# Relating diagonalizable and nilpotent operators

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(equivalently, there is a vector v such that v, Nv, NNv, ...,  $N^{n-1}v$  form a basis, and  $N^n v = 0$ ).

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A "diletant's thought": the Weyl group is in this case a symmetric group, and its conjugacy classes are also indexed by partitions! Coincidence or...?

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#### Полупростые подалгебры полупростых алгебр Ли

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Изучение полупростых подалебр полупростих залебр Ли<sup>\*</sup> (или, что равносьльно, сявник лоатуростих полугрип полупростих групп Ли) важно как для алтебри, так и для геометрии. Как показая А. И. Мальцев [11], к этому вопросу сводится более общая задача взучения полупростых подалебр в любых алтебрах Ли, задача о построении всех алгебр Ли с данным радикалом и др. С другой стороны, взучение транзтивных групп преобразований равносильно взучению под «турлия, стацковарная подгруппа», откуда видио значение указанной задачи для геометрия.

Исследование полупростых подалтебр в проявольных полупростых алтебрах Ли ветко сполится в исследованию полупростых полалтебр в простых латебрах (см. [11]). Простие алтебры Ли исчернываются четарыма классическими сермани А. В. б. о. Д. \*\* и патью сообыми влатебрами  $E_{\theta} E_{T} E_{\theta} F_{\theta} G_{2}$  Изучение полупростых подалебр влатебры А. равноснально изученнов севозможных линейных представлений полупростых алебра Ли. Основные результати в этом паправлений бали получени Э. Картаном [16] и Г. Вейлем [21]. Описание полупростых подалетобр в летебрах В., с. и D. боло дано А. И. Мальцевым были взучены янив простейвам затебра К. д. и ц. частичов. А. И. Мальцевым были взучены янив простейвия алебра К. ц. ц. частичов. "\*\*\*. Межату чем, не говоря уже об общей теории, которая, таким образом, остается незавершенной, решение ряда важных попросов, поносщихся к массическим группы Ли, также зависит от построения полной классификации полупростых латерия посыбах террип.

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## **Regular Elements of Finite Reflection Groups**

T.A. Springer (Utrecht)

#### Introduction

If G is a finite reflection group in a finite dimensional vector space V then  $v \in V$  is called regular if no nonidentity element of G fixes v. An element  $g \in G$  is regular if it has a regular eigenvector (a familiar example of such an element is a Coxeter element in a Weyl group). The main theme of this paper is the study of the properties and applications of the regular elements. A review of the contents follows.

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#### ГРУППА ВЕЙЛЯ ГРАДУИРОВАННОЙ АЛГЕБРЫ ЛИ

Роль группи Вейля в теорин полупростых алтебр. Ли состоит в том, что ока опясновает яквиваленность замеченоть картановской подалебры относительно присоединенной группы. (Заметия, что априори несно что эта эквивалетность должна описываться какой-то группой, дейстлующий в картановской подалебор. Группа Вейля полупростой алтебры Ли была впервые рассмотрена Г. Вейлем (<sup>1</sup>) в 1925 г. Э. Картан в последующих работах (<sup>1</sup>), (<sup>1</sup>) установане е важнейшие сойства.

В 1927 г. Э. Картан (<sup>44</sup>) распространил понятие группы Вейяя на симметрическое пространат. Комплексие с изметрическое пространат. отное лика списте пространства. Комплексие с изметрическое пространство полупростой группы Ли G с локалной тонка врения есть не что нове, как алгебар Ла є градупровника во модула O  $_2$  ведь-†6, (гда 0,1 — вычеты по модулю 2). Его картановская подалтебра есть подпространство ( $\subset_{B,c}$  состоящее на коммутирующих межау собой полупростик зменитов и водадовнее тех солостою, что всякий полупростой замент из 63, эквивалентен элементу на с относительно подтрушты G  $\subset_{G,c}$  G ( $\subset_{B,c}$  G и действушой в 8, сестеленным образом. (Определземая этим действием линейная группа четь с мутик и водостираторисной подолгобер в С, с 9 действушой в 8, сестеменным образом. (Определземая этим действием линейная группа четь с мутик ского пространства с тех конечная линейная группа В С, д с мететрующая и с обладающе тех собством, что дав заменита на с яквивалентны от носительно G, тогда и только тогда, когда они яквивалентны относительно W.

