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We study the relation between the moduli space of flat G -bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli space of rational surfaces with G -configurations containing Σ as a fixed anticanonical curve, where G is a non-simply laced, compact, simple and simply connected Lie group. Our method is to reduce G to a simply laced maximal subgroup G' .

1. Introduction

This paper is a continuation of our earlier study, briefly recapitulated below, on the identification between the moduli space of flat G -bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli space of rational surfaces with G -configurations containing Σ as an anticanonical curve. For the case of $G = E_n$, the rational surfaces are exactly del Pezzo surfaces, and the identification was predicted by a duality argument in physics and proved in [Looijenga 1976; Donagi 1997; 1998; Friedman et al. 1997]. The essential reason for this identification in this case is the existence of an E_n -structure on del Pezzo surfaces [Demazure et al. 1980; Manin 1974], which turns out to be related to Gosset polytopes [Lee 2010; 2012].

This structure on rational surfaces was extended to the cases A_n and D_n in [Leung 2000]. Starting from Leung's result, we obtained in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] an analogous identification for all simply laced Lie groups G . In [Leung et al. 2012; Leung and Zhang 2009b], we extended this identification further to the non-simply laced cases and the affine Kac–Moody \tilde{E}_n case. The method in that last paper consists in reducing non-simply laced cases to simply laced cases, by considering a non-simply laced Lie group G as the fixed subgroup of a bigger simply laced group G' , under the action of the outer automorphism group of G' .

In this paper, we consider another reduction. From Lie theory (see [Bourbaki 2005], for example), a non-simply laced Lie group G is uniquely determined by

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a simply laced maximal subgroup G' determined by the long roots of G . Hence it is natural to apply our earlier results for the simply laced cases in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] to the current situation. In this way, we establish the identification between flat G -bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and rational surfaces with Σ as an anticanonical curve for non-simply laced Lie groups G ($G \neq F_4$), by considering the maximal simply laced subgroup G' determined by the long roots of G . Unfortunately, this method is not very effective for the case $G = F_4$. In the following, we assume that $G \neq F_4$. Similar to the simply laced cases, we define G -surfaces and rational surfaces with G -configurations (see Definitions 5, 12, and 16). Let $\text{Out}(G')$ be the finite group defined in Proposition 2. Our result is this:

Theorem 1 (Propositions 10, 14 and 19). *Let Σ be an elliptic curve with identity element $0 \in \Sigma$, and let G be any simple, compact, simply connected Lie group of B_n, C_n or G_2 type. Denote by \mathcal{S}_Σ^G the moduli space of the pairs (S, Σ) , where S is a G -surface such that $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$. Denote by \mathcal{M}_Σ^G the moduli space of flat G -bundles over Σ .*

- (i) \mathcal{S}_Σ^G can be embedded into \mathcal{M}_Σ^G as an open dense subset.
- (ii) This embedding can extend to an isomorphism from $\overline{\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^G}$ onto \mathcal{M}_Σ^G by including all rational surfaces with G -configurations, and this gives us a natural and explicit compactification $\overline{\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^G}$ of \mathcal{S}_Σ^G .

This study is motivated by a certain duality in physics. When $G = E_n$ is considered as a simple subgroup of $E_8 \times E_8$, these G -bundles are related to the duality between F -theory and string theory. Among other things, this duality predicts the identification between the moduli of flat E_n -bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli of del Pezzo surfaces with the fixed anticanonical curve Σ . For more details, one can see [Donagi 1997; 1998; Friedman et al. 1997]. Our result can be considered as a test of this duality for other Lie groups.

As an application, this identification provides us with an intuitive explanation for \mathcal{M}_Σ^G . We also provide an interesting geometric realization of root system theory, and we can see very clearly how the Weyl group acts on the moduli space of (marked) flat G -bundles over Σ .

Notation. Let G be a compact, simple and simply connected Lie group. We preserve the notation of in [Leung and Zhang 2009a], which is as follows.

$r(G)$	the rank of G	$\Lambda(G)$	the root lattice
$R(G)$	the root system	$\Lambda_c(G)$	the coroot lattice
$R_c(G)$	the coroot system	$\Lambda_w(G)$	the weight lattice
$W(G)$	the Weyl group	$\text{ad}(G)$	the adjoint group of G ($= G/C(G)$)
$T(G)$	a maximal torus	$\Delta(G)$	the set of simple roots of G
$C(G)$	the center of G	$\text{Out}(G)$	the outer automorphism group of G

Recall that the outer automorphism group of G is defined as the quotient of the automorphism group of G by its inner automorphism group. As is well-known, it is isomorphic to the diagram automorphism group of the Dynkin diagram of G .

