

# On the Semisimplicity of Cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb Algebras

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## 1. Introduction

The Temperley–Lieb algebras were first introduced in [15] in order to study the single-bond transfer matrices for the Ising model and for the Potts model. Jones [9] defined a trace function on a Temperley–Lieb algebra so that he could construct the Jones polynomial of a link when the trace is nondegenerate. It is known that the trace is nondegenerate if the Temperley–Lieb algebra is semisimple. So it is an interesting question to provide a criterion for a Temperley–Lieb algebra to be semisimple. In [16, Sec. 5], there is a simple criterion for the semisimplicity of the Temperley–Lieb algebra in terms of  $q$  if the parameter is written  $\delta = -(q + q^{-1})$ . More explicitly, Westbury computed the determinants of Gram matrices associated to all “cell modules” via Tchebychev polynomials. This implies that a Temperley–Lieb algebra is semisimple if and only if such polynomials do not take values zero for the parameters.

As a generalization of a Temperley–Lieb algebra, the cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebra  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  of type  $G(m, 1, n)$  was introduced in [13]. It is proved in [13] that  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is a cellular algebra in the sense of [3]. Thus  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple if and only if all of its “cell modules” are pairwise nonisomorphic irreducible. In order to determine when a cell module is irreducible, Rui and Xi computed the determinants of Gram matrices of certain cell modules [13, 8.1]. In general, it is hard to compute the determinants for all cell modules.

In this note, we shall consider the semisimplicity of cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebras. This is analogous to the question considered in [14] (see [2] for the case  $m = 1$ ). Following [11], we study two functors  $F$  and  $G$  between certain categories in Section 3. Via these functors and [13, 8.1], in Section 4 we show our main result (Theorem 4.6), which states that  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple if and only if generalized Tchebychev polynomials do not take values zero for the parameters  $\bar{\delta}_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ .

## 2. Cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb Algebras

In this section, we recall some of results on the cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebras in [13]. Throughout the paper, we fix two natural numbers  $m$  and  $n$ .

A labeled Temperley–Lieb diagram (or labeled TL diagram)  $D$  of type  $G(m, 1, n)$  is a Temperley–Lieb diagram with  $2n$  vertices and  $n$  arcs. Each arc is labeled by

an element in  $\mathbb{Z}_m = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ , which will be considered as the number of dots on it. It should be noted that the arcs in a labeled TL diagram do not intersect. The following are two special labeled TL diagrams:

$$E_i = \begin{array}{c} 1 \qquad i \quad i+1 \quad n \\ \left| \cdots \right| \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \quad \left| \cdots \right| \\ 1 \qquad i \quad i+1 \quad n \end{array}, \quad T_i = \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad i \quad n \\ \left| \cdots \right| \quad \left| \bullet \cdots \right| \quad \left| \right| \\ 1 \quad i \quad n \end{array}.$$

An arc in a labeled TL diagram  $D$  is said to be horizontal if its endpoints both lie in the top row or in the bottom row; otherwise, it is said to be vertical. Given a horizontal arc  $\{i, j\}$  with  $i < j$ , we denote by  $i$  (resp.  $j$ ) the left (resp. right) endpoint of the arc. For a horizontal (resp. vertical) arc, we always assume that the dots on this arc concentrate on the left endpoint (resp. the endpoint on the top row of the labeled TL diagram  $D$ ).

In order to define the composite of two labeled TL diagrams, we always assume that a dot in the left (resp. right) endpoint of an horizontal arc, when moved to the right (resp. left) endpoint, will be replaced by  $m - 1$  dots at the right (resp. left) endpoint of the arc. A dot in a vertical arc can move freely from one endpoint to another.

Suppose an arc  $l_1$  joins another arc  $l_2$  with a common endpoint  $j$ . A dot on the arc  $l_1$  can move to the arc  $l_2$ . We always assume that a dot at the endpoint  $j \in l_1$  can be replaced by a dot at  $j \in l_2$ .

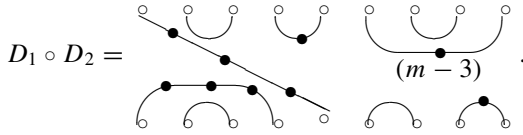
Given two labeled TL diagrams  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  of type  $G(m, 1, n)$ , we follow [13] and define a new labeled TL diagram  $D_1 \circ D_2$  as follows. First, compose  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  in the same way as was done for the Temperley–Lieb algebra to obtain a new diagram  $P$ ; second, apply the rule for the movement of dots to relabel each arc of  $P$ . We get a new labeled TL diagram, and this is defined to be  $D_1 \circ D_2$ . Let  $n(\vec{i}, D_1, D_2)$  be the number of the relabeled closed cycles on which there are  $\vec{i}$  dots. We display an example from [13] to illustrate the definition. If

$$D_1 = \left( \begin{array}{c} \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \end{array} \right), \quad D_2 = \left( \begin{array}{c} \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \end{array} \right),$$

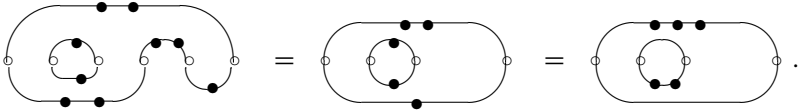
then we have a diagram

$$P = \left( \begin{array}{c} \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \circ \end{array} \right).$$

Thus the composition  $D_1 \circ D_2$  of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is as follows:



