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For which of $U(n)$, $SU(n)$, $SO(n)$, $SP(n)$ does $\mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$?

$SU(n)$, $SP(n)$ are simply-connected so $\mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$.

$SO(3)$

$$\mathfrak{h} \quad \mathfrak{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & 0 \\ -b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Type A_1 , roots $\pm \alpha$, $\alpha(\mathfrak{g}) = \sqrt{-1}b$
unit lattice is $\mathbb{Z}$ with $b = 2\pi m$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{Z}) = \sqrt{-1} 2\pi m$ $\mathfrak{g} \notin \Lambda$.

$SO(4)$

$$\mathfrak{h} \quad \mathfrak{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & 0 & 0 \\ -b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Type $A_1 \oplus A_1$, roots $\pm \alpha, \pm \beta$ $\alpha(\mathfrak{g}) = \sqrt{-1}(b-c)$
 $\beta(\mathfrak{g}) = \sqrt{-1}(b+c)$

$$\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g}) = \sqrt{-1}b$$

unit lattice consists of $\mathbb{Z}$ with $b = 2\pi m$, $c = 2\pi n$ $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{Z}) = \sqrt{-1} 2\pi m \quad \mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$$

$SO(2l+1)$, $l \geq 2$

$$\mathfrak{h} \quad J = \text{diag} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 \\ -b_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_l \\ -b_l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad b_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Type B_l roots $\pm \alpha_i$, $\pm \beta_{ij}$ $i < j$, $\pm \gamma_{ij}$ $i < j$

$$\alpha_i(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} b_i$$

$$\beta_{ij}(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} (b_i - b_j), \quad \gamma_{ij}(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} (b_i + b_j)$$

$$\rho(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} \sum_{i,j=i+1}^l b_i - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-1} \sum_j b_j$$

$$\Lambda_e \quad J_e \text{ with } b_i = 2\pi m_i, \dots, b_l = 2\pi m_l, \quad m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

With $m_1 = \dots = m_l = 0$ we have $\rho(J_e) = -\sqrt{-1} 3\pi m_1$, $\rho \notin \Lambda$.

$SO(2l)$, $l \geq 3$

$$\mathfrak{h} \quad J = \text{diag} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 \\ -b_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_l \\ -b_l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad b_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Type D_l roots $\pm \alpha_{ij}$ $i < j$, $\pm \beta_{ij}$ $i < j$

$$\alpha_{ij}(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} (b_i - b_j), \quad \beta_{ij}(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} (b_i + b_j)$$

$$\rho(\mathfrak{h}) = -\sqrt{-1} \sum_{i,j=i+1}^l b_i$$

$$\Lambda_e \quad J_e \text{ with } b_i = 2\pi m_i, \dots, b_l = 2\pi m_l, \quad m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\rho(J_e) = -\sqrt{-1} 2\pi \sum_{i,j} m_i, \quad \rho \in \Lambda.$$

$U(n) \supset SU(n)$

$$\mathfrak{u}(n) = \mathfrak{su}(n) \oplus \sqrt{-1} \mathbb{R} I_n$$

$$n=2. \quad J_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-1} a & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} a \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_1 = \sqrt{-1} b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

exponentiate to tori H_0, H_1

$\exp J_0 = \exp J_1$, $a, b \in [0, 2\pi)$ implies that $a=b$, $e^{\sqrt{-1} 2a} = 1 \Leftrightarrow a=0, \pi$.

$$H_0 \cap H_1 = \{I, e^{\sqrt{-1}\pi} I\} \text{ cyclic group of order 2.}$$

$$\text{Roots } \pm \alpha, \quad \alpha(J_0) = \sqrt{-1} 2a, \quad \alpha(J_1) = 0 \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

As a character of H_0 , e^ρ is $e^\rho(\exp J_0) = e^{\sqrt{-1}a}$; this is non-trivial on $H_0 \cap H_1$ thus $\rho \notin \Lambda$.

