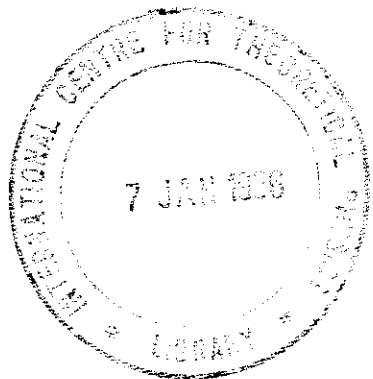




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CLASSIFICATION OF THE IRREDUCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS
(CARTAN-WEYL THEOREM OF HIGHEST WEIGHT)

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then we form for each X in $\mathfrak{g}$ the operator $\exp(tX)$. The subgroup of $GL(V)$ generated by all these operators is the image

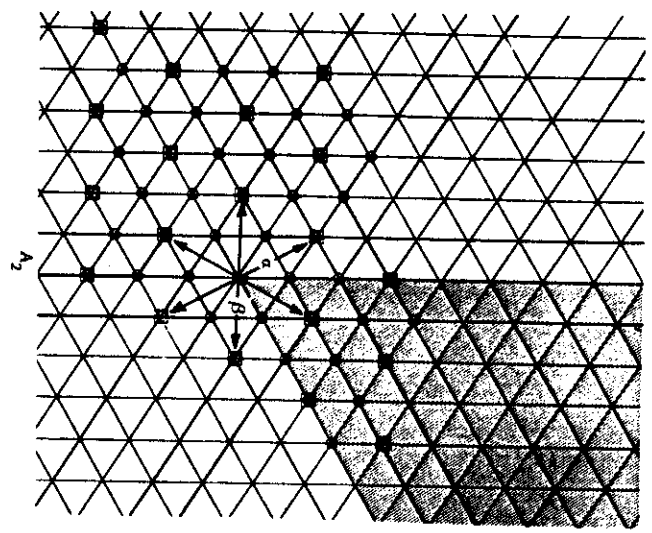


Figure 1.

under the homomorphism induced by ϕ of the Lie group associated to $\mathfrak{g}$ (which we haven't defined)

Fig 1, 2, 3 are the Cartan-Stiefel diagrams for A_2, B_2, C_2 . In $\mathfrak{h}^*$ the points marked $\square$ form the lattice R , $\circ$ the lattice $\mathfrak{g}$; the section α, β form a fundamental system.

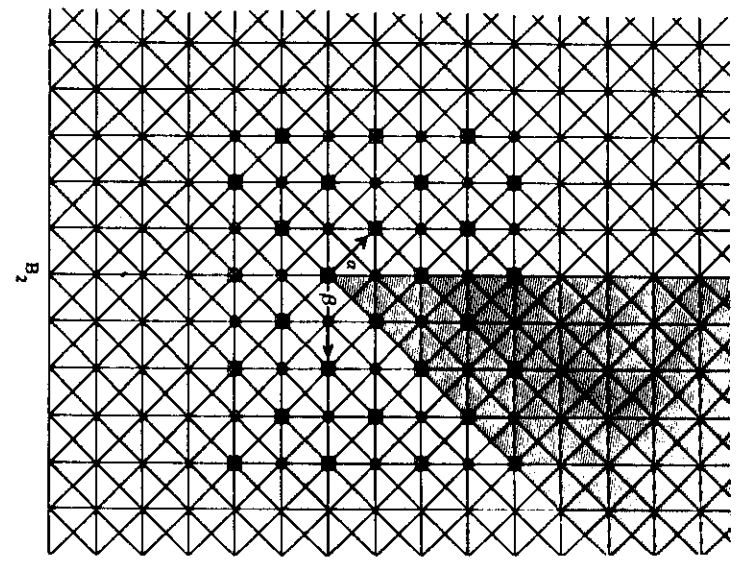


Figure 2.

The fundamental Weyl chamber is shaded.

Let now $\mathfrak{g}$ be semisimple as always before, with all the structure developed. Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}$ etc. $\mathfrak{g}$ has then a ba-

$\mathfrak{g}$ real semi-simple (or reductive) Lie algebra with Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}$.

