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 複素単純 LIE 群の外部自己同型の重複度 1 の分岐則について,  
**MULTIPLICITY-FREE BRANCHING RULES**  
**FOR OUTER AUTOMORPHISMS OF SIMPLE LIE ALGEBRAS**

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We announce the paper [2].

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex semisimple Lie algebra, and  $\mathfrak{g}'$  be a reductive Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The restriction  $\pi|_{\mathfrak{g}'}$  of a irreducible representation  $\pi$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  need not be irreducible.

The irreducible decompsiton of  $\mathfrak{g}'$

$$\pi|_{\mathfrak{g}'} = \bigoplus_{\mu \text{ is irreducible representation of } \mathfrak{g}'} c_{\pi}^{\mu} \mu$$

is called *branching rule*.

**Problem 1.** *Say something about  $c_{\pi}^{\mu}$ .*

*Exmample 1.* There are well-known branching rules.

- (1) **classical rule.** Set  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_{n+1}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{sl}_n$ , then irreducible representations of  $\mathfrak{g}$  are indexed by  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  with  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ . In this case, we have the complete answer to Problem 1.

We have

$$\lambda|_{\mathfrak{g}'} = \bigoplus_{\lambda_1 \geq \mu_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_{n-1} \geq \lambda_n} \mu.$$

In particular, we have  $c_{\pi}^{\mu} \leq 1$ .

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- (2) **highest weight theory.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}'$  be a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The answer of Problem 1 is the Cartan-Weyl's highest weight theory. The branching rule is decomposition of weight spaces. The description of  $c_{\pi}^{\mu}$  is Kostant's formula.
- (3) **tensor product** Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}' \times \mathfrak{g}'$  and  $\mathfrak{g}'$  diagonal in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by  $\pi = \sigma \boxtimes \tau$  where  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are irreducible representations of  $\mathfrak{g}'$ . The branching rule  $\pi|_{\mathfrak{g}'} = \pi \otimes \sigma$  is the tensor product, which causes Littlewood-Richardson rule.

*Remark 2.* Koike–Terada [9] gave general formulas of  $GL(n)$  to  $SO(n)$  or  $GL(2n)$  to  $Sp(n)$  by using the universal characters.

**Problem 2.** *In which cases do we have  $c_{\pi}^{\mu} \leq 1$ ?*

*This branching rule is called multiplicity-free.*

*Remark 3.* It is difficult to get the weight multiplicity-free representations, though we have the Kostant's general formula. Similarly, we do not have the classification of multiplicity-free branching rules, though we have the general formula Koike–Terada's algorithm.

*Example 4.* We have some answers to the examples in Example 1.

- (1) always
- (2) few
- (3) few (Multiplicity-free tensor products are called Clebsch–Gordan's rule, which are classified by Stembridge [13].)

*Remark 5.* Kobayashi recently obtained an abstract theorem of multiplicity-free branching rules for both infinite and finite dimensional representations for a general symmetric pair  $(G, G')$  [6] [8].

Okada uses new combinatorial formulas on minors due to Ishikawa-Wakayama [5] to obtain explicit branching rules [11].

We want a new technique in getting many branching rules.

In the paper [2], we get the many examples of multiplicity-free branching rules, which we introduce in this proceeding.

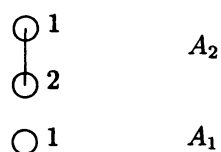
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## 2. SETTING.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex simple Lie algebra,  $\sigma$  be a Dynkin diagram automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{g}^\sigma := \{X \in \mathfrak{g} | \sigma X = X\}$ . We choose a  $\sigma$ -stable Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{h}^\sigma := \{X \in \mathfrak{h} | \sigma X = X\}$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}^\sigma$ . We shall use the same notation  $\sigma$  to denote the natural action on  $\mathfrak{h}$ , and also  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . Let  $\Delta \equiv \Delta(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$  be the root system of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ , and  $\Delta^+$  be positive roots.

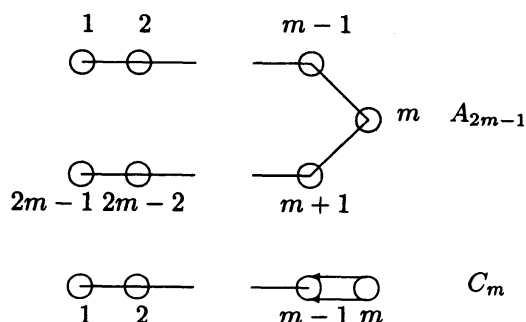
## Case 1

$(A_2, A_1)$  that is  $(\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{C}), \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}))$ .



## Case 2

$(A_{2m-1}, C_m)$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) that is  $(\mathfrak{sl}(2m, \mathbb{C}), \mathfrak{sp}(m, \mathbb{C}))$ .



