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## Abstract

The concept of rigid spherical  $t$ -designs was introduced by Eiichi Bannai. We want to find examples of rigid but not tight spherical designs. Sali investigated the case when  $X$  is an orbit of a finite reflection group and proved that  $X$  is rigid if and only if tight for the groups  $A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, F_4, H_3$ . There are two cases left open, namely the group  $E_8$  and the isometry group  $H_4$  of the four dimensional regular polytope, the 600-cell. In this paper, we study the rigidity of spherical  $t$ -designs  $X$  that are orbits of a finite reflection groups  $E_8$  and  $H_4$ , and prove that  $X$  is rigid if and only if tight or the 600-cell.

## 1 Introduction

Spherical  $t$ -designs were introduced by Delsarte, Goethals and Seidel [10]. A finite nonempty set  $X$  in the unit sphere

$$\mathbb{S}^d := \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{d+1}^2 = 1\}$$

is called a *spherical  $t$ -design* in  $\mathbb{S}^d$  if and only if the equality

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbb{S}^d|} \int_{\mathbb{S}^d} f(x) d\omega(x) = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} f(x)$$

holds for all polynomials  $f(x) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d+1})$  of degree at most  $t$ . Here, the left-hand side involves integration on the unit sphere, and  $|\mathbb{S}^d|$  denotes the volume of the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .

It is known [10] that there is a lower bound (Fischer-type inequality) for the size of a spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .

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**Theorem 1.1** (Delsarte-Goethals-Seidel). *Let  $X$  be a spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ . Then*

$$|X| \geq \begin{cases} \binom{d+t/2}{d} + \binom{d+t/2-1}{d}, & \text{if } t \text{ is even} \\ 2\binom{d+(t-1)/2}{d}, & \text{if } t \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

If equality holds, then  $X$  is called *tight* spherical  $t$ -design.

The concept of the rigidity was introduced by Bannai [1]. Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .  $X$  is said to be *non-rigid* or *deformable*, if for any given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist another spherical  $t$ -design  $X' = \{x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_n\}$  such that  $|x_i - x'_i| < \epsilon$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and there exists no orthogonal transformation  $g \in O(d+1)$  with  $g(x_i) = x'_i$ .  $X$  is said to be *rigid* if it is not non-rigid.

If  $X$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are spherical  $t$ -designs in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ , then the following hold.

- (1) For any  $\sigma \in O(d+1)$ ,  $X^\sigma := \{x^\sigma \mid x \in X\}$  is spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .
- (2) If  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $X_1 \cup X_2$  is spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .

The property (2) means that we can make many spherical  $t$ -designs from given spherical  $t$ -designs. However spherical  $t$ -designs, that are disjoint union of spherical  $t$ -designs, are not “new” spherical  $t$ -designs. Such spherical  $t$ -designs is clearly non-rigid. Therefore rigid spherical  $t$ -designs are essential objects of study of spherical  $t$ -designs.

Bannai conjectured the following two propositions about rigid spherical  $t$ -design.

**Conjecture 1.1** (Bannai, [1]). *There exist a function  $f(d, t)$  such that if  $X$  is a spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$  such that  $|X| > f(d, t)$ , then  $X$  is non-rigid.*

**Conjecture 1.2** (Bannai, [1]). *For each fixed pair  $d$  and  $t$ , there are only finitely many rigid spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$  up to orthogonal transformations.*

Lyubich and Vaserstein proved that Conjecture 1.1 and 1.2 are equivalent [12]. These conjecture are supported by the fact that the known rigid  $t$ -designs are very rare. Bannai proves this for dimension 1, by showing that any rigid spherical  $t$ -design  $X$  in  $\mathbb{S}^1$  consists of the vertices of a regular  $(k+1)$ -gon with  $t \leq k \leq 2t$ .

Because the distances between points of a tight spherical design are described by a theorem of Delsarte-Goethals-Seidel [10], we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.1.** *A tight spherical  $t$ -design is rigid.*

Unfortunately, tight spherical  $t$ -designs rarely exist [5], and it was proved that if a tight spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$  with  $d \geq 2$  exists, then necessarily either  $t \leq 5$ , or  $t = 7, 11$  [3, 4]. We want to find examples of rigid but not tight spherical  $t$ -designs.

