

# Indecomposable Restricted Representations of Quantum $sl_2$

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## Abstract

We construct and classify all the indecomposable restricted representations of  $U_q(sl_2)$  when  $q$  is a root of unity.

## § 1. Introduction

Let  $U_q(sl_2)$  be the quantum group associated to the complex simple Lie algebra  $sl(2, \mathbf{C})$ . The irreducible representations of  $U_q(sl_2)$  are well-understood [9], [10], essentially with a small restriction, there is upto isomorphism, exactly one irreducible representation  $V_n$  for each non-negative integer  $n$ . If  $q$  is not a root of unity then it is known that any finite-dimensional representation of  $U_q(sl_2)$  is completely reducible [9], [14] and hence the indecomposable finite-dimensional representations of  $U_q(sl_2)$  are just the irreducible ones. If  $q$  is a root of unity, the finite-dimensional representations are no longer completely reducible and the study of indecomposable representations becomes an interesting and natural problem [16].

The representations  $V_n$  for  $0 \leq n < l$  remain irreducible when regarded as a representation of the first Frobenius kernel of quantum  $sl_2$  which was introduced in [10]. They are called the restricted irreducible representations of quantum  $sl_2$ . In this paper we study the restricted indecomposable representations of  $U_q(sl_2)$  when  $q = \epsilon$  is a primitive  $l^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Thus we classify all indecomposable representations of the first Frobenius kernel of quantum  $sl_2$ . We show that any indecomposable reducible restricted module is either projective or isomorphic to a Weyl module or to a dual Weyl module or to a maximal submodule of a Weyl module. The representation theory of quantum groups at roots of unity is closely related to the representation theory of Lie algebras in characteristic  $p$ . Our results are analogous to the results for modular Lie

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algebras [2], [12], [15], although some of our techniques are different. The results of [12] used the action of the corresponding algebraic group and the support varieties of restricted modules introduced in [3]. In this paper we give simpler proofs which in fact ‘specialize’ to the case of modular Lie algebras.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is of a preliminary nature. In Section 3 we give explicit constructions of the indecomposable modules. Finally in Section 4 we prove our classification theorem.

§ 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall the basic definitions and properties of the restricted finite-dimensional Hopf algebra  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ .

2.1. Let  $q$  be an indeterminate. For  $n, r \in \mathbf{N}$ , let

$$[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}},$$

$$[n]_q! = [n]_q [n-1]_q \cdots [2]_q [1]_q,$$

$$[n; r]_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[r]_q! [n-r]_q!}.$$

It is known that these are all elements of  $\mathbf{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$  and can be specialized by letting  $q = \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon$  is a primitive  $l^{th}$  root of unity, with  $l$  odd and greater than 1. We denote the corresponding complex numbers by  $[n]$  etc.

2.2.

**Definition.**  $\tilde{U}_\epsilon^{red}(sl_2)$  is the associative algebra over  $\mathbf{C}$  with generators  $e, f, k$  and the following defining relations:

$$ke k^{-1} = \epsilon^2 e,$$

$$kf k^{-1} = \epsilon^{-2} f,$$

$$[e, f] = \frac{k - k^{-1}}{\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1}},$$

$$e^l = 0, \quad f^l = 0, \quad k^{2l} = 1.$$

Notice that  $k^l$  is central in  $\tilde{U}_\epsilon^{red}(sl_2)$  and hence acts as  $\pm 1$  on any indecomposable  $\tilde{U}_\epsilon^{red}(sl_2)$ -module. It suffices to study the indecomposable representations on which  $k^l = 1$  since the other case is obtained by twisting these with the automorphism  $e \rightarrow -e, k \rightarrow -k$  and  $f \rightarrow f$ .

Denote by  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  the quotient of  $\tilde{U}_\epsilon^{red}(sl_2)$  by the two-sided ideal generated by  $k^l - 1$ . Let  $U_\epsilon^+$  (resp.  $U_\epsilon^-$ ) be the subalgebra of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  generated by  $e$  (resp.  $f$ ) and  $U_\epsilon^0$  the (semisimple) subalgebra generated by  $k^{\pm 1}$ . As vector spaces we

have

$$U_\epsilon^{red} = U_\epsilon^- U_\epsilon^0 U_\epsilon^+,$$

and hence the elements  $f^r k^n e^s$ ,  $0 \leq r, s, n \leq l-1$  form a basis of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . The Cartan involution  $\omega$  of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is defined by extending,

$$\omega(e) = f, \quad \omega(f) = e, \quad \omega(k) = k^{-1},$$

to an algebra automorphism.

**2.3.** It is well-known that  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is a Hopf algebra with comultiplication given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(e) &= e \otimes k + 1 \otimes e, \\ \Delta(f) &= f \otimes 1 + k^{-1} \otimes f, \\ \Delta(k) &= k \otimes k. \end{aligned}$$

The antipode  $S$  is the anti-automorphism of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  defined by extending,

$$S(k) = k^{-1}, \quad S(e) = -ek^{-1}, \quad S(f) = -kf.$$

The counit is the algebra homomorphism that sends  $k$  to 1 and  $e$  and  $f$  to zero.

**2.4.** The quantum Casimir element of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is defined by,

$$\Omega = fe + \frac{\epsilon k + \epsilon^{-1} k^{-1} - 2}{(\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1})^2}.$$

It is easy to check that  $\Omega$  is in the centre of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . The following Lemma can be proved by a simple induction.

**Lemma.** For any  $i \geq 1$ , we have,

$$f^i e^i = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} \left( \Omega - \frac{\epsilon^{2j+1} k + \epsilon^{-2j-1} k^{-1} - 2}{(\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1})^2} \right).$$

**2.5.** For any non-zero complex number  $\mu$ , let  $T_\mu : U_\epsilon^{red} \rightarrow U_\epsilon^{red}$  be the automorphism defined by extending,

$$T_\mu(k) = k, \quad T_\mu(e) = \mu e, \quad T_\mu(f) = \mu^{-1} f.$$

Clearly,  $T_\mu \cdot T_\lambda = T_{\mu\lambda}$ . Let  $T$  be the group  $\{T_\mu : \mu \in \mathbb{C}^*\}$ . The action of  $T$  on  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  defines a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradation on  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . The subalgebras  $B^\pm = U_\epsilon^0 U_\epsilon^\pm$  are  $T$ -invariant subalgebras of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the anti-graded anti-involution of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  induced by,

$$\sigma(e) = f, \quad \sigma(f) = e, \quad \sigma(k) = k.$$

If  $M$  is a left  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module then  $\sigma$  defines a  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module structure on the dual vector space  $M^*$  as follows,

$$(gf)(m) = f(\sigma(g) \cdot m), \quad g \in U_\epsilon^{red}, \quad f \in M^*, \quad m \in M.$$

Any irreducible representation of  $U_\epsilon^0$  is one-dimensional and so is determined by a character,  $\lambda: U_\epsilon^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . It is clear from the definition that  $\lambda^\sigma \cong \lambda$ . Thus  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  together with the grading induced by  $T$  and the anti-graded anti-automorphism  $\sigma$  satisfies the conditions of [5].

