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① Problem 1, p. 234 Goodman-Wallach.

Put $G = SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ and $F^{(2)} = \{f(x, y) = a_0 x^2 + 2a_1 xy + a_2 y^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{C}\}$.

The unique irreducible representation of G on $F^{(2)}$ is given in the proof of Proposition

2.3.5, p. 86, namely

$$(g \cdot f)(x, y) = f(ax+cy, bx+dy)$$

for $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in G$ and $f \in F^{(2)}$. We identify $P(F^{(2)})$ with $\mathbb{C}[a_0, a_1, a_2]$.

(a) Consider $D \in P(F^{(2)})$, $D(f) = a_1^2 - a_0 a_2$. We'll show that D is G -invariant, i.e. $D(g \cdot f) = D(f)$ for all $g \in G$. For $f(x, y) = a_0 x^2 + 2a_1 xy + a_2 y^2$, we can

write $f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_0 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

Denote $\mu(f) = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$. For $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g \cdot f)(x, y) &= f(ax+cy, bx+dy) = \begin{pmatrix} ax+cy & bx+dy \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ax+cy \\ bx+dy \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} g \mu(f) g^t \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\mu(g \cdot f) = g \mu(f) g^t$. We have $D(f) = a_1^2 - a_0 a_2 = -\det(\mu(f))$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } D(g \cdot f) &= -\det(\mu(g \cdot f)) = -\det(g \mu(f) g^t) \\ &= \underbrace{-\det(g)}_1 \det(\mu(f)) \underbrace{\det(g^t)}_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= -\det(\mu(f)) = D(f).$$

(b) Denote by $P^k(F^{(2)})$ the space of polynomials that are homogeneous with order k on $F^{(2)}$. First, we show that the representation $P^k(F^{(2)})$ has the decomposition

$$P^k(F^{(2)}) \simeq F^{(2k)} \oplus F^{(2k-4)} \oplus F^{(2k-8)} \oplus \dots$$

To do so, we will compute and compare the characters of both sides. The space $P^k(F^{(2)})$ is isomorphic to $S^k(F^{(2)})$ as representations of G according to the proof of Theorem 4.1.20, page 189. Thus,

$$\text{ch } P^k(F^{(2)})(d(q)) = \begin{bmatrix} k+2 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\},$$

where $d(q) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \in G$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} k+2 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q &= \frac{[k+2]_q!}{[2]_q! [k]_q!} = \frac{[k+1]_q [k+2]_q}{[2]_q} = \frac{\frac{q^{k+1}-q^{-k-1}}{q-q^{-1}} \frac{q^{k+2}-q^{-k-2}}{q-q^{-1}}}{\frac{q^2-q^{-2}}{q-q^{-1}}} \\ &= \frac{(q^{k+1}-q^{-k-1})(q^{k+2}-q^{-k-2})}{(q^2-q^{-2})(q-q^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \text{ch } P^k(F^{(2)})(d(q)) = \frac{(q^{k+1}-q^{-k-1})(q^{k+2}-q^{-k-2})}{(q^2-q^{-2})(q-q^{-1})} \quad (1).$$

By Proposition 4.1.17,

$$\text{ch}(F^{(2k)} \oplus F^{(2k-4)} \oplus F^{(2k-8)} \oplus \dots) = \text{ch}(F^{(2k)}) + \text{ch}(F^{(2k-4)}) + \text{ch}(F^{(2k-8)}) + \dots$$

The formula at the bottom of page 188 reads

$$\text{ch } F^{(m)}(d(q)) = q^m + q^{m-2} + \dots + q^{-m+2} + q^{-m}$$

$$= \frac{(q^2)^{m+1} - 1}{q^2 - 1} q^{-m} = \frac{q^{m+2} - q^{-m}}{q^2 - 1} = \frac{q^{m+1} - q^{-m-1}}{q - q^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{(q^{m+1} - q^{-m-1})(q^2 - q^{-2})}{(q^2 - q^{-2})(q - q^{-1})} = \frac{(q^{m+3} + q^{-m-3}) - (q^{m-1} + q^{-m+1})}{(q^2 - q^{-2})(q - q^{-1})}$$

Thus,

$$\text{ch } F^{(2k)}(d(q)) + \text{ch } F^{(2k-4)}(d(q)) + \text{ch } F^{(2k-8)}(d(q)) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{(q^{2k+3} + q^{-2k-3}) - (q + q^{-1})}{(q^2 - q^{-2})(q - q^{-1})} = \frac{(q^{k+2} - q^{-k-2})(q^{k+1} - q^{-k-1})}{(q^2 - q^{-2})(q - q^{-1})} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have

$$\text{ch } P^k(F^{(2)}) = \text{ch } F^{(2k)}(d(q)) + \text{ch } F^{(2k-4)}(d(q)) + \text{ch } F^{(2k-8)}(d(q)) + \dots$$

Therefore, $P^k(F^{(2)}) \simeq F^{(2k)} \oplus F^{(2k-4)} \oplus F^{(2k-8)} \oplus \dots$ as representations of G .

Next, we'll show that $\dim P^k(F^{(2)})_G = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$

Because $P^k(F^{(2)}) \simeq F^{(2k)} \oplus F^{(2k-4)} \oplus F^{(2k-8)} \oplus \dots$, we have a decomposition

$$P^k(F^{(2)}) = A^{(2k)} \oplus A^{(2k-4)} \oplus A^{(2k-8)} \oplus \dots$$

where $A^{(m)} \simeq F^{(m)}$ as representations of G . For each $v \in P^k(F^{(2)})$, we

write $v = v^{(2k)} + v^{(2k-4)} + v^{(2k-8)} + \dots$ with $v^{(m)} \in A^{(m)}$. We notice that

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot v &= v \quad \forall g \in G \\ \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{g \cdot v^{(2k)}}_{\in A^{(2k)}} + \underbrace{g \cdot v^{(2k-4)}}_{\in A^{(2k-4)}} + \underbrace{g \cdot v^{(2k-8)}}_{\in A^{(2k-8)}} + \dots &= \underbrace{v^{(2k)}}_{\in A^{(2k)}} + \underbrace{v^{(2k-4)}}_{\in A^{(2k-4)}} + \underbrace{v^{(2k-8)}}_{\in A^{(2k-8)}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} g \cdot v^{(2k)} = v^{(2k)}, \\ g \cdot v^{(2k-4)} = v^{(2k-4)}, \\ \dots \end{cases} \quad \forall g \in G$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} v^{(2k)} \in (A^{(2k)})^G, \\ v^{(2k-1)} \in (A^{(2k-1)})^G, \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{P}^k(F^{(2)})^G \cong (F^{(2k)})^G \oplus (F^{(2k-1)})^G \oplus \dots$

Thus, $\dim \mathcal{P}^k(F^{(2)})^G = \dim (F^{(2k)})^G + \dim (F^{(2k-1)})^G + \dots$

Hence, it suffices to show that

$$\dim (F^{(m)})^G = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m=0, \\ 0 & \text{if } m \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

For $m=0$, $F^{(0)} \cong \mathbb{C}$. We know that the trivial representation of $G = SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ on \mathbb{C} is irreducible. Thus, $(F^{(0)})^G = F^{(0)} \cong \mathbb{C}$. Then $\dim (F^{(0)})^G = 1$.

Consider $m \geq 1$. Then $F^{(m)}$ can be taken as the space of binary forms of degree m , i.e. $F^{(m)} = \{f(x,y) = a_0 x^m + a_1 x^{m-1} y + \dots + a_{m-1} x y^{m-1} + a_m y^m \mid a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{C}\}$.

The irreducible representation of G on $F^{(k)}$ is given in the proof of Proposition 2.3.5, page 86, Goodman-Wallach, namely

$$(g \cdot f)(x,y) = f(ax+cy, bx+dy), \text{ for } g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \text{ and } f \in F^{(m)}.$$

Take $f \in (F^{(m)})^G$. Then $f(ax+cy, bx+dy) \equiv f(x,y) \quad \forall a,b,c,d \in \mathbb{C}, ad-bc=1$.

$$\text{Write } f(x,y) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j x^j y^{m-j}.$$

Take $b=c=0$ and $d=a^{-1}$, we have $f(ax, a^{-1}y) \equiv f(x,y) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

$$\text{Thus } \sum_{j=0}^m a_j a^{2j-m} x^j y^{m-j} = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j x^j y^{m-j}.$$

This happens only if $a_j = a_j a^{2j-2m} \quad \forall 0 \leq j \leq m$.

Thus, $a_j (a^{j-m} - 1) = 0 \quad \forall 0 \leq j \leq m \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Thus, $a_j = 0$ if $j \neq \frac{m}{2}$. If m is odd then $f \equiv 0$, i.e. $(F^{(m)})^G = \{0\}$.

If $m=2k$ then $f(x,y) = a_k x^k y^k \quad (k \geq 1)$. Now choose

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}).$$

Then $f(ax+cy, bx+dy) = f(x, x+y) = a_k x^k (x+y)^k$. We must have

$$a_k x^k y^k \equiv a_k x^k (x+y)^k$$

This is possible only if $a_k = 0$. Therefore $f(x,y) \equiv 0$ and thus, $(F^{(2k)})^G = \{0\}$.

