

INTEGRABLE $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -MODULES AND CATEGORY \mathcal{O} FOR $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$

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ABSTRACT. We introduce and study new categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ of integrable $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules which depend on the choice of a certain reductive in \mathfrak{g} subalgebra $\mathfrak{k} \subset \mathfrak{g}$. The simple objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ are tensor modules as in the previously studied category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ [DPS]; however, the choice of \mathfrak{k} provides for more flexibility of nonsimple modules in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ compared to $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. We then choose \mathfrak{k} to have two infinite-dimensional diagonal blocks, and show that a certain injective object $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ realizes a categorical $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -action on the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$, the integral category \mathcal{O} of the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. We show that the socle of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is generated by the projective modules in $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$, and compute the socle filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ explicitly. We conjecture that the socle filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ reflects a “degree of atypicality filtration” on the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. We also conjecture that a natural tensor filtration on $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ arises via the Dufflo–Serganova functor sending the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{m-1|n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. We prove a weaker version of this latter conjecture for the direct summand of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ corresponding to finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Categorification has set a trend in mathematics in the last two decades and has proved important and useful. The opposite process of studying a given category via a combinatorial or algebraic object such as a single module has also borne ample fruit. An example is Brundan’s idea from 2003 to study the category $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ of finite-dimensional integral modules over the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ via the weight structure of the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module $\Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$, where \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{V}_* are the two nonisomorphic defining (natural) representations of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$. Using this approach Brundan computes decomposition numbers in $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ [B]. An extension of Brundan’s approach was proposed in the work of Brundan, Losev and Webster in [BLW], where a new proof of the Brundan–Kazhdan–Lusztig conjecture for the category \mathcal{O} over the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ is given. (The first proof of the Brundan–Kazhdan–Lusztig conjecture for the category \mathcal{O} over the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ was given by Cheng, Lam and Wang in [CLW].) The same approach was also used by Brundan and Stroppel in [BS], where the algebra of endomorphisms of a projective generator in $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is described as a certain diagram algebra and the Koszulity of $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is established.

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The representation theory of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ is of independent interest and has been developing actively also for about two decades. In particular, several categories of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules have been singled out and studied in detail, see [DP, PStyr, DPS, PS, Nam].

The category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}$ from [DPS] has been playing a prominent role: its objects are finite-length submodules of a direct sum of several copies of the tensor algebra $T(\mathbf{V} \oplus \mathbf{V}_*)$. In [DPS] it is proved that $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}$ is a self-dual Koszul category, in [SS] it has been shown that $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}$ has a universality property, and in [FPS] $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}$ has been used to categorify the Boson-Fermion Correspondence.

Our goal in the present paper is to find an appropriate category of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules which contains modules relevant to the representation theory of the Lie superalgebras $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. For this purpose, we introduce and study the categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, where $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ and \mathfrak{k} is a reductive subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} containing the diagonal subalgebra and consisting of finitely many blocks along the diagonal. The Lie algebra \mathfrak{k} is infinite dimensional and is itself isomorphic to the commutator subalgebra of a finite direct sum of copies of $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ (for varying n) and copies of $\mathfrak{gl}(\infty)$. When $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}$, this new category coincides with $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. A well-known property of the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ states that for every $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, any vector $m \in \mathbf{M}$ is annihilated by a “large” subalgebra $\mathfrak{g}' \subset \mathfrak{g}$, i.e. by an algebra which contains the commutator subalgebra of the centralizer of a finite-dimensional subalgebra $\mathfrak{s} \subset \mathfrak{g}$. For a general \mathfrak{k} as above, the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ has the same simple objects as $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ but requires the following for a nonsimple module \mathbf{M} : the annihilator in \mathfrak{k} of every $m \in \mathbf{M}$ is a large subalgebra of \mathfrak{k} . This makes the nonsimple objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ more “flexible” than in those of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, the degree of flexibility being governed by \mathfrak{k} .

In Section 3, we study the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ in detail, one of our main results being an explicit computation of the socle filtration of an indecomposable injective object $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$ of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ (where λ and μ are two Young diagrams), see Theorem 20. An effect which can be observed here is that with a sufficient increase in the number of infinite blocks of \mathfrak{k} , the layers of the socle filtration of $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$ grow in a “self-similar” manner. This shows that $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ is an intricate extension of the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ within the category of all integrable \mathfrak{g} -modules.

In Section 4, we show that studying the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ achieves our goal of improving the understanding of the integral category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ for the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. More precisely, we choose \mathfrak{k} to have two blocks, both of them infinite. Then we show that the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is a categorification of an injective object $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. In order to accomplish this, we exploit the properties of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ as a category, and not just as a collection of modules. The object $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ can be defined as the complexified reduced Grothendieck group of the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$, endowed with an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module structure (categorical action of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$). For $m, n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is an object of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, but not of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. We prove that the socle of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ as an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module is the submodule generated by classes of projective $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules in $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. Moreover, we conjecture that the socle filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ (which we already know from Section 3) arises from filtering the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ according to the degree of atypicality of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules. We provide some partial evidence toward this conjecture.

We also show that the category $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ of finite-dimensional integral $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules categorifies a direct summand $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ which is nothing but an injective hull in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ of Brundan’s module $\Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$, see Corollary 28. (Note that the module $\Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$ is an injective object of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, but is not injective in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ when \mathfrak{k} has two (or more) infinite blocks.)

Finally, we conjecture that a natural filtration on the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ defined via the Duflo–Serganova functor $DS : \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m-1|n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ categorifies the tensor filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$, i.e. the coarsest filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ whose successive quotients are objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. We have a similar conjecture for the direct summand $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$, and we provide evidence for this conjecture in Proposition 42.

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3. NEW CATEGORIES OF INTEGRABLE $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -MODULES

3.1. Preliminaries. Let \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{V}_* be countable-dimensional vector spaces with fixed bases $\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{v_j^*\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$, together with a nondegenerate pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V}_* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\langle v_i, v_j^* \rangle = \delta_{ij}$. Then $\mathfrak{gl}(\infty) := \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*$ has a Lie algebra structure such that

$$[v_i \otimes v_j^*, v_k \otimes v_l^*] = \langle v_k, v_j^* \rangle v_i \otimes v_l^* - \langle v_i, v_l^* \rangle v_k \otimes v_j^*.$$

We can identify $\mathfrak{gl}(\infty)$ with the space of infinite matrices $(a_{ij})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ with finitely many nonzero entries, where the vector $v_i \otimes v_j^*$ corresponds to the matrix E_{ij} with 1 in the i, j -position and zeros elsewhere. Then $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ corresponds to the trace map, and its kernel is the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$, which is generated by $e_i := E_{i,i+1}$, $f_i := E_{i+1,i}$ with $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. One can also realize $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ as a direct limit of finite-dimensional Lie algebras $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty) = \varinjlim \mathfrak{sl}(n)$. In contrast to the finite-dimensional setting, the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(\infty) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0$$

does not split, and the center of $\mathfrak{gl}(\infty)$ is trivial.

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$. The representations \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{V}_* are the defining representations of \mathfrak{g} . The tensor representations $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$, $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ have been studied in [PStyr]. They are not semisimple when $p, q > 0$; however, each simple subquotient of $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$ occurs as a submodule of $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p'} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q'}$ for some p', q' . The simple submodules of $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$ can be parameterized by two Young diagrams λ, μ , and we denote them $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$.

Recall that the *socle* of a module \mathbf{M} , denoted $\text{soc } \mathbf{M}$, is the largest semisimple submodule of \mathbf{M} . The *socle filtration* of \mathbf{M} is defined inductively by $\text{soc}^0 \mathbf{M} := \text{soc } \mathbf{M}$ and $\text{soc}^i \mathbf{M} := p_i^{-1}(\text{soc}(\mathbf{M}/(\text{soc}^{i-1} \mathbf{M})))$, where $p_i : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}/(\text{soc}^{i-1} \mathbf{M})$ is the natural projection. We also use the notation $\overline{\text{soc}}^i \mathbf{M} := \text{soc}^i \mathbf{M} / \text{soc}^{i-1} \mathbf{M}$ for the layers of the socle filtration.

Schur-Weyl duality for $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ implies that the module $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$ decomposes as

$$(3.1) \quad \mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q} = \bigoplus_{|\lambda|=p, |\mu|=q} (\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \otimes (Y_{\lambda} \otimes Y_{\mu}),$$

where Y_{λ} and Y_{μ} are irreducible S_p - and S_q -modules, and \mathbb{S}_{λ} denotes the Schur functor corresponding to the Young diagram (equivalently, partition) λ . Each module $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ is indecomposable and its socle filtration is described in [PStyr]. Moreover, Theorem 2.3 of [PStyr] claims that

$$(3.2) \quad \overline{\text{soc}}^k(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', |\gamma|=k} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu', \gamma}^{\mu} \mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}$$

where $N_{\lambda', \gamma}^\lambda$ are the standard Littlewood-Richardson coefficients. In particular, $\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*)$ has simple socle $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$. It was also shown in [PStyr, Theorem 2.2] that the socle of $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$ equals the intersection of the kernels of all contraction maps

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_{ij} : \mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q} &\rightarrow \mathbf{V}^{\otimes(p-1)} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes(q-1)} \\ v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \otimes v_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes v_q^* &\mapsto \langle v_j^*, v_i \rangle v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \widehat{v}_i \otimes \cdots \otimes v_p \otimes v_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes \widehat{v}_j^* \otimes \cdots \otimes v_q^* \end{aligned}$$

A \mathfrak{g} -module is called a *tensor module* if it is isomorphic to a submodule of a finite direct sum of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules of the form $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p_i} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q_i}$ for $p_i, q_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. The category of tensor modules $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is by definition the full subcategory of $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ consisting of tensor modules [DPS]. A finite-length \mathfrak{g} -module \mathbf{M} lies in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ if and only if \mathbf{M} is integrable and satisfies the large annihilator condition [DPS]. Recall that a \mathfrak{g} -module \mathbf{M} is called *integrable* if $\dim\{m, x \cdot m, x^2 \cdot m, \dots\} < \infty$ for any $x \in \mathfrak{g}$, $m \in \mathbf{M}$. A \mathfrak{g} -module is said to satisfy the *large annihilator condition* if for each $m \in \mathbf{M}$, the annihilator $\text{Ann}_{\mathfrak{g}} m$ contains the commutator subalgebra of the centralizer of a finite-dimensional subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} .

The modules $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$, $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ are injective in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. Moreover, every indecomposable injective object of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is isomorphic to an indecomposable direct summand of $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes p} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes q}$ for some $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ [DPS]. Consequently, by (3.1), an indecomposable injective in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*)$ for some λ, μ .

The category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is a subcategory of the category $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, which was introduced in [PS] as the full subcategory of $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ whose objects \mathbf{M} are defined to be the integrable \mathfrak{g} -modules of finite Loewy length such that the algebraic dual $\mathbf{M}^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbf{M}, \mathbb{C})$ is also integrable and of finite Loewy length. The categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ and $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ have the same simple objects $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ [PS, DPS]. The indecomposable injective objects of $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ are (up to isomorphism) the modules $(\mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda})^*$, and $\text{soc}(\mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda})^* \cong \mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ [PS]. A recent result of [CP2] shows that the Grothendieck envelope $\overline{\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}}$ of $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is an ordered tensor category, and that any injective object in $\overline{\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}}$ is a direct sum of indecomposable injectives from $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

3.2. The categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$. In this section, we introduce new categories of integrable $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules. This is motivated in part by the applications to the representation theory of the Lie superalgebras $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$.

