

## 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  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  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  $SU(2) = \widetilde{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$ . 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  $(\mathfrak{g}, \tau)$  with  $\mathfrak{g}$  a (complex) simple Lie algebra and  $\tau$  an outer automorphism determines a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^{\tau}$  by taking the fixed part. Equivalently, a simply laced Dynkin diagram  $D$  and a diagram automorphism  $\tau$  determines a Dynkin diagram  $D_{\tau}$  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  $\tau$  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  $(\mathfrak{g}, \tau)$  and the equivalence classes of pairs of finite isotropic subgroups  $\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\Gamma}' \subset \widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$  of the same order satisfying  $p_i(\tilde{\Gamma}) = p_i(\tilde{\Gamma}') \subset O(V_i) \cong O(4)$  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  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  with  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  a finite subgroup of  $SU(2)$  and  $O_v$  an element of the outer automorphism group of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  induced by  $Ad(v)$  where  $v \in \mathbb{H}$ , are in one-to-one correspondence with the pairs  $(\mathfrak{g}, \tau)$  as above. In particular, we obtain all non-simply laced root systems from the pairs  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ .*

The Dynkin diagram associated with a pair  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  is obtained as follows. Let  $W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n$  be all irreducible representations of  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$ .  $W_0$  is the trivial one. Let  $W$  be the standard representation of  $SU(2)$ . Assign a node  $p_l$  to each  $W_l$ . Assume  $W_l \otimes W \cong \oplus_m a_{lm} W_m$ . 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,

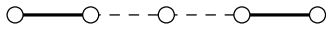
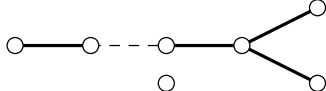
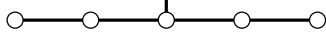

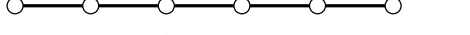
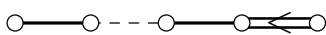
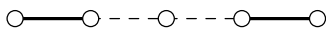
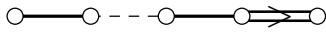
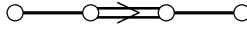
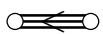
$(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$	$D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$
$\mathcal{C}_{n+1}, O_v = 1$	$A_n$ : 
$BD_{n-2}, O_v = 1$	$D_n$ : 
$BT, O_v = 1$	$E_6$ : 
$BO, O_v = 1$	$E_7$ : 
$BI, O_v = 1$	$E_8$ : 
$\mathcal{C}_{2n},  O_v  = 2$	$C_n$ : 
$\mathcal{C}_{2n+1},  O_v  = 2$	$A_n$ : 
$BD_{n-1},  O_v  = 2$	$B_n$ : 
$BT,  O_v  = 2$	$F_4$ : 
$BD_2,  O_v  = 3$	$G_2$ : 

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  $\mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $BD_n$ ,  $BT$ ,  $BO$ , 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  $\Gamma$  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  $\mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$  and the orbifold (or stingy) geometry of  $\mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$  ([12][13]). There is also a version at the level of derived categories, see [3]. It is natural to ask a similar question for  $\mathbb{R}^7/\Gamma$  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  $\Gamma$  of  $SO(3)$ , up to conjugacy, is listed in the following table. Here  $A, B, C$  are the generators of  $\Gamma$ . The last column lists the regular polyhedrons whose symmetry groups are the respective finite groups.*

Group, $\Gamma$	Order	Generating Relations	(Regular) Polyhedrons
<i>Cyclic, <math>\mathcal{C}_n</math></i>	$n$	$A^n = B^n = C^1 = ABC = 1$	$n$ -gon's in $\mathbb{R}^2$
<i>Dihedron, <math>\mathcal{D}_n</math></i>	$2n$	$A^n = B^2 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	$n$ -gon's in $\mathbb{R}^3$
<i>Tetrahedron, <math>\mathcal{T}</math></i>	12	$A^3 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	<i>Tetrahedrons</i>
<i>Octahedron, <math>\mathcal{O}</math></i>	24	$A^4 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	<i>Octahedrons</i>
<i>Icosahedron, <math>\mathcal{I}</math></i>	60	$A^5 = B^3 = C^2 = ABC = 1$	<i>Icosahedron</i>

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  $Re(a) = a_0 \in Re(\mathbb{H})$ ,  $Im(a) = a_1i + a_2j + a_3k \in Im(\mathbb{H})$ , 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.

