

186. Realization of Irreducible Bounded Symmetric Domain of Type (VI)

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1. This is a continuation of our preceding note [3] which appeared in these Proceedings. We shall present here, without proof, the *canonical bounded model* of the irreducible bounded symmetric domain of exceptional type (VI) in the sense of [4].

As was pointed out in [4], we need at first to describe explicitly the irreducible representation of the complex simple Lie algebra of type E_7 , which is of the lowest degree, 56. Such a representation was previously discussed by several authors, for instance by H. Freudenthal; however a presentation of that representation which suited our purpose was recently given by R. B. Brown [1] for the first time. His result will be, therefore, briefly reproduced in the following sections 2-3. As for the notation we refer the reader to [3], [4].

2. Let \mathfrak{S} denote the exceptional simple Jordan algebra as described in [1]-[3]; namely \mathfrak{S} is the totality of the (3,3)-hermitian matrices over the complex Cayley numbers \mathbb{C} . The canonical non-degenerate inner-product (u, v) in \mathfrak{S} will be introduced by $(u, v) = \text{Trace}(u \circ v)$, $(u, v \in \mathfrak{S})$ (cf. [1], [2], [5]), for which we consider the dual \mathfrak{S}^* of \mathfrak{S} and will identify hereafter \mathfrak{S}^* with \mathfrak{S} through this inner-product. Now we introduce a 56-dimensional complex vector space V by putting (1)

$$V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3 \oplus V_4,$$

where both V_1 and V_4 are of 1-dimension and $V_2 = \mathfrak{S}^*$, $V_3 = \mathfrak{S}$. The element x of V is then written as

$$(2) \quad x = \alpha f_1 + u^* + v + \beta f_2; \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \quad u, v \in \mathfrak{S},$$

where f_1, f_2 denote, respectively, the generators of V_1, V_4 and $u^* \in \mathfrak{S}^*$ is defined by $u^*(v) = (u, v)$ for all $v \in \mathfrak{S}$. After R. B. Brown we introduce in V a non-associative algebra structure \mathfrak{B} by the following rule:

- i) $f_i f_i = f_1$ ($i=1, 2$), $f_1 f_2 = f_2 f_1 = 0$
- ii) $f_1 u = \frac{1}{3} u$, $f_2 u = \frac{2}{3} u$; $f_1 v^* = \frac{2}{3} v^*$, $f_2 v^* = \frac{1}{3} v^*$
- iii) $u f_1 = 0$, $u f_2 = u$; $v^* f_1 = v^*$, $v^* f_2 = 0$
- iv) $u v^* = (u, v) f_1$, $u^* v = (u, v) f_2$
- v) $u v = 2(u \times v)^*$, $u^* v^* = 2(u \times v)$

$(u, v \in \mathfrak{S})$, where the crossed product $u \times v$ in \mathfrak{S} is given through $(u \times v, w) = 3(u, v, w)$ (for $w \in \mathfrak{S}$), the right hand side being the tri-linear form on \mathfrak{S} obtained by linearizing the cubic form on \mathfrak{S} (see, [1], [5]):

$$\det(u) = \xi_1 \xi_2 \xi_3 + 2(x_3 x_1, \bar{x}_2) - \sum_{i=1}^3 \xi_i x_i x_i \quad (u \in \mathfrak{S}).$$

3. In the algebra \mathfrak{B} thus introduced we define the trace-function and the non-degenerate inner-product as follows:

$$\text{Trace}(x) = \alpha + \beta, \quad (x, y) = \text{Trace}(xy)$$

Then, if we write $x = \alpha f_1 + a^* + b + \beta f_2$, $y = \xi f_1 + c^* + d + \eta f_2$ ($\alpha, \beta, \xi, \eta \in C$; $a, b, c, d \in \mathfrak{S}$), we get

$$(x, y) = \alpha \xi + \beta \eta + (a, d) + (b, c).$$

Now we can associate, to this inner-product, the hermitian inner-product:

$$(3) \quad \langle x, y \rangle = (x, \bar{y}), \quad (x, y \in V)$$

and the corresponding norm $\|x\| = \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$, where \bar{y} denotes the complex-conjugation of y with respect to the real form $V_R: V_R = \{\alpha f_1 + u^* + v + \beta f_2 \in V; \alpha, \beta \in R; u, v \in \mathfrak{S}_R$ (see [3]).