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ with the natural representation denoted \mathbf{V} . Consider a decomposition

$$(3.4) \quad \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{V}_r,$$

for some vector subspaces \mathbf{V}_i of \mathbf{V} . Let \mathfrak{l} be the Lie subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} preserving this decomposition. Then $\mathfrak{k} := [\mathfrak{l}, \mathfrak{l}]$ is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{k}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{k}_r$, where each \mathfrak{k}_i is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(n_i)$ or $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$.

Definition 1. Denote by $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ the full subcategory of $\widetilde{\text{Tensor}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ consisting of modules \mathbf{M} satisfying the large annihilator condition as a module over \mathfrak{k}_i for all $i = 1, \dots, r$. By $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ we denote the full subcategory of $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ consisting of finite-length modules.

Both categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ and $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ are abelian symmetric monoidal categories with respect to the usual tensor product of \mathfrak{g} -modules. Two categories $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ and $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}, \bar{\mathfrak{k}}}$ are equal if \mathfrak{k} and $\bar{\mathfrak{k}}$ have finite corank in $\mathfrak{k} + \bar{\mathfrak{k}}$, so we will henceforth assume without loss of generality that each \mathbf{V}_i in decomposition (3.4) is infinite dimensional. Note that $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}} = \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

We define the functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} : \widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ by taking the maximal submodule lying in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. Then

$$(3.5) \quad \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{M}) = \bigcup \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{s}_r},$$

where the union is taken over all finite corank subalgebras $\mathfrak{s}_1 \subset \mathfrak{k}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{s}_r \subset \mathfrak{k}_r$.

Lemma 2. *Let $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ be as in Definition 1.*

- (1) *The simple objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ and of $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ are isomorphic to $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$.*
- (2) *The functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ sends injective modules in $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ to injective modules in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$.*
- (3) *The category $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ has enough injective modules.*
- (4) *The indecomposable injective objects of $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ are isomorphic to $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu,\lambda})^*)$.*

Proof. (1) The category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is a full subcategory of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ and of $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, which are both full subcategories of $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. Since the categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ and $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ have the same simple objects $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$, the claim follows.

- (2) This follows from the definition of $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, since $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}}(X, \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(Y)) = \text{Hom}_{\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}}(X, Y)$ for all $X \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ and $Y \in \widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.
- (3) Every module \mathbf{M} in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ can be embedded into $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{M}^{**})$, which is injective in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, since \mathbf{M}^{**} is injective in $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ [PS].
- (4) This follows from (1) and (2), since $(\mathbf{V}^{\mu,\lambda})^*$ is an indecomposable injective object of $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, and consequently $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu,\lambda})^*)$ is an indecomposable injective object of $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ with $\text{soc } \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu,\lambda})^*) \cong \mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$. □

Remark 3. It will follow from Corollary 12 that the indecomposable injective objects $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu,\lambda})^*)$ are objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. Consequently, $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ and $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ have the same indecomposable injectives.

3.3. The functor R and Jordan-Hölder multiplicities. In this section, we calculate the Jordan-Hölder multiplicities of the indecomposable injective objects of the categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. One of the main tools we use for this computation is the functor R , which we will now introduce.

Let

$$(3.6) \quad \mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{V}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{V}_{r-1}, \quad \mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{g} \cap \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbf{V}'), \quad \mathfrak{k}' = \mathfrak{k}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{k}_{r-1}.$$

Let $(\mathbf{V}_r)_* \subset \mathbf{V}_*$ be the annihilator of $\mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{V}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{V}_{r-1}$ with respect to the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. We have $\mathfrak{g}' \cong \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ and $\mathfrak{k}' \subset \mathfrak{g}'$.

Define a functor R from the category \mathfrak{g} -mod of all \mathfrak{g} -modules to the category \mathfrak{g}' -mod by setting

$$R(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{k}'}$$

It follows from the definition that after restricting to $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ we have a functor $R : \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}$.

Lemma 4. *The following diagram of functors is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} & \xrightarrow{R} & \mathfrak{g}'\text{-mod} \\ \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} \downarrow & & \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'} \downarrow \\ \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} & \xrightarrow{R} & \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'} \end{array} .$$

Proof. By (3.5) we have

$$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{M}) = \bigcup \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{s}_r}$$

for any \mathfrak{g} -module \mathbf{M} . Then

$$\mathbf{R}(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{M})) = \left(\bigcup \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{s}_r} \right)^{\mathfrak{k}_r} = \bigcup \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{s}_{r-1} \oplus \mathfrak{k}_r} = \bigcup (\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M}))^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{s}_{r-1}} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})).$$

□

Lemma 5. *If λ, μ are Young diagrams, then*

$$\mathbf{R}((\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*))^*) = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^\lambda N_{\mu', \gamma}^\mu (\mathbb{S}_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V})) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*)))^*.$$

Proof. Since $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{V}'$, we have the decompositions

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}) \oplus \mathbf{V}_r, \quad \mathbf{V}_* = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*) \oplus (\mathbf{V}_r)_*.$$

We also have the identity

$$(3.7) \quad \mathbb{S}_\lambda(V \oplus W) = \bigoplus N_{\mu, \nu}^\lambda \mathbb{S}_\mu(V) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\nu(W),$$

which holds for all vector spaces V and W . These imply

$$\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*) = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma, \gamma'} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^\lambda N_{\mu', \gamma'}^\mu \mathbb{S}_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V})) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\gamma(\mathbf{V}_r) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\gamma'}((\mathbf{V}_r)_*).$$

By definition

$$\mathbf{R}((\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*))^*) = \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}'}(\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*), \mathbb{C}),$$

and it follows from (3.2) that

$$\dim \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}'}(\mathbb{S}_\gamma(\mathbf{V}_r) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\gamma'}((\mathbf{V}_r)_*), \mathbb{C}) = \delta_{\gamma, \gamma'},$$

$\delta_{\gamma, \gamma'}$ being Kronecker's delta. Therefore,

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}'}(\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*), \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^\lambda N_{\mu', \gamma}^\mu (\mathbb{S}_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V})) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*)))^*.$$

□

Lemma 6. *If $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of modules in $\widetilde{\text{Tens}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, then the dual exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow 0$ splits.*

Proof. This follows from the fact that C^* is injective in $\widetilde{\text{Tens}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. □

Lemma 7. *The functor $\mathbf{R} : \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}$ sends an indecomposable injective object to an injective object.*

Proof. Let $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda, \mu} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}((\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)$. Then by Lemma 4 we have

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda, \mu}) = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}(\mathbf{R}((\mathbb{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_\mu(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)),$$

and hence by Lemma 5

$$(3.8) \quad \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda, \mu}) = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^\lambda N_{\mu', \gamma}^\mu \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}((\mathbb{S}_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V})) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu'}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*)))^*).$$

Therefore, $R(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu})$ is injective in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{e}'}$. Every indecomposable injective object in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}$ is isomorphic to $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}(\mathbf{L}^*)$ for some simple object $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$, and by Lemma 6, $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}(\mathbf{L}^*)$ is a direct summand of $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}((\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)$. Since the functor R is left exact, $R(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}(\mathbf{L}^*))$ is a direct summand of $R(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu})$. Hence, $R(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}(\mathbf{L}^*))$ is injective in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{e}'}$. \square

Lemma 8. *Let $\mathbf{V} = V_n \oplus \mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{V}_* = V_n^* \oplus \mathbf{W}_*$ be decompositions with $\dim V_n = n$, $\mathbf{W}^{\perp} = V_n^*$ and $\mathbf{W}_*^{\perp} = V_n$. Let \mathfrak{s} be the commutator subalgebra of $\mathbf{W} \otimes \mathbf{W}_*$. Let $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ be a module such that all its simple constituents are of the form $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ with $|\lambda| + |\mu| \leq n$. Then the length of $\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}}$ in the category of $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ -modules equals the length of \mathbf{M} in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.*

Proof. It follows from (3.7) and the fact that $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(V_n)$ and $\mathbb{S}_{\mu}(V_n^*)$ are nonzero (since $\dim V_n \geq |\lambda|, |\mu|$) that

$$(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))^{\mathfrak{s}} = \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(V_n) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(V_n^*).$$

The description of the layers of the socle filtration of $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ in (3.2) shows that the length of $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ equals the length of $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(V_n) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(V_n^*)$. Furthermore, since the socle $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ of $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ coincides with the set of vectors annihilated by all contraction maps (see (3.3)), and the set of vectors in $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(V_n) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(V_n^*)$ annihilated by all contraction maps is the simple $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ -module $V_n^{\lambda,\mu}$, we obtain $(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu})^{\mathfrak{s}} = V_n^{\lambda,\mu}$. It then follows from left exactness that the functor $(\cdot)^{\mathfrak{s}}$ does not increase the length.

Let $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, and let $k(\mathbf{M})$ be the maximum of $|\lambda| + |\mu|$ over all simple constituents $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ of \mathbf{M} . We proceed by proving the statement by induction on $k(\mathbf{M})$ with the obvious base case $k(\mathbf{M}) = 0$. Consider an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \rightarrow 0,$$

where \mathbf{I} is an injective hull of \mathbf{M} in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. From the description of the socle filtration of an injective module in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ (see (3.2)), we have $k(\mathbf{N}) < k(\mathbf{M})$. Therefore, the length $l(\mathbf{N})$ of \mathbf{N} equals the length $l(\mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}})$ of $\mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}}$ by the induction assumption. On the other hand, since \mathbf{I} is injective and hence isomorphic to a direct sum of $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ with $|\lambda| + |\mu| \leq n$, the length of \mathbf{I} equals the length of $\mathbf{I}^{\mathfrak{s}}$. Now if $l(\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}}) < l(\mathbf{M})$, then

$$l(\mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}}) \geq l(\mathbf{I}^{\mathfrak{s}}) - l(\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}}) > l(\mathbf{I}) - l(\mathbf{M}) = l(\mathbf{N}),$$

which is a contradiction. \square

Corollary 9. *Let \mathfrak{s} be a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} as in Lemma 8, and let $\mathbf{M} \in \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ be a module such that all its simple constituents are of the form $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ with $|\lambda| + |\mu| \leq n$. Then $\mathbf{M} = U(\mathfrak{g})\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}}$.*

Proof. Since \mathbf{M} is a direct limit of modules of finite length it suffices to prove the statement for $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. This can be easily done by induction on the length of \mathbf{M} . Indeed, consider an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{L} \rightarrow 0$ with simple \mathbf{L} . Lemma 8 implies that $0 \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}^{\mathfrak{s}} \rightarrow 0$ is also exact, because the functor $(\cdot)^{\mathfrak{s}}$ is left exact and $l(\mathbf{L}^{\mathfrak{s}}) = l(\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}}) - l(\mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}})$. Now if $U(\mathfrak{g})\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}} \neq \mathbf{M}$ then, since $U(\mathfrak{g})\mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}} = \mathbf{N}$ by the induction assumption, we obtain $U(\mathfrak{g})\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}} = \mathbf{N}$. This implies $\mathbf{M}^{\mathfrak{s}} = \mathbf{N}^{\mathfrak{s}}$, and hence $l(\mathbf{L}^{\mathfrak{s}}) = 0$, which contradicts Lemma 8. \square

Lemma 10. *For any $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{e}}$ we have $U(\mathfrak{g})R(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{M}$.*

Proof. Recall the definition of $k(\mathbf{M})$ from the proof of Lemma 8, and recall the decomposition (3.4). Let \mathbf{U} be a subspace of \mathbf{V} , and \mathbf{U}_* be a subspace of \mathbf{V}_* such that $\mathbf{V}_r \subset \mathbf{U}$ and $(\mathbf{V}_r)_* \subset \mathbf{U}_*$, each of codimension $k(\mathbf{M})$.

