

SOLUTIONS TO EXERCISES TO GIOVANNI'S COURSE

- (1) Let \mathfrak{t}_n be the Kohn–Drinfeld Lie algebra with generators $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$, $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ and relations

$$\begin{aligned} [t_{ij}, t_{kl}] &= 0 \quad \text{for all distinct } i, j, k, l, \\ [t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] &= 0 \quad \text{for all distinct } i, j, k. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- (a) Show that $r_{ij}(z) = \frac{t_{ij}}{z}$ are solutions of the classical Yang–Baxter equation

$$\text{cycl}_{ijk}[r_{ij}(z_i - z_j), r_{ik}(z_i - z_k)] = 0 \quad \text{for all distinct } i, j, k \tag{2}$$

(cycl is the sum over cyclic permutations) and $[r_{ij}(z), r_{kl}(w)] = 0$ for all distinct i, j, k, l .

- (b) Deduce that for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $z_i \neq z_j$ ($i \neq j$) the Gaudin Hamiltonians

$$H_i = \sum_{j:j \neq i} r_{ij}(z_i - z_j)$$

form a commutative Lie subalgebra of \mathfrak{t}_n .

- (c) Show that the following are examples of representations of $\mathfrak{t}_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

- (i) $V = V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_n$ a tensor product of representations of a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with an invariant¹ non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form

$$t_{ij} \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} e_k^{(i)} e_k^{(j)},$$

where $x^{(i)} = 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes x \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1$ is the action on the i th factor, for any orthonormal basis (e_k) of \mathfrak{g} .

- (ii) V a representation of \mathfrak{gl}_n ,

$$t_{ij} \mapsto E_{ij}E_{ji} + E_{ji}E_{ij}.$$

- (iii) $V = \mathbb{C}S_n$ the group algebra of the symmetric group,

$$t_{ij} \mapsto (ij),$$

the transposition of i and j .

- (2) Let $R(z) \in \text{End}(V \otimes V)$ be a meromorphic invertible solution of the Yang–Baxter equation with transfer matrix $\tau_n(z) = \text{tr}_0 R^{0n}(z - z_n) \cdots R^{01}(z - z_1) \in \text{End}(V^{\otimes n})$. Assume that $R(0) = P$, the permutation $v \otimes w \mapsto w \otimes v$ (e.g. the normalized McGuire–Yang R -matrix $R(z) = \frac{z\text{Id} + \hbar P}{z + \hbar}$). Show that the commuting q-Gaudin Hamiltonians $H_i = \tau_n(z_i)$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} H_i &= R^{(i,i-1)}(z_i - z_{i-1}) \cdots R^{(i,1)}(z_i - z_1) \\ &\quad \times R^{(i,n)}(z_i - z_n) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_i - z_{i+1}), \end{aligned}$$

¹i.e., such that $\langle [a, b], c \rangle = \langle a, [b, c] \rangle$

- (3) Let $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ be the vector representation of $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ($n \geq 2$). Let $V(z)$ be the evaluation representation of the loop Lie algebra $L\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}]$ at $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0$: $(a \otimes f(t))v = f(z)av$, $a \in \mathfrak{g}$, $f(t) \in \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}]$, $v \in V$. Show that $V(z_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(z_m)$ is an irreducible representation of $L\mathfrak{g}$ if and only if $z_i \neq z_j$ for all $i \neq j$.

1. SOLUTIONS

1.1. **Solution to 1.a.** Set $z_{ij} := z_i - z_j$ for $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Taking the cyclic sum yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & [r_{ij}(z_{ij}), r_{ik}(z_{ik})] + [r_{ki}(z_{ki}), r_{kj}(z_{kj})] + [r_{jk}(z_{jk}), r_{ji}(z_{ji})] \\ &= \frac{[t_{ij}, t_{ik}]}{z_{ij}z_{ik}} + \frac{[t_{ki}, t_{kj}]}{z_{ki}z_{kj}} + \frac{[t_{jk}, t_{ji}]}{z_{jk}z_{ji}} \\ &= \frac{z_{kj}[t_{ij}, t_{ik}] + z_{ji}[t_{ki}, t_{kj}] + z_{ik}[t_{jk}, t_{ji}]}{z_{ij}z_{ik}z_{kj}}, \end{aligned}$$

