BY A SEMIPRIMITIVE ELEMENT

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We define Harish-Chandra S-homomorphism which generalizes the classical Harish-Chandra homomorphism and study its properties. For  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules ( $\mathfrak{G} \neq E_7, E_8$ ), generated by semiprimitive elements we prove the existence of composition sequences.

In this article we construct a generalization of the classical Harish-Chandra homomorphism [1]. We then use our results to study the structure of modules generated by semiprimitive elements [2, 3].

1. The Harish-Chandra S-Homomorphism and Its Properties. Let (5) be a complex simple finite-dimensional Lie algebra of rank n,  $\mathfrak{H}$  its cartesian subalgebra,  $\Delta$  a system of roots of (3,  $\pi$  a basis of the system of roots  $\Delta$ ,  $\Delta^+ = \Delta^-(\pi)$  the set of positive roots in  $\Delta$  with respect to  $\pi$ ,  $W = W(\Delta)$  the Weyl group of the system  $\Delta$ , and  $\mathfrak{G}^{\alpha}$  the root subspace corresponding to a root  $\alpha$ .

Let  $\pi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n\}$ ,  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ ,  $\pi_S = \{\alpha_i \mid i \in S\}$ . Denote by  $\Delta_S = \Delta_S(\pi_S)$  a subsystem of roots in  $\Delta$  generated by  $\pi_S$ . Furthermore, let  $\{H_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \pi\}$  be a basis of the Cartesian subalgebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{P}}$ , such that  $\alpha(H_{\alpha}) = 2$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{P}}_S$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{P}}^S$  be subalgebras  $\langle H_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \pi_S \rangle$  and  $\{H \in \mathfrak{P} \mid \alpha(H) = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \Delta_S\}$ , respectively.

For every  $\alpha \in \Delta$  choose  $X_{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{G}^{\alpha} \setminus \{0\}$  and define the following subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{G}$ :

$$\mathfrak{G}_{S} = \langle X_{\pm \alpha} | \alpha \in \pi_{S} \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{N}_{S}^{+} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^{+} \setminus \Delta_{S}} \mathfrak{G}^{\alpha}, \quad \mathfrak{N}_{S}^{-} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^{+} \setminus \Delta_{S}} \mathfrak{G}^{-\alpha}.$$

Let U(G) be the universal enveloping algebra of the algebra G, and let Z(G) be the center of U(G). Let Q (respectively,  $Q_S$ ) be the group of radical weights of the system (respectively,  $\Delta_S$ ). Then the G-module structure with respect to adjoint representation on U(G) defines a Q-graduation on it:  $U(G) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in Q} U(G)_{\lambda}$ .

<u>LEMMA 1</u>. Let  $L_S = U(\mathfrak{G}) \mathfrak{N}_S^+ \cap U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ . Then 1)  $L_S$  is a two-sided ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ , 2)  $L_S = \mathfrak{N}_S^- U(\mathfrak{G}) \cap U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ ; 3)  $U(\mathfrak{G})_0 = L_S \oplus U(\mathfrak{G}_S)_0 \otimes U(\mathfrak{G}^S)$ .

The lemma is proven analogously to Lemma 7.4.2 in [1].

<u>Remarks</u>. 1. Ker  $\varphi_{S,\pi} = L_S$  . 2. A Harish-Chandra S-homomorphism  $\varphi_{S,\pi}$  is uniquely defined by a set  $\Delta^+(\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\pi_S)$ . 3.  $\varphi_{\emptyset,\pi}$  is the classical Harish-Chandra homomorphism with respect to the basis  $\pi$ . 4. Ker  $\times (\varphi_{S,\pi}|_{Z(\mathfrak{C})}) = 0$  and  $\varphi_{S,\pi}(Z(\mathfrak{G})) \subset Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{G}^S)$  where  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S)$  is the center of the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{G}_S)$ .

It is known that Harish-Chandra  $\phi$ -homomorphisms are in a one-to-one correspondence with bases of the system of roots  $\Delta$ , i.e., their number is equal to |W|. Harish-Chandra S-homomorphisms are described similarly.

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LEMMA 2. Let  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ ,  $\Omega = \{\Delta^+(\omega \pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\omega \pi_S) \mid \omega \in W\}$ . The group W acts on the set  $\Omega$  transitively.

The proof is obvious, since  $\Delta^+(w\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(w\pi_s) = w \times (\Delta^+(\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\pi_s))$  for all  $W \in W$ .

