# Zero Action on Perfect Crystals for $U_q(G_2^{(1)})^{\star}$

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**Abstract.** The actions of 0-Kashiwara operators on the  $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal  $B_l$  in [Yamane S., J. Algebra **210** (1998), 440–486] are made explicit by using a similarity technique from that of a  $U_q'(D_4^{(3)})$ -crystal. It is shown that  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  forms a coherent family of perfect crystals.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebra. Let I be its index set for simple roots, P the weight lattice,  $\alpha_i \in P$  a simple root  $(i \in I)$ , and  $h_i \in P^*(= \operatorname{Hom}(P, \mathbb{Z}))$  a simple coroot  $(i \in I)$ . To each  $i \in I$  we associate a positive integer  $m_i$  and set  $\tilde{\alpha}_i = m_i \alpha_i$ ,  $\tilde{h}_i = h_i/m_i$ . Suppose  $(\langle \tilde{h}_i, \tilde{\alpha}_j \rangle)_{i,j \in I}$  is a generalized Cartan matrix for another symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Then the subset  $\tilde{P}$  of P consisting of  $\lambda \in P$  such that  $\langle \tilde{h}_i, \lambda \rangle$  is an integer for any  $i \in I$  can be considered as the weight lattice of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ . For a dominant integral weight  $\lambda$  let  $B^{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  be the highest weight crystal with highest weight  $\lambda$  over  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ . Then, in [5] Kashiwara showed the following. (The theorem in [5] is more general.)

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\lambda$  be a dominant integral weight in  $\tilde{P}$ . Then, there exists a unique injective map  $S: B^{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}}(\lambda) \to B^{\mathfrak{g}}(\lambda)$  such that

$$\operatorname{wt} S(b) = \operatorname{wt} b, \qquad S(e_i b) = e_i^{m_i} S(b), \qquad S(f_i b) = f_i^{m_i} S(b).$$

In this paper, we use this theorem to examine the so-called Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystal. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the affine algebra of type  $D_4^{(3)}$ . The generalized Cartan matrix  $(\langle h_i, \alpha_j \rangle)_{i,j \in I}$   $(I = \{0, 1, 2\})$  is given by

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & -1 & 0 \\
-1 & 2 & -3 \\
0 & -1 & 2
\end{array}\right).$$

Set  $(m_0, m_1, m_2) = (3, 3, 1)$ . Then,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  defined above turns out to be the affine algebra of type  $G_2^{(1)}$ . Their Dynkin diagrams are depicted as follows

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For  $G_2^{(1)}$  a family of perfect crystals  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  was constructed in [7]. However, the crystal elements there were realized in terms of tableaux given in [2], and it was not easy to calculate the action of 0-Kashiwara operators on these tableaux. On the other hand, an explicit action of these operators was given on perfect crystals  $\{\hat{B}_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  over  $U_q'(D_4^{(3)})$  in [6]. Hence, it is a natural idea to use Theorem 1 to obtain the explicit action of  $e_0$ ,  $f_0$  on  $B_l$  from that on  $\hat{B}_{l'}$  with suitable l'. We remark that Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals are parametrized by a node of the Dynkin diagram except 0 and a positive integer. Both  $B_l$  and  $\hat{B}_l$  correspond to the pair (1,l).

Our strategy to do this is as follows. We define  $V_l$  as an appropriate subset of  $\hat{B}_{3l}$  that is closed under the action of  $\hat{e}_i^{m_i}$ ,  $\hat{f}_i^{m_i}$  where  $\hat{e}_i$ ,  $\hat{f}_i$  stand for the Kashiwara operators on  $\hat{B}_{3l}$ . Hence, we can regard  $V_l$  as a  $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal. We next show that as a  $U_q(G_2^{(1)})_{\{0,1\}} (=U_q(A_2))$ -crystal and as a  $U_q(G_2^{(1)})_{\{1,2\}} (=U_q(G_2))$ -crystal,  $V_l$  has the same decomposition as  $B_l$ . Then, we can conclude from Theorem 6.1 of [6] that  $V_l$  is isomorphic to the  $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal  $B_l$  constructed in [7] (Theorem 2).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we review the  $U_q'(D_4^{(3)})$ -crystal  $\hat{B}_l$ . We then construct a  $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal  $V_l$  in  $\hat{B}_{3l}$  with the aid of Theorem 1 and see it coincides with  $B_l$  given in [7] in Section 3. Minimal elements of  $B_l$  are found and  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  is shown to form a coherent family of perfect crystals in Section 4. The crystal graphs of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are included in Section 5.