Now we relabel the closed cycles in  $P$ . By definition,



In this case,  $n(\bar{i}, D_1, D_2) = 0$  if  $\bar{i} \neq \bar{2}, \bar{3}$  and  $n(\bar{2}, D_1, D_2) = n(\bar{3}, D_1, D_2) = 1$  under the assumption  $m \geq 4$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1** [13, 3.3]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring containing 1 and  $\delta_0, \dots, \delta_{m-1}$ . Put  $\delta = (\delta_0, \dots, \delta_{m-1})$ . The *cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebra*  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is an associative algebra over  $R$  with a basis consisting of all labeled TL diagrams of type  $G(m, 1, n)$ , and the multiplication is given by

$$D_1 \cdot D_2 = \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} \delta_i^{n(\bar{i}, D_1, D_2)} D_1 \circ D_2.$$

Note that if we set  $\delta_0 = -(q + q^{-1})$  and  $m = 1$  then we will get the usual Temperley–Lieb algebra. However, the cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebra of type  $G(2, 1, n)$  is not the same as the blob algebra considered in [12] or [6] since they have different defining relations. One can compare our generator’s  $T_i$  with  $c_0$  in [6, 5.3]. It would be interesting to know if there is an epimorphism from an extended affine Temperley–Lieb algebra [4; 5; 8] to our cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb algebra, generalizing some of results on blob algebras in [12; 1]. It was shown in [13] that  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  can be defined by generators and relations. For the details, see [13, 2.1].

In the remaining part of this section we recall some results on the representations of  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ . First, we recall the notion of a cellular algebra in [3], which depends on the existence of a certain basis. There is also a basis-free definition of cellular algebras; for this we refer to [10].

**DEFINITION 2.2** [3, 1.1]. An associative  $R$ -algebra  $A$  is called a *cellular algebra* with cell datum  $(I, M, C, i)$  if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (C1) The finite set  $I$  is partially ordered. Associated with each  $\lambda \in I$  is a finite set  $M(\lambda)$ . The algebra  $A$  has an  $R$ -basis  $C_{S,T}^\lambda$ , where  $(S, T)$  runs through all elements of  $M(\lambda) \times M(\lambda)$  for all  $\lambda \in I$ .
- (C2) The map  $i$  is an  $R$ -linear anti-automorphism of  $A$ , with  $i^2 = \text{id}$ , that sends  $C_{S,T}^\lambda$  to  $C_{T,S}^\lambda$ .

(C3) For each  $\lambda \in I$  and  $S, T \in M(\lambda)$  and each  $a \in A$ , the product  $aC_{S,T}^\lambda$  can be written as

$$aC_{S,T}^\lambda = \sum_{U \in M(\lambda)} r_a(U, S)C_{U,T}^\lambda + r',$$

where  $r'$  belongs to  $A^{<\lambda}$  consisting of all  $R$ -linear combinations of basis elements with upper index  $\mu$  strictly smaller than  $\lambda$  and where the coefficients  $r_a(U, S) \in R$  do not depend on  $T$ .

Assume that  $R$  is a field. For each  $\lambda \in I$ , one can define a cell module  $\Delta(\lambda)$  and a symmetric associative bilinear form  $\Phi_\lambda: \Delta(\lambda) \otimes_R \Delta(\lambda) \rightarrow R$  in the following way (see [3, Sec. 2]). As an  $R$ -module,  $\Delta(\lambda)$  has an  $R$ -basis  $\{C_S^\lambda \mid S \in M(\lambda)\}$ , and the  $A$ -module structure is given by

$$aC_S^\lambda = \sum_{U \in M(\lambda)} r_a(U, S)C_U^\lambda. \quad (2.1)$$

The bilinear form  $\Phi_\lambda$  is defined by

$$\Phi_\lambda(C_S^\lambda, C_T^\lambda)C_{U,V}^\lambda \equiv C_{U,S}^\lambda C_{T,V}^\lambda \pmod{A^{<\lambda}},$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are arbitrary elements in  $M(\lambda)$ .

Let  $\text{rad } \Delta(\lambda) = \{c \in \Delta(\lambda) \mid \Phi_\lambda(c, c') = 0 \text{ for all } c' \in \Delta(\lambda)\}$ . Then  $\text{rad } \Delta(\lambda)$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $\Delta(\lambda)$ . Put  $L(\lambda) = \Delta(\lambda)/\text{rad } \Delta(\lambda)$ . Then either  $L(\lambda) = 0$  or  $L(\lambda)$  is irreducible [3, 3.2]. We will need the following result in the next section.

LEMMA 2.3. *rad  $\Delta(\lambda)$  is annihilated by  $A^{\leq\lambda}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a = C_{S_1, T_1}^\mu \in A^{\leq\lambda}$  and  $C_S^\lambda \in \text{rad } \Delta(\lambda)$ . If  $\mu < \lambda$ , then  $aC_S^\lambda = 0$  in  $\Delta(\lambda)$ . If  $\mu = \lambda$ , then we still have  $aC_S^\lambda = 0$  because  $r_a(S_1, S) = \Phi_\lambda(C_{T_1}^\lambda, C_S^\lambda)$  and  $C_S^\lambda \in \text{rad } \Delta(\lambda)$ .  $\square$

From now on, we assume that  $R$  is a splitting field of  $x^m - 1$ . Then  $x^m - 1 = \prod_{i=1}^m (x - u_i)$  for some  $u_i \in R$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Let  $G_{m,n}$  be the  $R$ -subalgebra of  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$ . Then  $G_{m,n}$  is a commutative algebra of dimension  $m^n$ . The cell modules over  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  will be studied by restricting to  $G_{m,n}$ .

Let  $\Lambda(m, n) = \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \mid 1 \leq i_j \leq m\}$ . Define  $\mathbf{i} \leq \mathbf{j}$  if  $i_k \geq j_k$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then  $(\Lambda(m, n), \leq)$  is a poset. For any  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)$ , we define  $C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{i}} = \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{l=i_j+1}^m (T_j - u_l)$ .

