

12. Kostant's Theorem for a Certain Class of Generalized Kac-Moody Algebras

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Introduction. Let $A=(a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ be a real $n \times n$ matrix satisfying the following conditions:

- (C1) either $a_{ii}=2$ or $a_{ii} \leq 0$;
- (C2) $a_{ij} \leq 0$ if $i \neq j$, and $a_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$ if $a_{ii}=2$;
- (C3) $a_{ij}=0$ implies $a_{ji}=0$.

Such a matrix is called a *generalized GCM* (=GGCM). And let $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ be the generalized Kac-Moody algebra (=GKM algebra), over the complex number field \mathbf{C} , associated to the above GGCM A . Then, we have the root space decomposition: $\mathfrak{g}(A)=\mathfrak{h} \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$, where \mathfrak{h} is the Cartan subalgebra, and Δ the root system of $(\mathfrak{g}(A), \mathfrak{h})$. Let J be a subset of $I^{re} := \{i \in I \mid a_{ii}=2\}$. And put $\mathfrak{n}_J^{\pm} := \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_J^{\pm}} \mathfrak{g}_{\pm\alpha}$, $\mathfrak{u}^{\pm} := \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^{\pm}(J)} \mathfrak{g}_{\pm\alpha}$, $\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{n}_J^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_J^+$, where $\Delta_J^{\pm} := \Delta \cap \sum_{i \in J} \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i$, $\Delta^{\pm}(J) := \Delta^{\pm} \setminus \Delta_J^{\pm}$. In this paper, we study the homology $H_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A))$ of \mathfrak{u}^- and the cohomology $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ of \mathfrak{u}^+ with coefficients in the irreducible highest weight $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ -module $L(A)$ with highest weight $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$. And we prove "Kostant's homology and cohomology theorem" for symmetrizable GKM algebras associated to GGCMs satisfying the following condition ($\hat{C}1$) instead of (C1) above:

- ($\hat{C}1$) either $a_{ii}=2$ or $a_{ii}=0$.

This result is a generalization of Kostant's Theorem for Kac-Moody algebras, which was proved by J. Lepowsky and H. Garland ([2] and [5]), or the classical result of B. Kostant himself [4] for finite dimensional complex semi-simple Lie algebras.

§ 1. Preliminaries for GKM algebras. We prepare some basic results for GKM algebras which will be needed later. For details, see [1] and [3]. Let $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ be the GKM algebra associated to a GGCM A , with the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} , simple roots $\Pi = \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$, and simple co-roots $\Pi^{\vee} = \{\alpha_i^{\vee}\}_{i \in I}$. From now on, we always assume that the GGCM $A=(a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ is symmetrizable, and that J is a subset of $I^{re} = \{i \in I \mid a_{ii}=2\}$. We call an \mathfrak{h} -module V *\mathfrak{h} -diagonalizable* if V admits a weight space decomposition: $V = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}(V)} V_{\lambda}$, where $\mathcal{P}(V)$ is the set of all weights of V .

Definition ([6]). \mathcal{O}_J is the category of all \mathfrak{m} -modules whose objects V satisfy the following:

- (1) V is \mathfrak{h} -diagonalizable;
- (2) the weight space V_{μ} is finite dimensional for all $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(V)$;
- (3) there exist a finite number of elements $\lambda_i (1 \leq i \leq s)$ in $\mathfrak{h}^* :=$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{C}}(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{C})$ such that $\mathcal{P}(V) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^s D(\lambda_i)$, where $D(\lambda_i) := \{\lambda_i - \beta \mid \beta \in \mathcal{Q}_+ = \sum_{j \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_j\}$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$).

(4) Viewed as an \mathfrak{m} -module, V is a direct sum of irreducible highest weight \mathfrak{m} -modules $L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)$ with highest weight $\lambda \in P_J^+ := \{\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \langle \mu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ (} i \in J \text{)}\}$.

Note that the category \mathcal{O}_J is closed under the operations of taking submodules, quotients, and finite direct sums. Moreover, a tensor product of a finite number of modules from \mathcal{O}_J is again in the category \mathcal{O}_J , due to [3, Theorem 10.7 b)].

The following proposition plays a fundamental role in this paper.

