## HOMOLOGICALLY INDUCED $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -MODULES

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ABSTRACT. The  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -modules that can be obtained from a parabolic subalgebra and a generalized Verma module by (co)homological induction are described. It is proved that, unlike the case of simple Lie algebras, the modules thus obtained starting from a Borel subalgebra depend upon the choice of this subalgebra. It is also proved that every indecomposable module such that the action of a Cartan subalgebra on that module is semisimple can be obtained by (co)homological induction.

### INTRODUCTION

This article will use the notations and terminology introduced by Victor Kac in his seminal works [2] and [3]. We will start by defining the objects that we will be dealing with. The field we will be working with will be the complex number field. A super vector space is a vector space V endowed with a decomposition  $V = V_0 \bigoplus V_1$ (where 0 and 1 should be seen as elements of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ). A superalgebra is an algebra A endowed with super vector space structure  $A = A_0 \bigoplus A_1$  such that, for each  $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $A_i \cdot A_j \subset A_{i+j}$ . For each  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and each  $a \in A_i \setminus \{0\}$ , let |a|be equal to *i*. A Lie superalgebra is a superalgebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  such that

- $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & (\forall X, Y \in (\mathfrak{g}_0 \cup \mathfrak{g}_1) \setminus \{0\}) : [X, Y] = -(-1)^{|X| \cdot |Y|} [Y, X]; \\ (2) & (\forall X, Y, Z \in (\mathfrak{g}_0 \cup \mathfrak{g}_1) \setminus \{0\}) : [X, [Y, Z]] = [[X, Y], Z] + (-1)^{|X| \cdot |Y|} [Y, [X, Z]]. \end{array}$

Note that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is then a Lie algebra and that  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  has a natural  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module structure. A classical Lie superalgebra is a finite-dimensional simple Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that the natural action of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is completely reducible. If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a classical Lie superalgebra, we will say that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is *basic classical* if there is some non-degenerate bilinear form  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  which is *invariant*, that is, such that

- (1)  $(\forall X, Y \in (\mathfrak{g}_0 \cup \mathfrak{g}_1) \setminus \{0\}) : (X, Y) = (-1)^{|X| \cdot |Y|} (Y, X);$
- (2)  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1) = \{0\};$
- (3)  $(\forall X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}) : ([X, Y], Z) = (X, [Y, Z]).$

Of course, every simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra is a basic classical Lie superalgebra.

There are two Lie superalgebras that will be studied in this article. The first one is  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ , whose elements the matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+d & x & y \\ z & a & b \\ t & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $a, b, c, d, x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{C}$ . Its superalgebra structure is the one such that

- (1)  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$  (respectively  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_1$ ) is the set of those matrices in  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  such that x = y = z = t = 0 (resp. a = b = c = d = 0);
- (2) if  $M, N \in (\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \cup \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_1) \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $[M,N] = MN (-1)^{|M| \cdot |N|} NM$ .

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The second Lie superalgebra which will be studied in this article is

$$\mathfrak{gl}(1,1) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

In this case,  $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)_0$  (respectively  $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)_1$ ) is the set of those matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  such that b = c = 0 (resp. a = d = 0) and the the product is defined as in the case of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ . As an example of how different the behaviour of these Lie superalgebras can be different from the behaviour of the reductive Lie algebras, it will be enough to observe that, whereas  $\mathfrak{g}(2,\mathbb{C})$  has finite-dimensional irreducible representations of any dimension, every finite-dimensional irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)$  has dimension 1 or 2. See the theorem 4.2 for a more precise statement.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a basic classical Lie superalgebra. A *Cartan subalgebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . When  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  that contains  $\mathfrak{h}$ , then " $\mathfrak{a}$ -module" will mean " $\mathfrak{h}$ -semisimple  $\mathfrak{a}$ -module", unless it is explicitly stated otherwise.

Let  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a non-degenerate bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{h}^*$  induced by an invariant nondegenerate bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . A root  $\alpha$  of the pair  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$  is called an *even* (respectively *odd*) root if  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} \subset \mathfrak{g}_{0}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} \subset \mathfrak{g}_{1}$ ). Denote by  $\Delta_{0}$  and  $\Delta_{1}$  the set of all even roots and the set of all odd roots respectively and let  $\overline{\Delta}_{1}$  be the set of all *isotropic* roots (that is, the roots  $\alpha$  such that  $(\alpha, \alpha) = 0$ , the subscript 1 being due to the fact that every isotropic root is odd). If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is a weight, we will say that  $\lambda$  is *typical* when  $(\lambda, \alpha) \neq 0$  whenever  $\alpha \in \overline{\Delta}_{1}$ . If  $\mathfrak{b}$  is a *Borel subalgebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (that is, a maximal solvable subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) such that  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ , set  $\Delta_{0}(\mathfrak{b})$  (respectively  $\Delta_{1}(\mathfrak{b})$ ) as the set of all even (resp. odd) roots  $\alpha$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} \subset \mathfrak{b}$  and define

$$\rho_{\mathfrak{b}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_0(\mathfrak{b})} \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_1(\mathfrak{b})} \alpha.$$