The set of all unit quaternions forms a multiplicative group, which is isomorphic to  $SU(2)$ :

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

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  $2\alpha$ . 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  $\Gamma$  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  $(\cos \pi/5 + \mathbf{k} \cos \pi/3 + \mathbf{i} \sin \pi/10, \cos \pi/3 + \mathbf{k} \cos \pi/5 + \mathbf{j} \sin \pi/10, \mathbf{k})$ .*

Group, $\tilde{\Gamma}$	$\Gamma$	Order	$(p, q, r)$	$(A, B, C)$
Cyclic, $BC_n$	$C_n$	$2n$	$(n, n, 1)$	$(e^{\pi i/n}, e^{-\pi i/n}, -1)$
Binary Dihedron, $BD_n$	$D_n$	$4n$	$(n, 2, 2)$	$(e^{\pi i/n}, \mathbb{j}, e^{\pi i/n}\mathbb{j})$
Binary Tetrahedron, $BT$	$T$	24	$(3, 3, 2)$	$(A, B, C)$
Binary Octahedron, $BO$	$O$	48	$(4, 3, 2)$	$(A, B, C)$
Binary Icosahedron, $BI$	$I$	160	$(5, 3, 2)$	$(A, B, C)$

The second class: If  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  does not contain  $-1$ , each of its elements  $e^{y\alpha}$  represents uniquely the rotation through  $2\alpha$  about  $y$ , so  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $SO(3)$ . In this case, none of the rotations can be a half-turn, because then the corresponding quaternion would be pure, and its square would be  $-1$ . Looking through the list of finite subgroups of  $SO(3)$ , we see that the only kind not containing a half-turn is the cyclic group  $C_n$ , where  $n$  is odd. Hence we have

**Proposition 6.** *The only finite subgroups of quaternion not containing  $-1$  are the cyclic groups of odd order.*

Altogether, we obtain the complete classification of the finite subgroups of  $SU(2)$ .

**Theorem 7.** (see [6]) *Let  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  be a finite subgroup of quaternion.*

- (1) *If  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  does not contain  $-1$ , then  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is a cyclic subgroup of odd order.*
- (2) *Otherwise,  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is one of the five types listed in Proposition 5.*

**2.2. The Outer Automorphisms.** By definition,

$$Inn(\tilde{\Gamma}) = \{Ad(x)|x \in \tilde{\Gamma}, Ad(x)(y) := x^{-1}yx\}.$$

Slightly different from the standard notations, we denote

$$Out(\tilde{\Gamma}) = (Aut(\tilde{\Gamma}) \cap Ad(SU(2)))/Inn(\tilde{\Gamma})$$

and call it the *outer automorphism group* of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  by abuse of ambiguity. For  $v \in SU(2) \subset \mathbb{H}$ , we shall use  $O_v$  to denote the image of  $Ad(v)$  in  $Out(\tilde{\Gamma})$  if  $Ad(v) \in Aut(\tilde{\Gamma})$ . So when  $v \in \tilde{\Gamma}$ ,  $O_v = id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ .

**Theorem 8.** *Up to obvious equivalences,  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  are classified into the following types.*

- (1) *When  $O_v = id$ , the classification of  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  is the same as that of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ .*
- (2) *Otherwise, there are the following four types.*
  - (i)  $\tilde{\Gamma} = C_n$ , and  $O_v$  is of order 2. When  $n = 2m$  is even, that is  $\tilde{\Gamma} = BC_m$ , we call  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  of  $C_n$ -type.
  - (ii)  $\tilde{\Gamma} = BD_n$ , and  $O_v$  is of order 2.  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  is called of  $B_{n+1}$ -type.

- (iii)  $\tilde{\Gamma} = BT$ , and  $O_v$  is of order 2.  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)$  is called of  $F_4$ -type.
- (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  $2\alpha$  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  $2\beta$  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  $v = \mathbb{j}$  (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  $v = \mathbb{k}$  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  $(u^{-1}hu)e^{2\pi i/d}(u^{-1}hu)^{-1} = e^{2\pi ik/d}$ . 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

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

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  $BD_{n-2}, BT, BO, BI$ ). 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  $\bar{g}_1$  and  $\bar{g}_2$  are called equivalent to each other if  $Ad(v)(\bar{g}_1) = \bar{g}_2$  or  $Ad(v)(\bar{g}_2) = \bar{g}_1$ .*



The outer automorphism group  $Out(\tilde{\Gamma})$  acts on the set of the representations of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  as follows. Let  $O_v \in Out(\tilde{\Gamma})$ , and  $V$  be a representation of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . We obtain a new representation  $V'$  by composing the action of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  on  $V$  with  $O_v : \tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}$ .