Proposition I ([6]). *Let $\lambda \in P^+ := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \text{ (} i \in I \text{)}, \text{ and } \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ if } a_{ii} = 2\}$. Then, $L(\lambda)$ and $(\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^-) \otimes_{\mathfrak{C}} L(\lambda)$ ($j \geq 0$) are in the category \mathcal{O}_J , where $\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^-$ is the exterior algebra of degree j over \mathfrak{u}^- ($j \geq 0$), and is an \mathfrak{m} -module by the adjoint action since $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{u}^-] \subset \mathfrak{u}^-$.*

Now, we introduce the algebra \mathcal{E}_J of “formal \mathfrak{m} -characters” of \mathfrak{m} -modules from the category \mathcal{O}_J . The elements of \mathcal{E}_J are series of the form $\sum_{\lambda \in P_J^+} c_\lambda e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)$, where $c_\lambda \in \mathfrak{C}$ and $c_\lambda = 0$ for λ outside a finite union of the sets of the form $D(\mu)$ ($\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^*$). Here, the elements $e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)$ are called *formal \mathfrak{m} -exponentials*. They are linearly independent and are in one-one correspondence with the elements $\lambda \in P_J^+$.

For a module V in the category \mathcal{O}_J , we define the *formal \mathfrak{m} -character* $\text{ch}_{\mathfrak{m}} V$ of V by $\text{ch}_{\mathfrak{m}} V := \sum_{\lambda \in P_J^+} [V : L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)] e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)$, where $[V : L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)]$ is the “multiplicity” of $L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)$ in V (see [3, Ch. 9, Lemma 9.6]). Note that, for a module V in the category \mathcal{O}_J , $[V : L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda)]$ ($\lambda \in P_J^+$) is finite and so $\text{ch}_{\mathfrak{m}} V$ is an element of the algebra \mathcal{E}_J . Then, the multiplication of \mathcal{E}_J is defined by $e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda) \cdot e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mu) := \text{ch}_{\mathfrak{m}}(L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda) \otimes_{\mathfrak{C}} L_{\mathfrak{m}}(\mu))$ ($\lambda, \mu \in P_J^+$). Thus, \mathcal{E}_J becomes a commutative associative algebra over \mathfrak{C} .

Especially when $J = \emptyset$, the algebra \mathcal{E}_J is nothing but the algebra \mathcal{E} in [3, Ch. 9], since in this case $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{h}$, $P_J^+ = \mathfrak{h}^*$, and $e_{\mathfrak{m}}(\lambda) = e(\lambda)$ ($\lambda \in P_J^+ = \mathfrak{h}^*$). Now, let $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$ be a fixed *standard bilinear form* on \mathfrak{h}^* , Π^{im} (resp. Π^{re}) be the subset $\{\alpha_i \in \Pi \mid a_{ii} \leq 0 \text{ (resp. } a_{ii} = 2)\}$ of Π , and $W \subset GL(\mathfrak{h}^*)$ be the *Weyl group* generated by the fundamental reflections r_i defined by $\alpha_i \in \Pi^{re}$. And let \mathfrak{S} be the set of all sums of distinct pairwise perpendicular elements, with respect to $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$, from Π^{im} . Note that $\{0\} \cup \Pi^{im}$ is contained in \mathfrak{S} . Then, we know the following character formula.

Theorem I ([1] and [3]). *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ and $\mathfrak{S}(\lambda) := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{S} \mid (\lambda \mid \lambda) = 0\}$. And we put*

$$S_\lambda := e(\lambda + \rho) \cdot \sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(\lambda)} \varepsilon(\beta) e(-\beta), \quad R := \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^+} (1 - e(-\alpha))^{\text{mult}(\alpha)},$$

where $\varepsilon(\beta) = (-1)^m$ if $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}$ is a sum of m elements from Π^{im} , $\rho \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ is a fixed element such that $\langle \rho, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = (1/2) \cdot a_{ii}$ ($i \in I$), and $\text{mult}(\alpha) := \dim_{\mathfrak{C}} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ ($\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^+$). Then, there holds in the algebra $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_\emptyset$,

$$e(\rho) \cdot R \cdot \text{ch } L(\lambda) = \sum_{w \in W} (\det w) w(S_\lambda),$$

with $w(e(\mu)) := e(w(\mu))$ ($\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^*$).

Corollary I ([1] and [3]). *We put $S := e(\rho) \cdot \sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}} \varepsilon(\beta) e(-\beta)$. Then,*

$$e(\rho) \cdot R = \sum_{w \in W} (\det w) w(S).$$

Remark 1.1. The above statement of Theorem I (resp. Corollary I) is the corrected version of Theorem 11.13.3 (resp. Corollary 11.13.2) in [3].