Let us now consider, among linear transformations of V , two special classes of them; namely $\mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{B})$ denotes the derivation algebra of \mathfrak{B} , while $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{D})$ the set of all left-translations $L(x)$ in V such that $\text{Trace}(x) = 0$. Then $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{L} = \{0\}$, so we get the direct sum:

$$(4) \quad \mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{L} \quad (\text{in } \mathfrak{gl}(V)).$$

\mathfrak{G} is closed under the bracket operation in $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$. In fact we have

Proposition 1 (Brown [1]).

- (i) $[D, L(x)] = L(Dx)$ for $D \in \mathfrak{D}$,
- (ii) $[L(f_1 - f_2), L(u)] = \frac{2}{3} L(u)$ for $u \in \mathfrak{S}$,
- (iii) $[L(f_1 - f_2), L(v^*)] = -\frac{2}{3} L(v^*)$ for $v^* \in \mathfrak{S}^*$,
- (iv) $[L(u), L(v)] = [L(u^*), L(v^*)] = 0$ for $u, v \in \mathfrak{S}$,
- (v) $[L(u), L(v^*)] = (u, v)L(f_1 - f_2) + E$;

where $E \in \mathfrak{D}$ and is given by

$$E = 2 \cdot R \left(-\frac{1}{3}(u, v)e + u \circ v \right) + 2 \cdot [R(u), R(v)]$$

(R denotes the right translation in the algebra \mathfrak{S} ; see [2]).

Thus, \mathfrak{G} is a complex linear Lie algebra which is turned out to be isomorphic to the complex simple Lie algebra of exceptional type E_7 [1], while \mathfrak{D} is a subalgebra of \mathfrak{G} and is isomorphic to the complex simple Lie algebra of type E_6 . Furthermore the following holds

Proposition 2 (Brown [1]).

- (i) $\mathfrak{D}(V_1) = 0, \mathfrak{D}(V_4) = 0; \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{S}) \subset \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{S}^*) \subset \mathfrak{S}^*$;
- (ii) the representation of \mathfrak{D} over $\mathfrak{S} = V_3$ is the irreducible one of \mathfrak{D} in the sense of Chevalley and Schafer [2], and the representation of \mathfrak{D} over $\mathfrak{S}^* = V_2$ is its contragredient one.

4. In this section we describe a symmetric pair of \mathfrak{G} corresponding to the irreducible bounded domain of type (VI); namely a symmetric pair of type EVII (see [6]):

Proposition 3. *A symmetric pair $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{K} \oplus \mathfrak{M}$ of type EVII is given by*

$$\mathfrak{K} = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \{L(f_1 - f_2)\}, \quad \mathfrak{M} = \{L(u) + L(v^*); u, v \in \mathfrak{S}\},$$

and a complex symmetric pair in the sense of [4] is furnished with

$$\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{N}^-; \quad \mathfrak{N}^+ = \{L(u); u \in \mathfrak{S}\}, \quad \mathfrak{N}^- = \{L(v^*); v \in \mathfrak{S}\};$$

namely \mathfrak{N}^\pm are naturally isomorphic to \mathfrak{S} .

A compact form \mathfrak{G}_u of \mathfrak{G} will be given by the following

Proposition 4. *\mathfrak{G}_u is the linear closure over R spanned by the following elements:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{-1}L(f_1 - f_2), \quad \sqrt{-1}L(u^* + u), \quad L(u^* - u) \quad (u \in \mathfrak{S}_R), \\ &\sqrt{-1}R(v) \quad (v \in \mathfrak{S}_R), \quad E \in \mathfrak{D}_R(\mathfrak{S}), \end{aligned}$$

where the elements in the second line are generators of a compact form of \mathfrak{D} (=the Lie algebra of type E_6) (see [3]).

Hence, the complex-conjugation ι of \mathfrak{G} over \mathfrak{G}_u can be, restricted on $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{N}^-$, expressed as below:

$$\iota; L(u) \rightarrow -L(\bar{u}^*), \quad L(u^*) \rightarrow -L(\bar{u}) \quad (u \in \mathfrak{S}).$$

Next, we denote by $\bar{\rho}$ the representation of Brown described in § 3 and by ρ_K the restriction of $\bar{\rho}$ to \mathfrak{K} , then (ρ_K, V) is completely reducible and is decomposed into irreducible components (ρ_i, V_i) ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) as in (1). In fact, both (ρ_1, V_1) and (ρ_4, V_4) are scalar representations which are explicitly observed from § 2, and (ρ_2, V_2) and (ρ_3, V_3) are described in Proposition 2 in § 3.

