

### §111.

- In this section we deduce a specialization formula of the denominator identity. (11.9.4)  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} (1 - e^{-\alpha})^{\text{mult}\alpha} = \sum_{w \in W} e(w) e(w\alpha) - p$

Let  $H_0$  be a subspace of  $H$ , s.t.

(11.11.1)  $H_0 \cap \text{Int } X_C \neq \emptyset$ .  
let  $H^* \rightarrow H_0^*$  via  $\lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}$  denote the restriction map.

$\bar{\lambda} = \lambda|_{H_0}$   
denote by  $p$  the homomorphism of  $\mathbb{E}$  to the completed group algebra of  $H_0^*$  defined by  $p(e(\lambda)) = e(\bar{\lambda})$   $\sum_{\lambda \in H^*} e(\lambda)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{mult}} p$

put  $\Delta_0 = \{ \alpha \in \Delta \mid \bar{\lambda} = 0 \}$ ;  $\Delta_0^\perp = \Delta_0 \cap \Delta^+$ ,  $R_0 = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - e^{-\alpha})$ .  
i.e.  $\bar{\lambda}(H_0) = 0$  or  $\alpha|_{H_0} = 0$ .

By prop 3.12. the set  $\Delta_0$  is finite, hence  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Delta$ .

Recall: prop 3.12 c)  $\text{Int } X = \{ h \in H \mid \langle \alpha, h \rangle \leq 0 \text{ only for a finite number of } \alpha \in \Delta^+ \}$ .

$$\text{Int } X_C = \{ x + ry \mid x \in X, y \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

It is clear that  $\Delta_0$  satisfies the usual axioms for a finite root system (see Bourbaki 1968). Hoff. Pg. 682.

Denote by  $W_0$  the (finite) subgroup of  $W$  generated by reflections  $r_\alpha (\alpha \in \Delta_0)$  the set  $P_0$  (resp.  $P_0^\vee$ )  $P_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} \alpha$ ,  $P_0^\vee = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} \alpha^\vee$ .

Define a polynomial  $D(\lambda)$  on  $H^*$  by.

$$D(\lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} \frac{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle}{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha^\vee \rangle}$$

Lemma 11.11 For  $\lambda \in H^*$ , we have.

$$p(R_0 \sum_{w \in W} e(w) e(w\lambda)) = D(\lambda) e(\bar{\lambda})$$

proof: let  $T_0 \subset \Delta_0$  be the set of simple roots of  $\Delta_0$ . Define norm.

$$F: \{ \alpha \in \Delta_0; \alpha \in T_0 \} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[q].$$

$$e(-\alpha) \mapsto q^\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in T_0.$$

$$\text{Then (11.11.2)} \quad p(f) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} F(f), \quad F(e(-\alpha)) = q^{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha \rangle} = q^\alpha.$$

$$\text{If } f \in \mathbb{E}, \quad f = \sum_{\lambda \in H^*} c_\lambda e(\lambda), \quad p(f) = \sum_{\lambda \in H^*} c_\lambda e(\bar{\lambda}) \quad (\text{if } \lambda \in H_0^* \Rightarrow e(\bar{\lambda}) = 1).$$

$$\text{By (11.9.3)}: \quad F_1(N_\lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle})^{\text{mult}\alpha} \text{ where } \lambda \in P_0^\vee.$$

$$N_\lambda = \sum_{w \in W} e(w) e(w\lambda) - \lambda$$

$$\text{we have (11.11.3)} \quad F(\sum_{w \in W} e(w) e(w\lambda) - \lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle}).$$

(11.11.2) and (11.11.3)

together with (11.9.5) prove the lemma.

