# Relevant and Petite K-types

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### The Unitarity Problem

#### • NOTATION

- G is the real points of a linear connected reductive group.
- $\mathfrak{g}_0 := Lie(G)$ ,  $\theta$  Cartan involution,  $\mathfrak{g} := (\mathfrak{g}_0)_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{s}_0$ , K maximal compact subgroup.
- A representation  $(\pi, \mathcal{H})$  on a Hilbert space is called unitary, if  $\mathcal{H}$  admits a G invariant positive definite inner product.

#### • PROBLEM

Classify all irreducible unitary representations of G. By results of Harish-Chandra, it is enough to solve the

#### • ALGEBRAIC PROBLEM

Classify all irreducible admissible unitary  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$  modules.

# Irreducible admissible representations of G

- P = MAN a parabolic subgroup of G,  $\mathfrak{a}_0 := Lie(A)$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  its complexification,
- $(\delta, V_{\delta})$  an irreducible tempered unitary representation of M,
- $\nu \in \mathfrak{a}^*$ , with real part in the open positive Weyl chamber,
- $X_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  the corresponding Harish-Chandra induced (normalized induction) **standard module**,
- $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$ : the unique irreducible quotient.

## Classification

Langlands, early 1970s:

- Every irreducible admissible representation of G is infinitesimally equivalent to a **Langlands quotient**  $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$ .
- Two Langlands quotients  $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  and  $\overline{X}_{P'}(\delta' \otimes \nu')$  are infinitesimally equivalent if and only if there exists an element  $\omega$  of K such that

$$\omega P \omega^{-1} = P' \quad \omega \cdot \delta \cong \delta', \quad \omega \cdot \nu = \nu'.$$

•  $\overline{X}(\delta, \nu)$  is the image of an intertwining operator

$$A(\overline{P}, P, \delta, \nu) : X_P(\delta, \nu) \longrightarrow X_{\overline{P}}(\delta, \nu).$$

#### Hermitian Langlands Quotients

Knapp and Zuckerman, 1976:

 $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  admits a non-degenerate invariant Hermitian form if and only if there exists  $\omega \in K$  satisfying

$$\omega P \omega^{-1} = \bar{P} \qquad \omega \cdot \delta \simeq \delta \qquad \qquad \omega \cdot \nu = -\bar{\nu}$$

(because the Hermitian dual of  $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  is  $\overline{X}_{\bar{P}}(\delta \otimes -\bar{\nu})$ ). Any non-degenerate invariant Hermitian form on  $\overline{X}_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  is a real multiple of the form induced by the Hermitian operator

$$B = \delta(\omega) \circ R(\omega) \circ A(\bar{P} : P : \delta : \nu)$$

from  $X_P(\delta \otimes \nu)$  to  $X_P(\delta \otimes -\bar{\nu})$ .

 $\overline{X}_P(\delta,\nu)$  is unitary if and only if B is positive semidefinite.

# The signature of B

- For every K-type  $(\mu, E_{\mu})$ , we have a Hermitian operator  $R_{\mu}(\omega, \nu)$ :  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(E_{\mu}, X_{P}(\delta \otimes \nu)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(E_{\mu}, X_{P}(\delta \otimes -\bar{\nu}))$ .
- By Frobenius reciprocity:

$$R_{\mu}(\omega, \nu) \colon \operatorname{Hom}_{M \cap K}(E_{\mu} \mid_{M \cap K}, V^{\delta}) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{M \cap K}(E_{\mu} \mid_{M \cap K}, V^{\delta}).$$

If P is the minimal parabolic subgroup, and  $\delta = Triv$ , then

$$R_{\mu}(\omega, \nu) : (E_{\mu}^*)^M \longrightarrow (E_{\mu}^*)^M.$$

#### **Spherical Representations**

- G is **split**, in particular  $SL(n,\mathbb{R}), Sp(2n,\mathbb{R}), SO(n,n), F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8.$
- P = MAN is a **minimal** parabolic subgroup of G.
- $\delta$  is the **trivial** representation of M.
- $\nu$  is a **real** character of A.

