

23 involutions, Fischer group Fi_{23} and the moonshine VOA

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3-transposition groups

Definition 1

$(G, I) : \text{3-transposition group}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \iff G : \text{group, } I : \text{a set of involutions s.t.} \\ & G = \langle I \rangle, \quad I^G = I, \quad \text{and } |ab| \leq 3 \text{ for } \forall a, b \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 (Fischer'71, Cuypers-Hall'95)

The list of almost simple 3-transposition groups is as follows.

- ① $G = \text{Sym}_n, I = \{(i j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$
- ② $G = \text{O}_{2n}^{\pm}(2), I = \text{transvections}$
- ③ $G = \text{Sp}_{2n}(2), I = \text{transvections}$
- ④ $G = \text{O}_n^{\pm}(3), I = \text{reflections}$
- ⑤ $G = \text{SU}_n(2), I = \text{transvections}$
- ⑥ $G = \text{P}\Omega_8^+(2 \text{ or } 3) : \text{Sym}_3, \text{Fi}_{22,23,24}, I : \text{unique}$

Basic sets

Definition 2

Let (G, I) be a 3-transposition group and P a Sylow 2-subgroup.

The intersection $P \cap I$ is called a **basic set** of G and the size $|P \cap I|$ is called the **width** of G .

- $a, b \in P \cap I \Rightarrow |ab| = 2 \Rightarrow \langle P \cap I \rangle$: elementary abelian 2-group
- $P \cap I$: a maximal set of mutually commutative elements in I
- $\forall g \in G, (P \cap I)^g = P^g \cap I^g = P^g \cap I \Rightarrow |P \cap I|$: invariant of G

	Fi ₂₂	Fi ₂₃	Fi ₂₄
Width	22	23	24
$\langle P \cap I \rangle$	2^{10}	2^{11}	2^{12}
Normalizer	$2^{10}.M_{22}$	$2^{11}.M_{23}$	$2^{12}.M_{24}$

Theorem 2

The complete list of finite simple group is given by:

- (0) $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ (p : prime)
- (1) $\text{Alt}_{n \geq 5}$
- (2) Groups of Lie type (i.e. matrix groups over finite fields)
- (3) 26 sporadics ($M_{11,12,22,23,24}$, $\text{Co}_{1,2,3}$, $\text{Fi}_{22,23,24}$, $\mathbb{B}$, $\mathbb{M}$, ...)

Special symmetries in 24 dimension (cf. [FLM'88]):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{F}_2^{24} & & \mathbb{Z}^{24} & & c = 24 \text{ VOA} \\
 \mathcal{G} & \rightsquigarrow & \Lambda & \rightsquigarrow & V^{\natural} = V_{\Lambda}^{+} \oplus V_{\Lambda}^{T+} \\
 M_{24} & & 2.\text{Co}_1 & & \mathbb{M}
 \end{array}$$

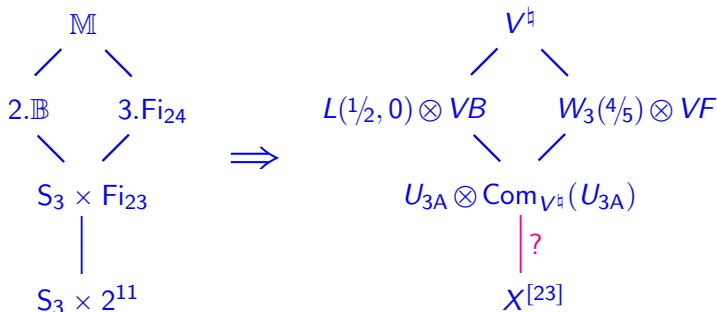
Note that $C_{\mathbb{M}}(2B) = 2_+^{1+24}.\text{Co}_1$ and $\text{Aut}(V_{\Lambda}^{+}) = 2^{24}.\text{Co}_1 \cong (\Lambda/2\Lambda).\text{Co}_1$

Sunshine construction?

