Contraction of Lepton Sector of Electroweak Model Can Explain the Neutrino-Matter Interactions

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 Only those geometrical objects which are consistent with this projection can be regarded, in particular, only the following coordinate transformations

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with the standard conditions on the smoothness and Jacobian. Here and below $\alpha, \beta = 1, \ldots, n$, for all coordinates, $\mu, \nu = 1, \ldots, m$ for coordinates in the base and $i, k = m + 1, \ldots, n$ for coordinates in the fiber.

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Elementary particles content of the Standard Model. Gauge bosons:

 γ (photon), W^{\pm} (charged weak bosons),

 Z^0 (neutral weak boson).

Quarks:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in C_2.$$

Leptons:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} \in C_2.$$

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Conclusion

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