## IMAGINARY WHITTAKER MODULES FOR EXTENDED AFFINE LIE ALGEBRAS

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## Abstract

We classify irreducible Whittaker modules for generalized Heisenberg Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  and irreducible Whittaker modules for Lie algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  obtained by adjoining m degree derivations  $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$  to  $\mathfrak{t}$ . Using these results, we construct imaginary Whittaker modules for non-twisted extended affine Lie algebras and prove that the imaginary Whittaker modules of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent level are always irreducible.

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#### Introduction

In Block's classification [Bl] of all irreducible modules for the three-dimensional simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , they fall into two families: highest (lowest) weight modules and a family which are irreducible modules over a Borel subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  including Whittaker modules. This result illustrates the prominent role played by Whittaker modules.

The class of Whittaker modules for an arbitrary finite-dimensional complex semisimple Lie Algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  was defined by Kostant. Kostant defined and systematically studied in [Ko] Whittaker modules for an arbitrary finite-dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . He showed that these modules with a fixed regular Whittaker function (Lie homomorphism) on a nilpotent radical are (up to isomorphism) in bijective correspondence with central characters of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ . Specifically, irreducible Whittaker modules correspond to the maximal ideals of the center  $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ . In [Wa], N.Wallach gave new proofs of Kostant's results in the case that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the product of complex Lie algebras isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$ . E.McDowell [Mc], and D.Milicic and W.Soegbel [MS] studied a category of modules for an arbitrary finite-dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak g$  which includes the Bernstein-Gelfand-Gelfand category  $\mathcal O$  as well as those Whittaker modules where the Whittaker function on a nilpotent radical may be irregular (degenerate). The irreducible objects in this category are constructed by inducing over a parabolic subalgebra  $\mathfrak p$  of  $\mathfrak g$  from an irreducible Whittaker module or from a highest weight module for the reductive Levi factor of  $\mathfrak p$  (when the Whittaker function is zero).

Naturally, the next important task is to study Whittaker modules over infinite-dimensional Lie algebras. Affine Lie algebras are the most extensively studied and most useful ones among infinite-dimensional Kac-Moody algebras. The integrable highest weight modules were the first class of representations over affine Kac-Moody algebras being extensively studied, see [Ka] for detailed discussion of results. In [Ch], Chari classified all irreducible integrable weight modules with finite-dimensional weight spaces over the untwisted affine Lie algebras. Chari and Pressley [CP1], then extended this classification to all affine Lie algebras. The results of [Ch] and [CP1] state that every irreducible integrable weight module with finite-dimensional weight spaces is either a highest weight module or a loop module. Very recently, a complete classification for all irreducible weight modules with finite-dimensional weight spaces over affine Lie algebras were obtained in [FT, DG]. As for irreducible weight modules with infinite-dimensional weight spaces and irreducible

non-weight modules, the first examples were given by Chari and Pressley in [CP2] by taking the tensor product of some irreducible integrable highest weight modules and integrable loop modules over affine Lie algebras. Besides the irreducible modules constructed in [CP2], a class of irreducible weight modules over affine Lie algebras with infinite-dimensional weight spaces were constructed in [BBFK]. A complete classification for all irreducible (weight and non-weight) modules over affine Lie algebras with locally nilpotent action of the nilpotent radical were obtained in [MZ]. All irreducible modules over untwisted affine Lie algebras with locally finite action of the nilpotent radical were classified in [GZ].

A class of irreducible non-weight modules for untwisted affine Lie algebras from irreducible Whittaker modules over the subalgebra generated by imaginary root spaces were constructed in [Chr]. These modules are called imaginary Whittaker modules since they are different from the above Whittaker modules in nature.

Extended affine Lie algebras, first introduced by mathematical physicists [H-KT], are a higher-dimensional generalization of affine Kac-Moody Lie algebras. Roughly speaking, extended affine Lie algebras are complex Lie algebras characterized by a symmetric non-degenerate invariant bilinear form, a finite-dimensional ad-diagonalizable abelian subalgebra (i.e., a Cartan subalgebra), a discrete irreducible root system and ad-nilpotency of the root spaces attached to non-isotropic roots. It turns out the root systems of such Lie algebras are precisely the extended affine root systems

introduced by Saito [Sa] in the study of elliptic singularities. Those Lie algebras and root systems have been further studied in [AABGP], [BGK] and [ABGP], and among others. Our purpose in this thesis to investigate the properties of imaginary Whittaker modules over non-twisted extended affine Lie algebras.

The organization of the thesis is as follows: Some basic definitions and notations are given in Chapter 1; in Chapter 2, we classify the irreducible Whittaker modules for generalized Heisenberg Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{t}$ ; in Chapter 3, we classify the irreducible Whittaker modules for Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{t}$  obtained by adjoining m degree derivations  $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$  to  $\mathfrak{t}$ ; while in Chapter 4, we use our results from Chapter 3 to construct imaginary Whittaker modules for non-twisted extended affine Lie algebras and investigate their properties.

#### 1 Preliminaries

A Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  with a product  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ , called Lie bracket, which is bilinear and satisfies two additional conditions:

- 1. [x, x] = 0 for all x in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,
- 2. [x,[y,z]]+[y,[z,x]]+[z,[x,y]]=0 for all  $x,y,z\in\mathfrak{g}.$  (Jacobi identity)

For any algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  we denote its center by  $Z(\mathcal{A})$ . Let n be a positive integer and let  $\mathfrak{t}$  be a Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  with the following properties:

- 1.  $\mathfrak{t}$  has a one-dimensional center,  $Z(\mathfrak{t}) = \mathbb{C}c$ ,
- 2.  $\mathfrak{t}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded,  $\mathfrak{t} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{t}_i$ ,
- 3.  $dim_{\mathbb{C}}\mathfrak{t}_{i}=n$  for all  $i\in\mathbb{Z}, i\neq 0$ , and  $\mathfrak{t}_{0}=\mathbb{C}c$ .

Set  $\mathfrak{t}^+ = \bigoplus_{i>0} \mathfrak{t}_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{t}^- = \bigoplus_{i<0} \mathfrak{t}_i$ . We assume that there is a basis  $\{x_{ri}\}_{1\leq r\leq n}$  of  $\mathfrak{t}_i$  and a basis  $\{y_{ri}\}_{1\leq r\leq n}$  of  $\mathfrak{t}_{-i}$ ,  $i\in\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that

$$[c, x_{ri}] = [c, y_{ri}] = 0, \quad [x_{ri}, x_{sj}] = [y_{ri}, y_{sj}] = 0, \quad [x_{ri}, y_{sj}] = \delta_{rs}\delta_{ij}c$$

for all  $1 \le r, s \le n, i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . It follows that  $degree \ x_{ri} = degree \ x_{si} = i, degree \ y_{ri} = degree \ y_{si} = -i$  for all  $1 \le r, s \le n, i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

The algebra **t** is an infinite-dimensional Heisenberg Lie algebra [Chr]. We extend the above definition to a generalized Heisenberg Lie algebra **t** with three similar properties as infinite-dimensional Heisenberg Lie algebras:

- 1.  $\mathfrak{t}$  has a m-dimensional center,  $Z(\mathfrak{t}) = \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ ,
- 2.  $\mathfrak{t}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ -graded,  $\mathfrak{t} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m} \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}$ ,
- 3.  $dim_{\mathbb{C}}\mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}=n$  for all  $\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m, \alpha\neq0$ , and  $\mathfrak{t}_0=\mathbb{C}c_1\oplus\mathbb{C}c_2\oplus\ldots\oplus\mathbb{C}c_m$ ,

for some positive integers m and n.

We can order the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  lexicographically, that is, for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m, \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$  if and only if, for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \alpha_i < \beta_i$ , and for all  $j > i, \alpha_j = \beta_j$ . Set  $\mathbb{Z}^m + = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m | \alpha < 0\}$ , where we denote  $0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Set  $\mathfrak{t}^+ = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \mathfrak{t}_\alpha} \mathfrak{t}^- = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \mathfrak{t}_{-\alpha}} \mathfrak{t}^-$ . We assume that there is a basis  $\{x_{r\alpha}\}_{1 \le r \le n}$  of  $\mathfrak{t}_\alpha$  and a basis  $\{y_{r\alpha}\}_{1 \le r \le n}$  of  $\mathfrak{t}_{-\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that}$ 

$$[c_i, x_{r\alpha}] = [c_i, y_{r\alpha}] = 0, \quad [x_{r\alpha}, x_{s\beta}] = [y_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0,$$

$$[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = \delta_{rs}\delta_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_mc_m)$$

for all  $1 \leq r, s \leq n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . It follows that  $degree \ x_{r\alpha} = degree \ x_{s\alpha} = \alpha$ , and  $degree \ y_{r\alpha} = degree \ y_{s\alpha} = -\alpha$  for all  $1 \leq r, s \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ .

## 2 Whittaker modules for Heisenberg Lie

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#### 2.1 Whittaker modules for t

In this section we describe the irreducible Whittaker modules for t. All the results of this section are valid for generalized Heisenberg Lie subalgebras of any extended affine Lie algebras.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\eta: U(\mathfrak{t}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism such that  $\eta|_{\mathfrak{t}^+} \neq 0$ , and let V be a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module.

- 1. A non-zero vector  $v \in V$  is called a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta$  if  $xv = \eta(x)v$  for all  $x \in U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$
- 2. V is called a Whittaker module for  $\mathfrak{t}$  if V contains a cyclic Whittaker vector v (i.e.  $v \in V$  is a Whittaker vector and  $V = U(\mathfrak{t})v$ ).

Notation 2.2 Let V be a Whittaker module of type  $\eta$  for  $\mathfrak t$  with cyclic Whittaker

vector v. Let  $\eta': U(\mathfrak{t}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism and assume that  $x_{r\alpha}v = \eta'(x_{r\alpha})v$  for some  $1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + .$  Then  $\eta(x_{r\alpha}) = \eta'(x_{r\alpha}).$ 

Next we will construct Whittaker modules for  $\mathfrak{t}$ . Set  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{t}^+ \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ . Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and let  $\mathbb{C}_{\eta, \vec{a}} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{v}$  be a one-dimensional vector space viewed as a  $\mathfrak{b}$ -module by

$$c_i \tilde{v} = a_i \tilde{v}, \quad x \tilde{v} = \eta(x) \tilde{v}$$
 (2.1)

for all  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $x \in U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$ . Set

$$M_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\mathfrak{t}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}, \quad v = 1 \otimes \tilde{v}.$$
 (2.2)

Define an action of  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  on  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  by left multiplication (on the first tensor factor). Note that  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\mathfrak{t})v$  and that  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a Whittake module for  $\mathfrak{t}$ .

Since  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ + is totally ordered and enumerated as

$$(0,0,\ldots,0,1)<(0,0,\ldots,0,2)<\ldots,$$

we can denote that  $k_i = (k_{i\alpha}, k_{i\beta}, ...)$ , where  $\alpha = (0, 0, ..., 0, 1), \beta = (0, 0, ..., 0, 2)$ , for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. Let  $\underline{k} = (k_1, k_2, ..., k_n)$  and only finitely many  $k_{r\alpha}$  are non zero. Denote I be the set of all such  $\underline{k}$ . Then we can order the elements of I lexicograpically and denote this total order by  $\leq$ .

Let  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism. For any  $\underline{k} \in I$ , since there are only finitely many  $k_{r\alpha} \neq 0$ , we may define:

1. 
$$|\underline{k}| = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \\ 1 \le r \le n}} k_{r\alpha},$$

$$2. \ y^{\underline{k}} = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \\ 1 \le r \le n}} y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}},$$

3. 
$$\underline{k}! = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \\ 1 \le r \le n}} k_{r\alpha}!,$$

4. 
$$(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}} = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + 1 \le r \le n}} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{k_{r\alpha}},$$

5. 
$$(y - \xi)^{\underline{k}} = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + 1 < r < n}} (y_{r\alpha} - \xi(y_{r\alpha}))^{k_{r\alpha}}.$$

**Proposition 2.3** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and assume  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  and v are as defined in Definition 2.1. Then the following hold:

- 1. The set  $\{y^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k}\in I\}$  is a basis of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space.
- 2. As a  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -module,  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is isomorphic to  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ .
- 3.  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is free as a  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -module.

Proof.

- 1. Since  $U(\mathfrak{t}) \cong U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{b})$  by Poincaré-Birkoff-Witt theorem in section 17.3 [Hu],  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  is a free right  $U(\mathfrak{b})$ -module with basis  $\{y^{\underline{k}}|\underline{k}\in I\}$ . Hence  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\mathfrak{t}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong (U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{b})) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (U(\mathfrak{b}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}) \cong U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with basis  $\{y^{\underline{k}}|\underline{k}\in I\}$ .
- 2. This is obvious from the proof of Proposition 2.3(1).

3. Since  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  is a domain, it follows that  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is torsion-free as a  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -module. Hence  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is free as a  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -module since  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is cyclic as a  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -module.

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and  $v \in M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  be defined as in Definition 2.1, we have the following:

1. if  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$ , then

$$(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}y^{\underline{k}}v = \{ \prod_{1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, + \alpha_n a_n)^{k_{r\alpha}} \} \underline{k}!v \qquad (2.3)$$

for any  $\underline{k} \in I$ .

- 2. if  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$  and  $\underline{k}, \underline{l} \in I$  with  $\underline{k} < \underline{l}$ , then  $(x \eta)^{\underline{l}} y^{\underline{k}} v = 0$ .
- 3. if  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 0$ , then  $x_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} v = \eta(x_{r\alpha}) y^{\underline{k}} v$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \underline{k} \in I$ .

Proof.

1. Since  $[x_{r\alpha}, x_{s\beta}] = [y_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0$  and  $[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = \delta_{rs}\delta_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_mc_m)$ , we have the following calculation:

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha} = y_{r\alpha}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + \alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m,$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^2 = y_{r\alpha}[y_{r\alpha}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + 2(\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)],$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^3 = y_{r\alpha}^2[y_{r\alpha}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + 3(\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)],$$

and by induction we may have

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}} = y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-1}[y_{r\alpha}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + k_{r\alpha}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m)].$$

Hence,

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}v = y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-1}k_{r\alpha}(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \alpha_{2}a_{2} + \dots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})v$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{k_{r\alpha}}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}v = y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-1}k_{r\alpha}(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \alpha_{2}a_{2} + \dots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})v$$

$$= k_{r\alpha}(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \alpha_{2}a_{2} + \dots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{k_{r\alpha}-1}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-1}v$$

$$= k_{r\alpha}k_{r\alpha} - 1(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \alpha_{2}a_{2} + \dots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})^{2}$$

$$\cdot (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{k_{r\alpha}-2}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-2}v$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= k_{r\alpha}!(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \alpha_{2}a_{2} + \dots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})^{k_{r\alpha}}v.$$

Since  $[x_{r\alpha}, x_{s\beta}] = [y_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0$ , we have

$$(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}y^{\underline{k}}v = \underline{k}! \prod_{1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m)^{k_{r\alpha}}v$$

for any  $\underline{k} \in I$ .

2.  $\underline{k} < \underline{l} \Rightarrow \exists 1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } k_{r\alpha} < l_{r\alpha}, \text{ so}$ 

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l_{r\alpha}} y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}} v = k_{r\alpha}! (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m)^{k_{r\alpha}}$$

$$*(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l_{r\alpha} - k_{r\alpha}} v$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - \eta)^{\underline{l}} y^{\underline{k}} v = 0.$$

3. If  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) = 0 \Rightarrow [x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0$  for all  $1 \le r, s \le n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \Rightarrow$  $x_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} v = \eta(x_{r\alpha}) y^{\underline{k}} v \text{ for all } 1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \underline{k} \in I.$ 

#### 2.2 Whittaker modules for $\mathfrak{t}$ with $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$ $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent

In this section, we classify all irreducible Whittaker modules for  $\mathfrak t$  with  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$   $\mathbb Z$ -independent.

