

$$\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j = (\alpha_i + \alpha_{i+1} + \dots + \alpha_l) + (\alpha_j + \alpha_{j+1} + \dots + \alpha_l) \quad (24b)$$

for $i < j$. The Cartan matrix $A = [\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle]$

$$\text{has } \langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle = \frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)} = \begin{cases} (\alpha_i, \alpha_j) & \text{for } 1 \leq i, j \leq l-1 \\ 2(\alpha_i, \varepsilon_l) & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq l, j=l \\ (\varepsilon_l, \alpha_{l-1}) & \text{for } i=l, j=l-1 \\ & = -1 \end{cases}$$

so get type B_l matrix.

The Weyl group contains

σ_{ε_i} as well as $\sigma_{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j}$, so it contains permutations

of $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_l\}$ as well as sign changes of each

ε_i . This gives $W \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^l \rtimes S_l$ semidirect product.

$C_\ell (\ell \geq 3): E = \mathbb{R}^\ell,$

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$$\Phi = \{ \pm 2\varepsilon_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \ell \} \cup \{ \pm(\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq \ell \},$$

with base $\Delta = \{ \alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \dots, \alpha_{\ell-1} = \varepsilon_{\ell-1} - \varepsilon_\ell, \alpha_\ell = 2\varepsilon_\ell \}$

and W the same as for type B_ℓ .

$D_\ell (\ell \geq 4): E = \mathbb{R}^\ell, \Phi = \{ \alpha \in I \mid (\alpha, \alpha) = 2 \} =$

$$\{ \pm(\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq \ell \}, \text{ with base}$$

$$\Delta = \{ \alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \dots, \alpha_{\ell-1} = \varepsilon_{\ell-1} - \varepsilon_\ell, \alpha_\ell = \varepsilon_{\ell-1} + \varepsilon_\ell \}$$

gives D_ℓ Cartan matrix (Dynkin diagram).

Weyl gp contains permutations S_ℓ but only even sign changes, so $W \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^{\ell-1} \rtimes S_\ell$.

$E_6 \subset E_7 \subset E_8$ so suffices to construct 248
 Φ of type E_8 . This is interesting, so let's
 come back to it when we have more time.

$$F_4: E = \mathbb{R}^4, \quad I' = I + \mathbb{Z} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_4}{2} \right),$$

$$\Phi = \{ \alpha \in I' \mid (\alpha, \alpha) = 1, 2 \} = \{ \pm \varepsilon_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq 4 \} \cup$$

$$\{ \pm(\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq 4 \} \cup \left\{ \pm \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_1 \pm \varepsilon_2 \pm \varepsilon_3 \pm \varepsilon_4) \mid \text{all choices of } \pm \text{ or } 0 \right\}$$

$$\Delta = \{ \alpha_1 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \alpha_2 = \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_4, \alpha_3 = \varepsilon_4, \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_4) \}$$

gives F_4 Dynkin diagram. $|W| = 1152$.

$$G_2: E = \{ v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (v, \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3) = 0 \}, \quad I' = I \cap E,$$

$$\Phi = \{ \alpha \in I' \mid (\alpha, \alpha) = 2, 6 \} = \{ \pm(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2), \pm(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3), \pm(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3),$$

$$\pm(2\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3), \pm(2\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3), \pm(2\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \}. \quad \Delta = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 \\ \alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 - 2\varepsilon_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Eg: Let $E = \mathbb{R}^8$, $I = \mathbb{Z}e_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}e_8$, [249]

$I' = I + \mathbb{Z}(e_1 + \dots + e_8)/2$ and let

$$I'' = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i e_i + c(e_1 + \dots + e_8)/2 \mid c_i, c \in \mathbb{Z}, \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i \in 2\mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Then $\Phi = \{ \alpha \in I'' \mid (\alpha, \alpha) = 2 \}$ certainly includes

$\{ \pm(e_i \pm e_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq 8 \}$ (a rootsys. of type D_8)

and also $\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 (-1)^{k_i} e_i \mid k_i = 0, 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^8 k_i \in 2\mathbb{Z} \right\}$.