In this case we can regard  $\omega$  as an element of  $W := N_K(\mathfrak{a}_0)/M$ . The operator  $R_{\mu}(\omega, \nu)$  decomposes into a product of factors according to the decomposition of  $\omega$  into a product of simple reflections (as in Gindikin-Karpelevic). These factors are induced from the corresponding intertwining operators on  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

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## Root SL(2)'s

For each  $\alpha \in \Delta(\mathfrak{n}_0, \mathfrak{a}_0)$ , choose a map  $\psi_{\alpha} : sl(2, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_0$  which commutes with  $\theta$ , and satisfies

$$\psi_{\alpha}\left(\begin{bmatrix}0&1\\0&0\end{bmatrix}\right) = E_{\alpha}, \qquad \psi_{\alpha}\left(\begin{bmatrix}0&0\\1&0\end{bmatrix}\right) = E_{-\alpha},$$

where  $E_{\pm\alpha}$  are the root vectors, and  $\theta(E_{\alpha}) = -E_{-\alpha}$ . Then  $\psi_{\alpha}$  determines a map

$$\Psi_{\alpha} : SL(2,\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow G$$

with image  $G_{\alpha}$ , a connected group with Lie algebra isomorphic to

 $sl(2,\mathbb{R})$ . Denote by

$$\sigma_{\alpha} := \Psi_{\alpha} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), \qquad m_{\alpha} := \sigma_{\alpha}^{2},$$

and let  $Z_{\alpha} := E_{\alpha} - E_{-\alpha} \in \mathfrak{k}_0$ .

**Definition.** A K-type is called **petite**, if  $\mu(iZ_{\alpha}) = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ .

The operators  $R_{\mu}(\omega, \nu)$  have a simpler form for such K-types. The factors corresponding to the simple root reflections are

$$R_{\mu}(s_{\beta}, \nu) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{on the } (+1)\text{-eigenspace of } \mu(\sigma_{\beta}) \\ \frac{1 - \langle \nu, \check{\beta} \rangle}{1 + \langle \nu, \check{\beta} \rangle} & \text{on the } (-1)\text{-eigenspace of } \mu(\sigma_{\beta}) \end{cases}$$

The operator  $R_{\mu}(s_{\beta}, \nu)$  acts on  $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$ , and depends only on the W-module structure of this space.

#### P-adic Groups

The formula for  $R_{\mu}(s_{\beta}, \nu)$  coincides with the formula for the similar operator for a split p-adic group. To be more precise, results of Barbasch-Moy reduce the problem of the determination of the Iwahori spherical dual of split p-adic group to the problem of determining the unitary dual of finite dimensional representations of the corresponding affine graded Hecke algebra. In this case, for each representation  $\tau \in \widehat{W}$ , there is an operator  $R_{\tau}(\omega, \nu)$  with the same formula as the one for the real case. A spherical representation  $\overline{X}(\nu)$  is unitary if and only if  $R_{\tau}$  is positive definite for all  $\tau$ .

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#### Relevant K-types

Work of Barbasch for the classical groups, Ciubotaru for  $F_4$ , and Barbasch-Ciubotaru for  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$ , and  $E_8$ , determine a set of W-representations, called **relevant** with the property that a spherical module  $\overline{X}(\nu)$  is unitary, if and only if  $R_{\tau}(\omega, \nu)$  is positive semidefinite for  $\tau$  in the relevant set.

**PROBLEM** Find a set of petite K-types so that the  $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$  realize all the relevant W-representations.

If we can solve this problem, then we get powerful necessary conditions for unitarity in the real case. Conjecturally the spherical unitary dual for a split reductive group should be independent of whether the field is real or p-adic. This is true for the classical groups, but a conjecture for the exceptional groups.

## **Classical Groups**

For type  $\mathbf{A_{n-1}}$ ,  $W = S_n$ , and the relevant representations are

$$(n-k,k)$$
.

For types  $\mathbf{B_n}$ , and  $\mathbf{C_n}$ , the Weyl group W consists of permutations and sign changes of the coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and the relevant W-types are

$$(n-k,k)\times(0), \qquad (n-k)\times(k).$$

Similarly for  $\mathbf{D_n}$ .

