Integrable boundary conditions and \( \mathcal{W} \)-extended fusion in the logarithmic minimal models \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \)

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Abstract
We consider the logarithmic minimal models \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \) as ‘rational’ logarithmic conformal field theories with extended \( \mathcal{W} \) symmetry. To make contact with the extended picture starting from the lattice, we identify \( 4p - 2 \) boundary conditions as specific limits of integrable boundary conditions of the underlying Yang–Baxter integrable lattice models. Specifically, we identify \( 2p \) integrable boundary conditions to match the \( 2p \) known irreducible \( \mathcal{W} \)-representations. These \( 2p \) extended representations naturally decompose into infinite sums of the irreducible Virasoro representations \((r, s)\). A further \( 2p - 2 \) reducible yet indecomposable \( \mathcal{W} \)-representations of rank 2 are generated by fusion and these decompose as infinite sums of indecomposable rank-2 Virasoro representations. The fusion rules in the extended picture are deduced from the known fusion rules for the Virasoro representations of \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \) and are found to be in agreement with previous works. The closure of the fusion algebra on a finite number of representations in the extended picture is remarkable confirmation of the consistency of the lattice approach.

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1. Introduction

Logarithmic conformal field theories \([1, 2]\) are vital in studying the critical behaviour of polymers, percolation and other non-local processes, such as the Abelian sandpile model, that possess a countably infinite number of scaling fields \([3–10]\). The properties of logarithmic theories, however, are very different to the familiar properties of rational conformal field
Logarithmic theories are neither rational in the strict sense nor unitary and typically exhibit logarithmic branch cuts in correlation functions. But perhaps the most characteristic property is that they admit reducible yet indecomposable representations of the underlying conformal algebra (Virasoro or one of its extensions). Some useful reviews on logarithmic conformal field theory can be found in [11–13].

The most studied logarithmic theories to date have central charges
\[ c = c_{p,p'} = 1 - \frac{(p - p')^2}{pp'}, \quad p, p' \in \mathbb{N} \text{ coprime}. \] (1.1)

These theories are often referred to as augmented \( c_{p,p'} \) minimal models within the algebraic approach to logarithmic theories. This algebraic approach has proved to be very powerful and has produced a substantial body of results [14–25]. However, it is convenient for us to work here in a lattice approach and consider the logarithmic minimal models \( \mathcal{LM}(p, p') \) [26]. The logarithmic minimal models have precisely the central charges (1.1) and are defined in an unambiguous and physically consistent manner through the continuum scaling limit of Yang–Baxter integrable models on the square lattice. There is now accumulating evidence from conformal data, the structure of indecomposable representations and fusion rules [27–29] to indicate that the logarithmic minimal models \( \mathcal{LM}(p, p') \) actually coincide with the augmented \( c_{p,p'} \) minimal models.

A very interesting open question concerns the existence of some form of extended conformal symmetry in these logarithmic theories. From the algebraic approach, it is known [14, 15, 17] that the augmented \( c_{1,p} \) minimal models indeed possess an extended \( W \)-algebra symmetry. In the \( W \)-extended picture, the countably infinite Virasoro representations are reorganized into a finite number of \( W \)-representations which close among themselves under fusion. In this paper, we consider the logarithmic minimal models \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \). The first member \( \mathcal{LM}(1,2) \) of this series, with central charge \( c = -2 \), is critical dense polymers [30] in the Virasoro picture but symplectic fermions [18] in the \( W \)-extended picture. Our central result is to demonstrate the compatibility of the Virasoro and \( W \)-extended pictures of the \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \) models within the lattice approach. This is achieved by identifying the integrable boundary conditions corresponding to the \( W \)-extended representations and using the known Virasoro fusion rules to establish the \( W \)-extended fusion rules. In the process, we also establish that the logarithmic minimal models provide lattice realizations of symplectic fermions and other logarithmic theories with extended conformal symmetry.

