Irreducible Modules for
Extended Affine Lie Algebras

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Abstract. We construct irreducible modules for twisted toroidal Lie algebras and extended affine Lie algebras. This is done by combining the representation theory of untwisted toroidal algebras with the technique of thin coverings of modules. We illustrate our method with examples of extended affine Lie algebras of Clifford type.

0   Introduction

Extended affine Lie algebras (EALAs) are natural generalizations of the affine Kac-Moody algebras. They come equipped with a nondegenerate symmetric invariant bilinear form, a finite-dimensional Cartan subalgebra, and a discrete root system. Originally introduced in the contexts of singularity theory and mathematical physics, their structure theory has been extensively studied for over 15 years. (See [2, 3, 19] and the references therein.)

   Their representations are much less well understood. Early attempts to replicate the highest weight theory of the affine setting were stymied by the lack

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of a triangular decomposition; later work considered only the untwisted toroidal Lie algebras and a few other isolated examples.

As a result of major breakthroughs announced in [3] and [19], it is now clear that, except for (extensions of) matrix algebras over non-cyclotomic quantum tori, every extended affine Lie algebra can be constructed as an extension of a twisted multiloop algebra. These results have inspired the present paper, in which we use a twisting procedure to explicitly obtain irreducible generalized highest weight modules for EALAs associated with every twisted multiloop algebra.

In more detail, let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra over the complex numbers $\mathbb{C}$, with commuting automorphisms $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ of orders $m_0, m_1, \ldots, m_N$, respectively. Fix primitive m_ith roots of unity $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C}$ for every i, and let each σ_i act as an automorphism of the $(N+1)$-torus $\mathbb{T}^{N+1} = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{N+1}$, by sending the point $(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_N) \in \mathbb{T}^{N+1}$ to the point $(x_0, \ldots, \xi_i x_i \ldots, x_N)$. The *twisted multiloop algebra* $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$ consists of the $\sigma_0, \ldots, \sigma_N$-equivariant $\mathfrak{g}$-valued regular functions on $\mathbb{T}^{N+1}$, under pointwise Lie bracket. Next, we take the universal central extension of $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$ and adjoin the Lie algebra of equivariant vector fields on the torus, possibly twisted with a 2-cocycle. This produces the *full twisted toroidal Lie algebra*

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma) = L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma) \oplus \mathcal{K}_\Lambda \oplus \mathcal{D}_\Lambda.$$

This Lie algebra does not admit a nondegenerate invariant symmetric bilinear form, and is thus too large to be an extended affine Lie algebra. Indeed, the largest extended affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma)$ associated with $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$ is the Lie algebra obtained by adjoining only the *divergence zero* vector fields to the universal central extension of $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$:

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma) = L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma) \oplus \mathcal{K}_\Lambda \oplus \mathcal{S}_\Lambda.$$

See Section 1 for details.

After describing the twisted toroidal Lie algebras, we discuss σ-*twists of vertex Lie algebras* in Section 2. These structures may be thought of as the twisted analogues of the vertex Lie algebras of Dong, Li, and Mason [9]. They are examples of Γ-*twisted formal distribution algebras*, a more general construction appearing in the work of Kac [13]. We go on to prove that the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$ is a σ_0-twist of the (untwisted) full toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(1, \ldots, 1)$.

Past work by one of the authors identifies a quotient $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$ of the universal enveloping vertex operator algebra (VOA) of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(1, \ldots, 1)$ as a tensor product of a lattice VOA, an affine VOA, and a VOA $V_{\mathfrak{g} \mathfrak{l} \mathfrak{V} \mathfrak{i} \mathfrak{r}}$ associated with the affine

Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$ and the Virasoro Lie algebra. This allows irreducible representations of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(1, \ldots, 1)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(1, \ldots, 1)$ to be constructed from tensor products of modules for the tensor components of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$. See [5, 6] for details.

In the present paper, we show that a tensor product $V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^{+} \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ of modules for the corresponding lattice VOA, twisted affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$, and $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ can be given the structure of a module for the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$. This is done by using general theorems about σ_0-twists of vertex Lie algebras to reduce most of the verifications to work previously done in the untwisted case.

To obtain irreducible modules for the Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$, we use the technique of *thin coverings* introduced in a previous paper [7]. Thin coverings are a tool for constructing graded-simple modules from simple ungraded modules over a graded algebra. By taking a thin covering with respect to $\langle \sigma_1 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle \sigma_N \rangle$ of an irreducible highest weight module for a twisted affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$, we produce irreducible representations for the twisted toroidal Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma)$. These lowest energy modules have weight decompositions into finite-dimensional weight spaces, and the action of the centres of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma)$ and $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma)$ is given by a central character.

We illustrate our method by explicitly constructing irreducible representations for two of the more exotic extended affine Lie algebras. In the process, we give a detailed discussion of how to realize Jordan torus EALAs of Clifford type as extensions of twisted multiloop algebras, and how to find the thin coverings used in our construction. Vertex operator representations of some Clifford type EALAs were previously constructed in [23] and [18]. Unlike this earlier work, our construction yields irreducible modules.

1   Twisted Toroidal Lie Algebras

Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra over the complex numbers $\mathbb{C}$, with commuting automorphisms $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ of (finite) orders $m_0, m_1, \ldots, m_N$, respectively. Fix primitive m_ith roots of unity $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C}$ for $i = 0, 1, \ldots, N$. Define two sublattices $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^N$ and $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$:

$$\Gamma = m_1 \mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times m_N \mathbb{Z}, \quad \Lambda = m_0 \mathbb{Z} \times \Gamma.$$

For each $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$, we write $\mathbf{s} = (s_0, s)$, where $s_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $s \in \mathbb{Z}^N$, and denote by $\overline{\mathbf{s}} = (\overline{s}_0, \overline{s})$ its image under the canonical map $\mathbb{Z}^{N+1} \to \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}/\Lambda$. Likewise, $f(\mathbf{t})$ will denote a Laurent polynomial in the $N+1$ variables $t_0^{\pm 1/m_0}, t_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, t_N^{\pm 1}$. However, in recognition of the special role played by the first variable t_0, the multi-index exponential notation $t^r = t_1^{r_1} t_2^{r_2} \cdots t_N^{r_N}$ will be reserved for N-tuples $r = (r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_N) \in \mathbb{Z}^N$.

The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ has a common eigenspace decomposition

$$\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\overline{\mathbf{s}} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}/\Lambda} \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathbf{s}}},$$

where $\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathbf{s}}} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \sigma_i x = \xi_i^{s_i} x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \ldots, N\}$. The corresponding *twisted multiloop algebra*

$$L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma) = \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}} t_0^{s_0/m_0} t^s \otimes \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathbf{s}}} \tag{1.1}$$

$$\subseteq \mathbb{C}[t_0^{\pm 1/m_0}, t_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, t_N^{\pm 1}] \otimes \mathfrak{g} \tag{1.2}$$

has Lie bracket given by

$$[f_1(\mathbf{t})g_1, f_2(\mathbf{t})g_2] = f_1(\mathbf{t})f_2(\mathbf{t})[g_1, g_2]. \tag{1.3}$$

For simplicity of notation, we sometimes drop the tensor product symbol $\otimes$, as in (1.3).

Let $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{C}[t_0^{\pm 1/m_0}, t_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, t_N^{\pm 1}]$ be the algebra of Laurent polynomials, and let $\mathcal{R}_\Lambda = \mathbb{C}[t_0^{\pm 1}, t_1^{\pm m_1}, \ldots, t_N^{\pm m_N}] \subseteq \mathcal{R}$.

We will write $\Omega_{\mathcal{R}}^1$ (respectively, $\Omega_{\mathcal{R}_\Lambda}^1$) for the space of Kähler differentials of $\mathcal{R}$ (resp., $\mathcal{R}_\Lambda$). As a left $\mathcal{R}$-module, $\Omega_{\mathcal{R}}^1$ has a natural basis consisting of the 1-forms $k_p = t_p^{-1} dt_p$ for $p = 0, \ldots, N$. Likewise,

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{R}_\Lambda}^1 = \bigoplus_{p=0}^N \mathcal{R}_\Lambda k_p.$$

For each $f \in \mathcal{R}$, the differential map $\mathrm{d} : \mathcal{R} \to \Omega_{\mathcal{R}}^1$ is defined as

$$\mathrm{d}(f) = \sum_{p=0}^N d_p(f) k_p,$$

where $d_p = t_p \frac{\partial}{\partial t_p}$ for $p = 0, \ldots, N$.

Kassel [16] has shown that the centre $\mathcal{K}$ of the universal central extension $(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathcal{K}$ of $\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ can be realized as

$$\mathcal{K} = \Omega_{\mathcal{R}}^1 / \mathrm{d}(\mathcal{R}).$$

The multiplication in the universal central extension is given by

$$[f_1(\mathbf{t})x, f_2(\mathbf{t})y] = f_1(\mathbf{t})f_2(\mathbf{t})[x, y] + (x \mid y) f_2 \mathrm{d}(f_1), \tag{1.4}$$

for all $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$, where $(x \mid y)$ is a symmetric invariant bilinear form on $\mathfrak{g}$. This form is normalized by the condition that the induced form on

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the dual of the Cartan subalgebra satisfies $(\alpha \,|\, \alpha) = 2$ for long roots α. Similarly, the Lie algebra $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$ can be centrally extended by $\mathcal{K}_\Lambda = \Omega^1_{\mathcal{R}_\Lambda}/\mathrm{d}(\mathcal{R}_\Lambda)$ using the Lie bracket (1.4). This central extension of the twisted multiloop algebra is also universal [20].

Let $\mathcal{D} = \mathrm{Der}\,\mathcal{R}$ be the Lie algebra of derivations of $\mathcal{R}$, and let $\mathcal{D}_\Lambda = \mathrm{Der}\,\mathcal{R}_\Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{D}$. The space $\mathcal{D}$ (resp., $\mathcal{D}_\Lambda$) acts on $\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ (resp., $L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma)$) by

$$[f_1(\mathbf{t})d_a, f_2(\mathbf{t})x] = f_1 d_a(f_2)x. \tag{1.5}$$

There is also a compatible action of $\mathcal{D}$ (resp., $\mathcal{D}_\Lambda$) on $\mathcal{K}$ (resp., on $\mathcal{K}_\Lambda$) via the Lie derivative:

$$[f_1(\mathbf{t})d_a, f_2(\mathbf{t})k_b] = f_1 d_a(f_2)k_b + \delta_{ab} f_2 \mathrm{d}(f_1). \tag{1.6}$$

The multiplication in the semidirect product Lie algebra $(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{D}$ can be twisted by any $\mathcal{K}$-valued 2-cocycle $\tau \in \mathrm{H}^2(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{K})$:

$$[f_1(\mathbf{t})d_a, f_2(\mathbf{t})d_b] = f_1 d_a(f_2)d_b - f_2 d_b(f_1)d_a + \tau(f_1 d_a, f_2 d_b). \tag{1.7}$$

We will use cocycles

$$\tau = \mu \tau_1 + \nu \tau_2 \tag{1.8}$$

parametrized by $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{C}$. To define these cocycles, recall that the *Jacobian* v^J of a vector field $v = \sum_a f_a(\mathbf{t})d_a$ is the matrix with (a,b)-entry $d_b(f_a)$, for $0 \le a, b \le n$. In this notation,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1(v, w) &= Tr(v^J \mathrm{d}(w^J)) \\ \tau_2(v, w) &= Tr(v^J)\mathrm{d}(Tr(w^J)), \end{aligned}$$

where Tr denotes the trace and the differential map d is defined element-wise on the matrix w^J.