Hence, $\dim(F^{(m)})^G = 0$ for all $m \geq 1$.

(c) We show that $\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)})^G = \mathbb{C}[D]$. We have the decomposition of $\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)})$ into subrepresentations $\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)}) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}^k(F^{(2)})$. Thus,

$$\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)})^G = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}^k(F^{(2)})^G.$$

Because $\dim \mathcal{P}^k(F^{(2)})^G = 0$ if k is odd, we have

$$\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)})^G = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}^{2m}(F^{(2)})^G \quad (*)$$

For each $m \geq 0$, we put $\varphi_m \in \mathcal{P}^{2m}(F^{(2)})$, $\varphi_m(f) = (D\varphi)^m = (a_1^2 - a_0 a_2)^m$

for all $f \in F^{(2)}$. Then $\varphi_m(g \cdot f) = (D(g \cdot f))^m = (D(f))^m = \varphi_m(f)$ for all

$g \in G$. Thus, $\varphi_m \in \mathcal{P}^{2m}(F^{(2)})^G$. Because $\dim \mathcal{P}^{2m}(F^{(2)})^G = 1$, we have

$$\mathcal{P}^{2m}(F^{(2)})^G = \langle \varphi_m \rangle = \langle D^m \rangle$$

From (*), we get $\mathcal{P}(F^{(2)})^G = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} \langle D^m \rangle = \mathbb{C}[D]$.

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(2) Problem 1, page 254, Goodman-Wallach.

Put $V = \mathbb{C}^n$, $G = GL(n, \mathbb{C})$. Let G act on V by usual multiplication, i.e. $g \cdot v = gv \ \forall g \in G, \forall v \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Let G act on M_n by conjugation, i.e. $g \cdot X = gXg^{-1} \ \forall g \in G, \forall X \in M_n$. Consider a linear map $T: V \otimes V^* \rightarrow M_n$ defined by $T(v \otimes v^*) = A \in M_n$ where $v^*(w)v = Aw \ \forall w \in V$.

We admit that T is a linear isomorphism. Now we'll show that T intertwines with the action of G on $V \otimes V^*$ and M_n . Consider $g \in G, v \in V, v^* \in V^*$. We have $g \cdot (v \otimes v^*) = (g \cdot v) \otimes (g \cdot v^*)$. For $w \in V$,

$$T(g \cdot (v \otimes v^*)) = A_1, \text{ where } A_1 w = (g \cdot v^*)(w)(g \cdot v) \ \forall w \in V.$$

By the definition of the action of G on V^* , we have

$$A_1 w = v^*(g^{-1}w)(g \cdot v) = g \cdot (v^*(g^{-1}w)v) = g \cdot (Av^{-1}w) = (gAg^{-1})w, \quad (1)$$

where $A = T(v \otimes v^*)$. We have

$$g \cdot T(v \otimes v^*) = g \cdot A = gAg^{-1} \stackrel{(1)}{=} A_1 = T(g(v \otimes v^*)).$$

Thus, T is an intertwining map, and $V \otimes V^*$ and M_n are equivalent representations of G .

(a) The map $T^{\otimes k}: (V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k} \rightarrow M_n^{\otimes k}$, $T^{\otimes k}(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) = T(v_1 \otimes v_1^*) \otimes \dots \otimes T(v_k \otimes v_k^*)$

is also a linear isomorphism. For $g \in G$, we have

$$g \cdot (v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) = g \cdot v_1 \otimes g \cdot v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes g \cdot v_k \otimes g \cdot v_k^*.$$

Thus, $T^{\otimes k}(g \cdot (v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*)) = T^{\otimes k}(g \cdot v_1 \otimes g \cdot v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes g \cdot v_k \otimes g \cdot v_k^*)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= T(g \cdot v_1 \otimes g \cdot v_1^*) \otimes \dots \otimes T(g \cdot v_k \otimes g \cdot v_k^*) \\
 &= T(g \cdot (v_1 \otimes v_1^*)) \otimes \dots \otimes T(g \cdot (v_k \otimes v_k^*)) \\
 &= g \cdot T(v_1 \otimes v_1^*) \otimes \dots \otimes g \cdot T(v_k \otimes v_k^*) \quad (\text{because } T \text{ is intertwining}) \\
 &= g \cdot (T(v_1 \otimes v_1^*) \otimes \dots \otimes T(v_k \otimes v_k^*)) \\
 &= g \cdot T^{\otimes k}(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $T^{\otimes k}$ is intertwining. Hence, $(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}$ and $M_n^{\otimes k}$ are equivalent representations of G .

(b) Consider a cyclic permutation $c \in S_k$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. Write

$$c = (m_1 \rightarrow m_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow m_k \rightarrow m_1).$$

Define $\lambda_c \in [(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*$ as follows.

$$\lambda_c(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) = \prod_{j=1}^k \langle v_{m_j}^*, v_{m_{j+1}} \rangle.$$

Put $X_j = T(v_j \otimes v_j^*) \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq k$. We want to show that

$$\lambda_c(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) = \text{tr}(X_{m_1} X_{m_2} \dots X_{m_k}).$$

This is equivalent to showing that

$$\prod_{j=1}^k \langle v_{m_j}^*, v_{m_{j+1}} \rangle = \text{tr}(X_{m_1} X_{m_2} \dots X_{m_k}). \quad (2)$$

Because both sides of (2) are multilinear maps in $(v_1, v_1^*, \dots, v_k, v_k^*)$, it suffices to show (2) for $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and $v_1^*, \dots, v_k^* \in \{e_1^*, \dots, e_n^*\}$. Write

$v_j^* = e_{s_j}^*$ and $v_j = e_j$. Then

$$\text{LHS}(2) = \prod_{j=1}^k \langle \cancel{e_{m_j}^*}, e_{m_{j+1}} \rangle = \prod_{j=1}^k \langle e_{s_{m_j}}^*, e_{m_{j+1}} \rangle$$

Therefore, (5) becomes $\lambda_3(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_n \otimes v_n^*) = \prod_{i=1}^n \text{tr}(X_{m_{1,i}} X_{m_{2,i}} \dots X_{m_{n,i}})$.

(3) Problem 2, page 255, Goodman-Wallach.

Put $G = GL(n, \mathbb{C})$. Let G act on M_n by conjugation, i.e. $g \cdot X = gXg^{-1}$ for all $g \in G, X \in M_n$. For $1 \leq i \leq n$, we define $u_i \in \mathcal{P}(M_n)$ as $u_i(X) = \text{tr}(X^i)$.

We'll show that $\mathcal{P}(M_n)^G = \mathbb{C}[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$.

First, we'll show that $\mathbb{C}[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] \subset \mathcal{P}(M_n)^G$. Because $\mathcal{P}(M_n)^G$ is an algebra over \mathbb{C} , it suffices to show that $u_i \in \mathcal{P}(M_n)^G$ for every $1 \leq i \leq n$. For

any $g \in G$, we have

$$u_i(g \cdot X) = u_i(gXg^{-1}) = \text{tr}((gXg^{-1})^i) = \text{tr}(gX^i g^{-1}) = \text{tr}(X^i) = u_i(X).$$

Therefore, $u_i \in \mathcal{P}(M_n)^G$.

Next, we'll show that $\mathcal{P}(M_n)^G \subset \mathbb{C}[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$. We have the decomposition

$$\mathcal{P}(M_n) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}^k(M_n),$$

where $\mathcal{P}^k(M_n)$ is the set of all homogeneous polynomials on M_n of degree k .

Thus, $\mathcal{P}(M_n)^G = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}^k(M_n)^G$. Hence, it suffices to show that for every $k \geq 0$,

$\mathcal{P}^k(M_n)^G \subset \mathbb{C}[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$. Because $\mathcal{P}^0(M_n) = \mathbb{C}$, we only need to consider

the case $k \geq 1$. We'll follow 9 steps.

Step 1 Consider a map $\phi: \mathcal{P}^k(M_n) \rightarrow (S^k(M_n))^*$
 $f \mapsto (X \mapsto f(X))$.

Recall that $S^k(M_n)$ is linearly spanned by the elements $X^{\otimes k}$, for $X \in M_n$, (see Lemma B.2.3, page 651). We admit that ϕ is well-defined and is a linear isomorphism. We'll show that ϕ ~~is intertwining~~ intertwines with the action of G on $\mathcal{P}^k(M_n)$ and $(S^k(M_n))^*$. Consider $g \in G$, $f \in \mathcal{P}^k(M_n)$.

$$gf \in \mathcal{P}^k(M_n), \quad (gf)(X) = f(g^{-1}X) = f(g^{-1}Xg).$$

$$\text{Then } \phi(gf) = (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto (gf)(Z)) = (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto f(g^{-1}Zg)). \quad (1)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot (\phi(f)) &= (Z \mapsto \phi(f)(g^{-1}Z)) \\ &= (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto \phi(f)(g^{-1}Z^{\otimes k})) \\ &= (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto \phi(f)((g^{-1}Z)^{\otimes k})) \\ &= (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto f(g^{-1}Z)) \\ &= (Z^{\otimes k} \mapsto f(g^{-1}Zg)) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

By (1) and (2), $\phi(gf) = g \cdot (\phi(f))$. Thus, ϕ is intertwining. Therefore, $\mathcal{P}^k(M_n)$ and $(S^k(M_n))^*$ are equivalent representations of G .

