

TOWARDS AN OCTONIONIC WORLD

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In order to obtain a consistent formulation of octonionic quantum mechanics (OQM), we introduce left-right barred operators. Such operators enable us to find the translation rules between octonionic numbers and 8×8 real matrices (a translation is also given for 4×4 complex matrices). The use of a complex geometry allows us to overcome the hermiticity problem and define an appropriate momentum operator within OQM. As an application of our results, we develop an octonionic relativistic free wave equation, linear in the derivatives. Even if the wave functions are only one-component we show that four independent solutions, corresponding to those of the Dirac equation, exist.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the early thirties, in order to explain the novel phenomena of that time, namely β -decay and the strong interactions, Jordan [1] introduced a nonassociative but commutative algebra as a basic block for a new quantum theory. With the discovery that 3×3 hermitian octonionic matrices realize the Jordan postulate [2,3], octonions appeared, in quantum mechanics, for the first time. The hope of applying nonassociative algebras to physics was soon dashed with the Fermi theory of the β -decay and with the Yukawa model of nuclear forces. Octonions disappears from physics as soon after being introduced. Banished from physics, octonions continued their career in mathematics [4–7]. Semi-simple Lie groups, classified in four categories: orthogonal groups, unitary groups, symplectic groups and exceptional groups, were respectively associated with real, complex, quaternionic and octonionic algebras. Thus, such algebras became the core of the classification of possible symmetries in physics.

From the sixties onwards, there has been renewed and intense interest in the use of octonions in physics [8]. The octonionic algebra has been in fact linked with a number of interesting subjects: structure of interactions [9], $SU(3)$ color symmetry and quark confinement [10,11], standard model gauge group [12], exceptional GUT groups [13], Dirac-Clifford algebra [14], nonassociative Yang-Mills theories [15,16], space-time symmetries in ten dimensions [17], supersymmetry and supergravity theories [18,19]. Moreover, the recent successful application of quaternionic numbers in quantum mechanics [20–24], in particular in formulating a quaternionic Dirac equation [25–28], suggests going one step further and using octonions as underlying numerical field. Nonassociative numbers are difficult to manipulate and so the use of the octonionic field within OQM and in particular in formulating the Dirac equation [29] is non-trivial. Obviously, if we are not able to construct a suitable OQM, octonions will remain beautiful ghosts in search of a physical incarnation.

In this work, we overcome the problems due to the nonassociativity of the octonionic algebra by introducing left-right barred operators (which will be sometimes called generalized octonions). Such operators complete the mathematical material introduced in the recent papers (on octonionic representations and nonassociative gauge theories) of Joshi *et al.* [15,16]. Then, we investigate their relations to $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ and $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$. Establishing this relation we find interesting translation rules, which gives us the opportunity to formulate a consistent OQM. Both the quantum mechanics postulates and the octonions nonassociativity property will be respected.

The philosophy behind the translation can be concisely expressed by the following sentence: “There exists at least one version of octonionic quantum mechanics where the standard quantum mechanics is reproduced”. The use of a complex scalar product [30] (or complex geometry as called by Rembieliński [31]) will be the main tool to obtain such an OQM.

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Is there any other acceptable octonionic quantum theory? Do octonionic quantum theories necessitate complex geometry? At this stage these questions lack answers and the aim of our work is to clarify these points.

We wish to stress that translation rules don't imply that our octonionic quantum world (with complex geometry) is equivalent to the standard quantum world. When translation fails the two worlds are not equivalent. An interesting case is supersymmetry. Since the number of spinor components will be reduced from 4 to 1, the number of degrees of freedom between bosonic and fermionic fields matches. So we need just one fermion and one boson without any auxiliary field.

Similar translation rules, between quaternionic quantum mechanics (QQM) with complex geometry and standard quantum mechanics, have been recently found [23]. As an application, such rules can be exploited in reformulating in a natural way the electroweak sector of the standard model [24].

This article is organized as follows: In section II, we give a brief introduction to the octonionic division algebra. In section III, we discuss generalized numbers and introduce barred operators. Working with nonassociative numbers we need to distinguish between left-bared and right-bared operators. In section IV, we investigate the relation between generalized octonions and 8×8 real matrices. In this section, we also give the translation rules between octonionic barred operators and $GL(4, \mathbf{C})$, which will be very useful in formulating our OQM. After these mathematical sections, in section V, we show how the complex geometry allows us to overcome the hermiticity problem. In this section we also introduce the appropriate definition for the momentum operator (which satisfy the required commutation rules with our octonionic hamiltonian) and the new completeness relations. As application of our results, in section VI, we explicitly develop an octonionic Dirac equation and suggest possible difference between complex and octonionic quantum theories. Our conclusion are drawn in the final section.

II. OCTONIONIC ALGEBRA

A remarkable theorem of Albert [32] shows that the only algebras, \mathcal{A} , over the reals, with unit element and admitting a real modulus function $N(a)$ ($a \in \mathcal{A}$) with the following properties

$$N(0) = 0 \quad , \quad (1a)$$

$$N(a) > 0 \quad \text{if } a \neq 0 \quad , \quad (1b)$$

$$N(ra) = |r| N(a) \quad (r \in \mathbf{R}) \quad , \quad (1c)$$

$$N(a_1 a_2) \leq N(a_1) + N(a_2) \quad , \quad (1d)$$

are the reals, \mathbf{R} , the complex, \mathbf{C} , the quaternions, \mathbf{H} (\mathbf{H} in honour of Hamilton [33]), and the octonions, \mathbf{O} (or Graves-Cayley numbers [34,35]). Albert's theorem generalizes famous nineteenth-century results of Frobenius [36] and Hurwitz [37], who first reached the same conclusion but with the additional assumption that $N(a)^2$ is a quadratic form.

In addition to Albert's theorem on algebras admitting a modulus function $N(a)$, we can characterize the algebras \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{C} , \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{O} by the concept of **division algebra** (in which one has no nonzero divisors of zero). A classical theorem [38,39] states that the only division algebra over the reals are algebras of dimensions 1, 2, 4 and 8, the only associative division algebras over the reals are \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{H} , whereas the **nonassociative** algebras include the octonions \mathbf{O} (an interesting discussion concerning nonassociative algebras is presented in [40]). For a very nice review of aspects of the quaternionic and octonionic algebras see ref. [8] and the recent book of Adler [20]. In this paper we will deal with octonions and their generalizations.

We now summarize our notation for the octonionic algebra and introduce useful elementary properties to manipulate the nonassociative numbers. There is a number of equivalent ways to represent the octonions multiplication table. Fortunately, it is always possible to choose an orthonormal basis (e_0, \dots, e_7) such that

$$o = r_0 + \sum_{m=1}^7 r_m e_m \quad (r_0, \dots, r_7 \text{ reals}) \quad , \quad (2)$$

where e_m are elements obeying the noncommutative and nonassociative algebra

$$e_m e_n = -\delta_{mn} + \epsilon_{mnp} e_p \quad (m, n, p = 1, \dots, 7) \quad , \quad (3)$$

with ϵ_{mnp} totally antisymmetric and equal to unity for the seven combinations

$$123, 145, 176, 246, 257, 347 \text{ and } 365$$

(each cycle represents a quaternionic subalgebra). The norm, $N(o)$, for the octonions is defined by

$$N(o) = (o^\dagger o)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (oo^\dagger)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (r_0^2 + \dots + r_7^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad , \quad (4)$$

with the octonionic conjugate o^\dagger given by

$$o^\dagger = r_0 - \sum_{m=1}^7 r_m e_m \quad . \quad (5)$$

The inverse is then

$$o^{-1} = o^\dagger / N(o) \quad (o \neq 0) \quad . \quad (6)$$

We can define an **associator** (analogous to the usual algebraic commutator) as follows

$$\{x, y, z\} \equiv (xy)z - x(yz) \quad , \quad (7)$$

where, in each term on the right-hand, we must, first of all, perform the multiplication in brackets. Note that for real, complex and quaternionic numbers the associator is trivially null. For octonionic imaginary units we have

$$\{e_m, e_n, e_p\} \equiv (e_m e_n) e_p - e_m (e_n e_p) = 2\epsilon_{mnp} e_s \quad , \quad (8)$$

with ϵ_{mnp} totally antisymmetric and equal to unity for the seven combinations

$$1247, 1265, 2345, 2376, 3146, 3157 \text{ and } 4567 \quad .$$

Working with octonionic numbers the associator (7) is in general non-vanishing, however, the ‘‘alternative condition’’ is fulfilled

$$\{x, y, z\} + \{z, y, x\} = 0 \quad . \quad (9)$$

III. LEFT/RIGHT-BARRED OPERATORS

In 1989, writing a quaternionic Dirac equation [26], Rotelli introduced a **barred** momentum operator

$$-\partial | i \quad [(-\partial | i)\psi \equiv -\partial\psi i] \quad . \quad (10)$$

In a recent paper [23], based upon the Rotelli operators, **partially generalized quaternions**

$$q + p | i \quad [q, p \in \mathcal{H}] \quad , \quad (11)$$

have been used to formulate a quaternionic quantum mechanics. From the viewpoint of group structure, these barred numbers are very similar to complexified quaternions [41]

$$q + \mathcal{I}p \quad (12)$$

(the imaginary unit \mathcal{I} commutes with the quaternionic imaginary units i, j, k), but in physical problems, like eigenvalue calculations, tensor products, relativistic equations solutions, they give different results.

A complete generalization for quaternionic numbers is represented by the following barred operators

$$q_1 + q_2 | i + q_3 | j + q_4 | k \quad [q_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{H}] \quad , \quad (13)$$

which we call **fully generalized quaternions**, or simply generalized quaternions. Fully generalized quaternions, with their 16 linearly independent elements, form a basis of $GL(4, \mathcal{R})$. They are successfully used to reformulate Lorentz space-time transformations [42] and write down a one-component Dirac equation [28].

