

A CORRESPONDENCE OF CANONICAL BASES IN THE q -DEFORMED HIGHER LEVEL FOCK SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The q -deformed Fock spaces of higher levels were introduced by Jimbo-Misra-Miwa-Okado. The q -decomposition matrix is a transition matrix from the standard basis to the canonical basis defined by Uglov in the q -deformed Fock space. In this paper, we show that parts of q -decomposition matrices of level ℓ coincides with that of level $\ell - 1$ under certain conditions of multi charge.

1. INTRODUCTION

The q -deformed Fock spaces of higher levels were introduced by Jimbo-Misra-Miwa-Okado [JMMO91]. For a multi charge $s = (s_1, \dots, s_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$, the q -deformed Fock space $F_q[s]$ of level ℓ is the $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -vector space whose basis are indexed by ℓ -tuples of Young diagrams. i.e. $\{|\lambda; s\rangle \mid \lambda \in \Pi^\ell\}$, where Π is the set of Young diagrams.

The canonical bases $\{G^+(\lambda; s) \mid \lambda \in \Pi^\ell\}$ and $\{G^-(\lambda; s) \mid \lambda \in \Pi^\ell\}$ are bases of the Fock space $F_q[s]$ that are invariant under a certain involution $-$ [Ugl00]. Define matrices $\Delta^+(q) = (\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ and $\Delta^-(q) = (\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^-(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ by

$$G^+(\lambda; s) = \sum_{\mu} \Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q) |\mu; s\rangle \quad , \quad G^-(\lambda; s) = \sum_{\mu} \Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^-(q) |\mu; s\rangle.$$

We call $\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q)$ and $\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^-(q)$ q -decomposition numbers. These q -decomposition matrices plays an important role in representation theory. However it is difficult to compute q -decomposition matrices.

In the case of $\ell = 1$, Varagnolo-Vasserot [VV99] proved that $\Delta^+(q)$ coincides with the decomposition matrix of v -Schur algebra. For $\ell \geq 2$, Yvonne [Yvo07] conjectured that the matrix $\Delta^+(q)$ coincides with the q -analogue of the decomposition matrix of cyclotomic Schur algebras at a primitive n -th root of unity under a suitable condition of multi charge. Rouquier [Rou08, Theorem 6.8, §6.5] conjectured that, for arbitrary multi charge, the multiplicities of simple modules in standard modules in the category \mathcal{O} of rational Cherednik algebras are equal to the corresponding coefficients $\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q)$.

We say that the j -th component s_j of the multi charge is *sufficiently large* for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ if $s_j - s_i \geq \lambda_1^{(i)}$ for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell$, and that s_j is *sufficiently small* for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ if $s_i - s_j \geq |\lambda| = |\lambda^{(1)}| + \dots + |\lambda^{(\ell)}|$ for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell$ (see Definition 3.1). If s_j is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ and $|\lambda; s\rangle > |\mu; s\rangle$, then the j -th components of λ and μ are both the empty Young diagram \emptyset (Lemma 3.2). On the other hand, if s_j is sufficiently small for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ and $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$, then $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$ implies $\lambda^{(j)} = \emptyset$. (Lemma 3.3).

Our main results are as follows.

Theorem A. (Theorem 3.4) [Iij]

Let $\varepsilon \in \{+, -\}$. If s_j is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$, then

$$\Delta_{\lambda,\mu;s}^\varepsilon(q) = \Delta_{\lambda,\mu;s}^\varepsilon(q),$$

where $\check{\lambda}$ (resp. $\check{\mu}, \check{s}$) is obtained by omitting the j -th component of λ (resp. μ, s), $\Delta_{\lambda, \mu; s}^\varepsilon(q)$ is the q -decomposition number of level ℓ and $\Delta_{\lambda, \check{\mu}; \check{s}}^\varepsilon(q)$ is the q -decomposition number of level $\ell - 1$.

Theorem B. (Theorem 3.5) [Iij]

Let $\varepsilon \in \{+, -\}$. If s_j is sufficiently small for $|\mu; s$ and $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$, then

$$\Delta_{\lambda, \mu; s}^\varepsilon(q) = \Delta_{\lambda, \check{\mu}; \check{s}}^\varepsilon(q),$$

where $\check{\lambda}$ (resp. $\check{\mu}, \check{s}$) is obtained by omitting the j -th component of λ (resp. μ, s).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we review the q -deformed Fock spaces of higher levels and its canonical bases. In Section 3, we state the main results.