Historically,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathrm{Fi}_{24} & \rightsquigarrow & \mathbb{B} & \rightsquigarrow & \mathbb{M} \\
 \text{3-trans.gp.} & & \{3, 4\}\text{-trans.gp.} & & \text{6-trans.gp.}
 \end{array}$$

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Note that $C_{\mathbb{M}}(2A) = 2.\mathbb{B}$ and $N_{\mathbb{M}}(3A) = 3.\mathrm{Fi}_{24}$ (cf. $S_3 = 3:2$)

Ising vectors

Let V be a VOA of **OZ-type**, i.e. $V = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} V_n$, $V_0 = \mathbb{R}\mathbb{1}$, $V_1 = 0$.
Then V_2 forms a commutative algebra with invariant bilinear form

$$ab := a_{(1)}b, \quad (a|b)\mathbb{1} = a_{(3)}b \quad \text{for } a, b \in V_2.$$

This algebra is called the **Griess algebra** of V .

Lemma 3 (Miyamoto'96)

$e \in V_2 : c = c_e$ Virasoro vector $\iff ee = 2e$ and $c_e = 2(e|e)$

Definition 3

$e \in V_2$: **Ising vector** of **σ -type**

$\iff e : c = 1/2$ Virasoro vector s.t. $\langle e \rangle \cong L(1/2, 0)$ (simple subVOA)

There is no $\langle e \rangle$ -submodule isomorphic to $L(1/2, 1/16)$ in V

Miyamoto involutions

Theorem 4 (Miyamoto'96)

If $e \in V$ is an Ising vector then $\tau_e := (-1)^{16o(e)} \in \text{Aut}(V)$.

If $\tau_e = \text{id}_V$ then $\sigma_e := (-1)^{2o(e)} \in \text{Aut}(V)$.

Theorem 5 (Conway'85, Miyamoto'96, Höhn'10)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ising vectors of } V^{\natural} & \xleftrightarrow{1:1} & 2A\text{-involutions of } \mathbb{M} \\ \psi_e & & \psi_{\tau_e} \end{array}$$

By this correspondence, we can analyze 2A-involutions of $\mathbb{M}$ by considering corresponding Ising vectors of $V^{\natural}$.

We can generalize the above correspondence for the other groups.

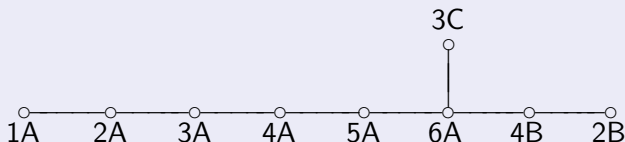
(cf. Lam-Y.'16 [arXiv:1604.04989](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.04989))

Dihedral subalgebras

Theorem 6 (Sakuma'07, cf. Nina's talk)

$e, f \in V_{\mathbb{R}}$: Ising vectors $\Rightarrow |\tau_e \tau_f| \leq 6$ (6-transposition property)

More precisely, there are 9 possible types of $\langle e, f \rangle$:



$\langle e, f \rangle$	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	4B	2B	3C
$2^{10}(e f)$	2^8	2^5	13	2^3	6	5	2^2	0	2^2
$\dim \langle e, f \rangle_2$	1	3	4	5	6	8	5	2	3

We will call $U_{nX} = \langle e, f \rangle$ the dihedral subalgebra of type nX .

Construction of 3-transposition groups I

V : VOA of OZ-type

D_V : the set of Ising vectors of σ -type in V

Set $\sigma(D_V) = \{\sigma_e \mid e \in D_V\}$ and $G_V = \langle D_V \rangle$.

If $e, f \in D_V$ then $\langle e, f \rangle$ is either 1A, 2A or 2B-type.