<u>Proposition 1.</u> Let  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , WS the Weyl group of the system of roots  $\Delta S$ , and  $N(W_S)$  the normalizer of the group WS in W. Then 1) Harish-Chandra S-homomorphisms are in one-to-one correspondence with cosets W/WS, and 2) Harish-Chandra S-homomorphisms with a fixed root subsystem  $\Delta_S(\pi)$  are in one-to-one correspondence with cosets  $N(W_S)/W_S$ .

<u>Proof:</u> Define a set  $\Omega = \{\Delta^+(\varpi\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\varpi\pi_s) \times | \varpi \in W\}$ . The number of different Harish-Chandra S-homomorphisms is equal to  $|\Omega|$ . Fix a set  $\Delta^+(\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\pi) \in \Omega$ . Then  $\operatorname{st}(\Delta^+(\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\pi)) = W_S$  with respect to the action of the group W on  $\Omega$ . Therefore, assertion 1 follows from Lemma 2. Furthermore, every element  $\Delta^+(\varpi\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\varpi\pi_s)$  of the set  $\Omega$  uniquely defines a set  $\Delta_S(\varpi\pi_s)$ , but this correspondence is not injective. This means that there exist two distinct  $\varpi_1, \varpi_2 \in W$  such that  $\Delta_S(\varpi_1\pi_S) = \Delta_S(\varpi_2\pi_S)$ . Consider the natural transitive action of the group W on the set of pairs  $\Omega = \{(\Delta^+(\varpi\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\varpi\pi_S), \Delta_S(\varpi\pi_S)) | \varpi \in W\}$ . We see that the number of different Harish-ChandraS-homomorphisms with a fixed  $\Delta s(\pi)$  is equal to the number of different elements in  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with  $\Delta_S(\pi)$  at the second place, i.e.,  $(\operatorname{st}(\Delta_S(\pi)):\operatorname{st}(\Delta^+(\pi) \setminus \Delta_S(\pi))) = (N(W_S):W_S)$ , which proves statement 2.

Let V be some weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module, i.e.,  $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^*} V_{\lambda}$ , where  $V_{\lambda} = \{v \in V \mid Hv = \lambda(H)v \text{ for all } H \in \mathfrak{H}\}$ . Let  $\sup V = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^* \mid V_{\lambda} \neq 0\}$ . The elements of  $\sup V$  are called the weights of the module V.

The following proposition plays an important role in the theory of weight  $\mathfrak{H}$ -modules.

LEMMA 3. 1. Let V be an irreducible weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module and  $\lambda \in \operatorname{supp} V$ . Then  $V_{\lambda}$  is an irreducible  $U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ -module.

2. Let V' be an irreducible U ( $\mathfrak{G}$ )<sub>0</sub>-module such that  $Hv = \lambda(H)v$  for all  $H \in \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $v \in V'$ . Then there exists a unique irreducible weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module V such that  $V_{\lambda} \simeq V'$ .

<u>Proof</u>: Let  $V_{\lambda} \supset U$  be a proper  $U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ -submodule. Then,  $U(\mathfrak{G}) U \subseteq V$ , which contradicts the irreducibility of V. 2. A weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $M = U(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes V'$  has only one maximal submodule  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $(M/\mathfrak{M})_{\lambda} \simeq V'$ . If L is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module and  $L_{\lambda} \simeq V'$  then there exists an epimorphism  $\chi: M \rightarrow L$ . Therefore,  $M/\mathfrak{M} \simeq L$ . Q.E.D.

<u>LEMMA 4</u>. Every irreducible  $U(\mathfrak{G}_S)_0 \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$ -module V' such that  $Hv = \lambda(H)v$  for all  $H \in \mathfrak{H}, v \in V'$  extends to an irreducible weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module V such that  $V_{\lambda} \simeq V'$ .

Proof: It suffices to use the Harsh-Chandra S-homomorphism and Lemma 3 of section 2.

Lemma 4 allows us to extend irreducible weight &-modules to irreducible weight &-modules.

<u>Definition</u>: 1. An S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to a basis  $\pi$  is a nonzero element v such that  $Hv = \lambda(H)v$  for all  $H \in \mathfrak{H}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_{S}^{+}v = 0$ . 2. An element  $v \in V$  is called semi-primitive of weight  $\lambda$  if, for some basis  $\pi$  of the system of roots  $\Delta$  and some  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , v is an S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to  $\pi$  [3].

