

## MINIMAL IMMERSIONS OF PROJECTIVE SPACES INTO SPHERES

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### Introduction and statement of results.

The purpose of this paper is to show positivity of the dimension of the parameter space of equivalence classes of all full isometric minimal immersions of the complex projective space  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) or the quaternion projective space  $P^2(\mathbf{H})$  into spheres.

Let  $(M, g)$  be a  $d$ -dimensional irreducible Riemannian symmetric space of compact type. An isometric immersion  $\Phi$  of  $(M, g)$  into the unit sphere  $S_1^l$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{l+1}$  is called to be *minimal* if for every normal deformations  $\Phi_t$  of  $\Phi$  with  $\Phi_0 = \Phi$ , the first variation of the volume  $(M, \Phi_t^* g_0)$  is zero at  $t=0$ , where  $g_0$  is the standard Riemannian metric on  $S_1^l$  with constant curvature one. For a convenience, we call that a minimal immersion  $\Phi$  of  $(M, g)$  into  $S_1^l \subset \mathbf{R}^{l+1}$  is *full* if the image  $\Phi(M)$  is not contained in a hyperplane of  $\mathbf{R}^{l+1}$ , and that two such immersions  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  are *equivalent* if there exists an isometry  $\rho$  of  $S_1^l$  such that  $\Phi_2 = \rho \circ \Phi_1$ .

The first main problem of minimal immersions would be to determine the set  $\mathfrak{A}$  of equivalence classes of all full isometric minimal immersions of  $M$  into  $S_1^l$ . This problem was solved by do Carmo and Wallach [2], and Li [13].

We explain the standard construction of minimal immersions of a compact irreducible Riemannian symmetric space  $(M, g)$  into spheres (cf. [2], [5]): Let  $\Delta_g$  be the usual non-negative Laplace operator of  $(M, g)$  acting on the space  $C^\infty(M)$  of all real valued  $C^\infty$  functions on  $M$ . We denote by

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_k < \cdots,$$

the set of all mutually distinct eigenvalues of  $\Delta_g$ , and by  $V^k$  the eigenspace of  $\Delta_g$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$ . Put  $\dim(V^k) = m(k) + 1$ . For each  $k \geq 1$ , let  $\{f_0, \dots, f_{m(k)}\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V^k$  with respect to the inner product  $(\omega, \phi) = \int_M \omega(x)\phi(x)d\mu$  with the canonical measure  $d\mu$  of  $(M, g)$  normalized by  $\int_M d\mu = m(k) + 1$ . Then the mapping  $x_k$  of  $M$  into  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$  defined by

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$$x_k : M \ni p \longmapsto (f_0(p), \dots, f_{m(k)}(p)) \in \mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$$

gives a minimal isometric immersion of  $(M, \frac{\lambda_k}{d}g)$ ,  $d = \dim(M)$ , into the unit sphere  $S_1^{m(k)}$ . Then the second main problem would be:

Problem (A). Is the minimal immersion  $x_k$  rigid?

Here the *rigidity* means, if  $\Phi$  is another full minimal isometric immersion of  $M$  into  $S_1^{m(k)}$ , then  $\Phi$  is equivalent to  $x_k$ .

Now the results of do Carmo and Wallach, and Li are the following:

THEOREM 1 (cf. do Carmo and Wallach [2], Li [13], Ohnita [7])

1) Assume that there exists a full isometric minimal immersion  $\Phi$  of  $(M, Cg)$  with a positive constant  $C$ , into a unit sphere  $S_1^l$ . Then, for some  $k \geq 1$ ,  $l \leq m(k)$  and  $C = \frac{\lambda_k}{d}$ .

2) The set  $\mathfrak{A}$  of equivalence classes of all full isometric minimal immersions of  $(M, \frac{\lambda_k}{d}g)$  into  $S_1^l$  ( $l \leq m(k)$ ) can be smoothly parametrized by a convex body  $L$  in a vector space  $W_2$  such that the interior points of  $L$  correspond to those  $[\Phi]$  for which  $l = m(k)$ , and the boundary points of  $L$  correspond to those  $[\Phi]$  for which  $l < m(k)$ .

Theorem 1 answers the first problem and Problem (A) is reduced in some sense to the following:

Problem (A'). Whether or not is  $\dim(W_2)$  positive?

In fact, do Carmo and Wallach showed:

THEOREM 2 (cf. do Carmo and Wallach [2])

Assume that  $(M, g)$  is the  $d$ -dimensional unit sphere of constant curvature. Then

$$\dim(W_2) \geq 18 \quad \text{for } d \geq 3, \text{ and } k \geq 4.$$

Therefore the rigidity does not hold in the situation of Theorem 2. On the contrary,

THEOREM 3 (cf. Calabi [12], do Carmo and Wallach [2])

In case of  $M = S^2$ ; or  $S^d$  ( $d \geq 3$ ) and  $k \leq 3$ , every full isometric minimal immersion  $\Phi$  of  $(M, \frac{\lambda_k}{d}g)$  into  $S_1^l$  is equivalent to  $x_k$ , that is, the rigidity holds.

THEOREM 4 (cf. Wallach [10], Mashimo [5], [6])

In case of  $M = P^n(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $P^n(\mathbf{H})$ , or  $P^2(\mathbf{Cay})$ , the rigidity holds in some sense for  $k=1$ , i.e.,  $\dim(W_2) = 0$  for the immersion  $x_1$ .

In the other cases, the problems (A), (A') have been left to be open because of a technical difficulty to estimate the dimension of  $W_2$  below. In this paper, we answer partially the problems (A), (A') as follows :

**THEOREM B.** *Assume that  $M$  is the complex projective space  $P^n(\mathbf{C})=SU(n+1)/S(U(1)\times U(n))$  with the  $SU(n+1)$ -invariant Riemannian metric  $g$ . Then we have*

$$\dim(W_2) \geq 91 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2, \text{ and } k \geq 4.$$

*That is, in this case, the rigidity does not hold and arbitrary two full minimal isometric immersions of  $(P^n(\mathbf{C}), \frac{\lambda_k}{2n}g)$  into  $S_1^{m(k)}$  can be deformed into each other by a smooth homotopy of minimal immersions of the same type. Here  $m(k)+1 = n(n+2k) \left( \frac{(n+k-1)!}{n! k!} \right)^2$ .*

**THEOREM C.** *Let  $P^2(\mathbf{H})=Sp(3)/Sp(1)\times Sp(2)$  be the quaternion projective space of real dimension 8 with the  $Sp(3)$ -invariant Riemannian metric  $g$ . Then we have*

$$\dim(W_2) \geq 29,007 \quad \text{for } k \geq 4.$$

*That is, in this case, the rigidity does not hold and arbitrary two full minimal isometric immersions of  $(P^2(\mathbf{H}), \frac{\lambda_k}{8}g)$  into  $S_1^{m(k)}$  can be deformed into each other by a smooth homotopy of minimal immersions of the same type. Here  $m(k)+1 = \frac{(k+4)!(k+3)!}{(k+1)!k!5!3!}(2k+5)$ .*

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**§1. The standard minimal immersions.**

In this section, we give the notion of the standard minimal immersions after [2], [5].

Let  $M=G/K$  be a  $d$ -dimensional irreducible symmetric space of compact type, and let  $g$  be a  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $M=G/K$ . We denote the set of all mutually distinct eigenvalues of the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_g$  of  $(M, g)$  acting on the space  $C^\infty(M)$  of all real valued  $C^\infty$  functions on  $M$  by

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_k < \cdots,$$

and the eigenspace of  $\Delta_g$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$  by  $V^k$ . Put  $\dim(V^k) = m(k) + 1$ . We give the  $L^2$ -inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $V^k$  by  $(f, h) = \int_M f h d\mu$ ,  $\|f\| = (f, f)^{1/2}$ , where  $d\mu$  is the canonical measure of  $(M, g)$  normalized by  $\int_M d\mu = m(k) + 1$ .

Suppose that  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $\{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{m(k)}\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $V^k$  with respect to  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and define a mapping  $x_k$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$  by

$$x_k(p) = (f_0(p), f_1(p), \dots, f_{m(k)}(p)), \quad p \in M.$$

The action of  $G$  on  $M$  induces a natural one on  $V^k$  by  $(\sigma \cdot f)(p) = f(\sigma^{-1}p)$ ,  $\sigma \in G$ ,  $p \in M$ . The orthonormality of  $\{f_i\}_{i=0}^{m(k)}$  and the homogeneity of  $M$  imply the image  $x_k(M)$  is included in the unit sphere  $S_1^{m(k)}$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$ . Moreover by the  $G$ -invariance of the metric  $g$  and the assumption of the irreducibility of the linear isotropy action of  $K$ , the mapping  $x_k$  is an immersion and the induced metric  $\tilde{g} = x_k^* g_0$  coincides with the metric  $g$  up to a positive constant  $C$ , where  $g_0$  is the standard Euclidean metric of  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$ . Since  $x_k: (M, g) \rightarrow S_1^{m(k)}$  is an isometric immersion and the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_{\tilde{g}} = \frac{1}{C} \Delta_g$  of  $(M, \tilde{g})$  satisfies  $\Delta_{\tilde{g}} f_i = \frac{\lambda_k}{C} f_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m(k)$ , a theorem of Takahashi [9] implies that  $x_k$  is a minimal immersion of  $(M, \tilde{g})$  into a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{dC/\lambda_k}$ . It follows that  $C = \frac{\lambda_k}{d}$ . The isometric minimal immersion  $x_k: (M, \tilde{g}) \rightarrow S_1^{m(k)}$  is called the  $k$ -th *standard* minimal immersion. Note that another orthonormal basis of  $V^k$  gives also an isometric minimal immersion of  $(M, \tilde{g})$  into  $S_1^{m(k)}$ , which is equivalent in the sense of the introduction to the immersion  $x_k$ .

