

# ON REPRESENTATIONS OF LIE ALGEBRAS OF A GENERALIZED TAVIS-CUMMINGS MODEL

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Consider the Lie algebras  $L_{r,t}^s : [K_1, K_2] = sK_3, [K_3, K_1] = rK_1, [K_3, K_2] = -rK_2, [K_3, K_4] = 0, [K_4, K_1] = -tK_1,$  and  $[K_4, K_2] = tK_2,$  subject to the physical conditions,  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  are real diagonal operators representing energy,  $K_2 = K_1^\dagger,$  and the Hamiltonian  $H = \omega_1 K_3 + (\omega_1 + \omega_2) K_4 + \lambda(t)(K_1 e^{-i\phi} + K_2 e^{i\phi})$  is a Hermitian operator. Matrix representations are discussed and faithful representations of least degree for  $L_{r,t}^s,$  satisfying the physical requirements are given for appropriate values of  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

## 1. Introduction

Introducing an algebraic method to solve certain types of linear partial differential equations, Steinberg [6] exploited the Lie-algebraic decomposition formulas of Baker, Campbell, Hausdorff, and Zassenhaus (cf. [7]) and their matrix realization. A faithful matrix representation of low degree is required. In [2, 3, 4], the faithful matrix representations of least degree were discussed for the Lie algebra  $L_r^s$  generated by  $K_+, K_-,$  and  $K_0$  satisfying the commutation relations:  $[K_0, K_\pm] = \pm rK_\pm$  and  $[K_+, K_-] = sK_0$  subject to the physical properties  $K_- = K_+^\dagger$  ( $\dagger$  for Hermitian conjugation),  $K_0$  is a real diagonal operator, and  $(K_+ + K_-)$  is real. The Lie algebra  $L_r^s$  was introduced as a generalization of the coupled quantized harmonic oscillators [5] namely, the model of light amplifier  $L_1^{-2},$  and the model of two-level optical atom  $L_1^2,$  whose Hamiltonian model  $H = K_0 + \lambda(K_+ + K_-),$   $\lambda$  is the coupling parameter. Note that,  $L_2^1$  is exactly the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(2).$

In this paper,  $L_{r,t}^s$  is considered to be the Lie algebra generated by  $K_1, K_2, K_3,$  and  $K_4,$  satisfying the commutation relations:  $[K_1, K_2] = sK_3,$

$[K_3, K_1] = rK_1$ ,  $[K_3, K_2] = -rK_2$ ,  $[K_3, K_4] = 0$ ,  $[K_4, K_1] = -tK_1$ ,  $[K_4, K_2] = tK_2$ , subject to the physical conditions,  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  are real diagonal operators representing energy,  $K_2 = K_1^\dagger$ , and the Hamiltonian  $H = \omega_1 K_3 + (\omega_1 + \omega_2)K_4 + \lambda(t)(K_1 e^{-i\phi} + K_2 e^{i\phi})$  is a Hermitian operator. The Lie algebra  $L_{r,t}^s$  is introduced as a generalization of the Tavis-Cummings model namely,  $L_{2,1}^1$  in [1]. Obviously, the subalgebra of  $L_{r,t}^s$  generated by  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , and  $K_3$  in respective with  $K_+$ ,  $K_-$ , and  $K_0$  is a generalization of  $L_r^s$ , when dropping the physical condition  $(K_+ + K_-)$  must be real. That condition forced the representation matrices of  $K_+$  and  $K_-$  to be real, [2, 3, 4]. Faithful matrix representations of least degree are discussed for  $L_{r,t}^s$  for appropriate values of  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Unless otherwise stated,  $I_m$  is the identity matrix of degree  $m$ ,  $O$  is the zero matrix of appropriate size,  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $A = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}]$ ,  $C = [\delta_{ij}c_{ij}]$ , and  $D = [\delta_{ij}d_{ij}]$  are  $n \times n$  real matrices, where the matrices  $X = A + iB$ ,  $Y = A^T - iB^T$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are representation matrices for  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$ , and  $K_4$ , respectively;  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . All representations for  $L_{r,t}^s$  under consideration are supposed to satisfy the above-mentioned physical requirements.

LEMMA 1.1. *The Lie algebra  $L_{r,t}^s$  can be defined by*

$$[K_1, K_2] = sK_3, \quad [K_3, K_1] = rK_1, \quad [K_4, K_1] = -tK_1, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  are real diagonal operators and  $K_2 = K_1^\dagger$ .

