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**Exercises on Supersymmetry      Sheet 5**

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**Exercise 12**      *Chiral supermultiplet of  $N = 2$  supersymmetry*      (12 points)

The part of the  $N = 2$  super Poincaré algebra that will be relevant in the following is given by

$$\{Q_{a,r}, \bar{Q}_{b,s}\} = 2\delta_{rs}\bar{\sigma}_{ab}^{\mu}P_{\mu}, \quad \{Q_{a,r}, Q_{b,s}\} = \epsilon_{ab}\epsilon_{rs}Z, \quad \{\bar{Q}_{\dot{a},r}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{b},s}\} = \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}\epsilon_{rs}Z^*, \quad (1)$$

$$[J^k, Q_{a,r}] = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma_{ab}^k Q_{b,r}, \quad [J^k, \bar{Q}_{\dot{a},r}] = +\frac{1}{2}(\sigma^k)_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}^* \bar{Q}_{\dot{b},r}, \quad (2)$$

where  $r, s = 1, \dots, N = 2$ . The angular momentum operator is denoted by  $J^k$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ),  $\sigma^k$  are the usual Pauli matrices. The central charge  $Z$  commutes with all symmetry operators and is proportional to unity in irreducible representations, which we shall consider in the following.

- a) Show that one can assume, without loss of generality,  $Z$  to be non-negative and real.

(Hint: Redefine the SUSY generators appropriately!)

- b) Consider states of massive particles in their rest frame, i.e. states with the momentum eigenvalue  $p^{\mu} = (M, \mathbf{0})$ . Using these states evaluate the anticommutators of the operators

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Q_{1,1} + \bar{Q}_{2,2}), \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Q_{2,1} - \bar{Q}_{1,2}), \quad (3)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Q_{1,1} - \bar{Q}_{2,2}), \quad b_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Q_{2,1} + \bar{Q}_{1,2}), \quad (4)$$

as well as the anticommutators of the adjoint operators, and the anticommutators of the operators with their adjoints.

- c) Using these relations show that  $Z \leq 2M$ . Which consequence has  $Z = 2M$  for the representation of the operators? How should  $a_r$  and  $b_r$  be normalized so that they define creation and annihilation operators?
- d) Evaluate the commutators of the operators  $a_r, a_r^{\dagger}, b_r, b_r^{\dagger}$  with the angular momentum operators  $J^3$  and  $J^{\pm} = J^1 \pm iJ^2$ .
- e) The “chiral supermultiplet” is defined via the Clifford vacuum  $|\Omega\rangle$  which has spin zero and satisfies  $a_r|\Omega\rangle = b_r|\Omega\rangle = 0$ . Write down all states that are generated by repeatedly applying  $a_r^{\dagger}$  and  $b_r^{\dagger}$  to the Clifford vacuum. How are these states normalized? What is their eigenvalue of  $J_3$ ?
- f) Group the states from e) together according to their spin eigenvalue.