## VERMA TYPE MODULES OF LEVEL ZERO FOR AFFINE LIE ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We study the structure of Verma type modules of level zero induced from non-standard Borel subalgebras of an affine Kac-Moody algebra. For such modules in "general position" we describe the unique irreducible quotients, construct a BGG type resolution and prove the BGG duality in certain categories. All results are extended to generalized Verma type modules of zero level

#### Introduction

One of the significant differences between finite-dimensional and affine Kac-Moody algebras is the existence of root system partitions which are not "equivalent" to the standard partition into positive and negative roots. All  $W \times \{\pm 1\}$ inequivalent partitions for affine root systems (W is the Weyl group) were classified in [10], [11] and in [5], [6]. There exist only a finite number of them (always more than one) and each such partition, labeled by some finite set of integers X, defines a non-standard Borel subalgebra  $B_X$  of the affine Lie algebra  $\mathfrak G$  and a Verma type module  $M_X(\lambda)$  induced from  $B_X$ . Verma type modules were introduced in [10] and [6]. The main difference between the classical Verma modules [12] and the modules induced from the non-standard Borel subalgebras is that the latter always have both finite and infinite-dimensional weight spaces. Verma type modules of a non-zero level, i.e. when the central element acts with a non-zero charge, were extensively studied in [1] and [9]. In this case the structure of a module  $M_X(\lambda)$ is completely determined by its subspace  $M^f(\lambda)$  containing all finite-dimensional weight subspaces of  $M_X(\lambda)$ . The subspace  $M^f(\lambda)$  has a module structure for a certain infinite-dimensional Lie subalgebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f$  with a triangular decomposition [13], and, when the central element acts with a non-zero charge, any submodule  $N \subset M_X(\lambda)$  can be recovered from  $N^f = N \cap M_X^f(\lambda)$ . This leads to the equivalence between a certain category  $\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda}^X$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules and a certain category of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f$ -modules, which implies the BGG duality in  $\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda}^X$  and a BGG type resolution for  $M_X(\lambda)$  [2]. These results were extended in [3] for the generalized Verma type modules of a non-zero level induced from a non-standard parabolic subalgebra.

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In the present paper we study the Verma type modules on which the central element acts with a zero charge. When  $X = \emptyset$  such modules were considered in [10], [11], [6] and [7]. The case of a zero level is apriori more difficult than that of a nonzero level since the module  $M_X(\lambda)$  may have subquotients that are not the quotients of Verma type modules [7]. Nevertheless, a similar approach can be developed for  $\lambda$  in "general position". In particular, we describe the submodules and the irreducible quotients  $L_X(\lambda)$  of  $M_X(\lambda)$  when  $\lambda$  is in "general position". The equivalence of suitable categories for "general position" then leads to the BGG duality in a certain category  $\mathfrak{D}_X(\lambda)$  and to the construction of a strong BGG resolution for  $L_X(\lambda_0)$ , X connected,  $\lambda_0$  trivial. All results are extended for generalized Verma modules of zero level induced from a non-standard parabolic subalgebra.

Now we briefly describe the structure of the paper. In section 2 we recall the construction and the basic properties of Verma type modules and generalized Verma type modules. In section 3 we establish an important technical result (Proposition 3.2) and discuss the properties of the imaginary Verma modules  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$ .

Since the central element of  $\mathfrak{G}$  acts trivially, the module  $M_X(\lambda)$  is reducible and can be substituted by a certain quotient  $\tilde{M}_X(\lambda)$ . The central result of section 4 is Theorem 4.8, which establishes the criterion of irreducibility for modules  $\tilde{M}_X(\lambda)$ . Section 5 is devoted to the study of modules  $M_X(\lambda)$  under the assumption that  $\tilde{M}_X(\lambda)$  is irreducible. In section 6 we discuss the irreducible quotients of  $M_X(\lambda)$  (Theorem 6.1) in the particular case when  $\tilde{M}_X^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f$ -module. We lift that restriction in section 7 and describe the irreducible quotients of  $M_X(\lambda)$  for  $\lambda$  in "general position" (Theorem 7.7). A strong BGG resolution for modules  $L_X(\lambda_0)$  with connected X and trivial  $\lambda_0$  is constructed in section 8 (Theorem 8.2), and the BGG duality in certain categories  $\mathfrak{D}_X(\lambda)$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules with  $\lambda$  in "general position" is established in section 9 (Theorem 9.6). The generalized Verma type modules of level zero are discussed in section 10, and suitable categories  $\mathfrak{D}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$  with the BGG duality in section 11. Some subcategories of  $\mathfrak{D}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$  with the BGG duality are considered in section 12.

### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  denote the complex numbers,  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $A = (a_{ij})$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ , be a generalized Cartan matrix of affine type and  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(A)$  be the corresponding affine Kac-Moody algebra of rank n+1 with a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{H}$  and a one-dimensional centre  $Z = \mathbb{C}c \subset \mathfrak{H}$ . Let also  $\Delta = \Delta^{re} \cup \Delta^{im}$  be the root system of  $\mathfrak{G}$ , where  $\Delta^{re}$  is the set of real roots,  $\Delta^{im} = \{k\delta | k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}\}$  is the set of imaginary roots and  $\delta$  is an indivisible imaginary root. We use [12] as our main reference for Kac-Moody algebras. It follows from [5] that one can choose a basis  $\pi_0 = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $\delta = \sum_{i=0}^n k_i \alpha_i$ , where  $k_0 = 1$  and either  $-\alpha_0 + \delta \in \Delta$  or  $\frac{1}{2}(-\alpha_0 + \delta) \in \Delta$ . Each  $\alpha \in \Delta$  defines a root subspace  $\mathfrak{G}_{\alpha}$ , and  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{H} \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathfrak{G}_{\alpha}$ . Fix a basis  $X_{\alpha}$  in each  $\mathfrak{G}_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Unless otherwise stated we will always refer to this fixed basis.

For  $\epsilon \subset \pi_0$  let  $Q_{\epsilon}^{\pm}$  be the semigroup in  $\mathfrak{H}^*$  generated by  $\pm \epsilon$ ,  $Q_{\epsilon}$  be the free abelian group generated by  $\epsilon$ ,  $\Delta(\epsilon) = Q_{\epsilon} \cap \Delta$ ,  $\Delta_{\pm}(\epsilon) = Q_{\epsilon}^{\pm} \cap \Delta$ . Set  $\pi = \pi_0 \setminus \{\alpha_0\}$ ,  $Q = Q_{\pi_0}$ ,  $\dot{Q} = Q_{\pi}$ ,  $\dot{\Delta} = \Delta(\pi)$ ,  $\dot{\Delta}_{\pm} = \Delta_{\pm}(\pi)$ . A subset  $P \subset \Delta$  is called a partition if P is closed under addition (i.e.  $\alpha, \beta \in P$ ,  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta$  imply  $\alpha + \beta \in P$ ),  $P \cap -P = \emptyset$  and  $P \cup -P = \Delta$ .

Let  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $X \subset I$ ,  $\phi_X = \sum_{i \in I \setminus X} \alpha_i^* - (\sum_{i \in I \setminus X} k_i) \alpha_0^*$  if  $X \neq I$  and  $\phi_I = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i^*$ , where  $\alpha_i^*(\alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Define  $P(X) = \{\alpha \in I\}$ 

 $\Delta|\phi_X(\alpha)>0\} \cup \{\alpha \in \Delta|\phi_X(\alpha)=0, \phi_I(\alpha)>0\}$ . It was shown in [10] and [5] that any partition P is  $W \times \{\pm 1\}$ -equivalent to some P(X), where W is the Weyl group of  $\Delta$ .

We will fix X throughout the paper. Note that if X = I then  $P(X) = \Delta_{+}(\pi_{0})$ . Let  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the standard form on  $\mathfrak{H}^{*}$  such that

$$\frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)} = a_{ij}, \ i, \ j = 0, \dots, \ n,$$

 $\pi^f = \{\alpha_i, i \in X\}, \ \pi' = \pi \setminus \pi^f, \ \tilde{\pi} = \{\alpha \in \pi' \mid (\alpha, \beta) = 0 \text{ for all } \beta \in \pi^f\}, \ Q^f = Q_{\pi^f} + \mathbb{Z}\delta, \ \Delta^f = Q^f \cap \Delta, \ \dot{\Delta}^f_{\pm} = \Delta^f \cap \dot{\Delta}_{\pm}, \ \Delta^f_{\pm} = \Delta^f \cap (\pm P(X)), \ \tilde{\Delta}_{\pm} = \Delta(\tilde{\pi}) \cap \dot{\Delta}_{\pm}, \ \Delta'_{\pm} = \dot{\Delta}_{\pm} \setminus \Delta(\pi^f \cup \tilde{\pi}), \ \text{and let } Q^f_{\pm} \ \text{(resp. } Q_{\pm}) \text{ be the monoid generated by } \Delta^f_{\pm} \ \text{(resp. } \pm P(X)).$ 

For a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $U(\mathfrak{A})$  denotes the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Clearly,  $U(\mathfrak{A})$  is a Q-graded algebra,

$$U(\mathfrak{A}) = \bigoplus_{\eta \in Q} U(\mathfrak{A})_{\eta}.$$

An element  $u \in U(\mathfrak{A})$  is called *homogeneous* if  $u \in U(\mathfrak{A})_{\eta}$  for some  $\eta \in Q$ . We will identify  $\mathfrak{G}$  with its injective image in  $U(\mathfrak{G})$ . If  $y, y_1, \ldots, y_m \in \mathfrak{G}$  we set

$$[y, y_1, \dots, y_m] = \sum_{i=1}^m y_1 \dots y_{i-1}[y, y_i] y_{i+1} \dots y_m$$

and then define [y, u] for any  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  by linearity.

For  $\epsilon \subset \pi$ ,  $\phi = \dot{\phi} + n\delta \in Q$ ,  $\dot{\phi} \in \dot{Q}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \neq u \in U(\mathfrak{G})_{\phi}$  denote by  $ht_{\epsilon}(\phi)$  the number of elements of  $\pm \epsilon$  in the decomposition of  $\dot{\phi}$ , and let  $ht_{\epsilon}(u) = ht_{\epsilon}(\phi)$ , |u| = n, ||u|| = |n|. We also set  $ht^f(\phi) = ht^f(u) = ht_{\pi^f}(\dot{\phi})$  and  $|u|_+ = \sum_{i=1}^m |n_i|$  if u is a monomial in  $U(\mathfrak{G})$ ,  $u = X_{\phi_1 + n_1 \delta} \dots X_{\phi_m + n_m \delta}$ ,  $\phi_i \in \dot{Q}$ . Define  $\mathfrak{G}_X^{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm \beta}$ ,  $\beta \in P(X)$ . Then we have an X-analog of the Cartan

Define  $\mathfrak{G}_X^{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm\beta}$ ,  $\beta \in P(X)$ . Then we have an X-analog of the Cartan decomposition  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}_X^- \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus \mathfrak{G}_X^+$ . A subalgebra  $B_X = \mathfrak{H} \oplus \mathfrak{G}_X^+$  is called a non-standard Borel subalgebra.

For  $\epsilon \subset \pi'$  consider the subalgebras  $\mathfrak{G}_{\pm}(\epsilon) = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\beta}$ ,  $\beta \in (Q_{\epsilon}^{\pm} + \mathbb{Z}\delta) \cap \Delta^{re}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{G}(\epsilon)$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{G}$  generated by  $\mathfrak{G}_{\pm}(\epsilon)$ . In particular, set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{\pm} = \mathfrak{G}_{\pm}(\tilde{\pi})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}} = \mathfrak{G}(\tilde{\pi})$ . Also let  $\mathfrak{G}'_{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm\beta}$ ,  $\beta \in P(X)$ ,  $ht'(\beta) \neq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}^f_{\pm}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ ) be a subalgebra generated by  $\Delta^f_{\pm} \cap \Delta^{re}$  (resp.  $\Delta^f \cap \Delta^{re}$ ),  $\mathbf{m}^{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\beta}$ ,  $\beta \in \Delta^f_{\pm}$ ,  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}^- \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus \mathbf{m}^+$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f = \mathfrak{G}^f + \mathfrak{H}$ . Clearly,  $[\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}, \mathfrak{G}^f] = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{G}^{\pm}_{X} = \mathbf{m}^{\pm} \oplus \mathfrak{G}'_{\pm} \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{\pm}$ . If the Coxeter-Dynkin subdiagram corresponding to X is connected, then  $\mathfrak{G}^f$  is the derived algebra of an affine Lie algebra of rank |X|+1 with a root system  $\Delta^f$ . If X is not connected then  $\Delta^f$  does not have a basis consisting of real roots. Nevertheless,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f$  (resp.  $\mathbf{m}$ ) is a Lie algebra with a triangular decomposition [13] with respect to Q (cf. [2], Remark 1.4) and it satisfies the conditions (T1) and (T2) of [14]. Let  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i$ , and let the diagrams corresponding to each  $X_i$  be connected. Then

$$\mathfrak{G}^f = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{G}_i^f, \ [\mathfrak{G}_i^f, \mathfrak{G}_j^f] = 0, i \neq j, \ \bigcap_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{G}_i^f = Z$$

and  $\mathfrak{G}_i^f$  is the derived algebra of an affine Lie algebra of rank  $|X_i|+1$  for each i. Let

$$G_{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm k\delta}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{0\}, \ G = G_- \oplus Z \oplus G_+,$$

$$\bar{G} = \{ g \in G_- \oplus G_+ \mid [g, \mathfrak{G}^f] = 0 \}, \ \bar{G}_{\pm} = \bar{G} \cap G_{\pm}.$$

Then  $G = (G \cap \mathfrak{G}^f) \oplus \bar{G}$  (cf. [6]),  $\mathbf{m} = \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f \oplus \bar{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{m}^{\pm} = \mathfrak{G}^f_{\pm} \oplus \bar{G}_{\pm}$ . Also consider the subalgebras  $\mathbf{u}_X^{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm\beta}$ ,  $\beta \in P(X) \setminus \Delta^f$ , and  $\mathbf{p}_X = \mathbf{u}_X^{+} \oplus \mathbf{m}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{H} \subset \mathfrak{A}$ . An  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module V is called weight if

$$V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*} V_{\lambda}, \ V_{\lambda} = \{ v \in V \mid hv = \lambda(h)v \text{ for all } h \in \mathfrak{H} \}.$$

Set  $P(V) = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid V_{\lambda} \neq 0\}$ . For  $\lambda, \ \mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ , we say  $\mu \leq \lambda$  if  $\lambda - \mu \in Q_+^f$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a subcategory of weight  $\mathfrak{A}$ -modules with irreducible objects  $\{L_t, t \in T\}$  indexed by a certain subset  $T \subset \mathfrak{H}^*$ . An  $\mathfrak{A}$ -module  $V \in \Omega$  has a local composition series [4] if for any  $\mu \in P(V)$  there exist a sequence  $V = V_n \supset \ldots \supset V_0 = 0$  of modules in  $\Omega$  and a subset  $J \subset \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$  such that

- 1. If  $i \in J$ , then  $V_i/V_{i-1} = L_{t_i}, t_i \mu \in Q_+$ .
- 2. If  $i \notin J$ , then  $(V_i/V_{i-1})_{\nu} = 0$  for all  $\nu \in \mu + Q_+$ .

