

## 114. Dual Pairs on Spinors

Cases of  $(C_m, C_n)$  and  $(C_m^{(1)}, C_n^{(1)})$ 

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§0. Introduction. Weyl's reciprocity theorem says that the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_m$  and the general linear group  $\mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$  are mutually commutant (i.e.  $(\mathfrak{S}_m, \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}))$  forms a dual pair [3]) on the tensor space  $(\mathbb{C}^n)^{\otimes m}$ . The purpose of this paper is to give the spinor analogues of this theorem: we claim  $(\mathfrak{sp}(2m), \mathfrak{sp}(2n))$  forms a dual pair on the  $\mathfrak{o}(4mn)$ -module  $\wedge(\mathbb{C}^{2mn})$ , and describe its irreducible decomposition as a  $\mathfrak{sp}(2m) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(2n)$ -module (Theorem A). The affine Lie algebra pair  $(C_m^{(1)}, C_n^{(1)})$  also forms a dual pair on  $\wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$  (Theorem B). As corollaries we deduce new dualities for branching rules. Details appear in our forthcoming paper [2], where we also construct various dual pairs for all classical Lie algebras, and for their affinizations. Our method is similar to that of [3], which deals with dual pairs on the Shale-Weil modules.

§1. Finite dimensional case. 1.1. After [1] we review the spinor representation of the orthogonal Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{o}(2l) = \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{gl}(2l) \mid {}^t X \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_l \\ \mathbf{1}_l & 0 \end{bmatrix} X = 0 \right\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}(W_{2l})$  be the Clifford algebra over the vector space  $W_{2l} := V^l \oplus V_l \simeq \mathbb{C}^{2l}$ , where  $V^l := \bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbb{C}\psi^j$  and  $V_l := \bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbb{C}\psi_j$ , with a symmetric bilinear form  $(,)$  defined by

$$(\psi^i, \psi_j) = \delta^i_j \quad \text{and} \quad (\psi^i, \psi^j) = 0 = (\psi_i, \psi_j) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j \leq l.$$

As a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{C}(W_{2l}) \simeq \mathrm{Mat}(2^l, \mathbb{C})$ . Its irreducible representation is realized on the exterior algebra  $\wedge(V^l)$ , with defining  $\mathbf{1}$  the vacuum vector and  $V^l$  (resp.  $V_l$ ) the creation (resp. annihilation) operators. Write  $[a, b]$  for  $ab - ba$ , and the spinor representation  $s$  is defined by

$$s : \mathfrak{o}(2l) \ni \begin{bmatrix} E^i_j & 0 \\ 0 & -E^j_i \end{bmatrix} \longmapsto \frac{1}{2} [\psi^i, \psi_j] \in \mathcal{C}(W_{2l}) \simeq \mathrm{End} \wedge(V^l),$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^i_j - E^j_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longmapsto \frac{1}{2} [\psi^i, \psi^j], \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^i_j - E^j_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longmapsto \frac{1}{2} [\psi_i, \psi_j] \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq l).$$

1.2. Now we deal with the dual pair  $(\mathfrak{sp}(2m), \mathfrak{sp}(2n))$ . Recall that

$$\mathfrak{sp}(2n) := \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{gl}(2n) \mid {}^t X \begin{bmatrix} & \mathbf{1}_n \\ -\mathbf{1}_n & \end{bmatrix} X = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & -{}^t A \end{bmatrix} \mid A, B, C \in \mathfrak{gl}(n) \right\},$$

and let  $l = 2mn$ . Then there exist two Lie algebra monomorphisms  $R : \mathfrak{sp}(2n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}(2l)$  and  $L : \mathfrak{sp}(2m) \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}(2l)$  so that  $R(\mathfrak{sp}(2n))' = L(\mathfrak{sp}(2m))$  and  $L(\mathfrak{sp}(2m))'$

$=R(\mathfrak{sp}(2n))$ , where  $A' := \{x \in \mathfrak{o}(2l) \mid [x, A] = 0\}$ . Such  $R$  (resp.  $L$ ) arises from the right (resp. left) action of  $\mathfrak{sp}(2n)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{sp}(2m)$ ) on  $\text{Mat}(2m \times 2n, \mathbb{C})$ . Considering  $s \circ R$  and  $s \circ L$ , we get