*Proof.* Indeed  $-rK_2 = -(rK_1)^\dagger = -[K_3, K_1]^\dagger = [K_3, K_2]$  and similarly, for the relation  $[K_4, K_2] = tK_2$ . Since  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  are diagonal, they commute. The Hermiticity of the Hamiltonian follows since  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \lambda(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

As a necessity of Lemma 1.1 we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 1.2. *The matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  satisfy the following:*

- (i)  $[A, B^T]$  is a symmetric matrix,
- (ii)  $[A, A^T] + [B, B^T] = sC$ ,
- (iii)  $[C, A] = rA$ ,  $[C, B] = rB$ ,
- (iv)  $[D, A] = -tA$ ,  $[D, B] = -tB$ .

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $L$ ,  $M$ , and  $K$  be  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $[L, M] = aK$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\text{trace}(K) = 0$ .*

LEMMA 1.4. *Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\sigma = (pq)$  be a transposition. The representation obtained by applying  $\sigma$  to the rows as well as to the columns of  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  is a conjugate representation for  $L_{r,t}^s$  and satisfies the physical requirements.*

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be the elementary matrix obtained by applying  $\sigma$  to the rows of  $I_n$ . Since  $P = P^{-1} = P^T = P^\dagger$ , then the proof of the lemma follows.  $\square$

Since  $[C, X] = rX$ , then for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,

$$a_{ij}(c_{ii} - c_{jj} - r) = 0, \quad b_{ij}(c_{ii} - c_{jj} - r) = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

Similarly, from [Lemma 1.2\(iv\)](#),

$$a_{ij}(d_{ii} - d_{jj} + t) = 0, \quad b_{ij}(d_{ii} - d_{jj} + t) = 0. \quad (1.3)$$

If  $x_{ij} \neq 0$ , then from [\(1.2\)](#) and [\(1.3\)](#)

$$c_{ii} - c_{jj} = r, \quad d_{jj} - d_{ii} = t. \quad (1.4)$$

Since  $[X, Y] = sC$ , then for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,

$$sc_{ii} = \sum_{l=1}^n (|x_{il}|^2 - |x_{li}|^2) = \sum_{l=1}^n (a_{il}^2 - a_{li}^2 + b_{il}^2 - b_{li}^2). \quad (1.5)$$

**LEMMA 1.5.** *If  $t^2 + r^2 \neq 0$ , then*

- (1)  $x_{ii} = 0$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- (2) if  $x_{ij} \neq 0$  then  $x_{ji} = 0$ , for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* If  $r \neq 0$ , then from [\(1.2\)](#) we have, for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , that  $x_{ii} = 0$ . Also, if  $x_{ij} \neq 0$ , then  $c_{jj} - c_{ii} - r = -2r$ , thus  $x_{ji} = 0$ . Similarly, when  $t \neq 0$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 1.6.** *If  $s \neq 0$ , then*

- (1)  $\text{trace}(C) = 0$ ,
- (2) if  $x_{ij} \neq 0$  then, for  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$

$$r = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (|x_{il}|^2 - |x_{li}|^2 - |x_{jl}|^2 + |x_{lj}|^2) \right]. \quad (1.6)$$

*Proof.* Since  $[X, Y] = sC$  then from [Lemma 1.3](#),  $\text{trace}(C) = 0$ . The proof of (2), follows from [\(1.4\)](#) and [\(1.5\)](#).  $\square$

We build the representation matrices starting with  $C$ .

*Remark 1.7.* Using [Lemma 1.4](#),  $C$  can be rearranged into  $k$  diagonal blocks, the  $i$ th diagonal block consists of the  $k_i$  scalar matrices,  $\{c_i I_{m_{i,0}}, (c_i - r)I_{m_{i,1}}, \dots, [c_i - r(k_i - 1)]I_{m_{i,(k_i-1)}}\}$ , where  $m_{i,j}$  is the repetitions of  $(c_i - rj)$

in the diagonal of  $C$ ; for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k_i - 1$ . Thus,

