

§ 12.9. Vectors operators

(we shall extend the above construction to the case of a reductive. f.d. Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} it will be more convenient to use here this notation instead of \mathfrak{g})

a Lie algebra is reductive if its adjoint representation is completely reducible. More concretely, a Lie algebra is reductive if it is a direct sum of a semisimple Lie algebra and an abelian Lie algebra: $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{s} + \mathfrak{A}$

(12.9.1) we have the decomposition of \mathfrak{g} into a direct sum of ideals

$$(12.9.1) \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{(0)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(1)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{(2)} \oplus \dots$$

where $\mathfrak{g}_{(0)}$ is the center of \mathfrak{g} and $\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}$ with $i \geq 1$ are simple.

- we fix on \mathfrak{g} a non-degenerate invariant bilinear form (\cdot, \cdot) so that (12.9.1) is an orthogonal decomposition. (we shall assume that the restriction of (\cdot, \cdot) to each $\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}$ is the normalized invariant form on $\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}$ and that $\mathfrak{g}_{(0)}$ and the form (\cdot, \cdot) restricted to it are (as described in Rem 12.8) positive definite bilinear form). (we call such form a normalized invariant form on \mathfrak{g} .)

we let:

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}), \text{ where } \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}) = \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}) + \mathfrak{CK}_i.$$

also let (cf. § 7.4)

$$\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) + \mathfrak{cd}, \text{ where } \mathfrak{d}(\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})) = \mathbb{H} + \frac{d}{dt}, \quad \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{CK}_i) = 0$$

the Lie algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ are called affine algebras associated to the reductive Lie alg \mathfrak{g} .

The subalgebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$ (resp. $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}) + \mathfrak{cd}$) are called components of $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ (resp. $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$)

Note that $\mathfrak{c} = \mathfrak{g}_{(0)} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \mathfrak{CK}_i$ is the center of $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$.

As before, we identify \mathfrak{g} with the subalgebra of $1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}$. Let $\bar{\mathfrak{H}}$ be a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} and let $\mathfrak{g} = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_- \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{H}} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+$ be a triangular decomposition of \mathfrak{g} .

The subalgebra $\mathfrak{H} = \bar{\mathfrak{H}} + \mathfrak{c} + \mathfrak{cd}$ is called the Cartan subalgebra of $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$.

The triangular decomposition: $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_- \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+$ is defined in the same way as in § 7.6. (P102).

$$\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_- = (\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_- + \mathfrak{c} + \mathfrak{cd}) \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+ + \bar{\mathfrak{H}}) + \mathfrak{c} + \mathfrak{cd} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_-$$

$$\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+ = (\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+ + \mathfrak{c} + \mathfrak{cd}) \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{n}}_- + \bar{\mathfrak{H}}) + \mathfrak{c} + \mathfrak{cd} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}_+$$

For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, (we denote (as before) its restriction to \mathfrak{h} by $\bar{\lambda}$)
 As before, define $S \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ by: $S|_{\mathfrak{h}} + c = 0$, $\langle S, d \rangle = 1$

Given $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, we denote (as before) by $L(\lambda)$ the irreducible $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module which admits a non-zero vector v_λ such that: $\mathfrak{h}^+(v_\lambda) = 0$ and $\mathfrak{h}(v_\lambda) = \langle \lambda, \mathfrak{h} \rangle v_\lambda$ for $\mathfrak{h} \in \mathfrak{h}$.

Using uniqueness of $L(\lambda)$, we obviously have:

$\Lambda(i) = \lambda|_{\mathfrak{h} \cap \hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})}$ (12.9.2) $L(\lambda) = \bigotimes_{i \geq 0} L(\Lambda(i))$ (张量积?) 为什么不是直积?
 (where $\Lambda(i)$ denote the restriction of λ to $\mathfrak{h}_{(i)} := \mathfrak{h} \cap \hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$)
 and $L(\Lambda(i))$ is the $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$ -module with highest weight $\Lambda(i)$.

We let k_i , the eigenvalue of K_i on $L(\lambda)$, be the i -th level of λ , and let $k = (k_0, k_1, \dots)$.
 i.e. $k_i = \langle \lambda, K_i \rangle$

Define $c(k) = \sum_i c(k_i)$, $h_\lambda = \sum_i h_{\Lambda(i)}$, $m_\lambda = \sum_i m_{\Lambda(i)}$

$c(k) = \frac{k(d \text{ dim } \mathfrak{g})}{k + h^\vee}$, $h_\lambda = \frac{(\lambda + \rho|_{\mathfrak{h}})}{2(k + h^\vee)}$ if $V = L(\lambda)$.