Thus, it seems to us natural to investigate the existence of **generalized octonions**

$$o_0 + \sum_{m=1}^7 o_m | e_m \quad . \quad (14)$$

Nevertheless, we must observe that an octonionic **barred** operator, $\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{b}$, which acts on octonionic wave functions, ψ ,

$$[\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{b}] \psi \equiv \mathbf{a}\psi\mathbf{b} \quad ,$$

is not a well defined object. For $a \neq b$ the triple product $a\psi b$ could be either $(a\psi)b$ or $a(\psi b)$. So, in order to avoid the ambiguity due to the nonassociativity of the octonionic numbers, we need to define left/right-barred operators. We will indicate **left-barred** operators by $\mathbf{a}) \mathbf{b}$, with a and b which represent octonionic numbers. They act on octonionic functions ψ as follows

$$[\mathbf{a}) \mathbf{b}] \psi = (\mathbf{a}\psi)\mathbf{b} \quad . \quad (15a)$$

In similar way we can introduce **right-barred** operators, defined by $\mathbf{a} (\mathbf{b}$,

$$[\mathbf{a} (\mathbf{b}] \psi = \mathbf{a}(\psi\mathbf{b}) \quad . \quad (15b)$$

Obviously, there are barred-operators in which the nonassociativity is not of relevance, like

$$1) a = 1 (a \equiv 1 \mid a \quad .$$

Furthermore, from eq. (9), we have

$$\{x, y, x\} = 0 \quad ,$$

so

$$a) a = a (a \equiv a \mid a \quad .$$

At first glance it seems that we must consider the following 106 barred-operators:

$$\begin{aligned} 1, e_m, 1 \mid e_m & \quad (15 \text{ elements}) , \\ e_m \mid e_m & \quad (7) , \\ e_m) e_n \quad (m \neq n) & \quad (42) , \\ e_m (e_n \quad (m \neq n) & \quad (42) , \\ (m, n = 1, \dots, 7) & \quad . \end{aligned}$$

Nevertheless, it is possible to prove that each right-barred operator can be expressed by a suitable combination of left-barred operators. For example, from eq. (9), by posing $x = e_m$ and $z = e_n$, we quickly obtain

$$e_m (e_n + e_n (e_m \equiv e_m) e_n + e_n) e_m \quad . \quad (16)$$

So we can represent the most general octonionic operator by only left-barred objects

$$o_0 + \sum_{m=1}^7 o_m) e_m \quad [o_0, \dots, o_7 \text{ octonions}] \quad , \quad (17)$$

reducing to 64 the previous 106 elements. This suggests a correspondence between our generalized octonions (17) and $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ (a complete discussion about the above-mentioned relationship is given in the following section).

IV. TRANSLATION RULES

The nonassociativity of octonions represents a challenge. We overcome the problems due to the octonions nonassociativity by introducing left/right-barred operators. We discuss in the next subsection their relation to $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$. In that subsection, we present our translation idea and give some explicit examples which allow us to establish the isomorphism between our octonionic left/right barred operators and $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$. In subsection IV-b, we focus our attention on the group $GL(4, \mathcal{C}) \subset GL(8, \mathcal{R})$. In doing so, we find that only particular combinations of octonionic barred operators give us suitable candidates for the $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$ -translation. Finally, in subsection IV-c, we explicitly give three octonionic representations for the gamma-matrices.

IV-a. Relation between barred operators and 8×8 real matrices

In order to explain the idea of translation, let us look explicitly at the action of the operators $1 | e_1$ and e_2 , on a generic octonionic function φ

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + e_1\varphi_1 + e_2\varphi_2 + e_3\varphi_3 + e_4\varphi_4 + e_5\varphi_5 + e_6\varphi_6 + e_7\varphi_7 \quad [\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_7 \in \mathcal{R}] \quad . \quad (18)$$

We have

$$[1 | e_1] \varphi \equiv \varphi e_1 = e_1\varphi_0 - \varphi_1 - e_3\varphi_2 + e_2\varphi_3 - e_5\varphi_4 + e_4\varphi_5 + e_7\varphi_6 - e_6\varphi_7 \quad , \quad (19a)$$

$$e_2\varphi = e_2\varphi_0 - e_3\varphi_1 - \varphi_2 + e_1\varphi_3 + e_6\varphi_4 + e_7\varphi_5 - e_4\varphi_6 - e_5\varphi_7 \quad . \quad (19b)$$

If we represent our octonionic function φ by the following real column vector

$$\varphi \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \end{pmatrix} , \quad (20)$$

we can rewrite the eqs. (19a-b) in matrix form,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\varphi_1 \\ \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_3 \\ -\varphi_2 \\ \varphi_5 \\ -\varphi_4 \\ -\varphi_7 \\ \varphi_6 \end{pmatrix} , \quad (21a)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_0 \\ -\varphi_1 \\ -\varphi_6 \\ -\varphi_7 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \end{pmatrix} . \quad (21b)$$

In this way we can immediately obtain a real matrix representation for the octonionic barred operators $1 | e_1$ and e_2 . Following this procedure we can construct the complete set of translation rules for the imaginary units e_m and the barred operators $1 | e_m$ (table A1a in appendix A1). In this paper we will use the Joshi notation [15]: L_m and R_m will represent the matrix counterpart of the octonionic operators e_m and $1 | e_m$,

$$L_m \leftrightarrow e_m \quad \text{and} \quad R_m \leftrightarrow 1 | e_m \quad . \quad (22)$$

At first glance it seems that our translation doesn't work. If we extract, from the table A1a, the matrices corresponding to e_1 , e_2 and e_3 , namely,

$$L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad L_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad L_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

we find

$$L_1 L_2 \neq L_3 \quad . \quad (23)$$

In obvious contrast with the octonionic relation

$$e_1 e_2 = e_3 \quad . \quad (24)$$

This bluff is soon explained. In deducing our translation rules, we understand octonions as operators, and so they must be applied to a certain octonionic function, φ . If we have the following octonionic relation

$$(e_1 e_2) \varphi = e_3 \varphi \quad (25a)$$

the matrix counterpart will be

$$L_3 \varphi \quad , \quad (25b)$$

since the matrix counterparts are defined by their action upon the “wave function” and not upon another “operator”. Whereas,

$$e_1 (e_2 \varphi) \neq e_3 \varphi \quad (26a)$$

will be translated by

$$L_1 L_2 \varphi \neq L_3 \varphi \quad . \quad (26b)$$

We have to differentiate between two kinds of multiplication, “ \cdot ” and “ \times ”. At the level of octonions, one has

$$e_1 \cdot e_2 = e_3 \quad , \quad (27)$$

but at level of octonionic operators

$$e_1 \times e_2 \neq e_3 \quad (28)$$

$$[e_1 \times e_2 \equiv e_3 + e_1) e_2 - e_1 (e_2 \rightarrow \text{see below}] \quad .$$

After completing our translation rules we will return to this point and discuss the multiplication rules for octonionic barred operators.

Working with left/right barred operators we show how the nonassociativity is inherent in our representation. Such operators enable us to reproduce the octonions nonassociativity by the matrix algebra. Consider for example

$$[e_3) e_1] \varphi \equiv (e_3 \varphi) e_1 = e_2 \varphi_0 - e_3 \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - e_1 \varphi_3 - e_6 \varphi_4 - e_7 \varphi_5 + e_4 \varphi_6 + e_5 \varphi_7 \quad . \quad (29)$$

This equation will be translated into

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_2 \\ -\varphi_3 \\ \varphi_0 \\ -\varphi_1 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \\ -\varphi_4 \\ -\varphi_5 \end{pmatrix} \quad . \quad (30)$$

Whereas,

$$[e_3 (e_1] \varphi \equiv e_3 (\varphi e_1) = e_2 \varphi_0 - e_3 \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - e_1 \varphi_3 + e_6 \varphi_4 + e_7 \varphi_5 - e_4 \varphi_6 - e_5 \varphi_7 \quad , \quad (31)$$

will become

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 \\ \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \\ \varphi_6 \\ \varphi_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_2 \\ -\varphi_3 \\ \varphi_0 \\ -\varphi_1 \\ -\varphi_6 \\ -\varphi_7 \\ \varphi_4 \\ \varphi_5 \end{pmatrix} . \quad (32)$$

The nonassociativity is then reproduced since left and right barred operators, like

$$e_3 \bar{) } e_1 \quad \text{and} \quad e_3 (e_1$$

are represented by different matrices. The complete set of translation rules for left/right-barred operators is given in the tables A1-L/R. Using Mathematica [43], we have proved the linear independence of the 64 elements which appear in the tables “A1a-b & A1-L ” and “A1 & A1-R ”. So, our barred operators form a complete basis for any 8×8 real matrix and this establishes the isomorphism between $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ and generalized octonions. We provide the necessary tables for translating any generic 8×8 real matrix into left/right-barred operators within appendix A2.

The matrix representation for left/right barred operators can be quickly obtained by suitable multiplications of the matrices L_m and R_m . Let us clear up our assertion. From the tables A1-L/R we can extract the matrices which correspond to the operators

$$e_m \bar{) } e_n \quad \text{and} \quad e_m (e_n ,$$

which we call, respectively,

$$M_{mn}^L \quad \text{and} \quad M_{mn}^R .$$

Our left/right barred operators can be represented by an ordered action of the operators e_m and $1 \mid e_m$, and so we can relate the matrices M_{mn}^L and M_{mn}^R , quoted in tables A1-L/R, to the matrices L_m and R_m , given in table A1a. Explicitly,

$$M_{mn}^L \equiv R_n L_m , \quad (33a)$$

$$M_{mn}^R \equiv L_m R_n . \quad (33b)$$

The previous discussions concerning the octonions nonassociativity and the isomorphism between $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ and generalized octonions, can be now, elegantly, presented as follows.

1 - Matrix representation for octonions nonassociativity.

$$M_{mn}^L \neq M_{mn}^R \quad [R_n L_m \neq L_m R_n \quad \text{for } m \neq n] . \quad (34)$$

2 - Isomorphism between $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ and generalized octonions.

If we rewrite our 106 barred operators by real matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} &1, L_m, R_m \quad (15 \text{ matrices}) , \\ &M \equiv L_m R_m = R_m L_m \quad (7) , \\ &M_{mn}^L \equiv R_n L_m \quad (m \neq n) \quad (42) , \\ &M_{mn}^R \equiv L_n R_m \quad (m \neq n) \quad (42) , \\ &(m, n = 1, \dots, 7) ; \end{aligned}$$

we have two different basis for $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$:

$$(1) \quad 1, L_m, R_m, R_n L_m ,$$

$$(2) \quad 1, L_m, R_m, L_m R_n .$$

We now remark some difficulties deriving from the octonions nonassociativity. When we translate from generalized octonions to 8×8 real matrices there is no problem. For example, in the octonionic equation

$$e_4 \{ [(e_6 \varphi) e_1] e_5 \} , \quad (35)$$

we quickly recognize the following left-barred operators,

$$e_4 (e_5 \text{ and } e_6) e_1 \text{ .}$$

Using our tables we can translate eq. (35) into

$$M_{45}^L M_{61}^L \varphi \text{ .} \quad (36)$$

Nevertheless, in going from 8×8 real matrices to octonions we should be careful in ordering. For example,

$$AB \varphi \quad (37)$$

can be understood as

$$(AB)\varphi \text{ ,} \quad (38a)$$

or

$$A(B\varphi) \text{ .} \quad (38b)$$

Which is the right equation? To find the solution let us, explicitly, use particular matrices. Defining

$$A \rightarrow L_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow e_6 \text{ ,} \quad (39a)$$

$$B \rightarrow M_{31}^L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow e_3) e_1 \text{ ,} \quad (39b)$$

the previous matrix eqs. (38a-b), respectively, become

$$e_6 \times [e_3) e_1] \varphi \text{ ,} \quad (40a)$$

and

$$e_6 [(e_3\varphi)e_1] \text{ .} \quad (40b)$$

We know that “ \times ” multiplication is different from the standard octonionic multiplication, so

$$e_6 \times [e_3) e_1] \neq - e_5) e_1 \text{ .}$$

Using appendix A2 and translating the matrix AB , we can obtain the octonionic operators which corresponds to

$$e_6 \times [e_3) e_1] \text{ ,}$$

explicitly, we have

$$\{ e_4 - 1 | e_4 - 2e_1) e_5 - e_5) e_1 - e_6) e_2 + e_2) e_6 + 2e_7) e_3 - e_3) e_7 \} / 3 \text{ .}$$