Step 2 We have a natural injection map $S^k(M_n) \hookrightarrow M_n^{\otimes k}$. Thus, we have a natural dual map, which is surjective, $(M_n^{\otimes k})^* \rightarrow (S^k(M_n))^*$. Hence,

$$[S^k(M_n)^*]^G = \left\{ f|_{S^k(M_n)} : f \in (M_n^{\otimes k})^* \right\}.$$

Step 3 Consider the map $B: V^{\otimes k} \otimes V^{*\otimes k} \rightarrow [(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*$,
 $B(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k^*) = (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle v_i^*, w_i \rangle \langle w_i^*, v_i \rangle)$.

We admit that B is a linear isomorphism. We'll show that B is intertwining.

For any $g \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(g \cdot (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k^*)) &= B(g \cdot v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes g \cdot v_k \otimes g \cdot v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes g \cdot v_k^*) \\ &= (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle g \cdot v_i^*, w_i \rangle \langle w_i^*, g \cdot v_i \rangle) \\ &= (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle v_i^*, g^T w_i \rangle \langle w_i^*, g v_i \rangle) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot B(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k^*) &= g \cdot (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle v_i^*, w_i \rangle \langle w_i^*, v_i \rangle) \\ &= (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle v_i^*, g^T w_i \rangle \langle g^T w_i^*, v_i \rangle) \\ &= (w_1 \otimes w_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes w_k \otimes w_k^* \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^k \langle v_i^*, g^T w_i \rangle \langle w_i^*, g v_i \rangle) \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

From (3) and (4), we conclude that B is an intertwining map. Therefore, $V^{\otimes k} \otimes V^{*\otimes k}$ and $[(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*$ are equivalent representations of G .

Step 4 By Theorem 5.3.1, page 247, Goodman-Wallach,

$$(V^{\otimes k} \otimes V^{*\otimes k})^G = \text{span} \{ C_s : s \in \mathcal{S}_k \}, \text{ where } C_s = \sum_{\mathbf{I}=\mathbf{k}} e_{s \cdot \mathbf{I}} \otimes e_{\mathbf{I}}^*$$

$$s \cdot \mathbf{I} = s \cdot (i_1, \dots, i_k) = (i_{s(1)}, \dots, i_{s(k)}), \quad e_{\mathbf{I}} = e_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_k}$$

Now by Step 3, we get $\{ [(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^* \}^G = \text{span} \{ B(C_s) : s \in \mathcal{S}_k \}$.

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Step 5 We will compute $B(C_s)$.

$$B(C_s) = B\left(\sum_{|I|=k} e_{s,I} \otimes e_I^*\right) = \sum_{|I|=k} B(e_{s,I} \otimes e_I^*). \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B(e_{s,I} \otimes e_I^*) &= B(e_{i_{s^{-1}(1)}} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_{s^{-1}(k)}} \otimes e_{i_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_k}^*) \\ &= \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \prod_{j=1}^k \langle e_j^*, v_j \rangle \prod_{j=1}^k \langle v_j^*, e_{i_{s^{-1}(j)}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \prod_{j=1}^k \langle e_j^*, v_j \rangle \prod_{j=1}^k \langle v_{s(j)}^*, e_j \rangle \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{replace } j \text{ by} \\ s(j) \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \prod_{j=1}^k (v_j)_j (v_{s(j)}^*)_{j'} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} B(C_s) &= \sum_{|I|=k} \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \prod_{j=1}^k (v_j)_j (v_{s(j)}^*)_{j'} \right) \\ &= \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \sum_{|I|=k} \prod_{j=1}^k (v_j)_j (v_{s(j)}^*)_{j'} \right) \\ &= \left(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto \langle v_{s(1)}^*, v_1 \rangle \dots \langle v_{s(k)}^*, v_k \rangle \right) \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

Define $\lambda_s \in [(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*$ as follows.

$$\lambda_s (v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) \mapsto \langle v_1^*, v_{s(1)} \rangle \dots \langle v_k^*, v_{s(k)} \rangle. \quad (7)$$

Then (6) implies $B(C_s) = \lambda_{s^{-1}}$.

Step 6 With the result $B(C_s) = \lambda_{s^{-1}}$, Step 4 gives us

$$\{[(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*\}^G = \text{span} \{ \lambda_{s^{-1}} : s \in \bar{G}_k \} = \text{span} \{ \lambda_s : s \in \bar{G}_k \}$$

For $s \in \mathcal{G}_k$, we write $s = c_1 c_2 \dots c_r$ where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r are disjoint cyclic decomposition permutations. Write $c_i = (m_{1,i} \rightarrow m_{2,i} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow m_{\ell_i,i} \rightarrow m_{1,i})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_s(v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^*) &\stackrel{(7)}{=} \langle v_1^*, v_{s(1)} \rangle \dots \langle v_k^*, v_{s(k)} \rangle \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i} \langle v_{m_{ji}}^*, v_{m_{j+1,i}} \rangle \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^r \text{tr}(X_{m_{1,i}} X_{m_{2,i}} \dots X_{m_{\ell_i,i}}) \quad (\text{by Part (c), Prob (2)}) \\ &\quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

where $X_j = T(v_j \otimes v_j^*)$.

Step 7 By Part (a), Problem (2), we have an isomorphism of representations

$$T^{\otimes k} : (V \otimes V^*)^k \rightarrow M_n^{\otimes k}$$

Thus, we have an isomorphism $(T^{\otimes k})^* : (M_n^{\otimes k})^* \rightarrow [(V \otimes V^*)^k]^*$,
 $f \mapsto f \circ T^{\otimes k}$

A map $f \in (M_n^{\otimes k})^*$ can be considered as a multi-linear map on $M_n^{\otimes k}$.

Under $T^{\otimes k}$, $\underbrace{f(X_1, \dots, X_k)}_{\text{multi-linear}} \mapsto (v_1 \otimes v_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes v_k \otimes v_k^* \mapsto f(\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_k))$
 where $\tilde{X}_j = T(v_j \otimes v_j^*)$.

We have

$$f_s := [(T^{\otimes k})^*]^{-1}(\lambda_s) \stackrel{(8)}{=} (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_k \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^r \text{tr}(X_{m_{1,i}} X_{m_{2,i}} \dots X_{m_{\ell_i,i}})) \quad (9)$$

Because $\{[(V \otimes V^*)^{\otimes k}]^*\}^{\mathcal{G}} = \text{span}\{\lambda_s : s \in \mathcal{G}_k\}$, we have

$$[(M_n^{\otimes k})^*]^{\mathcal{G}} = \text{span}\{f_s : s \in \mathcal{G}_k\}.$$

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Step 8 According to Step 2, we have

$$[S^k(M_n)^*]^G = \text{span} \left\{ f_s|_{S^k(M_n)} : s \in \mathfrak{S}_k \right\}.$$

Put $g_s = f_s|_{S^k(M_n)}$. We have

$$g_s(X^{\otimes k}) = f_s(X^{\otimes k}) \stackrel{(9)}{=} \prod_{i=1}^r \text{tr}(X^{k_i}) = u_{k_1}(X) u_{k_2}(X) \dots u_{k_r}(X).$$

Step 9 According to Step 1, we have

$$\phi^{-1}(g_s) = (X \mapsto u_{k_1}(X) \dots u_{k_r}(X)) \in \mathbb{C}[u_1, \dots, u_n].$$

$$\text{Thus } \mathcal{P}^k(M_n)^G = \text{span} \{ \phi^{-1}(g_s) : s \in \mathfrak{S}_k \} \subset \mathbb{C}[u_1, \dots, u_n].$$

(A) Problem #1, page 277, Goodman-Wallach.

Let Ω be the following bilinear form on \mathbb{C}^4 , $\Omega(x, y) = x^t J_2 y \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}^4$,

where $J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varepsilon_2 \\ -\varepsilon_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\varepsilon_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Put $G = \text{Sp}(\mathbb{C}^4, \Omega)$, which is

a classical group of Type G_2 .

Put $V = \mathbb{C}^4$. Let (π, V) be the representation of G in usual sense, i.e.

$\pi(g)v = gv$, $\forall g \in G, \forall v \in V$. This representation induces a representation
usual multiplication

on $(\pi \otimes \pi, V \otimes V)$ of G . Put $\tilde{V} = \Lambda^2(V) \subset V \otimes V$. Denote by (ρ, \tilde{V}) the

subrepresentation of $(\pi \otimes \pi, V \otimes V)$.