Now we choose an element  $f$  in  $V^k$  as  $f(eK) \neq 0$ , and put  $f'_0 = \int_K k \cdot f dk$  and  $f_0 = f'_0 / \|f'_0\|$ , where  $dk$  is the Haar measure on  $K$  normalized by  $\int_K dk = 1$ . Then  $k \cdot f_0 = f_0$ ,  $k \in K$ , and  $f_0(eK) \neq 0$ . That is, the  $G$ -module  $V^k$  is a *class one* representation of the pair  $(G, K)$ . We can take an orthonormal basis  $\{f_i\}_{i=0}^{m(k)}$  of  $V^k$  in such a way that  $(f_0(eK), f_1(eK), \dots, f_{m(k)}(eK)) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , because there exists an isometry  $A$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1}$  such that  $A(x_k(eK)) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then it can be proved that

$$(1.1) \quad x_k(\sigma K) = (f_0(\sigma K), f_1(\sigma K), \dots, f_{m(k)}(\sigma K)) = \sigma \cdot f_0,$$

for every  $\sigma \in G$ , under the identification  $\mathbf{R}^{m(k)+1} \ni (a_0, \dots, a_{m(k)}) \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{m(k)} a_i f_i \in V^k$ . Therefore the standard immersion  $x_k$  can be obtained as the orbit  $x_k(\sigma K) = \sigma \cdot f_0$ ,  $\sigma \in G$ , in the class one representation  $V^k$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  of  $(G, K)$ .

The differential  $x_k$  of  $x_k$  can be expressed in terms of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$  as follow: Let  $\mathfrak{k}$  be the Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  corresponding to the Lie group  $K$ , and let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be the orthogonal complement of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We identify  $\mathfrak{p}$  with the tangent space  $T_{eK}M$  by  $\mathfrak{p} \ni X \mapsto X_{eK} \in T_{eK}M$ , and the tangent space  $T_{\sigma \cdot f_0}V^k$  at  $\sigma \cdot f_0$  with  $V^k$  itself. Then the differential  $x_{k \cdot \sigma K}$  of  $x_k$  at  $\sigma K \in G/K$  is given by

$$(1.1') \quad x_{k \cdot \sigma K}(\tau_{\sigma \cdot} X_{eK}) = \frac{d}{dt} x_k(\sigma \exp(tX)K)_{t=0} = \sigma(X \cdot f_0),$$

where  $\tau_{\sigma \cdot}$  is the differential of the translation by  $\sigma : G/K \ni \sigma'K \mapsto \sigma\sigma'K \in G/K$ . Moreover we give an inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\mathfrak{p}$  from the  $G$ -invariant metric  $\tilde{g} = \frac{\lambda_k}{d} g$  by

$$\tilde{g}(X_{eK}, Y_{eK}) = (X, Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{p}.$$

Then the mapping  $x_k$  is isometric from  $(M, \tilde{g})$  into  $V^k$  if and only if

$$(1.2) \quad (\sigma X \cdot f_0, \sigma X \cdot f_0) = (X, X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{p}, \text{ and } \sigma \in G,$$

by (1.1) and the above identifications. The mapping  $x_k$  is an immersion of  $M$  into  $V^k$  if and only if the mapping  $\mathfrak{p} \ni X \mapsto X \cdot f_0 \in V^k$  is injective.

**§2. Parametrization of minimal immersion.**

In this section, we preserve the notations in §1. Let  $(M=G/K, g)$  be an irreducible Riemannian symmetric space of compact type and let  $x_k$  be the  $k$ -th standard minimal isometric immersion of  $(M, \tilde{g})$  into  $S_1^{m(k)}$ . Then we have:

THEOREM 2.1 (cf. [2], [7], [13])

1) Assume that there exists a full isometric minimal immersion of  $(M, Cg)$  with a positive constant  $C$ , into a unit sphere  $S_1$ . Then, for some  $k \geq 1, l \leq m(k)$  and  $C = \frac{\lambda_k}{d}$ , where  $d = \dim(M)$ .

2) The set  $\mathfrak{A}$  of equivalence classes of all full isometric minimal immersions of  $(M, \frac{\lambda_k}{d}g)$  into  $S_1^l, l \leq m(k)$ , can be smoothly parametrized by a convex body  $L$  in a vector space  $W_2$  such that the interior points of  $L$  correspond to those  $[\Phi]$  for which  $l = m(k)$ , and the boundary points of  $L$  correspond to those  $[\Phi]$  for which  $l < m(k)$ .

The sets  $W_2, L$  in the above theorem can be constructed as follows: Let  $V_0, V_1$  be the  $K$ -invariant subspaces of  $V^k$  defined by

$$V_0 = \mathbf{R}f_0, \text{ and } V_1 = \{X \cdot f_0; X \in \mathfrak{p}\}.$$

By the  $G$ -invariance of the inner product  $(, )$  of  $V^k$ , the subspaces  $V_0$  and  $V_1$  are mutually orthogonal with respect to  $(, )$ . Put  $V'$  the orthogonal complement of the sum  $V_0 + V_1$  in the space  $V^k$  with respect to  $(, )$ . Then we get the decomposition of  $V^k$  as  $K$ -modules:

$$(2.1) \quad V^k = V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V'.$$

Let  $P_1$  be the projection of  $V^k$  into  $V_1$  under this decomposition. Let  $S$  be the set of all linear (over  $\mathbf{R}$ ) mappings of  $V^k$  into itself which are symmetric with respect to  $(, )$ . Define the  $G$ -action on  $S$  by  $\sigma \cdot A = \sigma A \sigma^{-1}$ ,  $\sigma \in G$ ,  $A \in S$ , and the  $G$ -invariant inner product  $(, )$  on  $S$  by  $(A, B) = \text{trace}(AB)$ ,  $A, B \in S$ . Let  $S_1$  be the set of all symmetric linear mappings of  $V_1$  into itself. The set  $S_1$  can be considered as a subset of  $S$ . For every  $u, v \in V^k$ , define a linear mapping  $P_{u,v}$  by  $P_{u,v}(t) = (u, t)v$ ,  $t \in V^k$ . Then the mapping  $Q_{u,v} = 1/2(P_{u,v} + P_{v,u})$  belongs to  $S$  and the linear span of  $Q_{u,u}$ ,  $u \in V^k$ , coincides with  $S$ . Moreover  $Q_{u,v} \in S_1$  for  $u, v \in V_1$ , and the linear span of  $Q_{u,u}$ ,  $u \in V_1$ , coincides with  $S_1$ . Note that

$$(2.2) \quad (B, Q_{u,u}) = (B(u), u), \quad \text{for every } B \in S \text{ and } u \in V^k$$

by definition.

Now let  $W_1$  be the linear span of the  $G$ -orbit of  $S_1$  in  $S$  and  $W_2 = \{A \in S; (A, W_1) = 0\}$  its orthogonal complement. Define the subset  $L$  of  $W_2$  by

$$L = \{C \in W_2; C + I \geq 0\},$$

where  $I$  is the identity mapping of  $V^k$  and  $C + I \geq 0$  means that  $((C + I)(u), u) \geq 0$  for all  $u \in V^k$ .

Theorem 2.1 can be proved by the same manner as Theorems 1.3 and 1.5 in [5] (cf. see Li [13]).

### §3. Estimation of the dimension of $W_2$ .

We preserve the notations in §2. Consider the natural isomorphism  $Q$  of the symmetric square  $S^2 V^k$  of  $V^k$  onto  $S$  induced by  $S^2 V^k \ni u \cdot v \mapsto Q_{u,v} \in S$ . The  $G$ -action on  $V^k$  is extended naturally to  $S^2 V^k$ , and the  $G$ -invariant inner product  $(, )$  on  $V^k$  can be extended to the  $G$ -invariant one on  $S^2 V^k$ . Since we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \cdot Q_{u,v} &= \sigma Q_{u,v} \sigma^{-1} = Q_{\sigma u, \sigma v}, \quad \text{and} \\ (Q_{u,v}, Q_{u',v'}) &= (u \cdot v, u' \cdot v'), \quad \text{for } \sigma \in G, u, v, u', v' \in V^k, \end{aligned}$$

the mapping  $Q$  is  $G$ -isomorphic and isometric. Moreover the image  $Q(S^2 V_1)$  of the symmetric square  $S^2 V_1$  of  $V_1$  in (2.1) by  $Q$  coincides with  $S_1$ . Therefore the space  $W_1$  is identified by  $Q$  with the linear span of the  $G$ -orbits of  $S^2 V_1$  in

$S^2V^k$  and  $W_2$  is also identified with its orthogonal complement in  $S^2V^k$ .

Furthermore, in order to estimate dimension of  $W_2$ , we consider its complexification  $W_2^C$ . We denote by  $W^C$  the complexification of a real vector space  $W$ . We extend the inner product  $(, )$  on  $S^2V^k$  to the hermitian inner product on  $(S^2V^k)^C = S^2(V^{kC})$ . Then  $W_1^C$  is the linear span of the  $G$ -orbit of  $S^2(V_1^C)$  in  $S^2(V^{kC})$  and  $W_2^C$  is its orthogonal complement in  $S^2(V^{kC})$ . We have:

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $W_3$  be the sum of  $G$ -submodules of  $S^2(V^{kC})$  over  $C$ , not containing the  $K$ -irreducible components of  $S^2(V_1^C)$ . Then  $W_3$  is included in  $W_2^C$ .*

PROOF. It can be proved by the same manner as Lemma 5.4 in [2]. We have only to consider unitary representations instead of real orthogonal ones of compact Lie groups, making use of the Frobenius reciprocity theorem as in [1], [3]. Proof is omitted.

By Lemma 3.1, we can give an estimation of  $\dim(W_2)$  by the analogous way as in [2]. In order to estimate  $\dim(W_3)$ , note that, if the symmetric space  $M = G/K$  is of rank one, i.e., a maximal abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  contained in  $\mathfrak{p}$  is one dimensional, then every eigenspace of the Laplace-Beltrami operator is an irreducible class one representation of the pair  $(G, K)$  over  $R$  and its complexification is also irreducible. Therefore we can make use of a finite dimensional unitary representation theory of a compact Lie group to estimate  $\dim(W_3)$ , which are carried out in the following sections, in case of projective spaces.