LEMMA 2.4. *The set  $\{C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{i}} \mid \mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)\}$  is a cellular basis of  $G_{m,n}$ .*

The cell module over  $G_{m,n}$  corresponding to  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)$  with respect to the cellular basis just described will be denoted by  $\Delta(\mathbf{i})$ .

An  $(n, k)$ -labeled parenthesis graph is a graph consisting of  $n$  vertices  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $k$  horizontal arcs (hence  $2k \leq n$  and there are  $n - 2k$  free vertices that do not belong to any arc) such that:

- (1) there are at most  $m - 1$  dots on each arc;
- (2) there are no arcs  $\{i, j\}$  and  $\{q, l\}$  satisfying  $i < q < j < l$ ; and
- (3) there is no arc  $\{i, j\}$  and a free vertex  $q$  such that  $i < q < j$ .

Condition (2) shows that the arcs in an  $(n, k)$ -labeled parenthesis graph do not intersect.

Let  $P(n, k)$  be the set of all  $(n, k)$ -labeled parenthesis graphs. A labeled TL diagram  $D$  with  $k$  horizontal arcs can be determined by a triple pair  $(v_1, v_2, x)$ ,  $x \in G_{m, n-2k}$ , and  $v_1, v_2 \in P(n, k)$  (see [13, Sec. 5]) and vice versa. Such a  $D$  will be denoted by  $v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes x$ . In this case, we define  $\text{top}(D) = v_1$  and  $\text{bot}(D) = v_2$ .

Let  $\Lambda_{m, n} = \{(k, \mathbf{i}) \mid 0 \leq k \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k)\}$ . For any  $(k, \mathbf{i}), (l, \mathbf{j}) \in \Lambda_{m, n}$ , we say  $(k, \mathbf{i}) \leq (l, \mathbf{j})$  if either  $k > l$  or  $k = l$  and  $\mathbf{i} \leq \mathbf{j}$ . Then  $(\Lambda_{m, n}, \leq)$  is a poset. For  $v_1, v_2 \in P(n, k)$  and  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k)$ , define  $C_{v_1, v_2}^{(k, \mathbf{i})} = v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes C_{1, 1}^{\mathbf{i}}$ .

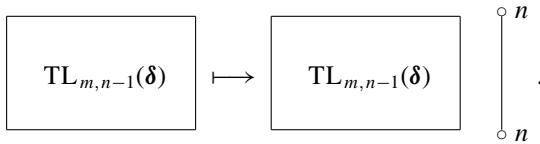
**PROPOSITION 2.5** [13, 5.3]. *Let  $R$  be a splitting field of  $x^m - 1$ . The set  $\{C_{v_1, v_2}^{(k, \mathbf{i})} \mid (k, \mathbf{i}) \in \Lambda_{m, n}, v_1, v_2 \in P(n, k)\}$  is a cellular basis of  $\text{TL}_{m, n}(\delta)$ .*

Let  $\Delta(k, \mathbf{i})$  be the cell module with respect to the cellular basis given in Proposition 2.5. Then

$$\Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \cong V(n, k) \otimes_R v_0 \otimes_R \Delta(\mathbf{i}), \tag{2.2}$$

where  $V(n, k)$  is the free  $R$ -module generated by  $P(n, k)$  and  $v_0$  is a fixed element in  $P(n, k)$ .

The algebra  $\text{TL}_{m, n-1}(\delta)$  can be considered as a subalgebra of  $\text{TL}_{m, n}(\delta)$  by adding the vertical arc  $\{n, n\}$  to the right side of each labeled TL diagram in  $\text{TL}_{m, n-1}(\delta)$ . This embedding can be visualized as follows:



Our next result is known as branching rule for the cell module  $\Delta(k, \mathbf{i})$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.6** [13, 7.1]. *Suppose that  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ . For  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-2k}) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k)$ , define  $\mathbf{i}_0 = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-2k-1}) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k - 1)$  and  $\mathbf{i} \cup j = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-2k}, j) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k + 1)$ . Then there is a short exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}_0) \rightarrow \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{i} \cup j) \rightarrow 0, \tag{2.3}$$

where we denote by  $M \downarrow$  the restriction of a  $\text{TL}_{m, n}(\delta)$ -module  $M$  to a  $\text{TL}_{m, n-1}(\delta)$ -module.

*Proof.* It is proved in [13, 7.1] that

$$0 \rightarrow \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}_0) \rightarrow \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow \rightarrow V(n - 1, k - 1) \otimes_R v_0 \otimes_R \Delta(\mathbf{i}) \otimes_R R\langle t_{n-2k+1} \rangle \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ , it follows that  $R\langle t_{n-2k+1} \rangle$  is semisimple. Therefore,  $R\langle t_{n-2k+1} \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \Delta(j)$ , where  $\Delta(j)$  is the cell module of  $R\langle t_{n-2k+1} \rangle$  with respect to the cellular basis given in Lemma 2.4 (the case  $m = 1$ ). By direct computation, we have

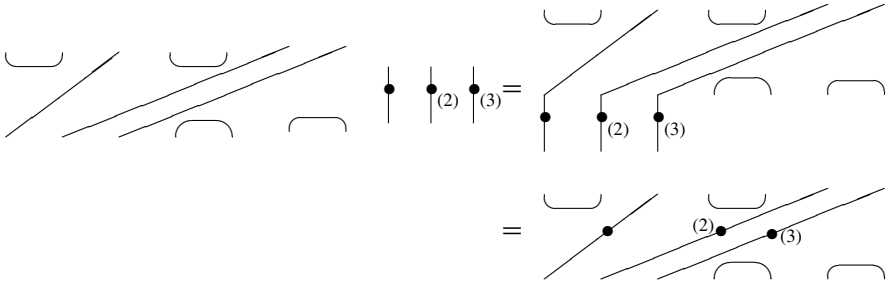
$$\Delta(\mathbf{i}) \otimes_R \Delta(j) \cong \Delta(\mathbf{i} \cup j).$$

By (2.2), we obtain (2.3). □

As  $G_{m,n}$ -modules,  $\Delta(0, \mathbf{i}) \cong \Delta(\mathbf{i})$ . Note that a cellular algebra is semisimple if and only if all of its cell modules are pairwise nonisomorphic irreducible [3]. Therefore, that  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple implies that all  $\Delta(\mathbf{i})$  are pairwise nonisomorphic irreducible as  $G_{m,n}$ -modules. So,  $G_{m,n}$  is semisimple, which is equivalent to the fact  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ . Moreover,  $u_i \neq u_j$  for any  $i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq m$ .