We will denote by  $[V:L_t]$  the multiplicity of  $L_t$  in V, i.e. the number of i's in J such that  $t=t_i$ .

### 2. Verma and generalized Verma type modules

Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ , and let  $\mathbb{C}v_{\lambda}$  be the 1-dimensional  $B_X$ -module, where  $\mathfrak{G}_X^+v_{\lambda}=0$  and  $hv_{\lambda}=\lambda(h)v_{\lambda}$  for all  $h \in \mathfrak{H}$ . Consider a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module

$$M_X(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes_{U(B_X)} \mathbb{C}v_{\lambda}$$

associated with X and  $\lambda$ . This module is called a Verma type module of level  $\lambda(c)$  [8], [9]. It is a weight module, and when X = I the module  $M_X(\lambda)$  is a usual Verma module [12]. In this case all weight subspaces are finite-dimensional. If  $X \subseteq I$ , then  $M_X(\lambda)$  possesses both finite and infinite-dimensional weight spaces,  $\mu \in P(M_X(\lambda))$  if and only if  $\lambda - \mu \in Q_+$ ,  $0 < \dim M_X(\lambda)_{\mu} < \infty$  if and only if  $\mu \le \lambda$ . It has a unique maximal submodule, and we will denote by  $L_X(\lambda)$  the unique irreducible quotient [6]. It follows from the construction that  $M_X(\lambda)$  is a free  $U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$ -module.

From now on we will assume that  $X \neq I$ . Set  $M^f(\lambda) = \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda} M_X(\lambda)_{\mu}$  and  $L^f(\lambda) = \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda} L_X(\lambda)_{\mu}$ . Both  $M^f(\lambda)$  and  $L^f(\lambda)$  are **m**-modules, and  $L^f(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $M^f(\lambda)$ . It follows from the construction of  $M_X(\lambda)$  that  $M^f(\lambda)$  is the Verma **m**-module with highest weight  $\lambda$  with respect to the triangular decomposition  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}^- \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus \mathbf{m}^+$  [13], and in particular it is  $\mathbf{m}^-$  -free. We can also view the modules  $M^f(\lambda)$  and  $L^f(\lambda)$  as  $\mathbf{p}_X$ -modules with the trivial action of  $\mathbf{u}_X^+$ .

When  $\lambda(c) \neq 0$ , the structure of  $M_X(\lambda)$  is completely determined by  $M^f(\lambda)$ , and the irreducible quotients of Verma type modules in this case were described in [1] and [9].

**Theorem 2.1** ([1], [9]). Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) \neq 0$ . Then

$$L_X(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} L^f(\lambda)$$

Suppose that  $X \neq \emptyset$  and let  $S \subseteq \pi^f$ ,  $N_S^{\pm} = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\pm \alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Q_S^+$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_S = N_S^- \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus N_S^+$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{X,S}^{\pm} = \sum (\mathfrak{G}_{\pm \alpha} \cap \mathfrak{G}^f)$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta_+^f \setminus Q_S^+$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_{X,S} = \mathbf{m}_S \oplus \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^+$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}_S = [N_S^-, N_S^+]$ ,  $T_{X,S}^{\pm} = \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^{\pm} \oplus \mathbf{u}_X^{\pm} \oplus \bar{G}_{\pm}$  and  $N_{X,S} = \mathbf{m}_S \oplus T_{X,S}^+ = \mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \mathbf{u}_X^+ \oplus \bar{G}_{\pm}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{m}_S$  is a finite-dimensional reductive Lie algebra,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f = \mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^-$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_X^+ = \mathbf{m}_S^+ \oplus \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^+$ 

 $\mathbf{u}_X^+ \oplus \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^+ \oplus N_S^+ \oplus \bar{G}_+$ . The subalgebra  $N_{X,S}$  is called a non-standard parabolic subalgebra [3].

Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  and  $\lambda_S$  be the restriction of  $\lambda$  to  $\mathfrak{H}_S$ . Suppose that  $\lambda_S$  is dominant integral and consider a finite-dimensional irreducible  $\mathbf{m}_S$ -module  $V_S(\lambda)$  with highest weight  $\lambda$  (i.e.  $\lambda + \alpha \notin P(V_S(\mu))$  for any  $\alpha \in S$ ). We can view  $V_S(\lambda)$  as  $N_{X,S}$ -module with a trivial action of  $T_{X,S}^+$  and define the  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module

$$M_{X,S}(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes_{U(N_{Y,S})} V_S(\lambda)$$

associated with X, S and  $\lambda$ . The module  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)$  is called a generalized Verma type module. If  $S = \emptyset$  then  $M_{X,\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is the Verma type module associated with X and  $\lambda$ . The properties of modules  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)$  were discussed in [3]. Clearly,  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)$  is a weight module,  $M_{X,S}(\lambda) \simeq U(T_{X,S}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_S(\lambda)$  and  $L_X(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)$ . Also note that  $0 < \dim M_{X,S}(\lambda)_{\mu} < \infty$  if and only if  $\mu \in P(M_{X,S}(\lambda))$  and  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . Consider the subspace  $M_{X,S}^f(\lambda) = \sum M_{X,S}(\lambda)_{\mu}$ , dim  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)_{\mu} < \infty$ , which is an **m**-module. We can also view  $M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$  as a  $\mathbf{p}_X$ -module with trivial action of  $\mathbf{u}_X^+$ .

Since  $V_S(\lambda)$  is an  $N_{X,S}$ -module, it is a  $\mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \bar{G}_+$ -module where  $\mathbf{u}_{X,S}^+$  and  $\bar{G}_+$  act trivially.

**Proposition 2.2** ([3]). 1.  $M_{X,S}^f(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathbf{m}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \bar{G}_+)} V_S(\lambda)$ .

- 2.  $L^f(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$ .
- 3. If  $\lambda(c) \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda_S$  is dominant integral and  $N \subset M_{X,S}(\lambda)$  is a submodule, then  $N \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes_U (\mathbf{p}_X) N^f$ , where  $N^f = N \cap M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$ , and in particular,  $M_{X,S}(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$ .

### 3. Imaginary Verma modules

In this section we discuss the properties of the modules  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$ . Such modules were studied originally in [10], [11] and [7]. Following [7] we call them *imaginary* Verma modules.

First we establish the following technical lemma and proposition which will be used later.

**Lemma 3.1.** 1. If  $\psi \in \Delta'_+$ ,  $ht'(\psi) = 1$  and  $ht^f(\psi) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$  such that  $\phi - \psi \in \dot{\Delta}^f_-$ .

- 2. If  $\psi \in \Delta'_+$  (resp.  $\psi \in \tilde{\Delta}_+$ ) and  $ht_{\pi}(\psi) \neq 1$ , then there exists  $\phi \in \dot{\Delta}_+$  such that  $ht'(\phi) = 1$  (resp.  $\tilde{h}t(\phi) = 1$ ) and  $\phi \psi \in \dot{\Delta}_-$ .
- 3. Let  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$ ,  $ht^f(\phi) = 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $-\phi + n\delta \in \Delta$ . Then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m + n \neq 0$ , such that  $\phi + m\delta \in \Delta$  and

$$T_{m,n} = [\mathfrak{G}_{\phi+m\delta}, \mathfrak{G}_{-\phi+n\delta}] \not\subset \bar{G}.$$

- 4. Let  $\phi, \psi \in \dot{\Delta}_+$ ,  $\phi \neq \psi$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $-\psi + n\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\phi \psi \in \dot{\Delta}_-$ . Then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $\phi \pm m\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\phi \psi + (n \pm m)\delta \in \Delta$ .
- 5. If  $\epsilon \subset \pi'$ ,  $\epsilon' \subsetneq \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon'' \subset \epsilon'$ ,  $\psi \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon) \setminus \Delta_{-}(\epsilon')$  and  $ht_{\epsilon''}(\psi) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $\phi \in \dot{\Delta}_{+}$  with  $ht_{\epsilon''}(\phi) = 1$  and  $\phi + \psi \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon) \setminus \Delta_{-}(\epsilon')$ .

Proof. Statements (1), (2) and (5) are obvious. Let  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  as in (3). Since  $\phi \notin \tilde{\Delta}$  and  $ht^f(\phi) = 0$ , there exists  $\beta \in \pi^f$  such that  $\beta + \phi \in \Delta'$  and  $\beta - \phi \notin \Delta'$ . Suppose first that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a non-twisted affine Lie algebra. In this case, for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m + n \neq 0$ ,  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$ , which implies that  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Now

let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be a twisted affine Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{G} \neq D_4^{(3)}$ . If n is even then for any even m,  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  and  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Assume that n is odd. If  $\beta + \delta \in \Delta$  then for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m + n \neq 0$ ,  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta+\delta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$ , implying that  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  and  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Let  $\beta + \delta \not\in \Delta$ . Since  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, [\mathfrak{G}_{\phi+m\delta}, \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}]] = \mathfrak{G}_{\beta+\phi+(m+1)\delta} \neq 0$  for any odd m, we conclude that  $\beta + \psi + m\delta \in \Delta$  and thus for any odd  $m, m + n \neq 0$ ,  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  and  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Suppose now that  $\mathfrak{G} = D_4^{(3)}$ . If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  then  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  for any  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $m + n \neq 0$ , and hence  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Let  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then  $\phi + m\delta \in \Delta$  for any  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $\beta + \delta \in \Delta$  then  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta+\delta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  for any  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Hence  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  and  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$ . Let  $\beta + \delta \not\in \Delta$ . Then  $0 \neq [\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, [\mathfrak{G}_{\phi+m\delta}, \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}]] = [\mathfrak{G}_{\beta+\phi+m\delta}, \mathfrak{G}_{\delta}]$  and  $\beta + \phi + m\delta \in \Delta$  for any  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Hence,  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\beta}, T_{m,n}] \neq 0$  and  $T_{m,n} \not\subset \bar{G}$  for any  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . The case when  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  can be treated similarly. This completes the proof of (3). The proof of (4) is analogous to the proof of (3).

For  $\epsilon \subset \pi'$  and  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  set  $\epsilon(\mu) = \{\beta \in \epsilon \mid (\beta, \mu) = 0\}, \mathfrak{G}_{\pm}(\epsilon, \mu) = \sum \mathfrak{G}_{\phi}, \phi \in (Q_{\epsilon}^{\pm} + \mathbb{Z}\delta) \cap \Delta^{re}, ht_{\epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu)}(\phi) \neq 0.$ 

**Proposition 3.2.** Let V be a weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module,  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\mu(c) = 0$ ,  $0 \neq v_0 \in V_{\mu}$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}_{n\delta}v_0 = 0$  for all  $n > n_0 \geq 0$ ,  $\epsilon \subset \pi'$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}_{+}(\epsilon)v_0 = 0$ ,  $N = U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon))v_0$ , and let V be free as  $\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon, \mu)$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1.  $v_0 \in U(\mathfrak{G}(\epsilon))v$  for any non-zero  $v \in N$ .
- 2.  $\beta \in \epsilon(\mu)$  implies  $\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}v_0 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $N = U(\mathfrak{G}(\epsilon))v$ . Suppose that  $\beta \in \epsilon(\mu)$  but  $\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}v_0 \neq 0$ . Since  $\mathfrak{G}_{+}(\epsilon)v_0 = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{G}_{+}(\epsilon)\mathfrak{G}_{-n\delta}v_0 = 0$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $(\mu, \beta) = 0$ , we immediately conclude that  $U(\mathfrak{G}(\epsilon))\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}v_0 \not\supseteq v_0$  and hence (1) implies (2).

Assume now that  $\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}v_0 = 0$  for all  $\beta \in \epsilon(\mu)$ . If  $\epsilon(\mu) = \epsilon$  then  $N \simeq \mathbb{C}v_0$  and the statement (1) is trivial. Let  $\epsilon(\mu) \neq \epsilon$  and v an arbitrary non-zero element of N. Then  $v = uv_0$ ,  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon))$ , and we may assume that u is homogeneous. We divide the proof of statement (1) into several steps.