(conformal anomaly) (vacuum anomaly)

$m_\lambda = \frac{|\lambda + \rho|^2}{2(k + h^\vee)} - \frac{|\rho|^2}{2h^\vee}$ (modular anomaly)

Due to (12.9.2), $ch L(\lambda) = \prod_i ch L(\Lambda(i))$ and

(12.9.3) $\chi_\lambda := e^{-m_\lambda S} ch L(\lambda) = \prod_i \chi_{\Lambda(i)}$ $ch V_1 \otimes V_2 = ch V_1 + ch V_2$

Prob. normalized character $\chi_\lambda = e^{-m_\lambda S} ch L(\lambda)$

Let V be a restricted $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module s.t. k_i acts as $k_i I$ and $k_i \neq -h_i^\vee$ where h_i^\vee is the dual Coxeter number of $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$.

Let $T_n^{(i)}$ be the Sugawara operators for $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$, and let $(n \in \mathbb{Z})$
 $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}) = \hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}) + c d_i$

(12.9.4) $L_n^{(i)} = \frac{T_n^{(i)}}{2(k_i + h_i^\vee)}$, $L_n^g = \sum_i L_n^{(i)}$

The operators L_n^g are called the **Sugawara operators** for the \mathfrak{g} -module V .

Then letting $d_n \mapsto L_n^g$, $c \mapsto c(k)$ extends V to a module over $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) + \mathbb{C}d$

Now also the following useful formula (cf. (12.8.5)).

(12.9.5) $L_0^g = \sum_i \frac{\Omega_i}{2(k_i + h_i^\vee)} - d$

where Ω_i is the Casimir operator for $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})$.

$L_0^{(i)} = \frac{T_0^{(i)}}{2(k_i + h_i^\vee)}$, $L_0^g = \sum_i \frac{T_0^{(i)}}{2(k_i + h_i^\vee)} - d$

from (12.8.5) $T_0 = -2(K + h^\vee)d + \Omega$

$d = d_0 + d_1 + \dots$

§11.10. Coset $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ - module.

In the remainder of this chapter, we let \mathfrak{g} be a reductive \mathfrak{t} -d. Lie algebra with a normalized invariant form $(\cdot|\cdot)$ and let \mathfrak{h} be a reductive subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} such that $(\cdot|\cdot)|_{\mathfrak{h}}$ is non-degenerate.

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{s \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_{(s)}$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \bigoplus_{s \geq 0} \mathfrak{h}_{(s)}$ be the decompositions (11.9.1) of \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{h} . Let $(\cdot|\cdot)^*$ be a normalized invariant form on \mathfrak{h} , which coincides with $(\cdot|\cdot)$ on $\mathfrak{h}_{(0)}$. Due to uniqueness of the invariant bilinear form on simple Lie algebras, we have for $x, y \in \mathfrak{h}_{(s)}$, $s \geq 1$ if $x, y \in \mathfrak{h}_{(s)}$, then by definition

$$(x_{(r)}|y_{(r)}) = j_{sr} (x|y)^* \quad (x|y)^* = (x_{(r)}|y_{(r)})$$

where $x_{(r)}$ denotes the projection of x on $\mathfrak{g}_{(r)}$ and j_{sr} is a (positive) number independent of x and y ; we let $j_{0r} = 1$.

The numbers j_{sr} ($s, r \geq 0$) are called **Dynkin indices**.

The inclusion homomorphism $\psi: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ induces in an obvious way the inclusion $\text{hom}: \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{g})$. This lifts uniquely to a homomorphism $\tilde{\psi}: \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ by letting $\tilde{\psi}(K_s) = \sum_r j_{sr} K_r$, which extends to a homomorphism $\hat{\psi}: \hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ by letting $\hat{\psi}(d) = d$.

(Here and further the overdot refers to an object associated to \mathfrak{h}).