Denote by $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ the commutator subalgebra of $\mathbf{U} \otimes \mathbf{U}_*$, and by $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{l}}$ the restriction functor from $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ to $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{l}}$. The identity (3.7) implies that $k(\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{l}} \mathbf{M}) = k(\mathbf{M})$. By Corollary 9 with $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{l}$ and $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{k}_r$, we get $\mathbf{M} = U(\mathfrak{l})\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})$. The statement follows. \square

Lemma 11. *The functor $\mathbf{R} : \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}$ is exact and sends a simple module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ to the corresponding simple module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}$, and hence induces an isomorphism between the Grothendieck groups of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ and $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}$.*

Proof. Since $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ is in fact an object of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, the statement about simple modules follows by the argument concerning contraction maps from the proof of Lemma 8.

Since \mathbf{R} is left exact, we have the inequality

$$(3.9) \quad l(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})) \leq l(\mathbf{M}).$$

Thus, to prove exactness of \mathbf{R} it suffices to show that \mathbf{R} preserves the length, i.e. $l(\mathbf{M}) = l(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M}))$. We prove this by induction on $l(\mathbf{M})$. Consider an exact sequence of \mathfrak{g} -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{L} \rightarrow 0,$$

such that \mathbf{L} is simple. By the induction hypothesis we have $l(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{N})) = l(\mathbf{N})$. If we assume that $l(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})) < l(\mathbf{M})$, then $l(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})) = l(\mathbf{N})$ and so $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{N}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{M})$. But then by Lemma 10, we have $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{M}$, which is a contradiction. \square

Corollary 12. *For any λ, μ , the module $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}((\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)$ has finite length. Hence, the module $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu} := \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda})^*)$ has finite length and is an object of the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$.*

Proof. It was proven in [DPS] that $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}}((\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)$ has finite length in $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ (see the proof of Proposition 4.5 in [DPS] and note that the functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}}$ is denoted by \mathcal{B} in [DPS]). Using (3.8), the first claim follows by induction on the number r of components in the decomposition of \mathbf{V} . For the second claim, observe that Lemma 6 implies $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu}$ is isomorphic to a direct summand of the module $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}((\mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*)$. \square

Lemma 13. *Let $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu}$ denote an injective hull of the simple module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$, and let $\mathbf{J}^{\lambda, \mu}$ denote an injective hull of $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu})$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}$. Then*

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu}) = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu', \gamma}^{\mu} \mathbf{J}^{\lambda', \mu'}.$$

Proof. We have $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu} \cong \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda})^*)$ and $\mathbf{J}^{\lambda, \mu} \cong \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}((\mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda})^*)$. Let

$$\mathbf{P}^{\lambda, \mu} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}((\mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*), \quad \mathbf{Q}^{\lambda, \mu} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}', \mathfrak{k}'}((\mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V})) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{V}_*))^*).$$

Then we have

$$(3.10) \quad \mathbf{P}^{\lambda, \mu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu', \gamma}^{\mu} \mathbf{I}^{\lambda', \mu'}, \quad \mathbf{Q}^{\lambda, \mu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu', \gamma}^{\mu} \mathbf{J}^{\lambda', \mu'}.$$

Indeed, using Lemma 6, we can deduce from (3.2) that

$$(\mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}_*))^* = \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu', \gamma} N_{\lambda', \gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu', \gamma}^{\mu} (\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'})^*,$$

and then by applying $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ to both sides we obtain (3.10).

By (3.8), we have

$$R(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu}) = \bigoplus_{\lambda',\mu',\gamma} N_{\lambda',\gamma}^{\lambda} N_{\mu',\gamma}^{\mu} \mathbf{Q}^{\lambda',\mu'}.$$

Let $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ denote the complexified Grothendieck group of the additive subcategory of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ generated by indecomposable injective modules. Then $\{[\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$ and $\{[\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$ both form a basis for $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. Let $A = (A_{\lambda',\mu'}^{\lambda,\mu})$ be the change of basis matrix on $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ given by (3.10) which expresses $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu}$ in terms of $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$. The same matrix A expresses $\mathbf{Q}^{\lambda,\mu}$ in terms of $\mathbf{J}^{\lambda,\mu}$ by (3.10).

The functor R induces a linear operator from $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ to $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{k}'}$ which is represented by the matrix A with respect to both bases $\{[\mathbf{P}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$ and $\{[\mathbf{Q}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$. Hence, the matrix which represents R with respect to the bases $\{[\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$ and $\{[\mathbf{J}^{\lambda,\mu}]\}$ is again A as $A = AA(A^{-1})$. \square

Corollary 14. *The Jordan-Hölder multiplicities of the indecomposable injective modules $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$ are given by*

$$[\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu} : \mathbf{V}^{\lambda',\mu'}] = \sum_{\lambda',\mu',\gamma_1,\dots,\gamma_r} N_{\gamma_1,\dots,\gamma_r,\lambda'}^{\lambda} N_{\gamma_1,\dots,\gamma_r,\mu'}^{\mu}.$$

Proof. After applying the functor R to the module $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$ ($r-1$) times, we obtain a direct sum of injective modules in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$. The multiplicity of each indecomposable injective in this sum is thus determined by applying the matrix A^{r-1} to $[\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}]$. The Jordan-Hölder multiplicities of an indecomposable injective module in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ are also given by the matrix A (see 3.2). Therefore,

$$[\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}] = \sum (A^r)_{\lambda',\mu'}^{\lambda,\mu} [\mathbf{V}^{\lambda',\mu'}].$$

\square

3.4. The socle filtration of indecomposable injective objects in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. In this section, we describe the socle filtration of the injective objects $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda,\mu}$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$.

We consider the restriction functor

$$\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}} : \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}},$$

where $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ denotes the category of integrable \mathfrak{k} -modules of finite length which satisfy the large annihilator condition for each \mathfrak{k}_i (recall (3.4)). Note that simple objects of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ are outer tensor products of simple objects of the categories $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}_i}$ for each \mathfrak{k}_i , $i = 1, \dots, r$, (recall that $\mathfrak{k}_i \cong \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$); we will use the notation

$$\mathbf{V}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r,\mu_1,\dots,\mu_r} := \mathbf{V}_1^{\lambda_1,\mu_1} \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \mathbf{V}_r^{\lambda_r,\mu_r}.$$

Injective hulls of simple objects in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ will be denoted by $\mathbf{I}_{\mathfrak{k}}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r,\mu_1,\dots,\mu_r}$, and they are also outer tensor products of injective \mathfrak{k}_i -modules:

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathfrak{k}}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r,\mu_1,\dots,\mu_r} := (\mathbb{S}_{\lambda_1}(\mathbf{V}_1) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu_1}(\mathbf{V}_1)_*) \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes (\mathbb{S}_{\lambda_r}(\mathbf{V}_r) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu_r}(\mathbf{V}_r)_*).$$

Recall that for every object \mathbf{M} in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ we denote by $k(\mathbf{M})$ the maximum of $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| + |\boldsymbol{\mu}|$ for all simple constituents $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ of \mathbf{M} . Similarly for every object \mathbf{X} in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ we denote by $c(\mathbf{X})$ the maximum of $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_1| + \dots + |\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r| + |\boldsymbol{\mu}_1| + \dots + |\boldsymbol{\mu}_r|$ for all simple constituents $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r,\mu_1,\dots,\mu_r}$ of \mathbf{X} . It follows from Corollary 14 that

$$(3.11) \quad k(\mathbf{M}) = k(\text{soc } \mathbf{M}), \quad c(\mathbf{X}) = c(\text{soc } \mathbf{X}).$$

The identities

$$(3.12) \quad k(\mathbf{M} \otimes \mathbf{N}) = k(\mathbf{M}) + k(\mathbf{N}), \quad c(\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{Y}) = c(\mathbf{X}) + c(\mathbf{Y}).$$

follow easily from the Littlewood–Richardson rule, and we leave their proof to the reader.

Lemma 15. *The restriction functor $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ maps the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ to the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$, and it maps $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ to an injective module. Furthermore, we have the identity*

$$c(\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}} \mathbf{M}) = k(\mathbf{M}).$$

Proof. After applying identity (3.7) r -times to $\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$, we get

$$\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \cong \bigoplus N_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r}^{\lambda} N_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}^{\mu} \mathbf{I}_{\mathfrak{k}}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}.$$

This implies the first and the second assertions of the lemma. Identity (3.11) implies that it is sufficient to prove the last assertion for $\mathbf{M} = \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$. Hence, this assertion follows from the above computation. \square

Conjecture 16. *Suppose $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^k(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}, \mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}) \neq 0$. Then $|\lambda| - |\lambda'| = |\mu| - |\mu'| = k$.*

Remark 17. For $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}$, this was proven in [DPS]. Proving this conjecture would imply that the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ is Koszul. We prove the case $k = 1$.

Proposition 18. *Suppose $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}, \mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}) \neq 0$. Then $|\lambda| - |\lambda'| = |\mu| - |\mu'| = 1$.*

Proof. Since $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}$ is isomorphic to a simple constituent of $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu}$, we know by Corollary 14 that $|\lambda| - |\lambda'| = |\mu| - |\mu'| = s \geq 1$. It remains to show that $s = 1$. We will do this in two steps.

First, we show that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}, \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \neq 0$ implies $s = 1$. Consider a nonsplit short exact sequence in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$

$$(3.13) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*) \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'} \rightarrow 0.$$

Let $\varphi : \mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ be a cocycle which defines this extension. By Lemma 15, the module $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))$ is injective in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{k}}$, and therefore the sequence (3.13) splits over \mathfrak{k} . Without loss of generality we may assume that $\varphi(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'} \otimes \mathfrak{k}) = 0$. Then the cocycle condition implies that $\varphi : \mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'} \otimes (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k}) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)$ is a nonzero homomorphism of \mathfrak{k} -modules. Consequently, the image of φ contains a simple submodule in the socle of $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))$. By Lemma 15, we have

$$\text{soc Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*)) = \bigoplus N_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r}^{\lambda} N_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}^{\mu} V^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}.$$

In particular,

$$c(V^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}) = |\lambda_1| + \dots + |\lambda_r| + |\mu_1| + \dots + |\mu_r| = |\lambda| + |\mu|$$

for every simple submodule $V^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r}$ of $\text{soc Res}_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbb{S}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\mu}(\mathbf{V}_*))$. Therefore,

$$c(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'} \otimes (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k})) \geq |\lambda| + |\mu|,$$

and so (3.12) implies

$$c(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}) + c(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k}) \geq |\lambda| + |\mu|.$$

Since $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k} \cong \bigoplus_{i \neq j} (\mathbf{V}_i \otimes (\mathbf{V}_j)_*)$, we have

$$c(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}) = |\lambda'| + |\mu'|, \quad c(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k}) = 2,$$

and thus $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| - |\boldsymbol{\lambda}'| + |\boldsymbol{\mu}| - |\boldsymbol{\mu}'| = 2s \leq 2$. This yields $s = 1$.