**Proposition 2.5** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent, then  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module.

*Proof.* Let N be a nonzero  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and let  $0 \neq u \in N$ . Then, u has a unique expression

$$u = \sum_{\underline{k}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$ . Let  $\underline{l} = max\{\underline{k} \in I | \lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0\}$ . If  $\underline{l} = \underline{0}$ , then  $v \in N$  and so  $N = M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

Assume that  $\underline{l} \neq \underline{0}$ , then

$$(x-\eta)^{\underline{l}}u = \{ \prod_{1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, +\alpha_n a_n)^{l_{r\alpha}} \} \underline{l}! \lambda_{\underline{l}}v \in N.$$

Since  $\lambda_{\underline{l}} \neq 0$  and  $\prod_{1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, + \alpha_n a_n)^{l_{r\alpha}} \neq 0$ , we have that  $v \in N$ , so  $N = M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  and  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module.

**Proposition 2.6** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent, then  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  is the unique (up to isomorphism) irreducible Whittaker module of type  $\eta$  on which  $c_1, c_2, ..., c_m$  acts on the Whittaker vector v by  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_m$  respectively.

Proof. Let M' be a Whittaker  $\mathfrak{t}$ -module of type  $\eta$  with cyclic Whittaker vector v' such that  $c_1v'=a_1v', c_2v'=a_2v', \ldots, c_mv'=a_mv'$ , then we only need to show that  $M'\cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . Let  $\mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  be defined the same as in Definition 2.1. Then the map

$$f:U(\mathfrak{t})\otimes\mathbb{C}_{\eta,\mathbf{a}}\to M'$$

defined by

$$(u, rv) \mapsto ruv',$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $u \in U(\mathfrak{t})$ , is bilinear. Moreover if  $w \in U(\mathfrak{b})$ , then

$$f(uw, rv) = r(uw)v'$$
$$= f(u, w(rv)).$$

Hence there exists an induced linear map

$$f: M_{n,\vec{a}} = U(\mathfrak{t}) \otimes_{U(\mathbf{b})} \mathbb{C}_{n,\vec{a}} \to M'$$

defined by

$$u \otimes rv \mapsto ruv'$$
,

which is a homomorphism of (left)  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules, and it is obviously surjective as  $M' = U(\mathfrak{t})v'$ . Since  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is irreducible, f is then one-to-one. Thus,  $M' \cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as desired.

Corollary 2.7 Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. Let M' be a Whittaker  $\mathfrak{t}$ -module of type  $\eta$  with cyclic Whittaker vector v' such that  $c_i v' = a_i v'$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Then  $M' \cong M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$ .

**Proposition 2.8** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. Then the space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is one-dimensional.

*Proof.* Let  $\eta': U(\mathfrak{t}) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism. Suppose that  $w \in M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta'$ . We show that  $\eta = \eta'$  and that  $w \in \mathbb{C}v$ . By Proposition 2.3(1), w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{k} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$ . We may assume that  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}$ , otherwise we would have  $w \in \mathbb{C}v$  and the proof is done. Let  $\underline{0} \neq \underline{l} = \max\{\underline{k} | \lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0\}$ . By Lemma 2.4(1), we have

$$(x-\eta)^{\underline{l}}w = \lambda_{\underline{l}} \underline{l}! \Pi_{1 < r < n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m)^{l_{r\alpha}} v.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{t}^+$  is abelian and w is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta'$ ,

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta'(x_{r\alpha}))(x - \eta)^{\underline{l}}w = (x - \eta)^{\underline{l}}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta'(x_{r\alpha}))w$$
$$= 0$$

for all  $1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . Thus

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta'(x_{r\alpha}))v = (\lambda_{\underline{l}}\underline{l}!\Pi_{1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m)^{l_{r\alpha}})^{-1}$$

$$*(x_{r\alpha} - \eta'(x_{r\alpha}))(x - \eta)^{\underline{l}}w$$

$$= 0$$

for all  $1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . Which is to say  $\eta'(x_{r\alpha}) = \eta(x_{r\alpha})$  for all  $1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . so we have  $\eta = \eta'$ . This implies that

$$(x - \eta)^{\underline{l}} w = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\underline{k}} = 0,$$
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which is a contradiction to our choice of  $\underline{l}$ . Therefore,  $w = \lambda v$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  as desired.

**Proposition 2.9** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. Then  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}} \cong M_{\eta', \vec{a}'}$  as  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules if and only if  $\eta = \eta'$  and  $\vec{a} = \vec{a}'$ .

Proof. We only need to prove that if  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong M_{\eta',\vec{a}'}$ , then  $\eta = \eta'$  and  $\vec{a} = \vec{a}'$ , because the other direction is obviuos. Since  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong M_{\eta',\vec{a}'}$ , let  $f: M_{\eta,\vec{a}} \to M_{\eta',\vec{a}'}$  be an isomorphism of  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules and choose  $v \in M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as a Whittaker vector. Then  $a'_i f(v) = c_i f(v) = f(c_i v) = f(a_i v) = a_i v$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m. So,  $a'_i = a_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m and  $\vec{a} = \vec{a}'$ . Moreover,

$$(u - \eta(u))f(v) = f((u - \eta(u))v)$$
$$= f(0)$$
$$= 0$$

for all  $u \in U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$ , which implies that f(v) is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta$  in  $M_{\eta',\vec{a}'}$ . By Proposition 2.8, it follows that  $\eta = \eta'$ .

#### 2.3 Whittaker modules for t with $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$ $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent

In this chapter, we assume that  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m \neq 0$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent. Let  $\Omega = \{\underline{k} \in I | \text{ there exists at least one entry } k_{r\alpha} \neq 0 \text{ such that } a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_m\alpha_m = 0\}$ . For any  $\underline{k} \in I$ , denote  $[\underline{k}]_{r,\alpha}$  the same as  $\underline{k} \in I$  except that, if  $k_{r\alpha} \neq 0$  for  $\underline{k}$ , then the  $(r, \alpha)^{th}$  position is  $k_{r\alpha} - 1$  instead of  $k_{r\alpha}$ .

**Proposition 2.10** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent. Then  $N_{\eta} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k} \in \Omega\}$  is a maximal submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $N_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . For any  $w \in N_{\eta}$ , w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{k \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \in \Omega$  are not zero.

1. For any  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, m, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . If  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ , then

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} \eta(x_{r\alpha}) y^{\underline{k}} v \in N_{\eta}.$$

If  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m \neq 0$ , then we can rewrite w as

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} > 0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} = 0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

and we have

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega, k_{r\alpha}>0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} v + \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega, k_{r\alpha}=0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} > 0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} k_{r\alpha} y^{[\underline{k}]_{r,\alpha}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m c_m) v$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} \eta(x_{r\alpha}) y^{\underline{k}} v + \sum_{k \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} > 0} \lambda_{\underline{k}} k_{r\alpha} y^{[\underline{k}]_{r,\alpha}} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m) v.$$

Since  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m \neq 0$ , it must be  $[\underline{k}]_{r,\alpha} \in \Omega$  given that  $\underline{k} \in \Omega$ .

Thus  $x_{r\alpha}w \in N_{\eta}$ . So, for any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have  $x_{r\alpha}w \in N_{\eta}$ , which shows that  $N_{\eta}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$ .

2. For any 
$$\underline{k}' \in I$$
,  $y^{\underline{k}'}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}'} y^{\underline{k}} v = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k} + \underline{k}'} v \in N_{\eta}$ .

The above implies that  $N_{\eta}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  and  $N_{\eta} \neq M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ , so  $N_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . Consider  $V = \{y^{\underline{k}}v | \underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega\}$ . It is easy to see that V is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$ . Next we will show that  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module. Similar as the proof of Proposition 2.5, let K be a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$ . Then for any  $0 \neq w \in K$ , w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{k \in I \setminus \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega$  are not zero. Let  $\underline{l} = max\{\underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega | \lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0\}$ . If  $\underline{l} = \underline{0}$ , then  $v \in K$  and so  $K = M_{\eta, \vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$ . Assume that  $\underline{l} \neq \underline{0}$ . Then

 $(x-\eta)^{\underline{l}}w = \{\prod_{1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, +\alpha_m a_m)^{l_{r\alpha}}\} \underline{l}! \lambda_{\underline{l}}v \in N. \text{ Since } \lambda_{\underline{l}} \neq 0$ and  $\prod_{1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, +\alpha_n a_n)^{l_{r\alpha}} \neq 0, \text{ this implies that } v \in K, \text{ and}$ so  $K = M_{\eta, \overline{d}}/N_{\eta} \text{ and thus } M_{\eta, \overline{d}}/N_{\eta} \text{ is irreducible as a } U(\mathfrak{t})\text{-module. So, } N_{\eta} \text{ is a}$ maximal submodule of  $M_{\eta, \overline{d}}$ .

For every  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , let  $\underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$  be the element of  $\Omega$  which has 1 in the  $(r,\alpha)^{th}$  position and zeros elsewhere.

**Proposition 2.11**  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{k} \neq \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}\}$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $N_{\eta}$  for every  $\underline{e}_{r,\alpha} \in \Omega$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a proper submodule of  $N_{\eta}$ . For any  $w \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v,$$

where  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ .

Obviously,  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  since for any  $\underline{k'} \in I$ , we have

$$y^{\underline{k'}}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k} + \underline{k'}} v \in \tilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

For any i = 1, 2, ..., m,

$$c_i w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} c_i v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_r} \lambda_{\underline{k}} a_i y^{\underline{k}} v \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}.$$

So,  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \dots \mathbb{C} \oplus c_m$ .

Now we claim that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is also stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$ . By induction we have

$$x_{r\alpha}y_{s\beta}^k = y_{s\beta}^k x_{r\alpha} + k\delta_{r,s}\delta_{\alpha,\beta}y_{s,\beta}^{k-1}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_mc_m),$$

where  $1 \le r, s \le n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\ge 0}$ .

For any r = 1, 2, ..., n, and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_m \in \mathbb{Z}+$ , if  $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + ... + a_m\alpha_m = 0$ , then

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} v = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} \eta(x_{r\alpha}) y^{\underline{k}} v \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}.$$

If  $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \ldots + a_m\alpha_m \neq 0$ , denote  $[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}$  the same as  $\underline{k}$  except that, if  $k_{r\alpha} > 0$ , the element at  $(r,\alpha)^{th}$  position is  $k_{r\alpha} - 1$  instead of  $k_{r\alpha}$ . Then, we can rewrite w as

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e_{r,\alpha}}, k_{r\alpha > 0}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e_{r,\alpha}}, k_{r\alpha} = 0} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} v.$$

So we have

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega\setminus\underline{e}_{r,\alpha},k_{r\alpha}>0} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m) v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}, k_{r\alpha > 0}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}, k_{r\alpha = 0}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} v.$$

Since  $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \ldots + a_m\alpha_m \neq 0$  and  $\underline{k} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ , we have  $[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha} \in \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$  and 20

 $x_{r\alpha}w \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ .

For any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have  $x_{r\alpha}w \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , so  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$ . Thus,  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a proper submodule of  $N_{\eta}$ .

Moreover,  $N_{\eta}/N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{e}_{r,\alpha}}v\}$ , which is a one-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space, so  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $N_{\eta}$ .

**Proposition 2.12** Every maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $N_{\eta}$  is of the form  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $\underline{e}_{r,\alpha} \in \Omega$ .

Proof. Assume that there exists a maximal submodule M of  $N_{\eta}$  such that  $M \neq N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Then by the maximality of M and  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  in  $N_{\eta}$ , we have  $M + N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} = N_{\eta}$ . So,  $(M + N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)})/M \cong N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}/M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and it follows that  $N_{\eta}/M \cong N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}/M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Since  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is not irreducible, we have  $M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \neq 0$ . Let  $N_{r,\alpha} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r,\alpha}v\}$ . Note that  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \cap N_{r,\alpha} = 0$ , hence  $(M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}) \cap (M \cap N_{r,\alpha}) = 0$ . Thus, as vector spaces,  $(M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}) + (M \cap N_{r,\alpha}) = (M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}) \oplus (M \cap N_{r,\alpha})$ . Since  $N_{\eta}/M \cong N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}/M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ ,  $N_{\eta}/N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \cong M/M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is irreducible and we must have

$$M = (M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}) \oplus (M \cap N_{r,\alpha}).$$

Suppose that  $M \cap N_{r,\alpha} \neq 0$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ , then  $w = y_{r\alpha} v \in M$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Since  $\{y_{r\alpha} v | 1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +, \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0\}$  generates  $N_{\eta}$ , we get that  $N_{\eta} \in M$ , which can not happen because we assumed that M is a maximal submodule of  $N_{\eta}$ . So,  $M \cap N_{r,\alpha} = 0$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Then we get  $M = M \cap N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and by the maximality of M we have  $M = N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . But this is a contradiction as we assumed that  $M \neq N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . We conclude that  $M = N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ .

**Proposition 2.13** The space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $M_{\eta}/N_{\eta}$  is one-dimensional.

*Proof.* Let  $w \neq 0$  be a Whittaker vector for  $M_{\eta}/N_{\eta}$ , then  $(x - \eta)^{\underline{k}}w \in N_{\eta}$  for all  $\underline{k} \in I$ . We can write w as

$$w = \sum_{k \in I \setminus \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v + N_{\eta},$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k}}$  are not zero. Let  $\underline{l} = max\{\underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega, \lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0\}$ . If  $\underline{l} = \underline{0}$ , then  $w = \lambda v + N_{\eta}$  for some nonzero  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Assume that  $\underline{l} \neq \underline{0}$ , then we can see that  $(x - \eta)^{\underline{l}}w = \{\prod_{1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \dots, + \alpha_n a_n)^{l_{r\alpha}}\}\underline{l}!v + N_{\eta}$ . Since  $\underline{l} \notin \Omega$ ,

we have  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_n a_n \neq 0$  for every  $l_{r\alpha} > 0$ . But this is a contradiction because  $(x - \eta)^{\underline{l}} w \in N_{\eta}$ . Thus, we have  $w = \lambda v + N_{\eta}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , which implies that the space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $M_{\eta}/N_{\eta}$  is one-dimensional.  $\square$ 

#### **Theorem 2.14** $N_{\eta}$ is the unique maximal submodule of $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

Proof. Let K be a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and suppose that  $K \neq N_{\eta}$ . Then  $K \cap N_{\eta}$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $N_{\eta}$ . Since  $K + N_{\eta} = M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ , so  $N_{\eta}/(K \cap N_{\eta}) \cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/K$  and then we must have  $K \cap N_{\eta} = N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $\underline{e}_{r,\alpha} \in \Omega$ . Hence  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \subseteq K$ . Since  $K/(K \cap N_{\eta}) \cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$  and  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}/N_{\eta}$  has a Whittaker vector, there exists  $w \in K, w \notin N_{\eta}$  such that  $w + (K \cap N_{\eta})$  is a Whittaker vector in  $K/(K \cap N_{\eta})$ . Thus, by Proposition 2.13, we may assume that  $w = v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v$  after by multiplying a scalar. Then  $0 \neq y_{r\alpha} w = y_{r\alpha} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} v \in K \cap N_{\eta} = N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Since  $\sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} v \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , we get  $y_{r\alpha} v \in N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , which is a contradiction with the definition of  $N_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Hence  $K = N_{\eta}$  and we get that  $N_{\eta}$  is the unique maximal submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

#### **2.4** Whittaker modules for $\mathfrak{t}$ with $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_m = 0$

In this chapter we will investigate the maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodules for  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  with  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_m = 0$ . We denote  $M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

Notation 2.15 Let  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism, and let  $J_{\xi}$  be the ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  generated by  $y_{r\alpha} - \xi(y_{r\alpha})$  for all  $1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + .$ 

**Lemma 2.16** Let  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)} = J_{\xi}v$  in  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ . Then  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

Proof. Since  $J_{\xi}$  is an ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^{-})$ , it follows that  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^{-})$ . By Lemma 2.4(3),  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t}^{+})$ , and it is obviously stable under  $\mathfrak{t}_{0}$ . Hence,  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  is a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$  and is proper because  $v \notin M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$ . Since  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{(y-\xi)^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k} \in I,\underline{k} \neq 0\}$  and the set  $span_{\mathbb{C}}\{(y-\xi)^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k} \in I\}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ , we get that  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}/M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)} = \mathbb{C}v$ . So,  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

**Lemma 2.17** Every maximal ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  is of the form  $J_{\xi}$  for some algebra homomorphism  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let M be a maximal ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ , then  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)/M$  is a field extension of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since every proper field extension of  $\mathbb{C}$  must contain a copy of  $\mathbb{C}(z)$ , where

z is algebraically independent over  $\mathbb{C}$ , hence it must have uncountable dimension. Since  $dim_{\mathbb{C}}U(\mathfrak{t}^-)/M$  is countable,  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)/M$  is not a proper field extension and  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)/M = \mathbb{C}$ . So, for every  $1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , there exists  $\xi_{r\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $y_{r\alpha} = \xi_{r\alpha} + M \Rightarrow y_{r\alpha} - \xi_{r\alpha} \in M$ . Let  $\xi : U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$  be the algebra homomorphism defined by  $\xi(y_{r\alpha}) = \xi_{r\alpha}$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Then  $J_{\xi} \subset M$ , and by the maximality of  $J_{\xi}$ , we have  $M = J_{\xi}$ .