Note: For $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\pm 1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1) \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^8$, $(\alpha, \alpha) = \frac{8}{4} = 2$.

Using Clifford algebras we can construct two irreducible D_8 modules ($so(16, F)$) whose weights are of this form, one with $\sum k_i$ even, the other odd.

Note: The root system of type D_8 has 1250

$4 \binom{8}{2} = 4 \cdot \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2} = 4(28) = 112$ roots. From p. 3

of Humphreys, $\dim(\mathfrak{o}(2l, F)) = 2l^2 - l$ so

$\dim(\mathfrak{o}(16, F)) = 2(8^2) - 8 = 2(64) - 8 = 120$.

$\mathfrak{o}(16, F) = H \oplus \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi(D_8)} L_\alpha$ with $\dim(H) = 8$ and

$\dim(L_\alpha) = 1$, so $|\Phi(D_8)| = 120 - 8 = 112$.

The number of vectors in $\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 (-1)^{k_i} \epsilon_i \mid k_i = 0, 1 \right\}$
is $2^8 = 256$, half have $\sum k_i$ even and half
have $\sum k_i$ odd, so each half has $2^7 = 128$ vectors.

Then the two sets in $\Phi(E_8)$ together contain
 $112 + 128 = 240$ vectors. $\text{Rank}(E_8) = 8$ so
a Lie alg. of type E_8 would have dim. 248.

Exercise: Check that all inner products [25]
between vectors in $\Phi(E_8)$, the 240 vectors
from the two explicitly given sets on p. 249,
are in \mathbb{Z} .

With base $\Delta = \left\{ \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_1 - (\epsilon_2 + \dots + \epsilon_7) + \epsilon_8), \alpha_2 = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2, \right.$
 $\alpha_3 = \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1, \alpha_4 = \epsilon_3 - \epsilon_2, \alpha_5 = \epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3, \alpha_6 = \epsilon_5 - \epsilon_4,$
 $\left. \alpha_7 = \epsilon_6 - \epsilon_5, \alpha_8 = \epsilon_7 - \epsilon_6 \right\}$ we get the Dynkin
diagram of E_8 as in Table 1 on p. 58.

The E_8 Weyl group has order $2^{14} 3^5 5^2 7$
 $= 4! 6! 8! = 696,729,600$

For more on Wikipedia see the page "E8 lattice"

Automorphisms of rootsystems: [252]

The Lemma on p. 43 of Humphreys implies that $W \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(\Phi)$. Let $\Gamma = \{\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\Phi) \mid \sigma(\Delta) = \Delta\}$ for fixed base Δ of Φ , so $\Gamma \leq \text{Aut}(\Phi)$ and $\Gamma \cap W = \{1\}$ since W action on bases is simply transitive. $\forall \tau \in \text{Aut}(\Phi)$, $\tau(\Delta) = \Delta'$ is another base of Φ , so $\exists \sigma \in W$ s.t. $\sigma\tau(\Delta) = \Delta$ so $\sigma\tau \in \Gamma$ and $\tau \in W\Gamma = \Gamma W$. This implies that $\text{Aut}(\Phi) = W \rtimes \Gamma$ is a semidirect product.

$\forall \tau \in \text{Aut}(\Phi)$, $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Phi$, have $\langle \tau\alpha, \tau\beta \rangle = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ so τ gives an automorphism (symmetry) of the Dynkin diagram of Φ . A trivial action of τ

on the diagram means $\tau=1$ since Δ is \mathbb{Z}^3
a basis of E . By Prop. on p. 55, every Dynkin
diagram symmetry gives a $\tau \in \text{Aut}(\Phi)$, but
diagram symmetries preserve Δ , so they
correspond to elements of Γ , really to cosets
in $\text{Aut}(\Phi)/W \cong \Gamma \leftrightarrow \{\text{diagram symmetries}\}$.

See Table 1 on p. 66 for Γ and other useful
information about each type of irred. Φ .
Table 2 on p. 66 contains highest long and
short (if any) roots for each type of Φ .