

Non-simply Laced McKay Correspondence and Triality

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Abstract: The classical McKay correspondence establishes a one-to-one correspondence between finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ and simply-laced root systems, namely root systems of ADE type. In this article, we extend the McKay correspondence to all root systems, simply-laced or not, and relate this correspondence to triality of quaternions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The McKay correspondence says that, conjugacy classes of finite subgroups $\bar{\Gamma}$ of $SU(2)$, are in one-to-one correspondence with simply-laced simple Lie algebras, or equivalently, Dynkin diagrams of ADE type.

In this article, we extend this correspondence to all simple Lie algebras, simply-laced or not, using the triality of the quaternions \mathbb{H} . This correspondence for non-simply laced Dynkin diagrams is more or less known. We give an explicit and unified description, and relate it to the triality of the quaternions \mathbb{H} .

Note that $SU(2) = Sp(1)$ acts on \mathbb{H} by left multiplications and the adjoint map $Ad : SU(2) \rightarrow SO(3)$ is the universal covering of $SO(3)$, which is the automorphism group of \mathbb{H} as a normed division algebra, i.e. $SO(3) = Aut(\mathbb{H})$ and $SU(2) = \overline{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$. Recall that there are only four normed division algebras \mathbb{A} and they are $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$ and \mathbb{O} . Such an algebraic structure is closely related to the notion of a normed triality:

$$t : V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Indeed given any triality triple $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$, we obtain canonical identifications $V_1 \cong V_2 \cong V_3 \cong V_3^*$ and t determines a product structure on V_i . This makes V_i

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into a normed division algebra \mathbb{A} . We write $t_{\mathbb{A}}$ instead of t and we denote the set of all triality triples as $Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$.

The symmetry group $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}}) \subset O(V_1) \times O(V_2) \times O(V_3)$ of triality is isomorphic to $SU(2)_3/\mathbb{Z}_2$ (resp. $Spin(8)$) when \mathbb{A} equals \mathbb{H} (resp. \mathbb{O}). Also we denote the universal cover of $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}})$ by $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}})$. Then $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}}) = SU(2)_3$. The projection to each V_i induces a homomorphism $p_i : \widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}) \rightarrow O(V_i)$. In general, $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}})$ acts transitively on $Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$ and the isotropy group is isomorphic to $Aut(\mathbb{A})$, which equals $SO(3)$ (resp. G_2) when \mathbb{A} equals \mathbb{H} (resp. \mathbb{O}). As a result, subgroups of $Aut(\mathbb{A})$ correspond to subgroups of $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}})$ which fix some point in $Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$.

From the above discussions, the McKay correspondence can be rephrased as a correspondence between simply laced root systems and finite subgroups of $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ fixing some element in $Tri_{\mathbb{H}}$, and we call such a subgroup an isotropic subgroup. Our main result says that if we consider pairs of finite isotropic subgroups of $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ inducing the same symmetries on each V_i , then the McKay correspondence can be extended to all root systems.

A pair (\mathfrak{g}, τ) with \mathfrak{g} a (complex) simple Lie algebra and τ an outer automorphism determines a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}^{τ} by taking the fixed part. Equivalently, a simply laced Dynkin diagram D and a diagram automorphism τ determines a Dynkin diagram D_{τ} by taking the folding. All non-simply laced simple Lie algebras (or equivalently, Dynkin diagrams) can be obtained from simply laced ones in such a way. Namely, $\mathfrak{g}^{\tau} = B_n, C_n, F_4, G_2$ when $\mathfrak{g} = D_{n+1}, A_{2n-1}, E_6, D_4$ respectively with τ being of order 2 except for D_4 , and 3 for D_4 .

Theorem 1. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between the pairs (\mathfrak{g}, τ) and the equivalence classes of pairs of finite isotropic subgroups $\widetilde{\Gamma}, \widetilde{\Gamma}' \subset \widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ of the same order satisfying $p_i(\widetilde{\Gamma}) = p_i(\widetilde{\Gamma}') \subset O(V_i) \cong O(4)$ for all i .*

To prove this result, we first establish the following non-simply laced McKay correspondence. Our construction is different from the classical restricted-induced construction in [14] (see also [10]).

Theorem 2. *The equivalence classes of pairs $(\widetilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ with $\widetilde{\Gamma}$ a finite subgroup of $SU(2)$ and O_v an element of the outer automorphism group of $\widetilde{\Gamma}$ induced by $Ad(v)$ where $v \in \mathbb{H}$, are in one-to-one correspondence with the pairs (\mathfrak{g}, τ) as above. In particular, we obtain all non-simply laced root systems from the pairs $(\widetilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$.*

The Dynkin diagram associated with a pair $(\widetilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ is obtained as follows. Let W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n be all irreducible representations of $(\widetilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$. W_0 is the trivial one. Let W be the standard representation of $SU(2)$. Assign a node p_i to each W_i . Assume $W_i \otimes W \cong \oplus m_{ilm} W_m$. When $a_{lm} = a_{ml} \neq 0$ (both are equal to 1), we draw a_{lm} edges to connect the nodes p_l and p_m . When $a_{lm} \neq a_{ml}$, one of them,