(a) We will find the weights of ρ . We understand these weights as the weights of the representation (ρ, \tilde{V}) of $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{Sp}(\mathbb{C}^4, \Omega)$, which are defined as in

Theorem 3.1.16, page 138. Let (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) be the standard basis of $V = \mathbb{C}^4$.

Then an ordered basis of the vector space $\tilde{V} = \wedge^2(V)$ is

$$(e_1 \wedge e_2, e_1 \wedge e_3, e_1 \wedge e_4, e_2 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_4, e_3 \wedge e_4).$$

By a result on page 73, Goodman-Wallach, a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$ is

$$\mathfrak{h} = \{ \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, -a_2, -a_1) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

Thus, a basis of the dual vector space \mathfrak{h}^* is $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$, where

$$\varepsilon_1(\text{diag}(a_1, a_2, -a_2, -a_1)) = a_1,$$

$$\varepsilon_2(\text{diag}(a_1, a_2, -a_2, -a_1)) = a_2.$$

For each $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, put

$$\tilde{V}(\lambda) = \{ w \in \tilde{V} : d\mathfrak{g}(h)w = \langle \lambda, h \rangle w \quad \forall h \in \mathfrak{h} \}.$$

We write $w = c_{12} e_1 \wedge e_2 + c_{13} e_1 \wedge e_3 + c_{14} e_1 \wedge e_4 + c_{23} e_2 \wedge e_3 + c_{24} e_2 \wedge e_4 + c_{34} e_3 \wedge e_4$,

$$h = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, -a_2, -a_1),$$

$$\lambda = \beta_1 \varepsilon_1 + \beta_2 \varepsilon_2.$$

Then $\langle \lambda, h \rangle = \beta_1 \langle \varepsilon_1, h \rangle + \beta_2 \langle \varepsilon_2, h \rangle = \beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2$. Thus,

$$\langle \lambda, h \rangle w = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2) c_{ij} e_i \wedge e_j \tag{1}$$

We have $d\mathfrak{g}(h)w = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} d\mathfrak{g}(h)(e_i \wedge e_j) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \underbrace{\rho(\exp(th))}_{A_t}(e_i \wedge e_j)$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (A_t e_i \wedge A_t e_j) =$$

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$$= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} A_t e_i \right) \wedge e_j + e_i \wedge \left(\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} A_t e_j \right) \right] \quad (*)$$

We have $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} A_t = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \exp(th) = h$. Thus, (*) implies

$$d\varphi(h)w = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} [(h e_i) \wedge e_j + e_i \wedge (h e_j)]. \quad (2)$$

We have

$$h e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & & \\ & a_2 & & \\ & & -a_2 & \\ & & & -a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 e_1.$$

Similarly, $h e_2 = a_2 e_2$, $h e_3 = -a_2 e_3$, $h e_4 = -a_1 e_4$.

Then (**) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} d\varphi(h)w &= c_{12} (a_1 e_1 \wedge e_2 + a_2 e_1 \wedge e_2) + c_{13} (a_1 e_1 \wedge e_3 - a_2 e_1 \wedge e_3) + \\ &+ c_{14} (\underbrace{a_1 e_1 \wedge e_4 - a_1 e_1 \wedge e_4}_{=0}) + c_{23} (\underbrace{a_2 e_2 \wedge e_3 - a_2 e_2 \wedge e_3}_{=0}) + \\ &+ c_{24} (a_2 e_2 \wedge e_4 - a_1 e_2 \wedge e_4) + c_{34} (-a_2 e_3 \wedge e_4 - a_1 e_3 \wedge e_4) \\ &= c_{12} (a_1 + a_2) e_1 \wedge e_2 + c_{13} (a_1 - a_2) e_1 \wedge e_3 + c_{24} (a_2 - a_1) e_2 \wedge e_4 + c_{34} (-a_1 - a_2) e_3 \wedge e_4 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We now compare (1) and to (3). The equation $\langle \lambda, h \rangle w = d\varphi(h)w$ ^{where} is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{12} = c_{12} (a_1 + a_2), \quad (4) \\ (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{13} = c_{13} (a_1 - a_2), \quad (5) \\ (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{14} = 0, \quad (6) \\ (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{23} = 0, \quad (7) \\ (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{24} = c_{24} (a_2 - a_1), \quad (8) \\ (b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2) c_{34} = c_{34} (-a_1 - a_2). \quad (9) \end{array} \right. \quad \forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

By (6) and (7), $c_{14} = c_{23} = 0$. If $(\beta_1, \beta_2) \notin \{(\pm 1, \pm 1)\}$ then the system (4)-(9) only has trivial solution $c_{ij} \equiv 0$.

• $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 1$: then $\lambda = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$. The system (4)-(9) has solutions

$$\begin{cases} c_{12} \in \mathbb{C}, \\ c_{13} = c_{24} = c_{34} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\tilde{V}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) = \text{span}\{e_1 \wedge e_2\}$.

• $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = -1$: then $\lambda = -\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$. The system (4)-(9) has solutions

$$\begin{cases} c_{34} \in \mathbb{C}, \\ c_{12} = c_{13} = c_{24} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\tilde{V}(-\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = \text{span}\{e_3 \wedge e_4\}$.

• $\beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = -1$: then $\lambda = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$. The system (4)-(9) has solutions

$$\begin{cases} c_{13} \in \mathbb{C}, \\ c_{12} = c_{24} = c_{34} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\tilde{V}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = \text{span}\{e_1 \wedge e_3\}$.

• $\beta_1 = -1, \beta_2 = 1$: then $\lambda = -\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$. The system (4)-(9) has solutions

$$\begin{cases} c_{24} \in \mathbb{C} \\ c_{12} = c_{13} = c_{34} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\tilde{V}(-\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) = \text{span}\{e_2 \wedge e_4\}$.

We conclude that the set of weights of $(\mathfrak{g}, \tilde{V})$ is $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}) = \{\pm \varepsilon_1 \pm \varepsilon_2\}$.

Next, we'll show that $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{V})$ is invariant under the action of Weyl group.

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Let W be the Weyl group of $G = \text{Sp}(\mathbb{C}^4, \Omega)$. By Lemma 3.16, p. 133, W is generated by the reflections $\{s_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$. Recall that

$$\Delta = \{\alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \alpha_2 = 2\varepsilon_2\}$$

is the set of simple roots of $G = \text{Sp}(\mathbb{C}^4, \Omega)$ (see page 101, Goodman-Wallach).

By Equation (3.6), page 132, the reflection $s_\alpha : \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ is given by

$$s_\alpha(\beta) = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } s_{\alpha_1}(\beta) &= \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha_1)}{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1)} \alpha_1 = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}{2} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \\ &= \beta - (\beta, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \quad (10), \end{aligned}$$

$$s_{\alpha_2}(\beta) = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha_2)}{(\alpha_2, \alpha_2)} \alpha_2 = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, 2\varepsilon_2)}{4} (2\varepsilon_2) = \beta - 2(\beta, \varepsilon_2) \varepsilon_2 \quad (11).$$

Because the group W is generated by $\{s_{\alpha_1}, s_{\alpha_2}\}$, to show that $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{V})$ is invariant under the action of W , it suffices to show that $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{V})$ is invariant under s_{α_1} and s_{α_2} . Moreover, because $s_\alpha(-\beta) = -s_\alpha(\beta)$, it suffices to show that

$$s_{\alpha_1}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2), s_{\alpha_1}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2), s_{\alpha_2}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2), s_{\alpha_2}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}).$$

Thanks to (10) and (11), we have

$$s_{\alpha_1}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) = (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) - \underbrace{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}_{=0} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}).$$

$$s_{\alpha_1}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) - \underbrace{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}_{=2} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = -(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}).$$

$$s_{\alpha_2}(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) = (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) - 2(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2) \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 - 2\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}).$$

$$s_{\alpha_2}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) = (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) - 2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2) \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + 2\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{V}).$$

⑤ Problem 1, Section 7.1.4, page 339, Goodman-Wallach.

We will verify the Weyl Denominator Formula for a classical group G of types A_l, B_l, C_l, D_l :

$$\Delta_G = \sum_{s \in W} \text{sgn}(s) e^{s\rho}.$$

By the definition of Δ_G , we are supposed to show that

$$e^{\rho} \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} (1 - e^{-\alpha}) = \sum_{s \in W} \text{sgn}(s) e^{s\rho}, \quad (1)$$

where $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha$ and W is the Weyl group of G . A survey of Φ^+ is given

on pages 100-102, Goodman-Wallach.

$$\text{Type } A_l \ (G = SL(l+1, \mathbb{C})) : \Phi^+ = \{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq l+1\},$$

$$\text{Type } B_l \ (G = SO(2l+1, \mathbb{C})) : \Phi^+ = \{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq l\} \cup \{\varepsilon_i : 1 \leq i \leq l\},$$

$$\text{Type } C_l \ (G = Sp(l, \mathbb{C})) : \Phi^+ = \{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq l\} \cup \{2\varepsilon_i : 1 \leq i \leq l\},$$

$$\text{Type } D_l \ (G = SO(2l, \mathbb{C}), l \geq 3) : \Phi^+ = \{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j : 1 \leq i < j \leq l\}.$$

We will verify (1) in each type of G .

$$\text{Type } A_l : G = SL(l+1, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l+1} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) = \frac{l}{2} \varepsilon_1 + \frac{l-2}{2} \varepsilon_2 + \dots + \frac{2l}{2} \varepsilon_l + \frac{l}{2} \varepsilon_{l+1}. \quad (2)$$

Recall that $\mathfrak{h} = \{\text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_{l+1}) : \sum_{i=1}^{l+1} a_i = 0\}$ and $\varepsilon_i(\text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_{l+1})) = a_i$.