§ 2. Homology and cohomology of GKM algebras. In this section, we will review the notion of homology and cohomology of Lie algebras. Let $L(A)$ be the irreducible highest weight $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ -module with highest weight $A \in P^+$. Then, the vector space $C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ of j cochains is defined by $C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A)) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$, and is an \mathfrak{m} -module in a usual sense ($j \geq 0$). Here, for \mathfrak{h} -diagonalizable modules $V = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*} V_{\lambda}$ and $W = \sum_{\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^*} W_{\mu}$ with finite dimensional weight spaces, we put

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathfrak{g}}(V, W) := \{f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V, W) \mid f(V_{\lambda}) = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many weights } \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \text{ of } V\}.$$

The coboundary operator $d^j : C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A)) \rightarrow C^{j+1}(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ is defined by

$$(d^j f)(x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_j \wedge x_{j+1}) := \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} (-1)^i x_i (f(x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_i \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{j+1})) \\ + \sum_{1 \leq r < t \leq j+1} (-1)^{r+t} f([x_r, x_t] \wedge x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_r \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_t \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{j+1}),$$

where $x_1, \dots, x_{j+1} \in \mathfrak{u}^+$, $f \in C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$, and the symbol \hat{x}_i indicates a term to be omitted. The cohomology of this complex $\{C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A)), d^j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is called the j^{th} cohomology of \mathfrak{u}^+ with coefficients in $L(A)$, and is denoted by $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$. Then, $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ is also an \mathfrak{m} -module, since the coboundary operator d^j commutes with the action of \mathfrak{m} .

For the homology, we define the vector space $C_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A))$ of j chains to be $\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(A)$, which is an \mathfrak{m} -module in a usual sense ($j \geq 0$). The boundary operator $d_j : C_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A)) \rightarrow C_{j-1}(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A))$ is defined by

$$d_j(y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge y_j \otimes v) := \sum_{i=1}^j (-1)^i (y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{y}_i \wedge \cdots \wedge y_j) \otimes y_i(v) \\ + \sum_{1 \leq r < t \leq j} (-1)^{r+t} ([y_r, y_t] \wedge y_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{y}_r \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{y}_t \wedge \cdots \wedge y_j) \otimes v,$$

where $y_1, \dots, y_j \in \mathfrak{u}^-$, $v \in L(A)$. And we have the similar situation as in the case of cohomology.

Remark 2.1. In this paper, the cohomology $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ of \mathfrak{u}^+ is different from the usual one, since we have used $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathfrak{g}}(\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ instead of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\wedge^j \mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ as $C^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ ($j \geq 0$).

§ 3. Kostant's Theorem for GKM algebras. Let $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ be the GKM algebra associated to a symmetrizable GGCM $A = (a_{ij})_{i, j \in I}$. For a subset J of I^e , we put $A_J := (a_{ij})_{i, j \in J}$, which is a generalized Cartan matrix (=GCM). Then, since the triple $(\mathfrak{h}, \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in J}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in J})$ is a *realization* (but not a minimal one) of the GCM A_J , the subalgebra \mathfrak{m} of $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ can be regarded as a Kac-Moody algebra associated to the GCM A_J , whose Cartan subalgebra is \mathfrak{h} . So, the well-known representation theory for Kac-Moody algebras is also applicable to the subalgebra \mathfrak{m} of $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ (cf. [3, Chs. 9 and 10]).

3.1. Results of L. Liu. Here, we rewrite, in the case of GKM algebras, some of Liu's results on \mathfrak{m} -modules $H_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A))$ and $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ for Kac-Moody algebras. The proofs of these results for GKM algebras need no modifications. For details, see [6] and also the appendix of [2].

Proposition 3.1 ([6]). $H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(A))$ is isomorphic to $H_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(A))$ as \mathfrak{m} -modules for any $A \in P^+$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Due to this, it is enough for us to consider $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$ ($j \geq 0$) only. And, since $L(\lambda)$ and $(\wedge^j u^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)$ are in the category \mathcal{O}_J by Proposition I, $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$ is also in \mathcal{O}_J , and is a direct sum of $L_m(\mu)$, $\mu \in P_J^+$, as m -modules ($j \geq 0$). Furthermore, we have

Proposition 3.2 ([6]). *Let $(\cdot | \cdot)$ be a standard bilinear form on \mathfrak{h}^* . Then, for any $\lambda \in P^+$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, every m -irreducible component of $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$ is of the form $L_m(\mu)$, $\mu \in P_J^+$, with $(\mu + \rho | \mu + \rho) = (\lambda + \rho | \lambda + \rho)$.*

3.2. Main theorem. From now on, we assume that the symmetrizable GGCM $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ satisfies the following condition ($\hat{C}1$):

($\hat{C}1$) either $a_{ii} = 2$ or $a_{ii} = 0$ ($i \in I$).