using $z_{ij} + z_{ji} = 0$. Then using $t_{ij} - t_{ji} = 0$ (etc), and the bilinearity of the Lie bracket, the numerator expands to

$$\begin{aligned} & z_i([t_{jk}, t_{ji}] - [t_{ki}, t_{kj}]) + z_j([t_{ki}, t_{kj}] - [t_{ij}, t_{ik}]) + z_i([t_{ij}, t_{ik}] - [t_{jk}, t_{ji}]) \\ &= z_i[t_{jk}, t_{ji} + t_{ki}] + z_i[t_{jk}, t_{ji} + t_{ki}] + z_i[t_{jk}, t_{ji} + t_{ki}], \end{aligned}$$

and the three summands vanish by (1) (which also directly implies the vanishing over distinct indices).

1.2. **Solution to 1.b.** By definition $r_{ij}: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_n$ (with a simple pole at $z = 0$), for $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Then $z_{ij} \mapsto r_{ij}(z_{ij})$ is the composition of $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto z_{ij} = z_i - z_j$ with “ r ”, for $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ out of the diagonals. The Lie bracket of such \mathfrak{t}_n -valued functions is induced from that of the target, hence all the evaluations commute inside \mathfrak{t}_n —for any choice of configuration of points on the complex affine line.

Now for $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $i \neq k$ the Lie bracket expands as

$$[H_i, H_j] = \sum_{k: k \neq i} \sum_{l: l \neq j} [r_{ik}(z_{ik}), r_{jl}(z_{jl})].$$

By 1.a nonvanishing term only arise if $\{i, j, k, l\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ has three elements (it cannot have less): this leaves a sum where either $k = l$, or $k = j$, or $l = i$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} [H_i, H_j] &= \sum_m [r_{im}(z_{im}), r_{jm}(z_{jm})] + \sum_l [r_{ij}(z_{ij}), r_{jl}(z_{jl})] + \sum_k [r_{ik}(z_{ik}), r_{ji}(z_{ji})] \\ &= \sum_k \left([r_{ik}(z_{ik}), r_{jk}(z_{jk})] + [r_{ij}(z_{ij}), r_{jk}(z_{jk})] + [r_{ik}(z_{ik}), r_{ji}(z_{ji})] \right), \end{aligned}$$

and all addends vanish by (2).²

²To get the exact same formula use $r_{ij}(z_{ij}) + r_{ji}(z_{ji}) = 0$, and the skew-symmetry of the Lie bracket.

1.3. **Solution to 1.c.** In all cases we must show $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$ and (1).

i) Actions on different slots commute, hence $e_k^{(i)}e_k^{(j)} = e_k^{(j)}e_k^{(i)}$ for $i \neq j$: this yields $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$. For the same reason $[t_{ij}, t_{kl}] = 0$ if i, j, k, l are distinct.

Consider then the element $t = \sum_{k=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} e_k \otimes e_k \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$.

Lemma 1.1. *The element “ t ” is invariant for the \mathfrak{g} -action on $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ induced from the adjoint action $\text{ad}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$.*

Proof. Intrinsically $t \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ corresponds to $\text{Id}_{\mathfrak{g}} \in \mathfrak{g}^{\vee} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ under the duality $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle^b: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{\vee}$ induced by the invariant nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle: \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. But the invariance of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ implies $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle^b$ is a morphism of \mathfrak{g} -modules, hence t is \mathfrak{g} -invariant since clearly the identity is. \square

Remark 1.2. For a more concrete approach fix $i \in \{1, \dots, \dim \mathfrak{g}\}$ and compute:

$$\text{ad}_{e_i}(t) = [e_i^{(1)} + e_i^{(2)}, t] = \sum_{k=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [e_i, e_k] \otimes e_k + e_k \otimes [e_i, e_k],$$

then expand $[e_i, e_k] = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} c_{ik}^l e_l$: finally use the invariance of the nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form to show a relation among the coefficients “ c_{ik}^l ” (which implies the sum vanishes).