Assume now to the contrary that $s \geq 2$. Set

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{V}_*)) / \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}$$

and consider the long exact sequence of Ext

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbf{X}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{V}_*)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Since $s \geq 2$, $\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}$ is not isomorphic to a submodule of $\text{soc } \mathbf{X}$, so $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbf{X}) = 0$, and by the already considered case when $s = 1$, we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(\mathbf{V}) \otimes \mathbb{S}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{V}_*)) = 0.$$

Hence, $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}}^1(\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}, \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}) = 0$, which is a contradiction. \square

Corollary 19. *Suppose that $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ has a simple socle $\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}$ and the multiplicity of $\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}$ in $\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{M}$ is nonzero. Then $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| - |\boldsymbol{\lambda}'| = |\boldsymbol{\mu}| - |\boldsymbol{\mu}'| = k$.*

Proof. This follows by induction on $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| + |\boldsymbol{\mu}|$. By Proposition 18, the module $\mathbf{M}/\text{soc } \mathbf{M}$ embeds into a direct sum of injective indecomposable modules $\bigoplus \mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\nu}}$ with simple socles $\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\nu}}$ satisfying $|\boldsymbol{\lambda}| - |\boldsymbol{\gamma}| = |\boldsymbol{\mu}| - |\boldsymbol{\nu}| = 1$, and by induction each $\mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\nu}}$ satisfies our claim. If the multiplicity of $\mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'}$ is nonzero in $\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{M} = \overline{\text{soc}}^{k-1}(\mathbf{M}/\text{soc } \mathbf{M}) \subset \overline{\text{soc}}^{k-1}(\bigoplus \mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\nu}})$, then $|\boldsymbol{\gamma}| - |\boldsymbol{\lambda}'| = |\boldsymbol{\nu}| - |\boldsymbol{\mu}'| = k - 1$. The result follows. \square

Finally, by combining Corollary 14 and Corollary 19 we obtain the following.

Theorem 20. *The layers of the socle filtration of an indecomposable injective $\mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ satisfy*

$$\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} \cong \bigoplus_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}' \mid |\boldsymbol{\gamma}_1| + \cdots + |\boldsymbol{\gamma}_r| = k} \bigoplus N_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_r, \boldsymbol{\lambda}'}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} N_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_r, \boldsymbol{\mu}'}^{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}', \boldsymbol{\mu}'},$$

where r is the number of (infinite) blocks in \mathfrak{k} (see (3.4)).

Example 21. Consider an injective hull of the adjoint representation of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ in the case that \mathfrak{k} has k (infinite) blocks. Then $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ each consist of one box, and $\text{soc } \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} = \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ and $\overline{\text{soc}}^1 \mathbf{V}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} = \mathbb{C}^k$, the trivial representation of dimension k . The self-similarity effect mentioned in the introduction amounts here to the increase of the dimension of $\overline{\text{soc}}^1$ by 1 when the number of blocks of \mathfrak{k} increases by 1.

Remark 22. Let's observe that the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}$ is another example of an ordered tensor category as defined in [CP1]. Indeed, the set I in the notation of [CP1] can be chosen as the set of pairs of Young diagrams $(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$, and then the object X_i for $i = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$ equals $\mathbf{I}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}$.

4. $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -MODULES ARISING FROM CATEGORY \mathcal{O} FOR $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$

For the remainder of this paper, we let $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{k}_2$ be the commutator subalgebra of the Lie algebra preserving a fixed decomposition $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 \oplus \mathbf{V}_2$ such that both \mathfrak{k}_1 and \mathfrak{k}_2 are isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ ($r = 2$ in (3.4)).

4.1. **Category \mathcal{O} for the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$.** Let $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ denote the category of \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded modules over $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ which when restricted to $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{\bar{0}}$, belong to the BGG category $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{\bar{0}}}$ [M, Section 8.2.3]. This category depends only on a choice of simple roots for the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{\bar{0}}$, and not for all of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. We denote by $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ the Serre subcategory of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ consisting of modules with integral weights. Any simple object in $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is isomorphic to $L(\lambda)$ (the unique simple quotient of the Verma module $M(\lambda)$) for some $\lambda \in \Phi$, where Φ denotes the set of integral weights. Any object in the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ has finite length.

We denote by $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ the Serre subcategory of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ consisting of finite-dimensional modules. Let $\Pi : \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ be the parity reversing functor. We define the *reduced Grothendieck group* $K_{m|n}$ (respectively, $J_{m|n}$) to be the quotient of the Grothendieck group of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ (respectively, $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$) by the relation $[\Pi M] = -[M]$. The elements $[L(\lambda)]$ with $\lambda \in \Phi$ (respectively, $\lambda \in \Phi^+$) form a basis for $K_{m|n}$ (respectively, $J_{m|n}$).

We introduce an action of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ on $\mathbf{K}_{m|n} := K_{m|n} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ following Brundan [B]. Our starting point is to define the translation functors E_i and F_i on the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. Consider the invariant form $\text{str}(XY)$ on $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ and let X_j, Y_j be a pair of \mathbb{Z}_2 -homogeneous dual bases of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ with respect to this form. Then for two $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules V and W we define the operator

$$\Omega : V \otimes W \rightarrow V \otimes W,$$

$$\Omega(v \otimes w) := \sum_j (-1)^{p(X_j)(p(v)+1)} X_j v \otimes Y_j w,$$

where $p(X_j)$ denotes the parity of the \mathbb{Z}_2 -homogeneous element X_j . It is easy to check that $\Omega \in \text{End}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(V \otimes W)$. Let U and U^* denote the natural and conatural $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules. For every $M \in \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ we let $E_i(M)$ (respectively, $F_i(M)$) be the generalized eigenspace of Ω in $M \otimes U^*$ (respectively, $M \otimes U$) with eigenvalue i . Then, as it follows from [BLW], the functor $\cdot \otimes U^*$ (respectively, $\cdot \otimes U$) decomposes into the direct sum of functors $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} E_i(\cdot)$ (respectively, $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} F_i(\cdot)$). Moreover, the functors E_i and F_i are mutually adjoint functors on $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. We will denote by e_i and f_i the linear operators which the functors E_i and F_i induce on $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$.

If we identify e_i and f_i with the Chevalley generators $E_{i,i+1}$ and $F_{i+1,i}$ of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$, then $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ inherits the natural structure of a $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module. This follows from [B, BLW]. Another proof can be obtained by using Theorem 3.11 of [CS] and (4.2) below. Weight spaces with respect to the diagonal subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ correspond to the complexified reduced Grothendieck groups of the blocks of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$.

Let $\mathbf{J}_{m|n} := J_{m|n} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$, and let $\mathbf{T}_{m|n} \subset \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ denote the subspace generated by the classes $[M(\lambda)]$ of all Verma modules $M(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in \Phi$. Let furthermore $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{m|n} \subset \mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ denote the subspace generated by the classes $[K(\lambda)]$ of all Kac modules $K(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in \Phi^+$ (for the definition of a Kac module see for example [B]). Then $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ is an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -submodule isomorphic to $\mathbf{V}^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes n}$ and $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{m|n}$ is a submodule of $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ isomorphic to $\Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$ [B]. To see this, let $\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{w_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be the standard dual bases in \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{V}_* (i.e. \mathfrak{h} -eigenbases in \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{V}_*), and let $\bar{\lambda} := \lambda + (m-1, \dots, 1, 0|0, -1, \dots, 1-n)$,

$$m_{\lambda} := v_{\bar{\lambda}_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{\bar{\lambda}_m} \otimes v_{-\bar{\lambda}_{m+1}}^* \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{-\bar{\lambda}_{m+n}}^*.$$

The map $[M(\lambda)] \mapsto m_\lambda$ establishes an isomorphism $\mathbf{T}_{m|n} \cong \mathbf{V}^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes n}$, and restricts to an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{m|n} &\cong \Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_* \\ [K(\lambda)] &\mapsto k_\lambda := v_{\bar{\lambda}_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{\bar{\lambda}_m} \otimes v_{-\bar{\lambda}_{m+1}}^* \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{-\bar{\lambda}_{m+n}}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 23. *The $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ satisfies the large annihilator condition as a module over \mathfrak{k}_1 and \mathfrak{k}_2 , that is, $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}) = \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$.*

Proof. Note that an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module \mathbf{M} satisfies the large annihilator condition over \mathfrak{k}_1 and \mathfrak{k}_2 if and only if for each $x \in \mathbf{M}$, we have $e_i x = f_i x = 0$ for all but finitely many $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Indeed, if $e_i x = f_i x = 0$ for all but finitely many $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, then the subalgebra generated by the e_i, f_i that annihilate x contains the commutator subalgebra of the centralizer of a finite-dimensional subalgebra. The other direction is also clear.

Since the classes of simple $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules $[L(\lambda)]$ form a basis of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$, we just need to show that for each $L(\lambda)$ we have $E_i(L(\lambda)) = F_i(L(\lambda)) = 0$ for almost all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. However, since $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ satisfies the large annihilator condition, we know that the analogous statement is true for $M(\lambda)$. Therefore, since $L(\lambda)$ is a quotient of $M(\lambda)$, the exactness of the functors E_i and F_i implies the desired statement for $L(\lambda)$. \square

If we consider the Cartan involution σ of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$, $\sigma(e_i) = -f_i$, $\sigma(f_i) = -e_i$, we obtain

$$(4.1) \quad \langle gx, y \rangle = -\langle x, \sigma(g)y \rangle$$

for all $g \in \mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$. If \mathbf{X} is a $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module, we denote by \mathbf{X}^\vee the twist of the algebraic dual \mathbf{X}^* by σ . Note that $(\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu})^\vee = \mathbf{V}^{\mu, \lambda}$. Hence, if \mathbf{X} is a semisimple object of finite length in $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$, then \mathbf{X}^\vee is an injective hull of \mathbf{X} in $\widetilde{Tens}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

Let $\mathcal{P}_{m|n}$ denote the semisimple subcategory of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ which consists of projective $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules, and let $P_{m|n}$ denote the reduced Grothendieck group of $\mathcal{P}_{m|n}$. The $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module $\mathbf{P}_{m,n} := P_{m|n} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ is the socle of $\mathbf{T}_{m,n}$ [CS, Theorem 3.11]. Note that for any projective module $P \in \mathcal{P}_{m|n}$ the functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(P, \cdot)$ on $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is exact, and for any module $M \in \mathcal{F}_{m|n}$ the functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(\cdot, M)$ on $\mathcal{P}_{m|n}$ is exact. Moreover, we have the dual bases in $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ given by the classes of irreducible modules and indecomposable projective modules, respectively.

Consider the pairing $\mathbf{K}_{m|n} \times \mathbf{P}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$\langle [M], [P] \rangle := \dim \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(P, M).$$

Since the functors E_i and F_i are adjoint, we have

$$\langle e_i x, y \rangle = \langle x, f_i y \rangle$$

and

$$\langle f_i x, y \rangle = \langle x, e_i y \rangle,$$

for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x \in \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$, $y \in \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$. Thus, there is an embedding of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules

$$(4.2) \quad \Psi : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee$$

given by $[M] \mapsto \langle [M], \cdot \rangle$.

