

# CLASSIFICATION OF GENERALIZED CARTAN MATRICES OF HYPERBOLIC TYPE

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## Abstract

In this paper, the author gives all Dynkin diagrams of generalized Cartan matrices of hyperbolic type, the order of hyperbolic generalized Cartan matrix is less than or equal to 10. All indefinite generalized Cartan matrices of order 2 are hyperbolic. The number of Dynkin diagrams of hyperbolic generalized Cartan matrices whose order is larger than 2 is 238. Meanwhile, the author finds all Dynkin diagrams of strictly hyperbolic generalized Cartan matrices.

## § 1. Introduction

The theory of Kac-Moody Lie algebras has close connections to many areas of mathematics and mathematical physics<sup>[2-6]</sup>. The structure of a Kac-Moody Lie algebra depends on its generalized Cartan matrix.

Now we introduce some concepts as following:

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  is called a generalized Cartan matrix if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (C1)  $a_{ii} = 2$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ;
- (C2)  $a_{ij}$  are non-positive integers for  $i \neq j$ ;
- (C3)  $a_{ij} = 0$  implies  $a_{ji} = 0$ .

A matrix  $A$  is said to be decomposable if, after reordering the indices (i.e., a permutation of its rows and the same permutation of the columns),  $A$  has the decomposition  $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Otherwise,  $A$  is called indecomposable. As in the case of finite dimension, we associate to a generalized Cartan matrix  $A$  a graph  $S(A)$ , called the Dynkin diagram of  $A$ . The set of vertices of  $S(A)$  is  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the vertices  $i$  and  $j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) are connected as follows. If  $a_{ij}a_{ji} < 4$ , and  $|a_{ij}| \geq |a_{ji}|$ , the vertices  $i$  and  $j$  are connected by  $|a_{ij}|$  lines, and these lines are equipped with an arrow pointing toward  $i$  if  $|a_{ij}| > 1$ . If  $a_{ij}a_{ji} > 4$ , the vertices  $i$  and  $j$  are connected by a boldfaced line equipped with an ordered pair of integers  $|a_{ij}|, |a_{ji}|$ . It is clear that  $A$  is

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indecomposable if and only if  $S(A)$  is a connected graph.

If  $A$  is an indecomposable generalized Cartan matrix, then one and only one of the following three possibilities holds for  $A$ :

(Fin)  $\exists \alpha > 0$  such that  $A\alpha > 0$ ;

(Aff)  $\exists \alpha > 0$  such that  $A\alpha = 0$ ;

(Ind)  $\exists \alpha > 0$  such that  $A\alpha < 0$ ,

where  $\alpha$  is a real column vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  means that all  $\alpha_i > 0$  [1]. Referring to cases

(Fin), (Aff) or (Ind), we will say  $A$  and its graph  $S(A)$  are of finite, affine or indefinite type respectively. An indecomposable generalized Cartan matrix  $A$  is said to be of strictly hyperbolic type (resp. hyperbolic type) if it is of indefinite type and any connected proper subdiagram of  $S(A)$  is of finite (resp. finite or affine) type.

The diagrams of finite and affine types are given in [1]. In this paper, we will give all Dynkin diagrams of generalized Cartan matrices of hyperbolic type.

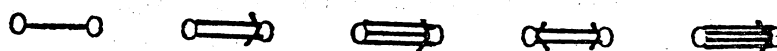
## § 2. Classification

**Proposition 1.** *If the order  $n=2$ , all generalized Cartan matrices of indefinite type are of strictly hyperbolic type.*

**Lemma 1.** *If  $A$  is a hyperbolic matrix of order  $n$ ,  $S_1$  is a proper connected affine subdiagram of  $S(A)$ , then  $S_1$  has  $n-1$  vertices.*

*Proof.* The result follows from the fact: any diagram of finite or affine type has no proper connected affine subdiagram.