**Proposition 1.** *The map  $\mathfrak{sp}(2n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(W_{4mn}) \simeq \text{End} \wedge (V^{2mn})$  defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{sp}(2n) \ni \begin{bmatrix} E^i_j & 0 \\ 0 & -E^j_i \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m ([\psi^{i,p}, \psi_{j,p}] - [\psi^{-j,p}, \psi_{-i,p}]) \in \text{End} \wedge (V^{2mn}) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^i_j + E^j_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m ([\psi^{i,p}, \psi_{-j,p}] + [\psi^{j,p}, \psi_{-i,p}]) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^i_j + E^j_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m ([\psi^{-i,p}, \psi_{j,p}] + [\psi^{-j,p}, \psi_{i,p}]) \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n) \end{aligned}$$

is a Lie algebra monomorphism, and so is the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{sp}(2m) \ni \begin{bmatrix} E^p_q & 0 \\ 0 & -E^q_p \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n ([\psi^{j,p}, \psi_{j,q}] + [\psi^{-j,p}, \psi_{-j,q}]) \in \text{End} \wedge (V^{2mn}) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^p_q + E^q_p \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n ([\psi^{j,p}, \psi_{-j,q}] + [\psi^{j,q}, \psi_{-j,p}]) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^p_q + E^q_p & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n ([\psi_{j,p}, \psi_{-j,q}] + [\psi_{j,q}, \psi_{-j,p}]) \quad (1 \leq p, q \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

Here we use symbols  $\psi^{\pm k,p}$  (resp.  $\psi_{\pm k,p}$ ) ( $1 \leq p \leq m, 1 \leq k \leq n$ ) for the basis of  $V^l$  (resp.  $V_l$ ), instead of  $\psi^j$  (resp.  $\psi_j$ ) ( $1 \leq j \leq l$ ) in 1.1. Note that  $\wedge(V^l) \simeq \wedge(V^{2n})^{\otimes m} \simeq \wedge(\mathbb{C}^{2n})^{\otimes m}$  as  $\mathfrak{sp}(2n)$ -modules.

Let  $\mathfrak{h} := \{h \in \mathfrak{sp}(2m) \mid h \text{ is diagonal}\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{n}_+ := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & -A \end{bmatrix} \mid A \text{ is strictly upper triangular, } {}^tB = B \right\}$  and  $\mathfrak{n}_- := {}^t\mathfrak{n}_+$ , then we fix a triangular decomposition  $\mathfrak{sp}(2n) = \mathfrak{n}_+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_-$ . By  $L^\lambda(\lambda)$  we denote the irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda$ . A sequence  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  with  $n \geq y_1 \geq \dots \geq y_m \geq 0$  is called a Young diagram contained in the  $m \times n$  rectangle, and the set of all such sequences is denoted by  $\mathbf{R}_{m,n}$ . For  $Y = (y_i) \in \mathbf{R}_{m,n}$  we set  $|Y| := \sum_i y_i$ , and define  $Y^\dagger \in \mathbf{R}_{n,m}$  by taking the complement of  $Y$  in  $\mathbf{R}_{m,n}$  and transposing it: for example,

$$\mathbf{R}_{m,n} \ni Y = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \end{matrix}} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \longmapsto Y^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^\dagger \\ \vdots \\ y_n^\dagger \end{pmatrix} := \begin{matrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \end{matrix}} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}_{n,m}$$

$(m=5, n=4).$

Put  $Y \left( \begin{bmatrix} E^j_j & \\ & -E^j_j \end{bmatrix} \right) := y_j$  for  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbf{R}_{m,n}$ , and we identify a diagram with a dominant integral weight of  $\mathfrak{sp}(2m)$ . Then our main result is

**Theorem A.** *As a  $\mathfrak{sp}(2m) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(2n)$ -module,*

$$\wedge(V^{2mn}) \simeq \bigoplus_{Y \in \mathbf{R}_{m,n}} L^{\mathfrak{sp}(2m)}(Y) \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}(2n)}(Y^\dagger).$$

*The highest weight vector of the  $Y$ -component with respect to  $\mathfrak{sp}(2m) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(2n)$  is  $\wedge_{\tilde{y}^p=1} \psi^{p,j} \cdot 1$ , where  $Y \in \mathbf{R}_{m,n}$  is identified with  $(\tilde{y}^p)$  as follows:*

$$\mathbb{R}_{mn} \ni Y \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \dots n; -n \dots -1 \\ 1 \left( \begin{matrix} 1 \dots 1 & 11110 \cdot \\ \cdot & 1110 \cdot \cdot \\ \cdot & \dots & 110 \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \cdot & & 0 \dots \cdot \\ m & 1 \dots 1 & \dots 0 \end{matrix} \right) \end{matrix} = (\tilde{y}_j^p)_{\substack{p=1, \dots, m \\ j=\pm 1, \dots, \pm n}} \in \text{Mat}(m \times 2n).$$