Root system R . For $\alpha \in R$ the hyperplane orthogonal to α is

$$(\alpha, 0) = \{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* ; \langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle = 0 \}$$

Then union $\bigcup_{\alpha \in R} (\alpha, 0)$ is the Cartan-Stiefel diagram of $R, D(R)$.

The complement $\mathfrak{h}^* - D(R)$ is an open set with connected components which are open cones; the closures of these are the Weyl chambers of R . The Weyl group W acts simply transitively on the Weyl chambers. Let F be a fundamental cone; the set $\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* ; \langle \lambda, \alpha_i \rangle \geq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, l \}$ is then a Weyl chamber, called the fundamental one.

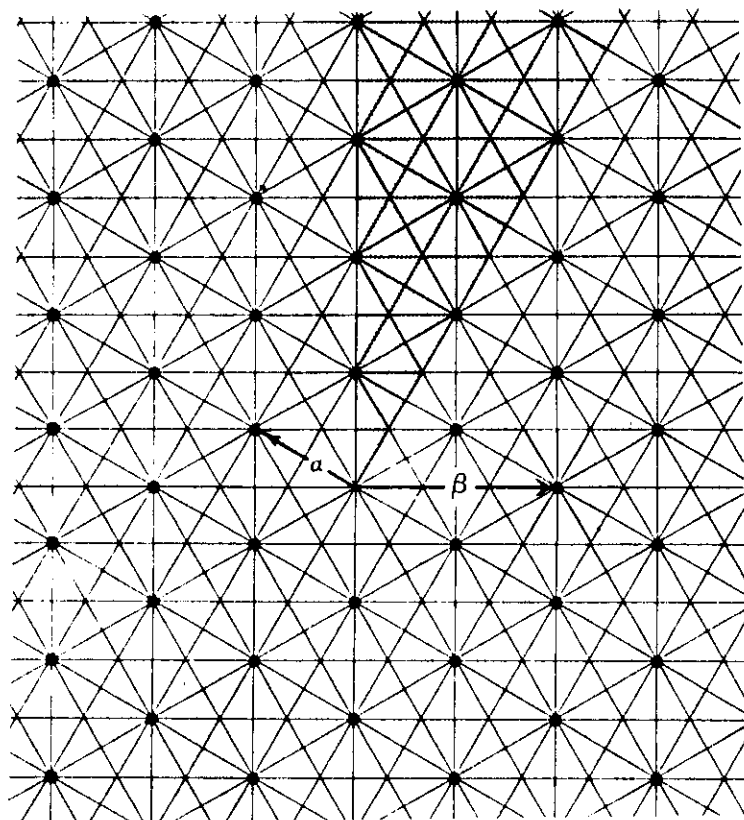
We pick out two lattices in $\mathfrak{h}^*$: the root lattice R for the subgroups associated to R and the lattice of integral forms $\mathfrak{g}$ for the subgroups of all λ s.t. $2\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle / \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle$ is an integer, each α in R . Write ϵ_i for τ_{α_i} , then the dual basis to $\{\epsilon_i\}$ is $\{\lambda_i\} (i=1, \dots, l)$ the set of fundamental weights.

Write $\rho = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_l$ the sum of the fundamental weights

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \alpha \quad \text{half the sum of the positive roots.}$$

The position of λ_i on the i^{th} edge of the fundamental chamber is (as $\langle \lambda_i, \alpha_j \rangle = 0, i \neq j$ and $\alpha_i(\epsilon_i) = 2$) given by the intersection with the plane orthogonal to α_i through the point $1/2 \alpha_i$.

sis of weight vectors, say $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$, with associated weights $\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_n$. For any H in $\mathfrak{h}$ the operator $\exp(\phi(H))$ is diago-



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Figure 3.

nal, with diagonal elements $\exp(\rho_i(H))$. We modify this by a factor $2\pi i$, and call the trace of $\exp(2\pi i\phi(H))$, as function of H ,

the character χ of ϕ ; so that $\chi(H) = \sum_r \exp(2\pi i\rho_r(H))$. (It depends, of course, only on the equivalence class of ϕ .) As a matter of fact, we only consider H in $\mathfrak{h}_R$ (this can also be interpreted as considering $\exp(2\pi i\phi(iH))$ with iH in the subalgebra $i\mathfrak{h}_R$ of the compact form of $\mathfrak{g}$; Ch. II, no. 10).

