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Weyl submodules in restrictions of simple modules

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ABSTRACT

Let \mathbb{F} be an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p > 0$. Suppose that $SL_{n-1}(\mathbb{F})$ is naturally embedded into $SL_n(\mathbb{F})$ (either in the top left corner or in the bottom right corner). We prove that certain Weyl modules over $SL_{n-1}(\mathbb{F})$ can be embedded into the restriction $L(\omega) \downarrow_{SL_{n-1}(\mathbb{F})}$, where $L(\omega)$ is a simple $SL_n(\mathbb{F})$ -module. This allows us to construct new primitive vectors in $L(\omega) \downarrow_{SL_{n-1}(\mathbb{F})}$ from any primitive vectors in the corresponding Weyl modules. Some examples are given to show that this result actually works.

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1. Introduction

Let $G = SL_n(\mathbb{F})$, where \mathbb{F} is an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p > 0$ and $n \geq 3$. Consider the subgroup $G^{(q)}$ of G generated by the root elements $x_\alpha(t)$, $x_{-\alpha}(t)$, where α is a simple root distinct from a fixed terminal (simple) root α_q . It is a classical problem to describe the structure of the restriction $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$, where L is a simple rational G -module.

In this paper, we focus on primitive (with respect to $G^{(q)}$) vectors of $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$. The complete combinatorial description of these vectors is an open problem (stated in [BK1]), although lately there has been some progress in this direction [K,BKS,Sh2].

Another problem of equal importance is the description of primitive vectors in Weyl modules. Known methods of constructing such vectors [CL,CP] and methods of constructing primitive vectors in restrictions $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$ [K,BKS,Sh1,Sh2] bear some similarity (e.g. similar lowering operators), which is still not fully understood.

The present paper contains a combinatorial condition under which all primitive vectors (regardless of their nature) of certain Weyl modules over $G^{(q)}$ become primitive vectors of $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$. This result is proved by embedding the corresponding Weyl modules into $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$ (Theorem A). Examples I and II show that our result actually works, that is, produces nonzero primitive vectors of $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$.

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We also hope that Theorem A will be useful for finding new composition factors of $L \downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$ and lower estimates of the dimensions of the weight spaces of L .

We order the simple roots $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ so that $x_{\alpha_i}(t) = E + te_{i,i+1}$. Then $x_{\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{j-1}}(t) = E + te_{i,j}$ and $x_{-\alpha_i - \dots - \alpha_{j-1}}(t) = E + te_{j,i}$, where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. Here and in what follows E is the identity $n \times n$ matrix and $e_{i,j}$ is the $n \times n$ matrix having 1 in the ij th position and 0 elsewhere. The root system Φ of G consists of the roots $\pm(\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{j-1})$ and the positive root system Φ^+ consists of the roots $\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{j-1}$, where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{n-1}$ denote the fundamental weights corresponding to the roots $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$.

In G , we fix the maximal torus T consisting of diagonal matrices and the Borel subgroup B consisting of upper triangular matrices.

The hyperalgebra of G is constructed as follows. Consider the following elements of $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{C})$: $X_{\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{j-1}} = e_{i,j}$, $X_{-\alpha_i - \dots - \alpha_{j-1}} = e_{j,i}$, where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, and $H_{\alpha_i} = e_{i,i} - e_{i+1,i+1}$, where $1 \leq i < n$. Following [St, Theorem 2], we denote by $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ the subring of the universal enveloping algebra of $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{C})$ generated by divided powers $X_{\alpha}^m/m!$, where $\alpha \in \Phi$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ (the set of nonnegative integers). The hyperalgebra of G is the tensor product $\mathcal{U} := \mathcal{U}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}$. Elements $X_{\alpha,m} := (X_{\alpha}^m/m!) \otimes 1_{\mathbb{F}}$ generate \mathcal{U} as an \mathbb{F} -algebra.

Every rational G -module V can be made into a \mathcal{U} -module by the rule

$$x_{\alpha}(t)v = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} t^m X_{\alpha,m}v. \tag{1}$$

We also need the elements $H_{\alpha_i,m} = \binom{H_{\alpha_i}}{m} \otimes 1_{\mathbb{F}}$. It is easy to show that these elements actually belong to \mathcal{U} (e.g., [St, Corollary to Lemma 5]). We shall often abbreviate $X_{\alpha} := X_{\alpha,1}$ and $H_{\alpha_i} := H_{\alpha_i,1}$ if this notation does not cause confusion.