The layout of this paper is as follows. In section 2, we recall properties of the various Virasoro representations (Kac, irreducible, indecomposable), their characters, corresponding integrable boundary conditions and their associated fusion rules. In section 3, we recall the properties of the \( W \)-representations (irreducible, indecomposable) and their extended characters. We use fusion of irreducible Virasoro representations to construct \( 2p \) integrable boundary conditions as solutions to the boundary Yang–Baxter equation and identify these with the irreducible \( W \)-representations. These \( 2p \) extended representations naturally decompose into infinite sums of the irreducible Virasoro representations \((r,s)\). Fusion of the irreducible \( W \)-representations produces a further \( 2p - 2 \) reducible yet indecomposable \( W \)-representations of rank 2 which decompose as infinite sums of indecomposable rank-2 Virasoro representations. This yields a total of \( 4p - 2 \) representations in the \( W \)-extended picture. Finally, we use the known Virasoro fusion rules to deduce the fusion rules of the \( W \)-representations and find that they are in agreement with previous works. Explicit Cayley tables for \( \mathcal{LM}(1,2) \) and \( \mathcal{LM}(1,3) \) are given in figure 4. Throughout, we use the notation \( \mathbb{Z}_{n,m} = \mathbb{Z} \cap [n, m] \), with \( n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \), to denote the set of integers from \( n \) to \( m \), both included.
Figure 1. Typical configuration of a logarithmic minimal model. For the $\mathcal{LM}(1, 2)$ model, $\beta = 0$ and closed loops are thus forbidden. Since the nonlocal degrees of freedom are connectivities, the transfer matrices act on link states which keep track of the planar connectivities. Here the $(r, s) = (1, 3)$ boundary condition is applied so that there are $s - 1 = 2$ defects propagating in the bulk.

2. Logarithmic minimal model $\mathcal{LM}(1, p)$: Virasoro picture

For a given integer $p > 1$, the logarithmic minimal model $\mathcal{LM}(1, p)$ is defined [26] as a Yang–Baxter integrable model on the square lattice. The face operators are defined in the planar Temperley–Lieb algebra [31] by

$$X(u) = \frac{\sin(\lambda - u)}{\sin \lambda} + \frac{\sin u}{\sin \lambda}$$

where $u$ is the spectral parameter and $\lambda = (p-1)\pi/p$ is the crossing parameter. The relations in the diagrammatic algebra ensure that, in addition to the face Boltzmann weights, each closed loop is weighted by the nonlocal loop fugacity $\beta = 2 \cos \lambda$. A typical configuration is shown in figure 1.

In the continuum scaling limit, the $\mathcal{LM}(1, p)$ model is described by a logarithmic CFT with central charge

$$c = 1 - 6\frac{(p - 1)^2}{p} = -2, -7, -\frac{25}{2}, -\frac{91}{5}, -24, \ldots \quad p = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \ldots$$

and Virasoro conformal weights

$$\Delta_{r,s} = \frac{(rp - s)^2 - (p - 1)^2}{4p}, \quad r, s \in \mathbb{N}.$$  

The Kac tables of the first two members of this sequence are shown in figure 2. The $\mathcal{LM}(1, 2)$ model is critical dense polymers [30] in the Virasoro picture but symplectic fermions [18] in the $\mathcal{W}$-extended picture.

2.1. Kac representations

Extending ideas originating with Cardy [32, 33], the fusion of representations of the conformal algebra can be implemented on the lattice by combining integrable boundary conditions associated with these representations on the left and right edges of a strip. On the strip, there is a simple correspondence between integrable boundary conditions, conformal boundary
conditions and representations of the chiral algebra. If the chiral algebra is the Virasoro algebra, they are each labelled by the Kac labels \((r, s)\) with \(r, s \in \mathbb{N}\). The integrable boundary conditions are determined by finding solutions to the boundary Yang–Baxter equations (BYBE). As in the rational case \([34]\), these solutions are constructed by fusing integrable seams to the boundary as shown in figure 3. Schematically,

\[(r, s) = (r, 1) \otimes (1, s) \otimes (1, 1), \quad r, s \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{2.4}\]

The details of the construction need not concern us here but, for each \(r\), there is at least one choice for the number of columns \(\rho - 1\) and the integers \(k_0\) in the column inhomogeneities \(\xi_k = (k + k_0 + 1)\lambda\) to yield the required \((r, s)\) integrable boundary.

Although there is a countably infinite number of integrable boundary conditions and corresponding Kac representations \((r, s)\), there is no claim that this classification is complete as it is in the rational cases. Indeed, further integrable boundary conditions and corresponding representations can be found by applying additional fusions in (2.4). We will exploit this freedom later to construct new boundary conditions associated with the \(W\)-extended picture.

For the \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\) models, the conformal character of the Kac representation \((r, s)\) is given by

\[\chi_{r,s}(q) = \frac{q^{(\frac{r}{2} + \frac{s}{2})}}{\eta(q)} \left(1 - q^{rs}\right) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \left(q^{(sp-s)/4p} - q^{(sp+s)/4p}\right), \tag{2.5}\]
Figure 3. Construction of the integrable boundary condition corresponding to the Kac representation \((r, s)\). The \((r, s)\) solution to the BYBE is built by fusing integrable \((r, 1)\) and \((1, s)\) seams to the \((1, 1)\) or vacuum boundary. The column inhomogeneities are \(\xi_k = (k + k_0 + \frac{1}{2})\lambda\).