Its complicated form suggests us to choose eq. (38b) for translating eq. (37). In general

$$ABC \dots Z\varphi \equiv A(B(C \dots (Z\varphi) \dots)) \text{ .} \quad (41)$$

Only for e_m and $1 | e_m$, we have simple “ \times ”-multiplication rules. In fact, utilizing the associator properties we find

$$e_m(e_n\varphi) = (e_me_n)\varphi + (e_m\varphi)e_n - e_m(\varphi e_n) \quad , \quad (42a)$$

$$(\varphi e_m)e_n = \varphi(e_me_n) - (e_m\varphi)e_n + e_m(\varphi e_n) \quad . \quad (42b)$$

Thus,

$$e_m \times e_n \equiv -\delta_{mn} + \epsilon_{mnp}e_p + e_m \quad e_n - e_m \quad (e_n \quad , \quad (43a)$$

$$[1 | e_n] \times [1 | e_m] \equiv -\delta_{mn} + \epsilon_{mnp}e_p - e_m \quad e_n + e_m \quad (e_n \quad . \quad (43b)$$

At the beginning of this subsection, we noted that the correspondence between the matrices, L_m , and the octonionic imaginary units e_m is in contrast with the standard octonionic relations

$$e_me_n = -\delta_{mn} + \epsilon_{mnp}e_p \quad , \quad (44)$$

for example, look at

$$L_1L_2 \neq L_3 \quad .$$

Introducing a new matrix multiplication, “ \circ ”, we can quickly reproduce the nonassociative octonionic algebra. From eq. (42a), we find

$$L_mL_n \varphi = L_m \circ L_n \varphi + [R_n, L_m] \varphi \quad , \quad (45)$$

so we can relate the new matrix multiplication, “ \circ ”, to the standard matrix multiplication (row by column) as follows

$$L_m \circ L_n \equiv L_mL_n + [R_n, L_m] \quad . \quad (46)$$

Eq. (44) is then translated by

$$L_m \circ L_n = -\delta_{mn} + \epsilon_{mnp}L_p \quad . \quad (47)$$

IV-b. Relation between barred operators and 4×4 complex matrices

Some complex groups play a critical role in physics. No one can deny the importance of $U(1, \mathcal{C})$ or $SU(2, \mathcal{C})$. In relativistic quantum mechanics, $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$ is essential in writing the Dirac equation. Having $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$, we should be able to extract its subgroup $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$. So, we can translate the famous Dirac-gamma matrices and write down a new octonionic Dirac equation.

Let us show how we can isolate our 32 basis of $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$:

If we analyse the action of left-barred operators on our octonionic wave functions

$$\psi = \psi_1 + e_2\psi_2 + e_4\psi_3 + e_6\psi_4 \quad [\psi_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)] \quad , \quad (48)$$

we find, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} [1 | e_1] \psi &\equiv \psi e_1 = \psi_1 + e_2(e_1\psi_2) + e_4(e_1\psi_3) + e_6(e_1\psi_4) \quad , \\ e_2\psi &= -\psi_2 + e_2\psi_1 - e_4\psi_4^* + e_6\psi_3^* \quad , \\ [e_3) e_1] \psi &\equiv (e_3\psi)e_1 = \psi_2 + e_2\psi_1 + e_4\psi_4^* - e_6\psi_3^* \quad , \end{aligned}$$

the action of our barred operators is quoted in the tables B1a-b and B1-L/R, given in appendix B1.

Following the same methodology of the previous section, we can immediately note a correspondence between the complex matrix $i\mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4}$ and the octonionic barred operator $1 | e_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow 1 | e_1 \quad . \quad (49)$$

Observe that we are working with the symplectic decomposition of octonions

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \psi_1 + e_2\psi_2 + e_4\psi_3 + e_6\psi_4 \quad . \quad (50)$$

Such an identification will be much clearer when we introduce a complex geometry. In fact, choosing a complex projection for our scalar products,

$$\psi_1, e_2\psi_2, e_4\psi_3, e_6\psi_4$$

will represent complex-orthogonal states.

The translation doesn't work for all barred operators. Let us show it, explicitly. For example, we cannot find a 4×4 complex matrix which, acting on

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

gives the column vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\psi_2 \\ \psi_1 \\ -\psi_4^* \\ \psi_3^* \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \psi_2 \\ \psi_1 \\ \psi_4^* \\ -\psi_3^* \end{pmatrix} ,$$

and so we have not the possibility to relate

$$e_2 \quad \text{or} \quad e_3) e_1$$

with a complex matrix. Nevertheless, a combined action of such operators gives us

$$e_2\psi + (e_3\psi)e_1 = 2e_2\psi_1 \quad ,$$

and it allows us to represent the octonionic barred operator

$$e_2 + e_3) e_1 \quad , \quad (51a)$$

by the 4×4 complex matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} . \quad (51b)$$

Following this procedure we can represent a generic 4×4 complex matrix by octonionic barred operators. The explicit correspondence-tables are given in appendix B2.

We conclude this subsection discussing a point which will be relevant to an appropriate definition for the octonionic momentum operator (subsection V-b): The operator $1 | e_1$ (represented by the matrix $i\mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4}$) commutes with all operators which can be translated by 4×4 complex matrices (see appendix B2). This is not generally true for a generic octonionic operator. For example, we can show that the operator $1 | e_1$ doesn't commute with e_2 , explicitly

$$e_2 \{ [1 | e_1] \psi \} \equiv e_2(\psi e_1) = -e_1\psi_2 - e_3\psi_1 - e_5\psi_4^* - e_7\psi_3^* \quad , \quad (52a)$$

$$[1 | e_1] \{ e_2 \psi \} \equiv (e_2\psi)e_1 = -e_1\psi_2 - e_3\psi_1 + e_5\psi_4^* + e_7\psi_3^* \quad . \quad (52b)$$

The interpretation is simple: e_2 cannot be represented by a 4×4 complex matrix.

IV-c. Octonionic representations of the gamma-matrices.

We conclude this section by showing explicitly three octonionic representation for the Dirac gamma-matrices [44]:

1-Dirac representation,

$$\gamma^0 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \sum_{m=1}^3 e_m | e_m + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=4}^7 e_n | e_n \quad , \quad (53a)$$

$$\gamma^1 = -\frac{2}{3}e_6 - \frac{1}{3} | e_6 + e_5) e_3 - e_3) e_5 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps6} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (53b)$$

$$\gamma^2 = -\frac{2}{3}e_7 - \frac{1}{3} | e_7 + e_3) e_4 - e_4) e_3 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps7} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (53c)$$

$$\gamma^3 = -\frac{2}{3}e_4 - \frac{1}{3} | e_4 + e_7) e_3 - e_3) e_7 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps4} e_p) e_s \quad ; \quad (53d)$$

2-Majorana representation,

$$\gamma^0 = \frac{1}{3}e_7 - \frac{1}{3} | e_7 + e_3) e_4 - e_5) e_2 + e_6) e_1 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps7} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (54a)$$

$$\gamma^1 = \frac{2}{3}e_1 + \frac{1}{3} | e_1 + e_5) e_4 - e_4) e_5 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps1} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (54b)$$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{2}{3}e_7 + \frac{1}{3} | e_7 + e_4) e_3 - e_3) e_4 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps7} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (54c)$$

$$\gamma^3 = \frac{2}{3}e_3 + \frac{1}{3} | e_3 + e_7) e_4 - e_4) e_7 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps3} e_p) e_s \quad ; \quad (54d)$$

3-Chiral representation,

$$\gamma^0 = \frac{1}{3}e_4 - \frac{1}{3} | e_4 + e_7) e_3 - e_2) e_6 + e_5) e_1 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps4} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (55a)$$

$$\gamma^1 = -\frac{2}{3}e_6 - \frac{1}{3} | e_6 + e_5) e_3 - e_3) e_5 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps6} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (55b)$$

$$\gamma^2 = -\frac{2}{3}e_7 - \frac{1}{3} | e_7 + e_3) e_4 - e_4) e_3 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps7} e_p) e_s \quad , \quad (55c)$$

$$\gamma^3 = -\frac{2}{3}e_4 - \frac{1}{3} | e_4 + e_7) e_3 - e_3) e_7 - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,s=1}^7 \epsilon_{ps4} e_p) e_s \quad . \quad (55d)$$

V. OCTONIONIC PHYSICAL WORLD

We organize this section in three subsections. In subsection V-a, we discuss the Dirac algebra and its problems related to the nonassociativity of the octonionic numbers. In subsection V-b, we introduce the concept of complex geometry and define an appropriate momentum operator. In the final subsection we present the octonionic completeness relations.

V-a. Dirac algebra

In the previous section we have given the gamma-matrices in three different octonionic representations. Obviously, we can investigate the possibility of having a more simpler representation for our octonionic γ^μ -matrices, without translation.

Why not

$$e_1, e_2, e_3 \text{ and } e_4 | e_4$$

or

$$e_1, e_2, e_3 \text{ and } e_4) e_1 ?$$

Apparently, they represent suitable choices. Nevertheless, the octonionic world is full of hidden traps and so we must proceed with prudence. Let us start from the standard Dirac equation

$$\gamma^\nu p_\nu \psi = m \psi \quad , \quad (56)$$

(we will discuss the momentum operator in the following subsection, for the moment, p_ν represents the “real” eigenvalue of the momentum operator) and apply $\gamma^\mu p_\mu$ to our equation

$$\gamma^\mu p_\mu (\gamma^\nu p_\nu \psi) = m \gamma^\mu p_\mu \psi \quad . \quad (57)$$

The previous equation can be concisely rewritten as

$$p^\mu p_\nu \gamma^\mu (\gamma^\nu \psi) = m^2 \psi \quad . \quad (58)$$

Requiring that each component of ψ satisfy the standard Klein-Gordon equation we find the Dirac condition, which becomes in the octonionic world

$$\gamma^\mu (\gamma^\nu \psi) + \gamma^\nu (\gamma^\mu \psi) = 2g^{\mu\nu} \psi \quad , \quad (59)$$

(where the parenthesis are relevant because of the octonions nonassociative nature). Using octonionic numbers and no barred operators we can obtain, from (59), the standard Dirac condition

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \quad . \quad (60)$$

In fact, recalling the associator property [which follows from eq. (8)]

$$\{a, b, \psi\} = -\{b, a, \psi\} \quad [a, b \text{ octonionic numbers}] \quad ,$$

we quickly find the following correspondence relation

$$(ab + ba)\psi = a(b\psi) + b(a\psi) \quad .$$

We have no problem to write down three suitable gamma-matrices which satisfy the Dirac condition (60),

$$(\gamma^1, \gamma^2, \gamma^3) \equiv (e_1, e_2, e_3) \quad , \quad (61)$$

but, barred operators like

$$e_4 | e_4 \text{ or } e_4) e_1$$

cannot represent the matrix γ^0 . From the tables B1 and B2 (appendix B), after straightforward algebraic manipulations, one can prove that the barred operator, $e_4 | e_4$, doesn't anticommute with e_1 ,

$$e_1(e_4 \psi e_4) + e_4(e_1 \psi) e_4 = -2(e_3 \psi_2 + e_7 \psi_4) \neq 0 \quad , \quad (62)$$

whereas $e_4) e_1$ anticommutes with e_1

$$e_1[(e_4 \psi) e_1] + [e_4(e_1 \psi)] e_1 = 0 \quad , \quad (63a)$$

but

$$\{e_4[(e_4 \psi) e_1]\} e_1 = \psi_1 - e_2 \psi_2 + e_4 \psi_3 - e_6 \psi_4 \neq \psi \quad . \quad (63b)$$

Thus, we must be satisfied with the octonionic representations given in the previous section. In the following subsection, we discuss two interesting questions: Do the octonionic imaginary units e_1, e_2, e_3 satisfy all the gamma-matrices properties? What about their hermiticity?

