

DECOMPOSITIONS OF BOSONIC MODULES OF LIE ALGEBRAS $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ AND $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)^{***}$

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Abstract

A bosonic construction (with central charge $c = 2$) of Lie algebras $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ and $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$, as well as the decompositions into irreducible modules are described. And for $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$, when restricted to its Virasoro subalgebra Vir , a bosonic construction and the same decomposition for Vir are obtained.

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§ 1. Introduction

Spinor representations for the affine Lie algebras were first developed by Frenkel [2] and Kac-Peterson [7] independently. The idea is to use a Clifford algebra with infinitely many generators to construct certain quadratic elements, which, together with the identity element, span an orthogonal affine Lie algebra. Thereafter, Feingold-Frenkel [1] constructed the so-called fermionic or bosonic representations for all classical affine Lie algebras by using Clifford or Weyl algebras with infinitely many generators. Gao [6] constructed fermionic and bosonic representations for the extended affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbf{C}_q)}$.

As we know, the Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathcal{D}^-}$, as the universal central extension of the Lie algebra of differential operators on the circle (cf. [7]), has appeared in various models of two-dimensional quantum field theory and integrable systems (see the references in [4, 8]). A systematic study of the quasifinite highest weight representation theory of the Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathcal{D}^-}$, which is often referred to as $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ algebra by physicists, has been investigated by Kac et al (cf. [8, 4]).

In this paper, motivated by [6], we construct a bosonic representation for the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$, as well as the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$, and then decompose such bosonic modules

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both for $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ and $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$. In particular, we obtain the same decomposition of bosonic realization for the Virasoro algebra with central charge $c = 2$.

Throughout this paper, \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{N} and \mathbf{C} denote the set of integers, non-negative integers and complex numbers, respectively.

Let $\mathbf{C}[t, t^{-1}]$ be the algebra of Laurent polynomials over \mathbf{C} , and $\mathcal{D} = \text{Diff } \mathbf{C}[t, t^{-1}]$ the associative algebra of all differential operators over $\mathbf{C}[t, t^{-1}]$, whose a \mathbf{C} -basis is $\{t^m D^n \mid m \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ with multiplication:

$$(t^a D^b) \cdot (t^c D^d) = \sum_{i=0}^b \binom{b}{i} c^i t^{a+c} D^{b+d-i},$$

where $D = t\partial$, $\partial = d/dt$.

Let \mathcal{D}^- be the Lie algebra of \mathcal{D} under Lie bracket given by

$$[t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, t^{m_2} D^{n_2}] = \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i t^{m_1+m_2} D^{n_1+n_2-i} - \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j t^{m_1+m_2} D^{n_1+n_2-j}$$

for all $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$.

Li [11] proved $\dim H^2(\mathcal{D}^-, \mathbf{C}) = 1$ (also see [7, 8, 13]). In this paper, we will adopt a convenient form of a specific 2-cocycle on \mathcal{D}^- , which is due to Kac and Radul (see the formula (1.5.5) in [8]) up to a sign. More precisely, we take $f(D) = D^{n_2}$, $g(D) = D^{n_1}$ and $\phi(t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, t^{m_2} D^{n_2}) := \frac{1}{2} \psi(t^{m_2} D^{n_2}, t^{m_1} D^{n_1})$ in the notation of [8]. So we have the following

Lemma 1.1. (cf. [8]) *Any non-trivial 2-cocycle on \mathcal{D}^- is equivalent to ϕ :*

$$\phi(t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, t^{m_2} D^{n_2}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m_1 = 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1+1} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 > 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=m_1}^{-1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 < 0. \end{cases}$$

