

# RATIONALITY OF BERSHADSKY-POLYAKOV VERTEX ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We prove the conjecture of Kac-Wakimoto on the rationality of exceptional  $W$ -algebras for the first non-trivial series, namely, for the Bershadsky-Polyakov vertex algebras  $W_3^{(2)}$  at level  $k = p/2 - 3$  with  $p = 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots$ . This gives new examples of rational conformal field theories.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, a remarkable family of  $W$ -algebras associated with simple Lie algebras and their *non-principal* nilpotent elements, called *exceptional  $W$ -algebras*, has been discovered by Kac and Wakimoto [10]. In [10] it was conjectured that with an exceptional  $W$ -algebra one can associate a rational conformal field theory.

As a first step to resolve the Kac-Wakimoto conjecture we have proved in the previous article [3] that exceptional  $W$ -algebras are *lisse*, or equivalently [2],  $C_2$ -cofinite. Therefore it remains [15, 6] to show that exceptional  $W$ -algebras are *rational*, i.e., that the representations are completely reducible, in order to prove the conjecture. In this article we prove the rationality of the first non-trivial series of exceptional  $W$ -algebras, that is, the *Bershadsky-Polyakov (vertex) algebras*  $W_3^{(2)}$  [13, 4] at level  $k = p/2 - 3$  with  $p = 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots$ . The vertex algebra  $W_3^{(2)}$  is the  $W$ -algebra associated with  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$  and its minimal nilpotent element.

Let us state our main result more precisely: Let  $\mathcal{W}_k$  denote the unique simple quotient of  $W_3^{(2)}$  at level  $k \neq -3$ .

**Main Theorem** (Conjectured by Kac and Wakimoto [10]). *Let  $p$  be an odd integer equal or greater than 3,  $k = p/2 - 3$ . Then the vertex algebra  $\mathcal{W}_k$  is rational. The simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -modules are parameterized by the set of integral dominant weights of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_3$  of level  $p - 3$ . These simple modules can be obtained by the quantum BRST reduction from irreducible admissible representations of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_3$  of level  $k$ .*

For  $p = 3$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_{3/2-3}$  is one-dimensional. In the remaining cases  $\mathcal{W}_{p/2-3}$  are conformal with negative central charges.

We note that Zhu's algebra of  $W_3^{(2)}$  is closely related with Smith's algebra [14] which is a deformation of the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ , and that the rational quotient  $\mathcal{W}_{p/2-3}$  has features in common with the  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -integrable affine vertex algebras in the sense that the following relations hold:

$$: G^+(z)^{p-2} := G^-(z)^{p-2} := 0,$$

where  $G^+(z)$  and  $G^-(z)$  are the standard generating fields of  $\mathcal{W}_{p/2-3}$ , see below.

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## 2. BERSHADSKY-POLYAKOV ALGEBRAS AT EXCEPTIONAL LEVELS.

Let  $\mathcal{W}^k$  denote the Bershadsky-Polyakov (vertex) algebra  $W_3^{(2)}$  at level  $k \neq -3$ , which is the vertex algebra freely generated by the fields  $J(z), G^\pm(z), T(z)$  with the following OPE's:

$$\begin{aligned} J(z)J(w) &\sim \frac{2k+3}{3(z-w)^2}, & G^\pm(z)G^\pm(w) &\sim 0, \\ J(z)G^\pm(w) &\sim \pm \frac{1}{z-w}G^\pm(w), \\ T(z)T(w) &\sim -\frac{(2k+3)(3k+1)}{2(k+3)(z-w)^4} + \frac{2}{(z-w)^2}T(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial T(w), \\ T(z)G^\pm(w) &\sim \frac{3}{2(z-w)^2}G^\pm(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial G^\pm(w), \\ T(z)J(w) &\sim \frac{1}{(z-w)^2}J(w) + \frac{1}{z-w}\partial J(w), \\ G^+(z)G^-(w) &\sim \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{3(k+1)}{(z-w)^2}J(w) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{z-w} \left( 3 : J(w)^2 : + \frac{3(k+1)}{2}\partial J(w) - (k+3)T(w) \right). \end{aligned}$$

As in introduction we denote by  $\mathcal{W}_k$  the unique simple quotient of  $\mathcal{W}^k$ .

