

The diagonal centraliser of sl_3 and its E_6 -symmetry

Loïc POULAIN D'ANDECY

(j. w. with Nicolas CRAMPÉ and Luc VINET)

Modern Analysis Related to Root Systems with Applications

CIRM, October 2021

Diagonal centralisers

Let \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra, $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \cdots \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$.

The diagonal embedding :

$$\delta^{(n)} : \begin{array}{ll} U(\mathfrak{g}) & \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \\ g & \mapsto g \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 + \cdots + 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes g \end{array} \quad (g \in \mathfrak{g})$$

Diagonal centralisers

Let \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra, $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \cdots \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$.

The diagonal embedding :

$$\delta^{(n)} : \begin{array}{l} U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \\ g \mapsto g \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 + \cdots + 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes g \end{array} \quad (g \in \mathfrak{g})$$

The diagonal centraliser is :

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\} .$$

(i.e. the invariants for the diagonal adjoint action of G on $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n}$)

Diagonal centralisers

Let \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra, $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \cdots \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$.

The diagonal embedding :

$$\delta^{(n)} : \begin{array}{l} U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \\ g \mapsto g \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 + \cdots + 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes g \end{array} \quad (g \in \mathfrak{g})$$

The diagonal centraliser is :

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\} .$$

(i.e. the invariants for the diagonal adjoint action of G on $U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n}$)

Example. $n = 1$: $Z_1(\mathfrak{g})$ is the center of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.

Diagonal centralisers (Racah algebra)

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\} .$$

Examples. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$.


Diagonal centralisers (Racah algebra)

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\}.$$

Examples. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$.

- $n = 3$: $Z_3(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightsquigarrow$ the Racah algebra.

“Racah polynomials” “SU(2)-recoupling theory”
(Racah coefficients) “superintegrable systems”



Diagonal centralisers (Racah algebra)

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\}.$$

Examples. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$.

- $n = 3$: $Z_3(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightsquigarrow$ the Racah algebra.

“Racah polynomials” “ $SU(2)$ -recoupling theory
(Racah coefficients)” “superintegrable systems”

- Rems. :
 - ($n > 3$) “Higher rank” Racah algebra : actively studied (multivar. OPs)
 - q -deformation for $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightsquigarrow$ Askey–Wilson algebra.

Goal of the talk

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\} .$$

Goal of the talk :

$$Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$$

Goal of the talk

$$Z_n(\mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in U(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n} \mid [x, \delta^{(n)}(g)] = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\}.$$

Goal of the talk :

$$Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$$

- ▶ A first example outside \mathfrak{sl}_2 .
- ▶ Can we describe this algebra? (Do we get an algebra similar to the Racah algebra?)
- ▶ Application :

Tensor product of two irreps of \mathfrak{sl}_3 :

$$\mathfrak{sl}_3 \curvearrowright V \otimes W \curvearrowleft \text{centraliser?}$$

$$Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3) \twoheadrightarrow \text{End}_{U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)}(V \otimes W)$$

"Universal centraliser" "represented centraliser"

Algebraic description

- **Generators of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:** *(fundamental invariants for $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$)*

$k_1, k_2, k_3, l_1, l_2, l_3$ and X, Y
central elements = "parameters"

Algebraic description

- **Generators of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:** *(fundamental invariants for $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$)*

$$\underbrace{k_1, k_2, k_3, \ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}_{\text{central elements = "parameters"}} \text{ and } X, Y$$

- **Relations of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:**

$$[X, Y] = Z \quad (a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[k, \ell.])$$

$$[X, Z] = -6Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

$$[Y, Z] = -2X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12} \quad (\Omega \text{ is a certain central element, } \Omega = Z^2 + \dots)$$

Theorem

This is a complete algebraic description of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

Algebraic description

- **Generators of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:** *(fundamental invariants for $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$)*

$$\underbrace{k_1, k_2, k_3, l_1, l_2, l_3}_{\text{central elements = "parameters"}} \text{ and } X, Y$$