$$\text{From (11.8.5)} \quad \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha^\vee \rangle})^{\text{mult}\alpha} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha^\vee \rangle})^{\text{mult}\alpha}.$$

$$\text{Then we have } \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha^\vee \rangle}) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_0^\perp} (1 - q^{\langle P_0^\vee, \alpha^\vee \rangle}).$$

by (11.11.2) we only need to calculate.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} F\left(\frac{\sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) e(w(\lambda)) - p}{\det_{W_0} (1 - e(-\lambda))}\right) &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{\det_{W_0} (1 - q^{c(\lambda)})}{\det_{W_0} (1 - q^{c(p)}, \lambda)} \\ &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \det_{W_0} \frac{1 - q^{c(\lambda, \lambda)}}{1 - q^{c(p, \lambda)}} \stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \frac{\prod_{w \in W} \langle \lambda, w(\lambda) \rangle}{\det_{W_0} \langle p, \lambda \rangle} = D(\lambda). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } P_0^{-1} \left( P_0^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) e(w(\lambda)) - p \right) &= P\left(P_0^{-1} \sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) e(w(\lambda)) - p\right) e(\lambda) \\ &= P(P_0^{-1}(\lambda)) P(e(\lambda)) = D(\lambda) e(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

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Now we can deduce the specialization formula:

$$(11.11.4). \quad \text{If } \det_{W_0} (1 - e(-\lambda))^{\text{mult}_0} = \sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} \varepsilon(w) D(w(p)) e(w(p) - p).$$

w<sub>0</sub> denotes a set of representatives of left coset of w<sub>0</sub> in W.

Proof of (11.11.4).

$$\text{Indeed, } \frac{\prod_{w \in W} (1 - e(-\lambda))^{\text{mult}_0}}{\det_{W_0} (1 - e(-\lambda))} = \frac{\sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) e(w(p) - p)}{\det_{W_0} (1 - e(-\lambda))}.$$

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$$\frac{\prod_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} (1 - e(-\lambda))^{\text{mult}_0}}{\det_{W_0 \backslash W} (1 - e(-\lambda))} \xrightarrow{P} \frac{\prod_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} (1 - e(-\lambda))^{\text{mult}_0}}{\det_{W_0} (1 - e(-\lambda))}.$$

$$P_0^{-1} \sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} \varepsilon(w) e(w(p) - p) = \sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} P_0^{-1} \sum_{u \in w} \varepsilon(u) e(u(p) - p)$$

$$\Gamma \quad W = \bigcup_{w \in W_0} w W_0, \quad \varepsilon(w) = \det_{W_0} w \quad \& \quad \varepsilon(w) \varepsilon(u) = \varepsilon(wu) \quad ].$$

$$P\left(\sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} \varepsilon(w) (P_0^{-1} \sum_{u \in w} \varepsilon(u) e(u(p) - p)) - p\right)$$

$$= \sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} P\left(P_0^{-1} \sum_{u \in w} \varepsilon(u) e(u(p) - p)\right).$$

$$= \sum_{w \in W_0 \backslash W} \varepsilon(w) D(w(p)) e(w(p) - p)$$

Now we consider a very special case of identity (11.11.4).

Fix a sequence of nonnegative integers  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  s.t. the subdiagram  $\{i \in S(A) \mid s_i = 0\} \subset S(A)$  is a union of diagrams of finite type. Fix an element  $h^3 \in H$  such that:

$$\langle d_i, h^3 \rangle = s_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

The subspace  $Ch^3$  of  $H$  satisfies (11.11.1) by prop. 3.2.

i.e.  $Ch^3 \cap \text{Int } X_0 \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $Ch^3 \cap \text{Int } X_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $\Rightarrow |W_{h^3}| = \infty$  where  $W_{h^3} = \{w \in W \mid w(h^3) = h^3\}$ .  
 $\underline{\text{Prop 3.12: }} |W_{h^3}| < \infty \text{ iff } h \in \text{Int } X$

if  $\langle d_i, h^3 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow v_i \in W_{h^3}$  where  $v_i = r_{d_i}$ .

since by prop 3.12  $w_{h^3}$  is generated by  $v_i$ .

then Contradicting to the condition  $\{i \in S(A) \mid s_i = 0\}$  is a union of finite type

Define  $\lambda \in (Ch^3)^*$  by  $\langle \lambda, h^3 \rangle = 1$  and set  $g = e(-\lambda)$

Then  $p(e(-\alpha_i)) = q^{s_i}$  (8) i.e.  $p$  is the specialization of type  $S$ . (P180).  
 $\Gamma p(e(-\alpha_i)) = e(-\alpha_i)$ .  $H^* \rightarrow (Ch^*)^*$   
 $\lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}$ .