Furthermore we have to show the decomposition (1) of V satisfies the conditions claimed in [4], § 2.

Proposition 5. $\mathfrak{N}^+(V_1) = 0, \mathfrak{N}^+(V_i) \subset V_{i-1} \quad (2 \leq i \leq 4); \mathfrak{N}^-(V_i) \subset V_{i-1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq 3), \mathfrak{N}^-(V_4) = 0.$

Thus, as for the notation in [4], we have $p = n_1 = 1, r = n_2 = 27, n_3 = 27, n_4 = 1, q = 55$, whence our domain D has to be realized in $\mathfrak{S} \cong V_2^$, which is a complex vector space of dimension 27.*

5. Let $Z = L(u) \in \mathfrak{N}^+ \quad (u \in \mathfrak{S})$. Then $Z^* = -\iota(Z) \in \mathfrak{N}^-$ is equal to $L(\bar{u}^*) \quad (\bar{u} = \text{the complex-conjugation of } u \text{ with respect to } \mathfrak{S}_R)$. According to the decomposition (1) of V, Z and Z^* are written in the following matrix-forms, taking suitable bases of $V_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq 4)$:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z_1 & & \\ & & Z_2 & \\ & & & Z_3 \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ Z_1^* & & & \\ & Z_2^* & & \\ & & Z_3^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, for $X_1 \in \mathfrak{S}^*$, the adjoint operator $\theta[Z^*, Z]$ for $[Z^*, Z] \in \mathfrak{K}$ (see [4]) is

$$\theta[Z^*, Z]: X_1 \rightarrow (Z_1 Z_1^* + Z_1^* Z_1 - Z_2 Z_2^*) X_1,$$

where the linear mapping $Z_1: \mathfrak{S}^* \rightarrow C$ is identified with an element of $\mathfrak{S}, Z_1^*: C \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}^*$ with one of $\mathfrak{S}^*, Z_2: \mathfrak{S} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}^*$ with one of $\mathfrak{S}^* \otimes \mathfrak{S}^*, Z_2^*: \mathfrak{S} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}$

with one of $\mathfrak{S} \otimes \mathfrak{S}$, respectively. Therefore we may consider $Z_1 Z_1^* \in C$, $Z_1^* Z_1 \in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{S}^*)$ and $Z_2 Z_2^* \in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{S}^*)$; in fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 Z_1^* &: f_1 \rightarrow \|u\|^2 f_1 \quad (\|u\|^2 = (u, \bar{u})) \\ Z_1^* Z_1 &: w^* \rightarrow (u, w) \bar{u}^* \\ Z_2 Z_2^* &: w^* \rightarrow 4(u \times (\bar{u} \times w))^* \quad (w^* \in \mathfrak{S}^*), \end{aligned}$$

where the last two hermitian operators on \mathfrak{S}^* can be identified with those on \mathfrak{S} canonically; namely we may regard them as

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1^* Z_1 &: w \rightarrow (u, w) \bar{u} = (\bar{u} \otimes u^*) w \\ Z_2 Z_2^* &: w \rightarrow 4C_u \cdot C_{\bar{u}}^*(w) \quad (w \in \mathfrak{S}), \end{aligned}$$

where C_u denotes the left translation in \mathfrak{S} with respect to the crossed-product: $C_u(v) = u \times v$ for $v \in \mathfrak{S}$. Here we see easily that $C_{\bar{u}} = C_u^*$ (=the adjoint operator of C_u with respect to the hermitian inner-product (3) in \mathfrak{S}). Finally we conclude from Theorem 1 in [4] and the above that the canonical model of our symmetric domain D is given by $D = \{u \in \mathfrak{S}; \|u\|^2 I_{27} + (\bar{u} \otimes u^*) - 4C_u \cdot C_u^* < 2I_{27}\}$, where we relpacc u by $\sqrt{2} \cdot u$, and then we get the following result:

Theorem. *The irreducible bounded symmetric domain D of type (VI) is realized as*

$$D = \{u \in \mathfrak{S}; \|u\|^2 I + \bar{u} \otimes u^* - 4C_u \cdot C_u^* < I\}.$$

We shall publish in a forthcoming paper the full proofs for all the statements in this note as well as those in the preceding note [3].

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