For any integers $q_1, \dots, q_m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$, we denote by $G^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ the subgroup of G generated by the root elements $x_{\alpha_i}(t)$, $x_{-\alpha_i}(t)$ with $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$. Note that $G^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ is the universal Chevalley group with root system $\Phi \cap \sum_{i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}} \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i$ [H, Theorem 27.3].

In $G^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$, we fix the maximal torus $T^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ generated by the elements $h_{\alpha_i}(t) = \text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, t, t^{-1}, 1, \dots, 1)$, where $t \in \mathbb{F}^*$ is at the i th position and $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$, and the Borel subgroup generated by $T^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ and the root elements $x_{\alpha}(t)$ with $\alpha \in \Phi^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)} \cap \Phi^+$.

We denote by $X(T)$ the set of T -weights and by $X^+(T)$ the set of dominant T -weights. For any $\omega \in X^+(T)$, we denote by $L(\omega)$ and $\Delta(\omega)$ the simple rational G -module with highest weight ω and the Weyl G -module with highest weight ω respectively. We fix nonzero vectors v_{ω}^+ and e_{ω}^+ of $L(\omega)$ and $\Delta(\omega)$ respectively having weight ω . Similar notations will be used for subtori $T^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$. We shall often omit the prefix before the word “weight” if it is clear which torus we mean.

The terminal roots of Φ are α_1 and α_{n-1} . Thus $q = 1$ or $q = n-1$. For any weight $\varkappa \in X(T)$, we denote by $\bar{\varkappa}$ and $\bar{\bar{\varkappa}}$ the restrictions of \varkappa to $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(n-1)}$ respectively. The main results of the present paper are as follows.

Theorem A. Let $G = \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{F})$, $\omega \in X^+(T)$ and $k = 0, \dots, p-1$.

- (i) If $\langle \omega, \alpha_1 \rangle - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for any $l = 0, \dots, k-1$ and there is $m = 0, \dots, k$ such that $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2)$ is simple, then the $G^{(1)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1,k}v_{\omega}^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$.
- (ii) If $\langle \omega, \alpha_{n-1} \rangle - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for any $l = 0, \dots, k-1$ and there is $m = 0, \dots, k$ such that $\Delta(\bar{\bar{\omega}} + m\bar{\bar{\omega}}_{n-2})$ is simple, then the $G^{(n-1)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_{n-1},k}v_{\omega}^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\bar{\omega}} + k\bar{\bar{\omega}}_{n-2})$.

Theorem B. Let $G = \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{F})$, $\omega \in X^+(T)$, $k = 0, \dots, p-1$ and $q = 1$ or $q = n-1$. The $G^{(q)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_q,k}v_{\omega}^+$ is isomorphic to a Weyl module if and only if $\langle \omega, \alpha_q \rangle - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for any $l = 0, \dots, k-1$ and

- (i) any nonzero primitive vector of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ has weight $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2 - b_2\bar{\alpha}_2 - \dots - b_{n-1}\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}$ with $k \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{n-1} \geq 0$ in the case $q = 1$;

(ii) any nonzero primitive vector of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_{n-2})$ has weight $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_{n-2} - b_1\bar{\alpha}_1 - \dots - b_{n-2}\bar{\alpha}_{n-2}$ with $0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_{n-2} \leq k$ in the case $q = n - 1$.

More precisely, we have $KG^{(1)}X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\omega}^+ \cong \Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ in case (i) and $KG^{(n-1)}X_{-\alpha_{n-1}, k}v_{\omega}^+ \cong \Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_{n-2})$ in case (ii).

Theorem A can be viewed as a special case of the following more general problem (valid for an arbitrary semisimple group G) stated by Irina Suprunenko:

Problem 1. Let α_q be a terminal root of the Dynkin diagram of Φ and $k = 0, \dots, p - 1$. Describe the weights $\omega \in X^+(T)$ such that the $G^{(q)}$ -submodule of the simple module $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_q, k}v_{\omega}^+$ is isomorphic to a Weyl module.

Theorem B solves this problem for $G = SL_n(\mathbb{F})$ in terms of the Hom-spaces between Weyl modules and is a more refined version of Theorem A giving a necessary and sufficient condition for $X_{-\alpha_q, k}v_{\omega}^+$ to generate a Weyl module.

Theorem A can easily be used in practice by virtue of the following irreducibility criterion of Weyl modules over groups of type A_{n-1} proved by J.C. Jantzen.