The character, in fact every term of the sum, takes the same value at two H 's whose difference lies in the lattice $\mathcal{J}$, since the ρ_r are integral forms. In other words, χ is periodic, with the elements of $\mathcal{J}$ as periods. Even more, χ is a finite Fourier series on $\mathfrak{h}_R$ with respect to the bases $\{\tau_i\}$. To put this somewhat differently: The quotient group $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$ is isomorphic to the ℓ -dimensional torus ($\mathbb{R}^\ell$ modulo the lattice of integral vectors, direct sum of ℓ copies of $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$). Each $\exp \circ 2\pi i\rho$, for ρ in $\mathcal{J}$, is a homomorphism of $\mathfrak{h}_R$ into the unit circle $U = \{z: |z| = 1\}$ of $\mathbb{C}$, with $\mathcal{J}$ in the kernel; thus it can be considered as a homomorphism of $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$ into U , or, in the usual terminology of Abelian groups, a character of $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$. (For some purposes it might be better to "divide" $\mathfrak{h}_R$ by the lattice $2\pi\mathcal{J}$.)

We use the symbol e_ρ for $\exp \circ 2\pi i\rho$; these are then functions on $\mathfrak{h}_R$ (even for ρ any element of $\mathfrak{h}_R^*$) and on $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$. We have $e_\rho \cdot e_\sigma = e_{\rho+\sigma}$ (pointwise product, as functions, on the left), and $e_\rho = (e_{\lambda_1})^{n_1} \cdot (e_{\lambda_2})^{n_2} \cdots (e_{\lambda_\ell})^{n_\ell}$, if $\rho = \sum n_i \lambda_i$, where the λ_i are the fundamental weights. The e_ρ , with ρ in $\mathcal{J}$, are all the characters of $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$ (we take this as well known), and the correspondence $\rho \rightarrow e_\rho$ is an isomorphism of $\mathcal{J}$ with the character group of $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$. The finite integral linear combinations $\sum a_\rho e_\rho$ of the e_ρ (such as the character χ above) form the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{J}]$ of the character group of $\mathfrak{h}_R/\mathcal{J}$ (or the isomorphic integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{J}]$ of $\mathcal{J}$). (Actually, to make this precise,

Let ϕ be a finite dimensional representation of $\mathfrak{g}$ on a complex vector space V (if $\mathfrak{g}$ is reductive but not s.s. we consider ϕ irreducible)

For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ the weight space (possibly zero)

$$V_\lambda = \{v \in V; \phi(s)v = \lambda(s)v, \forall s \in \mathfrak{h}\}$$

Any non-zero v in V_λ is called a weight vector with weight, λ . Write $m_\lambda = \dim V_\lambda$ and call m_λ the multiplicity of λ as a weight of ϕ .

Propn

(i) V is spanned by weight vectors.

(ii) The weights are in Λ .

(iii) The (finite) set of weights is invariant under the Weyl group i.e. if λ is a weight so is $W_\alpha(\lambda) = \lambda - 2\lambda(\alpha)\alpha$ for each α in R ; the α -string of λ is the weights $\lambda + t\alpha$, t real, consists of the integral t between $-t'$ and t'' and $\lambda + t'\alpha = t'' - t''$.

(iv) $m_\lambda = m_{w\lambda}$ for λ a weight and each w in W .

