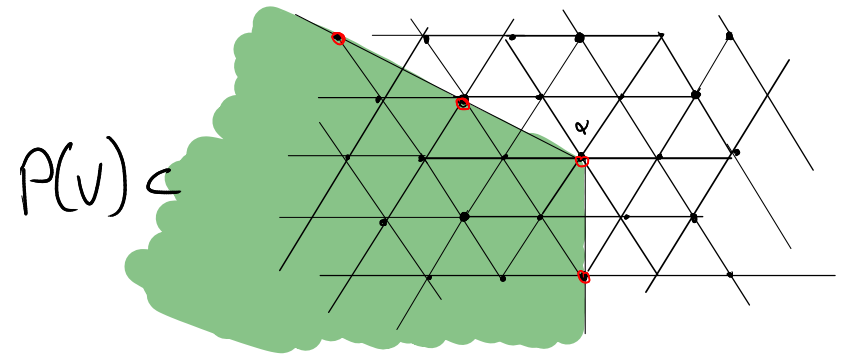


$V$  is generated (as vector space)  
by the images of  $v$   
under successive applications  
of  $E_{32}$ ,  $E_{31}$ , and  $E_{21}$ .

$\odot$  =  $\leq 1$ -dim weight space



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In this lecture:

- Determine the shape of  $P(v)$

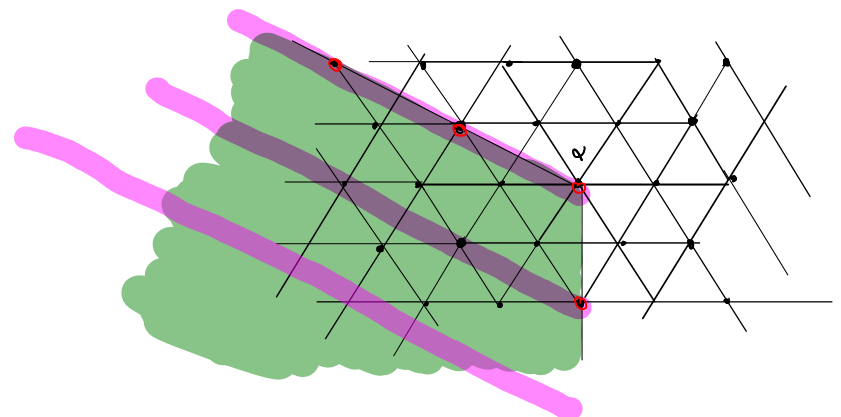
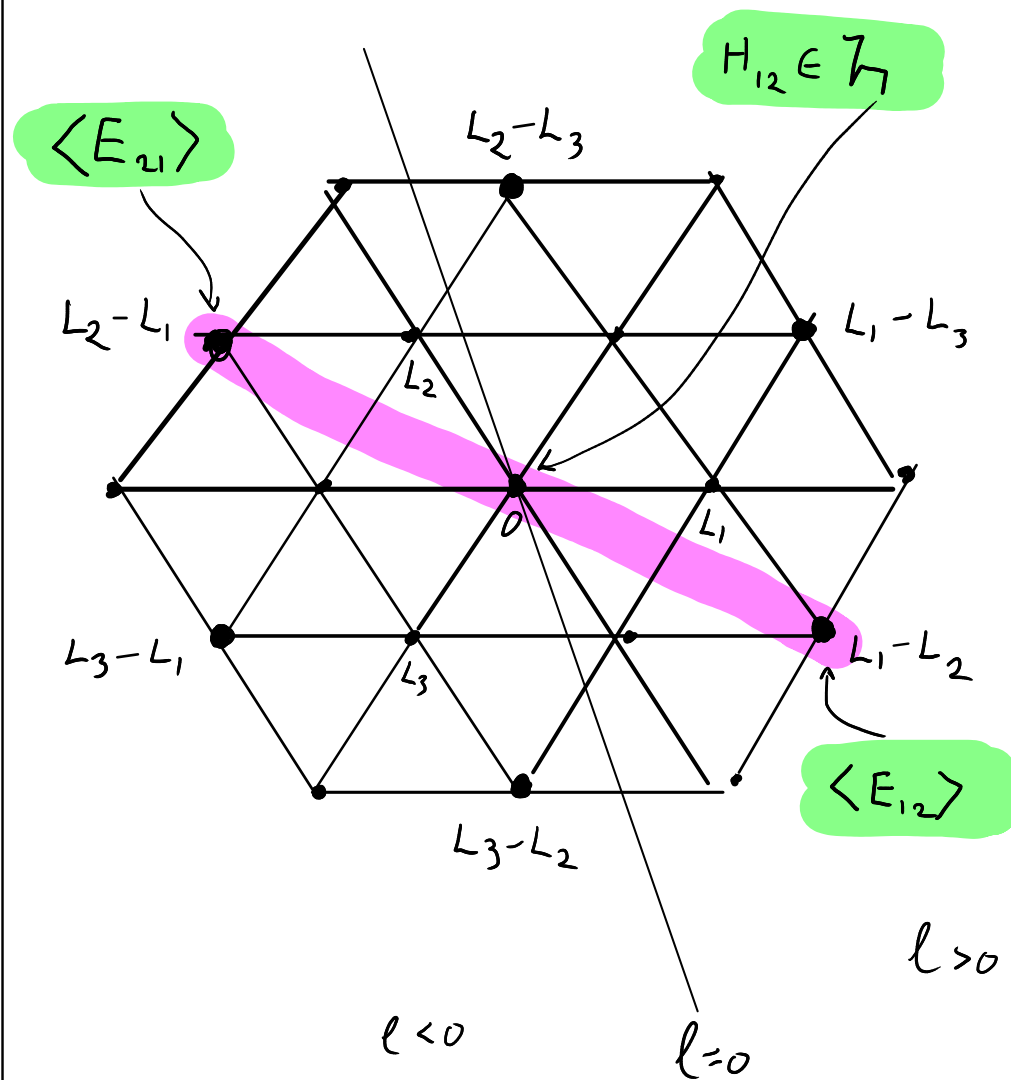
## Observations