When there is no danger of confusion, we can omit the letter G .

2. Reductions to the simply laced cases

Let G be a simple, compact and simply connected Lie group. Then G is classified into the following 7 types according to its Lie algebra.

- (1) A_n -type, $G = \text{SU}(n + 1)$;
- (2) B_n -type, $G = \text{Spin}(2n + 1)$;
- (3) C_n -type, $G = \text{Sp}(n)$;
- (4) D_n -type, $G = \text{Spin}(2n)$;
- (5) E_n -type, $n = 6, 7, 8$;
- (6) F_4 -type;
- (7) G_2 -type.

Among these, A_n, D_n and E_n are called of simply laced type, while B_n, C_n, F_4 and G_2 are called of non-simply laced type. A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n are called classical Lie groups, while E_n, F_4 and G_2 are called exceptional Lie groups.

From now on, we always assume that G is a compact, simple, simply connected Lie group of non-simply laced type, that is, of type B_n, C_n, F_4, G_2 . There are two natural approaches to reduce these situations to the simply laced cases. One is embedding G into a simply laced Lie group G'' such that G is the subgroup fixed by the outer automorphism group of G'' . Another is taking the simply laced subgroup G' of maximal rank.

In [Leung and Zhang 2009b] we explained the first reduction. In this paper we concentrate on the second.

Proposition 2 [Bourbaki 2005]. *There exists canonically a simply laced Lie subgroup G' of maximal rank of G determined by the long roots of G , such that G' and G share a common maximal torus. There is a short exact sequence*

$$1 \rightarrow W(G') \rightarrow W(G) \rightarrow \text{Out}(G') \rightarrow 1.$$

This exact sequence is split, that is,

$$W(G) \cong W(G') \times \text{Out}(G').$$

We write the moduli space of flat G -bundles on Σ as \mathcal{M}_Σ^G .

Corollary 3. $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^G \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G'} / \text{Out}(G')$.

Proof. Let T be the common maximal torus of G and G' . Then

$$\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^G \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(\Sigma), G)/\text{ad}(G) \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(\Sigma), T)/W(G) \cong T \times T/W(G).$$

Similarly, $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G'} \cong T \times T/W(G')$. Therefore

$$\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^G \cong T \times T/W(G) \cong (T \times T/W(G'))/(W(G)/W(G')) \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G'}/\text{Out}(G'). \quad \square$$

We defined in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] (rational) G' -surfaces and rational surfaces with G' -configurations. Let $\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^{G'}$ be the moduli space of G' -surfaces containing Σ as a fixed anticanonical curve. As shows in the same paper, we have the following identification of moduli spaces

$$\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^{G'} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G'}.$$

Let $\text{Out}(G')$ act on $\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^{G'}$ via the above isomorphism. In the next section, we shall see explicitly how $\text{Out}(G')$ acts on $\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^{G'}$.

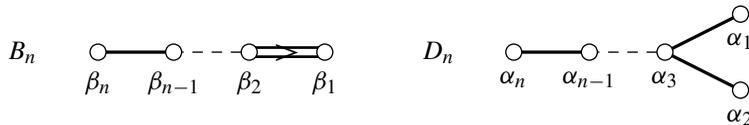
Thus we have a natural question: How can we define G -configurations on rational surfaces when G is non-simply laced, in such a way that $\mathcal{S}_\Sigma^G \cong \mathcal{S}_\Sigma^{G'}/\text{Out}(G')$? We answer this question in the next section.

Remark 4 [Bourbaki 2005; Humphreys 1978]. We give the construction, the root system, and the finite group $\text{Out}(G')$ of G' for non-simply laced Lie group G in each case. We also give the Dynkin diagrams of G and G' .

(1) For $G = \text{Spin}(2n + 1)$, we take $G' = \text{Spin}(2n)$.

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)$, $\beta_2 = \alpha_1$, $\beta_i = \alpha_i, i = 3, \dots, n$. $\text{Out}(G')$ is the group \mathbb{Z}_2 that exchanges the two spin representations of $\text{Spin}(2n)$. In fact, $\text{Out}(G') = \{1, \rho\}$, where $\rho(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i, i = 3, \dots, n$, $\rho(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$, and $\rho(\alpha_2) = \alpha_1$.