В настоящей работе понятия картановской подалгебры и группы Вейля распространяются на полупростые комплексные алгебры Ли, градуированные по любому модулю m: g=g\_+ +g\_+ ... + g<sub>m-1</sub> (0, 1, ...

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More generally, any cyclic grading defines an automorphism of finite order  $\theta$  of g; such automorphisms have been classified by Kac, shortly before Vinberg's paper.

Vinberg investigated representations of the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^{(0 \mod m)}$  and the corresponding group  $G^{(0 \mod m)}$  on the spaces  $\mathfrak{g}^{(i \mod m)}$ .

He discovered that these representations share many of the pleasant properties with the adjoint representations. This is the content of his theory of theta-groups.

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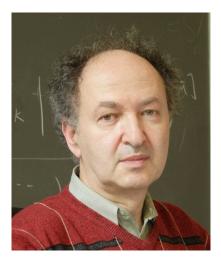
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In "our" situation, if we choose to wrap modulo m = d + 2 so that 2 mod  $m = -d \mod m$ , then *e* and *F* fall into the same  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ -graded piece; if e + F is semisimple, it belongs to a Cartan subspace there.

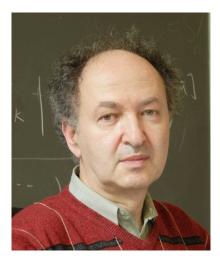
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#### ABSTRACT

We study the space of lwahori subalgebras containing a given element of a semisimple Lie algebra over C((e)). We also define and study a map from nilpotent orbits in a semisimple Lie algebra over C to conjugacy classes in the Weyl group.

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#### §0. Introduction

Let G be a semisimple, simply connected algebraic group over C with Lie algebra g. We denote by  $\mathscr{B}$  the variety of Borel subalgebras of g. For any nilpotent element  $N_0 \in g$ , we consider the closed subvariety  $\mathscr{B}_{N_0}$  of  $\mathscr{B}$  consisting Kazhdan and Lusztig assigned a conjugacy class in W to any nilpotent e.

(Source: video of a talk by Lusztig, 2010)

The case  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n)$ :

For a nilpotent  $e \in \mathfrak{g}$ , generic  $a_1, a_2, \ldots \in \mathfrak{g}$  and a scalar  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$\tilde{e} := e + a_1 \varepsilon + a_2 \varepsilon^2 + \cdots$$

is a regular semisimple element of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Finding eigenvalues of  $ad_{\tilde{e}}$  one will encounter roots of various degrees  $\sqrt[k]{\epsilon}$ . Clearly one such degree *k* (LCM of all degrees encountered) will suffice. Eigenvalues of  $\operatorname{ad}_{\tilde{e}}$  will be certain (rational) functions  $\lambda_i(\sqrt[k]{\varepsilon})$  of this root. If we would pick another one, i. e. multiply  $\sqrt[k]{\varepsilon}$  by some *k*th root of unity  $\zeta = \sqrt[k]{1}$ , this would produce these  $\lambda_i$  in a different order, i. e. there is a permutation  $\sigma$  with

$$\lambda_i(\zeta\sqrt[k]{\varepsilon}) = \lambda_{\sigma(i)}(\sqrt[k]{\varepsilon}).$$

This  $\sigma$  determines the element of the Weyl group that Kazhdan and Lusztig assign to *e*.

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#### CYCLIC ELEMENTS IN SEMISIMPLE LIE ALGEBRAS

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Abstract. We develop a theory of cyclic elements in semisimple Lie algebras. This notion was introduced by Kostant, who associated a cyclic element with the principal infloctent and proved that it is regular semisimple. In particular, we classfy all nilpotents giving rise to semisimple and regular semisimple cyclic elements. As an application, we obtain an explicit construction of all regular elements in Weyl props.