- **Relations of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:**

$$[X, Y] = Z \quad (a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[k, l.])$$

$$[X, Z] = -6Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

$$[Y, Z] = -2X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12} \quad (\Omega \text{ is a certain central element, } \Omega = Z^2 + \dots)$$

Theorem

This is a complete algebraic description of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

- Rems. :

- Non-commut. analogue of algebra of invariants : $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$
(extends the classical theory, Procesi, Razmyslov,... 70s)

Algebraic description

- **Generators of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:** *(fundamental invariants for $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$)*

$$\underbrace{k_1, k_2, k_3, l_1, l_2, l_3}_{\text{central elements = "parameters"}} \text{ and } X, Y$$

- **Relations of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:**

$$[X, Y] = Z \quad (a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[k, l.])$$

$$[X, Z] = -\cancel{6}Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

$$[Y, Z] = -\cancel{2}X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12} \quad (\Omega \text{ is a certain central element, } \Omega = Z^2 + \dots)$$

Theorem

This is a complete algebraic description of $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

- Rems. :

- Non-commut. analogue of algebra of invariants : $SL(3) \curvearrowright U(\mathfrak{sl}_3)^{\otimes 2}$
(extends the classical theory, Procesi, Razmyslov,... 70s)

- To be compared with the Racah algebra (Heun-Hahn algebra?)

The missing label

Take 3 irreps of $s_3 \leftrightarrow$ 3 highest weights : $(m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$

$$V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)} \cong \dots \oplus M_{\mathbf{m}} \otimes V_{(m''_1, m''_2)} \oplus \dots$$

\uparrow
"multiplicity space" of dimension $d_{\mathbf{m}}$

- **The problem** : We can NOT unambiguously specify a vector in $V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)}$ using only operators from the diagonal s_3 ($d_{\mathbf{m}} > 1$).

The missing label

Take 3 irreps of $sl_3 \leftrightarrow$ 3 highest weights : $(m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$

$$V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)} \cong \dots \oplus M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \otimes V_{(m''_1, m''_2)} \oplus \dots$$

- **The problem** : We can NOT unambiguously specify a vector in $V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)}$ using only operators from the diagonal sl_3 ($d_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} > 1$).
- **A resolution** : Find “natural” operators on $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$ with distinct eigenvalues \rightsquigarrow these eigenvalues are the “missing labels”.

The missing label

Take 3 irreps of $sl_3 \leftrightarrow$ 3 highest weights : $(m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$

$$V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)} \cong \dots \oplus M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \otimes V_{(m''_1, m''_2)} \oplus \dots$$

- **The problem** : We can NOT unambiguously specify a vector in $V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)}$ using only operators from the diagonal sl_3 ($d_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} > 1$).
- **A resolution** : Find “natural” operators on $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$ with distinct eigenvalues \rightsquigarrow these eigenvalues are the “missing labels”.

$Z_2(sl_3)$ is the algebra providing these operators : $Z_2(sl_3) \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}})$

“Finding the missing labels \leftrightarrow constructing representations of $Z_2(sl_3)$ ”

The missing label

Take 3 irreps of $sl_3 \leftrightarrow$ 3 highest weights : $(m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$

$$V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)} \cong \dots \oplus M_{\underline{m}} \otimes V_{(m''_1, m''_2)} \oplus \dots$$

- **The problem** : We can NOT unambiguously specify a vector in $V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)}$ using only operators from the diagonal sl_3 ($d_{\underline{m}} > 1$).
- **A resolution** : Find “natural” operators on $M_{\underline{m}}$ with distinct eigenvalues \rightsquigarrow these eigenvalues are the “missing labels”.

