

Invariants in enveloping algebras and vacuum modules

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In general,

$$1 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \chi(\operatorname{tr} E^m)}{(u - N + 1)^{m+1}} = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{u + l_i + 1}{u + l_i}.$$

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The Harish-Chandra images $\chi(\mathbb{S}_\lambda)$ are the shifted Schur polynomials.

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For the classical types, $\langle X, Y \rangle = \operatorname{const} \cdot \operatorname{tr} XY$,

$$h^\vee = \begin{cases} N & \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_N, & \operatorname{const} = 1 \\ N - 2 & \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_N, & \operatorname{const} = \frac{1}{2} \\ n + 1 & \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}_{2n}, & \operatorname{const} = 1. \end{cases}$$

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By [Kac, 1974], the canonical quadratic Casimir element belongs to an extension of $U_{-h^\vee}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$.

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They belong to the **completed universal enveloping algebra**

$\tilde{U}_{-N}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N)$ defined as the inverse limit

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where \mathbf{I}_m is the left ideal of $U_{-N}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N)$ generated by $t^m \mathfrak{gl}_N[t]$.

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Explicit constructions of such sets and a new proof of
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[Chervov–Talalaev, 2006, Chervov–M., 2009, M. 2013].

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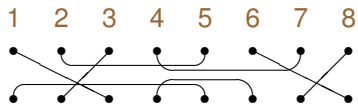
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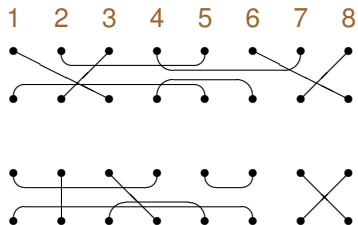
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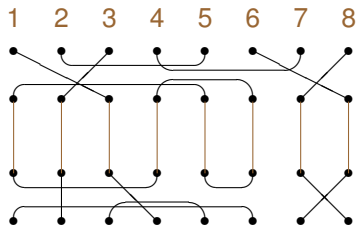
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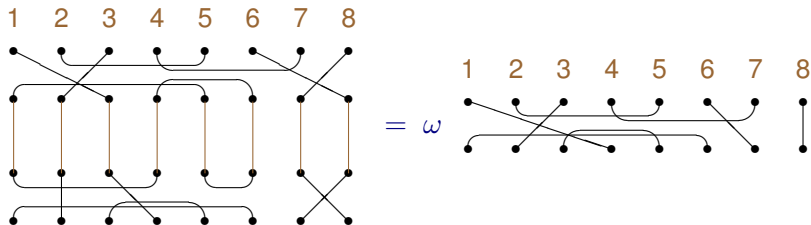
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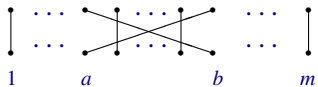


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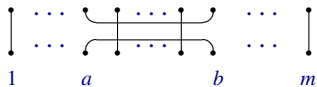
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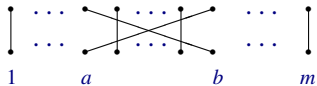
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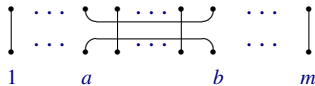
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