### **Exceptional Groups**

The relevant W representations are

$$F_4$$
 1<sub>1</sub>, 2<sub>3</sub>, 8<sub>1</sub>, 4<sub>2</sub>, 9<sub>1</sub>,

$$E_6 \quad 1_p, 6_p, 20_p, 30_p, 15_q,$$

$$E_7 \quad 1_a, \ 7'_a, \ 27_a, \ 56'_a, \ 21'_b, \ 35_b, \ 105_b,$$

$$E_8 \quad 1_x, \ 8_z, \ 35_x, \ 50_x, \ 84_x, \ 112_z, \ 400_z, \ 300_x, \ 210_x.$$

The notation is as in Kondo's and Frame's work.

#### Weyl group representations

Let  $(\mu_a, V_a)$  and  $(\mu_b, V_b)$  be representations of K. Then  $\operatorname{Hom}_M[V_a, V_b]$  is endowed with a representation of  $N_K(M)$  via

$$n \cdot f(v) := \mu_b(n) f(\mu_a(n^{-1})v).$$

Under this action,  $M \subset N_K(M)$  acts trivially, so we get a representation of W. Because

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[V_{a}, V_{b}] \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{M}[V_{a} \otimes V_{b}^{*}, Triv],$$

this generalizes the action of W on  $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$  from before.

#### Fine K-types

A K-type is called **fine** (Bernstein-Gelfand, Vogan), if  $\mu(iZ_{\alpha})=0,\pm 1.$ 

These are the lowest K-types of principal series. A fine K-type has the property that its restriction to M is multiplicity free, and is a single  $N_K(\mathfrak{a}_0)$ -orbit of representations of M.

In the case of a linear group, M is abelian, so  $\widehat{M}$  is formed of characters.

Fix a representative  $\delta$  for each W-orbit, and a fine K-type  $\mu_{\delta}$ . Then

 $\mu_{\delta} \otimes \mu_{\delta}^*$  is formed of petite K-types only.

We will use the previous formula to determine the Weyl group representation on  $\mu_{\delta} \otimes \mu_{\delta}^*$ .

### Stabilizer of $\delta$

- ${}^{\vee}\Delta^{\delta} := \{\check{\alpha} \mid \delta(m_{\alpha}) = 1\}$  is a root system.
- The Weyl group generated by the roots in  $^{\vee}\Delta^{\delta}$  is called  $W_{\delta}^{0}$ , and is a normal subgroup of the stabilizer  $W_{\delta}$  of  $\delta$ .
- The quotient  $R_{\delta} := W_{\delta}/W_{\delta}^{0}$  is a product of  $\mathbb{Z}_{2}$ 's.
- $\widehat{R_{\delta}}$  acts simply transitively on the fine K-types containing  $\delta$ .
- Inflate  $\tau \in \widehat{R_{\delta}}$  to  $W_{\delta}$ . Having fixed a  $\mu_{\delta}$ , there is a 1-1 correspondence

$$\{\tau \in \widehat{W}_{\delta} \mid \tau|_{W^0_{\delta}} = triv\} \longleftrightarrow \{\mu_{\delta,\tau}\}, \qquad triv \longleftrightarrow \mu_{\delta}.$$

Theorem. As a W-module,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\mu_{\delta,1},\mu_{\delta,\tau}] \cong \operatorname{Ind}_{W_{\delta}}^{W}[\tau].$$

# Example 1

G type  $E_8$ , K = Spin(16). This is really the double cover of the rational points of the linear group. Let  $\omega_i$  be the fundamental weights of K. In this case,  $W_{\delta} = W_{\delta}^0$ . The fine K-types are

K-type			M-type	$W_{\delta}$
(0)	$\delta_1,$	trivial	representation,	$W(E_8)$
$(\omega_1)$		$\delta_{16},$	dimension 16,	$W(E_8)$
$(\omega_2)$		$\delta_{120},$	120 characters,	$W(E_7A_1)$
$(2\omega_1)$		$\delta_{135}$ ,	135 characters,	$W(D_8)$

In all cases,  $W_{\delta}^{0} = W_{\delta}$ .