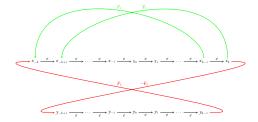
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Let p be a semisimple finite-dimensional Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field F of characteristic 0 and let e be a non-zero nipotent element of  $q_i$ . By the Morzow-Jacobson theorem, the element e can be included in an sig-triple s = (e,h,f), so that [e,f] = h, [h,e] = 2e, [h,f] = -2f. Then the eigenspace decomposition of q with respect to al h is a  $Z_{\rm parading}$  of g:

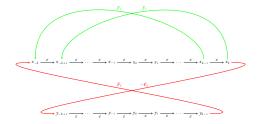
$$g = \bigoplus_{j=-d}^{-} g_j$$
, (0.1)

where  $g_{\pm d} \neq 0$ . The positive integer d is called the depth of this Z-grading, and of the nilpotent element e. This notion was previously studied, e.g., in [P1].

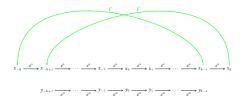
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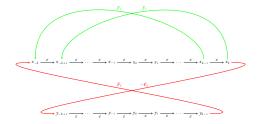
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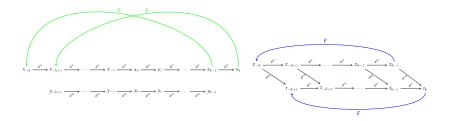
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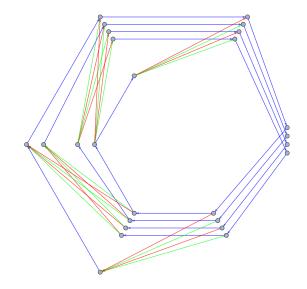
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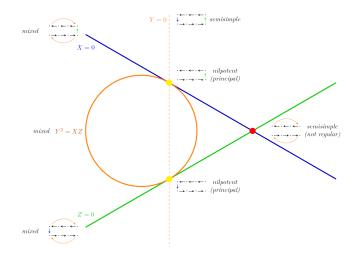


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### Cyclic elements - semisimplicity loss

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As it turns out, if there are semisimple cyclic elements at all, then *d* must be even, and then e + F loses semisimplicity iff *F* belongs to some proper subalgebra of  $(\mathfrak{g}^{(-d)}, \ast)$ .

## Irreducible nilpotent elements of semisimple type

For all irreducible nilpotent elements,  $(\mathfrak{g}^{(-d)}, *)$  is a commutative algebra  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda}(n)$  generated by  $p_1, ..., p_n$  with defining relations  $p_i^2 = p_i, i = 1, ..., n$ , and

$$p_i p_j = \lambda (p_i + p_j), \qquad i \neq j.$$

The singular set of  $\mathfrak{g}^{(-d)}$  coincides with the union of all proper subalgebras of this algebra.

For classical algebras:

g	partition	depth	rank	$Z(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{g}^{(-d)}$	$(\mathfrak{g}^{(-d)},*)$
$\mathfrak{sl}(2k+1)$	[2k + 1]	4k	1	1	1
$\mathfrak{sp}(2k)$	[2k]	4k - 2	1	1	1
$\mathfrak{so}(2k+1)$	[2k + 1]	4k - 2	1	1	1
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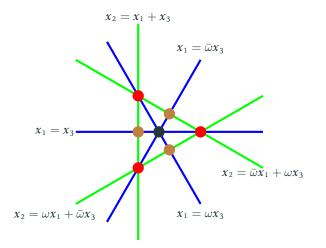
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g	weighted Dynkin diagram	label	depth	rank	$Z(\mathfrak{s}) \mathfrak{g}^{(-d)}$	$(\mathfrak{g}^{(-d)},*)$
E <sub>6</sub>	@-@-@-@ @	$E_6(a_1)$	16	1	1	1
$E_7$	0-0-0-0-0-0	E <sub>7</sub>	34	1	1	1
$E_7$	@-@-@-@-@-@	$E_7(a_1)$	26	1	1	1
$E_7$	@-@-@-@-@	$E_7(a_5)$	10	3	$\sigma_3 \oplus 1$	$\mathscr{C}_{-\frac{1}{3}}(3)$
$E_8$	0-0-0-0-0-0 0	E <sub>8</sub>	58	1	1	1
$E_8$	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	$E_8(a_1)$	46	1	1	1
$E_8$	0-0-0-0 <u>-0</u> -0-0	$E_8(a_2)$	38	1	1	1
$E_8$	@-@-@-@_@-@	$E_8(a_4)$	28	1	1	1
$E_8$	<u>@-@-@-@-@</u> -@	$E_8(a_5)$	22	2	$\sigma_2 \oplus 1$	$\mathscr{C}_{-\frac{2}{7}}(2)$
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$E_8$	<u>@-@-@-@-Ğ-@-@</u>	$E_8(a_7)$	10	4	$\sigma_5$	$\mathscr{C}_{-\frac{1}{3}}(4)$
$F_4$	0—0⇒0—0	F <sub>4</sub>	22	1	1	1
$F_4$	2—0⇒2—0	$F_4(a_2)$	10	2	$\sigma_2 \oplus 1$	$\mathscr{C}_{-\frac{1}{3}}(2)$
$G_2$	② <del> </del> ②	G <sub>2</sub>	10	1	1	1