Thus, $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \dots + \varepsilon_{l+1} = 0$. Then (2) becomes

$$\rho = \frac{l}{2}\varepsilon_1 + \frac{l-2}{2}\varepsilon_2 + \dots + \frac{2-l}{2}\varepsilon_l + \frac{l}{2}(\varepsilon_{l+1} + \varepsilon_l) = l\varepsilon_1 + (l-1)\varepsilon_2 + \dots + \varepsilon_l. \quad (3)$$

Thus, as a character on $\mathfrak{h} = \{h = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_{l+1}) \mid x_1 \dots x_{l+1} = 1\}$,

$$e^\rho = x_1^l x_2^{l-1} \dots x_l. \quad (4)$$

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$, we have $e^{-\alpha} = e^{+\beta - \varepsilon_i} = x_i^{-1} x_j$. Thus,

$$\text{LHS}(1) = x_1^l x_2^{l-1} \dots x_l \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l+1} (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l+1} x_i (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l+1} (x_i - x_j). \quad (5)$$

Now we will compute $\text{RHS}(1)$. For $\lambda = \lambda_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \lambda_l \varepsilon_l + \lambda_{l+1} \varepsilon_{l+1}$, with $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}$,

we have $\lambda = \lambda_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \lambda_l \varepsilon_l + \lambda_{l+1}(-\varepsilon_1 - \dots - \varepsilon_l) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{l+1})\varepsilon_1 + \dots + (\lambda_l - \lambda_{l+1})\varepsilon_l$.

Thus, $e^\lambda = x_1^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{l+1}} \dots x_l^{\lambda_l - \lambda_{l+1}} = x_1^{\lambda_1} \dots x_l^{\lambda_l} (x_1 \dots x_l)^{-\lambda_{l+1}} = x_1^{\lambda_1} \dots x_l^{\lambda_l} x_{l+1}^{\lambda_{l+1}}$. Thus,

$$e^{\lambda_{l+1} \varepsilon_{l+1}} = x_1^{\lambda_{l+1}} \dots x_{l+1}^{\lambda_{l+1}}. \quad (6)$$

In the proof of Lemma 3.16, page 133, the Weyl group W acts on \mathfrak{g}^* by

permuting $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_{l+1}$. By (3) we get

$$s \cdot \rho = l\varepsilon_{s(1)} + (l-1)\varepsilon_{s(2)} + \dots + \varepsilon_{s(l)}.$$

Then by (6) we get $e^{s \cdot \rho} = x_{s(1)}^l x_{s(2)}^{l-1} \dots x_{s(l)}$. Thus,

$$\text{RHS}(1) = \sum_{s \in \mathfrak{S}_{l+1}} \text{sgn}(s) x_{s(1)}^l x_{s(2)}^{l-1} \dots x_{s(l)} = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1^l & x_1^{l-1} & \dots & 1 \\ x_2^l & x_2^{l-1} & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{l+1}^l & x_{l+1}^{l-1} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l+1} (x_i - x_j). \quad (7)$$

By (5) and (7), we obtain the identity (1).

Type B_l : $G = \text{SO}(2l+1, \mathbb{C})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}^+} \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} [(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) + (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j)] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} \varepsilon_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i \\ &= \left(l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \varepsilon_1 + \left(l - \frac{3}{2}\right) \varepsilon_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_l. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Because the coefficients of $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_l$ are not integers, we don't know how to define e^ρ . The textbook (near the bottom of page 330) suggested that we need some knowledge about the spin group $\text{Spin}(2l+1, \mathbb{C})$ to make sense of e^ρ . However, we will continue to work formally on this type.

$$e^\rho \text{ "is"} x_1^{l-\frac{1}{2}} x_2^{l-\frac{3}{2}} \dots x_l^{\frac{1}{2}} = x_1^{l-1} x_2^{l-2} \dots x_{l-1} (x_1 \dots x_l)^{1/2}. \quad (9)$$

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i} = x_i^{-1} x_j$.

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{-\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}$.

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{-\varepsilon_i} = x_i^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, LHS(1)} &= x_1^{l-1} x_2^{l-2} \dots x_{l-1} (x_1 \dots x_l)^{1/2} \left(\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^l (1 - x_k^{-1}) \right) \\ &= \left(\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} x_i (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^l x_k^{1/2} (1 - x_k^{-1}) \right) \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

On page 128, Goodman-Wallach, an action of W on $\mathfrak{X}(H)$ is defined by $s \cdot e^\lambda := e^{s \cdot \lambda}$.

By Lemma 3.13, page 131, Goodman-Wallach, the Weyl group W acts on the coordinate functions in $\mathfrak{X}(H)$ by $x_i \mapsto (x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, l$) for every $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_l$ and choice ± 1 of exponents. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 s \cdot e^{\rho(g)} s \cdot (x_1^{l-\frac{1}{2}} x_2^{l-\frac{3}{2}} \dots x_l^{\frac{1}{2}}) &= (s x_1)^{l-\frac{1}{2}} (s x_2)^{l-\frac{3}{2}} \dots (s x_l)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm(l-\frac{1}{2})} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-\frac{3}{2})} \dots (x_{\sigma(l)})^{\pm\frac{1}{2}} \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

When viewed as an element in $GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$, we have $s(\varepsilon_i) = \pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(i)}$ (the choice of ± 1 is according to that of $(x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$). By the definition of $\text{sgn}(s)$ on the top of page 331,

$$\text{sgn}(s) = \det((\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_l) \mapsto (\pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(l)})) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) (-1)^{\# \text{ of minus signs}} \quad (12)$$

By (11) and (12), we have

$$\text{RHS}(1) = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_l \\ \text{choices } \pm 1}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) (-1)^{\# \text{ of "-"}} (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm(l-\frac{1}{2})} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-\frac{3}{2})} \dots (x_{\sigma(l)})^{\pm\frac{1}{2}} \quad (13)$$

When (10) is expanded, it will be a sum of $4 \binom{l}{2} 2^l = 4 \frac{l(l-1)}{2} 2^l = 2^{l^2}$ terms, each of which is of the form $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$, where each r_i is an integer added by $\frac{1}{2}$. We'll show that after the sum of these 2^{l^2} terms is reduced, only the terms with $|r_1|, |r_2|, \dots, |r_l|$ pairwise distinct remain. To do so, let us consider two typical terms: $x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} x_3^{r_3} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ and $x_1^{r_1} x_2^{-r_2} x_3^{r_3} \dots x_l^{r_l}$. Write

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) = \sum_r A_r x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} + B, \quad (14)$$

where A_r is independent of x_1 and x_2 , and B is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $r_1 \neq r_2$. Switching x_1 and x_2 , we get

$$- \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) = \sum_r A_r x_2^{r_2} x_1^{r_1} + B', \quad (15)$$

where B' is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $r_1 \neq r_2$ (but the choices of ± 1 may be different from those in B). Adding (14) and (15), we get

$$\sum_r A_r (x_1 x_2)^r = -\frac{B+B'}{2}. \quad (16)$$

LHS(16) is a polynomial of $x_1 x_2$ while RHS(16) is not unless it is identically zero.

Thus $\sum_r A_r (x_1 x_2)^r \equiv 0$. Therefore, each $A_r \equiv 0$. Similarly, we write

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) = \sum_r C_r x_1^r x_2^{-r} + D, \quad (17)$$

where C_r is independent of x_1 and x_2 , and D is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with

$r_1 \neq -r_2$. Switching x_1 and x_2^{-1} , we get

$$-\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) = \sum_r C_r x_2^{-r} x_1^r + D', \quad (18)$$

where D' is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $r_1 \neq -r_2$ (but the choices of ± 1 may be different from those in D). Adding (17) and (18), we get

$$\sum_r C_r x_1^r x_2^{-r} = \frac{D+D'}{2}. \quad (19)$$

LHS(19) is a polynomial of $x_1 x_2^{-1}$ while RHS(19) is not unless it is identically zero.

Thus, $\sum_r C_r (x_1 x_2^{-1})^r \equiv 0$. Therefore, each $C_r \equiv 0$.

