

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

- $\text{Rep}_{\text{fd}}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  is a semisimple category
- $\text{Irred}_{\text{fd}}(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2 \hookrightarrow V_{\text{f.d.}} \rightsquigarrow s \in GL(V)$$

$$s = \exp(e)\exp(-f)\exp(e)$$

$$\text{eg } V = \mathbb{C}^2; \quad s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } k \in \mathbb{Z}; \quad s: V[k] \xrightarrow{\sim} V[-k]. \quad - (*)$$

Proof of (\*)

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2 \hookrightarrow V, \quad v \in V, \quad h \cdot v = k v$$

$$(T.S.) \quad h \cdot (s(v)) = -k s(v)$$

$$\text{equivalently, } \boxed{s \cdot h \cdot s^{-1} = -h}$$

$$\boxed{\exp(a) \cdot b \cdot \exp(-a) = \exp(\text{ad}(a)) \cdot b}$$

$$\left(1 + a + \frac{a^2}{2!} + \dots\right) b \left(1 - a + \frac{a^2}{2} - \dots\right) = b + [a, b] + \dots$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Ad}(A) \cdot X = AXA^{-1} \\ \text{Ad}(\exp(a)) \cdot b = \exp(\text{ad}(a)) \cdot b \end{cases}$$

$$shs^{-1} = \exp(\text{ad}(e)) \exp(-\text{ad}(f)) \underbrace{\exp(\text{ad}(e)) \cdot h}_{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ h + [e, h] + \frac{[e, [e, h]]}{2} + \dots \\ \parallel \\ h - 2e \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \text{all } 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(-\text{ad}(f)) \cdot (h - 2e) \\ &= h - [f, h] + \underbrace{\dots}_{\swarrow \text{all } 0} \\ & \quad - 2 \left( e - [f, e] + \frac{[f, [f, e]]}{2!} - \frac{(\text{ad } f)^3 e}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &= h - 2f - 2(e + h - f) \\ &= -h - 2e \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(\text{ad}(e)) \cdot (-h - 2e) \\ &= -(h - 2e) - 2e = -h \end{aligned}$$

□

eg  $V = \mathfrak{sl}_2 \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{sl}_2$       $s: \begin{cases} e \mapsto -f \\ f \mapsto -e \\ h \mapsto -h \end{cases}$

Trick to compute  $s \in L_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ )

$$s|_{\mathbb{C}^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s|_{V_1 \otimes V_2} = s|_{V_1} \otimes s|_{V_2}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow s \in \underbrace{\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2}_{n\text{-fold}} \leftarrow 2^n\text{-dim} \quad \uparrow \text{ basis given by } \underline{a} = a_1 \dots a_n, \text{ each } a_i = \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow.$$

$$S: \begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \mapsto & \downarrow \\ \downarrow & \mapsto & \uparrow \end{array} \quad \text{comp. wise}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V[n-2k] & \xrightarrow{(-1)^{n-k} \uparrow \leftrightarrow \downarrow} & V[-n+2k] \\ \uparrow & & \\ \text{basis } \underline{a} \mid \# \{j \mid a_j = \downarrow\} = k & , & \binom{n}{k}\text{-dim} \end{array}$$

$$L_n = \text{subrepn gen by } \uparrow \uparrow \dots \uparrow \in (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow s(v_j) = (-1)^{n-j} v_{n-j} \quad 0 \leq j \leq n.$$

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Defn Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a lie algebra.

An ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  is a subspace s.t.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathfrak{g} \\ a \in \mathfrak{a} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow [x, a] \in \mathfrak{a}$$

We say  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple if  $(0)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  are the only ideals.

Convention: 1-dim'l lie alg is not considered simple.

C. Chevalley (1948) - Sur la Classification des algèbres de Lie et de leur représentation.

Kac - int. dim'l lie algebras Ch 1.

$R$ : root system (irreducible)  $\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{g}$  simple lie alg.

$$\bullet \mathfrak{h} = E \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha} = 1 \quad \alpha \quad \alpha \quad \alpha \quad \alpha \quad \alpha$$

$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  = Lie algebra generated by  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\{e_i, f_i\}_{i \in I}$

- Rel<sup>n</sup>s:
- $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian ( $[h_1, h_2] = 0 \quad \forall h_1, h_2 \in \mathfrak{g}$ ).
  - $[h, e_i] = \alpha_i(h)e_i$   
 $[h, f_i] = -\alpha_i(h)f_i \quad \forall i \in I, h \in \mathfrak{g}$
  - $[e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} h_i$  where  $h_i = \alpha_i^\vee$ .