V-b. Complex geometry and octonionic momentum operator

We begin this subsection by presenting an apparently hopeless problem related to the nonassociativity of the octonionic field. Working in quantum mechanics we require that an antihermitian operator satisfies the following relation

$$\int d\mathbf{x} \psi^\dagger(A\phi) = - \int d\mathbf{x} (A\psi)^\dagger \phi \quad . \quad (64)$$

In octonionic quantum mechanics (OQM) we can immediately verify that ∂ represents an antihermitian operator with all the properties of a translation operator. Nevertheless, while in complex (CQM) and quaternionic (QQM) quantum mechanics we can define a corresponding hermitian operator multiplying by an imaginary unit the operator ∂ , one encounters in OQM the following problem:

no imaginary unit, e_m , represents an antihermitian operator .

In fact, the nonassociativity of the octonionic algebra implies, in general (for arbitrary ψ and ϕ)

$$\int d\mathbf{x} \psi^\dagger(e_m\phi) \neq - \int d\mathbf{x} (e_m\psi)^\dagger \phi = \int d\mathbf{x} (\psi^\dagger e_m)\phi \quad (m = 1, \dots, 7) \quad . \quad (65)$$

This contrasts with the situation within complex and quaternionic quantum mechanics. Such a difficulty is overcome by using a complex projection of the scalar product (complex geometry), with respect to one of our imaginary units. We break the symmetry between the seven imaginary units e_1, \dots, e_7 and choose as projection plane that one characterized by $(1, e_1)$. The new scalar product is quickly obtained performing, in the standard definition, the following substitution

$$\int d\mathbf{x} \longrightarrow \int_c d\mathbf{x} \equiv \frac{1 - e_1 | e_1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} \quad .$$

Working in OQM with **complex geometry**, e_1 represents an antihermitian operator. In order to simplify the proof we write the octonionic functions ψ and ϕ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_1 + e_2\psi_2 + e_4\psi_3 + e_6\psi_4 \quad , \\ \phi &= \phi_1 + e_2\phi_2 + e_4\phi_3 + e_6\phi_4 \quad , \\ & \quad [\psi_{1,\dots,4} \text{ and } \phi_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)] \quad . \end{aligned}$$

The antihermiticity of e_1 is shown if

$$\int_c d\mathbf{x} \psi^\dagger(e_1\phi) = - \int_c d\mathbf{x} (e_1\psi)^\dagger \phi \quad . \quad (66)$$

In the previous equation the only nonvanishing terms are represented by **diagonal** terms ($\sim \psi_1^\dagger\phi_1, \psi_2^\dagger\phi_2, \psi_3^\dagger\phi_3, \psi_4^\dagger\phi_4$). In fact, **off-diagonal** terms, like $\psi_2^\dagger\phi_3, \psi_3^\dagger\phi_4$, are killed by the complex projection,

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_2^\dagger e_2)[e_1(e_4\phi_3)] &\sim (\alpha_2 e_2 + \alpha_3 e_3)(\alpha_4 e_4 + \alpha_5 e_5) \sim \alpha_6 e_6 + \alpha_7 e_7 \quad , \\ [(\psi_3^\dagger e_4)e_1](e_6\phi_4) &\sim (\beta_4 e_4 + \beta_5 e_5)(\beta_6 e_6 + \beta_7 e_7) \sim \beta_2 e_2 + \beta_3 e_3 \quad , \\ & \quad [\alpha_{2,\dots,7} \text{ and } \beta_{2,\dots,7} \in \mathcal{R}] \quad . \end{aligned}$$

The diagonal terms give

$$\int_c d\mathbf{x} \psi^\dagger(e_1\phi) = \psi_1^\dagger(e_1\phi_1) - (\psi_2^\dagger e_2)[e_1(e_2\phi_2)] - (\psi_3^\dagger e_4)[e_1(e_4\phi_3)] - (\psi_4^\dagger e_6)[e_1(e_6\phi_4)] \quad , \quad (67a)$$

$$- \int_c d\mathbf{x} (e_1\psi)^\dagger \phi = (\psi_1^\dagger e_1)\phi_1 - [(\psi_2^\dagger e_2)e_1](e_2\phi_2) - [(\psi_3^\dagger e_4)e_1](e_4\phi_3) - [(\psi_4^\dagger e_6)e_1](e_6\phi_4) \quad . \quad (67b)$$

The parenthesis in (67a-b) are not of relevance since

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_1^\dagger e_1 \phi_1 & \quad (1, e_1) & \quad \text{is a complex number ,} \\
\psi_2^\dagger e_2 e_1 e_2 \phi_2 & \quad (\text{subalgebra 123}) , \\
\psi_3^\dagger e_4 e_1 e_4 \phi_3 & \quad (\text{subalgebra 145}) , \\
\psi_4^\dagger e_6 e_1 e_6 \phi_4 & \quad (\text{subalgebra 176}) & \quad \text{are quaternionic numbers .}
\end{aligned}$$

The above-mentioned demonstration does not work for the imaginary units e_2, \dots, e_7 (breaking the symmetry between the seven octonionic imaginary units).

Now, we can define an hermitian operator multiplying by e_1 the operator ∂ . However, such an operator is not expected to commute with the Hamiltonian, which will be, in general, an octonionic quantity. The final step towards an appropriate definition of the momentum operator is represented by choosing as imaginary unit the barred operator $1 | e_1$ (the antihermiticity proof is very similar to the previous one). In OQM with complex geometry the appropriate momentum operator is then given by

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv -\partial | e_1 \quad . \quad (68)$$

Obviously, in order to write equations relativistically covariant, we must treat the space components and time in the same way, hence we are obliged to modify the standard QM operator, $i\partial_t$, by the following substitution

$$i\partial_t \longrightarrow \partial_t | e_1 \quad ,$$

and so the octonionic Dirac equation becomes

$$\partial_t \psi e_1 = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (\mathbf{p}\psi) + m\beta\psi \quad (\mathbf{p} \equiv -\partial | e_1) \quad . \quad (69)$$

The possibility to write a consistent momentum operator represents for us an impressive argument in favor of the use of a complex geometry in formulation an OQM. Besides, such a complex geometry gives us a welcome **quadrupling** of solutions. In fact,

$$\psi, e_2\psi, e_4\psi, e_6\psi \quad \psi \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)$$

represent now complex-orthogonal solutions. Therefore, we have the possibility to write a one-component octonionic Dirac equation in which all four standard Dirac free-particle solutions appear.

V-c. Octonionic completeness relations

We observe that the dimensionality of a complete set of states for complex inner product $\langle \psi | \phi \rangle_c$ is *four times* that for the octonionic inner product $\langle \psi | \phi \rangle$. Specifically if $|\eta_l\rangle$ are a complete set of intermediate states for the octonionic inner product, so that

$$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle = \sum_l \langle \psi | \eta_l \rangle \langle \eta_l | \phi \rangle \quad ,$$

$|\eta_l\rangle, |\eta_l e_2\rangle, |\eta_l e_4\rangle, |\eta_l e_6\rangle$ form a complete set of states for the complex inner product,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi\rangle &= \sum_l (|\eta_l\rangle \langle \eta_l | \phi \rangle_c + |\eta_l e_2\rangle \langle \eta_l e_2 | \phi \rangle_c + \\
&\quad + |\eta_l e_4\rangle \langle \eta_l e_4 | \phi \rangle_c + |\eta_l e_6\rangle \langle \eta_l e_6 | \phi \rangle_c) \\
&= \sum_m |\chi_m\rangle \langle \chi_m | \phi \rangle_c \quad ,
\end{aligned}$$

where χ_m represent *complex* orthogonal states. Thus the completeness relation can be written as (for further details on the completeness relation, one can consult an interesting work of Horwitz and Biedenharn, see [30] - pag. 455)

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\mathbf{1}} &= \sum_m |\chi_m\rangle \langle \chi_m | \quad , \\
\overleftarrow{\mathbf{1}} &= \sum_m |\chi_m\rangle \langle \chi_m | \quad ,
\end{aligned}$$

so in our formalism we generalize the Dirac's notation by the definitions

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \langle \chi_m | \phi \rangle &= \langle \chi_m | \phi \rangle_c \quad , \\
\langle \phi | \chi_m \rangle \rangle &= \langle \phi | \chi_m \rangle_c \quad .
\end{aligned}$$

VI. OCTONIONIC DIRAC EQUATION

As remarked in section V, the appropriate momentum operator in OQM is

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv -\boldsymbol{\partial} | e_1 \quad .$$

Thus, the octonionic Dirac equation, in covariant form, is given by

$$\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu \psi e_1) = m\psi \quad , \quad (70)$$

where γ^μ are represented by octonionic barred operators (53a-d). We can now proceed in the standard manner. Plane wave solutions exist [$\mathbf{p} (\equiv -\boldsymbol{\partial} | e_1)$ commutes with a generic octonionic Hamiltonian] and are of the form

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = [u_1(\mathbf{p}) + e_2 u_2(\mathbf{p}) + e_4 u_3(\mathbf{p}) + e_6 u_4(\mathbf{p})] e^{-p_x e_1} \quad [u_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)] \quad . \quad (71)$$

Let's start with

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv (0, 0, p_z) \quad ,$$

from (70), we have

$$E(\gamma^0 \psi) - p_z(\gamma^3 \psi) = m\psi \quad . \quad (72)$$

Using the explicit form of the octonionic operators $\gamma^{0,3}$ and extracting their action (see subsection VI-a) from the tables quoted in appendix B1, we find

$$E(u_1 + e_2 u_2 - e_4 u_3 - e_6 u_4) - p_z(u_3 - e_2 u_4 - e_4 u_1 + e_6 u_2) = m(u_1 + e_2 u_2 + e_4 u_3 + e_6 u_4) \quad (73)$$

From (73), we derive four complex equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (E - m)u_1 &= +p_z u_3 \quad , \\ (E - m)u_2 &= -p_z u_4 \quad , \\ (E + m)u_3 &= +p_z u_1 \quad , \\ (E + m)u_4 &= -p_z u_2 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

