#### Plane partitions and vertex algebras

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- Verma modules  $M_{\vec{a}}$  are parametrized by *n* numbers  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$ . For generic  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  the character equals

$$\chi(V) = \frac{q^{\Delta}}{\prod_{k=1}(1-q^k)^n}$$

In other words *M* is Fock module over  $H^{\oplus n}$  and has a basis labeled by *n*-tuple of partitions.

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For special (resonance) parameters ε, a, μ functions Z<sub>Nek</sub>(α, a, μ, ε) become ill defined. Like x/y where x, y → 0. Corresponding representations become reducible. Irreducible quotient has a basis labeled by *n*-tuples of partitions with an additional condition.

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For such  $ec{lpha}$  we can assign plane partition in  $[1,n] imes [1,\infty) - \lambda$ 



$$\nu_i = \sum_{l=i}^{n-1} r_l, \qquad \lambda_i = \sum_{l=i}^{n-1} s_l,$$

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$$\lim_{j\to\infty} a_{i,j} = \nu_i,$$
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 **3.**  $a_{i,j} = \infty,$  iff  $(i,j) \in \lambda,$ 

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The corresponding W algebras we denote by  $W_{n|m}$ .

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- The proof is based on the fact that image  $U_{\vec{q}}(\tilde{\mathfrak{gl}}_1)$  in the  $\operatorname{End}\left(\mathcal{F}_{u_1}^{(1)}\otimes\mathcal{F}_{u_2}^{(1)}\right)$  commutes with two screening operators

$$S^{11}_+ = \oint S^{11}_+(z) dz, \quad S^{11}_- = \oint S^{11}_-(z) dz.$$

For the case  $\mathcal{F}_{u_1}^{(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{F}_{u_n}^{(1)}$  we have two commuting systems of operators which corresponds corresponding to quantum group  $\mathfrak{gl}_n$ 

$$\mathfrak{S}_1 = \left\{ \left( S_{-}^{11} \right)_{i,i+1} | 0 < i < n \right\}, \quad \mathfrak{S}_2 = \left\{ \left( S_{+}^{11} \right)_{i,i+1} | 0 < i < n \right\}.$$

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