$$(e(-\lambda))^{s_i} = e(-s_i \lambda) \quad & \langle s_i \lambda, h^\vee \rangle = s_i.$$

$$\text{Then } p(e(-\alpha_i)) = (e(-\lambda))^{s_i} = q^{s_i}.$$

Now (11.11.4) can be written as follows:

$$(11.11.5) \quad \prod_{j \geq 1} (1 - q^j)^{\dim g_j(S)} = \sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) D_S(w \cdot w_0) q^{(p - w \cdot p) \cdot h^\vee}$$

Here  $D_S(\lambda) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_S^+} \frac{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle}{\langle \rho_S, \alpha^\vee \rangle}$ , where  $\Delta_S^+ = \{\alpha \in \Delta \mid \langle \alpha, h^\vee \rangle = 0\}$ .

and  $\rho_S, w^S$ : representatives of  $W_S$  ( $w^S$  generated by  $r_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta_S^+$ ).

so.  $W = W_S W^S$ ,  $g(A) = \bigoplus_j g_j(S)$  is the  $S$ -graduation of  $g(A)$  of type  $S$ .

By (8) we have  $e(-\alpha_i) = q^{s_i} = q^{\langle \alpha_i, h^\vee \rangle}$ .

$$(11.11.4) \quad \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} (1 - e(-\alpha))^{\dim g_j} = \sum_{w \in W} \varepsilon(w) D_S(w \cdot w_0) e(w \cdot p - \bar{p}).$$

$$\nexists \alpha \in \Delta \text{ s.t. } \langle \alpha, h^\vee \rangle = 0. \Downarrow e(-\lambda) = q^{\langle \alpha, h^\vee \rangle}. \quad \Downarrow \text{by (8).}$$

$$\prod_{j \geq 1} (1 - q^j)^{\dim g_j(S)}$$

$$g_j(S) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = \sum k_i \alpha_i \text{ s.t. } \sum k_i s_i = j.$$

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### § 11.12.

discussing the unitarizability problem for the oscillator and the Virasoro algebras (c.f. § 9.13 and § 9.14).

Recall: Lie algebra  $A = (s + \mathfrak{c} \text{ do}) \oplus A_0$  is called an oscillator algebra. where  $s$  is infinit. of Heisenberg lie alg..

$\text{do}$  is a derivation.  $A_0$  is a f. d. central ideal.

$\text{Vir} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{C}d_j \oplus \mathfrak{c}c$ , where  $\bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{C}d_j$  is lie algebra (where  $d_j$  is a derivation of  $\mathbb{Z}(g)$ ),  $c$  is 1-dimensional central.

A contravariant Hermitian form  $H$  on  $A$  (resp.  $\text{Vir}$ ) -module  $V$ . is a Hermitian form w. r. t. with

$A$  - module  $V_1$ :  $H(pax, y) = H(x, \bar{a}y)$ ,  $H(cx, y) = H(x, cy)$ ,  
 $H(ax, y) = H(x, ay)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in V_1$ ,

$\text{Vir}$  - module  $V_2$ :  $H(d_n x, y) = H(x, d_{-n} y)$ ,  $H(cx, y) = H(x, cy)$   
 $\forall x, y \in V_2$ .

$A$  - mod  $R_{a,b,\lambda}$  (resp. the  $\text{Vir}$  - mod  $L(c, h)$ ) admits a covariant Hermitian form iff  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\lambda \in A_{\text{fp}}^+$  (c.f. P163 P164).

$\Gamma$  where  $L(c, h)$  is a irreducible  $\text{Vir}$  - module with high weight  $c, h$ .

$R_{a,b,\lambda}$  is ...

lem 11.5. Let  $\lambda \in H^*_\Bbbk$ , the  $\mathfrak{g}(\lambda)$ -module  $L(\lambda)$  carries a unique up to constant factor, nondegenerate contravariant Hermitian form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

and this form is uniquely determined by condition

$$H(v, v) = 1 \quad (\text{resp } H(v_\alpha, v_\alpha) = 1)$$

$A$ -module  $R_{\alpha, h}$  is unitarizable iff  $\alpha > 0$ .

$$(9.13.3) \quad P_0(x_1^{k_1} \cdots x_n^{k_n}, x_1^{k_1} \cdots x_n^{k_n}) = q^{\sum k_i} \prod k_i!$$

prop 11.2.