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Notations. For a positive integer N , a *partition* of N is a non-increasing sequence of non-negative integers summing to N . We write $|\lambda| = N$ if λ is a partition of N . The *length* $l(\lambda)$ of λ is the number of non-zero components of λ . And we use the same notation λ to represent the Young diagram corresponding to λ . For an ℓ -tuple $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}, \dots, \lambda^{(\ell)})$ of Young diagrams, we put $|\lambda| = |\lambda^{(1)}| + |\lambda^{(2)}| + \dots + |\lambda^{(\ell)}|$.

2. THE q -DEFORMED FOCK SPACES OF HIGHER LEVELS

2.1. q -wedge products and straightening rules. Let n, ℓ, s be integers such that $n \geq 2$ and $\ell \geq 1$. We define $P(s)$ and $P^{++}(s)$ as follows;

- (1) $P(s) = \{k = (k_1, k_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{Z}^\infty \mid k_r = s - r + 1 \text{ for any sufficiently large } r\}$,
- (2) $P^{++}(s) = \{k = (k_1, k_2, \dots) \in P(s) \mid k_1 > k_2 > \dots\}$.

Let Λ^s be the $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ vector space spanned by the q -wedge products

- (3) $u_k = u_{k_1} \wedge u_{k_2} \wedge \dots$, ($k \in P(s)$)

subject to certain commutation relations, so-called straightening rules. Note that the straightening rules depend on n and ℓ . [Ugl00, Proposition 3.16].

Example 2.1. (i) For every $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $u_{k_1} \wedge u_{k_1} = -u_{k_1} \wedge u_{k_1}$. Therefore $u_{k_1} \wedge u_{k_1} = 0$.

(ii) Let $n = 2, \ell = 2, k_1 = -2$, and $k_2 = 4$. Then

$$u_{-2} \wedge u_4 = q u_4 \wedge u_{-2} + (q^2 - 1) u_2 \wedge u_0.$$

(iii) Let $n = 2, \ell = 2, k_1 = -1, k_2 = -2$ and $k_3 = 4$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} u_{-1} \wedge u_{-2} \wedge u_4 &= u_{-1} \wedge (u_{-2} \wedge u_4) = u_{-1} \wedge (q u_4 \wedge u_{-2} + (q^2 - 1) u_2 \wedge u_0) \\ &= q u_{-1} \wedge u_4 \wedge u_{-2} + (q^2 - 1) u_{-1} \wedge u_2 \wedge u_0 \end{aligned}$$

By applying the straightening rules, every q -wedge product u_k is expressed as a linear combination of so-called *ordered q -wedge products*, namely q -wedge products u_k with $k \in P^{++}(s)$. The ordered q -wedge products $\{u_k \mid k \in P^{++}(s)\}$ form a basis of Λ^s called *the standard basis*.

2.2. **Abacus.** It is convenient to use the abacus notation for studying various properties in straightening rules.

Fix an integer $N \geq 2$, and form an infinite abacus with N runners labeled $1, 2, \dots, N$ from left to right. The positions on the i -th runner are labeled by the integers having residue i modulo N .

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\
 -N+1 & -N+2 & \cdots & -1 & 0 & \\
 1 & 2 & \cdots & N-1 & N & \\
 N+1 & N+2 & \cdots & 2N-1 & 2N & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots &
 \end{array}$$

Each $k \in P^{++}(s)$ (or the corresponding q -wedge product u_k) can be represented by a bead-configuration on the abacus with $n\ell$ runners and beads put on the positions k_1, k_2, \dots . We call this configuration *the abacus presentation of u_k* .

Example 2.2. If $n = 2, \ell = 3, s = 0$, and $k = (6, 3, 2, 1, -2, -4, -5, -7, -8, -9, \dots)$, then the abacus presentation of u_k is

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc}
 d = 1 & & d = 2 & & d = 3 & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \textcircled{-17} & \textcircled{-16} & \textcircled{-15} & \textcircled{-14} & \textcircled{-13} & \textcircled{-12} & \cdots m = 3 \\
 \textcircled{-11} & \textcircled{-10} & \textcircled{-9} & \textcircled{-8} & \textcircled{-7} & -6 & \cdots m = 2 \\
 \textcircled{-5} & \textcircled{-4} & -3 & \textcircled{-2} & -1 & 0 & \cdots m = 1 \\
 \textcircled{1} & \textcircled{2} & \textcircled{3} & 4 & 5 & \textcircled{6} & \cdots m = 0 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\
 c = 1 & c = 2 & c = 1 & c = 2 & c = 1 & c = 2 &
 \end{array}$$

We use another labeling of runners and positions. Given an integer k , let c, d and m be the unique integers satisfying

$$(4) \quad k = c + n(d - 1) - n\ell m \quad , \quad 1 \leq c \leq n \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \leq d \leq \ell.$$

Then, in the abacus presentation, the position k is on the $c + n(d - 1)$ -th runner (see the previous example). Relabeling the position k by $c - nm$, we have ℓ abaci with n runners.