**2.6.** The Hopf algebra structure on  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  implies that  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is a Frobenius algebra [8], i.e.  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  admits a non-degenerate bilinear form  $\langle, \rangle$  satisfying,

$$\langle uv, w \rangle = \langle u, vw \rangle, \quad \text{for all } u, v, w \in U_\epsilon^{red}.$$

As a consequence we have,

**Proposition** [1, Thm 62.11]. *Every projective module for  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is injective.*

**2.7.** We conclude this section with some results on indecomposable pairs of linear maps  $A, B: V \rightarrow W$  where  $V$  and  $W$  are distinct non-zero finite-dimensional vector spaces.

**Definition.** We say that  $(A, B)$  is an indecomposable pair of linear maps if there do not exist subspaces  $V_1, V_2$  of  $V$  and subspaces  $W_1, W_2$  of  $W$  such that,

- (i)  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2, W = W_1 \oplus W_2,$
- (ii)  $A(V_i) \subset W_i, B(V_i) \subset W_i, i = 1, 2,$
- (iii) at least one of  $V_1$  or  $W_1$  is non-zero.

Suppose that  $\dim(V) = n + 1$  and  $\dim(W) = n$ . Choose a basis  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  and a basis  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  of  $W$ . It is easy to see that the maps  $\phi_n, \psi_n: V \rightarrow W$  defined by,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_n(v_0) &= 0, \\ \phi_n(v_i) &= w_i, \quad i \neq 0, \\ \phi_n(v_i) &= w_{i+1}, \quad i \neq n, \\ \phi_n(v_n) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

are indecomposable.

Another example of an indecomposable pair of maps exists in the case when  $\dim(V) = n, \dim(W) = n + 1$ . Choose a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  and a basis  $w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  of  $W$ . The pair  $\iota_n, \eta_n: V \rightarrow W$  defined by,

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_n(v_i) &= w_i, \\ \eta_n(v_i) &= w_{i-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  is indecomposable.

The next result is a direct consequence of the Kronecker-Weierstrass

theorem [4, Ch. XII].

**Theorem.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be an indecomposable pair of linear maps from  $V$  to  $W$ . Assume that the dimension of  $V$  is  $m$  and that of  $W$  is  $n$ . Then exactly one of the following statements is true:*

- (i)  $m - n = 1$  and  $A = \phi_n, B = \phi_n,$
- (ii)  $m - n = -1$  and  $A = \eta_n, B = \iota_n,$
- (iii)  $m = n$  and either  $A$  and  $B$  are bijective or  $A$  (resp.  $B$ ) is bijective and  $\ker(B)$  (resp.  $\ker(A)$ ) is one-dimensional.

### §3. Construction of Indecomposable Representations

In this section we give explicit constructions of some indecomposable representations of  $U_c^{red}$ .

**3.1.** For any non-negative integer  $n$  and for any  $0 \leq r \leq l - 1$ , let  $V(n, r)$  denote the Weyl module of dimension  $nl + r$ . More precisely, if  $(n, r) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $m = nl + r - 1$ , then  $V(n, r)$  has a basis  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m$ , on which the action of the generators of  $U_c^{red}$  is given by,

$$k \cdot v_i = \epsilon^{m-2i} v_i, \tag{1}$$

$$e \cdot v_i = [m - i + 1] v_{i-1}, \tag{2}$$

$$f \cdot v_i = [i + 1] v_{i+1}, \tag{3}$$

where we set  $v_{-1} = 0$  and  $v_{m+1} = 0$ . Notice that the group  $T$  introduced in (2.5) acts on  $V(n, r)$  as follows,

$$T_\mu \cdot v_i = \mu^{m-2i} v_i, \quad i = 0, \dots, m.$$

The following lemma is trivial.

**Lemma.** *Let  $\rho$  denote the representation of  $U_c^{red}$  on  $V(n, r)$  defined above. Then*

$$T_\mu \cdot \rho(e) \cdot T_\mu^{-1} = \mu^2 \rho(e),$$

$$T_\mu \cdot \rho(k) \cdot T_\mu^{-1} = \rho(k),$$

$$T_\mu \cdot \rho(f) \cdot T_\mu^{-1} = \mu^{-2} \rho(f).$$

**3.2.** For  $0 \leq i \leq l - 1$ , let

$$V(n, r)_i = \{v \in V(n, r) : k \cdot v = \epsilon^{m-2i} v\}.$$

**Proposition.**

(i) 
$$\dim V(n, r)_i = n+1 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq r-1,$$

$$= n \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

(ii) *The modules  $V(0, r)$  are irreducible and each irreducible  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module is isomorphic either to  $V(0, r)$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$  or to  $V(1, 0)$ .*

(iii) 
$$(\mathcal{Q} - [r/2]^2) \cdot V(n, r) = 0,$$

where  $[r/2] = [(l+1)r/2]$ .

*Proof.* To prove (i) observe that if  $0 \leq i \leq r-1$  the elements  $\{v_i, v_{l+i}, \dots, v_{nl+i}\}$  form a basis of  $V(n, r)_i$  and that if  $r \leq i \leq l-1$  then the corresponding basis of  $V(n, r)$  is  $\{v_i, v_{l+i}, \dots, v_{(n-1)l+i}\}$ .

Part (ii) is well-known, (cf. [9]). Part (iii) is a simple calculation.

**3.3.** For any  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module  $M$ , the maximal semisimple submodule of  $M$  is called the socle of  $M$  and is denoted by  $\text{soc}(M)$ .