We have showed that after (10) is expanded and reduced, only the terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $|r_1|, |r_2|, \dots, |r_l|$ pairwise distinct remain. Put $a_i = x_i + x_i^{-1}$. Then

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (a_i - a_j) = \sum_{\tau \in S_l} \text{sgn}(\tau) a_{\tau(1)}^{l-1} a_{\tau(2)}^{l-2} \dots a_{\tau(l-1)}.$$

Thus, (10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS(1)} &= \sum_{z \in \mathbb{C}_2} \text{sgn}(z) (x_{z(1)} + x_{z(1)}^{-1})^{e_1} (x_{z(2)} + x_{z(2)}^{-1})^{e_2} \cdots (x_{z(l-1)} + x_{z(l-1)}^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) \\ &= \sum_{z \in \mathbb{C}_2} \alpha \text{sgn}(z) (x_{z(1)})^{e_1} (x_{z(2)})^{e_2} \cdots (x_{z(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}} \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k^{1/2} - x_k^{-1/2}) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

(where α 's are numbers depending on each summand)

$$= \sum z \text{sgn}(z) (x_{z(1)})^{e_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}} (x_{z(2)})^{e_2 \pm \frac{1}{2}} \cdots x_{z(l-1)}^{e_{l-1} \pm \frac{1}{2}} x_{z(l)}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}} \quad (21)$$

Note that e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{l-1} are integers satisfying $|e_k| \leq l-k$. As we showed earlier, in the reduced form of (21), the values $|e_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |e_2 \pm \frac{1}{2}|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |\pm \frac{1}{2}|$ are pairwise distinct. Suppose by contradiction that there $\exists 1 \leq k \leq l-1$ such that $|e_k| \leq l-k-1$. Then $|e_k|, |e_{k+1}|, \dots, |e_{l-1}| \leq l-k-1$. Then

$$|e_k \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |e_{k+1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |\pm \frac{1}{2}| \leq l-k-\frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, $\underbrace{|e_k \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |e_{k+1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |\pm \frac{1}{2}|}_{l-k \text{ distinct numbers}} \in \underbrace{\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots, l-k-\frac{1}{2}\}}_{l-k-1 \text{ elements}}.$

This is a contradiction. Thus, $|e_k| = l-k$ for all $1 \leq k \leq l-1$. Thus, $e_k = \pm(l-k)$.

Consequently, the factors α in (20) and (21) are ± 1 . We have

$$|e_k \pm \frac{1}{2}| \leq |e_k| + \frac{1}{2} = l-k + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, $|e_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |e_2 \pm \frac{1}{2}|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm \frac{1}{2}|, |\pm \frac{1}{2}| \in \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots, l-\frac{1}{2}\}$. Hence

$$|e_k \pm \frac{1}{2}| = l-k + \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall 1 \leq k \leq l-1.$$

Hence, if we chose $e_k = l - k$ in (21) for some k then we must have

$$e_k \pm \frac{1}{2} = e_k + \frac{1}{2} = l - k + \frac{1}{2},$$

i.e. the factor $x_k^{1/2}$ in (20) is chosen to multiply with $(x_{c(1)})^{e_1} (x_{c(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{c(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}$.

If $e_k = -(l - k)$ for some k then we must have

$$e_k \pm \frac{1}{2} = e_k - \frac{1}{2} = -(l - k + \frac{1}{2}),$$

i.e. the factor $(-x_k^{-1/2})$ in (20) is chosen to multiply with $(x_{c(1)})^{e_1} (x_{c(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{c(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}$.

Therefore,

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if the number of "-" chosen for } \pm(l - k + \frac{1}{2}), 1 \leq k \leq l, \text{ is odd.} \\ +1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then (21) can be written as

$$\text{LHS}(1) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_l} \text{sgn}(\tau) (-1)^{\# \text{ of "-"}} (x_{c(1)})^{\pm(l - \frac{1}{2})} (x_{c(2)})^{\pm(l - \frac{3}{2})} \dots (x_{c(l)})^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}.$$

Comparing with (13), we get the identity (1).

Type C_l : $G = Sp(l, \mathbb{C})$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{R}^+} \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} [(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) + (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j)] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l 2\varepsilon_i = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} \varepsilon_i + \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i \\ &= l\varepsilon_1 + (l-1)\varepsilon_2 + \dots + \varepsilon_l. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Thus, $e^\rho = x_1^l x_2^{l-1} \dots x_l$. (23)

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i} = x_i^{-1} x_j$.

For $\alpha = \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{-\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}$.

For $\alpha = 2\varepsilon_k$, $e^{-\alpha} = e^{-2\varepsilon_k} = x_k^{-2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus, LHS(1)} &= x_1^l x_2^{l-1} \dots x_l \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (1 - x_k^{-2}) \\
 &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} x_i (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l x_k (1 - x_k^{-2}) \\
 &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k - x_k^{-1}). \quad (24)
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.1.2, page 131, Goodman-Wallach, the Weyl group W acts on the coordinate functions in $X(H)$ by $x_i \mapsto (x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq l$) for every $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_l$ and choice ± 1 of exponents. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 s. e^{\rho} \underline{(23)} \quad s. (x_1^l x_2^{l-1} \dots x_l) &= (s.x_1)^l (s.x_2)^{l-1} \dots (s.x_l) \\
 &= (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm l} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-1)} \dots (x_{\sigma(l)})^{\pm 1}. \quad (25)
 \end{aligned}$$

From now, the arguments will follow very closely to those in Type B_ℓ . When viewed as an element in $GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$, s satisfies $s(\varepsilon_i) = \pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(i)}$ (the choice of ± 1 is according to that of $(x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$). By the definition of $\text{sgn}(s)$ on top of page 331,

$$\text{sgn}(s) = \det((\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_l) \mapsto (\pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(l)})) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) (-1)^{\# \text{ of minus signs}} \quad (26)$$

By (25) and (26), we have

$$\text{RHS(1)} = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_l \\ \text{choices of } \pm 1}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) (-1)^{\# \text{ of "-"}} (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm l} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-1)} \dots (x_{\sigma(l)})^{\pm 1}. \quad (27)$$

When (24) is expanded, it will be a sum of $4 \binom{l}{2} 2^l = 2^{l^2}$ terms, each of which is of the form $\pm x_1^{v_1} x_2^{v_2} \dots x_l^{v_l}$, where each v_i is an integer. We'll

Show that after the sum of these 2^l terms is reduced, only the terms with $|r_1|, |r_2|, \dots, |r_l|$ pairwise distinct remain. The proof is exactly the same as in Type B_2 , so we will not rewrite it here. Among these remaining terms, we'll show that $|r_k| \geq 1$ for all $1 \leq k \leq l$. Suppose by contradiction that there exists some $1 \leq k \leq l$ such that $r_k = 0$. We can assume $k=1$. Write

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k - x_k^{-1}) = A + B, \quad (28)$$

where A is independent of x_1 , and B is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $r_1 \neq 0$.

Switching x_1 and x_1^{-1} , we get

$$-\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k - x_k^{-1}) = A + B', \quad (29)$$

where B' is a sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_2}$ with $r_1 \neq 0$ (but the choices of ± 1 may be different from those in B). Adding (28) and (29), we get

$$A = -\frac{B+B'}{2}. \quad (30)$$

LHS(30) is independent of x_1 while RHS(30) is not unless it is identically zero. Thus $A \equiv 0$. This is a contradiction.

We have showed that after (24) is expanded and reduced, only the terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_l^{r_l}$ with $|r_1|, |r_2|, \dots, |r_l| \geq 1$ and pairwise distinct remain. By the virtue of (20) and (21) we have:

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$$\text{LHS}(1) = \sum_{\tau \in S_l} \alpha \text{sgn}(\tau) (x_{\tau(1)})^{e_1} (x_{\tau(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{\tau(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}} \prod_{k=1}^l (x_k - x_k^{-1}) \quad (31)$$

$$= \sum \alpha \text{sgn}(\tau) (x_{\tau(1)})^{e_1 \pm 1} (x_{\tau(2)})^{e_2 \pm 1} \dots (x_{\tau(l-1)})^{e_{l-1} \pm 1} x_{\tau(l)}^{\pm 1} \quad (32)$$

Write $|e_k| \leq l-k$. Suppose by contradiction that there is $1 \leq k \leq l-1$ such that $|e_k| \leq l-k-1$. Then $|e_1|, |e_{2+1}|, \dots, |e_{l-1}| \leq l-k-1$. Then

$$\underbrace{(|e_1 \pm 1|, |e_{2+1}|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm 1|, |\pm 1|)}_{l-k \text{ integers in } \{1, 2, \dots\}} \leq l-k-1.$$

This is a contradiction. Thus, $|e_k| = l-k$ for all $1 \leq k \leq l-1$. Thus, $e_k = \pm(l-k)$.

Consequently, the factors α in (31) and (32) are ± 1 . We have

$$|e_k \pm 1| \leq |e_k| + 1 = l-k+1$$

Thus, $|e_1 \pm 1|, |e_2 \pm 1|, \dots, |e_{l-1} \pm 1|, |\pm 1| \in \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$. Hence, $|e_k \pm 1| = l-k+1$.

Hence, if we chose $e_k = l-k$ in (31) for some k then we must have

$$e_k \pm 1 = l-k+1,$$

i.e. the factor x_k in (31) is chosen to multiply with $(x_{\tau(1)})^{e_1} (x_{\tau(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{\tau(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}$.