The following theorem, which was proved by Delsarte-Goethals-Seidel, is very useful for getting examples of spherical  $t$ -designs.

**Theorem 1.2** (Delsarte-Goethals-Seidel). *For a finite subgroup  $G$  of  $O(d+1)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. *every  $G$ -orbit is a spherical  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ ,*
2. *there are no  $G$ -invariant harmonic polynomials of degree  $1, 2, \dots, t$ .*

Let  $q_i$  be the dimension of the space of  $G$ -invariant harmonic polynomials of degree  $i$ . If we know the eigenvalue of each  $g \in G$ , then we determine  $t$  by the harmonic Molien series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q_i \lambda^i = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \frac{1 - \lambda^2}{\det(I_{d+1} - \lambda g)}$$

where  $I_{d+1}$  is the  $(d+1) \times (d+1)$  identity matrix [14, 11, Corollary 6.4].

Let  $W$  be a finite irreducible reflection group in  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ . It is known that finite irreducible reflection groups are classified completely [6]. Let integers  $1 = m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \dots \leq m_{d+1}$  be the exponents of  $W$  (please see [6, Ch.V, §6]). The exponents of  $W$  is important for the following theorem [7, Ch.VIII, §8, Corollary 1].

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $W$  be a finite reflection group. Let  $q_i$  be the dimension of the space of  $W$ -invariant harmonic polynomials of degree  $i$ . Then we have*

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q_i \lambda^i = \prod_{i=1}^{d+1} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda^{1+m_i}}.$$

Therefore every orbit  $X = \{x^w \mid w \in W\}$  is a spherical  $m_2$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^d$ .

If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{d+1}$  are the fundamental roots, then the **corner vectors**  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{d+1}$  are defined by  $v_i \perp \alpha_j$  if and only if  $i \neq j$ . The following proposition is immediate.

**Proposition 1.2** (Sali, [13, Proposition 1.13]). *If  $X = \{x^w \mid w \in W\}$  is such that  $x$  is not a corner vector of  $W$ , then  $X$  is non-rigid spherical  $m_2$ -design.*

The following lemma is useful for proving the non-rigidity.

**Lemma 1.1** (Sali, [13, Lemma 2.3]). *Suppose that  $X \subset \mathbb{S}^d$  is a spherical  $t$ -design. Let  $Y \subset X$  satisfy  $Y \subset U^r \cup \mathbb{S}^d$  where  $U^r$  is an  $r$ -dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  ( $1 < r \leq d+1$ ). That is,  $U^r = \{z_0 + x \mid x \in T^r\}$  where  $T^r$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ . Furthermore, let us assume that*

$$\tilde{Y} = \left\{ \frac{y - z_0}{|y - z_0|} \mid y \in Y \right\}$$

*forms a  $t$ -design in  $\mathbb{S}^{r-1}$ . If  $X \setminus Y$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , then  $X$  is non-rigid.*

Sali proved the following theorem by finding sub- $t$ -designs in affine subspaces.

**Theorem 1.4** (Sali, [13, Theorem 1.4]). *Let  $W$  be any of the following reflection groups.*

1.  $A_n$  for  $n = 3, 4, \dots$
2.  $B_n$  for  $n = 3, 4, \dots$
3.  $C_n$  for  $n = 3, 4, \dots$
4.  $D_n$  for  $n = 4, 5, \dots$
5.  $E_6, E_7, F_4, H_3$

*Then the orbit  $X = \{x_0^w \mid w \in W\}$  for a corner vector  $x_0$  is a rigid spherical  $m_2$ -design if and only if it is tight.*

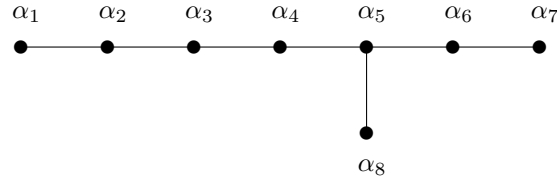
There were two cases left open, namely the group  $E_8$  and the isometry group  $H_4$  of the four dimensional regular polytope, the 600-cell. In this paper, we investigate the case of the group  $E_8$  and  $H_4$ , and prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $W(E_8)$  be the reflection groups of  $E_8$ . Then the orbit  $X = \{x_0^w \mid w \in W(E_8)\}$  for a corner vector  $x_0$  is a rigid spherical 7-design if and only if it is tight (i.e.  $x_0 = v_1$ ).*

**Theorem 1.6.** *Let  $W(H_4)$  be the reflection group  $H_4$ . Then the orbit  $X = \{x_0^w \mid w \in W(H_4)\}$  for a corner vector  $x_0$  is a rigid spherical 11-design if and only if it is the 600-cell (i.e.  $x_0 = v_1$ ).*

## 2 Group $E_8$

Space  $\mathbb{R}^8$   
Dynkin diagram



Exponents 1, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29.