The resulting Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}} = (\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus_\tau \mathcal{D} \tag{1.9}$$

is called the *toroidal Lie algebra*. When restricted to $\mathcal{D}_\Lambda$, the cocycle τ restricts to a cocycle (also denoted by τ) in the space $\mathrm{H}^2(\mathcal{D}_\Lambda, \mathcal{K}_\Lambda)$. This gives the *full twisted toroidal Lie algebra*

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma) = L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma) \oplus \mathcal{K}_\Lambda \oplus_\tau \mathcal{D}_\Lambda \tag{1.10}$$

with Lie bracket given by (1.4) – (1.7).

We will also consider the closely related (twisted) toroidal extended affine Lie algebra (EALA). A derivation v is called *divergence zero* (or *skew-centroidal*)

if $Tr(v^J) = 0$. We will denote the subalgebra of divergence zero derivations of $\mathcal{R}$ (resp., $\mathcal{R}_\Lambda$) by $\mathcal{S}$ (resp., $\mathcal{S}_\Lambda$). Note that the cocycle τ_2 vanishes when restricted to the space $\mathcal{S}$, so when working in the EALA setting, we can assume that $\tau = \mu\tau_1$. The *toroidal EALA* is the Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_E = (\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus_\tau \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_T. \tag{1.11}$$

Analogously, the *twisted toroidal EALA* is the subalgebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma) = L(\mathfrak{g}; \sigma) \oplus \mathcal{K}_\Lambda \oplus_\tau \mathcal{S}_\Lambda \subseteq \mathfrak{g}_T(\sigma). \tag{1.12}$$

The Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}_E$ and $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma)$ possess non-degenerate invariant bilinear forms.

2   Vertex Lie Algebras and their σ-Twists

In this section, we describe a general construction that will reduce the work of verifying certain relations in the twisted toroidal setting to verifying the analogous relations in the untwisted setting. We begin by recalling the definition of *vertex Lie algebra*. In our exposition, we will follow the paper of Dong, Li, and Mason [9]. Similar constructions appear in the work of Kac [12], under the name *Lie formal distribution algebra*.

Let $\mathcal{L}$ be a Lie algebra with basis $\{u(n), c(-1) \mid u \in \mathcal{U}, c \in \mathcal{C}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, where $\mathcal{U}$ and $\mathcal{C}$ are some index sets. Define the corresponding formal fields in $\mathcal{L}[[z, z^{-1}]]$:

$$u(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} u(n) z^{-n-1} \tag{2.1}$$

$$c(z) = c(-1)z^0, \tag{2.2}$$

for each $u \in \mathcal{U}$ and $c \in \mathcal{C}$. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{L}[[z, z^{-1}]]$ spanned by the fields $u(z), c(z)$, and their derivatives of all orders.

The *delta function* is defined as

$$\delta(z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} z^j.$$

Definition 2.3 A Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}$ with basis as above is called a *vertex Lie algebra* if the following two conditions hold:

(VL1) For all $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{U}$, there exist $n \geq 0$ and $f_0(z), \ldots, f_n(z) \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$[u_1(z_1), u_2(z_2)] = \sum_{j=0}^{n} f_j(z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \right)^j \delta \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right].$$

(VL2) The element $c(-1)$ is central in $\mathcal{L}$ for all $c \in \mathcal{C}$.

Let $\mathcal{L}^{(-)}$ be the subspace with basis $\{u(n), c(-1) \mid u \in \mathcal{U}, \ c \in \mathcal{C}, \ n < 0\}$, and let $\mathcal{L}^{(+)}$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{L}$ with basis $\{u(n) \ \ u \in \mathcal{U}, \ n \geq 0\}$. Then $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{(-)} \oplus \mathcal{L}^{(+)}$ and both $\mathcal{L}^{(-)}$ and $\mathcal{L}^{(+)}$ are in fact subalgebras of $\mathcal{L}$.

The universal enveloping vertex algebra $V_{\mathcal{L}}$ of a vertex Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}$ is the induced module

$$V_{\mathcal{L}} = \mathrm{Ind}_{\mathcal{L}^{(+)}}^{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{1}) = U(\mathcal{L}^{(-)}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{1}, \tag{2.4}$$

where $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{1}$ is a trivial 1-dimensional $\mathcal{L}^{(+)}$-module.

The following result appears as Theorem 4.8 in [9]. (See also [12].)

Theorem 2.5 *Let $\mathcal{L}$ be a vertex Lie algebra. Then $V_{\mathcal{L}}$ has the structure of a vertex algebra with vacuum vector $\mathbb{1}$. The infinitesimal translation operator T is the derivation of $V_{\mathcal{L}}$ given by $T(u(n)) = -nu(n-1)$ and $T(c(-1)) = 0$ for all $u \in \mathcal{U}, \ c \in \mathcal{C}$. The state-field correspondence is defined by the formula*

$$Y\big(a_1(-n_1 - 1) \cdots a_{k-1}(-n_{k-1} - 1)a_k(-n_k - 1)\mathbb{1}, z\big)$$
$$=: \left(\frac{1}{n_1!}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^{n_1} a_1(z)\right) \cdots$$
$$: \left(\frac{1}{n_{k-1}!}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^{n_{k-1}} a_{k-1}(z)\right) \left(\frac{1}{n_k!}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^{n_k} a_k(z)\right) : \cdots :,$$

where $a_j \in \mathcal{U}$ and $n_j \geq 0$, or $a_j \in \mathcal{C}$ and $n_j = 0$.

Next we will define a twisted vertex Lie algebra (cf. [13, 15]).

We consider a vertex Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}$ graded by a cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ for which the generating fields $u(z)$, $c(z)$ are homogeneous. That is, $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{\overline{k} \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{L}_{\overline{k}}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$-graded Lie algebra, and there is a decomposition $\mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{\overline{k} \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{U}_{\overline{k}}$ for which $u(n) \in \mathcal{L}_{\overline{k}}$ and $c(-1) \in \mathcal{L}_{\overline{0}}$ for all $c \in \mathcal{C}$, $u \in \mathcal{U}_{\overline{k}}$, and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let ξ be a primitive mth root of 1. This grading defines an automorphism $\sigma : \ \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{L}$ of order m by $\sigma(x) = \xi^k x$ for $x \in \mathcal{L}_{\overline{k}}$.

Let $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$ be a space with the basis

$$\bigcup_{\overline{k} \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}} \left\{\overline{u}(n), \overline{c}(-1) \mid u \in \mathcal{U}_{\overline{k}}, \ n \in k/m + \mathbb{Z}, \ c \in \mathcal{C}\right\}. \tag{2.6}$$

We define fields

$$\overline{u}(z) \ = \ \sum_{n \in k/m + \mathbb{Z}} \overline{u}(n) z^{-n-1} \in \mathcal{L}(\sigma)[[z^{-1/m}, z^{1/m}]], \tag{2.7}$$

$$\overline{c}(z) \ = \ \overline{c}(-1) z^0, \tag{2.8}$$

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for all $u \in \mathcal{U}_{\overline{k}}$ and $c \in \mathcal{C}$. Let $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ be the space spanned by the fields $\overline{u}(z), \overline{c}(z)$, and their derivatives of all orders. The correspondence $u(z) \mapsto \overline{u}(z)$, $c(z) \mapsto \overline{c}(z)$ extends to a vector space isomorphism $\overline{} : \mathcal{F} \to \overline{\mathcal{F}}$ commuting with the derivative $\frac{d}{dz}$.

We will use the *twisted delta function* $\delta_k(z) = z^{k/m}\delta(z)$ when working with σ-*twists* of vertex Lie algebras. More precisely, the σ-*twist of a vertex Lie algebra* $\mathcal{L}$ is a vector space $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$ equipped with a Lie bracket defined by the relations

(T1) $\displaystyle [\overline{u}_1(z_1), \overline{u}_2(z_2)] = \sum_{j=0}^{n} \overline{f}_j(z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \right)^j \delta_k \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right],$

   where the f_j are as in (VL1) and $u_1 \in \mathcal{U}_{\overline{k}}$, $u_2 \in \mathcal{U}$.

(T2) The elements $\overline{c}(-1)$ are central in $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$ for all $c \in \mathcal{C}$,

It follows from [15] that $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$ is indeed a Lie algebra.

Observe that the twisted affine Kac-Moody algebras are examples of twisted vertex Lie algebras. In this paper, our main example of a vertex Lie algebra will be the full toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$. Its σ_0-twist will be the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$.

The next theorem (see e.g., [17]), will be very helpful in our construction of modules for twisted toroidal Lie algebras.

Theorem 2.9 *Let $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$ be a σ-twist of a vertex Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}$, and let $V_{\mathcal{L}}$ be the universal enveloping vertex algebra of $\mathcal{L}$. Then every σ-twisted $V_{\mathcal{L}}$-module M is a module for the Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}(\sigma)$.*

Let us recall the definition of a twisted module of a vertex algebra [17, 14]. Let σ be an automorphism of order m of a vertex algebra V. Consider the grading of V by the cyclic group $(\frac{1}{m}\mathbb{Z})/\mathbb{Z}$, where for each coset $\overline{\alpha} = k/m + \mathbb{Z}$ we define the component

$$V_{\overline{\alpha}} = \left\{ v \in V \mid \sigma(v) = \xi^k v \right\}.$$

For each coset $\overline{\alpha} = k/m + \mathbb{Z}$, fix a representative $\alpha \in \overline{\alpha}$. If $\overline{\alpha} = \mathbb{Z}$, we set $\alpha = 0$. Let M be a vector space with a map

$$Y_M : \quad V \to \mathrm{End}\,(M)[[z^{1/m}, z^{-1/m}]]. \qquad (2.10)$$

Write $Y_M(a, z) = \sum_{j \in \overline{\alpha}} a_{(j)}^M z^{-j-1}$, with each $a_{(j)}^M \in \mathrm{End}\,(M)$.

Definition 2.11 *A vector space M together with a map Y_M as above is called a σ-twisted module for V if the following axioms hold:*

$$Y_M(a, z) \in z^{-\alpha}\mathrm{End}\,(M)[[z, z^{-1}]], \qquad (2.12)$$

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$$a_{(\alpha+n)}^M v = 0 \ for \ \ n \gg 0, \tag{2.13}$$

$$Y_M(\mathbb{1}, z) = \operatorname{Id}_M z^0, \tag{2.14}$$

$$Y_M(T(a), z) = \frac{d}{dz} Y_M(a, z), \tag{2.15}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{m}{j} Y_M(a_{(n+j)}b, z) z^{m-j}$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \left(a_{(m+n-j)}^M Y_M(b, z) z^j - (-1)^n Y_M(b, z) a_{(m+j)}^M z^{n-j} \right) \tag{2.16}$$

for all $a \in V_{\overline{\alpha}}, \ m \in \alpha + \mathbb{Z}, \ b \in V, v \in M, \ and \ n \in \mathbb{Z}.$

Letting $n = 0$ in the twisted Borcherds identity (2.16), one gets the commutator formula for $a \in V_{\overline{\alpha}}, b \in V_{\overline{\beta}}, m \in \overline{\alpha}$, and $n \in \overline{\beta}$:

$$[a_{(m)}^M, b_{(n)}^M] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{m}{j} \left(a_{(j)}b \right)_{(m+n-j)}^M. \tag{2.17}$$

The twisted normally ordered product is defined as (see [15])

$$: Y_M(a, z) Y_M(b, z) : = Y_M(a, z)_+ Y_M(b, z) + Y_M(b, z) Y_M(a, z)_- , \tag{2.18}$$

where

$$Y_M(a, z)_- = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{(\alpha+j)}^M z^{-\alpha-j-1}, \ \ Y_M(a, z)_+ = \sum_{j=-1}^{-\infty} a_{(\alpha+j)}^M z^{-\alpha-j-1}. \tag{2.19}$$

Note that when $a \in V_{\overline{0}}$, this coincides with the usual normal ordered product.