If  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  that contains a Borel subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  that contains  $\mathfrak{h}$ and if, for every root  $\alpha$  of the pair  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  contains  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$  or  $\mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha}$ , then it will be said that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a *parabolic subalgebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{u} \bigoplus \mathfrak{s}$ , where  $\mathfrak{s}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$ (it is the Levi factor of  $\mathfrak{g}$  when  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a semisimple Lie algebra) and  $\mathfrak{u}$  is the nilradical of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . If E is an  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module, then E becomes a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -module with  $\mathfrak{u}$  acting trivially in E. Let

$$M(\mathfrak{p}, E) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \bigotimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{p})} E.$$

Such a module is called a generalized Verma module (or simply a Verma module, when  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a Borel subalgebra). Assume that E is irreducible. It was proved in [7, lemme 2.3] that it has then one and only one irreducible quotient. If  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then  $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{h}$  and  $E = \mathbb{C}_{\lambda}$ , for some  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ ; in this case,  $M(\mathfrak{b}, E)$ will be denoted by  $M(\mathfrak{b}, \lambda)$  and its only irreducible quotient will be denoted by  $L(\mathfrak{b}, \lambda)$ . Every finite-dimensional irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module M (distinct from  $\{0\}$ ) is isomorphic to  $L(\mathfrak{b}, \lambda)$ , for one and only one  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ . We will say that M is a typical module when  $\lambda - \rho_{\mathfrak{b}}$  is typical.

If  $\mathfrak{s}_0$  is a reductive subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ , then  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{s}_0)$  represents the category of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules which, as  $\mathfrak{s}_0$ -modules, are direct sum of finite-dimensional irreducible modules ( $\mathcal{HC}$  stands for Harish-Chandra). A covariant right exact functor

$$\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}:\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{s}_0)\longrightarrow\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{g}_0)$$

will be defined in section 1 with the following property: when V belongs to  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{s}_0)$ and is such that, up to isomorphism, there are only a finite number of finitedimensional irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -modules that are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodules of  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_{0}^{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}(V)$  is the greatest quotient of V in the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{g}_{0})$ ; cf. proposition 1.1 for a more precise statement. In an analogous way (see [7, §4]), a left exact functor

$$\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}:\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{s}_0)\longrightarrow\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{g}_0)$$

can be defined such that, when  $V \in \mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{s}_0)$ ,  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^0(V)$  is the greatest submodule of V in the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{g}_0)$ . The functors  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  are similar to the Zuckerman functors and the dual Zuckerman functors; cf. [4, chap. II]. For each  $i \ge 0$ , let  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  (respectively  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^i$ ) denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  derived functor of  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  (resp.  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^0$ ). It was proved in [7, §6] that, if  $\mathfrak{b}$  is a Borel subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then every finite-dimensional typical  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$  for some  $i \in \{0,1,\ldots,\dim(\mathfrak{g}_0/\mathfrak{h})/2\}$  and some weight  $\lambda$ . It was also proved there that, if  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is a typical weight, then  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda-\rho_{\mathfrak{b}})) = \{0\}$  except for, at most, one single  $i \ge 0$  and also that when  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda-\rho_{\mathfrak{b}}))$  is different from  $\{0\}$ , then it is irreducible.

As it will be seen (cf. theorem 2.1), even in such a simple case as when  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ , the situation changes drastically when one considers all modules of the form  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$ . In fact:

- (1) Not every finite-dimensional irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$ . Only the typical representations are.
- (2) Sometimes  $\mathcal{L}_{i}^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$  is neither  $\{0\}$  nor an irreducible module.
- (3) It is not true that there is always, at most, one single  $i \ge 0$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{h}}(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda)) \neq \{0\}.$

It will also be seen (cf. theorem 4.1) that every finite-dimensional irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(M(\mathfrak{p},E))$  for some parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , some  $i \ge 0$  and some irreducible  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module E.

