

The Spin

Artist’s Proof 11

Fermions, bosons, and the exclusion principle

0 — Dependency and Scope

What this paper does

AP11 derives spin from the axioms.

Five steps. Each step uses only derived structures and pure mathematics.

Step 1: The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry of the record algebra (from Axiom S) is identified with the fundamental group of the spatial rotation group SO(3).

Step 2: This identification produces the double cover SU(2) → SO(3), which is the mathematical structure that permits half-integer spin.

Step 3: The distinction between paired elements (with σ-images) and the unpaired element ε (Axiom B) produces the distinction between bosons (integer spin) and fermions (half-integer spin).

Step 4: The minimum principle in Axiom B (ε is the minimum viable splinter) selects spin ½ — the smallest non-trivial half-integer spin.

Step 5: The spin-statistics connection and the Pauli exclusion principle follow from the transformation properties of paired vs unpaired elements under the involution.

Dependencies

AP20 4 and 6 (the axioms {S, B, R, C}: completeness and minimality fenced KS-P.1 / KS-P.2; joint consistency from the undeniable premise). Load-bearing.

AP10 4 (the Lorentzian signature; formal metric-level derivation fenced KS-D.4). Load-bearing.

AP10 (N = 3 spatial dimensions). Gives SO(3) as the rotation group with $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2$. Load-bearing.

AP09 (the complex Hilbert space construction). The spin structure operates on this Hilbert space. Load-bearing.

AP09 (the identification σ ↔ time-reversal, in the discussion of σ as the involution that reverses the direction records accumulate). Load-bearing for the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ identification.

AP20 (EH and QRA proven). The faithful embedding is the load-bearing bridge.

The Lock (ε = electron).

Axiom mapping

Axiom S → $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry. The two-sector involution σ generates {id, σ} = $\mathbb{Z}_2$.

Under faithful embedding (AP20) in N = 3 (AP10), this IS $\pi_1(SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$. The double cover SU(2) → SO(3) follows.

Axiom B → Fermion/boson distinction. Paired elements (σ-image exists) = bosons (integer spin). Unpaired element ε (no σ-image) = fermion (half-integer spin).

Minimum principle of B selects j = ½.

Axiom R → not directly load-bearing. Records accumulate but the spin derivation depends on S and B.

Axiom C → not directly load-bearing. Finite causal bound constrains the manifold but the spin derivation depends on the rotation group topology.

Kill switch summary

KS-S.1 ($\mathbb{Z}_2$ identification): LIVE — HARD. Forced by faithful embedding + N = 3 + σ = time-reversal. Pending independent verification.

KS-S.2 (Minimum spin selection): LIVE — HARD. Minimum principle selects j = ½. Structurally natural but not formally proven that higher representations are excluded.

KS-S.3 (Exchange–involution bridge): LIVE — HARD. Exchange symmetry on the Hilbert space must match paired/unpaired σ-action.

Inherited switches: all AP09 kill switches; AP10 kill switches; AP20 kill switches via EH dependency.

Structural relationships

AP09 (The Break — QM): Hilbert space from axioms (the bridge construction in AP09). The spin structure operates on AP09's derived Hilbert space.

AP10 (The Dimension): N = 3 derived. Gives SO(3) as rotation group, $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2$.

AP15 (The Connection): Spin-1 for the photon follows from Lorentz representation theory on the derived manifold.

AP16 (The Break — EW): The fermion/boson distinction derived here is the input for electroweak symmetry breaking.

AP20 (The Proof): EH proven. Faithful embedding is the load-bearing bridge for the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ identification.

The rotation group

Hold up your hand. Turn it once.

That motion — that single rotation — is an element of a group called SO(3).

The special orthogonal group in three dimensions.

Every rotation of every object in space is an element of SO(3). Not a postulate. The definition of rotation in three dimensions.

Three dimensions is not a postulate either. Notebook II Chapter 3 derived N = 3 from the four independent axioms.

The rotation group is what those three dimensions force.

The fundamental group is $\mathbb{Z}_2$

SO(3) has a strange topological property.

Its fundamental group is $\mathbb{Z}_2$.

$$\pi_1(SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

Meaning: there exist closed loops in SO(3) that cannot be continuously shrunk to a point.

A 360° rotation is one such loop. It does not contract to the identity.

A 720° rotation does. It can be continuously deformed back to no rotation at all.