Step 1. Suppose that  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(u)=d>0$ . Using the fact that N is free over  $\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon,\mu)$  and the PBW Theorem, we can write u as a linear combination of the monomials

$$X_{\phi_{1i}+n_{1i}\delta}^{\ell_{1i}} \dots X_{\phi_{s(i)i}+n_{s(i)i}\delta}^{\ell_{s(i)i}} u_i,$$

where  $u_i \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon,\mu)), \ ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(u_i) = 0, \ ht_{\epsilon\setminus\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{ij}) \neq 0, \ \phi_{ij} \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon) \ \text{or} \ \frac{1}{2}\phi_{ij} \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon)$  (the latter is possible only if  $\mathfrak{G} = A_{2\ell}^{(2)}$ ),  $0 < ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{s(i)i}) \leq \ldots \leq ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{1i})$  for all i and  $\ell_{in}, \ n_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \ell_{ij} > 0$ . We can also assume that  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{s(1)1}) \leq ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{s(i)i})$  for all i, and if  $\phi_{s(1)1} + n_{s(1)1}\delta = \phi_{ij} + n_{ij}\delta$  then i = s(j). Suppose that  $\phi_{s(1)1} \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon)$ . Then applying Lemma 3.1, (5) we can find an element  $\phi \in \dot{\Delta}_+$  for which  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi) = 1$  and  $\phi + \phi_{s(1)1} \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon)$ . Also by Lemma 3.1, (4) one can choose  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $n > |u|_+, \ \phi + n\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\phi + \phi_{s(1)1} + (n_{s(1)1} + n)\delta \in \Delta$ . Since  $[y, u_i] = 0$  for  $y \in \mathfrak{G}_{\phi+n\delta} \setminus \{0\}$  and for all i, the chosen ordering and n guarantee that [y, u] contains a monomial

$$X_{\phi_{11}+n_{11}\delta}^{\ell_{11}}\dots X_{\phi_{s(1)1}+n_{s(1)1}\delta}^{\ell_{s(1)1}-1}X_{\phi+\phi_{s(1)1}+(n_{s(1)1}+n)\delta}u_{1}$$

and thus  $[y, u] \neq 0$ . We conclude that  $yv = yuv_0 = [y, u]v_0 \neq 0$  and  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}([y, u]) = d - 1$ . If  $\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1} \in \Delta_{-}(\epsilon)$  then

$$X_{-\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}}v = [X_{-\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}}, u]v_0 \neq 0 \text{ and } ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}([X_{-\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}}, u]) < d.$$

By induction on d we find an element  $z \in \mathfrak{G}_+(\epsilon)$  such that  $zv \in N$  and  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(zv) = 0$ .

We will assume that

(3.1) 
$$u = \sum_{i} c_{i} X_{\phi_{1i} + n_{1i}\delta}^{\ell_{1i}} \dots X_{\phi_{s(i)i} + n_{s(i)i}\delta}^{\ell_{s(i)i}},$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^{s(i)} \phi_{ji} = \eta \in Q_{\epsilon}^-$  for all i and  $ht_{\epsilon(\mu)}(\phi_{ij}) = 0$  for all i, j.

Step 2. Suppose that  $u \in \sum_i c_i X_{\beta_1 + n_{1i}\delta} \dots X_{\beta_k + n_{ki}\delta}, -\beta_i \in \epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu), i = 1, \dots k, \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k = \eta, \ \beta_i \neq \beta_j \ \text{if} \ i \neq j. \ \text{If} \ n_0 = 0 \ \text{then} \ 0 \neq X_{-\beta_1 - n_{11}\delta} \dots X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{is proportional to} \ v_0 \ \text{since} \ \mu([X_{-\beta_i - n_{i1}\delta}, \ X_{\beta_i + n_{i1}\delta}]) \neq 0 \ \text{for all} \ i = 1, \dots, k. \ \text{Now let} \ n_0 > 0. \ \text{We may also assume that} \ n_{k1} \leq n_{ki} \ \text{for all} \ i. \ \text{Denote} \ y_i = X_{\beta_1 + n_{1i}\delta} \dots X_{\beta_{k-1} + n_{k-1i}\delta}. \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{is proportional to} \ \text{In the } X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{is proportional} \ \text{to} \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{is proportional} \ \text{to} \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{is proportional} \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v \in \tilde{N} \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v = \tilde{N} \ \text{Then} \ X_{-\beta_k - n_{k1}\delta} v =$ 

$$w_1 = \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}} c_i y_i v_0 + \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}+1} c_i' y_i X_{\delta} v_0 + \ldots + \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}+p_1} c_i' y_i X_{p_1 \delta} v_0,$$

where  $p_1 \leq n_0$ . Note that

$$-\beta_k + (p_1 - n_{k1})\delta \in \Delta \text{ and } X_{-\beta_k + (p_1 - n_{k1})\delta}v \in \tilde{N}$$

is proportional to

$$w_2 = \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}} c_i y_i X_{p_1 \delta} v_0$$

$$+ \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}+1} c_i'' y_i X_{(p_1+1)\delta} v_0 + \ldots + \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}+p_2} c_i'' y_i X_{(p_1+p_2)\delta} v_0,$$

where  $p_1+p_2 \leq n_0$ . Continuing this process we find s>0 for which  $0 \neq w_{s+1} = \sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}} c_i y_i X_{(p_1+\dots p_s)\delta} v_0 \in \tilde{N}$  and hence  $X_{(p_1+\dots +p_s)\delta} v_0 \in \tilde{N}$  by induction on k, implying that  $\sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}+p_s} c_i'' y_i X_{(p_1+\dots +p_s)\delta} v_0 \in \tilde{N}$ . Combining the inductions on  $p_s$  and s we conclude that  $\sum_{i:n_{ki}=n_{k1}} c_i y_i v_0 \in \tilde{N}$ , and then induction on k completes the proof.

Step 3. Let  $\mathfrak{G} \neq A_{2\ell}^{(2)}$ ,  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon))_{2\beta+m\delta}$ ,  $-\beta \in \epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu)$ . Then u can be written in the form

(3.2) 
$$u = \sum_{k,n} a_{kn} X_{\beta+k\delta} X_{\beta+n\delta},$$

where  $a_{kn} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $k+n=m, k \geq n$ , and the basis of  $\mathfrak{G}$  is chosen in such a way that  $[X_{\beta+p\delta}, X_{q\delta}] = 2X_{\beta+(p+q)\delta}, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0, [X_{-\beta+p\delta}, X_{\beta+q\delta}] = X_{(p+q)\delta}, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, p+q \neq 0$ . We will assume that there are at least two terms in (3.2); otherwise Step 3 can be easily reduced to Step 2. If  $p > n_0 - m$  and  $-\beta + p\delta \in \Delta$ , then  $X_{-\beta+p\delta}v = X_{-\beta+p\delta}uv_0 = -2(\sum_{k,n}a_{kn})X_{\beta+(p+m)\delta}v_0$  and thus we can apply Step 2 if  $X_{-\beta+p\delta}v \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $X_{-\beta+p\delta}v = 0$ . Since N is free as  $\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon,\mu)$ -module, we conclude that  $\sum_{k,n}a_{kn}=0$ . Let  $\bar{n}$  be the minimal number among all n's in  $a_{kn}$  and let  $n_0=0$ . Since  $(\mu,\beta)\neq 0$ , it implies that  $X_{-\beta-\bar{n}\delta}v$  is proportional to  $X_{\beta+(m-\bar{n})\delta}v_0$  and hence we can apply Step 2. Suppose now that  $n_0>0$ . Since  $m-\bar{n}>\bar{n}$ , an element of type

$$X_{-\beta-(m-\bar{n})\delta}X_{-\beta-\bar{n}\delta}v$$

is proportional to

$$w_1 = v_0 + b_{11} X_{-n_{11}\delta} X_{n_{11}\delta} v_0 + \ldots + b_{k(1)1} X_{-n_{k(1)1}\delta} X_{n_{k(1)1}\delta} v_0 \in \tilde{N},$$

where  $b_{i1} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $0 < n_{i1} < n_{i+11} \le n_0$  and  $X_{n_{i1}\delta}v_0 \ne 0$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, k(1)$ . Since  $\beta + (n_{k(1)1} + \bar{n})\delta \in \Delta$ , it implies that

$$-\beta + (n_{k(1)1} - \bar{n})\delta \in \Delta$$
 and  $X_{-\beta - (m - \bar{n})\delta}X_{-\beta + (n_{k(1)1} - \bar{n})\delta}v$ 

is proportional to

$$w_2 = X_{n_{k(1)1}\delta}v_0 + b_{12}X_{-n_{12}\delta}X_{n_{12}\delta}v_0 + \dots + b_{k_22}X_{-n_{k(2)2}\delta}X_{n_{k(2)2}\delta}v_0 \in \tilde{N},$$

where  $b_{i2} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $n_{k(1)1} < n_{i2} < n_{i+12} \le n_0$  and  $X_{n_{i2}\delta}v_0 \ne 0$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, k_2$ . Continuing this procedure we find s > 0 for which

$$0 \neq w_{s+1} = X_{n_{k(s)s}\delta} v_0 \in \tilde{N}, w_s - b_{k(s)s} X_{-n_{k(s)s}\delta} w_{s+1} \in \tilde{N},$$

and we conclude by induction that

$$X_{n_{k(s-1)s-1}\delta}v_0 \in \tilde{N}, \dots, X_{n_{k(1)1}\delta}v_0 \in \tilde{N},$$

and  $v_0 \in \tilde{N}$ , which completes the proof.

Step 4. Let 
$$\mathfrak{G} = A_{2\ell}^{(2)}$$
,  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\epsilon))_{2\beta+m\delta}$ ,  $-\beta \in \epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu)$ . Then

(3.3) 
$$u = a_m X_{2\beta+m\delta} + \sum_{k,n} a_{kn} X_{\beta+k\delta} X_{\beta+n\delta},$$

where there are at least two terms in (3.3)

$$[X_{\beta+m\delta}, X_{2k\delta}] = 2X_{\beta+(m+2k)\delta},$$

$$[X_{\beta+m\delta}, X_{(2k+1)\delta}] = 6X_{\beta+(m+2k+1)\delta},$$

$$[X_{-\beta+m\delta}, X_{\beta+p\delta}] = X_{(m+p)\delta},$$

$$[X_{-\beta+2m\delta}, X_{2\beta+(2\ell+1)\delta}] = X_{\beta+(2m+2\ell+1)\delta},$$

$$[X_{-\beta+(2m+1)\delta}, X_{2\beta+(2\ell+1)\delta}] = -X_{\beta+2(\ell+m+1)\delta}, p, k, m, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}, k \neq 0, m+p \neq 0;$$

 $a_{kn} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $a_m \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $a_m = 0$  if m is even. Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $2p > n_0 - m$ . Then  $X_{-\beta+2p\delta}v = (a_m - 2\sum_{k-\text{even}} a_{kn} - 6\sum_{k-\text{odd}} a_{kn})X_{\beta+(m+2p)\delta}v_0$  and

$$X_{-\beta+(2p+1)\delta}v = (-a_m - 6\sum_{k-\text{even}} a_{kn} - 2\sum_{k-\text{odd}} a_{kn})X_{\beta+(m+2p+1)\delta}v_0.$$

If  $X_{-\beta+2p\delta}v\neq 0$  or  $X_{-\beta+(2p+1)\delta}v\neq 0$  we can apply Step 2; otherwise

$$a_m - 2\sum_{k-\text{even}} a_{kn} - 6\sum_{k-\text{odd}} a_{kn} = a_m + 6\sum_{k-\text{even}} a_{kn} + 2\sum_{k-\text{odd}} a_{kn} = 0$$

and one can show following the procedure in Step 3 that  $v_0 \in \tilde{N}$ .

Step 5. Suppose that  $\eta = 2\beta_1 + \ldots + 2\beta_n$ ,  $-\beta_i \in \epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , and for each  $\phi_{ij}$  in (1) either  $ht_{\epsilon}(\phi_{ij}) = 1$  or  $ht_{\epsilon}(\phi_{ij}) = 2$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\phi_{ij} \in \epsilon$ . The proof of statement (1) in this case follows from Steps 3 and 4 using induction on n.

Step 6. Suppose that in (3.1) there exist i and j for which  $ht_{\epsilon}(\phi_{ji}) \geq 2$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\phi_{ji} \notin \epsilon$  or there exists  $\beta \in -(\epsilon \setminus \epsilon(\mu))$  such that  $\eta - 3\beta \in Q_{\epsilon}^-$ . Using Lemma 3.1, (2) and (4) one can find an element  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G}_+(\epsilon))$  such that  $yv = yuv_0 = u'v_0$  where  $u' \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-(\epsilon))$  and it has the same form as in Step 5. We leave the details to the reader. This completes the proof of the proposition.

Now assume that  $X = \emptyset$  and consider the properties of the modules  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$ . One can easily see that  $0 < \dim M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)_{\mu} < \infty$  if and only if  $\mu = \lambda - k\delta$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , which together with Theorem 2.1 implies that  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is irreducible if and only if  $\lambda(c) \neq 0$  [10], [7].

Suppose that  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and denote  $\pi(\lambda) = \{\beta \in \pi \mid (\lambda, \beta) = 0\}$ . Let  $0 \neq v \in M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$ . Then  $N = U(\mathfrak{G})(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\pi(\lambda)) \oplus G_{-})v$  is a proper submodule of  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$ , and we consider the  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $M'(\lambda) = M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)/N$ . Clearly,  $L_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $M'(\lambda)$ . Moreover, we have the following result.

Corollary 3.3 (cf. [10], Proposition 6.2 and [7], Theorem 1, (ii)). The module  $M'(\lambda)$  is irreducible.

*Proof.* Follows immediately from Proposition 3.2 with  $n_0 = 0$ ,  $\epsilon = \pi$  and  $\mu = \lambda$ .  $\square$ 

Assume that  $\pi(\lambda) = \emptyset$ . Then the maximal submodule of  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is generated by  $M_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)_{\lambda-n\delta}$  by Corollary 3.3. Moreover, any submodule  $M \subset M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is generated by  $M \cap M_1$ . A more general statement (Lemma 5.1) will be proved in section 5. Clearly,  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  has a local composition series with all irreducible subquotients isomorphic to  $M'(\lambda - n\delta)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , and  $[M_{\emptyset}(\lambda) : M'(\lambda - n\delta)]$  does not depend on the choice of a local composition series for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

**Proposition 3.4** ([7], Theorem 2). Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\pi(\lambda) = \emptyset$ . Then  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(M_{\emptyset}(\mu), M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)) \neq 0$  if and only if  $\mu = \lambda - n\delta$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , and moreover  $\dim \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(M_{\emptyset}(\lambda - n\delta), M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)) = [M_{\emptyset}(\lambda) : M'(\lambda - n\delta)] = \dim M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)_{\lambda - n\delta}$ .

Remark 3.5. If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\pi(\lambda) = \pi$ , then  $L_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  is the trivial onedimensional module and the maximal submodule of  $M_{\emptyset}(\lambda)$  has irreducible subquotients which are not of type  $L_{\emptyset}(\mu)$  [7].