Letting $m = \alpha$ and $n = -1$ in the twisted Borcherds identity, one gets:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{j} Y_M(a_{(-1+j)}b, z) z^{-j} =: Y_M(a, z) Y_M(b, z) : . \tag{2.20}$$

3 Representations of Twisted Toroidal Lie Algebras

In this section, we use the representation theory of the full toroidal Lie algebras to construct irreducible representations for the full twisted toroidal Lie algebras. We begin by describing the toroidal vertex operator algebra (VOA) that controls the representation theory of the full toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$. We then show that twisted modules for this toroidal VOA yield representations of the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$. Finally, we realize irreducible modules for $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$ as subspaces of the irreducible modules for $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$ using thin coverings.

3.1 The toroidal VOA $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$

The toroidal vertex operator algebra $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$ that controls the representation theory of the full toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$ is a quotient of the universal enveloping vertex algebra of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$ [5]. It is a tensor product of three VOAs:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}} = V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^{+} \otimes V_{\mathrm{aff}} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}. \tag{3.1}$$

Here V_{Hyp}^{+} is a sub-VOA of a lattice VOA, V_{aff} is an affine VOA, and $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a twisted $\mathfrak{gl}_N$-Virasoro VOA. We will give brief descriptions of these VOAs and refer to [5] for details.

The vertex operator algebra V_{Hyp}^{+} is a sub-VOA of a lattice vertex algebra associated with a hyperbolic lattice. As a vector space, it is a tensor product of a Laurent polynomial algebra with a Fock space:

$$V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^{+} = \mathbb{C}[q_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, q_N^{\pm 1}] \otimes \mathfrak{F},$$

$$\mathfrak{F} = \mathbb{C}[u_{pj}, v_{pj} \mid p = 1, 2, \ldots, N, \ j = 1, 2, 3, \ldots].$$

In the description of the action of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$ on $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$, we will use the following vertex operators:

$$
\begin{aligned}
K_0(r, z) &= Y(q^r, z) \\
&= q^r \exp\left(\sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_{pj} z^j\right) \exp\left(-\sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-j}}{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{pj}}\right), \\
K_a(z) &= Y(u_{a1}, z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j u_{aj} z^{j-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{aj}} z^{-j-1}, \\
K_a(r, z) &= Y(u_{a1} q^r, z) = K_a(z) K_0(r, z), \\
D_a(z) &= Y(v_{a1}, z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j v_{aj} z^{j-1} + q_a \frac{\partial}{\partial q_a} z^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{aj}} z^{-j-1}, \\
\omega_{\mathrm{Hyp}}(z) &= Y\left(\sum_{p=1}^{N} u_{p1} v_{p1}, z\right) = \sum_{p=1}^{N} : K_p(z) D_p(z) :,
\end{aligned}
$$

for $a = 1, 2, \ldots, N$ and $r \in \mathbb{Z}^N$. The last expression is the Virasoro field of this VOA, and the rank of V_{Hyp}^{+} is $2N$.

Remark. The vertex algebra V_{Hyp}^{+} has a family of modules

$$M_{\mathrm{Hyp}}(\alpha, \beta) = e^{\beta v} q^{\alpha} \mathbb{C}[q_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, q_N^{\pm 1}] \otimes \mathfrak{F}, \tag{3.2}$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^N$, $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^N$, and $\beta v = \beta_1 v_1 + \cdots + \beta_N v_N$. See [5] for the description of the action of V_{Hyp}^{+} on $M_{\mathrm{Hyp}}(\alpha, \beta)$. All constructions of modules in this

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paper admit a straightforward generalization by shifting the algebra of Laurent polynomials by the factor $e^{\beta v}q^{\alpha}$ and replacing $Y(q^r, z)$ with $Y_{M_{\text{Hyp}}(\alpha,\beta)}(q^r, z)$. For the sake of simplicity of exposition, we will not be using these modules in the present paper.

The second factor in (3.1) is the usual affine vertex operator algebra V_{aff} of noncritical level $c \in \mathbb{C}$ associated with the affine Lie algebra

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \left(\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}]\right) \oplus \mathbb{C}C_{\text{aff}}.$$

We denote its Virasoro field by $\omega_{\text{aff}}(z)$. The corresponding Virasoro algebra has central charge $c \dim \mathfrak{g}/(c + h^{\vee})$, where $h^{\vee}$ is the dual Coxeter number of $\mathfrak{g}$. This material may be found in any of the introductory books on vertex operator algebras. (See [12], for instance.)

The remaining VOA in the tensor product (3.1) is associated with the *twisted* $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-*Virasoro algebra* $\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}$, which is the universal central extension of the Lie algebra

$$\left(\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C})\right) \rtimes \text{Der}\,\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}]. \tag{3.3}$$

This central extension is obtained by adjoining a 4-dimensional space spanned by the basis $\{C_{\mathfrak{sl}_N}, C_{Heis}, C_{Vir}, C_{VH}\}$.

We fix the natural projections

$$\psi_1 : \; \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C}) \quad \to \quad \mathfrak{sl}_N(\mathbb{C}) \tag{3.4}$$

$$\psi_2 : \; \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C}) \quad \to \quad \mathbb{C} \tag{3.5}$$

where $\psi_2(u) = Tr(u)/N$, $\psi_1(u) = u - \psi_2(u)I$, and I is the $N \times N$ identity matrix. The multiplication in $\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
[L(n), L(m)] &= (n-m)L(n+m) + \frac{n^3 - n}{12}\delta_{n+m,0}C_{Vir} \\
[L(n), u(m)] &= -mu(n+m) - (n^2 + n)\delta_{n+m,0}\psi_2(u)C_{VH} \\
[u(n), v(m)] &= [u,v](n+m) \\
&\quad + n\delta_{n+m,0}\left(Tr\left(\psi_1(u)\psi_1(v)\right)C_{\mathfrak{sl}_N} + \psi_2(u)\psi_2(v)C_{Heis}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where $L(n)$ is the Virasoro operator $-t_0^{n+1}\frac{\partial}{\partial t_0}$ and $u(m) = t_0^m \otimes u$ for $u \in \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C})$.

The twisted $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-Virasoro algebra $\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}$ is a vertex Lie algebra [5, Prop 3.5], and let $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be its universal enveloping vertex algebra with central charge given by a central character γ. We write

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{\mathfrak{sl}_N} &= \gamma(C_{\mathfrak{sl}_N}), \\
c_{Heis} &= \gamma(C_{Heis}), \\
c_{Vir} &= \gamma(C_{Vir}), \\
c_{VH} &= \gamma(C_{VH}).
\end{aligned}
$$

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The Virasoro field of $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}(z) = Y(L(-2)\mathbb{1}, z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} L(j) z^{-j-2}.$$

For $i, j = 1, \ldots, N$, let

$$E_{ij}(z) = Y(E_{ij}(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} E_{ij}(k) z^{-k-1},$$

where $E_{ij} \in \mathfrak{gl}_N$ is the matrix with 1 in the (i, j)-position, and zero elsewhere.

3.2 Representations of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$

For $a = 1, \ldots, N$ and $\mathbf{r} = (r_0, r) \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$, we now define fields (in a single variable z) whose Fourier coefficients span the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$:

$$k_0(r, z) \;=\; \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^r k_0 z^{-j}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$k_a(r, z) \;=\; \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^r k_a z^{-j-1}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$x(r, z) \;=\; \sum_{j \in r_0/m_0 + \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^r x z^{-j-1} \quad \text{for each } x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathrm{F}}}, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\widetilde{d}_a(r, z) \;=\; \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(t_0^j t^r d_a - \nu r_a t_0^j t^r k_0 \right) z^{-j-1}, \tag{3.9}$$

$$\widetilde{d}_0(r, z) \;=\; -\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(t_0^j t^r d_0 - (\mu + \nu) \left(j + \frac{1}{2} \right) t_0^j t^r k_0 \right) z^{-j-2}, \tag{3.10}$$

where μ and ν are the parameters of the cocycle $\tau = \mu\tau_1 + \nu\tau_2$, as in (1.8). In the case where $\sigma_0 = 1$ (and $m_0 = 1$), these fields may be viewed as the generating fields of the (untwisted) full toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$. (See [5] for details.)

We consider the commutation relations between these fields. Most of these relations can be taken directly from work done for the untwisted case [5, Eqn 5.7]. The only exceptions are those relations involving fractional powers of z– namely, the relations involving the field $x(r, z)$. Verifying these relations is a completely straightforward calculation. For $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathrm{F}}}$, $y \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathrm{S}}}$, $a = 1, \ldots, N$, and

$i = 0, \ldots, N$, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
[x(r, z_1), y(s, z_2)] &= [x, y](r + s, z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \delta_{r_0} \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right] \\
&\quad + (x|y) k_0 (r + s, z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \delta_{r_0} \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right] \\
&\quad + (x|y) \sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p k_p (r + s, z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \delta_{r_0} \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right], \quad (3.11) \\
[\widetilde{d}_a(r, z_1), y(s, z_2)] &= s_a y(r + s, z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \delta \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right], \quad (3.12) \\
[\widetilde{d}_0(r, z_1), y(s, z_2)] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \left(y(r + s, z_2) \left[z_1^{-1} \delta \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \right] \right), \quad (3.13) \\
[x(r, z_1), k_i(s, z_2)] &= 0. \quad (3.14)
\end{aligned}
$$

The above computations demonstrate that the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$ is a σ_0-twist of the untwisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$. Indeed, the automorphism $\sigma_0 : \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{g}$ naturally lifts to an automorphism

$$
\sigma_0 : \ \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}} \tag{3.15}
$$

by setting $\sigma_0(t_0^{r_0} t^r x) = t_0^{r_0} t^r \sigma_0(x) = \xi_0^{r_0} t_0^{r_0} t^r x$ for each $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{r}}$ and letting σ_0 act trivially on $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{K}$. Comparing (3.11)–(3.14) with the corresponding computations in the untwisted toroidal case [5, Eqn. 5.7], we have now verified the following proposition:

Proposition 3.16 *The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_T(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$ is a σ_0-twist of the vertex Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_T$.* □

It was shown in [5] that for certain central characters γ, the toroidal VOA $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}} = V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes V_{\mathrm{aff}} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a quotient of the universal enveloping vertex algebra $V_{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}}$. We will see that the automorphism σ_0 induces an automorphism (again denoted by σ_0) of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$ that is compatible with the natural lift of σ_0 to $V_{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}}$. Then every σ_0-twisted $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$-module is a σ_0-twisted $V_{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}}$-module, and also a $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$-module by Theorem 2.9.