a) if the Vir-module  $L(c, h)$  is unitarizable, then  $h \geq 0$  and  $c \geq 0$

proof: let  $v$  be the highest-weight vector of a unit-Vir-mod.  $L(c, h)$ . Then  $H(d_{-1}(v), d_{-1}(v)) = H(v, d_1 d_{-1}(v))$   
 $= H(v, 2d_0 v) + H(v, d_1 d_{-1}(v)) = 2h$ .

$$[Td_1 d_{-1}] = d_1 d_{-1} - d_{-1} d_1 = 2d_0 \quad \& \quad d_0(v) = hv \quad \text{Pf 63} \quad ]$$

Hence unitarizability  $\Rightarrow h \geq 0$ .

$$\text{looking at } H(d_{-j}(v), d_{-j}(v)) \\ = H(v, d_j d_{-j}(v)) = 2jv + \frac{1}{2}v(j^2 - j)c.$$

$$[Td_i d_j] = (i-j)d_{i+j} + \frac{1}{2}v(i^2 - i) \delta_{i,j} c \quad \text{Pf.} \quad ]$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow c \geq 0$ .

b). if  $V = L(0, h)$  is unitarizable, then  $h=0$ , and hence  $V$  is the trivial 1-dim Vir-module.

proof: Consider the subspace  $V_n$  of  $L(0, h)$  spanned by  $d_m(v)$  and  $d_m(w)$ . Since  $H(\cdot)$  is  $P$ -ad.  $V_n$ , we have  $\det_{V_n} H \neq 0$ .

which, after a simple calculation gives

$$\frac{4n^3h^2(8h-5n)}{4n^3h^2(8h-9n)} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all integral } n \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow h=0.$$

$$[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} H(d_{-2n}(v), d_{-2n}(w)) & H(d_{-2n}(v), d_{-n}^2(w)) & 4n^6h & 6n^5h \\ H(d_n^2(v), d_{-n}(w)) & H(d_n^2(v), d_{-n}^2(w)) & 6n^5h & 8n^2h^2 \end{array} ] = 0.$$

$$\text{using } [Td_j d_{-j}] = 2jv + \frac{1}{2}v(j^2 - j)c = 2jv.$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(d_n^2(v), d_{-n}^2(w)) &= H(d_n(v), (d_nd_n)d_{-n}(w)) \\ &= H(d_n(v), d_n(d_nd_{-n}(w))) + H(d_n(v), 2nhd_{-n}(w)). \\ &= H(d_n(v), 2nhd_{-n}(w)) + H(d_n(v), 2nhd_{-n}(w)) \\ &= 4n^5h H(d_n(v), d_{-n}(w)) = 8n^2h^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$H(d_n^2(v), d_{-n}(w)) = H(d_n(v), d_nd_{-n}(w)) = 6n^5h. \quad ]$$

• trivial since  $d_0(v) = hv = 0$ ,  $cw = 0$ .

• 1-dim: since  $h \geq 0$  and  $c \geq 0$  by a), then  $\forall v' \in V$ , we have  $d_0(v') = c(v') = 0$  since  $v'$  is highest weight vector.

i.e.  $\forall v' \in V$ ,  $v' = kv$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{C}$ .

c) let  $V$  be a unitarizable Vir-module s.t.  $d_0$  is diagonalizable with f.d. eigenspaces and with spectrum bounded below.

Then  $V$  decomposes into an orthogonal direct sum of unitarizable Vir-module  $L(c, h)$ , and the spectrum of  $d_0$  is non-negative.

proof: Note that if  $V$  is a Vir-submodule of  $\mathcal{V}$ , it is graded w.r.t. the eigenspace decomposition of  $d_0$ . (by prop 1.5). Pg.

hence

$\mathcal{V} = V \oplus V^\perp$ , since  $V^\perp$  is also Vir-submodule.

we deduce that  $V$  is an orthogonal direct sum of unitarizable irreducible of unitarizable irreducible Vir-module  $V_i$  s.t.  $d_0$  is diagonalizable on  $V_i$  with spectrum bounded below.

Thus the  $V_i$  are highest-weight modules  $L(c, h)$ .

(prop: irreducible Vir-module  $L(c, h)$  with highest weight  $(c, h)$  is unique)

and  $d_0 \geq 0$  by a)

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