Reflection Group The order is  $2^{14} 3^5 5^2 7$ .

### Fundamental Roots

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_1 &= [-2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
 \alpha_2 &= [0, -2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
 \alpha_3 &= [0, 0, -2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
 \alpha_4 &= [0, 0, 0, -2, 2, 0, 0, 0] \\
 \alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, -2, 2, 0, 0] \\
 \alpha_6 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -2, 2, 0] \\
 \alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -2, 2] \\
 \alpha_8 &= [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1]
 \end{aligned}$$

### Corner vector

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_1 &= [-1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] \\
 v_2 &= [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] \\
 v_3 &= [1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3] \\
 v_4 &= [1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2] \\
 v_5 &= [3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5] \\
 v_6 &= [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2] \\
 v_7 &= [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3] \\
 v_8 &= [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

By computer search, using GAP, we get the orbits of  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$  as following.

	Cardinality	Vectors
$v_1$	240	$2^2 0^6, D 1^8$
$v_2$	6720	$2 1^2 0^5, 1^6 0^2, D (3/2)^2 (1/2)^6$
$v_3$	60480	$6 2^3 0^4, 4^3 0^5, 4^2 2^4 0^2, E 3^5 1^3, D 5 3^2 1^5$
$v_4$	241920	$4 1^4 0^3, 2^5 0^3, 1^3 2^2 3 0^2,$ $E 2^4 1^4, E (5/2)^3 (1/2)^5, E (5/2)^2 (3/2)^3 (1/2)^3, D (7/2) (3/2)^3 (1/2)^4$
$v_5$	483840	$(10) 2^5 0^2, 6^2 4^3 0^3, 6^3 2^3 0^2, 8 4^3 2^2 0^2,$ $E 5^3 3^5, E 6^2 4^2 2^4, E 7 5^2 3^2 1^3, D 9 3^4 1^3$
$v_6$	69120	$3 1^5 0^2, 2^3 1^2 0^3, E 2^2 1^6, E (7/2) (1/2)^7, E (5/2) (3/2)^3 (1/2)^4$
$v_7$	2160	$4 0^7, 2^4 0^4, E 3 1^7$
$v_8$	17280	$2 1^4 0^3, E 1^8, E (3/2)^3 (1/2)^5, D (5/2) (1/2)^7$

The full list of vectors is obtained by applying arbitrary permutations and signs to the vectors in the table, except that if the vector is prefixed by an E (resp. D) then an even (resp. odd) number of minus signs are required.

These orbits are spherical 7-designs in  $\mathbb{S}^7$  because the exponent  $m_2 = 7$ . By Fischer-type inequality, a spherical 7-designs in  $\mathbb{S}^7$  has at least 240 points. Therefore the orbit of  $v_1$ , which is the  $E_8$  root system, is tight 7-design in  $\mathbb{S}^7$ . We shall find the subset  $Y$  in Lemma 1.1 to prove that other orbits are non-rigid. Indeed, the orbit of  $v_i$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 8$  contains the  $E_8$  root system which is tight 7-design in  $\mathbb{S}^7$ . The  $E_8$  root system, which contained in the orbit, has the following fundamental roots.