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\mu_{\delta_{120}}, \mu_{\delta_{120}}] \cong \operatorname{Ind}_{W(E7A1)}^{W(E8)}[triv] = 1_{x} + 35_{x} + 84_{x},$$

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\mu_{\delta_{135}}, \mu_{\delta_{135}}] \cong \operatorname{Ind}_{W(D8)}^{W(E8)}[triv] = 1_{x} + 84_{x} + 50_{x}.$$

It is straightforward that the reflection representation  $8_z$  corresponds to the representation of K on  $\mathfrak{s}_0$ :

$$\omega_8 = 8_z \delta_1 + \delta_{120}. \tag{1}$$

Quite a few relevant Weyl group representations do not occur in these two formulas.

The next tables give the Weyl representations on  $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$  for  $\mu$  petite.

# Petite K-types for E8

K-type	W-type on $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$
(0)	$1_x,$
$\omega_8$	$8_z,$
$\omega_4$	$35_x,$
$2\omega_2$	$84_x$ ,
$\omega_2 + \omega_8$	$112_z$ ,
$4\omega_1$	$50_x$ ,
$3\omega_1 + \omega_7$	$400_z$ ,
$2\omega_3$	$300_x$ ,

$ \omega_{3} + \omega_{7} $ $ \omega_{6} $ $ 28_{x}, $ $ \omega_{1} + \omega_{5} $ $ 210_{x}, $ $ \omega_{1} + \omega_{2} + \omega_{7} $ $ 560_{z}, $ $ \omega_{2} + \omega_{4} $ $ 567_{x}, $ $ 2\omega_{1} + \omega_{4} $ $ 700_{x}, $ $ 3\omega_{1} + \omega_{3} $ $ 1050_{x}, $
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$2\omega_1 + \omega_4 \qquad 700_x,$ $3\omega_1 + \omega_3 \qquad 1050_x,$
$3\omega_1 + \omega_3    1050_x,$
$\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 \qquad 1344_x,$
$3\omega_2$ $525_x$ ,
$2\omega_1 + 2\omega_2    972_x,$
$4\omega_1 + \omega_2    700_{xx},$
$6\omega_1$ 168 <sub>y</sub> .

#### Some Proofs

Only  $\omega_1$  is genuine for K = Spin(16), the others factor to a quotient group. In particular, genuine representations of Spin(16) restrict to multiples of  $\delta_{16}$ . All representations are self-dual. We compute

$$\omega_2 \otimes \omega_2 = (2\omega_2) + (\omega_1 + \omega_3) + (2\omega_1) + (\omega_2) + (\omega_4) + (0),$$

$$(2\omega_1) \otimes (2\omega_1) = (4\omega_1) + (2\omega_1 + \omega_2) + (2\omega_1) + (2\omega_2) + (\omega_2) + (0).$$
(2)

Furthermore,  $\omega_3$  restricts to  $35\delta_{16}$ , and

$$\omega_1 \otimes \omega_3 = (\omega_1 + \omega_3) + (\omega_2) + (\omega_4). \tag{3}$$

Thus the multiplicity of  $\delta_1$  in  $(\omega_1 + \omega_3) + (\omega_4)$  is 35. On the other hand, dim  $\omega_4 = 1820$ , so the multiplicity of  $\delta_1$  in  $\omega_4$  is nonzero.

From (2) it follows that the multiplicity is exactly 35, and so

$$\omega_4 \longleftrightarrow 35_x.$$
 (4)

We also conclude that the multiplicity of  $\delta_1$  in  $\omega_1 + \omega_3$  is zero. From the first equation in (2) we also conclude that  $(2\omega_2)$  contains  $\delta_1$  84 times, so

$$(2\omega_2)\longleftrightarrow 84_x.$$

Consider  $(\omega_1 + \omega_2)$  which restricts to  $84\delta_{16}$ . Then

$$(\omega_1 + \omega_2) \otimes \omega_1 = (2\omega_1 + \omega_2) + (2\omega_1) + (\omega_1 + \omega_3) + (2\omega_2) + (\omega_2).$$
 (5)

Thus only  $2\omega_2$  contains  $\delta_1$ .