Henceforth, we assume  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$  and  $u_i = \xi^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , where  $\xi$  is a primitive  $m$ th root of unity. The reason for making this assumption is that the semisimplicity of  $G_{m,n}$  is necessary for  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  to be semisimple.

For later use, we need another construction of the cell modules as follows. Let  $J_{m,n}^{\geq k}$  (resp.  $J_{m,n}^{>k}$ ) be the free  $R$ -submodule of  $\text{TL}_{m,n}$  generated by labeled TL diagrams with  $l$  horizontal arcs such that  $l \geq k$  (resp.  $l > k$ ). Let  $I_{m,n}^k(\delta)$  be the submodule of  $J_{m,n}^{\geq k} / J_{m,n}^{>k}$  generated by the coset of  $v \otimes v_0 \otimes x$ , with  $v \in P(n, k)$ ,  $x \in G_{m,n-2k}$ , and  $v_0 = \text{top}(E_{n-2k+1} \cdots E_{n-1}) \in P(n, k)$ . Then  $I_{m,n}^k(\delta)$  is a right  $G_{m,n-2k}$ -module in which  $x \in G_{m,n-2k}$  acts on the free vertices of  $\text{bot}(D)$ ,  $D \in I_{m,n}^k(\delta)$ . The following is an example that illustrates the action.



By the construction of cell modules, we have

$$\Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \cong I_{m,n}^k(\delta) \otimes_{G_{m,n-2k}} \Delta(\mathbf{i}). \tag{2.4}$$

Moreover,  $\{v \otimes v_0 \otimes_{G_{m,n-2k}} C_{11}^i \mid v \in P(n, k)\}$  is a free  $R$ -basis of  $\Delta(k, \mathbf{i})$ .

### 3. Restriction and Induction

In this section, we assume that there is at least one nonzero parameter, say  $\delta_j$ . Otherwise  $\bar{\delta}_j = 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$  (see (4.1) for the definition of  $\bar{\delta}_j$ ). By [13, 8.1],  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is not semisimple.

LEMMA 3.1. *Suppose  $\delta_i \neq 0$ . Let  $e = \delta_i^{-1} T_n^i E_{n-1} \in \text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ . Then  $e^2 = e$ , and  $e\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \cong \text{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)$ .*

*Proof.* Each element in  $e\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e$  is a linear combination of the labeled TL diagrams  $D$  in which  $\text{top}(D)$  (resp.  $\text{bot}(D)$ ) contains a horizontal arc  $\{n-1, n\}$  where there are  $i$  (resp. 0) dots. Let  $D^0$  be the labeled TL diagram obtained from  $D$  by removing the horizontal arc  $\{n-1, n\}$  on  $\text{top}(D)$  and  $\text{bot}(D)$ . By the definition of the product of two labeled TL diagrams (Definition 2.1), one can easily verify that

the  $R$ -linear isomorphism  $\phi: e\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \rightarrow \mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)$  with  $\phi(D) = \delta_i D^0$  is an isomorphism of  $R$ -algebras.  $\square$

Now we may use the idempotent  $e$  to define two functors  $F$  and  $G$  as follows.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $F: \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)\text{-mod}$  with  $F(M) = eM$  and  $G: \mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)\text{-mod}$  with  $G(M) = \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} M$ .

In the following, we give a description of the image of the cell modules under the functors  $F$  and  $G$ . A similar method is also used in [11; 2; 14].

PROPOSITION 3.3. Assume  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k)$ .

- (a) If  $\varphi$  is a nonzero  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)$ -homomorphism, then  $G(\varphi) \neq 0$ .
- (b)  $FG$  is an identity functor.
- (c)  $G(\Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{i})) = \Delta(k, \mathbf{i})$  and  $G(\Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow) = \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow$ ;
- (d)  $F(\Delta(k, \mathbf{i})) = \Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{i})$  and  $F(\Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow) = \Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow$ .

*Proof.* (a) and (b) follow from a general result in [7, 6.2]. Part (d) follows from (c) and (b) by applying the functor  $F$  to both sides of (c).

Let  $v_0 = \text{top}(E_{n-2k+1}E_{n-2k+3} \cdots E_{n-1}) \in P(n, k)$ . We claim that, as  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -modules,

$$I_{m,n}^k(\delta) \cong \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta). \tag{3.1}$$

In fact, let  $l = n - 2k$ . Then  $\varepsilon = T_{l+1}^i T_{l+3}^i \cdots T_{n-3}^i E_{l+1} E_{l+3} \cdots E_{n-3} \in I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta)$ ; that is,

$$\varepsilon = \begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & l & l+1 & l+2 & & n-3 & n-2 & \\ & \vdots & & \underbrace{\quad \bullet \quad}_{(i)} & \cdots & \underbrace{\quad \bullet \quad}_{(i)} & & \\ & \vdots & & \underbrace{\quad \quad \quad} & & \underbrace{\quad \quad \quad} & & \\ 1 & l & l+1 & l+2 & & n-3 & n-2 & \end{array} \cdot$$

