

On K -types of irreducible representations of $SU(2, 2)$

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$G = SU(2, 2)$

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$(\cdot)^*$ is conjugate transpose

$$I_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{su}(2, 2) = \{X \in \mathfrak{sl}(4, \mathbb{C}) \mid X^* I_{2,2} + I_{2,2} X = 0\}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_0 = \left[\begin{array}{cc} Y & Z \\ Z^* & T \end{array} \right], \quad Y, T \in \mathfrak{u}(2), \operatorname{tr} Y + \operatorname{tr} T = 0, \quad Z \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C})$$

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Simple roots: $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \beta + \gamma$



Compact roots: α, γ

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We need modified operators.

$$A_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$$

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Proposition

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Proof

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Similarly, $B_\beta.v$ is the highest weight vector. Also,

$$X_\alpha.(A_{\alpha+\beta}.v) = X_\alpha.((X_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\gamma + 1) + Y_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}).v) = (X_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\gamma + 1) + Y_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}).(X_\alpha.v) = 0.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} X_\gamma.(A_{\alpha+\beta}.v) &= X_\gamma.((X_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\gamma + 1) + Y_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}).v) = \\ &= (X_{\alpha+\beta} X_\gamma (H_\gamma + 1) - X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} (H_\gamma + 1) + (H_\gamma + Y_\gamma X_\gamma) X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}).v = 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $X_{\alpha+\beta} X_\gamma (H_\gamma + 1).v = 0$, $Y_\gamma X_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}.v = 0$ and

$$H_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} (H_\gamma + 1) \quad ([H_\gamma, X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}] = X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}).$$

The proof is not complete, but, it is clear how to finish it.

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} X_\gamma \cdot (B_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} \cdot v) &= \\ &= X_\gamma \cdot ((Y_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}(H_\alpha + 1)(H_\gamma + 1) + Y_\alpha Y_{\beta+\gamma}(H_\gamma + 1) - Y_\gamma Y_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\alpha + 1) - Y_\alpha Y_\gamma Y_\beta) \cdot v) = \\ &\quad (Y_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\alpha + 1)(H_\gamma + 1) + Y_\alpha Y_\beta(H_\gamma + 1) - H_\gamma Y_{\alpha+\beta}(H_\alpha + 1) - Y_\alpha H_\gamma Y_\beta) \cdot v = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Again, we used that

$$H_\gamma X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = X_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}(H_\gamma + 1).$$

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Operators $X_{\alpha+\beta}, \dots$ send the highest weight vector v to the highest weight of another K -type and "something" from the third K -type, and we want to "clean" that "something".

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Freudenthal's formula produces weights. Then computer calculates K -types.

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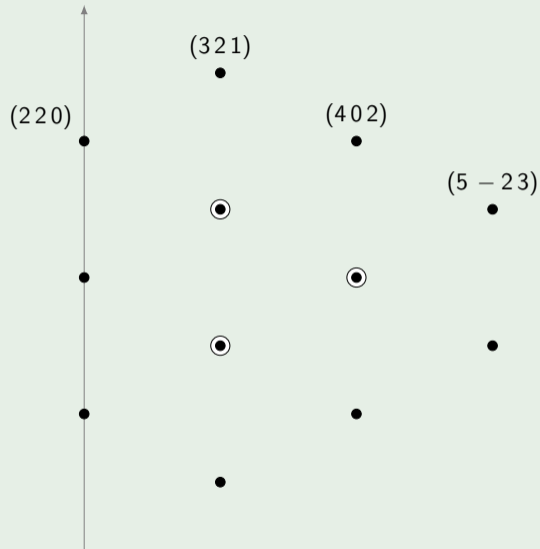
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Numbers in table denote number of K -types.

