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Minimal affine \mathcal{W} -algebra $\mathcal{W}^k(\mathfrak{g}, f_\theta)$, where f_θ is a minimal nilpotent element, is the vertex algebra obtained by quantum Drinfeld-Sokolov reduction from the affine vertex algebra $V^k(\mathfrak{g})$.

Vertex algebra $\mathcal{W}^k(\mathfrak{g}, f_\theta)$ is strongly generated by vectors

- $G^{\{u\}}$, $u \in \mathfrak{g}_{-\frac{1}{2}}$, of conformal weight $\frac{3}{2}$
- $J^{\{a\}}$, $a \in \mathfrak{g}^\natural$, of conformal weight 1
- ω is the conformal vector of central charge

$$c(\mathfrak{g}, k) = \frac{k \dim \mathfrak{g}}{k + h^\vee} - 6k + h^\vee - 4.$$

For $k \neq -h^\vee$, $\mathcal{W}^k(\mathfrak{g}, f_\theta)$ has a unique simple quotient $\mathcal{W}_k(\mathfrak{g}, f_\theta)$.

Bershadsky-Polyakov vertex algebra \mathcal{W}^k

Bershadsky-Polyakov vertex algebra $\mathcal{W}^k := \mathcal{W}^k(sl_3, f_\theta)$ is the minimal affine \mathcal{W} -algebra obtained by quantum DS reduction from $V^k(sl_3)$.

- \mathcal{W}^k is generated by the fields T, J, G^+, G^-
- we choose a new Virasoro vector

$$L(z) = T(z) + \frac{1}{2}DJ(z)$$

- the fields L, J, G^+, G^- satisfy commutation relations:

$$[J(m), J(n)] = \frac{2k+3}{3}m\delta_{m+n,0}, \quad [J(m), G^\pm(n)] = \pm G^\pm(m+n),$$

$$[L(m), J(n)] = -nJ(m+n) - \frac{(2k+3)(m+1)m}{6}\delta_{m+n,0},$$

$$[L(m), G^+(n)] = -nG^+(m+n), \quad [L(m), G^-(n)] = (m-n)G^-(m+n),$$

$$[G^+(m), G^-(n)] = 3(J^2)(m+n) + (3(k+1)m - (2k+3)(m+n+1))J(m+n) - (k+3)L(m+n) + \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)(m-1)m}{2}\delta_{m+n,0}.$$

Let $V = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V(n)$ be a \mathbb{Z} -graded VOA, and let $\deg a = n$ for $a \in V(n)$. Define bilinear mappings $*$: $V \times V \rightarrow V$, \circ : $V \times V \rightarrow V$:

$$a * b = \operatorname{Res}_z \left(Y(a, z) \frac{(1+z)^{\deg a}}{z} b \right),$$

$$a \circ b = \operatorname{Res}_z \left(Y(a, z) \frac{(1+z)^{\deg a}}{z^2} b \right),$$

for $a \in V(n)$, $b \in V$.

Let $O(V) \subset V$ be the linear span of the elements $a \circ b$. The quotient space

$$A(V) = \frac{V}{O(V)}$$

is an associative algebra called the **Zhu algebra** of the VOA V .

Irreducible highest weight \mathcal{W}^k -modules

For every $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ there exists an irreducible \mathcal{W}^k -module $L(x, y)$ generated with a highest weight vector $v_{x,y}$ such that

$$J(0)v_{x,y} = xv_{x,y}, \quad J(n)v_{x,y} = 0 \text{ for } n > 0,$$

$$L(0)v_{x,y} = yv_{x,y}, \quad L(n)v_{x,y} = 0 \text{ for } n > 0,$$

$$G^-(n-1)v_{x,y} = G^+(n)v_{x,y} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$

Let $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$ denote the Zhu algebra of \mathcal{W}^k . Let $[v]$ be the image of $v \in \mathcal{W}^k$ under the mapping $\mathcal{W}^k \mapsto A(\mathcal{W}^k)$.

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- Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$ is actually a quotient of another associative algebra, called Smith algebra

Smith-type algebra

Let $g(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ be an arbitrary polynomial. Associative algebra $R(g)$ of **Smith type** is generated by $\{E, F, X, Y\}$ such that Y is a central element and the following relations hold:

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- $V(x, y)$ has a unique simple quotient $L(x, y)$

Structure of the Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$

Denote

$$E = [G^+], \quad F = [G^-], \quad X = [J], \quad Y = [\omega].$$

Proposition

Let $R(g)$ be the Smith-type algebra generated by $\{E, F, X, Y\}$, with

$$g(x, y) = -(3x^2 - (2k + 3)x - (k + 3)y).$$

Then the Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$ associated to the Bershadsky-Polyakov algebra \mathcal{W}^k is isomorphic to a certain quotient of the Smith algebra $R(g)$.