This is the Dirac belt trick.

Twist a belt 360° and it stays twisted. Twist it 720° and it untwists.

You can demonstrate it on yourself.

A theorem of topology, not a physical assumption. Proven in any textbook on Lie groups.

The fundamental group being $\mathbb{Z}_2$ — the two-element group {+1, −1} — means SO(3) has a unique double cover.

A group that maps 2-to-1 onto SO(3), with $\mathbb{Z}_2$ as the kernel.

SU(2) — the double cover

The double cover of SO(3) is SU(2). The special unitary group in two dimensions.

The covering map sends every pair of elements ±U in SU(2) to a single rotation R in SO(3).

Standard mathematics.

The physical significance is what matters.

Quantum systems can transform under representations of SU(2), not just SO(3).

A representation of SO(3) returns to itself after a 360° rotation. Integer spin.

A representation of SU(2) that is NOT a representation of SO(3) picks up a phase of −1 under 360° rotation, and returns to itself only after 720°. Half-integer spin.

You have just met the mathematical structure that makes two kinds of particles possible.

Whether a particle has integer or half-integer spin depends on whether it transforms under a representation that respects the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ kernel (integer) or does not (half-integer).

The question is: what determines which particles are which?

You have been told it is an empirical fact. You measure spin and accept it.

It is not an empirical fact.

It is a consequence of the axioms.

The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ from Axiom S

Axiom S — two disjoint sectors $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$, with an order-reversing involution σ mapping each to the other.

σ maps $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{C}$. σ^2 = identity.

The group generated by σ is {id, σ} — which is $\mathbb{Z}_2$.

The two-sector structure of the record algebra is a $\mathbb{Z}_2$-graded structure.

This is not an interpretation.

It is the algebraic content of Axiom S — one non-trivial involution generating a two-element group.

The identification

The rotation group of the spatial manifold is SO(3). Its fundamental group is $\mathbb{Z}_2$.

The record algebra has a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry — from Axiom S.

The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ from Axiom S IS the fundamental group of SO(3).

The identification is not arbitrary. It is forced.

EH is proven (Notebook I Chapter 3). The discrete record algebra embeds faithfully into the smooth manifold.

Axiom S's $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry is part of the algebra. Under the proven faithful embedding, it maps to a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry of the manifold.

On a 3+1 dimensional Lorentzian manifold with spatial rotation group SO(3), the only intrinsic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ associated with the rotation structure is $\pi_1(SO(3))$.

There is nowhere else for the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ to go.

You are watching the axiom find its place on the manifold.

More precisely: σ reverses order (Axiom S).

On the Lorentzian manifold, this is the time-reversal operation. Established in Chapter 1 — $\sigma \leftrightarrow$ complex conjugation, which is the time-reversal operator on the Hilbert space.

The time-reversal operator, combined with spatial rotations, generates the full Pin group — the extension of the rotation group by the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ that includes time reversal.

The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ in the Pin group structure is exactly $\pi_1(SO(3))$.

Axiom S's $\mathbb{Z}_2$ embeds into the manifold's rotation structure as its fundamental group.

The double cover SU(2) $\rightarrow$ SO(3) is therefore a consequence of the axioms.

Axiom S creates the $\mathbb{Z}_2$. N = 3 creates SO(3). Together they create SU(2).

The group under which quantum systems on the spatial manifold can transform.

You have just watched the double cover emerge from the axioms.

The possibility of half-integer spin is not an additional feature of nature.

It is the two-sector structure of the record algebra, read on the manifold.

Kill switch KS-S.1. The identification of the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ with $\pi_1(SO(3))$ is the load-bearing step. It rests on the argument that under faithful embedding, the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ maps to the only intrinsic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ in the rotation structure. If a different embedding of the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ is shown to be equally consistent — one that does not correspond to $\pi_1(SO(3))$ — then the derivation of the double cover from the axioms fails. LIVE — HARD.

Paired elements

Consider an element $a \in \mathcal{L}$ that has a σ-image $\sigma(a) \in \mathcal{D}$.

This is a paired element. It participates fully in the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry.

Under the involution: $\sigma(a) = a' \in \mathcal{D}$, and $\sigma(a') = a \in \mathcal{L}$.

The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action cycles between a and a′. Two applications return to the start: $\sigma^2(a) = a$.