**The orbit of  $v_2$**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= [-2, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_2 &= [0, 1, 2, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_3 &= [0, 1, -1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_4 &= [1/2, -3/2, 1/2, -1/2, -3/2, -1/2, -1/2, 1/2] \\ \alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, -2] \\ \alpha_6 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2] \\ \alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, -2, -1] \\ \alpha_8 &= [0, 1, -1, -1, 0, -1, -1, 1]\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_4$**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= [-4, -1, -1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_2 &= [1/2, 3/2, 5/2, 5/2, 3/2, -3/2, -1/2, 1/2] \\ \alpha_3 &= [1/2, -3/2, -3/2, -1/2, 3/2, 5/2, 1/2, -5/2] \\ \alpha_4 &= [0, 1, 0, 0, -1, 1, 1, 4] \\ \alpha_5 &= [0, 1, 1, -3, 1, -2, 0, -2] \\ \alpha_6 &= [0, 0, 1, 2, -3, 2, -1, -1] \\ \alpha_7 &= [0, 1, -3, 0, 2, -1, -2, 1] \\ \alpha_8 &= [1/2, -5/2, -3/2, 5/2, -1/2, -3/2, 3/2, 1/2]\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_3$**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= [-6, -2, -2, -2, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_2 &= [0, 4, 4, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_3 &= [2, -6, -2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_4 &= [0, 2, 2, -4, -4, -2, -2, 0] \\ \alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 6, -2] \\ \alpha_6 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, -4, 4] \\ \alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 2, -6, 2, 2] \\ \alpha_8 &= [0, 2, -4, 2, 0, -2, -4, -2]\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_5$**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= [-10, -2, -2, -2, -2, -2, 0, 0] \\ \alpha_2 &= [2, 2, 2, 6, 6, 4, -4, -2] \\ \alpha_3 &= [0, 0, 4, -4, -2, 2, 8, 4] \\ \alpha_4 &= [1, 1, -1, 5, -3, -7, -5, 3] \\ \alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 2, -2, -2, 2, 2, -10] \\ \alpha_6 &= [0, 2, -8, 2, 4, 0, 4, 4] \\ \alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 2, -2, -6, 6, -6, 2] \\ \alpha_8 &= [1, -7, 1, -3, 5, -1, -3, 5]\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_6$** 

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_1 &= [-7/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2] \\
\alpha_2 &= [1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 2] \\
\alpha_3 &= [0, 0, 1, 2, 1, -2, -2, 0] \\
\alpha_4 &= [0, 0, 1, 0, -2, 1, 2, -2] \\
\alpha_5 &= [0, 1, 0, -2, 2, 1, -2, 0] \\
\alpha_6 &= [0, 1, -2, 1, 0, -2, 2, 0] \\
\alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 1, -2, 2, -2, 1] \\
\alpha_8 &= [1/2, -5/2, 1/2, -1/2, -3/2, -3/2, 1/2, 3/2]
\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_7$** 

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_1 &= [-4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
\alpha_2 &= [2, -2, -2, -2, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
\alpha_3 &= [0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
\alpha_4 &= [0, 0, 2, -2, -2, -2, 0, 0] \\
\alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0] \\
\alpha_6 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 2, -2, -2, -2] \\
\alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0] \\
\alpha_8 &= [0, 2, -2, 0, 0, -2, 2, 0]
\end{aligned}$$

**The orbit of  $v_8$** 

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_1 &= [-5/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, 1/2] \\
\alpha_2 &= [1/2, -1/2, 3/2, 1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 3/2, -3/2] \\
\alpha_3 &= [0, 1, -2, 0, 1, 1, -1, 0] \\
\alpha_4 &= [0, 0, 1, 1, -1, 0, 1, 2] \\
\alpha_5 &= [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, -1, -2, -1] \\
\alpha_6 &= [0, 1, -1, -1, 0, -1, 2, 0] \\
\alpha_7 &= [0, 0, 0, 1, -2, 1, -1, -1] \\
\alpha_8 &= [1/2, -3/2, -1/2, -3/2, -1/2, 3/2, 1/2, 1/2]
\end{aligned}$$

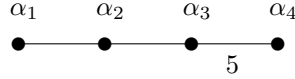
It is well known that the  $E_8$  root system is linear combination of the fundamental roots with integer coefficients all of the same sign (all non-negative or all non-positive). Moreover, by seeing [6, PLATE VII], we easily get the  $E_8$  root system which is contained in the orbit. Therefore the orbits of the group  $E_8$  are non-rigid spherical 7-designs except the  $E_8$  root system.