## 2 Review on $U_q'ig(D_4^{(3)}ig)$ -crystal $\hat{B}_l$

In this section we recall the perfect crystal for  $U_q'(D_4^{(3)})$  constructed in [6]. Since we also consider  $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystals later, we denote it by  $\hat{B}_l$ . Kashiwara operators  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$  and  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varphi_i$  on  $\hat{B}_l$  are denoted by  $\hat{e}_i$ ,  $\hat{f}_i$  and  $\hat{\varepsilon}_i$ ,  $\hat{\varphi}_i$ . Readers are warned that the coordinates  $x_i$ ,  $\bar{x}_i$  and steps by Kashiwara operators in [6] are divided by 3 here, since it is more convenient for our purpose. As a set

$$\hat{B}_{l} = \left\{ b = (x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \bar{x}_{3}, \bar{x}_{2}, \bar{x}_{1}) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}/3)^{6} \middle| \begin{array}{l} 3x_{3} \equiv 3\bar{x}_{3} \pmod{2}, \\ \sum_{i=1,2} (x_{i} + \bar{x}_{i}) + (x_{3} + \bar{x}_{3})/2 \leq l/3 \end{array} \right\}.$$

In order to define the actions of Kashiwara operators  $\hat{e}_i$  and  $\hat{f}_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2, we introduce some notations and conditions. Set  $(x)_+ = \max(x, 0)$ . For  $b = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1) \in \hat{B}_l$  we set

$$s(b) = x_1 + x_2 + \frac{x_3 + \bar{x}_3}{2} + \bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_1, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$z_1 = \bar{x}_1 - x_1, \qquad z_2 = \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3, \qquad z_3 = x_3 - x_2, \qquad z_4 = (\bar{x}_3 - x_3)/2.$$
 (2.2)

Now we define conditions  $(E_1)$ – $(E_6)$  and  $(F_1)$ – $(F_6)$  as follows

$$(F_1)$$
  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_2 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_2 \le 0$ ,  $z_1 \le 0$ ,

$$(F_2)$$
  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_2 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_2 \le 0$ ,  $z_1 > 0$ ,

$$(F_3)$$
  $z_1 + z_3 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_3 + 3z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_4 \le 0$ ,  $z_2 > 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_2 > 0$ , (2.3)

$$(F_4)$$
  $z_1 + z_2 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_2 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_3 \le 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_3 \le 0$ ,

$$(F_5)$$
  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_3 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_3 > 0$ ,  $z_1 \le 0$ ,

$$(F_6)$$
  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_3 + 3z_4 > 0$ ,  $z_1 + z_3 > 0$ ,  $z_1 > 0$ .

The conditions  $(F_1)$ – $(F_6)$  are disjoint and they exhaust all cases.  $(E_i)$   $(1 \le i \le 6)$  is defined from  $(F_i)$  by replacing > (resp.  $\le$ ) with  $\ge$  (resp. <). We also define

$$A = (0, z_1, z_1 + z_2, z_1 + z_2 + 3z_4, z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4, 2z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4).$$

$$(2.4)$$

Then, for  $b = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1) \in \hat{B}_l$ ,  $\hat{e}_i b$ ,  $\hat{f}_i b$ ,  $\hat{e}_i (b)$ ,  $\hat{\varphi}_i (b)$  are given as follows

$$\hat{e}_0b = \begin{cases} (x_1 - 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (E_1), \\ (\dots, x_3 - 1/3, \bar{x}_3 - 1/3, \dots, \bar{x}_1 + 1/3) & \text{if } (E_2), \\ (\dots, x_3 - 2/3, \dots, \bar{x}_2 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (E_3), \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1/3, \dots, \bar{x}_3 + 2/3, \dots) & \text{if } (E_4), \\ (x_1 - 1/3, \dots, x_3 + 1/3, \bar{x}_3 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (E_6), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 + 1/3) & \text{if } (E_6), \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{f}_0b = \begin{cases} (x_1 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (F_1), \\ (\dots, x_3 + 1/3, \bar{x}_3 + 1/3, \dots, \bar{x}_1 - 1/3) & \text{if } (F_2), \\ (\dots, x_3 + 2/3, \dots, \bar{x}_2 - 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (F_3), \\ (\dots, x_2 + 1/3, \dots, \bar{x}_3 - 2/3, \dots) & \text{if } (F_6), \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{e}_1b = \begin{cases} (\dots, \bar{x}_2 + 1/3, \bar{x}_1 - 1/3) & \text{if } z_2 \geq (-z_3), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 - 1/3) & \text{if } z_2 \geq (-z_3), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 - 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (z_2) + \langle (-z_3), \\ (\dots, x_3 + 1/3, \bar{x}_3 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (z_2) + \langle (-z_3), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 - 1/3, \bar{x}_2 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } (z_2) + \langle (-z_3), \\ (\dots, x_3 - 1/3, \bar{x}_3 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } z_2 \geq (-z_3), \end{cases}$$

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$$\hat{f}_2b = \begin{cases} (\dots, x_2 - 1/3, x_3 + 2/3, \dots) & \text{if } z_4 \geq 0, \\ (\dots, x_2 + 1/3, x_3 - 2/3, \dots) & \text{if } z_4 \leq 0, \\ (\dots, x_3 - 2/3, \bar{x}_2 + 1/3, \dots) & \text{if } z_4 \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{e}_0(b) = l - 3s(b) + 3 \max A - 3(2z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4),$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_0(b) = l - 3s(b) + 3 \max A,$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_1(b) = 3\bar{x}_1 + 3(\bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_2 + (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3)) + ,$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_2(b) = 3\bar{x}_2 + \frac{3}{2}(x_3 - \bar{x}_3) + ,$$

