

A cohomology group of a \mathbb{Z}_2 -orbifold model of the symplectic fermionic vertex operator superalgebra¹

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1 Introduction

In this report we calculate a cohomological group of a model of an irrational C_2 -cofinite simple vertex operator algebra. The cohomological group is considered by Miyamoto in a study on the category of modules for C_2 -cofinite vertex operator algebras, and this result is just a calculation of a concrete example. In my talk, I introduced a homology of a certain functor. But the functor we considered is left exact, and hence the homology should be considered as a cohomology². In this report we consider the cohomological group of the simple vertex operator algebra SF^+ which is one of examples of irrational C_2 -cofinite vertex operator algebra.

2 Preliminaries

We do not state the definition of vertex operator algebras and its modules. For them, please refer to the literatures [LL], [MN] and [FHL]. Let $(V, Y(\cdot, x), \mathbf{1}, \omega)$ be a simple vertex operator algebra over \mathbb{C} , and $(M, Y(\cdot, x))$ a weak V -module. We write $Y(a, x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{(n)} x^{-n-1}$ for $a \in V$ following [MN], where $a_{(n)} \in \text{End } M$. We also write L_n for the n -th mode $\omega_{(n)}$ of the Virasoro vector ω . The vacuum vector $\mathbf{1}$ satisfies that for any $a \in V$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $a_{(i)}\mathbf{1} = 0$ and $a_{(-1)}\mathbf{1} = a$.

A vacuum-like vector $u \in M$ is a vector $u \in M$ satisfying $a_{(i)}u = 0$ for any $a \in V$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. We set $\text{Vac}(M)$ to be the set of all vacuum-like vectors in M . It is known that

$$\text{Vac}(M) = \text{Ker } L_{-1} = \{u \in M \mid L_{-1}u = 0\}.$$

Actually, $L_{-1} = \omega_{(0)}$ shows that $\text{Vac}(M) \supset \text{Ker } L_{-1}$. On the other hand if $u \in \text{Ker } L_{-1}$, then $\binom{-i-1}{k} a_{(i)}u = \frac{1}{k!} L_{-1}^k a_{(i+k)}u$. Since $a_{(j)}u = 0$ for sufficiently

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²After my talk, Professors Matsuo and Arakawa gave me this advice. I apologize that I made audience confused a lot according to my knowledgeless.

large positive integer j and $\binom{-i-1}{k} \neq 0$ for any $i, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, we see that $a_{(i)}u = 0$ and that $u \in \text{Vac}(M)$.

We note that $\text{Vac}(M)$ is included in the L_0 -eigenspace M_0 of weight 0 because $L_0 = \omega_{(1)}$. Thus if L_0 does not have any eigenvector in M , then $\text{Vac}(M) = 0$.

Proposition 2.1. ([Li]) *Let $u \in \text{Vac}(M)$, and suppose that $u \neq 0$. Then the V -submodule $\langle u \rangle$ of M generated from u is isomorphic to V . A linear map $V \rightarrow \langle u \rangle$ defined by $a \mapsto a_{(-1)}u$ is a V -module isomorphism.*

Proof. Let $f : V \rightarrow \langle u \rangle$ be a linear map given by $f(a) = a_{(-1)}u$. It is known that $\langle u \rangle$ is spanned by vectors of the form $a_{(m)}u$ with $a \in V$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $u \in \text{Vac}(M)$, we see that $\langle u \rangle$ is in fact spanned by $a_{(-m)}u$ with $a \in V$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Thus f is surjective. We also see that $\langle u \rangle = \{a_{(-1)}u \mid a \in V\}$ because $(m-1)!a_{(-m)}u = (L_{-1}^{m-1}a)_{(-1)}u$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Now we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a_{(n)}b) &= (a_{(n)}b)_{(-1)}u = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i (a_{(n-i)}b_{(-1+i)}u - (-1)^n b_{(n-1-i)}a_{(i)}u) \\ &= a_{(n)}b_{(-1)}u \\ &= a_{(n)}f(b) \end{aligned}$$

for $a, b \in V$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, f is a V -module homomorphism. Finally $\ker f$ is a proper ideal of V and hence $\ker f = 0$ because V is simple. Thus f is a V -module isomorphism. \square

3 A cohomological group associated to V

Suppose that the adjoint module V has an injective resolution;

$$0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow X^0 \xrightarrow{f_0} \dots \rightarrow X^n \xrightarrow{f_n} X^{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} \dots \quad (\text{exact}).$$

Then we have a cochain complex

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Vac}(X^0) \xrightarrow{r_0} \text{Vac}(X^1) \xrightarrow{r_1} \dots \rightarrow \text{Vac}(X^n) \xrightarrow{r_n} \text{Vac}(X^{n+1}) \xrightarrow{r_{n+1}} \dots,$$

where $r_n = f_n|_{P^n}$. We denote the corresponding cohomological group by $H(V) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} H^n(V)$;

$$H^n(V) = \ker r_n / \text{Im } r_{n-1}$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, where $r_{-1} = 0$. The cohomological group is independent of the choice of injective resolutions.

