# Combinatorial relations among relations for level 2 standard $C_n^{(1)}$ -modules

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PROVEDBA VRHUNSKIH ISTRAŽIVANJA U SKLOPU ZNANSTVENOG CENTRA IZVRSNOSTI ZA KVANTNE I KOMPLEKSNE SUSTAVE TE REPREZENTACIJE LIEJEVIH ALGEBRI



### Affine Lie algebras

- Let g be a simple complex Lie algebra, h a Cartan subalgebra of g and ζ , ζ a symmetric invariant bilinear form on g and we assume that ⟨θ, θ⟩ = 2 for the maximal root θ
- ▶ Denote by  $\Delta(= \Delta_+ \cup \Delta_-)$  roots (positive and negative roots)
- Triangular decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{N}_+ + \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{N}_-$
- Fix root vectors  $X_{\alpha}$
- ▶  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] + \mathbb{C}c$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \hat{\mathfrak{g}} + \mathbb{C}d$  is the associated untwisted affine Kac-Moody Lie algebra
- ▶  $x(m) = x \otimes t^m$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , c is the canonical central element, and [d, x(m)] = mx(m)

$$\blacktriangleright \ \hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{<0} + (\mathfrak{g} + \mathbb{C}c) + \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{>0} \quad , \quad \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{<0} = \sum_{m < 0} \mathfrak{g}(m)$$

### Highest weight modules

- Λ highest weight, v<sub>Λ</sub> highest weight vector
- ► Verma modul  $M(\Lambda)$ ,  $L(\Lambda)$  irr. modul
- ▶ level of representation  $k = \Lambda(c)$  (for us  $k = 1, 2, \cdots$ )
- we can form the induced g-module (a generalized Verma modul)

$$N(k\Lambda_0) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{\tilde{g}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{\tilde{g}})_{\geq 0}} \mathbb{C} v_{k\Lambda_0}$$

• 
$$N(k\Lambda_0) \cong \mathcal{U}(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}})_{<0}$$
 (as vector space)

### Vertex operator algebras

- ►  $(N(k\Lambda_0), Y, \mathbb{1}, \omega)$  is VOA with generating fields  $x(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} x_m z^{-m-1}$ ,  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$
- ► max. g̃−submodul N<sup>1</sup>(kΛ<sub>0</sub>) ⊂ N(kΛ<sub>0</sub>) generated by singular vector x<sub>θ</sub>(−1)<sup>k+1</sup> 1
- ▶ we define the irr g-module  $R = U(g) \cdot X_{\theta}(-1)^{k+1} \mathbb{1} \subset N(k\Lambda_0)$ and the corresponding loop  $\tilde{g}$ -module  $\bar{R} = \langle r_i | r \in R, i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$
- *M* is a standard module  $\Leftrightarrow \overline{R}$  annihilates *M*

• 
$$L(\Lambda) = M(\Lambda)/M^1(\Lambda) = M(\Lambda)/(\bar{R}M(\Lambda))$$

▶ we shall call elements  $r_i$  relations and Y(v, z),  $v \in N^1(k\Lambda_0)$  annihilating fields (of standard modules)

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### **Annihilating fields**

Field Y(x<sub>θ</sub>(−1)<sup>k+1</sup>, z) = x<sub>θ</sub>(z)<sup>k+1</sup> generates all annihilating fields of L(kΛ<sub>0</sub>)

$$\blacktriangleright L(k\Lambda_0) = N(k\Lambda_0)/N^1(k\Lambda_0)$$

$$L(k\Lambda_0) = N(k\Lambda_0)/(\bar{R}N(k\Lambda_0))$$

$$\blacktriangleright \ N^1(k\Lambda_0) = \bar{R}N(k\Lambda_0) = \mathcal{U}(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}})\bar{R}v_\Lambda \rightsquigarrow \bar{R} \ \text{Relations}$$

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### Combinatorial and Gröbner bases

Problem:

Find a combinatorial basis of  $L(k\Lambda_0) \Leftrightarrow$  Find a "Gröbner basis" of  $\overline{R}N(k\Lambda_0)$ 

- solved for all sil<sub>2</sub>-modules L(Λ) [Meurman - Primc: Annihilating Fields of Standard Modules of sil<sub>2</sub> and Combinatorial Identities; Memoirs of AMS 1999]
- solved for basic modules L(A<sub>0</sub>) for all affine symplectic Lie algebras C<sub>n</sub><sup>(1)</sup>
   [Primc-Š: Combinatorial bases of basic modules for affine Lie algebras C<sub>n</sub><sup>(1)</sup>; J. Math. Phys. 2016]

 conjectured for standard modules L(kΛ<sub>0</sub>) for affine symplectic Lie algebras C<sub>n</sub><sup>(1)</sup>
 [Primc-Š: Leading terms of relations for standard modules of affine Lie algebras C<sub>n</sub><sup>(1)</sup>; Ramanujan J. 2019]

### Starting point of this talk



### **New frontiers**

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### **Colored** partitions

• Let  $\leq$  be a linear order on  $\bar{B}$  such that

i < j implies  $b(i) \prec b'(j)$ .

