

# Lecture 30

(1)

Recall: (Lecture 29, Thm §2, §4):

$A$ : Cartan matrix

$$\left(\text{i.e., } A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I} \in M_{I \times I}(\mathbb{Z})\right)$$

- $a_{ii} = 2 \quad \forall i \in I$
- $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \quad \forall i \neq j$
- $\exists d_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  s.t.  $d_i a_{ij} = d_j a_{ji} \quad \forall i, j$
- $A$  is positive-def.



$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ : Lie alg. gen. by  $\{e_i, f_i, h_i\}_{i \in I}$

subject to 3 rel's:

$$(1) \quad [h_i, h_j] = 0 \quad \forall i, j \in I$$

$$(2) \quad [h_i, e_j] = a_{ij} e_j \quad [h_i, f_j] = -a_{ij} f_j$$

$$(3) \quad [e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} h_i$$

$$\rightarrow \mathfrak{h} := \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{C} h_i \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \quad \rightarrow \alpha_j \in \mathfrak{h}^* \text{ defined by } \alpha_j(h_i) = a_{ij} \quad \forall i \in I.$$

(Cartan subalg.)

$$Q_+ := \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i \subset Q = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} \alpha_i \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$$

"root lattice"

- $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \tilde{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \tilde{n}_+$  as vector space.
  - $\tilde{n}_+ = \text{Free Lie alg. on } \{e_i\}_{i \in I} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q_+ \setminus \{0\}} \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_\alpha$
  - $[\forall \gamma \in \mathfrak{h}^*, \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_\gamma := \{x \in \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} : [h, x] = \gamma(h)x \quad \forall h \in \mathfrak{h}\}].$
- $\rightarrow$  If  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is an ideal, then  $\mathfrak{a} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q_+ \setminus \{0\}} \mathfrak{a}_{\pm \alpha} \oplus (\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{h}).$
- $\mathfrak{a}$  is proper  $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{h} = \{0\}.$

Let  $r = \text{unique max'l proper ideal}.$

$$\boxed{\mathfrak{g} := \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} / r}$$

automatically simple.

- $\rightarrow$  For  $i \neq j$ , let  $e_{ij} := \text{ad}(e_i)^{1-a_{ij}} e_j \quad f_{ij} := \text{ad}(f_i)^{1-a_{ij}} f_j$ .
- Then  $e_{ij} \in r_+$  ( $\forall i \neq j$ ) and  $f_{ij} \in r_-$  ( $\forall i \neq j$ ).

§1. Proposition. - Let  $\phi: \mathbb{C}V \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  be a f.d. repn. of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then (2)

(i)  $V$  is  $\mathfrak{h}$ -diagonalizable - i.e.,  $V = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \mathfrak{h}^*} V[\gamma]$  where

$$V[\gamma] := \{v \in V : h \cdot v = \gamma(h)v \ \forall h \in \mathfrak{h}\}.$$

Let  $P(V) \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  be defined as:  $P(V) = \{\gamma \in \mathfrak{h}^* : V[\gamma] \neq \{0\}\}$ .

(weights of  $V$ )

(ii)  $P(V) \subset P := \{\gamma \in \mathfrak{h}^* : \gamma(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z} \ \forall i \in I\}$  "Weight Lattice"

(iii)  $e_i$  and  $f_i$  act nilpotently on  $V$ .

Proof. For each  $i \in I$ , let  $\varphi_i: \mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{sl}_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_i} \mathbb{C}V$

$$\begin{aligned} e &\mapsto e_i \\ f &\mapsto f_i \\ h &\mapsto h_i \end{aligned}$$

and hence (see Lecture 26-page<sup>1</sup>)  $h_i$  acts diagonalizably on  $V$  and  
(from  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -repn th.)

$$\gamma \in P(V) \Rightarrow \gamma(h_i) \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad \underline{(ii) \ follows.}$$

As  $[h_i, h_j] = 0$ ,  $\{h_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$  can be simultaneously

diagonalized. This proves (i).

For (iii), note that  $e_i: V[\gamma] \rightarrow V[\gamma + \alpha_i]$  and  $|P(V)| < \infty$   
( $\dim V < \infty$ )

$\Rightarrow e_i$  acts nilpotently (similarly for  $f_i$ 's)

□

## §2. Integrable repns. and Weyl group symmetry.

Defn: A  $\mathfrak{g}$ -repn.,  $V$  is said to be integrable if  $\forall i \in I$ ,

$e_i$  and  $f_i$  act locally nilpotently on  $V$ .

( $\forall v \in V, \exists N > 0$  (depending on  $i$  &  $v$ ) s.t.  
 $e_i^N \cdot v = 0, f_i^N \cdot v = 0$ .)

Theorem. — Let  $\gamma \in \mathcal{C}V$  be an  $\mathfrak{h}$ -diagonalizable repn which is integrable. Then,  $\forall \gamma \in P(V)$  and  $w \in W$  (Weyl group)

$$V[\gamma] \cong V[w(\gamma)]$$

(recall  $W = \langle s_i \rangle_{i \in I}$  and  $s_i \in \mathcal{C}\mathfrak{h}^*$  by  $s_i(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j - a_{ij}\alpha_i \quad \forall j \in I$ .)

