

STRUCTURE OF CERTAIN INDUCED REPRESENTATIONS OF COMPLEX SEMISIMPLE LIE ALGEBRAS¹

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Let \mathfrak{L} be a split semisimple Lie algebra over a field Φ of characteristic zero and $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{H} + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ be the root-space decomposition of \mathfrak{L} relative to a splitting Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H} , where the subset Δ of \mathfrak{H}^* is the corresponding root-system. Fix a simple system of roots $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l\}$, for which the positive (resp. negative) roots are denoted by Δ_+ (resp. Δ_-). For $\alpha \in \Delta$ let R_α be the Weyl reflection sending α into $-\alpha$ and fixing the elements of \mathfrak{H}^* orthogonal to α with respect to the inverse Killing form \langle, \rangle . It is given explicitly by $\lambda R_\alpha = \lambda - \lambda(h_\alpha)\alpha$ where $h_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}$ is defined by requiring $\lambda(h_\alpha) = 2\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle^{-1} \langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle$ for all $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$. Denote the group generated by $\{R_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta\}$ by W . We abbreviate R_{α_i} and h_{α_i} by R_i and h_i respectively. The "simple" reflections R_1, R_2, \dots, R_l are Coxeter generators of the Weyl group W . Let \mathfrak{U} be the universal enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{L} , and \mathfrak{U}_+ (resp. \mathfrak{U}_-) the subalgebra with identity 1 generated by $\mathfrak{L}_+ = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ (resp. $\mathfrak{L}_- = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_-} \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$).

It is an established fact that the notions of \mathfrak{L} -module and \mathfrak{U} -module are interchangeable. Here, and throughout, the word "module" is an abbreviation for the word "right-module." Our object in this paper is to study the structure of the \mathfrak{L} -module $\mathfrak{B}_\Lambda = \mathfrak{U}/\mathfrak{J}_\Lambda$ for arbitrary $\Lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$, where \mathfrak{U} is regarded as a module under right-multiplication and \mathfrak{J}_Λ is the right-ideal of \mathfrak{U} (i.e., submodule of \mathfrak{U}) generated by

$$\mathfrak{L}_+ \cup \{h - \Lambda(h) \cdot 1 \mid h \in \mathfrak{H}\}.$$

It is known (cf. Cartier [4, p. 17-04]) that \mathfrak{B}_Λ has a unique maximal proper submodule and hence a unique irreducible quotient-module which we denote by \mathfrak{M}_Λ . \mathfrak{B}_Λ "admits a complete weight-space decomposition" in the sense that it is the direct sum of its weight-spaces $\mathfrak{B}_{\Lambda(\lambda)}$, where for any \mathfrak{L} -module \mathfrak{M} and any $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ the weight-space $\mathfrak{M}_{(\lambda)}$ is defined by

$$\mathfrak{M}_{(\lambda)} = \{x \in \mathfrak{M} \mid xh = \lambda(h)x \text{ for all } h \in \mathfrak{H}\};$$

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