• degree |b(i)| = i

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### **Colored partitions**

$$\pi = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} b_i(j_i), \quad b_i(j_i) \in \bar{B},$$

- ▶  $\pi$  is a colored partition of degree  $|\pi| = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} j_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and length  $\ell(\pi) = \ell$ , with parts  $b_i(j_i)$  of degree  $j_i$  and color  $b_i$
- we shall usually assume that parts of  $\pi$  are indexed so that

$$b_1(j_1) \preceq b_2(j_2) \preceq \cdots \preceq b_\ell(j_\ell).$$

• we associate with a colored partition  $\pi$  its shape sh  $\pi$ ,

 $j_1 \leq j_2 \leq \cdots \leq j_\ell$  ("plain" partition).

► the set of all colored partitions with parts b<sub>i</sub>(j<sub>i</sub>) of degree j<sub>i</sub>(j<sub>i</sub> < 0) is denoted as P(P<sub><0</sub>)

### **Colored partitions**

 $\land$   $N(l(\Lambda_{1}) \sim 1/(\hat{\sigma}_{1}) \sim S(\sigma_{1})$ 

$$(\prod_{b \in \bar{B}} b^{mult(b)}) \cdot v_{k\Lambda_0} \cong \prod_{b \in \bar{B}} b^{mult(b)} \text{ ordered monomials as in } \mathcal{P}_{<0}$$

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### **Colored partitions - example**

Case: 
$$\hat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$$
;  $B = \{x, h, y\}$ ;  $y \prec h \prec x$   
ordered monomial  $u(\pi) = x(-4)h(-3)^2y(-1)x(-1)v_{k\Lambda_0}$ 



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### **Relations on** $L(\Lambda)$

On level k standard module  $L(\Lambda)$  we have vertex operator relations

$$x_{\theta}(z)^{k+1} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} r_{(k+1)\theta}(m) z^{-m-k-1} = 0$$

i.e. the coefficient (relations) of above annihilating fields are

$$r_{(k+1)\theta}(m) = \sum_{j_1+\cdots+j_{k+1}=m} x_{\theta}(j_1)\cdots x_{\theta}(j_{k+1}) .$$

The smallest summand in this sum is proportional to

$$x_{ heta}(-j-1)^b x_{ heta}(-j)^a$$

for a + b = k + 1 and (-j - 1)b + (-j)a = m. Moreover, the shape of every other term  $\Phi$  which appears in the sum is greater than the shape  $(-j - 1)^b (-j)^a$ , so we can write

### Leading terms of relation - example



Remark: For a + b = k + 1 and (-j - 1)b + (-j)a = m we have only one possible shape. b = |m| - (k + 1)j i.e.  $b \equiv |m|(k + 1)$ .

$$k = 4$$
,  $m = -12 \Rightarrow b = 2 \Rightarrow a = 3 \Rightarrow j = -2$ 

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### Leading terms of relation r(m)

The adjoint action of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  on  $r_{(k+1)\theta}(m)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , gives all other relations in  $\overline{R}$ . For  $u \in U(\mathfrak{g})$  the relation  $r(m) = u \cdot r_{(k+1)\theta}(m)$  can be written as

$$r(m) = \sum_{\operatorname{sh} \Psi = (-j-1)^b (-j)^a} c_{\Psi} X(\Psi) + \sum_{\operatorname{sh} \Psi \succ (-j-1)^b (-j)^a} c_{\Psi} X(\Psi) + \sum_{\ell(\Psi) < k+1} \sum_{\ell(\Psi) < \ell(\Psi) < k+1} \sum_{\ell(\Psi) < \ell(\Psi) < \ell(\Psi$$

The actions of  $u \in U(\mathfrak{g})$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are different, but we have  $u\left(c x_{\theta}(-j-1)^{b} x_{\theta}(-j)^{a}\right) = \sum_{\mathfrak{sh} \Psi = (-j-1)^{b}(-j)^{a}} c_{\Psi} \Psi$ with the same coefficients  $c_{\Psi}$  as in the first summand in above equation. The smallest  $\Psi \in \mathcal{P}^{k+1}(m)$  which appears in the first sum we call **the leading term of relation** r(m) and we denote it as  $\ell t r(m)$ . Hence we can rewrite above equation as

$$r(m) = c_{\Phi}X(\Phi) + \sum_{\Psi \succ \Phi} c_{\Psi}X(\Psi), \qquad \Phi = \ell t r(m).$$