Proof

i) Restrict ϕ to $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} = \mathfrak{sl}(\mathbb{C})$. By A. repn theory, each $\phi(\mathfrak{sl})$ is semi-simple and the $\phi(s)$, $s \in \mathfrak{h}$ commute; thus there is a simultaneous diagonalization.

ii) The eigenvalues of $\phi(\alpha)$ are integers, running in steps of two from a max $m + r$ to a min $-r$; but there are $2(\alpha)$ for λ a weight.

iii) Let v be in V_λ , then $E_{-\alpha}v$ lies in $V_{\lambda+\alpha}$. With $r = 2(\alpha)$,

The vectors $v, E_{-\alpha}v, E_{-\alpha}^2v, \dots, E_{-\alpha}^rv$ are non-zero with weights $\lambda, \lambda-\alpha, \lambda-2\alpha, \dots, \lambda-r\alpha$.

(iv) From (iii) as $\phi(E_{-\alpha})^r$ has no kernel on V_λ , we have

$m_\lambda \leq m_{\lambda-\alpha}$ each α in R , thus $m_\lambda \leq m_{w\lambda}$ as $m_\lambda = m_{w\lambda}$ each w in W . □

A weight λ is called extreme if $\lambda + \alpha$ is not a weight for each α in R^+ . Extreme weights exist eg can take a maximal weight in the given order or one of maximal norm and transform into the fundamental chamber by an element of W . Let v be an extreme weight vector i.e. one whose weight λ is extreme. Define V_v to be the subspace of V spanned by the vectors $E_{-\alpha_1} \dots E_{-\alpha_l} E_{-\alpha_i} v$ with $k=0,1,2, \dots$ and $1 \leq i_k \leq l$; these have weights $\lambda - \alpha_{i_1} - \dots - \alpha_{i_k}$.

Propn

V_v is an invariant subspace of V .

Proof

Sufficient to show invariance under E_i, E_{-i} $i=1, \dots, l$ as these generate $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Invariance under E_{-i} is clear; also $E_i E_{-\alpha_1} \dots E_{-\alpha_l} v = E_{-\alpha_1} E_i E_{-\alpha_2} \dots E_{-\alpha_l} v + [E_i, E_{-\alpha_1}] E_{-\alpha_2} \dots E_{-\alpha_l} v$ so by induction on k also get invariance under E_i . □

Corollary

If V is irreducible under ϕ , then there is exactly one extreme weight (called the highest weight); it is dominant,

(belongs to $\mathfrak{g}^d$) maximal in norm and in given order, and of multiplicity 1; all other weights are of the form $\mu = \lambda - \sum_i n_i \alpha_i$ with non-negative integers n_i .

Def
 $\frac{R}{V} = V_{\lambda}$ as above. Any weight of maximal order or norm is extreme.

□

Construction: Any complex irreducible $\mathfrak{g}$ -module is equivalent to the quotient of a Verma module by a maximal proper $\mathfrak{g}$ -submodule.

Theorem
 There is a 1-1 correspondence between the irreducible complex finite dim representations (up to equivalence) of $\mathfrak{g}$ semi-simple and $\mathfrak{g}^d$, which assigns the extreme weight.

Example The adjoint reps of $\mathfrak{g}_c$. The non-zero weights w.r.t $\mathfrak{h}$ are the roots R , each occurs with multiplicity 1; the highest weight is the maximal root, for $\mathfrak{g}$ simple. The adjoint reps of $\mathfrak{g}$ is irreducible iff $\mathfrak{g}$ is simple.

Write ϕ_λ for the irreducible reps of $\mathfrak{g}$ with highest weight λ . Can describe this on the Dynkin diagram: if $2(T_i)$ is positive, write it above the vertex corresponding to the simple root α_i .

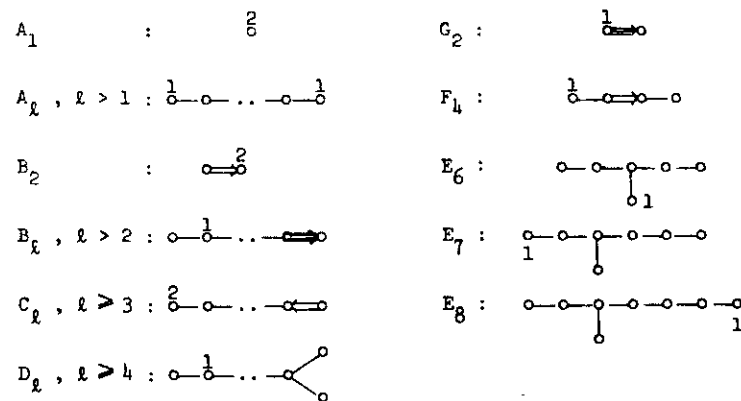
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Now suppose that V is a finite dimensional irreducible $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with highest weight λ . Then V has lowest weight $w_0(\lambda)$, and V^* is the finite dimensional irreducible $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with highest weight $-w_0(\lambda)$; $w_0 \in W$, $w_0 R^+ = R^-$.