## Case 3

$(A_{2m}, B_m)$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) that is  $(\mathfrak{sl}(2m+1, \mathbb{C}), \mathfrak{so}(2m+1, \mathbb{C}))$ .

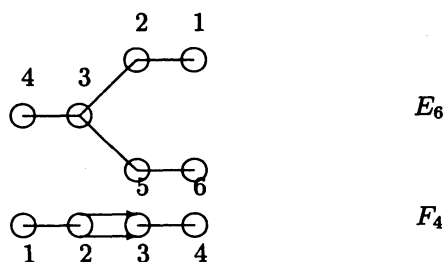
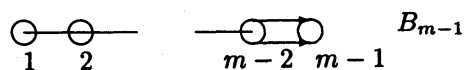
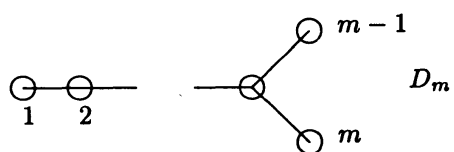
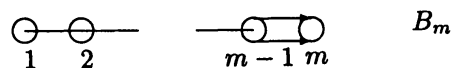
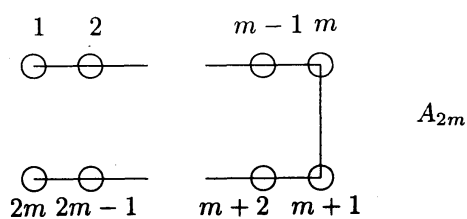
## Case 4

$(D_m, B_{m-1})$  ( $m \geq 4$ ) that is  $(\mathfrak{so}(2m, \mathbb{C}), \mathfrak{so}(2m-1, \mathbb{C}))$ .

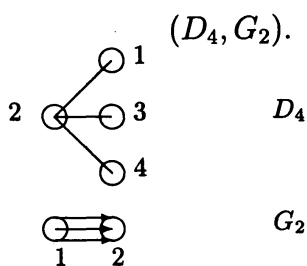
## Case 5

$(E_6, F_4)$ .

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Case 6



*Remark 6.* We remark that there is a detailed study of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^\sigma)$  when  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a generalized Kac-Moody Lie algebra by Fuchs-Schellekens-Schweigert [3] and Fuchs-Ray-Schweigert [4].

*Remark 7.* Only in Case 6, the order of  $\sigma$  is three. The pairs  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^\sigma)$  in Cases 1-5 are called symmetric pairs.

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

We denote by  $X_n(\lambda)$  the irreducible finite dimensional representation of a complex simple Lie algebra of type  $X_n$  ( $X = A, B, C, D, E, F, G$ ) with a highest weight  $\lambda$ , and by  $X_n(\lambda)|_{Y_{n'}}$  the restriction to a complex Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}'$  of type  $Y_{n'}$ .

Let  $\{\varpi_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be fundamental weights, with respect to a fixed simple system  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^n$  of a complex Lie algebra of type  $X_n$  or  $Y_{n'}$ , which are labeled in the previous subsection.

**Theorem 1.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(2A) \quad A_{2m-1}(k\varpi_1)|_{C_m} = A_{2m-1}(k\varpi_{2m-1})|_{C_m} = C_m(k\varpi_1) \quad (m \geq 2)$$

$$(4A) \quad D_m(k\varpi_{m-1})|_{B_{m-1}} = D_m(k\varpi_m)|_{B_{m-1}} = B_{m-1}(k\varpi_{m-1}) \quad (m \geq 4)$$

**Theorem 2.** For  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(1B) \quad A_2(k\varpi_1)|_{A_1} = A_2(k\varpi_2)|_{A_1} = \bigoplus_{s=0}^k A_1(s\varpi_1)$$

$$(2B) \quad A_{2m-1}(k\varpi_1 + l\varpi_2)|_{C_m} = A_{2m-1}(k\varpi_{2m-1} + l\varpi_{2m-2})|_{C_m} = \bigoplus_{s=0}^l C_m(k\varpi_1 + s\varpi_2) \quad (m \geq 3)$$

$$(3B) \quad A_{2m}(k\varpi_1)|_{B_m} = A_{2m}(k\varpi_{2m})|_{B_m} = \bigoplus_{\substack{0 \leq s \leq k \\ s \equiv k \pmod{2}}} B_m(s\varpi_1) \quad (m \geq 2)$$

$$(4B) \quad D_m(k\varpi_1)|_{B_{m-1}} = \bigoplus_{s=0}^k B_{m-1}(s\varpi_1) \quad (m \geq 4)$$

$$(5B) \quad E_6(k\varpi_1)|_{F_4} = E_6(k\varpi_6)|_{F_4} = \bigoplus_{s=0}^k F_4(s\varpi_4).$$

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$$(6B) \quad D_4(k\varpi_1)|_{G_4} = D_4(k\varpi_3)|_{G_4} = D_4(k\varpi_4)|_{G_4} = \bigoplus_{s=0}^k G_2(s\varpi_2)$$

*Remark 8.* Some of these branching rules are new. One can prove some of them in several ways by using Borel-Weil theory, Gelfand-Tsetlin basis, formulas of minors, and so on (See, for example, [7], [14], [12], [11], [10]),

#### 4. SKETCH OF PROOF

We write down the sketch of proof of the theorems by using Weyl's character formula and denominator formula (See [2]).