Set  $P = U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ . By the PBW theorem, we may view P as a polynomial ring in the variables  $y_{r\alpha}, 1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ . For any  $u \in P$ , define the action of  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  on u by:  $y_{r\alpha}$  acts on u as multiplication by  $y_{r\alpha}, x_{r\alpha}u = \eta(x_{r\alpha})u$  and  $c_1u = c_2u = \cdots = c_mu = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.18** Every maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of P has the form  $J_{\xi}$  for some algebra homomorphism  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$ .

Proof. Let K be a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of P. Then K is a proper  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ submodule of P with the action of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  defined above. Clearly, K is an ideal of P. Hence K must be contained in some maximal ideal of  $P = U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ . By Lemma 2.16,  $K \subset J_{\xi}$  for some algebra homomorphism  $\xi : U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$ . However,  $J_{\xi}$  is a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of P, so it is stable under the action of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^+)$  and  $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_m$  defined above. Hence  $K = J_{\xi}$  by the maximality of K as a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of P.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 2.19** Every maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$  has the form  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  for some algebra homomorphism  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$ .

Proof. Define  $f: P \to M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$  by  $u \mapsto uv$  for all  $u \in P$ . As in Proposition 2.3(2), we know that f is an isomorphism of (left)  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$ -modules, where the action of  $U(\mathfrak{t}^-)$  on P is by left multiplication. It is easy to see that f is actually an isomorphism of (left)  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules. Let M be a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $M_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ . Then  $f^{-1}(M)$  is a maximal  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of P. By Lemma 2.18, it follows that  $f^{-1}(M) = J_{\xi}$  for some algebra homomorphism  $\xi: U(\mathfrak{t}^-) \to \mathbb{C}$ . So  $M = (J_{\xi}) = J_{\xi}v = M_{\eta,\vec{0}}^{(\xi)}$  as desired.

#### 2.5 The center of $U(\mathfrak{t})$ and annihilator ideals

In this section, we describe the center of the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ . Then we show how the annihilator in  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  of an irreducible Whittaker module for  $\mathfrak{t}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent levels is generated. Let  $Z = Z(U(\mathfrak{t}))$  be the center of the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  of  $\mathfrak{t}$ .

Proposition 2.20  $Z = \mathbb{C}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m].$ 

Proof. Since it is obvious that  $\mathbb{C}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m] \subseteq Z$ , we only need to prove  $Z \subseteq \mathbb{C}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m]$ . Let  $u = \sum \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}} c^{\underline{b}} \in Z$ , where  $c^{\underline{b}} = c_1^{b_1} c_2^{b_2} \dots c_m^{b_m}$  and only finitely many non-zero  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}$  occur in the sum. Assume that there exists  $\underline{m} \in I, \underline{m} \neq \underline{0}$ , such that  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{m},\underline{b}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{k} \in I, \underline{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \geq 0$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + 1 \leq r \leq n$  be such that  $m_{r\alpha} \neq 0$ . Then the set

$$I_{r,\alpha} = \{(\underline{k}, \underline{l}, \underline{b}) | \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} \neq 0 \text{ for some } \underline{k}, \underline{l} \in I, \underline{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \text{ with } l_{r\alpha} \neq 0\}$$

is non-empty and we can write

$$u = \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}} c^{\underline{b}} + \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \notin I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}} c^{\underline{b}}.$$

Now for any  $\underline{k} \in I$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , let  $\underline{k}^{(s,\beta)}$  be defined as:  $k_{r\alpha}^{(s,\beta)}=k_{r\alpha}$  if  $(r,\alpha) \neq (s,\beta)$  and  $k_{s\beta}^{(s,\beta)}=k_{s\beta}-1$ . Note that if  $\underline{k},\underline{l} \in I$  and  $\underline{k}^{(s,\beta)}=\underline{l}^{(s,\beta)}$  for some  $1 \leq s \leq n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , then  $\underline{k}=\underline{l}$ . Since

$$[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = \delta_{rs}\delta_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_mc_m),$$

we have

$$x_{r\alpha}^{l_{r\alpha}}y_{r\alpha} = l_{r\alpha}x_{r\alpha}^{l_{r\alpha}-1}(\alpha_{1}c_{1} + \alpha_{2}c_{2} + \ldots + \alpha_{m}c_{m}) + y_{r\alpha}x_{r\alpha}^{l_{r\alpha}},$$

$$uy_{r\alpha} = y_{r\alpha}\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\in I_{r,\alpha}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}}c^{\underline{b}} + y_{r\alpha}\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\notin I_{r,\alpha}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}}c^{\underline{b}}$$

$$+ \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\in I_{r,\alpha}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}l_{r\alpha}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}(r,\alpha)}c^{\underline{b}}(\alpha_{1}c_{1} + \alpha_{2}c_{2} + \ldots + \alpha_{m}c_{m}).$$

Since  $uy_{r\alpha} = y_{r\alpha}u$ , it follows that

$$y_{r\alpha} \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}} c^{\underline{b}} + y_{r\alpha} \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \notin I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}} c^{\underline{b}}$$

$$=y_{r\alpha}\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\in I_{r,\alpha}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}}c^{\underline{b}}+y_{r\alpha}\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\notin I_{r,\alpha}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}}c^{\underline{b}}$$

$$+ \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b})\in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} l_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}(r,\alpha)} c^{\underline{b}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m c_m).$$

This implies

$$\sum_{(k,l,b)\in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} l_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_n c_n) = 0.$$

We have

$$\sum_{(k,l,b)\in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} \alpha_i l_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} c_i = 0,$$

for every  $1 \le i \le m$ . Since  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , there exists at least one  $1 \le j \le m$  such that  $\alpha_j \ne 0$ . So we have

$$\sum_{(k,l,b)\in I_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} l_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} x^{\underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} = 0.$$

Note that if  $(\underline{k'}, \underline{l'}^{(r,\alpha)}, \underline{b'}) = (\underline{k}, \underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}, \underline{b})$  in the above sum, then  $\underline{k'} = \underline{k}, \underline{l'}^{(r,\alpha)} = \underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}, \underline{b'} = \underline{b}$ . So  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}}l_{r\alpha}y^{\underline{k}}x^{\underline{l}^{(r,\alpha)}}c^{\underline{b}} = 0$  for all  $(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \in I_{r,\alpha}$ , which implies  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}} = 0$  for all  $(\underline{k},\underline{l},\underline{b}) \in I_{r,\alpha}$  and this is a contradiction. Hence such  $\underline{m}$  does not exist and u can be written as  $u = \sum_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} c^{\underline{b}} \in Z$ . Now, assume that there exists  $\underline{k} \in I, \underline{k} \neq \underline{0}$ , such that  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_m \geq 0$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + 1 \leq r \leq n$  be

such that  $k_{r\alpha} \neq 0$ . Then the set

$$J_{r,\alpha} = \{(\underline{k},\underline{b}) | \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} \neq 0 \text{ for some } \underline{k} \in I, \underline{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \text{ with } k_{r\alpha} \neq 0\}$$

is non-empty and we can write

$$u = \sum_{(k,b) \in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} c^{\underline{b}} + \sum_{(k,b) \notin J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} c^{\underline{b}}.$$

we have

$$x_{r\alpha}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}} = k_{r\alpha}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}-1}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m) + y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}x_{r\alpha},$$

$$x_{r\alpha}u = \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}c^{\underline{b}} + \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\notin J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}c^{\underline{b}}$$

$$+ \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} k_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m c_m).$$

Since  $x_{r\alpha}u = ux_{r\alpha}$ , it follows that

$$\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} c^{\underline{b}} + \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\notin J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} c^{\underline{b}}$$

$$+ \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} k_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}(r,\alpha)} c^{\underline{b}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m c_m)$$

$$= \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} c^{\underline{b}} + \sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\notin J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} c^{\underline{b}}.$$

This implies

$$\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} k_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m c_m) = 0.$$

We have

$$\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} \alpha_i k_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} c_i = 0,$$

for every  $1 \le i \le m$ . Since  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , there exists at least one  $1 \le j \le m$  such that  $\alpha_j \ne 0$ . So we have

$$\sum_{(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}} k_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}^{(r,\alpha)}} c^{\underline{b}} = 0.$$

So,  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}}k_{r\alpha}y^{\underline{k}^{(r,\alpha)}}c^{\underline{b}}$  for all  $(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}$ , which implies  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{b}}=0$  for all  $(\underline{k},\underline{b})\in J_{r,\alpha}$  and this is a contradiction. Hence such  $\underline{k}$  does not exist and u can be written as  $u=\sum_{\underline{b}\in\mathbb{Z}^m}\lambda_{\underline{b}}c^{\underline{b}}\in\mathbb{C}[c_1,c_2,\ldots,c_m].$ 

Now, for any  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , let  $Z_{\vec{a}}$  be the ideal in Z generated by  $c_1 - a_1, c_2 - a_2, \dots, c_m - a_m$ . We will show that the annihilator ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  of an irreducible Whittaker module for  $\mathfrak{t}$  with  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent is generated by  $Z_{\vec{a}}$ . In the setting of Whittaker modules for finite dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , Kostant showed that the annihilator in the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  of an irreducible Whittaker module for  $\mathfrak{g}$  is centrally generated [Kos]. In [On], M.Ondrus showed that the annihilator of any Whittaker module for the quantum enveloping algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  is centrally generated. In [Chr], Christodoulopoulou showed that the annihilator ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  of an irreducible Whittaker module for  $\mathfrak{t}$  is centrally generated when m = 1 and  $a_1 \neq 0$ .

**Proposition 2.21** If  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent, then  $Ann_{U(\mathfrak{t})}M_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\mathfrak{t})Z_{\vec{a}}$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious that  $U(\mathfrak{t})Z_{\vec{a}} \subset Ann_{U(\mathfrak{t})}M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ , we only need to show that for any  $u \in Ann_{U(\mathfrak{t})}M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ , we have  $u \in U(\mathfrak{t})Z_{\vec{a}}$ . By the PBW theorem, u can be written as

$$\sum_{l,k\in I,b\in\mathbb{Z}^m} \lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k},\underline{b}} y^{\underline{l}} (x-\eta)^{\underline{k}} (c-\vec{a})^{\underline{b}},$$

where  $(c-\vec{a})^{\underline{b}} = \prod_{i=1}^{i=m} (c_i - a_i)^{b_i}$  and there are only finitely many nonzero terms in the sum. If  $b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \ldots + b_m^2 > 0$  and  $\underline{l}, \underline{k} \in I$ , we have  $y^{\underline{l}}(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}(c-\vec{a})^{\underline{b}} \in Ann_{U(\mathfrak{t})}M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . We may assume that

$$\sum_{l,k\in I} \lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k}} y^{\underline{l}} (x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}.$$

For the Whittaker vector v, since uv=0, we get that  $\lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{0}}=0$  for all  $\underline{l}$  by Proposition 2.3(1). Since  $u\neq 0$ , we may assume that there exist  $\underline{l},\underline{k}\in I,\underline{k}\neq 0$  such that  $\lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k}}\neq 0$ . Let  $\underline{k'}=\min\{\underline{k}\in I|\lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k}}\neq 0 \text{ for some }\underline{l}\in I\}$  and  $\underline{k'}\neq 0$ . Then by Lemma 2.4, we have

$$0 = uy^{\underline{k'}}v = \sum_{l \in I} \lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k'}}\underline{k'}! \{ \prod_{r,\alpha} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m)^{k'_{r\alpha}} \} y^{\underline{l}}v.$$

Since  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent,  $\prod_{r,\alpha} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m)^{k'r\alpha} \neq 0$ . So we have  $\lambda_{\underline{l},\underline{k'}} = 0$  for all such  $\underline{l}$  and this is a contradiction by our choice of  $\underline{k'}$ . Thus,  $u \in U(\mathfrak{t})Z_{\overline{a}}$  as desired.

# 3 Whittaker modules for $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$

## 3.1 Extending $\mathfrak{t}$ by m derivations

Let  $\mathfrak{t}$  be the Heisenberg algebra defined in Chapter 2. Set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathbb{C} d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} d_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C} d_m$ , and extend the Lie bracket on  $\mathfrak{t}$  to  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  by

$$[c_i, d_j] = 0, [d_i, x_{r\alpha}] = \alpha_i x_{r\alpha}, [d_i, y_{r\alpha}] = -\alpha_i y_{r\alpha}, [d_i, d_j] = 0,$$

for all  $1 \le i, j \le m, 1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ .

Set 
$$\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+ = \mathfrak{t}^+ = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}$$
,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- = \mathfrak{t}^- = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}_0 = \mathfrak{t}_0 \oplus \mathbb{C} d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} d_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C} d_m$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $\eta: U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism such that  $\eta|_{\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+} \neq 0$ , and let V be a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module.

1. A non-zero vector  $v \in V$  is called a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta$  if  $xv = \eta(x)v$  for all  $x \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$ .

2. V is called a Whittaker module for  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  if V contains a cyclic Whittaker vector v (i.e.  $v \in V$  is a Whittaker vector and  $V = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})v$ ).

Next we will construct Whittaker modules for  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ . Set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{b}} = \mathfrak{t}^+ \oplus \mathbb{C} c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C} c_m$ . Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and let  $\mathbb{C}_{\eta, \vec{a}} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{v}$  be a one-dimensional vector space viewed as a  $\tilde{\mathfrak{b}}$ -module by

$$c_i \tilde{v} = a_i \tilde{v}, \quad x \tilde{v} = \eta(x) \tilde{v},$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $x \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$ . Set

$$\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \otimes_{u(\tilde{b})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}, \quad v = 1 \otimes \tilde{v}.$$

Define an action of  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$  on  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  by left multiplication (on the first tensor factor). Note that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})v$  and that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a Whittaker module for  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ .

**Proposition 3.2** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , and  $d^{\underline{p}} = d_1^{p_1} d_2^{p_2} \dots d_m^{p_m}$ , where  $\underline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ . Then we have

- 1. The set  $\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}|\underline{k} \in I, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}\}$  is a basis of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space.
- 2. As a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module,  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is isomorphic to  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ .
- 3.  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is free as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module.

Proof.

- 1. Since  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \cong U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})$  by PBW theorem,  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$  is a free right  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})$ -module with basis of  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ . And since  $\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}|\underline{k} \in I, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}$ , we have  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}} = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \otimes_{U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong (U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}}) \otimes_{U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}} \cong U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}}) \otimes_{U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}) \cong U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with basis  $\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}|\underline{k} \in I, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}$ .
- 2. This is obvious from the proof of Proposition 3.2(1).
- 3. Since  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$  is a domain, it follows that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is torsion-free as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module. Hence  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is free as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module since  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is cyclic as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module.

**Proposition 3.3** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent and  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  be the irreducible Whittaker  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  module (of type  $\eta$ ) constructed in Chapter 2. Then  $M_{\eta, \vec{a}}$  is isomorphic to a proper  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta, \vec{a}}$ .

*Proof.* In  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ , set  $V = U(\mathfrak{t})v$ . By Corollary 2.7,  $V \cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and V is a proper subspace of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  by Propositions 2.3(1) and 3.2(1).

For any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $1 \le i \le k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $(k)_i = k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-i+1)$  be the falling factorial. Set  $(k)_i = 0$  if i < 0 or i > k, and  $(k)_0 = 1$ .

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $1 \leq r, s \leq n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +, \alpha \neq \beta, q, e \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, C_q^j = q!/j!(q-j)!$ , then we have

1. 
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q d^p = \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} C_q^j (-1)^{q-j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} \prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_i - j\alpha_i)^{p_i} x_{r\alpha}^j$$
.

2. 
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q y_{r\alpha}^e = \sum_{j=0}^{\min(e,q)} C_q^j(e)_j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^j (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}$$
.

3. 
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_r\alpha))^q y_{s\beta}^{q'} = y_{s\beta}^{q'} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_r\alpha))^q$$
.

Proof.

1. For any  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq r \leq n, e, q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \underline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , by induction, we have:

$$[d_i, x_{r\alpha}] = \alpha_i x_{r\alpha},$$

$$x_{r\alpha} d_i = (d_i - \alpha_i) x_{r\alpha},$$

$$x_{r\alpha}^l d_i = (d_i - l\alpha_i) x_{r\alpha}^l,$$

$$x_{r\alpha}^l d_i^{p_i} = (d_i - l\alpha_i)^{p_i} x_{r\alpha}^l.$$

$$(3.1)$$

So, by induction we have

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q} d_{1}^{p_{1}} = \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} x_{r\alpha}^{j} \right] d_{1}^{p_{1}}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} (d_{1} - j\alpha_{1})^{p_{1}} x_{r\alpha}^{j},$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q} d_{1}^{p_{1}} d_{2}^{p_{2}} = \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} (d_{1} - j\alpha_{1})^{p_{1}} x_{r\alpha}^{j} \right] d_{2}^{p_{2}}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} (d_{1} - j\alpha_{1})^{p_{1}} (d_{2} - j\alpha_{2})^{p_{2}} x_{r\alpha}^{j},$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q} d_{2}^{p} = \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{j=q} (d_{i} - j\alpha_{i})^{p_{i}} \right] x_{r\alpha}^{j}.$$

2.  $[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = \delta_{r,s}\delta_{\alpha,\beta}(\alpha_1c_1 + \cdots + \alpha_mc_m)$  implies that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha} = y_{r\alpha}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + (\alpha_1c_1 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m),$$
  
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^2 = y_{r\alpha}^2(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + 2(\alpha_1c_1 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m)y_{r\alpha}.$$

By induction on e, we can show that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))y_{r\alpha}^e = y_{r\alpha}^e(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + e(\alpha_1c_1 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m)y_{r\alpha}^{e-1},$$

which proves (2) for  $q = 1, e \ge 1$ . Now for all  $q \le e$ , suppose that (2) is true

for  $1, 2, \ldots, q - 1$ . Then we have

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-1} y_{r\alpha}^e = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} C_{q-1}^j(e)_j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^j$$

$$*(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-1-j},$$

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q y_{r\alpha}^e = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} C_{q-1}^j(e)_j (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) y_{r\alpha}^{e-j}$$

$$*(\alpha_1c_1+\cdots+\alpha_mc_m)^j(x_{r\alpha}-\eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-1-j}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} C_{q-1}^{j}(e)_{j} (y_{r\alpha}^{e-j}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha})) + (e-j)(\alpha_{1}c_{1} + \dots)$$

$$+\alpha_m c_m)y_{r\alpha}^{e-j-1}(\alpha_1 c_1 + \cdots + \alpha_m c_m)^j(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-1-j}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} C_{q-1}^{j}(e)_{j} y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_{1} c_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} c_{m})^{j} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}$$

$$+\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} C_{q-1}^{j}(e)_{j}(e-j)(\alpha_{1}c_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{m}c_{m})^{j+1}y_{r\alpha}^{e-j-1}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{q} C_{q-1}^{j}(e)_{j} y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_{1} c_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} c_{m})^{j} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}$$

$$+\sum_{j=0}^{q} C_{q-1}^{j-1}(e)_{j-1}(e-j+1)(\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j}$$

$$+ \sum_{j=0}^{q} C_{q}^{j}(e)_{j} y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_{1} c_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} c_{m})^{j} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}.$$

Since that  $C_{q-1}^q = 0$ ,  $C_{q-1}^{-1} = 0$  and  $C_{q-1}^j + C_{q-1}^{j-1} = C_q^j$ , (2) is true for all  $q \le e$ . Now, for q > e,

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q y_{r\alpha}^e = (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-e} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^e y_{r\alpha}^e$$

$$= (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-e} \sum_{j=0}^{e} C_e^j(e)_j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j}$$

$$*(\alpha_1c_1+\cdots+\alpha_mc_m)^j(x_{r\alpha}-\eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{e-j}.$$

So by induction, we have that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q y_{r\alpha}^e = \sum_{j=0}^e C_q^j(e)_j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^j (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}.$$

All the above show that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q y_{r\alpha}^e = \sum_{j=0}^{\min(e,q)} C_q^j(e)_j y_{r\alpha}^{e-j} (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^j (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q-j}.$$

3. The relation  $[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0$  for  $\alpha \neq \beta$  implies  $(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_r\alpha))^q y_{s\beta}^{q'} = y_{s\beta}^{q'} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_r\alpha))^q$ .

Next, we will discuss some standard facts for further use. For any  $m,k\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0},$  let

$$\Delta^{m}(x^{k}) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} (-1)^{m-j} C_{m}^{j} (x+j)^{k}$$
(3.2)

be the m-th forward difference of the monomial  $x^k$ . When m=1, we will omit the superscript and just write  $\Delta$ . Let

$$\sigma(k,m) = \Delta^m(x^k)|_{x=0} = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^{m-j} C_m^j j^k.$$
(3.3)

 $\sigma(k,m)$  is sometimes referred to as the ordered Stirling number and is equal to the number of set compositions of  $\{1,2,\ldots,k\}$  of length m. If  $0 \leq m \leq k$ , then  $\frac{1}{m!}\sigma(k,m)$  is the Stirling number of the second kind. It is easy to see that  $\sigma(k,1)=1$  and  $\sigma(k,k)=k!$  for all  $k\geq 1$ . Note that  $\Delta(x^k)$  is a polynomial in x of degree k-1 for every k>1. By induction on m, we can show that  $\Delta^m(x^k)$  is a polynomial in x of degree at most k-m for every  $1\leq m\leq k$ . Hence  $\Delta^k(x^k)$  is constant for all x, and in fact  $\Delta^k(x^k)=k!$  for all  $k\geq 0$ , since  $\Delta^k(x^k)=\sigma(k,k)=k!$  for all  $k\geq 0$ . From this, it follows that  $\Delta^m(x^k)=0$  if  $0\leq k< m$ . As  $\sigma(k,m)=\Delta^m(x^k)$ , we get that  $\sigma(k,m)=0$  if  $0\leq k< m$ .

**Lemma 3.5** Assume that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and v are defined as in Definition 3.1. Let  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq r, s \leq n, q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \underline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + .$  Then

1. 
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q d^p v = (-1)^q (\prod_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^{p_m}) q! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^q v$$
 if  $q = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m$ .

2. 
$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q d^{\underline{p}} v = 0$$
 if  $q > p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m$ .

3. If 
$$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \neq 0$$
, then

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}| + s} y_{r\alpha}^{s} d\underline{p} v$$

$$= (-1)^{|\underline{p}|} (\prod_{i=1}^{m} \alpha_{i}^{p_{m}}) (|\underline{p}| + s)! (\alpha_{1} c_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} c_{m})^{s} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{|\underline{p}|} v,$$
and  $(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q+s} y_{r\alpha}^{s} d\underline{p} v = 0 \text{ if } |p| + s < q.$ 

Proof.

1.

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q} d^{p} v = \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q-j} [\prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_{i} - j\alpha_{i})^{p_{i}}] x_{r\alpha}^{j} v$$
$$= \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q} \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_{q}^{j} [\prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_{i} - j\alpha_{i})^{p_{i}}] v.$$

For the convenience of typesetting, we denote  $\underline{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  and set  $A = \{\underline{i} \mid 0 \le i_1 \le p_1, 0 \le i_2 \le p_2, \dots, 0 \le i_m \le p_m\}$ . Since

$$\prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_i - j\alpha_i)^{p_i} = \sum_{\underline{i} \in A} (-1)^{i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_m} C_{p_1}^{i_1} C_{p_2}^{i_2} \cdots C_{p_m}^{i_m}$$

$$*\alpha_1^{i_1}\alpha_2^{i_2}\cdots\alpha_m^{i_m}d_1^{p_1-i_1}d_2^{p_2-i_2}\cdots d_m^{p_m-i_m}j^{i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_m}.$$

So, by the fact that  $\sigma(k,k) = k!$  and  $\sigma(k,m) = 0$  for all  $0 \le k < m$ , we have

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^q d^{\underline{p}} v$$

$$= \eta(x_{r\alpha})^q \sum_{j=0}^{j=q} (-1)^{q-j} C_q^j \left( \sum_{i \in A} (-1)^{i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_m} C_{p_1}^{i_1} C_{p_2}^{i_2} \cdots C_{p_m}^{i_m} \right)$$

$$*\alpha_1^{i_1}\alpha_2^{i_2}\cdots\alpha_m^{i_m}d_1^{p_1-i_1}d_2^{p_2-i_2}\cdots d_m^{p_m-i_m}j^{i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_m})v$$

$$= \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{q} \left(\sum_{i \in A} (-1)^{i_{1}+i_{2}+\cdots+i_{m}} C_{p_{1}}^{i_{1}} C_{p_{2}}^{i_{2}} \cdots C_{p_{m}}^{i_{m}} \alpha_{1}^{i_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{i_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{i_{m}} \right)$$

$$*d_1^{p_1-i_1}d_2^{p_2-i_2}\cdots d_m^{p_m-i_m}\sigma(i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_m,q))v$$

$$= (-1)^q \eta(x_{r\alpha})^q q! \alpha_1^{i_1} \alpha_2^{i_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{i_m} v.$$

- 2. This part is obvious from the proof of Lemma 3.5(1).
- 3. It follows from Lemma 3.4(2) that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}| + s} y_{r\alpha}^{s} d^{\underline{p}} v$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{s} C_{|\underline{p}| + s}^{j} (s)_{j} y_{r\alpha}^{s-j} (\alpha_{1} c_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} c_{m})^{j} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}| + s - j} d^{\underline{p}} v.$$

By Lemma 3.5(2), we have that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}| + s - j} d\underline{p} v = 0,$$

for all  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$  and

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}|} d^{\underline{p}}v = (-1)^{|\underline{p}|} (\prod_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^{p_m}) |\underline{p}|! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{|\underline{p}|} v.$$

Hence,

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{|\underline{p}|+s} y_{r\alpha}^s d^{\underline{p}} v$$

$$= C^s_{|\underline{p}|+s} s! (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^s (-1)^{|\underline{p}|} (\prod_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^{p_m}) |\underline{p}|! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{|\underline{p}|} v$$

$$= (-1)^{|\underline{p}|} (s + |\underline{p}|)! (\prod_{i=1}^{m} \alpha_i^{p_m}) (\alpha_1 c_1 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)^s \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{|\underline{p}|} v$$

as desired. This implies that  $(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{q+s} y_{r\alpha}^s d^p v = 0$  if |p| + s < q.

For any  $\underline{k} \in I$ , let  $||i\underline{k}|| = \sum_{1 \le r \le n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} \alpha_i k_{r\alpha}$ .

**Lemma 3.6** Let  $\underline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, \underline{k} \in I$ . Then

1. 
$$x^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}} = (\prod_{i=0}^{m} (d_i - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_i})x^{\underline{k}}.$$

2. 
$$y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}} = (\prod_{i=0}^{m} (d_i + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_i})y^{\underline{k}}.$$

3. 
$$d^{\underline{p}}x^{\underline{k}} = x^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_i + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_i}).$$

4. 
$$d^{\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}} = y^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_i - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_i}).$$

Proof.

#### 1. By equation 3.1 we have

$$x_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}d_{i} = (d_{i} - k_{r\alpha}\alpha_{i})x_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\underline{k}}d_{i} = (d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)x^{\underline{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\underline{k}}d_{i}^{p_{i}} = (d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}x^{\underline{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\underline{k}}d_{i}^{p_{i}} = (\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}})x^{\underline{k}}.$$

#### 2. By equation 3.1 we have

$$y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}d_{i} = (d_{i} + k_{r\alpha}\alpha_{i})y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{\underline{k}}d_{i} = (d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)y^{\underline{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{\underline{k}}d_{i}^{p_{i}} = (d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}y^{\underline{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}_{i}} = (\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}})y^{\underline{k}}.$$

3. By induction, we have

$$d_{i}x_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}} = x_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}(d_{i} + k_{r\alpha}\alpha_{i})$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}x^{\underline{k}} = x^{\underline{k}}(d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}^{p_{i}}x^{\underline{k}} = x^{\underline{k}}(d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}^{p_{i}}x^{\underline{k}} = x^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_{i} + ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}).$$

4. By induction, we have

$$d_{i}y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}} = y_{r\alpha}^{k_{r\alpha}}(d_{i} - k_{r\alpha}\alpha_{i})$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}y^{\underline{k}} = y^{\underline{k}}(d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}^{p_{i}}y^{\underline{k}} = y^{\underline{k}}(d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{i}^{p_{i}}y^{\underline{k}} = y^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=0}^{m}(d_{i} - ||i\underline{k}||)^{p_{i}}).$$

## 3.2 Whittaker modules for $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ with $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$ $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent

**Definition 3.7** Let  $\eta: U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism and  $\Gamma$  be the collection of all  $\eta$  such that: if given  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$  with  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_m \neq 0$ , for each  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , we can fix all  $\alpha_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, i - 1, i + 1, \dots, m$ , and still have infinitely many  $\alpha_i$  such that  $\eta|_{\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}_{\alpha}} \neq 0$ .

From this chapter to the end of the article, if not specifically noticed, we assume that  $\eta \in \Gamma$ .