All irreducible highest weight module of  $\mathfrak{sp}(2n)$  appears as the irreducible component of  $\wedge(V^{2mn})$ , when  $m$  varies over  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

**§ 2. Affine version. 2.1.** Let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} := \mathfrak{g} \otimes C[t, t^{-1}] \oplus C^{\hat{c}}$  be the non-twisted affine Lie algebra associated to a simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  (see [5]). We review Frenkel's spinor representation of  $\mathfrak{o}^{\wedge}(2l)$  [1]. Let  $C(\hat{W}_{2l})$  be the Clifford algebra over the  $C$ -vector space  $\hat{W}_{2l} := W_{2l} \otimes C[t, t^{-1}]$  with a symmetric form  $(\psi(\mu), \psi'(\mu')) := \delta_{\mu+\mu', 0}(\psi, \psi')$ , where  $\psi(\mu) := \psi \otimes t^{\mu}$ . Put  $\hat{W}_{2l}^+ := (W_{2l} \otimes tC[t]) \oplus (V_l \otimes 1)$  and  $\hat{W}_{2l}^- := (W_{2l} \otimes t^{-1}C[t^{-1}]) \oplus (V^l \otimes 1)$ , then  $\wedge(\hat{W}_{2l}^{\pm})$  becomes an irreducible  $C(\hat{W}_{2l})$ -module by defining 1 the vacuum,  $\hat{W}_{2l}^-$  (resp.  $\hat{W}_{2l}^+$ ) the creation (resp. annihilation) operators. Define

$$:a(\mu)b(\nu): := a(\mu)b(\nu) - (a(\mu), b(\nu))\varepsilon, \text{ where } \varepsilon := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu > 0 > \nu, \\ 1/2 & \text{if } \mu = 0 = \nu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the spinor representation  $\hat{s}$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{s} : \hat{\mathfrak{o}}(2l) \ni c^{\nu^{\wedge}(2l)} &\longrightarrow id \in \text{End } \wedge(\hat{W}_{2l}^-) \\ X(k) : X \otimes t^k &\longrightarrow \sum_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}} :a(\mu)b(k-\mu):, \end{aligned}$$

for  $X \in \mathfrak{o}(2l)$  that satisfies  $s(X) = (1/2)[a, b]$  ( $a, b \in W_{2l}$ ) and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**2.2.** We proceed to the dual pair  $(C_m^{(1)}, C_n^{(1)})$ . Again taking  $l = 2mn$  we get a Lie algebra monomorphism  $\hat{L}$  (resp.  $\hat{R}$ ) by defining

$$\hat{L} : \mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m) \ni A(k) \longmapsto L(A)(k) \in \mathfrak{o}^{\wedge}(2l) \quad \left( \text{resp. } \hat{R} : \mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n) \ni A(k) \right. \\ \left. \longmapsto R(A)(k) \in \mathfrak{o}^{\wedge}(2l) \right) \\ c^{\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m)} \longmapsto n \cdot c^{\mathfrak{o}^{\wedge}(2l)} \quad \left( \text{resp. } c^{\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n)} \longmapsto m \cdot c^{\mathfrak{o}^{\wedge}(2l)} \right)$$

**Proposition 2.** The map  $\hat{s} \circ \hat{L} : \mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m) \rightarrow \text{End } \wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$  (resp.  $\hat{s} \circ \hat{R} : \mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n) \rightarrow \text{End } \wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$ ) is a level  $n$  (resp.  $m$ ) integrable representation of  $\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n)$ ), and  $[\hat{s} \circ \hat{L}(\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m)), \hat{s} \circ \hat{R}(\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n))] = 0$ .

**Theorem B.** As a  $\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m) \oplus \mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n)$ -module,

$$\wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-) \simeq \bigoplus_{Y \in \mathbb{R}_{mn}} L^{\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2m)}(Y, n) \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^{\wedge}(2n)}(Y^t, m).$$

The highest weight vector of the  $Y$ -component is  $\wedge_{\tilde{y}_j^p=1} \psi^{p,1}(0) \cdot 1$ , where  $(\tilde{y}_j^p)$  is as in Theorem A. All level  $m$  irreducible integrable highest weight module of  $C_n^{(1)}$  appears as the irreducible component of  $\wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$ .

Here we write  $L^{\hat{s}}(Y, n)$  for  $L^{\hat{s}}(\lambda)$ , when the highest weight  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h} \otimes 1 \oplus C^{\hat{c}})^*$  satisfies  $\lambda(c^{\hat{c}}) = n$  and  $\lambda|_{\mathfrak{h} \otimes 1} = Y \in \mathbb{R}_{mn} \xrightarrow{\hat{s}} \mathfrak{h}^*$  (see 1.2).