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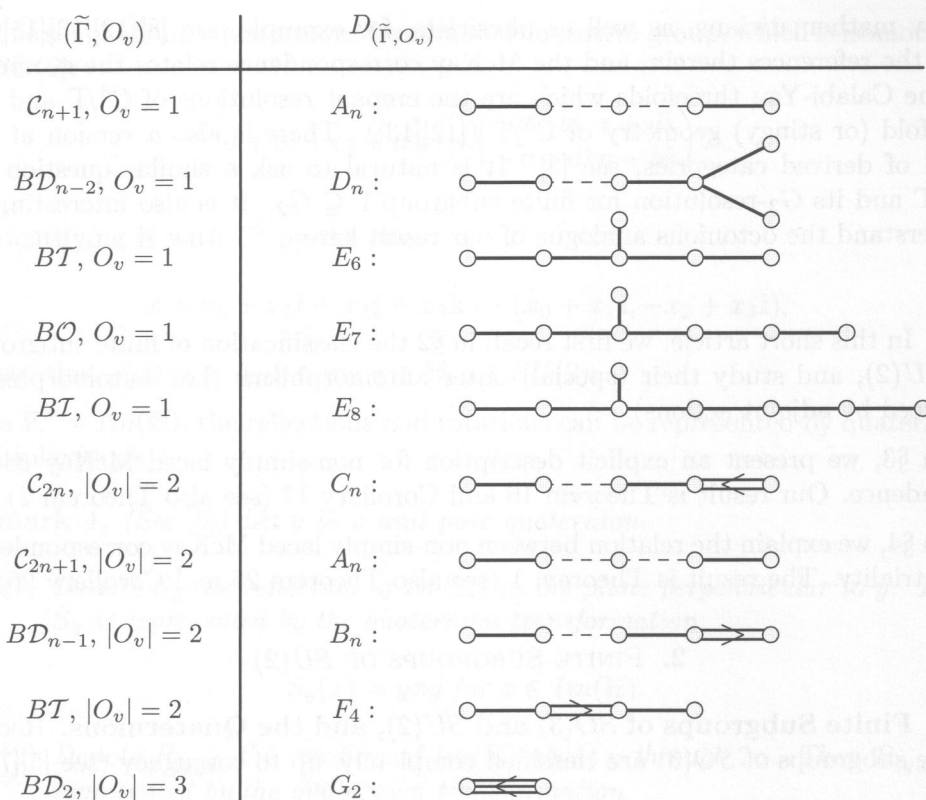


FIGURE 1. Dynkin diagrams associated with the pairs $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$

say a_{lm} , must be 2 or 3, and another is 1. In this case, we draw a_{lm} directed edges from p_m to p_l . Thus, we obtain a diagram $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}^{aff}$. Removing the node p_0 and all the edges with p_0 as an endpoint from $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}^{aff}$, we obtain a diagram $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$, and it is a Dynkin diagram. Conversely, each Dynkin diagram can be obtained in such a way. When $O_v = id$, we obtain a simply laced Dynkin diagram. We illustrate this correspondence in Figure 1, where the groups C_n, BD_n, BT, BO , and BI are respectively the cyclic, binary dihedron, binary tetrahedron, binary octahedron, and binary icosahedron groups.

1.2. Remark. When $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{R}$ the similar correspondence is rather trivial, as $Aut(\mathbb{R}) = \{1, -1\}$. When $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{C}$ we have $U(1) = Aut(\mathbb{C})$. Finite subgroups of $U(1) = S^1$ are finite cyclic groups $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). These finite groups are also subgroups of $SO(3) = Aut(\mathbb{H})$, since $Aut(\mathbb{C}) \subset Aut(\mathbb{H})$.

When $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{O}$, the octonions or the Cayley numbers, we have $Aut(\mathbb{O}) = G_2$ and $Aut(t_{\mathbb{O}}) = Spin(8)$. Finite subgroups Γ of $SU(3) \subset G_2$ were studied by

many mathematicians, as well as physicists, for example, see [8][12][13][15][16] and the references therein, and the McKay correspondence relates the geometry of the Calabi-Yau threefolds which are the crepant resolutions of \mathbb{C}^3/Γ and the orbifold (or string) geometry of \mathbb{C}^3/Γ ([12][13]). There is also a version at the level of derived categories, see [3]. It is natural to ask a similar question for \mathbb{R}^7/Γ and its G_2 -resolution for finite subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq G_2$. It is also interesting to understand the octonions analogue of our result here.

1.3. In this short article, we first recall in §2 the classification of finite subgroups of $SU(2)$, and study their (special) outer automorphisms (i.e. automorphisms induced by adjoint actions).

In §3, we present an explicit description for non-simply laced McKay correspondence. Our result is Theorem 16 and Corollary 17 (see also Theorem 2).

In §4, we explain the relation between non-simply laced McKay correspondence and triality. The result is Theorem 1 (see also Theorem 25 and Corollary 26).