(i) The root space  $\mathfrak{g}_{L_i - L_j}$   
is generated by  $E_{ij}$ .

(ii)  $H_{ij} = [E_{ij}, E_{ji}] = E_{ii} - E_{jj}$

## Fundamental ingredient

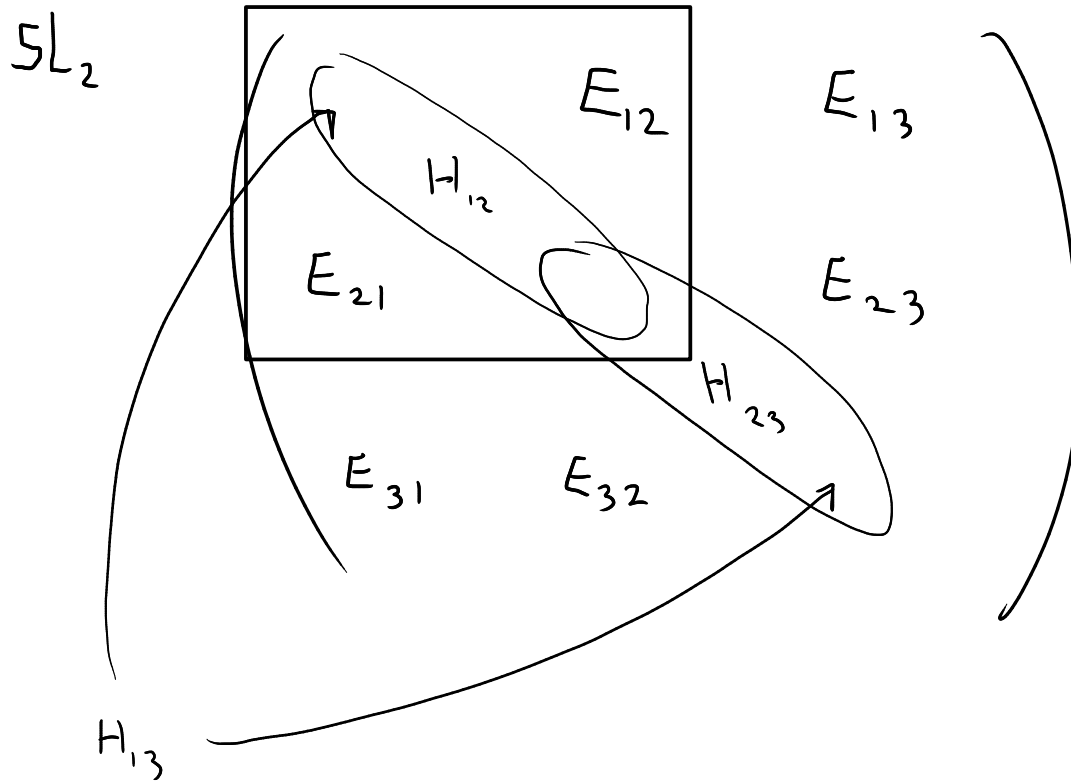
$E_{12}, E_{21}, H_{12} \in \mathfrak{sl}_3$  generate  
 $\begin{matrix} \{ \\ X \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \{ \\ Y \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \{ \\ H \end{matrix}$   
 a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ .



$$E_{12} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Let  $\mathfrak{S}_{L_1-L_2}$  be the subalgebra

generated by  $E_{12}, E_{21}, H_{12}$ .

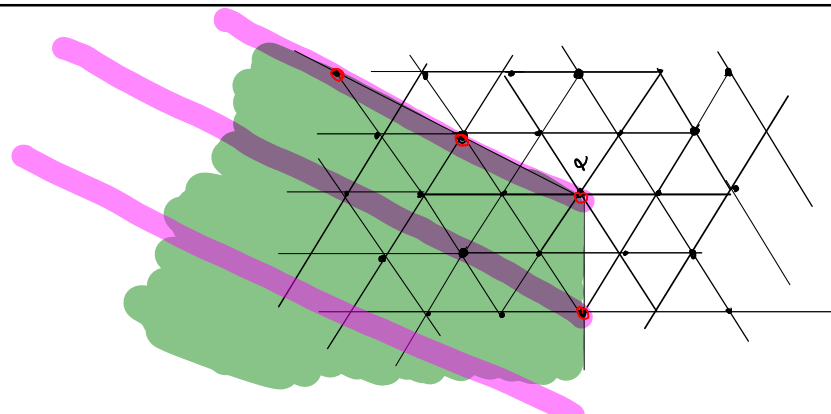
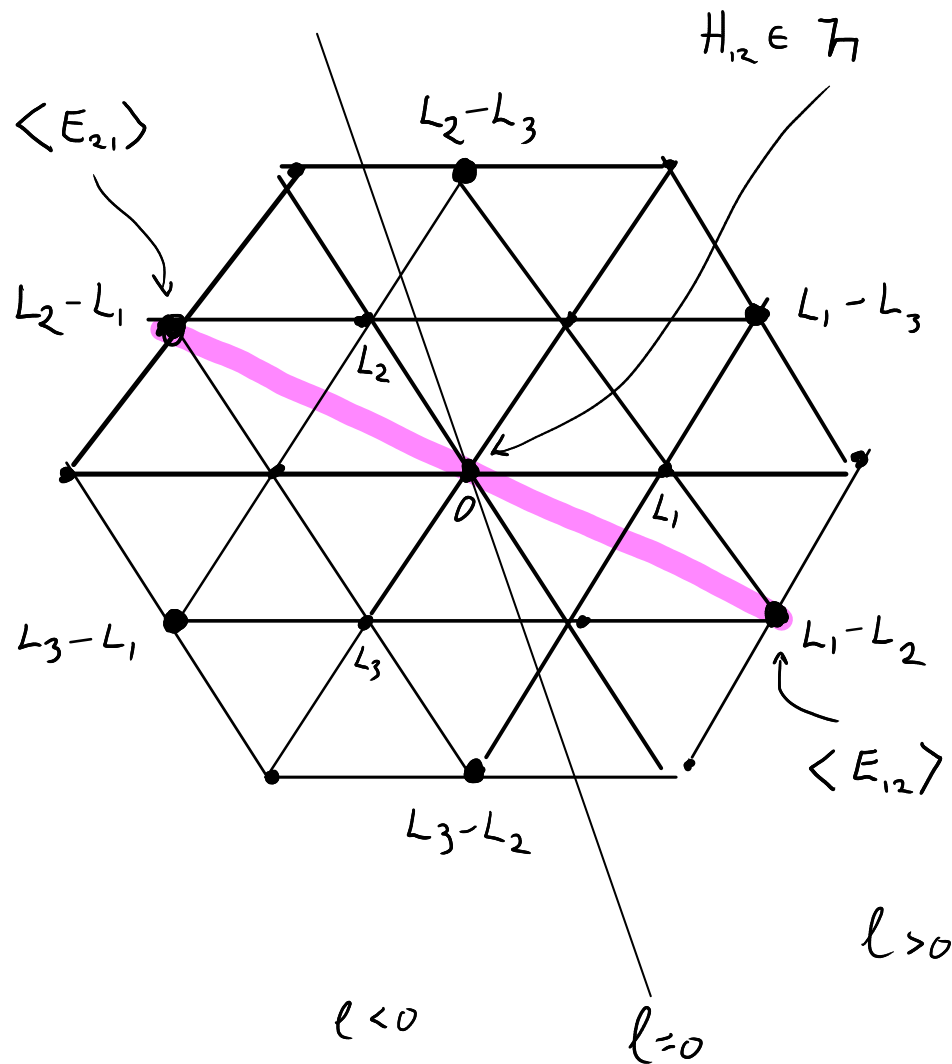
Let  $\beta \in P(V)$  be a