## 4. Verma type modules of zero level

From now on we assume that  $X \neq I \cup \emptyset$ . In this section we begin a study of Verma type modules  $M_X(\lambda)$  with  $\lambda(c) = 0$ . Consider a subspace  $\bar{M} = U(\bar{G}_-)\bar{G}_-v_{\lambda}$  of  $M_X(\lambda)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.**  $U(\mathfrak{G})\bar{M}$  is a proper submodule of  $M(\lambda)$ .

Proof. If  $U(\mathfrak{G})\bar{M} = M_X(\lambda)$  then, by the PBW Theorem,  $v_{\lambda} = \sum_i u_i^- u_i^+ X_i v_{\lambda}$ , where  $u_i^- \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$ ,  $u_i^+ \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^+)\mathfrak{G}_X^+$ ,  $X_i \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{G}}_-)\bar{G}_-$ . But  $[\mathfrak{G}_X^+, \bar{G}] \subset \mathfrak{G}_X^+ \oplus Z$ . Thus  $v_{\lambda} = \sum_i u_i^- X_i u_i^+ v_{\lambda} + \sum_i u_i^- [u_i^+, X_i] v_{\lambda} = 0$ , and this contradiction completes the proof.

Let  $\nu: U(\mathfrak{G}) \to U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{G}_X^+$  be the natural map. We will identify the elements of  $U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$  with their images under  $\nu$ . Also consider the natural map  $\tilde{\nu}: U(\mathfrak{G}) \to U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})(\mathfrak{G}_X^+ \oplus \bar{G}_-)$  and the following decomposition of  $U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-): U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{m}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ . Then  $\tilde{\nu}(U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)) = U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)/U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)\bar{G}_- \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{G}_-^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ .

Denote  $\tilde{M}(\lambda) = M_X(\lambda)/U(\mathfrak{G})\bar{M}$ . Then  $\tilde{M}(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}'_-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{G}'_-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{G}'_-)$  as a vector space. Let  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda) = \sum \tilde{M}(\lambda)_{\mu}$ , dim  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)_{\mu} < \infty$ . Clearly,  $\tilde{M}(\lambda) \simeq M^f(\lambda)/U(\mathfrak{G}^f)\bar{M}$ , and hence it is a Verma  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda$  with respect to the triangular decomposition  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f = \mathfrak{G}_-^f \oplus \mathfrak{H} \oplus \mathfrak{H}_+^f$  [13]. In particular,  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$  as a vector space. Consider the natural map  $\tau : M_X(\lambda) \to \tilde{M}(\lambda)$  and let  $\tilde{v}_{\lambda} = \tau(v_{\lambda})$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $0 \neq v_0 \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)_{\mu}, \mu \in H^*$ . A  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $V = U(\mathfrak{G})v_0$  is irreducible if and only if  $(\mu, \beta) \neq 0$  for all  $\beta \in \tilde{\pi}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_+v_0=\bar{G}v_0=0$ , then V is isomorphic to  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$  as a vector space, and the lemma follows from Proposition 3.2 if we let  $\epsilon=\tilde{\pi}$  and  $n_0=0$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $0 \neq u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$ , u homogeneous, and ht'(u) > 1. Then there exist  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $y \in \mathfrak{G}_{\phi-n\delta}$  such that  $\tilde{\nu}(yu) \neq 0$  and  $ht'(\tilde{\nu}(yu)) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Using the PBW Theorem we can write

$$u = \sum_{k} X_{-\phi_{1k} + n_{1k}\delta}^{\ell_{1k}} \dots X_{-\phi_{s(k)k} + n_{s(k)k}\delta}^{\ell_{s(k)k}} u_k,$$

where  $ht'(\phi_{ik}) \neq 0$  for all  $i, k, -\phi_{ik} + n_{ik}\delta \neq -\phi_{jk} + n_{jk}\delta$  if  $i \neq j$  for all  $k; n_{ik}, \ell_{ik} \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell_{ik} > 0$ , and  $u_k \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ . By the assumption,  $\sum_i ht'(\phi_{ik}) = ht'(u)$  for each k. Consider a subset  $\Omega \subset \{\phi_{ik}\}$  consisting of all  $\psi$  such that  $ht'(\psi) = \min_{i,k} ht'(\phi_{ik})$ . We may assume that  $\phi_{s(1)1} \in \Omega$ ,  $ht'(\phi_{1k}) \geq \ldots \geq ht'(\phi_{s(k)k})$  for all k, and that  $-\phi_{s(1)1} + n_{s(1)1}\delta = -\phi_{ik} + n_{ik}\delta$  implies i = s(k). If  $\phi_{s(1)1} \in \Delta$  then by Lemma 3.1, (2) there exists  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$  such that  $ht'(\phi) = 1$  and  $\phi - \phi_{s(1)1} \in \dot{\Delta}_-$ . By Lemma 3.1, (4), we can choose sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  for which  $\phi - \phi_{s(1)1} + (n_{s(1)1} - n)\delta \in -P(X)$ ,  $n > |n_{ik}|$  for all i, k and  $n > |u_k|_+$  for all k. For  $0 \neq y \in \mathfrak{G}_{\phi - n\delta}$  it follows that  $\tilde{\nu}(yX_{-\phi_{s(1)1} + n_{s(1)1}\delta}) \neq 0$ ,  $\tilde{\nu}(yu) \neq 0$  and  $ht'(\tilde{\nu}(yu)) \neq 0$ . If  $\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1} \in \Delta$  then  $\tilde{\nu}(X_{\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}}u) \neq 0$ , which completes the proof.

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $\psi \in \Delta'_+$ ,  $ht'(\psi) = 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \neq X_{-\psi+n\delta} \in \mathfrak{G}_{-\psi+n\delta}$ . Then there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq \tilde{\nu}(yX_{-\psi+n\delta}) \in U(\mathfrak{G}^f_-)$ .

Proof. If  $ht^f(\psi) = 0$  then the statement follows from Lemma 3.1, (3). Let  $ht^f(\psi) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 3.1, (1) and (4) there exist  $\phi \in \Delta'_+$  for which  $\phi - \psi \in \dot{\Delta}^f_-$ , and  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $\phi - \psi + (n - t)\delta \in -P(X)$  and  $\phi - t\delta \in \Delta$ . Then for  $0 \neq y \in \mathfrak{G}_{\phi - m\delta}$  we have  $0 \neq \tilde{\nu}(yX_{-\psi + n\delta}) \in U(\mathfrak{G}^f_-)$ , and the lemma follows.

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $0 \neq u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$ , u homogeneous,  $ht'(u) \neq 0$  and  $\tilde{\nu}(u) \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq \tilde{\nu}(yu) \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ .

Proof. Let  $u = \sum_k X_{-\phi_{1k}+n_{1k}\delta}^{\ell_{ik}} \dots X_{-\phi_{s(k)k}+n_{s(k)k}\delta}^{\ell_{s(k)k}} u_k + u_0$ , where  $ht'(\phi_{ik}) \neq 0$  for all  $i, k, \ \phi_{ik}$  are ordered as in the proof of Lemma 4.3,  $\ell_{ik}, \ n_{ik} \in \mathbb{Z}, \ \ell_{ik} > 0$ ,  $u_k \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$  and  $u_0 \in U(\mathfrak{G})\bar{G}_-$ . Suppose that  $ht'(u) = \sum_i ht'(\phi_{ik}) = r$ . Using Lemmas 4.3 and 4.4 and induction on r, we can choose  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_r \in \Delta'_+$  and sufficiently large  $t_1, \dots, t_r$  such that  $0 \neq \tilde{\nu}(y_r \dots y_1 u) \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ , where  $0 \neq y_i \in \mathfrak{G}_{\psi_i - t_i \delta}, \ i = 1, \dots, r$ .

Remark 4.6. Proposition 4.5 is also valid in the case when the element u is not homogeneous, i.e.,  $u = \sum_i c_i u_i$  where  $u_i \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)_{\eta_i}$ ,  $\eta_i \in Q$  and  $\eta_i \neq \eta_j$  if  $i \neq j$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** Let  $0 \neq v \in \tilde{M}(\lambda)_{\mu}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ , and  $(\lambda, \alpha) \neq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \tilde{\pi}$ . Then there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq yv \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v = u\tilde{v}_{\lambda}$  where  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{X}^{-})_{\mu-\lambda}$ . By Proposition 4.5 there exists  $y' \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq \tilde{\nu}(y'u) \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{+}) \otimes U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})$  and thus  $y'v = y'u\tilde{v}_{\lambda} = \tilde{\nu}(y'u)\tilde{v}_{\lambda} \neq 0$ .

Using the PBW Theorem we can write  $\tilde{\nu}(y'u) = \sum_k u_k^{(1)} u_k^{(2)}$ , where  $u_k^{(1)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$  and  $u_k^{(2)}$  are the monomials in  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ . Let

$$u_k^{(2)} = X_{-\phi_{1k} + n_{1k}\delta}^{\ell_{1k}} \dots X_{-\phi_{S(k)k} + n_{s(k)k}\delta}^{\ell_{s(k)k}},$$

where  $\phi_{ik} \in Q_{\tilde{\pi}}^+, n_{ij}, \ell_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell_{ij} > 0$ . Among all monomials  $u_k^{(2)}$  consider those with smallest  $|u_k^{(2)}|$  and denote them by  $\tilde{u}_k^{(2)}$ . Thus  $\tilde{\nu}(y'u) = \sum_n u_n^{(1)} \tilde{u}_n^{(2)} + \sum_t u_t^{(1)} u_t^{(2)}$ . Note that  $\tilde{h}t(\tilde{u}_n^{(2)}) = \tilde{h}t(u_t^{(2)})$  for all n, t and  $\tilde{u}_n^{(2)} \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)_{\eta}$  for a single  $\eta \in Q$  for all n. By Lemma 4.2 there exists  $z \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}})_{-\eta}$  such that  $z(\sum_n \tilde{u}_n^{(2)})\tilde{v}_{\lambda} \in \mathbb{C}^*\tilde{v}_{\lambda}$  and hence  $0 \neq z(\sum_n u_n^{(1)} \tilde{u}_n^{(2)})v_{\lambda} \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ . Since  $z\tilde{v}_{\lambda} = 0$  and  $\nu(z(\sum_t u_t^{(1)} u_t^{(2)})) \in U(\bar{G}_+)\bar{G}_+$ , this implies that  $0 \neq zy'v = zy'u\tilde{v}_{\lambda} = z\tilde{\nu}(y'u)\tilde{v}_{\lambda} = z(\sum_n u_n^{(1)} \tilde{u}_n^{(2)})\tilde{v}_{\lambda} \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ . We complete the proof by setting y = zy'.

Now we are in a position to prove the criterion of irreducibility for modules  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $\lambda(c) = 0$ . The module  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is irreducible if and only if the following two conditions hold:

- 1.  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module.
- 2.  $(\lambda, \alpha) \neq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \tilde{\pi}$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module. If  $N^f$  is a proper  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  then  $U(\mathfrak{G})N^f$  is a proper  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ . Thus  $N^f=0$  and  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module. Suppose that  $(\lambda,\alpha)=0$  for some  $\alpha\in\tilde{\pi}$ . Since  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\alpha+n\delta},\mathfrak{G}_{-\alpha}]\subset\bar{G}$  for any  $n\in\mathbb{Z}\setminus\{0\}$  and  $[\mathfrak{G}_{\alpha},\mathfrak{G}_{-\alpha}]\tilde{v}_{\lambda}=0$ , we have that  $U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{G}_{-\alpha}\tilde{v}_{\lambda}$  is a proper  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ , which again contradicts the irreducibility of  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ .

Conversely, suppose that conditions (1) and (2) of the theorem are satisfied. Let N be a non-zero  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  and  $0 \neq v \in N$ . Then by Proposition 4.7 there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq yv \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ . Since  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module, yv generates  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ . Thus,  $N = \tilde{M}(\lambda)$  and  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is irreducible.  $\square$ 

### 5. Structure of modules $M_X(\lambda)$ when $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ is irreducible

Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ . In this section we will assume that  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module, i.e. it satisfies the conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 4.8. If N is a submodule of  $M_X(\lambda)$  we will denote  $[N] = N \cap \bar{M}$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** Suppose that  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module. Then for every non-zero submodule N of  $M_X(\lambda)$ ,  $[N] \neq 0$  and N is generated by [N].

*Proof.* Let N be a non-zero proper submodule of  $M_X(\lambda)$  and  $0 \neq v \in N$ . Then  $v = uv_{\lambda}$  for some  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^-)$ . Using the PBW Theorem we can write u as the following linear combination:

(5.1) 
$$u = \sum_{k \in K_0} a_k u_k^{(1)} u_k^{(2)} u_k^{(3)} u_k^{(4)},$$

where  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and  $u_k^{(i)}$  are monomials such that  $u_k^{(1)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}'_-), u_k^{(2)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f),$   $u_k^{(3)} \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-), u_k^{(4)} \in U(\bar{G}_-).$  We will also assume that u is homogeneous. If

 $u_k^{(4)} = 0$  for at least one  $k \in K_0$ , then  $\tilde{\nu}(u) \neq 0$  and by Theorem 4.8  $\tilde{M}(\lambda) \simeq \tau(N)$  where  $\tau: M_X(\lambda) \to \tilde{M}(\lambda)$ . Thus  $v_\lambda \in N$  and N = M, which contradicts our assumption. Therefore we can assume that  $u_k^{(4)} \neq 0$  for all  $k \in K_0$ . Denote by  $\ell(u)$  the number of different  $u_k^{(4)}$ ,  $k \in K_0$ , in (5.1). Suppose that  $\ell(u) = 1$ . Then

$$u = \left(\sum_{k \in K_0} a_k u_k^{(1)} u_k^{(2)} u_k^{(3)}\right) u^{(4)}.$$

Consider an element  $u' = \sum_{k \in K_0} a_k u_k^{(1)} u_k^{(2)} u_k^{(3)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}'_- \oplus \mathfrak{G}_-^f \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ . By Theorem 4.8 there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G}_X^f)$  such that  $yu'v_\lambda = \nu(yu')v_\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*v_\lambda$ , and hence  $\nu(yu') \in S(\mathfrak{H})$ . Then we have  $yuv_\lambda = yu'u^{(4)}v_\lambda = u^{(4)}\nu(yu')v_\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*u^{(4)}v_\lambda$ , which implies  $u^{(4)}v_\lambda \in [N]$  and  $v \in U(\mathfrak{G})[N]$ . We conclude that  $N = U(\mathfrak{G})[N]$ .