A vertex operator algebra V is called C_2 -cofinite if the subspace $C_2(V)$ spanned by vectors of the form $a_{(-2)}b$ with $a, b \in V$ has finite codimension in V . If V is C_2 -cofinite then we can show that any finitely generated weak V -module has a projective cover. Therefore, the contragredient module V' has a projective resolution. In particular, V has an injective resolution.

4 The vertex operator algebra SF^+

Let \mathfrak{h} be a finite dimensional vector space of dimension $2d$ with a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Then the vector space $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K$ has a Lie super-algebra structure as follows; the even part is $\mathbb{C}K$ and the odd part is $\mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]$, and the super-commutation relations are

$$\{\psi \otimes t^m, \phi \otimes t^n\} = m\langle \psi, \phi \rangle \delta_{m, -n} K, \quad [K, \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}] = 0$$

for $\phi, \psi \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Now we consider the super-algebra $\mathcal{A} := U(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}})/\langle K - 1 \rangle$, where $U(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}})$ is the universal enveloping algebra of $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ and $\langle K - 1 \rangle$ is the two-sided ideal of $U(\widehat{\mathfrak{h}})$ generated by $K - 1$. Let $I_{\geq 0}$ be the left ideal of \mathcal{A} generated by $\psi \otimes t^n$ for all $\psi \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. We then have a left \mathcal{A} -module $\mathcal{A}/I_{\geq 0}$ and denote it by SF .³ It is clear that SF is isomorphic to the exterior algebra $\Lambda(\mathfrak{h} \otimes t^{-1}\mathbb{C}[t^{-1}])$ as vector spaces. We write $\psi_{(n)}$ for the left multiplication on SF by $\psi \otimes t^n$ for $\psi \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $\mathbf{1}$ be the image of the unit of \mathcal{A} in SF . Then SF is spanned by vectors of the form

$$\psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \mathbf{1}, \quad (\psi^i \in \mathfrak{h}, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}).$$

We define the vertex operator map $Y(\cdot, z) : SF \rightarrow (\text{End } SF)[[z, z^{-1}]]$ by

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\mathbf{1}, z) &= \text{id}_T, \\ Y(\psi_{(-1)} \mathbf{1}, z) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi_{(n)} z^{-n-1}, \\ Y(\psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \mathbf{1}, z) &= \circ \partial^{(n_1-1)} Y(\psi_{(-1)}^1 \mathbf{1}, z) \cdots \partial^{(n_r-1)} Y(\psi_{(-1)}^r \mathbf{1}, z) \circ, \end{aligned}$$

³The notation SF comes from "Symplectic Fermion".

for $\psi, \psi^i \in \mathfrak{h}$, $n, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, where $\partial^{(k)} := \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dz^k}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Let $\{e^i, f^i\}_{i=1, \dots, d}$ be a basis of \mathfrak{h} satisfying

$$\langle e^i, e^j \rangle = \langle f^i, f^j \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle e^i, f^j \rangle = -\delta_{i,j}$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq d$. Then the Virasoro element ω is given by

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^d e_{(-1)}^i f_{(-1)}^i \mathbf{1}.$$

Finally we have a vertex operator superalgebra $(SF, Y(\cdot, z), \mathbf{1}, \omega)$ of central charge $-2d$.

The vertex operator superalgebra SF has canonically an automorphism θ defined by

$$\theta(\psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \mathbf{1}) = (-1)^r \psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \mathbf{1}$$

for any $\psi_i \in \mathfrak{h}$, $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. The fixed point set SF^+ of SF for θ is the even part of the vertex operator superalgebra SF and the -1 -eigenspace SF^- is the odd one. The even part SF^+ becomes a simple vertex operator algebra of central charge $-2d$, and SF^- is an irreducible SF^+ -module.

5 Projective and injective resolutions of SF^+

It is known that SF^+ has four irreducible modules (see [A]). These are given by SF^\pm and irreducible components of the unique irreducible θ -twisted SF -module. The lowest weights of SF^+ and SF^- are 0 and 1 respectively. Those of other two irreducible SF^+ -modules are $-\frac{d}{8}$ and $\frac{4-d}{8}$.

