

Cosets of the large $N = 4$ superconformal algebra and the diagonal coset of \mathfrak{sl}_2

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Parameters are related by

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Thm: We have the following isomorphisms $C_{k,2} \cong \mathcal{W}_\ell(\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}, f_{\text{prin}})$ for $n \geq 2$.

$$1. \quad k = -\frac{4n}{1+2n}, \quad \ell = -(n+1) + \frac{1+2n}{4(1+n)},$$

$$2. \quad k = \frac{3-2n}{n}, \quad \ell = -(n+1) + \frac{3+2n}{4n},$$

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Rem: In cases (1) and (2), the levels ℓ are nondegenerate admissible, so the rationality of $\mathcal{W}_\ell(\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}, f_{\text{prin}})$ is already known (Arakawa, Annals of Math. 2015).

In case (3), the level ℓ is **degenerate admissible**.

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