<u>Remark</u>. The definition of S-primitive elements in the case where  $S = \phi$  coincides with the well-known definition of primitive elements.

Proposition 2. Let V be some  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module generated by an S-primitive element v of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to a basis  $\pi$ ,  $\theta$  a central character of the module V, and  $\theta_S : Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \to \mathbb{C}$ , where  $zv = \theta_S(z)$  for all  $z \in Z(\mathfrak{G}_S)$ . Let  $\lambda^S$  be the restriction of  $\lambda$  to  $\mathfrak{H}^S$ . Then  $\theta(z) = (\theta_S \otimes \lambda^S)(\varphi_{S,\pi}(z))$  for all  $z \in Z(\mathfrak{G})$ .

 $\frac{\text{Proof:}}{z = \varphi_{S,\pi}(z) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} u_i a_i. \quad \text{Then } \theta(z) v = zv = \varphi_{S,\pi}(z) v + \sum_{i=1}^{k} u_i a_i v = \varphi_{S,\pi}(z) v = (\theta_S \otimes \lambda^S) (\varphi_{S,\pi}(z))v. \quad \text{Since the the set of the$ 

module V is generated by the element v, we have  $\theta(z) = (\theta_S \otimes \lambda^S)(\varphi_{S,\pi}(z))$ .

Let  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \alpha$ ,  $\delta_S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \alpha$ ,  $\Delta_S^+ = \Delta^+ \cap \Delta_S$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an automorphism of the algebra

S( $\mathfrak{H}$ ) acting as  $\gamma(p)(\lambda) = p(\lambda - \delta)^{S}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^{*}$ , and p is a polynomial function on  $\mathfrak{H}^{*}$ . We similarly define an automorphism  $\gamma_{S}$  of the algebra  $S(\mathfrak{Y}_{S})$  by letting  $\gamma_{S}(p)(\lambda) = p(\lambda - \delta_{S})$ . Let  $\gamma^{S} = \gamma|_{S(\mathfrak{H}^{S})}$ .

<u>LEMMA 5.</u> Suppose  $\varphi_{\emptyset,\pi_S}: U(\mathfrak{G}_S)_0 \to S(\mathfrak{F}_S)$  is a Harish-Chandra S-homomorphism with respect to a basis  $\pi_S$ . Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} U(\mathfrak{G})_{\mathfrak{g}} & \stackrel{(1 \otimes \gamma^{S})_{\mathfrak{G}} \oplus \mathfrak{G}_{S}, \pi}{\longrightarrow} U(\mathfrak{G}_{S})_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^{S}) \\ \gamma \circ \mathfrak{q}_{\varnothing, \pi} & & \downarrow \\ S(\mathfrak{H}) & \stackrel{\mathfrak{m}}{\longleftarrow} S(\mathfrak{H}_{S}) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^{S}) \end{array}$$

where m is a natural isomorphism of  $S(\mathfrak{F})$  onto  $S(\mathfrak{F}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{F}^S)$ .

To prove the above lemma it suffices to note that  $\gamma|_{S(\mathfrak{G}_S)} = \gamma_S$ . Thus,  $\gamma \circ \varphi_{\varnothing,\pi} = m \circ ((\gamma_S \circ \varphi_{\varnothing,\pi_S}) \otimes \gamma^S) \circ \varphi_{S,\pi}$ .

Let i be the restriction of a homomorphism  $(1 \otimes \gamma^S) \circ \varphi_{S,\pi}$  to  $Z(\mathfrak{G})$  and  $i_S$  the restriction of a homomorphism  $(\gamma_S \circ \varphi_{\emptyset,\pi_S}) \otimes 1$  to  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$ . Let j be the natural imbedding of  $Z(\mathfrak{G})$  into  $U(\mathfrak{G})_0$ , and  $j_S$  the natural embedding of  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$  into  $U(\mathfrak{G}_S)_0 \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$ . Consider the following commutative diagram:

Lemma 5 implies that the image of the center  $Z(\mathfrak{G})$  under the composition mapping  $m \circ i_S \circ i$  is equal to  $S(\mathfrak{F})^{W'}$ .

LEMMA 6.  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S) \simeq S(\mathfrak{H})^{\mathfrak{W}_S}$ .