**Theorem 2.1** ([3]). *Let  $k, p$  be as in Main Theorem. Then  $\mathcal{W}_k$  is lisse, or equivalently,  $C_2$ -cofinite.*

Set

$$L(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L_n z^{-n-2} = T(z) + \frac{1}{2}\partial J(w).$$

This defines a conformal vector of  $\mathcal{W}^k$  with central charge

$$c(k) = -\frac{4(k+1)(2k+3)}{k+3} = -\frac{4(p-4)(p-3)}{p},$$

which gives  $J, G^+, G^-$  conformal weights 1, 1, and 2, respectively. Hence  $\mathcal{W}^k$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -graded with respect to the Hamiltonian  $L_0$ . We expand the corresponding fields accordingly:

$$J(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} J_n z^{-n-1}, \quad G^+(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G_n^+ z^{-n-1}, \quad G^-(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G_n^- z^{-n-2}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [J_m, J_n] &= \frac{2k+3}{3}m\delta_{m+n,0}, & [J_m, G_n] &= G_{m+n}, & [J_m, F_n] &= -F_{m+n}, \\ [L_m, J_n] &= -nJ_{m+n} - \frac{(2k+3)(m+1)m}{6}\delta_{m+n,0}, \\ [L_m, G_n^+] &= -nG_{m+n}^+, & [L_m, G_n^-] &= (m-n)G_{m+n}^-, \\ [G_m^+, G_n^-] &= 3(J^2)_{m+n} + (3(k+1)m - (2k+3)(m+n+1))J_{m+n} - (k+3)L_{m+n} \\ &\quad + \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)m(m+1)}{2}\delta_{m+n,0}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (J^2)_n z^{-n-2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J(z)^2$  .:

For  $(\xi, \chi) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , let  $L(\xi, \chi)$  be the irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{W}^k$  generated by the vector  $|\xi, \chi\rangle$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} J_0|\xi, \chi\rangle &= \xi|\xi, \chi\rangle, & J_n|\xi, \chi\rangle &= 0 \quad \text{for } n > 0, \\ L_0|\xi, \chi\rangle &= \chi|\xi, \chi\rangle, & L_n|\xi, \chi\rangle &= 0 \quad \text{for } n > 0, \\ G_n^-|\xi, \chi\rangle &= 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0, & G_n^+|\xi, \chi\rangle &= 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1, any simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module is of the form  $L(\xi, \lambda)$  with some  $\xi$  and  $\chi$ . (It is important that the lisse condition is defined independent of the choice of a conformal vector.)

For a  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -module  $M$  set

$$M_{a,d} = \{m \in M; J_0 m = am, L_0 m = dm\}.$$

It is clear that  $L(\xi, \chi) = \bigoplus_{\substack{(a,d) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \\ d \in \chi + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}} L(\xi, \chi)_{a,d}$ ,  $\dim L(\xi, \chi)_{\xi, \chi} = 1$ . Let

$$L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}} = \{v \in L(\xi, \chi); L_0 v = \chi v\} = \bigoplus_a L(\xi, \chi)_{a, \chi}.$$

By definition  $L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}}$  is spanned by the vectors  $(G_0^+)^i |\xi, \chi\rangle$  with  $i \geq 0$ .

Following [14] set

$$g(\xi, \chi) = -(3\xi^2 - (2k+3)\xi - (k+3)\chi),$$

so that  $G_0^- G_0^+ |\xi, \chi\rangle = g(\xi, \chi) |\xi, \chi\rangle$ . We have

$$G_0^- (G_0^+)^i |\xi, \chi\rangle = ih_i(\xi, \chi) (G_0^+)^{i-1} |\xi, \chi\rangle,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_i(\xi, \chi) &= \frac{1}{i} (g(\xi, \chi) + g(\xi+1, \chi) + \cdots + g(\xi+i-1, \chi)) \\ &= -i^2 + ki - 3\xi i + 3i - 3\xi^2 - k + 2k\xi + 6\xi + k\chi + 3\chi - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the following assertion.