weight of  $V$ .

The subspace

$$W = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_{\beta + k(L_1 - L_2)}$$

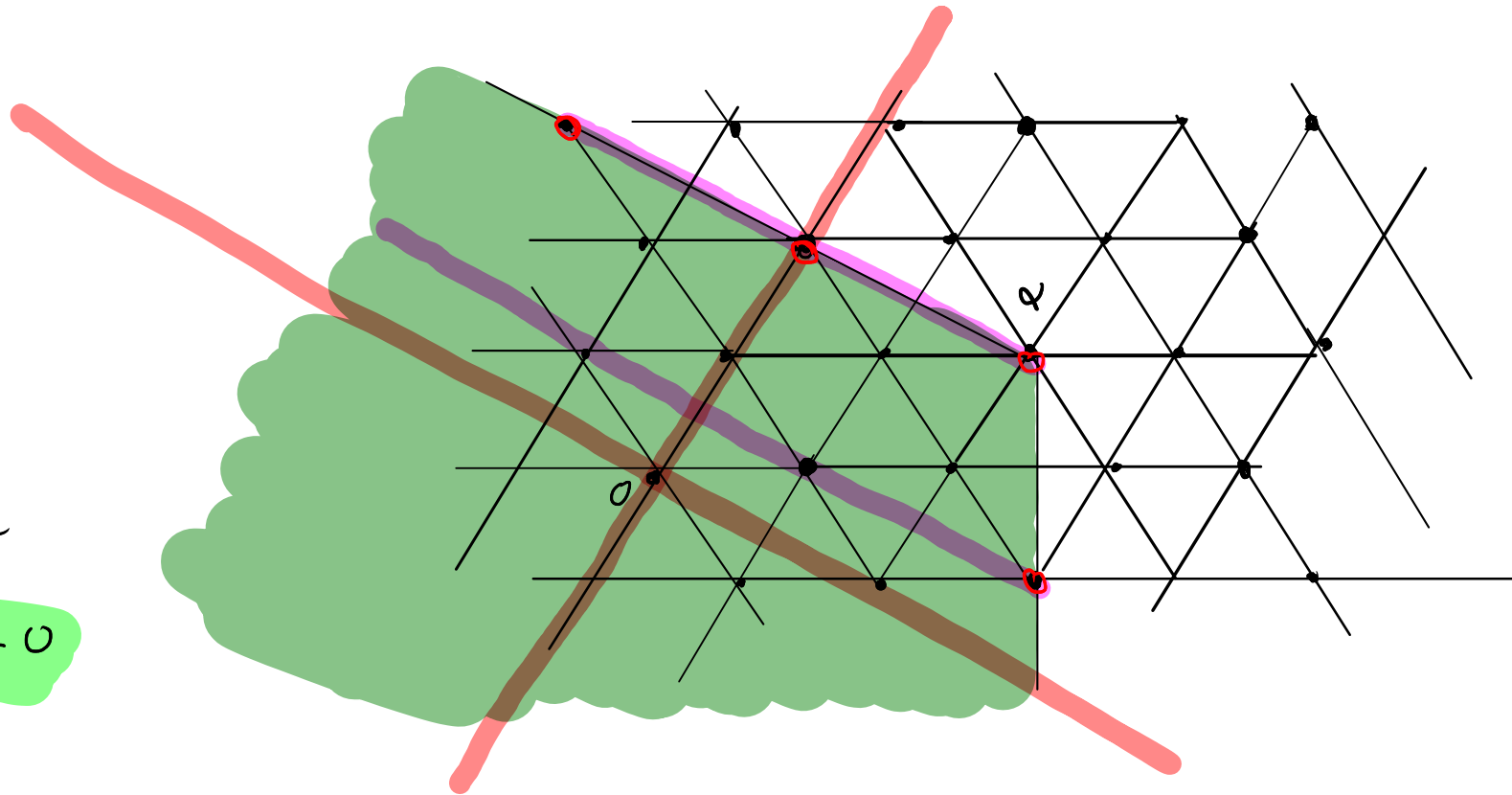
is stable under  $\mathfrak{S}_{L_1-L_2}$ .