Theorem 7 (Miyamoto'96, Matsuo'05, Cuipo-Lam-Y.'18)

(1) $(G_V, \sigma(D_V))$: 3-transposition group of symplectic type ($G_V \leq \mathrm{Sp}_{2n}(2)$)

(2) If $V = \langle D_V \rangle$ then (V, G_V) are classified (V is a subVOA of $V_{\sqrt{2}R}^+$)

$\langle e, f \rangle$: 2A-type $\Rightarrow [\tau_e, \tau_f] = 1$ on V and $|\sigma_e \sigma_f| = 3$ on $V^{\langle \tau_e, \tau_f \rangle}$

$\langle e, f \rangle$: 2B-type $\Rightarrow [\tau_e, \tau_f] = 1$ on V and $|\sigma_e \sigma_f| \leq 2$ on $V^{\langle \tau_e, \tau_f \rangle}$

In order to realize Fischer groups, we need to use τ -involutions.

Construction of 3-transposition groups II

V : VOA of OZ-type

E_V : the set of Ising vectors of V (including both σ and τ -types)

Fix $a, b \in E_V$ s.t. $\langle a, b \rangle$: 3A-type $\Rightarrow \langle \tau_a, \tau_b \rangle \cong S_3$

Set $I_{a,b} := \{x \in E_V \mid (a|x) = (b|x) = 2^{-5}\}$ (i.e. $\langle a, x \rangle \cong \langle b, x \rangle \cong 2A\text{-alg.}$)

Theorem 8 (Lam-Y.'16)

- (1) $x \in I_{a,b} \Rightarrow [\tau_x, \tau_a] = [\tau_x, \tau_b] = 1$
- (2) $x, y \in I_{a,b} \Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$: 1A, 2A or 3A-types
- (3) $x, y \in I_{a,b} \Rightarrow |\tau_x \tau_y| \leq 3$ in $\text{Aut}(V)$
- (4) $G_V := \langle \tau_x \mid x \in I_{a,b} \rangle \Rightarrow G_V$: 3-transposition group in $C_{\text{Aut}(V)} \langle \tau_a, \tau_b \rangle$

If we apply the theorem above to $V^\natural$ then we obtain $G_{V^\natural} = \text{Fi}_{23} = C_{\mathbb{M}}(S_3)$.

Note that $S_3 \times \text{Fi}_{23} < \mathbb{M}$ whereas $3.\text{Fi}_{24} < \mathbb{M}$ but $\text{Fi}_{24} \not\leq \mathbb{M}$.

Inductive structures

(G, I) : 3-transposition group

Pick $a \in I$ and set $G^{[1]} := G_a = \langle x \in I \mid ax = xa \rangle / \langle a \rangle$ ($G_a \leq C_G(a) / \langle a \rangle$)

Similarly we define $G^{[2]} := G_{a,b} = (G_a)_b$, $G^{[3]} := G_{a,b,c} = (G_{a,b})_c, \dots$

Example

$$G = \text{Fi}_{24} \Rightarrow G^{[1]} = \text{Fi}_{23}, \quad G^{[2]} = \text{Fi}_{22}, \quad G^{[3]} = \text{Fi}_{21} = \text{PSU}_6(2)$$

In the above process, $a, b, c, \dots$: mutually commutative elements in I

Maximal collection : a **basic set** of (G, I)

Inductive subalgebras

$G_V = \langle \tau_x \mid x \in I_{a,b} \rangle$: 3-transposition group

Let n be the width of G_V . We define the inductive subalgebra

$$X^{[n]} := \langle a, b, x^1, \dots, x^n \rangle$$

Set $X^{[0]} := \langle a, b \rangle$ and suppose we have defined $X^{[i]} := \langle a, b, x^1, \dots, x^i \rangle$.

Then we choose $x^{i+1} \in I_{a,b}$ s.t.

$$x^{i+1} \notin X^{[i]} \quad \text{and} \quad (x^{i+1} \mid x^j) = 2^{-5}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq i$$

and define $X^{[i+1]} := \langle X^{[i]}, x^{i+1} \rangle$ as long as possible.