**Proposition 2.2.** *If the space  $L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}}$  is  $n$ -dimensional, then  $h_n(\xi, \chi) = 0$ .*

Define

$$\Delta(-J, z) = z^{-J_0} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{-J_k}{kz^k}\right),$$

and set

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi(a_{(n)}) z^{-n-1} = Y(\Delta(-J, z)a, z)$$

for  $a \in \mathcal{W}^k$ . For any  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -module  $M$ , we can define on  $M$  a new  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -module structure by twisting the action of  $\mathcal{W}^k$  as  $a_{(n)} \mapsto \psi(a_{(n)})$  ([11]). We denote by  $\psi(M)$  thus obtained  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -module from  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *Suppose that  $\dim L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}} = i$ . Then*

$$\psi(L(\xi, \chi)) \cong L\left(\xi + i - 1 - \frac{2k+3}{3}, \chi - (\xi - i + 1) + \frac{2k+3}{3}\right).$$

*Proof.* The assertion follows from the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(J_n) &= J_n - \frac{2k+3}{3}\delta_{n,0}, & \psi(L_n) &= L_n - J_n + \frac{2k+3}{3}, \\ \psi(G_n^+) &= G_{n-1}^+, & \psi(G_n^-) &= G_{n+1}^-.\end{aligned}$$

□

By solving the equation

$$h_i(\xi, \chi) = h_j(\xi + i - 1 - \frac{2k+3}{3}, \chi - (\xi - i + 1) + \frac{2k+3}{3})$$

we obtain the following assertion.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Suppose that  $\dim L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}} = i$  and  $\dim \psi(L(\xi, \chi))_{\text{top}} = j$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}\xi &= \xi_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{3}(-2i - j + 2k + 6), \\ \chi &= \chi_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{i^2 + ji - ki - 3i + j^2 - 6j - 2jk + 3k + 6}{3(k+3)}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $k, p$  be as in Main Theorem. Then  $(G_{-1}^+)^{p-2}\mathbf{1}$  belongs to the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{W}^k$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\xi_{1,p-2} = \chi_{1,p-2} = 0$ , the correspondence  $\mathbf{1} \mapsto |\xi_{1,p-2}, \chi_{1,p-2}\rangle$  gives an isomorphism  $\mathcal{W}_k \cong L(\xi_{1,p-2}, \chi_{1,p-2})$ . Because

$$h_{p-2}(\xi_{1,p-2} - (2k+3)/2, \chi_{1,p-2} + (2k+3)/3) = 0,$$

from Proposition 2.3 it follows that  $\psi(\mathcal{W}_k)_{\text{top}}$  is at most  $p-2$ -dimensional. Hence  $(G_{-1}^+)^{p-2}\mathbf{1} = 0$ . □

*Remark 2.6.* One can show that in fact  $(G_{-1}^+)^{p-2}$  generates the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{W}^k$ . However we do not need this fact.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $k, p$  be as in Main Theorem. Then any simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module is isomorphic to  $L(\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j})$  for some  $(i, j)$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq p-2$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p-i-1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $L(\xi, \chi)$  be a simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module. As  $G^+(z)^{p-2} := 0$  on  $L(\xi, \chi)$  by Proposition 2.5,  $L(\xi, \chi)_{\text{top}}$  is at most  $(p-2)$ -dimensional. Since  $\psi(L(\xi, \chi))$  is also a  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module we have  $(\xi, \chi) = (\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j})$  for some  $1 \leq i, j \leq p-2$ . Because  $\psi(\psi(L(\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j})))$  is also a  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module it follows that  $\xi_{i,j} + i - 1 - \frac{2k+3}{3} = \frac{i-j}{3} \leq \frac{-2j-1+2k+6}{3} = \frac{p-2j-1}{3}$ . Hence  $j \leq p-i-1$ . □

The simple  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -modules  $L(\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j})$  with  $1 \leq i \leq p-2$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p-i-1$ , are mutually non-isomorphic since their highest weights are distinct.

### 3. PROOF OF MAIN THEOREM

Let  $k, p$  be as in Main Theorem.