$Z_2(sl_3)$ is the algebra providing these operators : $Z_2(sl_3) \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\underline{m}})$

“Finding the missing labels \leftrightarrow constructing representations of $Z_2(sl_3)$ ”

Example : $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \cong \dots \oplus 2 \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \dots \rightsquigarrow$ 2-dim irrep of $Z_2(sl_3)$

The missing label

Take 3 irreps of $sl_3 \leftrightarrow$ 3 highest weights : $(m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$

$$V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)} \cong \dots \oplus M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \otimes V_{(m''_1, m''_2)} \oplus \dots$$

- **The problem** : We can NOT unambiguously specify a vector in $V_{(m_1, m_2)} \otimes V_{(m'_1, m'_2)}$ using only operators from the diagonal sl_3 ($d_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} > 1$).
- **A resolution** : Find “natural” operators on $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$ with distinct eigenvalues \rightsquigarrow these eigenvalues are the “missing labels”.

$Z_2(sl_3)$ is the algebra providing these operators : $Z_2(sl_3) \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}})$

“Finding the missing labels \leftrightarrow constructing representations of $Z_2(sl_3)$ ”

Example :  \rightsquigarrow 2-dim irrep of $Z_2(sl_3)$

(We have calculated the explicit matrices representing $Z_2(sl_3)$ on $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}, \forall \underline{\mathbf{m}}.$)

(Bethe Ansatz to find the eigenvalues)

Symmetries

We have :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(s/l_3)$;
- ▶ its representations on the multiplicity spaces $M_{\underline{m}}$, $\forall \underline{m}$.

Question

What are the transformations on the parameters \underline{m} which preserve :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(s/l_3)$?
- ▶ The missing labels (the matrices on $M_{\underline{m}}$ up to conjugation) ?

Symmetries

We have :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$;
- ▶ its representations on the multiplicity spaces $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$, $\forall \underline{\mathbf{m}}$.

Question

What are the transformations on the parameters $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$ which preserve :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$?
- ▶ The missing labels (the matrices on $M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$ up to conjugation) ?

More precisely, in the representation :

$$Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3) \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}})$$

central elements $k_1, k_2, k_3, \ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3$ are numbers (polynomials in $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$)

Symmetries

We have :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$;
- ▶ its representations on the multiplicity spaces $M_{\underline{m}}$, $\forall \underline{m}$.

Question

What are the transformations on the parameters \underline{m} which preserve :

- ▶ The algebra $Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)_{\underline{m}}$?
- ▶ The missing labels (the matrices on $M_{\underline{m}}$ up to conjugation) ?

More precisely, in the representation :

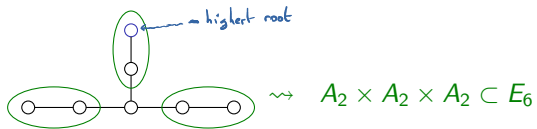
$$Z_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3)_{\underline{m}} \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\underline{m}}) \quad (k_1, \dots, l_3 \rightsquigarrow \text{polynomials in } \underline{m})$$

\uparrow
"specialised centraliser"

central elements $k_1, k_2, k_3, l_1, l_2, l_3$ are numbers (polynomials in \underline{m})

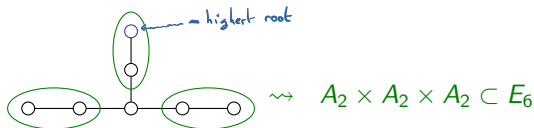
- $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$ is a weight for $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$.

- $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$ is a weight for $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$.
- Embed $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$ into E_6 :



- This defines an action of $W(E_6)$ on the parameters $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$.

- $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$ is a weight for $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$.
- Embed $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$ into E_6 :



- This defines an action of $W(E_6)$ on the parameters $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$.
- Recall the algebraic presentation : $(a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[\underline{\mathbf{m}}])$

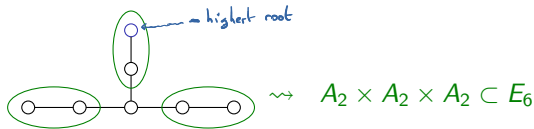
$$[X, Y] = Z$$

$$[X, Z] = -6Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

$$[Y, Z] = -2X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12}$$

- $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$ is a weight for $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$.
- Embed $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$ into E_6 :



- This defines an action of $W(E_6)$ on the parameters $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$.
- Recall the algebraic presentation : $(a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[\underline{\mathbf{m}}])$

$$[X, Y] = Z$$

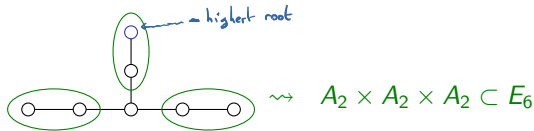
$$[X, Z] = -6Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

$$[Y, Z] = -2X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12}$$

In fact : $a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12}$ are invariant polynomials of $W(E_6)$.