Let us write ϕ_λ for the finite dimensional irreducible representation of highest weight $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$. If $\mathfrak{g}$ is semisimple we can "describe" ϕ_λ on the Dynkin diagram as follows. Whenever the non-negative integer $\frac{2\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$ is positive, we write it next to the vertex that corresponds to the simple root α . Thus, for the classical groups, the ordinary ("vector") representation is "described" as $\overset{1}{\circ} - \circ - \dots - \circ$

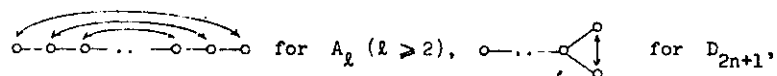
or $\overset{1}{\circ} - \circ - \dots - \circ \begin{smallmatrix} \nearrow \circ \\ \searrow \circ \end{smallmatrix}$ or $\overset{1}{\circ} - \circ - \dots - \circ \rightleftarrows \circ$ or $\overset{1}{\circ} - \circ - \dots - \circ \rightleftarrows \circ \rightleftarrows \circ$.

The adjoint representations are



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If ϕ_λ is simple, then ϕ_λ is equivalent to its dual $\phi_{-w_0(\lambda)}$ if and only if its Dynkin diagram is stable under



One also has some handy computational tricks, such as

$$\Lambda^k \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_l \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_k \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_l \end{array}, \quad \Lambda^k \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_l \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_k \end{array} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \alpha_l \end{array}$$

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(V, ϕ) finite-dim representation of $\mathfrak{g}$. $\tilde{G}$ simply connected with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. ϕ is the differential of $\tilde{\pi}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{G} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\pi}} & GL(V) \\ \exp \uparrow & & \uparrow \exp \\ \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathfrak{gl}(V) \end{array}$$

Suppose G has Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. $\tilde{G} \xrightarrow{P} G$, $\text{Ker } P = \pi_1(G)$
 $P \circ \exp_{\tilde{G}} = \exp_G \circ P_{*,e}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{G} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\pi}} & GL(V) \\ P \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ G & & \end{array}$$

If $\tilde{\pi}(\text{Ker } P) = \{I\}$ is $\text{Ker } P \subseteq \text{Ker } \tilde{\pi}$
 then define $\pi(\mathfrak{z}) = \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{\mathfrak{z}})$ where $P(\tilde{\mathfrak{z}}) = \mathfrak{z}$
 $(P(\tilde{\mathfrak{z}}) = \mathfrak{z} \text{ implies that } \tilde{\mathfrak{z}} \tilde{\mathfrak{z}} \in \text{Ker } P \text{ so } \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{\mathfrak{z}}) = \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{\mathfrak{z}}))$

The irreducible finite-dim representations of G are given by those ϕ irreducible of $\mathfrak{g}$ with $\text{Ker } P \subseteq \text{Ker } \tilde{\pi}$.

G compact, connected Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$.

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{z} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$, $\mathfrak{z}$ the centre, $\mathfrak{g}_1 = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$ the

derived algebra which is semi-simple. The Killing-form $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ is -ve definite on $\mathfrak{g}_1$. Let $\mathfrak{h}$ be a maximal abelian subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}$, then

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{z} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$, with $\mathfrak{h}_c$ a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}_c$.
Let H be the associated maximal torus to $\mathfrak{h}$. The unitary character group $\hat{H}$ is identified with a lattice

$$\Lambda \subseteq \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{h}^* \quad (* \text{ the real dual}) \text{ by}$$

$$\chi \longmapsto \lambda, \quad \chi(\exp s) = e^{2\pi i \lambda(s)}, \quad s \in \mathfrak{h}.$$

