We identify SU(2) with the group of unit quaternions

$$\mathbb{H}_1 = \{ a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, \ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1 \},$$

via the homomorphism

$$\rho: \mathbb{H}_1 \longrightarrow \mathrm{SU}(2) \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}), \qquad \rho(a+bi+cj+dk) = \begin{pmatrix} a+bi & c+di \\ -c+di & a-bi \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular,

$$\rho(i) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

As unit quaternions,

$$T^* = \Big\{ \pm 1, \ \pm i, \ \pm j, \ \pm k, \ \tfrac{1}{2} \big(\pm 1 \pm i \pm j \pm k \big) \, \Big\}.$$

Matrix representatives are obtained via ρ . For example, generators can be chosen as

$$\rho(i) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(j) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho\left(\frac{1+i+j+k}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1+i \\ -1+i & 1-i \end{pmatrix}.$$

 O^* is generated by T^* together with the additional unit quaternions

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm 1 \pm i), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm 1 \pm j), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm 1 \pm k),$$

with all sign choices. Thus one generating set is

$$\rho(i), \ \rho(j), \ \rho\left(\frac{1+i+j+k}{2}\right), \ \rho\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}\right),$$

where

$$\rho\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 0\\ 0 & 1-i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ be the golden ratio and $\varphi' = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = -\varphi^{-1}$. Then I^* is generated by $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ together with the unit quaternions

$$\frac{1}{2}(\pm \varphi \pm i \pm j \pm k), \qquad \frac{1}{2}(\pm \varphi' \pm i \pm j \pm k),$$

with sign choices constrained so that the norm equals 1. A convenient generating pair is

$$\rho(i) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho\Big(\frac{\varphi+i+j+k}{2}\Big) = \tfrac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi+i & 1+i \\ -1+i & \varphi-i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $T^*, O^*, I^* \subset \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ be the binary tetrahedral, octahedral, and icosahedral groups. For the natural action on $\mathbb{C}[x,y]$, the invariant ring $\mathbb{C}[x,y]^G$ ($G \in \{T^*,O^*,I^*\}$) is a hypersurface: there exist homogeneous generators X,Y,Z (of suitable positive degrees) such that, after a linear rescaling of variables over \mathbb{C} , one has the weighted – homogeneous normal forms

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{E}_6 \ \ \textbf{(for} \ \ G = T^*\textbf{):} & \mathbb{C}[x,y]^{T^*} \ \simeq \ \mathbb{C}[X,Y,Z]\big/\big(X^2 + Y^3 + Z^4\big), \\ \mathbf{E}_7 \ \ \ \textbf{(for} \ \ G = O^*\textbf{):} & \mathbb{C}[x,y]^{O^*} \ \simeq \ \mathbb{C}[X,Y,Z]\big/\big(X^2 + Y^3 + YZ^3\big), \end{array}$$

E₈ (for
$$G = I^*$$
): $\mathbb{C}[x, y]^{I^*} \simeq \mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z]/(X^2 + Y^3 + Z^5).$

These define the Kleinian (Du Val, simple) surface singularities of types E_6, E_7, E_8 .

Weights. Each equation is weighted - homogeneous; a convenient choice of weights is

$$\begin{array}{lll} E_6: & 2\,w_X = 3\,w_Y = 4\,w_Z = 12 & \Rightarrow & (w_X,w_Y,w_Z) = (6,4,3), \\ E_7: & 2\,w_X = 3\,w_Y = w_Y + 3\,w_Z = 18 & \Rightarrow & (w_X,w_Y,w_Z) = (9,6,4), \\ E_8: & 2\,w_X = 3\,w_Y = 5\,w_Z = 30 & \Rightarrow & (w_X,w_Y,w_Z) = (15,10,6). \end{array}$$

Remark. Explicit Klein invariants (X, Y, Z) for T^*, O^*, I^* can be written down (classically via binary forms), but any such choice differs only by an invertible linear change and scalar rescaling; the resulting hypersurface is always one of the three normal forms displayed above.