**Theorem.** *Let  $n > 0$ .*

- (i)  *$V(n, r)$  is indecomposable if  $r > 0$ .*
- (ii) *For  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$  we have,*

$$\text{soc}(V(n, r)) \cong V(0, l-r)^{\oplus n}.$$

*If  $r=0$  then  $V(n, 0) \cong V(1, 0)^{\oplus n}$ .*

*Proof.* To prove (i), assume first that  $r \neq 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the subalgebra of  $\text{End}(V(n, r))$  consisting of operators that commute with the action of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  on  $V(n, r)$ . Using Lemma 3.1 it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $T$ -stable. Since  $T$  is a one-dimensional algebraic torus we can write,

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{A}_i$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_i = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : T_\mu A T_\mu^{-1} = \mu^i A\}$ . It is immediate that  $\mathcal{A}_i \cdot \mathcal{A}_j \subset \mathcal{A}_{i+j}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}_i$  consists of nilpotent endomorphisms for all  $i \neq 0$ .

We now show that  $\mathcal{A}_0$  consists of scalar endomorphisms. Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$ . Since  $[A, T_\mu] = 0$  we have

$$Av_i = \alpha_i v_i,$$

for some scalars  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$ . The conditions  $[A, e] = 0 = [A, f]$  imply that

$$[m-i+1]\alpha_{i-1} = [m-i+1]\alpha_i, \quad [i+1]\alpha_{i+1} = [i+1]\alpha_i,$$

for all  $i=1, \dots, m-1$ . This forces,

$$\alpha_0 = \dots = \alpha_{l-1}, \quad \alpha_l = \dots = \alpha_{2l-1}, \quad \dots \quad \alpha_{nl} = \dots = \alpha_{nl+r-1}.$$

In addition, since

$$[m - kl + 1]\alpha_{kl-1} = [m - kl + 1]\alpha_{kl} \neq 0$$

for  $k=1, \dots, n$  we get,

$$\alpha_{kl-1} = \alpha_{kl}.$$

Thus  $A = \alpha_0 \cdot id$  and so  $\mathcal{A}_0$  consists of scalars as asserted.

It is now convenient to consider  $\mathcal{A}$  as a Lie algebra with the Lie bracket,

$$[x, y] = xy - yx, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Clearly,  $[\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{A}_j] \subset \mathcal{A}_{i+j}$  and  $[\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_j] = 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite-dimensional it follows that all  $T$ -homogeneous elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are ad-nilpotent. This implies that the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is nilpotent by the Engel-Jacobson theorem [6, Ch. 2].

Let  $N$  denote the Jacobson radical of the associative algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . By Wedderburn's theorem the algebra  $\mathcal{A}/N$  must be commutative since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a nilpotent Lie algebra. Hence  $N$  coincides with the set of nilpotent elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}_i \subset N$  for all  $i$ , forcing

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C} \oplus N.$$

If the Weyl module  $V(n, r)$  is decomposable, then  $\mathcal{A}$  has a non-zero non-invertible idempotent. This contradicts the fact that all non-invertible elements in  $\mathcal{A}$  are nilpotent.

For part (ii) notice that for each  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ , the elements  $v_{il+r}, \dots, v_{il+l-1}$  span a submodule of  $V(n, r)$  isomorphic to  $V(0, l-r)$ . It is not difficult to see that for any other element  $w \in V(n, r)$ , with  $e \cdot w = 0$  one has  $f^{l-1} \cdot w \neq 0$ . Thus the socle of  $V(n, r)$  is the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $V(0, l-r)$ . Since the dimension of  $V(n, 0)$  is  $nl$  it follows also that  $V(n, 0)$  is completely reducible.

**3.4.** The dual  $M^*$  of a  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module  $M$  is defined by using the antipode :

$$(gf)(m) = f(S(g))m, \quad \text{for all } g \in U_\epsilon^{red}, f \in M^*, m \in M.$$

Fix a basis of  $M$ . Then the action of  $g \in U_\epsilon^{red}$  on  $M^*$  in the dual basis is the transpose of the action of  $S(g)$  on  $M$  in the original basis. Clearly the dual of an indecomposable representation is again indecomposable. Thus, the dual Weyl modules form another class of indecomposable modules for  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ .

**Lemma.** *The dual Weyl module  $V(n, r)^*$  is not isomorphic to  $V(m, s)$  for any  $m \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq s \leq l-1$  if  $n \neq 0$ . The modules  $V(0, r)$  and  $V(1, 0)$  are self-dual.*

*Proof.* It suffices for dimension reasons to show that the modules  $V(n, r)$  and  $V(n, r)^*$  are not isomorphic. Therefore it suffices to observe that,

$$\text{soc}(V(n, r)) \cong V(0, l-r)^{\oplus n}, \quad \text{soc}(V(n, r)^*) \cong V(0, r)^{\oplus (n+1)}.$$

The first isomorphism was proved in the preceding theorem and the second can be proved similarly. That the modules  $V(0, r)$  and  $V(1, 0)$  are self-dual is im-

mediate from Proposition 3.2 (ii).

**3.5.** We now give a construction of a one-parameter family of non-isomorphic indecomposable modules of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . These modules can be identified with a family of maximal submodules of the Weyl modules, we shall prove this in Section 4.

Let  $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{l-1}\}$  be a basis of  $C^l$ . Let  $X, Z$  be elements of  $\text{End}(C^l)$  defined by:

$$X \cdot v_i = v_{i-1}, \quad Z \cdot v_i = \epsilon^{-2i} \cdot v_i,$$

where we set  $v_{-1} = v_{l-1}$ . Clearly,

$$X^l = Z^l = 1, \quad ZX = \epsilon^2 XZ.$$

The elements  $X^i Z^j$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq l-1$  form a basis of  $\text{End}(C^l)$ . We denote by  $Z^{1/2}$  the operator  $Z^{(l+1/2)}$ .

**Proposition.** (i) Let  $A \in \text{End}(C^n)$  and  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ . The following formulas define an action of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  on  $C^l \otimes C^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} k &\longrightarrow \epsilon^{r-1} Z \otimes 1. \\ f &\longrightarrow -\frac{Z^{1/2} - Z^{-(1/2)}}{\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1}} X^{-1} \otimes 1, \\ e &\longrightarrow X \frac{\epsilon^r Z^{1/2} - \epsilon^{-r} Z^{-(1/2)}}{\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1}} \otimes 1 + \frac{[r]}{l} X \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} Z^i \otimes A. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The module  $V(A, n, r)$  defined in (i) is indecomposable if and only if  $C^n$  is indecomposable as a  $CA$ -module.

