

Representation Parameters for Classical Groups and the Real Weyl Groups

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Overview

Let G be a real reductive Lie group.

Problem

Find all irreducible admissible representations of G .

Tool (as DAV explained in the last lecture):

The Langlands classification says:

Representations correspond to pairs (H, χ) , up to conjugation by G . Here H is a Cartan subgroup (CSG) of G , and χ a character of H .

Understand conjugation by G :

- Find the conjugacy classes of Cartan subgroups (CSG)
- For each CSG H , compute the *real Weyl group*
$$W(G, H) = N_G(H)/H \cong N_K(H)/(H \cap K)$$

Goal: Find $\widehat{H}/W(G, H)$ for all conjugacy classes of CSGs H .

To find all (theta stable) H , we find lots of CSGs, show they are pairwise not conjugate, then show that these are all.

Tool: Kostant's "Cascade construction".

Need:

- Fundamental (maximally compact) Cartan subgroup $H_0 = \text{Cent}_G(\mathfrak{h}_0)$
- $\Delta = \Delta(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathfrak{h}_{0, \mathbb{C}})$
- $W(G, H_0)$

CSGs are in bijection with sets of *strongly orthogonal* (i. e., orthogonal, and no sum or difference of two is a root) noncompact imaginary roots, up to conjugation by $W(G, H_0)$.

Example: $G=SL(2,\mathbb{R})$

$H_0 = K = SO(2)$, $\Delta = \{\pm\alpha\}$, α is noncompact.

K acts trivially on H_0 , so $W(G, H_0) = \{1\}$.

Sets of strongly orthogonal roots: \emptyset and $\{\alpha\}$, corresponding to H_0 and

$$H_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}^\times.$$

The element $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in K$ switches the diagonal entries. Since conjugation preserves eigenvalues, this is the only nontrivial Weyl group element. So $W(G, H_1) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, with the nontrivial element acting by inversion on \mathbb{R}^\times .

$$\widehat{H_0}/W(G, H_0) \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \chi_k(e^{i\theta}) = e^{ik\theta};$$

$$\widehat{H_1} \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C}, \quad \chi_{(\epsilon, \nu)}(r) = \text{sgn}(r)^\epsilon |r|^\nu, \quad (\epsilon, \nu) \sim (\epsilon, -\nu).$$

Example $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$H_0 = T_0 A_0 \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times, \quad T_0 = SO(2), \quad A_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{pmatrix} \right\} \simeq \mathbb{R}_+^\times$$

$W(G, H_0) = W(K, T_0)$ (since A_0 is in the center of G).

$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in O(2)$ acts by inversion. Conjugation preserves eigenvalues and trace, so this is the only nontrivial element.

$$W(G, H_0) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

$\Delta = \{\pm\alpha\}$ noncompact imaginary. As for $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$, we have two CSGs, H_0 and the diagonal split $H_1 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2$.

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in K$ switches the diagonal entries, and that is the only possibility.

$$W(G, H_1) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

$GL(2, \mathbb{R})$, representations attached to the fundamental CSG

$H_0 \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$, so $\widehat{H_0} \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C}$, $\chi_{(k,v)}(re^{i\theta}) = r^v e^{ik\theta}$.

$W(G, H_0) : (k, v) \sim (-k, v)$

Which representation does this parametrize?

Real parabolic $P_0 = M_0 A_0 N_0$,

$M_0 = SL(2, \mathbb{R})^\pm$, $k \leftrightarrow$ discrete series or limit of d.s. σ_k of M_0

$v \leftrightarrow$ character of A_0

$\pi(k, v) =$ Langlands quotient of $Ind_{P_0}^G(\sigma_k \otimes v \otimes 1)$.

(This is, of course, just $\sigma_k \otimes \chi_v$ in this case, since $G = P_0$ and N_0 is trivial.)

$GL(2, \mathbb{R})$, representations attached to the split CSG

$$H_1 \cong (R^\times)^2, \text{ so } \widehat{H_1} \longleftrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times (\mathbb{C})^2$$

$$W(G, H_1) : (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) \sim (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \nu_2, \nu_1)$$

Real parabolic: minimal parabolic $P_1 = T_1 A_1 N_1$,

$$T_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} : \eta_i = \pm 1 \right\}, A_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 \end{pmatrix} : r_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^\times \right\}$$

$$\chi_{(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2)} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \eta_1^{\epsilon_1} \eta_2^{\epsilon_2} r_1^{\nu_1} r_2^{\nu_2}$$

$\pi(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) = \text{LQ of the minimal principal series}$

$$\text{Ind}_{P_1}^G (\chi_{(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2)} \otimes 1)$$

Note: The principal series LQ $\pi(1, 0, \frac{\nu}{2}, \frac{\nu}{2})$ coincides with $\pi(0, \nu)$ (attached to H_0) for any ν .