$$n \quad J_0 = \sqrt{-1} \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n), \quad J_1 = \sqrt{-1} a I_n \quad \sum_i a_i = 0, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

exponentiate to tori H_0, H_1 .

$$\exp J_0 = \exp J_1, \quad a, a_i \in [0, 2\pi)$$

implies that $a_i = a$, $e^{\sqrt{-1} n a} = 1 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{2k\pi}{n}$ n^{th} root of unity.

$$H_0 \cap H_1 = \{e^{\sqrt{-1} 2k\pi/n} I\} \text{ cyclic group of order } n.$$

Root system type A_{n-1}

$$\alpha_{ij}(J_0) = \sqrt{-1} (a_i - a_j), \quad \alpha_{ij}(J_1) = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_{ij}$$

$n=3$ (12) (13) (23) (12)+(23)=(13)
 $\mathfrak{g} = \{(13)\} \subset \hat{\mathfrak{h}}_0, e^{\mathfrak{g}}(\exp \mathfrak{g}_0) = e^{\sqrt{-1}(a_1 - a_2)}$ this is trivial
 on $\mathfrak{h}_0 \cap \mathfrak{h}$, as $\mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$.

$n=4$ (12) (13) (14) (23) (24) (34)
 $(12)+(23)+(24) = (14)$
 $(13)+(24)(\mathfrak{g}_0) = \sqrt{-1} 2(a_1 + a_2)$

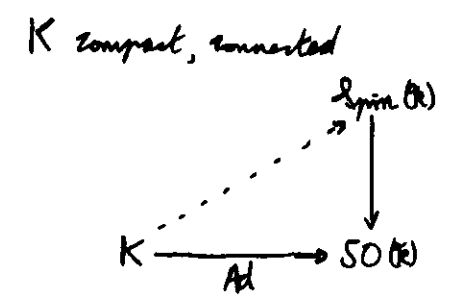
$n=5$ (12) (13) (14) (15) (23) (24) (25) (34) (35) (45)
 running along diagonals
 $2\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g}_0) = \sqrt{-1} 2(25)(\mathfrak{g}_0) + \sqrt{-1} 2(a_1 + a_2 - a_4 - a_5)$

$n=6$ (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (23) (24) (25) (26) (34) (35) (36) (45) (46) (56)
 $2\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g}_0) = \sqrt{-1} 2(16)(\mathfrak{g}_0) + \sqrt{-1} 2(a_1 + a_2 - a_5 - a_6) + \sqrt{-1} 2(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$

$n=7$ (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (34) (35) (36) (37) (45) (46) (47) (56) (57) (67)
 sum of diagonals (17)(\mathfrak{g}_0)
 $\sqrt{-1}(a_1 + a_2) - a_6 - a_7$
 $\sqrt{-1}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - a_5 - a_6 - a_7)$
 $\sqrt{-1}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - a_5 - a_6 - a_7)$
 $\sqrt{-1}(a_1 + a_2 - a_6 - a_7)$
 $(17)(\mathfrak{g}_0)$

n (12) ... (1n) (23) ... (2n) ... (n-1 n)
 (sum of diagonals) (\mathfrak{g}_0)
 $(1n)(\mathfrak{g}_0), (1n)(\mathfrak{g}_0)$
 $\sqrt{-1} 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i - a_{n+1-i}, i=2, \dots, [\frac{n}{2}]$ n odd
 For n even, add $\sqrt{-1} 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} a_i$

$U(n)$ n even $\mathfrak{g} \notin \Lambda$
 n odd $\mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$



Isotropy representation of K lifts to Spin iff $\mathfrak{g} \in \Lambda$.

(cf JF Adams Lectures on Lie groups)

$\mathfrak{g}$ semi-simple.