(2) For $G = \text{Sp}(n)$, we take $G' = \text{SU}(2)^n$.

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $\beta_i = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}), i = 1, \dots, n - 1, \beta_n = \alpha_n$. $\text{Out}(G')$ is the symmetry group S_n of the n copies of $\text{SU}(2)$ in G' .

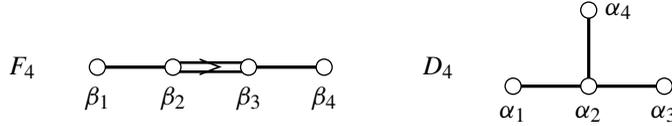


(3) For $G = F_4$, we take $G' = \text{Spin}(8)$.

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, 4\}.$$

$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, \dots, 4\}$, where $\beta_1 = \alpha_2, \beta_2 = \alpha_3, \beta_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3), \beta_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_4)$.

$\text{Out}(G')$ is the triality group S_3 that permutes the three 8-dimensional representations of $\text{Spin}(8)$.



(4) For $G = G_2$, we take $G' = \text{SU}(3)$.

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, 2\}.$$

$$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, 2\}, \text{ where } \beta_1 = \alpha_1, \beta_2 = -1/3(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2).$$

$\text{Out}(G')$ is the group \mathbb{Z}_2 that exchanges the 3-dimensional representation of $\text{SU}(3)$ with its dual. In fact, $\text{Out}(G')$ is generated by $-1 \in \text{Aut}(\Lambda(G'))$.



In the following we let Σ be a fixed elliptic curve with the identity element 0, and we fix a primitive d -th root of $\text{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma$ (equivalently, a level d structure on Σ), where $d = 2$ for $G = D_n, B_n$, $d = 9 - n$ for $G = E_n$, and $d = n + 1$ for $G = A_n, C_n, G_2$, respectively; see [Leung and Zhang 2009a] for the ADE cases. Recall from the same reference (for instance) that for any compact, simple and simply connected Lie group H , we have

$$\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^H \cong (\Lambda_c(H) \otimes \Sigma) / W(H),$$

where \mathcal{M}_Σ^H is the moduli space of flat H -bundles over Σ .

3. Flat G -bundles over elliptic curves and rational surfaces: the non-simply laced cases

In this section, we study case by case the G -bundles over elliptic curves and corresponding rational surfaces for a non-simply laced Lie group G ($G \neq F_4$).

3.1. B_n -bundles ($n \geq 2$). According to the last section, for $G = \text{Spin}(2n + 1)$ we take $G' = \text{Spin}(2n) \subseteq G$.

Let S be a D_n surface containing Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall from [Leung and Zhang 2009a] that S is a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 at n points x_1, \dots, x_n on Σ that are in general position,¹ with corresponding exceptional classes l_1, \dots, l_n . Let f and s be the classes of fibers and the section in \mathbb{F}_1 . The Picard group of S is isomorphic to $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis s, f, l_1, \dots, l_n . The canonical class is $K = -(2s + 3f - \sum_{i=1}^n l_i)$.

We know from [ibid.] that the set

$$\{x \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \mid x \cdot K = x \cdot f = 0\}$$

¹This means that the x_i are all distinct and that $x_i + x_j \neq 0$ for all i, j .

is a root lattice of D_n type. We take a simple root system of $G' = D_n$ as

$$\Delta(D_n) = \{\alpha_1 = l_1 - l_2, \alpha_2 = f - l_1 - l_2, \alpha_3 = l_2 - l_3, \dots, \alpha_n = l_{n-1} - l_n\}.$$

Let ρ be the generator of $\text{Out}(G') \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, such that $\rho(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2, \rho(\alpha_2) = \alpha_1$ and $\rho(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$ for $i = 3, \dots, n$.

Recall that a D_n -configuration on S is an n -tuple $\zeta = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ where $e_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ such that $\sum e_i \cdot s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Equivalently, a D_n -configuration on S is an n -tuple $\zeta = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ such that after blowing down e_n, \dots, e_1 successively, we obtain \mathbb{F}^1 with a fibration $\mathbb{F}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by the fiber f .