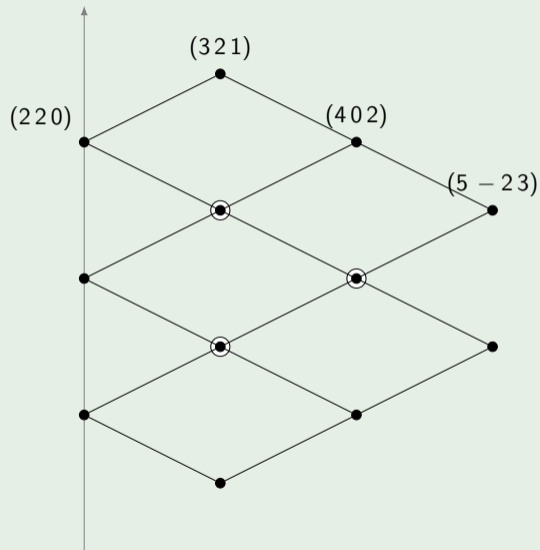
Rows and columns go from 0.

Bolded 3 means 3 K -types with the highest weight $(2, 0)$.

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Remark

Actually, $[X_\alpha, Q] = [X_\gamma, Q] = [X_\alpha, R] = [X_\gamma, R] = 0$.

Commutation relations

They satisfy

$$[A_\beta, R] = B_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}(1 - H_\beta), \quad [A_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}, R] = -B_\beta(H_\alpha + H_\beta + H_\gamma),$$

$$[B_\beta, Q] = A_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}(H_\beta - 1), \quad [B_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}, Q] = A_\beta(H_\alpha + H_\beta + H_\gamma),$$

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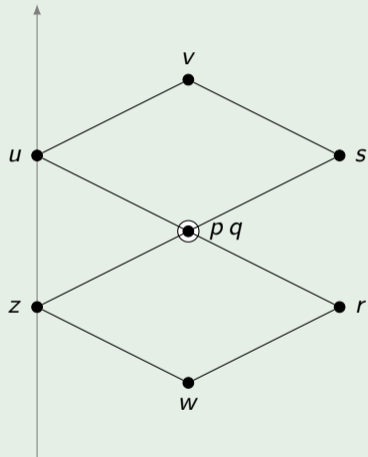
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- $z \rightarrow A_{\beta} \cdot w$
- $q \rightarrow A_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} \cdot z$
- $R \cdot v \rightarrow \frac{2}{5}p - \frac{3}{5}q$
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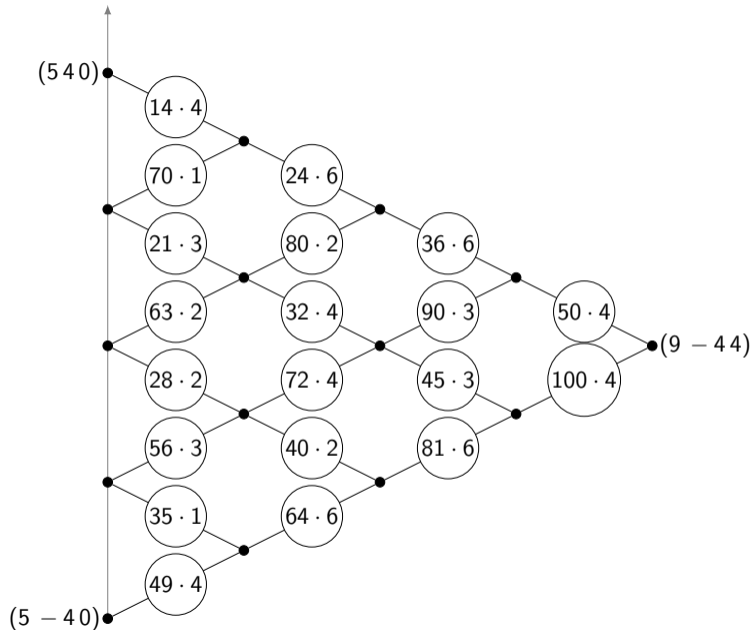
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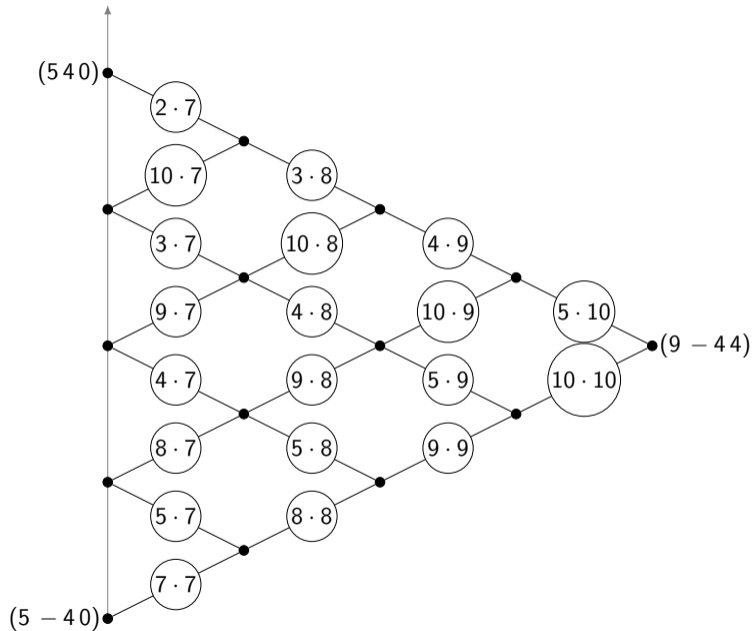
They are given in the following example.