<u>Proof</u>: The commutativity of diagram (1) implies that  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S) \simeq S(\mathfrak{H}_S)^{W_S} \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$ . However, for all  $H \in \mathfrak{H}^S$ , we have  $w \in W_S$   $w(H) = s_{i_1}s_{i_2}, \dots, s_{i_k}(H)$ , where  $s_{i_j}$  is a reflection by a root  $\alpha_{i_j}, j = \overline{1, k}$ , where all  $\alpha_{i_j} \in \Delta_S$ . Consequently,  $s_{i_j}(H) = H$  for all j = 1, k, so therefore w(H) = H. Thus,  $S(\mathfrak{H}^S) = S(\mathfrak{H}^S)^{W_S}$  and  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S) \simeq S(\mathfrak{H}^S)^{W_S} \simeq S(\mathfrak{H}^S)^{W_S} \simeq S(\mathfrak{H}^S)^{W_S}$ . Q.E.D.

Denote an isomorphism  $Z(\mathfrak{F}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{F}^S) \cong S(\mathfrak{F})^{W_S}$  by  $\psi_S$ . Let  $N \times (W_S)$  be the normalizer of the group  $W_S$  in W. Since for every  $w \in N \times (W_S)$  we have  $w(S(\mathfrak{F})^{W_S}) \subset S(\mathfrak{F})^{W_S}$ , for every  $b \in Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{F}^S)$  we can define

$$wb = \psi_{\mathcal{S}}^{-1} (w\psi_{\mathcal{S}}(b)). \tag{2}$$

Equation (2) defines an action of  $N(W_S)$  on  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{F}^S)$ 

 $\underbrace{\text{THEOREM 1.}}_{w \in N(W_S).} 1) \quad i(Z(\mathfrak{G})) \subset (Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S))^{N(W_S)}; 2) (1 \otimes \gamma^S) \circ \varphi_{S,\pi}|_{Z(\mathfrak{E})} = (1 \otimes \gamma^S) \circ \varphi_{S,v\pi}|_{Z(\mathfrak{E})} \text{ for all } w \in N(W_S).$ 

<u>Proof</u>: Since  $Z(\mathfrak{G}) \simeq S(\mathfrak{H})^{\mathbb{W}}$ , assertion 1 of theorem follows from Lemma 6 and Eq. (2). Furthermore, since an isomorphism  $\gamma \circ \varphi_{\mathcal{Q},\pi} : Z(\mathfrak{G}) \cong S(\mathfrak{H})^{\mathbb{W}}$ does not depend on the choice of basis  $\pi$  of the root system  $\Delta$  and  $(1 \otimes \gamma^{S}) \circ \varphi_{S,w\pi}(Z(\mathfrak{G})) \subset Z(\mathfrak{G}_{S}) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^{S})$  for all  $w \in N(\mathbb{W}_{S})$ , assertion 2 of the theorem from the commutativity of the following diagram:

$$Z (\mathfrak{G}) \xrightarrow{i} Z (\mathfrak{G}_{S}) \otimes S (\mathfrak{H}^{S})$$

$$\gamma \circ \varphi_{\varnothing, \pi} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \psi_{S}$$

$$S (\mathfrak{H})^{W} \longrightarrow S (\mathfrak{H})^{W_{S}} \rightarrow S (\mathfrak{H}).$$
(9)

Given an algebra A, let A be the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of A. Define a natural mapping on characters  $\hat{i}: Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{g}^S) \rightarrow \hat{Z}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

<u>Proposition 3.</u> For every  $\theta \in \hat{Z}(\mathfrak{G})$  the set  $\hat{i}^{-1}(\theta)$  is finite and  $|\hat{i}^{-1}(0)| \leq (W:W_S)$ .

<u>Proof</u>: The proof follows from the commutativity of diagram (3) and the fact that the dimension of the quotient field  $S(\mathfrak{H})^{W_S}$  over the quotient field  $S(\mathfrak{H})^{W}$  is equal to  $(W:W_S)$ .

2. Properties of Weight 6-Modules Generated by Semiprimitive Elements. In this section we use results of section 1 to study 6-modules generated by semi-primitive elements.

Recall the construction of the universal  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module generated by an S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$  [2]. In the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{G})$  define a subalgebra  $\Lambda_S = U(\mathfrak{N}_S^+ \oplus \mathfrak{G}^S) + U(\mathfrak{G}s)_0$ .