**Proposition 3.8** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. If  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , then  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module.

Proof. Let K be a non-zero  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . Since  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}=U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})v$  and  $U(\mathfrak{t})v$  is irreducible as  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module, we only need to show that  $K \cap U(\mathfrak{t})v \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq w \in K$  and w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{k,\underline{p}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $\underline{k} \in I, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ . Let  $l = max\{|\underline{p}| = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m|\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{k} \in I\}$ . If l = 0, then  $w \in U(\mathfrak{t})v$  and so  $K \cap U(\mathfrak{t})v \neq 0$ . Now, consider the case l > 0, we will show that there exists  $u \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$  such that  $0 \neq uw \in K \cap U(\mathfrak{t})v$ . Since  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , there must exist  $1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$  such that  $\alpha_1\alpha_2\ldots\alpha_m \neq 0, \ \eta(x_{r\alpha}) \neq 0$  and  $k_{r\alpha} = 0$  for all  $\underline{k}$  with  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{p}$ . Then

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l w = (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l \sum_{\underline{k},p} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v.$$

By Lemma 3.5, we have

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l}w = \sum_{\underline{k}, |\underline{p}| = l} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l} d^{\underline{p}} v$$
$$= \sum_{\underline{k}, |\underline{p}| = l} (-1)^{l} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} \alpha_{1}^{p_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{p_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{p_{m}} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{l} l! y^{\underline{k}} v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k}} (-1)^l l! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^l (\sum_{|p|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m}) y^{\underline{k}} v.$$

If  $\sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{k}$  with  $\lambda_{\underline{k},|\underline{p}|=l} \neq 0$ , then  $0 \neq (x_{\gamma\alpha} - \eta(x_{\gamma\alpha}))^l w \in K \cap U(\mathfrak{t}) v$  and the proof is done. If  $\sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m} = 0$  for all  $\underline{k}$  with  $\lambda_{\underline{k},|\underline{p}|=l} \neq 0$ . Since  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_m \neq 0$ , for fixed  $\underline{k}$ , we have  $\underline{p}' \neq \underline{p}$  and  $|\underline{p}'| = |\underline{p}| = l$ . Since  $\underline{p}' \neq \underline{p}$ , there must exsits  $1 \leq j \leq m$  such that  $p_j \neq p'_j$ . Consider

$$\sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m}$$

$$= \sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} (\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \dots \alpha_{j-1}^{p_{j-1}} \alpha_{j+1}^{p_{j+1}} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m}) \alpha_j^{p_j}$$

as a finite term polynomial  $f(\alpha_j)$  for  $\alpha_j$ .

Since  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , we may keep all  $\alpha_i, i = 1, 2, ..., m, i \neq j$  fixed and have infinitely many  $\alpha_j$  such that  $\eta(x_{r,\alpha}) \neq 0$ .  $f(\alpha_j) = 0$  has only finite solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so we may choose  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(\alpha_j) \neq 0$ . Then for this  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ ,

$$\sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m} \neq 0.$$

Since  $\{y^{\underline{k}}|\underline{k}\in I\}$  is the  $\mathbb C$  basis for  $U(\mathfrak{t})v$ , we have that

$$0 \neq \sum_{k} (-1)^{l} l! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{l} (\sum_{|p|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_{1}^{p_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{p_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{p_{m}}) y^{\underline{k}} v \in K \cap U(\mathfrak{t}) v$$

and the proof is done.

**Proposition 3.9** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. If  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , then the space of Whittaker vectors for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is one dimensional.

*Proof.* Let  $\eta': U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \to \mathbb{C}$  be an algebra homomorphism. Suppose that  $w \in \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta'$ . We show that  $\eta = \eta'$  and that  $w \in \mathbb{C}v$ . By Proposition 3.2(1), w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{k,p} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$ . Let  $l = max\{|\underline{p}| = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m | \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for some  $\underline{k} \in I\}$ . If l = 0, then  $w \in U(\mathfrak{t})v$ , hence  $w \in \mathbb{C}v$  by Proposition 2.5. Suppose that l > 0. We will show that this lead to a contradiction. By our assumption on  $\eta$ , we may choose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + 1 \leq r \leq n$  such that  $\eta(x_{r\alpha}) \neq 0$  and  $\eta(x_{r\alpha}) \neq 0$  for some  $\eta($ 

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l}w = \sum_{\underline{k}, |\underline{p}| = l} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l} d^{\underline{p}}v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k}, |\underline{p}| = l} (-1)^{l} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} \alpha_{1}^{p_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{p_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{p_{m}} \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{l} l! y^{\underline{k}}v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k}} (-1)^{l} l! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{l} (\sum_{|\underline{p}| = l} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} \alpha_{1}^{p_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{p_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{p_{m}}) y^{\underline{k}}v.$$

Let  $ker(\eta)$  be the kernel of  $\eta$  in  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$ . We claim that there exist  $0 \neq u_+ \in ker(\eta)$  such that  $u_+w=v$ . Let  $\underline{q}=max\{\underline{k}|\lambda_{\underline{k},|\underline{p}|=l}\neq 0\}$  (with respect to the lexicographic

order in I). If  $q = \underline{0}$ , then by the formula above, we get

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l w = (-1)^l l! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^l (\sum_{|p|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_1^{p_1} \alpha_2^{p_2} \cdots \alpha_m^{p_m}) v \in \mathbb{C}v.$$

Thus, the claim holds in this case with  $u_+ = (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l$ . Suppose that  $\underline{q} \neq \underline{0}$ , then by the formula above and Lemma 2.4(1) we have

$$(x - \eta)^{\underline{m}} (x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^{l} w$$

$$= (-1)^{l} l! \eta(x_{r\alpha})^{l} (\sum_{|\underline{p}|=l} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \alpha_{1}^{p_{1}} \alpha_{2}^{p_{2}} \cdots \alpha_{m}^{p_{m}}) v$$

and this is an element of

$$\mathbb{C}\left\{\prod_{1\leq r\leq n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+}(\alpha_1a_1+\ldots,+\alpha_ma_m)^{k_{r\alpha}}\right\}\underline{m}!v.$$

Multiplying  $(x - \eta)^{\underline{m}}(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l$  by an appropriate scalar, we get an element  $u_+ \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$  such that  $u_+w = v$ . This proves the claim. Since  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$  is abelian and w is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta'$ , we have

$$(x_{s\beta} - \eta'(x_{s\beta}))v = (x_{s\beta} - \eta'(x_{s\beta}))u_+w = u_+(x_{s\beta} - \eta'(x_{s\beta}))w = 0$$

for all  $1 \leq s \leq n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Therefore  $\eta = \eta'$ . Since  $u_+ \in ker(\eta)$ , this implies  $v = u_+w = \eta(u_+)w = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

**Proposition 3.10** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. If  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , and M' is a Whittaker  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ -module of type  $\eta$  with cyclic Whittaker vector v' such that  $c_1v' = a_1v', c_2v' = a_2v', \dots, c_mv' = a_mv'$ , then  $M' \cong \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and so M' is irreducible.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{C}_{\eta,\vec{a}} = \mathbb{C}v$ . Then the map

$$f: U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\eta, \vec{a}} \to M',$$

defined by  $(u, rv) \mapsto ruv'$  for  $r \in \mathbb{C}, u \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ , is bilinear. Moreover if  $w \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})$ , then

$$f(uw, rv) = r(uw)v' = f(u, w(rv)).$$

Hence there exists an induced linear map

$$f: \widetilde{M}_{\eta, \vec{a}} = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}) \otimes_{U(\tilde{\mathfrak{b}})} \mathbb{C}_{\eta, \vec{a}} \to M',$$

defined by  $u \otimes rv \mapsto ruv'$ , which is a homomorphism of (left)  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -modules, and it is obviously surjective as  $M' = U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})v'$ . Since  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is irreducible, f is then one-to-one. Thus,  $M' \cong \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as desired.

Corollary 3.11 Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. If  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , then  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  is the unique (up to isomorphism) irreducible Whittaker  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ -module of type  $\eta$  on which  $c_i$  acts on the Whittaker vector v by  $a_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

**Proposition 3.12** Let  $\eta': U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be a nonzero algebra homomorphism and  $\eta \in \Gamma$ . Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{a}' \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and both  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent. Then  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta, \vec{a}} \cong \widetilde{M}_{\eta' \vec{a}'}$  as  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -modules if and only if  $\eta = \eta'$  and  $\vec{a} = \vec{a}'$ .

*Proof.* This follows from the proof of Proposition 3.9.

Now we describe a filtration of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  by  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  modules. For  $s=0,1,2,3,\ldots$ , let

$$\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \in I, |\underline{p}| \leq s\}.$$

Note that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(0)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}v|\underline{k} \in I\} \cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and that  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)}$  is a  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module for each s by Lemma 3.4.

#### Proposition 3.13 The sequence

$$\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(0)} \subsetneq \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(1)} \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)} \subsetneq \cdots$$

is a filtration of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  by  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules. Moreover, if  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent, then  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)}/\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s-1)}$  is an irreducible Whittaker  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module.

Proof. Since  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)}$  is stable under  $U(\mathfrak{t})$  for all  $s=0,1,2,\ldots$ , the sequence is a filtration by  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules. Since  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)}/\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s-1)}\cong M_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  as  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -modules, we have  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s)}/\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}^{(s-1)}$  irreducible as a whittaker  $U(\mathfrak{t})$ -module.

## 3.3 Whittaker modules for $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ with $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m$ $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent

**Proposition 3.14** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m \neq 0$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent,  $\eta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \in \Omega\}$  is a maximal submodule of

 $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . For any  $w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ .

Obviously,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-$  since for any  $\underline{k'} \in I$ , we have

$$y^{\underline{k'}}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k} + \underline{k'}} d^{\underline{p}} v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

For any i = 1, 2, ..., m,

$$c_i w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} c_i v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} a_i \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ . Now, for any  $\underline{p'} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ , by Lemma 3.6 we have

$$d\underline{p'}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (\prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_i - ||i\underline{k}||^{p'_i})) d\underline{p}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$ .

Now we claim that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is also stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+$ . For any  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha=$   $(\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\ldots,\alpha_m)\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ . If  $a_1\alpha_1+a_2\alpha_2+\ldots+a_m\alpha_m=0$ , by induction we have

$$x_{r\alpha}y_{s\beta}^k = y_{s\beta}^k x_{r\alpha} + k\delta_{r,s}\delta_{\alpha,\beta}y_{s,\beta}^{k-1}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \ldots + \alpha_mc_m).$$

Denote  $[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}$  the same as  $\underline{k}$  except that, if  $k_{r\alpha} > 0$ , the element at  $(r, \alpha)^{th}$  position is  $k_{r\alpha} - 1$  instead of  $k_{r\alpha}$ . Then, we can rewrite w as

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} \neq 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} = 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v.$$

SO,

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega, k_{r\alpha}\neq 0, \underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} k_{r\alpha}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}}d^{\underline{p}}(\alpha_1a_1 + \alpha_2a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_ma_m)v$$

$$+\sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega,k_{r\alpha}\neq0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq0}^{m}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v+\sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega,k_{r\alpha}=0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq0}^{m}}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \eta(x_{r\alpha}) \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (\prod_{i=1}^{i=m} (d_i - \alpha_i)^{p_i}) v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

If  $a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \ldots + a_m\alpha_m \neq 0$ . Then for any  $\underline{k} \in \Omega$ , we have  $[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha} \in \Omega$ , so

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega, k_{r\alpha}\neq 0, p\in\mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} k_{r\alpha}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}}d^{\underline{p}}(\alpha_1a_1 + \alpha_2a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_ma_m)v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} \neq 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} = 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} x_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} \neq 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} k_{r\alpha} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}} d^{\underline{p}} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m) v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \eta(x_{r\alpha}) \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (\prod_{i=1}^{i=m} (d_i - \alpha_i)^{p_i}) v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, k_{r\alpha} \neq 0, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} k_{r\alpha} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}} d^{\underline{p}} (\alpha_1 a_1 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m) v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

Since for any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha = \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have  $x_{r\alpha}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , so  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+$ . Thus,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

Now consider  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta} \cong span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k}\in I,\underline{k}\notin\Omega,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}$ . By Proposition 3.8,  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module. Thus  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

For  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , let  $\underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$  be the element of I which has 1 in the  $(r, \alpha)^{th}$  position and zeros everywhere else. Denote  $\Omega_{r,\alpha} = \Omega \setminus \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ .

**Lemma 3.15** Let  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m \neq 0$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent,  $\eta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . For any  $w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ ,

w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}$ .

For any  $\underline{0} \neq \underline{k'} \in I$ , we have

$$y^{\underline{k'}}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}+\underline{k'}} d^{\underline{p}}v.$$

Suppose that  $y^{\underline{k'}}w \notin \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , since  $w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , we have  $y^{\underline{k'}}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . Then there must exist  $\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}$ , such that  $y^{\underline{k}+\underline{k'}}d^{\underline{p}}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta} \setminus \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , which implies that  $\underline{k} + \underline{k'} = \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ . So,  $\underline{k} = \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$  or  $\underline{k'} = \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ . If  $\underline{k} = \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ , then  $\underline{k'} = \underline{0}$  is a contradiction. If  $\underline{k'} = \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$ , then  $\underline{k} = \underline{0}$ , but  $\underline{0} \notin \Omega_{r,\alpha}$  and this is a contradiction. So  $y^{\underline{k'}}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and this shows that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-$ . Similar to Proposition 3.14,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$  and  $\mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ .

Now we claim that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is also stable under  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+$ . For any  $s=1,2,\ldots,m,\beta\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ , by Lemma 3.6, we have

$$x_{s\beta}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega_{r,\alpha},\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \eta(x_{s\beta})\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=1}^{i=m}(d_i-\beta_i)^{p_i})v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}, k_{s\beta} \neq 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} k_{s\beta} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{[\underline{k}]_{s\beta}} d^{\underline{p}} (\beta_1 a_1 + \ldots + \beta_m a_m) v.$$

Assume that  $x_{s\beta}w \notin \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , then it must be that

$$\sum_{\underline{k}\in\Omega_{r,\alpha},k_{s\beta}\neq0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m}k_{s\beta}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{[\underline{k}]_{s\beta}}d^{\underline{p}}(\beta_1a_1+\beta_2a_2+\ldots+\beta_ma_m)v\neq0.$$

So,  $\beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2 + \ldots + \beta_m a_m \neq 0$  and this implies  $[\underline{k}]_{s\beta} \neq \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}$  given that  $\underline{k} \in \Omega_{r,\alpha}$ . Thus,  $x_{s\beta} w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and this is a contradiction with our assumption. Since for any  $s = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have  $x_{s\beta} w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , so  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $\mathfrak{t}^+$ . Thus,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

Now consider  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \cong span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}\}$ . Let A be a proper  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}\}$  and  $0 \neq u \in A$ . Then u has an unique expression

$$u = \sum_{\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v.$$

From Proposition 3.8, we have for some  $s = 1, 2, ..., n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ ,

$$(x_{s\beta} - \eta(x_{s\beta}))^l u = \lambda y_{r\alpha} v,$$

where  $l = \max\{|\underline{p}|\}$  and  $\lambda$  is a nonzero constant. Now, for any  $\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ ,

$$\lambda^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n=m} (d_i + \alpha_i)^{p_i} (x_{s\beta} - \eta(x_{s\beta}))^l u = y_{r\alpha} d^p_{-} v.$$

Thus, u generates  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and  $A = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module and all the above proved that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a maximal proper  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

**Proposition 3.16** Every maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is of the form  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$  such that  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ .

Proof. By Lemma 3.15,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for all  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$  such that  $\alpha_1a_1+\alpha_2a_2+\ldots+\alpha_ma_m=0$ . Assume that there exists a maximal submodule M of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  such that  $M\neq\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$  such that  $\alpha_1a_1+\alpha_2a_2+\ldots+\alpha_ma_m=0$ . Let  $\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}=span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}\}$ , then  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}=\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}\oplus\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and we have

$$M = (M \cap \widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}) \oplus (M \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}).$$

Suppose that  $M \cap \widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha} \neq 0$  for all  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + ... + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Then for any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + ... + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ , we have

$$0 \neq u = \sum_{\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v \in M.$$

From the proof of Lemma 3.15, we have that  $span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}\}\in M$ . Since  $\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}, r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+,\alpha_1a_1+\alpha_2a_2+\ldots+\alpha_ma_m=0\}$  generates  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , we have that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}\subset M$ , which can not happen because we assumed that M is a proper maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . So,  $M\cap\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}\neq 0$  for some  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$  such that  $\alpha_1a_1+\alpha_2a_2+\ldots+\alpha_ma_m=0$ . Then we have  $M=M\cap\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and by the maximality of M we have  $M=\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . But this is a contradiction as we assumed

that  $M \neq \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + ... + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Thus, we conclude that  $M = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{ such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + ... + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ .

**Proposition 3.17** The space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is one-dimensional.

Proof.

Let  $w \neq 0$  be a Whittaker module for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , then  $(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for all  $\underline{k} \in I$ . We can write

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta},$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$ . Let  $l = max\{|\underline{p}||\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0\}$ . If l = 0, then by Proposition 2.13, we have that  $w = \lambda v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If l > 0, then by the proof of Proposition 3.8, there are some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , such that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l w = \sum_{\underline{k} \in I \setminus \Omega} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta},$$

where there is at least one  $\underline{k}$  such that  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$  and this is the same as the case that l = 0. So we always have  $w = \lambda v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 3.18**  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is the unique maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

Proof. Let K be a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$  and suppose that  $K \neq \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . Then  $K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . By Proposition 3.16, we have  $K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta} = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \text{such that } \alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 + \ldots + \alpha_m a_m = 0$ . Hence  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \subset K$ . Since  $K/(K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}) \cong \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  and  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  has a Whittaker vector, there exists  $w \in K, w \notin \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , such that  $w + (K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta})$  is a Whittaker vector in  $K/(K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta})$ . Thus, by Proposition 3.9, we may assume that

$$w = v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v$$

after by multiplying a scalar. Then  $0 \neq y_{r\alpha}w = y_{r\alpha}v + \sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v \in K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta} = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Since  $\sum_{\underline{k} \in \Omega, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , we have  $y_{r\alpha}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , which is a contradiction with the definition of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Hence  $K = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  and  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is the unique maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ .

## **3.4** Whittaker modules for $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ with $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_m = 0$

**Proposition 3.19**  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \neq \underline{0},\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m}_{\geq 0}\}$  is a maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{n,\vec{0}}$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ . For any  $w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ ,  $w \in$ 

has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ . Obviously,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-$  since for any  $\underline{k'} \in I$ , we have

$$y^{\underline{k'}}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k} + \underline{k'}} d^{\underline{p}}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

For any i = 1, 2, ..., m,

$$c_{i}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} c_{i} v$$
$$= \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} a_{i} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ . Now, for any  $\underline{p}' \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ , by Lemma 3.6, we have

$$d^{\underline{p'}}w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} (\prod_{i=0}^{i=m} (d_i - ||i\underline{k}||^{p'_i})) d^{\underline{p}}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$ .

Now we claim that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is also stable under  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+$ . We can rewrite w as

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, k_{r\alpha} \neq 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v + \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, k_{r\alpha} = 0, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v.$$

So we have

$$x_{r\alpha}w = \sum_{\underline{k}\neq\underline{0},k_{r\alpha}=0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v + \sum_{\underline{k}\neq\underline{0},k_{r\alpha}\neq0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v$$

$$+ \sum_{\underline{k}\neq\underline{0},k_{r\alpha}\neq0,\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} k_{r\alpha}\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{[\underline{k}]_{r\alpha}}d^{\underline{p}}(\alpha_{1}a_{1} + \ldots + \alpha_{m}a_{m})v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k}\neq\underline{0},\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}x_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v$$

$$= \sum_{\underline{k}\neq\underline{0},p\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}} \eta(x_{r\alpha})\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y^{\underline{k}}(\prod_{i=1}^{i=m}(d_{i}-\alpha_{i})^{p_{i}})v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}.$$

Since for any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha = \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have  $x_{r\alpha}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , so  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is stable under  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+$ . Thus,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

Now consider  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta} \cong span_{\mathbb{C}}\{d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^{m}_{\geq 0}\}$ . For any  $0\neq w\in span_{\mathbb{C}}\{d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^{m}_{\geq 0}\}$ , w has an unique expression

$$w = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{p}} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{p}} \neq 0$ . Let  $l = max\{|\underline{p}||\lambda_{\underline{p}} \neq 0\}$ . If l = 0, then  $w = \lambda v$  for some nonzero constant  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If l > 0, then from the proof of Proposition 3.8, there is some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}+$  such that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))w = \lambda v,$$

for some nonzero constant  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . We always have the fact w generates  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  and so  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module. Thus  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

**Lemma 3.20**  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \in I \setminus \{\underline{0},\underline{e}_{r,\alpha}\},\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_m$  acts by zero on v,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is stable under  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ . Thus,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a proper submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

Now consider  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \cong span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}\}$ . Let A be a proper  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ submodule of  $span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m}\}$  and  $u \in A$ . Then u has an unique expression

$$u = \sum_{\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v,$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{p}} \neq 0$  for  $\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$ . From Proposition 3.8, we have for some  $s = 1, 2, \dots, n, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ ,

$$(x_{s\beta} - \eta(x_{s\beta}))^l u = \lambda y_{r\alpha} v,$$

where  $l=\max\{|\underline{p}|\}$  and  $\lambda$  is a nonzero constant. Now, for any  $\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}$ ,

$$\lambda^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n=m} (d_i + \alpha_i)^{p_i} (x_{s\beta} - \eta(x_{s\beta}))^l u = y_{r\alpha} d^p_{-} v.$$

Thus, u generates  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and  $A = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . So  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is irreducible as an  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module and all the above proved that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a maximal proper  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ .

Remark 3.21 It is easy to see that  $N = span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{k} \in I \setminus \{\underline{0},\underline{e}_{r,\alpha},\underline{e}_{s,\beta}\},\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\} = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(s,\beta)}$  for  $(r,\alpha) \neq (s,\beta)$  is a proper  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , so  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is not irreducible.

**Proposition 3.22** Every maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is of the form  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + .$ 

Proof. By Lemma 3.20,  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for all  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Assume that there exists a maximal submodule M of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  such that  $M\neq\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Let  $\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}=span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}\}$ , then  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}=\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}\oplus\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and we have

$$M = (M \cap \widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}) \oplus (M \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}).$$

Suppose that  $M \cap \widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha} \neq 0$  for all  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . Then for any  $r = 1, 2, ..., n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , we have

$$0 \neq u = \sum_{\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{p}} y_{r\alpha} d^{\underline{p}} v \in M.$$

From the proof of Lemma 3.20, we have that  $span_{\mathbb{C}}\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m\}\in M$ . Since  $\{y_{r\alpha}d^{\underline{p}}v|\underline{p}\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m, r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+\}$  generates  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , we have that  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}\subset M$ , which can not happen because we assumed that M is a proper maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . So,  $M\cap\widetilde{N}_{r,\alpha}\neq 0$  for some  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Then we have  $M=M\cap\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  and by the maximality of M we have  $M=\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . But this is a contradiction as we assumed that  $M\neq\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for all  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ . Thus, we conclude that  $M=\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r=1,2,\ldots,n,\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ .

**Proposition 3.23** The space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is one-

Proof.

dimensional.

Let  $w \neq 0$  be a Whittaker module for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , then  $(x-\eta)^{\underline{k}}w \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for all  $\underline{k} \in I$ . We can write

$$w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{e}_r, \underline{o}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta},$$

where only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0$ . Let  $l = max\{|\underline{p}||\lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}} \neq 0\}$ . If l = 0, then by Proposition 2.13, we have that  $w = \lambda v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If l > 0, then by the proof of Proposition 3.8, there are some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ , such that

$$(x_{r\alpha} - \eta(x_{r\alpha}))^l w = \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{e}_{r,\alpha}} \lambda_{\underline{k}} y^{\underline{k}} v + \widetilde{N}_{\eta},$$

where there is at least one  $\underline{k}$  such that  $\lambda_{\underline{k}} \neq 0$  and this is the same as the case that l=0. We always have  $w=\lambda v+\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  for some  $\lambda\in\mathbb{C}$ . Thus, the space of Whittaker vectors (of type  $\eta$ ) for  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is one-dimensional.

**Theorem 3.24**  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is the unique maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

Proof. Let K be a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$  and suppose that  $K \neq \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . Then  $K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is a maximal  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -submodule of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ . By Proposition 3.22, we have  $K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta} = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$  for some  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . Hence  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)} \subset K$ . Since  $K/(K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta}) \cong \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  and  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  has a Whittaker vector, there exists  $w \in K$ ,  $w \notin \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$ , such that  $w + (K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta})$  is a Whittaker vector in  $K/(K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta})$ . Thus, by Proposition 3.9, we may assume that

$$w = v + \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k}, \underline{p}} y^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} v$$

after by multiplying a scalar. Then  $0 \neq y_{r\alpha}w = y_{r\alpha}v + \sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0},\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y_{r\alpha}y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v \in K \cap \widetilde{N}_{\eta} = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Since  $\sum_{\underline{k} \neq \underline{0},\underline{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} \lambda_{\underline{k},\underline{p}}y_{r\alpha}y^{\underline{k}}d^{\underline{p}}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , we have  $y_{r\alpha}v \in \widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ , which is a contradiction with the definition of  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}^{(r,\alpha)}$ . Hence  $K = \widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  and  $\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$  is the unique maximal submodule of  $\widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{0}}$ .

# 4 Imaginary Whittaker modules for non-twisted extended affine Lie algebras

## 4.1 Imaginary Whittaker modules

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra of rank n over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{h}$  a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\Delta$  the set of roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$  relative to  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, ..., \varphi_n\}$  a set of simple roots for  $\Delta$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \bigoplus_{\varphi \in \Delta} \mathfrak{g}_{\varphi}$ . Set  $\mathfrak{n}^{\pm} = \bigoplus_{\varphi \in \Delta^{+}} \mathfrak{g}_{\pm \varphi}$ , where  $\Delta^{+}$  is the set of positive roots cooresponding to  $\Delta$ . Denote L as the Laurent polynomial ring generated by m commutative variables  $t_1, t_2, ..., t_m$ , which is  $L = \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, t_2^{\pm 1}, ..., t_m^{\pm 1}]$ . For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ , we denote  $t^{\alpha} = t_1^{\alpha_1} t_2^{\alpha_2} ... t_m^{\alpha_m}$  in L. Let  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the non-twisted extended affine Lie algebra associated with  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then

$$\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = (\mathfrak{g} \otimes L) \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m.$$

The Lie bracket is given by

1. 
$$[c_i, \bar{\mathfrak{g}}] = 0$$
, for all  $i = 1, 2, ..., m$ ,

- 2.  $[d_i, d_j] = 0$ , for all i, j = 1, 2, ..., m,
- 3.  $[d_i, x \otimes t^{\alpha}] = \alpha_i x \otimes t^{\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m, x \in \mathfrak{g}, i = 1, 2, ..., m$ ,
- 4.  $[x \otimes t^{\alpha}, y \otimes t^{\beta}] = [x, y] \otimes t^{\alpha+\beta} + \delta_{\alpha+\beta,0} K(x, y) (\alpha_1 c_1 + \alpha_2 c_2 + \dots + \alpha_m c_m)$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m, x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ , where K is the Killing form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Let  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_n\}$  be an orthonomal basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that  $K(\theta_i, \theta_j) = \delta_{i,j}$ . Set  $x_{r\alpha} = \theta_r \otimes t^{\alpha}, y_{r\alpha} = \theta_r \otimes t^{-\alpha}$  for  $r = 1, 2, ..., \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . Let  $\mathfrak{t} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m} \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}$ , where

$$\begin{cases}
\mathfrak{t}_{\alpha} = \mathfrak{h} \otimes t^{\alpha}, & \alpha \neq 0, \\
\mathfrak{t}_{\alpha} = \mathbb{C}c_{1} \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_{m}, & \alpha = 0.
\end{cases}$$
(4.1)

Thus  $\mathfrak{t}$  is a generalized Heisenberg subalgebra of  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ ,  $\{x_{r\alpha}\}_{1\leq r\leq n}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{t}_{\alpha}$ ,  $\{y_{r\alpha}\}_{1\leq r\leq n}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{t}_{-\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha\in\mathbb{Z}^m+$ , such that

$$[c_i, x_{r\alpha}] = [c_i, y_{r\alpha}] = 0,$$

$$[x_{r\alpha}x_{s\beta}] = [y_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = 0,$$

$$[x_{r\alpha}, y_{s\beta}] = \delta_{rs}\delta_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha_1c_1 + \alpha_2c_2 + \dots + \alpha_mc_m).$$

for all  $1 \le r, s \le n, 1 \le i \le m, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m + .$ 

Set  $\mathfrak{t}^{\pm} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} \mathfrak{t}_{\pm \alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathbb{C} d_1 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C} d_m$ . The subalgebras  $\mathfrak{t}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$  motivated the definitions in the previous chapters, and so we may apply all the results on Whittaker modules to  $\mathfrak{t}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{t}}$  from chapters 2 and chapter 3.

Now, let  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^{\pm} = \mathfrak{n}^{\pm} \otimes L$ , then the extended affine Lie algebra  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$  has the following decomposition

$$\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^- \oplus (\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} \oplus \mathfrak{h}) \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^+.$$

The subalgebra  $\mathfrak{p} = (\tilde{\mathfrak{t}} \oplus \mathfrak{h}) \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^+$  is a parabolic subalgebra of  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Moreover,  $[\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}, \mathfrak{h}] = 0$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^+$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

Assume that  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C} c_1 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C} c_m)^*$  and  $\eta \in \Gamma$ . Let  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  be the unique (up to isomorphism) irreducible Whittaker  $\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}$ -module of type  $\eta$  and levels  $\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), \ldots, \lambda(c_m)$ . Denote  $\vec{a} = (\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), \ldots, \lambda(c_m))$ , then we have:

1. 
$$\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} = \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$$
, if  $\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), ..., \lambda(c_m)$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent,

2. 
$$\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} = \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$$
, if  $\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), ..., \lambda(c_m)$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -dependent,

3. 
$$\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} = \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}/\widetilde{N}_{\eta}$$
, if  $\lambda(c_1) = \lambda(c_2) = \dots = \lambda(c_m) = 0$ .

Let  $\tilde{v} \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  be a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta$ . Define a  $U(\mathfrak{p})$ -module structure on  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  by letting

1. 
$$hw = \lambda(h)w$$
 for all  $h \in \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m, w \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ ,

2. 
$$\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^+ w = 0$$
 for all  $w \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ .

Set

$$V_{\eta,\lambda} = U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}, v = 1 \otimes \bar{v}.$$

Define an action of  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$  on  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  by multiplication on the left on the  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$  factor. We will say that  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is an imaginary Whittaker module of type  $(\eta,\lambda)$  for  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Let  $Q^+$  be be the non-negative integral linear span of  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, ..., \varphi_n$  and extend an element  $\mu \in (\mathfrak{h})^*$  to an element of  $(\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m)^*$  by letting  $\mu(c_1) = \mu(c_2) = ... = \mu(c_m) = 0$ . For  $\phi \in Q^+$ , set

$$U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi} = \{ u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) | [h, u] = -\phi(h)u, h \in \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m \}.$$

For  $\mu \in (\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m)^*$ , set

$$V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\mu} = \{ w \in V_{\eta,\lambda} | hw = \mu(h)w, h \in \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m \}.$$

## Proposition 4.1

- 1. As  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ -modules,  $V_{\eta,\lambda} \cong U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ . Moreover,  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is free as a  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ -module.
- 2. The map  $w \to 1 \otimes w$  defines a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -isomorphism of  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  onto the  $\mathfrak{p}$ -submodule  $U(\mathfrak{p})v$  of  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$ .
- 3.  $V_{\eta,\lambda} = \bigoplus_{\phi \in Q^+} V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi}$ , and  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi} \cong U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  as modules for  $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ . In particular,  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda} \cong \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ .

Proof.

- 1. Since  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}} = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^- \oplus \mathfrak{p}$ , the PBW theorem implies that  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}}) \cong U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{p})$ . So  $V_{\eta,\lambda} = U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} \cong U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  as vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Thus the map  $f: U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} \to V_{\eta,\lambda}$  defined by  $(u,w) \mapsto uw$  is an isomorphism of  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ -modules. It follows by Corollary 5.13 [Hun] that  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is free as a  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ -module.
- 2. This part is evident from the definitions.
- 3. First, claim that  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)=\oplus_{\phi\in Q^+}U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi}$ . For every  $(u,w)\in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi}\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$   $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ , since  $u\in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi},w\in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ , we have  $[h,u]=-\phi(h)u\Leftrightarrow hu-uh=-\phi(h)u\Leftrightarrow huw-uhw=-\phi(h)uw\Leftrightarrow huw-u\lambda(h)w=-\phi(h)uw\Leftrightarrow h(uw)=(\lambda-\phi)(h)uw\Leftrightarrow uw\in V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi}$ . So the isomorphism f in (1) is an isomorphism between  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-\phi}\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  and  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi}$  for every  $\phi\in Q^+$ . In particular, if  $\phi=0$ , then  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)=\mathbb{C}$  and  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda}\cong\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ .

**Proposition 4.2** Every  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$ -submodule M of  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  has a decomposition  $M=\bigoplus_{\phi\in Q^+}M\cap V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi}$  into weight spaces relative to  $\mathfrak{h}\oplus\mathbb{C}c_1\oplus\mathbb{C}c_2\oplus\ldots\oplus\mathbb{C}c_m$ .

Proof. Since 
$$V_{\eta,\lambda} = \bigoplus_{\phi \in Q^+} V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi} \Rightarrow M = \bigoplus_{\phi \in Q^+} M \cap V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\phi}$$
.

**Proposition 4.3** Assume  $\lambda, \lambda' \in (\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C} c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} c_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C} c_m)^*$ , Let  $\eta' : U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^+) \to \mathbb{C}$  be a algebra homomorphism,  $\lambda'(c_1), \lambda'(c_2), ..., \lambda'(c_m)$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent and  $\eta' \in \Gamma$ . Then  $V_{\eta,\lambda} \cong V_{\eta',\lambda'}$  as  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules if and only if  $\eta = \eta'$  and  $\lambda = \lambda'$ .

Proof. We only need to prove that if  $V_{\eta,\lambda} \cong V_{\eta',\lambda'}$ , then  $\eta = \eta'$  and  $\lambda = \lambda'$  because the other direction is obvious. Let  $f: V_{\eta,\lambda} \to V_{\eta',\lambda'}$  be an isomorphism of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  modules. Let  $D(\lambda)$  (resp  $D(\lambda')$ ) be the set of weights of  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  (resp.  $V_{\eta',\lambda'}$ ) for the action of  $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C} c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} c_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{C} c_m$ , then  $\lambda \in D(\lambda')$ . Hence there exists  $\phi \in Q^+$  such that  $\lambda = \lambda' - \phi$ . Similarly,  $\lambda' = \lambda - \phi'$  for some  $\phi' \in Q^+$ , which implies that  $\phi = -\phi'$ . Thus,  $\phi = \phi' = 0$  since  $\phi, \phi' \in Q^+$ . Therefore  $\lambda = \lambda'$  and f restricted on  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda}$  is an isomorphism of  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}})$ -modules from  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda}$  to  $V_{\eta',\lambda}^{\lambda}$ . Consequently,  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} \cong \bar{L}_{\eta',\lambda}$ . Choose  $v \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$  as a Whittaker vector, then

$$(u - \eta(u))f(v) = f((u - \eta(u))v) = f(0) = 0$$

for all  $u \in U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^+)$ , which implies that f(v) is a Whittaker vector of type  $\eta$  in  $\bar{L}_{\eta',\lambda}$ . By Proposition 3.9, it follows that  $\eta = \eta'$ .

## 4.2 An irreducibility criterion

For the rest of this section, we will focus on imaginary Whittaker modules with  $\mathbb{Z}$ independent level for extended affine Lie algebra  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}$  and show that they irreducible.

Fix  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , let  $\mathfrak{m} = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^- \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$ . Note that  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-$  is an ideal in  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

**Proposition 4.4** Let  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus ... \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m)^*, \lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), ..., \lambda(c_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent, then  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is torsionfree as left  $U(\mathfrak{m})$ -module.

*Proof.* Denote  $\vec{a} = (\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), \dots, \lambda(c_m))$ . Since  $\lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), \dots, \lambda(c_m)$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ independent, we have  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} = \widetilde{M}_{\eta,\vec{a}}$ . Let  $\{\omega_s\}_{s\in S}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1)$  $\mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$ ), then  $\{\omega_s\}_{s\in S}$  is also a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ . By the PBW theorem  $U(\mathfrak{m}) \cong U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ . Hence  $U(\mathfrak{m})$  is a free left  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ module with basis  $\{\omega_s\}_{s\in S}$ . Moreover, by Proposition 4.1,  $\{\omega_s v\}_{s\in S}$  is a basis of  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  as a free  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ -module. The map  $f:V_{\eta,\lambda}\to U(\mathfrak{m})$  defined by  $u\otimes wv\mapsto$  $uw, u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-), w \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$  is obviously surjective. Let  $u = \sum_s y_s \omega_s v \in V_{\eta,\lambda}$ , where  $y_s \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ . Then  $f(u) = \sum_s y_s \omega_s = 0$  would imply that  $y_s = 0$  for all s, so u = 0. Hence f is an isomorphism of vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that  $y \in \mathfrak{m}, u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-), w \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ . Since  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-$  is an ideal in  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we have  $[y,u] \in u(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ . Therefore  $f([y,u] \otimes w) = [y,u]w$ . Moreover, since  $\mathfrak{m} = \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^- \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$ , there must exist unique  $u_1 \in \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-$  and  $u_2 \in \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m$  such that  $y = u_1 + u_2$ . Hence  $f(y(u \otimes wv)) =$  $f(yu \otimes wv) = f(uy \otimes wv) + f([y, u] \otimes wv) = f(uu_1 \otimes wv) + f(uu_2 \otimes wv) + [y, u]w = f(uu_1 \otimes wv) + f(uu_2 \otimes wv$  $uu_1w + f(u \otimes u_2wv) + [y, u]w = uu_1w + uu_2w + [y, u]w = uyw + [y, u]w = y(uw).$ Hence f is an isomorphism of  $U(\mathfrak{m})$ -modules. Since  $U(\mathfrak{m})$  is a domain, it follows

that  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is torsion-free as a  $U(\mathfrak{m})$ -module.

We begin by establishing some notation. For any  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_i \varphi_i \in Q^+$ , let  $ht(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_i$ . If  $\gamma, \omega \in \Delta^+, \gamma = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \kappa_i \varphi_i, \omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_i \varphi_i$ , then we define  $\gamma \leq \omega$  if and only if  $(\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_n, ) \leq (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n, )$  in the lexicographic order. Thus,  $\leq$  is a total order on  $Q^+$  which satisfies the following property: if  $\gamma, \omega \in \Delta^+, \gamma \leq \omega$  and  $\omega - \gamma \in \Delta$ , then  $\omega - \gamma \in \Delta^+$ . Fix a Chevalley basis  $\{e_{\gamma} | \gamma \in \Delta\} \cup \{h_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  for  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For  $\gamma \in \Delta, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , we define element  $e_{\gamma+\alpha}$  as follows

$$e_{\gamma+\alpha} = e_{\gamma} \otimes t^{\alpha}$$
.

Since  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^- = \mathfrak{n}^- \otimes L$ , the set

$$B = \{e_{-\gamma + \alpha} | \gamma \in \Delta^+, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + \}$$

is a basis of  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-$ .

If  $\gamma, \omega \in \Delta^+, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m+$ , define  $e_{-\gamma+\alpha} < e_{-\omega+\beta}$  if  $\gamma < \omega$  or  $\gamma = \omega$  and  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then  $\leq$  is a total order on B. Let  $l = |\Delta^+|$  and let  $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \cdots < \gamma_l$  be an ordered listing of the roots in  $\Delta^+$  using the total order above. For  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , set

$$E_i^{\kappa_i} = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +} e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}^{\kappa_i(\alpha)},$$

where  $\kappa_i: \mathbb{Z}^m + \to \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  has only finite support. Set

$$E^{\underline{\kappa}} = E_1^{\kappa_1} E_2^{\kappa_2} \cdots E_l^{\kappa_l}.$$

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Then by the PBW theorem, the set

$$A = \{ E^{\underline{\kappa}} | \underline{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_l), \kappa_i : \mathbb{Z}^m + \to \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \}$$

is a basis for  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ . For any  $\underline{\kappa} = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_l)$  and any i, set

$$N_{\kappa,i} = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m + | \kappa_i(\alpha) \neq 0 \}.$$

Since  $\kappa_i : \mathbb{Z}^m \to \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  has only finite support,  $N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$  is a finite set for every i. Given  $\underline{\kappa} \neq 0$ , denote  $N_{\underline{\kappa}} = N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$  with i minimum so that  $N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$  not empty. Suppose  $E^{\underline{\kappa}} \in A$ , and  $N_{\underline{\kappa}} = N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$ , for  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$ , let  $(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]}$  be the same as  $E^{\underline{\kappa}}$  but with power  $e^{\kappa_i(\alpha)-1}_{-\gamma_i+\alpha}$ . By the definitions, it is easy to very the following:

**Lemma 4.5** 1. if  $\alpha, \alpha' \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}, \alpha \neq \alpha'$ , then

$$(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} \neq (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha']}.$$

2. Assume  $\underline{\kappa} \neq \underline{\kappa}', N_{\underline{\kappa}} = N_{\underline{\kappa},i}, N_{\underline{\kappa}'} = N_{\underline{\kappa}',i}$ . If  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}} \cap N_{\underline{\kappa}'}$ , then

$$(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} \neq (E^{\underline{\kappa}'})_{[\alpha]}.$$

**Lemma 4.6** Let  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n \in U(\mathfrak{g}), k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then

1. 
$$[y, u_1 \cdots u_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n u_1 \cdots u_{i-1}[y, u_i] u_{i+1} \cdots u_n$$
.

2. 
$$[y, x^k] = \sum_{i=1}^n x^{k-i} [y, x] x^{i-1} = k x^{k-1} [y, x] + \sum_{i=2}^k x^{k-i} [[y, x], x^{i-1}].$$

*Proof.* Since  $u_1[y, u_2] + [y, u_1]u_2 = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_2y) + (yu_1 - u_1y)u_2 = yu_1u_2 - u_1u_2y = u_1(yu_2 - u_1y)u_2 = u_1(yu_2 - u_1y)u_2$  $[y, u_1u_2]$ , by induction on n we have

$$[y, u_1 \cdots u_n] = u_1 \cdots u_{n-1}[y, u_n] + [y, u_1 \cdots u_{n-1}]u_n$$

$$= u_1 \cdots u_{n-1}[y, u_n] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} u_1 \cdots u_{i-1}[y, u_i]u_{i+1} \cdots u_n$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n u_1 \cdots u_{i-1}[y, u_i]u_{i+1} \cdots u_n.$$

The second equation is just a special case of the first one.

**Lemma 4.7** Assume  $1 \neq E^{\underline{\kappa}} \in A$ , Let  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m + such that <math>\alpha < \beta$  for all  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}} =$  $N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$ . Let y be a non-zero element of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\gamma_i} \otimes t^{-\beta} \subset \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-$ , then there exists  $u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ such that

$$[y, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = u + \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}]. \tag{4.2}$$

Moreover,

$$\sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \underline{\kappa}_{i}(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_{i} + \alpha}] \neq 0.$$
(4.3)

*Proof.* Note that  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{-\gamma_i-\beta} = \mathfrak{g}_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{-\beta}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{-\gamma_i+\alpha} = \mathfrak{g}_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha}$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ .  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] = b[e_{\gamma_i - \beta}, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] = b[e_{\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\beta}, e_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha}] = b[e_{\gamma_i}, e_{-\gamma_i}] \otimes t^{\alpha - \beta}$  for some  $0 \neq b \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $[e_{\gamma_i}, e_{-\gamma_i}] = h_{\gamma_i} \neq 0, \ \beta > \alpha \Rightarrow t^{\alpha-\beta} \neq 0$ , we have  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i+\alpha}] \neq 0$ . Moreover,  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] = bh_{\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha - \beta} \Rightarrow [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] \in \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha - \beta} \subset \overline{\mathfrak{t}}^- \text{ for all } \alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}.$ Since  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}} = N_{\underline{\kappa},i}$ , we have  $\kappa_j = 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq i-1$ . Thus, we may write  $E^{\underline{\kappa}} = E_i^{\kappa_i} E_{i+1}^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E_l^{\kappa_l}$ , by Lemma 4.6,

$$[y, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = [y, E^{\kappa_i}] E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l} + E^{\kappa_i} [y, E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l}].$$

Since  $\gamma_i < \gamma_j$  for all i < j, so, if i < j and  $\gamma_i - \gamma_j \in \Delta$  then  $\gamma_i - \gamma_j \in \Delta^-$ . Then by Lemma 4.2,  $[y, E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l}] \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$  because  $[y, e_{-\gamma_j + \alpha}] = [e_{\gamma_i}, e_{-\gamma_j}] \otimes t^{\alpha - \beta}$  is equal to 0 if  $\gamma_i - \gamma_j \notin \Delta$ , or equal to  $be_{\gamma_i - \gamma_j} \otimes t^{\alpha - \beta} \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$  if  $\gamma_i - \gamma_j \in \Delta$ . Now we compute  $[y, E^{\kappa_i}]$ ,

$$[y, E^{\kappa_i}] = [y, \prod_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} e^{\kappa_i(\alpha)}_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}]$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \cdots e^{\kappa_{i}(\alpha-)}_{-\gamma_{i}+\alpha-}[y, e^{\kappa_{i}(\alpha)}_{-\gamma_{i}+\alpha}] e^{\kappa_{i}(\alpha+)}_{-\gamma_{i}+\alpha+} \cdots,$$

where  $\alpha - (\alpha +)$  is the element in  $\mathbb{Z}^m +$  most close to  $\alpha$  but are smaller (greater) than  $\alpha$  with lexicographic order.

$$[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}^{\kappa_i(\alpha)}] = \kappa_i(\alpha) (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{\kappa_i(\alpha) - 1} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}]$$

$$+ \sum_{j=2}^{\kappa_i(\alpha)} (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{\kappa_i(\alpha) - j} [[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}], (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{j-1}].$$

Since  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] \in \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-$  for all  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$ , we have

$$u' = \sum_{j=2}^{\kappa_i(\alpha)} (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{\kappa_i(\alpha) - j} [[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}], (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{j-1}] \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-).$$

So,

$$[y, E^{\kappa_i}] = \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \cdots e^{\kappa_i(\alpha - 1)}_{-\gamma_i + \alpha} \{ u' + \kappa_i(\alpha) (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{\kappa_i(\alpha) - 1} \}$$

$$*[y, e_{-\gamma_i+\alpha}] e_{-\gamma_i+\alpha+}^{\kappa_i(\alpha+)} \cdots$$

Again, since  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] \in \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-$  for all  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$ , we can move  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}]$  to the right side at the expense of commutators live in  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ , denoted as u''. So,

$$[y, E^{\kappa_i}] = \{ \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \cdots e^{\kappa_i(\alpha - )}_{-\gamma_i + \alpha -} (\kappa_i(\alpha) (e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha})^{\kappa_i(\alpha) - 1}) e^{\kappa_i(\alpha + )}_{-\gamma_i + \alpha +} \cdots \}$$

$$*[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] + u'' + \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \cdots e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}^{\kappa_i(\alpha -)} u' e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha +}^{\kappa_i(\alpha +)} \cdots$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\kappa_i})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] + u''',$$

for some  $u''' \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ . Thus, we have

$$[y, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = [y, E^{\kappa_i}] E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l} + E^{\kappa_i} [y, E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l}]$$

$$= \{ \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\kappa_i})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] + u''' \} E^{\kappa_{i+1}} \cdots E^{\kappa_l}$$

$$+E^{\kappa_i}[y,E^{\kappa_{i+1}}\cdots E^{\kappa_l}]$$

$$= u + \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}]$$

for some  $u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$ .

