

# Unipotent representations and theta correspondence

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- Classification of conjugation classes in  $G$ :

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Preserve cuspidality.

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Let  $q$  be an odd prime power.

Unipotent cuspidal representations (for classical groups) exist only in the following cases:

- $U_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  has one  $\pi_k$ , when  $n = k(k+1)/2$ ;
- $Sp_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  has one  $\pi_k^{\text{Sp}}$ , when  $n = k(k+1)$
- $O_{2n}^\epsilon(\mathbb{F}_q)$  has two  $\pi_{k,a/b}^\epsilon$ , when  $n = k^2$  and  $\epsilon = (-1)^k$ .
- $O_{2n+1}^\epsilon(\mathbb{F}_q)$  has two  $\pi_{k,a/b}^o$ , when  $n = k(k+1)$ .

By Adams-Moy, all the unipotent cuspidal representations can be constructed by theta lifting.

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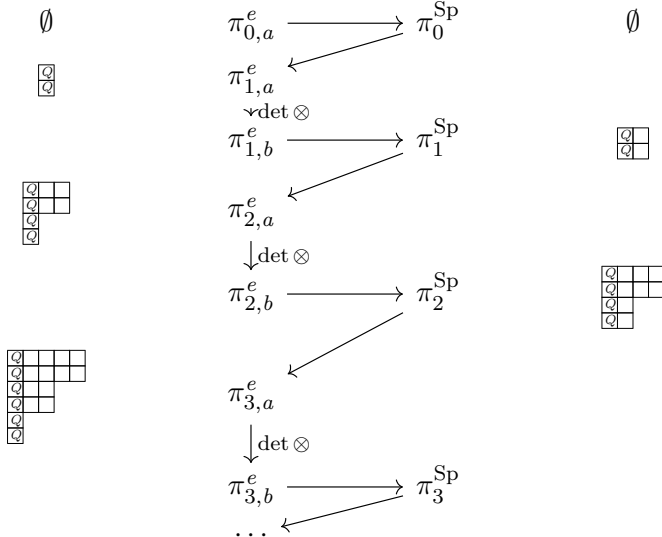
- The rational nilpotent orbits are parameterized by formed Yong-diagram :

$$[(Q_1, r_1), (Q_2, r_2), \dots, (Q_l, r_l)]$$

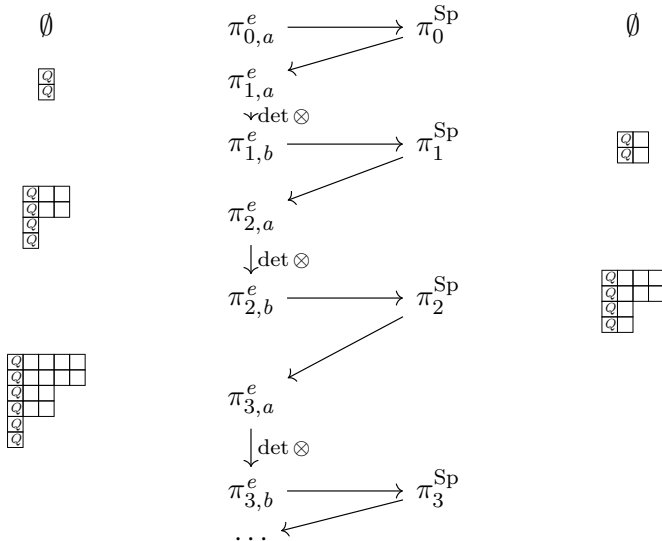
such that

- $Q_i \in \text{Quad}(k)$ ,
- $r_1 > r_2 > \dots > r_l > 0$
- and  $Q_i$  is split if  $r_i$  is even for orthogonal group  
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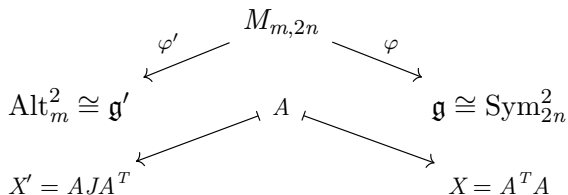
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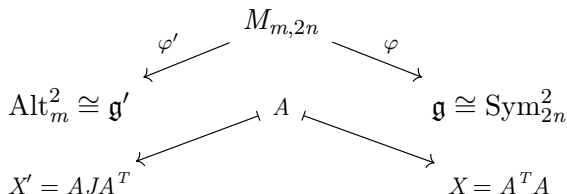
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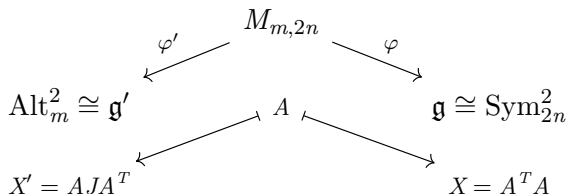


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**Theorem (Gomez-Zhu)** Theta lift of generalized Whittaker models

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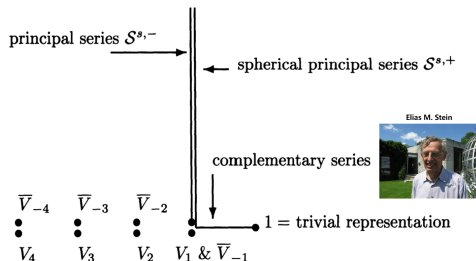
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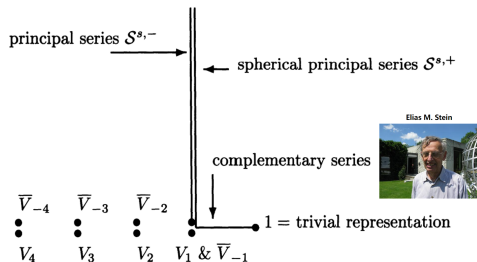


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All *special unipotent repn.* of  $G$  are *unitarizable*.

The Arthur parameter of these representations are determined by recent work of Sun-Xu.

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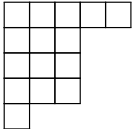
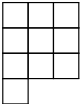


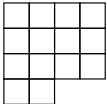
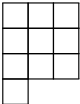


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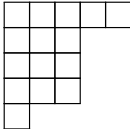
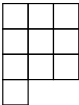


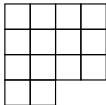
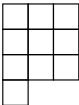


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## Example 2: Coincidences of theta liftings

Lift to  $G = \mathrm{Sp}(6, \mathbb{R})$  from real forms of  $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{O}(4, \mathbb{C})$ .

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Here

- $n \in \mathfrak{g}^\vee$  such that  $[\check{h}, n] = 2n$ ;
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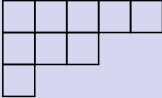
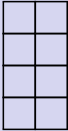

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Example 4:  $\check{\mathcal{O}} =$    $d_{BV}(\check{\mathcal{O}}) =$  

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$$\left\{ \pi_1, \pi_{sc}, \tau^t \right\}.$$



**Thank you for your attention!**