Let  $X_n(\lambda)$  be the representation which appears in left hand side of Theorems 1 and 2.

Let  $\text{char } X_n(\lambda)$  be the character of  $X_n(\lambda)$ .

We write  $\rho_{X_n}, d_{X_n}, \Delta_{X_n}^+, W_{X_n}$  as half sum of positive roots, Weyl denominator, positive roots of complex simple Lie algebra of type  $X_n$ , Weyl group, respectively.

By Weyl's character formula,

$$\text{char } X_n(\lambda) = d_{X_n}^{-1} \sum_{w \in W_{X_n}} \epsilon(w) e^{w(\lambda + \rho_{X_n})}$$

(We set  $W_{X_n}(\lambda) := \{w \in W_{X_n} | w\lambda = \lambda\}$  and  $W_{X_n}^\lambda$  minimal representatives of  $W_{X_n}/W_{X_n}(\lambda)$ .)

$$\begin{aligned} &= d_{X_n}^{-1} \sum_{w_1 \in W_{X_n}^\lambda} \left( \sum_{w_2 \in W_{X_n}(\lambda)} \epsilon(w_1 w_2) e^{w_1 w_2 \lambda + w_1 w_2 \rho_{X_n}} \right) \\ &= d_{X_n}^{-1} \sum_{w_1 \in W_{X_n}^\lambda} \left( \epsilon(w_1) e^{w_1 \lambda} \left( \sum_{w_2 \in W_{X_n}(\lambda)} \epsilon(w_2) e^{w_1 w_2 \rho_{X_n}} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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By the denominator formula for  $W_{X_n}(\lambda)$ ,

$$\sum_{w_2 \in W_{X_n}(\lambda)} \epsilon(w_2) e^{w_2 \rho_{X_n}} = e^{\rho_{X_n}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_{X_n}^+(\lambda)} (1 - e^{-\alpha}).$$

Applying  $w_1 \in W_{X_n}^\lambda$ ,

$$\sum_{w_2 \in W_{X_n}(\lambda)} \epsilon(w_2) e^{w_1 w_2 \rho_{X_n}} = e^{w_1 \rho_{X_n}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_{X_n}^+(\lambda)} (1 - e^{-w_1 \alpha}).$$

Then,

(X)

$$\text{char } X_n(\lambda) = d_{X_n}^{-1} \sum_{w_1 \in W_{X_n}^\lambda} \left( \epsilon(w_1) e^{w_1(\lambda)} \left( e^{w_1 \rho_{X_n}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_{X_n}^+(\lambda)} (1 - e^{-w_1 \alpha}) \right) \right).$$

In the same way, we calculate  $\text{char } Y_{n'}(\lambda')$ . ( $\lambda' = \lambda|_{\mathfrak{h}^\sigma}$ )

(Y)

$$\text{char } Y_{n'}(\lambda') = d_{Y_{n'}}^{-1} \sum_{w_1 \in W_{Y_{n'}}^{\lambda'}} \left( \epsilon(w_1) e^{w_1(\lambda')} \left( e^{w_1 \rho_{Y_{n'}}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_{Y_{n'}}^+(\lambda')} (1 - e^{-w_1 \alpha}) \right) \right).$$

**Lemma 3.**  $W_{X_n}^\lambda$  and  $W_{Y_{n'}}^{\lambda'}$  are "equal".

*In explicit, in the situation of Theorem 1,  $W_{X_n}^\lambda$  and  $W_{Y_{n'}}^{\lambda'}$  are equal. In the situation of Theorem 2,  $W_{X_n}^\lambda \setminus W_{Y_{n'}}^{\lambda'}$  can be characterized by  $w\varpi|_{\mathfrak{h}^\sigma} = 0$ .*

*Remark 9.* This lemma may be mysterious, because  $W_{Y_{n'}}$  is much smaller than  $W_{X_n}$ .

**Lemma 4.** The summands of (X) and (Y) are "equal".

*In explicit, in the situation of Theorem 1, the summands are equal. In the situation of Theorem 2, the difference of each summands is only one term.*

We can prove the theorems by using the mysterious lemmas, in particular Lemma 3. We prove these lemmas by case-by-case calculation, then we do not understand why Lemma 3 is true.

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