n)} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \quad (39)$$

The infinitesimal transformations of the graded coordinates are

$$\delta(x) = \varepsilon, \quad \delta(w_1) = \delta_1, \quad \delta(w_2) = \delta_2, \quad \delta(w_3) = \delta_3 - \frac{1}{2}\delta_2 w_1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta_1 w_2. \quad (40)$$

The induced covariant derivatives are

$$\tilde{D}_x = \partial_x, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_1} = \partial_{w_1} - \frac{1}{2}w_2\partial_{w_3}, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_2} = \partial_{w_2} - \frac{1}{2}w_1\partial_{w_3}, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_3} = \partial_{w_3}. \quad (41)$$

The unique nonvanishing (anti)commutator is

$$\{\tilde{D}_{w_1}, \tilde{D}_{w_2}\} = -\tilde{D}_{w_3}. \quad (42)$$

Algebra $A8_{y=0,z=0}$:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}^{(0)} = [\tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{X}), \tilde{\Lambda}] = (x\delta_3 - w_2\delta_1) \cdot Q_3, \quad \tilde{\Lambda}^{(n+1)} = x \cdot \tilde{\Lambda}^{(n)}. \quad (43)$$

The infinitesimal transformations of the graded coordinates are computed in terms of the c_n coefficients entering the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff expansion (31). Instead of directly plugging these known coefficients, an alternative method, based on the Ansatz below, allows to determine them. From (31) and (43) the infinitesimal transformations of the graded coordinates read as

$$\delta(x) = \varepsilon, \quad \delta(w_1) = \delta_1, \quad \delta(w_2) = \delta_2, \quad \delta(w_3) = \delta_3(1 + xf(x)) - w_3f(x)\varepsilon \quad (44)$$

in terms of the function

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n. \quad (45)$$

The induced covariant derivatives are

$$\tilde{D}_x = \partial_x - w_3f(x)\partial_{w_3}, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_1} = \partial_{w_1}, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_2} = \partial_{w_2}, \quad \tilde{D}_{w_3} = (1 + xf(x))\partial_{w_3}. \quad (46)$$

The consistency requirement, for the anticommutator, $\{\tilde{D}_x, \tilde{D}_{w_3}\} \propto \tilde{D}_{w_3}$ implies that $f(x)$ should satisfy the following Riccati equation for a given constant C :

$$xf'(x) + 2f(x) + xf(x)^2 - C(1 + xf(x)) = 0. \quad (47)$$

Once determined the particular solution $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$, with standard method the most general solution is expressed as $f_C(x) = \frac{C}{1 - \exp(-Cx)} - \frac{1}{x}$. By requiring that, at the origin, $f(0) = c_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$ we obtain $f(x) \equiv f_{-1}(x)$ for $C = -1$.

Therefore $f(x)$ entering (46) is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\exp(x) - 1} - \frac{1}{x}. \quad (48)$$

This is the generating function (45) of the c_n coefficients entering the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff expansion (31). We get

$$c_0 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{12}, \quad c_2 = 0, \quad c_3 = -\frac{1}{720}, \quad \dots$$

Since the shifted function $g(x) = f(x) + \frac{1}{2}$ is odd ($g(x) + g(-x) = 0$, as easily checked), the even coefficients c_{2n} for positive n are all vanishing ($c_{2n} = 0$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$).

The series of denominators of c_1, c_3, c_5, \dots corresponds to the A060055 series in the OEIS (Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences) database; the numerators correspond to the sequence A060054 in the OEIS database.

The only nonvanishing (anti)commutator for the covariant derivatives (46) associated with the $A_{8_{y=0,z=0}}$ graded algebra is given by

$$[\tilde{D}_x, \tilde{D}_{w_3}] = -\tilde{D}_{w_3}. \quad (49)$$

5 Classical and quantum $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded invariant models

Invariant models under the one-dimensional $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded super-Poincaré algebra have been presented in [16] (classical worldline sigma models) and [18, 19] (quantum Hamiltonians). We show in this Section that other graded Lie algebras and superalgebras listed in Tables **1** and **2** can be realized as dynamical symmetries. We present a general framework and illustrate it with three examples. The selected examples are the classical worldline sigma models invariant under the graded algebra $A_{1_{\epsilon=1}}$ and the graded superalgebra $S_{7_{\epsilon=1}}$, plus the quantum Hamiltonian invariant under $S_{7_{\epsilon=1}}$.

Minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded worldline sigma models depend on four time-dependent fields. In the graded algebra case the fields are the 00-graded ordinary boson $x(t)$ and the exotic bosons $w_1(t), w_2(t), w_3(t)$, whose respective gradings are 10, 01 and 11. In the graded superalgebra case the fields are the 00-graded ordinary boson $x(t)$, the 11-graded exotic boson $s(t)$ and two types of fermions (parafermions), $\theta(t)$ and $\eta(t)$, whose respective gradings are 10 and 01 (see Appendix **A** for the grading assignments).

The operator $H \in \mathcal{G}_{00}$ is the generator of the time translations, so that $H \propto \partial_t \cdot \mathbb{I}_4$. The time coordinate t can be assumed to be either a real or a Euclidean time. The two choices are related by a Wick rotation, see [16]. We work here for simplicity with the Euclidean time.

The operators acting on the four fields and closing a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded (super)algebra are differential operators. Such D -module representations can be derived from the 4×4 real-matrix representations (as the ones given in Appendix **C**), by promoting some of the real parameters to be differential operators (for instance, by replacing λ entering the $S_{7_{\epsilon=1}}$ matrices by a term proportional to ∂_t , as in the case discussed below).

The differential operators H, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 of a graded algebra case (and, similarly, H, Q_{10}, Q_{01}, Z of a graded superalgebra case) act as $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Leibniz derivatives. An invariant worldline sigma model is defined by the classical action $\mathcal{S} = \int dt \mathcal{L}$, with the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} depending on the set of four fields. The $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded invariance requires that each one of the four operators produces a time derivative when acting on \mathcal{L} . Let R be one of these operators, we therefore have

$$R\mathcal{L} = \partial_t(L_R), \quad (50)$$

for some given functional L_R .

We present now the construction of invariant classical actions for the two cases mentioned above.

5.1 The $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ invariant worldline action

The $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ D -module representation is obtained from the $A1_{\epsilon}$ real matrices given in Appendix C for the $\mu = \lambda$ case, by setting $\lambda = \partial_t$ and $\epsilon = 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_t \end{pmatrix}, & Q_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 Q_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & Q_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

The above operators close the $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ (anti)commutators as in Table 1 conventions.

The induced transformations on the $x(t)$, $w_i(t)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) graded fields are

$$\begin{aligned}
 Hx &= \dot{x}, & Q_1x &= \frac{1}{2}w_1, & Q_2x &= \frac{1}{2}w_2, & Q_3x &= \frac{1}{2}w_3, \\
 Hw_1 &= \dot{w}_1, & Q_1w_1 &= \frac{1}{2}x, & Q_2w_1 &= \frac{1}{2}w_3, & Q_3w_1 &= \frac{1}{2}w_2, \\
 Hw_2 &= \dot{w}_2, & Q_1w_2 &= \frac{1}{2}w_3, & Q_2w_2 &= \frac{1}{2}x, & Q_3w_2 &= \frac{1}{2}w_1, \\
 Hw_3 &= \dot{w}_3, & Q_1w_3 &= \frac{1}{2}w_2, & Q_2w_3 &= \frac{1}{2}w_1, & Q_3w_3 &= \frac{1}{2}x,
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

with the dot denoting a time derivative ($\dot{\varphi} \equiv \frac{d\varphi}{dt}$).

An $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ -invariant action can be constructed in terms of a kinetic term K and a potential term $V(u)$, where the constant kinetic term is

$$K = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - w_1^2 - w_2^2 - w_3^2). \tag{53}$$

The potential term $V(u)$ is chosen to be a function of u given by the quadratic expression

$$u = x^2 - w_1^2 - w_2^2 - w_3^2. \tag{54}$$

The potential term is invariant under the Q_i 's since $Q_i(u) = 0$.