(iii)  $V(A, n, r) \cong V(B, n, r)$  if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate.

(iv)  $V(A, n, r)^* \cong V(A, n, l-r)$ .

(v)  $(\Omega - [r/2]^2) \cdot V(\lambda, n, r) = 0$ .

*Proof.* A simple checking shows that the formulas given in (i) do define a representation of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . If  $C^n$  is decomposable as a  $CA$ -module then it is clear that the representation of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is decomposable. Conversely assume that the representation of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  is decomposable. Let  $P: V(A, n, r) \rightarrow V(A, n, r)$  be the projection onto one of the submodules. Writing  $P$  as a polynomial in the non-commuting variables  $X, Z$  with coefficients in  $\text{End}(C^n)$ , we find by using the fact that  $[P, k] = 0$  and  $[P, f] = 0$  that  $P = 1 \otimes Q$  for some  $Q \in \text{End}(C^n)$ . Now using the fact that  $[Q, e] = 0$  we see that  $[Q, A] = 0$ . Hence  $A$  preserves both the image and the kernel of  $Q$  and so  $C^n$  is decomposable as a  $CA$ -module.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate, say  $B = CAC^{-1}$ , then it is easy to check that  $1 \otimes C$  defines an  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module isomorphism from  $V(A, n, r)$  onto  $V(B, n, r)$ . Conversely by using the methods involved in proving part (ii) one can show



that any  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module isomorphism from  $V(A, n, r)$  onto  $V(B, n, r)$  must be of type  $1 \otimes C$  for some  $C \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . This forces  $B = CAC^{-1}$ .

Using the remarks in (3.4) one can write down the explicit formulas for the action of the generators of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  on the dual module  $V(A, n, r)^*$ . These formulas show that  $V(A, n, r)^* \cong V(A^t, n, r)$ . Since  $A$  and  $A^t$  are always conjugate, (iv) now follows from (iii). Part (v) is a simple calculation.

**3.6.** If  $A$  is a single Jordan block with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , denote by  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  the module  $V(A, n, r)$ . Let  $V(\lambda, n, r)^\omega$  denote the module obtained by twisting the module structure on  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  by the Cartan involution  $\omega$ .

**Proposition.** *If  $\lambda \neq -1$  we have,*

$$V(\lambda, n, r)^\omega \cong V\left(-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}, n, r\right).$$

This can be proved by a direct calculation which we omit. The importance of this proposition is that  $V(-1, n, r)^\omega$  is not a module of type  $V(\mu, n, s)$  where  $\mu \neq -1$ . To see that  $V(-1, n, r)^\omega$  is not isomorphic to  $V(-1, n, s)$  it suffices to notice that:

$$\dim(\{v \in V(-1, n, s) : e \cdot v = 0\}) = n + 1.$$

$$\dim(\{v \in V(-1, n, s) : f \cdot v = 0\}) = n.$$

Since it is obviously not a Weyl module, this is a new indecomposable module which we denote by  $V(\infty, n, r)$ .

**3.7.** The modules  $V(0, 1, r)$  can be identified with the Verma modules over  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . Recall that for  $0 \leq r \leq l-1$  the Verma module  $M(r)$  is the quotient of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  by the left ideal generated by  $e$  and  $k - \epsilon^{r-1}$ . Clearly  $M(r)$  is  $l$ -dimensional. Further, if  $M$  is any other  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module generated by an element  $m$  satisfying,

$$e \cdot m = 0, \quad k \cdot m = \epsilon^{r-1} \cdot m,$$

then  $M$  is a quotient of  $M(r)$ . With these comments it is now easy to check that  $V(0, 1, r) \cong M(l-r)$  for any  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ . Hence  $M(r)^* \cong M(l-r)$  by Proposition 3.5(iv). The module  $M(0)$  is isomorphic to  $V(1, 0)$  and so is irreducible. The module  $V(0, r)$  is the unique irreducible quotient of  $M(r)$  for  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ . The following lemma can now be proved easily.

**Lemma.** *For  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ , there exists a non-split exact sequence.*

$$0 \longrightarrow V(0, l-r) \longrightarrow M(r) \longrightarrow V(0, r) \longrightarrow 0.$$

**3.8.** Our final set of examples are the indecomposable projective covers  $X(r)$  of the irreducible modules  $V(0, r)$  for  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ . Such projective covers

exist by (cf. [11, § 6.3]).

**Proposition.** *Let  $1 \leq r \leq l-1$ .*

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} [X(r) : M(j)] &= 1 && \text{if } j=r \text{ or } l-r, \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\dim X(r) = 2l$ .

(iii)  $\text{soc}(X(r)) = V(0, r)$ .

(iv) *The following short exact sequence of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules is non-split :*

$$0 \longrightarrow M(l-r) \longrightarrow X(r) \longrightarrow M(r) \longrightarrow 0.$$

*Proof.* By (2.5) the algebra  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  satisfies all the conditions of [5]. Theorems 4.5 and 5.1 of [5] now imply that each  $X(r)$  admits a filtration in which the corresponding quotients are Verma modules and the following formula holds :

$$[X(r) : M(j)] = [M(j) : V(0, r)].$$

Parts (i) and (ii) are now immediate from (3.7).

By Proposition 2.6,  $X(r)$  is an injective module over  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . Using the arguments of [7, pp. 50-52] one can show that an injective  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module is indecomposable if and only if its socle is simple and that two injective modules are isomorphic if and only if their socles are isomorphic. This yields  $\text{soc}(X(r)) = V(0, r)$ . Part (iv) is now immediate.