§4. Complex projective spaces (I).

4.1. In this section, we use the following notations:

$$G = SU(n+1), n \geq 2,$$

$$K = S(U(1) \times U(n)) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/\det \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix}; \sigma \in U(n) \right\},$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(n+1) = \{X \in M_{n+1}(C); {}^t\bar{X} + X = 0, \text{trace}(X) = 0\},$$

$$\mathfrak{k} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\text{trace}(X) & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix}; X \in M_n(C), {}^t\bar{X} + X = 0 \right\},$$

$$B(X, Y) = 2(n+1) \text{trace}(XY), X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}, \text{ the Killing form of } \mathfrak{g},$$

$$\mathfrak{p} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\bar{z}_1 & \cdots & -\bar{z}_n \\ z_1 & & & \\ \vdots & & 0 & \\ z_n & & & \end{pmatrix} \in M_{n+1}(C); z_1, \dots, z_n \in C \right\},$$

$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & & & 0 \\ & \varepsilon_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \varepsilon_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \in M_{n+1}(\mathbf{C}); \varepsilon_i \in \mathbf{C}, |\varepsilon_i| = 1, \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \varepsilon_i = 1 \right\},$$

$$t = \left\{ H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}); x_i \in \mathbf{R}, \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i = 0 \right\},$$

where  $H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 2\pi \sqrt{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & & & 0 \\ x_2 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & x_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then we can identify

$P^n(\mathbf{C})$  with the coset space  $G/K$  having the  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric induced from the inner product  $(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{n+1} B(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .

Define an element  $\lambda_i$  in the dual space  $t^*$  of  $t$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  by  $t \ni H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mapsto x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ , and introduce a lexicographic order  $>$  on  $t^*$  in such a way that

$$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n > 0 > \lambda_{n+1}.$$

Put

$$D(G) = \left\{ A = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i \in t^*; m_i \in \mathbf{Z} (1 \leq i \leq n), m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_n \geq 0 \right\},$$

$$D(K) = \left\{ A = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \lambda_i \in t^*; k_i \in \mathbf{Z} (1 \leq i \leq n), k_2 \geq k_3 \geq \dots \geq k_n \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Then  $D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) is the set of all dominant integral forms of  $G$  (resp.  $K$ ) with respect to  $t$ . Thus there exists a bijection between a complete set  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(K)$ ) of nonequivalent irreducible modules of  $G$  (resp.  $K$ ) over  $\mathbf{C}$  and the set  $D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) assigning  $A \in D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) to an element  $V = V_A \in \mathcal{D}(G)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(K)$ ) with the highest weight  $A$ . Under the above situations, we have

**THEOREM 4.1.** (the branching theorem) *Let  $V = V_A$  be an irreducible  $G$ -module over  $\mathbf{C}$  with highest weight  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i$ ,  $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_n \geq 0$ . Then  $V = V_A$  decomposes as a  $K$ -modules, into irreducible ones:*

$$V_A = \sum V_{k_1 \lambda_1 + \dots + k_n \lambda_n},$$

where the summation runs over all the integers  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  for which there exists a non-negative integer  $k$  satisfying

$$m_1 \geq k_2 + k \geq m_2 \geq k_3 + k \geq m_3 \geq \dots \geq m_{n-1} \geq k_n + k \geq m_n \geq k,$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i + (n+1)k.$$



PROOF. See [3].

Note that the irreducible modules  $V_{k\lambda_1-k\lambda_{n+1}}$  with highest weight  $k\lambda_1-k\lambda_{n+1} = 2k\lambda_1+k\lambda_2+\dots+k\lambda_n, k \geq 0$ , exhaust all class one (i.e., including the trivial representation of  $K$ ) irreducible modules of the pair  $(G, K)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The modules  $V_{k\lambda_1-k\lambda_{n+1}}$  are represented as follows (see for example [5]):

Let  $S^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  be the space of all complex valued  $C^\infty$  functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  such that  $f(\lambda z) = |\lambda|^{2k} f(z)$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Put  $H^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}) = \{f \in S^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}); \Delta_0 f = 0\}$ , where  $\Delta_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \partial^2 / \partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_i$ , the standard Laplacian of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ . Define an action of  $U(n+1)$ , also  $SU(n+1)$  on  $S^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  by

$$(\sigma \cdot f)(z) = f(\sigma^{-1}z), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \quad \sigma \in U(n+1).$$

Then  $H^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  is the  $SU(n+1)$ -irreducible submodule of  $S^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  with highest weight  $k\lambda_1-k\lambda_{n+1}$ . Let  $C^\infty(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \mathbb{R})$  be the set of all real valued  $C^\infty$  functions on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and put  $V^k = H^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}) \cap C^\infty(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $V^k$  is a class one representation over  $\mathbb{R}$  of the pair  $(G, K)$  whose complexification  $V^{k\mathbb{C}}$  is  $V_{k\lambda_1-k\lambda_{n+1}} = H^{k,k}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$ , and it induces the eigenspace of the Laplace-Beltrami operator of the  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $G/K$  corresponding to the inner product  $-\frac{1}{n+1}B$  with the eigenvalue  $k(k+n)$ .

4.2. Now by Theorem 4.1, the class one representation  $V^{k\mathbb{C}}$  is decomposed into irreducible  $K$ -modules as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad V^{k\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{p=0,1,\dots,k} \sum_{q=0,1,\dots,k} V_{p,q},$$

where  $V_{p,q}, p, q = 0, 1, \dots, k$ , are the irreducible  $K$ -modules with highest weight

$$p(\lambda_1 - \lambda_{n+1}) + q(-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) = \begin{cases} (2p-q)\lambda_1 + (p+q)\lambda_2 + p\lambda_3 + \dots + p\lambda_n & (n \geq 3) \\ (2p-q)\lambda_1 + (p+q)\lambda_2 & (n = 2). \end{cases}$$

The  $K$ -module  $\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w_1 \cdots w_n \\ z_1 & \\ \vdots & 0 \\ z_n & \end{pmatrix}; z_i, w_i \in \mathbb{C} (1 \leq i \leq n) \right\}$  is decomposed into irreducible

$K$ -modules as follows:

$$\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}} = V_{1,0} \oplus V_{0,1}.$$

Then the components of the decomposition  $V^{k\mathbb{C}} = (V_0)^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus (V_1)^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus (V')^{\mathbb{C}}$  are given as  $K$ -modules by

$$(V_0)^{\mathbb{C}} = V_{0,0}, (V_1)^{\mathbb{C}} = V_{1,0} \oplus V_{0,1}, \quad \text{and} \quad (V')^{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{(p,q) \in I} V_{p,q},$$

where  $I = \{(p, q); p, q = 0, 1, \dots, k\} \setminus \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$ . Then the  $K$ -module

$S^2(V\mathfrak{f})$  is decomposed as follows:

$$(4.2) \quad S^2(V\mathfrak{f}) = V_{2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_{n+1})} \oplus V_{\lambda_2 - \lambda_{n+1}} \oplus V_{-2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2} \oplus V_{0,0}.$$

Therefore we have:

LEMMA 4.2. *Every  $G$ -module over  $\mathcal{C}$  which contains some of the  $K$ -irreducible components (4.2) of  $S^2(V\mathfrak{f})$  has the highest weight  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i$ , where  $m_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , are one of the  $n$ -tuples in the following table:*

(i) *In case of  $n \geq 4$ ,*

$m_1$	$2k$	$2k-1$	$2k-2$	$2k+3$	$2k+2$	$2k+6$
$m_2$	$k$	$k+1$	$k+2$	$k+1$	$k+2$	$k+2$
$m_3$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k+1$	$k+1$	$k+2$
$\vdots$						
$m_{n-1}$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k+1$	$k+1$	$k+2$
$m_n$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$

(ii) *in case of  $n=3$ ,*

$m_1$	$2k$	$2k-1$	$2k+3$	$2k-2$	$2k+2$	$2k+6$
$m_2$	$k$	$k+1$	$k+1$	$k+2$	$k+2$	$k+2$
$m_3$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$

(iii) *in case of  $n=2$ ,*

$m_1$	$2k$	$2k-3$	$2k+3$	$2k+6$	$2k-6$
$m_2$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$

where, in each case,  $k$  varies over the set of non-negative integers satisfying the inequalities  $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_n \geq 0$ .

PROOF. For example, we determine the  $G$ -modules containing the  $K$ -module  $V_{\lambda_2 - \lambda_{n+1}}$ . The remains are proved by the same manner. The weight  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_{n+1}$  coincides with  $\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \dots + \lambda_n (n \geq 3)$  or  $\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 (n=2)$ . By Theorem 4.1, the weight  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i$  of the  $G$ -module should satisfy the following:

(i) *in case of  $n \geq 4$ ,*

$$m_1 \geq 2+k \geq m_2 \geq 1+k \geq m_3 \geq \dots \geq m_{n-1} \geq 1+k \geq m_n \geq k,$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = (n+1)(k+1),$$

(ii) *in case of  $n=3$ ,*

$$m_1 \geq 2+k \geq m_2 \geq 1+k \geq m_3 \geq k, \text{ and } m_1+m_2+m_3=4(k+1),$$

(iii) in case of  $n=2$ ,

$$m_1 \geq 2+k \geq m_2 \geq k, \text{ and } m_1+m_2=3(k+1),$$

for a certain non-negative integer  $k$ . Thus we can determine  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  satisfying the above conditions. Q. E. D.

4.3. We need the following lemma in order to decompose the  $G$ -module  $S^2(V^{kC})$  into the sum of irreducible  $G$ -modules.