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$  as in introduction,  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  be the Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  consisting of diagonal matrixes. Set  $h_i = E_{i,i} - E_{i+1,i+1}$ ,  $h_\theta = h_1 + h_2$ ,  $e_i = e_{\alpha_i} = E_{i,i+1}$ ,  $f_i = f_{\alpha_i} = E_{i+1,i}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $e_\theta = E_{1,3}$ ,  $f_\theta = E_{3,1}$ , where  $E_{i,j}$  is the matrix element. We equip  $\mathfrak{g}$  the invariant form  $(x|y) = \text{tr}(xy)$ . Set  $\bar{\Lambda}_1 = (2h_1 + h_2)/3$ ,  $\bar{\Lambda}_1 = (h_1 + 2h_2)/3$ , so that  $(\bar{\Lambda}_i|h_j) = \delta_{i,j}$ .

Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}D$  be the (non-twisted) affine Kac-Moody algebra associated with  $\mathfrak{g}$ , where  $K$  is the central element and  $D$  is the degree operator. Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}D \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  the standard Cartan subalgebra,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* = \mathfrak{h}^* \oplus \mathbb{C}\Lambda_0 \oplus \mathbb{C}\delta$  the dual of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ , where  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\delta$  are elements dual to  $K$  and  $D$ , respectively.

The vector  $f_\theta$  is a the minimal nilpotent element of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_j$  be the corresponding Dynkin grading:  $\mathfrak{g}_j = \{u \in \mathfrak{g}; [h_\theta, u] = 2ju\}$ . Denote by  $H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(\?)$  the BRST cohomology of the generalized quantized Drinfeld-Sokolov reduction associated with  $(\mathfrak{g}, f_\theta)$  and the Dynkin grading. We have [7, 9] the vertex algebra isomorphism

$$\mathcal{W}^k \simeq H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(V^k(\mathfrak{g})),$$

which is given by the following assignment:

$$\begin{aligned} J(z) &\mapsto J^{-\bar{\Lambda}_1 + \bar{\Lambda}_2}(z) - : \Phi_1(z)\Phi_2(z) :, \\ G^+(z) &\mapsto J^{f_1}(z) - : J^{h_1}(z)\Phi_2(z) : + : \Phi_1(z)\Phi_2(z)^2 : - (k+1)\partial\Phi_2(z), \\ G^+(z) &\mapsto -J^{f_2}(z) - : J^{h_2}(z)\Phi_1(z) : - : \Phi_1(z)^2\Phi_2(z) : - (k+1)\partial\Phi_1(z), \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$J^u(z) = u(z) - \sum_{\beta, \gamma \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \theta\}} c_{u, f_\beta}^{f_\gamma} : \psi_\beta^*(z)\psi_\gamma(z) :$$

for  $u \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $c_{u_1, u_2}^{u_3}$  is the structure constant,  $\psi_\alpha(z)$ ,  $\psi_\alpha^*(z)$  with  $\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \theta\}$  are fermionic ghosts satisfying

$$(1) \quad \psi_\alpha(z)\psi_\beta^*(w) \sim \frac{\delta_{\alpha, \beta}}{z-w}, \quad \psi_\alpha(z)\psi_\beta(w) \sim \psi_\alpha^*(z)\psi_\beta^*(w) \sim 0,$$

$\Phi_1(z)$ ,  $\Phi_2(z)$  are bosonic ghosts satisfying

$$\Phi_1(z)\Phi_2(w) \sim \frac{1}{z-w}, \quad \Phi_i(z)\Phi_i(w) \sim 0,$$

and the BRST differential is the zero mode of the field

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \theta\}} e_\alpha(z)\psi_\alpha^*(w) - : \psi_{\alpha_1}^*(z)\psi_{\alpha_2}^*(z)\psi_\theta(z) : \\ &\quad + \Phi_1(z)\psi_{\alpha_1}^*(z) + \Phi_2(z)\psi_{\alpha_2}(z) + \psi_\theta(z). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}_k$  be the category  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  at level  $k$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_\lambda$  the irreducible representation of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  with highest weight  $\lambda$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{W}^k\text{-Mod}$  the category of  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -modules.