**3.9.** We now give an explicit basis of the modules  $X(r)$ .

**Proposition.**  $\dim \text{Ext}^1(M(r), M(l-r)) = 1$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.8 we know that  $\text{Ext}^1(M(r), M(l-r))$  has dimension greater than 0. Consider a short exact sequence of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules,

$$0 \longrightarrow M(l-r) \xrightarrow{\alpha} N \xrightarrow{\beta} M(r) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Let  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{l-1}$  be a basis of  $M(l-r)$  such that

$$k \cdot v_i = \epsilon^{l-r-1-2i} v_i, \quad f \cdot v_i = [i+1] v_{i+1}, \quad e \cdot v_0 = 0.$$

Choose  $w_0 \in N$  such that,

$$k \cdot w_0 = \epsilon^{r-1} w_0, \quad \beta(w_0) \neq 0, \quad e \cdot \beta(w_0) = 0.$$

Since the  $k$ -eigenspaces of  $M(l-r)$  are one-dimensional and  $e \cdot w_0 \in M(l-r)$  it follows that,

$$e \cdot w_0 = \mu_0 v_{l-r-1}.$$

If  $\mu_0 = 0$  then it is clear that the subspace spanned by the elements  $\{w_i = (f^i/[i]!) \cdot w_0 : 0 \leq i \leq l-1\}$  is preserved by  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . Since  $\beta(w_i) \neq 0$  we get,  $N \cong$

$M(r) \oplus M(l-r)$  contradicting the fact that our sequence is non-split. Thus  $\mu_0 \neq 0$  and by rescaling the  $w_i$  we can and do assume that  $\mu_0 = 1$ . It is now easy to calculate the action of  $e$  on the  $w_i$ , namely,

$$e \cdot w_i = [r-i]w_{i-1} + \mu_i v_{l-r-1+i},$$

where  $\mu_i = [l-r-1+i; i]$  and as usual  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  are zero if  $i < 0$  or  $i > l-1$ .

**Corollary.** (i)  $X(r)$  is a  $2l$  dimensional module with basis  $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{l-1}, w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{l-1}\}$  on which the generators of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$  act as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} k \cdot v_i &= \epsilon^{l-r-2i-1} v_i, & k \cdot w_i &= \epsilon^{r-2i-1} w_i, \\ f \cdot v_i &= [i+1]v_{i+1}, & f \cdot w_i &= [i+1]w_{i+1}, \\ e \cdot v_i &= [l-r-i]v_{i-1}, & e \cdot w_i &= [r-i]w_{i-1} + \mu_i v_{l-r-1+i}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_i = [l-r-1+i; i]$  and we assume as usual that  $v_i$  and  $w_i$  are zero if  $i < 0$  or  $i > l-1$ .

- (ii) The action of  $\Omega$  on  $X(r)$  is not semisimple.
- (iii)  $X(r)^* \cong X(r)$ .

*Proof.* Part (i) is immediate from Proposition 3.9. Part (ii) is a computation. To prove (iii), observe that the non-split exact sequence in Proposition 3.8(iv) induces a non-split exact sequence of the dual  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules,

$$0 \longrightarrow M(r)^* \longrightarrow X(r)^* \longrightarrow M(l-r)^* \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since  $M(r)^* \cong M(l-r)$ , (cf. (3.7)) we have a non-split exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow M(l-r) \longrightarrow X(r)^* \longrightarrow M(r) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Applying Proposition (3.8)(iv) and (3.9) yields the desired isomorphism  $X(r) \cong X(r)^*$ .

*Remark.* The modules  $X(r)$  were defined in [13].

### § 4. Classification of Indecomposable Representations

We state and prove our main theorem in this section. We begin with the following simple proposition.

#### 4.1.

**Proposition.** Let  $M$  be an indecomposable representation of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ . There exists  $0 \leq r \leq (l-1)/2$  such that,

$$(\Omega - [r/2]^2) \cdot M = 0.$$

If  $r=0$ ,  $\Omega$  is zero on  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since  $k^l=1$  on any  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -module  $M$ , the action of  $k$  on  $M$  is semi-simple and the eigenvalues of  $k$  are contained in  $\{\epsilon^i : 0 \leq i \leq l-1\}$ . Using Lemma 2.4 we get,

$$\Omega \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{(l-1)/2} (\Omega - [i/2]^2) \cdot M = 0. \tag{4}$$

As a result any eigenvalue of  $\Omega$  must be of the form  $[i/2]^2$  for some  $0 \leq i \leq (l-1)/2$ . Further since  $M$  is indecomposable  $\Omega$  has only one eigenvalue on  $M$ , say  $[r/2]^2$ , for some  $0 \leq r \leq l-1$ . In particular the operators  $(\Omega - [i/2]^2)$  are invertible on  $M$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq l-1, i \neq r, l-r$ . The proposition now follows.

4.2. For  $0 \leq r \leq (l-1)/2$  let  $C_r$  denote the category of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules  $M$  with the property,

$$(\Omega - [r/2]^2)^2 \cdot M = 0.$$

For  $0 \leq i \leq l-1$  set,  $M_i = \{m \in M : km = \epsilon^{r-2i-1} \cdot m\}$ . The main result of this paper is,

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be an indecomposable object of  $C_r$ .*

- (i) *If  $r=0$  then  $M$  is isomorphic to  $V(1, 0)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $r>0$  and  $\Omega$  is semisimple then  $M$  or  $M^*$  is isomorphic to precisely one of  $V(n, i), V(\lambda, m, i)$  where  $i=l-r$  or  $r, n$  is any non-negative integer,  $m$  is any positive integer and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ .*
- (iii) *If  $\Omega$  is not semisimple on  $M$  then  $r>0$  and  $M$  is isomorphic to  $X(r)$ .*

The rest of the section is devoted to proving this theorem.

4.3.

**Lemma.** *Let  $M$  be an indecomposable object in  $C_r$ .*

(i) *The restriction of  $fe$  (resp.  $ef$ ) to  $M_i$  is invertible if  $i \neq 0, r$  (resp.  $i \neq r-1, l-1$ ). If in addition  $\Omega$  acts semisimply on  $M$ , the restriction of  $fe$  (resp.  $ef$ ) to  $M_0$  and  $M_r$  (resp.  $M_{r-1}$  and  $M_{l-1}$ ) is identically zero.*

(ii) *The map  $f : M_i \rightarrow M_{i+1}$  (resp.  $e : M_i \rightarrow M_{i-1}$ ) is injective if  $i \neq r-1, l-1$  (resp.  $i \neq 0, r$ ).*

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(M_i) &= \dim(M_0) && \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq r-1, \\ &= \dim(M_{l-1}) && \text{if } r \leq i \leq l-1. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $M \in C_r$  and the restriction of  $fe$  to  $M_i$  is  $(\Omega - [(r-2i)/2]^2)$ , the proof of part (i) follows. Parts (ii) and (iii) are now immediate.