Theorem 3.17 [5] *(i) Let V_{aff} be the universal enveloping vertex algebra for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ at nonzero, non-critical level c. Let $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be the universal enveloping vertex algebra of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}$ with the following central character:*

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{\mathfrak{sl}_N} &= 1 - \mu c, \quad c_{Heis} = N(1 - \mu c) - N^2 \nu c, \\
c_{VH} &= N(\tfrac{1}{2} - \nu c), \quad c_{Vir} = 12c(\mu + \nu) - 2N - \frac{c \dim \mathfrak{g}}{c + h^\vee},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.18}
$$

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where μ and ν are as in (1.8). Then there exists a homomorphism of vertex algebras

$$\phi : \ V_{\mathfrak{g}_T} \to V^+_{Hyp} \otimes V_{aff} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}},$$

defined by the correspondence of fields:

$$
\begin{align}
k_0(r,z) \ &\mapsto \ cK_0(r,z), \tag{3.19}\\[4pt]
k_a(r,z) \ &\mapsto \ cK_a(r,z), \tag{3.20}\\[4pt]
x(r,z) \ &\mapsto \ Y(x(-1)\mathbb{1},z)K_0(r,z), \tag{3.21}\\[4pt]
\widetilde{d}_a(r,z) \ &\mapsto \ :D_a(z)K_0(r,z): + \sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p E_{pa}(z)K_0(r,z), \tag{3.22}
\end{align}
$$

$$
\begin{align}
\widetilde{d}_0(r,z) \ \mapsto \ &:\left(\omega_{Hyp}(z) + \omega_{aff}(z) + \omega_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}(z)\right)K_0(r,z): \\
&+ \sum_{1\le i,j\le N} r_i K_j(z)E_{ij}(z)K_0(r,z) \\
&+ (\mu c - 1)\sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}K_p(z)\right)K_0(r,z), \tag{3.23}
\end{align}
$$

for all $r \in \mathbb{Z}^N$, $x \in \mathfrak{g}$, and $a = 1,\dots,N$.

(ii) Let $\mathcal{U}$ be an irreducible V_{aff}-module of nonzero, non-critical level c and let $L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be an irreducible $V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$-module with the above central character. Then (3.19)-(3.23) define the structure of an irreducible $\mathfrak{g}_T$-module on

$$\mathbb{C}[q_1^{\pm 1},\dots,q_N^{\pm 1}] \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes \mathcal{U} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}.$$

$\square$

The automorphism $\sigma_0 : \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{g}$ lifts to an automorphism of $\mathfrak{g}_T$ as in (3.15). It then lifts in the obvious way to a VOA automorphism $\sigma_0 : \ V_{\mathfrak{g}_T} \to V_{\mathfrak{g}_T}$. It can also be extended to an automorphism $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \to \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ and to $\sigma_0 : \ V_{aff} \to V_{aff}$ by setting

$$\sigma_0(f(t_0)x) = f(t_0)\sigma_0(x), \quad \sigma_0(C_{aff}) = C_{aff},$$

for all $x \in \mathfrak{g}$. This lets us identify σ_0 with the map $1 \otimes \sigma_0 \otimes 1$ on the tensor product $\mathcal{V}_T$:

$$1 \otimes \sigma_0 \otimes 1 : \ V^+_{Hyp} \otimes V_{aff} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}} \to V^+_{Hyp} \otimes V_{aff} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}.$$

Lemma 3.24 *The automorphisms σ_0 on $V_{\mathfrak{g}_T}$ and $\mathcal{V}_T$ are compatible with the homomorphism $\phi : \ V_{\mathfrak{g}_T} \to \mathcal{V}_T$ in the sense that*

$$\sigma_0 \circ \phi = \phi \circ \sigma_0.$$

Proof Note that the only field of (3.6)–(3.10) that is not fixed by σ_0 is $x(r, z)$:

$$\sigma_0(x(r, z)) = \xi_0^{r_0} x(r, z)$$

for all $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{r}}$. The action of σ_0 on the right-hand sides of (3.19)–(3.23) is clearly also trivial, with the exception of its action on (3.21) and (3.23). Note that the only term of (3.23) on which σ_0 can act nontrivially is the affine Virasoro field

$$\omega_{\mathrm{aff}}(z) = \frac{1}{2(c + h^\vee)} \sum_{i=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} : x_i(z) x^i(z) :,$$

where $\{x_i\}$ and $\{x^i\}$ are dual bases of $\mathfrak{g}$, relative to the normalized invariant bilinear form. These bases can be chosen to consist of eigenvectors for σ_0. Since the invariant bilinear form is σ_0-invariant (Lemma A.1 in Appendix below), we see that the product of eigenvalues of x_i and x^i is 1, for each i. This means that $\omega_{\mathrm{aff}}(z)$ is also fixed by σ_0. On the remaining term (3.21), it is clear that for homogeneous $x \in \mathfrak{g}$, the eigenvalues of σ_0 agree on the left- and right-hand sides. Therefore, $\phi \circ \sigma_0 = \sigma_0 \circ \phi$. $\qquad\square$

Let $\mathcal{W}$ be an irreducible σ_0-twisted module of the affine vertex operator algebra V_{aff}. The following lemma says that the tensor product $V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a σ_0-twisted module of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}} = V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes V_{\mathrm{aff}} \otimes V_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$.

Lemma 3.25 *Let A and B be vertex operator algebras, and assume that A is equipped with a finite-order automorphism η. Extend η to $A \otimes B$ as $\eta \otimes 1 : A \otimes B \to A \otimes B$. If U is an η-twisted module for A and V is a module for B, then $U \otimes V$ is an η-twisted module for $A \otimes B$.*

Proof This lemma is a straightforward consequence of [17, Prop. 3.17]. $\qquad\square$

Corollary 3.26 *Let $\mathcal{W}$ be an irreducible σ_0-twisted V_{aff}-module. Then the tensor product $V_{\mathit{Hyp}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a module for the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_T(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$.*

Proof By Lemma 3.25, $V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a σ_0-twisted module for $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$. By Lemma 3.24, every σ_0-twisted $\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$-module is also a σ_0-twisted $V_{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}}$-module. Finally, since $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$ is a σ_0-twist of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}$, we see that $V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is a module for $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$, by Theorem 2.9. $\qquad\square$

Note that by Theorem 2.9, σ_0-twisted V_{aff}-modules are bounded modules for the twisted affine Lie algebra

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^{j/m_0} \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{j}} \oplus \mathbb{C} C_{\mathrm{aff}}.$$

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In order to explicitly describe the action of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, 1, \ldots, 1)$, we need to modify formulas (3.21) and (3.23) in (3.19)–(3.23).

The twisted field $x(r, z) = \sum_{j \in r_0/m_0 + \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^r x z^{-j-1}$ for each $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}$, is represented by the twisted vertex operator

$$Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) K_0(r, z), \tag{3.27}$$

where $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$ represents the action of the twisted affine field $x(z) = \sum_{j \in r_0/m_0 + \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j x z^{-j-1}$ on the module $\mathcal{W}$.

In (3.23), the Virasoro field $\omega_{\mathrm{aff}}(z)$ is replaced with the twisted vertex operator $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\mathrm{aff}}, z)$. The latter operator may be written down using (2.20) (cf. [15]):

$$Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\mathrm{aff}}, z) = \frac{1}{2(c + h^\vee)} \left(\sum_i \, : Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x_i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x^i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) : \right.$$

$$\left. - \sum_i \alpha_i z^{-1} Y_{\mathcal{W}}([x_i, x^i](-1)\mathbb{1}, z) - c \sum_i \binom{\alpha_i}{2} z^{-2} \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{W}} \right), \tag{3.28}$$

where $\{x_i\}$, $\{x^i\}$ are dual bases of $\mathfrak{g}$ that are homogeneous relative to the grading $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}} \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}$ and α_i is a representative of the coset $r_0/m_0 + \mathbb{Z}$ for which $x_i \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}$.

3.3 Representations of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$

We are now ready to describe irreducible representations of the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma) = \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$. In this subsection, we describe how to construct these representations from the tensor product $V_{\mathrm{Hyp}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Y}\mathfrak{i}\mathfrak{r}}$ of Corollary 3.26. We will prove their irreducibility in Section 4.

In order to specify the spaces on which $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma)$ acts, we recall the definition of *thin covering* of a module [7]. Let $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}_g$ be a Lie algebra graded by a finite abelian group G, and let U be a (not necessarily graded) module for $\mathcal{L}$. A *covering* of U is a collection of subspaces U_g ($g \in G$) satisfying the following axioms

(i) $\displaystyle\sum_{g \in G} U_g = U$

(ii) $\mathcal{L}_g U_h \subseteq U_{g+h}$ for all $g, h \in G$.

A covering $\{U_g \mid g \in G\}$ is a *thin covering* if there is no other covering $\{U_g' \mid g \in G\}$ of U with $U_g' \subseteq U_g$ for all $g \in G$.

The automorphisms $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ extend to commuting automorphisms of the twisted affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$. This gives a grading of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$ by the finite

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abelian group $\mathbb{Z}^N/\Gamma$. Let $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \mid \overline{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^N/\Gamma)\}$ be a thin covering of the irreducible bounded $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$-module $\mathcal{W}$ fixed in Corollary 3.26. The thin coverings of quasifinite modules like $\mathcal{W}$ were classified in [7].

Theorem 3.29 *The space*

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}, \qquad (3.30)$$

is a $\mathfrak{g}_T(\sigma)$-submodule in $V_{Hyp}^+ \otimes \mathcal{W} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$.

Proof We only need to verify that $\mathcal{M}$ is closed under the action of the twisted fields $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)K_0(r, z)$ for $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{F}}$ and $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\text{aff}}, z)$. This, however, follows immediately from the definition of a covering. $\qquad\square$

4 Irreducibility

We now state one of the main results of this paper.

Theorem 4.1 *Let $\mathfrak{F}$ be the Fock space $\mathbb{C}[u_{pj}, v_{pj} \mid p = 1, \ldots, N, \ j = 1, 2, \ldots]$. Let $L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be an irreducible highest weight module for the twisted $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-Virasoro algebra with central character given by (3.18), and let $\mathcal{W}$ be an irreducible bounded module for the twisted affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$ at level $c \neq 0, -h^{\vee}$. Let $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \mid \overline{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^N/\Gamma\}$ be a thin covering relative to the automorphisms $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$. Then the space*

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$$

is an irreducible module for the twisted toroidal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_T(\sigma)$ with the action given by (3.19), (3.20), (3.22), (3.23), (3.27), and (3.28).

The proof of this theorem will be split into a sequence of lemmas. Consider a nonzero submodule $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. We need to show that $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$.

Lemma 4.2 *Let $\{U^A\}$ be the standard monomial basis of the Fock space $\mathfrak{F} = \mathbb{C}[u_{pj}, v_{pj} \mid p = 1, \ldots, N, \ j = 1, 2, \ldots]$. Then $w = \sum_A U^A \otimes f_A \in \mathcal{N}$, where*

$$f_A \in \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$$

if and only if $1 \otimes f_A \in \mathcal{N}$ for all A.

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Proof The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma)$ contains the components of the fields $k_a(0, z)$, $\widetilde{d}_a(0, z)$, $a = 1, \ldots, N$, which act as multiplication and differentiation operators on the Fock space $\mathbb{C}[u_{pj}, v_{pj} \mid p = 1, \ldots, N, \ j = 1, 2, \ldots]$. This Fock space is an irreducible module over the Heisenberg Lie algebra generated by these operators, which proves the claim of this lemma. $\qquad\square$

The key technique for proving irreducibility under the action of some vertex operators is the following observation: any subspace stabilized by the moments of the (untwisted) vertex operators $Y(a, z)$ and $Y(b, z)$ is also (setwise) invariant under the moments of the vertex operators $Y(a_{(k)}b, z)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. This is an immediate consequence of the Borcherds identity [12] with $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$(a_{(k)}b)_{(n)} = \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^{k+j+1} \binom{k}{j} b_{(n+k-j)} a_{(j)} + \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} a_{(k-j)} b_{(n+j)}.$$

The case of twisted modules requires a more delicate analysis.