Let  $(\rho_S, U)$  be an irreducible representation of the algebra  $\Lambda_S$  such that  $\rho_S(a + H)u = \lambda(H)u$ for all  $a \in \mathfrak{N}_S^+$ ,  $H \in \mathfrak{H}, u \in U$ . Defining an  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S) = U(\mathfrak{G}) \bigotimes_{\Lambda_S} U$ . Clearly, the module  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$  is a weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module,  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)_{\lambda} \simeq U$ , and every element of this subspace is a generating S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$ .

The universality of the module is characterized by the following proposition.

<u>Proposition 4.</u> Suppose V is a G-module generated by an S-primitive element v of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to a basis  $\pi$  and  $V_{\lambda}$  is an irreducible  $U(\mathbb{G}_S)_0$ -module. Then there exists a unique G-epimorphism  $\chi: M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S) \rightarrow V$  such that  $\chi(1 \otimes v) = v$ , where  $(\rho_S, V_{\lambda})$  is the corresponding representation of the algebra  $\Lambda_S$ .

The proof follows from universal properties of the tensor product.

<u>Proposition 5.</u> 1) In  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$  there exists a maximal  $(\mathfrak{G})$ -submodule N which is different from  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$ , and 2) if V is an irreducible  $(\mathfrak{G})$ -module with an S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to a basis  $\pi$  then  $V \simeq M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)/N$  where  $(\rho_S, V_\lambda)$  is the corresponding representation of the algebra  $\Lambda_S$ .

The proposition is proven in [3].

Let  $L(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S) = M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)/N$ .

<u>Remark</u>. If S =  $\phi$  then  $M(\emptyset, \pi, \lambda, \rho_{\emptyset}) = M(\lambda)$ , where  $M(\lambda)$  is a Verma module associated with either  $\pi$  or  $\lambda$ .

<u>Proposition 6.</u> Every simple subfactor of a module  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$  is isomorphic to  $L(S, \pi, \mu + \delta, \tilde{\rho}_S)$  for some  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  and  $\tilde{\rho}_S \in \hat{\Lambda}_S$ .

The above proposition is proven analogously to a similar result for Verma modules cited in [1].

Fernando cites in [4] still another method of construction of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules generated by S-primitive elements. Let V be an irreducible weight  $P = \mathfrak{G}_S \oplus \mathfrak{N}_S^+ \oplus \mathfrak{H}^S$ -module such that  $\mathfrak{N}_S^+ v = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ . Clearly, V is irreducible as a  $\mathfrak{G}_S$ -module. We construct a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $M_1(S, \pi, V) = U(\mathfrak{G}) \bigotimes V$ , which also contains a maximal  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodule  $N_1$ . In addition,  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)/N \simeq M_1(S, \pi, V)/N_1$ , where  $\lambda \in \operatorname{supp} V, (\rho_S, V_\lambda)$  is the corresponding representation of  $\wedge_S$ . Furthermore, Proposition 4 implies that there exists an epimorphim  $\chi: M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S) \to M_1(S, \pi, V)$ . Suppose  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ . Let  $P_{\mu} = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^* | \lambda - \mu \in Q\}$ . For every  $\tau \in P_{\mu}$  let  $P_{\tau,S} = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{H}^* | \lambda - \tau \in Q_S\} \subset P_{\mu}$ . Suppose  $\theta \in \widehat{Z}(\mathfrak{G})$ . Let  $K_{\mu,\theta}$  be the category of weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules V with a central character  $\theta$  such that  $\operatorname{supp} V \subset P_{\mu}$ . Clearly, every module of the form  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$  is contained in some category  $K_{\lambda,\theta}$ . Given  $V \in K_{\mu,\theta}$ , let  $T_{S,\pi} \leq \langle V \rangle = \{\lambda \in \operatorname{supp} V | \text{ there exists an } S$ -primitive element  $v \in V$  of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to  $\pi$ ). Let

$$D(S, \pi, \mu, \theta) = \{ P_{\tau, S} \subset P_{\mu} \mid \exists V \in K_{\mu, \theta} : T_{S, \pi}(V) \cap P_{\tau, S} \neq \emptyset \}.$$

LEMMA 7.  $|D(S, \pi, \mu, \theta)| \leq (\mathcal{W}: \mathcal{W}_S)$  for all  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}, \mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*, \theta \in \hat{Z}(\mathfrak{G}).$ 

<u>Proof</u>: Let V be an irreducible object of a category  $K_{\mu,\theta}$  with an S-primitive element of weight  $\lambda$  with respect to the basis  $\pi$ . Then an algebra  $Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{F}^S)$  acts on a  $\mathfrak{G}_S \oplus \mathfrak{F}^S$ -module  $\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}_{\lambda,S}} V_{\mathbf{x}}$  by means of a certain character  $\in Z(\mathfrak{G}_S) \widehat{\otimes} S(\mathfrak{F}^S)$ . Using Proposition 3, we

conclude the proof.