Proposition 2. (See [J, II.8.21].) The Weyl module $\Delta(\omega)$ is simple if and only if for each $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ the following is satisfied: Write $\langle \omega + \rho, \alpha \rangle = ap^s + bp^{s+1}$, where $a, b, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $0 < a < p$ and ρ is half the sum of the positive roots of Φ . Then there have to be $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_b \in \Phi^+$ with $\langle \omega + \rho, \beta_i \rangle = p^{s+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq b$ and $\langle \omega + \rho, \beta_0 \rangle = ap^s$, with $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^b \beta_i$ and with $\alpha - \beta_0 \in \Phi \cup \{0\}$.

Example I. Let $G = SL_3(\mathbb{F})$ and $\omega = a_1\omega_1 + a_2\omega_2$ be a dominant weight such that $a_1, a_2 < p$ and $a_1 + a_2 \geq p + b$, where $b = 0, \dots, p - 2$. We put $k := p + b - a_2$. Note that for any $l = 0, \dots, k - 1$, we have $0 < a_1 - l < p$ and thus $\langle \omega, \alpha_1 \rangle - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Notice also that $0 < k < p$. Indeed, $k \geq p$ implies $b \geq a_2$ and $a_1 + a_2 \geq p + b \geq p + a_2$. Hence $a_1 \geq p$, which is a contradiction. Since the Weyl module $\Delta(\bar{\omega}) = \Delta(a_2\bar{\omega}_2)$ is simple, Theorem A(i) (where $m = 0$) shows that the $G^{(1)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\omega}^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta((p + b)\bar{\omega}_2)$. The latter module is already not simple. For example, $X_{-\alpha_2, b+1}e_{(p+b)\bar{\omega}_2}^+$ is a nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vector. Thus $X_{-\alpha_2, b+1}X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\omega}^+$ is a nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vector of $L(\omega)$ of weight $\omega - (p + b - a_2)\alpha_1 - (b + 1)\alpha_2$.

There is an interesting connection between this example and [Su, Lemma 2.55], which is extensively used in that paper for calculation of degrees of minimal polynomials. In our notation, [Su, Lemma 2.55] is as follows:

Let M be an indecomposable $G^{(1)}$ -module with highest weight $(p + b)\bar{\omega}_2$ and $0 \leq b < p - 1$. Suppose that $X_{-\alpha_2, b+1}v^+ \neq 0$, where v^+ is a highest weight vector of M . Then $M \cong \Delta((p + b)\bar{\omega}_2)$.

Therefore, if we somehow prove that $X_{-\alpha_2, b+1}X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\omega}^+ \neq 0$, then it will follow from this lemma that the $G^{(1)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\omega}^+$ is a Weyl module (without applying Theorem A).

Example II. Let $p = 5$, $G = SL_5(\mathbb{F})$ and $\omega = 3\omega_1 + 3\omega_2 + \omega_3 + 2\omega_4$. Take any $k = 1, \dots, 4$ and apply Theorem A(i) for this k . The value $k = 4$ does not fit, since $\langle \omega, \alpha_1 \rangle - 3 = 0$.

If we apply Theorem A(i) for $k = 1$, then we obtain that $L(\omega)$ contains a $G^{(1)}$ -submodule isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + \bar{\omega}_2)$. However, the last module is simple and we do not get any nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vectors in this way except the trivial $X_{-\alpha_1}v_{\omega}^+$.

The cases $k = 2$ and $k = 3$ on the contrary give new vectors. In the former case, Theorem A(i) implies that $L(\omega)$ contains a $G^{(1)}$ -submodule isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + 2\bar{\omega}_2)$. The last module contains nonzero primitive vectors of weights $\bar{\omega} + 2\bar{\omega}_2 - \bar{\alpha}_2$ and $\bar{\omega} + 2\bar{\omega}_2 - \bar{\alpha}_2 - \bar{\alpha}_3 - \bar{\alpha}_4$ by the Carter–Payne theorem [CP]. In the latter case, Theorem A(i) implies that $L(\omega)$ contains a $G^{(1)}$ -submodule isomorphic

to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + 3\bar{\omega}_2)$. The last module contains nonzero primitive vectors of weights $\bar{\omega} + 3\bar{\omega}_2 - 2\bar{\alpha}_2$ and $\bar{\omega} + 3\bar{\omega}_2 - 2\bar{\alpha}_2 - 2\bar{\alpha}_3 - 2\bar{\alpha}_4$ by the Carter–Payne theorem [CP].

Thus except trivial nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vectors of weights $\omega - i\alpha_1$ with $i = 0, \dots, 3$, the module $L(\omega)$ (which is not a Weyl module) also contains nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vectors of weights $\omega - 2\alpha_1 - \alpha_2$, $\omega - 2\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4$, $\omega - 3\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2$ and $\omega - 3\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_4$.

