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 $GL(n, C)$ are mutually commutant (i.e. $(\mathfrak{S}_m, GL(n, C))$ forms a *dual pair* [3]) on the tensor space $(C^n)^{\otimes m}$. 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 $\wedge(C^{2mn})$, 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 $\mathfrak{o}(2l) = \left\{ X \in \mathfrak{gl}(2l) \,\middle|\, {}^t X \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1_l \\ 1_l & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1_l \\ 1_l & 0 \end{bmatrix} X = 0 \right\}$. Let $C(W_{2l})$ be the Clifford algebra over the vector space $W_{2l} := V^l \oplus V_l \simeq C^{2l}$, where $V^l := \oplus_{j=1}^l C\psi^j$ and $V_l := \oplus_{j=1}^l C\psi_j$, with a symmetric bilinear form $(\ ,\ )$ defined by

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

As a C-algebra $C(W_{2l}) \simeq \mathrm{Mat}(2^l, C)$. Its irreducible representation is realized on the exterior algebra $\wedge(V^l)$, with defining 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

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

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

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

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

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

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