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## 1. The functors

The aim of this section is to define the functors  $\mathcal{L}_{i}^{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}^{i}$   $(i \in \mathbb{Z}_{+})$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_{i}^{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}$  (respectively  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}^{i}$ ) will be defined as the *i*<sup>th</sup> derived functor of the functor  $\mathcal{L}_{0}^{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}$  (resp.  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_{0}}^{0}$ ), this functor will be defined first. See [7, §4] for further details.

Note that  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \simeq \mathfrak{gl}(2,\mathbb{C})$ ; we shall identify these Lie algebras. Let  $G = SL(2,\mathbb{C}) \times (\mathbb{C},+)$ . Then G is a connected, simply connected complex Lie group such that its Lie algebra is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{gl}(2,\mathbb{C})$ . Let R(G) be the vector space generated by the matrix coefficients of the finite-dimensional semisimple representations of G. It turns out that  $(\forall f, g \in R(G)) : f \cdot g \in R(G)$  and that, therefore, R(G) has a natural structure of an algebra. The group G acts on R(G) by the natural right action, denoted by r and defined as follows: if  $g \in G$  and  $f \in R(G)$ , then

$$(\forall h \in G) : (r(g)(f))(h) = f(hg).$$

Note that, under this action, R(G) can be decomposed as a direct sum of finitedimensional *G*-modules and that, therefore, the right natural action of *G* on R(G)induces an action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ . This action will also be denoted by *r*.

Let  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  be the dual space of R(G) and let

$$\mathcal{M}(G) = \left\{ \psi \in \hat{\mathcal{M}}(G) \, \middle| \, \# \left\{ \gamma \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0^{\wedge} \, \middle| \, \psi(R(G)_{\gamma}) \neq \{0\} \right\} < \infty \right\},$$

where  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0^{\wedge}$  stands for the set of equivalent classes of finite-dimensional irreducible representations of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$  and  $R(G)_{\gamma}$  is the sum of the submodules of R(G) that belong to the class  $\gamma$ . The multiplication in R(G) induces an action of R(G) in  $\mathcal{M}(G)$ . Then, if V is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module that belongs to  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{s}_0)$ (where  $\mathfrak{s}_0$  is a reductive subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ ), we can define

$$\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V) = \mathcal{M}(G) \bigotimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)} V.$$

An  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2))$ -module structure (and, therefore, an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module structure) can be defined in  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  in the following way: if  $u \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2))$ , choose elements  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2))$  and elements  $f_1, f_2, f_2, \ldots \in R(G)$  such that

$$(\forall g \in G)$$
: Ad  $(g^{-1})(u) = \sum_{j} f_j(g)u_j.$ 

Then, if  $m \otimes v \in \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$ , the action of u on  $m \otimes v$  is given by:

$$u \cdot (m \otimes v) = \sum_{j} (f_j m) \otimes (u_j v).$$

Let us now define the functor  $\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}$ . As a vector space,

$$\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V) = \left( R(G) \bigotimes V \right)^{\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)}$$

where the action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$  on  $R(G) \bigotimes V$  is  $r \otimes \theta$ ,  $\theta$  being the action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ on V. In order to define an action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  on  $\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$ , note that  $R(G) \bigotimes V$ (and, therefore,  $\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$ ) can be seen as a space of functions from G into V. Let  $X \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2), \psi \in \Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  and define  $X\psi$  by

$$(\forall g \in G) : (X\psi)(g) = \operatorname{Ad}(g^{-1})(X)(\psi(g)).$$

With these definitions,  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^0$  are, respectively, a right exact functor and a left exact functor.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $V \in \mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{s}_0)$  and suppose that, up to isomorphism, there are only a finite number of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -modules that are irreducible and isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -submodules of  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$ . Then there is a surjective homomorphism  $\eta: V \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  and, furthermore, if W is a quotient of V that belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$  and  $\pi: V \twoheadrightarrow W$  is the projection of V onto W, then there is a surjective homomorphism  $\psi: \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V) \twoheadrightarrow W$  such that  $\psi \circ \eta = \pi$ . Up to isomorphism,  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  is the only  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module in the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$  with this property.

See [7, proposition 4.3] for a proof of this proposition (in a more general context).

Note that in the previous proposition the hypothesis that says that, up to isomorphism, there are only a finite number of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -modules irreducible and isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -submodules of  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  is certainly valid when  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  is finitedimensional. It happens that, according to [7, proposition 4.10], this is always the case when  $V = M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  for some finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module E. This observation, together with proposition 1.1, shows that when E is a finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module,  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  is the greatest quotient of  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  in  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$ , that is, the greatest quotient of  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  that, as an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module, can be written as a direct sum of finite-dimensional irreducible modules.

It was also proved in [7, §4] that if V belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{s}_0)$ , then  $\Gamma^0_{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  is the greatest submodule of V in  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$ .