Let $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ denote the universal (one-dimensional) central extension $\widehat{\mathcal{D}^-}$ of the Lie algebra \mathcal{D}^- by the above modified 2-cocycle ϕ . With this modified 2-cocycle ϕ , we particularly have $\text{Vir} := \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}}\{L_m = t^m D, c \mid m \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ as the (standard) Virasoro subalgebra of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$, where its Lie bracket is given as follows (since $\sum_{i=1}^m (m-i)i = \frac{1}{6}(m-1)m(m+1)$ for $m > 0$)

$$[L_m, L_n] = (n-m)L_{m+n} + \frac{1}{12}(m-1)m(m+1)\delta_{m+n,0}c, \quad [c, L_m] = 0.$$

§ 2. Bosonic Module and Its Decomposition of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$

Define \mathcal{S} to be the unital associative algebra with infinitely many generators: $a(n)$, $a^*(n)$ ($n \in \mathbf{Z}$) with relations

$$[a(n), a(m)] = [a^*(n), a^*(m)] = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$[a(n), a^*(m)] = -\delta_{n+m,0}. \quad (2.2)$$

We define the normal ordering as follows:

$$:a(n)a^*(m): = \begin{cases} a(n)a^*(m), & n \leq m, \\ a^*(m)a(n), & n > m \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

for $n, m \in \mathbf{Z}$. Set

$$\theta(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n > 0, \\ 0, & n \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Then

$$a(n)a^*(m) = :a(n)a^*(m): - \delta_{n+m,0} \theta(n-m) \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [a(m)a^*(n), a(p)] &= \delta_{n+p,0} a(m), \\ [a(m)a^*(n), a^*(p)] &= -\delta_{m+p,0} a^*(n) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for $m, n, p \in \mathbf{Z}$.

Let \mathcal{S}^+ be the subalgebra generated by $a(n), a^*(0), a^*(m)$ for $n, m > 0$. Let \mathcal{S}^- be the subalgebra generated by $a(0), a(n), a^*(m)$ for $n, m < 0$. Those generators in \mathcal{S}^+ are called annihilation operators while those in \mathcal{S}^- are called creation operators. Let V be a simple \mathcal{S} -module containing an element v_0 , called a “vacuum vector”, and satisfying

$$\mathcal{S}^+ v_0 = 0. \quad (2.7)$$

So all annihilation operators kill v_0 and

$$V = \mathcal{S}^- v_0. \quad (2.8)$$

Now we may construct a class of bosons on V . For any $m \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}$, set

$$f(m, n) = \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} (-i)^n : a(m-i)a^*(i) :. \quad (2.9)$$

Although $f(m, n)$ are infinite sums, they are well-defined as operators on V . Indeed, for any vector $v \in V = \mathcal{S}^- v_0$, only finitely many terms in (2.9) can make a non-zero contribution to $f(m, n)v$.

Lemma 2.1. For $m, p, s \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}$,

$$[f(m, n), a(p)] = p^n a(m+p), \quad (2.10)$$

$$[f(m, n), a^*(p)] = -(-m-p)^n a^*(m+p), \quad (2.11)$$

$$[f(m, n), a(p)a^*(s)] = p^n a(m+p)a^*(s) - (-m-s)^n a(p)a^*(m+s). \quad (2.12)$$

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} [f(m, n), a(p)] &= \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} (-i)^n [:a(m-i)a^*(i):, a(p)] \\ &= \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} (-i)^n [a(m-i)a^*(i), a(p)] \\ &= p^n a(m+p), \end{aligned}$$

(2.10) is true. The proof of (2.11) is similar, and (2.12) follows from (2.10) and (2.11).

Proposition 2.1. For $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)] &= \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - i) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - j) \\ &\quad + \varphi(f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where φ is given by