Suppose now that  $\ell(u) > 1$ . Applying the same procedure as in the proof of Proposition 4.5 (see also Remark 4.6) we find an element  $y_1 \in u(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $y_1 u v_{\lambda} = (\sum_m \tilde{a}_m \tilde{u}_m^{(2)} \tilde{u}_m^{(3)} \tilde{u}_m^{(4)}) v_{\lambda} \neq 0$ , where  $\tilde{u}_m^{(2)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$ ,  $\tilde{u}_m^{(3)} \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$ ,  $\tilde{u}_m^{(4)} \in \mathfrak{U}(\bar{\mathfrak{G}}_-)$  and for each m there exists  $k \in K_0$  such that  $\tilde{u}_m^{(4)} = u_k^{(4)}$ . Note that  $(\sum_m \tilde{a}_m \tilde{u}_m^{(2)} \tilde{u}_m^{(3)}) v_{\lambda} \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ .

Let  $u_m^{2,3} = \tilde{u}_m^{(2)} \tilde{u}_m^{(3)}$  for all m and  $d = \max_m ||u_m^{2,3}||$ . Consider the element

$$w = \sum_m \tilde{a}_m \tilde{u}_m^{(2)} \tilde{u}_m^{(3)} = \sum_{m:||u_m^{2,3}||=d} \tilde{a}_m u_m^{2,3} + \sum_{m:||u_m^{2,3}|| \neq d} \tilde{a}_m u_m^{2,3}.$$

Since  $M_X^f(\lambda)$  is irreducible by Theorem 4.8, there exists an element  $y_2 \in U(\mathfrak{G}_+^f)$  such that

$$y_2(\sum_{m:||u_m^{2,3}||=d}\tilde{a}_mu_m^{2,3})v_\lambda\in\mathbb{C}^*v_\lambda.$$

Also, note that  $y_2(\sum_{m:||u_m^{2,3}||\neq d} \tilde{a}_m u_m^{2,3})v_\lambda = 0$ . Thus  $y_2w \in \mathbb{C}^*v_\lambda$  and

$$y_2 y_1 v = y_2 y_1 u v_{\lambda} = (\sum_{\ell \in \mathfrak{L}} b_{\ell} \tilde{\tilde{u}}_{\ell}) v_{\lambda} \neq 0,$$

where for each  $\ell \in \mathfrak{L}$  there exists  $k \in K_0$  such that  $\tilde{\tilde{u}}_{\ell} = u_k^{(4)}$  and  $\tilde{\tilde{u}}_m \neq \tilde{\tilde{u}}_n$  if  $m \neq n$ . We conclude that  $0 \neq y_2 y_1 v \in N \cap \bar{M}$ , and hence  $[N] \neq 0$ .

Suppose that  $b_t \neq 0$ . Then we can write u in the form

$$u = \hat{u}_t \tilde{\tilde{u}}_t + \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L} \setminus \{t\}} \hat{u}_\ell \tilde{\tilde{u}}_\ell + \sum_{k \in K} \hat{u}_k u_k^{(4)},$$

where  $\hat{u}_m \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_- \oplus \mathfrak{G}'_-)$ ,  $\tilde{\tilde{u}}_\ell \neq u_k^{(4)}$  for all  $\ell$ , k and  $u_m^{(4)} \neq u_n^{(4)}$  if  $m \neq n$ . Then  $\ell(u) = |\mathfrak{L}| + |K|$ . Consider the element

$$\zeta = u - \frac{1}{b_t} \hat{u}_t \left( \sum_{\ell} b_{\ell} \tilde{\tilde{u}}_{\ell} \right) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathfrak{L} \setminus \{t\}} (\hat{u}_{\ell} - \frac{b_{\ell}}{b_t} \hat{u}_t) \tilde{\tilde{u}}_{\ell} + \sum_{k \in K} \hat{u}_k u_k^{(4)}.$$

Then  $\zeta v_{\lambda} = v - \frac{1}{b_t} \hat{u}_t y_2 y_1 v \in N$ . If  $\zeta v_{\lambda} = 0$  we obtain that  $K = \emptyset$ ,  $\hat{u}_{\ell} = \frac{b_{\ell}}{b_t} \hat{u}_t$  for all  $\ell \in \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $u = \hat{u}_t \tilde{u}_t + \sum_{\ell \in \mathfrak{L} \setminus \{t\}} \frac{b_{\ell}}{b_t} \hat{u}_t \tilde{u}_{\ell} = \frac{1}{b_t} \hat{u}_t (\sum_{\ell \in \mathfrak{L}} b_{\ell} \tilde{u}_{\ell})$ , and  $v = uv_{\lambda} \in U(\mathfrak{G})[N]$ . Lemma 5.1 is proved.

Suppose now that  $\zeta v_{\lambda} \neq 0$ . Since  $\ell(\zeta) = |K| + |\mathfrak{L} \setminus \{t\}| = \ell(u) - 1$ , we can apply induction on  $\ell(u)$  and conclude that  $\tilde{\tilde{u}}_{\ell}v_{\lambda} \in [N]$ ,  $\ell \in \mathfrak{L} \setminus \{t\}$  and  $u_k^{(4)}v_{\lambda} \in [N]$ ,

 $k \in K$ . Hence  $u_k^{(4)}v_{\lambda} \in [N]$  for all  $k \in K_0$ . It implies that  $uv_{\lambda} \in U(\mathfrak{G})[N]$  and  $N = U(\mathfrak{G})[N]$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.

Let  $N \subset M_X(\lambda)$ . It follows from Lemma 5.1 that N has a local composition series with all irreducible quotients isomorphic to  $\tilde{M}(\lambda - m\delta)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Moreover the number  $[N : \tilde{M}(\lambda - m\delta)]$  does not depend on the choice of a local composition series for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . The following statement is a generalization of Proposition 3.4.

**Proposition 5.2.** Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is irreducible. If  $N \subset M_X(\lambda)$  and  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ , then

- 1.  $\tilde{M}(\lambda m\delta)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module.
- 2.  $[N : \tilde{M}(\lambda m\delta)] = \dim(\bar{M} \cap N_{\lambda m\delta}).$
- 3.  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(M_X(\mu), M_X(\lambda)) \neq 0$  if and only if  $\mu = \lambda n\delta$  for some  $n \geq 0$  and  $\dim \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(M_X(\lambda n\delta), M_X(\lambda)) = \dim(\bar{M} \cap M_X(\lambda)_{\lambda n\delta})$ .

*Proof.* Statement 1 follows from Theorem 4.8, while 2 and 3 follow from Proposition 5.2.  $\Box$ 

6. Irreducible quotients of  $M_X(\lambda)$  (case of irreducible  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ )

Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ . By Theorem 4.8, if  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module and  $(\lambda, \alpha) \neq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \tilde{\pi}$ , then  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq \tilde{M}(\lambda) \simeq U(\mathfrak{G}'_-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  as vector spaces. In this section we consider the case when  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module and there exists at least one  $\alpha \in \tilde{\pi}$  such that  $(\lambda, \alpha) = 0$ , which implies that  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$  is no longer irreducible.

Set  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{G}_{-}(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))$ , where

$$\tilde{\pi}(\lambda) = \{ \alpha \in \tilde{\pi} | (\lambda, \alpha) = 0 \}, \hat{U} = U(\mathfrak{G}'_{-}) \otimes (U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})/U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})\mathfrak{A}), \mathfrak{B} = U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}\tilde{v}_{\lambda} \}$$

and  $\hat{M}(\lambda) = \tilde{M}(\lambda)/\mathfrak{B}$ . Let  $\hat{\nu}: U(\mathfrak{G}) \to \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  and  $\hat{\tau}: \tilde{M}(\lambda) \to \hat{M}(\lambda)$  be natural maps and  $\hat{\nu}_{\lambda} = \hat{\tau}(\tilde{\nu}_{\lambda})$ . We will identify the elements of  $\hat{U}$  with their representatives in  $U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f}) \otimes U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})$ .

**Theorem 6.1.**  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  as vector spaces.

Proof. One can easily see that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a proper submodule of  $\tilde{M}(\lambda)$ . But  $\mathfrak{B} \simeq \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{A})\mathfrak{A} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ , and thus  $\hat{M}(\lambda) \simeq \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  as vector spaces. We will show that the  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $\hat{M}(\lambda)$  is irreducible. Let  $N \subset \hat{M}(\lambda)$  and  $0 \neq v \in N$ ,  $v = u\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ , where  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}'_{-}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}^f_{-}) \otimes (U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})/U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})\mathfrak{A})$ . If  $ht'(u) \neq 0$ , it follows from the proof of Lemma 4.4 that there exists  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq \hat{\nu}(yu) \in U(\mathfrak{G}^f_{-}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})/U(\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{-})\mathfrak{A})$ .

Thus we can assume that ht'(u) = 0. If  $\tilde{h}t(u) \neq 0$ , then following the proof of Proposition 4.7 we find an element  $y_1 \in U(\mathfrak{G})$  such that  $0 \neq \hat{\nu}(y_1u) \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$ . Hence we may assume that  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$  and  $v = u\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in \tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ . But  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module, which implies that  $N = \hat{M}(\lambda)$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$ 

Remark 6.2. Let  $\alpha \in \tilde{\pi}$  and  $(\lambda, \alpha) = 0$ . The structure of the module  $M_X(\lambda)$  in this case is quite mysterious. For example,  $M_X(\lambda)$  has irreducible subquotients which are not of type  $L_X(\mu)$  [7].

7. Irreducible quotients of  $M_X(\lambda)$  (case of reducible  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ )

In this section we will assume that the  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -module  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  is reducible. Thus  $L_X(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $\hat{M}(\lambda)$  and  $L^f(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ .

Remark 7.1. One would expect that  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq \hat{U} \otimes L_X^f(\lambda)$ , but this is not always the case. For example, if  $L_X^f(\lambda) = \mathbb{C}v$  and  $(\lambda, \beta) = 0$  for some  $\beta \in \pi'$ , then  $U(\mathfrak{G})(\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta} \otimes v)$  is a proper submodule of  $\hat{U} \otimes \mathbb{C}v$  and thus  $L_X(\lambda) \not\simeq \hat{U} \otimes \mathbb{C}v$ .

Conjecture 7.2. If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\dim L_X^f(\lambda) > 1$ , then  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq \hat{U} \otimes L_X^f(\lambda)$ .

We will prove this conjecture for  $\lambda$  in "general position".

**Definition 7.3.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ . We will say that  $\lambda$  is in *general position* if  $(\mu, \beta) \neq 0$  for all  $\mu \in \lambda + Q_{\pi^f}$  and any  $\beta \in \pi' \setminus \tilde{\pi}$ .

**Example 7.4.** Any  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  such that  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\frac{2(\lambda,\beta)}{(\beta,\beta)} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $\beta \in \pi' \setminus \tilde{\pi}$  is in general position.

Let  $u \in \hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  be a homogeneous element. We will say that u is represented in a normal form if  $u = \sum_{k \in K} u_k u_k^f$ , where  $u_k \in \hat{U}$ ,  $u_k^f \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^f)$ ,  $u_k$  are linearly independent and  $u_i^f \notin \mathbb{C}^* u_j^f$  if  $i \neq j$ . Obviously, if |K| > 1 then u has many different normal forms.

Using the PBW Theorem we can choose a basis in  $U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  consisting of the monomials  $u^{(\delta)}u^{(f)}$  where  $u^{(\delta)} \in U(G_{-}) \cap U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  and  $u^{(f)}$  contains no elements of  $U(G_{-})$ . Thus any element  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination of certain monomials  $u_{i}^{(\delta)}u_{i}^{(f)}$ . Suppose that  $u \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})_{\eta_{i}+m\delta}$ ,  $u_{i}^{(f)} \in U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})_{\eta_{i}+m\delta}$  and  $\eta, \eta_{i} \in Q, m, m_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all i. Then we set  $d(u) = \max_{i} |m_{i}|$  and  $\bar{d}(u) = |m| - d(u)$ . With each homogeneous element  $u \in \hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  represented in a normal form  $u = \sum_{k \in K} u_{k} u_{k}^{f}$  we will associate  $D(u) = \max_{k \in K} d(u_{k}^{f})$  and the set  $S(u) = \{k \in K \mid d(u_{k}^{f}) = D(u)\}$ . Note that D(u) is independent of the choice of a normal form and depends only of u. On the other hand the set S(u) is determined by a given normal form.

Let  $\mathfrak{H}' = \mathfrak{H} \cap \mathfrak{G}(\pi')$ ,  $G' = G \cap \mathfrak{G}(\pi')$ . Consider the following decomposition of  $U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi')) : U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi')) = U(\mathfrak{H}' \oplus G') \oplus (U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi'))\mathfrak{G}_+(\pi') + \mathfrak{G}_-(\pi')U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi')))$ , and the corresponding projection  $\nu_0 : U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi')) \to U(\mathfrak{H}' \oplus G')$ .

**Proposition 7.5.** Let  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  is in general position,  $N \subset \hat{M}(\lambda)$ ,  $0 \neq u\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N_{\mu}$  and  $u = \sum_{k \in K} u_k u_k^f$  is a normal form of u such that  $ht^f(u_k) = 0$  for all  $k \in K$ . Then  $u_k^f \hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for all  $k \in K$ .

*Proof.* Denote  $v = u\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ . Assume that  $u_k \in \hat{U}_{\eta_k}$  and set  $\mu_k = \mu - \eta_k$ ,  $\eta_k \in Q$ ,  $k \in K$ . Then  $(\mu_k, \beta) \neq 0$  for any  $\beta \in \pi'$  and  $k \in K$ , since  $\lambda$  is in "general position". We will prove the statement by induction on |K|, D(u) and |S(u)| simultaneously.