The two irreducible modules given as submodules of the irreducible θ -twisted SF -module are projective and injective. This fact is not so easy but can be shown by using the structure of Zhu's algebra of SF^+ studied in [A]. On the other hand, SF^\pm are not projective nor injective. Their projective covers can be constructed as follows.

First we consider the SF -module $\widehat{SF} = \mathcal{A}/I_{>0}$, where $I_{>0}$ is a left ideal of \mathcal{A} generated by $\psi \otimes t^n$ with $\psi \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. We see that \widehat{SF} is generated from the vector $\widehat{\mathbf{1}} = 1 + I_{>0}$ and that $\widehat{SF} \cong \Lambda(\mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{-1}])$ as vector spaces. We define the action of θ on \widehat{T} by

$$\theta(\psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \widehat{\mathbf{1}}) = (-1)^r \psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \widehat{\mathbf{1}}$$

for any $\psi_i \in \mathfrak{h}, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. We denote by \widehat{SF}^\pm by the ± 1 -eigenspace for θ . We note that they are SF^+ -modules and $(\widehat{SF}^\pm)' \cong \widehat{SF}^\pm$ respectively. We use the following conjecture.

Conjecture. The SF -modules \widehat{SF}^\pm are projective and injective.

Assuming this conjecture is true, we can find that \widehat{SF}^\pm are projective covers of the SF^+ -module SF^\pm respectively as follows. By construction, we have an SF -module epimorphism $\phi_0 : \widehat{SF} \rightarrow SF$ defined by

$$\phi_0(\psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \widehat{\mathbf{1}}) = \psi_{(-n_1)}^1 \psi_{(-n_2)}^2 \cdots \psi_{(-n_r)}^r \mathbf{1}$$

for $\psi_i \in \mathfrak{h}, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. By definition ϕ_0 gives epimorphisms $\widehat{SF}^\pm \rightarrow SF^\pm$ respectively. We set $W_0 = \ker \phi_0$. Then W_0 is an SF -submodule of \widehat{SF} generated from $e_{(0)}^i \widehat{\mathbf{1}}$ and $f_{(0)}^i \widehat{\mathbf{1}}$ for $1 \leq i \leq d$. We also see that $W_0 = (W_0 \cap \widehat{SF}^+) \oplus (W_0 \cap \widehat{SF}^-)$ and the submodules $W_0 \cap \widehat{SF}^\pm$ are indecomposable. Hence \widehat{SF}^\pm are projective covers of SF^\pm respectively.

We now state that SF has the following projective resolution.

Theorem 5.1. *The SF^+ -module SF has a projective resolution*

$$\cdots \rightarrow P^{n+1} \rightarrow P^n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow SF \rightarrow 0,$$

with $P^n = \widehat{SF}^{\oplus h(n)}$; the direct sum of $h(n)$ -copies of \widehat{SF} .

The number $h(n)$ is given as follows: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \binom{2d}{0} \\ -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \binom{2d}{1} \\ 0 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & \binom{2d}{2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & \binom{2d}{2d-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

be a $2d \times 2d$ -matrix, and set

$$v^{(n)} = A^{n-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $h(n)$ is the $2d$ -th component of $v^{(n)}$. Hence

$$h(1) = 1, \quad h(2) = 2d, \quad h(3) = d(2d + 1), \quad \dots$$

In the case $d = 1$, we have $d(n) = n$.

Since \widehat{SF}' , the contragredient module to \widehat{SF} , is isomorphic to \widehat{SF} , by this theorem, we have an injective resolution

$$0 \rightarrow SF \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P^n \rightarrow \dots$$

By studying the structure of \widehat{SF} in detail, we get

Theorem 5.2. *The irreducible SF^+ -modules SF^\pm have injective resolutions*

$$0 \rightarrow SF^\pm \rightarrow P^{0,\pm} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P^{n,\pm} \rightarrow P^{n+1,\pm} \rightarrow \dots$$

respectively, where

$$P^{n,\pm} = \begin{cases} (\widehat{SF}^\pm)^{\oplus h(n+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ (\widehat{SF}^\mp)^{\oplus h(n+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

6 Cohomological group $H^\bullet(SF^+)$

By Theorem 5.2, we get the cochain complex

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Vac}(P^{0,+}) \xrightarrow{r_0} \text{Vac}(P^{1,+}) \xrightarrow{r_1} \dots \\ \dots \rightarrow \text{Vac}(P^{n,+}) \xrightarrow{r_n} \text{Vac}(P^{n+1,+}) \xrightarrow{r_{n+1}} \dots$$

We note that $\text{Vac}(\widehat{SF}^+) = \mathbb{C}e_0^1 \cdots e_{(0)}^d f_{(0)}^1 \cdots f_{(0)}^d \hat{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\text{Vac}(\widehat{SF}^-) = 0$. Hence

$$\text{Vac}(P^{n,+}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}^{h(n+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

for $n \geq 1$. We can observe that

$$\text{Im } r_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \\ \text{ker } r_n = \begin{cases} \text{Vac}(P^{n,+}) & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we have

Theorem 6.1.

$$\begin{aligned} H^i(SF^+) &\cong \mathbb{C}^{h(i+1)} && \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ H^i(SF^+) &= 0 && \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 6.2. We can also define $H^i(SF^-)$. Then we have $H^i(SF^-) \cong 0$ if i is even and $H^i(SF^-) \cong \mathbb{C}^{h(i+1)}$ if i is odd.