LEMMA 4.3. *For a  $G$ -module  $(V, \rho)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with a character  $\chi$ , the character  $\chi_{(2)}$  of the symmetric square  $S^2V$  is given by*

$$\chi_{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2}(\chi(\tau)^2 + \chi(\tau^2)), \quad \tau \in G.$$

PROOF. See [8] for example. For completeness, we give here its proof. For a fixed  $\tau \in G$ , let  $e_i \in V$  be the eigenvectors of  $\rho(\tau)$  with the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ , i. e.,  $\rho(\tau)e_i = \lambda_i e_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, N=\dim(V)$ . Then the basis  $e_1^{m_1} \dots e_N^{m_N}$  ( $m_1 + \dots + m_N = k$ ) of the  $k$ -th symmetric product  $S^k V$  of  $V$  satisfies

$$\rho^{(k)}(\tau)(e_1^{m_1} \dots e_N^{m_N}) = \lambda_1^{m_1} \dots \lambda_N^{m_N} e_1^{m_1} \dots e_N^{m_N},$$

where  $e_i^{m_i} = e_i \dots e_i$  ( $m_i$  times), and  $\rho^{(k)}(\tau)$  is the  $G$  action on  $S^k V$  induced from the one on  $V$ . Then the character  $\chi_{(k)}(\tau)$  of  $\rho^{(k)}(\tau)$  is given by

$$\chi_{(k)}(\tau) = \sum_{m_1 + \dots + m_N = k} \lambda_1^{m_1} \dots \lambda_N^{m_N}.$$

Consider the following generating function of the characters:

$$P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \chi_{(k)}(\tau).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_1 + \dots + m_N = k} (z\lambda_1)^{m_1} \dots (z\lambda_N)^{m_N} \\ &= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_N=0}^{\infty} (z\lambda_1)^{m_1} \dots (z\lambda_N)^{m_N} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - z\lambda_i)^{-1} \\ &= \det(I - z\rho(\tau))^{-1} \\ &= \exp\left(\text{trace}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho(\tau^k)}{k} z^k\right)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(\tau^k)}{k} z^k\right). \end{aligned}$$

In fact, the series  $P(z)$  has the convergent radius bigger than or equal to  $(C|\chi(\tau)|)^{-1}$ , where the constant  $C$  satisfies  $|\chi(\tau_1\tau_2)| \leq C|\chi(\tau_1)||\chi(\tau_2)|$  for every  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in G$ . Then the coefficients  $P_n = P^{(n)}(0)/n!$  of  $P$  coincide with  $\chi_{(n)}(\tau)$ . For example,  $P_0=1, P_1=\chi(\tau), P_2=1/2(\chi(\tau)^2+\chi(\tau^2)), \dots$ . Q. E. D.

**§ 5. Complex projective spaces (II).**

In this section, we investigate the irreducible decomposition of the symmetric square  $S^2(V^{*c})$  due to Lemma 4.3. In order to show  $\dim(W_3) > 0$ , we have only to show the existence of the irreducible of the irreducible  $G$ -submodules of  $S^2(V^{*c})$  which do not appear in the table in Lemma 4.2.

5.1. In this section, we use the following notations :

$$\tilde{G} = U(n+1),$$

$$\tilde{T} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & & & \\ & \varepsilon_2 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \varepsilon_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \in M_{n+1}(C); \varepsilon_i \in C, |\varepsilon_i| = 1 (1 \leq i \leq n+1) \right\},$$

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{u}(n+1) = \{X \in M_{n+1}(C); {}^t\bar{X} + X = 0\},$$

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} = \{H(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}); x_i \in \mathbf{R} (1 \leq i \leq n+1)\}.$$

Define an element  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$  in the dual space  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^*$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  by  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} \ni H(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n+1$ , and introduce a lexicographic order  $>$  on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^*$  in such a way that

$$\tilde{\lambda}_1 > \tilde{\lambda}_2 > \dots > \tilde{\lambda}_n > 0 > \tilde{\lambda}_{n+1}.$$

Note that  $\lambda_i$  is the restriction of  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$  to  $\mathfrak{t} (1 \leq i \leq n+1)$ . Put

$$D(\tilde{G}) = \left\{ \tilde{\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} f_i \tilde{\lambda}_i; f_i \in \mathbf{Z}, f_1 \geq f_2 \geq \dots \geq f_n \geq f_{n+1} \right\}.$$

Then  $D(\tilde{G})$  coincides with the set of all dominant integral forms of  $\tilde{G}$  with respect to  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  and there exists a bijection between a complete set  $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{G})$  of non-equivalent irreducible modules of  $\tilde{G}$  over  $C$  and  $D(\tilde{G})$ , assigning  $\tilde{\lambda} \in D(\tilde{G})$  to an element  $\tilde{V} = V_{\tilde{\lambda}} \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{G})$  with the highest weight  $\tilde{\lambda}$ . Moreover for each  $\tilde{V} = V_{\tilde{\lambda}} \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{G})$  with  $\tilde{\lambda} \in D(\tilde{G})$ , the module  $V = \tilde{V}|_G$ , considered as a  $G$ -module, belongs to  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ , its highest weight  $\lambda$  is the restriction of  $\tilde{\lambda}$  to  $\mathfrak{t}$  and its character  $\chi_\lambda$  is the restriction of the one  $\chi_{\tilde{\lambda}}$  of  $\tilde{V}$  to  $G$ . By the character formula of Weyl [11],

$$(5.1) \quad D(\tilde{h})\chi_{\tilde{\lambda}}(\tilde{h}) = |\varepsilon^!{}^j| \quad \text{for each } \tilde{h} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ & & & \varepsilon_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \in \tilde{T},$$

where  $|\varepsilon_i^{l_j}|$  is the determinant of  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$  entries are  $\varepsilon_i^{l_j}$ ,

$$(5.2) \quad l_j = f_j + n + 1 - j \quad (j = 1, \dots, n+1),$$

and  $D(\tilde{h})$  is given as follows:

$$(5.3) \quad D(\tilde{h}) = |\varepsilon_i^{n+1-i}| = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j).$$

Note that the  $G$ -module  $V^{kC} = H^{k, k}(C^{n+1})$  in 4.1 is also  $\tilde{G} = U(n+1)$  irreducible module with highest weight  $k\tilde{\lambda}_1 - k\tilde{\lambda}_{n+1}$ .

5.2. First let us consider the irreducible decomposition of  $S^2(V^{kC})$  as  $\tilde{G}$ -modules:

$$(5.4) \quad S^2(V^{kC}) = \sum N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}) V_{f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}},$$

where  $f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}$  vary over the set  $\{(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}); f_i \in \mathbf{Z}, f_1 \geq \dots \geq f_{n+1}\}$ ,  $V_{f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}}$  is the  $\tilde{G}$ -irreducible module with highest weight  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} f_i \tilde{\lambda}_i$ , and the number  $N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1})$  is the multiplicity of  $V_{f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}}$  in  $S^2(V^{kC})$ . Then since  $V_{f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}}$  is also the  $G$ -irreducible module  $V_\Lambda$  with highest weight  $\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i$ ,  $m_i = f_i - f_{n+1}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), we obtain the irreducible decomposition of  $S^2(V^{kC})$  as  $G$ -modules:

$$S^2(V^{kC}) = \sum M(m_1, \dots, m_n) V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i},$$

where  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  run over the set  $\{(m_1, \dots, m_n); m_i \in \mathbf{Z}, m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_n \geq 0\}$ , and  $M(m_1, \dots, m_n) = \sum_{f_1 \geq \dots \geq f_{n+1}, m_i = f_i - f_{n+1}} N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1})$  is the multiplicity of the  $G$ -module  $V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}$  in the one  $S^2(V^{kC})$ . Then if we find an irreducible module  $V_{f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}}$  of  $\tilde{G}$  in (5.4) with  $N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}) > 0$ , then  $S^2(V^{kC})$  includes at least one the irreducible module  $V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}$  of  $G$ . Therefore we have only to consider the decomposition (5.4) of  $S^2(V^{kC})$  as  $\tilde{G}$ -modules.

Now by Lemma 4.3, the character  $\chi_{(2)}^k$  of the  $\tilde{G}$ -module  $S^2(V^{kC})$  is given by:

$$(5.5) \quad D_{n+1} \chi_{(2)}^k = \frac{1}{2} \{ |\varepsilon_i^{r_j}|^2 / D_{n+1} + |\varepsilon_i^{2r_j}| / D'_{n+1} \},$$

where  $|\varepsilon_i^{r_j}|$  is the determinant whose  $(i, j)$ -entries are  $\varepsilon_i^{r_j}$ ,  $r_1 = k + n$ ,  $r_j = n + 1 - j$  ( $j = 2, \dots, n$ ),  $r_{n+1} = -k$ ,  $D_{n+1} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)$  and  $D'_{n+1} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j)$ . The right hand side of (5.5) can be written as

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \varepsilon_i^{-2k} \tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1}),$$

where  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  is the polynomial in  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  given by

$$(5.6) \quad \tilde{P}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \{ |\varepsilon_i^{r_j}|^2 / D_{n+1} + |\varepsilon_i^{2r_j}| / D'_{n+1} \},$$

where  $p_1=n+2k$ ,  $p_j=k+n+1-j$  ( $j=2, \dots, n$ ) and  $p_{n+1}=0$ . Note that the polynomial  $|\varepsilon_i^{p_j}|$  (resp.  $|\varepsilon_i^{2p_j}|$ ) can be divided formally by the one  $D_{n+1}$  (resp.  $D'_{n+1}$ ).

On the other hand, according to the decomposition (5.4), we get

$$(5.4') \quad D_{n+1}\chi_{(2)}^k = \sum_{f_1 \geq \dots \geq f_{n+1}} N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}) |\varepsilon_i^{l_j}|,$$

where  $l_j=f_j+n+1-j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, n+1$ . We arrange the right hand side of (5.4') as the sum of the terms  $\varepsilon_1^{a_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{a_{n+1}}$  with  $a_1 > \dots > a_{n+1}$  and the terms  $\varepsilon_1^{b_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{b_{n+1}}$  where there exist two integers  $1 \leq i < j \leq n+1$  such that  $b_i \leq b_j$ , that is,

$$(5.4'') \quad D_{n+1}\chi_{(2)}^k = \sum_{f_1 \geq \dots \geq f_{n+1}} N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}) \varepsilon_1^{l_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{l_{n+1}} + Q(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1}),$$

where  $Q(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  is the sum of the latter type.

