■ VI.2 Roots and Weights for Orthogonal, Unitary, and Symplectic Algebras

Setting the stage with SU[2] and SU[3]

Rank and the maximal number of mutually commuting generators

Onward to the orthogonals: Our friend the square appears

Review of SU[3]

Positive and simple roots

Onward to the orthogonals: Our friend the square appears

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PR["Pedagogically do SO[4] first. ",
 NL, $ = {{N(N-1)/2}[CG["generators"]],
    {T[J, "dd", {1, 2}], T[J, "dd", {2, 3}]}[
      CR["maximal subset of mutually commuting generators"]],
    $ = e[4] = {T[H, "u", {1}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[{1, -1, 0, 0}], }
         \texttt{T[H, "u", \{2\}]} \rightarrow \texttt{DiagonalMatrix[\{0, 0, 1, -1\}]\};}
    ($ // MatrixForms)[CG["diagonalize"]],
    $ = e[5] = Table[T[w, "u", {i}] \rightarrow
           ((DeleteCases[#[[2, i]], 0] /. {} \rightarrow {0}) & /@ e[4] // Flatten ), {i, 4}];
    {$}[CG["Weights e[5]"]],
    CG["● Root vectors "],
    CG["Choose shortest distances pairs"],
    s = Sort / (Permutations[{1, 2, 3, 4}, {2}] // DeleteDuplicates;
    = (\# -> T[w, "u", {\#[[1]]}] - T[w, "u", {\#[[2]]}]) \& /@ $s /. e[5];
    $ = #[[1]] -> #[[2]].#[[2]] & /@ $;
    $smallest = #[[2]] & /@ $ // Sort // First;
    $ = Select[$, #[[2]] === $smallest &];
    CG["Root vectors "],
    = T[w, u', \#[[1, 1]]] - T[w, u', \#[[1, 2]]] & /@ ;
    \$ = Table[T[\alpha, "u", \{i\}] \rightarrow \$[[i]], \{i, 4\}];
    e[6] = \$ = \$ /. e[5]; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] \&)[\$][CG["e[6]"]],
    \{ \texttt{T[e, "u", \{1\}]} \rightarrow \{ \texttt{1, 0} \} \text{, } \texttt{T[e, "u", \{2\}]} \rightarrow \{ \texttt{0, 1} \}
      [CG["Cartisian basis which <math>\alpha s are composed"]]
   }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
]
  Pedagogically do SO[4] first.
   \left\{\frac{1}{2}(-1+N)\right\} [generators]
   \{J_{12}, J_{23}\} [maximal subset of mutually commuting generators]
                                  0 0 0 0
   \{\,H^1\rightarrow\,(\begin{array}{cccc}0&-1&0&0\\0&0&0&0\end{array})\,\text{, }H^2\rightarrow\,(\begin{array}{ccccc}0&0&0&0\\0&0&1&0\end{array})\,\}\,\text{[diagonalize]}
           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
    \{ \{w^1 \to \{1\text{, 0}\}\text{, } w^2 \to \{\text{-1, 0}\}\text{, } w^3 \to \{\text{0, 1}\}\text{, } w^4 \to \{\text{0, -1}\}\} \} \text{[Weights e[5]]} 
   Root vectors
   Choose shortest distances pairs
   Root vectors
   \alpha^1 \to \{1, -1\}
    lpha^2 
ightarrow \{1, 1\}
    \alpha^3 \rightarrow \{-1, -1\}
    \alpha^4 	o \{-1, 1\}
   \{e^1 \rightarrow \{1, 0\}, e^2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\} [Cartisian basis which \alphas are composed]
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SO[5] and a vew feature about roots