# 2. Borel subalgebras

Let

$$\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} h_1 + h_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix} \middle| h_1, h_2 \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  be defined by

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} h_1 + h_2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & h_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix} = h_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta \begin{pmatrix} h_1 + h_2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & h_1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix} = h_2$$

and let

$$h_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad h_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The even roots of  $(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{h})$  are  $\pm(\alpha-\beta)$  and the odd roots are  $\pm\alpha$  and  $\pm\beta$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \setminus \{0\}$ , then we define

$$\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\lambda} = \{ X \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2) | (\forall H \in \mathfrak{h}) : [H,X] = \lambda(H)X \}$$

Note that this is done for  $\lambda \neq 0$  only; the reason for this is that the notation  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$  is reserved for the even part of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ . Let

$$\mathfrak{b}_{+} = \mathfrak{h} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha-\beta} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\beta},$$
$$\mathfrak{b}_{-} = \mathfrak{h} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha-\beta} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-\alpha} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-\beta}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{b}_{\pm} = \mathfrak{h} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha-\beta} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-\beta}$$

then  $\mathfrak{b}_+$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}_-$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_\pm$  are Borel subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and, up to conjugacy, these are the only ones, as can be easily seen (or deduced from [2, §2.5.4]). They all have the same even part, namely  $\mathfrak{h} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha-\beta}$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ , then  $\lambda$  is a weight if and only if  $\lambda = n(\alpha - \beta)/2 + t(\alpha + \beta)$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ . It will be said that  $\lambda$  is a dominant weight when  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and that  $\lambda$  is a regular weight when  $\lambda(h_\alpha - h_\beta) \neq 0 \iff (\lambda, \alpha - \beta) \neq 0$ ).

In this article, when we speak of "dominant weight" or "highest weight" this is meant to correspond to the choice of  $\{\alpha - \beta\}$  as a set of positive roots of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ .

If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is a dominant weight, then let  $L_0(\lambda)$  denote the finite-dimensional irreducible  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module whose highest weight is  $\lambda$ . If

$$\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+ = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_\alpha \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_\beta \text{ and } \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_- = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-\alpha} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-\beta},$$

then  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_-$  are supercommutative ideals of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_-$  respectively and therefore every  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module M becomes an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+$ -module (resp. an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_-$ -module) with  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_-$ ) acting trivially in M. Let

$$K_{+}(\lambda) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)) \bigotimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{0} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{+})} L_{0}(\lambda)$$

and

$$_{-}(\lambda) = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)) \bigotimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{0} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{-})} L_{0}(\lambda);$$

these are the Kac modules in the specific case of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  (cf. [3, §2.2]).

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Note that the functors  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^i$  can be defined for every basic classical Lie superalgebra. It will be useful for what will be done later to see now in more detail what is  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1^{\mathfrak{s}_0}(V)$  in the specific case of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$  when  $\mathfrak{s}(=\mathfrak{s}_0)$  is the standard Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  (that is, the subalgebra whose elements are the diagonal matrices),  $\mathfrak{b}$  is the set of upper triangular matrices and V is a Verma module  $M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda)$  (where  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is a weight). In this situation, the functors  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  will be represented by  $\mathcal{L}_0^0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1^0$  respectively. Notice that the Weyl

group of  $(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0,\mathfrak{h})$  has only two elements: the identity and the automorphism  $w:\mathfrak{h}\longrightarrow\mathfrak{h}$  that exchanges  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . With this notation, the description is quite simple:

$$\mathcal{L}_0^0(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda)) \simeq \begin{cases} L(\mathfrak{b},\lambda) & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is dominant} \\ \{0\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_1^0(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda)) \simeq \begin{cases} L(\mathfrak{b},w(\lambda) - \alpha + \beta) & \text{if } w(\lambda) - \alpha + \beta \text{ is dominant} \\ \{0\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This is just a particular case of the Borel-Weil-Bott theorem (see [4, §IV.11]).

In what follows,  $\mathcal{L}_i^{\mathfrak{s}_0}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{s}_0}^i$  will be replaced by  $\mathcal{L}_i$  and  $\Gamma^i$  whenever it is clear from the context what subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is being taken. It was proved in [7, §4] that, for any basic classical Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , any parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak{p}$  and any finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module E,  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) = \{0\}$  when  $i > \dim(\mathfrak{g}_0/\mathfrak{s}_0)/2$ . Therefore,  $(\forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*) : \mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{b}, \lambda)) = \{0\}$  for any Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)$  and any i > 1.