4.4. We now prove part (i) of Theorem 4.2. Let  $r=0$ . By Lemma 4.3 (ii)  $e$  is injective on every eigenspace  $M_i, i \neq 0$ . Since  $e^l=0$  it follows that  $e \cdot M_0 = 0$ . Let  $\{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$  be a basis of  $M_0$ . Clearly for each  $0 \leq s \leq n$  the

subspace  $M(s)$  of  $M$  spanned by  $\{f^i \cdot m_s : 0 \leq i \leq l-1\}$  is an irreducible submodule of  $M$ . Applying Lemma 4.3(ii) again we see that  $M = \bigoplus_{s=1}^n M(s)$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable this means that  $n=1$  and hence  $M \cong V(1, 0)$  by Proposition 3.2(ii).

**4.5.** Assume now that  $(\Omega - [\frac{r}{2}]^2) \cdot M = 0$  for some  $r > 0$  and that  $M$  is indecomposable and reducible.

**Proposition.** *The pair of maps  $e, f^{l-1} : M_0 \rightarrow M_{l-1}$  is non-zero if and only if the pair  $f, e^{l-1} : M_{l-1} \rightarrow M_0$  is zero.*

*Proof.* Suppose first that both pairs are zero. Using Lemma 4.3 one deduces easily that the subspaces  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{l-1} M_i$  and  $\bigoplus_{i=r}^{l-1} M_i$  are submodules of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable this means that  $M_i = 0$  either for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, r-1\}$  or for all  $i \in \{r, \dots, l-1\}$ . Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 4.2(i) we see that  $M$  must be irreducible contradicting our assumption.

For the converse assume that the pair  $e, f^{l-1}$  is non-zero when restricted to  $M_0$ . Let  $V_1 = \ker(e) \cap \ker(f^{l-1}) \cap M_0$  and let  $W_1$  be a subspace of  $M_0$  complementary to  $V_1$  (notice that  $W_1 \neq 0$ ). Let  $V_2$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $M_{l-1}$  defined similarly by interchanging  $e$  and  $f$ . Set,

$$N = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} f^i V_1 \oplus \sum_{i=0}^{l-r-1} e^i W_2, \tag{5}$$

$$N' = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} f^i W_1 \oplus \sum_{i=0}^{l-r-1} e^i V_2. \tag{6}$$

By Lemma 4.3  $M = N \oplus N'$ . Suppose in addition that  $N$  and  $N'$  are submodules of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable and  $N' \neq 0$  it follows that  $N = 0$ . In particular  $W_2 = 0$  and so,

$$M_{l-1} = V_2 = \ker(f) \cap \ker(e^{l-1}) \cap M_{l-1}.$$

Thus to complete the proof of the proposition, we must show that  $N$  and  $N'$  are submodules. We show now that  $N$  is a submodule, the proof for  $N'$  is similar and left to the reader. By definition  $V_1$  and  $W_2$  are contained in eigenspaces of  $k$ . As  $\Omega$  acts semi-simply on  $M$  one checks easily that,

$$e f^i V_1 \subset N, \quad f e^j W_2 \subset N,$$

for all  $i \in \{0, \dots, r-1\}, j \in \{0, \dots, l-r-1\}$ . Thus, to prove that  $e$  and  $f$  preserve  $N$  it is enough to show that,

$$e^{l-r} W_2 \subset f^{r-1} V_1, \quad f^r V_1 \subset e^{l-r-1} W_2.$$

By Lemma 4.3 this is equivalent to,

$$e^{l-1} W_2 \subset V_1, \quad f^{l-1} V_1 \subset W_2.$$

The second inclusion is obvious since  $f^{l-1} V_1 = 0$ . The first can be deduced

from the fact that  $e^l=0$  and the following easy consequence of Lemma 2.4,

$$f^{l-1}e^{l-1}W_2 = \prod_{i=0}^{l-2} ([r/2]^2 - [(2j+r+2)/2]^2) \cdot W_2 = 0.$$

The proof of the proposition is now complete.

**Corollary.** *If the pair  $e, f^{l-1}$  (resp.  $f, e^{l-1}$ ) is non-zero on  $M_0$  (resp.  $M_{l-1}$ ) then it is indecomposable in the sense of Definition 2.7.*

*Proof.* Assume that the restriction of  $e, f^{l-1}$  to  $M_0$  is non-zero and that  $M_0 = V_1 \oplus V_2, M_{l-1} = W_1 \oplus W_2$ , with  $e, f^{l-1}(V_i) \subset W_j, i \neq j$ . Let  $N$  and  $N'$  be defined as in equations (5) and (6) above. Since the pair  $f, e^{l-1}$  is zero on  $M_{l-1}$ , it follows as before that  $N$  and  $N'$  are submodules of  $M$ . Hence either  $N$  or  $N'$  is zero proving that the pair  $e, f^{l-1}$  is indecomposable. The case when  $f, e^{l-1}$  is a non-zero pair can be treated similarly.

4.6.

**Lemma.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two modules in  $C_r$ . Then  $M \cong N$  if and only if there exist isomorphisms of vector spaces  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i, i=0, l-1$  such that,*

$$e \cdot \pi_0 = \pi_{l-1} \cdot e, \quad f^{l-1} \cdot \pi_0 = \pi_{l-1} \cdot f^{l-1},$$

and

$$f \cdot \pi_{l-1} = \pi_0 \cdot f, \quad e^{l-1} \cdot \pi_{l-1} = \pi_0 \cdot e^{l-1}.$$

*Proof.* Given  $\pi_0$  and  $\pi_{l-1}$  define maps  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  by setting,

$$\pi_i(f^i m) = f^i \pi_0(m), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq r-1, m \in M_0,$$

and

$$\pi_i(e^{l-i-1} m') = e^{l-i-1} \pi_{l-1}(m'), \quad \text{for } r+1 \leq i \leq l-1, m' \in M_{l-1}.$$

Using Lemma 4.3 it is easy to check that  $\bigoplus_i \pi_i : M \rightarrow N$  is an isomorphism of  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules. The converse statement is trivial.