Computer calculations show that examples similar to Example II are quite abundant. Note that in both Examples I and II, we apply $X_{-\alpha_1, k}$ to $v_{\bar{\omega}}^+$ only for $k > 0$. The reason is that the case $k = 0$ corresponds to Smith’s theorem [Sm] and the only primitive vectors of $L\downarrow_{G^{(q)}}$ produced in this way are those proportional to $v_{\bar{\omega}}^+$.

We shall use the following result following directly from [St, Theorem 2].

Proposition 3. *The products $\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} X_{-\alpha, m_{-\alpha}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} H_{\alpha_i, n_i} \cdot \prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} X_{\alpha, m_{\alpha}}$, where $m_{-\alpha}, n_i, m_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, taken in any fixed order form a basis of \mathcal{U} .*

We denote by \mathcal{U}^+ the subspace of \mathcal{U} spanned by the above products with unitary first and second factors. Given integers $q_1, \dots, q_m \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$, we denote by $\mathcal{U}^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ the subspace of \mathcal{U} spanned by all the above products such that $m_{\alpha} = 0$ unless $\alpha \in \Phi^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ and $n_i = 0$ unless $i \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\} \setminus \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$. One can easily see that \mathcal{U}^+ and $\mathcal{U}^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ are subalgebras of \mathcal{U} . We let $\mathcal{U}^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ act on any rational $G^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ -module according to (1). In the sequel, we shall mean the $X(T)$ -grading of \mathcal{U} in which $X_{\alpha, m}$ has weight $m\alpha$ and $H_{\alpha_i, m}$ has weight 0.

For each $\omega \in X^+(T)$, we denote by $\nabla(\omega)$ the module contravariantly dual to the Weyl module $\Delta(\omega)$ and denote by $\pi^{\omega} : \Delta(\omega) \rightarrow L(\omega)$ the G -module epimorphism such that $\pi^{\omega}(e_{\bar{\omega}}^+) = v_{\bar{\omega}}^+$. We also denote by V^{τ} for $\tau \in X(T)$ the τ -weight space of a rational T -module V .

A vector v of a rational G -module is called G -primitive if $\mathbb{F}v$ is fixed by the Borel subgroup B . We use similar terminology for $G^{(q_1, \dots, q_m)}$ and omit the prefix when it is clear which group we mean. In view of the universal property of Weyl modules [J, Lemma II.2.13 b], we can speak about primitive vectors of a rational module V instead of homomorphisms from Weyl modules to V (we use this language in Theorem B).

Note that Theorems A and B in the case $q = n - 1$ are easy consequences of the theorems in the case $q = 1$ by a standard argument involving twisting with the automorphism $g \mapsto w_0(g^{-1})^t w_0^{-1}$, where t stands for the transposition and w_0 stands for the longest element of the Weyl group. Therefore in the remainder of the article we consider only the case $q = 1$.

2. Proof of the main results

We fix a weight $\omega = a_1\omega_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}\omega_{n-1}$ of $X^+(T)$ and an integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. The restriction of ω to $T^{(1)}$ is $\bar{\omega} = a_2\bar{\omega}_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}\bar{\omega}_{n-1}$. Clearly, $X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\bar{\omega}}^+$ is a (possibly zero) $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vector of $T^{(1)}$ -weight $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2$. By the universal property of Weyl modules [J, Lemma II.2.13 b], there exists the homomorphism $\varphi_k^{\omega} : \Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2) \rightarrow L(\omega)$ of $G^{(1)}$ -modules that takes $e_{\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2}^+$ to $X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\bar{\omega}}^+$. Obviously,

$$KG^{(1)}X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_{\bar{\omega}}^+ \cong \Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2) / \ker \varphi_k^{\omega}. \tag{2}$$

Problem 1 can now be reformulated as follows: *Describe the weights $\omega \in X^+(T)$ such that $\ker \varphi_k^{\omega} = 0$.* The analog of this problem for $\Delta(\omega)$ has a trivial solution.

Lemma 4. *The $G^{(1)}$ -submodule of $\Delta(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1, k}e_{\bar{\omega}}^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ if $0 \leq k \leq \langle \omega, \alpha_1 \rangle$ and is zero otherwise.*

Proof. Suppose temporarily that $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$. Then $\Delta(\omega)$ is irreducible. Since $X_{\alpha_1, k}X_{-\alpha_1, k}e_{\bar{\omega}}^+ = \binom{a_1}{k}e_{\bar{\omega}}^+$, we have (recall that α_1 is simple)

$$\dim \Delta(\omega)^{\omega - k\alpha_1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq a_1; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

where $N_{a,b}$ is the number of entries b in row a of t , $X_{-\alpha_a-\dots-\alpha_{b-1}, N_{a,b}}$ precedes $X_{-\alpha_c-\dots-\alpha_{d-1}, N_{c,d}}$ if $b < d$ or $b = d$ and $a < c$.