On the other hand, the exceptional system $\zeta' = (e'_1, \dots, e'_n)$ where $e'_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ such that $\sum e'_i \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ also determines $\Delta(D_n)$. The condition $\sum e'_i \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ is equivalent to the fact that after blowing down e'_n, \dots, e'_1 successively, we obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ with a fibration $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by f . It is easy to see that the map which interchanges l_1 and $f - l_1$, and preserves all other l_i and $f - l_i$, plays the role of the generator of $\text{Out}(D_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. Therefore we have the following natural definition of B_n -configurations.

Let S be a rational surface with a ruling $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ [ibid.], and $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$, such that $f|_\Sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is a double covering with $0 \in \Sigma$ as a ramification point. Recall that an *exceptional system of length n* on S is an n -tuple $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ where the e_i 's are exceptional divisors such that $e_i \cdot e_j = -\delta_{ij}, e_i \cdot K_S = -1, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$. A divisor defining the ruling $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is still denoted by f , which is effective of arithmetic genus 0.

Definition 5. A B_n -configuration on S is an exceptional system of length n (if exists) $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ with $e_i \cdot f = 0$ for all i , such that we can consider S as a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 or $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ at n points x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n on Σ , with corresponding exceptional divisors e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n . When such a ζ exists, we call S a (*rational surface with a B_n -configuration*). Let $\rho \in \text{Out}(D_n)$ be the diagram automorphism. Define $\rho(\zeta) := (f - e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$.

Lemma 6. Let $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ be a B_n -configuration. Then

$$\rho(\zeta) = (f - e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$$

is also a B_n -configuration.

Proof. By [Leung and Zhang 2009a], if after blowing down e_n, \dots, e_1 successively we obtain \mathbb{F}_1 , then after blowing down $e_n, \dots, e_2, f - e_1$ we shall obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Conversely, if after blowing down e_n, \dots, e_1 successively we obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, then after blowing down $e_n, \dots, e_2, f - e_1$ we shall obtain \mathbb{F}_1 . The result follows. \square

When $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Sigma$ are in general position (footnote 1), the surface S in Definition 5 is called a B_n -surface.

Lemma 7. *Let S be a B_n -surface.*

- (i) *Any B_n -configuration on S consists of exceptional curves.*
- (ii) *The Weyl group $W(D_n)$ acts on all B_n -configurations with two orbits and acts on each orbit simply transitively.*
- (iii) *These two orbits are exchanged by $\text{Out}(D_n)$.*
- (iv) *The group $W(D_n) \times \text{Out}(D_n)$ acts on all B_n -exceptional systems simply transitively*

Proof. Let S be a B_n -surface with a ruling $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. Then by definition, S is a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 or $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ at n points $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \Sigma$. Let l_1, \dots, l_n be the corresponding exceptional divisors. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ x \in \text{Pic}(S) \mid x^2 = xK = -1, xf = 0 \} \\ &= \{ l_1, \dots, l_n, f - l_1, \dots, f - l_n \}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus a B_n -configuration must be of the form: $\zeta = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ where $e_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $e_i = f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ and σ is a permutation of $1, \dots, n$. Obviously, x_1, \dots, x_n are in general position if and only if all the l_i and $f - l_i$ are exceptional curves. Therefore, (i) is true.

- (iii) This follows from Definition 5.
- (iv) This is a consequence of (ii) and (iii).

(ii) Let (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) be a B_n -configuration on S . Then $e_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, where σ is a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. The Weyl group $W(D_n)$ acts as the group generated by permutations of the n pairs $\{(l_i, f - l_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ and interchanges of l_i and $f - l_i$ simultaneously in two pairs in $\{(l_i, f - l_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. Therefore $W(D_n)$ acts on the set $\{(e_1, \dots, e_n) \mid \sum e_i \cdot s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$ simply transitively. Similarly the condition $\sum e_i \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ determines another orbit on which $W(D_n)$ acts simply transitively. □

Remark 8. Although we know the B_n -configurations on S , unfortunately, we can not single out the B_n -root system within the Picard lattice $\text{Pic}(S) \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$. However, according to Section 2, we have a root system of B_n type consisting of \mathbb{Q} -divisors on S :

$$R(B_n) \triangleq \left\{ \pm\left(\frac{1}{2}f - l_i\right), \pm(l_i - l_j), \pm(f - l_i - l_j) \mid i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that the corresponding root lattice is

$$\Lambda(B_n) \triangleq \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1}{2}f\right) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}(l_i) \mid xf = xK = 0 \right\}$$

and

$$R(B_n) = \{x \in \Lambda(B_n) \mid x^2 = -2 \text{ or } x^2 = -1\}.$$

The set of simple roots of B_n is

$$\Delta(B_n) = \left\{ \beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}f - l_1, \beta_i = l_{i-1} - l_i, i = 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Recall that the Weyl group $W(B_n)$ is the subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\Lambda(B_n))$ generated by the reflections σ_α with $\alpha \in R(B_n)$.