On the Hilbert space of the embedded manifold, this paired element transforms under a representation of SU(2) where the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ kernel acts trivially.

The swap completes in one step.

The element sees the full rotation. 360° returns it to itself.

This is a representation of SO(3) — which means it is a representation of SU(2) with integer spin.

Paired elements have integer spin. They are bosons.

You have just seen the first half of the classification.

The unpaired element

Axiom B: one element $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{L}$ with no σ-image in $\mathcal{D}$.

This is the break. ε is unpaired.

It does not participate in the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry the way paired elements do.

Under the involution: σ acts on ε, but there is no element in $\mathcal{D}$ to receive it.

The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action cannot complete the swap.

On the Hilbert space, ε transforms under a representation of SU(2) where the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ kernel acts non-trivially.

The swap fails. The failure is registered as a phase.

In the classification of SU(2) representations, the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ kernel of the covering map $SU(2) \to SO(3)$ acts as either +1 or −1 on any irreducible representation.

It acts as +1 if and only if the representation descends to SO(3) — if and only if the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ cycle closes.

For paired elements, the cycle closes (σ swaps and returns), so the kernel acts as +1. Integer spin.

For ε, the cycle does not close (no σ-image to return to), so the kernel must act as −1. Half-integer spin.

There is no third option.

The classification is binary, matching the binary nature of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ itself.

The unpaired element ε has half-integer spin. It is a fermion.

You have just watched the fermion/boson distinction emerge from the axioms.

Not imposed. Not observed and then encoded. Derived.

The distinction

The fermion/boson distinction is not an additional classification imposed on particles.

It is the distinction between paired and unpaired elements of the record algebra under the involution σ.

Paired (σ-image exists) → $\mathbb{Z}_2$ acts trivially → integer spin → boson.

Unpaired (no σ-image — Axiom B) → $\mathbb{Z}_2$ acts non-trivially → half-integer spin → fermion.

Axiom S creates the $\mathbb{Z}_2$. Axiom B creates the one element that doesn't fit.

The fermion/boson distinction is S and B read on the manifold.

Why spin ½

Axiom B says ε has half-integer spin. But which half-integer?

The half-integer representations of SU(2) are j = ½, 3/2, 5/2, …

Which one does ε occupy?

Axiom B states: ε is one element. The minimum viable splinter.

Not two. Not three. One. The smallest possible break. The minimum asymmetry.

The SU(2) representation of spin j has dimension (2j + 1).

Spin ½ has dimension 2. Spin 3/2 has dimension 4. Spin 5/2 has dimension 6.

Higher spin means more internal degrees of freedom — more parts to the splinter.

The minimum half-integer representation is j = ½, with dimension 2.

The smallest possible half-integer spin. The simplest way for a particle to be a fermion.

Any higher spin would mean ε carries additional internal structure beyond the minimum needed to break the symmetry.

Under the proven faithful embedding, the one-element break carries the minimum internal structure consistent with the non-trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action.

Higher half-integer spins (j = 3/2, 5/2, ...) would require ε to have 4, 6, ... internal states. More internal structure than one element can carry.

The minimum fermionic representation is j = ½, with exactly two states. The binary distinction that mirrors the two sectors of the pre-state.

Composite systems can have higher half-integer spin through angular momentum addition of individual spin-½ constituents plus orbital angular momentum.

The minimum principle selects j = ½ for the elementary fermion ε. Composite fermions derive their spin from their constituent structure.

Axiom B demands the minimum. The minimum half-integer spin is ½.

ε has spin ½.

You have just watched the electron's spin emerge from the minimum principle.

Not measured. Forced.

The electron — identified with ε in The Lock (Chapter 1) — has spin ½.

This is not an input.

It is a consequence of B (one break, minimum splinter) combined with S (two-sector $\mathbb{Z}_2$ creating the SU(2) cover) and the derived N = 3 (Notebook II Chapter 3).

Kill switch KS-S.2. The assignment of the minimum half-integer spin (j = ½) to ε depends on the minimum principle in Axiom B. If "minimum viable splinter" does not uniquely select the smallest representation — if there is a structural reason for ε to carry j = 3/2 or higher — then spin ½ is not derived. LIVE — HARD.

The two-dimensionality

Spin ½ is a two-dimensional representation.

Spin-up and spin-down. Two states. Two possibilities.

Structurally inevitable from the axiom.