$GL(4, \mathbb{R})$ (towards $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$)

$K = O(4)$ has rank 2, so $T_0 = SO(2)^2$

$A_0 = (\mathbb{R}_+^\times)^2$, and $H_0 = T_0 A_0 \simeq (\mathbb{C}^\times)^2$

$$\text{In } \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}_0 = \left\{ X = \begin{pmatrix} r & x & 0 & 0 \\ -x & r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & y \\ 0 & 0 & -y & s \end{pmatrix} : r, s, x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

We also have $H_1 \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2$, and $H_2 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^4$,

$$\mathfrak{h}_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & x & 0 & 0 \\ -x & r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \mathfrak{h}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Are these all?

Let $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, f_1, f_2 \in \mathfrak{h}_0^*$ be defined by $\varepsilon_1(X) = ix$, $\varepsilon_2(X) = iy$, $f_1(X) = r$, $f_2(X) = s$.

$$\Delta = \{\pm 2\varepsilon_1, \pm 2\varepsilon_2, \pm \varepsilon_1 \pm \varepsilon_2 \pm (f_1 - f_2)\}$$

$\Delta_i = \{\pm 2\varepsilon_1, \pm 2\varepsilon_2\}$, all noncompact. Clearly, $2\varepsilon_1$ and $2\varepsilon_2$ are strongly orthogonal. Are they conjugate?

It is easy to see that $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ takes $2\varepsilon_1$ to $-2\varepsilon_2$.

Sets of strongly orthogonal nc roots: \emptyset , $\{2\varepsilon_1\}$, $\{2\varepsilon_1, 2\varepsilon_2\}$. So we have all CSGs.

Characters of the CSGs:

$$H_0 \simeq (\mathbb{C}^\times)^2, \text{ so } \widehat{H}_0 \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$H_1 \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2, \text{ so } \widehat{H}_1 \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$H_2 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^4, \text{ so } \widehat{H}_2 \longleftrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4 \times \mathbb{C}^4$$

Note: Each set is a 4 parameter family of characters.

What about the real Weyl groups???

Fix a CSG $H = TA$, and let $M = \text{Cent}_G(A)$, so that MA is a Levi subgroup of G .

Theorem (Vogan, IC4)

$$\begin{aligned} W(G, H) &\simeq (W_C)^\theta \ltimes (W(M \cap K, H) \times W_r) \\ &\simeq (W_C)^\theta \ltimes ((W_{i,c} \ltimes \mathcal{A}(H)) \times W_r) \end{aligned}$$

- $W_{i,c}$ is the Weyl group of the system $\Delta_{i,c}$ of compact imaginary roots in $\Delta = \Delta(\mathfrak{g}_\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{C})$;
- W_r is the Weyl group of the system Δ_r of real roots in Δ ;
- $\mathcal{A}(H)$ is an abelian two-group which depends on the group G (not just on the Lie algebra and root system); if G is “nice”, then $W_{i,c} \ltimes \mathcal{A}(H)$ is contained in the Weyl group W_i of the imaginary roots in Δ . The group $\mathcal{A}(H)$ must preserve $\Delta_{i,c}$.
- Let $\Delta_C = \{\alpha \in \Delta : \alpha \text{ is complex and } (\alpha, \rho_i) = (\alpha, \rho_r) = 0\}$ (a root system). Then W_C is the Weyl group of Δ_C , and $(W_C)^\theta$ the θ -fixed part of it.

GL(4,ℝ), Fundamental CSG

$\Delta_{i,c} = \emptyset = \Delta_r \implies W_{i,c}$ and W_r are trivial.

To compute the abelian 2-group $\mathcal{A}(H_0)$, consider $\Delta_{i,n} = \{\pm 2\varepsilon_1, \pm 2\varepsilon_2\}$. If our general element of \mathfrak{h}_0 is written

$$X(x, y, r, s) = \begin{pmatrix} r & x & 0 & 0 \\ -x & r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & y \\ 0 & 0 & -y & s \end{pmatrix}$$

the two root reflections change the sign on x and on y , resp. They are represented by $\text{diag}(1, -1, 1, 1)$ and $\text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$ in $O(4)$.

So $\mathcal{A}(H_0)$ has rank 2, and order 4; it is isomorphic to W_i .

