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**Real forms of dual pairs  $\mathfrak{g}_2 \times \mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  of type  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$  and  $E_8$**

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a complex Lie algebra of type  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$  or  $E_8$  and let  $\mathfrak{g}_2 \times \mathfrak{h}$  be a dual pair in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . In this paper, we look for possible real forms of  $\mathfrak{g}_2 \times \mathfrak{h}$ . It turns out that for each  $n$  and for all real forms, say  $\mathfrak{a}_0 \times \mathfrak{h}_0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_2 \times \mathfrak{h}$ , there exists a real form  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}_0 \times \mathfrak{h}_0$  embeds into  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . The full description is given in Theorem 3.1.

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