### 3 Group $H_4$

This group is the isometry group of the 600-cell acting on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Space**  $\mathbb{R}^4$

**Dynkin diagram**



**Exponents** 1, 11, 19, 29

**Reflection Group** The order is 14400.

**Fundamental roots**

**Corner vectors**

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_1 &= [-2, 2, 0, 0] & v_1 &= [3 - \sqrt{5}, 1 + \sqrt{5}, 1 + \sqrt{5}, -1 - \sqrt{5}] \\
\alpha_2 &= [0, -2, 2, 0] & v_2 &= [2 - 2\sqrt{5}, 2 - 2\sqrt{5}, -4, 4] \\
\alpha_3 &= [0, 0, -2, -2] & v_3 &= [10, 10, 10, -6\sqrt{5}] \\
\alpha_4 &= [1, 1, 1, \sqrt{5}] & v_4 &= [4, 4, 4, -4]
\end{aligned}$$

We get the orbits of  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  as following.

	Cardinality	Vectors
$v_1$	120	$4^2 0^2, E 2^3 (2\sqrt{5}), D (1 + \sqrt{5})^3 (3 - \sqrt{5})$ $D (-1 + \sqrt{5})^3 (3 + \sqrt{5})$
$v_2$	720	$4^2 (-2 + 2\sqrt{5})^2, D 2 (2\sqrt{5})^2 (-4 + 2\sqrt{5}), E 2^2 6 (-4 + 2\sqrt{5})$ $0^2 (6 - 2\sqrt{5}) (2 + 2\sqrt{5}), E (7 - \sqrt{5}) (3 - \sqrt{5}) (1 + \sqrt{5})^2$ $D (5 - \sqrt{5})^2 (3 + \sqrt{5}) (-1 + \sqrt{5}), E (-1 + \sqrt{5})^2 (3 + \sqrt{5}) (-3 + 3\sqrt{5})$ $D (3 - \sqrt{5})^2 (-1 + 3\sqrt{5}) (1 + \sqrt{5})$
$v_3$	1200	$0^2 (20) (4\sqrt{5}), D (10)^3 (6\sqrt{5}), E (10) (2\sqrt{5}) (10 - 4\sqrt{5}) (10 + 4\sqrt{5})$ $0 (4\sqrt{5})^2 (8\sqrt{5}), (10 - 2\sqrt{5})^2 (10 + 2\sqrt{5})^2, E (10) (2\sqrt{5}) (6\sqrt{5})^2,$ $E (5 + 3\sqrt{5})^3 (15 - 3\sqrt{5}), E (15 - \sqrt{5}) (-5 + 3\sqrt{5}) (5 + \sqrt{5}) (5 + 5\sqrt{5})$ $D (15 + \sqrt{5}) (-5 + 5\sqrt{5}) (5 - \sqrt{5}) (5 + 3\sqrt{5}), E (15 + 3\sqrt{5}) (-5 + 3\sqrt{5})^3$ $D (5 + \sqrt{5})^2 (-5 + 7\sqrt{5}) (5 + 5\sqrt{5}), E (5 - \sqrt{5})^2 (5 + 7\sqrt{5}) (-5 + 5\sqrt{5})$
$v_4$	600	$8 0^3, 4^4, 0 4 (-2 + 2\sqrt{5}) (2 + 2\sqrt{5}), E 2 (2\sqrt{5})^3, D 2^2 6 (2\sqrt{5})$ $E (3 + \sqrt{5})^2 (5 - \sqrt{5}) (-1 + \sqrt{5}), E (3 - \sqrt{5})^2 (5 + \sqrt{5}) (1 + \sqrt{5})$ $D (1 + \sqrt{5})^3 (-1 + 3\sqrt{5}), E (-1 + \sqrt{5})^3 (1 + 3\sqrt{5})$

These orbits are spherical 11-designs in  $\mathbb{S}^3$  because the exponent  $m_2 = 11$ . The orbit of  $v_1$  is the 600-cell which has 120 points. Boyvalenkov and Danev [8] proved that uniqueness of the 120 points spherical 11-design in  $\mathbb{S}^3$ . Of course, the uniqueness is stronger than the rigidity. The 600-cell is the first reported rigid non-tight  $t$ -design for  $t \geq 3$  and  $d \geq 2$ .

Each orbit of  $v_i$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4$  contains the 600-cell. Moreover the following proposition holds in the case of the group  $H_4$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $W(H_4)$  denote the reflection group  $H_4$ . Every  $W(H_4)$ -orbit is disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the 600-cell.*

*Proof.* There exists the normal chain, such that

$$W(H_4) \triangleright D(W(H_4)) \triangleright N \triangleright \{\pm I_4\}.$$

Here,  $D(W(H_4)) := \langle x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid \forall x, y \in W(H_4) \rangle$  is the derived subgroup of  $W(H_4)$  and  $N$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \cdot A_5$  (non-splitting semi-direct product) where  $A_5$  is alternating group on five symbols. The cardinality of  $D(W(H_4))$  is 7200 and that of  $N$  is 120.