After simple algebraic manipulations we find the following octonionic Dirac solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} E = +|E| \quad u^{(1)} &= N \left(1 + e_4 \frac{p_z}{|E|+m} \right) \quad , \quad u^{(2)} = N \left(e_2 - e_6 \frac{p_z}{|E|+m} \right) = u^{(1)} e_2 \quad ; \\ E = -|E| \quad u^{(3)} &= N \left(\frac{p_z}{|E|+m} - e_4 \right) \quad , \quad u^{(4)} = N \left(e_2 \frac{p_z}{|E|+m} + e_6 \right) = u^{(3)} e_2 \quad , \end{aligned}$$

with N real normalization constant. Setting the norm to $2|E|$, we find

$$N = (|E| + m)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad .$$

We now observe (as for the quaternionic Dirac equation) a difference with respect to the standard Dirac equation. Working in our representation (53a-d) and introducing the octonionic spinor

$$\bar{u} \equiv (\gamma_0 u)^+ = u_1^* - e_2 u_2 + e_4 u_3 + e_6 u_4 \quad [u = u_1 + e_2 u_2 + e_4 u_3 + e_6 u_4] \quad ,$$

we have

$$\bar{u}^{(1)} u^{(1)} = u^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)} = \bar{u}^{(2)} u^{(2)} = u^{(2)} \bar{u}^{(2)} = 2(m + e_4 p_z) \quad . \quad (74)$$

Thus we find

$$u^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)} + u^{(2)} \bar{u}^{(2)} = 4(m + e_4 p_z) \quad , \quad (75a)$$

instead of the expected relation

$$u^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)} + u^{(2)} \bar{u}^{(2)} = \gamma^0 E - \gamma^3 p_z + m \quad . \quad (75b)$$

Furthermore, the previous difference is compensated if we compare the complex projection of (75a) with the trace of (75b)

$$[(u^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)} + u^{(2)} \bar{u}^{(2)})^{OQM}]_c \equiv Tr [(u^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)} + u^{(2)} \bar{u}^{(2)})^{CQM}] = 4m \quad . \quad (76)$$

We know that spinor relations like (75a-b) are relevant in perturbation calculus, so the previous results suggest to analyze quantum electrodynamics in order to investigate possible differences between complex and octonionic quantum mechanics. This could represents the aim of a future work.

VI-a. $\gamma^{0,3}$ -action on octonionic spinors

In the following tables, we explicitly show the action on the octonionic spinor

$$u = u_1 + e_2 u_2 + e_4 u_3 + e_6 u_4 \quad [u_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)] \quad ,$$

of the barred operators which appear in γ^0 and γ^3 . Using such tables, after straightforward algebraic manipulations we find

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^0 u &= u_1 + e_2 u_2 - e_4 u_3 - e_6 u_4 \quad , \\ \gamma^3 u &= u_3 - e_2 u_4 - e_4 u_1 + e_6 u_2 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

γ^0 -action	u_1	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_1 | e_1$	$-u_1$	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_2 | e_2$	$-u_1^*$	$-e_2 u_2^*$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_3 | e_3$	$-u_1^*$	$e_2 u_2^*$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_4 | e_4$	$-u_1^*$	$e_2 u_2^*$	$-e_4 u_3^*$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_5 | e_5$	$-u_1^*$	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3^*$	$e_6 u_4$
$e_6 | e_6$	$-u_1^*$	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3$	$-e_6 u_4^*$
$e_7 | e_7$	$-u_1^*$	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4^*$

γ^3 -action	u_1	$e_2 u_2$	$e_4 u_3$	$e_6 u_4$
e_4	$e_4 u_1$	$-e_6 u_2^*$	$-u_3$	$e_2 u_4$
$1 | e_4$	$e_4 u_1^*$	$e_6 u_2^*$	$-u_3^*$	$-e_2 u_4^*$
$e_7) e_3$	$e_4 u_1^*$	$e_6 u_2$	u_3	$-e_2 u_4^*$
$e_3) e_7$	$-e_4 u_1^*$	$-e_6 u_2^*$	$-u_3$	$e_2 u_4$
$e_6) e_2$	$e_4 u_1^*$	$-e_6 u_2$	u_3	$-e_2 u_4^*$
$e_2) e_6$	$-e_4 u_1^*$	$-e_6 u_2^*$	$-u_3$	$-e_2 u_4$
$e_5) e_1$	$e_4 u_1$	$e_6 u_2^*$	u_3	$-e_2 u_4^*$
$e_1) e_5$	$-e_4 u_1^*$	$-e_6 u_2^*$	$-u_3^*$	$e_2 u_4^*$

VII. CONCLUSIONS

This paper aimed to give a clear exposition of the potentiality of generalized numbers in quantum mechanics. We know that quantum mechanics is the basic tool for different physical applications. Many physicists believe that imaginary numbers are related to the deep secret of quantization. Penrose [45] thinks that the quantization is completely based on complex numbers. Trying to overcome the problem of quantum gravity, he proposed to complexify the Minkowskian space-time. This represents the main assumption behind the twistor program. Adler [20] believes that quantization processes should not be limited to complex numbers but should be extended to another member of the division algebras rank, the quaternionic field. He postulates that a successful unification of the fundamental forces will require a generalization beyond complex quantum mechanics. Adler envisages a two-level correspondence principle:

|		classical physics and fields ,
|	distance scale	complex quantum mechanics and fields ,
↓		quaternionic quantum field dynamics (preonic level [46]) ,

with quaternionic quantum dynamics interfacing with complex quantum theory, and then with complex quantum theory interfacing in the familiar manner with classical physics ([20], pag. 498).

Following this approach, we are tempted to postulate that octonionic quantum field theory may play an essential role in an even deeper fundamental level of physical structure.

Quaternionic quantum mechanics, using complex geometry [22–24] or quaternionic geometry [20,21,46], seems to be consistent from the mathematical point of view. Due to the octonions nonassociativity property, octonionic quantum mechanics seems to be a puzzle. In the physical literature, we find a method to partially overcome the issues relating to the octonions nonassociativity. Some people introduces a “new” imaginary units “ $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ” which commutes with all others octonionic imaginary units, e_m . The new field is often called **complexified octonionic field**. Different papers have been written in such a formalism: Quark Structure and Octonions [10], Octonions, Quark and QCD [11], Octonions and Isospin [29], Dirac-Clifford algebra [14], and so on. Nevertheless, we don’t like complexifying the octonionic field and so we have presented in this paper an alternative way to look at the octonionic world. No new imaginary unit is necessary to formulate in a consistent way an octonionic quantum mechanics.

A first motivation, in using octonions numbers in physics, can be concisely resumed as follows: We hope to get a better understanding of standard theories if we have more than one concrete realization. In this way we can recognize the fundamental postulates which hold for any generic numerical field.

Having a nonassociative algebra needs special care. In this work, we introduced a “trick” which allowed us to manipulate octonions without useless efforts. We summarize the more important results found in previous sections:

M - Mathematical Contents :

M1 - The introduction of barred operators (natural objects if one works with noncommutative numbers) facilitate our job and enable us to formulate a “friendly” connection between 8×8 real matrices and octonions;

M2 - The nonassociativity is reproduced by left/right barred operators. We consider these operators the natural extension of generalized quaternions, recently introduced in literature [23];

M3 - We tried to investigate the properties of our generalized numbers and studied their special characteristics in order to use them in a proper way. After having established their isomorphism to $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$, life became easier;

M4 - The connection between $GL(8, \mathcal{R})$ and generalized octonions gives us the possibility to extract the octonionic generators corresponding to the complex subgroup $GL(4, \mathcal{C})$. This step represents the main tool to manipulate octonions in quantum mechanics;

M5 - To the best of our knowledge, for the first time, an octonionic representation for the 4-dimensional Clifford algebra, appears in print.

P - Physical Contents :

P1 - We emphasize that a characteristic of our formalism is the *absolute need of a complex scalar product* (in QQM the use of a complex geometry is not obligatory and thus a question of choice). Using a complex geometry we overcame the hermiticity problem and gave the appropriate and unique definition of momentum operator;

P2 - A positive feature of this octonionic version of quantum mechanics, is the appearance of all four standard Dirac free-particle solutions notwithstanding the one-component structure of the wave functions. We have the following situation for the division algebras:

field :	complex,	quaternions,	octonions,	
Dirac Equation :	$4 \times 4,$	$2 \times 2,$	1×1	(matrix dimension) ;

P3 - Many physical result can be reobtained by translation, so we have one version of octonionic quantum mechanics where a part of the standard quantum mechanics is reproduced. This represents for the authors a first fundamental step towards an octonionic world. We remark that our translation will not be possible in all situations, so it is only partial, consistent with the fact that the octonionic version could provide additional physical predictions.

I - Further Investigations :

We conclude with a listing of open questions for future investigations, whose study lead to further insights.

I1 - How may we complete the translation? Note that translation, as presented in this paper, works for $4n \times 4n$ matrices. What about odd-dimensional matrices?

I2 - From the translation tables we can extract the multiplication rules for the octonionic barred operators. This will allow us to work directly with octonions without translations.

I3 - Inspired from eq. (46), we could look for a more convenient way to express the new nonassociative multiplication (for example we can try to modify the standard multiplication rule: row by column);

I4 - The reproduction in octonionic calculations of the standard QED results will be a nontrivial objective, due to the explicit differences in certain spinorial identities (see subsection V-c). We are going to study this problem in a forthcoming paper;

I5 - A very attractive point is to try to treat the strong field by octonions, and then to formulate in a suitable manner a standard model, based on our octonionic dynamical Dirac equation;

I6 - A last interesting research topic could be to generalize the group theoretical structure by our barred octonionic operators.

Many of the problems on this list deal with technical details although the answers to some will be important for further development of the subject.

We hope that the work presented in this paper, demonstrates that octonionic quantum mechanics may constitute a coherent and well-defined branch of theoretical physics. We are convinced that octonionic quantum mechanics represents largely uncharted and potentially very interesting, terrain in theoretical physics.

We conclude emphasizing that the core of our paper is surely represented by absolute need of adopting a complex geometry within a quantum octonionic world.

APPENDIX A1

In this appendix we give the translation rules between octonionic left-right barred operators and 8×8 real matrices. In order to simplify our translation tables we introduce the following notation:

$$\{ a, b, c, d \}_{(1)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \{ a, b, c, d \}_{(2)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & d & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (77a)$$

$$\{ a, b, c, d \}_{(3)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \{ a, b, c, d \}_{(4)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (77b)$$

where a, b, c, d and 0 represent 2×2 real matrices.