Now we decompose the polynomial  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  in such a way that

$$(5.6') \quad \tilde{P}_{n+1} = \sum_{q_1 > \dots > q_{n+1} \geq 0} A(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1}) \varepsilon_1^{q_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{q_{n+1}} + R(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1}),$$

where  $R(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  is the sum of the monomials  $\varepsilon_1^{b_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{b_{n+1}}$  of  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}$  where there exist two integers  $1 \leq i < j \leq n+1$  such that  $b_i \leq b_j$ . Then comparing with (5.4'') and (5.6'), their first term sums coincide each other, in particular, we have

$$A(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1}) = N(f_1, \dots, f_{n+1}),$$

where  $f_j=q_j-(n+1)-k+j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, n+1$ . Therefore we have only to decompose  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  as (5.6') and to seek the terms  $\varepsilon_1^{q_1} \dots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{q_{n+1}}$ ,  $q_1 > \dots > q_{n+1} \geq 0$  with a non-zero coefficient  $A(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1})$ . Then we obtain the  $G$ -module  $V_{\sum_{j=1}^n m_j \lambda_j}$  with  $m_j=q_j-q_{n+1}-(n+1)+j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, n$ , which is included in  $S^c(V^{kc})$ .

5.3. The task of the last step in 5.2 is accomplished as follows.

(i) First, decompose  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}$  as a sum of the constant term  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n, 0)$  in  $\varepsilon_{n+1}$  and the higher order term  $Q_{n+1}=Q_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n+1})$  in  $\varepsilon_{n+1}$ . Then the constant term  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n, 0)$  is

$$\tilde{P}_{n+1}(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n, 0) = \tilde{\Delta}_n P_n.$$

Here  $\tilde{\Delta}_n = \prod_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^{2k+1}$  and  $P_n$  is the polynomial in  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$  given by

$$P_n = \frac{1}{2} \{ |\varepsilon_i^{l_j}|^2 / D_n + |\varepsilon_i^{2l_j}| / D'_n \},$$

where  $l_1=k+n-1$ ,  $l_j=n-j$ ,  $j=2, \dots, n$ . Then we have

$$\tilde{P}_{n+1} = \tilde{\Delta}_n P_n + Q_{n+1}.$$

(ii) In case of  $n \geq 3$ , we furthermore decompose  $P_n$  into the sum of the constant term  $P_n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}, 0)$  in  $\varepsilon_n$  and the higher order term  $Q_n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$  in  $\varepsilon_n$ . The former  $P_n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}, 0)$  is calculated as

$$P_n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}, 0) = \Delta_{n-1} P_{n-1}.$$

Here  $\Delta_{n-1} = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_i$  and  $P_{n-1}$  is the polynomial in  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1})$  given by

$$P_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} \{ |\varepsilon_i^{l_j}|^2 / D_{n-1} + |\varepsilon_i^{l'_j}|^2 / D'_{n-1} \},$$

where  $|\varepsilon_i^{l_j}|$  is the determinant of  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix whose entries are  $\varepsilon_i^{l_j}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $l_1 = k+n-2$ ,  $l_j = n-1-j$ ,  $j=2, \dots, n-1$ . Then we have

$$P_n = \Delta_{n-1} P_{n-1} + Q_n.$$

(iii) Go on inductively the above process. Lastly, we have

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{k+2} & \varepsilon_1 & 1 \\ \varepsilon_2^{k+2} & \varepsilon_2 & 1 \\ \varepsilon_3^{k+2} & \varepsilon_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}^2 / D_3 + \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{2(k+2)} & \varepsilon_1^2 & 1 \\ \varepsilon_2^{2(k+2)} & \varepsilon_2^2 & 1 \\ \varepsilon_3^{2(k+2)} & \varepsilon_3^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} / D'_3 \right\},$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{k+1} & 1 \\ \varepsilon_2^{k+1} & 1 \end{vmatrix}^2 / (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) + \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{2(k+1)} & 1 \\ \varepsilon_2^{2(k+1)} & 1 \end{vmatrix} / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) \right\},$$

$$\Delta_2 = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2, \quad \text{and}$$

$$P_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = \Delta_2 P_2 + Q_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3),$$

where  $Q_3$  is the sum of the terms of  $P_3$  higher than the constant in  $\varepsilon_3$ . Then we have, in case of  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$(5.7) \quad \tilde{P}_{n+1} = \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_2 P_2 + \sum_{i=3}^n \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_i Q_i + Q_{n+1},$$

where

$$(5.8) \quad \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_2 = \varepsilon_1^{2k+n-1} \prod_{j=2}^n \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-j},$$

$$(5.9) \quad \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_i = \prod_{j=1}^i \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-i} \prod_{j=i+1}^n \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-j},$$

where  $i=3, \dots, n$ .

In case of  $n=2$ , we have

$$(5.7') \quad \tilde{P}_3 = \tilde{\Delta}_2 P_2 + Q_3,$$

where

$$(5.8') \quad \tilde{\Delta}_2 = \prod_{i=1}^2 \varepsilon_i^{2k+1}.$$

Note that the first term  $\tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_2 P_2$  of (5.7) is a homogeneous polynomial in  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$  whose degree is  $2k+n+1-i$  in the variable  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $i=3, \dots, n$ , and the sum of the degrees in  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  is  $6k+2n-1$ . The terms  $\tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \dots \Delta_i Q_i$  are

homogeneous polynomials in  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$  whose degrees in  $\varepsilon_i$  are greater than  $2k+n+1-i$ , and the degree of the last term  $Q_{n+1}$  in  $\varepsilon_{n+1}$  is greater than or equal to 1. Therefore all the monomials of  $\tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \cdots \Delta_2 P_2$  are different from the ones of  $\sum_{i=3}^n \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \cdots \Delta_i P_i + Q_{n+1}$ .

(iv) Now we calculate the polynomial  $P_2$  in  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ : for  $k \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \{(\varepsilon_1^{k+1} - \varepsilon_2^{k+1})^2 / (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) + (\varepsilon_1^{2k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{2k+2}) / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (\varepsilon_1^{k+1} - \varepsilon_2^{k+1}) \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^s \varepsilon_2^{k-s} - \sum_{s=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^s \varepsilon_1^s \varepsilon_2^{2k+1-s} \right\} \\ &= \varepsilon_1^{2k+1} \varepsilon_2^0 + \varepsilon_1^{2k-1} \varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_1^{2k-3} \varepsilon_2^4 + (\text{the lower order terms in } \varepsilon_1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have, in case of  $n \geq 3, k \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}_n \Delta_{n-1} \cdots \Delta_2 P_2 &= \varepsilon_1^{4k+n} \varepsilon_2^{2k+n-1} \prod_{j=3}^n \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-j} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_1^{4k+n-2} \varepsilon_2^{2k+n+1} \prod_{j=3}^n \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-j} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_1^{4k+n-4} \varepsilon_2^{2k+n+3} \prod_{j=3}^n \varepsilon_j^{2k+n+1-j} \\ &\quad + (\text{the lower order terms in } \varepsilon_1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the polynomial  $\tilde{P}_{n+1}$  includes the terms  $\varepsilon_1^{q_1} \cdots \varepsilon_{n+1}^{q_{n+1}}$ , where  $(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1})$  are

- 1)  $q_1=4k+n, q_2=2k+n-1, q_j=2k+n+1-j, j=3, \dots, n, q_{n+1}=0,$
- 2)  $q_1=4k+n-2, q_2=2k+n+1, q_j=2k+n+1-j, j=3, \dots, n, q_{n+1}=0,$
- 3)  $q_1=4k+n-4, q_2=2k+n+3, q_j=2k+n+1-j, j=3, \dots, n, q_{n+1}=0.$

Therefore, together with 5.2, in case of  $n \geq 3$ , the  $G$ -module  $S^2(V^{kc})$  includes the  $G$ -modules  $V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}, m_j=q_j-q_{n+1}-(n+1)+j, j=1, \dots, n$ , as follows:

- 1)  $(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n) = (4k, 2k, 2k, \dots, 2k),$  for  $k \geq 1,$
- 2)  $(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n) = (4k-2, 2k+2, 2k, \dots, 2k),$  for  $k \geq 2,$
- 3)  $(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n) = (4k-4, 2k+4, 2k, \dots, 2k),$  for  $k \geq 4.$

The 1) and 2) appear in the table in Lemma 4.2, but the last 3) does not so. Therefore the  $G$ -module  $S^2(V^{kc})$  includes the  $G$ -irreducible module  $V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}, (m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n) = (4k-4, 2k+4, 2k, \dots, 2k),$  for  $k \geq 4,$  which does not include the  $K$ -irreducible components of  $S^2(V\mathfrak{f})$ . The dimension of  $V_{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}$  is given by the dimension formula of Weyl [11]:



$$\begin{aligned} \dim(V_{\Sigma_{i=1}^n m_i \lambda_i}) &= \frac{D(4k-4+n, 2k+3+n, 2k+n-2, \dots, 2k+1, 0)}{D(n, n-1, \dots, 1, 0)} \\ &= \frac{(2k-7)(n+1)(n+2)(4k+n-4)(2k+n+3)}{24(n-1)} \binom{2k+n-5}{2k-3} \binom{2k+n-2}{2k} \\ &\geq 4,725, \quad \text{for } n \geq 3 \text{ and } k \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

In case of  $n=2$ , the first term  $\bar{\Delta}_2 P_2$  of (5.7') is

$$\bar{\Delta}_2 P_2 = \epsilon_1^{4k+2} \epsilon_2^{2k+1} + \epsilon_1^{4k} \epsilon_2^{2k+3} + \epsilon_1^{4k-2} \epsilon_2^{2k+5} + (\text{the lower order terms in } \epsilon_i).$$

Then  $S^2(V^{kC})$  includes the following irreducible  $G$ -modules  $V_{m_1 \lambda_1 + m_2 \lambda_2}$ :

- 1)  $(m_1, m_2) = (4k, 2k), \quad k \geq 1,$
- 2)  $(m_1, m_2) = (4k-2, 2k+2), \quad k \geq 2,$
- 3)  $(m_1, m_2) = (4k-4, 2k+4), \quad k \geq 4.$

The 1) and 2) belong to the table in Lemma 4.2, but the last  $V_{(4k-4) \lambda_1 + (2k+4) \lambda_2}$  does not so. The dimension of  $V_{(4k-4) \lambda_1 + (2k+4) \lambda_2}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(V_{(4k-4) \lambda_1 + (2k+4) \lambda_2}) &= D(4k-4+2, 2k+4+1, 0) / D(2, 1, 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2k-7)(4k-2)(2k+5) \\ &\geq 91, \quad \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem B is proved completely.