Let Λ_c be the unit lattice of H (of G) i.e.

$$\Lambda_c = \{s \in \mathfrak{h}; \exp s = e\} \text{ is the identity element of } G$$

$\lambda \in \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{h}^*$ is the differential of $\chi \in \hat{H}$

$$\text{iff } \lambda(\Lambda_c) \subseteq 2\pi\sqrt{-1}\mathbb{Z}$$

Also if $\Lambda_c = \{s \in \mathfrak{h}; \exp s \in Z\}$ Z the centre of G

$$\pi_1(G) = \Lambda_c / \Lambda_c$$

Let R be the root system of (G, H) i.e. of $(\mathfrak{g}_c, \mathfrak{h}_c)$.

The root spaces $\mathfrak{g}^\alpha$ have dimension one and

$$\text{Ad}(h) \mathfrak{g}^\alpha = \mathfrak{g}^\alpha \text{ each } h \in H \quad (\text{Ad}(\exp s) = e^{\text{ad } s}, s \in \mathfrak{h})$$

therefore $R \subseteq \Lambda$. In particular the roots take pure imaginary values on $\mathfrak{h}$. Also

$$\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}} = \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{h}_c$$

$\Lambda \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ for if $\alpha \in R$ then $\{\tau_\alpha, \varepsilon_\alpha, \varepsilon^\alpha\}$ spans a subalgebra $\simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$; here we can choose root vectors ε_α so that $\bar{\varepsilon}_\alpha = \varepsilon^\alpha$ (where $-$ is conjugation)

with respect to the real form $\mathfrak{g}$ of $\mathfrak{g}_c$) Then with

$$\mathfrak{z}_\alpha = (\varepsilon_\alpha - \varepsilon^\alpha) + \sqrt{-1}(\varepsilon_\alpha + \varepsilon^\alpha), \text{ we have that}$$

$\{\sqrt{-1}\tau_\alpha, \mathfrak{z}_\alpha, \mathfrak{z}^\alpha\}$ spans a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}$ isomorphic to $\mathfrak{su}(2)$,

to each $\alpha \in R$, G has a connected subgroup isomorphic to $SU(2)$.

Now $\sqrt{-1}\tau_\alpha$ lies in $\mathfrak{h}$ and $\tau_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, so as

$2\pi\sqrt{-1}\tau_\alpha$ lies in the unit lattice of $SU(2)$ we have

$$\lambda(\tau_\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for each } \alpha \in R.$$

Let (V, π) be a complex finite-dim representation of G . π is completely reducible $V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_m$. Say that the weights of π w.r.t H are those of $d\pi$ w.r.t $\mathfrak{h}$. Each irreducible repn of H is one-dimensional, therefore determined by a character; thus can choose a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ of V such that on V_i , $\pi|_H$ is a character χ_i with weight λ_i . Thus each weight of π lies in Λ .

One can also show that a complex finite-dim representation of a semi-simple Lie group G (connected) is completely reducible and that the differential ϕ has all weights integral (i.e. in $\mathfrak{g}$) in

the following way: take a compact real form $\mathfrak{K}$ of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and a Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ which is the complexification of a maximal abelian subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}$ of $\mathfrak{K}$. Let $\tilde{K}$ be the simply connected group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{K}$. $\tilde{K}$ is compact and has a maximal torus $\tilde{H}$ with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h}$. ϕ restricted to $\mathfrak{K}$ is the differential of $\tilde{\pi}$ on $\tilde{K}$, therefore ϕ is completely reducible and any weight lies in the lattice $\tilde{\Lambda}$ of $\tilde{H}$.

Recall the definition of a regular element of $\mathfrak{g}$. $\mathfrak{h} \in \mathfrak{g}$.
 $s \in \mathfrak{h}$ is regular iff $\alpha(s) \neq 0$ for each $\alpha \in R$.

There is the Weyl group $W(G, H) = N_G(H)/H$ and also the Weyl group $W(R)$ of the root system R .