**Theorem 3.1** ([1]).

- (i) The functor  $H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(\?) : \mathcal{O}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{W}^k\text{-Mod}$ ,  $M \mapsto H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(M)$ , is exact.
- (ii) For  $\lambda \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*$  we have  $H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(\mathbf{L}_\lambda) = 0$  if and only if  $\lambda(\alpha_0^\vee) \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Otherwise  $H_{f_\theta}^{\infty+0}(\mathbf{L}_\lambda)$  is irreducible.

Let  $\text{Adm}^k$  be the set of admissible weights [8] of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  of level  $k$ , and put

$$\text{Adm}_+^k = \{\lambda \in \text{Adm}^k; \bar{\lambda} \text{ is an integral dominant weight of } \mathfrak{g}\},$$

where  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \ni \lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda} \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  is the restriction. Then

$$\text{Adm}_+^k = \{\bar{\mu} + k\Lambda_0; \mu \in \widehat{P}_{++}^{p-3}\},$$

where  $\widehat{P}_{++}^{p-3}$  is the set of integral dominant weights of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  of level  $p-3$ . Explicitly, we have

$$\text{Adm}_+^k = \{\lambda_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq p-2, 1 \leq j \leq p-i-1\},$$

where

$$\lambda_{i,j} = (i-1)\bar{\Lambda}_1 + (p-i-j-1)\bar{\Lambda}_2 + k\Lambda_0.$$

Note that

$$(2) \quad \xi_{i,j} = (\lambda_{i,j} | -\bar{\Lambda}_1 + \bar{\Lambda}_2), \quad \chi_{i,j} = \frac{(\lambda_{i,j} | \lambda_{i,j} + 2\bar{\rho})}{2(k+3)} - (\lambda_{i,j} | \bar{\Lambda}_2),$$

where  $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\Lambda}_1 + \bar{\Lambda}_2$ .

Recall the following result of Malikov and Frenkel [12].

**Theorem 3.2** ([12, Corollary 5.2.2]). *For  $\lambda \in \text{Adm}_+^k$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_\lambda$  is a module over  $\mathbf{L}_{k\Lambda_0}$ .*

**Proposition 3.3.** *For  $\lambda_{i,j} \in \text{Adm}_+^k$ ,  $H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_{\lambda_{i,j}})$  is a simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -module isomorphic to  $L(\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j})$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1 we have  $\mathcal{W}_k \cong H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_{k\Lambda_0})$ . Hence by the functoriality of  $H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\cdot)$ , Theorem 3.2 immediately gives that  $H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_{\lambda_{i,j}})$  is a module over  $\mathcal{W}_k$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_{\lambda_{i,j}})$  is (nonzero and) irreducible. Let  $v$  be the image of the highest weight vector of  $\mathbf{L}_{\lambda_{i,j}}$  in  $H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_{\lambda_{i,j}})$ . By (2) and the fact [9] that the image of  $L(z)$  in  $\mathcal{W}^k$  is cohomologous to

$$L_{\mathfrak{g}}(z) + L_{\text{ch}}(z) + L_{\Phi}(z) + \partial J^{\bar{\Lambda}_2}(z),$$

where  $L_{\mathfrak{g}}(z)$  is the Sugawara operator of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $L_{\text{ch}}(z) = -\sum_{\alpha=\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \theta} \phi_\alpha(z) \partial \phi_\alpha^*(z)$ ,  $L_{\Phi}(z) = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi_2(z) \partial \Phi_1(z) - \partial \Phi_1(z) \Phi_2(z))$ , it is straightforward to check that the assignment  $(\xi_{i,j}, \chi_{i,j}) \mapsto v$  gives a  $\mathcal{W}^k$ -module homomorphism. By the irreducibility, this must be an isomorphism.  $\square$

By Propositions 2.7 and 3.3, the set  $\{H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_\lambda); \lambda \in \text{Adm}_+^k\}$  gives the complete set of isomorphism classes of simple  $\mathcal{W}_k$ -modules. Therefore Main Theorem now follows immediately from the following important result of Gorelik and Kac [5].

**Theorem 3.4** ([5, Corollary 8.8.9]). *For any  $\lambda, \mu \in \text{Adm}_+^k$ , we have*

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{W}^k\text{-Mod}}^1(H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_\lambda), H_{f_\theta}^{\frac{\infty}{2}+0}(\mathbf{L}_\mu)) = 0.$$

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