The invariant worldline action is defined by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = K + V(u). \tag{55}$$

The action $\mathcal{S} = \int dt \mathcal{L}$ is invariant since

$$H\mathcal{L} = \dot{\mathcal{L}}, \quad Q_i\mathcal{L} = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3. \tag{56}$$

The Lagrangian \mathcal{L} is, by construction, 00-graded due to the mod 2 additivity (A.4).

The sigma model defined by (55) is the simplest example of a non-trivial dynamical system invariant under a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebra. It implies the consistency of the equations of motion involving three mutually anticommuting exotic bosons $w_i(t)$ such that $\{w_i(t), w_j(t)\} = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

5.2 The $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ invariant worldline sigma model

A convenient D -module representation for the $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ superalgebra is given by the differential operators

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_t \end{pmatrix}, & Z &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos(\gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos(\gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sin(\gamma)^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin(\gamma)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ Q_{10} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \partial_t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & Q_{01} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t & 0 & 0 \\ \partial_t & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

where γ is an arbitrary angle.

The above representation can be recovered, at $\gamma = 0$, from the second set of $S7_{\epsilon}$ real matrices given in Appendix C by setting $\epsilon = 1$, $\lambda = 2\partial_t$ and by taking the special value $p = 1$ (for convenience the operator H has been renormalized by a $\frac{1}{2}$ factor).

The $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded (anti)commutators obtained from (57) are

$$\begin{aligned} [H, Z] &= [H, Q_{10}] = [H, Q_{01}] = 0, & [Q_{10}, Q_{01}] &= 0, \\ \{Q_{10}, Q_{10}\} &= \{Q_{01}, Q_{01}\} = 2H, & \{Z, Q_{10}\} &= Q_{01}, & \{Z, Q_{01}\} &= Q_{10}. \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

Since the commutator between Q_{10}, Q_{01} is vanishing, the subalgebra generated by H, Q_{10}, Q_{01} is the Beckers-Debergh algebra, see [31]. The presence of the extra generator Z makes it to be the $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ superalgebra.

The action of the operators (57) on the bosonic $x(t), s(t)$ and parafermionic $\theta(t), \eta(t)$ graded fields is

$$\begin{aligned} Hx &= \dot{x}, & Zx &= \cos(\gamma)^2 s, & Q_{10}x &= \theta, & Q_{01}x &= \eta \\ Hs &= \dot{s}, & Zs &= \cos(\gamma)^2 x, & Q_{10}s &= \eta, & Q_{01}s &= \theta, \\ H\theta &= \dot{\theta}, & Z\theta &= \sin(\gamma)^2 \eta, & Q_{10}\theta &= \dot{x}, & Q_{01}\theta &= \dot{s}, \\ H\eta &= \dot{\eta}, & Z\eta &= \sin(\gamma)^2 \theta, & Q_{10}\eta &= \dot{s}, & Q_{01}\eta &= \dot{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

The (anti)commutators of the graded fields are

$$\begin{aligned} [x(t), s(t)] &= [x(t), \theta(t)] = [x(t), \eta(t)] = [\theta(t), \eta(t)] = 0, \\ \{\theta(t), \theta(t)\} &= \{\eta(t), \eta(t)\} = \{s(t), \theta(t)\} = \{s(t), \eta(t)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

Let us now introduce the 00-graded quadratic expression z , given by

$$z = x^2 - s^2. \quad (61)$$

A $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ -invariant action $\mathcal{S} = \int dt \mathcal{L}$ is recovered by a Lagrangian \mathcal{L} expressed as

$$\mathcal{L} = Q_{10} \cdot Q_{01} (f(z)\theta\eta), \quad (62)$$

where $f(z)$ is an arbitrary prepotential. By construction the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} is 00-graded.

The invariance of the action \mathcal{S} under the (57) operators, which act as graded Leibniz derivatives, immediately follows from the fact that \mathcal{L} transforms at most as a time derivative. For instance, the invariance under Z is implied by the identities $Z(z) = Z(\theta\eta) = 0$.