Structure of the Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$

Define functions

$$h_i(x, y) = \frac{1}{i}(g(x, y) + g(x + 1, y) + \dots + g(x + i - 1, y))$$

Lemma (Arakawa 2013)

If the top level $L(x, y)(0)$ is n -dimensional, then $h_n(x, y) = 0$.

Irreducible highest weight \mathcal{W}^k -modules

We will need the following Δ -operator

$$\Delta(-J, z) = z^{-J(0)} \exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{-J(0)}{kz^k} \right),$$

such that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Psi(a_n) z^{-n-1} = Y(\Delta(-J, z)a, z).$$

Lemma (Arakawa 2013)

Let $\dim(L(x, y)(0)) = i$. Then

$$\Psi(L(x, y)) \cong L\left(x + i - 1 - \frac{2k+3}{3}, y - x - i + 1 + \frac{2k+3}{3}\right).$$

Classification of irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules for $k = -5/3$

- goal: classify irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules (= modules with finite dimensional $L(0)$ -weight subspaces) for $k = -5/3$ (and some other levels)

Proposition

Let $k = -\frac{5}{3}$. Define

$$\mathcal{S}_k = \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{9}, 0\right), (0, 0), \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{4}{9}, \frac{1}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{7}{9}, \frac{2}{3}\right), \right\}.$$

- (i) For every $(x, y) \in \mathcal{S}_k$, $L(x, y)$ is a \mathcal{W}_k -module.
- (ii) Assume that $L(x, y)$ is an ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -module. Then it holds that $(x, y) \in \mathcal{S}_k$.

Classification of irreducible ordinary $\mathcal{W}_{-5/3}$ -modules

Sketch of proof

- There is a singular vector in $\mathcal{W}_{-5/3}$ of level 4:

$$\begin{aligned}W_4 = & -\frac{62}{9}\bar{L}(-2)^2\mathbb{1} + \frac{14}{3}\bar{L}(-4)\mathbb{1} - 18J(-1)^4\mathbb{1} + 31J(-2)J(-1)^2\mathbb{1} - \\ & - 118J(-3)J(-1)\mathbb{1} + \frac{133}{9}J(-2)^2\mathbb{1} - \frac{8}{9}J(-4)\mathbb{1} + \\ & + \frac{62}{9}\bar{L}(-2)J(-2)\mathbb{1} - 12\bar{L}(-3)J(-1)\mathbb{1} + 46\bar{L}(-2)J(-1)^2\mathbb{1} - \\ & - G^+(-2)G^-(-2)\mathbb{1} + G^+(-1)G^-(-3)\mathbb{1} - \\ & - 18J(-1)G^+(-1)G^-(-2)\mathbb{1}.\end{aligned}$$

- From this formula, we obtain a relation in the Zhu algebra $A(\mathcal{W}^k)$:

$$[G^+]^2([\omega] + \frac{1}{9}) = 0. \quad (*)$$

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- Let $L(x, y) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} L(x, y)(n)$ be an irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -module. From (*) it follows that either:
 - (i) $L(x, y)(0)$ is a 1-dimensional or 2-dimensional module for the Smith algebra $R(g)$ and hence $h_1(x, y) = 0$ or $h_2(x, y) = 0$, or
 - (ii) $y = -1/9$ (we show that there are no ordinary modules satisfying this condition)

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- Now we consider the modules $\Psi(L(x, y))$. Since $\dim(L(x, y)(0)) < \infty$, the module $\Psi(L(x, y)) := L(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ is also a \mathcal{W}_k -module with $\dim(L(\hat{x}, \hat{y})(0)) < \infty$
 \implies again, either:
 - (i') $L(\hat{x}, \hat{y})(0)$ is a 1-dimensional or 2-dimensional module for the Smith algebra $R(g)$ and hence $h_1(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0$ or $h_2(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0$, or
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- Combining these conditions we get:

(a) if $\dim L(x, y)(0) = 1$,

$$h_1(x, y) = h_1(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0 \implies (x, y) = (-1/9, 0)$$

$$h_1(x, y) = h_2(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0 \implies (x, y) = (-4/9, 1/3) \text{ or}$$

$$\hat{y} = -1/9 \implies (x, y) = (0, 0), (x, y) = (1/3, 1/3);$$

(b) if $\dim L(x, y)(0) = 2$,

$$h_2(x, y) = h_1(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = 0 \implies (x, y) = (-7/9, 2/3)$$

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- We will realize $L(0, 0)$, $L(-1/3, 2/3)$, $L(1/3, 1/3)$ as certain subalgebras of the Weyl vertex algebra

Classification of irreducible ordinary $\mathcal{W}_{-5/3}$ -modules

Embedding into the Weyl vertex algebra

Proposition

Let

$$J = -\frac{1}{3}a_{-1}^+a_{-1}^- \mathbb{1}, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2}(a_{-2}^-a_{-1}^+ - a_{-2}^+a_{-1}^-) \mathbb{1},$$

$$G^+ = \frac{1}{3}(a_{-1}^+)^3 \mathbb{1}, \quad G^- = \frac{1}{9}(a_{-1}^-)^3 \mathbb{1},$$

where $\{a_n^\pm : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ are generators of the Weyl vertex algebra W . The vertex subalgebra $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_k$ of the Weyl vertex algebra W generated by vectors J, ω, G^\pm is isomorphic to a certain quotient of \mathcal{W}^k .