Let  $q_i$  be the dimension of the space of  $N$ -invariant harmonic polynomials



of degree  $i$ . The harmonic Molien series of  $N$  is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q_i \lambda^i = \frac{1}{|N|} \sum_{g \in N} \frac{1 - \lambda^2}{\det(I_4 - \lambda g)} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1 - \lambda^2}{120} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda)^4} + \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)^4} + \frac{30}{(1 + \lambda^2)^2} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{20}{(1 - \lambda + \lambda^2)^2} + \frac{20}{(1 + \lambda + \lambda^2)^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{12}{(\lambda - \exp(\pi i/5))^2 (\lambda - \exp(-\pi i/5))^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{12}{(\lambda - \exp(2\pi i/5))^2 (\lambda - \exp(-2\pi i/5))^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{12}{(\lambda - \exp(3\pi i/5))^2 (\lambda - \exp(-3\pi i/5))^2} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{12}{(\lambda - \exp(4\pi i/5))^2 (\lambda - \exp(-4\pi i/5))^2} \right\} \\ &= 1 + 13\lambda^{12} + 21\lambda^{20} + 25\lambda^{24} + 31\lambda^{30} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Therefore every orbit  $x^N := \{x^w \mid w \in N\}$  is spherical 11-design in  $\mathbb{S}^3$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{S}^3$ .

By Fischer-Type inequality, if  $X$  is spherical 11-design in  $\mathbb{S}^3$ , then the cardinality of  $X$  is at least 112. Thus the stabilizer subgroup  $N_x$  of any single point  $x \in \mathbb{S}^3$  is trivial. Since 120 points spherical 11-design in  $\mathbb{S}^3$  is unique, every  $N$ -orbit is the 600-cell. The orbit  $x^{W(H_4)}$  is disjoint union of  $N$ -orbits. Therefore this proposition is proved.  $\square$

Thus the orbits of the group  $H_4$  are non-rigid spherical 11-designs except the 600-cell.

In the case of the group  $E_8$ , if the  $E_8$  root system is removed from the orbit of the corner vectors, then the remaining set is also spherical 7-design in  $\mathbb{S}^7$ . The reflection group of  $E_8$  does not have the subgroup like  $N$  which appeared in proof of the Proposition 3.1.

**Problem 3.1.** *Let  $v_i$  be corner vectors for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 8$  and  $W(E_8)$  denote reflection group  $E_8$ . Is the orbit  $X := \{v_i^w \mid w \in W(E_8)\}$  disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the  $E_8$  root system?*

By using computer, we checked that the orbits of  $v_i$  for  $i = 2, 7, 8$  are disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the  $E_8$  root system.

*Remark:*

- (i) In the case of group  $D_4$ , one of the orbit of corner vectors is a cross polytope which is a tight 3-design in  $\mathbb{S}^3$ . The orbits of corner vectors are disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the cross polytope.
- (ii) In the case of groups  $A_n (n \geq 3)$ , one of the orbits of corner vectors is a

regular simplex which is a tight 2-design in  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ . Some orbits of corner vectors are **not** disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the regular simplex.

(iii) In the case of groups  $B_n (n \geq 3)$ ,  $C_n (n \geq 3)$  and  $D_n (n \geq 5)$ , one of the orbits of corner vectors is a cross polytope which is a tight 3-design in  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ . Some orbits of corner vectors are **not** disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the cross polytope.

(vi) In the case of group  $H_3$ , one of the orbits of corner vectors is the icosahedron which is a tight 5-design in  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . Some orbits of corner vectors are **not** disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the icosahedron.

(v) In the case of group  $E_6$ , one of the orbits of corner vectors is a tight 4-design in  $\mathbb{S}^5$ . Some orbits of corner vectors are **not** disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the tight 4-design.

(iv) In the case of group  $E_7$ , one of the orbits of corner vectors is a tight 5-design in  $\mathbb{S}^6$ . Some orbits of corner vectors are **not** disjoint union of orthogonal transformations of the tight 5-design.

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