Note by definition $t_{ij} = t^{(ij)} \in \text{End}(V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_n)$. Then fix distinct indices i, j, k and note that

$$[t^{(ij)}, t^{(ik)}] = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [t^{(ij)}, e_l^{(i)} e_l^{(k)}] = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [t^{(ij)}, e_l^{(i)}] e_l^{(k)},$$

using again the commutativity of actions on disjoint slots, and analogously

$$[t^{(ij)}, t^{(jk)}] = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [t^{(ij)}, e_l^{(j)}] e_l^{(k)}.$$

Hence

$$[t^{(ij)}, t^{(ik)} + t^{(jk)}] = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [t^{(ij)}, e_l^{(i)} + e_l^{(j)}] e_l^{(k)} = \sum_{l=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} [t, e_l]^{(ij)} e_l^{(k)} = 0,$$

by Lem. 1.1.

ii) Clearly the anticommutator is symmetric in $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

The commutation relations of \mathfrak{gl}_n are

$$[E_{ij}, E_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} E_{il} - \delta_{il} E_{kj},$$

which immediately yields $[t_{ij}, t_{kl}] = 0$ for i, j, k, l distinct. Then expanding the commutator leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
[t_{ij}, t_{kl}] &= [E_{ij}E_{ji} + E_{ji}E_{ij}, t_{kl}] \\
&= E_{ij}[E_{ji}, t_{kl}] + E_{ji}[E_{ij}, t_{kl}] + [E_{ji}, t_{kl}]E_{ij} + [E_{ij}, t_{kl}]E_{ji} \\
&= E_{ij}(E_{kl}[E_{ji}, E_{lk}] + E_{lk}[E_{ji}, E_{kl}] + [E_{ji}, E_{lk}]E_{kl} + [E_{ji}, E_{kl}]E_{lk}) \\
&\quad + E_{ji}(E_{kl}[E_{ij}, E_{lk}] + E_{lk}[E_{ij}, E_{kl}] + [E_{ij}, E_{lk}]E_{kl} + [E_{ij}, E_{kl}]E_{lk}) \\
&\quad + (E_{kl}[E_{ji}, E_{lk}] + E_{lk}[E_{ji}, E_{kl}] + [E_{ji}, E_{lk}]E_{kl} + [E_{ji}, E_{kl}]E_{lk})E_{ij} \\
&\quad + (E_{kl}[E_{ij}, E_{lk}] + E_{lk}[E_{ij}, E_{kl}] + [E_{ij}, E_{lk}]E_{kl} + [E_{ij}, E_{kl}]E_{lk})E_{ji} \\
&= E_{ij}(E_{kl}(\delta_{il}E_{jk} - \delta_{jk}E_{li}) + E_{lk}(\delta_{ik}E_{jl} - \delta_{jl}E_{ki}) + (\delta_{il}E_{jk} - \delta_{jk}E_{li})E_{kl} + (\delta_{ik}E_{jl} - \delta_{jl}E_{ki})E_{lk}) \\
&\quad + E_{ji}(E_{kl}(\delta_{jl}E_{ik} - \delta_{ik}E_{lj}) + E_{lk}(\delta_{jk}E_{il} - \delta_{il}E_{kj}) + (\delta_{jl}E_{ik} - \delta_{ik}E_{lj})E_{kl} + (\delta_{jk}E_{il} - \delta_{il}E_{kj})E_{lk}) \\
&\quad + (E_{kl}(\delta_{il}E_{jk} - \delta_{jk}E_{li}) + E_{lk}(\delta_{ik}E_{jl} - \delta_{jl}E_{ki}) + (\delta_{il}E_{jk} - \delta_{jk}E_{li})E_{kl} + (\delta_{ik}E_{jl} - \delta_{jl}E_{ki})E_{lk})E_{ij} \\
&\quad + (E_{kl}(\delta_{jl}E_{ik} - \delta_{ik}E_{lj}) + E_{lk}(\delta_{jk}E_{il} - \delta_{il}E_{kj}) + (\delta_{jl}E_{ik} - \delta_{ik}E_{lj})E_{kl} + (\delta_{jk}E_{il} - \delta_{il}E_{kj})E_{lk})E_{ji}.
\end{aligned}$$