Remark 6. One can easily see that the number of entries greater than 2 in the second (top) row of t is exactly minus the coefficient at α_2 in the weight of F_t .

For t as in the above example, we have

$$F_t = X_{-\alpha_2, 2} X_{-\alpha_2-\alpha_3} X_{-\alpha_3, 2} X_{-\alpha_2-\alpha_3-\alpha_4} X_{-\alpha_4}.$$

Proposition 7. (See [CL].) Let κ be a weight of $X^+(T^{(1)})$ and $\lambda = (\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ be a sequence coherent with κ . Then the vectors $F_t e_{\kappa}^+$, where t is a standard λ -tableau, form a basis of $\Delta(\kappa)$.

Now suppose that $m = 3, \dots, n$ and $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = d_2 \geq 1$. For any regular row standard λ -tableau t , we define $\rho_m(t)$ to be the $(\lambda_2 - 1, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n)$ -tableau obtained from t by removing one entry m from the second row, if such removal is possible, and shifting all elements of the resulting row to the left.

One can easily check that for any $2 \leq s < m \leq n$ and $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, there holds

$$[X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}, X_{-\alpha_s-\dots-\alpha_{m-1}, N}] = X_{-\alpha_s-\dots-\alpha_{m-1}, N-1} X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{s-1}}. \tag{4}$$

Note that (4) holds for any $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ if we define $X_{\alpha, N} := 0$ for $N < 0$. Let I^+ denote the left ideal of \mathcal{U} generated by the elements $X_{\alpha, N}$ with $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ and $N > 0$.

Lemma 8. Let $m = 3, \dots, n$, $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = d_2 \geq 1$, t be a regular row standard λ -tableau and $1 \leq k$. We have

$$X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} F_t X_{-\alpha_1, k} \equiv F_{\rho_m(t)} X_{-\alpha_1, k-1} (H_{\alpha_1} + 1 - k) \pmod{I^+}$$

if $\rho_m(t)$ is well-defined and

$$X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} F_t X_{-\alpha_1, k} \equiv 0 \pmod{I^+}$$

otherwise.

Proof. Let $N_{a,b}$ denote the number of entries b in row a of t . Consider the representation $F_t = F_3 \cdots F_n$, where

$$F_j = X_{-\alpha_2-\dots-\alpha_{j-1}, N_{2,j}} \cdots X_{-\alpha_{j-2}-\alpha_{j-1}, N_{j-2,j}} X_{-\alpha_{j-1}, N_{j-1,j}}.$$

Clearly, $X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}}$ commutes with any F_j such that $j \neq m$. Using (4) and the fact that $X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{s-1}}$ commutes with any factor of F_m for $s = 2, \dots, m - 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} F_m &= F_m X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} \\ &+ \sum_{s=2}^{m-1} \left(\prod_{l=2}^{m-1} X_{-\alpha_l-\dots-\alpha_{m-1}, N_{l,m}-\delta_{l,s}} \right) X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{s-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here and in what follows $\delta_{l,s}$ equals 1 if $l = s$ and equals 0 otherwise. Since $X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{s-1}}$ commutes with any F_j for $s = 2, \dots, m$ and $j = m + 1, \dots, n$, we obtain

$$X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} F_t X_{-\alpha_1,k} = F_t X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} X_{-\alpha_1,k} + \sum_{s=2}^{m-1} F_1 \cdots F_{m-1} \left(\prod_{l=2}^{m-1} X_{-\alpha_l-\dots-\alpha_{m-1}, N_{l,m}-\delta_{l,s}} \right) F_{m+1} \cdots F_n X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{s-1}} X_{-\alpha_1,k}.$$

Since $m \geq 3$ the first summand and any product under the summation sign for $s > 2$ in the right-hand side of the above formula belongs to I^+ . Hence

$$X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m-1}} F_t X_{-\alpha_1,k} \equiv F_1 \cdots F_{m-1} \left(\prod_{l=2}^{m-1} X_{-\alpha_l-\dots-\alpha_{m-1}, N_{l,m}-\delta_{l,2}} \right) \times F_{m+1} \cdots F_n X_{-\alpha_1,k-1} (H_{\alpha_1} - k + 1) \pmod{I^+}.$$