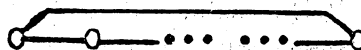
**Lemma 2.** *If  $n \geq 3$  and  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ , the subdiagram consisting of the vertices  $i$  and  $j$  is one of the following forms:*



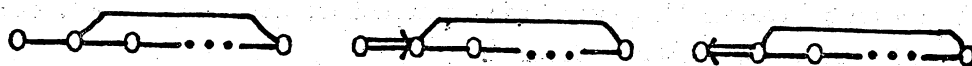
*If  $n \geq 4$ ,  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ , the subdiagram is one of the first three graphs. If  $n \geq 5$ ,  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ , the subdiagram is one of the first two graphs.*

**Proposition 2.** *The order of a hyperbolic matrix  $n \leq 10$ .*

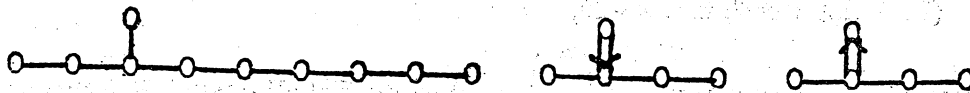
*Proof.* Let  $S(A)$  be the Dynkin diagram of a generalized Cartan matrix  $A$  of hyperbolic type and the order of  $A$   $n > 10$ . If there is a cycle in  $S(A)$  and the number of vertices in the cycle is not  $n$ , the cycle must be of affine type. By Lemma 1, the cycle has  $n-1$  vertices. It is of the form



By Lemma 2,  $S(A)$  is one of the following forms:



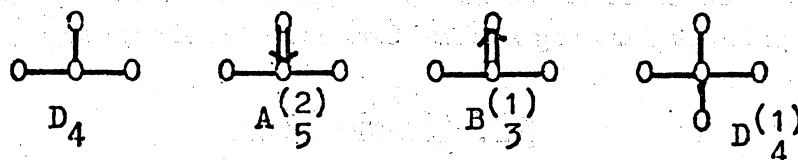
They have proper subdiagrams



respectively. But these subdiagrams are neither of affine type nor of finite type. So  $S(A)$  has no cycle  $A_{n-2}^{(1)}$ .

If the cycle has  $n$  vertices, then it has a subdiagram  $0 \Rightarrow 0$ . In this case,  $S(A)$  has a subdiagram  $F_4^{(1)}$ ,  $C_4^{(1)}$ ,  $A_{2l}^{(2)}$  or  $D_{l+1}^{(2)}$ ,  $l < n-2$ . By Lemma 1, this is impossible.

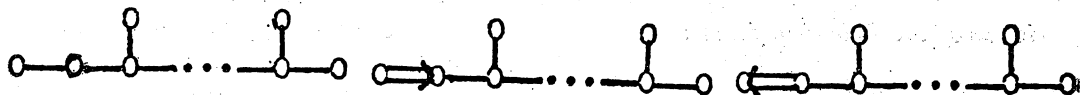
If  $S(A)$  has branch vertices, any branch vertex has one of the forms



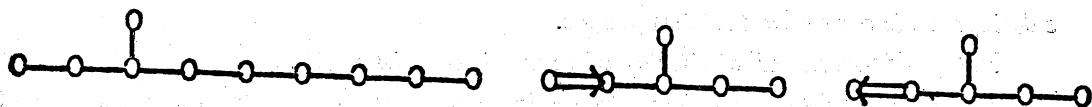
They are of affine type except first one. By Lemma 1, the branch vertex in  $S(A)$  must be  $D_4$ . If  $S(A)$  has two branch vertices, it has subdiagram



This is of affine type. Hence it has  $n-1$  vertices.  $S(A)$  has the form



They have subdiagrams



respectively. This is impossible. If  $S(A)$  has only one branch vertex,  $S(A)$  has a subdiagram  $D_{n-1}$ ,  $B_{n-2}^{(1)}$  or  $A_{2n-5}^{(2)}$ . But from these diagrams we cannot get hyperbolic diagram if  $n > 10$ .

It remains to show for  $S(A)$  a chain. If the chain has only one subdiagram  $0 \Rightarrow 0$ , then  $S(A)$  has proper subdiagram  $F_4^{(1)}$  or  $E_6^{(1)}$ , this is impossible. If the chain has two

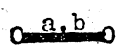
subdiagrams of that form, then it has proper subdiagram  $C_l^{(1)}$ ,  $A_{2l}^{(2)}$  or  $D_{l+1}^{(2)}$ . By Lemma 1,  $l=n-2$ .  $S(A)$  is obtained from one of these diagrams by adding one vertex in one line. It is not difficult to see that  $S(A)$  has proper subdiagram  $F_4^{(1)}$  or  $E_8^{(2)}$ . This is a contradiction.

