

On the classification of irreducible representations of special class

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Theorem

The list of thick representations of simple Lie groups is following.

$$(A_n, \omega_1), (A_n, \omega_n), (A_1, m\omega_1), (B_n, \omega_1), (C_n, \omega_1), (G_2, \omega_1).$$

In particular the list of representations of simple Lie groups which is thick but not dense is following.

$$(A_1, m\omega_1)(m \geq 3), (C_n, \omega_1), (G_2, \omega_1).$$

Thank you!