Suppose  $D_1 e \otimes D_2 \in \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta)$ . Then  $D_2 \cdot \varepsilon = \delta_i^{k-1} D_2$ ,  $eD_2 = D_2 e$ , and

$$D_1 e \otimes D_2 = \delta_i^{1-k} D_1 e \otimes D_2 \varepsilon = \delta_i^{-k} D_1 D_2^0 e \otimes \varepsilon,$$

where  $D_2^0$  can be obtained from  $D_2$  by adding two horizontal arcs  $\{n - 1, n\}$  to the top and bottom row of  $D_2$ . Obviously,  $D_1 D_2^0 \in I_{m,n}^k(\delta_1)$ . Therefore, any element in  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta)$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the element  $D_3 e \otimes \varepsilon$  with  $D_3 = D_1 D_2^0$ . Define the  $R$ -linear map  $\alpha: \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta) \rightarrow I_{m,n}^k(\delta)$  with  $\alpha(D_3 e \otimes \varepsilon) = D_3$ . Then  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism. If  $D_3 = 0$ , then either  $0 = D_3 \in \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  or  $\text{bot}(D_3)$  contains at least one extra arc, say  $(i', i' + 1)$ ,  $i' \leq n - 2k - 1$ , in which there are  $s$  dots. So,

$$D_3 e \otimes \varepsilon = \delta_i^{-1} D_3 T_{i'}^{i-s} E_{i'} T_{i'}^s e \otimes \varepsilon = \delta_i^{-1} D_3 e \otimes T_{i'}^{i-s} E_{i'} T_{i'}^s \varepsilon = \delta_i^{-1} D_3 e \otimes 0 = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha$  is injective. By (3.1) and (2.4),

$$\begin{aligned} G(\Delta(k-1, \mathbf{i})) &= \mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} (I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta) \otimes_{G_{m,n-2k}} \Delta(\mathbf{i})) \\ &\cong (\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)e \otimes_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n-2}(\delta)} I_{m,n-2}^{k-1}(\delta)) \otimes_{G_{m,n-2k}} \Delta(\mathbf{i}) \\ &\cong I_{m,n}^k(\delta) \otimes_{G_{m,n-2k}} \Delta(\mathbf{i}) \\ &= \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the first isomorphism given in (c). The second isomorphism can be proved similarly.  $\square$

DEFINITION 3.4. For any  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ , define

$$\langle M, N \rangle_n = \langle M, N \rangle_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)} = \dim_R \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)}(M, N).$$

PROPOSITION 3.5. Suppose  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)$ ,  $\mathbf{j} \in \Lambda(m, n-2k)$ , and  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\langle \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(k+k_0, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_{n+2k_0} \neq 0$  if and only if  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* “ $\Leftarrow$ ” follows from Proposition 3.3(a) and (c) by applying  $G$  repeatedly.

“ $\Rightarrow$ ” Suppose that  $0 \neq \varphi \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{TL}_{m,n+2k_0}(\delta)}(\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(k+k_0, \mathbf{j}))$  and  $W = \varphi(\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i}))$ . Let  $e = \delta_i^{-1} T_{n+2k_0-1}^i E_{n+2k_0-1}$ . We claim

$$eW \neq 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Otherwise, we have  $eW = 0$ . Let  $v_i = \mathrm{top}(E_i) = \mathrm{bot}(E_i)$ . Then

$$E_1 = \delta_i^{-2} (v_1 \otimes v_{n+2k_0-1} \otimes \mathrm{id}) \cdot T_{n+2k_0-1}^i E_{n+2k_0-1} T_{n+2k_0-1}^i \cdot (v_{n+2k_0-1} \otimes v_1 \otimes \mathrm{id}).$$

Hence  $E_1 W = 0$ , which implies  $EW = 0$  with  $E = E_1 E_3 \cdots E_{2k_0-1}$ . On the other hand, let  $U_0 = \mathrm{rad} \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})$ . Then either  $\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i}) = U_0$  or  $\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})/U_0$  is irreducible [3, 3.2]. Let  $\mathbf{m} = (m, m, \dots, m) \in \Lambda(m, n)$ . Since  $E \in \mathrm{TL}_{m,n+2k_0}^{(k_0, \mathbf{m})} \subset \mathrm{TL}_{m,n+2k_0}^{\leq(k_0, \mathbf{i})}$ , Lemma 2.3 shows  $EU_0 = 0$ . We have  $W = \varphi(\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})) \cong \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})/U$ . We claim  $U \subset U_0$ . Otherwise,  $U + U_0 = \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})$  and hence  $U/(U_0 \cap U) \cong \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})/U_0$  is irreducible. So, there is a composition series of  $\Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})$  such that the multiplicity of  $L(k_0, \mathbf{i})$  is greater than 2, a contradiction.

Let  $y = \mathrm{top}(T_1^i T_3^i \cdots T_{2k_0-1}^i E)$ . Then  $v = y \otimes v_0 \otimes C_{1,1}^i \in \Delta(k_0, \mathbf{i})$  is a nonzero element, where  $v_0$  is a fixed element in  $P(n+2k_0, k_0)$ . Since  $\delta_i \neq 0$  we have  $T_1^i T_3^i \cdots T_{2k_0-1}^i E \cdot v = (\delta_i)^{k_0} v \neq 0$ , which implies  $v \notin U$ . Therefore,  $T_1^i T_3^i \cdots T_{2k_0-1}^i E(v+U) = \delta_i^{k_0} (v+U) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{U}$ , which contradicts the fact  $eW = 0$ . This completes the proof of (3.2).