These arguments also imply

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\omega_{1}, \omega_{3}] \simeq 35_{x}. \tag{6}$$

Combined with the second equation in (2) we get

$$4\omega_1 \longleftrightarrow 50_x.$$
 (7)

We illustrate another aspect of the calculation. We know that  $8_z \otimes 50_x = 400_z$ . Furthermore, assume that we have done some earlier calculations, and found that

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\omega_{1},(3\omega_{1})] \cong 50_{x},$$
 $\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\omega_{1},\omega_{7}] \cong 8_{z},$ 
 $\omega_{2} + \omega_{8} \longleftrightarrow 112_{z}.$ 

Then,

$$(3\omega_{1}) \otimes (\omega_{7}) = (3\omega_{1} + \omega_{7}) + (2\omega_{1} + \omega_{8}),$$
  

$$(\omega_{1} + \omega_{8}) \otimes \omega_{1} = (2\omega_{1} + \omega_{8}) + (\omega_{1} + \omega_{7}) + (\omega_{2} + \omega_{8}) + (\omega_{8}).$$
(8)

Since  $\omega_1 + \omega_8 = 120\delta_{16}$ , and  $\omega_8$  contains eight copies of  $\delta_1$ , it follows that  $\delta_1$  does not occur in  $(2\omega_1 + \omega_8) + (\omega_1 + \omega_7)$ . We conclude that

$$(3\omega_1 + \omega_7) \longleftrightarrow 400_z. \tag{9}$$

#### Petite K-types for $C_n$

$$G = Sp(n, \mathbb{R}), K = U(n).$$
 
$$\mu_{+}(k) := (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k}, 0, \dots, 0), \qquad \mu_{-}(k) := (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{k})$$

are fine K-types containing the same orbit of a character  $\delta \in \widehat{M}$ . The stabilizers are  $W_{\delta}^{0} \cong W(D_{k}) \times W(C_{n-k})$ , and  $W_{\delta} \cong W(C_{k}) \times W(C_{n-k})$ . Then

$$Ind_{W_{\delta}}^{W}[triv] = \sum (n - \ell, \ell) \times (0), \quad 0 \le \ell \le \min(k, n - k),$$
$$Ind_{W_{\delta}}^{W}[\tau] = (n - k) \times (k).$$

The tensor products are

$$\mu_{+}(k) \otimes \mu_{-}(k) = \sum_{2a+b=2k} \underbrace{(1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0,-1,\ldots,-1)}_{b},$$

$$\mu_{+}(k) \otimes \mu_{-}(k) = \sum_{2a+b=2k} \underbrace{(2,\ldots,2,1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{b}.$$

These K-types are automatically petite, and in fact satisfy  $\mu(iZ_{\alpha}) = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2.$ 

The precise correspondence is

K-type

W-representation on  $(E_{\mu}^*)^M$ 

$$(\underbrace{2,\ldots,2}_{\ell},0,\ldots,0) \qquad (n-\ell)\times(\ell)$$

$$(n-\ell)\times(0)$$

$$(\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{k},0,\ldots,0,\underbrace{-1,\ldots,-1}_{k})$$
  $(n-k,k)\times(0)$ 

#### Level 2 Petite K-Types

The petite K-types with the property that  $\mu(iZ_{\alpha}) = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ , have some very nice properties. They are sufficient to determine unitarity in the classical cases, but not the exceptional ones.