The degree of the irreducible representation of $\mathfrak{g}$ of highest weight λ, ϕ_λ , is

$$d(\lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{\langle \lambda + \rho, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle}$$

ρ is half the sum of the +ve roots, which is equal to the sum of the fundamental weights.

$$\text{Also } d(\lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \left(\frac{\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \left(\frac{\lambda_\alpha}{\rho_\alpha} + 1 \right) \quad \lambda_\alpha = \frac{2\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$$

A_2 $\overset{n}{\circ} \text{---} \overset{m}{\circ}$

$$R^+ = \{ \alpha, \beta, \alpha + \beta \} \quad \begin{matrix} \rho_\alpha = 1 \\ \rho_\beta = 1 \end{matrix}$$

(in fact in general if α is a simple root $W_\alpha \rho = \rho - \alpha$,
 $\|W_\alpha \rho\|^2 = \|\rho\|^2 - 2\rho_\alpha \langle \rho, \alpha \rangle + \|\alpha\|^2$ i.e. $\rho_\alpha = 1$)

For A_2 , $\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \langle \beta, \beta \rangle$ so

$$d(\lambda) = (\lambda_\alpha + 1)(\lambda_\beta + 1) \left(\frac{\lambda_\alpha + \lambda_\beta}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$\text{i.e. } d(n, m) = \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(m+1)(n+m+2)$$

B_3 $\overset{1}{\circ} \text{---} \overset{\beta}{\circ} \text{---} \overset{\gamma}{\circ}$

$$\text{Cartan matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R^+ = \{ \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \beta + 2\gamma, \alpha + \beta + 3\gamma \}$$

$$\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \langle \beta, \beta \rangle = 2 \langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle$$

$$2\rho_\alpha \langle \rho, \alpha \rangle = \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle, \quad 2\rho_\beta \langle \rho, \beta \rangle = \langle \beta, \beta \rangle, \quad 2\rho_\gamma \langle \rho, \gamma \rangle = \langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle$$

$$2\rho_\alpha \langle \rho, \alpha + \beta \rangle = 2 \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle, \quad 2\rho_\beta \langle \rho, \alpha + \beta + \gamma \rangle = 5/2 \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle$$

$$2\rho_\gamma \langle \rho, \alpha + \beta + 2\gamma \rangle = 3 \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle, \quad 2\rho_\gamma \langle \rho, \alpha + \beta + 3\gamma \rangle = 4 \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{3}{2} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

If μ is a weight of ϕ_λ and α is a root, recall that the α chain of weights through μ consists of the $\mu + t\alpha$ with t an

integer between $-t'$ and t'' , where $2 \frac{\langle \mu, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle} = t' - t''$

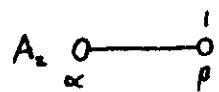
then

$$\mu - \alpha \text{ is a weight iff } \frac{2\langle \mu, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle} + t'' \langle \mu, \alpha \rangle > 0 \quad (†)$$

Also

if μ is a weight then $\mu = \lambda - \sum n_i \alpha_i$ uniquely.

To find the weights of ϕ_λ , start with the highest weight λ and subtract simple roots from it using (†).



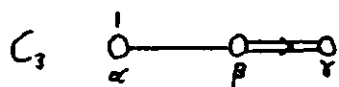
dimension is 3

highest weight is $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{3}\alpha + \frac{2}{3}\beta$

Consider (4) with λ_0 , here $t'' = 0$ for α, β and $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - \beta = \frac{1}{3}\alpha - \frac{1}{3}\beta$

$\lambda_{2\alpha} > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_2 - \alpha = -(\frac{2}{3}\alpha + \frac{1}{3}\beta)$

Weights $\{ \frac{1}{3}\alpha + \frac{2}{3}\beta, \frac{1}{3}\alpha - \frac{1}{3}\beta, -(\frac{2}{3}\alpha + \frac{1}{3}\beta) \}$



Cartan matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

dimension is 6

highest weight is $\lambda_1 = \alpha + \beta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma$
 $\lambda_2 = \beta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma$

μ_{α_i}	$t''(\mu, \alpha_i)$	
$-\alpha + \beta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	-1	-
$\frac{1}{2}\gamma$	1	λ_3
$\beta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	0	-
$-\frac{1}{2}\gamma$	1	λ_4
$-\beta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	-1	-
$-\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	0	-
$-\beta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	1	λ_5
$-\frac{3}{2}\gamma$	-1	-
$-\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	0	-
$-\alpha - \beta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	1	λ_6
$-\beta - \frac{3}{2}\gamma$	0	-
$-2\beta - \frac{1}{2}\gamma$	-1	-

each weight is non-degenerate is $m_\mu = 1$, μ a weight.