If  $eW \neq 0$ , then  $F(\varphi) \neq 0$ . Now the result follows from induction and (3.2).  $\square$

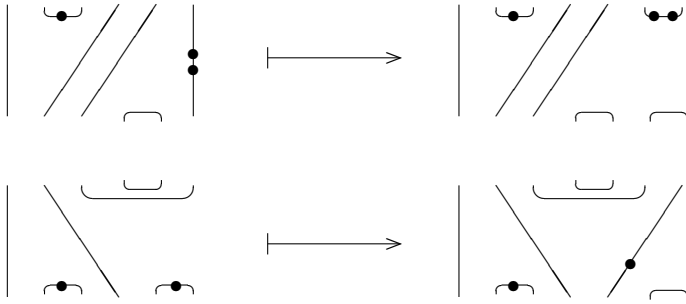
PROPOSITION 3.6. Suppose  $M$  is a  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -module. Then  $M \uparrow \cong G(M) \downarrow$ , where  $M \uparrow$  is the induced module of a  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -module  $M$  to  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta)$ . In particular, for any  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n-2k)$ ,  $\Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \uparrow \cong \Delta(k+1, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow$ .

*Proof.* We shall define a linear map  $\alpha: \mathrm{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta) \rightarrow \mathrm{TL}_{m,n+2}(\delta)e$ . Suppose  $x \in \mathrm{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta)$ . Add a  $(n+2)$ th vertex on  $\mathrm{top}(x)$  and  $\mathrm{bot}(x)$  to get a new labeled TL diagram  $D$  in which the following statements hold.



- (1) The  $(n + 2)$ th vertex of  $\text{top}(D)$  joins the vertex  $j$  if  $\{j, n + 1\}$  is an arc in  $x$ ; here  $n + 1$  is the  $(n + 1)$ th vertex in  $\text{bot}(x)$ . Moreover, if there are  $s$  dots on the arc  $\{j, n + 1\}$  then there are  $s$  dots in the new arc  $\{j, n + 2\}$  also.
- (2)  $\{n + 1, n + 2\}$  is a horizontal arc in  $\text{bot}(D)$  in which there is no dot.

We give two examples to illustrate this definition.



Now, we define an  $R$ -linear map  $\alpha: \text{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta) \rightarrow \text{TL}_{m,n+2}(\delta)e$  by  $\alpha(x) = D$ . Obviously,  $\alpha$  is an  $R$ -linear isomorphism. By the definition of the product of two labeled TL diagrams in Definition 2.1,  $\alpha$  is a  $(\text{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta), \text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta))$ -bimodule isomorphism; that is,

$$\text{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta) \cong \text{TL}_{m,n+2}(\delta)e. \tag{3.3}$$

For any  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -module  $M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M \uparrow &\cong \text{TL}_{m,n+1}(\delta) \otimes_{\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)} M \\ &\cong \text{TL}_{m,n+2}(\delta)e \otimes_{\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)} M \quad (\text{by (3.3)}) \\ &\cong G(M) \downarrow. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Suppose  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ , and assume that  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \in \Lambda(m, n)$ . If  $\mathbf{j} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, j) \in \Lambda(m, n + 1)$ , then  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}) \uparrow, \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_{n+1} \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.6,  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}) \uparrow, \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_{n+1} = \langle \Delta(1, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow, \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_{n+1}$ . Now Proposition 2.6 implies that  $\langle \Delta(1, \mathbf{i}) \downarrow, \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_{n+1} \neq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{j} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, j)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . □

**PROPOSITION 3.8.** *Suppose  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$  and  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_n \neq 0$  for  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)$  and  $\mathbf{j} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2k)$ .*

- (a) If  $\mathbf{i}^0 = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-1}) \in \Lambda(m, n - 1)$ , then  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0), \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}) \downarrow \rangle_{n-1} \neq 0$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{j}^0 = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-2k-1})$  and  $\mathbf{j}^1 = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-2k}, j_0)$ ,  $1 \leq j_0 \leq m$ . Then either  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0), \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}^0) \rangle_{n-1} \neq 0$  or  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0), \Delta(k - 1, \mathbf{j}^1) \rangle_{n-1} \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbf{i}^0 \in \Lambda(m, n - 1)$ , Corollary 3.7 implies  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0) \uparrow, \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ . Since  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ , it follows that  $\Delta(\mathbf{i})$  is a simple  $G_{m,n}$ -module, forcing  $\Delta(0, \mathbf{i})$  to be an irreducible  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -module. So,  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0) \uparrow, \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ . Using Frobenius reciprocity, we get (a).

Let  $V = \Delta(k, \mathbf{j})\downarrow$ . By Proposition 2.6, there is a submodule  $W \subset V$  such that  $W \cong \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}^0)$ , where  $\mathbf{j}^0 = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-2k-1})$ .

Let  $0 \neq S$  be the image of  $\Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0)$  in  $V$ . Since  $\Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0)$  is irreducible,  $S \cong \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0)$ . If  $S \subset W$ , then  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0), \Delta(k, \mathbf{j}^0) \rangle_{n-1} \neq 0$ . If  $S \not\subset W$ , then  $S \cap W = 0$ . Thus,  $(S \oplus W)/W \cong S/(W \cap S) = S$  is an irreducible submodule of  $V/W$ . By Proposition 2.6,

$$V/W \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \Delta(k-1, \mathbf{j} \cup j).$$

Hence there exists a  $\mathbf{j}^1 = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-2k}, j_0) \in \Lambda(m, n-2k+1)$  such that  $(S \oplus W)/W \subset \Delta(k-1, \mathbf{j}^1)$ , forcing  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}^0), \Delta(k-1, \mathbf{j}^1) \rangle_{n-1} \neq 0$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Semisimplicity of the Cyclotomic Temperley–Lieb Algebras

In this section we shall give the necessary and sufficient conditions for the semisimplicity of  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ . The key is [13, 8.1]. First, we recall some of the results in [13].