**Proposition 3.** *If  $3 \leq n \leq 10$ , the Dynkin diagrams of hyperbolic matrices are listed in Section 3. In this case, we have 238 hyperbolic diagrams, in which 35 diagrams are strictly hyperbolic, 142 diagrams are symmetric or symmetrizable.*

The discussion is the same as that of Proposition 2, we omit the detail.

### §3. Table of Dynkin Diagrams of Hyperbolic Matrices

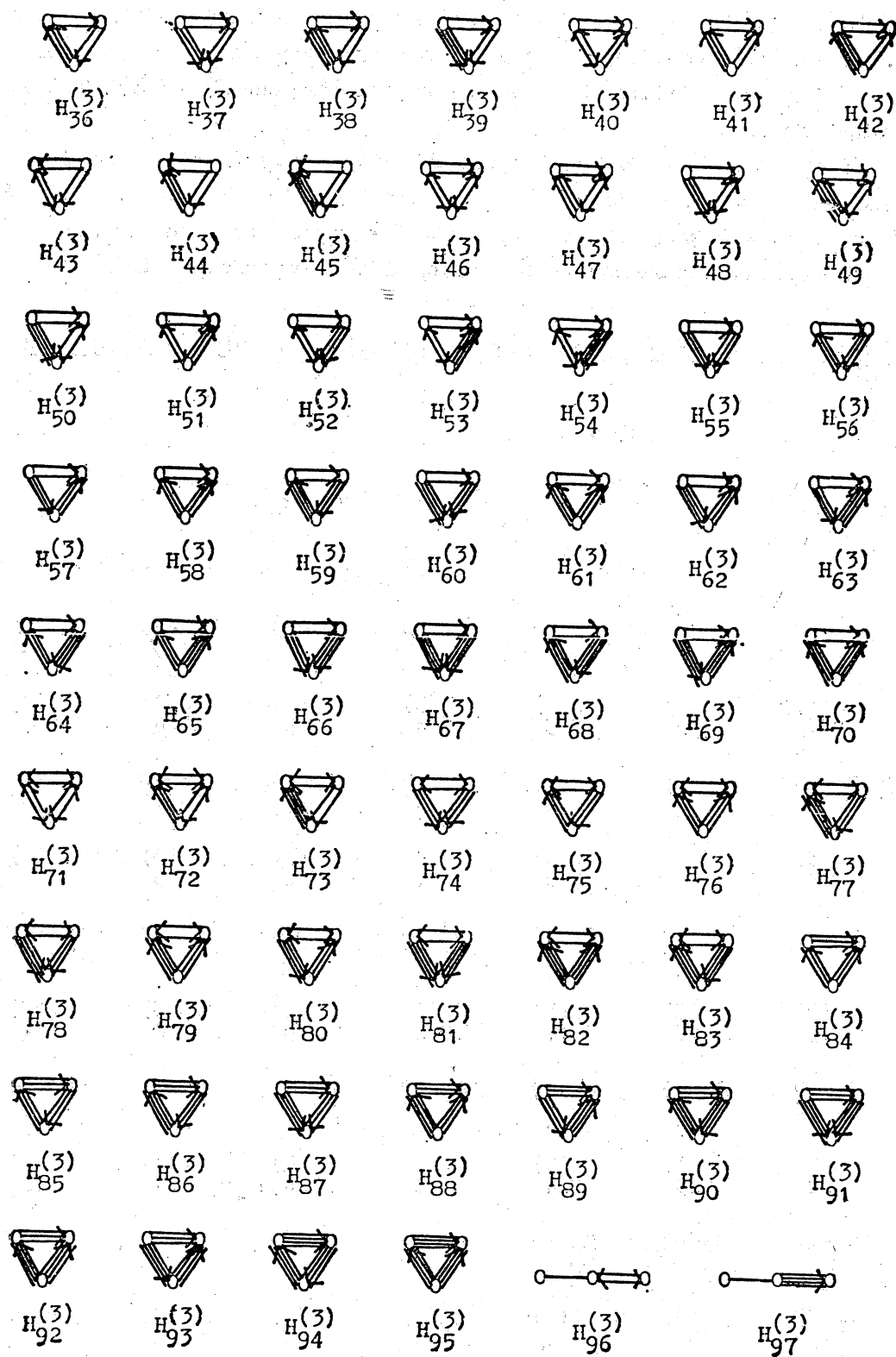
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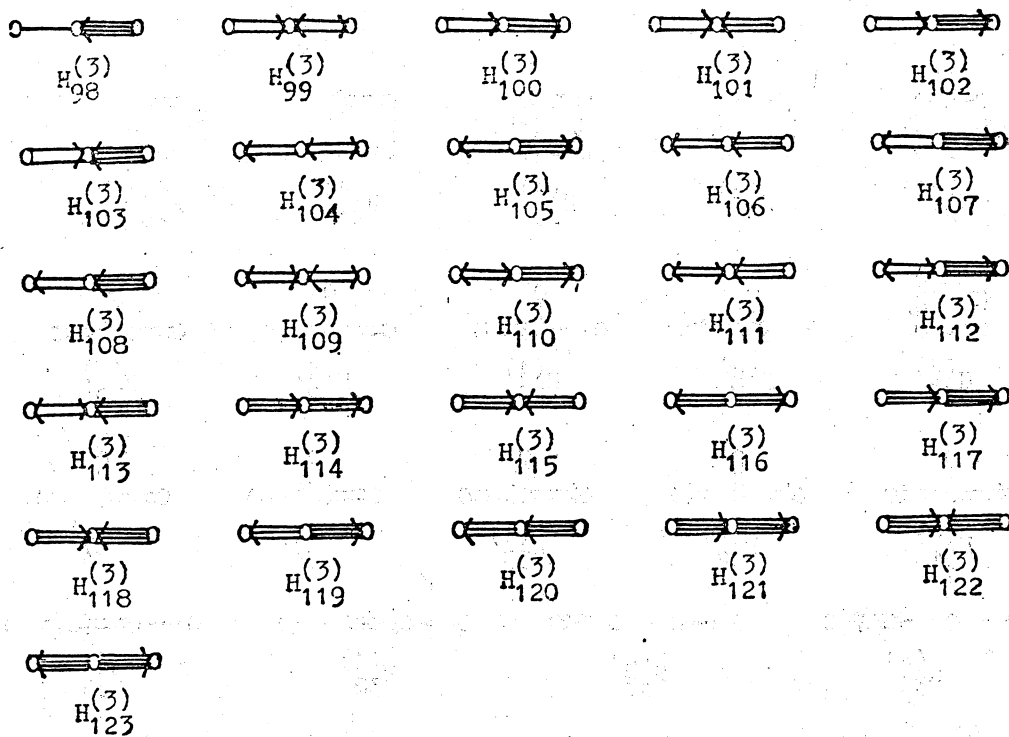