Lemma 4.3 *The space $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of the vertex operator $Y(\omega_{Hyp}, z)$.*

Proof The Lie algebra fields $k_a(0, z)$ and $\widetilde{d}_a(0, z)$ act as the vertex operators $Y(u_{a1}, z)$ and $Y(v_{a1}, z)$, respectively. Since

$$\omega_{\mathrm{Hyp}} = \sum_{p=1}^{N} u_{p1\,(-1)} v_{p1},$$

the lemma now follows from the Borcherds identity observation. $\qquad\square$

Lemma 4.4 *The space $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of the vertex operators $Y(E_{ab}(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$, for all a, b.*

Proof For $b = 1, \ldots, N$ and $r \in \Gamma$, the Lie algebra field $\widetilde{d}_b(r, z)$ is represented by the vertex operator $Y(v_{b1}q^r, z) + \sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p Y(E_{pb}(-1)q^r, z)$. Taking $r = 0$, this becomes $Y(v_{b1}, z)$. Combining this with the fact that $k_0(r, z)$ is represented by $cY(q^r, z)$, we see that $\mathcal{N}$ is invariant under the action of $Y(v_{b1}q^r, z) =:$ $Y(v_{b1}, z)Y(q^r, z) :$, and hence also under the field $\sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p Y(E_{pb}(-1)q^r, z)$. Since $q_{(-1)}^{-r}(E_{pb}(-1)q^r) = E_{pb}(-1)\mathbb{1}$, we obtain that the space $\mathcal{N}$ is invariant under $\sum_{p=1}^{N} r_p Y(E_{pb}(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$. Finally choosing $r_a = m_a$ and $r_p = 0$ for $p \neq a$, we see that $\mathcal{N}$ is invariant under the action of $Y(E_{ab}(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$. $\qquad\square$

Lemma 4.5 *Let $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$ and $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathbf{r}}}$. Then $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of $q^r Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$.*

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Proof The submodule $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)Y(q^r, z)$ since this operator represents the action of the Lie algebra field $x(r, z)$. Let $w \in \mathcal{N}$. We would like to show that the coefficients of all powers of z in $q^r Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)w$ belong to $\mathcal{N}$. By Lemma 4.2, we may assume that w does not involve u_{pj}, v_{pj}. In this case,

$$Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)Y(q^r, z)w = q^r Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)w + \text{(terms involving } u_{pj}).$$

Applying Lemma 4.2 again, we conclude that $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of $q^r Y(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$. $\qquad\square$

Lemma 4.6 *The space $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of the twisted vertex operator $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\text{aff}}, z)$.*

Proof The action of $Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\text{aff}}, z)$ is given by (3.28). The dual bases $\{x_i\}$, $\{x^i\}$ may be assumed to be homogeneous. For each i, let $\mathbf{r}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$ so that $x_i \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{\mathbf{r}}^{(i)}}$ and $x^i \in \mathfrak{g}_{-\overline{\mathbf{r}}^{(i)}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
: Y_{\mathcal{W}}&(x_i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x^i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) : \\
&= \ : \left(q^{r^{(i)}}Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x_i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)\right)\left(q^{-r^{(i)}}Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x^i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)\right) :, \quad (4.7)
\end{aligned}$$

so Lemma 4.5 implies that $\mathcal{N}$ is invariant under the operator $: Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x_i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x^i(-1)\mathbb{1}, z) :$.

Note also that $[x_i, x^i] \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}$. Thus the components of the field $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j [x_i, x^i] z^{-j-1}$ belong to $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$. Since this field is represented by $Y_{\mathcal{W}}([x_i, x^i](-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$, we conclude that $\mathcal{N}$ is invariant under this operator. The last summand in (3.28) involves the identity operator, which leaves $\mathcal{N}$ invariant. This completes the proof of the lemma. $\qquad\square$

Lemma 4.8 *The space $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of the vertex operator $Y(\omega_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}, z)$.*

Proof The Lie algebra field $\widetilde{d}_0(0, z)$ is represented by the vertex operator

$$Y(\omega_{\text{Hyp}}, z) + Y(\omega_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}, z) + Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{\text{aff}}, z).$$

Since $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under $\widetilde{d}_0(0, z)$, Lemmas 4.3 and 4.6 imply that $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under $Y(\omega_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}, z)$. $\qquad\square$

We are now ready to complete the proof of Theorem 4.1. The Fock space $\mathfrak{F}$ is an irreducible module for the Heisenberg subalgebra in $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{T}}(\sigma)$ spanned by the components of the fields $\widetilde{d}_a(0, z)$, $k_a(0, z)$, $a = 1, \ldots, N$, together with the

central element k_0. The space $L_{\mathfrak{gl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is an irreducible module for the twisted $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-Virasoro algebra.

With respect to the commuting automorphisms $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N : \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0) \to \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$, we can form the twisted multiloop Lie algebra

$$L(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N) = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}^N} t^s \otimes \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)_{\overline{s}}.$$

The twisted affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$ is generated by the subspaces $t_0^{r_0/m_0} \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{r}}$ for $\mathbf{r} = (r_0, r) \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$. The corresponding operators $q^r Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)$, with $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{r}}$, thus generate the action of the Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0), \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$ on the module

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}}.$$

By [7, Section 5], we see that this space is a $\mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$-graded-simple module for the twisted multiloop algebra $\mathcal{L}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0), \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$.

To complete the proof of the theorem, we will use the following fact about tensor products of modules.

Lemma 4.9 *Let A and B be associative unital algebras graded by an abelian group G. Suppose that V and W are G-graded-simple modules for A and B, respectively, with V_γ finite-dimensional for all $\gamma \in G$. For $\alpha \in G$, denote by $V^{(\alpha)}$ a G-graded A-module, obtained from V by a shift in grading: $V_\gamma^{(\alpha)} = V_{\gamma+\alpha}$. Assume that for all $\alpha \in G$, $\alpha \neq 0$, there is no grading-preserving isomorphism of A-modules between V and $V^{(\alpha)}$. Then $V \otimes W$ is a G-graded-simple $A \otimes B$-module.*

Proof We need to show that $V \otimes W$ can be generated by any homogeneous nonzero element $u \in (V \otimes W)_\gamma$. Let us write

$$u = \sum_{\alpha \in G} \sum_i v_\alpha^i \otimes w_\alpha^i \qquad \text{(finite sum)},$$

where $v_\alpha^i \in V_\alpha$, $w_\alpha^i \in W_{\gamma-\alpha}$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that the set of vectors $\{v_\alpha^i\}$ is linearly independent, and the vectors $\{w_\alpha^i\}$ are nonzero. Let $v \otimes w$ be one of the terms in the sum above. The modules in $\{V^{(\alpha)} | \alpha \in G\}$ do not have admit grading-preserving isomorphisms between pairs of distinct modules, so we may apply the quasifinite density theorem ([7, Thm. A.2]) to conclude that there exists $a \in A_0$ such that $av = v$, while $av_\alpha^i = 0$ for all other i and α. Thus the $A \otimes B$ submodule generated by u contains $v \otimes w = (a \otimes 1)u$, where both v and w are homogeneous. Acting on $v \otimes w$ with $A \otimes 1$ and $1 \otimes B$, and taking into account that both modules V and W are graded-simple, we conclude that the submodule generated by u is $V \otimes W$. $\qquad\square$

The space $\mathfrak{F} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl\mathfrak{Vir}}}$ is an irreducible module for the universal enveloping algebra of the direct sum of the infinite-dimensional Heisenberg algebra and the twisted $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-Virasoro algebra $\mathfrak{gl\mathfrak{Vir}}$. This module has a natural $\mathbb{Z}$-grading, which we extend to a $\mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$ grading by setting $(\mathfrak{F} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{gl\mathfrak{Vir}}})_{(r_0, r)} = 0$ whenever $r \neq 0$. We immediately see by comparing the characters that there are no grading-preserving isomorphisms between this module and the modules obtained from it by shifts in the grading. By the result of Section 5 of [7], the space $\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$-graded-simple module for the twisted multiloop algebra $\mathcal{L}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0), \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$. Since the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{T}}(\sigma)$ contains the derivations $d_0, d_1, \ldots, d_N$, the space $\mathcal{N}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$-graded submodule of $\mathcal{M}$, and every element of $\mathcal{N}$ can be reduced to a homogeneous element using $d_0, d_1, \ldots, d_N$. By Lemmas 4.3–4.8, $\mathcal{N}$ is closed under the action of the Heisenberg Lie algebra, of $\mathfrak{gl\mathfrak{Vir}}$, and of $\mathcal{L}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0), \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$. Applying Lemma 4.9, we see that $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$, and thus $\mathcal{M}$ is irreducible.

5 Irreducible modules for twisted toroidal EALAs

Irreducible modules for untwisted toroidal extended affine algebras were constructed in [6]. The techniques developed in the previous sections can be used to extend this construction and obtain irreducible modules for the twisted toroidal EALAs.

The twisted toroidal EALA

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}} = (\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus_\tau \mathcal{S}$$

is spanned by elements $d_0, d_1, \ldots, d_N$ and by the moments of the fields

$$k_0(s, z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^s k_0 z^{-j},$$

$$k_a(s, z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^s k_a z^{-j-1},$$

$$x(r, z) = \sum_{j \in r_0/m_0 + \mathbb{Z}} t_0^j t^r x z^{-j-1} \text{ for each } x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{r}},$$

$$\widetilde{d}_{ab}(s, z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(s_b t_0^j t^s d_a - s_a t_0^j t^s d_b \right) z^{-j-1},$$

$$\widehat{d}_a(s, z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(j t_0^j t^s d_a + s_a t_0^j t^s \widetilde{d}_0 + \frac{s_a}{2cN}(N - 1 + \mu c) t_0^j t^s k_0 \right) z^{-j-2},$$

where $s \in \Gamma$, $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$, and $a, b = 1, \ldots, N$.

In the representation theory of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}$, the twisted $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_N$-Virasoro algebra $\mathfrak{gl\mathfrak{Vir}}$ is replaced with its subalgebra, the semidirect product $\mathfrak{sl\mathfrak{Vir}}$ of the Virasoro

algebra with the affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_N$:

$$\mathfrak{slVir} = \left(\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{sl}_N \oplus \mathbb{C}C_{\mathfrak{sl}_N}\right) \rtimes \left(\mathrm{Der}\,\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}C_{Vir}\right).$$

Now we can state the theorem describing irreducible modules for the twisted toroidal EALA $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma)$.

Theorem 5.1 *Let $\mathcal{W}$ be an irreducible bounded $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}(\sigma_0)$-module of level $c \neq 0, -h^\vee$, with a thin covering $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \mid \overline{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^N/\Gamma\}$ relative to automorphisms $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$. Let $L_{\mathfrak{slVir}}$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\mathfrak{slVir}$ with a central character γ:*

$$\gamma(C_{\mathfrak{sl}_N}) = 1 - \mu c, \ \gamma(C_{Vir}) = 12(1 - \frac{1}{N}) + 12\mu c(1 + \frac{1}{N}) - 2N - \frac{c\dim(\mathfrak{g})}{c + h^\vee}.$$

Then the space

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^N} q^r \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{slVir}}$$

has the structure of an irreducible module for the twisted toroidal extended affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N)$ with the action given by

$$k_0(s, z) \mapsto cK_0(s, z), \tag{5.2}$$

$$k_a(s, z) \mapsto cK_a(s, z), \tag{5.3}$$

$$x(r, z) \mapsto Y_{\mathcal{W}}(x(-1)\mathbb{1}, z)K_0(s, z), \tag{5.4}$$

$$\widetilde{d}_{ab}(s, z) \mapsto\, : (s_b D_a(z) - s_a D_b(z))\, K_0(s, z) :$$
$$+ s_b \sum_{\substack{p=1 \\ p \neq a}} s_p E_{pa}(z)K_0(s, z) - s_a \sum_{\substack{p=1 \\ p \neq b}} s_p E_{pb}(z)K_0(s, z)$$
$$+ s_a s_b (E_{aa} - E_{bb})(z)K_0(s, z), \tag{5.5}$$

$$\widehat{d}_a(s, z) \mapsto s_a : (\omega_{Hyp}(z) + \omega_{\mathfrak{slVir}}(z) + Y_{\mathcal{W}}(\omega_{aff}, z))\, K_0(s, z) :$$
$$+ s_a \sum_{p,\ell=1}^{N} s_p \psi_1(E_{p\ell})(z)K_\ell(s, z) + s_a(\mu c - 1)\sum_{p=1}^{N} s_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}K_p(z)\right)K_0(s, z)$$
$$- \left(z^{-1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\left(: D_a(z)K_0(s, z) : + \sum_{p=1}^{N} s_p \psi_1(E_{pa})(z)K_0(s, z)\right), \tag{5.6}$$

where $s \in \Gamma$, $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^{N+1}$, $a, b = 1, \ldots, N$, and ψ_1 is the natural projection (3.4)
$$\psi_1 : \mathfrak{gl}_N(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathfrak{sl}_N(\mathbb{C}).$$

This theorem is based on its untwisted analogue [6, Thm. 5.5]. The proof is completely parallel to the proof of Theorems 3.29 and 4.1 and will be omitted.