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If  $\hat{e}_i b$  or  $\hat{f}_i b$  does not belong to  $\hat{B}_l$ , namely, if  $x_j$  or  $\bar{x}_j$  for some j becomes negative or s(b) exceeds l/3, we should understand it to be 0. Forgetting the 0-arrows,

$$\hat{B}_l \simeq \bigoplus_{j=0}^l B^{G_2^{\dagger}}(j\Lambda_1),$$

where  $B^{G_2^{\dagger}}(\lambda)$  is the highest weight  $U_q(G_2^{\dagger})$ -crystal of highest weight  $\lambda$  and  $G_2^{\dagger}$  stands for the simple Lie algebra  $G_2$  with the reverse labeling of the indices of the simple roots ( $\alpha_1$  is the short

root). Forgetting 2-arrows,

$$\hat{B}_{l} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{l}{2} \rfloor} \bigoplus_{\substack{i \leq j_{0}, j_{1} \leq l-i \\ j_{0}, j_{1} \equiv l-i \pmod{3}}} B^{A_{2}}(j_{0}\Lambda_{0} + j_{1}\Lambda_{1}),$$

where  $B^{A_2}(\lambda)$  is the highest weight  $U_q(A_2)$ -crystal (with indices  $\{0,1\}$ ) of highest weight  $\lambda$ .

## $U_q'(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal

In this section we define a subset  $V_l$  of  $\hat{B}_{3l}$  and see it is isomorphic to the  $U'_q(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal  $B_l$ . The set  $V_l$  is defined as a subset of  $\hat{B}_{3l}$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$x_1, \bar{x}_1, x_2 - x_3, \bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$
 (3.1)

For an element  $b = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1)$  of  $V_l$  we define s(b) as in (2.1). From (3.1) we see that  $s(b) \in \{0, 1, ..., l\}$ .

**Lemma 1.** For  $0 \le k \le l$ 

$$\sharp\{b\in V_l\mid s(b)=k\}=\frac{1}{120}(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3k+4)(3k+5).$$

**Proof.** We first count the number of elements  $(x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2)$  satisfying the conditions of coordinates as an element of  $V_l$  and  $x_2 + (x_3 + \bar{x}_3)/2 + \bar{x}_2 = m$  (m = 0, 1, ..., k). According to (a, b, c, d)  $(a, d \in \{0, 1/3, 2/3\}, b, c \in \{0, 1/3, 2/3, 1, 4/3, 5/3\})$  such that  $x_2 \in \mathbb{Z} + a$ ,  $x_3 \in 2\mathbb{Z} + b$ ,  $\bar{x}_3 \in 2\mathbb{Z} + c$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 \in \mathbb{Z} + d$ , we divide the cases into the following 18:

The number of elements  $(x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2)$  in a case among the above such that a + (b+c)/2 + d = e (e = 0, 1, 2, 3) is given by  $f(e) = {m-e+3 \choose 3}$ . Since there is one case with e = 0 (i) and e = 3 (xviii) and 8 cases with e = 1 and e = 2, the number of  $(x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2)$  such that  $x_2 + (x_3 + \bar{x}_3)/2 + \bar{x}_2 = m$  is given by

$$f(0) + 8f(1) + 8f(2) + f(3) = \frac{1}{2}(2m+1)(3m^2 + 3m + 2).$$

For each  $(x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2)$  such that  $x_2 + (x_3 + \bar{x}_3)/2 + \bar{x}_2 = m$  (m = 0, 1, ..., k) there are (k - m + 1) cases for  $(x_1, \bar{x}_1)$ , so the number of  $b \in V_l$  such that s(b) = k is given by

$$\sum_{m=0}^{k} \frac{1}{2} (2m+1)(3m^2+3m+2)(k-m+1).$$

A direct calculation leads to the desired result.

We define the action of operators  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$  (i = 0, 1, 2) on  $V_l$  as follows.

$$e_0b = \begin{cases} (x_1 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (E_1), \\ (\dots, x_3 - 1, \bar{x}_3 - 1, \dots, \bar{x}_1 + 1) & \text{if } (E_2), \\ (\dots, x_2 - \frac{2}{3}, x_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \bar{x}_3 + \frac{4}{3}, \bar{x}_2 + \frac{1}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } (E_3) \text{ and } z_4 = -\frac{1}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 - \frac{1}{3}, x_3 - \frac{4}{3}, \bar{x}_3 + \frac{2}{3}, \bar{x}_2 + \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } (E_3) \text{ and } z_4 = -\frac{2}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_3 - 2, \dots, \bar{x}_2 + 1, \dots) & \text{if } (E_3) \text{ and } z_4 \neq -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1, \dots, \bar{x}_3 + 2, \dots) & \text{if } (E_4), \\ (x_1 - 1, \dots, x_3 + 1, \bar{x}_3 + 1, \dots) & \text{if } (E_5), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 + 1) & \text{if } (E_6), \end{cases}$$

$$f_0b = \begin{cases} (x_1 + 1, \dots) & \text{if } (F_1), \\ (\dots, x_3 + 2, \dots, \bar{x}_2 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (F_3), \\ (\dots, x_2 + \frac{1}{3}, x_3 + \frac{4}{3}, \bar{x}_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \bar{x}_2 - \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } (F_4) \text{ and } z_4 = \frac{1}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 + \frac{1}{3}, x_3 + \frac{4}{3}, \bar{x}_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \bar{x}_2 - \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } (F_4) \text{ and } z_4 = \frac{1}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 + \frac{1}{3}, x_3 + \frac{2}{3}, \bar{x}_3 - \frac{4}{3}, \bar{x}_2 - \frac{1}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } (F_4) \text{ and } z_4 \neq \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 + 1, \dots, \bar{x}_3 - 2, \dots) & \text{if } (F_4) \text{ and } z_4 \neq \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \\ (\dots, x_2 + 1, \dots, \bar{x}_3 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (F_5), \\ (\dots, \bar{x}_1 - 1) & \text{if } (F_5), \end{cases}$$