$$\varphi(f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m_1 = 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1+1} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 > 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \sum_{i=m_1}^{-1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 < 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &[f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)] \\ &= \left[f(m_1, n_1), \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-t)^{n_2} : a(m_2 - t) a^*(t) : \right] = \left[f(m_1, n_1), \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-t)^{n_2} a(m_2 - t) a^*(t) \right] \\ &= \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-t)^{n_2} (m_2 - t)^{n_1} a(m_1 + m_2 - t) a^*(t) - \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} a(m_2 - t) a^*(m_1 + t) \\ &= \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-t)^{n_2} (m_2 - t)^{n_1} : a(m_1 + m_2 - t) a^*(t) : - \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} : a(m_2 - t) a^*(m_1 + t) : \\ &\quad - \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \left(\sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (m_2 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} \theta(m_1 + m_2 - 2t) - \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} \theta(m_2 - m_1 - 2t) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - i) - \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - j) \\ &\quad - \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \left(\sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} \theta(-2t) - \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} \theta(-2m_1 - 2t) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - i) - \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - j) \\ &\quad + \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-\theta(-2t) + \theta(-2m_1 - 2t)) (-m_1 - t)^{n_1} (-t)^{n_2} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - i) - \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j f(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - j) \\ &\quad + \varphi(f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality is given by

$$\sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} (-\theta(-2t) + \theta(-2m_1 - 2t))(-m_1 - t)^{n_1}(-t)^{n_2} = \begin{cases} 0, & m_1 = 0, \\ -\sum_{t=1}^{m_1} (t - m_1)^{n_1} t^{n_2}, & m_1 > 0, \\ \sum_{t=m_1}^{-1} (t - m_1)^{n_1} t^{n_2}, & m_1 < 0. \end{cases}$$

The proof is completed.

Let $T = f(0, 0)$. Then Lemma 2.1 gives

$$[T, a(n)] = a(n), \quad [T, a^*(n)] = -a^*(n) \quad (2.13)$$

for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$. For any $v = a(n_1) \cdots a(n_s) a^*(m_1) \cdots a^*(m_l) v_0 \in V$, noting that $Tv_0 = 0$, one has

$$Tv = (s - l)v. \quad (2.14)$$

According to Proposition 2.1 and Lemma 2.1, we obtain

Theorem 2.1. *V is a module for the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ with central charge $c = 2$ under the action given by*

$$\pi(t^m D^n) = f(m, n), \quad \pi(c) = 2 \text{ id}$$

for all $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Moreover,

$$V = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} V_k$$

is completely reducible, where V_k is an eigenspace with eigenvalue k of operator T , and each component V_k is irreducible as a $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -module.

Proof. Note that $\varphi(f(m_1, n_1), f(m_2, n_2)) = 2\phi(t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, t^{m_2} D^{n_2})$. Hence, Proposition 2.1 shows that V is a $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -module with central charge $c = 2$. On the other hand, Lemma 2.1 indicates that each eigenspace V_k of operator T is $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -stable. In what follows, we shall prove that V_k is also irreducible under the actions of all $f(m, n)$'s.

To this end, we need introduce some notation. Fix a $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, for any $s \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $s + k \geq 0$, set $v_k^{(s)} := a(0)^s a^*(-1)^{s+k} v_0$ and

$$V_k^{(s)} := \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}} \{ a(n_1) \cdots a(n_s) a^*(m_1) \cdots a^*(m_{s+k}) v_0 \mid n_i \leq 0, m_j < 0 \}.$$

It is clear that $V_k = \bigoplus_{s \in \mathbf{N}, s+k \geq 0} V_k^{(s)}$. On the other hand, if we define the weight by

$$\text{wt}(t^m D^n) = m,$$

which induces a principle \mathbf{Z} -gradation of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$:

$$\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(j)},$$

then we have a triangular decomposition of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ as follows

$$\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty} = \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(-)} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(0)} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(+)},$$

where $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(-)} = \{t^m D^n \mid m < 0, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$, $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(0)} = \{D^n \mid n \in \mathbf{N}\}$, $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(+)} = \{t^m D^n \mid m > 0, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$.