6 Example: EALAs of Clifford Type

We now apply the general theory that we have developed to construct irreducible representations of EALAs coordinatized by Jordan tori of Clifford type.

6.1 Multiloop realization

Fix a positive integer m. Let $2\mathbb{Z}^m \subseteq S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^m$, where S is a union of some cosets of the subgroup $2\mathbb{Z}^m \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^m$. We assume that $\mathbb{Z}^m$ is generated by S as a group. Let $\overline{\mu}$ be the image of $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ under the map $\mathbb{Z}^m \to \mathbb{Z}^m/2\mathbb{Z}^m$, and let r be the cardinality of $\overline{S} = S/2\mathbb{Z}^m$. We identify $\mathbb{Z}^m/2\mathbb{Z}^m$ with the multiplicative group $\{-1, 1\}^m = \mathbb{Z}_2^m$.

A *Jordan torus of Clifford type* is a Jordan algebra

$$J = \bigoplus_{\mu \in S} \mathbb{C}s^\mu$$

with multiplication given by

$$s^\mu s^\eta = \begin{cases} s^{\mu+\eta} & \text{if } \overline{\mu} = \overline{0},\ \overline{\eta} = \overline{0},\ \text{or } \overline{\mu} = \overline{\eta}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $L_J = \{L_a \mid a \in J\}$ be the set of left multiplication operators $L_a : b \mapsto ab$ on J. The *Tits-Kantor-Koecher algebra* associated with J is the Lie algebra

$$\mathrm{TKK}(J) = \big(J \otimes \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})\big) \oplus [L_J, L_J],$$

where

$$[a \otimes x, b \otimes y] = ab \otimes [x, y]\ +\ (x|y)[L_a, L_b],$$
$$[d, a \otimes x] = da \otimes x = -[a \otimes x, d],$$
$$[d, d'] = dd' - d'd$$

for all $a, b \in J$, $x, y \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, and $d, d' \in [L_J, L_J]$.

We now introduce some notation which will be used to realize $\mathrm{TKK}(J)$ as a multiloop algebra. Let U be an $(r+2)$-dimensional vector space with a basis $\{v_i \mid i \in I\}$, where $I = \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \big(\overline{S} \setminus \{\overline{0}\}\big)$. Define a symmetric bilinear form on U by declaring that this basis is orthonormal. If $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, let $i_p = 1$, and if $i = \overline{\mu} \in \overline{S} \setminus \{\overline{0}\}$, let $i_p = \overline{\mu}_p \in \{-1, 1\}$ for all $p \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. For each $i, j, k \in I$, define $e_{ij} \in \mathfrak{so}(U)$ by

$$e_{ij}(v_k) = \delta_{jk}v_i - \delta_{ik}v_j.$$

Let σ_p be an orthogonal transformation on U defined by

$$\sigma_p(v_i) = i_p v_i$$

for all $i \in I$ and $p \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$. We identify each σ_p with an automorphism of $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ where σ_p acts on $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ by conjugation. Each of these $\sigma_p \in \text{Aut}\,(\mathfrak{so}(U))$ has order 2.

Remark. In our construction the index set I is obtained from $\overline{S}$ by triplicating $\overline{0}$ into $\{1, 2, 3\}$. This is done in order to create a 3-dimensional subalgebra $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$, fixed under all the involutions σ_p. Analogous gradings on $\mathfrak{so}_{2m}(\mathbb{C})$ were considered in [22, 1, 4].

Theorem 6.1 *The Tits-Kantor-Koecher algebra TKK(J) is isomorphic to the twisted multiloop algebra $\mathcal{G} = L(\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C}); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$ via the following map:*

$$\phi: \ TKK(J) \to L(\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C}); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$$

$$s^\mu \otimes X_1 \mapsto \begin{cases} T^\mu \otimes e_{32} & \text{if } \overline{\mu} = \overline{0} \\ T^\mu \otimes e_{\overline{\mu}1} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$s^\mu \otimes X_2 \mapsto \begin{cases} T^\mu \otimes e_{13} & \text{if } \overline{\mu} = \overline{0} \\ T^\mu \otimes e_{\overline{\mu}2} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$s^\mu \otimes X_3 \mapsto \begin{cases} T^\mu \otimes e_{21} & \text{if } \overline{\mu} = \overline{0} \\ T^\mu \otimes e_{\overline{\mu}3} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$[L_{s^\gamma}, L_{s^\eta}] \mapsto T^{\gamma+\eta} \otimes e_{\overline{\gamma\eta}},$$

for all $\mu, \gamma, \eta \in S$ with $\overline{\gamma}, \overline{\eta}, \overline{\gamma+\eta} \neq \overline{0}$. Here $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ is a basis of $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ with relations

$$[X_1, X_2] = X_3, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_1, \ [X_3, X_1] = X_2.$$

Proof Observe that $\sigma_p(e_{ij}) = i_p j_p e_{ij}$ for all $i, j \in I$ and $p \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$. This implies that the image of ϕ is contained in the twisted multiloop algebra $L(\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C}); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$. The verification that ϕ is a homomorphism is tedious but straightforward, and will be omitted. It is clear that ϕ is injective. To see that it is surjective, we note that $TKK(J)$ and $L(\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C}); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$ have natural $\mathbb{Z}^m$-gradings given by

$$\deg(s^\mu \otimes X_i) = \mu,$$
$$\deg[L_{s^\gamma}, L_{s^\eta}] = \gamma + \eta,$$
$$\deg(T^\mu \otimes e_{ij}) = \mu.$$

The map ϕ is then homogeneous of degree 0. It is now sufficient to verify that the dimensions of the corresponding graded components of $TKK(J)$ and $L(\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C}); \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$ are the same.

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It is easy to see that

$$\dim \mathrm{TKK}(J)_\mu = \dim \mathrm{TKK}(J)_\gamma,$$
$$\dim \mathcal{G}_\mu = \dim \mathcal{G}_\gamma$$

whenever $\overline{\mu} = \overline{\gamma}$. This allows us to define

$$a'_{\overline{\mu}} = \dim \mathrm{TKK}(J)_\mu$$
$$a''_{\overline{\mu}} = \dim \mathcal{G}_\mu$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$. Instead of proving that $a'_{\overline{\mu}} = a''_{\overline{\mu}}$ for each $\overline{\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m$, we will show that

$$\sum_{\overline{\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m} a'_{\overline{\mu}} = \sum_{\overline{\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m} a''_{\overline{\mu}}. \tag{6.2}$$

Since the map ϕ is injective and homogeneous of degree 0, the latter equality will imply that $a'_{\overline{\mu}} = a''_{\overline{\mu}}$, and ϕ is thus an isomorphism. We now verify (6.2).

The contribution of the space $J \otimes \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ in the sum $\sum_{\overline{\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m} a'_{\overline{\mu}}$ is $3r$, while the space $[L_J, L_J]$ contributes $\binom{r-1}{2}$. Thus $\sum_{\overline{\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m} a'_{\overline{\mu}} = 3r + \binom{r-1}{2}$. The right-hand side of (6.2) is simply the dimension $\binom{r+2}{2}$ of $\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C})$. Since $3r + \binom{r-1}{2} = \binom{r+2}{2}$, we are done. $\qquad\square$

We are interested in EALAs associated with the universal central extension of $\mathrm{TKK}(J)$. The above multiloop realization of $\mathrm{TKK}(J)$ yields a description of such EALAs in the setup of Section 1 as $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{E}}(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)$ with $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C})$.

We now consider the representation theory of these Jordan torus EALAs. To conform with the notation in the rest of the paper, we will set $m = N + 1$, and we number the variables of the Jordan torus from 0 to N. Likewise, the automorphisms of $\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C})$ under consideration become $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ and the variables in the multiloop algebra are thus changed from $T_1, \ldots, T_m$ to $t_0^{1/2}, t_1, \ldots, t_N$.

According to Theorem 3.29, the piece of the simple module $\mathcal{M}$ specific to the Jordan torus EALA is the irreducible highest weight module $\mathcal{W}$ for the twisted affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_{r+2}(\sigma_0)$, and its thin covering $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}}\}$ with respect to the automorphisms $\{\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N\}$.

The Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_{r+2}(\sigma_0)$ is isomorphic to the untwisted or twisted affine Lie algebra, depending on whether or not σ_0 is an inner automorphism of $\mathfrak{so}_{r+2}(\mathbb{C})$.

Lemma 6.3 *Let U be a finite-dimensional vector space with an orthonormal basis $\{v_i \mid i \in I\}$. Let $\sigma \in GL(U)$, with $\sigma(v_i) = \pm v_i$. Then conjugation by σ is an inner automorphism of $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ if and only if the matrix of σ in this basis has an even number of -1's on the diagonal or an even number of $+1$'s.*

Proof If σ has an even number of -1's on the diagonal, then $\sigma \in SO(U)$, and it is inner. Suppose that σ has an even number of $+1$'s on the diagonal. Since σ acts on $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ by conjugation, $-\sigma$ induces the same automorphism, and $-\sigma$ is inner by the previous argument. Finally, suppose that σ has an odd number of $+1$'s and an odd number of -1's on the diagonal. Then $\dim U$ is even, and $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ is of type D. Then, multiplying σ by an appropriate diagonal matrix with an even number of -1's on the diagonal, we can get a diagonal matrix τ with all $+1$'s except for the entry -1 in the last position. Choosing a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{so}(U)$ and a basis of its root system as in Subsection 6.3 below, one can easily see that τ is the Dynkin diagram automorphism of order 2 of a root system of type D. Since σ differs from τ by a factor which is an inner automorphism, we conclude that σ is not inner. $\qquad\square$

We will now focus our attention on two Clifford type EALAs of nullity 2: a "baby TKK", and a "full lattice TKK".