In particular if $i = k$ (with i, j, l distinct):

$$\begin{aligned}
[t_{ij}, t_{il}] &= [E_{ij}E_{ji} + E_{ji}E_{ij}, E_{il}E_{li} + E_{li}E_{il}] \\
&= E_{ij}(E_{li}E_{jl} + E_{jl}E_{li}) - E_{ji}(E_{il}E_{lj} + E_{lj}E_{il}) \\
&\quad + (E_{li}E_{jl} + E_{jl}E_{li})E_{ij} - (E_{il}E_{lj} + E_{lj}E_{il})E_{ji};
\end{aligned}$$

while if $k = j$:³

$$\begin{aligned}
[t_{ij}, t_{jl}] &= [E_{ij}E_{ji} + E_{ji}E_{ij}, E_{jl}E_{lj} + E_{lj}E_{jl}] \\
&= -E_{ij}(E_{jl}E_{li} + E_{li}E_{jl}) + E_{ji}(E_{il} + E_{lj} + E_{il}E_{lj}) \\
&\quad - (E_{jl}E_{li} + E_{li}E_{jl})E_{ij} + (E_{lj}E_{il} + E_{il}E_{lj})E_{ji},
\end{aligned}$$

and their sum vanishes.

- iii) Recall $\mathbb{C}S_n$ is the complex vector space generated by elements of S_n , and S_n acts on the generators by (left) multiplications.

Clearly transposing i and j is the same as transposing j and i , and transpositions of disjoint pairs commute.

Finally note that

$$(ij)(ik) = (ikj), \quad (ik)(ij) = (ijk),$$

while

$$(ij)(jk) = (ijk), \quad (jk)(ij) = (ikj),$$

whence

$$[(ij), (ik) + (jk)] = (ikj) - (ijk) + (ijk) - (ikj) = 0.$$

³It's smarter to just do these latest two computations of course.

1.4. **Solution to 2.** Recall if $T \in \text{End}(V_0 \otimes W) \simeq \text{End}(V_0) \otimes \text{End} W$ then its trace "over V_0 " is $\text{tr}_0(T) = (\text{tr} \otimes \text{Id})(T) \in \text{End}(W)$.

In particular for $n = 1$ we must the q -Gaudin Hamiltonian

$$H_1 = \tau_1(z_1) = \text{tr}_0 R^{(01)}(0) = \text{tr}_0 P^{(01)} \in \text{End}(V_0 \otimes V_1) = \text{End}(V^{\otimes 2}),$$

is the identity of V (the empty product).

For this let $(e_i)_i$ be a basis of V , with dual basis $(e_i^\vee)_i$. Recall the trace of $T \in \text{End}(V)$ is obtained by

$$\text{tr} T = \sum_i e_i^\vee T(e_i),$$

i.e. composing evaluations and coevaluations. Analogously if $v \in V$ and $T \in \text{End}(V \otimes V)$ by definition one has

$$\text{tr}_0 T(v) = \sum_i (e_i^\vee \otimes \text{Id}) T(e_i \otimes v).$$

In particular for $T = P$ and $v = e_j$:

$$\text{tr}_0 P(e_j) = \sum_i (e_i^\vee \otimes \text{Id}) P(e_i \otimes e_j) = \sum_i (e_i^\vee \otimes \text{Id})(e_j \otimes e_i) = \sum_i \delta_{ij} e_i = e_j.$$