Step 1. Let |K| = 1. Then  $u = u'u^f$ , where u' is a homogeneous element of  $\hat{U}$  and  $ht^f(u') = 0$ . Consider a  $U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\pi'))$ -module  $V = U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\pi'))u^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}$  with  $\mathfrak{G}_{+}(\pi')u^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}(u^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}) = u^f\mathfrak{G}_{-\beta}\hat{v}_{\lambda} = 0$  for all  $\beta \in \tilde{\pi}(\mu)$ . Obviously,  $v \in N \cap V$ , and it follows from Proposition 3.2 that  $u^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi'))v \subset N$ .

Step 2. Suppose now that |K|>1 and D(u)=0. Consider  $\tilde{K}=\{k\in K\mid \bar{d}(u_k^f)\leq \bar{d}(u_j^k) \text{ for all } j\in K\}$ . Let  $k_0\in \tilde{K}$ . Then by Step 1 there exists  $y\in U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi'))$  for which  $yu_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}=a_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ ,  $a_{k_0}\in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Since u is homogeneous and  $ht^f(u_k)=0$  for all k, we have  $\nu_0(yu_k)\in U(\mathfrak{H})\otimes U(G)_0$ ,  $k\in \tilde{K}\setminus\{k_0\}$  and  $\nu_0(yu_k)\in U(\mathfrak{H})\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}U(G)_0G_+$ ,  $k\in K\setminus \tilde{K}$ . As  $d(u_k^f)=0$  for all  $k\in K$ , we conclude that  $yu_ku_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}=a_ku_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ ,  $a_k\in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $k\in \tilde{K}\setminus\{k_0\}$ , and  $yu_ku_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}=0$ ,  $k\in K\setminus \tilde{K}$ . Hence  $yv=\sum_{k\in K}yu_ku_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}=\sum_{k\in K}\nu_0(yu_k)u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}=\sum_{k\in K}a_ku_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ . Suppose that  $\sum_{k\in \tilde{K}}a_ku_k^f=0$ . Then  $u_{k_0}^f=\sum_{k\in K\setminus\{k_0\}}\frac{a_k}{a_{k_0}}u_k^f$  and  $u=\sum_{k\in K\setminus\{k_0\}}u_ku_k^f+u_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f=\sum_{k\in \tilde{K}\setminus\{k_0\}}(u_k+\frac{a_k}{a_{k_0}}u_{k_0})u_k^f+\sum_{k\in K\setminus \tilde{K}}u_ku_k^f$ . Applying induction on |K|, we conclude that  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$  for all  $k\in K\setminus\{k_0\}$ , and thus  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$  for all  $k\in K$ . Suppose now that  $\sum_{k\in \tilde{K}}a_ku_k^f\neq 0$ . Then  $yv\neq 0$  and  $0\neq a_{k_0}v-u_{k_0}yv=(a_{k_0}u-u_{k_0}yu)\hat{v}_{\lambda}=u'\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$ , where  $u'=\sum_{k\in \tilde{K}\setminus\{k_0\}}(a_{k_0}u_k-a_ku_{k_0})u_k^f+\sum_{k\in K\setminus \tilde{K}}a_{k_0}u_ku_k^f$  is represented in a normal form. The induction on |K| implies that  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$  for all  $k\in K\setminus\{k_0\}$ , and therefore  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$  for all  $k\in K$ .

Step 3. Now let |K| > 1, D(u) > 0 and |S(u)| = 1. Suppose that  $S(u) = \{k_0\}$  and consider an element  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi'))$  as in Step 2. Let  $yu_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} = a_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ ,  $a_{k_0} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Since |S(u)| = 1, we obtain  $yv = yu\hat{v}_{\lambda} = a_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} + \sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} \nu_0(yu_k)u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \neq 0$  and  $N \ni a_{k_0}v - u_{k_0}yv = u'\hat{v}_{\lambda}$ , where

$$u' = \sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} a_{k_0} u_k u_k^f - \sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} u_{k_0} \nu_0(y u_k) u_k^f.$$

If  $\eta_k = \eta_{k_0}$  then  $\nu_0(yu_k) \in S(\mathfrak{H}) \otimes U(G)_0$ ; otherwise

$$\nu(yu_k) \in S(\mathfrak{H}) \otimes (U(G)(G_- \oplus G_+)).$$

Since the  $u_k$  are linearly independent, this implies that  $0 \neq u'\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  and D(u') < D(u). Rewriting u' in a normal form if necessary, we can apply induction on D(u). Hence  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for all  $k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}$ , implying  $u_k^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for all  $k \in K$  by induction on |K|.

Step 4. Suppose now that |K| > 1, D(u) > 0 and |S(u)| > 1. Denote  $\tilde{K} = \{k \in S(u) | \bar{d}(u_k^f) \leq \bar{d}(u_j^f) \text{ for all } j \in S(u)\}$ . Let  $k_0 \in \tilde{K}$ . Note that  $\mu_k = \mu_{k_0}$  for all  $k \in \tilde{K}$ . As in Step 2, consider an element  $y \in U(\mathfrak{G}(\pi'))$  for which  $\nu_0(yu_{k_0}) \in S(\mathfrak{H}) \otimes U(G)_0$  and  $yu_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_\lambda = a_{k_0}u_{k_0}^f\hat{v}_\lambda$ ,  $a_{k_0} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Then  $N \ni a_{k_0}v - u_{k_0}yv = (\sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} a_{k_0}u_ku_k^f - \sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} u_{k_0}\nu_0(yu_k)u_k^f)\hat{v}_\lambda$ ,  $\nu_0(yu_k) \in S(\mathfrak{H}) \otimes U(G)_0$  if  $\mu_k = \mu_{k_0}$ , and  $\nu_0(yu_k) \in S(\mathfrak{H}) \otimes (U(G)(G_+ \oplus G_-))$  otherwise. Clearly,  $\hat{\nu}(yu_ku_k^f) = a_ku_k^f + u_k'$ ,  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $u_k' \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$  for  $k \in \tilde{K} \setminus \{k_0\}$ , and  $\hat{\nu}(yu_ku_k^f) = u_k' \in U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$  for  $k \in K \setminus \tilde{K}$ , where  $d(u_k') < D(u)$  for all  $k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}$ . Set  $u'' = \sum_{k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}} u_k'$ , d(u'') < D(u). Thus  $a_{k_0}v - u_{k_0}yv = u'\hat{v}_\lambda \neq 0$ , where

$$u' = \sum_{k \in \tilde{K} \setminus \{k_0\}} (a_{k_0} u_k - a_k u_{k_0}) u_k^f + \sum_{k \in K \setminus \tilde{K}} a_{k_0} u_k u_k^f - u_{k_0} u''.$$

If  $u'' \notin \mathbb{C}^* u_k^f$  for all  $k \in K \setminus \tilde{K}$ , then u' is represented in a normal form, |S(u')| < |S(u)| and induction on |S(u)| implies  $u_k^f \hat{v}_\lambda \in N$  for all  $k \in K \setminus \{k_0\}$ . By induction on |K| we conclude that  $u_k^f \hat{v}_\lambda \in N$  for all  $k \in K$ . Suppose now that  $u'' = au_i^f$ 

for some  $j \in K \setminus \tilde{K}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Then  $u' = \sum_{k \in \tilde{K} \setminus \{k_0\}} (a_{k_0} u_k - a_k u_{k_0}) u_k^f + \sum_{\substack{k \in K \setminus \tilde{K} \\ k \neq j}} a_{k_0} u_k u_k^f + (a_{k_0} u_j - a u_{k_0}) u_j^f$  is the normal form of u' and |S(u')| < |S(u)|. By induction on |S(u)| and |K| we conclude that  $u_k^f \hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for all  $k \in K$ , which completes the proof.

Let  $u \in \hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  be a homogeneous element. We will say that u is represented in the reduced normal form  $u = \sum_{i} u_{i} u_{i}^{f}$  if  $u_{i} = \sum_{j} a_{ij} \bar{u}_{ij}$  for each i, where  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}^{*}$ ,  $\bar{u}_{ij}$  are monomials in  $\hat{u}$  and  $\bar{u}_{ij} = \bar{u}_{k\ell}$  only if  $i = k, j = \ell$ . Obviously, any non-zero homogeneous element of  $\hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$  has a reduced normal form.

**Lemma 7.6.** Let  $u = \sum_i u_i u_i^f$  be the reduced normal form of  $u \in \hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_-^f)$ , where  $ht^f(u_i) \leq d$  for all i. Then there exists  $y \in \mathfrak{G}'_+$  such that  $\hat{u} = \hat{\nu}(yu) \neq 0$  and  $\hat{u}$  has the reduced normal form  $\hat{u} = \sum_j \hat{u}_j \hat{u}_j^f$ , where  $\hat{u}_j^f = u_i^f$  for at least one pair of indexes (i,j) and  $ht^f(\hat{u}_j) \leq d-1$  for all j.

Proof. Let  $J=\{i\mid ht^f(u_i)=d\}$ . For simplicity we may assume that all  $u_i$  are monomials in  $\hat{U}$  and  $u_i=X_{-\phi_{1i}+n_{1i}\delta}\ldots X_{-\phi_{s(i)i}+n_{s(i)i}\delta}u_i'$ , where  $ht'(\phi_{ji})\neq 0$  for all  $i,j,\sum_j ht^f(\phi_{ji})\leq d,\ 0< ht^f(\phi_{s(i)i}\leq \ldots \leq ht^f(\phi_{2i})\leq ht^f(\phi_{1i})$  and  $ht^f(u_i')=0$  for all i. We can also assume that  $u_i$  are numerated in such a way that  $1\in J,\ ht^f(\phi_{s(1)1})\leq ht^f(\phi_{s(i)i})$  for any  $i\in J,\ if\ ht^f(\phi_{s(1)1})=ht^f(\phi_{s(i)i})$  then  $ht'(\phi_{s(1)1})\leq ht'(\phi_{s(i)i}),\ and\ -\phi_{s(1)1}+n_{s(1)1}\delta=-\phi_{ki}+n_{ki}\delta$  implies k=s(i). Suppose that  $\phi_{s(1)1}\in\Delta$ . By Lemma 3.1, (5), there exists  $\psi\in\Delta'_+$  such that  $ht^f(\psi)=1$  and  $\psi-\phi_{s(1)1}\in\Delta'_-$ . Then for large enough  $m\in\mathbb{Z}_+$  and for  $0\neq y\in\mathfrak{G}_{\psi+m\delta}$  we have that  $[y,u_i']=0,\ \hat{\nu}(yu_i^f)=0,\ [y,u_i]\in\hat{U},\ ht^f([y,u_i])\leq d-1$  for  $i\in J$  and  $ht^f([y,u_j])\leq d-2$  for  $j\notin J$ . Also note that a monomial  $x=X_{-\phi_{11}+n_{11}\delta}\ldots X_{-\phi_{s(1)-11}+n_{s(1)-11}\delta}[X_{\psi+m\delta},X_{-\phi_{s(1)1}+n_{s(1)1}\delta}]u_1'\neq 0$ , and it will appear in  $[y,u_i]$  only for i=1. Hence,  $\hat{u}=\hat{\nu}(yu)=\hat{\nu}([y,u])=\sum_i[y,u_i]u_i^f\neq 0$ , and if  $\hat{u}=\sum_j\hat{u}_j\hat{u}_j^f$  is the reduced normal form then  $\hat{u}_k$  contains x for some k and  $\hat{u}_k^f=u_1^f$ . If  $\phi_{s(1)1}\not\in\Delta$  then  $\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}\in\Delta$ ,  $\hat{\nu}(X_{\frac{1}{2}\phi_{s(1)1}}u)\neq 0$ , and the same arguments as above complete the proof.

If N is a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule of  $\hat{M}(\lambda)$ , we set  $N^f = \sum_{\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*} N_{\mu}$ ,  $0 < \dim N_{\mu} < \infty$ . Clearly,  $N^f$  is isomorphic to a  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ -submodule of  $\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 7.7.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  is in general position.

- 1. If  $N \subset \hat{M}(\lambda)$  then  $N \simeq \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} N^f$  as vector spaces.
- 2.  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq \hat{U} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L^f(\lambda)$  as vector spaces.

Proof. Let  $0 \neq v \in N$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that v is a weight vector. Then  $v = u\hat{v}_{\lambda}$  for some homogeneous element  $u \in \hat{U} \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}_{-}^{f})$ . Let  $u = \sum_{i} u_{i}u_{i}^{f}$  be the reduced normal form of u and  $d = \max_{i} ht^{f}(u_{i})$ . Using Lemma 7.6 we construct a sequence  $y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in \mathfrak{G}_{+}^{f}$  such that  $\hat{u}_{j} = \hat{\nu}(y_{j} \ldots y_{1}u) = \sum_{i} [y_{j} \ldots [y_{1}, u_{i}] \ldots] u_{i}^{f} \neq 0$ ,  $[y_{j} \ldots [y_{1}, u_{i}] \ldots] \in \hat{U}$ ,  $ht^{f}([y_{j} \ldots [y_{1}, u_{i}] \ldots]) \leq d - j$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, d$ , and for each j, if  $\hat{u}_{j} = \sum_{k \in K_{j}} \hat{u}_{jk} \hat{u}_{jk}^{f}$  is the reduced normal form of  $\hat{u}_{j}$ , then one can find a pair  $(k, \ell)$  for which  $\hat{u}_{jk}^{f} = \hat{u}_{j-1\ell}^{f}$ . Since  $y_{d} \ldots y_{1}v = \hat{u}_{d}v \in N$  and  $ht^{f}(\hat{u}_{dk}) = 0$ , we can apply Proposition 7.5 and conclude that  $\hat{u}_{dk}^{f}\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for all  $k \in K_{d}$ . In particular,  $\hat{u}_{d-1\ell}^{f}\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N$  for some  $\ell \in K_{d-1}$ . Thus  $\hat{u}_{d-1}\hat{v}_{\lambda} - k$ 

 $\hat{u}_{d-1\ell}\hat{u}_{d-1\ell}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} = \sum_{k\in K_{d-1}\setminus\{\ell\}} \hat{u}_{d-1k}\hat{u}_{d-1k}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N \text{ and } \hat{u}_{d-1k}^f\hat{v}_{\lambda} \in N \text{ for all } k\in K_{d-1}$  by induction on  $|K_{d-1}|$ . We conclude by induction on d that  $u_i^f\hat{v}_{\lambda}\in N$  for all i, which completes the proof of (1). Since  $\hat{M}(\lambda)\simeq\hat{U}\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}\tilde{M}^f(\lambda)$  and  $L_X(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $\hat{M}(\lambda)$ , the statement (2) follows immediately from (1).