We are ready to state and prove the first of the three theorems which will describe  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  when E is an irreducible finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module. However, when  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$   $(i \in \{0, 1\})$  is isomorphic to  $\{0\}$  or to  $\mathbb{C}$ , the method that will be used to prove that assertion will always be the same and we will explain it now. The generalized Verma modules  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  are always, as  $\mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_0$ -modules, direct sum of three modules, two of which are Verma modules whereas the third one admits a filtration by Verma modules. To be more precise, we shall denote the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_0$ -Verma module with highest weight  $\lambda$  by  $M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda)$ . Then, for instance, in the case when  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{b}_+$  and  $E = \mathbb{C}_\lambda$ , we have an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_0$ -module isomorphism

(1) 
$$M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda) \simeq M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0,\lambda) \bigoplus M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0,\lambda-\alpha-\beta) \bigoplus M,$$

where M is such that there is a short exact sequence

(2) 
$$\{0\} \longrightarrow M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \beta) \hookrightarrow M \twoheadrightarrow M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \alpha) \longrightarrow \{0\}.$$

On the other hand, if V is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module from the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{h})$  then, as an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module,  $\mathcal{L}_i(V) \simeq \mathcal{L}_i^0(V)$  where  $\mathcal{L}_i^0$  is the functor from the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0,\mathfrak{h})$  to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0,\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$  built the same way as  $\mathcal{L}_i$ (see [7, proposition 4.4]). Therefore, it follows from (1) that we have

(3) 
$$\mathcal{L}_{i}^{0}(M_{0}(\mathfrak{b}_{0},\lambda)) \simeq \mathcal{L}_{i}^{0}(M_{0}(\mathfrak{b}_{0},\lambda)) \bigoplus \mathcal{L}_{i}^{0}(M_{0}(\mathfrak{b}_{0},\lambda-\alpha-\beta)) \bigoplus \mathcal{L}_{i}^{0}(M)$$

and it is a consequence of (2) that there is an exact sequence

(4) 
$$\{0\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_1(M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \beta)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_1(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_1(M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \alpha)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_0(M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \beta)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_0(M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^0_0(M_0(\mathfrak{b}_0, \lambda - \alpha)) \longrightarrow \{0\}.$$

So, to prove that some  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  is isomorphic to  $\{0\}$  or to  $\mathbb{C}$  it will be enough to use (3), (4) and the description made above of the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -modules of the type  $\mathcal{L}_i^0(M_0(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$   $(i \in \{0,1\})$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  be a weight.

- (1) If  $\lambda$  is dominant, then
  - (a)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \simeq K_+(\lambda);$
  - (b)  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \simeq \{0\};$
  - (c)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_-,\lambda)) \simeq K_-(\lambda);$
  - (d)  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_-,\lambda)) \simeq \{0\}.$
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is not dominant and  $\lambda + (\alpha \beta)/2$  is regular, then,

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \simeq \{0\};$
- (b)  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \simeq K_+(w(\lambda)-\alpha+\beta);$
- (c)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_-,\lambda))\simeq\{0\};$
- (d)  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_-,\lambda)) \simeq K_-(w(\lambda) \alpha + \beta).$
- (3) If λ is not dominant and λ + (α β)/2 is not regular, L<sub>0</sub>(M(b<sub>+</sub>, λ)), L<sub>1</sub>(M(b<sub>+</sub>, λ)), L<sub>0</sub>(M(b<sub>-</sub>, λ)) and L<sub>1</sub>(M(b<sub>-</sub>, λ)) are all isomorphic to {0}.
  (4) One has:
- (a)  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0 \Longrightarrow M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm}, \lambda) \simeq M(\mathfrak{b}_{+}, \lambda + \beta);$ (b)  $\lambda(h_{\alpha}) \neq 0 \Longrightarrow M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm}, \lambda) \simeq M(\mathfrak{b}_{-}, \lambda - \alpha).$
- (5)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm}, 0)) \simeq \mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm}, 0)) \simeq \mathbb{C}.$

Proof: Among these assertions, those which state that some  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$  is isomorphic to  $\{0\}$  or to  $\mathbb{C}$  (where  $\mathfrak{b}$  can be either  $\mathfrak{b}_+$  or  $\mathfrak{b}_-$ ) can be proved using the method describe before the statement of the theorem. For instance, in order to prove 1b all that has to be proved is that  $\mathcal{L}_1^0(M_0(\mathfrak{b},\eta)) = \{0\}$ , for each  $\eta \in$  $\{\lambda, \lambda - \alpha, \lambda - \beta, \lambda - \alpha - \beta\}$ , but this is a consequence of the fact that, for each such  $\eta, w(\eta) - \alpha + \beta$  is not dominant. Besides this, since there is an automorphism  $\varphi$ of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)$  such that  $\varphi(\mathfrak{b}_+) = \mathfrak{b}_-$ , it is clear that for any result concerning  $\mathfrak{b}_+$  there is a similar result concerning  $\mathfrak{b}_-$ . Hence, the assertions that will be proved are 1a, 2b and 4a.