Suppose that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] = 0.$$

Since the elements of  $\{(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} | \alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}\}$  are linearly independent by Lemma 4.5, and by the PBW theorem, A is a basis of  $U(\mathfrak{m})$  as a free right  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C} d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C} d_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C} d_m)$ -module. So  $[y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$ , which is not true. Hence

$$\sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \kappa_i(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha}] \neq 0.$$

Recall that  $\underline{k} = (k_{1\alpha}, k_{1\beta}, \dots, k_{2\alpha}, k_{2\beta}, \dots, k_{n\alpha}, k_{n\beta}, \dots) = (k_{r\alpha})_{1 \leq r \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +}$ . For any  $\underline{k} \in I$ , let  $\underline{k}^{\top} = (k_{1\alpha}, k_{2\alpha}, \dots, k_{n\alpha}, k_{1\beta}, k_{2\beta}, \dots, k_{n\beta}, \dots)$ . Let  $I^{\top} = \{\underline{k}^{\top} | \underline{k} \in I\}$ . We order the elements in  $I^{\top}$  in the reverse lexicographic order. For any  $\underline{y}^{\underline{k}}, \underline{y}^{\underline{l}}, d^{\underline{p}}, d^{\underline{q}}$ , where  $\underline{k}, \underline{l} \in I, \underline{p}, \underline{q} \in \mathbb{Z}^m_{\geq 0}$ , we define  $\underline{y}^{\underline{k}} d^{\underline{p}} \leq \underline{y}^{\underline{l}} d^{\underline{q}}$  if  $\underline{k}^{\top} < \underline{l}^{\top}$  (in the reverse lexicographic order) or  $\underline{k} = \underline{l}$  and  $|\underline{p}| \leq |\underline{q}|$ .

**Theorem 4.8** Let  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m)^*, \lambda(c_1), \lambda(c_2), \ldots, \lambda(c_m)$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -independent and  $\eta \in \Gamma$ . Then  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$  is irreducible as a  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$ -module.

Proof. Let K be a non-zero  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$ -submodule of  $V_{\eta,\lambda}$ , we will show that  $K = V_{\eta,\lambda}$ . It suffices to show that  $K \cap \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}v \neq 0$  because  $\bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}v = U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}})v$  is irreducible as a  $U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}})$ -module and  $V_{\eta,\lambda} = U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})v$ . By Proposition 4.1(3), it follows that  $K \cap V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\mu} \neq 0$  for some  $\mu \in Q^+$ . Assume that  $0 \neq w \in K \cap V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\mu}$ . We claim that there exists  $u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$  such that  $0 \neq uw \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}v$ . We will proceed by induction on  $ht(\mu)$ . If  $\mu = 0$ , then we are done since  $V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda} = \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}v$ . Suppose that the claim is true for all  $\mu' \in Q^+$  with  $ht(\mu') < ht(\mu)$ . By Proposition 3.2(1) and Proposition 4.1(1), w has a unique expression

$$w = \sum_{q=1}^{k} \left(\sum_{\underline{\kappa}} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} E^{\underline{\kappa}}\right) w_q d^{\underline{p}_q} v, \tag{4.4}$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $E^{\underline{\kappa}} \in A$ ,  $\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \in \mathbb{C}$ , and for each q, only finitely many  $\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \in \mathbb{C} \neq 0$ .  $w_q \in \{y^{\underline{k}} | \underline{k} \in I\}$ ,  $\underline{p_q} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m$  and  $w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} \neq w_{q'} d^{\underline{p_{q'}}}$  if  $q \neq q'$ .

Since  $w \in V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda-\mu} = U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-)^{-u} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ , for each  $\underline{\kappa}$  such that  $\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \neq 0$  for some q, we

have

$$[h, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = -\mu(h)E^{\underline{\kappa}} \tag{4.5}$$

for all  $h \in \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}c_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}c_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}c_m$ . We claim that

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^{m} +} \kappa_i(\alpha) \gamma_i. \tag{4.6}$$

$$[h, e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha} e_{-\gamma_j + \beta}] = [h, e_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha} e_{-\gamma_j} \otimes t^{\beta}]$$

$$= [h \otimes 1, e_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha}] e_{-\gamma_j} \otimes t^{\beta}$$

$$+ e_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha} [h \otimes 1, e_{-\gamma_j} \otimes t^{\beta}]$$

$$= [h, e_{-\gamma_i}] \otimes t^{\alpha} e_{-\gamma_j} \otimes t^{\beta} + e_{-\gamma_i} \otimes t^{\alpha} [h, e_{-\gamma_j}] \otimes t^{\beta}$$

$$= -\gamma_i (h) e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha} e_{-\gamma_j + \beta} - \gamma_j (h) e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha} e_{-\gamma_j + \beta}$$

$$= -(\gamma_i + \gamma_j) (h) e_{-\gamma_i + \alpha} e_{-\gamma_j + \beta},$$

$$\Rightarrow [h, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = [h, \prod_{i=1}^{l} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^{m} +} e^{\kappa_{i}(\alpha)}_{-\gamma_{i} + \alpha}]$$

$$= \left(-\sum_{i=1}^{l} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^{m} +} \kappa_{i}(\alpha) \gamma_{i}\right)(h) E^{\underline{\kappa}},$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^{m}+} \kappa_i(\alpha) \gamma_i.$$

For each q, redefine  $\Omega$  as,

$$\Omega = \{\underline{\kappa} | \lambda_{\underline{\kappa}, q} \neq 0\},$$

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and denote  $i_q = min\{j | N_{\underline{\kappa}} = N_{\underline{\kappa},j}, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q\}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$i_1 = \cdots = i_j < i_{j+1} \le \cdots \le i_k$$
.

Then we may write

$$w = \sum_{q=1}^{j} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} E^{\underline{\kappa}}) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v + \sum_{q=j+1}^{k} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} E^{\underline{\kappa}}) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v.$$

Let

$$N = \{ \alpha | \alpha \in N_{\kappa}, \kappa \in \Omega_q, q = 1, 2, \dots, k \}.$$

Recall that  $\{y_{r\alpha} = \theta_r \otimes t^{-\alpha}\}_{1 \leq r \leq n}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{t}_{-\alpha} for \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$ . To avoid misunderstandings, we will write  $y_{r,\alpha}$  for  $y_{r\alpha}$ . Let  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^m +$  such that  $\alpha < \beta, w_q < y_{r,\beta-\alpha}$  for all q, r and all  $\alpha \in N$ . Let  $y = e_{\gamma_{i_1} - \beta}$ , since  $y \in \bar{\mathfrak{n}}^+$ ,

$$yw_q d^{\underline{p_q}}v = 0$$

for all  $1 \leq q \leq k$ . As  $[y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] = [e_{\gamma_{i_1}}, e_{-\gamma_{i_1}}] \otimes t^{\alpha - \beta}$ , we have  $[y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] \neq 0$  because  $[e_{\gamma_{i_1}}, e_{-\gamma_{i_1}}] \neq 0$ . Moreover, if  $\alpha \in N$ , then

$$[y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] \in \mathfrak{t}_{\alpha - \beta} = \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}_{\alpha - \beta} \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^-,$$

since  $\alpha < \beta$  for all  $\alpha \in N$ . Thus, for every  $\alpha \in N$ , there exist values  $\nu_{r,\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}, 1 \le r \le n$ , with at least one  $\nu_{r,\alpha} \ne 0$  such that

$$[y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] = \sum_{r=1}^{n} \nu_{r,\alpha} y_{r,\beta-\alpha}$$

and this expression is unique. If  $i_q=i_1=\cdots=i_j$ , then by Lemma 4.7, for all  $\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q$  there exists  $u_{\underline{\kappa},q}\in U(\bar{\mathfrak n}^-)$  such that

$$[y, E^{\underline{\kappa}}] = u_{\underline{\kappa}, q} + \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \kappa_{i_1}(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}],$$

where  $\sum_{\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \kappa_{i_1}(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] \neq 0$ . So,

$$yw = \sum_{q=1}^{j} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} y E^{\underline{\kappa}}) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v + \sum_{q=j+1}^{k} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} y E^{\underline{\kappa}}) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v$$

$$= \sum_{q=1}^{j} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} ([y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}] - E^{\underline{\kappa}} y)) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v$$

$$+ \sum_{q=j+1}^{k} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}([y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}] - E^{\underline{\kappa}}y)) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}}v$$

$$= \sum_{q=1}^{j} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}[y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}]) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v + \sum_{q=j+1}^{k} (\sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}[y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}]) w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v$$

$$= \sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_q} \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \kappa_{i_1}(\alpha) (E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} [y, e_{-\gamma_{i_1} + \alpha}] w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} v$$

$$+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\kappa\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}u_{\underline{\kappa},q}w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}v+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\kappa\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}[y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}]w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}v$$

$$= \sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_{q}} \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \sum_{r=1}^{n} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \kappa_{i_{1}}(\alpha) \nu_{r,\alpha}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} y_{r,\beta-\alpha} w_{q} d^{\underline{p_{q}}} v$$

$$+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}u_{\underline{\kappa},q}w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}v+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}[y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}]w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}v.$$

We claim that  $yw \neq 0$ . Suppose that yw = 0. Let

$$f: V_{n,\lambda} \to U(\mathfrak{m}),$$

defined by  $u \otimes wv \mapsto uw, u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{n}}^-), w \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ . Then we have

$$0 = f(yw) = \sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_{q}} \sum_{\alpha \in N_{r}} \sum_{r=1}^{n} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} \kappa_{i_{1}}(\alpha) \nu_{r,\alpha}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} y_{r,\beta-\alpha} w_{q} d^{\underline{p_{q}}}$$

$$+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}u_{\underline{\kappa},q}w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}+\sum_{q=j+1}^k\sum_{\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q}\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}[y,E^{\underline{\kappa}}]w_qd^{\underline{p_q}}.$$

Since  $w_{q'} < y_{r,\beta-\alpha}$  for all  $q', r, \alpha \in N$ , it follows that

$$w_{q'} < w_q y_{r,\beta-\alpha}$$

for all q, q', so

$$w_{q'}d\underline{\underline{p_{q'}}}' < w_q y_{r,\beta-\alpha}d\underline{\underline{p_q}}$$

for all  $q, q', \alpha \in N$ . As  $N_{\underline{\kappa}} \subseteq N$ , for all  $\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q$  and all q, so

$$\sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q} \sum_{\alpha \in N_{\kappa}} \sum_{r=1}^{n} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa}, q} \kappa_{i_1}(\alpha) \nu_{r, \alpha}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\alpha]} y_{r, \beta - \alpha} w_q d^{\underline{p_q}} = 0.$$

Let  $\delta = min\{\alpha | \alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \cdots \cup \Omega_j\}$ . Suppose that  $1 \leq r \leq n$  is maximal such that  $\nu_{r,\delta} \neq 0$ . Assume  $\alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \cdots \cup \Omega_j$ , and  $\alpha \neq \delta$ . Then

$$y_{s,\beta-\alpha} < y_{r,\beta-\delta}$$

for all  $1 \le r, s \le n$ , since  $\beta - \alpha < \beta - \delta$ . Moreover, if s < r, then

$$y_{s,\beta-\delta} < y_{r,\beta-\delta}$$
.

Hence

$$w_{q'}y_{s,\beta-\alpha}d^{\underline{p_q}'} < w_q y_{r,\beta-\delta}d^{\underline{p_q}}, 1 \le s, r \le n$$

for all  $q, q', \alpha \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$  and  $\alpha \neq \delta, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \cup \cdots \cup \Omega_j$ . Also

$$w_{q'}y_{s,\beta-\delta}d^{\underline{p_{q'}}} < w_q y_{r,\beta-\delta}d^{\underline{p_q}}, 1 \le s < r \le n$$

for all q, q'. Hence

$$\sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_{q}, \delta \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa}, q} \kappa_{i_{1}}(\delta) \nu_{r, \delta}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\delta]} y_{r, \beta - \delta} w_{q} d^{\underline{p_{q}}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{q=1}^{j} \sum_{\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_{q}, \delta \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa}, q} \kappa_{i_{1}}(\delta) \nu_{r, \delta}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\delta]} w_{q} y_{r, \beta - \delta} d^{\underline{p_{q}}} = 0,$$

since  $y_{r,\beta-\delta}w_q = w_q y_{r,\beta-\delta}$ . Let  $1 \leq q \leq j$  such that  $\delta \in N_{\underline{\kappa}}$  for some  $\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q$ . Since  $w_{q'}y_{r,\beta-\delta}d^{\underline{p_{q'}}} \neq w_q y_{r,\beta-\delta}d^{\underline{p_q}}$  if  $q \neq q'$ , and  $U(\mathfrak{m})$  is free as a right  $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}^- \oplus \mathbb{C}d_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}d_2 \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}d_m)$ -module, it must be

$$\sum_{\underline{\kappa}\in\Omega_q} \lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q}(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\delta]} = 0.$$

Since the elements  $E^{\underline{\kappa}}, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q$  are linearly independent, and  $\delta$  is fixed, so  $(E^{\underline{\kappa}})_{[\delta]}, \underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q$  must also be linearly independent. Then we have  $\lambda_{\underline{\kappa},q} = 0$  for all  $\underline{\kappa} \in \Omega_q$ , which is a contradiction. This proves that  $yw \neq 0$ .

Since  $\mu - \gamma_{i_1} \in Q^+, 0 \neq yw \in V_{\eta,\lambda}^{\lambda - (\mu - \gamma_{i_1})}$  and  $ht(\mu - \gamma_{i_1}) < ht(\mu)$ , by the inductive hypothesis there exists  $u \in U(\bar{\mathfrak{g}})$  such that  $0 \neq u(yw) = (uy)w \in \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda}$ , hence  $K \cap \bar{L}_{\eta,\lambda} \neq 0$  as desired.

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