$$e_1b = \begin{cases} (\dots, \bar{x}_2 + 1, \bar{x}_1 - 1) & \text{if } \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 \geq (x_2 - x_3) +, \\ (\dots, x_3 + 1, \bar{x}_3 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3) + \langle x_2 - x_3, \\ (x_1 + 1, x_2 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3) + \langle x_2 - x_3, \\ (x_1 + 1, x_2 - 1, \dots) & \text{if } (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3) + \langle x_2 - x_3, \\ (\dots, x_3 - 1, \bar{x}_3 + 1, \dots) & \text{if } \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 \leq 0 < x_3 - x_2, \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1, \bar{x}_1 + 1) & \text{if } \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 \leq 0 < x_3 - x_2, \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1, \bar{x}_1 + 1) & \text{if } \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 \leq 0 < x_3 - x_2, \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1, \bar{x}_1 + 1) & \text{if } \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 \leq 0 < x_3 - x_2, \\ (\dots, x_2 - 1, \bar{x}_3 + 1, \dots) & \text{if } \bar{x}_3 \geq x_3, \end{cases}$$

$$e_2b = \begin{cases} (\dots, x_2 - \frac{1}{3}, x_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } \bar{x}_3 \leq x_3, \\ (\dots, x_2 - \frac{1}{3}, x_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } \bar{x}_3 \leq x_3, \\ (\dots, x_2 - \frac{1}{3}, x_3 - \frac{2}{3}, \dots) & \text{if } \bar{x}_3 > x_3. \end{cases}$$
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#### Proposition 1.

- (1) For any  $b \in V_l$  we have  $e_i b, f_i b \in V_l \sqcup \{0\}$  for i = 0, 1, 2.
- (2) The equalities  $e_i = \hat{e}_i^{m_i}$  and  $f_i = \hat{f}_i^{m_i}$  hold on  $V_l$  for i = 0, 1, 2.

#### **Proof.** (1) can be checked easily.

For (2) we only treat  $f_i$ . To prove the i=0 case consider the following table

	$(F_1)$	$(F_2)$	$(F_3)$	$(F_4)$	$(F_5)$	$(F_6)$
$\overline{z_1}$	-1/3	-1/3	0	0	-1/3	-1/3
$z_2$	0	-1/3	-1/3	2/3	1/3	0
		1/3				
$z_4$	0	0	-1/3	-1/3	0	0

This table signifies the difference  $(z_j \text{ for } \hat{f}_0 b) - (z_j \text{ for } b)$  when b belongs to the case  $(F_i)$ . Note that the left hand sides of the inequalities of each  $(F_i)$  (2.3) always decrease by 1/3. Since  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{Z}, z_4 \in \mathbb{Z}/3$  for  $b \in V_l$ , we see that if b belongs to  $(F_i)$ ,  $\hat{f}_0 b$  and  $\hat{f}_0^2 b$  also belong to  $(F_i)$  except two cases: (a)  $b \in (F_4)$  and  $z_4 = 1/3$ , and (b)  $b \in (F_4)$  and  $z_4 = 2/3$ . If (a) occurs, we have  $\hat{f}_0 b, \hat{f}_0^2 b \in (F_3)$ . Hence, we obtain  $f_0 = \hat{f}_0^3$  in this case. If (b) occurs, we have  $\hat{f}_0 b \in (F_4)$ ,  $\hat{f}_0^2 b \in (F_3)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f_0 = \hat{f}_0^3$  in this case as well.

In the i=1 case, if b belongs to one of the 3 cases,  $\hat{f}_1b$  and  $\hat{f}_1^2b$  also belong to the same case. Hence, we obtain  $f_1 = \hat{f}_1^3$ . For i=2 there is nothing to do.

Proposition 1, together with Theorem 1, shows that  $V_l$  can be regarded as a  $U'_q(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal with operators  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$  (i = 0, 1, 2).

**Proposition 2.** As a  $U_q(G_2^{(1)})_{\{1,2\}}$ -crystal

$$V_l \simeq \bigoplus_{k=0}^l B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1),$$

where  $B^{G_2}(\lambda)$  is the highest weight  $U_q(G_2)$ -crystal of highest weight  $\lambda$ .