Theorem 24. *The $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is an injective hull in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$ of the semisimple module $\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$. Furthermore, there is an isomorphism*

$$\mathbf{K}_{m|n} \cong \bigoplus_{|\lambda|=m, |\mu|=n} \mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu} \otimes (Y_\lambda \otimes Y_\mu)$$

where Y_λ, Y_μ are irreducible modules over S_m and S_n respectively, and $\mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu}$ is an injective hull of the simple module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$. Consequently, the layers of the socle filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ are given by

$$\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \cong \bigoplus_{|\lambda|=m, |\mu|=n} (\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu})^{\oplus (\dim Y_\lambda \dim Y_\mu)}$$

where

$$\overline{\text{soc}}^k \mathbf{I}^{\lambda, \mu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda', \mu'} \bigoplus_{|\gamma_1| + |\gamma_2| = k} N_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \lambda'}^\lambda N_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \mu'}^\mu \mathbf{V}^{\lambda', \mu'}.$$

Proof. The module $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$ is an injective hull of the semisimple module $\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}$, so it suffices to show that the image of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ under the embedding (4.2) equals $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$. The fact that $\Psi(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}) \subset \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$ follows from Lemma 23. Herein, we will identify $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ with its image $\Psi(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}) = \text{span}\{\langle l_\lambda, \cdot \rangle \mid \lambda \in \Phi\}$, where $l_\lambda := [L(\lambda)]$.

Now $\text{soc}(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)) = \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$, since $\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ is semisimple, and $\text{soc} \mathbf{T}_{m|n} = \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ by [CS, Theorem 3.11]. Therefore, since $\mathbf{T}_{m|n} \subset \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \subset \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$, we have $\text{soc} \mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$.

We will show that $\mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$. To accomplish this, we use the existence of the dual bases $p_\lambda := [P(\lambda)] \in \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ and $l_\lambda \in \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$, where $L(\lambda)$ denotes the irreducible $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -module with highest weight $\lambda \in \Phi$ and $P(\lambda)$ is a projective cover of $L(\lambda)$.

Fix $\omega \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$. To prove that $\omega \in \mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \text{span}\{\langle l_\lambda, \cdot \rangle \mid \lambda \in \Phi\}$, it suffices to show that $\omega(p_\lambda) = 0$ for almost all $\lambda \in \Phi$. For each $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $q < r$, we let $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r} := \mathfrak{g}_q^- \oplus \mathfrak{g}_r^+$, where \mathfrak{g}_q^- is the subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} generated by e_i, f_i for $i < q$ and \mathfrak{g}_r^+ is the subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} generated by e_i, f_i for $i > r$. By the annihilator condition, ω is $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -invariant for suitable q and r . Fix such q and r . Then since ω is $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -invariant, it suffices to show that $p_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}_{q,r} \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ for almost all $\lambda \in \Phi$.

If $p_\lambda \in \mathbf{P}_{m|n} \cap (\mathfrak{g}_{q,r} \mathbf{T}_{m|n})$, then $p_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}_{q,r} \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$. Indeed, for any $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -module \mathbf{M} we have

$$\mathfrak{g}_{q,r} \mathbf{M} = \bigcap_{\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}}(\mathbf{M}, \mathbb{C})} \ker \varphi.$$

Now any $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -module homomorphism $\varphi : \mathbf{P}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ lifts to a $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -module homomorphism $\varphi : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, since the trivial module \mathbb{C} is injective in the full subcategory of $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -mod consisting of integrable finite-length $\mathfrak{g}_{q,r}$ -modules satisfying the large annihilator condition [DPS]. Hence, the claim follows.

For each $\lambda \in \Phi$ we define $\text{supp}(\bar{\lambda})$ to be the multiset $\{\bar{\lambda}_1, \dots, \bar{\lambda}_m, -\bar{\lambda}_{m+1}, \dots, -\bar{\lambda}_{m+n}\}$, where

$$\bar{\lambda} := \lambda + (m-1, \dots, 1, 0|0, -1, \dots, 1-n).$$

The set of $\lambda \in \Phi$ such that $\text{supp}(\bar{\lambda}) \cap (\mathbb{Z}_{<(q-m-n)} \cup \mathbb{Z}_{>(r+m+n)}) = \emptyset$ is finite. Hence, to finish the proof of the theorem, it suffices to show the following.

Lemma 25. *If $\text{supp}(\bar{\lambda}) \cap \mathbb{Z}_{<(q-m-n)} \neq \emptyset$, then $p_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}_q^- \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. Similarly, if $\text{supp}(\bar{\lambda}) \cap \mathbb{Z}_{>(r+m+n)} \neq \emptyset$, then $p_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}_r^+ \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$.*

Proof. We will prove the first statement; the proof of the second statement is similar. We can write $p_\lambda = \sum_\nu c_\nu m_\nu$, where each $c_\nu \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m_\nu = [M(\nu)]$ is the class of the Verma module $M(\nu)$ over $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ of highest weight $\nu \in \Phi$.

We claim that $\text{supp}(\bar{\nu}) \cap \mathbb{Z}_{<q} \neq \emptyset$ for every m_ν which occurs in the decomposition of p_λ . Indeed, recall that $P(\lambda)$ is a direct summand in the induced module $\text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} P^0(\lambda)$, where $P^0(\lambda)$ is a projective cover of the simple $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$ -module with highest weight λ . Now

$$(4.3) \quad [P^0(\lambda)] = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} b_{w \cdot \lambda} [M^0(w \cdot \lambda)],$$

where $M^0(\mu)$ denotes the Verma module over $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$ with highest weight μ , \mathcal{W} denotes the Weyl group of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$ and $w \cdot \lambda$ denotes the ρ_0 -shifted action of \mathcal{W} . The isomorphism of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules

$$M(\mu) \cong \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0 \oplus \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_1}^{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} M^0(\mu)$$

implies that

$$\text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} M^0(\mu) \cong \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0 \oplus \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_1}^{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} (M^0(\mu) \otimes U(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_1)).$$

Therefore, $\text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} M^0(\mu)$ admits a filtration by Verma modules $M(\mu + \gamma)$ where γ runs over the set of weights of $U(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_1)$. Since $\text{supp}(\gamma) \subset \{-m - n, \dots, m + n\}$ for every γ , we have

$$|(\overline{\mu + \gamma})_i - \bar{\mu}_i| \leq m + n.$$

Combining this with (4.3) we obtain that for each $i \leq m + n$, $|\bar{\nu}_i - \bar{\lambda}_{w(i)}| < m + n$, for some $w \in \mathcal{W}$. The claim follows.

Following the notations of Lemma 47 from the appendix, we set

$$\mathbf{W}_1 = \text{span}\{v_i, |i < q\}, \quad \mathbf{W}_2 = \text{span}\{v_j, |j \geq q\}.$$

Then $\mathfrak{g}_q^- = \mathfrak{sl}(\mathbf{W}_1) = \mathfrak{s}$. By above, every m_ν occurring in the decomposition of p_λ is contained in $\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}$. Hence $p_\lambda \in \mathbf{Y}_{m|n}$. Since we also have $p_\lambda \in \text{soc } \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$, Lemma 47 implies that $p_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}_q^- \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. \square

Hence, $\mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}^\vee)$, and the description of the socle filtration now follows from Theorem 20. \square

4.2. The symmetric group action on $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$. Recall that we have a natural action of the product of symmetric groups $S_m \times S_n$ on $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$, which commutes with the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module structure on $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. Moreover, it follows from [DPS, Sect. 6] that

$$(4.4) \quad \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{T}_{m|n}) = \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}) = \mathbb{C}[S_m \times S_n].$$

A similar result is true for $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$:

Proposition 26.

$$\text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}) = \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}) = \mathbb{C}[S_m \times S_n].$$

Proof. Recall that $\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$ is the socle of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ by Theorem 24. Every $\varphi \in \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{K}_{m|n})$ maps the socle to the socle, hence we have a homomorphism

$$(4.5) \quad \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}).$$

Let $\mathbf{K}'_{m|n} = \mathbf{K}_{m|n}/\mathbf{P}_{m|n}$. By Theorem 20, for every simple module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}$ we have

$$[\mathbf{K}'_{m|n} : \mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}][\mathbf{P}_{m|n} : \mathbf{V}^{\lambda,\mu}] = 0.$$

Therefore, every $\varphi \in \text{End}_{\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)}(\mathbf{K}_{m|n})$ such that $\varphi(\mathbf{P}_{m|n}) = 0$ is identically zero, since for such φ the socle of $\text{im } \varphi$ is zero. In other words, homomorphism (4.5) is injective. The surjectivity follows from the fact that every $\varphi : \mathbf{P}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_{m|n} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ extends to $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ by the injectivity of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$. \square

4.3. The Zuckerman functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}$ and the category $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. Let us recall the definition of the derived Zuckerman functor. A systematic treatment of the Zuckerman functor for Lie superalgebras can be found in [S]. Assume that M is a finitely generated $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -module which is semisimple over the Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. Let $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(M)$ denote the subspace of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$ -finite vectors. Then $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}(M)$ is a finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -module, and hence $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}$ is a left exact functor from the category of finitely generated $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules, semisimple over the Cartan subalgebra, to the category $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}$ of finite-dimensional modules. The corresponding right derived functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i$ is called the *i-th derived Zuckerman functor*. Note that $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i(X) = 0$ for $i > \dim \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0 - (m+n)$. We are interested in the restriction of this functor

$$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i : \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

Let us consider the linear operator $\gamma : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ given by

$$\gamma([M]) = \sum_i (-1)^i [\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i M].$$

This operator is well defined as for any short exact sequence of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0,$$

we have the Euler characteristic identity

$$\gamma([M]) = \gamma([N]) + \gamma([L]).$$

It is well known that $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i$ commutes with the functors $\cdot \otimes U$ and $\cdot \otimes U^*$, and with the projection to the block $(\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}})_{\chi}$ with a fixed central character χ . Therefore, γ is a homomorphism of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules.

Proposition 27. *The homomorphism γ is given by the formula*

$$(4.6) \quad \gamma = \sum_{s \in S_m \times S_n} \text{sgn}(s)s,$$

where the action of s on $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is defined in Proposition 26.

Proof. By Proposition 26, it suffices to check the equality (4.6) on vectors in $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$, which amounts to checking that for all Verma modules $M(\lambda)$

$$(4.7) \quad \gamma([M(\lambda)]) = \sum_{s \in S_m \times S_n} \text{sgn}(s)[M(s \cdot \lambda)],$$

where $s \cdot \lambda = s(\lambda + \rho) - \rho$ and $\rho = (m-1, \dots, 0|0, -1, \dots, 1-n)$.

Consider the functor Res_0 of restriction to $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$. This is an exact functor from the category of finitely generated $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules, semisimple over the Cartan subalgebra, to the similar category of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$ -modules. It is clear from the definition of $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i$ that

$$(4.8) \quad \text{Res}_0 \Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^i = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^i \text{Res}_0.$$

Recall that every Verma module $M(\lambda)$ over $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ has a finite filtration with successive quotients isomorphic to Verma modules $M^0(\mu)$ over $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$. Hence by (4.8) it suffices to check the analogue of (4.7) for even Verma modules:

$$(4.9) \quad \gamma^0([M^0(\lambda)]) = \sum_{s \in S_m \times S_n} \text{sgn}(s)[M^0(s \cdot \lambda)],$$

where γ^0 is the obvious analogue of γ . To prove (4.9) we observe that $[M^0(\lambda)] = [M^0(\lambda)^\vee]$ where X^\vee stands for the contragredient dual of X .