Then $\{\tau_{x^i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ gives a basic set of G_V if G_V is connected.

Inductive structures in VOA side

Set $D^{[0]} := \{\tau_x \mid x \in I_{a,b}\}$ and $D^{[i]} := \{\tau_y \in D^{[i-1]} \mid \tau_y \tau_{x^i} = \tau_{x^i} \tau_y\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X^{[0]} & \subset & X^{[1]} & \subset & X^{[2]} & \subset & \dots \subset X^{[n]} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{Com}_V X^{[0]} & \supset & \text{Com}_V X^{[1]} & \supset & \text{Com}_V X^{[2]} & \supset & \dots \supset \text{Com}_V X^{[n]} \\
 \circlearrowleft & & \circlearrowleft & & \circlearrowleft & & \circlearrowleft \\
 G^{[0]} & & G^{[1]} & & G^{[2]} & & \dots G^{[n]} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \langle D^{[0]} \rangle & \supset & \langle D^{[1]} \rangle & \supset & \langle D^{[2]} \rangle & \supset & \dots \supset \langle D^{[n]} \rangle
 \end{array}$$

Theorem 9 (Lam-Y.'16)

The Griess algebra of $X^{[n]}$ is uniquely determined and

$$L(c_3, 0) \otimes L(c_4, 0) \otimes \dots \otimes L(c_{n+4}, 0) \subset X^{[n]} \quad (\text{full})$$

where $c_i = 1 - 6/(i+2)(i+3)$ (unitary series).

Observation

The central charge of $X^{[n]}$ is $c_3 + c_4 + \cdots + c_{n+4} = \frac{(n+2)(5n+29)}{5(n+7)}$.

If $n = 23$: the central charge of $X^{[23]}$ is 24

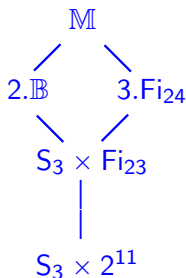
On the other hand, $S_3 \times \text{Fi}_{23} < \mathbb{M} \Rightarrow X^{[23]} \subset V^\natural$ [Conway-Miyamoto]

$$L(c_3, 0) \otimes \cdots \otimes L(c_{27}, 0) \subset X^{[23]} \subset V^\natural$$



finite extension

(cf. T.Creutzig @Dubrovnik 2017)



Construction of 2 + 23 involutions

$$F = [\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n]_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}\epsilon_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}\epsilon_n, \quad (\epsilon_i | \epsilon_j) = 2\delta_{ij} \quad (2\text{-frame}) \quad (n \equiv 8(16))$$

$$F^* = \frac{1}{2}F : \text{dual lattice of } F$$

$$\pi : F^* \rightarrow F^*/F \cong \mathbb{F}_2^n \supset C : \text{code} \rightsquigarrow L_A(C) := \pi^{-1}(C) : \text{lattice}$$

$$L_A(C) : \text{even, unimodular} \quad \text{iff} \quad C : \text{doubly-even, self-dual}$$

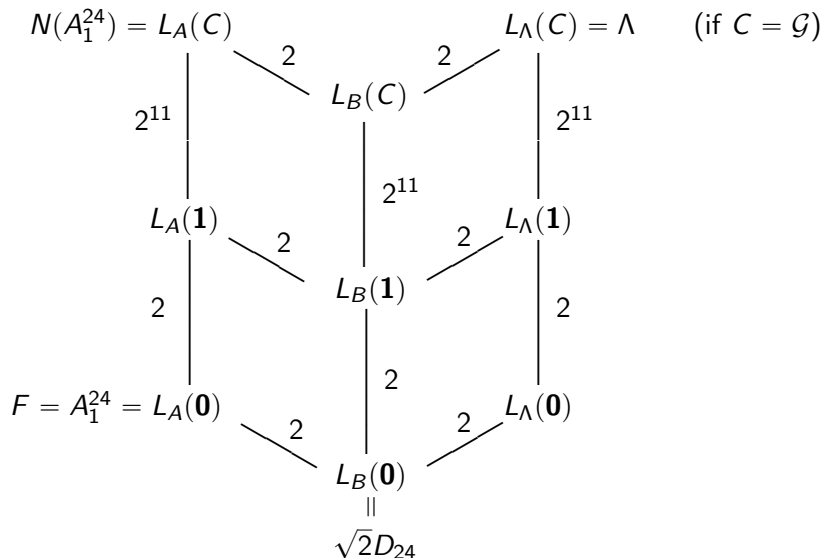
$$F^* \ni \mathbf{1} = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n) \longleftrightarrow (\overline{11} \dots \overline{1}) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \quad (\text{all-one vector})$$

