

Lie Theory Through Examples, Q2

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Every compact simply-connected simple

Lie group is on this list:

- $SU(n) = \{ n \times n \text{ complex matrices } U \text{ w/}$
 $n \geq 2$
 $UU^* = 1, \det(U) = 1 \}$
Related to \mathbb{C} .

- $Spin(n) = \widetilde{SO(n)}$, the universal cover of
 $n \geq 3$

$$SO(n) = \{ n \times n \text{ real matrices } U \text{ w/ } UU^* = 1, \\ \det(U) = 1 \}$$

Related to \mathbb{R} .

- $Sp(n) = \{ n \times n \text{ quaternionic matrices } U \text{ w/ } UU^* = 1 \}$
 $n \geq 1$.

Related to \mathbb{H} .

- G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8 . Related \mathbb{O} , though more mysterious.

The infinite families are called the ¹⁻²
classical Lie groups, \mathfrak{e}_i the last groups
are called the exceptional Lie groups.

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Compact,
Simply-connected,
Lie group

$$SU(n)$$

$$Spin(n) = \widetilde{SO}(n)$$

N even

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maximal torus

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & e^{i\theta_n} \end{pmatrix} : \prod_{j=1}^n e^{i\theta_j} = 1 \right\}$$

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$$T^{n-1}$$

double cover of

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} R_{\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & R_{\theta^{n/2}} \end{pmatrix} : \theta_j \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

SIII

where $R_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

$$T^{n/2}$$

Lattice

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & e^{i\theta_n} \end{pmatrix} : \theta_j \in \mathbb{Z}, \sum \theta_j = 0 \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} J_{\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & J_{\theta^{n/2}} \end{pmatrix} : \theta_j \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$L \subseteq \mathfrak{k}$

$$L = \{ x \in \mathfrak{k} : \exp(2\pi x) = 1 \}$$

II

$$A_N, \text{ where } N = n-1$$

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$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(2)$$

$$D_N, \text{ where } N = n/2.$$

$$\text{Spin}(n) = \widetilde{\text{SO}}(n)$$

n odd

$$\text{Sp}(n)$$

double cover of

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} R_{\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & R_{\theta_{n/2}} \end{pmatrix} : \theta_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

S_{III}

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta_1} & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & e^{i\theta_n} \end{pmatrix} : \theta_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

S_{III}

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$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} J_{\theta_1} & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & J_{\theta_{n/2}} & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \theta_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \sum \theta_i \in 2\mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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$$B_N, N = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$B_N \cong D_N$, but something's different!

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It's called $B_N \cong C_N$, but something's different!
 $C_N, N = n$

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The difference between D_n , B_n & C_n is not the lattice, but a choice of certain special vectors in the lattice, called roots.

For A_n , D_n , E_6 , E_7 , E_8 , the roots are just the shortest vectors in the lattice, but this no longer works for B_n , C_n , G_2 & F_4 .

The ADE guys are called "simply laced",

The maximal torus $T \subseteq K$ has a normalizer

$$N(T) = \{g \in K : gTg^{-1} = T\}$$

$N(T)$ acts on T by conjugation, and

$T \subseteq N(T)$ acts trivially, so

$$N(T)/T = W$$

acts on T , and W is called the Weyl group. In fact, W is a finite group. Since it acts on T , it acts on \mathfrak{t} , thus on $L \subseteq \mathfrak{t}$. It also preserves the inner product on \mathfrak{t} (given by the Killing form), & its action is faithful (only $1 \in W$ fixes everything), so W is

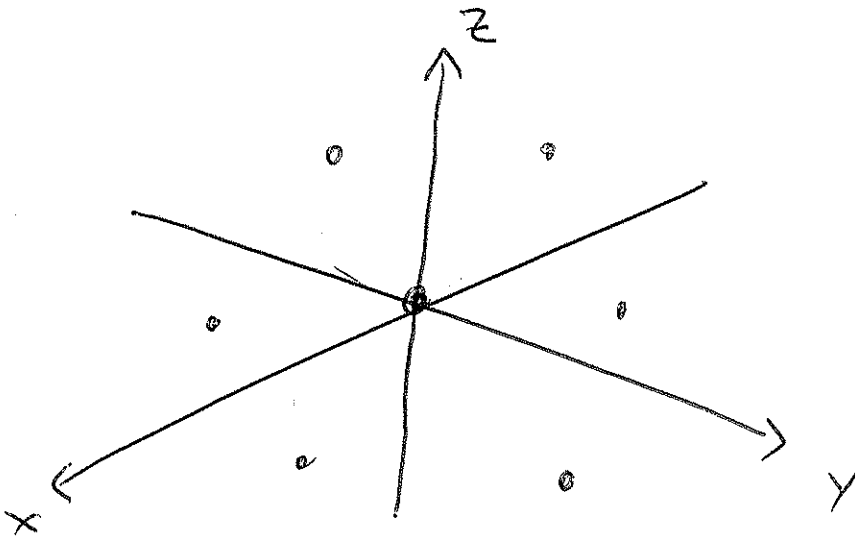
included in the permutation group of the shortest vectors in L , hence it must be finite!

Ex A_2 Here the lattice looks like

$$L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} ix & 0 \\ 0 & iy & iz \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}, x+y+z=0 \right\}$$

L is spanned by $\pm(1, -1, 0)$,
 $\pm(1, 0, -1)$
 $\pm(0, 1, -1)$

\therefore we draw it as:



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ 0 & b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

g

g^{-1}

$$= \begin{pmatrix} b & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & c \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{so } g \in N(T)$$

ξ gives $[g] \in W = N(\pi)/T.$

This elt of W acts as a reflection on our picture, switching x & y - axes.

We can also do any other permutation of the three axes, ξ that turns out to be all of them;

$$W \cong S_3$$

More generally, for A_n , we get

$$W \cong S_{n+1}.$$