Corollary 9. *Let $R(B_n)$ be defined as above. Then $W(B_n)$ acts on the set of all B_n -configurations simply transitively.*

Let $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ be the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) where S is a B_n -surface (so the blown-up points x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are in general position), and $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$, where two pairs (S, Σ) and (S', Σ) are said to be isomorphic to each other if there is an isomorphism $f : S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_\Sigma = \text{id}_\Sigma$. Denote $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ the moduli space of flat B_n -bundles over Σ . Let $\underline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ be the (marked) moduli space of the triples $(S, \Sigma, \zeta = (l_1, \dots, l_n))$. By Lemma 7, we have

$$\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{B_n} \cong \underline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n} / W(B_n) \cong \underline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n} / (W(D_n) \times \text{Out}(D_n)).$$

Let $(S, \Sigma, \zeta = (l_1, \dots, l_n)) \in \underline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ be as above. For all $\alpha = \frac{a_0}{2}f + \sum a_i l_i \in \Lambda(B_n) \subseteq \text{Pic}(S)_\mathbb{Q} = \text{Pic}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i = 0, \dots, n$, the invertible sheaf induced by restriction to Σ

$$\mathbb{O}_\Sigma(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}_\Sigma(a_0(0)) \otimes \mathbb{O}(\sum a_i l_i)|_\Sigma$$

is well-defined. Moreover, $\text{deg}(\mathbb{O}_\Sigma(\alpha)) = \alpha \cdot (-K_S) = 0$. Then

$$\mathbb{O}_\Sigma(\alpha) \in \text{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma.$$

Thus there is a morphism

$$\underline{\phi} : \underline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma),$$

which is induced by the restriction: for all $\alpha \in \Lambda(B_n) \subseteq \text{Pic}(S)_\mathbb{Q}$,

$$\underline{\phi}((S, \Sigma, \zeta))(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}_\Sigma(\alpha) \in \text{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma.$$

Proposition 10. (i) $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{B_n}$ as an open dense subset.

(ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathcal{G}}_\Sigma^{B_n} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{B_n},$$

by including all rational surfaces with B_n -configurations.

Proof. Similarly as in [Leung and Zhang 2009a], we have

$$\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{B_n} \cong \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma) / W(B_n).$$

Then by Lemma 7 or Corollary 9, since two different sets of simple roots differ by a $W(B_n)$ -action, we just need to show that the map

$$\underline{\phi} : \underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n} \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$$

is an open dense embedding and that $\underline{\phi}$ can be extended to an isomorphism $\overline{\phi}$ from the natural compactification $\overline{\underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}}$ of $\underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}$ to $\text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$:

$$\overline{\phi} : \overline{\underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma).$$

The map $\underline{\phi}$ is injective. For this, we take a simple root system of D_n as

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}f - l_1, \quad \beta_i = l_{i-1} - l_i \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then the restriction induces an element $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$. For

$$\beta = a_0\left(\frac{1}{2}f\right) + \sum a_i l_i \in \Lambda(B_n),$$

let $x_i = l_i \cap \Sigma$ and $p = u(\beta) \in \Sigma$. Then we have an equation

$$\sum a_i x_i = p,$$

where $+$ is the addition on the elliptic curve Σ . Taking $\beta = \beta_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ respectively, and setting $p_i = u(\beta_i)$ accordingly, we obtain the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 = p_1, \\ x_{i-1} - x_i = p_i, \quad i = 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Obviously, the solution of this system of linear equations exists uniquely for given p_i with $1 \leq i \leq n$.

The open dense property of the image of the embedding $\underline{\phi}$ is obvious.

Finally, the statement (ii) comes from the existence of the solutions to the above system of linear equations. □

3.2. C_n -bundles. We take $G' = A_1^n \subseteq G = C_n$, where $C_n = \text{Sp}(n)$ and $A_1 = \text{SU}(2)$. Note that $\text{Out}(A_1^n) \cong S_n$.