REMARK. In case of  $n=2$  and  $k=2$ , we have the following irreducible decomposition of the symmetric square  $S^2(V^{2C})$  of  $V^{2C} = H^{2,2}(C^3)$ :

$$S^2(V^{2C}) = V^{8,4} \oplus V^{6,6} \oplus V^{6,3} \oplus V^{6,0} \oplus V^{5,4} \oplus V^{5,1} \oplus 2V^{4,2} \oplus V^{2,1} \oplus V^{0,0},$$

where  $V^{x,y}$  means the irreducible  $G$ -module with highest weight  $x\lambda_1 + y\lambda_2$ . In this case, each irreducible component of  $S^2(V^{2C})$  includes certain  $K$ -irreducible components of  $S^2(V_1^C)$ , and we have  $\dim(W_3) = 0$ . It seems to be  $\dim(W_2) = 0$ .

§ 6. Quaternion projective spaces  $P^{n-1}(H) = Sp(n)/Sp(1) \times Sp(n-1)$ .

6.1. In this section, we use the following terminologies:

$$G = Sp(n) = \{x \in U(2n); {}^t x J_n x = J_n\}, \quad n \geq 3,$$

where  $J_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of degree  $n$ .

$$K = Sp(1) \times Sp(n-1) = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & A & 0 & B \\ \hline c & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & C & 0 & D \end{array} \right); \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in Sp(1), \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in Sp(n-1) \right\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}(n) &= \{X \in \mathfrak{u}(2n); {}^t X J_n + J_n X = 0\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ -\bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}; A, B \in M_n(\mathbf{C}), {}^t \bar{A} + A = 0, B = {}^t B \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{sp}(1) \times \mathfrak{sp}(n-1)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 & Y \\ \hline -\bar{y} & 0 & \bar{x} & 0 \\ 0 & -\bar{Y} & 0 & \bar{X} \end{pmatrix}; x \in \sqrt{-1}\mathbf{R}, y \in \mathbf{C}, X, Y \in M_{n-1}(\mathbf{C}), {}^t \bar{X} + X = 0, {}^t Y = Y \right\},$$

$B(X, Y) = (2n+2)\text{Trace}(XY)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ , the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$\mathfrak{p} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z & 0 & W \\ -{}^t \bar{Z} & 0 & {}^t W & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -\bar{W} & 0 & \bar{Z} \\ -{}^t \bar{W} & 0 & -{}^t Z & 0 \end{pmatrix}; Z, W \in M(1, n-1, \mathbf{C}) \right\},$$

the orthocomplement of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $B$ ,

$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & & & & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & & & \\ & & \varepsilon_n & & & & & \\ \hline & & & \varepsilon_1^{-1} & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & & \varepsilon_n^{-1} & & \end{pmatrix}; \varepsilon_i \in \mathbf{C}, |\varepsilon_i| = 1 (1 \leq i \leq n) \right\},$$

$\mathfrak{t} = \{H(x_1, \dots, x_n); x_i \in \mathbf{R} (1 \leq i \leq n)\}$ , the Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$ , where

$$H(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & & & & & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & & & \\ & & x_n & & & & & \\ \hline & & & -x_1 & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & & -x_n & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can identify  $P^{n-1}(\mathbf{H})$  with  $G/K$  having the  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric induced from the inner product  $(X, Y) = -B(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{p}$ .

Define an element  $\lambda_i$  in the dual space  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{t}$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  by  $\lambda_i \ni H(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow x_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  and introduce a lexicographic order  $>$  on  $\mathfrak{t}^*$  by

$$\lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_n > 0.$$

Let  $\Sigma^+(G)$  (resp.  $\Sigma^+(K)$ ) be the set of positive roots of the complexification  $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{C}}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{k}^{\mathbf{C}}$ ) of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{k}$ ) relative to  $\mathfrak{t}$ . Then we have

$$\Sigma^+(G) = \{\lambda_i \pm \lambda_j; 1 \leq i < j \leq n\} \cup \{2\lambda_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

$$\Sigma^+(K) = \{\lambda_i \pm \lambda_j; 2 \leq i < j \leq n\} \cup \{2\lambda_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Put

$$D(G) = \left\{ A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i; a_i \in \mathbf{Z} (1 \leq i \leq n), a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq 0 \right\},$$

$$D(K) = \left\{ A = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \lambda_i; b_i \in \mathbf{Z} (1 \leq i \leq n), b_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Then  $D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) is the set of all dominant integral forms of  $G$  (resp.  $K$ ) with respect to  $\mathfrak{t}$ . Moreover there exists a bijection between  $D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) and a complete set  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(K)$ ) of non-equivalent irreducible modules of  $G$  (resp.  $K$ ) over  $\mathbf{C}$  corresponding  $A \in D(G)$  (resp.  $D(K)$ ) to an element  $V = V_A \in \mathcal{D}(G)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(K)$ ) with the highest weight  $A$ .

Then we have:

**THEOREM 6.1.** (Lepowsky [4]) *Let  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i \in D(G)$ ,  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \lambda_i \in D(K)$ . Then the multiplicity  $m(\lambda, \mu)$  of the  $K$ -module  $V_\mu$  in the  $G$ -module  $V_\lambda$  is given as follows: Define*

$$A_1 = a_1 - \max(a_2, b_2),$$

$$A_i = \min(a_i, b_i) - \max(a_{i+1}, b_{i+1}), \quad 2 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$A_n = \min(a_n, b_n) \geq 0.$$

Then  $m(\lambda, \mu) = 0$  unless  $b_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \in 2\mathbf{Z}$  and  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1} \geq 0$ . Under these conditions,

$$m(\lambda, \mu) = \sum_L (-1)^{|L|} \binom{n-2-|L|+1/2(-b_1+\sum_{i=1}^n A_i)-\sum_{i \in L} A_i}{n-2},$$

where  $L$  runs over all the subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  (also the empty set),  $|L|$  denotes the number of elements in  $L$ , and  $\binom{x}{y}$  denotes the binomial coefficient, which is defined to be zero if  $x < y$ .

It turns out by Theorem 6.1 that  $V^{k\mathbf{C}} = V_{k\lambda_1+k\lambda_2}$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , are the class one modules of the pair  $(G, K)$  over  $\mathbf{C}$ .

The complexification  $\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbf{C}}$  of  $\mathfrak{p}$  is the irreducible module of  $K$  with highest weight  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ . Then the symmetric square  $S^2(\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbf{C}})$  of  $\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbf{C}}$ , which is  $S^2(V_{\mathfrak{f}}^{\mathbf{C}})$  in § 3, is decomposed as a  $K$ -module into as follows:

$$(6.1) \quad S^2(\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbf{C}}) = V_{2\lambda_1+2\lambda_2} \oplus V_{\lambda_2+\lambda_3} \oplus V_0.$$

Then by Theorem 6.1, we have:

LEMMA 6.2. (I) Let  $n=3$ . Then every  $G$ -module over  $C$  which includes certain of the  $K$ -irreducible components (6.1) of  $S^2(\mathfrak{p}^C)$  has the highest weight  $\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \lambda_i$ , where the triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  is one of them in the following table:

$a_1$	$k+2$	$k+3$	$k+1$	$k+4$	$k+2$	$k$
$a_2$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$	$k$
$a_3$	$2$	$1$	$1$	$0$	$0$	$0$
	$k \geq 2$	$k \geq 1$	$k \geq 1$	$k \geq 0$	$k \geq 1$	$k \geq 0$

(II) In case of  $n \geq 4$ , if  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq 0$  satisfy one of the following conditions:

(i)  $a_3 \geq 3$ , (ii)  $a_i \geq 2$ , or (iii)  $a_i \geq 1$ , for some  $5 \leq i \leq n$ , then the  $G$ -module  $V_A$  with the highest weight  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i$  includes no the  $K$ -irreducible components of  $S^2(\mathfrak{p}^C)$ .

PROOF. We give only a proof of (II). Case (I) can be proved by the same manner as case (II).

By (6.1), we have only to consider the  $K$ -modules  $V_A$  with highest weight  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \lambda_i$  as follows:

- (1)  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (2, 2, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,
- (2)  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (0, 1, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,
- (3)  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

In each case, the numbers  $A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , as in Theorem 6.1 are given as follows: For (1),  $A_1 = a_1 - \max(a_2, 2), A_2 = \min(a_2, 2) - a_3, A_i = -a_{i+1}, 3 \leq i \leq n-1$ . For (2),  $A_1 = a_1 - \max(a_2, 1), A_2 = \min(a_2, 1) - \max(a_3, 1), A_3 = \min(a_3, 1) - a_4, A_i = -a_{i+1}, 4 \leq i \leq n-1$ . For (3),  $A_1 = a_1 - a_2, A_i = -a_{i+1}, 2 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

If either the conditions (i), (ii) or (iii) hold, then for every case (1)~(3), one of the  $A_i$ 's  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , is negative. Thus Theorem 6.1 implies (II).