The expression of the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = f(z) \left(\dot{x}^2 - \dot{s}^2 + \theta\dot{\theta} - \eta\dot{\eta} \right) + 2f_z(z) (\theta\eta(s\dot{x} - x\dot{s})), \quad (63)$$

where $f_z(z) \equiv \frac{df(z)}{dz}$.

The first term in (63) is a second-order kinetic term, while the second term (which is of first-order in the time derivative) has the form of a spin-orbit interaction.

The construction of a classical Lagrangian for $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded fields satisfying (60) follows the scheme of reference [16]. The difference, with respect to that paper, consists in producing an action which is invariant under a new $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra ($S7_{\epsilon=1}$ instead of the Poincaré superalgebra $S10_{\epsilon=1}$).

5.3 The $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ quantum model

In principle the classical model (63) can be quantized with the prescription discussed in [19].

We know that the (anti)commutators of the parafermions θ and η are realized by constant real matrices, while space coordinates are associated with each one of the two propagating bosons x, s . The prepotential $f(z)$ entering (63) is reabsorbed in the kinetic term, which leads to a 2-dimensional constant laplacian. The derivative $\partial_z f(z)$ induces extra terms which are expressed below by the complex function $g(x, y)$ entering the quantum Hamiltonian.

All in all, the following quantum operators close the $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ graded superalgebra (58). Since no confusion arises, for simplicity we keep the same name of the operators also in the quantum case.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & H_{44} \end{pmatrix}, \\
Z &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos(\gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos(\gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sin(\gamma)^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin(\gamma)^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
Q_{10} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \partial_x - i\partial_y + g(x, y) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_x - i\partial_y + g(x, y) \\ -\partial_x - i\partial_y + g^*(x, y) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_x - i\partial_y + g^*(x, y) & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
Q_{01} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \partial_x - i\partial_y + g(x, y) \\ 0 & 0 & \partial_x - i\partial_y + g(x, y) & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_x - i\partial_y + g^*(x, y) & 0 & 0 \\ -\partial_x - i\partial_y + g^*(x, y) & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned} \tag{64}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{11} = H_{22} &= -\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2 + (g^* - g)\partial_x - i(g + g^*)\partial_y + gg^* + g_x^* - ig_y^*, \\
H_{33} = H_{44} &= -\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2 + (g^* - g)\partial_x - i(g + g^*)\partial_y + gg^* - g_x - ig_y.
\end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

The space coordinates are denoted by x, y . The complex function $g(x, y)$ is arbitrary. By construction the above operators are Hermitian. They close the $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ graded superalgebra (58) for any given value of the angle γ . The quantum Hamiltonian H describes a two-dimensional single-particle model. This is a new $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded theory. Indeed, we mention that the $S10_{\epsilon=1}$ -invariant single-particle quantum Hamiltonians presented in [18, 19] are one-dimensional.

6 Conclusions

We presented the classification of the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and superalgebras with no empty graded sector. We pointed out that, besides the one-dimensional $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Poincaré superalgebra already discussed in the literature, other graded (super)algebras act as symmetries of dynamical systems. We analyzed a few cases, postponing a systematic investigation to future works.

Among the constructions that we discussed we mention the derivation (see subsection 4.4) of the graded superspace and covariant derivatives of the $A8_{y=0,z=0}$ algebra, by solving a Riccati equation and producing a generating function for a class of Dynkin coefficients of the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff expansion.

The construction of graded invariant worldline sigma models was discussed in Section 5 and two such models, for the graded algebra $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ and the graded superalgebra $S7_{\epsilon=1}$, were given. A new quantum model $S7_{\epsilon=1}$ has been presented in formula (64).

The complementary results discussed in Section 3 and shown in Appendix C are presented in order to facilitate the model-building of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded invariant theories.

We mention that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras so far have not been considered as symmetries of dynamical systems, since $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras were more naturally investigated as extensions of ordinary supersymmetry. This should not be the case. As a byproduct of the results in this work we point out that, while $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras produce models containing ordinary bosons, exotic bosons and two types of fermions which mutually commute, see[16], similarly $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras induce models which contain ordinary bosons and three types of exotic bosons which mutually anticommute. Ordinary and exotic bosons satisfy the graded abelian algebra $A7$, whose (anti)commutators are given in (21). The same (anti)commutators are also satisfied, at equal-time, for the fields of worldline sigma models invariant under a graded algebra (see, e.g., the (55) Lagrangian whose action is invariant under the $A1_{\epsilon=1}$ algebra).