Let S be a rational surface with an A_1^n -configuration that contains Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall from [Leung and Zhang 2009a] that S is a (successive) blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at $2n$ points $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$ on Σ , with corresponding exceptional classes $l_1, l'_1, \dots, l_n, l'_n$, where $x_i + y_i = 0 \in \Sigma$. The Picard group of S is $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis $h, l_1, l'_1, \dots, l_n, l'_n$. The canonical divisor is $K = -(3h - \sum_{i=1}^n (l_i + l'_i))$.

A simple root system of A_1^n can be taken as

$$\Delta(A_1^n) = \{\alpha_i = l_i - l'_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

When the above simple root system is chosen, the pair (S, Σ) determines a homomorphism $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(G'), \Sigma)$ which is given by the restriction map

$$u(\alpha) := \mathbb{C}(\alpha)|_{\Sigma}.$$

Lemma 11. *Let $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(G'), \Sigma)$ be an element corresponding to a triple (S, Σ, ζ) , where S is a surface with an A_1^n -configuration $\zeta = (l_1, l'_1, \dots, l_n, l'_n)$. Let $\rho \in \text{Out}(G') \cong S_n$. Then $\rho \cdot u$ corresponds to the triple $(S, \Sigma, \rho(\zeta))$, where $\rho(\zeta) = (l_{\rho(1)}, l'_{\rho(1)}, \dots, l_{\rho(n)}, l'_{\rho(n)})$.*

Proof. Since u is the restriction map: $\alpha_i \mapsto \mathbb{C}(\alpha_i)|_{\Sigma}$, $u(\alpha_i) = \mathbb{C}(l_i - l'_i)|_{\Sigma} = x_i - y_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Hence $\rho \cdot u(\alpha_i) = u(\alpha_{\rho(i)}) = x_{\rho(i)} - y_{\rho(i)}$. Therefore we have the result, since $x_{\rho(i)} + y_{\rho(i)} = 0$. \square

Thus, it is natural to define a C_n -configuration on S to be the form

$$\zeta = ((l_1, l'_1), \dots, (l_n, l'_n)).$$

More precisely, denote S the blow-up of \mathbb{P}_2 at n pairs of points $(x_1, -x_1), \dots, (x_n, -x_n)$ on Σ , with n pairs of corresponding exceptional divisors $(l_1, l'_1), \dots, (l_n, l'_n)$, where l_i and l'_i are the exceptional divisors corresponding to the blowing up at x_i and $-x_i$, respectively.

Definition 12. A C_n -exceptional system on S is an n -tuple of pairs

$$((e_1, e'_1), \dots, (e_n, e'_n))$$

where $(e_i, e'_i) = (l_{\sigma(i)}, l'_{\sigma(i)})$ or $(l'_{\sigma(i)}, l_{\sigma(i)})$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and σ is a permutation of $1, \dots, n$. A C_n -configuration on S is a C_n -exceptional system $\zeta_{C_n} = ((e_1, e'_1), \dots, (e_n, e'_n))$ such that after blowing down successively $e'_n, e_n, \dots, e'_1, e_1$, we obtain the surface \mathbb{P}^2 .

It can be shown that $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ are in general position (in the sense of footnote 1) if and only if any C_n -exceptional system on S consists of smooth exceptional curves. Such a surface is called a C_n -surface.

Lemma 13. (i) *Let S be a surface with a C_n -configuration. The group $W(A_1^n) \times S_n$ acts on all C_n -exceptional systems on S simply transitively.*

(ii) *Let S be a C_n -surface. The group $W(A_1^n) \times S_n$ acts on all C_n -configurations on S simply transitively.*

Proof. It suffices to prove (i). The Weyl group $W(A_1^n) \times S_n$ acts as the group generated by permutations of the n pairs $\{(l_i, l'_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ and interchanging of l_i and l'_i for each i . From this, we see that $W(A_1^n) \times S_n$ acts on all C_n -configurations simply transitively. \square

Denote by $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{G'}$ the moduli space of $G' = A_1^n$ -surfaces with a fixed anticanonical curve Σ , and by $\overline{\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{G'}}$ the natural compactification by including all rational surfaces with A_1^n -configurations. From [Leung and Zhang 2009a] we know that there is an isomorphism $\phi : \overline{\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{G'}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G'}$.