**Proof.** For a subset J of  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  we say b is J-highest if  $e_j b = 0$  for any  $j \in J$ . Note from (2.5) that  $b_k = (k, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  ( $0 \le k \le l$ ) is  $\{1, 2\}$ -highest of weight  $3k\Lambda_1$  in  $\hat{B}_{3l}$ . By setting  $\mathfrak{g} = G_2^{\dagger}$  (=  $G_2$  with the reverse labeling of indices),  $(m_1, m_2) = (3, 1)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = G_2$  in Theorem 1, we know that the connected component generated from  $b_k$  by  $f_1 = \hat{f}_1^3$  and  $f_2 = \hat{f}_2$  is isomorphic to  $B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1)$ . Hence by Proposition 1 (1) we have

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^{l} B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1) \subset V_l. \tag{3.2}$$

Now recall Weyl's formula to calculate the dimension of the highest weight representation. In our case we obtain

$$\sharp B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1) = \frac{1}{120}(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)(3k+4)(3k+5).$$

However, this is equal to  $\sharp\{b\in V_l\mid s(b)=k\}$  by Lemma 1. Therefore,  $\subset$  in (3.2) should be =, and the proof is completed.

Proposition 3. As a  $U_q(G_2^{(1)})_{\{0,1\}}$ -crystal

$$V_l \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor l/2 \rfloor} \bigoplus_{i \leq j_0, j_1 \leq l-i} B^{A_2} (j_0 \Lambda_0 + j_1 \Lambda_1),$$

where  $B^{A_2}(\lambda)$  is the highest weight  $U_q(A_2)$ -crystal (with indices  $\{0,1\}$ ) of highest weight  $\lambda$ .

**Proof.** For integers  $i, j_0, j_1$  such that  $0 \le i \le l/2$ ,  $i \le j_0, j_1 \le l-i$ , define an element  $b_{i,j_0,j_1}$  of  $V_l$  by

$$b_{i,j_0,j_1} = \begin{cases} (0, y_1, 3y_0 - 2y_1 + i, y_0 + i, y_0 + j_0, 0) & \text{if } j_0 \le j_1, \\ (0, y_0, y_0 + i, 2y_1 - y_0 + i, 2y_0 - y_1 + j_0, 0) & \text{if } j_0 > j_1. \end{cases}$$

Here we have set  $y_a = (l - i - j_a)/3$  for a = 0, 1. From (2.5) one notices that  $b_{i,j_0,j_1}$  is  $\{0,1\}$ highest of weight  $3j_0\Lambda_0 + 3j_1\Lambda_1$  in  $\hat{B}_{3l}$ . For instance,  $\hat{\varepsilon}_0(b_{i,j_0,j_1}) = 0$  and  $\hat{\varphi}_0(b_{i,j_0,j_1}) = 3j_0$  since

 $s(b_{i,j_0,j_1})=l$  and max  $A=2z_1+z_2+z_3+3z_4=j_0$ . By setting  $\mathfrak{g}=\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}=A_2, (m_0,m_1)=(3,3)$  in Theorem 1, the connected component generated from  $b_{i,j_0,j_1}$  by  $f_i=\hat{f}_i^3$  (i=0,1) is isomorphic to  $B^{A_2}(j_0\Lambda_0+j_1\Lambda_1)$ . Hence, by Proposition 1 (1) we have

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor l/2 \rfloor} \bigoplus_{i \le j_0, j_1 \le l-i} B^{A_2}(j_0 \Lambda_0 + j_1 \Lambda_1) \subset V_l.$$

However, from Proposition 2 one knows that

$$\sharp V_l = \sum_{k=0}^l \sharp B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1).$$

Moreover, it is already established in [7] that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{l} \sharp B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor l/2 \rfloor} \sum_{i \leq j_0, j_1 \leq l-i} \sharp B^{A_2}(j_0\Lambda_0 + j_1\Lambda_1).$$

Therefore, the proof is completed.

Theorem 6.1 in [6] shows that if two  $U'_q(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystals decompose into  $\bigoplus_{0 \le k \le l} B^{G_2}(k\Lambda_1)$  as  $U_q(G_2)$ -crystals, then they are isomorphic to each other. Therefore, we now have

**Theorem 2.**  $V_l$  agrees with the  $U'_q(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystal  $B_l$  constructed in [7]. The values of  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varphi_i$  with our representation are given by

$$\varepsilon_{0}(b) = l - s(b) + \max A - (2z_{1} + z_{2} + z_{3} + 3z_{4}), \qquad \varphi_{0}(b) = l - s(b) + \max A, 
\varepsilon_{1}(b) = \bar{x}_{1} + (\bar{x}_{3} - \bar{x}_{2} + (x_{2} - x_{3})_{+})_{+}, \qquad \varphi_{1}(b) = x_{1} + (x_{3} - x_{2} + (\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x}_{3})_{+})_{+}, 
\varepsilon_{2}(b) = 3\bar{x}_{2} + \frac{3}{2}(x_{3} - \bar{x}_{3})_{+}, \qquad \varphi_{2}(b) = 3x_{2} + \frac{3}{2}(\bar{x}_{3} - x_{3})_{+}.$$
(3.3)

## 4 Minimal elements and a coherent family

The notion of perfect crystals was introduced in [3] to construct the path realization of a highest weight crystal of a quantum affine algebra. The crystal  $B_l$  was shown to be perfect of level l in [7]. In this section we obtain all the minimal elements of  $B_l$  in the coordinate representation and also show  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  forms a coherent family of perfect crystals. For the notations such as  $P_{cl}$ ,  $(P_{cl}^+)_l$ , see [3].