In the following tables $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ represent the standard Pauli matrices:

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (78)$$

TABLE A1a

Translation rules between 8×8 real matrices and octonionic barred operators $e_m, 1 | e_m$

$e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1, 1 \}_{(2)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, 1, 1, -1 \}_{(2)}$	$, \quad e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	$, \quad e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, 1, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(3)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, 1, 1 \}_{(3)}$	$, \quad e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, \sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	$, \quad e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, 1 \}_{(4)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$	$, \quad e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$	$, \quad \mathbf{1} e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$	$, \quad$
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TABLE A1b

Translation rules between 8×8 real matrices and octonionic barred operators $e_m | e_m$

$e_1 e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, 1, 1, 1 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_2 e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, -\sigma_3, 1, 1 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_3 e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, 1, 1 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_4 e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, 1, -\sigma_3, 1 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_5 e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, 1, \sigma_3, 1 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_6 e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, 1, 1, -\sigma_3 \}_{(1)}$	$, \quad e_7 e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, 1, 1, \sigma_3 \}_{(1)}$	$.$
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TABLE A1-L

Translation rules between 8×8 real matrices and octonionic left-barred operators

$e_1 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_1 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, -1, 1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_1 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_1 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, 1, -1, -1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_1 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_1 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, \sigma_3, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_2 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_2 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_2 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, -1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_2 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_2 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, -\sigma_3, -1, -1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_2 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_3 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, \sigma_3, 1, -1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_3 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_3 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_3 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, \sigma_3, -\sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_3 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_3 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1, -1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_4 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_4 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, -1, -1 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_4 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_4 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_4 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, 1, -\sigma_3, -1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_4 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_5 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -1, \sigma_3, 1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_5 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_5 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, \sigma_3, -1, \sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_5 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_5 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_5 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, 1, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_6 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_6 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -1, 1, -\sigma_3 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_6 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_6 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, -1, -1, -\sigma_3 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_6 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_6 \bar{e}_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_7 \bar{e}_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_7 \bar{e}_2 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_7 \bar{e}_3 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -1, 1, \sigma_3 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_7 \bar{e}_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, \sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_7 \bar{e}_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, -1, -1, \sigma_3 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_7 \bar{e}_6 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(1)}$	.

TABLE A1-R

Translation rules between 8×8 real matrices and octonionic right-barred operators

$e_1 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_1 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, 1, -1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_1 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_1 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, -1, 1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_1 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_1 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, \sigma_3 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_2 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_2 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_2 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -\sigma_3, -1, 1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_2 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_2 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, -\sigma_3, -\sigma_3 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_2 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_3 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1, 1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_3 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_3 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_3 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1, -1 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_3 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_3 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_4 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_4 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_3, -1, -\sigma_3, -1 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_4 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_4 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_4 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, \sigma_3, -1, -\sigma_3 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_4 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_5 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, 1, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_5 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$,
$e_5 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_3, -1, \sigma_3, 1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_5 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_5 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_5 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, \sigma_3, -1, \sigma_3 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_6 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_6 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_6 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_6 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, -\sigma_3, -1 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_6 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, \sigma_1, -\sigma_1, -i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_6 (e_7 \leftrightarrow \{ -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(1)}$,
$e_7 (e_1 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, \sigma_3, -\sigma_3, -1 \}_{(4)}$	,	$e_7 (e_2 \leftrightarrow \{ i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, \sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(3)}$,
$e_7 (e_3 \leftrightarrow \{ 1, \sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(3)}$	,	$e_7 (e_4 \leftrightarrow \{ -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, i\sigma_2 \}_{(2)}$,
$e_7 (e_5 \leftrightarrow \{ -1, -\sigma_3, \sigma_3, -1 \}_{(2)}$	,	$e_7 (e_6 \leftrightarrow \{ \sigma_1, -i\sigma_2, -i\sigma_2, -\sigma_1 \}_{(1)}$	.

APPENDIX A2

In this appendix we explicitly give the rules which enable us, given a generic 8×8 real matrix, to quickly obtain its octonionic counterpart.

$$M_{8 \times 8} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & \gamma_1 & \delta_1 & \epsilon_1 & \varphi_1 & \eta_1 & \lambda_1 \\ \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & \gamma_2 & \delta_2 & \epsilon_2 & \varphi_2 & \eta_2 & \lambda_2 \\ \alpha_3 & \beta_3 & \gamma_3 & \delta_3 & \epsilon_3 & \varphi_3 & \eta_3 & \lambda_3 \\ \alpha_4 & \beta_4 & \gamma_4 & \delta_4 & \epsilon_4 & \varphi_4 & \eta_4 & \lambda_4 \\ \alpha_5 & \beta_5 & \gamma_5 & \delta_5 & \epsilon_5 & \varphi_5 & \eta_5 & \lambda_5 \\ \alpha_6 & \beta_6 & \gamma_6 & \delta_6 & \epsilon_6 & \varphi_6 & \eta_6 & \lambda_6 \\ \alpha_7 & \beta_7 & \gamma_7 & \delta_7 & \epsilon_7 & \varphi_7 & \eta_7 & \lambda_7 \\ \alpha_8 & \beta_8 & \gamma_8 & \delta_8 & \epsilon_8 & \varphi_8 & \eta_8 & \lambda_8 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow O = \sum_{m=1}^{64} x_m \rho_m \quad , \quad (79)$$

where x_m are real numbers and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= \mathbf{1} & , & & \rho_2 &= \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_3 &= \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_4 &= \mathbf{e}_3 & , \\ \rho_5 &= \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_6 &= \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_7 &= \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_8 &= \mathbf{e}_7 & , \\ \rho_9 &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{10} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_{11} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{12} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , \\ \rho_{13} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_{14} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{15} &= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , & & \rho_{16} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , \\ \rho_{17} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_{18} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{19} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{20} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , \\ \rho_{21} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{22} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , & & \rho_{23} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_{24} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , \\ \rho_{25} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{26} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_{27} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{28} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , \\ \rho_{29} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{30} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{31} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{32} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , \\ \rho_{33} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{34} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , & & \rho_{35} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{36} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , \\ \rho_{37} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{38} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_{39} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{40} &= \mathbf{e}_3 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , \\ \rho_{41} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{42} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_{43} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{44} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , \\ \rho_{45} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{46} &= \mathbf{e}_4 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , & & \rho_{47} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{48} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , \\ \rho_{49} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{50} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{51} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & , & & \rho_{52} &= \mathbf{e}_5 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , \\ \rho_{53} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{54} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , & & \rho_{55} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{56} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , \\ \rho_{57} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_{58} &= \mathbf{e}_6 \mid \mathbf{e}_7 & , & & \rho_{59} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_1 & , & & \rho_{60} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_2 & , \\ \rho_{61} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_3 & , & & \rho_{62} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_4 & , & & \rho_{63} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_5 & , & & \rho_{64} &= \mathbf{e}_7 \mid \mathbf{e}_6 & . \end{aligned}$$

TABLE A2

Real coefficients for the octonionic barred operators

$x_1 = (5\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$	$x_2 = (4\alpha_1 - \beta_1 - \gamma_4 - \epsilon_6 + \varphi_5 + \eta_8 - \lambda_7)/10$,
$x_3 = (5\alpha_3 + \beta_4 - \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 + \eta_5 + \lambda_6)/12$	$x_4 = (5\alpha_4 - \beta_3 + \gamma_2 - \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 + \varphi_7 - \eta_6 + \lambda_5)/12$,
$x_5 = (5\alpha_5 + \beta_6 + \gamma_7 + \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$	$x_6 = (5\alpha_6 - \beta_5 + \gamma_8 - \delta_7 + \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 + \eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$,
$x_7 = (5\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 + \delta_6 + \epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 - \eta_1 + \lambda_2)/12$	$x_8 = (3\alpha_8 - \beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 + \epsilon_4 + \varphi_3 - \eta_2 - \lambda_1)/12$,
$x_9 = (\alpha_2 - 4\beta_1 + \gamma_4 + \epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 + \lambda_7)/10$	$x_{10} = (\alpha_3 - \beta_4 - 5\gamma_1 + \delta_2 + \epsilon_7 + \varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{11} = (\alpha_4 + \beta_3 - \gamma_2 - 5\delta_1 + \epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 + \eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{12} = (\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 - 5\epsilon_1 + \varphi_2 + \eta_3 + \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{13} = (\alpha_6 + \beta_5 - \gamma_8 + \delta_7 - \epsilon_2 - 5\varphi_1 - \eta_4 + \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{14} = (\alpha_7 + \beta_8 + \gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 + \varphi_4 - 5\eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{15} = (\alpha_8 + \beta_7 + \gamma_6 + \delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 + \eta_2 - 3\lambda_1)/8$	$x_{16} = (-\alpha_1 - 5\beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$,
$x_{17} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 - 5\gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$	$x_{18} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 - 5\delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$,
$x_{19} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 - 5\epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$	$x_{20} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 - 5\varphi_6 + \eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$,
$x_{21} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 - 5\eta_7 + \lambda_8)/12$	$x_{22} = (-\alpha_1 + \beta_2 + \gamma_3 + \delta_4 + \epsilon_5 + \varphi_6 + \eta_7 - 5\lambda_8)/12$	.

TABLE A2-L

Real coefficients for the octonionic left-barred operators

$x_{23} = (-\alpha_4 - \beta_3 - 5\gamma_2 - \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 + \varphi_7 - \eta_6 + \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{24} = (\alpha_3 - \beta_4 + \gamma_1 - 5\delta_2 + \epsilon_7 + \varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{25} = (-\alpha_6 - \beta_5 + \gamma_8 - \delta_7 - 5\epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 + \eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{26} = (\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 + \epsilon_1 - 5\varphi_2 + \eta_3 + \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{27} = (\alpha_8 + \beta_7 + \gamma_6 + \delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 - 3\eta_2 + \lambda_1)/12$	$x_{28} = (-\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 + \delta_6 + \epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 - \eta_1 - 5\lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{29} = (\alpha_4 - 5\beta_3 - \gamma_2 + \delta_1 + \epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 + \eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{30} = (-\alpha_2 - \beta_1 - \gamma_4 - 5\delta_3 - \epsilon_6 + \varphi_5 + \eta_8 - \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{31} = (-\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 + \delta_6 - 5\epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 - \eta_1 + \lambda_2)/12$	$x_{32} = (\beta_7 - \varphi_3)/2$,
$x_{33} = (\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 + \epsilon_1 + \varphi_2 - 5\eta_3 + \lambda_4)/12$	$x_{34} = (\alpha_6 + \beta_5 - \gamma_8 + \delta_7 - \epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 - \eta_4 - 5\lambda_3)/12$,
$x_{35} = (-\alpha_3 - 5\beta_4 - \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 + \eta_5 + \lambda_6)/12$	$x_{36} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 - 4\gamma_4 + \epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 + \lambda_7)/10$,
$x_{37} = (-\alpha_8 - \beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 - 3\epsilon_4 + \varphi_3 - \eta_2 - \lambda_1)/8$	$x_{38} = (\alpha_7 + \beta_8 + \gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 - 5\varphi_4 + \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{39} = (-\alpha_6 - \beta_5 + \gamma_8 - \delta_7 + \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 - 5\eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{40} = (\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 + \epsilon_1 + \varphi_2 + \eta_3 - 5\lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{41} = (\alpha_6 - 5\beta_5 - \gamma_8 + \delta_7 - \epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 - \eta_4 + \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{42} = (\alpha_7 + \beta_8 - 5\gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 + \varphi_4 + \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{43} = (-\beta_7 - \delta_5)/2$	$x_{44} = (-\alpha_2 - \beta_1 - \gamma_4 - \epsilon_6 - 4\varphi_5 + \eta_8 - \lambda_7)/10$,
$x_{45} = (-\alpha_3 + \beta_4 - \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 - 5\eta_5 + \lambda_6)/12$	$x_{46} = (-\alpha_4 - \beta_3 + \gamma_2 - \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 + \varphi_7 - \eta_6 - 5\lambda_5)/12$,
$x_{47} = (-\alpha_5 - 5\beta_6 + \gamma_7 + \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$	$x_{48} = (\alpha_8 + \beta_7 - 3\gamma_6 + \delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 + \eta_2 + \lambda_1)/8$,
$x_{49} = (-\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 - 5\delta_6 + \epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 - \eta_1 + \lambda_2)/12$	$x_{50} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 + \gamma_4 - 4\epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 + \lambda_7)/10$,
$x_{51} = (\alpha_4 + \beta_3 - \gamma_2 + \delta_1 + \epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 - 5\eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{52} = (-\alpha_3 + \beta_4 - \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 + \eta_5 - 5\lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{53} = (-\alpha_8 - 5\beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 + \epsilon_4 + \varphi_3 - \eta_2 - \lambda_1)/8$	$x_{54} = (-\alpha_5 + \beta_6 - 5\gamma_7 + \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{55} = (\alpha_6 + \beta_5 - \gamma_8 - 5\delta_7 - \epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 - \eta_4 + \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{56} = (\alpha_3 - \beta_4 + \gamma_1 + \delta_2 - 5\epsilon_7 + \varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{57} = (-\alpha_4 - \beta_3 + \gamma_2 - \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 - 5\varphi_7 - \eta_6 + \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{58} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 + \gamma_4 + \epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 - 4\lambda_7)/10$,
$x_{59} = (\alpha_7 - 5\beta_8 + \gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 + \varphi_4 + \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$	$x_{60} = (-\alpha_6 - \beta_5 - 5\gamma_8 - \delta_7 + \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 + \eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$,
$x_{61} = (-\alpha_5 + \beta_6 + \gamma_7 - 5\delta_8 - \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$	$x_{62} = (\alpha_4 + \beta_3 - \gamma_2 + \delta_1 - 5\epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 + \eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$,
$x_{63} = (\alpha_3 - \beta_4 + \gamma_1 + \delta_2 + \epsilon_7 - 5\varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$	$x_{64} = (\delta_3 - \eta_8)/2$	.

