# Special unipotent representations of real classical groups and theta correspondence

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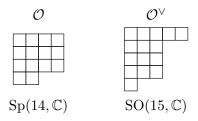
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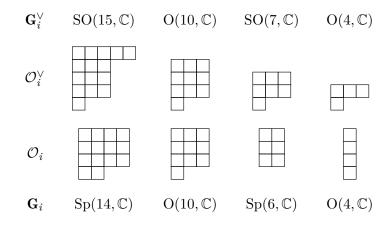
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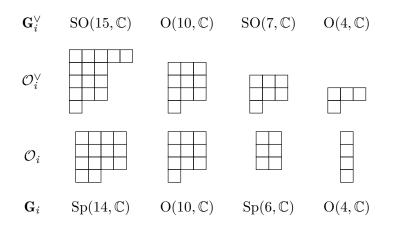
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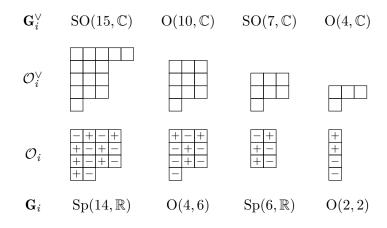
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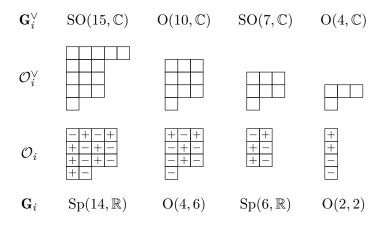
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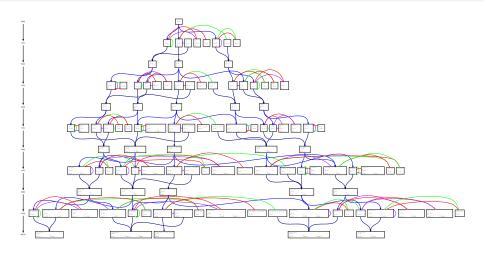
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**Question:** How to describe  $\pi_{\psi,n}$  explicitly?

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