

C_2 -cofiniteness of commutant subVOA

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- (ii) “**rationality**” = all **\mathbb{N} -gradable V -mods** are direct sums of simple mods.

Many beautiful results (f.g. Verlinde formula) hold under two conditions. So, it is important to check them.

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Moreover, if we once get C_2 -cof., then we can get global properties:

‡ of simple V -mods is finite,

Fusion products are well-defined,

modular invariance, etc.

These will help the proof for “Rationality”.

So, let's start with the proof of C_2 -cofiniteness.

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For a non-solvable group, we used a **self-dual simple** V^G -mod.

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I will explain our ideas to prove this theorem.

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$$\mathcal{I}^{w^1, w^2, w^3} \in I\left(\begin{smallmatrix} U^k \\ U^i \ U^j \end{smallmatrix}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{J}^{u^1, u^2, u^3} \in I\left(\begin{smallmatrix} W^k \\ W^i \ W^j \end{smallmatrix}\right).$$

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Set $I_U^V\left(\begin{smallmatrix} U^k \\ U^i \ U^j \end{smallmatrix}\right), I_W^V\left(\begin{smallmatrix} W^k \\ W^i \ W^j \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ the subspaces of $I\left(\begin{smallmatrix} U^k \\ U^i \ U^j \end{smallmatrix}\right), I\left(\begin{smallmatrix} W^k \\ W^i \ W^j \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ spanned by the above intertwining operators.

We call elements in these subspaces "V-internal operators".

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$$\pi_k(Y(v^1, z)v^2) = \sum_{s \in B_{i,j,k}} \mathcal{I}_{i,j,k}^s(u^1, z)u^2 \otimes \mathcal{J}_{i,j,k}^s(w^1, z)w^2$$

$W = V/U$, self-knowledge comes from knowing other men.

Our proof is: we get information on $I_W^V(w_i^k, w_j)$ from $I_U^V(u_i^k, u_j)$ and Y .
Simply, write $Y = \sum_{a \in B} \mathcal{I}^a \otimes \mathcal{J}^a$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle u^4 \otimes w^4, Y(Y(u^1 \otimes w^1, x - y)(u^2 \otimes w^2), y)(u^3 \otimes w^3) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{a, b \in B} \langle u^4, \mathcal{I}^a(\mathcal{I}^b(u^1, x - y)u^2, y)u^3 \rangle \langle w^4, \mathcal{J}^a(\mathcal{J}^b(w^1, x - y)w^2, y)w^3 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We simply write $Y(Y()) = \sum_{i \in D} \mathcal{I}^{a_i}(\mathcal{I}^{b_i}) \otimes \mathcal{J}^{a_i}(\mathcal{J}^{b_i})$

Theorem 6

$$\langle w^4, \mathcal{J}^a(\mathcal{J}^b(w^1, x - y)w^2, y)w^3 \rangle.$$

are absolutely convergent on $0 < |x - y| < |y|$ and analytically extended to the multi-valued analytic functns whose poles are at most $x, y, x - y$.

We have the same statement for V -internal operators of U -modules.

We also have the similar statement for

$$\langle u^4, \mathcal{I}^s(u^1, x)\mathcal{I}^t(u^2, y)u^3 \rangle \text{ and } \langle w^4, \mathcal{J}^s(w^1, x)\mathcal{J}^t(w^2, y)w^3 \rangle.$$

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$$W^i \boxtimes_W^V W^j := \bigoplus_k (W^k)^{\dim I_W^V(W^k)}$$

and surjective intertwining op. $\mathcal{F} \in I_W^V(W^i \boxtimes_W^V W^j)$ to define fusion product.

Similarly, we can define a fusion product of three modules.

Not only W , but we can also define the fusion products of U^i 's.

Remark 1

There is a natural def. of fusion products for V -internal ops, as a projective limit of increasing series of surjective (linear combs. of) V -internal ops. Our definition of the V -internal fusion products depends on the choice of a basis $\{\mathcal{I}_{i,j,k}^s \mid s \in B_{i,j,k}\}$ of $I_U^V(U^i U^j)$, but the isomorphism class of V -internal fusion product does not depend on the choice of bases and coincides with the natural one.

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Theorem 7

$t(\kappa_{i,j})(\tau_{i,j}) = I$. So, U^j satisfies right (left) rigidity if and only if W^j satisfies left (right) rigidity.

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In particular, by taking $m \leq -2$, we have

Corollary 1

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The case V is generated by a self-dual simple module P

So we will consider the set $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{C})$ of all maps from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{C} satisfying $f(n) = 0$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{<0}$. Let \mathcal{F}_0 and \mathcal{F}_1 be the spaces of coefficients $f(x)$ of $a_{(-x+M-1)}b$ at $\alpha_{(-x-1)}\mathbf{1}$ modulo K for $a \in T, b \in P$ and $a \in P, b \in T$, that is,

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As we did in the proof for cyclic automorphism group, we define

$$\begin{aligned}Sf(n) &= (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k f(n-k) & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ Tf(n) &= (-1)^n f(n) & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.\end{aligned}$$

and we can get a contradiction.

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This completes the proof of the main theorem.

Thank you for listening !!