Now we are ready to prove the main result of this section.

<u>THEOREM 2.</u> Suppose  $\mathfrak{G} \neq E_7$ ,  $E_8$  and  $(\rho_S, U)$  is a finite-dimensional irreducible representation of an algebra  $\Lambda_S$ . Then a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -module  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$  has a composition sequence.

<u>Proof</u>: The theorem is proved by induction on  $|\pi|$  for all S simultaneously. In the case  $|\pi| = 1$  the theorem coincides with the corresponding result for Verma modules [1]. Suppose  $|\pi| > 1$  and |S| = p. Let N be a maximal submodule of  $M(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$ . Then  $N_{\lambda} = 0$ . Since the algebra  $\mathfrak{G}_S$  is of type  $A_p$ ,  $B_p$ ,  $C_p$ , or  $D_p$ , a  $\mathfrak{G}_S$ -module  $\sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} N_{\mu}$  and all its submodules

contain a semi-primitive element [3, Theorem 3.2]. Without loss of generality we can assume that all semi-primitive elements are S'-primitive if |S'| = p - 1 and are not S"-primitive if  $|S'| . Lemma 7 and the finite-dimensionality of subspaces N<sub><math>\lambda$ </sub> imply that there exists an epimorphism from a finite direct sum of  $\mathfrak{G}_{s}$ -modules of the form  $M(S', \pi', \lambda' + \delta_{s}, \rho_{s'})$  into

 $\sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} N_{\mu}.$  Applying the induction hypothesis to every module  $M(S', \pi', \lambda' + \delta_S, \rho_S)$ , we obtain the following composition sequence for the  $\mathfrak{G}_{S}$ -module  $\sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} N_{\mu} : \sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} N_{\mu} \supset P_1 \supset ... \supset P_k \supset 0.$ The corresponding chain of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -submodules of N is as follows:  $N \supset N_1 \supset N_2 \supset ... \supset N_k$ , where  $N_{i+1}$  is maximal in  $N_i$  and  $\sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} (N_i)_{\mu} = P_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1,k}$ . In a module  $N_k$  we choose a maximal  $\mathfrak{G}$ submodule  $N_{k+1}$ . Since the  $\mathfrak{G}_S$ -module  $P_k$  is irreducible, we have  $\sup N_{k+1} \cap P_{\lambda,S} = \emptyset$ . Now the assertion of the theorem follows from Lemma 7. Q.E.D.

<u>Remark</u>. The authors are convinced that above theorem holds even when  $\mathfrak{G} \in \{E_7, E_8\}$ .

Suppose  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$  and |S| = 1. Then  $\mathfrak{G}_S \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  and  $\dim L(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)_{\lambda} = 1$ . Given a module  $L = L(S, \pi, \lambda + \delta, \rho_S)$ , there is an associated character  $\beta(L) \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$  by a means of which  $\mathbb{Z}(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$  acts on a  $\mathfrak{G}_S \oplus \mathfrak{H}^S$ -module  $\sum_{\mu \in P_{\lambda,S}} L_{\mu}$ . However, for every  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathfrak{G}_S) \otimes S(\mathfrak{H}^S)$  there exist no more than three irreducible weight  $\mathfrak{G}$ -modules V with S-primitive elements for which  $\operatorname{supp} V \subset P_{\mu}$  and  $\beta(B) = \beta$  (see, for example, [5]). Therefore, Proposition 3 implies the following assertion.

<u>THEOREM 3</u>. Suppose that  $\mu \in \mathfrak{H}^*$ ,  $\theta \in Z(\mathfrak{G})$ ,  $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , and |s| = 1. Then the category  $K_{\mu,\theta}$  contains no more than 3/2 |W| irreducible objects V such that  $T_{s,\pi}(V) \neq \emptyset$ .

<u>Remark</u>. 1) Theorem 3 is false in the case where |S| > 1. This follows, for example, from results cited in [6]. 2) Under the assumptions of Theorem 3 there are infinitely many irreducible modules V in  $\bigcup_{u} K_{\mu,\theta}$  such that  $T_{S,\pi}(v) \neq \emptyset$ .

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