$$C = \text{diag} \left\{ c_1 I_{m_{1,0}}, (c_1 - r) I_{m_{1,1}}, \dots, [c_1 - r(k_1 - 1)] I_{m_{1,(k_1-1)}}, \dots, \right. \\ c_i I_{m_{i,0}}, (c_i - r) I_{m_{i,1}}, \dots, [c_i - r(k_i - 1)] I_{m_{i,(k_i-1)}}, \dots, \quad (1.7) \\ \left. c_k I_{m_{k,0}}, (c_k - r) I_{m_{k,1}}, \dots, [c_k - r(k_k - 1)] I_{m_{k,(k_k-1)}} \right\},$$

where

$$c_i \neq c_j, \quad \text{whenever } i \neq j, \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k, \quad (1.8)$$

$$[c_i - rj] - c_{i+1} \neq r, \quad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, k_i - 1; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1. \quad (1.9)$$

The  $i$ th diagonal block of  $C$  is called the  $c_i$ -block and  $k_i$  is its length. Any diagonal entry  $c$  of  $C$  such that  $c = c_i - rl$ , for  $l \geq 0$  then  $0 \leq l \leq k_i - 1$  for some  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , that is,  $c$  belongs to the  $c_i$ -block. If  $c_i - l_1 r = c_j - l_2 r$ ,  $0 \leq l_1 \leq k_i - 1$ ,  $0 \leq l_2 \leq k_j - 1$ , then  $c_i$  and  $c_j$  are in the same block, violating (1.9).

We use the notations given in [Remark 1.7](#).

## 2. Faithful representations for $L_{r,t}^s$ where $rs \neq 0$

**LEMMA 2.1.** *The matrices  $A$  and  $B$  can be partitioned into submatrices of the same size corresponding to those of  $C$ . The nonzero submatrices of  $A$  and  $B$  are all off-diagonal submatrices.*

*Proof.* From (1.2), the diagonal submatrices of  $A$  and  $B$  are square zero submatrices of orders  $m_{1,0}, \dots, m_{k,(k_k-1)}$ , in respective to those of  $C$ . Let  $c_{ii}$ ,  $c_{jj}$ , and  $c_{ll}$ ;  $i, j, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , be from different diagonal submatrices of  $C$ , and suppose that  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  and  $a_{il} \neq 0$ , then from (1.2),  $c_{ll} = c_{jj}$  contradicting (1.8). Similarly, if  $a_{ji}$  and  $a_{li}$  are from different submatrices in  $A$  they cannot be both nonzero. In view of (1.2), only the off-diagonal submatrices of  $A$  may be nonzero. Thus we have,  $A = [A_{ij}]$  where  $A_{ij} = O$ , for  $j \neq i + 1$ . And similarly for  $B$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.2.** *For  $k > 1$ , if  $k_i = 1$ , for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , then  $L_{r,t}^s$  has a representation of degree  $n - m_{i,0}$ . Moreover, if the entries in the  $i$ th row and the  $i$ th column of  $X$  are all zeros, then  $L_{r,t}^s$  has a representation of degree  $n - 1$ .*

*Proof.* We use [Lemma 1.4](#) so that the  $c_i$ -block becomes the first block of the main diagonal of  $C$ . Since for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m_{1,0}$ ,  $|c_{ii} - c_{jj}| \neq r$ , otherwise  $k_i > 1$ , then from (1.2) the representation is fully reducible since,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A' \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B' \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . The matrices

$X' = A' + iB'$ ,  $Y' = X'^{\dagger}$ ,  $C'_2$ , and  $D'_2$  are all of degree  $n - m_{i,0}$  and satisfy the lemma. Similar argument holds when the entries in the  $i$ th row and the  $i$ th column of  $X$  are all zeros.  $\square$

So, it can be assumed that if  $k > 1$  then  $k_i > 1$ ;  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . And for  $X \neq O$ , if the entries of the  $i$ th row of  $X$  are all zeros, then those of the  $i$ th column are not all zeros, and vice versa, in such cases, we get from (1.5) that  $sc_{ii} \neq 0$ .