If $N_{2,m} > 0$ then the right-hand side of the above formula equals $F_{\rho_M(t)} X_{-\alpha_1,k-1} (H_{\alpha_1} + 1 - k)$. Otherwise it equals zero and $\rho_M(t)$ is not well-defined. \square

We also need the iterated version of ρ_M . Suppose that $M = (m_1, \dots, m_l)$ is a sequence with entries in $\{3, \dots, n\}$ and $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = d_2 \geq l$. For any regular row standard λ -tableau t , we define $\rho_M(t)$ to be the $(\lambda_2 - l, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n)$ -tableau obtained from t by removing the entries m_1, \dots, m_l (taking into account their multiplicities) from the second row, if such removal is possible, and shifting all elements of the resulting row to the left. We clearly have $\rho_M(t) = \rho_{m_1} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{m_l}(t)$ if the second row of t contains entries m_1, \dots, m_l . Hence applying Lemma 8, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 9. *Let $M = (m_1, \dots, m_l)$ be a sequence with entries in $\{3, \dots, n\}$, $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = d_2 \geq l$, t be a regular row standard λ -tableau and $l \leq k$. We have*

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^l X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m_i-1}} \right) F_t X_{-\alpha_1,k} \equiv F_{\rho_M(t)} X_{-\alpha_1,k-l} \left(\prod_{i=1}^l H_{\alpha_1} + i - k \right) \pmod{I^+}$$

if $\rho_M(t)$ is well-defined and

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^l X_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{m_i-1}} \right) F_t X_{-\alpha_1,k} \equiv 0 \pmod{I^+}$$

otherwise.

In what follows, $\text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta)$ denotes the coefficient at α_1 of a root $\beta \in \Phi$.

Proof of Theorem B. “Only if part.” Suppose that the $G^{(1)}$ -submodule of $L(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1,k} v_\omega^+$ is isomorphic to a Weyl module. Then $X_{-\alpha_1,k} v_\omega^+ \neq 0$ and $X_{\alpha_1,k} X_{-\alpha_1,k} v_\omega^+ = \binom{a_1}{k} v_\omega^+ \neq 0$. Hence $a_1 - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for $l = 0, \dots, k - 1$, since $k < p$.

Now let v be a nonzero $G^{(1)}$ -primitive vector of $KG^{(1)} X_{-\alpha_1,k} v_\omega^+$. By Lemma 5, v is a T -weight vector. It has T -weight $\omega - \delta$, where δ is a sum of positive roots. Clearly, the coefficient at α_1 of δ equals k . We claim that

$$\delta \in E(1, k) := \{ \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_l \mid \beta_1, \dots, \beta_l \in \Phi^+, \text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta_1) > 0, \dots, \text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta_l) > 0, \text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta_1) + \dots + \text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta_l) = k \}. \tag{5}$$

Indeed, by Proposition 3, the products $\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} X_{\alpha, m_\alpha}$ taken in any fixed order form a basis of \mathcal{U}^+ . Let us assume now that this order is such that any factor X_{α, m_α} with $\text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\alpha) > 0$ is situated to

the left of any factor X_{β, m_β} with $\text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\beta) = 0$. Since $v \neq 0$, we have $(\prod_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} X_{\alpha, m_\alpha})v = cv_\omega^+$ for some $c \in \mathbb{F}^*$ and $m_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $\sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} m_\alpha \alpha = \delta$. Since v is $G^{(1)}$ -primitive, the order of factors we have chosen implies that $m_\alpha = 0$ if $\text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\alpha) = 0$. On the other hand, $\sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} m_\alpha \text{coeff}_{\alpha_1}(\alpha) = k$. Hence (5) directly follows.

Now it remains to notice that

$$E(1, k) = \{b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1} \mid k = b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{n-1} \geq 0\}.$$

“If part.” We assume that $a_1 - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ for any $l = 0, \dots, k - 1$ and any nonzero primitive vector of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ has weight as in (i). In particular, we have $k \leq a_1$. Suppose that $KG^{(1)}X_{-\alpha_1, k}v_\omega^+$ is not isomorphic to a Weyl module. Then by (2), we get $\ker \varphi_k^\omega \neq 0$. Since $\ker \varphi_k^\omega$ is a submodule of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$, it contains a nonzero primitive vector u . Our assumption implies that u has weight $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2 - b_2\bar{\alpha}_2 - \dots - b_{n-1}\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}$, where $k \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{n-1} \geq 0$.