We can refer, for short, to a model based on a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded superalgebra as a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded *parafermionic theory*, while a model based on a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra can be referred to as a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded *parabosonic theory*. It was proved in [21] that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded parafermionic multiparticle Hamiltonians lead to new testable predictions which do not have a counterpart in ordinary bosons/fermions theories. An investigation of the testable consequences of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded parabosonic theories here outlined is currently under way. The outcome of this analysis will be presented in a forthcoming paper.

Appendix A: review of \mathbb{Z}_2 - and $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras

We collect here the basic properties of the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie algebras (usually called Lie superalgebras in the literature, see [30]) and of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded color Lie (super)algebras [1, 2], together with their respective graded vector spaces. To avoid unnecessary duplications of the formulae, whenever possible, the symbols that we are introducing will be unified. In the main text we discussed three classes of Lie (super)algebras, corresponding to

- i)* the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie algebras,
- ii)* the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebras and
- iii)* the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebras.

Each one of the above classes of Lie (super)algebras will be defined over the field of either real (\mathbb{R}) or complex (\mathbb{C}) numbers. For each application presented in the text it is specified which numerical field has been employed.

The round bracket “ (A, B) ” denotes either a commutator ($[A, B] = AB - BA$) or an anticommutator ($\{A, B\} = AB + BA$), depending on the grading of the Lie (super)algebra generators A, B .

Let us introduce now three Lie (super)algebra generators A, B, C and denote their respective gradings as the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = \text{deg}(A)$, $\vec{\beta} = \text{deg}(B)$, $\vec{\gamma} = \text{deg}(C)$. We have that

in case *i*), $\vec{\alpha}^T = \vec{\alpha}$ is a 1-component vector, such that $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha)$, with $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$;
in cases *ii*) and *iii*), $\vec{\alpha}$ is a 2-component vector ($\vec{\alpha}^T = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$) with $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \{0, 1\}$.

A inner product ($\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta} \in \{0, 1\}$) is defined for a given pair of $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}$ gradings. It is respectively given, for each of the three classes above, as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{case } i) : \quad \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta} &:= \alpha\beta \in \{0, 1\}, \\ \text{case } ii) : \quad \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta} &:= \alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1 \in \{0, 1\}, \\ \text{case } iii) : \quad \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta} &:= \alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_2 \in \{0, 1\}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

where the additions on the right hand sides are taken mod 2.

We are now in the position to define the bracket (A, B) as

$$(A, B) := AB - (-1)^{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta}} BA, \tag{A.2}$$

so that

$$(B, A) = (-1)^{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta} + 1} (A, B). \tag{A.3}$$

The grading $\text{deg}((A, B))$ of the Lie (super)algebra generator (A, B) is

$$\text{deg}((A, B)) = \vec{\alpha} + \vec{\beta}, \tag{A.4}$$

where, in each of the vector components, the sums are taken mod 2.

A graded Lie (super)algebra \mathcal{G} is endowed with a $(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ bracket defined as (A.2) for each A, B pair of generators in \mathcal{G} ($A, B \in \mathcal{G}$). The degree of the (anti)commutators is defined according to (A.4). A graded Lie (super)algebra is requested to satisfy, for any A, B, C triple of generators of \mathcal{G} , a graded Jacobi identity. Thanks to the compact, unified notation, in each of the three above cases, the graded Jacobi identity involving A, B, C can be expressed as

$$(-1)^{\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\alpha}} (A, (B, C)) + (-1)^{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta}} (B, (C, A)) + (-1)^{\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{\gamma}} (C, (A, B)) = 0. \tag{A.5}$$

In the case *i*), the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie algebra \mathcal{G} is decomposed into the two sectors

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_0 \oplus \mathcal{G}_1 \tag{A.6}$$

of, respectively, even and odd (also known as bosonic and fermionic) generators.