Denote by $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{C_n}$ the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) , where S is a C_n -surface, that is, S is the blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at $2n$ points $\pm x_1, \dots, \pm x_n \in \Sigma$ such that x_1, \dots, x_n are in general position, and two pairs (S, Σ) and (S', Σ) are said to be isomorphic to each other if there is an isomorphism $f : S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_\Sigma = \text{id}_\Sigma$. Denote by $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{C_n}$ the moduli space of flat C_n -bundles over Σ .

Proposition 14. (i) $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{C_n}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{C_n}$ as an open dense subset.

(ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{C_n}} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{C_n},$$

by including all rational surfaces with C_n -configurations.

Proof. By Corollary 3, $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{C_n} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{A_1^n}/S_n \cong \overline{\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{A_1^n}}/S_n$. Therefore it is sufficient to show that $\mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{C_n} \cong \mathcal{G}_\Sigma^{A_1^n}/S_n$. This follows from Lemma 13. □

Remark 15. Obviously, this description in Proposition 14 coincides with the well-known description of flat C_n -bundles over elliptic curves [Friedman et al. 1997]. A flat $C_n = \text{Sp}(n)$ -bundle over Σ corresponds to n pairs (unordered) of points $(x_i, -x_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ on Σ , uniquely up to isomorphism. One pair $(x_i, -x_i)$ will determine exactly one point on $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$, since the rational map determined by the linear system $|2(0)|$ induces a double covering from Σ onto $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$. The moduli space of flat $\text{SU}(2)$ -bundles over Σ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 . So the moduli space of flat C_n -bundles over Σ is precisely isomorphic to $S^n(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$, the ordinary projective n space.

3.3. G_2 -bundles. For $G = G_2$, we take $G' = A_2 = \text{SU}(3)$.

Let S be a rational surface with an A_2 -configuration (see [Leung and Zhang 2009a]) containing Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall [ibid.] that S is a (successive) blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at 3 points x_1, x_2, x_3 on Σ , with corresponding exceptional classes l_1, l_2, l_3 , where $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \in \Sigma$. Let h be the class of lines in \mathbb{P}^2 . The Picard group of S is $\text{Pic}(S) \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis h, l_1, l_2, l_3 . The canonical line bundle $K = -(3h - \sum_{i=1}^3 l_i)$.

Recall that

$$\{x \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \mid x \cdot K = x \cdot h = 0\}$$

is a root lattice of A_2 type. We can take a simple root system of A_2 as

$$\Delta(A_2) = \{\alpha_1 = l_1 - l_2, \alpha_2 = l_2 - l_3\}.$$

Let $\rho \in \text{Out}(A_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ be the generator of order 2 (we can take $\rho = -1$, that is, $\rho(\alpha_i) = -\alpha_i$).

Denote by $\mathcal{F}_\Sigma^{A_2}$ the moduli space of A_2 -surfaces with a fixed anticanonical curve Σ , and $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_\Sigma^{A_2}$ the natural compactification by including all rational surfaces with A_2 -configurations. From [Leung and Zhang 2009a] we know that $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_\Sigma^{A_2} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{A_2}$. Let ϕ be the isomorphism.

Definition 16. Let S be as immediately above. A G_2 -exceptional system on S is an ordered triple (e_1, e_2, e_3) of exceptional divisors such that $e_i \cdot e_j = 0 = e_i \cdot h, i \neq j$ and $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$ where $y_i = e_i \cap \Sigma$. A G_2 -configuration on S is a G_2 -exceptional system $\zeta_{G_2} = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$ such that we can consider S as a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at these 3 points y_1, y_2, y_3 on Σ , with corresponding exceptional divisors e_1, e_2, e_3 . When S has a G_2 -configuration (of course $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$), we call S a (rational) surface with a G_2 -configuration.

When x_1, x_2, x_3 are nonzero distinct points on Σ , any G_2 -exceptional system on S consists of exceptional curves. Such a surface is called a G_2 -surface. These 3 points $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Sigma$ are said to be in general position.

Let S, S' be two surfaces with G_2 -configurations ζ, ζ' respectively. We say that $(S, \Sigma, \zeta) \cong (S', \Sigma, \zeta')$ if there exists an isomorphism $f : S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_\Sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ is the identity or the involution of Σ .