2. FINITE SUBGROUPS OF $SU(2)$

2.1. Finite Subgroups of $SO(3)$ and $SU(2)$, and the Quaternions. Recall, finite subgroups of $SO(3)$ are classified completely, up to conjugacy (see [5][7]).

Proposition 3. *The classification of finite subgroups Γ of $SO(3)$, up to conjugacy, is listed in the following table. Here A, B, C are the generators of Γ . The last column lists the regular polyhedrons whose symmetry groups are the respective finite groups.*

Group, Γ	Order	Generating Relations	(Regular) Polyhedrons
Cyclic, C_n	n	$A^n = B^n = C^n = 1$	n -gon's in \mathbb{R}^2
Dihedron, D_n	$2n$	$A^n = B^2 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	n -gon's in \mathbb{R}^3
Tetrahedron, T	12	$A^3 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	Tetrahedrons
Octahedron, O	24	$A^4 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	Octahedrons
Icosahedron, I	60	$A^5 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	Icosahedron

Let \mathbb{H} be the algebra of quaternions, with the basis $1, i, j, k$. For $a = a_0 + a_1i + a_2j + a_3k \in \mathbb{H}$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$, we denote $Re(a) = a_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, $Im(a) = a_1i + a_2j + a_3k \in Im(\mathbb{H})$, and the conjugate $\bar{a} = Re(a) - Im(a)$. When $a_0 = 0$, a is called a pure quaternion. If a is a unit quaternion, then a can be written as the form

$$a = \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = e^{y\alpha},$$

where $\cos \alpha = Re(a)$ and y is a pure unit quaternion.

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$$a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a + b\mathbf{i} & c + d\mathbf{i} \\ -c + d\mathbf{i} & a - b\mathbf{i} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Identifying \mathbb{H} with \mathbb{C}^2 by the map

$$x = x_0 + x_1\mathbf{i} + x_2\mathbf{j} + x_3\mathbf{k} \mapsto (x_0 + x_1\mathbf{i}, -x_2 + x_3\mathbf{i}),$$

we see that $g(x) = g \cdot x$, for any $x \in \mathbb{H}, g \in SU(2)$.

In $\mathbb{R}^3 = Im(\mathbb{H})$, the reflections and rotations can be represented by quaternion multiplications.

Remark 4. (See [6]) Let y be a unit pure quaternion.

- (1) Denote S_y the reflection of $Im(\mathbb{H})$ in the plane perpendicular to y . Then S_y is represented by the quaternion transformation

$$S_y(x) = yxy \text{ for } x \in Im(\mathbb{H}).$$

- (2) Denote $R_{(y,\alpha)}$ the rotation of $Im(\mathbb{H})$ about y through 2α . Then $R_{(y,\alpha)}$ is represented by the quaternion transformation

$$R_{(y,\alpha)}(x) = e^{-\alpha y} x e^{\alpha y} \text{ for } x \in Im(\mathbb{H}).$$

- (3) The group of all unit quaternions is 2 : 1 homomorphic to the group of all rotations that leave the origin fixed, that is, the group $SO(3)$. The kernel of this homomorphism is $\{\pm 1\}$.

Let $\tilde{\Gamma} \neq \{0\}$ be a finite subgroup of unit quaternions, or equivalently $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset SU(2)$. There are two different classes.

The first class: If $\tilde{\Gamma}$ contains -1 , then by Remark 4, $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is 2 : 1 homomorphic to a finite subgroup Γ of $SO(3)$. By Proposition 3, there are 5 cases. Moreover, in terms of generators and generating relations, $\tilde{\Gamma}$ can be written as the form $\tilde{\Gamma} = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ where $A^p = B^q = C^r = ABC = -1$.

Proposition 5. Let $-1 \in \tilde{\Gamma}$. Then the classification is listed in the following table. Here (A, B, C) in the third, fourth and fifth row are respectively $(1/2(1 + \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}), 1/2(1 + \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{i}), (1/2(1 + \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}), 1/2(1 + \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{i})$ and $(\cos \pi/5 + \mathbf{k} \cos \pi/3 + \mathbf{i} \sin \pi/10, \cos \pi/3 + \mathbf{k} \cos \pi/5 + \mathbf{j} \sin \pi/10, \mathbf{k})$.

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- (iv) $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_2$, and O_v is of order 3. $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ is called of G_2 -type.

Proof. This is a direct consequence of the following Proposition 9. □

Proposition 9. *The outer automorphism group (defined as above) of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is \mathbb{Z}_2 for $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_n, BD_n (n \neq 2)$ or BT . For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_2$, it is S_3 , the symmetry group of 3 letters. In all other cases, the outer automorphism group is trivial.*