In the cases *ii*) and *iii*) the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebra \mathcal{G} is decomposed into the four sectors

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_{00} \oplus \mathcal{G}_{01} \oplus \mathcal{G}_{10} \oplus \mathcal{G}_{11}. \tag{A.7}$$

The $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading of the (A, B) bracket is read from the entries of the table below, at the intersection of the row (A) with column (B) :

$A \setminus B$	00	10	01	11
00	00	10	01	11
10	10	00	11	01
01	01	11	00	10
11	11	01	10	00

(A.8)

The brackets (A, B) for the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie *algebras* are (anti)commutators, according to the table

$A \setminus B$	00	10	01	11
00	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$
10	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$
01	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$
11	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$

(A.9)

The brackets (A, B) for the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie *superalgebras* are (anti)commutators, according to the table

$A \setminus B$	00	10	01	11
00	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$
10	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$
01	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$
11	$[\cdot, \cdot]$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$\{\cdot, \cdot\}$	$[\cdot, \cdot]$

(A.10)

A graded vector space V is a representation space for the graded Lie (super)algebra \mathcal{G} provided that for any $A \in \mathcal{G}$ the bracket (A.2) is realized by (anti)commutators through the mapping $A \mapsto \hat{A}$, where $\hat{A} : V \rightarrow V$ is an operator acting on V . The graded vector space V requires the vectors $v \in V$ to be associated with a grading $\vec{\nu}$ (depending on the case, it is either $\vec{\nu} = (\nu)$ and $\nu \in \{0, 1\}$ or $\vec{\nu}^T = (\nu_1, \nu_2)$ with $\nu_1, \nu_2 \in \{0, 1\}$). Therefore, the graded vector spaces V are

$$V = V_0 \oplus V_1 \quad (\text{for } \mathbb{Z}_2) \quad \text{and} \quad V = V_{00} \oplus V_{01} \oplus V_{10} \oplus V_{11} \quad (\text{for } \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2). \quad (\text{A.11})$$

The compatibility of the gradings for the vector space and for the Lie (super)algebra requires a vector $v' = \hat{A}v \in V$ to have grading $\vec{\alpha} + \vec{\nu}$.

We conclude with the following remarks:

1. In the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie algebra case, due to the definition (A.2) of the brackets in terms of the second inner product of (A.1), the sectors $\mathcal{G}_{10}, \mathcal{G}_{01}, \mathcal{G}_{11}$ are on equal footing: their grading assignment can be permuted under the S_3 group of permutation without altering the (anti)commutators among the graded Lie algebra generators;
2. In the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebra case, on the other hand, the only sectors which can be switched without altering the (anti)commutators are \mathcal{G}_{10} and \mathcal{G}_{01} (S_2 permutation), while the \mathcal{G}_{11} sector has a different role.

Appendix B: minimal graded matrices

We present here the general features of the constant graded matrices (whose entries are either real, \mathbb{R} , or complex, \mathbb{C} , numbers) which can be applied to provide a matrix representation of the graded Lie (super)algebras classified in Section 2. We further require the matrices to act on a graded vector space, see formula (A.11). Therefore, the minimal matrix representations for the minimal \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie algebras presented in Subsection 2.1 consists of 2×2 matrices, while the minimal matrix representations for the minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie (super)algebras of Subsections 2.2 and 2.3 consist of 4×4 matrices.

For the \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading the even (bosonic) vectors v_B and the odd (fermionic) vectors v_F are respectively given by

$$v_B = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V_0, \quad v_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in V_1, \quad (v \in \mathbb{K}, \text{ with } \mathbb{K} \text{ either } \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}). \quad (\text{B.1})$$

The \mathcal{G}_0 sector of the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded Lie superalgebra is given by diagonal matrices, while the \mathcal{G}_1 sector is given by block-antidiagonal matrices. In the 2×2 matrix representations we have

$$M_B = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_0, \quad M_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 \\ a_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_1, \quad (d_1, d_2, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{K}). \quad (\text{B.2})$$

Bosonic (fermionic) vectors are defined in terms of the ± 1 eigenspaces of the Fermion Parity Operator N_F , introduced through the position

$$N_F := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

The Fermion Parity Operator N_F allows to define the projectors P_{\pm} onto the bosonic (fermionic) vector subspaces; we have

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{I}_2 \pm N_F), \quad (P_{\pm}^2 = P_{\pm}, \quad P_+ P_- = P_- P_+ = 0), \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where \mathbb{I}_2 is the 2×2 identity matrix. The grading (0 or 1) of the vector subspaces is given by the eigenvalues of the P_- projector.