We also give the translation rules by right-barred operators. Obviously, we must modify eq. (79) ($\rho_{23,\dots,64}$ will represent right-barred operators).

TABLE A2-R

Real coefficients for the octonionic right-barred operators

$x_{23} = (-\alpha_4 - 5\beta_3 - \gamma_2 - \delta_1 + \epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 + \eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{24} = (\alpha_3 - 5\beta_4 + \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 + \eta_5 + \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{25} = (-\alpha_6 - 5\beta_5 - \gamma_8 + \delta_7 - \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 - \eta_4 + \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{26} = (\alpha_5 - 5\beta_6 + \gamma_7 + \delta_8 + \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{27} = (\alpha_8 - 5\beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 + \epsilon_4 + \varphi_3 - \eta_2 + \lambda_1)/12$	$x_{28} = (-\alpha_7 - 5\beta_8 + \gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 + \varphi_4 - \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{29} = (\alpha_4 - \beta_3 - 5\gamma_2 + \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 + \varphi_7 - \eta_6 + \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{30} = (-\alpha_2 - \beta_1 - 5\gamma_4 - \delta_3 + \epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 + \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{31} = (-\alpha_7 + \beta_8 - 5\gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 + \varphi_4 - \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$	$x_{32} = (-\alpha_8 - \beta_7 - 5\gamma_6 + \delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 + \eta_2 - \lambda_1)/12$,
$x_{33} = (\alpha_5 + \beta_6 - 5\gamma_7 + \delta_8 + \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$	$x_{34} = (\alpha_6 - \beta_5 - 5\gamma_8 - \delta_7 + \epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 + \eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$,
$x_{35} = (-\alpha_3 - \beta_4 - \gamma_1 - 5\delta_2 + \epsilon_7 + \varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$	$x_{36} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 - \gamma_4 - 5\delta_3 - \epsilon_6 + \varphi_5 + \eta_8 - \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{37} = (-\alpha_8 - \beta_7 + \gamma_6 - 5\delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 + \eta_2 - \lambda_1)/12$	$x_{38} = (\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 - 5\delta_6 + \epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 + \eta_1 + \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{39} = (-\alpha_6 + \beta_5 - \gamma_8 - 5\delta_7 - \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 - \eta_4 + \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{40} = (\alpha_5 + \beta_6 + \gamma_7 - 5\delta_8 + \epsilon_1 - \varphi_2 - \eta_3 - \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{41} = (\alpha_6 - \beta_5 + \gamma_8 - \delta_7 - 5\epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 + \eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{42} = (\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 + \delta_6 - 5\epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 + \eta_1 + \lambda_2)/12$,
$x_{43} = (\alpha_8 + \beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 - 5\epsilon_4 + \varphi_3 - \eta_2 + \lambda_1)/12$	$x_{44} = (-\alpha_2 - \beta_1 + \gamma_4 - \delta_3 - 5\epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 + \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{45} = (-\alpha_3 - \beta_4 - \gamma_1 + \delta_2 - 5\epsilon_7 + \varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$	$x_{46} = (-\alpha_4 + \beta_3 - \gamma_2 - \delta_1 - 5\epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 + \eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$,
$x_{47} = (-\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 - 5\varphi_2 + \eta_3 + \lambda_4)/12$	$x_{48} = (\alpha_8 + \beta_7 - \gamma_6 - \delta_5 + \epsilon_4 - 5\varphi_3 - \eta_2 + \lambda_1)/12$,
$x_{49} = (-\alpha_7 + \beta_8 + \gamma_5 - \delta_6 - \epsilon_3 - 5\varphi_4 - \eta_1 - \lambda_2)/12$	$x_{50} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 - \gamma_4 + \delta_3 - \epsilon_6 - 5\varphi_5 + \eta_8 - \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{51} = (\alpha_4 - \beta_3 + \gamma_2 + \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 - 5\varphi_7 - \eta_6 + \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{52} = (-\alpha_3 - \beta_4 - \gamma_1 + \delta_2 + \epsilon_7 - 5\varphi_8 - \eta_5 - \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{53} = (-\alpha_8 - \beta_7 + \gamma_6 + \delta_5 - \epsilon_4 - \varphi_3 - 5\eta_2 - \lambda_1)/12$	$x_{54} = (-\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 + \varphi_2 - 5\eta_3 + \lambda_4)/12$,
$x_{55} = (\alpha_6 - \beta_5 + \gamma_8 - \delta_7 + \epsilon_2 + \varphi_1 - 5\eta_4 - \lambda_3)/12$	$x_{56} = (\alpha_3 + \beta_4 + \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 - 5\eta_5 + \lambda_6)/12$,
$x_{57} = (-\alpha_4 + \beta_3 - \gamma_2 - \delta_1 + \epsilon_8 - \varphi_7 - 5\eta_6 - \lambda_5)/12$	$x_{58} = (\alpha_2 + \beta_1 - \gamma_4 + \delta_3 - \epsilon_6 + \varphi_5 - 5\eta_8 - \lambda_7)/12$,
$x_{59} = (\alpha_7 - \beta_8 - \gamma_5 + \delta_6 + \epsilon_3 - \varphi_4 + \eta_1 - 5\lambda_2)/12$	$x_{60} = (-\alpha_6 + \beta_5 - \gamma_8 + \delta_7 - \epsilon_2 - \varphi_1 - \eta_4 - 5\lambda_3)/12$,
$x_{61} = (-\alpha_5 - \beta_6 - \gamma_7 - \delta_8 - \epsilon_1 + \varphi_2 + \eta_3 - 5\lambda_4)/12$	$x_{62} = (\alpha_4 - \beta_3 + \gamma_2 + \delta_1 - \epsilon_8 + \varphi_7 - \eta_6 - 5\lambda_5)/12$,
$x_{63} = (\alpha_3 + \beta_4 + \gamma_1 - \delta_2 - \epsilon_7 - \varphi_8 + \eta_5 - 5\lambda_6)/12$	$x_{64} = (-\alpha_2 - \beta_1 + \gamma_4 - \delta_3 + \epsilon_6 - \varphi_5 - \eta_8 - 5\lambda_7)/12$	.

APPENDIX B1

We give the action of barred operators on octonionic functions

$$\psi = \psi_1 + e_2\psi_2 + e_4\psi_3 + e_6\psi_4 \quad [\psi_{1,\dots,4} \in \mathcal{C}(1, e_1)] \quad .$$

In the following tables we use the notation

$$e_2 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_2, \psi_1, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^* \} \quad ,$$

to indicate

$$e_2\psi = -\psi_2 + e_2\psi_1 - e_4\psi_4^* + e_6\psi_3^* \quad .$$

TABLE B1a

Action on ψ , of the octonionic barred operators, e_m and $1 | e_m$

$e_1 \rightarrow \{ e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4 \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_1 \rightarrow \{ e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4 \}$,
$e_2 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_2, \psi_1, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^* \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_2 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_2^*, \psi_1^*, \psi_4^*, -\psi_3^* \}$,
$e_3 \rightarrow \{ -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_3 \rightarrow \{ e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^* \}$,
$e_4 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_3, \psi_4^*, \psi_1, -\psi_2^* \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_4 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*, \psi_1^*, \psi_2^* \}$,
$e_5 \rightarrow \{ -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_5 \rightarrow \{ e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^* \}$,
$e_6 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_4, -\psi_3^*, \psi_2^*, \psi_1 \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_6 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^*, -\psi_2^*, \psi_1^* \}$,
$e_7 \rightarrow \{ e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	$\mathbf{1} | e_7 \rightarrow \{ -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1^* \}$,

TABLE B1b

Action on ψ , of the octonionic barred operators, $e_m | e_m$

$e_1 | e_1 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4 \}$	,	$e_2 | e_2 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, -\psi_2^*, \psi_3, \psi_4 \}$,
$e_3 | e_3 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, \psi_3, \psi_4 \}$	,	$e_4 | e_4 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, \psi_2, -\psi_3^*, \psi_4 \}$,
$e_5 | e_5 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, \psi_2, \psi_3^*, \psi_4 \}$	,	$e_6 | e_6 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, \psi_2, \psi_3, -\psi_4^* \}$,
$e_7 | e_7 \rightarrow \{ -\psi_1^*, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4^* \}$.		

