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1 Introduction

To make this note accessible to a broad spectrum of readers, we briefly recall the necessary analytic and algebraic background for the concept of vertex operators (cf. [3], Chapter 14).

Let $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ be the algebra of all polynomials of finitely many variables ξ_j from the set $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n, \dots\}$ and \mathcal{D} the space of all linear forms belonging to $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$. Finally, let $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D} \supset \Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ be the algebraic adjoint of $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ identified with the algebra of all formal series of variables ξ_j . An operator which is the sum of compositions of operators of multiplication by variables ξ_j composed with derivations $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}$ is said to be of *normal form* if the operators of multiplication always precede the operators of derivation. $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ is provided with a scalar product \langle, \rangle which makes $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}$ the adjoint to the operator of multiplication by ξ_k . $k = 1, 2, \dots$ respectively.

Select two sequences of complex numbers $\{t_n\}$ and $\{s_n\}$. Operators of the form

$$e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n z^n \xi_n} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n z^{-n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n}},$$

where $z \in \mathbb{C}$, acting on $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$, are called *vertex operators*. The operators \mathcal{S}_m of the expansion

$$e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n z^n \xi_n} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n z^{-n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n}} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_n z^n \quad (1)$$

are called Schur polynomials. In [3], chapter 14, there are produced recursive formulas for \mathcal{S}_m and it is shown that for $s_n = \frac{1}{n}$ and $t_n = 1$, the operators \mathcal{S}_m , $m \geq 1$, anti-commute, i.e. represent fermions. More details concerning vertex operators and vertex operators algebras can be found in the book [1] and in several papers, in particular [2].

In this paper we provide an explicit formula for \mathcal{S}_m in their normal form, for any given vertex operator written in the mathematical frame of a general Bose algebra (recall that all Bose algebras with infinite dimensional separable one-particle space are all canonically isomorphic cf.[4]).

2 Preliminaries

Let $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ be a Bose algebra (cf. [4]) i.e. a commutative graded algebra generated by a pre-Hilbert space $\mathcal{D}, \langle, \rangle$ (the so-called one-particle space) and the unity ϕ (the vacuum) provided with the extension \langle, \rangle of the scalar product of \mathcal{D} making ϕ a unit vector and fulfilling the property that for every $x \in \mathcal{D}$, the adjoint x^* to the operator

of multiplication by x is defined on the whole $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ and constitutes a derivation (i.e. fulfils the Leibniz rule). We make the space $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$ of all antilinear functionals on $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ the extension of $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ by identifying $f \in \Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ with the antilinear functional $\langle \cdot, f \rangle$. The space $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$ can be naturally made into an algebra containing $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ as a subalgebra. We consider $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$ as a locally convex space with the weak topology $\sigma(\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}, \Gamma_0\mathcal{D})$. The weak closure $\overline{\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}}$ of \mathcal{D} is a subspace of $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$. It is easy to show that $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ admits the completion $\overline{\Gamma\mathcal{D}}$ within $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$.

We shall use the exponentials of elements $w \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$e^w = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} w^n \in \overline{\Gamma\mathcal{D}},$$

which are called *coherent vectors*. In [4] the following relations are verified:

$$\langle a, b \rangle^j = \frac{1}{j!} \langle a^j, b^j \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$(x^n)^* e^w = \langle x, w \rangle^n e^w \quad (3)$$

$$\langle e^u, fg \rangle = \langle e^u, f \rangle \langle e^u, g \rangle \quad (4)$$

$$e^{\mathbf{a}(w)} e^v = e^{\langle w, v \rangle} e^v. \quad (5)$$

Also a proof that the set $\{e^x : x \in \mathcal{D}\}$ of coherent vectors is total in $\overline{\Gamma\mathcal{D}}$ can be found in [4].

3 The Laurent Expansion for a Vertex Operator

Let \mathcal{D} be spanned by an orthonormal system $\{f_n\}$ and by an orthonormal system $\{g_n\}$ as well. The operator valued functions of z

$$V(z) = e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n f_n} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^{-n} g_n^*} : \Gamma_0\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D},$$

shall be called a *vertex operator*.