For what concerns the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradings, the vector subspaces are spanned by the vectors

$$v_{00} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V_{00}, \quad v_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V_{11}, \quad v_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V_{10}, \quad v_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in V_{01}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

with $v \in \mathbb{K}$.

Under this assignment the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded 4×4 matrices are

$$\begin{aligned} M_{00} &= \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_{00}, & M_{11} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_5 & 0 & 0 \\ m_6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_7 \\ 0 & 0 & m_8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_{11}, \\ M_{10} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & m_9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{10} \\ m_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{12} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_{10}, & M_{01} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & m_{14} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{15} & 0 & 0 \\ m_{16} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G}_{01}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.6})$$

with the entries $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{16} \in \mathbb{K}$.

Two independent ‘‘Fermion Parity Operators’’, N_1, N_2 , associated with each \mathbb{Z}_2 component grading, can be introduced (a third ‘‘Fermion Parity Operator’’, N_3 , is the product $N_1 \cdot N_2$). These operators are expressed as

$$N_1 = N_F \otimes N_F, \quad N_2 = \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes N_F, \quad (N_3 = N_1 \cdot N_2 = N_F \otimes \mathbb{I}_2). \quad (\text{B.7})$$

They allow to define the projectors

$$P_{1,\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{I}_4 \pm N_1), \quad P_{2,\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{I}_4 \pm N_2), \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where \mathbb{I}_4 is the 4×4 identity matrix.

Let us denote with p_1 (p_2) an eigenvalue of the projector operator $P_{1,-}$ (and, respectively, $P_{2,-}$). The assigned $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradings (00, 01, 10, 11) correspond to the pair (p_1, p_2) of eigenvalues of the two projectors.

Appendix C: minimal $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded matrices and (super)algebras

We present here a list of 4×4 minimal matrix representations of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebras and superalgebras given in Tables **1** and **2**. The main motivation to present these results is that they can be put into use for different physical applications (some of them have been discussed in the main text).

For each one of the given cases, all four matrix generators are assumed to be nonvanishing. The generators belonging to the $\mathcal{G}_{10}, \mathcal{G}_{01}, \mathcal{G}_{11}$ sectors are suitably normalized and presented up to similarity transformations. The parameters λ, μ, p, q appearing in some of the formulas given below are assumed to be real. In some of the cases these parameters have to be restricted to be $\neq 0$. This occurs when p, q appear in the denominator (see, e.g., the operator Q_{10} entering the superalgebra case *S2*). Furthermore, the requirement $\lambda \neq 0$ guarantees a nonvanishing diagonal operator H (see, e.g., the algebra case *A7*) when H is a multiple of the identity. Some graded (super)algebras do not admit a minimal 4×4 representation with 4 nonvanishing generators. This happens for the algebra *A5*, for the algebra *A6_x* with $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and for the superalgebra *S13_ε*. A restriction on the diagonal entries of the operator H can lead to a more general form for the remaining operators. The corresponding cases are also presented. In particular the $\mu = \lambda$ restriction for the algebra *A1_{ε=1}* was applied, see (51), to derive the worldline action (55) (the normalization of the Q_i 's operators below is chosen to comply with the conventions used in deriving the action).

Minimal matrix representations of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebras of Table 1:

Algebra *A1_ε*:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

for $\mu = \lambda$ we get

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 - y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda - 2 - y \end{pmatrix}, Q_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Q_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

for $\mu = \lambda + y$ we get

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 - y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda + y \end{pmatrix}, Q_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Q_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -p & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

for $\mu = \lambda - y$ we get

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 - y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda - y \end{pmatrix}, Q_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Q_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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