It is easy to compute $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^i M^0(\lambda)^\vee$. Let \mathfrak{t} denote the Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$, and let \mathfrak{n}_0^+ , \mathfrak{n}_0^- be the maximal nilpotent ideals of the Borel and opposite Borel subalgebras of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0$, respectively. From the definition of the derived Zuckerman functor, the following holds for any $\mu \in \Phi^+$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}(L^0(\mu), \Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^i M) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(L^0(\mu), M),$$

where the extension is taken in the category of modules semisimple over \mathfrak{t} . If $M = M^0(\lambda)^\vee$, then M is cofree over $U(\mathfrak{n}_0^+)$ and therefore

$$\text{Ext}^i(L^0(\mu), M^0(\lambda)^\vee) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{t}}(H_i(\mathfrak{n}_0^-, L^0(\mu)), \mathbb{C}_\lambda).$$

Now we apply Kostant's theorem to conclude that

$$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^i M^0(\lambda)^\vee = \begin{cases} L^0(\mu) & \text{if } \mu = s \cdot \lambda \text{ for } s \in S_m \times S_n, l(s) = i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here μ is the only dominant weight in $(S_m \times S_n) \cdot \lambda$ and hence s is unique. Moreover, if $\lambda + \rho$ is a singular weight then $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_0}^i M^0(\lambda)^\vee = 0$ for all i . Combining this with the Weyl character formula

$$[L^0(\mu)] = \sum_{s \in S_m \times S_n} \text{sgn}(s)[M^0(s \cdot \mu)]$$

we obtain (4.9), and hence the proposition. \square

Corollary 28. *We have $\mathbf{J}_{m|n} = \gamma(\mathbf{K}_{m|n})$ and $\mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \oplus \ker \gamma$. In particular, $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ is an injective hull of $\mathbf{A}_{m|n} \cong \Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$.*

Recall that $\mathbf{A}_{m|n} \subset \mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ denotes the subspace generated by the classes of all Kac modules. Let $\mathcal{Q}_{m|n}$ denote the additive subcategory of $\mathcal{F}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ which consists of projective finite-dimensional $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules, and let $Q_{m|n}$ denote the reduced Grothendieck group of $\mathcal{Q}_{m|n}$. It was proven in [CS, Theorem 3.11] that $\mathbf{Q}_{m|n} := Q_{m|n} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ is the socle of the module $\mathbf{A}_{m|n}$, implying that $\mathbf{Q}_{m|n} \cong \mathbf{V}^{(m)^\perp, (n)^\perp}$, where \perp indicates the conjugate partition. Corollary 28 implies the following.

Corollary 29. *$\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ is an injective hull of $\mathbf{Q}_{m|n}$, and the socle filtration of $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ is*

$$\overline{\text{soc}}^i \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \cong \left(\mathbf{V}^{(m-i)^\perp, (n-i)^\perp} \right)^{\oplus (i+1)}.$$

4.4. The Duflo–Serganova functor and the tensor filtration. In this section, we discuss the relationship between the Duflo–Serganova functor and submodules of the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ and $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$.

Let $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{a}_{\bar{1}}$ be a finite-dimensional contragredient Lie superalgebra. For any odd element $x \in \mathfrak{a}_{\bar{1}}$ which satisfies $[x, x] = 0$, the *Duflo–Serganova functor* DS_x is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} DS_x : \mathfrak{a}\text{-mod} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{a}_x\text{-mod} \\ M &\mapsto \ker_M x / xM, \end{aligned}$$

where $\ker_M x / xM$ is a module over the Lie superalgebra $\mathfrak{a}_x := \mathfrak{a}^x / [x, \mathfrak{a}]$ (here \mathfrak{a}^x denotes the centralizer of x in \mathfrak{a}) [DS]. In what follows we set

$$M_x := DS_x(M).$$

The Duflo–Serganova functor DS_x is a symmetric monoidal functor, [DS], see also Proposition 5 in [Ser].

It is known that the functor DS is not exact, nevertheless it induces a homomorphism ds_x between the reduced Grothendieck groups of the categories $\mathfrak{a}\text{-mod}$ and $\mathfrak{a}_x\text{-mod}$ defined by $ds_x([M]) = [M_x]$. (Recall that "reduced" indicates passage to the quotient by the relation $[\Pi M] = -[M]$, where Π is the parity reversing functor.) This follows from the following statement, see Section 1.1 in [GS].

Lemma 30. *For every exact sequence of \mathfrak{a} -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\psi} M_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

there exists an exact sequence of \mathfrak{a}_x -modules

$$0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow DS_x(M_1) \xrightarrow{DS_x(\psi)} DS_x(M_2) \xrightarrow{DS_x(\varphi)} DS_x(M_3) \rightarrow \Pi E \rightarrow 0,$$

for an appropriate \mathfrak{a}_x -module E .

Proof. Set $E := \text{Ker}(DS_x(\psi))$, $E' := \text{Coker}(DS_x(\varphi))$, and consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow DS_x(M_1) \rightarrow DS_x(M_2) \rightarrow DS_x(M_3) \rightarrow E' \rightarrow 0.$$

The odd morphism $\psi^{-1}x\varphi^{-1} : DS_x(M_3) \rightarrow DS_x(M_1)$ induces an isomorphism $E' \rightarrow \Pi E$. \square

In [HR] the existence of the homomorphism ds_x was proven for finite-dimensional modules.

Remark 31. If $0 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_k \rightarrow 0$ is a complex of \mathfrak{a} -modules with odd differentials, the Euler characteristic of this complex is defined as the element $\sum_{i=1}^k [C_i]$ in the reduced Grothendieck group. If H_i denotes the i -th cohomology group, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k [C_i] = \sum_{i=1}^k [H_i].$$

The absence of the usual sign follows from the relation $[\Pi M] = -[M]$ and the fact that the differentials are odd. For example, for an acyclic complex $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow \Pi X \rightarrow 0$ the Euler characteristic is zero.

Let $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ and suppose $\text{rank } x = k$. Then $\mathfrak{a}_x \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m-k|n-k)$. Let $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\text{ind}}$ be the category whose objects are direct limits of objects in $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$. Then by Lemma 5.2 in [CS] the restriction of DS_x to $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ is a well-defined functor

$$DS_x : \mathcal{O}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}^{\text{ind}}.$$

Lemma 32. *The functor $DS_x : \mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}^{\mathbb{Z}})^{\text{ind}}$ commutes with translation functors.*

Proof. Recall that U is the natural $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -module. Since DS is a monoidal functor, we have a canonical isomorphism

$$(M \otimes U)_x \simeq M_x \otimes U_x.$$

Moreover, a direct computation shows that U_x is isomorphic to the natural $\mathfrak{gl}(m-k|n-k)$ -module. We will use these observations to show that there is a canonical isomorphism

$$(4.10) \quad E_i(M_x) \simeq (E_i(M))_x.$$

Recall the notations of Section 3.1. Define the homomorphism of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -modules

$$\omega_{m|n} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(m|n) \otimes \mathfrak{gl}(m|n), \quad 1 \mapsto \sum (-1)^{p(X_j)} X_j \otimes Y_j.$$

We have $DS_x(\omega_{m|n}) = \omega_{m-k|n-k}$. Consider the composition

$$\Omega : M \otimes U \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \omega_{m|n} \otimes 1} M \otimes \mathfrak{gl}(m|n) \otimes \mathfrak{gl}(m|n) \otimes U \xrightarrow{r_M \otimes l_U} M \otimes U,$$

where $r_M : M \otimes \mathfrak{gl}(m|n) \rightarrow M$ is the morphism of right action, and $l_U : \mathfrak{gl}(m|n) \otimes U \rightarrow U$ is the morphism of left action. The morphism $DS_x(\Omega) : M_x \otimes U_x \rightarrow M_x \otimes U_x$ is defined in a similar manner in the category of $\mathfrak{gl}(m-k|n-k)$ -modules. Recall that

$$E_i(M) = \{v \in M \otimes U \mid (\Omega - i)^N v = 0 \text{ for some } N > 0\};$$

similarly

$$E_i(M_x) = \{v \in M_x \otimes U_x \mid (DS_x(\Omega) - i)^N v = 0 \text{ for some } N > 0\}.$$

This implies the existence of the isomorphism (4.10) as desired.

The proof for F_i is similar. □

We are going to strengthen the result of [CS] by proving the following proposition.

Proposition 33. *The restriction of DS_x to $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ is a well-defined functor*

$$DS_x : \mathcal{O}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}.$$

To prove the proposition we first consider the case when $k = 1$.

Lemma 34. *If $k = 1$, then the restriction of DS_x to $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ is a well-defined functor*

$$DS_x : \mathcal{O}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m-1|n-1}.$$

Proof. By Theorem 5.1 in [CS] we may assume without loss of generality that x is a generator of the root space $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_\alpha$ for some $\alpha = \pm(\varepsilon_i - \delta_j)$. Moreover, we can choose a Borel subalgebra $\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ so that α is a simple root. Let M be an object in the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ and M^μ denote the weight space of weight μ . The set of all weights of M is denoted by $\text{supp } M$. Let $x_\mu : M^\mu \rightarrow M^{\mu+\alpha}$ be the restriction of x as an operator on M . Then

$$M_x = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \text{supp } M} M_x^\mu \quad \text{where} \quad M_x^\mu = \ker x_\mu / x_{\mu-\alpha}(M^{\mu-\alpha}).$$

Let us first check that all weight multiplicities of M_x are finite with respect to the Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}_x := \ker \varepsilon_i \cap \ker \delta_j$ of \mathfrak{g}_x . We have to show that for any $\nu \in \mathfrak{h}_x^*$

$$(4.11) \quad \sum_{\mu \in \text{supp } M, \mu|_{\mathfrak{h}_x} = \nu} \dim M_x^\mu < \infty.$$

Note that $\dim M_x^\mu \neq 0$ implies $(\mu, \alpha) = 0$, by $\mathfrak{sl}(1|1)$ -representation theory. If $(\mu', \alpha') = 0$ and $\mu|_{\mathfrak{h}_x} = \mu'|_{\mathfrak{h}_x}$, then $\mu - \mu' \in \mathbb{C}\alpha$. Denote by Δ_s the set of simple roots of \mathfrak{b} . Since M is an object of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$, M has a finite filtration by highest weight modules. Therefore it suffices to consider the case when M is a highest weight module. Let λ be the highest weight of M . Then every $\mu \in \text{supp } M$ has the form $\lambda - \sum_{\beta \in \Delta_s} k_\beta \beta$ for some $k_\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ satisfying $k_\alpha \leq 1 + \sum_{\beta \in \Delta_s \setminus \alpha} k_\beta$. Therefore, for any $\mu \in \text{supp } M$ the set $(\mu + \mathbb{C}\alpha) \cap \text{supp } M$ is finite. Hence, for any $\nu \in \mathfrak{h}_x^*$ the set of $\mu \in \text{supp } M$ such that $\mu|_{\mathfrak{h}_x} = \nu$ and $(\mu, \alpha) = 0$ is finite. Since all weight spaces of M are finite dimensional, this implies (4.11).

To finish the proof we observe that Lemma 32 implies $E_i(M_x) = F_i(M_x) = 0$ for almost all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Now for each $i \in \text{supp}(\bar{\lambda})$, at least one of the $E_i, E_{i+1}, F_i, F_{i+1}$ does not annihilate $L_{\mathfrak{g}_x}(\lambda)$. Together this implies that the set S_M of all weights λ satisfying $[M_x : L_{\mathfrak{g}_x}(\lambda)] \neq 0$ is a finite set. On the other hand, since M_x has finite weight multiplicities, every simple constituent occurs in M_x with finite multiplicity. Hence M_x has finite length. \square

Proof. Now we prove Proposition 33 by induction on $\text{rank}(x) = k$. By Theorem 5.1 in [CS], x is B_0 -conjugate to $x_1 + \cdots + x_k$, where $x_i \in \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{\alpha_i}$ for some linearly independent set of mutually orthogonal odd roots β_1, \dots, β_k . So without loss of generality we may suppose that $x = x_1 + \cdots + x_k$. Let $y = x_1 + \cdots + x_{k-1}$. Choose $h_y \in \mathfrak{h}_{x_k}$ and $h_{x_k} \in \mathfrak{h}_y$ such that $\alpha(h_y), \alpha(h_{x_k}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all roots α of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$, $[h_y, y] = y$ and $[h_{x_k}, x_k] = x_k$. Assume that $M \in \mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ and $\text{supp } M \in \lambda + Q$, where Q is the root lattice. Then $\text{ad } h_y - \lambda(h_y)$ and $\text{ad } h_{x_k} - \lambda(h_{x_k})$ define a $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ -grading on M and the differentials y and x_k form a bicomplex. Moreover, M_x is nothing but the cohomology $\bigoplus_r H^r(y + x_k, M)$ of the total complex.