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PR["SO[5]",
 \mathtt{NL,\ \$ = \{\$ = e[9] = \{T[H,\ "u",\ \{1\}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[\{1,\ -1,\ 0,\ 0,\ 0\}],\ }
        T[H, "u", \{2\}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[\{0, 0, 1, -1, 0\}]\};
    {$ // MatrixForms}[CG["maximal subset of mutually commuting generators,
          there are no others"]],
    e[9.1] = \$ = Table[T[w, "u", {i}] \rightarrow
          ((DeleteCases[#[[2, i]], 0] /. {} \rightarrow {0}) & /@ e[9] // Flatten ), {i, 5}];
    {$}[CG["Weights e[9.1]"]],
    CG["● Root vectors "],
    CG["Choose shortest distances pairs"],
    s = Sort / (Permutations[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {2}] // DeleteDuplicates;
    $ = #[[1]] -> #[[2]].#[[2]] & /@$;
    $smallest = #[[2]] & /@ $ // Sort // First;
    $ = Select[$, #[[2]] === $smallest &];
    CG["Additional Root vectors to e[6] (short roots) "],
    S = T[w, u', {\#[[1, 1]]}] - T[w, u', {\#[[1, 2]]}] & /@ ;
    \$ = Table[T[\alpha, "u", \{i+4\}] \rightarrow \$[[i]], \{i, Length[\$]\}];
    e[10] = \$ = \$ /. e[9.1]; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] \&)[\$][CG["e[10]"]],
    CG["Same Cartesian basis as SO[4]",
     \alpha \in \{ pm[T[e, "u", \{1\}]] + pm[T[e, "u", \{2\}]], pm[T[e, "u", \{1\}]], pm[T[e, "u", \{2\}]] \}
   }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
]
  SO[5]
           1 0 0 0 0
                                  0 0 0 0 0
           0 -1 0 0 0
                                  0 0 0 0 0
   \{\{H^1 \rightarrow ( \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ ), H^2 \rightarrow ( \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 )\}\}[
           0 0 0 0 0
                                  0 0 0 -1 0
           0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0
                                  0 0 0 0 0
   maximal subset of mutually commuting generators, there are no others ]
   \{\{w^1 \rightarrow \{1, 0\}, w^2 \rightarrow \{-1, 0\}, w^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}, w^4 \rightarrow \{0, -1\}, w^5 \rightarrow \{0, 0\}\}\} [Weights e[9.1]]
   Root vectors
   Choose shortest distances pairs
   Additional Root vectors to e[6] (short roots)
   \alpha^{5} \rightarrow \{1, 0\}
   \alpha^6 \to \{-1, 0\} [e[10]]
   lpha^7 
ightarrow \{	exttt{0, 1}\}
   \alpha^{8} \to \{0, -1\}
   Same Cartesian basis as SO[4]
   \alpha \subset \{\pm[e^1] + \pm[e^2], \pm[e^1], \pm[e^2]\}
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SO[6]

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PR["SO[6]",
 NL, $ = {$ = e[14] = {T[H, "u", {1}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[{1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0}], }
        T[H, "u", \{2\}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[\{0, 0, 1, -1, 0, 0\}],
        T[H, "u", {3}] \rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[{0, 0, 0, 0, 1, -1}]};
    {$ // MatrixForms}[
     CR["maximal subset of mutually commuting generators, there are no others"]],
    e[15] = $ = Table[T[w, "u", {i}] \rightarrow
          ((DeleteCases[#[[2, i]], 0] /. {} \rightarrow {0}) & /@ e[14] // Flatten), {i, 6}];
    {$}[CG["Weights e[15]"]],
    CG["● Root vectors "],
    CG["Choose shortest distances pairs"],
    s = Sort / (Permutations[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, {2}] // DeleteDuplicates;
    = (\# -> T[w, "u", {\#[[1]]}] - T[w, "u", {\#[[2]]}]) & /@ s /. e[15];
    $ = #[[1]] -> #[[2]].#[[2]] & /@ $;
    $smallest = #[[2]] & /@ $ // Sort // First;
    $ = Select[$, #[[2]] === $smallest &];
    CG["Root vectors grouped by position of 0"],
    = T[w, u', {\#[[1, 1]]}] - T[w, u', {\#[[1, 2]]}] & /@ ;
    \$ = Table[T[\alpha, "u", \{i\}] \rightarrow \$[[i]], \{i, Length[\$]\}];
    e[15.1] = \$ = \$ / . e[15]; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[\$][CG["e[15.1]"]];
    {Select[$, #[[2, 1]] == 0 &], Select[$, #[[2, 2]] == 0 &], Select[$, #[[2, 3]] == 0 &]},
     \{ pm[T[e, "u", \{1\}]] + pm[T[e, "u", \{2\}]], pm[T[e, "u", \{2\}]] + pm[T[e, "u", \{3\}]], \\ 
       pm[T[e, "u", {2}]] + pm[T[e, "u", {3}]]] [CG["Cartesian roots "]],
    \{\{1, -1, 0\}, \{0, 1, -1\}, \{0, 1, 1\}\}[
     CG["simple roots, can get all roots from linear combination of these"]]
   }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
]
  SO[6]
           1 0 0 0 0 0
                                    0 0 0 0 0 0
                                                              0 0 0 0 0 0
           0 - 1 0 0 0 0
                                     0 0 0 0 0 0
                                                               0 0 0 0 0 0
           0 0 0 0 0 0
                                     0 0 1 0 0 0
                                                              0 0 0 0 0
  0 0 0 0 0
                                    0 0 0 0 0 0
                                                               0 0 0 0 1 0
           0 0 0 0 0
                                     0 0 0 0 0 0
                                                               0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1
    maximal subset of mutually commuting generators, there are no others ]
   \{\{w^1 \rightarrow \{1,~0,~0\},~w^2 \rightarrow \{-1,~0,~0\},~w^3 \rightarrow \{0,~1,~0\},~w^4 \rightarrow \{0,~-1,~0\},~w^5 \rightarrow \{0,~0,~1\},~w^6 \rightarrow \{0,~0,~-1\}\}\}[
    Weights e[15]]
  Root vectors
   Choose shortest distances pairs
   Root vectors grouped by position of 0
   | \{ \alpha^9 \rightarrow \{ 0, 1, -1 \}, \alpha^{10} \rightarrow \{ 0, 1, 1 \}, \alpha^{11} \rightarrow \{ 0, -1, -1 \}, \alpha^{12} \rightarrow \{ 0, -1, 1 \} \}
   \{\alpha^3 \rightarrow \{1, 0, -1\}, \alpha^4 \rightarrow \{1, 0, 1\}, \alpha^7 \rightarrow \{-1, 0, -1\}, \alpha^8 \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}\}
   \{\alpha^1 \rightarrow \{1, -1, 0\}, \alpha^2 \rightarrow \{1, 1, 0\}, \alpha^5 \rightarrow \{-1, -1, 0\}, \alpha^6 \rightarrow \{-1, 1, 0\}\}
   \{\pm[e^1] + \pm[e^2], \pm[e^2] + \pm[e^3], \pm[e^2] + \pm[e^3]\} [Cartesian roots ]
   \{\{1, -1, 0\}, \{0, 1, -1\}, \{0, 1, 1\}\} [simple roots, can get all roots from linear combination of these]
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SO[2] versus SO[2]+1