Example 2.3. In the previous example, relabeling the position k by $c - nm$, we have

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc}
 d = 1 & & d = 2 & & d = 3 & \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \textcircled{-5} & \textcircled{-4} & \textcircled{-5} & \textcircled{-4} & \textcircled{-5} & \textcircled{-4} & \cdots m = 3 \\
 \textcircled{-3} & \textcircled{-2} & \textcircled{-3} & \textcircled{-2} & \textcircled{-3} & -2 & \cdots m = 2 \\
 \textcircled{-1} & \textcircled{0} & -1 & \textcircled{0} & -1 & 0 & \cdots m = 1 \\
 \textcircled{1} & \textcircled{2} & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 1 & \textcircled{2} & \cdots m = 0 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\
 c = 1 & c = 2 & c = 1 & c = 2 & c = 1 & c = 2 &
 \end{array}$$

We assign to each of ℓ abacus presentations with n runners a q -wedge product of level 1. In fact, straightening rules in each “sector” are the same as those of level 1 by identifying the abacus in the sector with that of level 1. (see Example 2.5 below)

We introduce some notation.

Definition 2.4. For an integer k , let c, d and m be the unique integers satisfying (4), and write

$$(5) \quad u_k = u_{c-nm}^{(d)}.$$

Also we write $u_{c_1-nm_1}^{(d_1)} > u_{c_2-nm_2}^{(d_2)}$ if $k_1 > k_2$, where $k_i = c_i + n(d_i - 1) - n\ell m_i$, ($i = 1, 2$).

We regard $u_{c-nm}^{(d)}$ as u_{c-nm} in the case of $\ell = 1$.

Example 2.5. If $n = 2, \ell = 3$, then we have

$$u_{-10} \wedge u_1 = -q^{-1} u_1 \wedge u_{-10} + (q^{-2} - 1) u_{-4} \wedge u_{-5},$$

that is,

$$u_{-2}^{(1)} \wedge u_1^{(1)} = -q^{-1} u_1^{(1)} \wedge u_{-2}^{(1)} + (q^{-2} - 1) u_0^{(1)} \wedge u_{-1}^{(1)}.$$

On the other hand, in the case of $n = 2, \ell = 1$,

$$u_{-2} \wedge u_1 = -q^{-1} u_1 \wedge u_{-2} + (q^{-2} - 1) u_0 \wedge u_{-1}.$$

2.3. ℓ -tuples of Young diagrams. Another indexation of the ordered q -wedge products is given by the set of pairs (λ, s) of ℓ -tuples of Young diagrams $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(\ell)})$ and integer sequences $s = (s_1, \dots, s_\ell)$ summing up to s . Let $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots) \in P^{++}(s)$, and write

$$k_r = c_r + n(d_r - 1) - n\ell m_r, \quad 1 \leq c_r \leq n, \quad 1 \leq d_r \leq \ell, \quad m_r \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

For $d \in \{1, 2, \dots, \ell\}$, let $k_1^{(d)}, k_2^{(d)}, \dots$ be integers such that

$$\beta^{(d)} = \{c_r - nm_r \mid d_r = d\} = \{k_1^{(d)}, k_2^{(d)}, \dots\} \quad \text{and} \quad k_1^{(d)} > k_2^{(d)} > \dots$$

Then we associate to the sequence $(k_1^{(d)}, k_2^{(d)}, \dots)$ an integer s_d and a partition $\lambda^{(d)}$ by

$$k_r^{(d)} = s_d - r + 1 \quad \text{for sufficiently large } r \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_r^{(d)} = k_r^{(d)} - s_d + r - 1 \quad \text{for } r \geq 1.$$