$a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $ab > 4$ ,  $a \geq b$

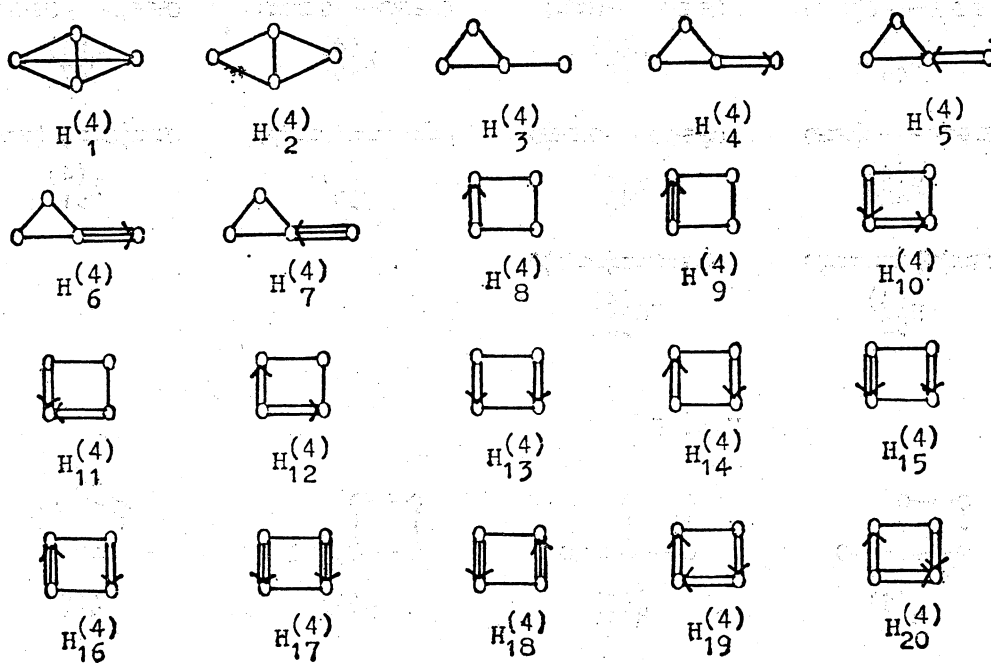
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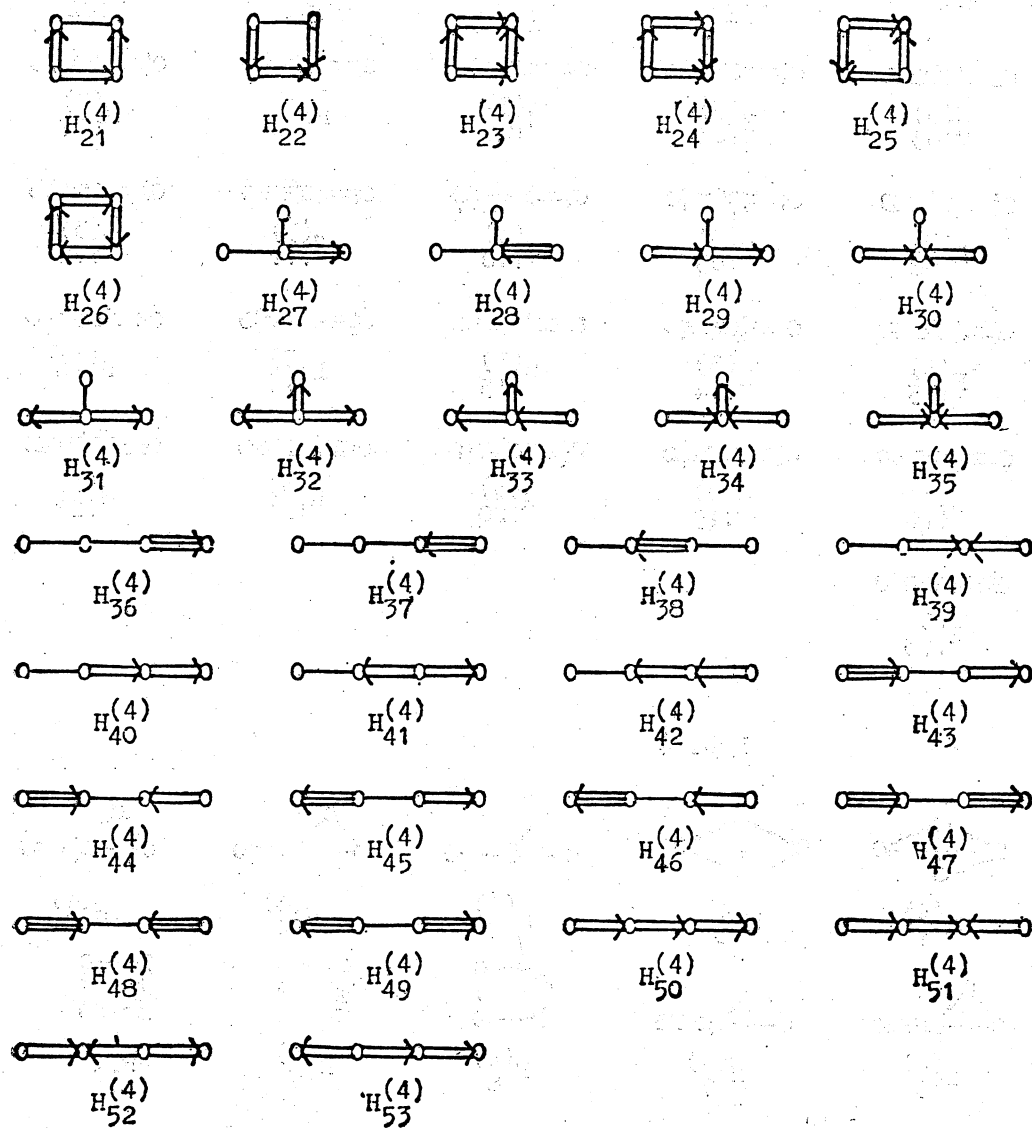