**THEOREM 2.3.** *If  $rs < 0$ , then  $X = Y = C = O$ .*

*Proof.* If  $k = 1$  and  $k_1 = 1$ , then from (1.2)  $X = Y = O$ . If  $X = O$ , then from (1.5)  $C = O$ . Suppose that  $X \neq O$ , there are only two cases to consider namely, the case where  $k = 1$  and  $k_1 > 1$ , and the case where  $k > 1$ . In both cases  $k_1 > 1$ , from Lemma 2.1 the first  $m_{1,0}$  columns of  $X$  are zero columns, and from Lemma 2.2 there must be an  $x_{1,j} \neq 0$  for some  $m_{1,0} < j \leq (m_{1,0} + m_{1,1})$ . Thus from (1.5),

$$sc_{11} = sc_1 = \sum_{l=1}^n (|x_{1l}|^2 - 0) > 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $\alpha = m_{1,0} + m_{1,1} + \dots + m_{1,(k_1-2)}$ . If  $k > 1$ , we get from (1.9),  $[c_1 - r(k_1 - 1)] - c_2 \neq r$ , thus from (1.2), the rows  $\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2, \dots, \alpha + m_{1,(k_1-1)}$  are zero rows of  $X$ . If  $k = 1$  and  $k_1 > 1$ , we get from Lemma 2.1 that the mentioned rows are zero rows of  $X$ , being the last rows of  $X$ . In both cases, from Lemma 2.2 there must be an  $x_{i,\alpha+1} \neq 0$  for some  $[\alpha - m_{1,(k_1-2)}] < i \leq \alpha$ . From (1.5),

$$sc_{\alpha+1,\alpha+1} = s[c_1 - r(k_1 - 1)] = \sum_{l=1}^n (0 - |x_{l,\alpha+1}|^2) < 0. \quad (2.2)$$

If  $s > 0$ , then  $c_1 > 0$  by (2.1), since  $r < 0$ , then  $[c_1 - r(k_1 - 1)] > 0$ , violating (2.2). Similarly, if  $s < 0$ , we get from (2.1),  $[c_1 - r(k_1 - 1)] < 0$ , violating (2.2).  $\square$

We conclude this section by introducing the  $2 \times 2$  representation matrices  $X, Y, C$ , and  $D$  of  $K_1, K_2, K_3$ , and  $K_4$ , respectively, for  $rs > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \pm i\sqrt{rs/2 - a^2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & Y &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a \mp i\sqrt{rs/2 - a^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C &= \begin{bmatrix} r/2 & 0 \\ 0 & -r/2 \end{bmatrix}, & D &= \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b+t \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|a| \leq \sqrt{rs/2}$  and for the linear independency of  $C$  and  $D$ , take  $b \neq -t/2$ . These representations are faithful. The  $2 \times 2$  representation matrices  $X, Y, C$ , and  $D$  generalize those given in [1].

Clearly, the vector space spanned by  $X, Y$ , and  $C$  is  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ , as a vector space. The representation matrices of  $L_{r,t}^s$ , in [2], are for the special cases,  $a^2 = rs/2$ .

### 3. Faithful representations for $L_{r,t}^s$ where $rst = 0$

The case where  $rs \neq 0$  and  $t = 0$  was considered in the previous section. So, if  $s \neq 0$  we only need to consider the case where  $r = 0$  and  $t$  is any real number.

#### 3.1. For $s \neq 0, r = 0$ , and $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Since  $r = 0$  then any  $c_i$ -block of the matrix  $C$  has length  $k_i = 1$ . So, we have  $C = \text{diag}(c_1 I_{m_1}, \dots, c_k I_{m_k})$  where  $c_i \neq c_j$  whenever  $i \neq j; i, j = 1, \dots, k$ .

*Remark 3.1.* If  $X$  commutes with  $Y = X^\dagger$ , then  $X$  is a normal matrix, and there exists a unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $X = U^\dagger Z U$  for some complex diagonal matrix  $Z$ . If  $U$  commutes with  $C$  and  $D$ , then the diagonal matrices  $Z, \bar{Z}, C$ , and  $D$  are representation matrices for  $K_1, K_2, K_3$ , and  $K_4$ , respectively, and satisfy the physical requirements. We take  $U = I_n$  when  $X$  is diagonal.