Note: $\text{diag}(1, -1, 1, 1)$ and $\text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$ are not in $SO(4)$, but their product is. In $SL(4, \mathbb{R})$, $\mathcal{A}(H_0)$ has rank 1 and order 2. (Changing the sign on both coordinates simultaneously.)

The complex piece of the Weyl group

The group $(W_C)^\theta$

Let $\Delta_C = \{\alpha \in \Delta : \alpha \text{ is complex, and orthogonal to both } \rho_i \text{ and } \rho_r\}$. Then Δ_C is a root system, which is the disjoint union of two systems Δ_1 and Δ_2 such that $\Delta_2 = \{\theta(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta_1\}$.

Then $(W_C)^\theta$ is generated by the $\{s_\alpha s_{\theta\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta_1\}$.

For $GL(4, \mathbb{R})$ and H_0 , we can take $\rho_i = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$, and $\rho_r = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_C &= \{\pm(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \pm (f_1 - f_2)\} \\ &= \{\pm(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + f_1 - f_2)\} \cup \{\pm(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - f_1 + f_2)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $(W_C)^\theta = \langle w = s_\alpha s_{\theta\alpha} \rangle$, where $\alpha = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + f_1 - f_2$.

$w \cdot X(x, y, r, s) = X(y, x, s, r)$ (switching the two \mathbb{C}^\times factors)

Parameters for $GL(4, \mathbb{R})$

$W(G, H_0)$ has order 8. The parameters attached to H_0 are therefore:

$(k_1, k_2, v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$ with

$(k_1, k_2, v_1, v_2) \sim (\pm k_1, \pm k_2, v_1, v_2) \sim (k_2, k_1, v_2, v_1).$

Note: $M_0 A_0 = GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow GL(4, \mathbb{R})$, and each pair (k_i, v_i) determines a representation of $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$.

For $H_2 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^4$, all roots are real.

$W(G, H_2) \simeq W_r \simeq W(A_3) \simeq S_4$

The parameters are $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \epsilon_4, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4 \times \mathbb{C}^4$, up to permutation of the four indices.

Now for H_1 :

$$X = X(x, r, s, t) := \begin{pmatrix} r & x & 0 & 0 \\ -x & r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{h}_1$$

Define $\varepsilon(X) = ix$, $f_1(X) = r$, $f_2(X) = s$, $f_3(X) = t$.

$\Delta_i = \Delta_{i,n} = \{\pm 2\varepsilon\}$, $\Delta_r = \{\pm(f_2 - f_3)\}$,
complex roots $\{\pm\varepsilon \pm (f_1 - f_2), \pm\varepsilon \pm (f_1 - f_3)\}$

$W_{i,c}$ is trivial. $\mathcal{A}(H_1)$ has rank 1; it coincides with $W_i = \langle s_{2\varepsilon} \rangle$.

$(W_C)^\theta$ is trivial because no complex root is orthogonal to ρ_i .

$W_r = \langle s_{f_2 - f_3} \rangle$ (switching the two coordinates)

The parameters are $(k, \nu, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2$ with
 $(k, \nu, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) \sim (-k, \nu, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) \sim (k, \nu, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \nu_2, \nu_1)$.

Checking with atlas: CSGs

Cartan #0:

split: 0; compact: 0; complex: 2

canonical twisted involution: e

twisted involution orbit size: 3; fiber size: 1; strong inv: 3

imaginary root system: A1.A1

real root system is empty

complex factor: A1

real form #1: [0] (1)

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Cartan #1:

split: 2; compact: 0; complex: 1

canonical twisted involution: 1,2,3,2,1

twisted involution orbit size: 6; fiber size: 1; strong inv: 6

imaginary root system: A_1

real root system: A_1

complex factor is empty

real form #1: $[0] (1)$

Cartan #2:

split: 4; compact: 0; complex: 0

canonical twisted involution: 1,2,1,3,2,1

twisted involution orbit size: 1; fiber size: 1; strong inv: 1

imaginary root system is empty

real root system: A_3

complex factor is empty

real form #1: $[0] (1)$

real:

Weyl Groups; Fundamental CSG

real: realweyl

choose Cartan class (one of 0,1,2): 0

Name an output file (return for stdout, ? to abandon):

real weyl group is $W^C \cdot ((A \cdot W_{ic}) \times W^R)$, where:

W^C is isomorphic to a Weyl group of type A1

A is an elementary abelian 2-group of rank 2

W_{ic} is trivial

W^R is trivial

generators for W^C :

1,3

generators for A

2

1,2,3,2,1

real:

Weyl Group for CSG1

real: realweyl

choose Cartan class (one of 0,1,2): 1

Name an output file (return for stdout, ? to abandon):

real weyl group is $W^C \cdot ((A \cdot W_{ic}) \times W^R)$, where:

W^C is trivial

A is an elementary abelian 2-group of rank 1

W_{ic} is trivial

W^R is a Weyl group of type A1

generators for A

2

generators for W^R :

1,2,3,2,1

real:

Weyl group for the split CSG

real: realweyl

choose Cartan class (one of 0,1,2): 2

Name an output file (return for stdout, ? to abandon):

real weyl group is $W^C \cdot ((A \cdot W_{ic}) \times W^R)$, where:

W^C is trivial

A is trivial

W_{ic} is trivial

W^R is a Weyl group of type A3

generators for W^R :

1

2

3

real:

Let $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, $\delta = n - 2m = 0$ or 1 .

Fundamental CSG: $H_0 \simeq (\mathbb{C}^\times)^m \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^\delta$

There are $m + 1$ CSGs: $H_j \simeq (\mathbb{C}^\times)^j \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^{n-2j}$ for $0 \leq j \leq m$.

$$\widehat{H}_j \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^j \times \mathbb{C}^j \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{n-2j} \times \mathbb{C}^{n-2j}$$

Define a basis of \mathfrak{h}_j^* analogous to before: ε_i and f_i for $1 \leq i \leq j$, and g_i for $1 \leq i \leq n - 2j$.

Imaginary roots (all noncompact): $\pm 2\varepsilon_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq j$.

This gives a root system of type $(A_1)^j$. $W_{i,c} = \{1\}$, W_i is an abelian 2-group of rank j .

Each reflection is represented by a (diagonal) element in $O(n)$, so $\mathcal{A}(H_j) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^j$, inverting the elements of the $SO(2)$ factors.

GL(n,R) continued

Real roots: $\Delta_r = \{\pm(g_i - g_l) : 1 \leq i < l \leq n - 2j\}$

$W_r \simeq S_{2n-2j}$, permuting the split factors.

Complex roots: $\{\pm \varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_l \pm (f_i - f_l)\} \cup \{\pm \varepsilon_i \pm (f_i - g_l)\}$

Choose $\rho_i = \sum \varepsilon_i$, and ρ_r arbitrary, then $\Delta_C = \{\pm(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_l) \pm (f_i - f_l)\}$, a root system of type $A_{j-1} \times A_{j-1}$.

$(W_C)^\theta \simeq S_j$ acts by permuting the \mathbb{C}^\times factors.

Lemma

$\widehat{H_j} / W(G, H_j) \longleftrightarrow \{(k_1, \dots, k_j, v_1, \dots, v_j, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-2j}, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_{n-2j})\} / \sim$
 $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}, v_i, \mu_i \in \mathbb{C}, \varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, modulo:
permutation of the first j and the last $n - 2j$ coordinates, and modulo sign on the k_i .

For each j , this is an n -parameter family of characters.

New Example: $G=SO(2,2)$

$$K = S(O(2) \times O(2)), \quad H_0 \simeq SO(2)^2$$

$$\mathfrak{h}_0 = \left\{ X(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 & 0 \\ -x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & -y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\};$$

Define $\varepsilon_1(X(x, y)) = ix$, $\varepsilon_2(X(x, y)) = iy$.

Roots: $\Delta = \Delta_i = \{\pm\varepsilon_1 \pm \varepsilon_2\}$ all noncompact, Type $A_1 \times A_1$.

$\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$ and $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$ are strongly orthogonal;

Are they conjugate by $W(G, H_0) = W_{i,c} \ltimes \mathcal{A}(H_0) = \mathcal{A}(H_0)$?

Recall that W_i acts only by switching the coordinates, and/or changing both signs.

Since $\mathcal{A}(H_0) \subset W_i$, the two roots are NOT conjugate.

$SO(2,2)$ continued

Notice: $\text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$ changes both signs, but no element of K switches the two entries.

$$\mathcal{A}(H_0) = \langle s_{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2} s_{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2} \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

4 strongly orthogonal sets: \emptyset , $\{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2\}$, $\{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2\}$, $\{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2\}$.

Recall: Embedding $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow SO(n, n)$

Cartan (polar) decomposition: $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{R})$, $A = U + P$ with $U \in \mathfrak{so}(n)$, P symmetric.

Then $A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} U & P \\ P & U \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(n, n)$, and this is a Lie algebra map.

The CSGs of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ then map to CSGs of $SO(n, n)$ (since both have rank n).