Proof. Let $g = e^{\alpha y} = \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha \in \tilde{\Gamma}$ and $v = e^{x\beta} \in SU(2)$. Then $Ad(v)(g) = v^{-1}e^{\alpha y}v = v^{-1}(\cos \alpha)v + v^{-1}(y \sin \alpha)v = \cos \alpha + (v^{-1}yv) \sin \alpha = e^{\alpha(v^{-1}yv)}$. Thus we can see that $Ad(v)$ transforms the rotation by 2α about the vector $y \in Im(\mathbb{H})$ into the rotation about $v^{-1}yv \in Im(\mathbb{H})$ by the same angle. But the action $y \mapsto v^{-1}yv$ itself is the rotation by 2β with the vector x , since $v = e^{x\beta}$. Then according to the classification of finite subgroups of $SO(3)$ (or $SU(2)$), it suffices to show the existence of the non-trivial outer automorphisms O_v with $v \in SU(2)$, in the case where $-1 \in \tilde{\Gamma}$. For convenience, we suppose the generators of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ are taken as in Remark 5. For $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_n (BD_n (n \neq 2)$ or BT , respectively), we take $v = \mathbf{j}$ (respectively, $e^{-\pi i/2n}, ie^{\pi j/4}$). One can check directly that v satisfies the condition. For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_2$, one can check that O_{v_1} and O_{v_2} generate the outer automorphism group S_3 , where $v_1 = e^{(\pi/3)(i+j+k)/\sqrt{3}}$ and $v_2 = (i+j)/\sqrt{2}$. For the case where $\tilde{\Gamma}$ does not contain -1 , the result comes from the following lemma. □

Lemma 10. *Take $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ as above. Let $g \in \tilde{\Gamma}$ be an element of order $d > 1$. If $O_v(g) = g^l$ then $l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{d}$. If $g = e^{2\pi i/d}$, we can take $v = \mathbf{k}$ such that $O_v(g) = g^{-1}$.*

Proof. Note that $\tilde{\Gamma}$ must be conjugate with $e^{2\pi i/d}$ in $SU(2)$. Let $g = ue^{2\pi i/d}u^{-1}$ with $u \in SU(2)$. Then $hgh^{-1} = g^l$ implies that $hue^{2\pi i/d}u^{-1}h^{-1} = ue^{2\pi i/d}u^{-1}$. Thus $(u^{-1}hu)e^{2\pi i/d}(u^{-1}hu)^{-1} = e^{2\pi i k/d}$. Therefore we can assume $g = e^{2\pi i/d}$. As elements of $SU(2)$,

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i/d} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2\pi i/d} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$. One can check that there are only two solutions for (a, b, l) : $(1, 0, 1)$ and $(0, 1, -1)$. □

Example 11. *In the case that $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_2$, we can take $\tilde{\Gamma} = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$, $v = e^{(2\pi/3)(i+j+k)/\sqrt{3}}$ and $Ad(v)$ acts just as the permutation (ijk) . This is the classical triality.*

3. MCKAY CORRESPONDENCE AND DYNKIN DIAGRAMS

In this section we first recall the classical McKay correspondence between subgroups of $SU(2)$ and ADE diagrams [10]. To obtain non-simply laced Dynkin diagrams, one just takes the "folding". In [14], Slodowy considered the relation between finite subgroups of $SU(2)$, Dynkin diagrams and simple singularities, and he realized the diagram automorphisms as the automorphisms of the desingularizations.

By considering the irreducible representations and the conjugacy classes associated with a finite subgroup $\tilde{\Gamma}$ with an outer automorphism, we give an explicit and unified description for McKay correspondence in all cases.

Let us first recall how to obtain ADE -Dynkin diagrams from finite subgroups of $SU(2)$. Let $\tilde{\Gamma}$ be a finite subgroup of $SU(2)$. Let $W = \mathbb{C}^2$ be the standard representation of $SU(2)$. And let $W_l, l = 0, 1, \dots, s$ be all of the irreducible representations of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, where W_0 is the trivial representation, and $s + 1$ is the number of the conjugacy classes of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ (recall that the number of irreducible representations equals to the number of conjugacy classes, for a finite group). Then we have

$$W \otimes W_l \cong \bigoplus_{a_{lm}}^m W_m,$$

where a_{lm} is the multiplicity of W_m in this decomposition. Assigning a node p_l to each W_l and drawing a_{lm} edges to connect p_l and p_m , we obtain the so-called *affine McKay quiver* of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, denoted by $D^{aff}(\tilde{\Gamma})$. McKay found that $D^{aff}(\tilde{\Gamma})$ was an affine Dynkin diagram of type A_n (respectively D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8) for $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_{n+1}$ (respectively BD_{n-2}, BT, BQ, BI). If we remove the node p_0 and all the edges with p_0 as an endpoint, we obtain the corresponding Dynkin diagrams (of finite type), denoted as $D(\tilde{\Gamma})$.

In the following we consider the pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, where v is a unit quaternion.

Definition 12. An irreducible representation of the pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ is a representation W of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, which satisfies the following two conditions.

- (a) W is invariant under $Ad(v)$, that is, $Ad(v)$ preserves the characters of W .
- (b) W can not be written as a direct sum $W_1 \oplus W_2$ with W_i satisfying the condition (a).

Definition 13. An O_v -conjugacy class of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ is an equivalence class of conjugacy classes of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, where two conjugacy classes \tilde{g}_1 and \tilde{g}_2 are called equivalent to each other if $Ad(v)(\tilde{g}_1) = \tilde{g}_2$ or $Ad(v)(\tilde{g}_2) = \tilde{g}_1$.