**LEMMA 3.2.** *If  $C = \text{diag}(c_1 I_{m_1}, \dots, c_k I_{m_k})$  for different  $c_i$ 's, then the representation is fully reducible into representations of degrees  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ .*

*Proof.* The matrix  $D$  is diagonal and from (1.2),  $x_{ij} = x_{ji} = y_{ij} = y_{ji} = 0$ , whenever  $c_{ii} \neq c_{jj}; i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $K = [K_{ij}]$  be a partitioned matrix which is normal whose diagonal blocks are  $k$  square matrices. If  $K_{ij} = O$  whenever  $j \neq i + 1$  (or  $j \neq i - 1$ );  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ . Then  $K = O$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K = [k_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\sum_{l=1}^n |k_{il}|^2 = \sum_{l=1}^n |k_{li}|^2. \quad (3.1)$$

Let the diagonal blocks of  $K$  be of degrees  $i_1, \dots, i_k$ , respectively. If  $K_{ij} = O$  whenever  $j \neq i + 1; i, j = 1, \dots, k$ , then the first  $i_1$  rows of  $K$  are zeros, thus from (3.1) the first  $i_1$  columns of  $K$  are zeros. Continuing like that in less

than  $k$  steps, it can be shown that  $K = O$ . Hence the proof of the lemma follows.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *The matrix  $C = O$ , in any representation of  $L_{0,t}^s$ . If  $st \neq 0$ , then  $X = Y = O$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $C \neq O$ , we use [Lemma 1.4](#) so that  $c_1 \neq 0$ , from [\(1.5\)](#) and [Lemma 3.2](#),  $m_1 sc_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} sc_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{l=1}^{m_1} (|x_{il}|^2 - |x_{li}|^2) = 0$ , but  $m_1 sc_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $C = O$ . Thus from [Lemma 1.1](#),  $X$  is a normal matrix. If  $t \neq 0$ , we use [Lemma 1.4](#), so that

$$D = \text{diag} \left\{ d_1 I_{m'_{1,0}}, (d_1 + t) I_{m'_{1,1}}, \dots, [d_1 + t(k'_1 - 1)] I_{m'_{1,(k'_1-1)}}, \dots, d_i I_{m'_{i,0}}, \right. \\ (d_i + t) I_{m'_{i,1}}, \dots, [d_i + t(k'_i - 1)] I_{m'_{i,(k'_i-1)}}, \dots, d_{k'} I_{m'_{k',0}}, \\ \left. (d_{k'} + t) I_{m'_{k',1}}, \dots, [d_{k'} + t(k'_{k'} - 1)] I_{m'_{k',(k'_{k'}-1)}} \right\}, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $m'_{i,j}$  is the repetitions of  $(d_i + tj)$  in the diagonal of  $D$ ; for  $i = 1, \dots, k'$  and  $j = 0, \dots, k'_i - 1$  such that

$$d_i \neq d_j, \quad \text{whenever } i \neq j, \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k', \\ d_{i+1} - [d_i + tj] \neq t, \quad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, k'_i - 1; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k' - 1. \quad (3.3)$$

From [\(1.3\)](#),  $X$  can be partitioned into submatrices of the same sizes corresponding to those of  $D$ , whose nonzero submatrices are off-diagonal submatrices. Then by [Lemma 3.3](#)  $X = Y = O$ .  $\square$

If  $t = 0$  then from [Lemma 1.1](#), the generators commute and such a case can be considered as a special case of  $L_{0,0}^0$  of [Section 3.3](#), with  $C = O$ .

3.2. For  $s = 0$  and  $r^2 + t^2 \neq 0$

From [\(1.5\)](#) as  $s = 0$ , then [\(3.1\)](#) holds. If the  $i$ th row (or column) of  $X$  consists entirely of zeros, the  $i$ th column (or row) also, consists entirely of zeros and both can be omitted by the following lemma whose proof is analogous to that of [Lemma 2.2](#). So, if  $X \neq O$ , it can be considered that  $X$  has no zero row or zero column.

**LEMMA 3.5.** *If  $X$  has  $m$  zero rows (or columns), where  $0 \leq m < n$ , then  $L_{r,t}^s$  has a representation of degree  $n - m$ .*

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**THEOREM 3.6.** *If  $s = 0$  and  $r^2 + t^2 \neq 0$ ,  $L_{r,t}^s$  has no faithful representations. In any representation,  $X = Y = O$ .*

*Proof.* If  $r \neq 0$ , arrange  $C$  as in [Remark 1.7](#) otherwise, let  $D$  as in the proof of [Theorem 3.4](#). In view of [Lemma 1.5](#),  $X$  can be partitioned into submatrices of the same sizes corresponding to those of  $C$  when  $r \neq 0$  or to those of  $D$  otherwise. The nonzero submatrices of  $X$  are all off diagonal submatrices. As  $s = 0$  then  $X$  is normal and from [Lemma 3.3](#), we get  $X = Y = O$ .  $\square$

### 3.3. For $s = r = t = 0$

Although physically is not applicable, but for the sake of completeness, we consider the case when  $K_1, K_2, K_3$ , and  $K_4$  are commutant operators.