If $e_k = -(l-k)$ for some k then we must have

$$e_k \pm 1 = -(l-k)-1,$$

i.e. the factor $(-x_k^{-1})$ in (31) is chosen to multiply with $(x_{\tau(1)})^{e_1} (x_{\tau(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{\tau(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}$.

Therefore,

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if the number of "-" chosen for } \pm(l-k+1), 1 \leq k \leq l, \text{ is odd,} \\ +1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then (32) can be written as

$$\text{LHS}(1) = \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathbb{G}_l \\ \text{choices of } \pm 1}} \text{sgn}(\tau) (-1)^{\#\text{of } "-"} (x_{\tau(1)})^{\pm l} (x_{\tau(2)})^{\pm(l-1)} \dots (x_{\tau(l)})^{\pm 1}.$$

Comparing with (27), we get the identity (1).

Type D_l : $G = SO(2l, \mathbb{C})$, $l \geq 3$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} [(\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j) + (\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j)] = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} \epsilon_i = (l-1)\epsilon_1 + (l-2)\epsilon_2 + \dots + \epsilon_{l-1}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } e^\rho = x_1^{l-1} x_2^{l-2} \dots x_{l-1}. \quad (33)$$

$$\text{For } \alpha = \epsilon_i - \epsilon_j, e^{-\alpha} = e^{\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i} = x_i^{-1} x_j.$$

$$\text{For } \alpha = \epsilon_i + \epsilon_j, e^{-\alpha} = e^{-\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j} = x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, LHS}(1) &= x_1^{l-1} x_2^{l-2} \dots x_{l-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} x_i (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j) (1 - x_i^{-1} x_j^{-1}) \\ &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

By Lemma 3.1.4, page 132, Goodman-Wallach, the Weyl group W acts on the coordinate functions in $\mathcal{X}(H)$ by $x_i \mapsto (x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq l$) for every $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}_l$ and choice ± 1 of exponent with an even number of negative exponents. Then

$$\begin{aligned} s \cdot e^\rho &\stackrel{(33)}{=} s \cdot (x_1^{l-1} x_2^{l-2} \dots x_{l-1}) = (s \cdot x_1)^{l-1} (s \cdot x_2)^{l-2} \dots (s \cdot x_{l-1}) \\ &= (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm(l-1)} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-2)} \dots (x_{\sigma(l-1)})^{\pm 1}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

When viewed as an element in \mathfrak{h}^* , s satisfies $s(\epsilon_i) = \pm \epsilon_{\sigma(i)}$ (the choice of sign is according to that of $(x_{\sigma(i)})^{\pm 1}$). By the definition of $\text{sgn}(s)$ on the

top of page 331,

$$\text{sgn}(s) = \det((\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_l) \mapsto (\pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \pm \varepsilon_{\sigma(l)})) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) (-1)^{\# \text{ of "-"}} = \text{sgn}(\bar{\sigma}). \quad (36)$$

By (35) and (36), we have

$$\text{RHS}(1) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_l} \text{sgn}(\sigma) (x_{\sigma(1)})^{\pm(l-1)} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{\pm(l-2)} \dots (x_{\sigma(l-1)})^{\pm 1} \quad (37)$$

When the product at (34) is expanded, (34) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS}(1) &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_j^{-1} - x_j - x_i^{-1}) \\ &= \prod_{\mathbb{Z} \in \mathfrak{S}_l} (x_{\sigma(1)} + x_{\sigma(1)}^{-1})^{l-1} (x_{\sigma(2)} + x_{\sigma(2)}^{-1})^{l-2} \dots (x_{\sigma(l-1)} + x_{\sigma(l-1)}^{-1}). \quad (38) \\ &= \sum \alpha (x_{\sigma(1)})^{e_1} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{\sigma(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}, \quad (39) \end{aligned}$$

where α is a number depending on each summand and $e_k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $|e_k| \leq l-k$ for all $1 \leq k \leq l-1$. We'll show that in the reduced form, the sum at (39) contains only terms $(x_{\sigma(1)})^{e_1} (x_{\sigma(2)})^{e_2} \dots (x_{\sigma(l-1)})^{e_{l-1}}$ with $|e_1|, \dots, |e_{l-1}|$ pairwise distinct. The proof is exactly the same as in Type B_l , so we will not rewrite it here. Suppose by contradiction that among those α remaining terms, there are terms with $e_k = 0$ for some $1 \leq k \leq l-1$. Such a term is independent of at least two of the factors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l . Write

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) = A + B, \quad (40)$$

where A is independent of x_1 and x_2 , and B is a sum of terms

$\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_\ell^{r_\ell}$ with $(r_1, r_2) \neq (0, 0)$. Switching x_1 and x_2 , we get

$$-\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq \ell} (x_i + x_i^{-1} - x_j - x_j^{-1}) = A + B', \quad (41)$$

where B' is another sum of terms $\pm x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_\ell^{r_\ell}$ with $(r_1, r_2) \neq (0, 0)$. Adding

(40) and (41) together, we get
$$A = -\frac{B+B'}{2}. \quad (42)$$

LHS(42) is independent of x_1 and x_2 , while RHS(42) is not unless it is identically zero. Thus, $A \equiv 0$. We have showed that after (39) is reduced, only the terms with $|e_1|, |e_2|, \dots, |e_{\ell-1}|$ pairwise distinct and $|e_k| \geq 1$ for all $1 \leq k \leq \ell-1$ remain. By the same argument as in Type C_ℓ , we get $|e_k| = \ell - k$ for all $1 \leq k \leq \ell-1$. Thus, the coefficients α 's in (39) are equal to 1. Thus, (39) can be written as

$$\text{LHS}(1) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{S}_\ell} (x_{\tau(1)})^{\pm(\ell-1)} (x_{\tau(2)})^{\pm(\ell-2)} \dots (x_{\tau(\ell-1)})^{\pm 1}$$

Choices of signs

Comparing with (37), we get the identity (1).

⑥ Problem 1, Section 9.1.4, Goodman-Wallach, p. 396.

We'll show that $\mathbb{I}^{[k-2, 2]} \simeq \mathbb{G}^{[k-2, 2]} \oplus \mathbb{G}^{[k-1, 1]} \oplus \mathbb{G}^{[k]}$. By Proposition 9.1.3, so called the reciprocity law for multiplicities of the irreducible representation

of \mathbb{G}_n in \mathbb{I}^μ , we have

$$\mathbb{I}^{[k-2, 2]} \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \text{Par}(k, n)} \dim F_n^\lambda([k-2, 2]) \mathbb{G}^\lambda.$$

We need to show that

$$\dim F_n^\lambda([k-2, 2]) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{[k], [k-1, 1], [k-2, 2]\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

" by Corollary 8.7.1, so-called the "Gel'fand-"Lel'm basis, $\dim F_n^\lambda([k-2, 2])$

is equal to the number of n -fold branching patterns of shape λ and weight

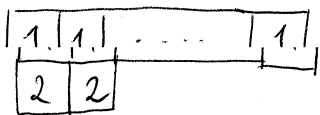
$[k-2, 2]$. Write such an n -fold branching pattern as $\gamma = \{\mu^{(n)}, \mu^{(n-1)}, \dots, \mu^{(1)}\}$.

Because γ has weight $[k-2, 2]$, its Young diagram consists of k boxes, $k-2$ of which are filled with 1 and two are filled with 2. By the rule of

writing a Young diagram for an n -fold branching pattern in page 366,

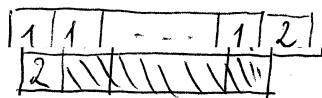
Goodman-Wallach, there are only 3 possibilities for γ :

$$\gamma = \{[k-2, 2], [k-2]\}$$



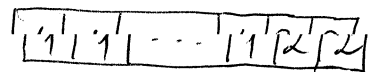
(a)

$$\gamma = \{[k-1, 1], [k-2]\}$$



(b)

$$\gamma = \{[k], [k-2]\}$$



(c)

Recall that λ is the shape of γ . For case (a), $\lambda = [k-2, 2]$. For case (b),

$\lambda = [k-1, 1]$. For case (c), $\lambda = [k]$. Therefore,

$$\dim F_n^\lambda([k-2, 2]) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{[k-2, 2], [k-1, 1], [k]\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Ⓣ Problem 1, Section 11.1.5, p.490, Goodman-Wallach.

$$\text{Let } N = \left\{ u(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \text{ and } T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k-1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

We will show that Γ is Zarzski dense in N .

By Lemma A.1.7, p.615, Goodman-Wallach, the Zarzski topology on N consists of ~~finitely many~~ finite unions of principal open sets

$$N^f = \{u(z) \in N : f(u(z)) \neq 0\} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{V}[N] \setminus \{0\}.$$

For each $f \in \mathcal{V}[GL(2, \mathbb{C})]$, $f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right)$ is a polynomial of variables $x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22}, (x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21})^{-1}$. Thus, $f(u(z))$ is simply a polynomial of z .