Properties Triangular decomposition.

$$(1) \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}_- \oplus \mathfrak{g} \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}_+ \quad (\text{as vector spaces})$$

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 gen by  $f_i$  gen by  $e_i$

$$\text{Let } Q_+ = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i \subseteq \mathfrak{g}^*$$

Define  $\forall \gamma \in \mathfrak{g}^*$

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_\gamma = \{x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \mid [h, x] = \gamma(h)x \quad \forall h \in \mathfrak{g}\}$$

Then

$$(2) \quad \tilde{n}_{\pm} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q_+ \setminus \{0\}} \tilde{g}_{\pm\alpha}, \quad \dim \tilde{g}_{\alpha} < \infty$$

(3) we have an involution  $\tilde{\omega}: \begin{aligned} e_i &\longmapsto -f_i \\ f_i &\longmapsto -e_i \\ h &\longmapsto -h \end{aligned}$

(4)  $\tilde{n}_{\pm}$  are freely generated by  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}, \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$

Prop if  $\mathfrak{o} \subsetneq \mathfrak{g}$  is a proper ideal, then  $\mathfrak{o} \cap \mathfrak{h} = (0)$ .

(hence  $\exists!$  maximal proper ideal  $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}} \subsetneq \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ )

Then  $\mathfrak{g} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}/\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}$  is a simple Lie alg.

pf if  $h \in \mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{o}$ , pick  $i \in I$  s.t.  $\alpha_i(h) \neq 0$ .  
 $h \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow [h, e_i] = \alpha_i(h)e_i.$$

$$\Rightarrow e_i, h_i, f_i \in \mathfrak{o}$$

$$\Rightarrow e_j, f_j, h_j \in \mathfrak{o} \text{ for } j \in I \text{ s.t. } a_{ij} \neq 0.$$

Keep going, since  $R$  is irreducible the Dynkin

diagram is connected, so  $\{e_i, f_i, h_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathfrak{o} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{o} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}. \quad \square$

Theorem For  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in I$ , let

$$\Theta_{ij}^+ = (\text{ad}(e_i))^{1-a_{ij}} \cdot e_j$$

$$\Theta_{ij}^- = (\text{ad}(f_i))^{1-a_{ij}} f_j$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{r} = \langle \Theta_{ij}^\pm \rangle_{\substack{i, j \in I \\ i \neq j}}$$

This gives rel's that could have been used to define  $g$ .

(the last few corresponding to  $\Theta_{ij}^\pm = 0$  are Serre rel's).

$\mathfrak{g} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} / \tilde{r}$  is automatically simple.

Idea for pf of Theorem:

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}_+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}_-$$

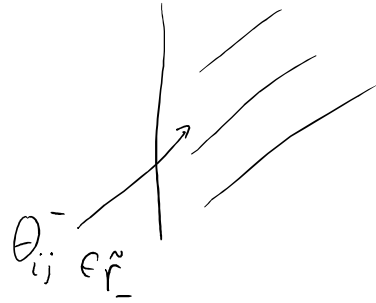
$\uparrow$   
 $\tilde{r}$

$$\tilde{r}_+ = \tilde{r} \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}_+$$

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$\tilde{r}_-$   
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$$\tilde{r} = \bigcap_{i \in I} \tilde{r}_i \cap \hat{n}$$



Step 1  $\theta_{ij}^{\pm} \in \tilde{r}$

$$\theta_{ij}^- = (\text{ad } f_i)^{-a_{ij}} f_j$$

Claim  $[e_k, \theta_{ij}^-] \forall k \in I.$

$k=i$  :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{sl}_2 \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \\ \uparrow \text{ad} \\ \{e_i, f_i, h_i\} \end{array}$$

$$[e_i, f_j] = 0$$

$$[h_i, f_j] = -a_{ij} f_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ad}(e_i) \cdot ((\text{ad } f_i)^{-a_{ij}} f_j) = 0$$

by  $\text{sl}_2$ -repn theory.