Lemma 2.1 shows that V_k is a weight module with respect to the abelian subalgebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(0)}$. Since for a fixed $m \neq 0$,

$$F(k, m) := [f(0, k), f(m, 0)] - m f(m, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \binom{k}{j} m^j f(m, k-j),$$

the actions of $f(m, 1), \dots, f(m, n-1)$ on V can be expressed as some combinations of $F(k, m)$'s for $k = 2, \dots, n$, where $F(k, m)$'s ($k = 2, \dots, n$) acting on the weight module V_k essentially depend on the action of $f(m, 0)$ owing to $f(0, k) \in \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(0)}$. Therefore, it suffices to consider the actions of $f(m, 0)$'s in the analysis of irreducibility of V_k . By Lemma 2.1, it is easily seen that $V_k^{(s)}$ is $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(+)}$ -stable, and $\{v_k^{(s)} \mid s \in \mathbf{N}, s+k \geq 0\}$ is the complete set of singular vectors of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -module V_k (here $v \in V$ is called singular if $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{(+)} \cdot v = 0$) (since $v_k^{(s)}$ is a unique (\mathbf{C} -linear independent) singular vector in $V_k^{(s)}$ according to the acting rule of $f(m, 0)$ for $m > 0$).

Finally, noticing that

$$f(-1, 0)(v_k^{(s)}) \equiv v_k^{(s+1)} \pmod{V_k^{(s)}}, \quad f(m, 0)(V_k^{(s)}) \subseteq V_k^{(s)} + V_k^{(s+1)} \quad \text{for } m < 0,$$

we see that V_k is irreducible owing to

$$f(-m, 0) \cdot f(m, 0) \cdot v_k^{(s)} = [f(-m, 0), f(m, 0)] \cdot v_k^{(s)} = m v_k^{(s)} \neq 0,$$

by Proposition 2.1.

Corollary 2.1. $V = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} V_k$ is a completely reducible module for the Virasoro algebra *Vir* with central charge $c = 2$ under the action given by

$$\pi(L_m) = f(m, 1), \quad \pi(c) = 2 \text{id}$$

for all $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. Each component V_k is also irreducible for *Vir*.

Proof. Lemma 2.1 indicates that $L_0 = f(0, 1)$ acts diagonalizably on the weight $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -module V . The proof of irreducibility of the weight $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ -module V_k (see the proof of Theorem 2.1) is reduced to considering the actions of operators $f(m, 0)$'s for $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. Now the same observation applies to the proof of irreducibility of the weight *Vir*-module V_k provided that we note the formula:

$$f(m, 1) = \frac{1}{2m} [f(0, 2), f(m, 0)] - \frac{m}{2} f(m, 0) \quad \text{for } m \neq 0$$

derived from Proposition 2.1.

Remark 2.1. In the Virasoro algebra Vir , the operator L_0 is usually called the energy operator by physicists (cf. [9]). In [9], only positive-energy representations (that is, L_0 is diagonal and all its eigenvalues are nonnegative) were discussed there and all irreducible positive-energy representations are proven to be of the form $V(c, h)$ with $h \geq 0$ (see Remark 3.5 in [9], here h is the eigenvalue of L_0 , the highest weight module $V(c, h)$ is the irreducible quotient of the Vema Vir -module $M(c, h)$). The negative-energy representations of Vir , which are related to the Dirac positron theory, was pointed out to be interesting but lack of investigation there (see [9, Section 4.2]). In our case, Corollary 2.1 affords some negative-energy representations for Vir .

On the other hand, [8] classified positive-energy representations with finite degeneracies of the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$, while our bosonic construction in Theorem 2.1 then gives some negative-energy representations for $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$. We conclude this section with the following interesting question.