Proposition

$$W(G, H) = W(R)$$

Proof

Let $s = z^{-1/2}(\xi_{\alpha} - \xi^{\alpha})$ then the reflection $w_{\alpha} = \text{Ad}(\exp(\pi/\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle)^{1/2} s)|_{\mathfrak{h}}$
 $\alpha \in R$.

$W(G, H)$ acts simply on the Weyl chambers: for suppose $wC = C$, some chamber C . Let n be the order of w and $s \in C$, then with

$$s_0 = (1/n)(s + ws + \dots + w^{n-1}s)$$

we have $ws_0 = s_0$ and $s_0 \in C$. s_0 is a regular element,

and if $w = \text{Ad}g$, $g \in G$ we have $g \exp s_0 g^{-1} = \exp s_0$.
 Now there is a maximal torus H_1 containing g and $\exp s_0$, but as s_0 is regular $\mathfrak{h}_1 = \mathfrak{g}_{s_0} = \mathfrak{h}$ and $H_1 = H$. Hence $w = \text{Ad}g|_{\mathfrak{h}}$ is the identity. $\square$

Also $W(R)$ acts transitively on the Weyl chambers.

Theorem (Cartan-Weyl)

$\hat{G}$ is in 1-1 correspondence with $\Lambda \cap \mathfrak{g}^*$.

Proof (cf N. Wallach)

Let G_1 be the connected subgroup of G with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_1$. G_1 is compact. Let $\lambda \in \Lambda \cap \mathfrak{g}^*$ and $(V_{\lambda}^{\pm}, \tilde{\pi}) \in \hat{G}_1$ correspond to λ . The highest weight space V_{λ}^+ is one dimensional and each weight differs from λ by a sum of positive roots. Then since the kernel of the covering homomorphism $p: \tilde{G} \rightarrow G$ is central and $p \circ \exp_{\tilde{G}} = \exp_G \circ p_{*,e}$, we have that

$$\tilde{\pi}(\text{Ker } p) = \{I\} \text{ (as } \lambda \in \Lambda), \text{ thus we obtain } (V_{\lambda}^{\pm}, \tilde{\pi}) \in \hat{G}_1.$$

Let Z_0 be the connected subgroup of G corresponding to $\mathfrak{z}$ (the identity component of the center), then

$$G = (Z_0 \times G_1)/F \text{ where } F = \{(z^{-1}, z); z \in Z_0 \cap G_1\}$$

a finite subgroup. Now $Z_0 \subseteq H$ and $\lambda_0 = \lambda|_{Z_0}$ is the differential of a character χ_0 of Z_0 . Define for $z \in Z_0, g \in G_1$

$$\pi(z, g) = \chi_0(z) \tilde{\pi}(g)$$

then $\pi|_F$ is the identity, hence $(V^\lambda, \pi) \in \hat{G}$.
 λ is called the highest weight.

Corollary

Let (V, ϕ) be a finite-dimensional complex representation of $\mathfrak{g}$.
 Then ϕ is the differential of a representation π of G
 iff each weight of ϕ is the differential of a character of H
 (i.e. lies in Λ)

Proof

$\phi|_{\mathfrak{g}_1}$ is completely reducible $V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_m$ with ϕ_j
 irreducible of highest weight λ_j . Then $\phi = d\pi$ iff $\lambda_j \in \Lambda$ each j .

For $\mu \in \Lambda$, let e^μ denote the corresponding character. Then in
 the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Lambda]$, define

$$A(\mu) = \sum_{w \in W(G, H)} (\det w) e^{w\mu}$$

We suppose that half the sum of the positive roots ρ lies in Λ .

Weyl's character formula:

$$\chi_\lambda = \frac{\sum_{w \in W} \det w e^{w(\lambda + \rho)}}{\sum_{w \in W} \det w e^{w\rho}}$$

Let χ_λ be the character of $(V^\lambda, \pi) \in \hat{G}$, then

$$A(\rho) \chi_\lambda|_H = A(\lambda + \rho)$$

Weyl's degree formula:

$$\dim V^\lambda = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{\langle \lambda + \rho, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle}$$

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