Then, from Theorem I and Corollary I, we get the following.

Lemma 3.1. $e(\rho) \cdot \text{ch}(\wedge^n) = \text{ch}(\sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}}^{\oplus} L(\rho - \beta))$, with $n^- := \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha}$.

Remark 3.1. By the condition ($\hat{C}1$), $\rho - \beta \in P^+$ for all $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}$.

From the above lemma, it follows that, for every $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$,

$$e(\rho) \cdot \text{ch}((\wedge^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)) = \text{ch}((\sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}}^{\oplus} L(\rho - \beta)) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)).$$

Therefore, μ is a weight of $(\wedge^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)$ if and only if $\mu + \rho$ is a weight of $(\sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}}^{\oplus} L(\rho - \beta)) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)$, and moreover, they have the same multiplicity. Using this fact, we can show

Lemma 3.2. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$. Assume that μ is a weight of $(\wedge^j u^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)$ for some $j \geq 0$, and satisfies $(\mu + \rho | \mu + \rho) = (\lambda + \rho | \lambda + \rho)$. Then,*

(a) *there exist a $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(\lambda)$ and a $w \in W(J) := \{w \in W | w(\Delta^-) \cap \Delta^+ \subset \Delta^+(J)\}$, such that $\ell(w) + \text{ht}(\beta) = j$ and $\mu = w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho$;*

(b) *the multiplicity of μ in $(\wedge^j u^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} L(\lambda)$ is equal to one.*

Here, $\ell(w)$ is the length of $w \in W$, and $\text{ht}(\beta) = m$ if $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}$ is a sum of m distinct elements from Π^{im} .

By Proposition 3.2 and Lemma 3.2, we have the following.

Proposition 3.3. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. If $L_m(\mu)$ ($\mu \in P_J^+$) is an m -irreducible component of $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$, then*

(a) $\mu = w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho$, for some $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(\lambda)$ and some $w \in W(J)$, such that $\ell(w) + \text{ht}(\beta) = j$;

(b) $L_m(\mu)$ occurs with multiplicity one as m -irreducible components of $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$.

Now, from Theorem I and the Euler-Poincaré principle (cf. [2]), we get the following.

Lemma 3.3. *For $\lambda \in P^+$, there holds in the algebra \mathcal{E}_J ,*

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \text{ch}_m(H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(\lambda)} \epsilon(\beta) \sum_{w \in W(J)} (\det w) e_m(w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho).$$

Remark 3.2. For $w \in W(J)$ and $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}$, $w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho \in P_J^+$.

By Proposition 3.3 and Lemma 3.3, we have

Proposition 3.4. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ and fix $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. For each $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(\lambda)$ and $w \in W(J)$ such that $\ell(w) + \text{ht}(\beta) = j$, we put $\mu := w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho$. Then, $L_m(\mu)$ occurs as m -irreducible components of $H_j(u^-, L(\lambda))$.*

Summarizing Propositions 3.1, 3.3, and 3.4, we obtain our main theorem.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ be the GKM algebra associated to a symmetrizable GGCM $A=(a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ satisfying $(\hat{C}1)$. And let $L(\lambda)$ be the irreducible highest weight $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ -module with highest weight $\lambda \in P^+$. We assume that the subset J of I is contained in I^e . Then, for $j \geq 0$,*

$$H^j(\mathfrak{u}^+, L(\lambda)) \cong H_j(\mathfrak{u}^-, L(\lambda)) \cong \sum_{\beta \in \mathfrak{S}(A)}^{\oplus} \sum_{\substack{w \in W(J) \\ \ell(w) = j - h_I(\beta)}} L_m(w(\lambda + \rho - \beta) - \rho)$$

as \mathfrak{m} -modules. Here, $L_m(\mu)$ ($\mu \in P_j^+$) is the irreducible highest weight \mathfrak{m} -module with highest weight μ .

Remark 3.3. When A is a GCM (i.e., $a_{ii}=2$ for all i), $\mathfrak{S}(A)$ consists of only one element $0 \in \mathfrak{h}^*$. Hence, in this case, the above theorem is nothing but the well-known Kostant's Theorem for Kac-Moody algebras (see [2] and [5]).

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