In this correspondence, we also write

$$(6) \quad u_k = |\lambda; s| \quad (k \in P^{++}(s)).$$

Example 2.6. If $n = 2, \ell = 3, s = 0$, and $k = (6, 3, 2, 1, -2, -4, -5, -7, -8, -9, \dots)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= 6 = 2 + 2(3 - 1) - 6 \cdot 0, & k_2 &= 3 = 1 + 2(2 - 1) - 6 \cdot 0, \\ k_3 &= 2 = 2 + 2(1 - 1) - 6 \cdot 0, & & \dots \text{ and so on.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\beta^{(1)} = \{2, 1, 0, -1, -2, \dots\}, \quad \beta^{(2)} = \{1, 0, -2, -3, -4, \dots\}, \quad \beta^{(3)} = \{2, -3, -4, -5, \dots\}.$$

Thus, $s = (2, 0, -2)$ and $\lambda = (\emptyset, (1, 1), (4))$.

Note that we can read off $s = (2, 0, -2)$ and $\lambda = (\emptyset, (1, 1), (4))$ from the abacus presentation. (see Example 2.3)

2.4. The q -deformed Fock spaces of higher levels.

Definition 2.7. For $s \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$, we define the q -deformed Fock space $F_q[s]$ of level ℓ to be the subspace of Λ^s spanned by $|\lambda; s\rangle$ ($\lambda \in \Pi^\ell$):

$$(7) \quad F_q[s] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Pi^\ell} \mathbb{Q}(q) |\lambda; s\rangle.$$

We call s a multi charge.

2.5. The bar involution.

Definition 2.8. The involution $\bar{}$ of Λ^s is the \mathbb{Q} -vector space automorphism such that $\bar{q} = q^{-1}$ and

$$(8) \quad \bar{u}_k = \overline{u_{k_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge u_{k_r}} \wedge u_{k_{r+1}} \wedge \cdots = (-q)^{\kappa(d_1, \dots, d_r)} q^{-\kappa(c_1, \dots, c_r)} (u_{k_r} \wedge \cdots \wedge u_{k_1}) \wedge u_{k_{r+1}} \wedge \cdots,$$

where c_i, d_i are defined by k_i as in (4), r is an integer satisfying $k_r = s - r + 1$. And $\kappa(a_1, \dots, a_r)$ is defined by

$$\kappa(a_1, \dots, a_r) = \#\{(i, j) \mid i < j, a_i = a_j\}.$$

Remarks (i) The involution is well defined. i.e. it doesn't depend on r [Ugl00].

(ii) The involution comes from the bar involution of affine Hecke algebra \hat{H}_r . (see [Ugl00] for more detail.)

(iii) The involution preserves the q -deformed Fock space $F_q[s]$ of higher level.

2.6. The dominance order. We define a partial ordering $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$. For $|\lambda; s\rangle$ and $|\mu; s\rangle$, we define multi-sets $\tilde{\lambda}$ and $\tilde{\mu}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\lambda} &= \{\lambda_a^{(d)} + s_d \mid 1 \leq d \leq \ell, 1 \leq a \leq \max(l(\lambda^{(d)}), l(\mu^{(d)}))\}, \\ \tilde{\mu} &= \{\mu_a^{(d)} + s_d \mid 1 \leq d \leq \ell, 1 \leq a \leq \max(l(\lambda^{(d)}), l(\mu^{(d)}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by $(\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2, \dots)$ (resp. $(\tilde{\mu}_1, \tilde{\mu}_2, \dots)$) the sequence obtained by rearranging the elements in the multi-set $\tilde{\lambda}$ (resp. $\tilde{\mu}$) in decreasing order.

Definition 2.9. Let $|\lambda; s\rangle = u_{k_1} \wedge u_{k_2} \wedge \cdots$ and $|\mu; s\rangle = u_{g_1} \wedge u_{g_2} \wedge \cdots$. We define $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$ if $|\lambda| = |\mu|$ and

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} \text{(a)} & \tilde{\lambda} \neq \tilde{\mu} \quad , \quad \sum_{j=1}^r \tilde{\lambda}_j \geq \sum_{j=1}^r \tilde{\mu}_j \quad (\text{for all } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad , \text{ or} \\ \text{(b)} & \tilde{\lambda} = \tilde{\mu} \quad , \quad \sum_{j=1}^r k_j \geq \sum_{j=1}^r g_j \quad (\text{for all } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad . \end{cases}$$

Remark. The order in Definition 2.9 is different from the order in [Ugl00] (see Example 2.10 below). However, the unitriangularity in (11) holds for both of them.