**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  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  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  $v = \mathbf{j}$ . 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  $\tilde{\Gamma} = B\mathcal{D}_n$  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  $v = \mathbf{k}$ , 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	$-\rho$	$-\rho^2$	$\rho^2$	$\rho$
$2''$	2	0	-2	$-\rho^2$	$-\rho$	$\rho$	$\rho^2$
$1'$	1	1	1	$\rho$	$\rho^2$	$\rho^2$	$\rho$
$1''$	1	1	1	$\rho^2$	$\rho$	$\rho$	$\rho^2$

where  $\rho = e^{2\pi i/3}$ , 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  $D(\tilde{\Gamma})$ .

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  $W_l \otimes W \cong \bigoplus_m a_{lm} W_m$ . 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  $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}^{aff}$ . 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, 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  $O_v \in Out(\tilde{\Gamma})$ ,  $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$  must be one of the following types.*

- (1) For  $O_v = id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ ,  $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$  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  $(O_v)^2 = id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ ,  $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$  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  $(O_v)^3 = id_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ ,  $D_{(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_v)}$  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  $\{W_l | l = 0, 1, \dots, s\}$  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

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

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  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \mathcal{C}_{2k}$  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  $v = \mathbb{j}$ . 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  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \mathcal{C}_{2k+1}$  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  $e_3$ . □

From the above proof we see that for a normed triality  $t : V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given a triple  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  where  $v_i \in V_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  such that  $\|v_i\| = 1$  and  $t(v_1, v_2, v_3) = 1$ , we obtain a normed division algebra  $\mathbb{A}$ . Such a triple  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  is called a *triality triple*. We will write  $t_{\mathbb{A}}$  instead of  $t$  and denote the set of all triality triples as  $Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$ , that is

$$Tri_{\mathbb{A}} = \{(v_1, v_2, v_3) \in V_1 \times V_2 \times V_3 \mid t(v_1, v_2, v_3) = 1, \|v_i\| = 1, i = 1, 2, 3\}.$$

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  $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}})$ . Take a triality triple  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$ , and denote

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

**Lemma 22.**  $Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}})$  acts transitively on the set  $Tri_{\mathbb{A}}$  of triality triples, and there is a canonical isomorphism  $\psi_{\vec{v}} : Aut(\mathbb{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} Aut(t_{\mathbb{A}}, \vec{v})$  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  $f_i \in Aut(V_i)$ , 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  $i^{\text{th}}$  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  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \cong SU(2)$ . 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 following. Let  $g \in SU(2)$ , then  $g(x) = g \cdot x$ , since we consider  $SU(2)$  as the group of unit quaternions. We have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x & \xrightarrow{v_1 \cdot} & v_1 x \\
 \phi_{\vec{v},1}(g) \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\
 \phi_1(g)(x) & \xrightarrow{v_1 \cdot} & y.
 \end{array}$$

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

**Proposition 24.** *Let  $\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\Gamma}'$  be two finite subgroups of  $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$  of the same order, fixing respectively  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in Tri_{\mathbb{H}}$ , and let  $p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}) = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}')$ . Then  $\phi_{\vec{u}\vec{v}}$  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  $\widetilde{Aut}(t_{\mathbb{H}})$ , 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  $\vec{u} = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ . We take  $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset SU(2)$  to be the finite subgroup of the same order such that  $\Gamma = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}') = p_1(\tilde{\Gamma}'')$ , and we take  $x = v_1$ . Conversely, given  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, O_x)$ , we take  $\vec{u} = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $\vec{v} = (x, x^{-1}, 1)$ . Then we can take  $\tilde{\Gamma}''$  to be group consisting of the diagonal elements of  $\tilde{\Gamma} \times \tilde{\Gamma} \times \tilde{\Gamma}$ , and  $\tilde{\Gamma}' = (Ad(x), id, id)(\tilde{\Gamma}'')$ . Then by construction and by Proposition 24, one can easily see the above correspondence is one-to-one. □

**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  $(D, \tau)$  with  $D$  a simply laced Dynkin diagram and  $\tau$  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  $G_2 = Aut(\mathbb{O})$ . 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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