Sometimes a weight μ can be non-degenerate is $m_\mu \geq 2$ eg the zero weight in $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \circ & - \circ \\ \dim = 8 \end{smallmatrix}$ which has weight

$\{ \alpha + \beta, \alpha, \beta, 0, -\beta, -\alpha, -(\alpha + \beta) \}$ $m_0 = 2$;

or can have $m_\mu \geq 2$ for $\mu \neq 0$ eg in $\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ \circ & - \circ \end{smallmatrix}$

The partition function $P(\cdot)$ is defined on $\mathfrak{g}$ by

$P(\mu)$ is the number of sequences $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in R^+}$ of non-negative integers a_α satisfying $\mu = \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} a_\alpha \alpha$ then Kostant's formula gives

the multiplicity of a weight μ of ϕ_2

$$m_\mu = \sum_{w \in W(R)} (\det w) P(w\lambda - \mu + (wS - S))$$

A_2

$$R^+ = \{ \alpha, \beta, \alpha + \beta \}$$

$$W(R) = \text{Sym}(3) = \{ 1, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132) \}$$

w	α	β	$\alpha + \beta$	$\det w$
1	$(1, -1, 0)$	$(0, 1, -1)$	$(1, 0, -1)$	1
(12)	$-\alpha$	$\alpha + \beta$	$-\beta$	-1
(13)	$-\beta$	$-\alpha$	$\alpha - (\alpha + \beta)$	-1
(23)	$\alpha + \beta$	$-\beta$	α	-1
(123)	$-(\alpha + \beta)$	α	$-\beta$	1
(132)	β	$-(\alpha + \beta)$	$-\alpha$	1

$\det w$ is $(-1)^r$ where r is the number of positive roots sent into negative roots by w . The Weyl group acts on the diagonal matrices by permuting the diagonal entries.

$$\begin{aligned} 1\beta &= \beta & (23)\beta &= \alpha = \beta - \beta \\ (12)\beta &= \beta = \beta - \alpha & (123)\beta &= -\beta = \beta - (\alpha + 2\beta) \\ (13)\beta &= -(\alpha + \beta) = \beta - 2(\alpha + \beta) & (132)\beta &= -\alpha = \beta - (2\alpha + \beta) \end{aligned}$$



dimension is $d(2,1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 15$

highest weight $\lambda_1 = 5/3 \alpha + 4/3 \beta$

$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - \alpha = 2/3 \alpha + 4/3 \beta$, $\lambda_3 = \lambda_1 - \beta = 5/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$

$1\lambda_1 = \lambda_1$

$(12)\lambda_1 = -5/3 \alpha + 4/3(\alpha + \beta) = -1/3 \alpha + 4/3 \beta = \lambda_4 = \lambda_1 - 2\alpha$

$(13)\lambda_1 = -5/3 \beta - 4/3 \alpha = \lambda_{12} = \lambda_1 - 3(\alpha + \beta)$

$(23)\lambda_1 = 5/3(\alpha + \beta) - 4/3 \beta = 5/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta = \lambda_3 = \lambda_1 - \beta$

$(123)\lambda_1 = -5/3(\alpha + \beta) + 4/3 \alpha = -1/3 \alpha - 5/3 \beta = \lambda_{11} = \lambda_1 - (2\alpha + 3\beta)$

$(132)\lambda_1 = 5/3 \beta - 4/3(\alpha + \beta) = -4/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta = \lambda_8 = \lambda_1 - (3\alpha + \beta)$