- $\underline{m} = (m_1, m_2), (m'_1, m'_2), (m''_1, m''_2)$ is a weight for $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$.
- Embed $A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2$ into E_6 :



- This defines an action of $W(E_6)$ on the parameters \underline{m} .
- Recall the algebraic presentation : $(a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12} \in \mathbb{C}[\underline{m}])$

$$[X, Y] = Z$$

$$[X, Z] = -6Y^2 + a_2X^2 + a_5X + a_8$$

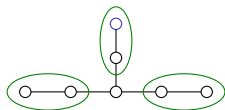
$$[Y, Z] = -2X^3 - a_2\{X, Y\} - a_5Y + a_6X + a_9$$

$$\Omega = a_{12}$$

In fact : $a_2, a_5, a_6, a_8, a_9, a_{12}$ are invariant polynomials of $W(E_6)$.

Theorem (Symmetry of the algebra : $W(E_6)$)

$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{m}' = s \cdot \underline{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}'}$$

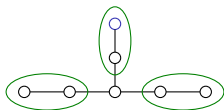


$$\rightsquigarrow A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2 \subset E_6$$

Theorem

$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{m'} = s \cdot \underline{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m'}}.$$

Why E_6 ?



$$\rightsquigarrow A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2 \subset E_6$$

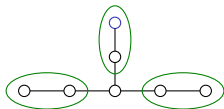
Theorem

$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{\mathbf{m}'} = s.\underline{\mathbf{m}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{\mathbf{m}'}}.$$

- Rem. : [a particular case of Etingof-Loktev-Oblomkov-Rybnikov '08]

$Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \leftrightarrow$ spherical symplectic reflection algebra associated to $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Why E_6 ?



$$\rightsquigarrow A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2 \subset E_6$$

Theorem

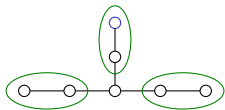
$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{m'} = s \cdot \underline{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m'}}.$$

- Rem. : [a particular case of Etingof-Loktev-Oblomkov-Rybnikov '08]

$Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \leftrightarrow$ spherical symplectic reflection algebra associated to $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Mckay correspondence
 \searrow
 E_6

Why E_6 ?



$$\rightsquigarrow A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2 \subset E_6$$

Theorem

$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{m}' = s \cdot \underline{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}'}$$

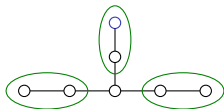
- Rem. : [a particular case of Etingof-Loktev-Oblomkov-Rybnikov '08]

$Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \leftrightarrow$ spherical symplectic reflection algebra associated to $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

- Rem. : $Z_3(s/2)$ (Racah) : idem with $A_1 \times A_1 \times A_1 \times A_1 \subset D_4$.

Mckay correspondence
 \searrow
 E_6

Why E_6 ?



$$\rightsquigarrow A_2 \times A_2 \times A_2 \subset E_6$$

Theorem

$$s \in W(E_6) : \quad \underline{m'} = s \cdot \underline{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \cong Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m'}}.$$

- Rem. : [a particular case of Etingof-Loktev-Oblomkov-Rybnikov '08]

$Z_2(s/3)_{\underline{m}} \leftrightarrow$ spherical symplectic reflection algebra associated to $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

- Rem. : $Z_3(s/2)$ (Racah) : idem with $A_1 \times A_1 \times A_1 \times A_1 \subset D_4$.

- **Application to the missing label.**

Theorem (Symmetry of the missing label)

We extract from $W(E_6)$ the symmetry group of the missing label.

\rightsquigarrow A group of order 144, explicitly described, containing the 12 natural symmetries + other "hidden" symmetries.

Thank You