Set  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{G}_{-}(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))$ .

Corollary 7.8. Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and assume  $\lambda$  is in general position.

- 1. If  $N \subset \hat{M}(\lambda)$  then  $N \simeq (U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} N^f$ , where  $u_X^+$  acts trivially on  $N^f$ .
- 2.  $L_X(\lambda) \simeq (U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} L^f(\lambda)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_X^+$  acts trivially on  $L^f(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbf{u}_X^+ N^f = \mathbf{u}_X^+ L^f(\lambda) = \mathfrak{A} N^f = \mathfrak{A} L^f(\lambda) = 0$ , the statements follow from Theorem 7.7.

Denote  $\check{M}(\lambda) = M_X(\lambda)/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}v_{\lambda}$ . We have a chain of epimorphisms:  $M_X(\lambda) \to \check{M}(\lambda) \to \hat{M}(\lambda) \to L_X(\lambda)$ . Thus  $L_X(\lambda)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $\check{M}(\lambda)$  and  $\check{M}^f(\lambda) \simeq M^f(\lambda)$ .

Corollary 7.9. Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  is in general position. If  $N \subset \check{M}(\lambda)$  then  $N \simeq (U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} N^f$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_X^+$  acts trivially on  $N^f$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Corollary 7.8, (1).

Corollary 7.10. Let  $\mu$ ,  $\nu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\mu(c) = \nu(c) = 0$  and assume both  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  are in general position.

- 1.  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\hat{M}(\mu), \hat{M}(\nu)) = \operatorname{Hom}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f}(\tilde{M}^f(\mu), \tilde{M}^f(\nu)).$
- 2.  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\check{M}(\mu), \check{M}(\nu)) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{m}}(M^f(\mu), M^f(\nu)).$
- 3. Modules  $\hat{M}(\mu)$  and  $\check{M}(\mu)$  have local composition series and  $[\hat{M}(\mu) : L_X(\nu)] = [\tilde{M}^f(\mu) : L^f(\nu)], [\check{M}(\mu) : L_X(\nu)] = [M^f(\mu) : L^f(\nu)].$

*Proof.* Follows from Corollaries 7.8, 7.9 and the fact that both  $M^f(\mu)$  and  $\tilde{M}^f(\mu)$  have local compositon series [13].

Corollary 7.11. Let  $\mu$ ,  $\nu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\mu(c) = \nu(c) = 0$  and assume both  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  are in general position. Then

- 1.  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\check{M}(\mu), \check{M}(\nu)) \neq 0$  if and only if  $[\check{M}(\nu) : L_X(\mu)] \neq 0$ .
- 2. Hom<sub>\mathbb{G}</sub>(\hat{M}(\mu), \hat{M}(\nu)) \neq 0 if and only if  $[\hat{M}(\nu) : L_X(\mu)] \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{m}}(M^f(\mu), M^f(\nu)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow [M^f(\nu) : L^f(\mu)] \neq 0$$

and

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\tilde{\mathfrak G}^f}(\tilde{M}^f(\mu),\tilde{M}^f(\nu)) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow [\tilde{M}^f(\nu):L^f(\mu)] \neq 0$$

by [13] (Ch.2.11, Theorem 1), the statements follow from Corollary 7.10.  $\Box$ 

# 8. Strong BGG resolution for modules $\hat{M}(\lambda_0)$

In this section we assume that X is connected, i.e. the corresponding Coxeter-Dynkin diagram is connected, and thus  $\mathfrak{G}^f$  is the derived algebra of an affine Lie algebra. Let  $\bar{\pi}^f$  be a basis of  $\Delta^f$  containing  $\pi^f$  and  $\lambda_0 \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  such that  $(\lambda_0, \alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \bar{\pi}^f$ . Let  $W_X$  be the Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{G}^f$ ,  $\ell$  be a length function and  $s_\beta$  denote the reflection corresponding to the root  $\beta$ . For w and w' in  $W_X$  we write  $w \leftarrow w'$  if there exists a root  $\beta \in \Delta^f_+ \cap \Delta^{re}$  such that  $w = s_\beta w'$  and  $\ell(w) = \ell(w') + 1$ . The Bruhat order on  $W_X$  is defined by :  $w \leq w'$  if w = w' or if there are  $w_1, \ldots, w_r \in W_X$  such that  $w = w_1 \leftarrow \ldots \leftarrow w_r = w'$ .

For  $w \in W_X$  and  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ , define  $w \circ \mu = w(\mu + \rho_X) - \rho_X$ , where  $\rho_X \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  is any fixed element such that  $\rho_X(\alpha) = 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \overline{\pi}^f$ .

**Theorem 8.1** (cf. Theorem 5.2 in [3]). Let X be connected,  $\lambda_0 \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $(\lambda_0, \alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \bar{\pi}^f$  and  $w, w' \in W_X$ . Then

$$\dim \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\hat{M}(w' \circ \lambda_0), \hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0)) = 1 \Leftrightarrow w' \leq w$$
$$\Leftrightarrow [\hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0) : L_X(w' \circ \lambda_0)] \neq 0.$$

Proof. Since  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\hat{M}(w' \circ \lambda_0), \ \hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0)) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}^f}(\tilde{M}^f(w' \circ \lambda_0), \tilde{M}^f(w \circ \lambda_0))$  by Corollary 7.10, (1) and  $[\hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0) : L_X(w' \circ \lambda_0)] = [\tilde{M}^f(w \circ \lambda_0) : L^f(w' \circ \lambda_0)]$  by Corollary 7.10, (3), the statement follows from [14], Theorem 8.15.  $\square$ 

For any  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , denote  $W_X^{(i)} = \{w \in W_X | \ell(w) = i\}$  and set

$$C_i = \bigoplus_{w \in W_X^{(i)}} \hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0).$$

If  $w, w' \in W_X$  we fix  $0 \neq i_{w,w'}(\lambda_0) \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\hat{M}(w' \circ \lambda_0), \hat{M}(w \circ \lambda_0))$ . Let  $d_j : C_j \to C_{j-1}, j \geq 1$ , defined by  $d_j = \bigoplus b^j_{w,w'}i_{w,w'}(\lambda_0), \ w \in W_X^{(j)}, \ w' \in W_X^{(j-1)}$ , where  $b^j_{w,w'} \in \{\pm 1\}$  are defined by [14], Lemma 9.6 if  $w \leftarrow w'$  and  $b^j_{w,w'} = 0$  otherwise.

**Theorem 8.2** (cf. Theorem 5.4 in [3]). Let X be connected,  $\lambda_0 \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $(\lambda_0, \alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \bar{\pi}^f$  and  $\eta : \hat{M}(\lambda_0) \to L_X(\lambda_0)$  be the canonical projection. Then the sequence

$$\dots C_j \xrightarrow{d_j} C_{j-1} \to \dots \to C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \hat{M}(\lambda_0) \xrightarrow{\eta} L_X(\lambda_0) \to 0, \ (j \ge 1)$$

is exact.

*Proof.* Follows from Corollary 7.8, (1), Corollary 7.10, (1) and Theorem 9.7 in [14].

9. Category 
$$\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$$

In this section, following [2], we define certain categories of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules, which contain the Verma type modules and their irreducible quotients, and show that the BGG duality holds in these categories.

Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  be in general position. Consider the full subcategory  $\mathfrak{D}^f(\lambda)$  of the category of weight **m**-modules, whose objects V satisfy

- 1.  $P(V) \subset \{\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid \mu \leq \lambda\}.$
- 2. dim  $V_{\mu} < \infty$  for all  $\mu \in P(V)$ .

The category  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  is stable under the operations of taking submodules, quotients and finite direct sums. Note that for any  $\mu \leq \lambda$ , the modules  $M^f(\mu)$  and  $L^f(\mu)$  are objects of  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  and, moreover, the modules  $L^f(\mu)$  exhaust all irreducible objects in  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$ .

Recall that **m** has a triangular decomposition and thus all the results of [14], sections 4-6, can be applied to the category  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$ . In particular, each module  $L^f(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \leq \lambda$ , has the indecomposable projective cover  $I(\mu)$  by [14], Corollary 4.13, and  $I(\mu)$  has a Verma composition series:  $I(\mu) = I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \ldots \supset I_\ell \supset 0$ , where  $I_i/I_{i+1} \simeq M^f(\mu_i)$ ,  $\mu_i \leq \lambda$ ,  $i = 0, \ldots, \ell$ , by [14], Corollary 4.10. We denote by  $(I(\mu): M^f(\nu))$  the number of indices i in  $\{0, \ldots, \ell\}$  such that  $\mu_i = \nu$ .

**Theorem 9.1** (cf. [14], Theorem 6.4). Let  $\mu \leq \lambda$  and  $\nu \leq \lambda$ . Then

$$(I(\mu):M^f(\nu))=[M^f(\nu):L^f(\mu)]$$

The main object of our study in this section is the category  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ , the full subcategory of the category of weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules V such that

- 1.  $P(V) \subset \{ \mu \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid \lambda \mu \in Q_+ \}.$
- 2. dim  $V_{\mu} < \infty$  for all  $\mu \leq \lambda$ .
- 3. The module V is generated by  $V^f = \sum_{\mu \le \lambda} V_{\mu}$ .
- 4.  $\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))v = 0$  for all  $v \in V^f$ .

Remark 9.2. 1. A similar category with  $\lambda(c) \neq 0$  was introduced and studied for non-twisted affine algebras in [2], and in general in [3].

- 2. The modules  $\check{M}(\lambda)$ ,  $\hat{M}(\lambda)$  and  $L_X(\lambda)$  are objects of  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ . Moreover, it follows from Theorem 7.7 that any submodule  $N \subset \check{M}(\lambda)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  as well.
- 3. If  $\lambda$  is not in general position, the category  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  may not be closed under the operation of taking of submodules. For example, if  $(\lambda, \alpha) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$  and N is the maximal **m**-submodule of  $M^f(\lambda)$ , then  $M^f(\lambda)/N \simeq \mathbb{C}$  and any  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule of  $M(\lambda)/U(\mathfrak{G})N$  is not an object of  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  [7].
- 4. If  $N \in \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  then  $N^f \in \mathfrak{O}(\lambda)$ .

**Proposition 9.3.** If V is an irreducible module in  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ , then  $V \simeq L_X(\mu)$  for some  $\mu \leq \lambda$ .

Proof. Let V be an irreducible module in  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ . Then  $V^f \in \mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  and  $V^f$  is an irreducible **m**-module. Thus  $V^f \simeq L^f(\mu)$  for some  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . Since  $P(V) \subset \{\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid \lambda - \mu \in Q_+\}$ , we conclude that  $\mathbf{u}_X^+ v = 0$  for all  $v \in V^f$ , and hence there exist  $\mu \in P(V)$  and a non-zero element  $v \in V^f_\mu$  for which  $\mathfrak{G}_X^+ v = 0$ . This implies that V is a homomorphic image of  $\check{M}(\mu)$ , and thus  $V \simeq L_X(\mu)$ .

**Proposition 9.4.** The category  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  is closed under the operations of taking submodules, quotients and finite direct sums.

*Proof.* The proof is based on Theorem 7.7, (1) and is analogous to the proof of Corollary 6.6 in [3].

We will prove the equivalence of the categories  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  and  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  for  $\lambda$  in general position. Define an exact functor  $F: \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda) \to \mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  by  $F(V) = V^f$  and  $F(f) = f|_{V^f}$  for any  $V \in \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  and any  $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(V, V')$  in  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ . Also define an exact functor  $Y: \mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda) \to \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  as follows. Let M and M' be the objects in  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  and  $g \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{m}}(M, M')$ . We can make M into a  $\mathbf{p}_X$ -module with a trivial action of  $\mathbf{u}_X^+$ 

and consider a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $Y(M) = (U(\mathfrak{G})/U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} M \in \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  and  $Y(g) = 1 \otimes g$ . By Corollary 7.9 we immediately conclude that  $Y \circ F(\check{M}(\mu)) \simeq \check{M}(\mu)$  and  $F \circ Y(M^f(\mu)) \simeq M^f(\mu)$  for  $\mu \leq \lambda$ .

**Theorem 9.5.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  in general position. Then the categories  $\mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  and  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  are equivalent.

*Proof.* The proof is absolutely analogous to the proof of Theorem 6.7 in [3].

For  $\mu \leq \lambda$  denote  $I_X(\mu) = Y(I(\mu))$ . Then  $I_X(\mu)$  is an indecomposable projective cover for  $L_X(\mu)$  by Theorem 9.5, and it has a Verma composition series:  $I_X(\mu) \supset I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \ldots \supset I_\ell \supset 0$ ,  $I_i/I_{i+1} \simeq \check{M}(\mu_i)$ ,  $\mu_i \leq \lambda$ ,  $i = 0, \ldots, \ell$ . Let  $(I_X(\mu) : \check{M}(\nu))$  be the number of j's such that  $\mu_j = \nu$ .

Since any object of  $\mathfrak{O}^f(\lambda)$  has a local composition series [13], it follows from Theorem 9.5 that any object  $V \in \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$  has a local composition series, and  $[V:L_X(\mu)]$  denotes the multiplicity of  $L_X(\mu)$  in V.