#### Springer Correspondence

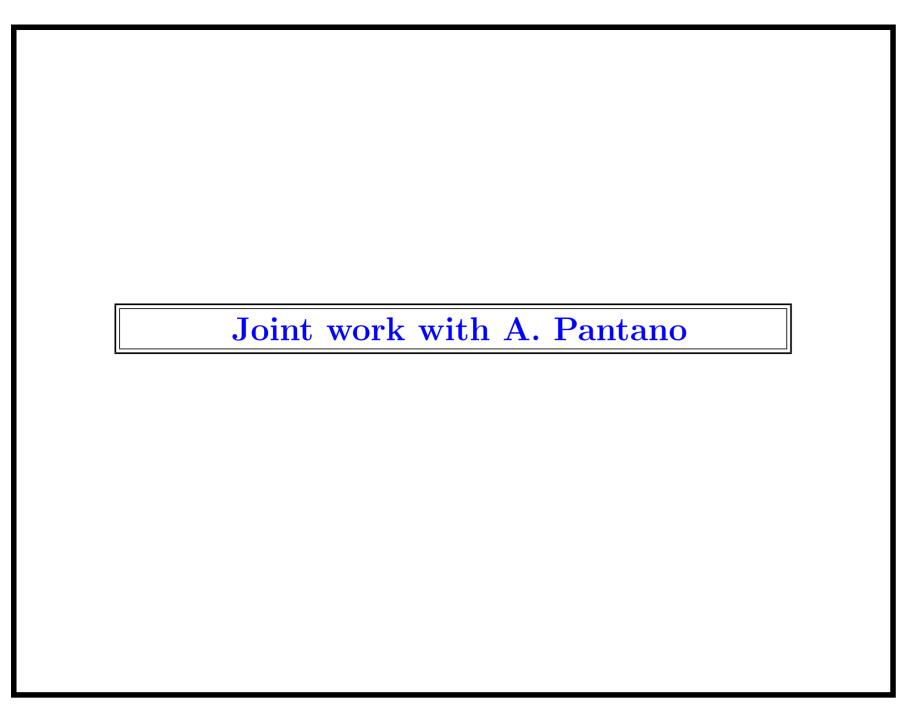
- $\bullet$ g complex semisimple Lie algebra,  $\mathfrak{b}\subset\mathfrak{g}$  Borel subalgebra,
- $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  nilpotent orbit,  $\{e, H, f\}$  Lie triple,
- A(e) component group of the centralizer of e,
- $\mathcal{B}_e := \{ \mathfrak{b} \mid e \in \mathfrak{b} \}$ , the incidence variety.

The Springer correspondence attaches to each  $(\mathcal{O}, \psi \in \widehat{A(e)})$  a representation  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \psi)$  of W which is irreducible or zero. It is the representation of W on  $H^{top}(\mathcal{B}_e)^{\psi}$ , (maybe tensored with sgn in

this case so that  $\sigma((0), triv) = triv \in \widehat{W}$ ).

We have the following two assertions for  $\mu$  petite, level 2.

- $\sigma \cong (E_{\mu}^*)^M$  if and only if the restriction of  $\sigma$  to any rank two Levi does not contain sgn,
- $\sigma \cong (E_{\mu}^*)^M$  if and only if  $\sigma = \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \psi)$  where  $\mathcal{O}$  meets a Levi component with factors of type  $A_1$  only.



## Principal Series, Classical Groups

# Type C

Consider

$$\delta_{k} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}) \longleftrightarrow \qquad \mu_{k}^{+} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k})$$

$$\mu_{k}^{-} = (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{k})$$

$$(10)$$

Then the relevant K-types are

K-type

$$\underbrace{(\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{a+k},0,\ldots,0,\underbrace{-1,\ldots,-1})}_{a+k} \qquad (triv)\otimes[(a,n-k-a)\times(0)]$$

$$\underbrace{(\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{k-b},0,\ldots,0,\underbrace{-1,\ldots,-1})}_{b} \qquad [(k-b)\times(b)]\otimes(triv)$$

$$\underbrace{(\underbrace{2,\ldots,2}_{b},\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{k},0,\ldots,0)}_{b} \qquad (triv)\otimes[(n-k-b)\times(b)]$$

(11)

 $W(C_k \times C_{n-k})$ -type

We get another set of K-types by changing all the signs to minuses.

These K-types are petite because they are factors of the tensor

products

$$\Lambda^r(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes \Lambda^s(\mathbb{C}^n), \quad \text{or} \quad \Lambda^r(\mathbb{C}^n) \otimes \Lambda^s((\mathbb{C}^*)^n).$$
 (12)

#### Type D

These are the cases SO(2n,2n) and SO(2n+1,2n+1). For simplicity, just use 2n, the other case is equivalent. Consider

$$\delta_{k} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}) \longleftrightarrow \qquad \mu_{k}^{+} = (\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}) \otimes (0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\mu_{k}^{-} = (0, \dots, 0) \otimes (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{k})$$

$$(13)$$

Then the relevant K-types are

$$\underbrace{(1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{a+k} \otimes \underbrace{(1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{a}, 
\underbrace{(1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{b} \otimes \underbrace{(1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{b}, 
\underbrace{(2,\ldots,2,1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{b} \otimes (0,\ldots,0), 
\underbrace{(2,\ldots,2,1,\ldots,1,0,\ldots,0)}_{b} \otimes (0,\ldots,0).$$

We get another set of K-types with the same properties by interchanging the factors.

