

Verma modules for infinite dimensional Lie superalgebras

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Theorem 1 (Kac, 1998).

A complete list of simple linearly compact Lie superalgebras is, up to isomorphisms:

- $W(m, n) = \{X = \sum_{i=1}^m P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \mid P_i, Q_j \in \Lambda(n) \otimes \mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_m]]\};$
- $S(m, n) = \{X \in W(m, n) \mid \operatorname{div}(X) = 0\};$
- $H(m, n) = \{X \in W(m, n) \mid X.\omega_S = 0\};$
- $K(m, n) = \{X \in W(m, n) \mid X.\omega_C = f\omega_C\};$
- $HO(m, m) = \{X \in W(m, m) \mid X.\omega_{OS} = 0\};$
- $SHO(m, m) = \{X \in HO(m, m) \mid \operatorname{div}(X) = 0\};$
- $KO(m, m+1) = \{X \in W(m, m+1) \mid X.\omega_{OC} = f\omega_{OC}\};$
- $SKO(m, m+1; \beta) = \{X \in KO(m, m+1) \mid \operatorname{div}_\beta(X) = 0\};$
- $SH\tilde{O}(m, m);$
- $SK\tilde{O}(m, m+1; 1 + 2/m);$
- $E(1, 6)$
- $E(3, 6)$
- $E(3, 8)$
- $E(4, 4)$
- $E(5, 10)$

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What are the relevant properties of this grading?

$$\mathfrak{g} = \prod_{j \geq -d} \mathfrak{g}_j$$

for some $d \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_j) < \infty$;

- it is *consistent* i.e. $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} = \prod_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_{2j}$, $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}} = \prod_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_{2j+1}$;
- $\mathfrak{g}_0$ is reductive (it is in fact simple in the case of $E(5, 10)$);
- $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ is an irreducible $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module;
- $\mathfrak{g}_{-2} = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}]$;
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Theorem 2 (C. - Kac, 2005).

$E(4,4)$ has, up to isomorphisms, only one irreducible grading (which is not consistent)

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Theorem 3 (C., Caselli, Kac, 2021).

If $\mathfrak{g} = E(5, 10)$ the Verma module $M(\lambda)$ is not irreducible if and only if λ is one of the following weights:

$$(m, n, 0, 0), (m, 0, 0, n), (0, 0, m, n).$$

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In the Verma module $M(F)$ with $F = F(m, n, 0, 0)$ ($m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$), the vector

$$w = dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \otimes v,$$

where v is a highest weight vector in F , is singular.

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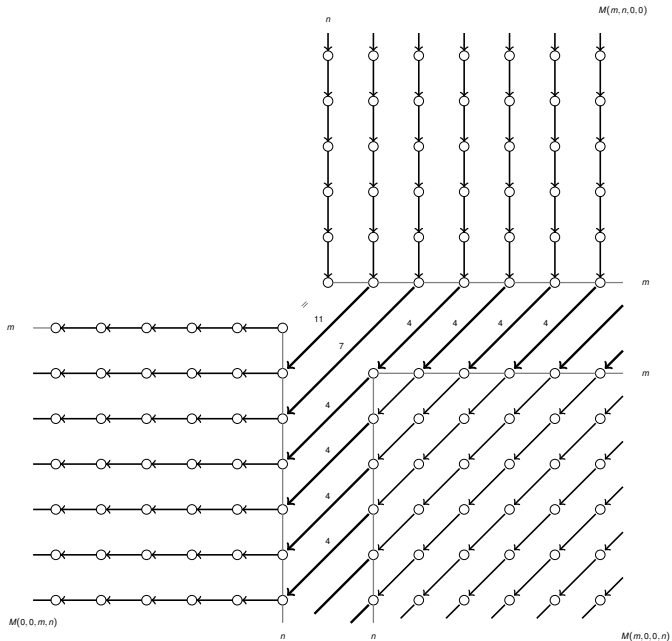
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Proposition 1.

The following claims are equivalent:

- ① $M(\mu)$ is degenerate (i.e. not irreducible);
- ② $M(\mu)$ contains a singular vector w of weight λ ;
- ③ there exists a morphism of $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules

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Remark Theorem 5 was proved in a much more general situation but not for $\mathfrak{g} = E(4, 4)$.

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Hence

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is thus a non trivial central extension of the finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra $p(4)$.

Let us go back to

$$E(4,4) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus (\mathfrak{g}_1)^j$$

Here

$$\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \cong \mathbb{C}^{4|4}$$

and $\mathfrak{g}_1$ is irreducible as a $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module.

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Main argument: embedding $E(4,4)$ into $W(4,4)$.

Theorem 6.

If $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1}$ is a transitive $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra with $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_{-1})_{\bar{0}} = m$, $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_{-1})_{\bar{1}} = n$, then there is an embedding

$$\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow W(m, n)$$

preserving the $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading.

The Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{s}$ can be embedded into $E(5,10)$ as follows:

$$C \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5}$$

$$x_i dx_j - x_j dx_i \mapsto dx_i \wedge dx_j$$

$$x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \mapsto x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

$$x_i dx_j + x_j dx_i \mapsto x_i dx_j \wedge dx_5 + x_j dx_i \wedge dx_5$$

Using this embedding we can describe all degenerate $\mathfrak{s}$ -modules.