It follows from proposition 1.1 and from the fact that  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda))$  is finitedimensional (see [7, proposition 4.10]) that, to prove that  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda))$  and  $K_+(\lambda)$ are isomorphic, it will be enough to prove that when V is a quotient of  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)$ that, as an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module, can be written as a direct sum of finite-dimensional irreducible modules, then the projection  $\pi: M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda) \longrightarrow V$  factors through  $K_+(\lambda)$ . But since  $\lambda$  is a maximal weight of V (unless  $V = \{0\}$ , but in this case there is nothing to prove),  $L_0(\lambda)$  is isomorphic to a submodule  $V(\lambda)$  of V. On the other hand, every weight of  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)$  has the form  $\omega - n(\alpha - \beta)$  with  $\omega \in \{\lambda, \lambda - \alpha, \lambda - \beta, \lambda - \alpha - \beta\}$ and n a non-positive integer; therefore, the weights of V have the same form. It follows that  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\alpha} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\beta}$  acts trivially in  $V(\lambda)$  and this proves that the inclusion  $V(\lambda) \hookrightarrow V$  induces an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -morphism

$$\eta: K_+(\lambda) \left( = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)) \bigotimes_{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+)} V(\lambda) \right) \longrightarrow V.$$

It is clear that, if  $\Pi$  is the projection of  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \lambda)$  onto  $K_+(\lambda)$ , then  $\eta \circ \Pi = \pi$ . This proves the assertion 1a.

To prove the assertion 2b, take  $\eta = w(\lambda) - \alpha + \beta$ . Then  $\eta$  is a dominant weight and if  $\pi$  is a projection from  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \eta)$  onto  $K_+(\eta)$ , then its kernel is isomorphic to  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \lambda)$ . In other words, one has a short exact sequence

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \lambda) \stackrel{\iota}{\hookrightarrow} M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \eta) \stackrel{\pi}{\twoheadrightarrow} K_+(\eta) \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

which induces an exact sequence

$$\mathcal{L}_2(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\eta)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(K_+(\eta)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\eta)).$$

But, since  $M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \eta)$  is a Verma module,  $\mathcal{L}_2(M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \eta)) \simeq \{0\}$  and, since  $\eta$  is dominant, the assertion 1a shows that  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+, \eta)) \simeq \{0\}$ . Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)) \simeq \mathcal{L}_2(K_+(\eta)).$$

But, according to [7, proposition 4.8],  $\mathcal{L}_2(K_+(\eta))$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma^0(K_+(\eta))$ . Since  $K_+(\eta)$  belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$ , it follows that  $\Gamma^0(K_+(\eta)) \simeq K_+(\eta)$ , because, as it was stated at the introduction, when V is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module that belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{s}_0), \Gamma^0(V)$  is the greatest submodule of V in the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$ .

Finally to prove the assertion 4a simply take  $X_{\beta} \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\beta} \setminus \{0\}$ . It is easy to see that

$$\begin{array}{cccc} M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm},\lambda) & \longrightarrow & M(\mathfrak{b}_{\pm},\lambda+\beta) \\ u \otimes c & \rightsquigarrow & u X_{\beta} \otimes c \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism.

Note that assertion 4 of the theorem is only a particular case of a much more general result; cf.  $[5, \S 0.1.5]$  or [6, p. 23].

## 3. IRREDUCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS OF $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)$

Theorem 2.1 proves that an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module of the form  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{b},\lambda))$ , where  $\mathfrak{b}$  is a Borel subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ , is never an atypical finite-dimensional irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ . It will be seen that such representations may be obtained by homological induction if one uses a parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ . To be more precise, it will be enough to use the parabolic subalgebras associated with one of the following sets of roots:  $\{\pm \alpha, \beta\}$ ,  $\{\pm \alpha, -\beta\}$ ,  $\{\alpha, \pm \beta\}$  and  $\{-\alpha, \pm \beta\}$ . In each case,  $\mathfrak{s} \simeq \mathfrak{gl}(1,1)$ .

In order to study the finite-dimensional irreducible  $\mathfrak{gl}(1, 1)$ -modules, we shall fix the notation. Put  $X_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $X_{-\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $h_{\beta} = [X_{\beta}, X_{-\beta}] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If Eis a finite-dimensional irreducible  $\mathfrak{gl}(1, 1)$ -module, then the usual argument shows that E is  $\mathfrak{h}$ -semisimple and that, for some weight  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ , every weight of E has the form  $\lambda - n\beta$ , for some non negative integer n. It will be said then that  $\lambda$  is the highest weight of E.