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PR["For SO[21]", soN = 2il;
   NL, \$ = \{e[19] = \{T[H, "u", \{i_? \# \le soN / 2 \&\}] :>
                        \texttt{SparseArray[\{\{2\ \textit{i}-1\}\rightarrow 1,\ \{2\ \textit{i}\}\rightarrow -1,\ \{\texttt{soN}\ /\ 2\}\rightarrow 0\}],\ \textbf{i}\leq \texttt{soN}\ /\ 2\},}
            \{e[20] = \{T[w, "u", \{i\}] :> SparseArray[\{i\} \rightarrow -1^{i-1}], i \le soN, \}
                           T[w, "u", \{i \}] \in dim[soN/2]\}\}[CG["weights"]],
            pm[T[e, u', \{i\}]] + pm[T[e, u', \{j\}]], i < j\}[CG[Roots]],
            {T[e, "u", {i-1}] - T[e, "u", {i}],}
                   T[e, "u", {il-1}] + T[e, "u", {il}] \} [CG["simple roots"]]
        }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
]
     For SO[21]
       \mid \text{H}^{\underbrace{i_{-}?\#1\leq\frac{\text{soN}}{2}}\&} \Rightarrow \text{SparseArray}[\,\{\{2\;i\,-\,1\}\rightarrow 1\,,\,\,\{2\;i\}\rightarrow -1\,,\,\,\{\frac{\text{soN}}{2}\}\rightarrow 0\,\}\,]
        \{\,\{w^{\overset{1}{\dots}} : \rightarrow \texttt{SparseArray}[\,\{i\} \rightarrow -1^{\overset{1}{\dots}1}\,]\,,\,\,i \leq 2\,\,1,\,\,w^{\overset{1}{\dots}} \in \texttt{dim}[\,1]\,\}\,\}\,[\,\text{weights}\,] 
        \{\pm[e^{i}] + \pm[e^{j}], i < j\}[Roots]
       \{e^{-1+i} - e^i, e^{-1+l} + e^l\} [simple roots]
PR["For SO[21+1]", soN1 = 2il + 1;
   NL, \$ = \{ \{T[H, "u", \{i ? \# \le (soN + 1) / 2 \& \} \} : > \}
                   {\tt SparseArray[\{\{2\ \it{i}-1\}\to 1,\ \{2\ \it{i}\}\to -1,\ \{(soN1+1)\ \it{/}\ 2\}\to 0\}],\ i\le (soN1-1)\ \it{/}\ 2\},}
            \{\{T[w, "u", \{i_{-}\}] : \exists f[i \le soN1 - 1, SparseArray[\{i\} \rightarrow -1^{i-1}], 0], \}\}
                       T[w, "u", \{i_{}\}] \in dim[(soN1+1)/2]\}\}[CG["weights"]],
            pm[T[e, "u", \{i\}]] + pm[T[e, "u", \{j\}]], i < j\}[CG["Roots"]],
            \{T[e, "u", \{i-1\}] - T[e, "u", \{i\}],
                   T[e, "u", {il-1}] + T[e, "u", {il}]] [CG["simple roots"]]
        }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
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     For SO[21+1]
         \left| \begin{array}{l} i_-?\#1 \leq \frac{soN+1}{2} \& \\ \text{$H$} \end{array} \right| : \Rightarrow \text{SparseArray} \left[ \left. \left\{ \text{2 i - 1} \right\} \to \text{1, } \left\{ \text{2 i} \right\} \to \text{-1, } \left\{ \frac{soN1+1}{2} \right\} \to 0 \right\} \right] 
       \{\{w^{\overset{1}{i}} : \Rightarrow \texttt{If[i \leq soN1-1, SparseArray[\{i\} \rightarrow -1^{\overset{i}{i}-1}], 0], } \ w^{\overset{1}{i}} \in \texttt{dim[\frac{1}{2}(2+21)]}\}\} [\texttt{weights]} \} = \{(a,b) : (a,b) 
        \{\pm[e^{i}] + \pm[e^{j}], i < j\}[Roots]
        \{e^{-1+i} - e^{i}, e^{-1+l} + e^{l}\} [simple roots]
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The roots of SU[N]