The universal property of Weyl modules implies the existence of the $G^{(1)}$ -module homomorphism $\gamma : \Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2) \rightarrow KG^{(1)}X_{-\alpha_1, k}e_\omega^+$ such that $\gamma(e_{\bar{\omega}+k\bar{\omega}_2}^+) = X_{-\alpha_1, k}e_\omega^+$. Lemma 4 shows that γ is an isomorphism. Since $\pi^\omega \circ \gamma = \varphi_k^\omega$ (to prove it, apply both sides to $e_{\bar{\omega}+k\bar{\omega}_2}^+$), we have $\gamma(u) \in \text{rad } \Delta(\omega)$.

Take any sequence $\lambda = (\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ of nonnegative integers coherent with $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2$. In particular, we have $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = \langle \bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2, \bar{\alpha}_2 \rangle = a_2 + k \geq b_2$. By Proposition 7, we have the representation $u = \sum_{s \in S} c_s F_s e_{\bar{\omega}+k\bar{\omega}_2}^+$, where $c_s \in \mathbb{F}^*$ and S is a nonempty set consisting of standard λ -tableaux s such that F_s has weight $-b_2\alpha_2 - \dots - b_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1}$. Obviously, any tableau $s \in S$ has exactly b_2 entries greater than 2 in the second row (see Remark 6).

Let us fix some tableau $t \in S$, denote by m_1, \dots, m_{b_2} all the entries greater than 2 in the second row of t (taking into account multiplicities) and put $M := (m_1, \dots, m_{b_2})$. Clearly, $\rho_M(t)$ is well-defined. Moreover, for any $s \in S$ such that $\rho_M(s)$ is well-defined, $\rho_M(s)$ is a standard $(\lambda_2 - b_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n)$ -tableau whose every entry in the second row is 2 and $F_{\rho_M(s)}$ has weight

$$-b_2\alpha_2 - \dots - b_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{b_2} \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{m_i-1} \right) = -b'_3\alpha_3 - \dots - b'_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1},$$

where b'_3, \dots, b'_{n-1} are nonnegative integers (independent of s). Applying γ to the above representation of u , we obtain

$$\gamma(u) = \sum_{s \in S} c_s F_s X_{-\alpha_1, k} e_\omega^+ \in \text{rad } \Delta(\omega).$$

Multiplying this formula by $(\prod_{i=1}^{b_2} X_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{m_i-1}})$ on the left, taking into account $b_2 \leq k$ and applying Corollary 9, we obtain

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{b_2} a_1 + i - k \right) \sum \{ F_{\rho_M(s)} X_{-\alpha_1, k-b_2} e_\omega^+ \mid s \in S \text{ and } \rho_M(s) \text{ is well-defined} \} \in \text{rad } \Delta(\omega). \tag{6}$$

Since $b_2 \leq k$ and we assumed $a_1 - l \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ for any $l = 0, \dots, k - 1$, the first factor of the product in the left-hand side of the above formula is nonzero. Moreover, if s and s' are distinct tableaux of S and both $\rho_M(s)$ and $\rho_M(s')$ are well-defined, then $\rho_M(s) \neq \rho_M(s')$. Notice that the summation in (6) is nonempty, since at least $s = t$ satisfies the restrictions.

By Lemma 4, the $G^{(1)}$ -submodule W of $\Delta(\omega)$ generated by $X_{-\alpha_1, k-b_2} e_\omega^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2)$. Note that $(\lambda_2 - b_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n)$ is coherent with $\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2$. Therefore by Proposition 7, the left-hand side of (6) is nonzero. It belongs to a proper $G^{(1)}$ -submodule $W \cap \text{rad } \Delta(\omega)$ of W and

hence to $\text{rad } W$. Note that $X_{\alpha_1, k-b_2} X_{-\alpha_1, k-b_2} e_{\bar{\omega}}^+ = \binom{a_1}{k-b_2} e_{\bar{\omega}}^+ \neq 0$, whence $X_{-\alpha_1, k-b_2} e_{\bar{\omega}}^+ \notin \text{rad } \Delta(\bar{\omega})$ and indeed $W \cap \text{rad } \Delta(\bar{\omega}) \neq W$.