#### 4.1 Minimal elements

From (3.3) we have

$$\langle c, \varphi(b) \rangle = \varphi_0(b) + 2\varphi_1(b) + \varphi_2(b)$$
  
=  $l + \max A + 2(z_3 + (z_2)_+)_+ + (3z_4)_+ - (z_1 + z_2 + 2z_3 + 3z_4),$ 

where  $z_j$   $(1 \le j \le 4)$  are given in (2.2) and A is given in (2.4). The following lemma was proven in [6], although  $\mathbb{Z}$  is replaced with  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  here.

**Lemma 2.** For  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \in (\mathbb{Z}/3)^4$  set

$$\psi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = \max A + 2(z_3 + (z_2)_+)_+ + (3z_4)_+ - (z_1 + z_2 + 2z_3 + 3z_4).$$

Then we have  $\psi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \geq 0$  and  $\psi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = 0$  if and only if  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ .

From this lemma, we have  $\langle c, \varphi(b) \rangle - l = \psi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \ge 0$ . Since  $\langle c, \varphi(b) - \varepsilon(b) \rangle = 0$ , we also have  $\langle c, \varepsilon(b) \rangle > l$ .

Suppose  $\langle c, \varepsilon(b) \rangle = l$ . It implies  $\psi = 0$ . Hence from the lemma one can conclude that such element  $b = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1)$  should satisfy  $x_1 = \bar{x}_1$ ,  $x_2 = x_3 = \bar{x}_3 = \bar{x}_2$ . Therefore the set of minimal elements  $(B_l)_{\min}$  in  $B_l$  is given by

$$(B_l)_{\min} = \{(\alpha, \beta, \beta, \beta, \beta, \alpha) | \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \beta \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})/3, 2\alpha + 3\beta \leq l\}.$$

For  $b = (\alpha, \beta, \beta, \beta, \beta, \alpha) \in (B_l)_{\min}$  one calculates

$$\varepsilon(b) = \varphi(b) = (l - 2\alpha - 3\beta)\Lambda_0 + \alpha\Lambda_1 + 3\beta\Lambda_2$$

### 4.2 Coherent family of perfect crystals

The notion of a coherent family of perfect crystals was introduced in [1]. Let  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  be a family of perfect crystals  $B_l$  of level l and  $(B_l)_{\min}$  be the subset of minimal elements of  $B_l$ . Set  $J = \{(l,b) \mid l \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, b \in (B_l)_{\min}\}$ . Let  $\sigma$  denote the isomorphism of  $(P_{cl}^+)_l$  defined by  $\sigma = \varepsilon \circ \varphi^{-1}$ . For  $\lambda \in P_{cl}$ ,  $T_{\lambda}$  denotes a crystal with a unique element  $t_{\lambda}$  defined in [4]. For our purpose the following facts are sufficient. For any  $P_{cl}$ -weighted crystal B and  $\lambda, \mu \in P_{cl}$  consider the crystal

$$T_{\lambda} \otimes B \otimes T_{\mu} = \{t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu} \mid b \in B\}.$$

The definition of  $T_{\lambda}$  and the tensor product rule of crystals imply

$$\tilde{e}_{i}(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu}) = t_{\lambda} \otimes \tilde{e}_{i}b \otimes t_{\mu}, \qquad \tilde{f}_{i}(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu}) = t_{\lambda} \otimes \tilde{f}_{i}b \otimes t_{\mu}, 
\varepsilon_{i}(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu}) = \varepsilon_{i}(b) - \langle h_{i}, \lambda \rangle, \qquad \varphi_{i}(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu}) = \varphi_{i}(b) + \langle h_{i}, \mu \rangle, 
wt(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{\mu}) = \lambda + \mu + wtb.$$

**Definition 1.** A crystal  $B_{\infty}$  with an element  $b_{\infty}$  is called a limit of  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $wt b_{\infty} = 0, \varepsilon(b_{\infty}) = \varphi(b_{\infty}) = 0,$
- for any  $(l, b) \in J$ , there exists an embedding of crystals

$$f_{(l,b)}: T_{\varepsilon(b)} \otimes B_l \otimes T_{-\varphi(b)} \longrightarrow B_{\infty}$$

sending  $t_{\varepsilon(b)} \otimes b \otimes t_{-\varphi(b)}$  to  $b_{\infty}$ ,

•  $B_{\infty} = \bigcup_{(l,b) \in J} \operatorname{Im} f_{(l,b)}$ .

If a limit exists for the family  $\{B_l\}$ , we say that  $\{B_l\}$  is a coherent family of perfect crystals.

Let us now consider the following set

$$B_{\infty} = \left\{ b = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \bar{\nu}_3, \bar{\nu}_2, \bar{\nu}_1) \in (\mathbb{Z}/3)^6 \,\middle|\, \begin{array}{l} \nu_1, \bar{\nu}_1, \nu_2 - \nu_3, \bar{\nu}_3 - \bar{\nu}_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ 3\nu_3 \equiv 3\bar{\nu}_3 \pmod{2} \end{array} \right\},$$