Let  $u_i = \xi^i$ , where  $\xi$  is a primitive  $m$ th root of unity. For any

$$\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-2}) \in \Lambda(m, n-2),$$

let

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B_1 & & & & & \\ B_1^T & A & B_2 & & & & \\ & B_2^T & A & B_3 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & \ddots & A & B_{n-2} \\ & & & & & B_{n-2}^T & A \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $B_j = (b_{st})$  with  $b_{st} = u_{ij}^{s-t}$  ( $1 \leq s, t \leq m$ ),  $B_i^T$  stands for the transpose of  $B_i$ , and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_0 & \delta_1 & \cdots & \delta_{m-1} \\ \delta_1 & \delta_2 & \cdots & \delta_0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \delta_{m-1} & \delta_0 & \cdots & \delta_{m-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $p(x) = \delta_0 x^{m-1} + \delta_1 x^{m-2} + \cdots + \delta_{m-1}$ . Write

$$\frac{p(x)}{x^m - 1} = \frac{\bar{\delta}_1}{x - u_1} + \frac{\bar{\delta}_2}{x - u_2} + \cdots + \frac{\bar{\delta}_m}{x - u_m}. \quad (4.1)$$

Then

$$\bar{\delta}_j = \frac{p(u_j)}{\prod_{i \neq j} (u_j - u_i)}. \quad (4.2)$$

Following [13], we partition  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-2})$  into  $(i_{1,1}, i_{1,2}, \dots, i_{1,j_1}, i_{2,1}, i_{2,2}, \dots, i_{2,j_2}, \dots, i_{r,j_r})$ , with  $j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_r = n-2$ , such that (a)  $m$  divides  $i_{p,q} + i_{p,q+1}$  for all  $p$  with  $1 \leq q < j_p$  and (b)  $m$  does not divide  $i_{p,j_p} + i_{p+1,1}$  for all  $1 \leq p < r$ . Let

$$P_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 & & & & \\ 1 & x_2 & 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & x_{n-1} & 1 & \\ & & & 1 & x_n & \end{pmatrix}.$$

We call  $P_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  the  $n$ th generalized Tchebychev polynomial. The following result was proved in [13, Sec. 8].

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Keep the setup. Then*

$$\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) = (-1)^{m(m-1)(n-1)/2} m^{m(n-1)} \times \frac{(\bar{\delta}_1 \bar{\delta}_2 \cdots \bar{\delta}_m)^{n-1}}{\prod_{p=1}^r (\bar{\delta}_{m-i_p, j_p} \prod_{q=1}^{j_p} \bar{\delta}_{i_p, q})} \prod_{p=1}^r P_{j_p}(\bar{\delta}_{i_p, 1}, \bar{\delta}_{i_p, 2}, \dots, \bar{\delta}_{i_p, j_p}).$$

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Suppose that  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n)$  and that  $\mathbf{j} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$ . Then, if  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(1, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ , it follows that  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{j}}(n, 1) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(1, \mathbf{j}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ , there is a  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)}(\Delta(0, \mathbf{i}), \Delta(1, \mathbf{j}))$  such that  $\varphi(v) \neq 0$  for some  $v \in \Delta(0, \mathbf{i})$ . Consider an element

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} T_i^s E_i T_i^s \in \text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta).$$

We have  $T\varphi(v) = \varphi(Tv) = \varphi(0) = 0$ . Write

$$\varphi(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} a_{i,s} v_i^{(s)} \otimes v_0 \otimes C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{j}},$$

where  $v_i^{(s)} = \text{top}(T_i^s E_i)$  and  $v_0$  is a fixed element in  $P(n, 1)$ . We have

$$(v_1 \otimes v_1 \otimes C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{j}})(v_2 \otimes v_2 \otimes C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{j}}) \equiv v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \phi_{v_1, v_2}^{(n,1)}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n-2})(C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{j}})^2$$

(mod  $\text{TL}_{n,m}^{<(1, \mathbf{j})}$ ) for some elements  $\phi_{v_1, v_2}^{(n,1)}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n-2})$  in  $G_{m,n-2}$ . By a direct computation,

$$0 = T\varphi(v) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \sum_{0 \leq s, t \leq m-1} \phi_{v_i^{(s)}, v_j^{(t)}}^{(n,1)}(u_{j_1}, u_{j_2}, \dots, u_{j_{n-2}}) a_{j,t} v_i^{(s)} \otimes v_0 \otimes C_{1,1}^{\mathbf{j}}.$$

Hence for all  $i, s$  we have

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \sum_{0 \leq t \leq m-1} \phi_{v_i^{(s)}, v_j^{(t)}}^{(n,1)}(u_{j_1}, u_{j_2}, \dots, u_{j_{n-2}}) a_{j,t} = 0.$$

Since  $\varphi(v) \neq 0$ , there is at least one of  $a_{i,t} \neq 0$ ; this implies  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{j}}(n, 1) = 0$ . □

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Suppose  $R$  is a splitting field of  $x^m - 1$  with  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ . If  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(l, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $2 \leq l \leq n$  and all  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, l - 2)$ , then  $\text{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* It is proved in [13] that  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is a cellular algebra. Note that a cellular algebra is semisimple if and only if the determinants of the Gram matrices for all cell modules are not equal to zero (see [3]). Now, suppose  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is not semisimple. Then there is a determinant of the Gram matrix with respect to a cell module, say  $\Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i})$ , that is equal to zero. Thus, we can find an irreducible module  $D \subset \mathrm{rad} \Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i})$ . Observe that any simple module of a cellular algebra is the simple head of a cell module. As a result,  $D$  is the simple quotient of a cell module, say  $\Delta(k_2, \mathbf{j})$ . Since  $D$  is a composition factor of  $\Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i})$ , it follows from Definition 2.2 and (2.1) that  $(k_1, \mathbf{i}) \leq (k_2, \mathbf{j})$ . Moreover,  $(k_1, \mathbf{i}) \neq (k_2, \mathbf{j})$ , for otherwise  $\Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i})$  would have a simple head  $D$ . So, the multiplicity of  $D$  in  $\Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i})$  is at least 2, a contradiction. We have  $\langle \Delta(k_2, \mathbf{j}), \Delta(k_1, \mathbf{i}) \rangle_n \neq 0$ . Moreover, either  $k_1 > k_2$  or  $k_1 = k_2$  and  $\mathbf{i} < \mathbf{j}$ .