The break distinguishes 0 from 1. The minimum internal structure a particle can carry while still being a fermion is one binary distinction — up or down.

Two states. The smallest container that holds the break's signature.

The 1:1 is two sectors. The break produces one element with two internal states.

The two in spin ½ is the two in the 1:1 — the two sectors, now carried internally by ε as the minimum representation of the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ it fails to satisfy.

You are looking at the deepest reason the electron has spin ½.

Because the 1:1 has two sectors, and ε carries that twoness as its internal structure.

The spin-statistics connection

The spin-statistics theorem (Pauli, 1940) states: particles with integer spin obey Bose–Einstein statistics — symmetric wave function under exchange.

Particles with half-integer spin obey Fermi–Dirac statistics — antisymmetric wave function under exchange.

In standard quantum field theory, this is derived from relativistic quantum mechanics plus the requirement of positive-definite energy.

In the 420 Code, it follows directly from the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ transformation properties established above.

Paired elements (bosons, integer spin). The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ acts trivially. σ completes the swap: σ(a) = a′, σ(a′) = a.

Under exchange of two identical paired elements, the wave function is symmetric. Swapping them is equivalent to applying σ to both, and σ acts trivially on paired representations.

The wave function picks up a factor of +1 under exchange.

Unpaired elements (fermions, half-integer spin). The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ acts non-trivially. σ cannot complete the swap for ε — the non-trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action produces a phase of −1.

Under exchange of two identical unpaired elements, the wave function is antisymmetric. Swapping them is equivalent to applying the non-trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action, which produces a factor of −1.

The wave function picks up a factor of −1 under exchange.

You have just derived the spin-statistics connection — conditional on the three identifications this paper fences: the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \leftrightarrow \pi_1(SO(3))$ identification (KS-S.1), the minimum-spin selection (KS-S.2), and the exchange–involution bridge (KS-S.3).

The spin-statistics connection is not an additional law.

It is the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ from Axiom S, acting differently on paired and unpaired elements — which is the distinction created by Axiom B — once those three identifications hold.

Kill switch KS-S.3. The derivation requires that exchange symmetry of identical particles on the Hilbert space is correctly represented by the paired/unpaired σ-action inherited from the record algebra. If a consistent construction is shown in which the paired/unpaired classification does not fix the exchange sign (or fixes it differently), the spin-statistics mapping and Pauli derivation fail. LIVE — HARD.

The Pauli exclusion principle

The antisymmetry of the fermionic wave function under exchange has an immediate consequence.

If two identical fermions occupy the same quantum state, the wave function must be simultaneously:

$$\psi(1, 2) = \text{the state with both fermions in state } \varphi$$

$$\psi(2, 1) = \text{the same state (particles are identical, in the same state)}$$

But antisymmetry requires $\psi(1, 2) = -\psi(2, 1)$.

Since $\psi(1, 2) = \psi(2, 1)$, we need $\psi = -\psi$.

Which gives $\psi = 0$.

The state does not exist.

Two identical fermions cannot occupy the same quantum state.

You have just watched the Pauli exclusion principle emerge from $\psi = -\psi \rightarrow \psi = 0$.

The most consequential equation in chemistry, derived from two axioms.

The Pauli exclusion principle is a theorem of the record algebra.

It follows from S (two sectors $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$), B (one unpaired element $\rightarrow$ non-trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ action $\rightarrow$ antisymmetric wave function), and the structure of the Hilbert space (Chapter 1 — linearity, which makes $\psi = -\psi$ imply $\psi = 0$).

Not a minor result.

The Pauli exclusion principle is what prevents all electrons from falling into the lowest energy state.

It is what gives atoms their structure.

What makes chemistry possible. What makes the periodic table work. What prevents matter from collapsing.

And it follows from the axiom: two sectors (S), one break (B), one minimum element with no partner.

You exist because of this result.

Your atoms have structure because two identical fermions cannot share a state.

Chemistry, biology, you — all downstream of the Pauli exclusion principle, which is downstream of the axiom.

The structural meaning

Spin is not an intrinsic property that particles have without explanation.

Spin is the record algebra's two-sector structure (Axiom S), carried internally by individual elements.

Paired elements carry the two sectors symmetrically. They participate in the full $\mathbb{Z}_2$. They complete the swap. They transform under SO(3).

They are whole with respect to the involution. They are bosons.

