

Representation Theory seminar  
Kac-Moody algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$

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Generators:  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n$   
 $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_\ell$   
 $h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n$

Relations: Same relations

$\mathfrak{h}$  has basis  $\{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, d_1, \dots, d_\ell\}$

$\mathfrak{h}^+$  is subalgebra generated by  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{h}^+$$

Fundamental weights

$\mathfrak{h}^*$  has basis  $\{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_\ell\}$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i(h_j) &= \delta_{ij}, & \lambda_i(d_j) &= 0 \\ \lambda_i(h_j) &= 0, & \delta_i(d_j) &= \delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

Roots as an  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module

$$\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}^*} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \quad \text{with } \mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{h}$$

Define  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  by

$$e_i \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_i} \quad \text{and} \quad f_i = \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha_i} \quad \text{for } i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

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## Weyl group

$W \subseteq GL(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  generated by

$s_i: \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  given by  $s_i \lambda = \lambda - \lambda(h_i) \alpha_i$

$W$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g}$  by  $s_i h = h - \alpha_i (h) \alpha_i$ .

For  $\rho^\vee \in W \cdot \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n\}$  define

$$s_{\rho^\vee} = W s_i W^{-1} \quad \text{if } \rho^\vee = W h_i.$$

## The element $\rho$

$\rho = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$  so that  $\rho(h_i) = 1$

for  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ . The dot action of  $W$  on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$

(or  $\rho$ -shifted action) is

$$w \cdot \lambda = w(\lambda + \rho) - \rho.$$

Verma modules For  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$

$$M(\lambda) = U\mathfrak{g} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{h}} \mathbb{C}_\lambda = U\mathfrak{m}^- v_\lambda$$

where

$\mathfrak{m}^-$  is the subalgebra gen. by  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n$

$\mathfrak{m}^+$  is the subalgebra gen. by  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n$

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{h}^-$$

$M(\lambda)$  has a unique simple quotient  $L(\lambda)$ .

Linkage Let

$W(\lambda) \subseteq W$  be the subgroup gen. by

$s_{\beta^\nu}$  for  $\beta^\nu \in W \cdot \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n\}$  with  $\lambda(\beta^\nu) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(a) Usually  $W(\lambda) = \{1\}$ .

(b)  $\lambda$  is integral if  $W(\lambda) = W$ .

Theorem If  $L(\mu)$  is a composition factor of  $M(\lambda)$  then

$$\mu \in W(\lambda) \cdot \lambda.$$

## Kazhdan-Lusztig basis

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Let  $\hat{g}^+$  be a set of representatives of  
the  $W$ -orbits on  $\hat{g}^+$ .

For  $v \in \hat{g}^+$  let

$W^v$  be a set of representatives of

$$\frac{W(v)}{\text{Stab}^\circ(v)}$$

Let  $K^v$  be the free  $\mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]$ -module with  
basis  $\{A_w \mid w \in W^v\}$ .

## Partial order on $W^v$

$w \geq v$  if  $w \circ v - v \circ w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{span}\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n\}$

Bar involution  $- : K^v \rightarrow K^v$

$\mathbb{Z}$ -linear,  $\overline{t^{\pm 1} m} = t^{\mp 1} \bar{m}$ ,  $\bar{\bar{m}} = m$

$$\bar{A}_w = A_w + \sum_{v < w} a_{vw} A_v$$

For  $m \in M$ ,  $w \in W^v$ . For  $w \in W^v$  let

$C_w$  be defined by

$$\bar{C}_w = C_w, \quad C_w = A_w + \sum_{v < w} p_{vw} A_v \quad \text{with } p_{vw} \in t^{\pm 1} \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}].$$

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## Kazhdan-Lusztig idea

Let  $F^\bullet(M)$  be the radical socle filtration of  $M$  (with semisimple layers). Then

$$P_{vw}(t) = \sum_i \left[ L(v_0v) : \frac{F^i(M(w_0v))}{F^{i-1}(M(w_0v))} \right] t^i$$

## Basic heuristics

- (a)  $C_{vw}$  exist and are well defined if the intervals in  $(W^v, \leq)$  are finite
- (b)  $P_{vw}$  depends only on the interval  $[v, w]$  in the poset  $(W^v, \leq)$ .

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$v$  in Negative Tits cone

let  $v \in \hat{g}^*$  with

$(v+p)(h_p^\nu) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$  for  $p^\nu$  with  $s_p^\nu \in W(v)$ .

$H(v)$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}, \bar{t}^{\pm 1}]$  algebra with

(a) basis  $\{T_w \mid w \in W(v)\}$

(b)  $T_v T_w = T_{vw}$  if  $\ell(vw) = \ell(v) + \ell(w)$

(c)  $T_{s_i}^2 = (t^{\pm 1} - \bar{t}^{\pm 1}) T_{i+1}$ .

let  $K^v = H\mathcal{U}_v$  with  $T_{s_i} \mathcal{U}_v = t^{\pm 1} \mathcal{U}_v$   
if  $s_i \in \text{stab}(v)$ .

Then  $K^v = H\mathcal{U}_v$  has basis

$\{A_w \mid w \in W^v\}$  where  $A_w = T_w \mathcal{U}_v$  for  $w \in W^v$ .

Partial order  $v \leq w$  is the subword order

( $w = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_\ell}$  as a product of simple refl.)

Bar involution  $\bar{T}_i = T_i^{-1}$ ,  $\bar{t}^{\pm 1} = t^{\mp 1}$ ,

$\bar{T}_m = T_m$ ,  $\bar{A}_w = \bar{T}_w \mathcal{U}_v$ ,

for  $h \in H(v)$  and  $m \in K^v = H(v)\mathcal{U}_v$ .

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## Kazhdan-Lusztig basis

$$\bar{C}_W = C_W \text{ and } C_W = A_W + \sum_{v \leq W} P_{vW} A_v$$

with  $P_{vW} \in t^{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]$ .

$M(wov)$  has a finite composition series  
 $[M(wov)] = \sum_{v \leq W} P_{vW}(1) [L(vov)]$

$-v$  in positive Tits cone

Use the same  $K^v = H(v) \mathbb{Z}_0$   
with the same bar involution  
and the reverse partial order on  $W^v = W^{-v}$ .

Let

$$\bar{C}^W = C^W \text{ and } C^W = A_W + \sum_{v \geq W} Q_{vW} A_v$$

with  $Q_{vW} \in t^{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & Q_{vW} & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & P_{vW} & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M(-wov)$  has an infinite composition series

$$[M(-wov)] = \sum_{v \geq W} Q_{vW}(1) [L(-vov)].$$