If E is a super vector space, dim  $E = \dim E_0 + \epsilon \dim E_1$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let *E* be a finite-dimensional irreducible representation of the Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)$  and let  $\lambda$  be its highest weight. Then the dimension of *E* is 1 or  $\epsilon$  if  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$  and  $1 + \epsilon$  otherwise.

Proof: Let  $v_{\lambda} \in E_{\lambda} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{C}X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda} \bigoplus \mathbb{C}v_{\lambda} \bigoplus \mathbb{C}X_{\beta}v_{\lambda}$  is a submodule of *E*, since  $X_{\beta}^{2}v = X_{-\beta}^{2}v = 0$  for every  $v \in E$ . In fact, since  $\lambda + \beta$  is not a weight of *E*,  $E = \mathbb{C}X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda} \bigoplus \mathbb{C}v_{\lambda}$ . There are now two possibilities:

 $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0$ : In this case,  $X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda} \neq 0$  since

$$X_{\beta}(X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda}) = X_{\beta}(X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda}) + X_{-\beta}(X_{\beta}v_{\lambda}) = h_{\beta}v_{\lambda} = \lambda(h_{\beta})v_{\lambda} \neq 0.$$

 $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$ : The same argument as above shows that  $\mathbb{C}X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda}$  is a submodule of E; therefore,  $E = \mathbb{C}X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda}$  or  $X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda} = 0$ . But, since  $v_{\lambda} \in E$ ,  $E \neq \mathbb{C}X_{-\beta}v_{\lambda}$  and this implies that  $E = \mathbb{C}v_{\lambda}$ .

### 4. PARABOLIC SUBALGEBRAS

We will deal now with the case where  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{h} \bigoplus (\bigoplus_{\eta \in \Psi} \mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_{\eta})$ , where  $\Psi$  is one among the following four sets:  $\{\pm \alpha, \beta, -\alpha + \beta\}$ ,  $\{\pm \alpha, -\beta, \alpha - \beta\}$ ,  $\{\alpha, \pm \beta, \alpha - \beta\}$ and  $\{-\alpha, \pm \beta, -\alpha + \beta\}$ . Since all these cases are similar, it will be enough to do things in detail for one of these cases; this will be done with  $\Psi = \{\alpha, \pm \beta, \alpha - \beta\}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{h} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_{\beta} \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1, 2)_{-\beta} (\simeq \mathfrak{gl}(1, 1))$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let E be an irreducible finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{s}$ -module and let  $\lambda$  be its highest weight.

- (1) If  $\lambda$  is dominant, then
  - (a) if  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq K_+(\lambda)$ ;
    - (b) if  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  is irreducible with highest weight  $\lambda$  (in other words,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq L(\mathfrak{b}_+, \lambda)$ );
    - (c)  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq \{0\}.$
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is not dominant, then

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq \{0\};$
- (b) if  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq K_+(w(\lambda) \alpha + \beta)$ , unless  $w(\lambda) \alpha + \beta$ is not dominant, in which case  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq \{0\}$ ;
- (c) if  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  is irreducible with highest weight  $w(\lambda) \alpha + \beta$  (that is, it is isomorphic with  $L(\mathfrak{b}_+, w(\lambda) \alpha + \beta)$ ), unless  $\lambda = \beta$ , in which case  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E)) \simeq \mathbb{C}$ .

Proof: By the argument presented before the statement of theorem 2.1, the cases where it is stated that  $\mathcal{L}_i(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  is isomorphic either to  $\{0\}$  or to  $\mathbb{C}$  are easy to establish.