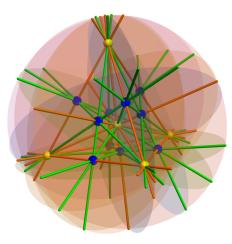
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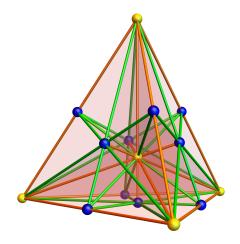
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On each stage,  $e^s$  is irreducible in its [q, q], and we know that assigning to it the conjugacy class of W determined by its cyclic element agrees with the Kazhdan-Lusztig map.

## **Our map vs. Kazhdan-Lusztig: the** E<sub>7</sub> case

	Ort			Spalter	ıstein	our i	nap	Lusztig map
Bala-Carter (Dynkin)	đ	normal form	embedding	Carter	char. pol.	Carter	char. pol.	fibre
A <sub>1</sub>	2	C1	regular	A1	$\phi_2 \phi_1^6$	""	""	
2A1	2	2C1	regular	2A1	$\phi_{2}^{2}\phi_{1}^{5}$	""	""	
(3A1)"	2	(3C1)"	regular	(3A <sub>1</sub> )'	$\phi_{2}^{3}\phi_{1}^{4}$	*	""	
(3A1)'	3	(3C1)'	regular	$(4A_1)'$	$\phi_{2}^{4}\phi_{1}^{3}$	(3A1)"	$\phi_{2}^{3}\phi_{1}^{4}$	(4A1)", (3A1)"
4A1	3	4C1	regular	[7A1]	$[\phi_{2}^{7}]$	(4A1)'	$\phi_{2}^{4}\phi_{1}^{3}$	7A1, 6A1, 5A1, (4A1)'
A <sub>2</sub>	4	A <sub>2</sub>	regular	A <sub>2</sub>	$\phi_{3}\phi_{1}^{5}$	""	""	
$A_2 + A_1$		+ C1	regular	$A_2 + A_1$	$\phi_{3}\phi_{2}\phi_{1}^{4}$	""	""	
$A_2 + 2A_1$ $A_2 + 3A_1$		+ 2C <sub>1</sub> + 3C <sub>1</sub>	regular regular	$A_2 + 2A_1$ $A_2 + 3A_1$	$\phi_3 \phi_2^2 \phi_1^3$ $\phi_1 \phi_2^3 \phi_1^2$			
2A <sub>2</sub> + 3A <sub>1</sub>		+ 3C1	regular	A <sub>2</sub> + 3A <sub>1</sub> 2A <sub>2</sub>				
	4	-		-	$\phi_{3}^{2}\phi_{1}^{3}$			
$2A_2 + A_1$	5	2A <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>1</sub>	regular	3A2	$\phi_{3}^{3}\phi_{1}$	$2A_2 + A_1$	$\phi_{3}^{2}\phi_{2}\phi_{1}^{2}$	3A <sub>2</sub> , 2A <sub>2</sub> + A <sub>1</sub>
A <sub>3</sub>	6	C2	folding of A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	$\phi_4 \phi_2 \phi_1^4$	(A		(
$(A_3 + A_1)'$ $(A_3 + A_1)''$		+ C1 + C1	+ regular + regular	$(A_3 + 2A_1)''$ $(A_1 + A_1)'$	$\phi_4 \phi_2^3 \phi_1^2$ $\phi_4 \phi_2^2 \phi_1^3$	$(A_3 + A_1)''_{,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,$	$\phi_4 \phi_2^2 \phi_1^3$	$(A_3 + 2A_1)'', (A_3 + A_1)''$ $(A_3 + A_1)'$