Let V be a restricted $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module s.t. K_i acts as $k_i I$ $\forall i \in \mathfrak{g}$, $k_i \neq -k_i^v$ for all but a finite number of positive roots α . Via $\tilde{\psi}$, this is a $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{h})$ -module with K_i acting as $k_i I$, where:

$$(11.10.1) \quad k_s = \sum_r j_{sr} k_r \quad \text{by } \tilde{\psi}(K_s) = \sum_r j_{sr} K_r$$

We shall assume that $k_i \neq -k_i^v$, let (see (11.9.4))

$$\mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{g}} - \mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{h}}$$

prop 11.10.

a) The operators $\mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}$ commute with $\tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{h})$.

proof: by lem 11.8 one has: $[x^{(m)}, T_n] = 2(K + h^v) m x^{(m+n)}$

then $\forall x^{(m)} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$, $[x^{(m)}, \sum_r t_r \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}] = \sum_r t_r [x^{(m)}, \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}]$ where $\tilde{x}_r^{(n)} \in \tilde{\mathfrak{L}}(\mathfrak{g}_{(r)})$

hence $[x^{(m)}, \mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{g}}] = [\sum_r t_r \tilde{x}_r^{(m)}, \sum_r t_n \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}] = \sum_r t_r [x^{(m)}, \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}]$

$$= \sum_r t_r \frac{[x^{(m)}, T_n^{(r)}]}{2(k_r + h_r^v)} = \sum_r t_r m \tilde{x}_r^{(m+n)} = m x^{(m+n)}$$

similarly: $[x^{(m)}, \mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{h}}] = [\sum_r t_r \tilde{x}_r^{(m)}, \sum_r t_n \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}] = \sum_r t_r [x^{(m)}, \tilde{x}_r^{(n)}]$

$$= \sum_r t_r \frac{[x^{(m)}, T_n^{(r)}]}{2(k_r + h_r^v)} = \sum_r t_r m \tilde{x}_r^{(m+n)} = m x^{(m+n)}$$

then $[\mathfrak{L}_n^{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}}, x^{(m)}] = 0$.

b) The map $dn \mapsto L_n^{g, g}$, $c \mapsto c(k) - \dot{c}(k)$ defines a representation of \mathfrak{vir} on V . (V is a restricted $\tilde{L}(g)$ -module)
 proof: we need to prove $p: \mathfrak{vir} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ via: $dn \mapsto L_n^{g, g}$, $c \mapsto c(k) - \dot{c}(k)$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Explicitly, this is to say p should be a linear map and it should satisfy $p([x, y]) = [p(x), p(y)]$ for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{vir}$.

• linear map:

$$\bullet p([d_i, d_j]) = p((i-j)d_{i+j} + \frac{1}{12}(i^3-i)\delta_{i,-j}c)$$

$$= (i-j)L_{i+j}^{g, g} + \frac{1}{12}(i^3-i)\delta_{i,-j}(c(k) - \dot{c}(k))$$

on the other hand,

$$[p(d_i), p(d_j)] = [L_i^{g, g}, L_j^{g, g}] = [L_i^{g, g}, L_j^g] \quad (\text{since } L_j^g \in U_c(\tilde{L}(g)))$$

$$= [L_i^g, L_j^g] - [L_i^g, L_j^g] = [L_i^g, L_j^g] - [L_i^g, L_i^g + L_j^g]$$

$$= [L_i^g, L_j^g] - [L_i^g, L_j^g]$$

$$\text{since } [L_i^g, L_j^g] = [\sum_{\beta} L_i^{(\beta)}, \sum_{\beta} L_j^{(\beta)}] = \sum_{\beta} \frac{[T_i^{(\beta)}, T_j^{(\beta)}]}{(\lambda(k_{\beta} + h_{\beta}))^2}$$

$$p([d_i, d_j]) = \sum_{\beta} \frac{1}{\lambda(k_{\beta} + h_{\beta})} ((i-j)T_{i+j}^{(\beta)} + \delta_{i,-j} \frac{1}{6}(i^3-i)(\dim g_{(\beta)})k_{\beta})$$

$$= (i-j)L_{i+j}^g + \delta_{i,-j} \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{\lambda} (i^3-i) \sum_{\beta} \dim g_{(\beta)} k_{\beta} \cdot \frac{1}{k_{\beta} + h_{\beta}}$$

$$= (i-j)L_{i+j}^g + \delta_{i,-j} \frac{1}{12} (i^3-i) c(k)$$

$$[\text{Recall: (12.8.10)} \quad c(k) = \frac{k(\dim g)}{k+h^v}]$$

$$\text{similarly: } [L_i^g, L_j^g] = (i-j)L_{i+j}^g + \delta_{i,-j} \frac{1}{12} (i^3-i) \dot{c}(k)$$

$$\text{then } [p(d_i), p(d_j)] = (i-j)L_{i+j}^{g, g} + \frac{1}{12} (i^3-i) \delta_{i,-j} (c(k) - \dot{c}(k)) = p([d_i, d_j]).$$

$$\bullet p([d_i, c]) = p(0) = 0 = [p(d_i), p(c)] = [L_i^{g, g}, c(k) - \dot{c}(k)]$$