Example 2.10. Let $n = \ell = 2$, $s = (1, -1)$, $\lambda = ((1, 1), \emptyset)$, and $\mu = (\emptyset, (2))$. Then, $|\lambda; s\rangle = u_2 \wedge u_1 \wedge u_{-1} \wedge u_{-3} \wedge \cdots$ and $|\mu; s\rangle = u_3 \wedge u_1 \wedge u_{-2} \wedge u_{-3} \wedge \cdots$. In Uglov's order, $|\mu; s\rangle$ is greater than $|\lambda; s\rangle$. However, $|\lambda; s\rangle > |\mu; s\rangle$ under our order since $\{\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2, \tilde{\lambda}_3\} = \{2, 2, -1\}$ and $\{\tilde{\mu}_1, \tilde{\mu}_2, \tilde{\mu}_3\} = \{1, 1, 1\}$.

We define a matrix $(a_{\lambda,\mu}(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ by

$$(10) \quad \overline{|\lambda; s\rangle} = \sum_{\mu} a_{\lambda,\mu}(q) |\mu; s\rangle.$$

Then the matrix $(a_{\lambda,\mu}(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ is unitriangular with respect to \geq , that is

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} \text{(a)} & \text{if } a_{\lambda,\mu}(q) \neq 0, \text{ then } |\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle, \\ \text{(b)} & a_{\lambda,\lambda}(q) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus, by the standard argument, the unitriangularity implies the following theorem.

Theorem 2.11. [Ugl00] *There exist unique bases $\{G^+(\lambda; s) \mid \lambda \in \Pi^\ell\}$ and $\{G^-(\lambda; s) \mid \lambda \in \Pi^\ell\}$ of $F_q[s]$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \overline{G^+(\lambda; s)} = G^+(\lambda; s) \quad , \quad \overline{G^-(\lambda; s)} = G^-(\lambda; s) \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & G^+(\lambda; s) \equiv |\lambda; s\rangle \pmod{q \mathcal{L}^+} \quad , \quad G^-(\lambda; s) \equiv |\lambda; s\rangle \pmod{q^{-1} \mathcal{L}^-} \\ \text{where} \quad & \mathcal{L}^+ = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Pi^\ell} \mathbb{Q}[q] |\lambda; s\rangle \quad , \quad \mathcal{L}^- = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Pi^\ell} \mathbb{Q}[q^{-1}] |\lambda; s\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.12. *Define matrices $\Delta^+(q) = (\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ and $\Delta^-(q) = (\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^-(q))_{\lambda,\mu}$ by*

$$(12) \quad G^+(\lambda; s) = \sum_{\mu} \Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^+(q) |\mu; s\rangle \quad , \quad G^-(\lambda; s) = \sum_{\mu} \Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^-(q) |\mu; s\rangle.$$

The entries $\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}^\pm(q)$ are called *q-decomposition numbers*. Note that *q-decomposition numbers* $\Delta^\pm(q)$ depend on n , ℓ and s . The matrices $\Delta^+(q)$ and $\Delta^-(q)$ are also unitriangular with respect to \geq .

It is known [Ugl00, Theorem 3.26] that the entries of $\Delta^-(q)$ are Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials of parabolic submodules of affine Hecke algebras of type A, and that they are polynomials in $p = -q$ with non-negative integer coefficients (see [KT02]).

3. A COMPARISON OF *q*-DECOMPOSITION NUMBERS

3.1. Sufficiently large and sufficiently small.

Definition 3.1. Let $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$ be a multi charge and $1 \leq j \leq \ell$.

(i). We say that the *j*-th component s_j of the multi charge s is *sufficiently large* for $|\lambda; s\rangle \in F_q[s]$ if

$$(13) \quad s_j - s_i \geq \lambda_1^{(i)} \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell.$$

More generally, we say that s_j is *sufficiently large* for a *q-wedge* u_k if

$$(14) \quad s_j \geq c_r - nm_r \quad \text{for all } r = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $k_r = c_r + n(d_r - 1) - n\ell m_r$, ($r = 1, 2, \dots$), $1 \leq c \leq n$ and $1 \leq d \leq \ell$ (see §2).