Consider the second term

$$E_2^{p,q}(M) = H^p(x_k, H^q(y, M))$$

of the spectral sequence of this bicomplex. By the induction assumption $M_y \in \mathcal{O}_{m-k+1|n-k+1}$, and in particular, $H^q(y, M) \neq 0$ for finitely many q . The induction assumption implies that $H^p(x_k, H^q(y, M)) \in \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}$ does not vanish for finitely many p . This yields $\bigoplus_{p,q} E_2^{p,q}(M) \in \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}$. Since $\bigoplus_r H^r(y + x_k, M)$ is a subquotient of $\bigoplus_{p,q} E_2^{p,q}(M)$, we obtain

$$M_x = \bigoplus_r H^r(y + x_k, M) \in \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}.$$

\square

Next note that the restriction of DS_x to $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is a well-defined functor

$$\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

Since DS_x is a well-defined functor from $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{m-k|n-k}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ we see that $ds_x : K_{m|n} \rightarrow K_{m-k|n-k}$ is a well-defined group homomorphism.

Lemma 35. *If $x = x_1 + \cdots + x_k$ with commuting x_1, \dots, x_k of rank 1, then on $K_{m|n}$ we have the identity*

$$ds_x = ds_{x_k} \circ \cdots \circ ds_{x_1}.$$

Proof. We retain the notation of the proof of Proposition 33. Clearly, it suffices to check that

$$ds_x = ds_{x_k} \circ ds_y,$$

where $y = x_1 + \cdots + x_{k-1}$. The Euler characteristic of the E_s -terms of the spectral sequence from the proof of Proposition 33 remains unchanged for $s \geq 2$:

$$\left[\bigoplus_{p,q} E_2^{p,q}(M) \right] = \left[\bigoplus_{p,q} E_s^{p,q}(M) \right].$$

As the spectral sequence converges to $[M_x]$, we obtain

$$ds_{x_k} \circ ds_y([M]) = \left[\bigoplus_{p,q} E_2^{p,q}(M) \right] = [M_x] = ds_x([M]).$$

□

For the category of finite-dimensional modules the above statement is proven in [HR].

Proposition 36. *The complexification $ds_x : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}_{m-k|n-k}$ is a homomorphism of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules, as is its restriction $ds_x : \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m-k|n-k}$ to the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -submodule $\mathbf{J}_{m|n} := J_{m|n} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$.*

Proof. This follows from the fact that the Duflo–Serganova functor commutes with translation functors, see Lemma 32. □

Remark 37. Note that in [HR] the ring $J_{m|n}$ is denoted by \mathcal{J}_G where $G = GL(m|n)$.

Let $X_{\mathfrak{a}} = \{x \in \mathfrak{a}_{\bar{1}} : [x, x] = 0\}$, and let

$$(4.12) \quad \mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{a}} = \{B \subset \Delta_{iso} \mid B = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k \mid (\beta_i, \beta_j) = 0, \beta_i \neq \pm\beta_j\}\}$$

be the set of subsets of linearly independent mutually orthogonal isotropic roots of \mathfrak{a} . Then the orbits of the action of the adjoint group $G_{\bar{0}}$ of $\mathfrak{a}_{\bar{0}}$ on $X_{\mathfrak{a}}$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the orbits of the Weyl group \mathcal{W} of $\mathfrak{a}_{\bar{0}}$ on $\mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{a}}$ via the correspondence

$$(4.13) \quad B = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \mapsto x = x_{\beta_1} + \cdots + x_{\beta_k} \in X_{\mathfrak{a}},$$

where each $x_{\beta_i} \in \mathfrak{a}_{\beta_i}$ is chosen to be nonzero [DS, Theorem 4.2].

Lemma 38. *Let $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. Fix $x \in X_{\mathfrak{a}}$ and set $k = |B_x|$, where $B_x \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{a}}$ corresponds to x . The homomorphism $ds_x : J_{m|n} \rightarrow J_{m-k|n-k}$ depends only k , and not on x .*

Proof. This follows from the description of ds_x given in [HR, Theorem 10], using the fact that supercharacters of finite-dimensional modules are invariant under the Weyl group $\mathcal{W} = S_m \times S_n$ of $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$. If $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ with $|B_1| = |B_2|$ then there exists $w \in \mathcal{W}$ satisfying: $\pm\beta \in w(B_1)$ if and only if $\pm\beta \in B_2$. So if $f \in J_{m|n}$ we have that

$$ds_{x_1}(f) = f|_{\beta_1^1, \dots, \beta_k^1=0} = w(f)|_{w(\beta_1^1), \dots, w(\beta_k^1)=0} = w(f)|_{\beta_1^2, \dots, \beta_k^2=0} = f|_{\beta_1^2, \dots, \beta_k^2=0} = ds_{x_2}(f).$$

□

Note that Lemma 38 does not hold if we replace $J_{m|n}$ with $K_{m|n}$.

Remark 39. Since the homomorphism $ds_x : \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m-k|n-k}$ does not depend on x , we denote it by ds^k , where $|B_x| = k$, and we let $ds := ds^1$.

Now we introduce a filtration of an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module \mathbf{M} , whose layers are tensor modules.

Definition 40. The *tensor filtration* of an $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module \mathbf{M} is defined inductively by

$$\text{tens}^0 \mathbf{M} := \text{tens } \mathbf{M} := \Gamma_{\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}}(\mathbf{M}), \quad \text{tens}^i \mathbf{M} := p_i^{-1}(\text{tens}(\mathbf{M}/(\text{tens}^{i-1} \mathbf{M}))),$$

where $p_i : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}/(\text{tens}^{i-1} \mathbf{M})$ is the natural projection.

We also use the notation $\overline{\text{tens}}^i \mathbf{M} = \text{tens}^i \mathbf{M} / \text{tens}^{i-1} \mathbf{M}$.

Note that $\text{tens } \mathbf{M}$ is the maximal tensor submodule of \mathbf{M} .

Example 41. The socle of $\mathbf{J}_{1|1}$ is isomorphic to the adjoint module of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$, and $\overline{\text{soc}}^1 \mathbf{J}_{1|1} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}$. Note that this is a special case of Example 21 in the case that \mathfrak{k} has two infinite blocks.

Consider now the tensor filtration of $\mathbf{J}_{1|1}$. This filtration also has length 2, $\text{tens } \mathbf{J}_{1|1} = \mathbf{\Lambda}_{1|1} \cong \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*$ and $\overline{\text{tens}}^1 \mathbf{J}_{1|1} \cong \mathbb{C}$. The module $\mathbf{J}_{1|1}$ admits a nice matrix realization. Indeed, we can identify the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{1|1}$ with the matrix realization of $\mathfrak{gl}(\infty)$ (see Section 3.1), and then extend it by the diagonal matrix D which has entries $D_{ii} = 1$ for $i \geq 1$ and 0 elsewhere. The action of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ in this realization of $\mathbf{J}_{1|1}$ is the adjoint action.

Proposition 42. For each k , let $ds^k : \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m-k|n-k}$ be the homomorphism induced by the Duflo–Serganova functor (see Remark 39). Set $t := 1 + \min\{m, n\}$ and let $\mathbf{M}_k^t := \ker ds^k$. Consider the filtration of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules

$$\mathbf{M}_1^t \subset \mathbf{M}_2^t \subset \cdots \subset \mathbf{M}_t^t = \mathbf{J}_{m|n}.$$

Then $\mathbf{M}_1^t = \mathbf{\Lambda}_{m|n}$ and $\mathbf{M}_{k+1}^t / \mathbf{M}_k^t \cong \Lambda^{m-k} \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^{n-k} \mathbf{V}_*$. This filtration is the tensor filtration of $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$, that is, $\text{tens}^{k-1} \mathbf{J}_{m|n} = \ker ds^k$.

Proof. In the proof we let m and n vary. It follows from [HR, Theorems 17 and 20] that for every $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ the map $ds : \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m-1|n-1}$ is surjective and the kernel is spanned by the classes of Kac modules. So we have an exact sequence of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}_{m|n} \xrightarrow{ds} \mathbf{J}_{m-1|n-1} \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus, we obtain the following diagram of $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules for each $l = |m - n|$, in which the horizontal arrows represent the map ds .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_5^5 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4^4 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2^2 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1^1 \\ & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4^5 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3^4 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1^2 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \\ \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3^5 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2^4 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1^3 & \rightarrow & 0 & & \\ & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & & & \\ \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2^5 & \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1^4 & \rightarrow & 0 & & & & \\ & \cup & & \cup & & & & & & \\ \rightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1^5 & \rightarrow & 0 & & & & & & \end{array}$$

By induction we get $\mathbf{M}_{k+1}^t / \mathbf{M}_k^t \cong \mathbf{M}_1^{t-k} = \mathbf{\Lambda}_{m-k|n-k}$, and by [B], $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{m-k|n-k} \cong \Lambda^{m-k} \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^{n-k} \mathbf{V}_*$. Hence, the first claim follows.

For the second claim, suppose for sake of contradiction that for some k , the module $\mathbf{M}_{k+1}^t / \mathbf{M}_k^t$ is not the maximal tensor submodule of $\mathbf{J}_{m|n} / \mathbf{M}_k^t$. By projecting to $\mathbf{J}_{m-k|n-k}$, we obtain that \mathbf{M}_1^t is not the maximal tensor submodule of $\mathbf{J}_{m|n}$, for some m, n . Since

$\mathbf{M}_1^t = \Lambda_{m|n} \cong \Lambda^m \mathbf{V} \otimes \Lambda^n \mathbf{V}_*$ is injective in the category $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ [DPS], this implies that $\text{soc } \mathbf{J}_{m|n}$ is larger than $\text{soc } \mathbf{M}_1^t$, which is a contradiction since $\text{soc } \mathbf{J}_{m|n} = \text{soc } \Lambda_{m|n} = \mathbf{P}_{m|n}$. \square

In the rest of this subsection, we fix x to be a generator of the root space corresponding to $\delta_j - \varepsilon_i$. We denote by $ds_{ij} : \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}_{m-1|n-1}$ the $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -module homomorphism ds_x .