and set  $b_{\infty} = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ . We introduce the crystal structure on  $B_{\infty}$  as follows. The actions of  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$  (i = 0, 1, 2) are defined by the same rule as in Section 3 with  $x_i$  and  $\bar{x}_i$  replaced with  $\nu_i$  and  $\bar{\nu}_i$ . The only difference lies in the fact that  $e_i b$  or  $f_i b$  never becomes 0, since we allow a coordinate to be negative and there is no restriction for the sum  $s(b) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} (\nu_i + \bar{\nu}_i) + (\nu_3 + \bar{\nu}_3)/2$ . For  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varphi_i$  with i = 1, 2 we adopt the formulas in Section 3. For  $\varepsilon_0$ ,  $\varphi_0$  we define

$$\varepsilon_0(b) = -s(b) + \max A - (2z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + 3z_4), \qquad \varphi_0(b) = -s(b) + \max A,$$

where A is given in (2.4) and  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$ ,  $z_3$ ,  $z_4$  are given in (2.2) with  $x_i$ ,  $\bar{x}_i$  replaced by  $\nu_i$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_i$ . Note that  $wt b_{\infty} = 0$  and  $\varepsilon_i(b_{\infty}) = \varphi_i(b_{\infty}) = 0$  for i = 0, 1, 2.

Let  $b_0 = (\alpha, \beta, \beta, \beta, \beta, \alpha)$  be an element of  $(B_l)_{\min}$ . Since  $\varepsilon(b_0) = \varphi(b_0)$ , one can set  $\sigma = \mathrm{id}$ . Let  $\lambda = \varepsilon(b_0)$ . For  $b = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1) \in B_l$  we define a map

$$f_{(l,b_0)}: T_{\lambda} \otimes B_l \otimes T_{-\lambda} \longrightarrow B_{\infty}$$

by

$$f_{(l,b_0)}(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = b' = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \bar{\nu}_3, \bar{\nu}_2, \bar{\nu}_1),$$

where

$$\nu_1 = x_1 - \alpha, \quad \bar{\nu}_1 = \bar{x}_1 - \alpha, 
\nu_j = x_j - \beta, \quad \bar{\nu}_j = \bar{x}_j - \beta \quad (j = 2, 3).$$

Note that  $s(b') = s(b) - (2\alpha + 3\beta)$ . Then we have

$$wt (t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = wt b = wt b',$$

$$\varphi_0(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = \varphi_0(b) + \langle h_0, -\lambda \rangle$$

$$= \varphi_0(b') + (l - s(b)) + s(b') - (l - 2\alpha - 3\beta) = \varphi_0(b'),$$

$$\varphi_1(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = \varphi_1(b) + \langle h_1, -\lambda \rangle = \varphi_1(b') + \alpha - \alpha = \varphi_1(b'),$$

$$\varphi_2(t_{\lambda} \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = \varphi_2(b) + \langle h_2, -\lambda \rangle = \varphi_2(b') + 3\beta - 3\beta = \varphi_2(b').$$

 $\varepsilon_i(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = \varepsilon_i(b')$  (i = 0, 1, 2) also follows from the above calculations.

From the fact that  $(z_j \text{ for } b) = (z_j \text{ for } b')$  it is straightforward to check that if  $b, e_i b \in B_l$  (resp.  $b, f_i b \in B_l$ ), then  $f_{(l,b_0)}(e_i(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda})) = e_i f_{(l,b_0)}(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda})$  (resp.  $f_{(l,b_0)}(f_i(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda})) = f_i f_{(l,b_0)}(t_\lambda \otimes b \otimes t_{-\lambda})$ ). Hence  $f_{(l,b_0)}$  is a crystal embedding. It is easy to see that  $f_{(l,b_0)}(t_\lambda \otimes b_0 \otimes t_{-\lambda}) = b_\infty$ . We can also check  $B_\infty = \bigcup_{(l,b)\in J} \operatorname{Im} f_{(l,b)}$ . Therefore we have shown that the family of perfect crystals  $\{B_l\}_{l\geq 1}$  forms a coherent family.

## 5 Crystal graphs of $B_1$ and $B_2$

In this section we present crystal graphs of the  $U'_q(G_2^{(1)})$ -crystals  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  in Figs. 1 and 2. In the graphs  $b \xrightarrow{i} b'$  stands for  $b' = f_i b$ . Minimal elements are marked as \*. Recall that as a  $U_q(G_2)$ -crystal

$$B_1 \simeq B(0) \oplus B(\Lambda_1), \qquad B_2 \simeq B(0) \oplus B(\Lambda_1) \oplus B(2\Lambda_1).$$

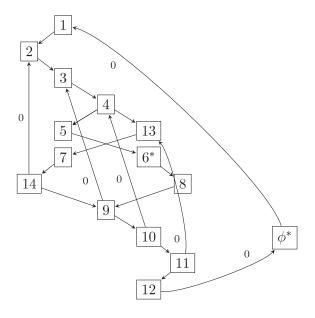
We give the table that relates the numbers in the crystal graphs to our representation of elements according to which  $U_q(G_2)$ -components they belong to.

$$B(0): \ \boxed{\phi^*} = (0,0,0,0,0,0)$$

 $B(\Lambda_1)$ :

$$\boxed{9} = (0,0,0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},0)\boxed{10} = (0,0,0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0)\boxed{11} = (0,0,0,0,1,0)\boxed{12} = (0,0,0,0,0,1)$$

$$\boxed{13} = (0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0) \boxed{14} = (0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0)$$