Write (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) for tuples of non-negative integers

$$(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = (p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2, \dots, p_k, q_k, \dots)$$

and define

$$\mathfrak{N}_m = \left\{ (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (p_k + q_k) = m \right\}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{N}^w = \left\{ (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (p_k + q_k) < \infty, \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (p_j - q_j) = w \right\}.$$

For $\mathfrak{s} = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$, write

$$\mathfrak{s}! = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k!.$$

Our main result is the following

Theorem. Vertex operators admit the weak evaluation on $\Gamma_0\mathcal{D}$ and the weak convergent Laurent expansion

$$V(z) = e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n f_n} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^{-n} g_n^*} = \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_w \{f_n, g_n^*\} z^w$$

with coefficients

$$\mathcal{S}_w \{f_n, g_n^*\} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}_m \cap \mathfrak{N}^w} \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}! \mathbf{q}!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^*$$

called the Schur polynomials (cf.[3]).

To prove the Theorem we shall need the following

Lemma. Take any pair of elements $u, v \in \mathcal{D}$. Then the element $V(z) e^u$ is well defined in $\tilde{\Gamma}\mathcal{D}$ and we have

$$\langle e^u, V(z) e^v \rangle = \left\langle e^u, \left(\sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_w \{f_n, g_n^*\} z^w \right) e^v \right\rangle, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_w \{f_n, g_n^*\} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}_m \cap \mathfrak{N}^w} \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}! \mathbf{q}!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^*.$$

Proof. Take $u, v \in \mathcal{D}$. Since by (5)

$$\langle e^u, e^{\mathbf{a}^+(x)} e^{\mathbf{a}^-(y)} e^v \rangle = e^{\langle u, v \rangle} e^{\langle u, x \rangle + \langle y, v \rangle},$$

we obtain

$$\langle e^u, V(z) e^v \rangle = e^{\langle u, v \rangle} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\langle f_n, u \rangle z^n + \langle v, g_n \rangle z^{-n})}.$$

Since u and v are linear combinations of f_k and g_k respectively, $\langle f_n, u \rangle z^n = \langle v, g_n \rangle z^{-n} = 0$ for large n . Due to (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle e^u, \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^* e^v \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right)^* e^u, \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^* e^v \right\rangle = \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle f_k, u \rangle^{p_k} \langle v, g_k \rangle^{q_k} \right) e^{\langle u, v \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

where all the products are finite and they are non-zero only when p_k and q_k are zeros for f_k and g_k orthogonal to v and u respectively. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m!} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle f_n, u \rangle z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle v, g_n \rangle z^{-n} \right)^m \\ &= \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}_m} \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}! \mathbf{q}!} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (\langle f_k, u \rangle^{p_k} \langle v, g_k \rangle^{q_k} z^{k(p_k - q_k)}) \\ &= \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}^w \cap \mathfrak{N}_m} \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}! \mathbf{q}!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle f_k, u \rangle^{p_k} \langle v, g_k \rangle^{q_k} \right) z^w \\ & \left\langle e^u, \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}^w \cap \mathfrak{N}_m} \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}! \mathbf{q}!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^* \right) z^w e^v \right\rangle e^{-\langle u, v \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m!} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle f_n, u \rangle z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle v, g_n \rangle z^{-n} \right)^m \\ &= \left\langle e^u, \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}_m \cap \mathfrak{N}^w} \frac{1}{p!q!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^* \right) z^w e^v \right\rangle e^{-\langle u, v \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e^u, V(z) e^v \rangle &= e^{\langle u, v \rangle} e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\langle f_n, u \rangle z^n + \langle v, g_n \rangle z^{-n})} \\ &= \left\langle e^u, \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\sum_{(p,q) \in \mathfrak{N}_{m,w}} \frac{1}{p!q!} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k^{p_k} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{q_k} \right)^* \right) z^w e^v \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Proof of the Theorem

Since $\Gamma_0 \mathcal{D}$ is the linear span of the set $\{x^k : x \in \mathcal{D}, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ([4]), it is sufficient to show that for any $u, v \in \mathcal{D}$ and any natural numbers k, j we have

$$\langle u^k, V(z) v^j \rangle = \left\langle u^k, \left(\sum_{w \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{S}_w \{f_n, g_n^*\} z^w \right) v^j \right\rangle$$

which follows by differentiating respectively k and j times at 0 the variables t and s of the identity 6 with tu and sv substituted for u and v . \square

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