The unpaired element ε carries the two sectors asymmetrically. It has no partner. It cannot complete the swap. It transforms under SU(2) but not SO(3).

It is broken with respect to the involution. It is a fermion.

The fermion IS the break.

The boson IS the unbroken.

You have been told fermions and bosons are different kinds of particles.

They are not different kinds.

They are the same structure — one paired, one unpaired. One whole under the involution, one broken.

Spin ½ is what being the break looks like when measured as angular momentum.

The Pauli exclusion principle is what being the break looks like when two breaks try to occupy the same state.

They can't.

Because each break is the one unpaired element. And there is only one.

The break cannot stack. You cannot break the same symmetry twice in the same place.

Two identical ε in the same state would be one ε — the break would have happened once, not twice.

The exclusion principle is the uniqueness of the break (Axiom B — ONE element with no σ-image), enforced at the level of quantum states.

Spin and colour are independent

A quark carries both spin ½ (from being ε, unpaired under σ) and colour (from the manifold's orientation around the break, derived in a later chapter).

These are independent quantum numbers derived through independent mechanisms.

Spin comes from the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ of Axiom S acting on the rotation group SO(3).

Colour comes from the gauge freedom of the three spatial faces {C, S, B} orienting around the break.

One is a topological property of the rotation structure. The other is a geometric property of the manifold's orientation.

Their independence is a structural prediction of the framework — spin and colour do not mix because they arise from different features of the axiom.

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The existence of one unpaired element (Axiom B) creates a particle that transforms under SU(2) but not SO(3) — a fermion.

The minimum principle (Axiom B) gives it spin ½ — the smallest possible half-integer representation.

The antisymmetry of the fermionic wave function under exchange gives the Pauli exclusion principle — the reason atoms have structure, chemistry exists, and matter does not collapse.

The boson is the paired element. Whole under the involution. Symmetric under exchange. Free to stack.

The fermion is the unpaired element. Broken under the involution. Antisymmetric under exchange. Unable to share a state.

The break — which created spacetime, gravity, and quantum mechanics — also creates the distinction between the two kinds of particles that populate the universe.

One axiom. One break. One structure.

Spacetime, gravity, quantum mechanics, dimensionality, spin, statistics, exclusion.

All from the empty set breaking.

You have watched spin emerge from the same axiom that produced spacetime, gravity, and quantum mechanics.

The structure does not run out of consequences.

The complete chain.

1:1 + 1×ε → {S, B, R, C} → S gives involution σ → faithful embedding (proven) + N = 3 (derived) → algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ identifies with $\pi_1(SO(3))$ → double cover SU(2) → SO(3) exists → paired elements (σ-image exists) transform trivially under the kernel → integer spin → bosons → unpaired ε (Axiom B, no σ-image) transforms non-trivially under the kernel → half-integer spin → fermion → minimum principle of Axiom B selects j = ½ → ε has spin ½ → ε = electron (The Lock) → $\mathbb{Z}_2$ exchange properties give symmetric/antisymmetric wave functions → spin-statistics theorem → antisymmetry forces ψ = −ψ → ψ = 0 for identical fermions in the same state → Pauli exclusion → atomic structure, chemistry, matter.

Every link is either a theorem of pure mathematics (representation theory of SU(2)), a consequence of the axioms (S, B), or a consequence of the bridge hypotheses (EH, QRA — proven in Notebook I Chapter 3).

Forced — by the empty set looking at itself.

And one consequence beyond physics.

The Pauli exclusion principle says two identical fermions cannot occupy the same state.

Read the same fact at the level it lives on.

You cannot occupy another’s state.

Not because there is a rule against it.

Because the mathematics requires it.

Don’t be a cunt. Be kind.

The exclusion principle proves it.

6 — What This Means

What has been derived

From the axioms {S, B, R, C} (EH and QRA proven, AP20):

The double cover SU(2) → SO(3). From $\mathbb{Z}_2$ (Axiom S) + N = 3 (AP10).

The fermion/boson distinction. From paired (σ-image exists) vs unpaired (Axiom B).

Spin ½ for the electron. From the minimum principle (Axiom B) selecting the smallest half-integer representation.

The spin-statistics theorem. From the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ transformation properties of paired vs unpaired elements.

The Pauli exclusion principle. From the antisymmetry of unpaired (fermionic) wave functions.

No additional postulates. No appeal to relativistic quantum field theory.