Directly to prove: let $dn.v := p(dn).v$, $c.v := p(c).v$

$$\text{(i) } (adn + bdm).v = p(adn + bdm).v \stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} ap(dn).v + bp(dm).v$$

$$\text{(ii) } dn.(av + bw) = p(dn).(av + bw) = L_n^{g, g}.(av + bw)$$

$$\text{(iii) } [dn, dm].v = p([dn, dm]).v = \dots$$

where $a, b \in F$ (field), $v, w \in V$.

The Vir-module defined by prop 11.10 is called the

case Vir-module.

Choose Cartan subalgebras \bar{h} and \hat{h} of \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{g} such that $\hat{h} \subset \bar{h}$. Choose a triangular decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \bar{n}_- \oplus \bar{h} \oplus \bar{n}_+$; then we have the induced triangular decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \hat{n}_- \oplus \hat{h} \oplus \hat{n}_+$, where $\hat{n}_\pm = \bar{n}_\pm \cap \mathfrak{g}$. We have the associated triangular decompositions: $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g}) = \bar{n}_- \oplus \bar{h} \oplus \bar{n}_+$, $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g}) = \hat{n}_- \oplus \hat{h} \oplus \hat{n}_+$, etc. and we have: $\psi(\hat{h}) \subset \bar{h}$, $\psi(\hat{n}_+) \subset \bar{n}_+$, etc.

Let $P_+ = \{ \lambda \in \bar{h}^* \mid \lambda|_{\bar{h} \cap \hat{L}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)})} \in P_{+(i)} \text{ for } i \geq 1 \text{ and } \lambda|_{\bar{h} \cap \mathfrak{g}_{(0)}} \text{ is real and } \langle \lambda, K_0 \rangle > 0 \}$
 $P_{+(i)} = \{ \lambda \in (\bar{h} \cap \hat{L}(\mathfrak{g}_{(i)}))^* \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z} \}$
 be the set of dominant integral weights for $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$: $P_{+(i)} = \{ \lambda \in P_{+(i)} \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \}$

Let $P_+^k = \{ \lambda \in P_+ \mid \lambda(K_i) = k_i \text{ (} i=0, 1, \dots \text{)} \}$.

For $\lambda \in P_+^k$,

Remark: (1) $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module $L(\lambda)$ is unitarizable.

By (11.9.2) $L(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} L(\lambda(i))$

Thm. 11.7 b) Every integrable highest-weight module $L(\lambda)$ over $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ is unitarizable.

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(2) viewed as a $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module, then we have $L(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+^k} \hat{L}(\lambda)$, where $\hat{L}(\lambda)$ is a $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules.

Recall: Prop 11.8: Let $A \subset \mathfrak{g}(A)$ be an w_0 -invariant subalgebra which is normalized by an element $h \in \text{Int } X_c$ (i.e. $[h, A] \subset A$). Then with respect to A , the module $L(\lambda)$ ($\lambda \in P_+$) decomposes into an orthogonal with respect to h direct sum of irreducible h -invariant submodules.

It is easy to see $\hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ is w_0 -invariant and $[h, \hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})] \subset \hat{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ for some $h \in \text{Int } X_c$. Actually $h = d$.

(3) we denote the multiplicity of occurrence of $\hat{L}(\lambda)$ in (2) by $\text{mult}_\lambda(\lambda; \hat{\mathfrak{g}})$, and $|\text{mult}_\lambda(\lambda; \hat{\mathfrak{g}})| < +\infty$.

Some of the eigenspaces of d on $L(\lambda)$ are finite-dimensional

$d \in \text{Int } X_c$, since $(\alpha_i^\vee | d) = 0$ ($i=1, \dots, l$), $(\alpha^\vee | d) = a_0$,

and $\text{Int } X = \{ h \in \bar{h} \mid \langle \alpha, h \rangle \leq 0 \text{ only for a finite number of } \alpha \in \Delta^+ \}$ P44

by Prop 11.8