Proof. Let  $i \in I$  be fixed. Define (see Thm §2 - Lecture 26).

$$\sigma_{i;V} = \exp(e_i) \exp(-f_i) \exp(e_i) : V \rightarrow V \in GL(V). \\ (\text{makes sense by local nilpotence}).$$

Claim. —  $\exp(\text{ad}(e_i)) \exp(-\text{ad}(f_i)) \exp(\text{ad}(e_i)) : h \mapsto s_i(h) = h - \alpha_i(h)h_i$   
 $\forall h \in \mathfrak{h}$ .

(Pf. of the claim - see Pages 3,4 of Lecture 26).

Hence, if  $v \in V[\gamma]$  ( $w = s_i$ ),  $u = \sigma_i(v)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i(h \cdot v) &= \gamma(h) \sigma_i(v) = \gamma(h) \cdot u \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \Rightarrow h' \cdot u = \gamma(s_i(h')) u \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad = (s_i \cdot \gamma)(h') u \\ (\sigma_i \cdot h \cdot \sigma_i^{-1})(u) &= s_i(h)(u) \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \Rightarrow u \in V[s_i \gamma] \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### §3. Finite-dimensionality of $\mathfrak{g}$ .

- Recall  $R := \bigcup_{i \in I} W \cdot \alpha_i \subset \mathfrak{h}^* \setminus \{0\}$ . (see Lecture 27 - §3, 4)
- $|R| < \infty$  and  $R = R_+ \sqcup R_-$  ( $R_+ = R \cap Q_+$ )  
 $|W| < \infty$  ( $R_- = R \cap (-Q_+) = -R_+$ )
- By Serre rel's -

Lemma. -  $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  via adjoint map, is  $\mathfrak{h}$ -diagonalizable and integrable.

Proof. -  $\mathfrak{h}$ -diagonalizability follows from Thm §2 Lecture 29.

$\text{ad}(e_i)$  acts locally nilpotently on gen's  $\{h_j, e_j, f_j\}_{j \in I}$

- by Serre rel's

$$\text{and } \frac{\text{ad}(e_i)^N}{N!} \cdot [x, y] = \sum_{a=0}^N \left[ \frac{\text{ad}(e_i)^a}{a!} \cdot x, \frac{\text{ad}(e_i)^{N-a}}{(N-a)!} \cdot y \right]$$

$\Rightarrow \text{ad}(e_i)$  acts locally nilpotently on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .  $\square$

Cor. - (i) Let  $P(\mathfrak{g}) = \{\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}^* : \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \neq \{0\}\}$ . Then

$P(\mathfrak{g}) = \{0\} \cup P(\mathfrak{g})_+ \cup P(\mathfrak{g})_-$  is  $W$ -invariant.

$$(ii) \quad P(\mathfrak{g})_\pm = R_\pm$$

Proof. (i) follows from the triangular dec. of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $r \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}/r = \left( \widetilde{n}_-/r_- \right) \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \left( \widetilde{n}_+/r_+ \right).$$

$W$ -invariant by Lemma above and Thm §2 on previous page.

(ii) As  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_i} = \mathbb{C} \cdot e_i (\forall i \in I)$  we get

$$\mathfrak{g}_{W(\alpha_i)} \cong \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_i} (\forall w \in W) \Rightarrow \dim \mathfrak{g}_\alpha = 1 \quad \forall \alpha \in R.$$

So,  $R_\pm \subset P(\mathfrak{g})_\pm$ . Assume  $R_+ \subsetneq P(\mathfrak{g})_+$  and let

$\beta \in P(\mathfrak{g})_+ \setminus R_+$  be of smallest height ( $h + (\sum_{i \in I} k_i \alpha_i) := \sum_{i \in I} k_i$ )

Note:  $\beta \neq \alpha_i$  and  $s_i(\beta) = \beta - \beta(h_i) \alpha_i \in P(\mathfrak{g})_+ \setminus R_+$   
hence (by  $W$ -invariance)

By height minimality,  $\beta(h_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in I$ . So, if  $\beta = \sum_{i \in I} k_i \alpha_i \in Q_+$

$$\text{then, } \beta \cdot \beta = \sum_{i \in I} (\beta, \alpha_i) \cdot k_i = \sum_{i \in I} k_i \cdot d_i \beta(h_i) \leq 0$$

contradicting positive-definiteness of  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $E^*$ .  $\square$

#### §4. Summary. -

$$\mathfrak{g} = \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in R_-} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right) \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in R_+} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right)$$

$$\dim \mathfrak{h} = |I| ; \quad \dim \mathfrak{g}_\alpha = 1 \quad \forall \alpha \in R.$$

So

$$\dim(\mathfrak{g}) = |I| + |R|$$

$$= |I| + 2|R_+|$$