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Theorem 14. *Given any finite subgroup $\tilde{\Gamma} \subseteq SU(2)$ invariant under $O_v \in Out(\tilde{\Gamma})$, we have*

- (i) O_v induces a diagram automorphism on $D(\tilde{\Gamma})$;
- (ii) the number of irreducible representations of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ is equal to the number of O_v -conjugacy classes of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$.

Proof. (ii) is a direct consequence of (i). We check (i) directly in each case.

For $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_n$, $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is generated by $g = e^{2\pi i/n}$. For $l = 0, \dots, n - 1$, let $W_l \cong \mathbb{C}$ be the l -th irreducible representation, namely, it is one-dimensional with basis e_l satisfying $g(e_l) = g^l \cdot e_l$. Note that W_0 is the trivial irreducible representation. Take $v = j$. Then $O_v \neq id_G$, and $O_v(g) = g^{-1}$. So O_v transforms the character of W_l to the one of W_{n-l} . That is, O_v induces a diagram automorphism of $D(\tilde{\Gamma})$.

For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_n$ and O_v of order 2. As a subgroup of $SU(2)$, we can take $\tilde{\Gamma}$ to be generated by two elements

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\pi/n} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\pi/n} \end{pmatrix}, h = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $W_l \cong \mathbb{C}^2$ be the l -th 2-dimensional representation, with the action given by $g(e_l, f_l) = (e_l, f_l)g^l, h(e_l, f_l) = ((-1)^l f_l, e_l)$, where e_l, f_l is a basis of W_l . Note that W_l is irreducible for $l \neq 0, n$. W_0 splits into two irreducible representations W_{01} and W_{02} , where W_{02} is the trivial one and $g|_{W_{01}} = id, h|_{W_{01}} = -id$. Also W_n splits into $W_n = W_{n1} \oplus W_{n2}$. When n is even, $W_{n1} = \mathbb{C} \langle e_n + f_n \rangle, W_{n2} = \mathbb{C} \langle e_n - f_n \rangle$. When n is odd, $W_{n1} = \mathbb{C} \langle e_n + if_n \rangle, W_{n2} = \mathbb{C} \langle e_n - if_n \rangle$. Take $v = k$, then O_v just interchanges the characters of W_{n1} and W_{n2} .

The situation for BT is similar but more complicated. The character table for BT is

char	1	C	-1	A^2	B^2	A	B
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	0	-2	-1	-1	1	1
3	3	-1	3	0	0	0	0
$2'$	2	0	-2	$-\rho$	$-\rho^2$	ρ^2	ρ
$2''$	2	0	-2	$-\rho^2$	$-\rho$	ρ	ρ^2
$1'$	1	1	1	ρ	ρ^2	ρ^2	ρ
$1''$	1	1	1	ρ^2	ρ	ρ	ρ^2

where $p = e^{2\pi i/3}$, and the entries in the first column are all irreducible representations indexed by the affine Dynkin diagram of E_6 . Let O_v interchange the generators A and B . Then O_v interchanges pairwise the 5-th and the 6-th columns, the 7-th and the 8-th columns in this table. Hence it also interchanges pairwise the 5-th and the 6-th rows, the 7-th and the 8-th rows. That is, O_v induces a diagram automorphism of $D(\Gamma)$.

The proof for $G = BD_2$ is very easy, according to Remark 11. □

Similar to the classical case, we define the McKay quiver for a pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ as follows.

Definition 15. Given a pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, let $W_l, l = 0, \dots, n$ be all irreducible representations of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, where W_0 is the trivial one, and $n + 1$ is the number of the O_v -conjugacy classes. Assign a node p_l to each irreducible representation W_l . Let $W = \mathbb{C}^2$ be the standard representation of $SU(2)$. Assume that $W_l \otimes W \cong \oplus a_{lm} W_m$. When $a_{lm} = a_{ml} \neq 0$ (it must be equal to 1 in this situation), we draw a_{lm} edges to connect the nodes p_l and p_m . When $a_{lm} \neq a_{ml}$, one of them, say a_{lm} , must be 2 or 3, and another is 1. In this case, we draw a_{lm} directed edges from p_m to p_l . Thus, we obtain a diagram, called the affine McKay quiver of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, and denoted by $D_{\text{aff}}^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$. Removing the node p_0 and all the edges with p_0 as an endpoint from $D_{\text{aff}}^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$, we obtain a diagram, denoted by $D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$, called the (finite) McKay quiver of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$.

Theorem 16. Given any finite subgroup $\tilde{\Gamma} \subseteq SU(2)$ and $O_v \in \text{Out}(\tilde{\Gamma}), D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ must be one of the following types.

- (1) For $O_v = \text{id}_{\tilde{\Gamma}}, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is a Dynkin diagram of ADE-type.
- (2) Suppose O_v is non-trivial.
 - (i) For $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_{2n+1}, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is of A_n -type.
 - (ii) For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BC_n = C_{2n}, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is of C_n -type.
 - (iii) For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_n$ and $(O_v)^2 = \text{id}_{\tilde{\Gamma}}, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is of B_{n+1} -type.
 - (iv) For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BT, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is of F_4 -type.
 - (v) For $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_2$ and $(O_v)^3 = \text{id}_{\tilde{\Gamma}}, D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is of G_2 -type.