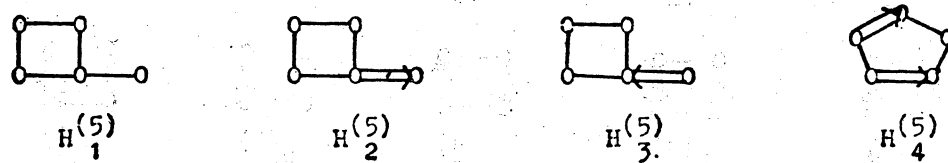


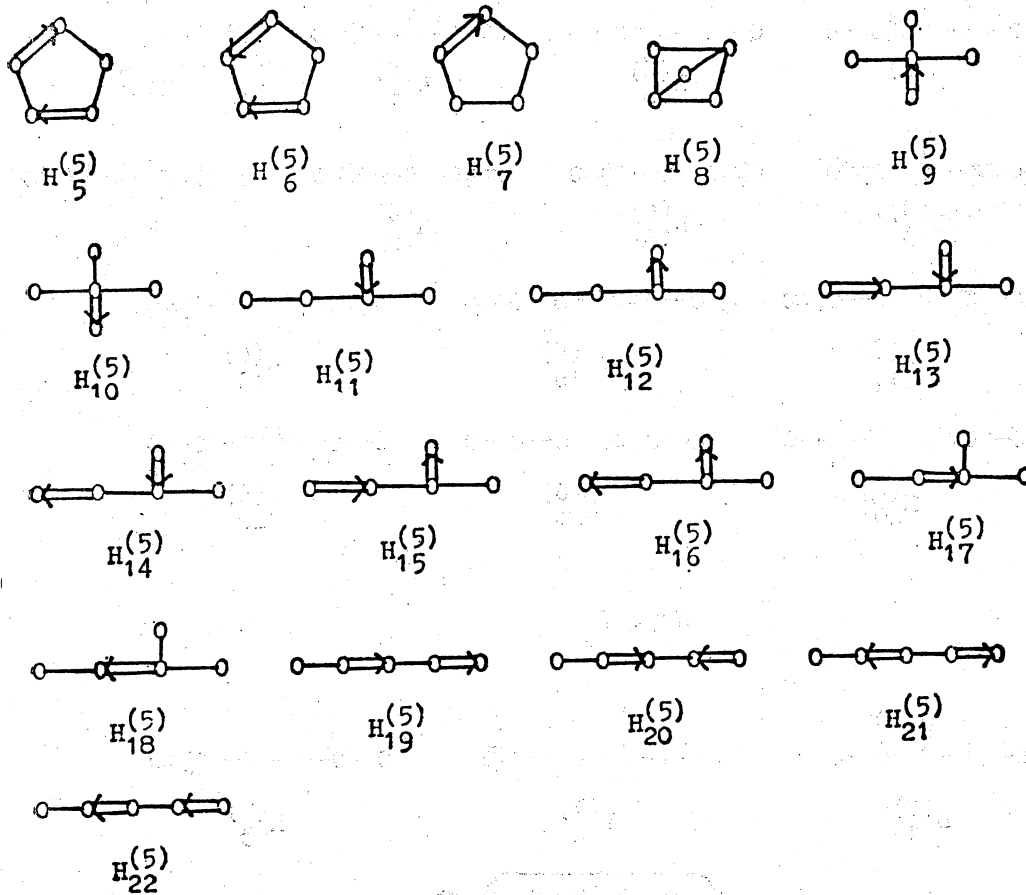
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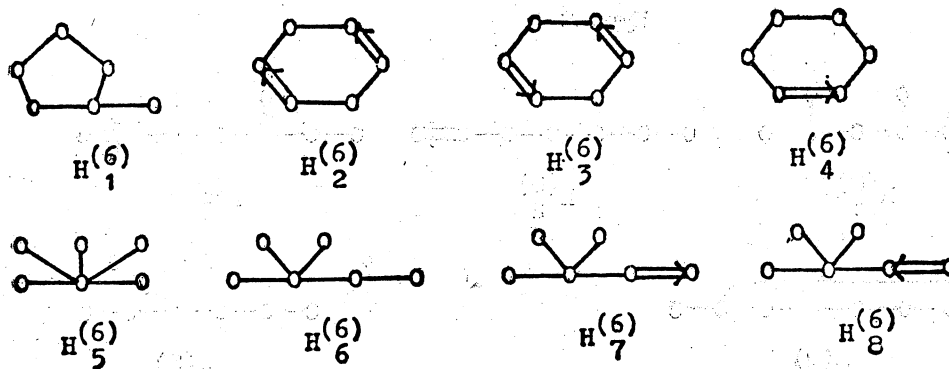