A triple (S, Σ, ζ) determines an element u of $\text{Hom}(\Lambda(A_2), \Sigma)$ by the restriction

$$u(\alpha) := \mathbb{C}(\alpha)|_\Sigma.$$

Lemma 17. Let $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(A_2), \Sigma)$ correspond to the triple (S, Σ, ζ) , where S is a surface with a G_2 -configuration $\zeta = \{l_1, l_2, l_3\}$. Then $\rho \cdot u$ corresponds to (S', Σ, ζ') , where S' is another surface with a G_2 -configuration $\zeta' = \{l'_1, l'_2, l'_3\}$ with $l'_i \cap \Sigma = -x_i$. Moreover, we have $(S, \Sigma, \zeta) \cong (S', \Sigma, \zeta')$.

Proof. Since u is the restriction map: $\alpha_i \mapsto \mathbb{C}(\alpha_i)|_\Sigma, u(\alpha_1) = \mathbb{C}(l_1 - l_2)|_\Sigma = x_1 - x_2, u(\alpha_2) = x_2 - x_3$. Hence $\rho \cdot u = v \Leftrightarrow v(\alpha_i) = -u(\alpha_i) \Leftrightarrow x_1 - x_2 = y_2 - y_1, x_2 - x_3 = y_3 - y_2 \Leftrightarrow y_i = -x_i$.

Next we prove the second assertion. We first fix an embedding $\iota : \Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ such that (the image of) Σ is defined by the equation $zy^2 = 4x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$ and $0 = [0, 1, 0] \in \Sigma$, where $[x, y, z]$ is the coordinate system of \mathbb{P}^2 . Then the automorphism of \mathbb{P}^2 defined by $[x, y, z] \mapsto [x, -y, z]$ induces an isomorphism f of the triple $(0, \Sigma, \mathbb{P}^2)$, which is the involution on Σ that maps $x \in \Sigma$ to $-x$. On the other hand, for $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Sigma$, we have obviously $(-x_1) + (-x_2) + (-x_3) = 0$. Thus we have the isomorphism ϕ defined by f . □

Lemma 18. (i) Let S be a surface with a G_2 -configuration. The Weyl group $W(A_2)$ acts on all G_2 -exceptional systems on S simply transitively.

- (ii) Let S be a G_2 -surface. The Weyl group $W(A_2)$ acts on all G_2 -configurations on S simply transitively.
- (iii) Let $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$ be the isomorphism class of (S, Σ, ζ) . Then $W(A_2) \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ acts on the set $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$ simply transitively.

Proof. Let $f : (S', \Sigma, \zeta') \xrightarrow{\sim} (S, \Sigma, \zeta)$. If $f|_\Sigma = \text{id}_\Sigma$, then $S = S'$ and $f = \text{id}_S$. In this case, $W(A_2)$ acts on the G_2 -configurations on S simply transitively. On the other hand, by Lemma 17, the involution on Σ can be extended to an isomorphism from S' onto S . In this case the involution $-\text{id}_\Sigma$ acts on the set $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$. Thus the result follows. □

Proposition 19. Let $\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{G_2}$ be the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) where S is a G_2 -surface, and $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G_2}$ be the moduli space of flat G_2 -bundles over Σ . Then we have

- (i) $\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{G_2}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G_2}$ as an open dense subset.
- (ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{G_2}} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G_2},$$

by including all rational surfaces with G_2 -configurations.

Proof. By Corollary 3 we have $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G_2} \cong \mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{A_2} / \text{Out}(A_2) \cong \overline{\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{A_2}} / \mathbb{Z}_2$. Thus it suffices to show that $\mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{G_2} \cong \mathcal{P}_\Sigma^{A_2} / \mathbb{Z}_2$. This follows from Lemma 18. □

Remark 20 [Friedman et al. 1997]. A $SU(3)$ -bundles over Σ is determined by a section of $H^0(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma(3(0)))$, which is a meromorphic function with the only pole 0 of order at most 3. Let x, y be the local coordinates of Σ around 0, then this function is $a_0 + a_1x + a_2y$ up to nonzero constant. Thus the moduli space $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{A_2}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^2 . By the proof of Lemma 17, the function $a_0 + a_1x + (-a_2)y$ defines the same G_2 -bundle over Σ . Thus we have $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma^{G_2} \cong \mathbb{W}\mathbb{P}_{1,1,2}^2$.

Remark 21. For the F_4 case, unfortunately, the method used in this paper is not very effective. We can not find a suitable definition for F_4 -configurations. Thus in this case, the method used in [Leung and Zhang 2009b] is the better one.

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