Proof. (1) is the classical McKay correspondence, see [10]. By Theorem 14, we obtain non-simply laced Dynkin diagrams from simply laced ones. Let $\{W_l\} = 0, 1, \dots, s$ is the set of all irreducible representations of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, where $s + 1$ is the number of the O_v -conjugacy classes of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, and W_0 is the trivial one. Let $a_{lm}, l, m = 0, \dots, s$ be the non-negative numbers determined by the following

decomposition

We only need to check p_l and p_m is equal to p_n connecting from p_l . This follows from the fact that $O_v \neq C_{2k}$ and $O_v \neq g^{-1}$. So $W_l \oplus W_{2k-l}, 0 < l < k$ satisfies the condition that $W_{l-1} \oplus W_{l+1}$, for $1 < l < k$.

Corollary 17. Example 17. For a pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, the McKay quiver $D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is just the Cartan diagram of a regular simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . For example, the McKay quiver $D^{(F_4, O_v)}$ is the Cartan diagram of F_4 .

Remark 18. In the above discussion, the McKay quiver $D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is just one of the affine Dynkin diagrams of P . For example, the McKay quiver $D^{(E_6, O_v)}$ is the Cartan diagram of E_6 .

4. TRIALITY

We have seen that all symmetries of $D^{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ are induced by that of $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$. We formulate this correspondence as follows.

4.1. Triality. In [1] and [2], let

Definition 19. A norm $\|\cdot\|$ is a function from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^+ such that for any $v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes v_3 \neq 0$, we say that $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm, we say that

decomposition

$$W_l \otimes W \cong \bigoplus_m a_{lm} W_m.$$

We only need to verify the number of undirected edges connecting the nodes p_l and p_m is equal to a_{lm} where $a_{lm} = a_{ml}$; and the number of directed edges connecting from p_m to p_l is equal to $a_{lm} - a_{ml} = 1$.

This follows from a direct checking. For example, we compute $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ for $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_{2k}$ and $O_v \neq id$. Just as in the proof of Theorem 14, suppose $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is generated by $g = e^{2\pi i/(2k)}$. Let $W_l \cong \mathbb{C}$ is the l -th irreducible representation of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, which is one-dimensional with basis e_l , where $g(e_l) = g^l \cdot e_l$, for $l = 0, \dots, 2k-1$. Note that W_0 is the trivial irreducible representation. Take $v = j$. Then $O_v \neq id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. And $O_v(g) = g^{-1}$. So the irreducible representations for $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ are $U_0 = W_0, U_l = W_l \oplus W_{2k-l}, 0 < l < k, U_k = W_k$. Let $U_l = \bigoplus_m a_{lm} U_m$. Then we can see that a_{lm} satisfies the constrains, since $U_0 \otimes W = U_1, U_1 \otimes W = 2U_0 \oplus U_2, U_l \otimes W = U_{l-1} \oplus U_{l+1},$ for $1 < l < k-2$ and $U_{k-1} \otimes W = U_{k-2} \oplus 2U_k, U_k \otimes W = U_{k-1}$. \square

Corollary 17. *Except the case $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ where $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_{2k+1}$ and $O_v \neq id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}, D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$ is just one of the affine Dynkin diagrams of untwisted type, and the matrix $2I - (a_{ij})$ is just the Cartan matrix of the corresponding affine Dynkin diagram.*

Remark 18. *In fact, this outer automorphism O_v induces an outer automorphism of a regular polyhedron \mathcal{P} (that is, interchanging the vertices and the faces of \mathcal{P}). For example, the tetrahedron has such a non-trivial outer automorphism. Accordingly the binary tetrahedron group as well as its McKay quiver also has such an outer automorphism.*

4. TRIALITY AND NON-SIMPLY LACED MCKAY CORRESPONDENCE

We have seen that the McKay correspondence in non-simply laced cases is induced by that one in simply laced case with a symmetry of \mathbb{H} . Essentially, all symmetries of \mathbb{H} come from the triality property on \mathbb{H} . In this section, we formulate this correspondence in terms of triality.

4.1. Triality. In the following, we recall the theory on triality. For references, see [1] and [2]. Let $V_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ be three real vector spaces of finite dimension.

Definition 19. *A triality is a trilinear map*

$$t : V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes V_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that for any non-zero $v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2$ there exists a $v_3 \in V_3$ such that $t(v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes v_3) \neq 0$ (and similarly for $v_1, v_3 \neq 0, v_2, v_3 \neq 0$). If each V_i has a norm, we say that f is a normed triality if $|t(v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes v_3)| \leq \|v_1\| \cdot \|v_2\| \cdot \|v_3\|,$

and for all $v_1, v_2 \neq 0$, there is a $v_3 \neq 0$ for which the bound is attained (and similarly for the other two cases).

Example 20. $V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$, or \mathbb{H} respectively and take $t(x \otimes y \otimes z) = \text{Re}(xyz)$. Then t is a normed triality.