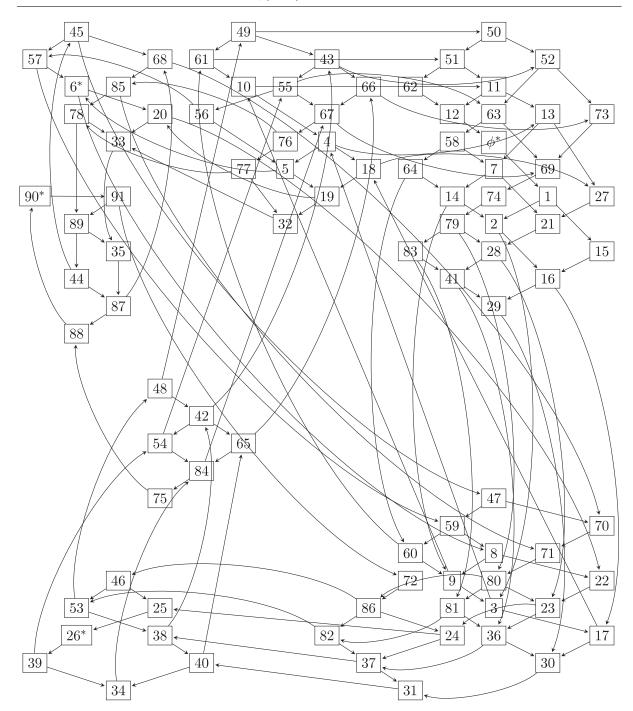


**Figure 1.** Crystal graph of  $B_1$ .  $\angle$  is  $f_1$  and  $\setminus$  is  $f_2$ .

 $B(2\Lambda_1)$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{15} = (2,0,0,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{16} = (1,1,0,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{17} = (1,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0,0,0) \quad \boxed{18} = (1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},0,0,0) \\ \boxed{19} = (1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1,0,0) \quad \boxed{20} = (1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{21} = (1,0,1,1,0,0) \quad \boxed{22} = (1,0,1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \\ \boxed{23} = (1,0,0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{24} = (1,0,0,2,0,0) \quad \boxed{25} = (1,0,0,0,1,0) \quad \boxed{26^*} = (1,0,0,0,0,1) \\ \boxed{27} = (1,0,2,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{28} = (1,0,0,2,0,0) \quad \boxed{29} = (0,2,0,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{30} = (0,\frac{5}{3},\frac{2}{3},0,0,0) \\ \boxed{31} = (0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{4}{3},0,0,0) \quad \boxed{32} = (0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},1,0,0) \quad \boxed{33} = (0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{34} = (0,1,1,1,0,0) \\ \boxed{35} = (0,1,1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{36} = (0,1,0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{37} = (0,1,0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0) \quad \boxed{38} = (0,1,0,0,1,0) \\ \boxed{39} = (0,1,0,0,0,1) \quad \boxed{40} = (0,1,2,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{41} = (0,1,0,2,0,0) \quad \boxed{42} = (0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0,1,0) \\ \boxed{43} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},0,1,0) \quad \boxed{44} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1,1,0) \quad \boxed{45} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},0) \quad \boxed{46} = (0,0,1,1,1,0) \\ \boxed{47} = (0,0,1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},0) \quad \boxed{48} = (0,0,0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{4}{3},0) \quad \boxed{49} = (0,0,0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{5}{3},0) \quad \boxed{50} = (0,0,0,0,2,0) \\ \boxed{51} = (0,0,0,0,1,1) \quad \boxed{52} = (0,0,2,0,1,0) \quad \boxed{53} = (0,0,2,1,0) \quad \boxed{54} = (0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0,0,1) \\ \boxed{59} = (0,0,1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1) \quad \boxed{60} = (0,0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1,0,1) \quad \boxed{57} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1) \quad \boxed{58} = (0,0,1,1,0,1) \\ \boxed{59} = (0,0,1,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},1) \quad \boxed{60} = (0,0,0,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},1) \quad \boxed{61} = (0,0,0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},1) \quad \boxed{62} = (0,0,0,0,0,2) \\ \boxed{63} = (0,0,2,0,0,1) \quad \boxed{64} = (0,0,0,2,0,1) \quad \boxed{65} = (0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0,0,0) \quad \boxed{70} = (0,0,3,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0,0) \\ \boxed{71} = (0,0,2,\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{72} = (0,0,2,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},0) \quad \boxed{73} = (0,0,4,0,0,0) \quad \boxed{74} = (0,0,2,2,0,0) \\ \boxed{75} = (0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},2,0,0) \quad \boxed{76} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},2,0,0) \quad \boxed{77} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},3,0,0) \quad \boxed{78} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},3,0) \\ \boxed{83} = (0,0,0,4,0,0) \quad \boxed{84} = (0,\frac{2}{3},\frac{2}{3},\frac{1}{3},0,0) \quad \boxed{85} = (0,\frac{1}{3},\frac{4}{3},\frac{4}{3},\frac{1}{3},0) \quad \boxed{86} =$$

Comparing our crystal graphs with those in [7] we found that some 2-arrows are missing in Fig. 3 of [7].



**Figure 2.** Crystal graph of  $B_2$ .  $\searrow$  is  $f_0$ ,  $\swarrow$  is  $f_1$  and others are  $f_2$ .

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