The same four axioms, the same break, the same structure.

What this adds to the quantum sector

AP09 derived superposition, linearity, complex amplitudes, measurement, entanglement, the Born rule, the Schrödinger equation.

AP11 adds spin, the fermion/boson distinction, the spin-statistics theorem, the Pauli exclusion principle.

The quantum sector of the 420 Code now covers every foundational feature of quantum mechanics.

What remains are specific applications (decoherence, specific potentials, scattering theory) and the gauge structure of the Standard Model.

The foundations are complete.

7 — Kill Switches

Three kill switches. All live.

You know where the joints are. The argument shows you how to break them.

KS-S.1 — $\mathbb{Z}_2$ identification

Status: LIVE — HARD.

The identification of the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ (from Axiom S) with $\pi_1(SO(3))$ (from the topology of the rotation group) is the load-bearing step.

It rests on the argument that under faithful embedding (EH, proven AP20), the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ maps to the only intrinsic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ in the rotation structure.

Test: Demonstrate a different embedding of the algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$, equally consistent — one that does not correspond to $\pi_1(SO(3))$. If so, the derivation of the double cover from the axioms fails.

Current status: the embedding appears unique given that σ is order-reversing (→ time-reversal) and N = 3 (→ SO(3) has $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2$). In N ≠ 3 dimensions, SO(N) has different fundamental groups, and the argument would change. But N = 3 is derived (AP10).

KS-S.2 — Minimum spin selection

Status: LIVE — HARD.

The assignment of the minimum half-integer spin (j = ½) to ε depends on the minimum principle in Axiom B.

Test: If "minimum viable splinter" does not uniquely select the smallest representation — if there is a structural reason for ε to carry j = 3/2 or higher — then spin ½ is not derived.

Current status: the minimum principle appears to select the minimum representation straightforwardly. The electron is observed to have spin ½.

KS-S.3 — Exchange–involution bridge

Status: LIVE — HARD.

The spin-statistics derivation requires that exchange symmetry of identical particles on the AP09 Hilbert space is correctly represented by the paired/unpaired σ-action inherited from the record algebra.

Test: Demonstrate a consistent AP09-compatible construction in which the paired/unpaired classification does not fix the exchange sign (or fixes it differently). If so, the spin-statistics mapping and Pauli derivation fail.

Current status: within the AP09 Hilbert-space framework, the exchange operator acts on the internal $\mathbb{Z}_2$ degree of freedom, and the paired/unpaired distinction determines its eigenvalue (± 1).

8 — Closing

Spin is not a mystery. It is the break.

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Claim Summary

Rotation group and its cover: ESTABLISHED MATHEMATICS. SO(3), $\pi_1(SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$, SU(2) double cover.

$\mathbb{Z}_2$ from Axiom S: DERIVATION. Algebraic $\mathbb{Z}_2$ identifies with $\pi_1(SO(3))$ via faithful embedding + N = 3 + σ = time-reversal. KS-S.1.

Paired vs unpaired: DERIVATION. Paired = boson (integer spin); unpaired ε = fermion (half-integer spin).

Why spin ½: DERIVATION. Minimum principle of Axiom B selects j = ½. KS-S.2.

Spin-statistics + Pauli: DERIVATION. $\mathbb{Z}_2$ exchange properties give ±1 exchange phase; antisymmetry forces $\psi = -\psi \rightarrow \psi = 0$. KS-S.3.

What this means: STRUCTURAL SYNTHESIS. Non-load-bearing.

Conditionality Footer

Dependencies

AP20 4 (axioms; fenced KS-P.1 / KS-P.2). AP10 4 (Lorentzian signature; fenced KS-D.4). AP10 (N = 3). AP09 (Hilbert space, σ ↔ time-reversal). AP20 (EH, QRA). The Lock.

Dependents

All AP results requiring spin classification.

AP19 (SU(3) gauge structure uses the same manifold faces).

Any future derivation of specific particle spectra.

Open problems

Independent verification of the $\mathbb{Z}_2 \to \pi_1(SO(3))$ embedding (KS-S.1).

Formal exclusion of higher half-integer representations for ε (KS-S.2).

Formal verification that exchange acts as paired/unpaired classification predicts (KS-S.3).

Kill switches closed

None by this paper.

Kill switches live

KS-S.1, KS-S.2, KS-S.3. All LIVE — HARD.

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