6.2 Baby TKK

Let S be a union of 3 cosets of $2\mathbb{Z}^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}^2$, corresponding to the coset representatives $(0,0)$, $(0,1)$, and $(1,0)$. Then $m = 2$ and $r = 3$. The corresponding multiloop algebra given by Theorem 6.1 is $L(\mathfrak{so}_5; \sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ where the matrices

$$
\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad
\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & -1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}
$$

act on $\mathfrak{so}_5(\mathbb{C})$ by conjugation. Multiplying by $-I$ does not change their action:

$$
\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & \\ & -1 & & & \\ & & -1 & & \\ & & & -1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad
\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & \\ & -1 & & & \\ & & -1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

Consider a Cartan subalgebra in $\mathfrak{so}_5$ with a basis of coroots

$$
h_1 = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} & & \\ \hline & 2i & \\ & -2i & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right), \quad
h_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} i & & \\ -i & & \\ \hline & -i & \\ & i & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right).
$$

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The corresponding generators of the simple root spaces are:

$$
e_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|c}
 & & & & \\
 & & & & -1 \\
 & & & & i \\\hline
 & & 1 & -i & \\
 & & & &
\end{array}\right), \quad
f_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|c}
 & & & & \\
 & & & & 1 \\
 & & & & i \\\hline
 & & -1 & -i & \\
 & & & &
\end{array}\right),
$$

$$
e_2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|c}
 & & 1 & i & \\
 & & -i & 1 & \\\hline
-1 & i & & & \\
-i & -1 & & & \\\hline
 & & & &
\end{array}\right), \quad
f_2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|c}
 & & -1 & i & \\
 & & -i & -1 & \\\hline
1 & i & & & \\
-i & 1 & & & \\\hline
 & & & &
\end{array}\right).
$$

These generators satisfy the relations $[h_i, e_j] = a_{ij} e_j$, $[h_i, f_j] = -a_{ij} f_j$, $[e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij}$ with the Cartan matrix

$$
A = \left(\begin{array}{cc}
2 & -2 \\
-1 & 2
\end{array}\right).
$$

Note that

$$
\sigma_0 = \exp\left(\pi i \operatorname{ad} h_2\right).
$$

The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}_5$ has an eigenspace decomposition $\mathfrak{so}_5 = \mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{1}}$ with respect to the action of σ_0:

$$
\mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{j}} = \{x \in \mathfrak{so}_5 \mid \sigma_0 x = (-1)^j x\}
$$

for $j = 0, 1$. Since σ_0 and σ_1 commute, the subspaces $\mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{0}}$ and $\mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{1}}$ are invariant with respect to σ_1. We view σ_1 as an automorphism of the twisted loop algebra

$$
\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{so}_5; \sigma_0) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} t_0^{j/2} \mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{j}},
$$

by letting it act by $\sigma_1(t_0^{j/2} x) = t_0^{j/2} \sigma_1(x)$ for each $x \in \mathfrak{so}_5^{\overline{j}}$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. We then extend it to an automorphism of the twisted affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5(\sigma_0)$ by $\sigma_1(C_{\mathrm{aff}}) = C_{\mathrm{aff}}$.

Since σ_0 is inner (as is every automorphism of $\mathfrak{so}_5$), the twisted loop algebra $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{so}_5; \sigma_0)$ is isomorphic to the untwisted loop algebra $\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{so}_5$ [11, Prop. 8.5]. This lifts to an isomorphism of affine algebras

$$
\theta: \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5 \to \widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5(\sigma_0),
$$

such that

$$\theta(t_0^j \otimes e_\alpha) = t_0^{j+\alpha(h_2)/2} \otimes e_\alpha,$$

$$\theta(t_0^j \otimes h_\alpha) = t_0^j \otimes h_\alpha + \delta_{j,0}\frac{\alpha(h_2)}{2}C_{\mathrm{aff}},$$

$$\theta(C_{\mathrm{aff}}) = C_{\mathrm{aff}},$$

where e_α is in a root space of $\mathfrak{so}_5$ with $\alpha \neq 0$, and h_α in the Cartan subalgebra is normalized so that $[e_\alpha, e_{-\alpha}] = (e_\alpha|e_{-\alpha})h_\alpha$.

Using the identification θ, we transform σ_1 into an automorphism $\widehat{\sigma}_1 = \theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta \in \mathrm{Aut}\,(\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5)$. Since θ does not preserve the natural $\mathbb{Z}$-grading of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$, $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ does not leave the components $t_0^j \otimes \mathfrak{so}_5$ invariant. However, it does leave invariant the Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} = (\mathbb{C}h_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}h_2) \oplus \mathbb{C}C_{\mathrm{aff}}$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$.

Let us describe the group N of automorphisms of an affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ that leave the Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}$ setwise invariant [21]. First of all, N has a normal subgroup $H \times \mathbb{C}^*$ of automorphisms that fix $\mathfrak{h}$ pointwise. Here $\mathbb{C}^*$ is the set of automorphisms $\{\tau_a \mid a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0\}$ that act by

$$\tau_a(t_0^j \otimes x) = a^j t_0^j \otimes x, \quad \tau_a(C_{\mathrm{aff}}) = C_{\mathrm{aff}},$$

and $H = \{\exp(\mathrm{ad}\, h) \mid h \in \mathfrak{h}\}$ consists of inner automorphisms. The quotient $N/(H \times \mathbb{C}^*)$ can be presented as follows:

$$N/(H \times \mathbb{C}^*) \cong \langle \pi \rangle \times (Aut(\Gamma) \ltimes W),$$

where π is the Chevalley involution, W is the affine Weyl group and $Aut(\Gamma)$ is the group of automorphisms of the affine Dynkin diagram Γ. The elements of this factor group may be viewed as permutations of the roots of the affine Lie algebra.

Let σ be an automorphism of the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ leaving invariant its Cartan subalgebra. Such a Cartan subalgebra may always be found relative to any family of finite order automorphisms $\sigma_0, \ldots, \sigma_N$ by Appendix 6.3. Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an integrable irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ with dominant integral highest weight λ relative to a fixed base of simple roots. In order to determine the thin covering of $\mathcal{W}$ with respect to the cyclic group generated by σ, we need to know whether the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \sigma)$ are isomorphic [7]. The answer to this question does not change if we replace σ with $\sigma \circ \mu$, where μ is an automorphism of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ for which $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \mu)$ are isomorphic.

Proposition 6.4 *Let (V, ρ) be a representation of a Lie algebra L. Suppose $x \in L$, $\mathrm{ad}\, x$ is locally nilpotent on L, and $\rho(x)$ is locally nilpotent on V. Then the representations (V, ρ) and $(V, \rho \circ \exp(\mathrm{ad}\, x))$ are isomorphic.*

Proof The isomorphism from (V, ρ) to $(V, \rho \circ \exp(\mathrm{ad}\ x))$ is given by $\exp(\rho(x))$. This claim is equivalent to the identity

$$\exp(\rho(x))\rho(y) = \rho(\exp((\mathrm{ad}\ x)y))\exp(\rho(x)),\ y \in L,$$

which is well-known. □

Corollary 6.5 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an integrable module for an affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, and let μ be an inner automorphism of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Then the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \mu)$ are isomorphic.*

Proof This follows from the previous proposition and the fact that the Kac-Moody group (of inner automorphisms) is generated by the exponentials of the real root elements, which are locally nilpotent on integrable modules [21]. □

Lemma 6.6 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an integrable irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Let $a \in \mathbb{C}^*$. Then the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \tau_a)$ are isomorphic.*

Proof It is easy to see that the module $\mathcal{W}$ admits a compatible action of the group $\mathbb{C}^*$ (see [21, Section 4]), which we will denote by

$$T_a : \mathcal{W} \to \mathcal{W}, \quad a \in \mathbb{C}^*.$$

This can be done by requiring that $\mathbb{C}^*$ fixes the highest weight vector and satisfies the compatibility condition

$$T_a \rho(y) v = \rho(\tau_a(y)) T_a v.$$

The condition implies that T_a is a module isomorphism between $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \tau_a)$. □

Let $\overline{\sigma}$ be the image of σ in the factor-group $N/W(H \times \mathbb{C}^*) \cong \langle \pi \rangle \times Aut(\Gamma)$. We will also identify $\overline{\sigma}$ with an automorphism of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ by viewing $Aut(\Gamma)$ as a subgroup of $Aut(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$.

Since WH consists of inner automorphisms of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, Corollary 6.5 and Lemma 6.6 imply the following lemma:

Lemma 6.7 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an integrable irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ and σ be an automorphism of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ leaving invariant its Cartan subalgebra. Then the $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$-modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \sigma)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \overline{\sigma})$ are isomorphic.* □

We now return to the setting of our particular example and calculate $\overline{\sigma}_1 = \overline{\theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta}$ as an automorphism of the root system of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$. The Dynkin diagram Γ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \bullet \Rightarrow & \bullet \Leftarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

and $Aut(\Gamma) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

We need to compute the action induced by $\widehat{\sigma}_1 = \theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta$ on the simple roots $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$. Since $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ leaves invariant the null root spaces, the induced automorphism of the root system fixes the null root δ. Taking into account that $\alpha_0 = \delta - 2\alpha_1 - \alpha_2$, we see that it is enough to find the action on α_1 and α_2:

$$\widehat{\sigma}_1(e_1) = \theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta(e_1) = \theta^{-1}t_0^{\alpha_1(h_2)/2} \otimes \sigma_1(e_1)$$

$$= \theta^{-1}t_0^{-1/2} \otimes \sigma_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & -1 \\ & & i \\ \hline 1 & -i & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \theta^{-1}t_0^{-1/2} \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & -1 \\ & & -i \\ \hline 1 & i & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \theta^{-1}(-t_0^{-1/2} \otimes f_1) = -t_0^{-1/2+\alpha_1(h_2)/2} \otimes f_1 = -t_0^{-1} \otimes f_1.$$

Thus we get $\widehat{\sigma}_1(\alpha_1) = -\delta - \alpha_1$. Similarly,

$$\widehat{\sigma}_1(2e_2) = \theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta(2e_2) = \theta^{-1}t_0^{\alpha_2(h_2)/2} \otimes \sigma_1(2e_2)$$

$$= \theta^{-1}t_0 \otimes \sigma_1 \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & 1 & i \\ & -i & 1 \\ \hline -1 & i & \\ -i & -1 & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \theta^{-1}t_0 \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & 1 & -i \\ & -i & -1 \\ \hline -1 & i & \\ i & 1 & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \theta^{-1}t_0 \otimes [[e_1, e_2], e_1] = t_0^{1-(2\alpha_1(h_2)+\alpha_2(h_2))/2} \otimes [[e_1, e_2], e_1] = t_0 \otimes [[e_1, e_2], e_1].$$

We get $\widehat{\sigma}_1(\alpha_2) = \delta + 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$, and hence $\widehat{\sigma}_1(\alpha_0) = 2\delta - \alpha_2$. Let γ be the diagram automorphism that interchanges α_0 with α_2 and fixes α_1. Let r_0, r_1, r_2 be the simple reflections generating the affine Weyl group of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$. It is then straightforward to verify that as an automorphism of the root system,

$$\widehat{\sigma}_1 = r_1 r_2 r_0 r_1 \gamma.$$

We conclude that $\overline{\sigma}_1 = \gamma \in Aut(\Gamma)$.