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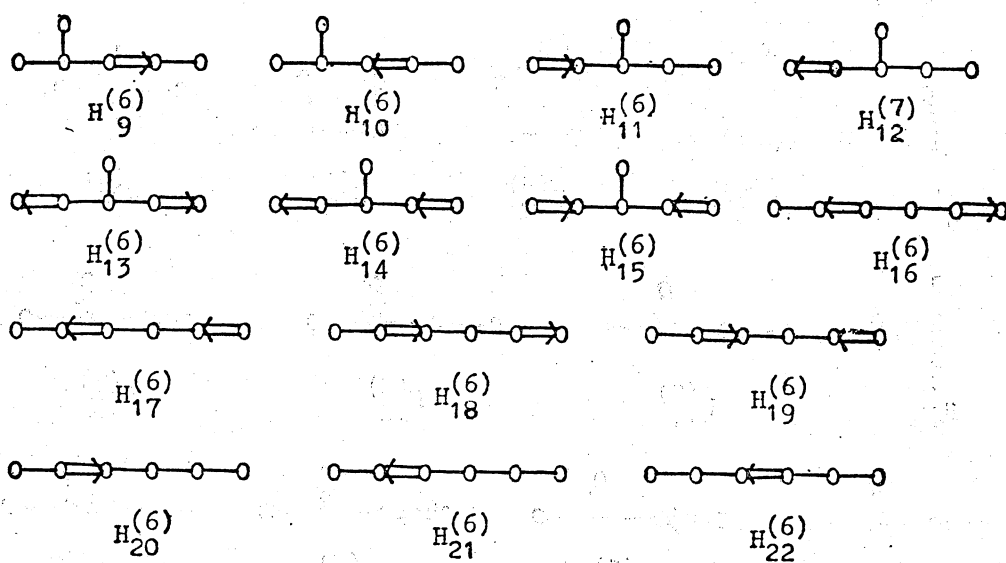




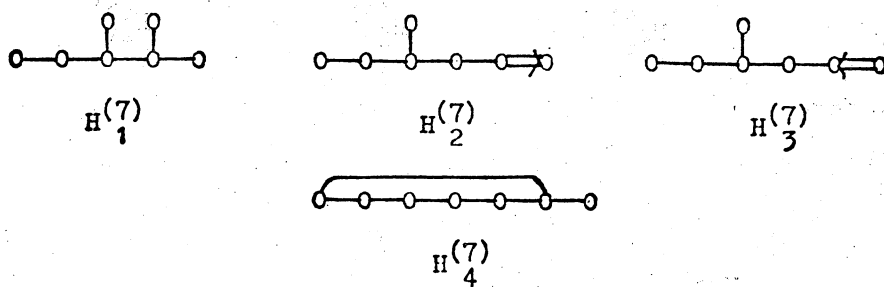
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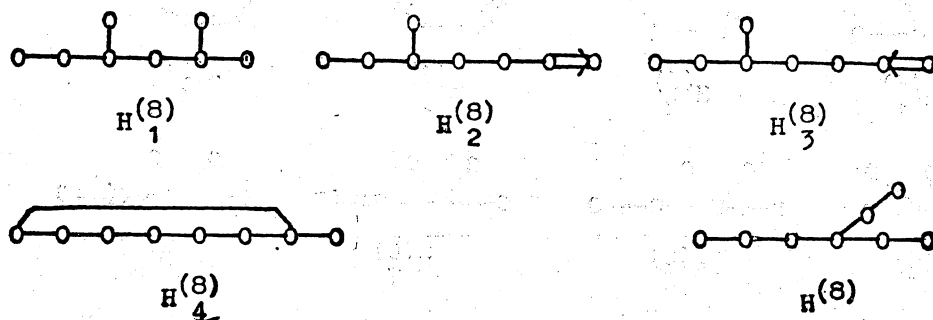