TABLE B1-L
Octonionic left-barred operators action on ψ

e_1	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_1	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^* \}$,
e_1	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_1	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3^*, \psi_4^*, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_2^* \}$,
e_1	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1^* \}$	,	e_1	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4^*, \psi_3^*, -\psi_2^*, \psi_1^* \}$,
e_2	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_2	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_2	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4, -\psi_3, -\psi_2^*, \psi_1^* \}$	,	e_2	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1^* \}$,
e_2	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3, -\psi_4, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_2	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2^* \}$,
e_3	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2, \psi_1, \psi_4^*, -\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_3	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_3	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1^* \}$	,	e_3	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4, -\psi_3, \psi_2^*, -\psi_1^* \}$,
e_3	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_3	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3, \psi_4, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_2^* \}$,
e_4	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_4	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4, -\psi_3^*, -\psi_2, -\psi_1^* \}$,
e_4	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1^* \}$	,	e_4	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_4	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2, \psi_1^*, -\psi_4, -\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_4	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_3^* \}$,
e_5	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3, -\psi_4^*, \psi_1, \psi_2^* \}$	,	e_5	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1^* \}$,
e_5	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4, \psi_3^*, -\psi_2, \psi_1^* \}$	,	e_5	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_5	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_5	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2, \psi_1^*, \psi_4, -\psi_3^* \}$,
e_6	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	e_6	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3, -\psi_4^*, \psi_1^*, -\psi_2 \}$,
e_6	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2 \}$	,	e_6	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_4^*, -\psi_3 \}$,
e_6	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3 \}$	,	e_6	e_7	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^* \}$,
e_7	e_1	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4, -\psi_3^*, \psi_2^*, -\psi_1 \}$	,	e_7	e_2	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2 \}$,
e_7	e_3	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3, -\psi_4^*, \psi_1^*, \psi_2 \}$	,	e_7	e_4	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3 \}$,
e_7	e_5	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3 \}$	,	e_7	e_6	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^* \}$	.

TABLE B1-R
Octonionic right-barred operators action on ψ

e_1	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_1	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1^*, -\psi_3^*, \psi_4^* \}$,
e_1	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_1	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*, -\psi_1^*, \psi_2^* \}$,
e_1	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1^* \}$	,	e_1	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4^*, -\psi_3^*, \psi_2^*, \psi_1^* \}$,
e_2	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_2	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_2	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4^*, -\psi_3^*, -\psi_2, \psi_1 \}$	,	e_2	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_2, \psi_1 \}$,
e_2	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*, -\psi_1, -\psi_2 \}$	,	e_2	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_2 \}$,
e_3	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2, \psi_1, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^* \}$	,	e_3	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_3	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	e_3	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4^*, \psi_3^*, -\psi_2, -\psi_1 \}$,
e_3	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	e_3	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*, -\psi_1, \psi_2 \}$,
e_4	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_4	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4^*, -\psi_3, -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1 \}$,
e_4	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4^*, e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	e_4	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_4	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2^*, \psi_1, -\psi_3, -\psi_4^* \}$	,	e_4	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3 \}$,
e_5	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3, \psi_4^*, \psi_1, -\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_5	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3, e_1\psi_2^*, -e_1\psi_1 \}$,
e_5	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_4^*, -\psi_3, \psi_2^*, \psi_1 \}$	,	e_5	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4 \}$,
e_5	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_4^*, -e_1\psi_3 \}$	,	e_5	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_2^*, \psi_1, -\psi_4^*, \psi_3 \}$,
e_6	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^*, -e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1 \}$	,	e_6	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3^*, -\psi_4, \psi_1, -\psi_2^* \}$,
e_6	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_6	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1, -\psi_4, -\psi_3^* \}$,
e_6	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_4, e_1\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_6	$(e_7$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_1^*, e_1\psi_2, e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^* \}$,
e_7	$(e_1$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_4, \psi_3^*, -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1 \}$	,	e_7	$(e_2$	\rightarrow	$\{ -e_1\psi_3^*, e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_1, -e_1\psi_2^* \}$,
e_7	$(e_3$	\rightarrow	$\{ \psi_3^*, \psi_4, \psi_1, -\psi_2^* \}$	,	e_7	$(e_4$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_2^*, e_1\psi_1, e_1\psi_4, -e_1\psi_3^* \}$,
e_7	$(e_5$	\rightarrow	$\{ -\psi_2^*, -\psi_1, \psi_4, -\psi_3^* \}$	,	e_7	$(e_6$	\rightarrow	$\{ e_1\psi_1^*, -e_1\psi_2, -e_1\psi_3, -e_1\psi_4^* \}$	.

APPENDIX B2

In the following charts we establish the connection between 4×4 complex matrices and octonionic left/right-barred operators. We indicate with \mathcal{R}_{mn} (\mathcal{C}_{mn}) the 4×4 real (complex) matrices with 1 (i) in mn -element and zeros elsewhere.

4×4 complex matrices and left-barred operators:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{R}_{11} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [1 - e_1 | e_1] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{12} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1) e_3 + e_3) e_1 - 2 | e_2 - e_2 + e_4) e_6 - e_6) e_4 + e_5) e_7 - e_7) e_5] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{13} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1) e_5 + e_5) e_1 - 2 | e_4 - e_4 + e_6) e_2 - e_2) e_6 + e_7) e_3 - e_3) e_7] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{14} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1) e_7 + e_7) e_1 - 2 | e_6 - e_6 + e_2) e_4 - e_4) e_2 + e_5) e_3 - e_3) e_5] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{21} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_2 + e_3) e_1] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{22} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5 + e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] - \frac{1}{3} [e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{23} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_2) e_4 - e_3) e_5] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{24} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_3) e_7 - e_2) e_6] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{31} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_4 + e_5) e_1] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{32} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_5) e_3 - e_4) e_2] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{33} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3 + e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] - \frac{1}{3} [e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{34} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_5) e_7 - e_4) e_6] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{41} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_6 - e_7) e_1] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{42} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7) e_3 - e_6) e_2] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{43} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7) e_5 - e_6) e_4] \\
 \mathcal{R}_{44} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3 + e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5] - \frac{1}{3} [e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{11} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [1 | e_1 + e_1] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{12} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [-2e_1) e_2 - e_3 - 2 | e_3 - e_2) e_1 + e_4) e_7 + e_6) e_5 - e_5) e_6 - e_7) e_4] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{13} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [-2e_1) e_4 - e_5 - 2 | e_5 - e_4) e_1 - e_6) e_3 - e_2) e_7 + e_7) e_2 + e_3) e_6] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{14} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [-2e_1) e_6 + e_7 + 2 | e_7 - e_6) e_1 - e_2) e_5 + e_4) e_3 + e_5) e_2 - e_3) e_4] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{21} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_3 + e_2) e_1] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{22} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 + e_4) e_5 - e_5) e_4 - e_6) e_7 + e_7) e_6] - \frac{1}{3} [e_2) e_3 - e_3) e_2] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{23} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_2) e_5 + e_3) e_4] \\
 \mathcal{C}_{24} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_3) e_6 + e_2) e_7]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{C}_{31} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_5 + e_4) e_1] \\
\mathcal{C}_{32} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_5) e_2 - e_4) e_3] \\
\mathcal{C}_{33} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 + e_2) e_3 - e_3) e_2 - e_6) e_7 + e_7) e_6] - \frac{1}{3} [e_4) e_5 - e_5) e_4] \\
\mathcal{C}_{34} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_5) e_6 + e_4) e_7] \\
\mathcal{C}_{41} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7 + e_6) e_1] \\
\mathcal{C}_{42} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_7) e_2 - e_6) e_3] \\
\mathcal{C}_{43} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_7) e_4 - e_6) e_5] \\
\mathcal{C}_{44} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 + e_2) e_3 - e_3) e_2 + e_4) e_5 - e_5) e_4] - \frac{1}{3} [e_7) e_6 - e_6) e_7]
\end{aligned}$$

4 × 4 complex matrices and right-barred operators:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{R}_{11} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [1 - e_1 | e_1] \\
\mathcal{R}_{12} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_2 + e_3 (e_1] \\
\mathcal{R}_{13} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_4 + e_5 (e_1] \\
\mathcal{R}_{14} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_6 - e_7 (e_1] \\
\mathcal{R}_{21} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1 (e_3 + e_3 (e_1 + 2 | e_2 + e_2 + e_4 (e_6 - e_6 (e_4 + e_5 (e_7 - e_7 (e_5] \\
\mathcal{R}_{22} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5 + e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] - \frac{1}{3} [e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3] \\
\mathcal{R}_{23} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_5 (e_3 - e_4 (e_2] \\
\mathcal{R}_{24} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7 (e_3 - e_6 (e_2] \\
\mathcal{R}_{31} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1 (e_5 + e_5 (e_1 + 2 | e_4 + e_4 + e_6 (e_2 - e_2 (e_6 + e_7 (e_3 - e_3 (e_7] \\
\mathcal{R}_{32} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_2 (e_4 - e_3 (e_5] \\
\mathcal{R}_{33} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3 + e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] - \frac{1}{3} [e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5] \\
\mathcal{R}_{34} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7 (e_5 - e_6 (e_4] \\
\mathcal{R}_{41} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1 (e_7 + e_7 (e_1 + 2 | e_6 + e_6 + e_2 (e_4 - e_4 (e_2 + e_5 (e_3 - e_3 (e_5] \\
\mathcal{R}_{42} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_3 (e_7 - e_2 (e_6] \\
\mathcal{R}_{43} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_5 (e_7 - e_4 (e_6] \\
\mathcal{R}_{44} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 + e_1 | e_1 + e_2 | e_2 + e_3 | e_3 + e_4 | e_4 + e_5 | e_5] - \frac{1}{3} [e_6 | e_6 + e_7 | e_7] \\
\mathcal{C}_{11} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [1 | e_1 + e_1] \\
\mathcal{C}_{12} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_2 (e_1 - e_3]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{C}_{13} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_4 (e_1 - e_5)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{14} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_6 (e_1 + e_7)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{21} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1 (e_2 - e_3 + -2 | e_3 + e_2 (e_1 + e_4 (e_7 + e_6 (e_5 - e_5 (e_6 - e_7 (e_4)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{22} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 - e_4 (e_5 + e_5 (e_4 + e_6 (e_7 - e_7 (e_6)] - \frac{1}{3} [-e_2 (e_3 + e_3 (e_2)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{23} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_5 (e_2 + e_4 (e_3)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{24} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7 (e_2 + e_6 (e_3)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{31} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [2e_1 (e_4 - e_5 - 2 | e_5 + e_4 (e_1 - e_6 (e_3 - e_2 (e_7 + e_7 (e_2 + e_3 (e_6)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{32} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_2 (e_5 - e_3 (e_4)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{33} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 - e_2 (e_3 + e_3 (e_2 + e_6 (e_7 - e_7 (e_6)] - \frac{1}{3} [-e_4 (e_5 + e_5 | e_4] \\
\mathcal{C}_{34} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [e_7 (e_4 + e_6 (e_5)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{41} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [-2e_1 (e_6 - e_7 + 2 | e_7 + e_6 (e_1 - e_2 (e_5 + e_4 (e_3 + e_5 (e_2 - e_3 (e_4)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{42} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_3 (e_6 - e_2 (e_7)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{43} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [-e_5 (e_6 - e_4 (e_7)] \\
\mathcal{C}_{44} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [1 | e_1 - e_1 - e_2 (e_3 + e_3 (e_2 - e_4 (e_5 + e_5 | e_4)] - \frac{1}{3} [e_6 (e_7 - e_7 (e_6)]
\end{aligned}$$

The previous tables could be very useful in order to extract octonionic operators multiplication rules or left/right barred operators connection. For example, we quickly find

$$[e_2) e_7 + e_3) e_6] \leftrightarrow 2 \mathcal{C}_{24} \leftrightarrow [e_7 (e_2 + e_6 (e_3)] , \quad \text{and so on .}$$

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