$\lambda_i - \alpha$	M_{α_i}	$t^*(\mu, \alpha_i)$	λ_i
$\lambda_2 - \alpha = -1/3 \alpha + 4/3 \beta$	0	1	λ_4
$\lambda_2 - \beta = 2/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$	2		λ_5
$\lambda_3 - \alpha = 2/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$			-
$\lambda_3 - \beta = 5/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$	-1	1	-
$\lambda_4 - \alpha = -4/3 \alpha + 4/3 \beta$	-2	2	-
$\lambda_4 - \beta = -1/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$	3		λ_6
$\lambda_5 - \alpha = -1/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$			-
$\lambda_5 - \beta = 2/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$	0	1	λ_7
$\lambda_6 - \alpha = -4/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$	-1	2	λ_8
$\lambda_6 - \beta = -1/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$	1		λ_9
$\lambda_7 - \alpha = -1/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$			-
$\lambda_7 - \beta = 2/3 \alpha - 5/3 \beta$	-2	2	-
$\lambda_8 - \alpha = -7/3 \alpha + 1/3 \beta$	-3	3	-
$\lambda_8 - \beta = -4/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$	2		λ_{10}
$\lambda_9 - \alpha = -4/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$			-
$\lambda_9 - \beta = -1/3 \alpha - 5/3 \beta$	-1	2	λ_{11}
$\lambda_{10} - \alpha = -7/3 \alpha - 2/3 \beta$	-2	3	λ_{12}
$\lambda_{10} - \beta = -4/3 \alpha - 5/3 \beta$	0	1	-
$\lambda_{11} - \alpha = -4/3 \alpha - 5/3 \beta$			-
$\lambda_{11} - \beta = -1/3 \alpha - 8/3 \beta$	-3	3	-

Let m_i be the multiplicity of the weight λ_i , then from Kostant's formula

$$m_1 = P(0) = 1$$

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - \alpha$$

$$m_2 = P(\alpha) = 1$$

$$\lambda_3 = \lambda_1 - \beta = (2/3)\lambda_1$$

$$m_3 = P(\beta) = 1$$

$$\lambda_4 = \lambda_1 - 2\alpha = (1/2)\lambda_1$$

$$m_4 = P(2\alpha) = 1$$

$$\lambda_5 = \lambda_1 - (\alpha + \beta)$$

$$m_5 = P(\alpha + \beta) = 2$$

$$\lambda_6 = \lambda_1 - (2\alpha + \beta)$$

$$m_6 = P(2\alpha + \beta) = 2$$

$$\lambda_7 = \lambda_1 - (\alpha + 2\beta)$$

$$m_7 = P(\alpha + 2\beta) - P(\beta) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_8 = \lambda_1 - (3\alpha + \beta) = (1/32)\lambda_1$$

$$m_8 = P(3\alpha + \beta) - P(\beta) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_9 = \lambda_1 - 2(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$m_9 = P(2\alpha + 2\beta) - P(2\alpha) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_{10} = \lambda_1 - (3\alpha + 2\beta)$$

$$m_{10} = P(3\alpha + 2\beta) - P(2\beta) - P(2\alpha) = 3 - 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_{11} = \lambda_1 - (2\alpha + 3\beta) = (1/23)\lambda_1$$

$$m_{11} = P(2\alpha + 3\beta) - P(2\alpha + \beta) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

$$\lambda_{12} = \lambda_1 - (4\alpha + 2\beta)$$

$$m_{12} = P(4\alpha + 2\beta) - P(\alpha + 2\beta) - P(3\alpha) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{13} = \lambda_1 - 3(\alpha + \beta) = (1/3)\lambda_1$$

$$m_{13} = P(3\alpha + 3\beta) - P(3\beta) - P(3\alpha + \beta) = 4 - 1 - 2 = 1$$

λ_5, λ_6 have multiplicity 2, all other weights are nondegenerate.

Exercise :-

Let G be a ^{connected} compact Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ and ϕ_2 an irreducible representation of $\mathfrak{g}$. From the C-D diagram of ϕ_2 , how can one ~~test~~ determine if ϕ_2 is the differential of π_2 in $\hat{G}$? eg for B_2, D_2 .

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