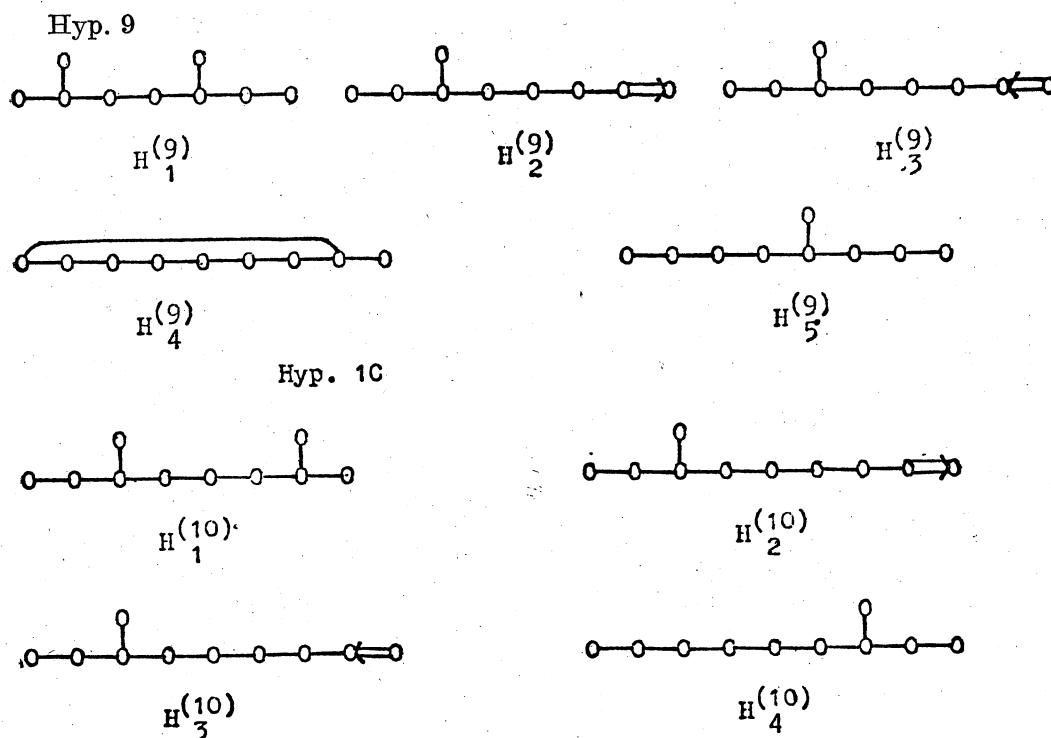


Hyp. 7



Hyp. 8





where  $H_1^{(3)}, H_3^{(3)}, H_5^{(3)}, H_6^{(3)}, H_7^{(3)}, H_9^{(3)}, H_{10}^{(3)}, H_{14}^{(3)}, H_{15}^{(3)}, H_{23}^{(3)}, H_{24}^{(3)}, H_{25}^{(3)}, H_{33}^{(3)}, H_{34}^{(3)}, H_{36}^{(3)}, H_{37}^{(3)}, H_{41}^{(3)}, H_{44}^{(3)}, H_{55}^{(3)}, H_{56}^{(3)}, H_{57}^{(3)}, H_{58}^{(3)}, H_{84}^{(3)}, H_{85}^{(3)}, H_{100}^{(3)}, H_{101}^{(3)}, H_{105}^{(3)}, H_{106}^{(3)}, H_{114}^{(3)}, H_{115}^{(3)}, H_{116}^{(3)}, H_8^{(4)}, H_{13}^{(4)}, H_{14}^{(4)}, H_7^{(5)}$  are the diagrams of strictly hyperbolic matrices of the order  $n \geq 3$ .

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Recently, I am told that Kobayashi and Morita<sup>[7]</sup> has listed all symmetric and symmetrizable hyperbolic diagrams. These diagrams are a part of that we get in this paper.

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