$$\nu_C : L_A(C) \ni x \mapsto \overline{(x | \mathbf{1})} \in \mathbb{F}_2 \rightsquigarrow L_B(C) := \nu_C^{-1}(\overline{0}) : \text{sublattice}$$

$$L_{\Lambda}(C) := L_B(C) \sqcup \underbrace{(L_B(C) + \epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1})}_{=\nu_C^{-1}(\overline{1})}$$

$$n = 24, \quad C = \mathcal{G} < \mathbb{F}_2^{24} \Rightarrow L_A(\mathcal{G}) = N(A_1^{24}), \quad L_{\Lambda}(\mathcal{G}) = \Lambda_{24} = \Lambda$$

Construction of $2 + 23$ involutions



Construction of $2 + 23$ involutions

Set $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1} - \epsilon_1$, $\alpha_i = \epsilon_i - \epsilon_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq 23$), $\alpha_{24} = \epsilon_{23} + \epsilon_{24}$

$$[\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{23}]_{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \sqrt{2}A_{24}$$

$$L_B(\mathbf{0}) = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{24}]_{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \sqrt{2}D_{24}$$

$$L_B(\mathbf{1}) = [\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{24}, \mathbf{1}]_{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \sqrt{2}N(D_{24}) \text{ (totally even \& 2-elementary)}$$

$$L_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{1}) = L_B(\mathbf{1}) \sqcup (L_B(\mathbf{1}) + \alpha_0) = [\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_0 + \mathbf{1}]_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$w^{\pm}(\alpha_i) = \frac{1}{16}\alpha_{i(-1)}^2 \mathbb{1} \pm \frac{1}{4}(e^{\alpha_i} + e^{-\alpha_i}) \in V_{L_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{1})}^{+} : \text{Ising vector [DMZ]}$$

Set $a := w^{-}(\alpha_0)$, $x^i := w^{-}(\alpha_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq 23$)

Lemma 10

$(a | x^i) = (x^j | x^k) = 2^{-5}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 23$ and $1 \leq j < k \leq 23$.

Construction of $2 + 23$ involutions

Theorem 11 (Abe-Dong-Li'05, van Ekeren-Möller-Scheithauer'17)

V_L^+ has group-like fusion $\iff L : 2\text{-elementary}$ (i.e. $2L^* < L$)

In particular, $\mathcal{F}(V_{L_B(1)}^+)^{\circ} \cong 2^{26}$ and $\mathcal{F}(V_{L_{\Lambda}(1)}^+)^{\circ} \cong 2^{24}$

χ : trivial character of $L_B(1)/2L_B(1)$

$V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi}$: $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -twisted $V_{L_B(1)}$ -module affording χ

$$\tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)} = \underbrace{V_{L_B(1)}^+ \oplus V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^+}_{\subset V_{\Lambda}^+} \oplus \underbrace{V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi+} \oplus V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^{\chi+}}_{\subset V_{\Lambda}^{T+}} \subset V^{\natural}$$

where $V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^{\chi+} := V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^+ \boxtimes_{V_{L_B(1)}^+} V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi+}$.