(ii). We say that s_j is *sufficiently small* for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ if

$$(15) \quad s_i - s_j \geq |\lambda| = |\lambda^{(1)}| + \dots + |\lambda^{(\ell)}| \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

Note that the definition of sufficiently small depends only on the size of λ and the multi charge s . When we fix the multi charge s , we say that s_j is *sufficiently small* for N if

$$(16) \quad s_i - s_j \geq N \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

Remark. If $|\lambda; s\rangle$ is 0-dominant in the sense of [Ugl00], that is

$$s_i - s_{i+1} \geq |\lambda| = |\lambda^{(1)}| + \cdots + |\lambda^{(\ell)}| \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell - 1,$$

then s_1 is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ and s_ℓ is sufficiently small for $|\lambda; s\rangle$.

Lemma 3.2. *If s_j is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$ and $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$, then*

- (i) $\lambda^{(j)} = \emptyset$,
- (ii) s_j is also sufficiently large for $|\mu; s\rangle$. In particular, $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$.

Proof. It is clear that $\lambda^{(j)} = \emptyset$ by the definition.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} s_j \text{ is sufficiently large for } |\lambda; s\rangle &\Leftrightarrow s_j - s_i \geq \lambda_1^{(i)} \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell \\ &\Leftrightarrow s_j \geq \max\{\lambda_1^{(1)} + s_1, \dots, \lambda_1^{(\ell)} + s_\ell\} = \tilde{\lambda}_1. \end{aligned}$$

If $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$, then $\tilde{\lambda}_1 \geq \tilde{\mu}_1$ and so $s_j \geq \tilde{\mu}_1$. It means that s_j is sufficiently large for $|\mu; s\rangle$. \square

Lemma 3.3. *Suppose that s_j is sufficiently small for $|\lambda; s\rangle$. If $|\lambda; s\rangle \geq |\mu; s\rangle$ and $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$, then $\lambda^{(j)} = \emptyset$.*

Proof. Suppose that $l(\lambda^{(j)}) \geq 1$. Then s_j is the minimal integer in the set $\{\mu_a^{(d)} + s_d \mid 1 \leq d \leq \ell, 1 \leq a \leq \max(l(\lambda^{(d)}), l(\mu^{(d)}))\}$ because $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$ and s_j is the minimal integer in s . On the other hand, the minimal integer in the set $\{\lambda_a^{(d)} + s_d \mid 1 \leq d \leq \ell, 1 \leq a \leq \max(l(\lambda^{(d)}), l(\mu^{(d)}))\}$ is greater than s_j because s_j is sufficiently small for $|\lambda; s\rangle$. Therefore $|\lambda; s\rangle \not\geq |\mu; s\rangle$. This is a contradiction. \square

3.2. Main results. Now, we are ready to state our main theorems.

Theorem 3.4 ([Iij]). *Let $\varepsilon \in \{+, -\}$. If s_j is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$, then*

$$(17) \quad \Delta_{\lambda, \mu; s}^\varepsilon(q) = \Delta_{\check{\lambda}, \check{\mu}; \check{s}}^\varepsilon(q),$$

where $\check{\lambda}$ (resp. $\check{\mu}, \check{s}$) is obtained by omitting the j -th component of λ (resp. μ, s).

Theorem 3.5 ([Iij]). *Let $\varepsilon \in \{+, -\}$. If s_j is sufficiently small for $|\mu; s\rangle$ and $\mu^{(j)} = \emptyset$, then*

$$(18) \quad \Delta_{\lambda, \mu; s}^\varepsilon(q) = \Delta_{\check{\lambda}, \check{\mu}; \check{s}}^\varepsilon(q),$$

where $\check{\lambda}$ (resp. $\check{\mu}, \check{s}$) is obtained by omitting the j -th component of λ (resp. μ, s).

Example 3.6. (i) *If $n = \ell = 2$, $s = (3, -3)$ and $\lambda = (\emptyset, (6))$, $\mu = (\emptyset, (5, 1))$, then s_1 is sufficiently large for $|\lambda; s\rangle$. Hence*

$$\Delta_{\lambda, \mu; s}^-(q) = \Delta_{\check{\lambda}, \check{\mu}; \check{s}}^-(q) = \Delta_{(6), (5, 1); (-3)}^-(q) = -q^{-1}.$$

(ii) *If $n = \ell = 2$, $s = (3, -3)$ and $\lambda = ((6), \emptyset)$, $\mu = ((5, 1), \emptyset)$, then s_2 is sufficiently small for $|\mu; s\rangle$. Hence*

$$\Delta_{\lambda,\mu;s}^{-}(q) = \Delta_{\tilde{\lambda},\tilde{\mu};\tilde{s}}^{-}(q) = \Delta_{(6),(5,1);(-3)}^{-}(q) = -q^{-1}.$$

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