We can, therefore, identify $\mathcal{V}[N]$ with $\mathbb{C}[z]$. Then

$$N^f = \{u(z) \in N : f(z) \neq 0\} \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{C}[z].$$

Take $u(a) \in N$ and let V be a Zarzski open nbhd of $u(a)$ in N . We'll show that $V \cap \Gamma \neq \emptyset$. Because V is a finite ~~union~~ ^{union} of principle open sets, we can assume that V is a principle open set, i.e. $V = N^f$ for some $f \in \mathbb{C}[z]$. Because $f(a) \neq 0$, f is not the zero polynomial. Thus, f has finitely many roots in \mathbb{C} . Thus, there exists $k \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $f(k) \neq 0$. Then $u(k) \in N^f = V$. Hence, $u(k) \in V \cap \Gamma$.

Ⓐ Problem 1, Section 12.1.4, Goodman-Wallach, page 550.

Let G be a reductive group acting linearly on a vector space V . In other words, V is a representation of the group G . This representation induces a representation of G on $\mathcal{P}(V)$, the space of polynomial functions on V , via

$$(g \cdot f)(v) := f(g^{-1}v) \quad \forall g \in G, f \in \mathcal{P}(V), v \in V.$$

Let \mathbb{C}^x act linearly on V by scalar multiplication. This action induces a representation of \mathbb{C}^x on $\mathcal{P}(V)$ via

$$(\lambda \cdot f)(v) := f(\lambda^{-1}v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^x, f \in \mathcal{P}(V), v \in V.$$

The actions of G and of \mathbb{C}^x on $\mathcal{P}(V)$ commute because

$$(\lambda \cdot (g \cdot f))(v) = (g \cdot f)(\lambda^{-1}v) = f(g^{-1}\lambda^{-1}v) = f(\lambda^{-1}g^{-1}v) = (\lambda \cdot f)(g^{-1}v) = (g \cdot (\lambda \cdot f))(v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^x, g \in G, f \in \mathcal{P}(V).$$

Then we can define an action of $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ on $\mathcal{P}(V)$ via

$$(g, \lambda) \cdot f(v) := (g \cdot (\lambda \cdot f))(v) = f(\lambda^{-1}g^{-1}v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^x, g \in G, f \in \mathcal{P}(V)$$

For each integer $k \geq 0$, denote by $\mathcal{P}^k(V)$ the space of homogeneous polynomial functions of degree k . We have a decomposition of vector spaces

$$\mathcal{P}(V) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathcal{P}^k(V).$$

Denote by \widehat{G} the set of all equivalence classes of finite-dimensional irreducible G -modules. The primary decomposition of $\mathcal{P}^k(V)$ as a G -module is

$$\mathcal{P}^k(V) = \bigoplus_{\omega \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)},$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)} = \sum_{\substack{U \subset \mathcal{P}^k(V) \\ [U] = \omega}} U. \quad (1)$$

Hence, we get a decomposition of vector spaces

$$\mathcal{P}(V) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \bigoplus_{\omega \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}. \quad (2)$$

We want to show that (2), after eliminating trivial summands on the right hand side, is the primary decomposition of $\mathcal{P}(V)$ as a $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -module. First, we show that each $\mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$ is a $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -module. For each $(g, \lambda) \in G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ and $f \in \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$ we have

$$(g, \lambda) \cdot f = (v \mapsto f(\lambda^{-1} g^{-1} v)) = (v \mapsto \lambda^{-k} f(g^{-1} v)) = \lambda^{-k} (v \mapsto f(g^{-1} v)) = \lambda^{-k} (g \cdot f).$$

Since $\mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$ is a G -module, $g \cdot f \in \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$ and thus $\lambda^{-k} (g \cdot f) \in \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$.

Hence, $(g, \lambda) \cdot f \in \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$. We have showed that $\mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)}$ is a $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -module.

Thus, (2) is a decomposition of $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -modules.

Denote by $\widehat{G \times \mathbb{C}^x}$ the set of all equivalent classes of finite dimensional irreducible $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -modules. Then we have the primary decomposition

$$\mathcal{P}(V) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \widehat{G \times \mathbb{C}^x}} \mathcal{P}(V)_{(\sigma)}. \quad (3)$$

For each $\sigma \in \widehat{G \times \mathbb{C}^x}$, we show that there exist $k_\sigma \geq 0$ and $\omega_\sigma \in \widehat{G}$ such that

$$\mathcal{P}(V)_{(\sigma)} \subset \mathcal{P}^{k_\sigma}(V)_{(\omega_\sigma)}. \quad (4)$$

If this can be done then

$$\bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \bigoplus_{\omega \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \mathcal{P}(V) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \widehat{G \times \mathbb{C}^x}} \mathcal{P}(V)_{(\sigma)} \stackrel{(4)}{\subseteq} \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \widehat{G \times \mathbb{C}^x}} \mathcal{P}^{k_\sigma}(V)_{(\omega_\sigma)};$$

then the equality must hold; thus (1) is the primary decomposition of $\mathcal{P}(V)$ as a $G \times \mathbb{C}^x$ -module.

By the definition of isotypic components, (4) is equivalent to

$$\sum_{\substack{W \subset \mathcal{P}(V) \\ W \in \sigma}} W \subset \mathcal{P}^{k_\sigma}(V)_{(\omega_\sigma)}. \quad (5)$$

For each $W \subset \mathcal{P}(V)$, $W \in \sigma$, we have

$$W = W \cap \mathcal{P}(V) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \bigoplus_{\omega \in \hat{G}} \underbrace{(W \cap \mathcal{P}^k(V)_{(\omega)})}_{G \times \mathbb{C}^\times\text{-module}}.$$

Since W is an irreducible $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ -module, there exist an integer $k_{\sigma, W} \geq 0$ and $\omega_{\sigma, W} \in \hat{G}$ such that $W = W \cap \mathcal{P}^{k_{\sigma, W}}(V)_{(\omega_{\sigma, W})}$. Thus, $W \subset \mathcal{P}^{k_{\sigma, W}}(V)_{(\omega_{\sigma, W})}$.

For $W_1, W_2 \in \sigma$ and $W_1 \subset \mathcal{P}^{i_1}(V)_{(\omega_1)}$, $W_2 \subset \mathcal{P}^{i_2}(V)_{(\omega_2)}$, we show that $i_1 = i_2$ and $\omega_1 = \omega_2$.

Because $W_1 \cong W_2$ as $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ -modules, there exists a linear isomorphism $\varphi: W_1 \rightarrow W_2$ which intertwines with the actions of $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ on W_1 and W_2 . For each $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ and $f \in W_1$, we have $\varphi(\lambda \cdot f) = \lambda \cdot \varphi(f)$. On the other hand,

$$\lambda \cdot f = (v \mapsto f(\lambda^{-1}v)) = (v \mapsto \lambda^{-i_1} f(v)) = \lambda^{-i_1} f,$$

$$\varphi(\lambda \cdot f) = \varphi(\lambda^{-i_1} f) = \lambda^{-i_1} \varphi(f), \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda \cdot \varphi(f) = (v \mapsto \varphi(f)(\lambda^{-1}v)) = (v \mapsto \lambda^{-i_2} \varphi(f)(v)) = \lambda^{-i_2} \varphi(f). \quad (7)$$

By (6) and (7), $\lambda^{-i_1} \varphi(f) = \lambda^{-i_2} \varphi(f)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ and $f \in W_1$. Thus,

$i_1 = i_2 (= i)$. Hence, $W_1, W_2 \subset \mathcal{P}^i(V)$.

By identifying G with $G \times \{1\} \subset G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$, we have $W_1 \cong W_2$ as

G -modules via the intertwining map φ . Now suppose by contradiction that W_1 is a reducible G -module. Write

$$W_1 = U_1 \oplus U_2, \quad (8)$$

where $U_1, U_2 \neq \{0\}$ are G -modules. For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times, g \in G, f \in U_2,$

$$(g, \lambda).f = (v \mapsto f(\lambda^{-1}g^{-1}v)) = (v \mapsto \lambda^{-i} f(g^{-1}v)) = \lambda^{-i} (v \mapsto f(g^{-1}v)) = \lambda^{-i} (g.f).$$

Since U_1 is a G -module, $g.f \in U_1$ and thus $\lambda^{-i} (g.f) \in U_1$. Hence, $(g, \lambda).f \in U_1$. Thus, U_2 is a $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ -module. Similarly, U_1 is also a $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ -module. Then (8) contradicts the fact that W_1 is an irreducible $G \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ -module.

Therefore, W_1 is an irreducible G -module. Similarly, W_2 is also an irreducible G -module. Moreover, ~~we~~ and so far, we know that W_1 and W_2 are isomorphic irreducible G -submodules of $\mathcal{P}^i(V)$. Moreover, W_1 and W_2 are finite-dimensional. Thus, they are contained in the same isotypic component of $\mathcal{P}^i(V)$ as a G -module. This means $\omega_1 = \omega_2$. Therefore,

$$\begin{cases} k_{\sigma, W} = k_{\sigma} \\ \omega_{\sigma, W} = \omega_{\sigma} \end{cases} \quad \forall W \subset \mathcal{P}(V), W \in \sigma.$$

We obtain (5).