4.7. We can now prove part (ii) of the Theorem. By the results of Section 4.5 exactly one of the pairs of maps  $e, f^{l-1} : M_0 \rightarrow M_{l-1}, f, e^{l-1} : M_{l-1} \rightarrow M_0$  is non-zero and the non-zero pair is indecomposable. Consider the case when the first pair of maps is non-zero, the other case is similar and we omit the details. By Theorem 2.7  $\dim M_0 - \dim M_{l-1}$  is either  $\pm 1$  or 0. If the difference is one then by Theorem 2.7(i) there exist bases of  $M_0$  and  $M_{l-1}$  such that,

$$e|_{M_0} = \phi_n, \quad f^{l-1}|_{M_0} = \psi_n,$$

where  $n = \dim M_{l-1}$ . The Weyl module  $V(n, r)$  is indecomposable and satisfies all the above assumptions. Thus one can define linear maps  $\pi_0$  and  $\pi_{l-1}$  satisfying the assumptions of Lemma 4.6 and so one may conclude that  $V(n, r) \cong M$  as  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -modules.

The case when the difference is  $-1$  can be dealt with similarly by using Theorem 2.7(ii) and we find that  $V(n, l-r)^* \cong M$ .

Now suppose that  $\dim M_0 = \dim M_{l-1} = n$ . By Theorem 2.7(iii), either  $f^{l-1}$  or  $e$  is bijective on  $M_0$ . If  $f^{l-1}$  is bijective, choose a basis  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  of  $M_0$ . Since  $f : M_i \rightarrow M_{i+1}$  is injective if  $i \neq l-1$  the elements,

$$\left\{ \frac{f^i}{[i]!} m_j : 0 \leq i \leq l-1, j=1, \dots, n \right\}$$

from a basis of  $M$ . In other words  $M \cong C^l \otimes C^n$  with the action of  $k$  and  $f$  given by :

$$k = \epsilon^{r-1} Z \otimes 1, \quad f = \frac{(Z^{1/2} - Z^{-(1/2)})}{\epsilon - \epsilon^{-1}} \otimes 1,$$

where  $X, Z$  are the elements of  $\text{End}(C^l)$  defined in Section 3. The action of  $e$  on  $M$  can be determined by writing  $e$  as a polynomial in the non-commuting variables  $X$  and  $Z$  and imposing the defining relations of  $U_c^{red}$ . It is not hard to see that the action of  $e$  is exactly as in Proposition 3.5. Hence we see that  $M$  is isomorphic to  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  for some  $\lambda$ . If the restriction of  $f^{l-1}$  to  $M_0$  has a non-zero kernel then the restriction of  $e^{l-1}$  to  $M_{l-1}$  is injective. Now using the Cartan involution  $\omega$  one shows that  $M \cong V(\infty, n, r)$ .

The proof of part (ii) is now complete.

**4.8.** The proof of part (iii) proceeds as follows. We first prove that if  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply on  $M$ , then  $M$  contains a  $2l$ -dimensional submodule  $N$ . Next we show that  $N$  corresponds to a non-trivial element of either  $\text{Ext}^1(M(r), M(l-r))$  or  $\text{Ext}^1(M(l-r), M(r))$ . Propositions 3.8(iv) and 3.9 then imply that  $N \cong X(r)$  or  $N \cong X(l-r)$ . By Proposition 2.6  $N$  is projective and injective and so a direct summand of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable,  $M=N$  and the Theorem follows.

Choose  $N$  to be any submodule of  $M$  of minimal possible dimension on which  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply. Notice that this implies that  $\Omega$  acts semisimply on every submodule of  $N$ . Since  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply on  $N$  it follows from Lemma 4.3 that  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply on either  $N_0$  or  $N_{l-1}$ , say on  $N_0$ . Let  $m \in N_0$  be such that,

$$(\Omega - [r/2]^2) \cdot m \neq 0, \quad (\Omega - [r/2]^2)^2 \cdot m = 0, \tag{7}$$

or equivalently,

$$fe \cdot m \neq 0, \quad (fe)^2 \cdot m = 0. \tag{8}$$

By applying Lemma 2.4 it is easy to see that :

- (i) for  $i > 1$ , the element  $f^i e^i \cdot m$  is a linear combination of  $m$  and  $fe \cdot m$ ,
- (ii)  $f^{l-1} \cdot m \neq 0$ .

Since  $U_c^{red} \cdot m \subset N$  is a submodule on which  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply, we have  $N = U_c^{red} \cdot m$  (by the minimality of  $N$ ). We now prove that  $\dim N = 2l$ .

By Lemma 4.3 it is enough to prove that  $N_0$  and  $N_{l-1}$  have dimension 2. Since  $N_0$  is spanned by  $f^i e^i \cdot m$  it follows from (i) that  $\dim N_0 = 2$ . As an immediate consequence of this, we find by using Lemma 4.3 that,

$$(\Omega - [r/2]^2) \cdot f^{r-1} m \neq 0. \tag{9}$$

The elements  $e \cdot m, f^{l-1} \cdot m$  of  $N_{l-1}$  must be linearly independent since  $f^l \cdot m = 0$  whereas  $f e \cdot m \neq 0$ . So  $\dim N_{l-1} \geq 2$ . If  $\Omega$  acts semisimply on  $N_{l-1}$  then  $(ef)e \cdot m = 0$  by Lemma 4.3. It is now easy to check that the span of  $\{f^i \cdot m, f^i e \cdot m : 0 \leq i \leq l-1\}$  is a submodule of  $N$  on which  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply and hence is equal to  $N$ . Since  $\dim N \geq 2l$ , we conclude that  $\dim N = 2l$ .

We claim that  $\Omega$  must act semisimply on  $N_{l-1}$ . Assume for a contradiction that it does not. Then reasoning as before one can prove  $\dim N_{l-1} = 2$ . Since the maps  $e, f^{l-1} : N_0 \rightarrow N_{l-1}$  are non-zero, one of the following possibilities must occur :

- (a)  $im(e) \subset im(f^{l-1})$ ,
- (b)  $im(f^{l-1}) \cap im(e) = 0$ ,
- (c)  $im(f^{l-1}) \subset im(e)$ .

The first case cannot occur since  $f e \cdot m \neq 0$ . The second implies that

$$N_{l-1} = im(e) \oplus im(f^{l-1}).$$

Since  $\Omega$  preserves each summand this would force  $\Omega$  to be semisimple on  $N_{l-1}$  contradicting our assumption. Since  $e \cdot m$  and  $f^{l-1} \cdot m$  are linearly independent the third possibility implies that  $e$  is an isomorphism from  $N_0$  onto  $N_{l-1}$ . One proves similarly that  $f : N_{l-1} \rightarrow N_0$  is injective. By Lemma 4.3  $\Omega$  does not act semisimply on  $N_{r-1}$  and  $N_r$ . Working with these subspaces we conclude as before that  $e : N_r \rightarrow N_{r-1}$  and  $f : N_{r-1} \rightarrow N_r$  are injective. But then Lemma 4.3 implies that  $e$  and  $f$  are injective on the entire module contradicting  $e^l = f^l = 0$ . Hence  $\Omega$  must be semisimple on  $N_{l-1}$ .