CSGs of $SO(2,2)$

$$H_1 \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times, \mathfrak{h}_1 = \left\{ X(x, r) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & r & 0 \\ -x & 0 & 0 & r \\ r & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & r & -x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$H_2 \simeq (\mathbb{R}^\times)^2, \mathfrak{h}_2 = \left\{ X(r, s) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s \\ r & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

That makes only three.....

Notice: $\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$ and $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$ are conjugate by $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1) \in O(2, 2)$!

$$H_3 = \sigma H_1 \sigma^{-1} \simeq \mathbb{C}^\times, \mathfrak{h}_3 = \left\{ X(x, r) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & r & 0 \\ -x & 0 & 0 & -r \\ r & 0 & 0 & -x \\ 0 & -r & x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Weyl groups for $SO(2,2)$

Fundamental CSG: $W(G, H_0)$ is an abelian 2-group of rank 1;

$$\widehat{H}_0 / W(G, H_0) : (k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \text{ with } (k_1, k_2) \sim (-k_1, -k_2)$$

For H_1 (or H_3), if $\varepsilon(X) = ix$, and $f(X) = r$, then $\Delta_i = \{\pm 2\varepsilon\}$ (noncompact), $\Delta_r = \{\pm 2f\}$, and there are no complex roots.

W_i acts by inversion on $SO(2)$, and the element $\text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1) \in K$ has the same effect; i. e., $\mathcal{A}(H_1)$ has rank 1. W_r acts by inversion on \mathbb{R}_+^\times .

$$\widehat{H}_1 / W(G, H_1) : (k, v) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C} \text{ with } (k, v) \sim (\pm k, \pm v).$$

For the split Cartan, $W(G, H_2) = W_r$ the Weyl group of type $A_1 \times A_1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}_2 / W(G, H_2) : (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, v_1, v_2) &\in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2, \\ (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, v_1, v_2) &\sim (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, -v_1, -v_2) \sim (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, v_2, v_1) \sim (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, v_2, v_1) \end{aligned}$$

A Word About $O(2,2)$

In $O(2,2)$, we have only three CSGs, because $\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$ and $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$ are conjugate by $\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$.

Notice that this reflection is NOT in W_i ! So $O(2,2)$ is not "nice" as in the Theorem.

Fundamental CSG: $W(G, H_0)$ is an abelian 2-group of rank 2;

$$\widehat{H_0} / W(G, H_0) : (k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \text{ with } (k_1, k_2) \sim (\pm k_1, \pm k_2)$$

For H_1 , $W(G, H_1)$ and the characters are as for $SO(2,2)$.

For the split Cartan, $W(G, H_2) \simeq W_r \rtimes \langle \sigma \rangle$, and

$$(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \nu_1, \nu_2) \sim (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \pm \nu_1, \pm \nu_2) \sim (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \pm \nu_2, \pm \nu_1)$$

$O(p,q)$ versus $SO(p,q)$

The group $O(p, q)$ is not "nice" (not in Harish-Chandra's class). However, $SO(p, q)$ is.

Some theorems only apply directly to "nice" groups.
atlas only deals with nice groups.

For $G = O(p, q)$, do the analysis for $SO(p, q)$ first.

If $p + q$ is odd, then $O(p, q) \simeq SO(p, q) \times \{\pm Id\}$.

For $O(p, q)$ with $p + q$ even, check what conjugation by diagonal elements does, as we did for $O(2, 2)$.

CSGs in $G=SO(p,q)$

Recall that if $m \leq p, q$ then $GL(m, \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow SO(m, m) \hookrightarrow SO(p, q)$.

The CSGs of $GL(m, \mathbb{R})$ then extend to CSGs of $SO(p, q)$, by adding $SO(2)$ factors (and all of them may be obtained that way).

We get CSGs of the form

$$H_{r,t} = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^r \times (\mathbb{R}^\times)^t \times SO(2)^{n-2r-t}$$

Here $n = \lfloor \frac{p+q}{2} \rfloor$, the rank of G , and r and t integers such that:

- $2r + t \leq \min\{p, q\}$
- t is even if both p and q are, and t is odd if both p and q are
- If $2r = p = q$ then there are two nonconjugate CSGs that are isomorphic to $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^r$ (they become conjugate in $O(2r, 2r)$).

For example:

$G = SO(7, 3)$ has rank 5.

There are three CSGs, corresponding to $(r, t) = (0, 1)$, $(0, 3)$, and $(1, 1)$.

$$H_0 \cong \mathbb{R}^\times \times SO(2)^4$$

$$H_1 \cong (\mathbb{R}^\times)^3 \times SO(2)^2$$

$$H_2 \cong \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{R}^\times \times SO(2)^2$$

Real Weyl Groups: Exercise!

The End: Thank You!