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$m = 0$ ensures that all multiplicities are equal to 1.





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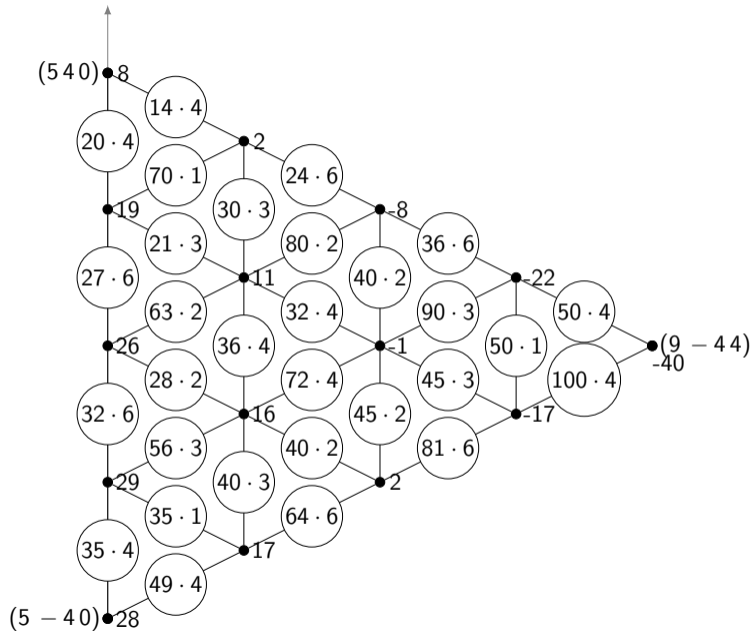
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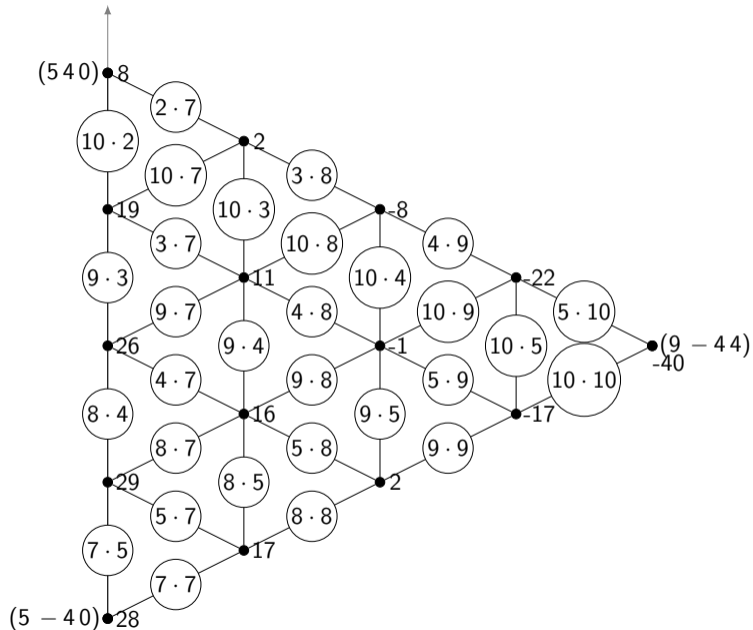
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In our example, $c = 355$.





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Thank you!