Proposition 12 (FLM'88)

$\exists \rho \in \text{Aut}(V_{L_B(1)}^+)$ s.t. $\rho^2 = 1$ and $\rho : V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^+ \leftrightarrow V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi+}$

Construction of 2 + 23 involutions

Set $b := \rho a \in \tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(1)}$

Lemma 13

- (1) $(a | b) = 13/2^{10}$ and $\langle a, b \rangle : 3A\text{-alg.}$
- (2) $(b | x^i) = 2^{-5}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 23$.
- (3) $X^{[23]} = \langle a, b, x^1, \dots, x^{23} \rangle \subset \tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(1)} \subset V^{\natural}$

$$\tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(1)} = V_{L_B(1)}^+ \oplus V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^+ \oplus V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi^+} \oplus V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^{\chi^+}$$

The diagram illustrates the action of involutions τ_a and τ_b on the decomposition of $\tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(1)}$. The decomposition is given by the equation above. The first two summands, $V_{L_B(1)}^+$ and $V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^+$, are connected by a vertical line with a circular arrow labeled τ_b to its left. The last two summands, $V_{L_B(1)}^{\chi^+}$ and $V_{L_B(1)+\alpha_0}^{\chi^+}$, are connected by a vertical line with a circular arrow labeled τ_b to its right. A horizontal line with a circular arrow labeled τ_a connects the top of the third and fourth summands. Additionally, a circular arrow labeled τ_a is placed above the first summand, and another labeled τ_a is placed above the second summand.

Mathieu₂₃

$V^{\natural} \supset \tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)} : \mathcal{G}/\mathbf{1}$ -graded SCE where $\mathcal{G}/\mathbf{1} \cong 2^{11}$ as an abstract group

Proposition 14

Set $H := \langle \tau_{x^i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 23 \rangle$. Then $H \cong 2^{11}$ and $(V^{\natural})^H = \tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)}$.

Note that $\langle x^1, \dots, x^{23} \rangle \cong M_{A_{23}} \subset \tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)} = (V^{\natural})^H$ (cf. Cuipo's talk)

$\Rightarrow G = \langle \sigma_{x^i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 23 \rangle \cong W(A_{23}) = S_{24} \circlearrowright \tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)}$

Lemma 15 (Shimakura'06)

Let $g \in G = \langle \sigma_{x^i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 23 \rangle \cong S_{24}$.

Then $\exists \hat{g} \in \text{Aut}(V^{\natural}) = \mathbb{M}$ s.t. $\hat{g}|_{\tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)}} = g \iff g \in M_{23} = \text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}/\mathbf{1})$

Theorem 16 (Creutzig-Lam-Y.)

$\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{M}}(\tilde{V}_{L_{\Lambda}(1)}) \cong 2^{11}.M_{23} = (\mathcal{G}/\mathbf{1})^{\vee}.\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}/\mathbf{1})$

Main result

Theorem 17 (FLM'88, DGM'96, Creutzig-Lam-Y.)

$X^{[23]} \subset \tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(1)} \subset V : c = 24$ holomorphic VOA

$\iff V = \tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(C)}$ with C : doubly-even self-dual binary code of length 24

In particular, there exist 8 holomorphic conformal extensions of $X^{[23]}$.

C	$d_{10}e_7^2$	d_{24}	d_{12}^2	d_6^4	$e_8^3, d_{16}e_8$	d_8^3	d_4^6	$\mathcal{G}$
$L_\Lambda(C)$	$D_5^2 A_7^2$	D_{12}^2	D_6^4	A_3^8	D_8^3	D_4^6	A_1^{24}	Λ
$\tilde{V}_{L_\Lambda(C)}$	$D_{4,2}^2 B_{2,1}^4$	$D_{6,1}^4$	$A_{3,1}^8$	$A_{1,2}^{16}$	$D_{4,1}^6$	$A_{1,1}^{24}$	V_Λ	$V^\natural$
$\dim V_1$	96	264	120	48	168	72	24	0

Thank you!