$(A_3 + A_1)$ $A_1 + 2A_1$		+ 2C1	+ regular	$(A_3 + A_1)$ A <sub>3</sub> + 3A <sub>1</sub>	$\phi_4 \phi_2 \phi_1 \\ \phi_4 \phi_5^4 \phi_1$	$(A_1 + 2A_1)'$	$\phi_4 \phi_7^3 \phi_1^2$	$(A_3 + A_1)$ $A_3 + 3A_1, (A_3 + 2A_1)'$
$D_4(a_1)$	6	$D_4(a_1)$	regular	$D_4(a_1)$	$\phi_{4}\phi_{2}\phi_{1}$ $\phi_{4}^{2}\phi_{1}^{3}$	4 7	4 "	113 + 5111, (113 + 2111)
$D_4(a_1) + A_1$	Ŭ	+ C1	regular	$D_4(a_1) + A_1$	$\phi_{4}^{2}\phi_{1}\phi_{1}^{2}$			
$A_1 + A_2$ (= $D_4(a_1) + 2A_1$ )		+ 2C1	regular	2A1	$\phi_{1}^{2}\phi_{2}^{2}\phi_{1}$	«		$D_4(a_1) + 2A_1$ , $A_3 + A_2$
$A_1 + A_2 + A_1 (= D_4(a_1) + 3A_1)$		$+(3C_1)''$	regular	$2A_1 + A_1$	$\phi_{4}^{2}\phi_{2}^{3}$	**7	4	$2A_1 + A_1, A_1 + A_2 + A_1$
A	8	A.	regular	A.	$\phi_5 \phi_1^3$	41 22	4 9	
$A_{4} + A_{1}$		+ C1	regular	$A_4 + A_1$	$\phi_{5}\phi_{2}\phi_{1}^{2}$	4	""	
$A_4 + A_2$		+ A <sub>2</sub>	regular	$A_4 + A_2$	$\phi_{5}\phi_{3}\phi_{1}$	""	""	
D4	10	G <sub>2</sub>	folding of D <sub>4</sub>	D4	$\phi_6 \phi_2^2 \phi_1^3$	**	""	
$D_4 + A_1$		+ C1	+ regular	$[D_4 + 3A_1]$	$[\phi_6 \phi_2^5]$	$D_4 + A_1$	$\phi_6 \phi_2^3 \phi_1^2$	$D_4 + 3A_1, D_4 + 2A_1, D_4 + A_1$
$D_5(a_1)$ (= $D_4 + 2A_1$ )		+ 2C1	+ regular	$D_5(a_1)$	$\phi_6 \phi_4 \phi_2 \phi_1^2$	$D_4 + 2A_1$	$\phi_6 \phi_7^4 \phi_1$	$D_5(a_1)$
$D_5(a_1) + A_1$ (= $D_4 + 3A_1$ )		$+ (3C_1)''$	+ regular	$D_5(a_1) + A_1$	$\phi_6 \phi_4 \phi_2^2 \phi_1$	$D_4 + 3A_1$	$\phi_{6}\phi_{2}^{5}$	$D_5(a_1) + A_1$
A' <sub>5</sub>	10	C3	folding of A <sub>5</sub>	$(A_5 + A_1)''$	$\phi_6 \phi_3 \phi_2^2 \phi_1$	(A <sub>5</sub> )"	$\phi_6 \phi_3 \phi_2 \phi_1^2$	$(A_5 + A_1)'', (A_5)''$
A''_5	10	C3	folding of A <sub>5</sub>	(A <sub>5</sub> )'	$\phi_6 \phi_3 \phi_2 \phi_1^2$	""	""	