Question 2.1. For any $v = a(n_1) \cdots a(n_s) a^*(m_1) \cdots a^*(m_{s+k}) \cdot v_0 \in V_k^{(s)}$ with $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \cdots \leq n_s \leq 0$ and $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \cdots \leq m_{s+k} < 0$, if set

$$n(s) = - \sum_{i=1}^s n_i - \sum_{j=1}^{s+k} m_j,$$

then we get a natural \mathbf{Z} -gradation of the irreducible module V_k as below

$$V_k = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \left(\bigoplus_{n(s)=n, s \geq 0, s+k \geq 0} V_k(n(s)) \right).$$

Therefore, we have a corresponding q -character $\text{ch}_q(V_k)$:

$$\text{ch}_q(V_k) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \dim V(n)_k q^n,$$

where $V(n)_k = \bigoplus_{n(s)=n, s \geq 0, s+k \geq 0} V_k(n(s))$. The question is how to deduce the explicit formula for $\text{ch}_q(V_k)$ via using some kind of partition functions.

§ 3. Bosonic Module and Its Decomposition of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$

Let $M_N(\mathbf{C})$ be the $N \times N$ matrix algebra, $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbf{C}) = M_N(\mathbf{C})^-$ the general linear Lie algebra over \mathbf{C} , then $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathcal{D}) := \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbf{C}) \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} \mathcal{D}$ is the general linear Lie algebra with coefficients in \mathcal{D} . Let e_{ij} be the $N \times N$ matrix unit with 1 in the (i, j) -entry and 0 elsewhere, then $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathcal{D})$ has a basis

$$\{e_{ij} \otimes t^m D^l \mid m \in \mathbf{Z}, l \in \mathbf{N}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}.$$

Consider the subsequent central extension $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathcal{D})}$ by \mathbf{C} of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathcal{D})$, also

denoted by $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ (since $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N) = \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ when $N = 1$).

$$\begin{aligned} [e_{ij} \otimes t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, e_{kl} \otimes t^{m_2} D^{n_2}] &= \delta_{jk} e_{il} \otimes \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i t^{m_1+m_2} D^{n_1+n_2-i} \\ &\quad - \delta_{il} e_{kj} \otimes \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j t^{m_1+m_2} D^{n_1+n_2-j} \\ &\quad + \Phi(e_{ij} \otimes t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, e_{kl} \otimes t^{m_2} D^{n_2}) c \end{aligned}$$

for all $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ and $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq N$, where Φ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi(e_{ij} \otimes t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, e_{kl} \otimes t^{m_2} D^{n_2}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m_1 = 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1+1} \delta_{j,k} \delta_{i,l} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 > 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1} \delta_{j,k} \delta_{i,l} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=m_1}^{-1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 < 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now we give a representation of the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$.

Define $\mathcal{S}(N)$ to be the unital associative algebra with infinite many generators: $a_i(n)$, $a_j^*(n)$ ($n \in \mathbf{Z}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq N$) with the relations

$$[a_i(n), a_j(m)] = [a_i^*(n), a_j^*(m)] = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

$$[a_i(n), a_j^*(m)] = -\delta_{i,j} \delta_{n+m,0}. \quad (3.2)$$

We define the normal ordering as follows:

$$: a_i(n) a_j^*(m) := \begin{cases} a_i(n) a_j^*(m), & n \leq m, \\ a_j^*(m) a_i(n), & n > m \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

for $n, m \in \mathbf{Z}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq N$.

Similarly to (2.5)–(2.6), we have

$$a_i(n) a_j^*(m) = : a_i(n) a_j^*(m) : - \delta_{i,j} \delta_{n+m,0} \theta(n-m), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [a_i(m) a_j^*(n), a_k(p)] &= \delta_{j,k} \delta_{n+p,0} a_i(m), \\ [a_i(m) a_j^*(n), a_k^*(p)] &= -\delta_{i,k} \delta_{m+p,0} a_j^*(n) \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

for $m, n, p \in \mathbf{Z}$, $1 \leq i, j, k \leq N$.