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### **Embeddings of leading terms**

- ... $\ell t \bar{R} = \{\ell t \ r(m)\}$  parametrize a basis  $\{r(\rho) \mid \rho \in \ell t \bar{R}\}$  of  $\bar{R}$
- for  $\kappa \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\rho \in \ell t \overline{R}$  and  $\pi = \kappa \rho$  we say that  $\rho$  is embedded in  $\pi$  (we write  $\rho \subset \pi$ )
- $u(\rho \subset \pi) = u(\kappa)r(\rho)$
- $\blacktriangleright \ \ell t(u(\rho \subset \pi)) = \pi$



### Let's summarize

- $\blacktriangleright L(k\Lambda_0) = N(k\Lambda_0)/N^1(k\Lambda_0) = N(k\Lambda_0)/(\bar{R}N(k\Lambda_0))$
- $\blacktriangleright \ \overline{R}N(k\Lambda_0) = \mathcal{U}(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}})\overline{R}v_{\Lambda} \rightsquigarrow \overline{R} \ Relations$

► 
$$r_{(k+1)\theta} = x_{\theta}(-1)^{k+1}\mathbb{1}; \ell t (r_{(k+1)\theta}(n)) = x_{\theta}(-j-1)^{a}x_{\theta}(-j)^{b}$$

- all other elements r(n) for r ∈ R by the adjoint action of g, which does not change the length and degree, and sh lt (r(n)) = (-j 1)<sup>a</sup>(-j)<sup>b</sup>
- $\blacktriangleright \mathcal{D} = \ell t(\bar{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}_{<0}, \qquad \mathcal{RR} = \mathcal{P}_{<0} \setminus (\mathcal{D} \cdot \mathcal{P}_{<0})$
- $u(\pi)\mathbb{1}, \ \pi \in \mathcal{RR}$  will be a basis of the standard module  $L(k\Lambda_0)$  with certain additional conditions (for  $C_n^{(1)}$ )

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### digression: Simple Lie algebra of type $C_n$ ( $\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$ ):

These vectors form a basis *B* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  which we shall write in a triangular scheme, e.g. for n = 3 the basis *B* is

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13	23	33			
1 <u>3</u>	2 <u>3</u>	3 <u>3</u>	<u>33</u>		
1 <u>2</u>	2 <u>2</u>	3 <u>2</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>22</u>	
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# digression: **Case** $C_n^{(1)}$

For general rank we may visualize admissible pair of cascades as figure below



## digression: Case $C_n^{(1)}$

#### Theorem

Let  $(-j-1)^b(-j)^a$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a+b=k+1,  $b \ge 0$ , be a fixed shape and let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be two cascades in degree -j-1 and -j, with multiplicities  $(m_{\beta,j+1}, \beta \in \mathcal{B})$  and  $(m_{\alpha,j}, \alpha \in \mathcal{A})$ , such that  $\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}} m_{\beta,j+1} = b$ ,  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} m_{\alpha,j} = a$ . Let  $r \in \{1, \cdots, n, \underline{n}, \cdots, \underline{1}\}$ . If the points of cascade  $\mathcal{B}$  lie in the upper triangle  $\triangle_r$  and the points of cascade  $\mathcal{A}$  lie in the lower triangle  $r \triangle$ , then

$$\prod_{eta \in \mathcal{B}} X_eta(-j-1)^{m_{eta,j+1}} \; \prod_{lpha \in \mathcal{A}} X_lpha(-j)^{m_{eta,j}}$$

is the leading term of a relation for level k standard module for affine Lie algebra of the type  $C_n^{(1)}$ .

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### digression: Conjecture

Let  $n \ge 2$  and  $k \ge 2$ . We consider the standard module  $L(k\Lambda_0)$  for the aff  $\mathcal{LA}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  ( $\{X_{ab}(j) \mid ab \in B, j \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{c, d\}$  base). We conjecture that the set of monomial vectors

$$\prod_{ab\in B, j>0} X_{ab}(-j)^{m_{ab;j}} v_0,$$

satisfying difference conditions  $\sum_{ab\in\mathcal{B}} m_{ab;j+1} + \sum_{ab\in\mathcal{A}} m_{ab;j} \le k$ for any admissible pair of cascades  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A})$ , is a basis of  $L(k\Lambda_0)$ . **The conjecture is true for** 

▶ 
$$k = 1$$
 for all  $n \ge 2$  [Primc-Š]

### still digression: Proposition

If for each  $\ell \in \{k + 2, ..., 2k + 1\}$  there exists a finite-dimensional subspace  $Q_{\ell} \subset \ker (\Phi | (\bar{R}\mathbf{1} \otimes V)_{\ell})$  such that  $\ell(\pi) = \ell$  for all  $\pi \in \ell t(Q_{\ell}(n))$  and

$$\sum_{\pi\in\mathcal{P}^\ell(n)}N(\pi)={\sf dim}\;Q_\ell(n),$$

for all  $n \leq -k - 2$ , then the set of vectors

$$u(\pi)\mathbf{1}, \qquad \pi \in \mathcal{RR},$$

is a basis of the standard module  $L(k\Lambda_0)$ .