Now let us consider the general case $n \geq 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n(z_i) &= \text{tr}_0 R^{(0n)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(0,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}) R^{(0i)}(0) R^{(0,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(01)}(z_{i1}) \\ &= \text{tr}_0 R^{(0n)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(0,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}) P^{(0i)} R^{(0,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(01)}(z_{i1}). \end{aligned}$$

Let us first commute the flip $P^{(0i)}$ of V_0 and V_i to the left, past the R -matrices; for this we should use the identities

$$P^{(0i)} T^{(0j)} = T^{(ij)} P^{(0i)}, \quad T^{(0j)} P^{(0i)} = P^{(0i)} T^{(ij)}, \quad (3)$$

valid for any $T = \sum_k T'_k \otimes T''_k \in \text{End}(V \otimes V) \simeq \text{End}(V) \otimes \text{End}(V)$. Indeed if $i < j$:

$$\begin{aligned} P^{(0i)} T^{(0j)}(v_0 \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n) &= \sum_k P^{(0,i)}(T'_k v_0 \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{j-1} \otimes T''_k v_j \otimes v_{j+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n) \\ &= \sum_k v_i \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i-1} \otimes T'_k v_0 \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{j-1} \otimes T''_k v_j \otimes v_{j+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n \\ &= T^{(ij)}(v_i \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i-1} \otimes v_0 \otimes v_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n) = T^{(ij)} P^{(0i)}(v_0 \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n), \end{aligned}$$

and analogously for the second identity.

Hence using (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n(z_i) &= \text{tr}_0 P^{(0i)} R^{(in)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}) \cdot R^{(0,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(01)}(z_{i1}) \\ &= \text{tr}_0 P^{(0i)} R^{(0,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(01)}(z_{i1}) \cdot R^{(in)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}), \end{aligned}$$

using that the action on different slots commute. Now we commute again $P^{(0i)}$ to the right, using again (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n(z_i) &= \text{tr}_0 R^{(i,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(i1)}(z_{i1}) P^{(0i)} R^{(in)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}) \\ &= R^{(i,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(i1)}(z_{i1}) \cdot \text{tr}_0(P^{(0i)}) \cdot R^{(in)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}) \\ &= R^{(i,i-1)}(z_{i,i-1}) \cdots R^{(i1)}(z_{i1}) R^{(in)}(z_{in}) \cdots R^{(i,i+1)}(z_{i,i+1}), \end{aligned}$$

using $\text{tr}_0(ST) = S \text{tr}_0(T) \in \text{End}(W)$ for endomorphisms $S \in \text{End}(W)$ and $T \in \text{End}(V_0 \otimes W)$, as well as the result from $n = 1$.

1.5. **Solution to 3.** Here we consider the Lie-algebra evaluation morphism

$$\text{ev}_z: L\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, \quad a \otimes f(t) \mapsto f(z)a, \quad a \in \mathfrak{g}, f \in \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}].$$

Every \mathfrak{g} -module becomes an $L\mathfrak{g}$ -module via pullback along this morphism, with $\text{Ker}(\text{ev}_z)$ acting trivially (and we have Lie-algebra isomorphisms $L\mathfrak{g}/\text{Ker}(\text{ev}_z) \simeq \mathfrak{g}$).

Hence $V(z) = V$ as a vector space, and $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq L\mathfrak{g}$ taking constant functions: the result follows for $m = 1$, since $\mathfrak{g}v = V$ for $v \in V \setminus (0)$.