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By the character formula [11], the character  $\chi_A$  of the irreducible module  $V_A$  with highest weight  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i$  is given by

$$(6.2) \quad D_n(\varepsilon) \chi_A(\varepsilon) = |\varepsilon^{i_j} - \varepsilon_i^{-i_j}|, \quad \text{for each } \varepsilon = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \varepsilon_1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \\ \varepsilon_n & \hline 0 & \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ & \vdots \\ & \varepsilon_n^{-1} \end{array} \right),$$

where  $|\varepsilon_i^{l_j} - \varepsilon_i^{-l_j}|$  is the determinant of  $n \times n$ -matrix whose  $(i, j)$  entries are  $\varepsilon_i^{l_j} - \varepsilon_i^{-l_j}$ ,

$$(6.3) \quad l_j = a_j + n + 1 - j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(6.4) \quad D_n(\varepsilon) = |\varepsilon_i^{n+1-j} - \varepsilon_i^{-(n+1-j)}| \\ = \prod_{i=1}^n (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_i^{-1}) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_j^{-1} + \varepsilon_i^{-1}).$$

6.2. In the following, we assume  $n=3$ .

By Lemma 4.3, the character  $\chi_{(2)}^k$  of the symmetric square  $S^2(V^{kC})$  of the class one module  $V^{kC} = V_{k\lambda_1 + k\lambda_2}$  of the pair  $(G, K)$  is given by

$$(6.5) \quad D_3(\varepsilon)\chi_{(2)}^k(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{P_3(\varepsilon)^2}{D_3(\varepsilon)} + \frac{D_3(\varepsilon)P_3(\varepsilon^2)}{D_3(\varepsilon^2)} \right\},$$

for  $\varepsilon = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \varepsilon_1 & 0 \\ \varepsilon_2 & \\ \hline \varepsilon_3 & \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2^{-1} \\ & \varepsilon_3^{-1} \end{array} \right)$ , where

$$(6.6) \quad P_3(\varepsilon) = \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{k+3} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_2^{k+3} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_3^{k+3} - \varepsilon_3^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_3^{k+2} - \varepsilon_3^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_3^{-1} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Assume that

$$S^2(V^{kC}) = \sum_{a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq 0} N(a_1, a_2, a_3) V_{a_1\lambda_1 + a_2\lambda_2 + a_3\lambda_3}.$$

Then we have the identity:

$$(6.7) \quad D_3(\varepsilon)\chi_{(2)}^k(\varepsilon) = \sum_{a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq 0} N(a_1, a_2, a_3) |\varepsilon_i^{l_j} - \varepsilon_i^{-l_j}|,$$

where  $l_j = a_j + 4 - j, j=1, 2, 3$ . And then the right hand side of (6.7) can be decomposed of the form:

$$- \sum_{a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq 0} N(a_1, a_2, a_3) \varepsilon_1^{-l_3} \varepsilon_2^{-l_2} \varepsilon_3^{-l_1} + Q(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3),$$

where  $Q(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$  is the sum of the monomials  $\varepsilon_1^{q_1} \varepsilon_2^{q_2} \varepsilon_3^{q_3}$ , satisfying one of the following conditions:

$$(6.8) \quad \text{(i) } 0 \leq q_1, \quad \text{(ii) } q_1 \leq q_2, \quad \text{or} \quad \text{(iii) } q_2 \leq q_3.$$

So let us decompose  $D_3\chi_{(2)}^k$  into the following:

$$(6.9) \quad D_3\chi_{(2)}^k = - \sum_{0 > q_1 > q_2 > q_3} A(q_1, q_2, q_3) \varepsilon_1^{q_1} \varepsilon_2^{q_2} \varepsilon_3^{q_3} + R(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3),$$

where  $R(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$  is the sum of the monomials  $\varepsilon_1^{q_1} \varepsilon_2^{q_2} \varepsilon_3^{q_3}$ , satisfying one of the

conditions (6.8). Then we have

$$A(q_1, q_2, q_3) = N(a_1, a_2, a_3), \quad q_1 = -(a_3 + 1), \quad q_2 = -(a_2 + 2), \quad q_3 = -(a_1 + 3).$$

Therefore we have only to seek the monomials  $A(q_1, q_2, q_3)\varepsilon_1^{q_1}\varepsilon_2^{q_2}\varepsilon_3^{q_3}$  with  $A(q_1, q_2, q_3) \neq 0$ ,  $0 > q_1 > q_2 > q_3$  of  $D_3(\varepsilon)\mathcal{X}_{(2)}^k(\varepsilon)$ . Then the module  $S^2(V^{kC})$  includes the one  $V_{-(q_3+3)\lambda_1 - (q_2+2)\lambda_2 - (q_1+1)\lambda_3}$  with multiplicity  $A(q_1, q_2, q_3)$ .

6.3. The task of 6.2 is accomplished as follows:

First, we put

$$P_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = \varepsilon_3^{-(k+3)} \check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3),$$

and

$$D_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = \varepsilon_3^{-3} \check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3),$$

where  $\check{P}_3$  and  $\check{D}_3$  are the polynomials given by

$$\check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{k+3} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_2^{k+3} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_3^{2k+6} - 1 & \varepsilon_3^{2k+5} - \varepsilon_3 & \varepsilon_3^{k+4} - \varepsilon_3^{k+2} \end{vmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) &= (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1})(\varepsilon_3^2 - 1) \\ &\quad \times (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1} + \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_3^2 - 1 + \varepsilon_1^{-1} \varepsilon_3)(\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_3^2 - 1 + \varepsilon_2^{-1} \varepsilon_3). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$D_3 \mathcal{X}_{(2)}^k = \varepsilon_3^{-k-3} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)^2}{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)} + \frac{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)}{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)} \right\},$$

Here  $\check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)^2$  (resp.  $\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)$ ) is divided formally by  $\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$  (resp.  $\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)$ ). Then it follows that

$$(6.10) \quad \frac{\check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)^2}{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)} = \sum_{p \geq 0} a_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \varepsilon_3^p,$$

and

$$(6.11) \quad \frac{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \check{P}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)}{\check{D}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, \varepsilon_3^2)} = \sum_{p \geq 0} b_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \varepsilon_3^p,$$

where both sums are in fact finite sums in  $p$ , and both coefficients  $a_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ ,  $b_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$  are the sums of the form  $A(a_1, a_2)\varepsilon_1^{a_1}\varepsilon_2^{a_2}$ ,  $a_1, a_2$ , and  $A(a_1, a_2)$  being integers. So decompose the constant  $1/2(a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) + b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2))$  in  $\varepsilon_3$ , into the sum of monomials  $A(a_1, a_2)\varepsilon_1^{a_1}\varepsilon_2^{a_2}$ , and seek the monomials  $-A(p_1, p_2, -2k-3)\varepsilon_1^{p_1}\varepsilon_2^{p_2}\varepsilon_3^{-2k-3}$  with the conditions  $0 > p_1 > p_2 > -2k-3$ . Then the monomial  $-A(p_1, p_2, -2k-3)\varepsilon_1^{p_1}\varepsilon_2^{p_2}\varepsilon_3^{-2k-3}$  does never cancel with every term of  $1/2 \sum_{p \geq 1} (a_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) + b_p(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2))\varepsilon_3^{-2k-3+p}$ . Thus  $D_3 \mathcal{X}_{(2)}^k$  should include the monomial  $-A(p_1, p_2, -2k-3)\varepsilon_1^{p_1}\varepsilon_2^{p_2}\varepsilon_3^{-2k-3}$  in the decomposition (6.9). Therefore the module  $S^2(V^{kC})$  should include the one  $V_{2k\lambda_1 - (p_2+2)\lambda_2 - (p_1+1)\lambda_3}$  with multiplicity  $A(p_1, p_2, -2k-3)$ .

We have only to compute  $1/2(a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) + b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2))$ . By (6.10), and (6.11), we obtain

$$a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = \frac{\tilde{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)^2}{\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)}, \quad b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = \frac{\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)\tilde{P}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, 0)}{\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, 0)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0) &= \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{k+3} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_2^{k+3} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+3)} & \varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)} & \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1)\{(\varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}) - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)})\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0) &= (-1)(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1})(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1} + \varepsilon_1^{-1}) \\ &= (-1)\varepsilon_1^{-1}(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1})(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing formally  $\tilde{P}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)^2$  (resp.  $\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)\tilde{P}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, 0)$ ) by  $\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 0)$  (resp.  $\tilde{D}_3(\varepsilon_1^2, \varepsilon_2^2, 0)$ ), we have:

LEMMA 6.3.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) &= - \sum_{s=0}^{k+2} \sum_{t=0}^{k+1} \sum_{u=0}^k \{ \varepsilon_1^{2k+2-s-2t-u} \varepsilon_2^{1-s+u} - \varepsilon_1^{k+1-s} u \varepsilon_2^{k+2-s-2t+u} \\ &\quad - \varepsilon_1^{2k+2-s-2t-u} \varepsilon_2^{-1+s-u} + \varepsilon_1^{k+1-s-u} \varepsilon_2^{k+s-2t-u} \}, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) &= - \sum_{s=0}^k (\varepsilon_1^{2k-2s+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k+2s-2}) \sum_{u=0}^{2s+1} (-1)^u \varepsilon_2^{2s+1-2u} \\ &\quad - \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{2k+1-2s} \left[ \sum_{p=0}^s (-1)^{p+1} \varepsilon_2^{2s+2-2p} + \sum_{p=0}^s (-1)^{p+s} \varepsilon_2^{-2-2s} \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{-1-2s} \left[ \sum_{p=0}^{k-s} (-1)^p \varepsilon_2^{2k+2-2s-2p} + \sum_{p=0}^{k-s} (-1)^{k+1+p+s} \varepsilon_2^{-2-2s} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. We have

$$a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (-1)\varepsilon_1 AB,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{(\varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}) - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)})\} / C, \\ B &= \{(\varepsilon_1^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}) - (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)})\} / D. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $C = (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1})$  and  $D = (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2^{-1})$ . Then

$$A = \sum_{t=0}^{k+1} (\varepsilon_1^{k+1-2t} - \varepsilon_2^{k+1-2t}),$$

and the numerator of  $B$  is rearranged as

$$(\varepsilon_1^{k+2}\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1^{-1}\varepsilon_2^{-(k+2)}) + (\varepsilon_1^{-1}\varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)}\varepsilon_2) - (\varepsilon_1^{k+2}\varepsilon_2^{-1} - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)}) \\ - (\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2^{k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-(k+2)}\varepsilon_2^{-1}).$$