Suppose  $k_1 > k_2$ . Using Proposition 3.5, we can assume that  $\mathbf{j} \in \Lambda(m, l)$  for  $l = n - 2k_2$ . Let  $k = k_1 - k_2$ . Then  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}), \Delta(k, \mathbf{i}) \rangle_l \neq 0$ . Applying Proposition 3.8 repeatedly, we can assume  $k = 1$ . By Proposition 4.2,  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(l, 1) = 0$ , a contradiction.

Suppose  $k_1 = k_2$  and  $\mathbf{i} < \mathbf{j}$ . By Proposition 3.5,  $\langle \Delta(0, \mathbf{j}), \Delta(0, \mathbf{i}) \rangle_{n-2k_1} \neq 0$ . This is a contradiction since  $\Delta(0, \mathbf{j}) \not\cong \Delta(0, \mathbf{i})$  and since both are irreducible  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$ -modules. Hence  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple.  $\square$

LEMMA 4.4. *Suppose  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$  with  $m \geq 2$ . Then  $\bar{\delta}_i \neq 0$  for any  $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $\mathbf{i} = (m, m, \dots, m) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$ . Then  $\mathbf{i}$  can be divided into one part with  $j_1 = n - 2$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $\bar{\delta}_i \neq 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ ) because they are the factors of  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1)$ . Take  $\mathbf{i} = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$ . Then  $\mathbf{i}$  can be divided into either one part if  $m = 2$  or  $n - 2$  parts if  $m > 2$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $\bar{\delta}_m \neq 0$  since it is a factor of  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1)$  in any case.  $\square$

It is proved in [13, 8.1] that  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$  and that  $\mathrm{ch} R \nmid m$  if  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple. The following proposition is the inverse of this result.

PROPOSITION 4.5. *Suppose  $R$  is a splitting field of  $x^m - 1$  with  $\mathrm{ch} R \nmid m$  and  $m \geq 2$ . If  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$ , then  $\mathrm{TL}_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 4.3, we need prove  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(l, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $2 \leq l \leq n$  and  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, l - 2)$  under our assumption. If  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(l, 1) = 0$  for some  $l, l \neq n$  and  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, l - 2)$ , then  $P_{j_p}(\bar{\delta}_{i_{p,1}}, \bar{\delta}_{i_{p,2}}, \dots, \bar{\delta}_{i_{p,j_p}}) = 0$  for some  $p, 1 \leq p \leq r$ , by Proposition 4.1 and Lemma 4.4.

On the other hand, take  $\mathbf{i}_0 = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{l-2}, a, a, \dots, a) \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$  with  $m \nmid (i_{l-2} + a)$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $P_{j_p}(\bar{\delta}_{i_{p,1}}, \bar{\delta}_{i_{p,2}}, \dots, \bar{\delta}_{i_{p,j_p}})$  must be a factor of  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}_0}(n, 1)$  and hence  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}_0}(n, 1) = 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

REMARK. The reason we assume  $m \geq 2$  is that we need the fact that  $i_{l-2}$  and  $a$  cannot be in the same part. When  $m = 1$ , we cannot use the foregoing argument.

However, one can obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for  $TL_{1,n}$  to be semisimple [16, Sec. 5].

Together with [13, 8.1] and Proposition 4.5, we now have the main result of this paper as follows.

**THEOREM 4.6.** *Suppose  $m \geq 2$ . Let  $R$  be a splitting field of  $x^m - 1$  that contains  $1, \delta_0, \dots, \delta_{m-1}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (a)  $TL_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple.
- (b)  $TL_{m,n}(\delta)$  is split semisimple.
- (c)  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$  and  $\det \Psi_{\mathbf{i}}(n, 1) \neq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in \Lambda(m, n - 2)$ .
- (d) All cell modules  $\Delta(k, \mathbf{i})$  with  $(k, \mathbf{i}) \in \Lambda_{n,m}$  are pairwise nonisomorphic irreducible.

*Proof.* Since  $TL_{m,n}(\delta)$  is a cellular algebra, it follows that (a), (b), and (d) are equivalent. By Proposition 4.5 and [13, 8.1], (a) and (c) are equivalent.  $\square$

Our next corollary follows immediately from [13, 8.1] and Proposition 4.5.

**COROLLARY 4.7.** *Keep the setup. Then  $TL_{m,n}(\delta)$  is semisimple if and only if*

- (a)  $\text{ch } R \nmid m$ ,
- (b)  $P_1(\bar{\delta}_i) = \bar{\delta}_i \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , and
- (c)  $P_l(\bar{\delta}_{i_1}, \bar{\delta}_{i_2}, \dots, \bar{\delta}_{i_l}) \neq 0, 2 \leq l \leq n$ , for any  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l) \in \Lambda(m, l)$  with  $m \mid (i_j + i_{j+1}), 1 \leq j \leq l - 1$ .

**REMARK.** Note that Theorem 4.6 is not true if  $m = 1$ . In this case,  $\Lambda(m, n)$  contains only one element  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  that can be partitioned into one part. Corollary 4.7 for  $m = 1$  is Westbury’s theorem given in [16, Sec. 5].

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