Proposition 6.8 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$ of dominant integral highest weight λ. The $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$-modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \widehat{\sigma}_1)$ are isomorphic if and only if the diagram automorphism γ fixes the highest weight λ.*

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Proof Taking into account the fact that $\overline{\sigma}_1 = \gamma$ and applying Lemma 6.7, we conclude that the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \widehat{\sigma}_1)$ are isomorphic if and only if the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \gamma)$ are isomorphic. However, $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \gamma)$ is the highest weight module with the highest weight $\gamma(\lambda)$. Since two irreducible highest weight modules are isomorphic precisely when their highest weights are equal, we obtain the claim of the proposition. $\square$

Corollary 6.9 *If the highest weight λ is not fixed by the diagram automorphism γ, then the thin covering of $\mathcal{W}$ with respect to the cyclic group $\langle \widehat{\sigma}_1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ is $\{\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{W}\}$.*

Proof This follows from Theorem 4.4 of [7] and the proposition above. $\square$

When the highest weight λ *is* fixed by the diagram automorphism γ, there is a module isomorphism $\phi_\gamma : (\mathcal{W}, \rho) \to (\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \gamma)$. Concretely, we may define the action of ϕ_γ on the Verma module of highest weight λ by postulating that ϕ_γ fixes the highest weight vector and $\phi_\gamma(\rho(x)v) = \rho(\gamma(x))\phi_\gamma(v)$, for all $x \in \widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$ and $v \in \mathcal{W}$. It is also clear that ϕ_γ will leave invariant the maximal submodule of this Verma module. This gives an action of γ as the operator ϕ_γ on $\mathcal{W}$. As a result, we obtain an action of the semi-direct product $\langle \gamma \rangle \ltimes G$ on $\mathcal{W}$, where G is the Kac-Moody group of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$. Since $\widehat{\sigma}_1 \in \langle \gamma \rangle \ltimes G$, we realize $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ as an order 2 operator on $\mathcal{W}$. It is easy to see that the action of $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ on $\mathcal{W}$ is locally finite, and hence $\mathcal{W}$ has decomposition

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{\overline{0}} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{\overline{1}}, \tag{6.10}$$

where $\mathcal{W}_{\overline{0}}$, $\mathcal{W}_{\overline{1}}$ are the ± 1 eigenspaces of $\widehat{\sigma}_1$. In this case, $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{0}}, \mathcal{W}_{\overline{1}}\}$ is a thin covering of $\mathcal{W}$ relative to $\widehat{\sigma}_1$. We have now proved the following theorem:

Theorem 6.11 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$ of integral dominant highest weight λ. View $\mathcal{W}$ as a module for the twisted affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5(\sigma_0)$ with the action $\rho \circ \theta^{-1}$. Let $L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}$ as in Theorem 5.1.*

(i) If $\gamma(\lambda) \neq \lambda$, where γ is the Dynkin diagram automorphism of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_5$ then the space

$$V^+_{Hyp} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}} \otimes \mathcal{W}$$

has the structure of an irreducible module for the "Baby TKK" EALA $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ with the action described in Theorem 5.1.

(ii) If $\gamma(\lambda) = \lambda$, then the space

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} q^r \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}} \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}}$$

is an irreducible module for $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma_0, \sigma_1)$, where $\{\mathcal{W}_{\overline{0}}, \mathcal{W}_{\overline{1}}\}$ are as in (6.10). $\square$

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6.3 Full lattice TKK of nullity 2

Let S be the set of all 4 cosets of $2\mathbb{Z}^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}^2$. The corresponding multiloop algebra given by Theorem 6.1 is $L(\mathfrak{so}_6; \sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ where

$$
\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & -1 & \\ & & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad
\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & \\ & & & -1 & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

We consider a Cartan subalgebra in $\mathfrak{so}_6$ with a basis of coroots

$$
h_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & & \\ & & i & & & \\ \hline & -i & & & & \\ & & & & i & \\ \hline & & & -i & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix}, \quad
h_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} i & & & & & \\ -i & & & & & \\ \hline & & & -i & & \\ & & i & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix},
$$

$$
h_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & & \\ & & i & & & \\ \hline & -i & & & & \\ & & & & -i & \\ \hline & & & i & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix},
$$

The corresponding generators of the simple root spaces are:

$$
e_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & 1 & -i \\ & & & & -i & -1 \\ \hline & & -1 & i & & \\ & & i & 1 & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix}, \quad
f_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & -1 & -i \\ & & & & -i & 1 \\ \hline & & 1 & i & & \\ & & i & -1 & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix},
$$

$$
e_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & i & & \\ & & -i & 1 & & \\ \hline -1 & i & & & & \\ -i & -1 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix}, \quad
f_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & -1 & i & & \\ & & -i & -1 & & \\ \hline 1 & i & & & & \\ -i & 1 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{array} \end{pmatrix},
$$

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$$e_3 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & 1 & i \\ & & & & -i & 1 \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ \hline -1 & i & & & & \\ -i & -1 & & & & \end{array} \right), \quad f_3 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & & & -1 & i \\ & & & & -i & -1 \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & i & & & & \\ -i & 1 & & & & \end{array} \right).$$

The root system of $\mathfrak{so}_6$ is of type $D_3 = A_3$ and the Lie brackets $[h_i, e_j] = a_{ij}e_j$, $[h_i, f_j] = -a_{ij}f_j$ are given by the Cartan matrix

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right).$$

Note that

$$\sigma_0 = \exp\left(\text{ad}\,\frac{\pi}{2}i(h_1 - h_3) \right).$$

Since σ_0 is an inner automorphism of $\mathfrak{so}_5$, the twisted loop algebra $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{so}_6; \sigma_0)$ is isomorphic to the untwisted loop algebra $\mathbb{C}[t_0, t_0^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{so}_6$ [11, Prop. 8.5]. This lifts to an isomorphism θ of affine Lie algebras:

$$\theta: \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6 \to \widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6(\sigma_0),$$

where

$$\theta(t_0^j \otimes e_\alpha) = t_0^{j+\alpha(h_1-h_3)/4} \otimes e_\alpha,$$

$$\theta(t_0^j \otimes h_\alpha) = t_0^j \otimes h_\alpha + \delta_{j,0}\frac{\alpha(h_1 - h_3)}{4}C_{\text{aff}},$$

$$\theta(C_{\text{aff}}) = C_{\text{aff}}.$$

Using the identification θ, we transform σ_1 into an automorphism $\widehat{\sigma}_1 = \theta^{-1}\sigma_1\theta$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$. Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an integrable irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$ with dominant integral highest weight λ. We now determine when the modules $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ and $(\mathcal{W}, \rho \circ \widehat{\sigma}_1)$ are isomorphic.

Let $\overline{\sigma}_1$ be the image of $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ in $\langle \pi \rangle \times Aut(\Gamma)$ under the projection $N \to N/W(H \times \mathbb{C}^*)$. The Dynkin diagram Γ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$ is

$$\begin{array}{cc} \alpha_0 & \alpha_3 \\ \square & \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \end{array}$$
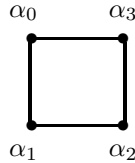
so $Aut(\Gamma)$ is the dihedral group of order 8.

As in the case of the Baby TKK algebra described above, we view $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ as an automorphism of the affine root system and calculate the action of $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ on the simple roots $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$. After making the analogous calculations, we obtain

$$\widehat{\sigma}_1 = r_3 r_0 r_2 r_1 \eta,$$

where η is the diagram automorphism switching α_0 with α_2, and α_1 with α_3.

Proposition 6.12 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$ with a dominant integral weight λ. If $\eta(\lambda) \neq \lambda$, then the thin covering of $\mathcal{W}$ with respect to the cyclic group $\langle \widehat{\sigma}_1 \rangle$ is $\{\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{W}\}$.* $\square$

When $\eta(\lambda) = \lambda$, the module $\mathcal{W}$ and its twist by $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ are isomorphic, as in the case of the Baby TKK algebra. The isomorphism defines a $\mathbb{C}$-linear action of $\widehat{\sigma}_1$ as an order 2 operator on $\mathcal{W}$, which then composes into eigenspaces $\mathcal{W}_{\overline{0}}$ and $\mathcal{W}_{\overline{1}}$ relative to the action. We thus obtain the analogue of Theorem 6.11:

Theorem 6.13 *Let $(\mathcal{W}, \rho)$ be an irreducible highest weight representation of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$ of integral dominant highest weight λ.*

(i) Suppose that $\eta(\lambda) \neq \lambda$, where η is the $180°$ rotation automorphism of the Dynkin diagram of $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6$. View $\mathcal{W}$ as a module for the twisted affine algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{so}}_6(\sigma_0)$ with the action $\rho \circ \theta^{-1}$. Let $L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}}$ be an irreducible highest weight module for $\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}$ as in Theorem 5.1. Then the space

$$V_{Hyp}^{+} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}} \otimes \mathcal{W}$$

has the structure of an irreducible module for the nullity 2 full lattice TKK EALA $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ with the action described in Theorem 5.1.

(ii) If $\eta(\lambda) = \lambda$, then the space

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} q^r \otimes \mathfrak{F} \otimes L_{\mathfrak{sl}\mathfrak{Vir}} \otimes \mathcal{W}_{\overline{r}}$$

is an irreducible module for $\mathfrak{g}_E(\sigma_0, \sigma_1)$ under the action described in Theorem 5.1. $\square$

A   Appendix

Let $\sigma_0, \ldots, \sigma_N$ be commuting finite-order automorphisms of a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. In this appendix, we show that there exists a Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ which is (setwise) invariant under these automorphisms.

Lemma A.1 *Let σ be an automorphism of a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra L with Killing form $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$. Then $(\sigma x \mid \sigma y) = (x \mid y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.*

Proof Fix elements $x, y \in L$, set $f = \operatorname{ad} x \operatorname{ad} y$, and set $g = \operatorname{ad}(\sigma x) \operatorname{ad}(\sigma y)$. Let $\{v_i\}$ be a basis of L. For each $z \in L$, write

$$f(z) = \sum_i f_i(z) v_i$$

with $f_i(z) \in F$. Then

$$(x \mid y) = \operatorname{tr}(f) = \sum_i f_i(v_i).$$

Since σ is an automorphism, $\{\sigma v_i\}$ is also a basis of L. With respect to this basis, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
g(\sigma v_i) &= [\sigma x, [\sigma y, \sigma v_i]] \\
&= \sigma [x, [y, v_i]] \\
&= \sigma f(v_i) \\
&= \sum_j f_j(v_i) \sigma v_j.
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore,

$$(\sigma x \mid \sigma y) = \operatorname{tr}(g) = \sum_i f_i(v_i),$$

and $(x \mid y) = (\sigma x \mid \sigma y)$. $\square$

The following lemma appears as [11, Lm 8.1] in the context of simple Lie algebras. The fact that L^σ is reductive had also appeared previously in [8, §1, no. 5] and [10, Chap III].

Lemma A.2 *Let σ be a finite-order automorphism of a finite-dimensional reductive Lie algebra L. Let H be a Cartan subalgebra of the fixed point subalgebra $L^\sigma = \{x \in L \mid \sigma x = x\}$. Then L^σ is reductive, and the centralizer $\mathbb{C}_L(H)$ of H in L is a Cartan subalgebra of L.*

Proof The same arguments given in [11, Lm 8.1] hold for the reductive case as well. The only exception is the justification for the σ-invariance of the Killing form, which we have already verified in Lemma A.1. $\square$

We can now prove the existence of a $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$-invariant Cartan subalgebra:

Theorem A.3 *Let $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$ be commuting finite-order automorphisms of a finite-dimensional reductive Lie algebra L. Then L has a (setwise) $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$-invariant Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}$.*

Proof We induct on the dimension of L. If the dimension of L is 0 or 1, then the theorem holds since $\mathfrak{h} = L$. We can also assume that $\sigma_1 : L \to L$ is not the identity map.

By Lemma A.2, the $(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$-invariant) fixed point subalgebra

$$L^{\sigma_1} = \{x \in L \mid \sigma_1 x = x\}$$

is reductive, and by the induction hypothesis, it has a $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$-invariant Cartan subalgebra H. By Lemma A.2, the centralizer $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}_L(H)$ in L is a Cartan subalgebra of L. It is also $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_N$-invariant, since

$$[\sigma_i x, h] = \sigma_i [x, \sigma_i^{-1}(h)] \in \sigma_i [x, H] = 0$$

for all $x \in \mathfrak{h}$, $h \in H$, and $i = 1, \ldots, N$. $\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\square$

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