Conclusion The subspace  $W = \bigoplus_k V_{\beta+k(L_1-L_2)}$

has an eigenspace decomposition for the action of  $H_{12}$  that consists of a string of integers symmetric around 0.

The line  
 $\langle H_{12}, L \rangle = 0$



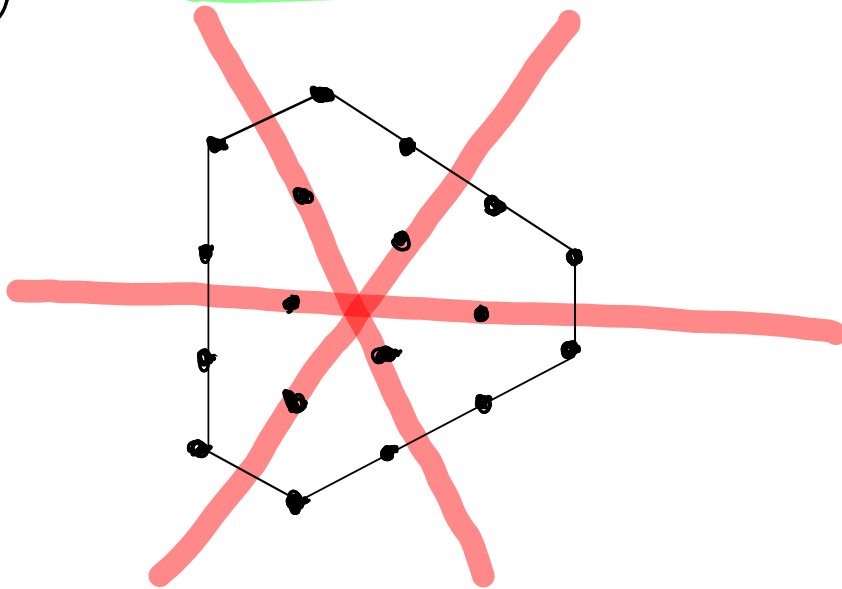
We can play the exact same game with

the other two  $SL_2$ -triples:  $(E_{23}, E_{32}, H_{23})$   $(E_{13}, E_{31}, H_{13})$

Hence we get additional symmetries around

$$\langle H_{23}, L \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle H_{13}, L \rangle = 0$$

Therefore  $P(V)$  must look like a hexagon



All weight spaces on the boundary are 1-dimensional.

What about the other weight spaces?