**THEOREM 3.7.** *The representations of  $L_{0,0}^0$  are conjugate to representations where  $K_1, K_2, K_3$ , and  $K_4$  are represented by diagonal matrices.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = U^\dagger Z U$  for a unitary matrix  $U$  and a complex diagonal matrix  $Z$ . We claim that  $U$  commutes with  $C$  and  $D$ , then the theorem holds by using [Remark 3.1](#). We induce on  $n$ , the degree of the representation and prove the cases when  $X$  is not diagonal.

For  $n = 2$ : if  $X$  is not diagonal then from (1.4), both  $C$  and  $D$  are scalar matrices and both commute with  $U$ .

For  $n = 3$ : if the diagonal elements of  $C$  (or  $D$ ) are all different, then  $X$  must be diagonal. If  $X$  has two nonzero elements  $x_{ij}$  and  $x_{lm}$ , from (1.4), both are nondiagonal elements where  $x_{lm}$  is not the  $x_{ji}$ , then  $C$  and  $D$  are scalar matrices and both commute with  $U$ . Otherwise, we use [Lemma 1.4](#), so that  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X' & O \\ O & g \end{bmatrix}$ , thus from (1.2) and (1.3)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} cI_2 & O \\ O & a \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} dI_2 & O \\ O & b \end{bmatrix}$ , for some  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $g \in \mathbb{C}$ , where  $X'$  is not a diagonal matrix. That requires  $X'$  to be a normal matrix. So, there exists a unitary matrix  $U'$  such that  $X' = U'^\dagger M U'$ , for some complex diagonal matrix  $M$ . Obviously,  $U'$  commutes with  $cI_2$  and  $dI_2$ . Let  $U = \begin{bmatrix} U' & O \\ O & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $Z = \text{diag}(M, g)$  then  $U$  commutes with  $C$  and  $D$ .

Assume that the theorem is true for  $n < m$ .

For  $n = m$ : if both  $C$  and  $D$  are scalar matrices, then  $U$  commutes with  $C$  and  $D$ . If either  $C$  or  $D$  is not a scalar matrix,  $C$  say, then we use [Lemma 1.4](#) to rearrange  $C$  so that  $C = \text{diag}(c_1 I_{m_1}, \dots, c_k I_{m_k})$  for different  $c_i$ 's, from (1.2)  $X = \text{diag}(X_1, \dots, X_k)$  where  $X_i$  is a square matrix of order  $m_i < m$ . Also,  $D$  can be considered as  $D = \text{diag}(D_1, \dots, D_k)$  where  $D_i$  is a diagonal matrix of degree  $m_i$ . Hence, the representation is fully reducible into representations of degrees  $m_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Since  $X$  is normal then  $X_i$  is normal for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Thus there exists a unitary matrix  $U_i$  such that



$X_i = U_i^\dagger Z_i U_i$  for some complex diagonal matrix  $Z_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . From the induction  $U_i$  commutes with  $c_i I_{m_i}$  and  $D_i$ . Let  $U = \text{diag}(U_1, \dots, U_k)$  and  $Z = \text{diag}(Z_1, \dots, Z_k)$ , then  $U$  commutes with  $C$  and  $D$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.8.** *The Lie algebra  $L_{0,0}^0$  has faithful representations of degree 4 as the least degree.*

*Proof.* Any linearly independent diagonal matrices  $Z$ ,  $\bar{Z}$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ , of degree 4, with  $C$  and  $D$  are real, are representation matrices for  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$ , and  $K_4$ , respectively, of a faithful representation.  $\square$

We conclude the paper by mentioning the cases where  $L_{r,t}^s$  has faithful matrix representations satisfying the physical requirements.

**SUMMARY 3.9.** *It is assumed that all representations of  $L_{r,t}^s$  must satisfy the physical requirements.*

- (1) For  $rs > 0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $L_{r,t}^s$  has faithful representations of degree 2 as the least degree.
- (2) For  $r = s = t = 0$ ,  $L_{0,0}^0$  has faithful representation of degree 4 as the least degree where the representation matrices are linearly independent diagonal matrices, with  $C$  and  $D$  are real matrices.

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