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"SU[N] ",
 NL, $ = {
    \{e[25] = T[H, "u", \{i_{i}\}] \Rightarrow DiagonalMatrix[($ = If[i < suN - 2, Flatten[])] \}
                      {Table[1, \{ii, i\}], -i, Table[0, \{ii, i+2, suN\}]\}] / Sqrt[i(i+1)],}
                   If [i === suN - 2, Flatten[{Table[1, {ii, i}], -i, {0}}] / Sqrt[i(i-1)],
                    If i === suN - 1,
                      Flatten[{Table[1, \{ii, i\}], -i\}] / Sqrt[i(i+1)]]
                   ]
                 ]) / \sqrt{(\$.\$)} ]}[CG["N-1 traceless commuting N×N matrices"]],
    {CG["Example suN=", suN = 6],
      $ = T[H, "u", {5}],
      yield, $ /. e[25]},
    CG["N-weights wi are columns of H."],
    \{T[w, "u", \{m\}] - T[w, "u", \{n\}], \{m, n\} \in \{1, ..., N\}, T[H, "u", \{i\}]\}[CG["roots"]]\}
   }; (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$]
]
  SU[N]
    \{H^{i_{-}}:\rightarrow Diagonal Matrix[ \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\$.\$}}(\$=If[i< suN-2,
              Flatten[{Table[1,{ii,i}],-i,Table[0,{ii,i+2,suN}]}], If[i === suN - 2, Flatten[{Table[1,{ii,i}],-i,{0}}]
               If[i === suN - 1, \frac{Flatten[\{Table[1,\{ii,i\}],-i\}]}{\sqrt{i\;(i+1)}}]]]]]][N-1 \; traceless \; commuting \; N \times N \; matrices]
     Example suN=
     \{\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, 0, 0, 0\},
     \{0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}\}\}
    N-weights wi are columns of H.
    \{w^m - w^n, \{m, n\} \in \{1, ..., N\}, H^i\}[roots]
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From line segment to equilateral triangle to tetrahedron and so on

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PR["Example for SU[4] ", suN = 4;
 NL, $ = Table[T[H, "u", {i}], {i, 3}];
 \ = \ Thread[\$ \rightarrow (\$h = \$ /. e[25])]; \$ // MatrixForms,
 NL, "Weights",
 e[28] = $ = Table[T[w, "u", {j}], {j, 4}] -> Table[$h[[i, j, j]], {j, 4}, {i, 3}] // Thread;
 (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$],
 NL, "Roots",
 = Table[{T[w, "u", {i}] - T[w, "u", {j}]}, {j, 2, 4}, {i, j-1}] //
     Flatten[#, 1] & // Sort;
 e[29] = \$ = \$ \rightarrow (\$ /. e[28] // Simplify // Flatten[#, 1] &) // Thread;
 (ColumnForms[#1, 2] &)[$],
 NL, CO["Is there an obvious choice of simple roots? Examine Dot[]'s "],
 $ = Permutations[e[29], {2}];
 $ = tuRuleTimes /@ $ // DeleteDuplicates;
 $ = MapAt[Apply[Plus, #] &, #, 2] & /@ $;
 $ = Sort[$, #1[[2]] < #2[[2]] &]; $ // Column
]
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