Theorem 21. A triality exists only if $\dim V_1 = \dim V_2 = \dim V_3 = 1, 2, 4$ or 8 .

Proof. See [1] for reference. For later uses, we sketch the proof. Suppose we are given a triality t . Then for any $e_1 \neq 0$ we get a duality of V_2, V_3 , so we must have $\dim V_2 = \dim V_3$ and similarly $\dim V_1 = \dim V_2 = \dim V_3$. We can transpose V_3 to get $t' : V_1 \otimes V_2 \rightarrow V_3^*$. Choose $e_1 \neq 0$ in V_1 and use it to identify V_2 with V_3^* by $v_2 \mapsto t'(e_1 \otimes v_2)$. Similarly choose $e_2 \neq 0$ in V_2 to identify V_1 with V_3^* . We now have $t'' : V_3^* \otimes V_3^* \rightarrow V_3^*$ for which $t''(e_1 \otimes e_2)$ acts as a two-sided unit and t'' is non-singular in that if $x, y \neq 0 \in V_3^*$, then $t''(x \otimes y) \neq 0$. So we have a division algebra \mathbb{A} over \mathbb{R} and consequently $\dim V_i = 1, 2, 4$ or 8 . If we start with a normed triality, we then obtain a normed algebra \mathbb{A} , and in this case, we should take unit vectors e_1, e_2 and e_3 . \square

It is well-known that there are only four normed (finite) \mathbb{R} -algebras and they are $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O}$.

An automorphism of the normed triality $t : V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a triple of norm-preserving maps $f_i : V_i \rightarrow V_i$ such that

$$t(f(\vec{v})) = t(\vec{v})$$

for all $\vec{v} \in V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3$, where $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$, $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ and $f(\vec{v}) = (f_1(v_1), f_2(v_2), f_3(v_3))$. These automorphisms form a group we call $\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}})$. Take a triality triple $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in \text{Tri}_{\mathbb{A}}$, and denote

$$\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v}) = \{f \in \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}) : f(\vec{v}) = \vec{v}\}.$$

Lemma 22. $\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}})$ acts transitively on the set $\text{Tri}_{\mathbb{A}}$ of triality triples, and there is a canonical isomorphism $\psi_{\vec{v}} : \text{Aut}(\mathbb{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v})$ for any triality triple \vec{v} .

Proof. The first part is trivial since given two unit vectors u_i, v_i in V_i , there is a norm-preserving map $f_i \in \text{Aut}(V_i)$, such that $f_i(u_i) = v_i$. To prove the second part, we identify V_i to \mathbb{A} by identifying v_i to the identity element 1 of \mathbb{A} . Then for

any $f \in \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v})$, under above identifications, f preserves the algebra structure of \mathbb{A} , therefore $f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{A})$. The converse is also true. \square

Corollary 23. *For all $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \text{Tri}_{\mathbb{A}}$, there exists a $\phi_{\vec{u}\vec{v}} \in \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}})$, such that $\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{u}) = \phi_{\vec{u}\vec{v}}^{-1}(\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v}))\phi_{\vec{u}\vec{v}}$.*

Let $p_i : \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}) \rightarrow O(V_i)$ be the homomorphism induced by the projection to the i^{th} component: $V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3 \rightarrow V_i, i = 1, 2, 3$. Then by construction, for any $\vec{v} \in \text{Tri}_{\mathbb{A}}$, the map $p_i : \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v}) \xrightarrow{\sim} p_i(\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v})) \subset O(V_i)$ is an isomorphism onto its image, for all i .

4.2. McKay Correspondence via Triality of \mathbb{H} . From now on, we assume $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{H}$. The universal cover (i.e. double cover) $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ of $\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ is isomorphic to $SU(2)^3$. Let $\widetilde{\Gamma}$ be a finite subgroup of $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ with the image $\Gamma \subset \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$. A subgroup of $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ is called an *isotropic subgroup* if it fixes some element in $\text{Tri}_{\mathbb{H}}$. By Lemma 22, a finite isotropic subgroup of $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ is in fact a subgroup of $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(\mathbb{H}) \cong SU(2)$. Thus finite subgroups of $SO(3)$ (or $SU(2)$) are identified with finite isotropic subgroups of $\text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ (or $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$).

Considering the pairs of finite isotropic subgroups $\widetilde{\Gamma}, \widetilde{\Gamma}'$ of $\widetilde{\text{Aut}}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$, of the same order, with $p_1(\Gamma) = p_1(\Gamma')$ (or equivalently, for all p_i). In the following we show that the classification of such pairs is equivalent to the classification of the pairs $(\widetilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$, where $\widetilde{\Gamma} \subset SU(2), v \in \mathbb{H}$.