- we will show that $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_k$ is in fact isomorphic to the simple quotient \mathcal{W}_k

Classification of irreducible ordinary $\mathcal{W}_{-5/3}$ -modules

Embedding into the Weyl vertex algebra

Let $g = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}J_0}$. Then g is an automorphism of W of order 3 and it holds that

$$W = W^{(0)} + W^{(1)} + W^{(-1)},$$

where

$$W^{(j)} = \{v \in W \mid gv = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{3}j}v\}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2.$$

Hence $W^{(0)}$ is a simple vertex algebra, and $W^{(\pm 1)}$ are irreducible $W^{(0)}$ -modules.

Proposition

Let W be the Weyl vertex algebra, g as above. Then it holds that:

- (1) $\mathcal{W}_k = W^{(0)}$.
- (2) $W^{(\pm 1)}$ are irreducible \mathcal{W}_k -modules of highest weight $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ respectively.

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Weyl vertex algebra W is a direct sum of three irreducible \mathcal{W}_k -modules, with the following highest weights:

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\implies hence $L(0, 0)$, $L(1/3, 1/3)$ and $L(-1/3, 2/3)$ are irreducible \mathcal{W}_k -modules.

Irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules for integer levels k

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- vectors

$$(G^+(-1))^n \mathbb{1}, (G^-(-2))^n \mathbb{1}$$

are singular in \mathcal{W}^k for $n = k + 2$, where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Similar expressions for singular vectors also appeared in [A13], in the case of $k = \frac{p}{2} - 3$, $p = 3, 5, 7, \dots$

Irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules for integer levels k

Let

$$\overline{\mathcal{W}}_k := \mathcal{W}_k / \langle (G^+(-1))^{k+2} \mathbb{1}, (G^-(-2))^{k+2} \mathbb{1} \rangle .$$

Proposition

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \geq -1$. Isomorphism classes of irreducible $\overline{\mathcal{W}}_k$ -modules are contained in the set

$$\mathcal{S}_k = \{L(x, y) \mid h_i(x, y) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq k + 2\} .$$

- question: are modules from the set \mathcal{S}_k indeed \mathcal{W}_k -modules?

Classification of irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules for $k = -1$

- $k = -1$ is a *collapsing level* for the Bershadsky-Polyakov algebra $\mathcal{W}_k(\mathfrak{sl}(3), f_\theta)$ (cf. talks of A. Moreau, P. Papi), hence

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Proposition

All irreducible \mathcal{W}_{-1} -modules are contained in the set

$$\mathcal{S}_{-1} = \{L(x, y) \mid h_1(x, y) = 0\}.$$

Classification of irreducible ordinary \mathcal{W}_k -modules for $k = 0$

Let $V_L = M(1) \otimes \mathbb{C}[L]$ be the lattice vertex algebra associated with the lattice $L = \mathbb{Z}\alpha_1 + \mathbb{Z}\alpha_2$, where

$$\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}, \quad i, j = 1, 2.$$

- we consider the subalgebra $V[D] = M(1) \otimes \mathbb{C}[D]$ of V_L , where $D = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$.
- for every $x \in \mathbb{C}$, $i = 0, 1$,

$$V[D - i\alpha_1 - x(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)] = V[D].e^{-i\alpha_1 - x(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}$$

is an irreducible $V[D]$ -module.

Theorem

- (1) *The simple vertex algebra $\mathcal{W}_0(= \mathcal{W}_0(\mathfrak{sl}(3), f_\theta))$ can be realized as a vertex subalgebra of $V[D]$ generated by vectors*

$$J \mapsto \alpha_2(-1)$$

$$L \mapsto \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_1(-1)^2 - \alpha_1(-2) + \alpha_2(-1)^2 + \alpha_2(-2))$$

$$G^+ \mapsto \sqrt{3}e^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$

$$G^- \mapsto -\sqrt{3}\alpha_1(-1)e^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}.$$

- (2) *\mathcal{W}_0 has two families of irreducible highest weight modules $U_i(x)$, $i = 0, 1$, $x \in \mathbb{C}$, which are realized as*

$$U_i(x) = \mathcal{W}_0(\mathfrak{sl}(3), f_\theta) \cdot e^{-i\alpha_1 - x(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)},$$

Highest weights of $U_i(x)$ with respect to (J_0, L_0) are $(x, x^2 + (i - 1)x)$.

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