7 A projective resolution in the case $d = 1$

We explain the projective resolution of SF in the case $d = 1$. For simplicity, we set $e = e^1$ and $f = f^1$. In this case, the submodule $\ker \phi_0 = W_0$ is generated by $e_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}$ and $f_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}$, and the submodule generated from $e_{(0)}f_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}$ is isomorphic to SF because $e_{(0)}f_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}$ is a vacuum-like vector. Therefore, we have the following sequence of submodules;

$$0 \subset SF \subset W_0 \subset \widehat{SF}.$$

One sees that $\widehat{SF}/W_0 \cong SF$ and $W_0/SF \cong SF \oplus SF$.

Now we consider the SF -module epimorphism $\phi_1 : \widehat{SF} \oplus \widehat{SF} \rightarrow W_0$ defined by

$$\phi_1(u\hat{\mathbf{1}}, v\hat{\mathbf{1}}) = ue_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}} + vf_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}},$$

where $u, v \in \Lambda(\mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{-1}])$. Then we see that the kernel of ϕ_1 , denoted by W_1 , is the SF -submodule of $\widehat{SF}^{\oplus 2}$ generated by the vectors $(e_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}, 0)$, $(f_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}}, e_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}})$ and $(0, f_{(0)}\hat{\mathbf{1}})$.

If we draw an extension of X by Y as

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \downarrow \\ Y \end{array},$$

then we have the following pictures;

$$\widehat{SF} = \begin{array}{ccccc} & & SF & & \\ & & \swarrow & & \searrow \\ SF & & & & SF \\ & \searrow & & \swarrow & \\ & & SF & & \end{array}$$

and

$$W_0 = \begin{array}{ccc} & SF & \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ SF & & SF \end{array}$$

We also see that

$$\widehat{SF}^{\oplus 2} = SF \begin{array}{ccccc} & SF & & SF & \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ SF & & SF & SF & SF \\ & \searrow \quad \swarrow & & \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\ & SF & & SF & \end{array}$$

and

$$W_1 = \begin{array}{ccccc} & SF & & SF & \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ SF & & SF & & SF \end{array}$$

By the same way, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, we consider a SF -module homomorphism $\phi_{n-1} : \widehat{SF}^{\oplus n} \rightarrow \widehat{SF}^{\oplus(n-1)}$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{n-1}(u^1 \widehat{\mathbf{1}}, \dots, u^n \widehat{\mathbf{1}}) \\ &= (u^1 \epsilon_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}} + u^2 f_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}}, u^2 \epsilon_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}} + u^3 f_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}}, \dots, u^{n-1} \epsilon_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}} + u^n f_{(0)} \widehat{\mathbf{1}}) \end{aligned}$$

with $u^1, \dots, u^n \in \Lambda(\mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{-1}])$. Then we can show that

$$\text{Im } \phi_n = \ker \phi_{n-1}$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and we have the exact sequence

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\phi_{n+1}} \widehat{SF}^{\oplus(n+1)} \xrightarrow{\phi_n} \widehat{SF}^{\oplus n} \xrightarrow{\phi_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \widehat{SF} \xrightarrow{\phi_0} SF \rightarrow 0.$$

We recall the action of θ on \widehat{SF} . We extend the action of θ to that on $\widehat{SF}^{\oplus n}$ with diagonal action. Then it is easy to see that $\theta \circ \phi_n \circ \theta = -\phi_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Therefore, the projective resolution above gives rise to two projective resolutions

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \xrightarrow{\phi_{n+1}} (\widehat{SF}^{\epsilon_{n+1}^\pm})^{\oplus(n+1)} \xrightarrow{\phi_n} (\widehat{SF}^{\epsilon_n^\pm})^{\oplus n} \xrightarrow{\phi_{n-1}} \dots \\ \dots \rightarrow (\widehat{SF}^\mp)^{\oplus 2} \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \widehat{SF}^\pm \xrightarrow{\phi_0} SF^\pm \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where ε_n^\pm is defined by

$$\varepsilon_n^\pm = \begin{cases} \mp & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \pm & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

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