# end of digression: Why is $\ell \in \{k + 2, ..., 2k + 1\}$ important?



 $k = 2 \Rightarrow k + 2 = 4$  and 2k + 1 = 5



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### **Embeddings of leading terms**

Thm: Vectors of the form

$$u(
ho \subset \pi) \mathbb{1} \;,\; 
ho \in (\ell t ar{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}_{<0}$$

are the spanning set of  $N^1(k\Lambda_0)$ .

Conjecture B (C<sup>(1)</sup><sub>n</sub> case): For each π ∈ P<sub><0</sub> which alows at least one embedding take (only) one vector of the form

$$u(
ho \subset \pi)\mathbb{1}$$

these vectors are the basis of  $N^1(k\Lambda_0)$ 

Conjecture A (C<sub>n</sub><sup>(1)</sup> case): For any π with two embeddings ρ<sub>1</sub> ⊂ π and ρ<sub>2</sub> ⊂ π we have a relation among relations

$$u(
ho_2 \subset \pi)\mathbb{1} = u(
ho_1 \subset \pi)\mathbb{1} + higher terms$$

### **Relation among relations**

Conjecture B: For any  $\pi$  with two embeddings  $\rho_1 \subset \pi$  and  $\rho_2 \subset \pi$  we have a relation among relations

$$u(
ho_2\subset\pi)\mathbb{1}=u(
ho_1\subset\pi)\mathbb{1}+\mathsf{higher}$$
 terms



## Relation among relations - $C_n^{(1)}$ case

By using representation theory and the relation

$$x_{\theta}(z)\frac{d}{dz}(x_{\theta}(z)^{k+1}) = (k+1)x_{\theta}(z)^{k+1}\frac{d}{dz}x_{\theta}(z)$$

for element u1 in  $N^1(k\Lambda_0)$  with the leading terms  $\ell t(u)$  of  $\ell(\pi) = k + 2$  and  $|\pi| = m$  we get linearly independent relation

$$dimL((k+1)\theta) + dimL((k+2)\theta) + dimL((k+2)\theta - \alpha^*)$$
.

For level 2  $C_n^{(1)}$ -standard modul above relation is equal to

$$2n\binom{2n+2k+2}{2k+3}.$$

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## Relation among relations - $C_n^{(1)}$ case

Moreover, the following inequality holds

(\*) 
$$2n\binom{2n+2k+2}{2k+3} \le \sum_{|\pi|=m;\ell(\pi)=k+2} N(\pi)$$
 where

 $N(\pi) = max\{card(\varepsilon(\pi)) - 1, 0\}, \ \varepsilon(\pi) = \{
ho \in \ell t(\bar{R}) \mid 
ho \subset \pi\}$ .

If in (\*) equality holds for all *m* than Conjecture A is true for all  $\pi$  of lenght  $\ell(\pi) = k + 2$ .

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For general rank we may visualize admissible pair of cascades as figure below



We will reinterpret the term of cascade. It is interesting to observe the following figure



which consists of two identical triangles from Figure 1, but one is rotated and mirrored.

#### If we rotate the Figure 2 we have



From Figure 3, it is already obvious that the pair of admissible cascades has become a zig-zag line.

In order to simplify the counting of embeddings of leading terms we introduce a slightly different indexation of a triangular scheme for a basis B. For instance for  $C_3$  we have



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and for the arbitrary  $C_n$  triangular decomposition looks like this



### A much more appropriate notation



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### A much more appropriate notation



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Figure 8

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### A much more appropriate notation



Figure 9

**Case** 
$$C_2^{(1)}$$
 **for**  $k = 2$ 

(\*) 
$$2n\binom{2n+2k+2}{2k+3} = ? = \sum_{|\pi|=m;\ell(\pi)=k+2} N(\pi)$$
 where  
 $2n\binom{2n+2k+2}{2k+3} = 4\binom{10}{7} = 480$ 

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## **Case** $C_2^{(1)}$ for k = 2 and $m = 4, \dots, 12$

**Young Diagrams** 



## Case $C_2^{(1)}$ for k = 2 and m = 8



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## **Case** $C_2^{(1)}$ **for** k = 2

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