Assume $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \text{Tri}_{\mathbb{H}}$. According to [1], we have

$$SO(3) = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}}, \vec{u}) \subset \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}}) \cong (Sp(1) \times Sp(1) \times Sp(1)) / \{\pm 1\}.$$

Without loss of generality, we can take $\vec{u} = \vec{e} = (1, 1, 1)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$. In this case, we can take $V_i = \mathbb{H}, i = 1, 2, 3$, then the map $t_{\mathbb{H}} : \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $t(u, v, w) = \text{Re}(uvw)$ defines the normed triality of \mathbb{H} . And this triality implies that any triality triple (v_1, v_2, v_3) determines unique isomorphisms $V_1 \cong V_2 \cong V_3 = \mathbb{H}$ (every isomorphism is in fact an automorphism of \mathbb{H}). And $SO(3) = \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}}, \vec{u}) \cong \text{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}}, \vec{v})$, where the isomorphism, is just $\phi_{\vec{v}} := \phi_{\vec{u}\vec{v}}$ as above, is given by $g \mapsto (\phi_{\vec{v},1}(g), \phi_{\vec{v},2}(g), g)$ with $\phi_{\vec{v},i}$ being an isomorphism of groups induced by $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$. Note that the dual space \mathbb{H}^* is naturally identified with $\overline{\mathbb{H}} = \mathbb{H}$, where $\bar{x} = \text{Re}(x) - \text{Im}(x)$, since the inner product on \mathbb{H} is defined as

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \text{Re}(\bar{x}y) = \text{Re}(x\bar{y}).$$

This implies for $v_1 \in V_1$, t induces an isomorphism from $V_2 = \mathbb{H}$ to \mathbb{H} defined by $t_1 : y \mapsto v_1y$ for $y \in V_2$. Thus $\phi_{\vec{v},1}(g) = t_1^{-1}gt_1$. Similarly $\phi_{\vec{v},2}(g) = t_2^{-1}gt_2$ with t_2 defined by $t_2(x) = xv_2$ for $x \in V_1$. Since v_1, v_2 are unit quaternions, $\phi_{\vec{v},1}, \phi_{\vec{v},2}$ are elements of $SU(2)$. Pulled back to $SU(2)$, $\phi_{\vec{v},1}, \phi_{\vec{v},2}$ induces automorphisms of $SU(2)$, which are just the conjugations $Ad(v_1) : g \mapsto v_1^{-1}gv_1$ and the identity.

The reason is the group of unit quaternions. We have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \phi_{\tau,1}(g) & \\
 & \uparrow & \\
 \phi_1(g)(x) & & x \\
 \downarrow v_1 & & \downarrow v_1 \\
 y & &
 \end{array}$$

Thus $\phi_{\tau,1}(g) = \text{Ad}(v_1)(g) = v_1^{-1} g v_1$. Similarly, we have $\phi_{\tau,2}(g) = g$. Hence the isomorphism $\phi_{\tau} = (\text{Ad}(v_1), \text{id}, \text{id})$. Thus we have proved that

Proposition 24. Let $\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\Gamma}'$ be two finite subgroups of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$ of the same order, fixing respectively $\tilde{u}, \tilde{v} \in T^{\text{re}}(\mathbb{H})$, and let $p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}) = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}')$. Then ϕ_{τ} induces an (outer) automorphism on $p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}) = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}')$.

Let $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset SU(2)$, and $\tilde{\Gamma}', \tilde{\Gamma}''$ be two finite isotropic subgroups of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$, of the same order, and assume $p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}') = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}'')$. Let $v \in \mathbb{H}$. Consider the equivalence classes of the pairs $(\tilde{\Gamma}', \tilde{\Gamma}'')$ in the obvious sense.

Theorem 25. The equivalence classes of the pairs $(\tilde{\Gamma}', \tilde{\Gamma}'')$ as above are in one-to-one correspondence with the equivalence classes of the pairs $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$.

Proof. Given a pair $(\tilde{\Gamma}', \tilde{\Gamma}'')$ as above, up to conjugation, we can take $\tilde{u} = (1, 1, 1)$ and $\tilde{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$. We take $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset SU(2)$ to be the finite subgroup of the same order such that $\tilde{\Gamma} = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}')$ and we take $x = v_1$. Conversely, given $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_x)$, we take $\tilde{u} = (1, 1, 1)$ and $\tilde{v} = (x, x^{-1}, 1)$. Then we can take $\tilde{\Gamma}''$ to be group consisting of the diagonal elements of $\tilde{\Gamma} \times \tilde{\Gamma} \times \tilde{\Gamma}$, and $\tilde{\Gamma}' = (\text{Ad}(x), \text{id}, \text{id})(\tilde{\Gamma}'')$. Then by construction and by Proposition 24, one can easily see the above correspondence is one-to-one. \square

Corollary 26. The equivalence classes of the pairs $(\tilde{\Gamma}', \tilde{\Gamma}'')$ as in Proposition 24, are in one-to-one correspondence with the pairs (D, τ) with D a simply laced Dynkin diagram and τ a diagram automorphism (see Figure 1).

Remark 27. The same arguments as the proof of Proposition 24 and Theorem 25 work in fact for all normed division algebras.

Much less is known about general finite subgroups of $G_2 = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{O})$. For finite subgroups of $SU(3) \subset G_2$, there is a geometric McKay correspondence ([12][13] etc). But the McKay quiver is usually more complicated. We hope to have a detailed study of the octonion case in the future.

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