**Theorem 9.6** (BGG duality). Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ ,  $\lambda$  in general position and  $\mu \leq \lambda$ ,  $\nu \leq \lambda$ . Then

$$(I_X(\mu) : \check{M}(\nu)) = [\check{M}(\nu) : L_X(\mu)].$$

*Proof.* It follows from Theorems 9.5 and 9.1 that  $(I_X(\mu) : \check{M}(\nu)) = (I(\mu) : M^f(\nu))$ =  $[M^f(\nu) : L^f(\mu)] = [\check{M}(\nu) : L_X(\mu)].$ 

### 10. Generalized Verma type modules of level zero

Let  $X \neq I \cup \emptyset$ ,  $S \subsetneq \pi^f$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $\lambda_S$  is dominant integral. Set  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{G}_-(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))$  and consider the  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodules  $M_S = U(\mathfrak{G})(\bar{G}_- \oplus \mathfrak{A})(1 \otimes V_S(\lambda))$  and  $M_S' = U(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}(1 \otimes V_S(\lambda))$  of  $M_{X,S}(\lambda)$ . Let  $\hat{M}_S(\lambda) = M_{X,S}(\lambda)/M_S$  and  $\check{M}_S(\lambda) = M_{X,S}(\lambda)/M_S'$ . Then both  $\hat{M}_S(\lambda)$  and  $\check{M}_S(\lambda)$  are weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules with the unique irreducible quotient  $L_X(\lambda)$ , and one has the following chain of surjective homomorphisms:

$$M_X(\lambda) \rightarrow \check{M}(\lambda) \qquad \qquad \check{M}_S(\lambda) \qquad \qquad \hat{M}_S(\lambda) \rightarrow L_X(\lambda). \qquad \qquad \hat{M}(\lambda)$$

Clearly,  $\check{M}_S^f(\lambda) \simeq M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$  and  $\hat{M}_S^f(\lambda) \simeq M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)/(M_{X,S}^f(\lambda) \cap M_S)$ .

Remark 10.1. If  $S = \emptyset$  then  $\hat{M}_{\emptyset}(\lambda) \simeq \hat{M}(\lambda)$ .

The next statement describes the structure of modules  $\hat{M}_S(\lambda)$  and  $\check{M}_S(\lambda)$  with  $\lambda$  in general position.

**Theorem 10.2.** Let  $X \neq I \cup \emptyset$ ,  $S \subsetneq \pi^f$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = \mu(c) = 0$ , both  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in general position and both  $\lambda_S$  and  $\mu_S$  dominant integral.

1. If  $N \subset \hat{M}_S(\lambda)$  (resp.  $N \subset \check{M}_S(\lambda)$ ), then N is generated by  $N^f$  and

$$N \simeq (U(\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{G})\mathfrak{A}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_X)} N^f,$$

where  $u_X^+$  acts trivially on  $N^f$ .

- 2.  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\check{M}_{S}(\lambda), \check{M}_{S}(\mu)) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{m}}(M_{X,S}^{f}(\lambda), M_{X,S}^{f}(\mu)),$  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\hat{M}_{S}(\lambda), \hat{M}_{S}(\mu)) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\tilde{\mathfrak{G}}_{f}}(\hat{M}_{S}^{f}(\lambda), \hat{M}_{S}^{f}(\mu)).$
- 3. Both  $\check{M}_S(\lambda)$  and  $\hat{M}_S(\lambda)$  have local composition series,  $[\check{M}_S(\lambda):L_X(\mu)]=$  $[M_{X,S}^f(\lambda): L^f(\mu)]$  and  $[\hat{M}_S(\lambda): L_X(\mu)] = [\hat{M}_S^f(\lambda): L^f(\mu)].$

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{\tau}_S: \hat{M}(\lambda) \to \hat{M}_S(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\check{\tau}_S: \check{M}(\lambda) \to \check{M}_S(\lambda)$ ) be a natural epimorphism. There exists a submodule  $\hat{N} \subset \hat{M}(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\check{N} \subset \check{M}(\lambda)$ ) such that  $\hat{\tau}_S(\hat{N}) = N$  (resp.  $\check{\tau}_S(\check{N}) = N$ ) and  $\hat{\tau}(\hat{N}^f) = N^f$  (resp.  $\check{\tau}_S(\check{N}^f) = N^f$ ). Thus, statement (1) follows from Corollary 7.8 and Corollary 7.9. Further, (1) implies that  $\check{M}_S(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\hat{M}_S(\lambda)$ ) is generated by  $M_{X,S}^f(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\hat{M}_S^f(\lambda)$ ), and hence (2) and (3) follow. This completes the proof.

Remark 10.3. Let  $X \neq I \cup \emptyset$ ,  $S \subseteq \pi^f$ , S is connected,  $\lambda_0 \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  and  $(\lambda_0, \alpha) = 0$ for all  $\alpha \in \bar{\pi}^f$ . Using [14], Theorem 9.12 and following [3], Theorem 5.7, one can construct the generalized strong BGG resolution for modules  $M_S(\lambda_0)$ . We omit the details.

### 11. "Truncated" categories $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$

Let  $X \neq I \cup \emptyset$ ,  $S \subsetneq \pi^f$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Define  ${}_qQ^+ =$  $\{\mu = \sum m_{\alpha}\alpha \in Q_{+}^{f} \mid \alpha \in \pi, m_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}, \sum m_{\alpha} > q\}, \Pi = \{\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^{*} \mid \mu - \lambda = 1\}$  $\sum_{\alpha \in \pi} m_{\alpha} \alpha \in Q^f, m_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}, (\mu - \lambda)^+ = \sum_{m_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_+} m_{\alpha} \alpha \in Q^f_+ \setminus_q Q^+\}, \Pi^S = \{ \mu \in \mathbb{Z} \}$  $\Pi \mid \mu_S$  is integral dominant. Clearly, there is a one-to-one correspondence between elements of  $\Pi^S$  and irreducible finite-dimensional  $\mathbf{m}_S$ -modules  $V_S(\mu)$  with highest weight  $\mu \in \Pi$ .

Consider the full subcategory  $\mathfrak{D}_S^f = \mathfrak{D}_S^f(\lambda, q)$  of the category of weight **m**modules, whose objects V satisfy

- $\begin{array}{l} 1. \ \dim V_{\mu} < \infty \ \text{for all} \ \mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*. \\ 2. \ V \ \text{is a direct sum of} \ V_S(\mu)'s, \ \mu \in \Pi^S \ (\text{cf. [14] and [3]}). \end{array}$

The category  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f$  is stable under the operations of taking submodules, quotients and finite direct sums. Note that  $M_{X,S}^f(\mu)$  and  $L^f(\mu)$  belong to  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f$  for all  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ , and the modules  $L^f(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ , exhaust all irreducible objects in  $\mathfrak{D}_S^f$ .

Fix  $\mu \in \Pi^S$  and set  $D_{X,S} = \mathbf{u}_{X,S}^+ \oplus \bar{G}_+$ ,  $U(D_{X,S})^{(\mu)} = \sum U(D_{X,S})_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Q$ ,  $\nu + \alpha \notin \Pi$  for all  $\nu \in P(V_S(\mu))$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}(\mu, S) = (U(D_{X,S})/U(D_{X,S})^{(\mu)}) \otimes V_S(\mu)$ is a weight  $\mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \bar{G}_+$ -module where  $D_{X,S}$  acts on the left and  $\mathbf{m}_S$  by the tensor product action. Let  $\bar{A}(\mu, S) = \sum A(\mu, S)_{\nu}, \ \nu \in \mathfrak{H}^* \setminus \Pi$ , and

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}(\mu, S) = \mathfrak{A}(\mu, S)/U(\mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \bar{G}_{+})\bar{\mathfrak{A}}(\mu, S).$$

Then  $P^S(\mu) = U(\mathbf{m}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{p}_{X,S} \oplus \bar{G}_+)} \tilde{\mathfrak{A}}(\mu,S)$  is a projective object in  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f$ . Again, by [14], Corollary 4.13, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the irreducible objects in  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f$  and the indecomposable direct summands of the  $P^S(\mu)$ 's,  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ . Let  $I^{S}(\mu)$  be the indecomposable projective cover for  $L^{f}(\mu)$ .

By [14], Corollary 4.10, the module  $I^{S}(\mu)$  has a generalized Verma composition series, i.e. there exists a filtration  $I^S(\mu) = I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \ldots \supset I_\ell \supset 0$  where  $I_i/I_{i+1} \simeq$  $M_{X,S}^f(\mu_i), \ \mu_i \in \Pi^S$ . Denote by  $(I^S(\mu): M_{X,S}^f(\nu))$  the number of i's such that  $\nu = \mu_i$ .

**Theorem 11.1** (cf. [14], Theorem 6.4). If  $\mu, \nu \in \Pi^S$ , then  $(I^S(\mu) : M_{X,S}^f(\nu)) =$  $[M_{X,S}^f(\nu): L^f(\mu)].$ 

Now suppose that  $\lambda$  is in general position, and consider the full subcategory  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S} = \mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$  of the category of weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules V such that

- 1.  $P(V) \subset \bigcup_{\mu \in \Pi} \{ \nu \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid \mu \nu \in Q_+ \}.$
- 2. dim  $V_{\mu} < \infty$  for all  $\mu \in \Pi$ .
- 3. The module V is generated by  $V^f = \sum_{\mu \in \Pi} V_{\mu}$ . 4.  $V^f$  is a direct sum of  $V_S(\mu)$ 's,  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ .
- 5.  $\mathfrak{G}_{-}(\tilde{\pi}(\lambda))v = 0$  for all  $v \in V^f$ .

Remark 11.2. 1. If  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ , then the modules  $M_S(\mu)$ ,  $M_S(\mu)$  and  $L_X(\mu)$  are objects of the category  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$ .

- 2. If  $V \in \mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$  then  $V^f \in \mathfrak{O}_S^f$ .
- 3. If  $V \in \mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$  is irreducible then  $V \simeq L_X(\mu)$  for some  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ . The proof is analogous to the proof of Proposition 9.3.
- 4. The category  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$  is closed under the operations of taking submodules, quotients and finite direct sums (cf. Proposition 3.4).
- 5.  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,\emptyset}(\lambda,0) = \mathfrak{O}_X(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 11.3.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0$ ,  $\lambda$  in general position and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Then the categories  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$  and  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f(\lambda,q)$  are equivalent.

*Proof.* As in section 9 define exact functors  $F: \mathfrak{O}_{X,S} \to \mathfrak{O}_S^f$  and  $Y: \mathfrak{O}_S^f \to \mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$ . Then  $Y \circ F(\check{M}_S(\mu)) \simeq \check{M}_S(\mu)$  and  $F \circ Y(M_{X,S}^f(\mu)) \simeq M_{X,S}^{f}(\mu)$  for all  $\mu \in \Pi^S$  by Theorem 10.2. Moreover, F and Y establish an equivalence of  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$  and  $\mathfrak{O}_S^f$ . The proof follows the proof of Theorem 6.7 in [3].

For  $\mu \in \Pi^S$  let  $I_X^S(\mu) = Y(I^S(\mu))$ . Then  $I_X^S(\mu)$  is an indecomposable projective cover for  $L_X(\mu)$  in  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}$  by Theorem 11.3, and it has a generalized Verma composition series with factors  $\check{M}_S(\mu_i)$ ,  $\mu_i \in \Pi^S$ . Denote by  $[I_X^S(\mu) : \check{M}_S(\nu)]$  the multiplicity of  $M_S(\nu)$  in a generalized Verma composition series for  $I_X^S(\mu)$  and by  $(\check{M}_S(\nu):L_X(\mu))$  the multiplicity of  $L_X(\mu)$  in a local composition series for  $\check{M}_S(\nu)$ .

**Theorem 11.4** (BGG duality). If  $\lambda$  is in general position and  $\mu, \nu \in \Pi^S$ , then

$$[I_X^S(\mu) : \check{M}_S(\nu)] = (\check{M}_S(\nu) : L_X(\mu)).$$

*Proof.* Follows from Theorems 11.3 and 11.1.

### 12. Some subcategories of $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$

Consider the full subcategory  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_S^f = \bar{\mathfrak{D}}_S^f(\lambda,q) \subset \mathfrak{D}_S^f(\lambda,q)$  consisting of m-modules V such that  $\bar{G}v = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , and the full subcategory  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_{X,S} =$  $\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)\subset\mathfrak{O}_{X,S}(\lambda,q)$  consisting of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules M such that  $M^f\in\bar{\mathfrak{O}}_S^f$ . Obviously,  $\hat{M}_S(\mu)$  and  $L_X(\mu)$  are objects of  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_{X,S}$  for any  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ .

Let  $\mu \in \Pi^S$ . If we replace  $\bar{G}_+$  by  $\bar{G}$  in the construction of  $P^S(\mu)$  we obtain a projective module  $\bar{P}^S(\mu)$  in  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_S^f$ , whose indecomposable summands exhaust all indecomposable projectives in  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_S^f$ . Let  $\bar{I}^S(\mu)$  be the indecomposable projective cover for  $L^f(\mu)$ .

Since  $F(M) \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}_S^f$  for any  $M \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{X,S}$  and  $Y(N) \in \bar{O}_{X,S}$  for any  $N \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}_S^f$ , the functors F and Y induce the exact functors  $\bar{F} : \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{X,S} \to \bar{\mathcal{D}}_S^f$  and  $\bar{Y} : \bar{\mathcal{D}}_S^f \to \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{X,S}$ . Denote  $\bar{I}_X^S(\mu) = Y(I^S(\mu))$ , the indecomposable projective cover for  $L_X(\mu)$  in  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}_{X,S}$ .

Theorem 12.1. Let  $\mu, \nu \in \Pi^S(\lambda, q)$ .

- 1.  $[\bar{I}^S(\mu) : \hat{M}_S^f(\nu)] = (\hat{M}_S^f(\nu) : L^f(\mu)).$
- 2. If  $\lambda$  is in general position, then the categories  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_{X,S}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{D}}_S^f$  are equivalent.
- 3. If  $\lambda$  is in general position, then

$$[\bar{I}_X^S(\mu) : \hat{M}_S(\nu)] = (\hat{M}_S(\nu) : L_X(\mu)).$$

*Proof.* The proof of (1) follows the general lines of [14], Theorem 6.4; the proof of (2) is analogous to the proof of Theorem 6.7 in [3]; and (3) follows from (1) and (2).  $\Box$ 

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