

Study Status

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PMNS matrix

Neutrino mixing is governed by the Pontecorvo - Maki - Nakagawa - Sakata (PMNS) mixing matrix which relates the mass eigenstates to the flavor eigenstates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$U^\dagger U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1}^* & U_{\mu1}^* & U_{\tau1}^* \\ U_{e2}^* & U_{\mu2}^* & U_{\tau2}^* \\ U_{e3}^* & U_{\mu3}^* & U_{\tau3}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, $UU^\dagger = 1$

$$U^\dagger U = UU^\dagger = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$U_{ij}^* U_{jk} = U_{ij} U_{jk}^* = \delta_{ik} \quad (2)$$

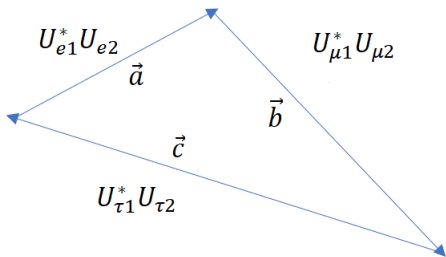
→ The PMNS mixing matrix is unitary

Unitary triangle

Unitary requires:

$$\begin{aligned} U_{e1}^* U_{e2} + U_{\mu 1}^* U_{\mu 2} + U_{\tau 1}^* U_{\tau 2} &= 0 \\ \rightarrow \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Such three vectors define triangle in two dimension coordinate



Eq.(2) gives the six unitary triangles, it means these six unitary triangles have same area.

The area of triangle:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \text{Im} \frac{1}{2} [ac^*] = \text{Im} \frac{1}{2} [ba^*] = \text{Im} \frac{1}{2} [cb^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} [U_{e1}^* U_{e2} U_{\tau 1} U_{\tau 2}^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} [U_{\mu 1}^* U_{\mu 2} U_{e1} U_{e2}^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} [U_{\tau 1}^* U_{\tau 2} U_{\mu 1} U_{\mu 2}^*] \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Jarlskog invariant:

$$J = \text{Im} \left[U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \right] \quad (\alpha \neq \beta, i \neq j) \quad (5)$$

From Eq.(5) and Eq.(4)

$$J = 2S \quad (6)$$

→ The area of unitary triangles equal to a half of Jarlskog's invariant.