Let $\mathcal{S}(N)^+$ be the subalgebra generated by $a_i(n)$, $a_i^*(n)$, $a_i^*(0)$ for $n > 0$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$. Let $\mathcal{S}(N)^-$ be the subalgebra generated by $a_i(0)$, $a_i(n)$, $a_i^*(n)$ for $n < 0$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$. Those generators in $\mathcal{S}(N)^+$ are called annihilation operators while those in $\mathcal{S}(N)^-$ are called creation operators. Let $V(N)$ be a simple $\mathcal{S}(N)$ -module containing an element v_0 , called a “vacuum vector”, and satisfying

$$\mathcal{S}(N)^+ v_0 = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

So all annihilation operators kill v_0 and

$$V(N) = \mathcal{S}(N)^- v_0. \quad (3.7)$$

Now we may construct a class of bosons on $V(N)$. For any $m \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $1 \leq i, j \leq N$, set

$$f_{i,j}(m, n) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} (-k)^n : a_i(m-k) a_j^*(k) : \quad (3.8)$$

Although $f_{i,j}(m, n)$ are infinite sums, they are well-defined as operators on $V(N)$. Since, for any vector $v \in V(N) = \mathcal{S}(N)^- v_0$, only finitely many terms in (3.8) can make a non-zero contribution to $f_{i,j}(m, n)v$.

Lemma 3.1. For $m, p, s \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $1 \leq i, j, k \leq N$,

$$[f_{i,j}(m, n), a_k(p)] = \delta_{j,k} p^n a_i(m+p), \quad (3.9)$$

$$[f_{i,j}(m, n), a_k^*(p)] = -\delta_{i,k} (-m-p)^n a_j^*(m+p), \quad (3.10)$$

$$[f_{i,j}(m, n), a_k(p) a_l^*(s)] = \delta_{j,k} p^n a(m+p) a^*(s) - \delta_{i,l} (-m-s)^n a(p) a^*(m+s). \quad (3.11)$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.1.

Proposition 3.1. For $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbf{Z}, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ and $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [f_{i,j}(m_1, n_1), f_{k,l}(m_2, n_2)] &= \delta_{j,k} \sum_{i=0}^{n_1} \binom{n_1}{i} m_2^i f_{i,l}(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - i) \\ &\quad - \delta_{i,l} \sum_{j=0}^{n_2} \binom{n_2}{j} m_1^j f_{k,j}(m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2 - j) \\ &\quad + \Psi(f_{i,j}(m_1, n_1), f_{k,l}(m_2, n_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where Ψ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi(f_{i,j}(m_1, n_1), f_{k,l}(m_2, n_2)) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m_1 = 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1+1} \delta_{j,k} \delta_{i,l} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 > 0, \\ (-1)^{n_1} \delta_{j,k} \delta_{i,l} \delta_{m_1+m_2,0} \sum_{i=m_1}^{-1} (m_1 - i)^{n_1} i^{n_2}, & \text{if } m_1 < 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Proposition 2.1.

Let $T = \sum_{i=1}^N f_{i,i}(0,0)$. Then one can easily show that

$$[T, a_j(n)] = a_j(n), \quad [T, a_j^*(n)] = -a_j^*(n) \quad (3.12)$$

for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}, 1 \leq j \leq N$. For any

$$v = a_{i_1}(n_1) \cdots a_{i_s}(n_s) a_{j_1}^*(m_1) \cdots a_{j_t}^*(m_t) v_0$$

from $V(N)$, noting that $Tv_0 = 0$, one has

$$Tv = (s - t)v. \quad (3.13)$$

Noting that

$$\Psi(f_{i,j}(m_1, n_1), f_{k,l}(m_2, n_2)) = 2\Phi(e_{ij} \otimes t^{m_1} D^{n_1}, e_{kl} \otimes t^{m_2} D^{n_2}),$$

we may prove similarly

Theorem 3.1. $V(N)$ is a level 2 module for the Lie algebra $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ under the action given by

$$\pi(e_{ij} \otimes t^m D^n) = f_{i,j}(m, n), \quad \pi(c) = 2 \text{id}$$

for all $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $1 \leq i, j \leq N$. Moreover,

$$V(N) = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} V_k$$

is completely reducible, where V_k is an eigenspace with eigenvalue k of operator T , and each component V_k is irreducible as a $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ -module.

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