In other words, we proved that $\text{rad } \Delta(\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2)$ contains a nonzero vector u' of weight $\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2 - b'_3\bar{\alpha}_3 - \dots - b'_{n-1}\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}$. As an immediate consequence of this fact, we get $n \geq 4$. For any weight $\chi \in X(T)$, we denote by $\tilde{\chi}$ its restriction to $T^{(1,2)}$. By Lemma 4, the $G^{(1,2)}$ -submodule W' of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2)$ generated by $e_{\bar{\omega}+(k-b_2)\bar{\omega}_2}^+$ is isomorphic to $\Delta(\tilde{\omega})$ (the restriction of $\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2$ to $T^{(1,2)}$ is $\tilde{\omega}$). Clearly, u' belongs to a proper submodule $W' \cap \text{rad } \Delta(\bar{\omega} + (k - b_2)\bar{\omega}_2)$ of W' and thus belongs to $\text{rad } W'$. In this way, we proved that $\Delta(\tilde{\omega})$ is not simple.

Consider the $G^{(1,2)}$ -submodule W'' of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ generated by $e_{\bar{\omega}+k\bar{\omega}_2}^+$. By Lemma 4, W'' is isomorphic to $\Delta(\tilde{\omega})$ (the restriction of $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2$ to $T^{(1,2)}$ is also $\tilde{\omega}$). Therefore W'' is not simple and contains a nonzero $G^{(1,2)}$ -primitive vector u'' of $T^{(1,2)}$ -weight $\tilde{\omega} - d_3\tilde{\alpha}_3 - \dots - d_{n-1}\tilde{\alpha}_{n-1}$, where d_3, \dots, d_{n-1} are nonnegative integers not equal simultaneously to zero. By Lemma 5, we obtain that u'' has $T^{(1)}$ -weight $\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2 - d_3\alpha_3 - \dots - d_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1}$. Note that this weight does not have the form described in (i). Since $x_{\alpha_2}(t)$ commutes with any $x_{-\alpha_i}(s)$, where $i = 3, \dots, n - 1$, and

$$u'' \in W'' = \mathbb{F}\langle x_{-\alpha_i}(s) \mid i = 3, \dots, n - 1, s \in \mathbb{F} \rangle e_{\bar{\omega}+k\bar{\omega}_2},$$

we obtain that u'' is $G^{(1)}$ -primitive. This is a contradiction. \square

Proof of Theorem A. Suppose that the hypothesis of (i) holds. The weights of $\Delta(\bar{\omega}_2)$ are $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_{n-1}$, where $\chi_i = \bar{\omega}_2 - \bar{\alpha}_2 - \dots - \bar{\alpha}_i$ and each weight space is one-dimensional.

Suppose for a while that $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$. It is well known that for any $\chi \in X^+(T^{(1)})$, the module $\Delta(\chi) \otimes \Delta(\bar{\omega}_2)$ is a direct sum of $\Delta(\chi + \chi_i)$ over $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ such that $\chi + \chi_i \in X^+(T^{(1)})$ (see, for example, [BK2, Lemma 4.8]). Thus the module $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2) \otimes \Delta(\bar{\omega}_2)^{\otimes k-m}$ is a direct sum of several copies of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}})$ over sequences i_1, \dots, i_{k-m} of integers in $\{1, \dots, n - 1\}$ such that $\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}} \in X^+(T^{(1)})$. Moreover, the module $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ enters into this sum with multiplicity one.

Let us return to the case $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p > 0$. Applying the main result of [M], we obtain that the module $V := \Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2) \otimes \Delta(\bar{\omega}_2)^{\otimes k-m}$ has a filtration with factors $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}})$ over the same sequences i_1, \dots, i_{k-m} with the same multiplicities. By [J, II.4.16 Remark 4] applied to the dual module V^* , V has a submodule isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$.

Now recall that $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2) \cong \nabla(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2)$ by the hypothesis of the present lemma and $\Delta(\bar{\omega}_2) \cong \nabla(\bar{\omega}_2)$. Therefore, V is isomorphic to $\nabla(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2) \otimes \nabla(\bar{\omega}_2)^{\otimes k-m}$ and by the main result of [M] has a filtration with factors $\nabla(\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}})$ over the same sequences i_1, \dots, i_{k-m} with the same multiplicities. Applying [J, Proposition II.4.13], we obtain that $\text{Hom}_{G^{(1)}}(\Delta(\chi), V) = 0$ unless $\chi = \bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}}$. Since V has a submodule isomorphic to $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$, any nonzero primitive vector of $\Delta(\bar{\omega} + k\bar{\omega}_2)$ has weight $\bar{\omega} + m\bar{\omega}_2 + \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_{k-m}}$ with i_1, \dots, i_{k-m} as above. It remains to apply Theorem B(i).

Part (ii) can be proved similarly but tensoring with $\Delta(\bar{\omega}_{n-2})$ and applying Theorem B(ii). \square

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