# Principal Series, Type E8

 $\delta_{16}$ 

In the case of genuine principal series, only level  $\leq 3/2$  K-types are petite. This has to do with the representation theory of the double cover  $\widetilde{SL(2,\mathbb{R})}$ . The matchings are

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\delta_{135}
                                     K-type
                                                       W-type
                                        (2\omega_1)
                                                       8 \times 0
                                        (\omega_4)
                                                       71 \times 0
                                        (4\omega_1)
                                                       44 \times 0
                                 (\omega_1 + \omega_7)
                                                       7 \times 1
                                        (2\omega_2)
                                                     62 \times 0
                                                                                                      (17)
                               (2\omega_1 + \omega_4) \qquad 6 \times 2
                               (2\omega_1+\omega_2)
                                                    4 \times 4_{-}
                                (\omega_2 + \omega_8) 61 \times 1
                                (\omega_1 + \omega_3) 6 \times 2
                               (2\omega_1 + \omega_8) \qquad 5 \times 3 + 7 \times 1.
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K-type W-type 
$$(\omega_6) \qquad 6 \times 11$$
 
$$(2\omega_1 + \omega_4) \qquad 53 \times 0 + 4 \times 4_+ + 71 \times 0 + 51 \times 2 + 31 \times 4 + 42 \times 2$$
 
$$(\omega_1 + \omega_5) \qquad 4 \times 4_+ + 51 \times 2 + 6 \times 11 + 71 \times 0 + 6 \times 2.$$

**Theorem.** A parameter  $(\delta_{135}, \nu)$  is unitary only if the corresponding spherical parameter  $(\delta_1, \nu)$  is unitary for  $D_8$ .

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\delta_{120}
                                 K-type
                                                   W-type
                                     (\omega_2)
                                                   1_a \otimes 2
                                                  21_b'\otimes 11
                                   (2\omega_2)
                            (\omega_1 + \omega_3)  27_a \otimes 2
                                     (\omega_8)
                                                  1_a \otimes 11
                                     (\omega_4) 7'_a \otimes 11
                                                                                                       (18)
                            (\omega_1 + \omega_7) 7'_a \otimes 2
                            (\omega_2 + \omega_8) 27_a \otimes 11 + 21_b' \otimes 2 + \dots
                           (\omega_1 + \omega_5) 56'_a \otimes 11
                         (2\omega_1 + \omega_8) \qquad 56'_a \otimes 2
                   (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_7) \qquad 35_b \otimes 11 + \dots .
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K-type 
$$M-type$$
 
$$(2\omega_1 + \omega_2) \qquad 35_b \otimes 11 + \dots$$
 
$$(3\omega_1 + \omega_7) \qquad 105_b \otimes 11 + \dots$$
 
$$(2\omega_1 + \omega_4) \qquad 105_b \otimes 2 + \dots$$

**Theorem.** A parameter  $(\delta_{120}, \nu)$  is unitary only if the corresponding spherical parameter  $(\delta_1, \nu)$  is unitary for  $E_7A_1$ .

#### **Useful Identities**

Let  $\mu$ ,  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$  be genuine representations. The main point is that  $\delta_{16}$  is the unique genuine representation of M, and it IS the irreducible K-module  $\omega_1$ .

• As a W-representation,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_M[\mu_1, \mu_2] \cong \operatorname{Hom}_M[\mu_1, \omega_1] \otimes \operatorname{Hom}_M[\mu_2, \omega_1].$$

Decompose LHS as a K-module, RHS as a W-module.

• For  $\delta = \overline{\delta}_{120}$  or  $\delta = \overline{\delta}_{135}$ , (irreducible representation of M)

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\boldsymbol{\delta}, \omega_{1} \otimes \mu] = \operatorname{Res}_{\boldsymbol{W}_{\boldsymbol{\delta}}} \operatorname{Hom}_{M}[\omega_{1}, \mu].$$

Decompose  $\omega_1 \otimes \mu$  as a K-module, the RHS as a  $W_{\delta}$ -module.

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