Proposition 43. *We have*

$$\bigcap_{i,j} \ker ds_{ij} = \mathbf{T}_{m|n}.$$

Proof. It follows from [HR] that $ds_{ij}[M] = 0$ if and only if $e^{\varepsilon_i} - e^{\delta_j}$ divides the supercharacter $\text{sch } M$ of M . Hence, $[M]$ lies in the intersection of kernels of all ds_{ij} if and only if $\prod_{i,j} (e^{\varepsilon_i} - e^{\delta_j})$ divides $\text{sch } M$. This means that $\text{sch } M$ is a linear combination of supercharacters induced from the parabolic subalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_1$. Therefore, $\text{sch } M$ is a linear combination of supercharacters of Verma modules. \square

Proposition 44. *We have $\text{tens } \mathbf{K}_{m|n} = \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. Moreover, $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ has an exhausting tensor filtration of length $\min(m, n) + 1$.*

Proof. Obviously $\text{tens } \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \supset \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. Assume that $\text{tens } \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \neq \mathbf{T}_{m|n}$. Then since $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ is injective in $\mathbb{T}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ the socle of $\text{tens } \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is larger than the socle of $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$, but this is a contradiction since $\text{soc } \mathbf{T}_{m|n} = \text{soc } \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$. The second claim can be proven by induction on $\min(m, n)$, since $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}/\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ is isomorphic to a submodule of $\mathbf{K}_{m-1|n-1}^{\oplus mn}$ via the map $\oplus_{i,j} ds_{ij}$. \square

4.5. Meaning of the socle filtration. Now we will define a filtration on the category $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. For a $\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ -module M , let

$$X_M = \{x \in X_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)} \mid DS_x(M) \neq 0\},$$

and let $X_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^k$ be the subset of all elements in $X_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}$ of rank less than or equal to k . We define $[\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]^k$ to be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ consisting of all modules M such that $X_M \subset X_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^k$. Note that $[\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]^k$ is not an abelian category. Furthermore, we define $[\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]_{-}^k$ to be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ consisting of all modules M such that

$$X_M \cap \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)_{-1} \subset X_{\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)}^k.$$

Let $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k$ denote the complexification of the subgroup in $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ generated by the classes of modules lying in $[\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]^k$, and let $(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k)_{-}$ be defined similarly for the category $[\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]_{-}^k$. Since both categories are invariant under the functors E_i and F_i , both $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k$ and $(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k)_{-}$ are $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -submodules of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$.

Conjecture 45. $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k = \text{soc}^{k+1} \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ and $(\mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k)_{-} = \text{tens}^{k+1} \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$.

Here we prove a weaker statement. Recall that $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ has block decomposition:

$$\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}} = \bigoplus (\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}})_{\chi},$$

where $(\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}})_{\chi}$ is the subcategory of modules admitting generalized central character χ . The complexified reduced Grothendieck group of $(\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}})_{\chi}$ coincides with the weight subspace $(\mathbf{K}_{m|n})_{\chi}$. The degree of atypicality of χ is defined in [DS]. In [CS] it is proven that $(\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}})_{\chi} \subset [\mathcal{O}_{m|n}^{\mathbb{Z}}]^k$ if the degree of atypicality of χ is not greater than k . Note that the

degree of atypicality of the highest weight χ of the irreducible \mathfrak{sl}_∞ -module $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ is equal to $m - |\lambda| = n - |\mu|$ and the degree of atypicality of any weight of $\mathbf{V}^{\lambda, \mu}$ is not less than the degree of atypicality of the highest weight. Combining this observation with the description of the socle filtration of $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ we obtain the following.

Proposition 46. *$\text{soc}^{k+1} \mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ is the submodule in $\mathbf{K}_{m|n}$ generated by weight vectors of weights with degree of atypicality less or equal to k . Therefore we have $\text{soc}^{k+1} \mathbf{K}_{m|n} \subset \mathbf{K}_{m|n}^k$.*

5. APPENDIX

In this section, we prove the technical lemma used in Lemma 25, which in turn is needed for the proof of Theorem 24.

Consider decompositions $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_1 \oplus \mathbf{W}_2$ and $(\mathbf{V})_* = (\mathbf{W}_1)_* \oplus (\mathbf{W}_2)_*$ such that $\mathbf{W}_1^\perp = (\mathbf{W}_2)_*$ and $\mathbf{W}_2^\perp = (\mathbf{W}_1)_*$. Denote by \mathfrak{s} the subalgebra $\mathfrak{sl}(\mathbf{W}_1)$ of \mathfrak{g} . Let $\mathbf{T}_{m|n} = \mathbf{V}^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathbf{V}_*^{\otimes n}$, and let $\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}$ be the intersection with $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ of the ideal generated by $\mathbf{W}_1 \oplus (\mathbf{W}_1)_*$ in the tensor algebra $T(\mathbf{V} \oplus \mathbf{V}_*)$. Then $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ considered as an \mathfrak{s} -module admits the decomposition

$$\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{s}} \mathbf{T}_{m|n} = (\mathbf{W}_2^{\otimes m} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_2)_*^{\otimes n}) \oplus \mathbf{Y}_{m|n}.$$

Lemma 47. *We have*

$$(\text{soc } \mathbf{T}_{m|n}) \cap \mathbf{Y}_{m|n} \subset \mathfrak{s} \mathbf{Y}_{m|n}.$$

Proof. Note that $\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}$ is an object of $\widetilde{\mathbf{T}}_{\mathfrak{s}}$ and

$$(5.1) \quad \mathfrak{s} \mathbf{Y}_{m|n} = \bigcap_{\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{s}}(\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}, \mathbb{C})} \ker \varphi.$$

Let τ denote a map from $\{1, \dots, m+n\}$ to $\{1, 2\}$. Denote by $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^\tau$ the subspace of $\mathbf{T}_{m|n}$ spanned by $v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_m \otimes u_{m+1} \otimes \dots \otimes u_{m+n}$ with $v_i \in \mathbf{W}_{\tau(i)}$ and $u_j \in (\mathbf{W}_{\tau(j)})_*$. Clearly,

$$\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{s}} \mathbf{T}_{m|n} = \bigoplus_{\tau} \mathbf{T}_{m|n}^\tau,$$

and we have an \mathfrak{s} -module isomorphism

$$\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^\tau \cong \mathbf{W}_1^{\otimes p(\tau)} \otimes \mathbf{W}_2^{\otimes (m-p(\tau))} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_1)_*^{\otimes q(\tau)} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_2)_*^{\otimes (n-q(\tau))},$$

where

$$p(\tau) := |\tau^{-1}(1) \cap \{1, \dots, m\}|, \quad q(\tau) := |\tau^{-1}(1) \cap \{m+1, \dots, m+n\}|.$$

Furthermore,

$$\mathbf{Y}_{m|n} = \bigoplus_{p(\tau)+q(\tau)>0} \mathbf{T}_{m|n}^\tau.$$

Recall from [PStyr, Theorem 2.1] that

$$\text{soc } \mathbf{T}_{m|n} = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq m, m < j \leq m+n} \ker \Phi_{ij},$$

where Φ_{ij} is defined in (3.3). For $r = 1, 2$, let $\Phi_{ij}^{\mathbf{W}^r} : \mathbf{T}_{m|n} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{m-1|n-1}$ be defined by

$$v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_m \otimes u_{m+1} \otimes \dots \otimes u_{m+n} \mapsto \langle u_j, v_i \rangle^{\mathbf{W}^r} v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \widehat{v}_i \otimes \dots \otimes v_m \otimes u_{m+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \widehat{u}_j \otimes \dots \otimes u_{m+n},$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{\mathbf{W}_r}$ is defined on homogeneous elements by

$$\langle u_j, v_i \rangle^{\mathbf{W}_r} := \begin{cases} \langle u_j, v_i \rangle & \text{if } u_j, v_i \in \mathbf{W}_r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Next, recall from [DPS] that $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbf{W}_1^{\otimes p} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_1)_*^{\otimes q}, \mathbb{C}) = 0$ if $p \neq q$, and if $p = q$, is spanned by compositions of contractions $\Phi_{1,j_1}^{\mathbf{W}_1} \dots \Phi_{p,j_p}^{\mathbf{W}_1}$ for all possible permutations j_1, \dots, j_p . Using (5.1) we can conclude that $\mathfrak{s}\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}^\tau = \mathbf{Y}_{m|n}^\tau$ if $p(\tau) \neq q(\tau)$, whereas if $p = p(\tau) = q(\tau)$ we have

$$\mathfrak{s}\mathbf{Y}_{m|n}^\tau = \bigcap_{i_1, \dots, i_p, j_1, \dots, j_p \in \tau^{-1}(1)} \ker \Phi_{i_1, j_1}^{\mathbf{W}_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}^{\mathbf{W}_1}.$$

Observe that

$$(5.2) \quad \Phi_{ij} = \Phi_{ij}^{\mathbf{W}_1} + \Phi_{ij}^{\mathbf{W}_2}.$$

We claim that if $y = \sum_{\tau} y_{\tau} \in \mathbf{Y}_{m|n}$ and $\Phi_{ij}(y) = 0$ for all i, j , then $y_{\tau} \in \mathfrak{s}\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^\tau$ for all τ . The statement is trivial for every τ such that $p(\tau) \neq q(\tau)$. Now we proceed to prove the claim in the case $p(\tau) = q(\tau) = p$ by induction on p .

Let $p = 1$ and consider τ' with $p(\tau') = 1 = q(\tau')$. Let $i \leq m$ and $j > m$ be such that $\tau'(i) = \tau'(j) = 1$. Note that $\Phi_{i,j}(y_{\tau'}) \in (\mathbf{W}_2^{\otimes m-1} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_2)_*^{\otimes n-1})$ and for $\tau \neq \tau'$ we have $\Phi_{i,j}(y_{\tau}) \in Y_{m-1|n-1}$. Therefore, $\Phi_{i,j}(y_{\tau'}) = \Phi_{i,j}^{\mathbf{W}_1}(y_{\tau'}) = 0$ and hence $y_{\tau'} \in \mathfrak{s}\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^{\tau'}$.

Now consider $y_{\tau'}$ such that $p(\tau') = p = q(\tau')$. Let $i_1, \dots, i_p \leq m$ and $j_1, \dots, j_p > m$ such that $\tau'(i) = \tau'(j) = 1$. We would like to show that

$$(5.3) \quad \Phi_{i_1, j_1}^{\mathbf{W}_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}^{\mathbf{W}_1}(y_{\tau'}) = \Phi_{i_1, j_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}(y_{\tau'}) = 0.$$

Note that τ' has the property

$$(5.4) \quad \Phi_{i_1, j_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}(y_{\tau'}) \in \mathbf{W}_2^{\otimes m-p} \otimes (\mathbf{W}_2)_*^{\otimes n-p}.$$

Suppose that τ'' also has property (5.4). Then $(\tau'')^{-1}(1) \subset (\tau')^{-1}(1)$, and if $\Phi_{i_1, j_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}(y_{\tau''}) \neq 0$, then $\tau''(i_r) = \tau''(j_r)$ for all $r = 1, \dots, p$. For every such $\tau'' \neq \tau'$ we have $p(\tau'') = q(\tau'') := l < p$. Let $\{i_{r_1}, \dots, i_{r_l}, j_{r_1}, \dots, j_{r_l}\} = (\tau'')^{-1}(1)$. Then by induction assumption $y_{\tau''} \in \mathfrak{s}\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^{\tau''}$ and hence

$$\Phi_{i_{r_1}, j_{r_1}}^{\mathbf{W}_1} \dots \Phi_{i_{r_l}, j_{r_l}}^{\mathbf{W}_1}(y_{\tau''}) = \Phi_{i_{r_1}, j_{r_1}} \dots \Phi_{i_{r_l}, j_{r_l}}(y_{\tau''}) = 0.$$

But then

$$\Phi_{i_1, j_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}(y_{\tau''}) = 0,$$

which implies

$$\Phi_{i_1, j_1} \dots \Phi_{i_p, j_p}(y_{\tau'}) = 0.$$

Now (5.3) follows, and this implies $y_{\tau'} \in \mathfrak{s}\mathbf{T}_{m|n}^{\tau'}$. \square

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