Take  $X_{\pm\alpha} \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\pm\alpha}$  and  $X_{\pm\beta} \in \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_{\pm\beta}$  such that  $h_{\alpha} = [X_{\alpha}, X_{-\alpha}]$  and  $h_{\beta} = [X_{\beta}, X_{-\beta}]$ . Suppose that  $\lambda$  is dominant and that  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0$ . If V is a quotient of  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  that belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$  and if  $\pi$  is the projection of  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  onto V, then, in order to be able to use proposition 1.1 (and the remark made after its statement), it must be proved that  $\pi$  factors through  $K_+(\lambda)$ . Let  $v \in E_{\lambda} \setminus \{0\}$  and let  $w = \pi(1 \otimes v)$ ; it can (and will) be assumed that  $w \neq 0$ . Since  $w \in V_{\lambda}$  and since V belongs to the category  $\mathcal{HC}(\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2),\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0)$ , there is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -submodule of V isomorphic to  $L_0(\lambda)$  and the inclusion of this module into V induces an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -morphism  $F: K_+(\lambda) \longrightarrow V$  such that, for some  $v^* \in L_0(\lambda)_{\lambda} \setminus \{0\}, F(1 \otimes v^*) = w$ . Since  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) \neq 0, \mathbb{C}(1 \otimes v^*) \bigoplus \mathbb{C}(X_{-\beta} \otimes v^*) \simeq E$  (as a  $\mathfrak{gl}(1,1)$ -module) and  $X_{\alpha}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{C}(1 \otimes v^*) \bigoplus \mathbb{C}(X_{-\beta} \otimes v^*)$ , there is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -morphism  $\eta : M(\mathfrak{p}, E) \longrightarrow K_+(\lambda)$  such that  $\eta(v) = 1 \otimes v^*$ . Therefore  $(F \circ \eta)(v) = w = \pi(v)$ ; since v generates  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E), F \circ \eta = \pi$ . This proves the assertion 1a.

Suppose now that  $\lambda$  is dominant and that  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$ . In this case, and since proposition 3.1 tells us that  $E = \mathbb{C}v$  for some  $v \in E$  whose weight is  $\lambda$ , the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ module  $M(\mathfrak{p}, E)$  is the direct sum of two Verma modules whose highest weights are  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda - \alpha$ . Observe that, since  $\lambda(h_{\beta}) = 0$  and  $\lambda$  is dominant,  $\lambda = n\alpha$  for some non-negative integer n. There are two possibilities:

 $\lambda \neq 0$ : Then  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda - \alpha$  are both dominant weights and therefore, as an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p},E))$  is isomorphic to the direct sum

$$L_0(\lambda) \bigoplus L_0(\lambda - \alpha).$$

Let  $\omega_1$  be an element of  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))_{\lambda}$  different from 0 and define  $\omega_2 = X_{-\alpha}\omega_1$ . Then the weight of  $\omega_2$  is  $\lambda - \alpha$  and  $\omega_2 \neq 0$  since

 $X_{\alpha} \cdot \omega_2 = X_{\alpha} \cdot (X_{-\alpha} \cdot \omega_1) = -X_{-\alpha} \cdot (X_{\alpha} \cdot \omega_1) + h_{\alpha} \cdot \omega_1 = \lambda(h_{\alpha})\omega_1$ 

and both  $\lambda(h_{\alpha})$  and  $\omega_1$  are different from 0. Since, as an  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p},E))$  is the direct sum of two irreducible modules, generated by  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_2 = X_{-\alpha}\omega_1$ , and  $X_{\alpha} \cdot \omega_2 = \lambda(h_{\alpha})\omega_1$ , the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p},E))$  is irreducible and generated by  $\omega_1$ ; it is therefore isomorphic to  $L(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)$ .

 $\lambda = 0$ : Then  $\lambda - \alpha = -\alpha$  and therefore it is not a dominant weight. In this case then, as a  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p},E))$  is simply  $L_0(\lambda)(=L_0(0))$ , which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}_0(M(\mathfrak{p},E)) \simeq \mathbb{C} \simeq L(\mathfrak{b}_+,0) = L(\mathfrak{b}_+,\lambda)$ .

Finally, the statements concerning  $\mathcal{L}_1(M(\mathfrak{p}, E))$  when  $\lambda$  is not dominant can be proved in the same way as in theorem 2.1.

There are only two parabolic subalgebras  $\mathfrak{p}$  left (distinct from  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ ), namely

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+ \text{ and } \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_-.$$

We shall simply describe the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -modules homologically induced that can be obtained from the first of these two parabolic subalgebras; the proof is similar (in fact, easier) to the proofs of theorems 2.1 and 4.1.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0 \bigoplus \mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_+$  and let E be an irreducible finitedimensional  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)_0$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_0(E) \simeq K_+(\lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1(E) \simeq \{0\}$ .

## 5. FINAL REMARKS

The description made in sections 2 and 4 of the  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -modules that are homologically induced show that

- (1) no single parabolic subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$  is enough to obtain every irreducible finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module by homological induction;
- (2) every homologically induced  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module is indecomposable and, furthermore, every indecomposable  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -module is homologically induced.

Remember that it was stated at the beginning of the article that all our modules are  $\mathfrak{h}$ -semisimple. In fact, there are  $\mathfrak{sl}(1,2)$ -modules which are indecomposable but that are not  $\mathfrak{h}$ -semisimple (see [1]).

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