$A_5 + A_1 \qquad \  \  (= (A_5 + A_1)'')$		+ C1	+ regular	$\llbracket A_5 + A_2 \rrbracket$	$\left[\phi_6\phi_3^2\phi_2\right]$	$(A_5+A_1)^\prime$	$\phi_6\phi_3\phi_2^2\phi_1$	$A_5 + A_2,(A_5 + A_1)'$
$D_{6}(a_{2})$	10	$D_6(a_2)$	regular	$D_6(a_2) + A_1$	$\phi_{6}^{2}\phi_{2}^{3}$	$D_6(a_2)$	$\phi_{6}^{2}\phi_{2}^{2}\phi_{1}$	$D_6(a_2) + A_1, D_6(a_2)$
$E_6(a_3)$ (= (A <sub>5</sub> + A <sub>1</sub> )')	10	$F_4(a_2)$	folding of E <sub>6</sub>	$E_6(a_2)$	$\phi_{6}^{2}\phi_{3}\phi_{1}$	""	""	
$E_7(a_5)$ (= $D_6(a_2) + A_1$ )	10	$E_7(a_5)$	regular	$E_7(a_4)$	$\phi_{6}^{3}\phi_{2}$	4 <u> </u>	""	
A <sub>6</sub>	12	A <sub>6</sub>	regular	A <sub>6</sub>	$\phi_{7}\phi_{1}$	" <u> </u>	""	
D <sub>5</sub>	14	B4	folding of D <sub>5</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	$\phi_8 \phi_2 \phi_1^2$	""	*"	
$D_5 + A_1$		+ C1	+ regular	$D_5 + A_1$	$\phi_{8}\phi_{2}^{2}\phi_{1}$	""	""	
$D_6(a_1)$ $E_7(a_4)$ (= $D_6(a_1) + A_1$ )		$+ C'_1 + C'_1 + C_1$	+ IV <sub>B4⊂E7</sub>	$D_6(a_1)$ A <sub>7</sub>	$\phi_8 \phi_4 \phi_1$	D <sub>5</sub> D <sub>5</sub> + A <sub>1</sub>	$\phi_8 \phi_2 \phi_1^2$ $\phi_8 \phi_2^2 \phi_1$	
$E_7(a_4)$ (= $D_6(a_1) + A_1$ ) $E_6(a_1)$	16		+ IV <sub>B4⊂E7</sub> + regular regular		$\phi_8 \phi_4 \phi_2$	D5 + A1	φ8φ2φ1 # #	
		$E_6(a_1)$		$E_6(a_1)$	$\phi_{9}\phi_{1}$			
$D_6 = E_7(a_3)$ (= D <sub>6</sub> + A <sub>1</sub> )	18	B <sub>5</sub> + C <sub>1</sub>	folding of D <sub>6</sub> + regular	$D_6 + A_1 = E_7(a_3)$	$\phi_{10}\phi_2^3$ $\phi_{10}\phi_6\phi_2$	$D_6 \\ D_6 + A_1$	$\phi_{10}\phi_2^{\prime}\phi_1 \\ \phi_{10}\phi_3^{3}$	$D_6 + A_1, D_6$
Es	22	F <sub>4</sub>	folding of E <sub>6</sub>	Es	$\phi_{12}\phi_{1}\phi_{1}$		4 9	
$E_7(a_2)$		+ C1	+ IV <sub>F4⊂E7</sub>	$E_7(a_2)$	$\phi_{12}\phi_6\phi_2$	*	" "	
E <sub>7</sub> (a <sub>1</sub> )	26	$E_7(a_1)$	regular	$E_7(a_1)$	$\phi_{14}\phi_{2}$	49	4 <u> </u>	
E <sub>7</sub>	34	E <sub>7</sub>		E <sub>7</sub>	$\phi_{18}\phi_{2}$	a	4 9	

# Thank you for your patience!