Consider now the case $m = 2$ with $z_1 = z_2 = z$. Then $L\mathfrak{g}$ acts on $V(z) \otimes V(z)$ with trivial action of the evaluation kernel @ $t = z$: hence $V(z) \otimes V(z) \simeq V \otimes V$ as \mathfrak{g} -modules, and we can show reducibility here. To this end recall the \mathfrak{g} -action on $V^{\otimes 2}$ commutes with the flip $P: v \otimes w \mapsto w \otimes v$, i.e. $P \in \text{Aut}_{\mathfrak{g}}(V \otimes V)$: hence P -invariant tensor yields a *proper* submodule.⁴ Now for generic $m \geq 2$ suppose wlog. that $z_1 = z_2 = z$, and split

$$\bigotimes_{i=1}^m V(z_i) = V(z)^{\otimes 2} \otimes V(z_3) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(z_m).$$

By the “ $m = 2$ ” case this contains the proper submodule

$$(V(z) \otimes V(z))^P \otimes V(z_3) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(z_m).$$

Now get back to the case $m = 2$ with $z_1 - z_2 \neq 0$ (as a warm-up). For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a \in \mathfrak{g}$ consider the element $a_k := a \otimes t^k \in L\mathfrak{g}$; its action on pure tensors is

$$a_k(v_1 \otimes v_2) = (z_1^k a^{(1)} + z_2^k a^{(2)})v_1 \otimes v_2, \quad v_1 \in V(z_1), v_2 \in V(z_2). \quad (4)$$

It follows that

$$\frac{a_1 - z_2 a_0}{z_1 - z_2} = a^{(1)} = a \otimes 1,$$

in the given representation, and analogously

$$\frac{a_1 - z_1 a_0}{z_2 - z_1} = a^{(2)} = 1 \otimes a.$$

Consider now a nonzero vector $v = \sum_{i=1}^r u_i \otimes v_i \in V(z_1) \otimes V(z_2)$. This can be turned into a pure tensor by the action, as follows. Choose $a \in \mathfrak{g}$ such that $u_1 - u_2 \in \text{Ker}(a)$, then

$$a \otimes 1(v) = \sum_{i=1}^r (au_i) \otimes v_i = u \otimes (v_1 + v_2) + \sum_{i=3}^r a(u_i) \otimes v_i,$$

with $u = au_1 = au_2$, getting to a sum of pure tensors with fewer summands; we conclude recursively.

Finally suppose $v = u \otimes w$ is a nonzero pure tensor, with $u \in V(z_1)$ and $v \in V(z_2)$: the action of $\mathfrak{g} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \mathfrak{g} \subseteq \text{End}(V(z_1) \otimes V(z_2))$ moves this to any other pure tensor, so in conclusion there are no nontrivial submodules.

The idea in the general case $m \geq 2$ is thus to express $a^{(i)} \in \text{End}(V(z_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(z_m))$ as a linear combination of $a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \in L\mathfrak{g}$, for all $a \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. For this we use

$$a_k(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m) = \sum_{l=1}^m z_l^k a^{(l)}(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m), \quad v_l \in V(z_l),$$

⁴This defines symmetric tensors $S^2V \subseteq V \otimes V$. Alternating tensors $\Lambda^2V \subseteq V \otimes V$ are defined analogously (as the (-1)-eigenspace for P), and $V \otimes V \simeq S^2V \oplus \Lambda^2V$.

generalising (4).

Hence for $\mathbf{v} = v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m$, with $v_i \in V(z_i)$, we impose/compute:

$$a^{(i)}\mathbf{v} \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{k=1}^m c_{ik} a_k \mathbf{v} = \sum_{k,l=1}^m c_{ik} z_l^k a^{(l)}\mathbf{v} \in V(z_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(z_m),$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{k=1}^m c_{ik} z_l^k = \delta_{il} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

This means the matrix $C = (c_{ik})_{ik}$ (if it exists) is the inverse of the size- m Vandermonde matrix $V(z_1, \dots, z_m)$ with parameters $z_1, \dots, z_m \in \mathbb{C}$, i.e.

$$V(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z_1 & z_1^2 & \cdots & z_1^{m-1} \\ 1 & z_2 & z_2^2 & \cdots & z_2^{m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & z_m & z_m^2 & \cdots & z_m^{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{gl}_m(\mathbb{C}).$$

But this matrix is invertible precisely because the parameters are all distinct.⁵

⁵The determinant is $\det(V(z_1, \dots, z_m)) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} (z_i - z_j)$.