Thus we have

$$B = \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{k+2} (\varepsilon_1^{k+1-s}\varepsilon_2^{1-s} - \varepsilon_1^{-s}\varepsilon_2^{k+2-s}) - \sum_{s=0}^k (\varepsilon_1^{k+1-s}\varepsilon_2^{-1-s} - \varepsilon_1^{-2-s}\varepsilon_2^{k+2-s}) \right\} / (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \\ = \sum_{s=0}^{k+2} \sum_{u=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{k-s-u} (\varepsilon_2^{-s+u} - \varepsilon_2^{-1+s-u}).$$

Hence we have (i). For (ii), it follows that

$$b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (-1)\varepsilon_1 \{ (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-4})(\varepsilon_2^2 - \varepsilon_2^{-2}) \\ - (\varepsilon_1^2 - \varepsilon_1^{-2})(\varepsilon_2^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_2^{-2k-4}) \} / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2^{-1})(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2^{-1}) \\ = (-1)\varepsilon_1 E / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_1^{-1})(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2^{-1})(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2),$$

where

$$E = \{ (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-4})(\varepsilon_2^2 - \varepsilon_2^{-2}) - (\varepsilon_1^2 - \varepsilon_1^{-2})(\varepsilon_2^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_2^{-2k-4}) \} / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2^{-1}) \\ = \{ (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4}\varepsilon_2^2 - \varepsilon_1^{-2}\varepsilon_2^{-2k-4}) + (\varepsilon_1^{-2}\varepsilon_2^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-4}\varepsilon_2^2) \\ - (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4}\varepsilon_2^{-2} - \varepsilon_1^2\varepsilon_2^{-2k-4}) - (\varepsilon_1^2\varepsilon_2^{2k+4} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-4}\varepsilon_2^2) \} / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2^{-1}).$$

Then we have

$$\varepsilon_1 E = \sum_{t=0}^{2k+5} (-1)^t (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4-t}\varepsilon_2^{2-t} - \varepsilon_1^{-t}\varepsilon_2^{2k+4-t}) \\ - \sum_{t=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^t (\varepsilon_1^{2k+4-t}\varepsilon_2^{-2-t} - \varepsilon_1^{-2-t}\varepsilon_2^{2k+4-t}).$$

Thus we obtain

$$F = \varepsilon_1 E / (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) = \sum_{t=0}^{2k+5} \sum_{u=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^{t+u} (\varepsilon_1^{2k+3-t-u}\varepsilon_2^{2-t+u} - \varepsilon_1^{2k+3-t-u}\varepsilon_2^{-2+t-u}).$$

We rearrange  $F$  as follows :

$$F = \sum_{s=-(2k+3)}^{2k+3} \sum_{t=a_s}^{b_s} (-1)^s \{ \varepsilon_1^{2k+5-s-2t}\varepsilon_2^s - \varepsilon_1^{2k+5-s-2t}\varepsilon_2^{-s} \},$$

where  $a_0=2$ ,  $b_0=2k+3$ ,  $a_1=1$ ,  $b_1=2k+2$ ,  $a_{-1}=3$ ,  $b_{-1}=2k+4$ ,  $a_s=0$ ,  $b_s=2k+3-s$  ( $s \geq 2$ ) and  $a_{-s}=2+s$ ,  $b_{-s}=2k+5$  ( $s \geq 2$ ). Then we have

$$F = -(\varepsilon_1^{2k+2} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-2})(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}) \\ + \sum_{s=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^s \sum_{t=0}^{2k+1-s} (\varepsilon_1^{2k+3-s-2t} - \varepsilon_1^{2k-1-s-2t})(\varepsilon_2^{s+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-s-2}).$$

Thus



$$G = F/(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_1^{-1}) = - \left( \sum_{u=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^u \varepsilon_1^{2k+1-2u} \right) (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_2^{-1}) \\ - \sum_{s=0}^{2k+1} (-1)^s \sum_{t=0}^{2k+1-s} (\varepsilon_1^{2k+2-s-2t} - \varepsilon_1^{2k-s+2t}) (\varepsilon_2^{s+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-s-2}).$$

Here we rearrange  $G$  as follows :

$$G = H + I, \\ H = \text{the sum of terms of even order in } \varepsilon_2, \text{ and} \\ I = \text{the sum of odd order in } \varepsilon_2.$$

Then

$$H = \sum_{s=0}^k (\varepsilon_1^{2k+2-2s} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-2+2s}) (\varepsilon_2^{2s+2} - \varepsilon_2^{-2s-2}),$$

and

$$I = - \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{2k+1-2s} \{ \varepsilon_2^{2s+3} + (-1)^s \varepsilon_2 - (-1)^s \varepsilon_2^{-1} - \varepsilon_2^{-2s-3} \} \\ + \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{-1-2s} \{ \varepsilon_2^{2(k-s)+3} + (-1)^{k-s} \varepsilon_2 - (-1)^{k-s} \varepsilon_2^{-1} - \varepsilon_2^{-2(k-s)-3} \}.$$

Thus

$$H/(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2^{-1}) = \sum_{s=0}^k (\varepsilon_1^{2k+2-2s} - \varepsilon_1^{-2k-2+2s}) \sum_{u=0}^{2s+1} (-1)^u \varepsilon_2^{2s+1-2u},$$

and

$$I/(\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2^{-1}) = - \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{2k+1-2s} \left[ \sum_{p=0}^s (-1)^p \varepsilon_2^{2s+2-2p} + (-1)^{s+1} \sum_{p=0}^s (-1)^p \varepsilon_2^{-2-2p} \right] \\ + \sum_{s=0}^k \varepsilon_1^{-1-2s} \left[ \sum_{p=0}^{k-s} (-1)^p \varepsilon_2^{2(k-s)+2-2p} + (-1)^{k-s+1} \sum_{p=0}^{k-s} (-1)^p \varepsilon_2^{-2-2p} \right].$$

Therefore we obtain (ii).

Q. E. D.

By Lemma 6.3, we obtain the following tables :

( i ) the monomials of  $-a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = -\sum A(a_1, a_2) \varepsilon_1^{a_1} \varepsilon_2^{a_2}$  :

	$-a_1$	$-a_2$	$A(a_1, a_2)$
1)	$-2k-2+s+2t+u$	$-1+s-u$	1
2)	$-k-1+s+u$	$-k-2+s+2t-u$	-1
3)	$-2k-2+s+2t+u$	$1-s+u$	-1
4)	$-k-1+s+u$	$-k-s+2t+u$	1

where  $0 \leq s \leq k+2$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq k+1$ , and  $0 \leq u \leq k$ .

(ii) The monomials of  $-b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = -\sum B(b_1, b_2)\varepsilon_1^{b_1}\varepsilon_2^{b_2}$ :

	$-b_1$	$-b_2$	$B(b_1, b_2)$	
5)	$-2k+2s-2$	$-2s-1+2u$	$(-1)^u$	$0 \leq u \leq 2s+1$
6)	$2k-2s+2$	$-2s-1+2u$	$(-1)^{u+1}$	
7)	$-2k-1+2s$	$-2s-2+2p$	$(-1)^{p+1}$	$0 \leq p \leq s$
8)	$-2k-1+2s$	$2+2p$	$(-1)^{p+s}$	
9)	$1+2s$	$-2k-2+2s+2p$	$(-1)^p$	$0 \leq p \leq k-s$
10)	$1+2s$	$2+2p$	$(-1)^{k+1+p+s}$	

where  $0 \leq s \leq k$ .

Making use of the above tables, it turns out that  $1/2(a_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) + b_0(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2))$  includes the following monomials:

- (i)  $-\varepsilon_1^{-1}\varepsilon_3^{-(2k+2)} \quad (k \geq 0)$ ,
- (ii)  $-\varepsilon_1^{-1}\varepsilon_3^{-(2k-6)} \quad (k \geq 4)$ , and
- (iii)  $-\varepsilon_1^{-4}\varepsilon_3^{-(2k-3)} \quad (k \geq 4)$ .

Therefore  $S^2(V^{kC})$  includes the following  $G$ -irreducible modules with multiplicity one:

- (i)  $V_{2k\lambda_1+2k\lambda_2} \quad (k \geq 0)$ ,
- (ii)  $V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-8)\lambda_2} \quad (k \geq 4)$ , and
- (iii)  $V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-5)\lambda_2+3\lambda_3} \quad (k \geq 4)$ .

The module  $V_{2k\lambda_1+2k\lambda_2}$  appears in the table in Lemma 6.2, but both the latter ones  $V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-8)\lambda_2}$ ,  $V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-5)\lambda_2+3\lambda_3} (k \geq 4)$  do not so. Thus we obtain, if  $k \geq 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(W_3) &\geq \dim(V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-8)\lambda_2}) + \dim(V_{2k\lambda_1+(2k-5)\lambda_2+3\lambda_3}) \\ &\geq 1,287 + 27,720 = 29,007. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.1, we obtain Theorem C.

REMARK. In case of  $P^2(\mathbf{H})$  and  $k=4$ , it follows that  $m(4)+1=1,274$ . Then we have

$$29,007 \leq \dim(W_2) \leq \frac{1}{2}(m(4)+1)(m(4)+2) = 812,175.$$

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