Theorems A and B are shown by the Weyl-Kac character formula and its application derived by Jimbo-Miwa [4].

**§ 3. Dualities of branching rules.** We derive two affine cases here. First, noting  $\wedge(\hat{W}_{4(l+m)n}^-) \simeq \wedge(\hat{W}_{4ln}^-) \otimes \wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$  we deduce

**Corollary 3.** Define the coset Virasoro module  $\mathcal{A}_{y,y'}^x$  (resp.  $\mathcal{B}_{y,y'}^v$ ) by

$$L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2l+2m)}(Y, n) \simeq \bigoplus_{y \in R_{ln}, y' \in R_{mn}} \mathcal{A}_{y, y'}^Y \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2l)}(y, n) \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m)}(y', n)$$

$$(resp. L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n)}(y, l) \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n)}(y', m) \simeq \bigoplus_{Y \in R_{l+m, n}} \mathcal{B}_Y^{y, y'} \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n)}(y, l+m)).$$

Then  $\mathcal{A}_{y, y'}^Y \simeq \mathcal{B}_{Y^\dagger}^{y^\dagger, y'^\dagger}$  for  $y \in R_{l, n}$ ,  $y' \in R_{m, n}$  and  $Y \in R_{l+m, n}$ .

Next we consider the restriction to the subalgebra

$$\mathfrak{sp}(2n) \otimes C[t^\dagger, t^{-l}] \oplus Cc \subset \mathfrak{sp}(2n) \otimes C[t, t^{-1}] \oplus Cc = \mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n).$$

This time the counterpart is  $\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m) \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2lm)$ , where  $\iota$  is defined by

**Lemma.** (i) *The following map is a Lie algebra monomorphism.*

$$\begin{aligned} \iota: \mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m) \ni \begin{bmatrix} E^p_q & 0 \\ 0 & -E^q_p \end{bmatrix} (i+kl) &\longmapsto \sum_{j=1}^i \begin{bmatrix} E^p_q \otimes E^j_{l+j-i} & 0 \\ 0 & -E^q_p \otimes E^{l+j-1}_j \end{bmatrix} (k+1) \\ &+ \sum_{j=i+1}^l \begin{bmatrix} E^p_q \otimes E^j_{j-i} & 0 \\ 0 & -E^q_p \otimes E^{j-i}_j \end{bmatrix} (k) \in \mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2lm) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^p_q + E^q_p \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (i+kl) &\longmapsto \sum_{j=1}^i \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^p_q \otimes E^j_{i-j+1} + E^q_p \otimes E^{i-j+1}_j \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (k+1) \\ &+ \sum_{j=i+1}^l \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^p_q \otimes E^j_{l+i-j+1} + E^q_p \otimes E^{l+i-j+1}_j \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (k), \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^p_q + E^q_p & 0 \end{bmatrix} (i+kl) &\longmapsto \sum_{j=1}^{l-i} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^p_q \otimes E^j_{l-i-j+1} + E^q_p \otimes E^{l-i-j+1}_j & 0 \end{bmatrix} (k) \\ &+ \sum_{j=l+1-i}^l \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E^p_q \otimes E^j_{2l-i-j+1} + E^q_p \otimes E^{2l-i-j+1}_j & 0 \end{bmatrix} (k+1), \\ c^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m)} &\longmapsto c^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2lm)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq l, k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 1 \leq p, q \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *Let  $l=2$ . Then  $\iota(\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m)) = \{x \in \mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(4m) \mid \sigma(x) = x\}$ , where  $\sigma$  is the order 2 diagram automorphism of  $C_{2m}^{(1)}$  [4].*

**Corollary 4.** *Define  $A_Y^y$  (resp.  $B_Y^y$ ) by*

$$L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n)}(y, m) \simeq \bigoplus_{Y \in R_{n, lm}} A_Y^y \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2n)}(Y, lm)$$

$$(resp. L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2lm)}(Y, n) \simeq \bigoplus_{y \in R_{m, n}} B_Y^y \otimes L^{\mathfrak{sp}^\wedge(2m)}(y, n)).$$

Then  $A_{Y^\dagger}^y \simeq B_Y^y$  as a Virasoro module, for  $Y \in R_{lm, n}$  and  $y \in R_{m, n}$ .

This is our second duality, which is shown by using ‘‘principal picture’’ on  $\wedge(\hat{W}_{4mn}^-)$ . The case  $n=1$  of Cor. 3 appears in [6] and [7], and the case  $l=2$  of Cor. 4 appears in [4].

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