Consider the element  $m' = e^{l-r} \cdot m$ . By Lemma 4.3  $m' \neq 0$  and  $e \cdot m' = e^{l-r+1} \cdot m = 0$ . Further using Lemma 2.4 and equation (9) we get,

$$f^{l-1} \cdot m' = f^{r-1} f^{l-r} e^{l-r} \cdot m = \prod_{j=0}^{l-r-1} (\Omega - [(2j+r)/2]^2) \cdot f^{r-1} \cdot m \neq 0.$$

The results of Section 3.7 imply that the  $U_\epsilon^{red}$ -submodule generated by  $m'$  is isomorphic to  $M(l-r)$ . By Lemma 2.4,

$$f^{l-r-1} \cdot m' = \prod_{j=0}^{l-r-2} (\Omega - [(2j+r+1)/2]^2) \cdot e m,$$

and the operators in the product are invertible on  $N_{l-1}$ . Therefore  $e \cdot m \in U_\epsilon^{red} \cdot m' \cong M(l-r)$ . Since all the  $k$ -eigenspaces of  $M(l-r)$  are one-dimensional, this forces  $f^{l-1} \cdot m \notin U_\epsilon^{red} \cdot m'$ . Hence, the quotient module  $N/M(l-r)$  has dimension  $l$  and is generated by the image  $m''$  of  $m$  with  $e \cdot m'' = 0$  and  $f^{l-1} \cdot m'' \neq 0$ . Thus we



may conclude as before that  $N/M(l-r) \cong M(r)$ . Since  $\Omega$  does not act semi-simply on  $N$  the short exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow M(l-r) \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow M(r) \longrightarrow 0,$$

is non-split and so  $N$  corresponds to a non-trivial element of  $\text{Ext}^1(M(r), M(l-r))$ . The proof of the Theorem is now complete.

**4.9.** To conclude the paper we now use our classification theorem to prove that the modules  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  can be identified with maximal submodules of the Weyl module  $V(n, r)$ .

Let  $\{v_i : 0 \leq i \leq l-1\}$  denote the basis of  $C^l$  from Section 3.5. It is easy to see that one can choose a basis  $\{w_j : 0 \leq j \leq l-1\}$  of  $C^n$  such that, the action of  $U_\epsilon^{\tau_{ed}}$  on  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  is given by extending,

$$\begin{aligned} k \cdot v_i \otimes w_j &= \epsilon^{r-1-2i} v_i \otimes w_j, \\ f \cdot v_i \otimes w_j &= [i+1] v_{i+1} \otimes w_j, \\ e \cdot v_i \otimes w_j &= [r-i] v_{i-1} \otimes w_j, \quad i \neq 0, \\ e \cdot v_0 \otimes w_j &= [r] v_{l-1} \otimes w_{j-1} + [r](1+\lambda) v_{i-1} \otimes w_j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq i \leq l-1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1$  and  $w_{-1} = 0$ .

The following Lemma can be proved by a straightforward verification.

**Lemma.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0, 0 < r \leq l-1, \lambda \in C$ .

(i) The following formulas define a deformed action of  $U_\epsilon^{\tau_{ed}}$  on  $V(n, r)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} k \cdot v_i &= \epsilon^{m-2i}, \\ f \cdot v_i &= [i+1] v_{i+1}, \\ e \cdot v_i &= [r-i] v_{i-1}, \quad i \neq 0 \pmod{l}, \\ e \cdot v_{j,l} &= [r] v_{j,l-1} + [r](1+\lambda) v_{(j+1)l-1}, \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  be the deformed Weyl module defined in (i). The assignment  $v_i \otimes w_j \rightarrow v_{i+jl}$  defines an isomorphism of  $V(\lambda, n, r)$  onto the submodule of  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  spanned by  $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{nl-1}\}$ .

(iii)  $\Omega$  act on  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  as  $[r/2]^2 \cdot id$ .

(iv)  $\dim V^\lambda(n, r)_0 = n+1$  and  $\dim V^\lambda(n, r)_{l-1} = n$ .

**Proposition.**

(i)  $V^\lambda(n, r) \cong V(n, r)$ .

(ii)  $V(\infty, n, r)$  is isomorphic to the submodule of  $V(n, r)$  spanned by  $\{v_r, v_{r-1}, \dots, v_m\}$ .

*Proof.* It is clear from the definition of  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  that the pair of maps  $f, e^{l-1}: V^\lambda(n, r)_{l-1} \rightarrow V^\lambda(n, r)$  is zero. Also, it is not hard to check that the subspace of  $\text{Hom}(V^\lambda(n, r)_0, V^\lambda(n, r)_{l-1})$  spanned by the maps  $e, f^{l-1}: V^\lambda(n, r)_0 \rightarrow V^\lambda(n, r)_{l-1}$  contains the maps  $\phi_n, \psi_n$  defined in Section 2. This implies that the pair  $e, f^{l-1}$  is indecomposable.

By Lemma 4.9 and Theorem 4.2 we can conclude that  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  is isomorphic to either  $V(n, r)$  or to  $V(n, r)^*$ . Since the submodule of  $V^\lambda(n, r)$  spanned by  $v_r, v_{r+1}, \dots, v_{l-1}$  is isomorphic to  $V(0, l-r)$  it follows from Lemma 3.4 that  $V^\lambda(n, r) \cong V(n, r)$ .

Recall that  $V(\infty, n, r) = V(-1, n, r)^\omega$ . By Lemma 4.9(i),  $V(-1, n, r)$  is isomorphic to the submodule of  $V(n, r)$  spanned by  $\{v_0, \dots, v_{n-l-1}\}$ . Hence  $V(\infty, n, r)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $V(n, r)^\omega$ . To complete the proof of (ii), it is enough to note that there exists a  $U_\epsilon^{\text{red}}$ -module isomorphism  $\eta: V(n, r)^\omega \rightarrow V(n, r)$  such that,  $\eta(Cv_i) = Cv_{m-i}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq m$ .

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