There is at least one choice of the integers \(\rho\) and \(k_0\) for each \(r\). The \(\rho\) columns are considered as a part of the right boundary. The arches at the top close to the left with a maximum of \(\rho + s - 2\) defects propagating in the bulk. Similarly, the \(s - 1\) arches of the \((1, s)\) seam are not allowed to close among themselves. However, some of the \(\rho - 1\) \((r, 1)\)-seam arches can close with some of the \(s - 1\) \((1, s)\)-seam arches. In this case, fewer than \(\rho + s - 2\) defects propagate in the bulk. Left boundary solutions labelled by \((r', s')\) are constructed similarly.

where the Dedekind eta function is defined by

\[
\eta(q) = q^{1/24} \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^m).
\]

(2.6)

A priori, a Kac representation is either irreducible or reducible. The only Kac representations to be used here are the irreducible Kac representations

\[
\{(1, kp), (r, s); s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p}; r, k \in \mathbb{N}\}.
\]

(2.7)

Since their characters all correspond to irreducible Virasoro characters, these Kac representations must indeed themselves be irreducible. Set (2.7) constitutes an exhaustive list of irreducible Kac representations. Two Kac representations are naturally identified if they have identical conformal weights and are both irreducible. For the \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\) models, the relations

\[
(1, kp) \equiv (k, p), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}
\]

(2.8)

are the only such identifications.

2.2. Indecomposable representations of rank 2

Indecomposable representations of rank 2 or 3 arise from certain fusions of Kac representations in \(\mathcal{LM}(p, p')\) and are generally denoted \(\mathcal{R}_{r,s}^{a,b}\). In the case of \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\), there are no rank-3 representations and the rank-2 representations are here given by the shorthand notation

\[
\mathcal{R}_r^a \equiv \mathcal{R}_{1,rp}^0 = \mathcal{R}_{r,p}^0, \quad r \in \mathbb{N}; a \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}.
\]

(2.9)

Their characters read

\[
\chi[\mathcal{R}_r^a](q) = \chi_{r,p-a}(q) + \chi_{r,pr-a}(q) = \chi_{1,rp-a}(q) + \chi_{1,rp+1-a}(q)
\]

\[
= \chi_{r-1,a}(q) + 2\chi_{r,p-a}(q) + \chi_{r+1,a}(q).
\]

(2.10)
2.3. Virasoro fusion algebra of $\mathcal{LM}(1, p)$

The fundamental fusion algebra of $\mathcal{LM}(1, p)$ [29],

$$(2, 1), (1, 2)) \equiv ((r, s), R^r_{s}; a \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}; s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p}; r \in \mathbb{N})_{1,p},$$

is commutative and associative. To describe the fusion rules, we set $R^0_n \equiv (n, p), R^a_{-1} \equiv -R^a_{1}, R^0_0 \equiv 0$ and

$$\delta^{(2)}_{j,[n,a']} = 2 - \delta_{j,[n-a']} - \delta_{j,n+a'},$$

$$\delta^{(4)}_{j,[n,a']} = 4 - 3\delta_{j,[n-a']-1} - 2\delta_{j,[n-a']-1} - \delta_{j,n+a'-1} - 2\delta_{j,n+a'-1} - 3\delta_{j,n+a'+1}.$$ (2.12)

For $a, a', s_0, s'_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}$, the fusion rules [29] are

$$(1, s_0) \otimes R^0_n = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} R^0_{n-1-2i},$$

$$R^0_n \otimes R^0_n = \bigoplus_{j=[n-a'] by 2} \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} R^0_{j-1-2i} \right\},$$

$$R^0_n \otimes R^a_{n'} = \left( \bigoplus_{j=[n-a'] by 2} \delta^{(2)}_{j,[n,a']} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right) \right) \times \bigoplus_{j=[n-a'] by 2} \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-a'-1}{2} \rfloor} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right\},$$

where for $s_0 + s'_0, s_0 + a, a + a' \leq p$

$$(1, s_0) \otimes (1, s'_0) = \bigoplus_{j=[s_0-s'_0+1 by 2]}^{s_0+s'_0-1} (1, j),$$

$$(1, s_0) \otimes R^a_n = \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min\{s_0-1, \frac{n-1}{2}\}} R^a_{n+2i-1-2i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} R^a_{n-1-2i} \right\},$$

$$R^a_n \otimes R^a_{n'} = \left( \bigoplus_{j=[n-a'] by 2} \delta^{(2)}_{j,[n,a']} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-a'-1}{2} \rfloor} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\frac{n-a'-1}{2}} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right) \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{j=[n-a'] by 2} \right) \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\frac{n-a'-1}{2}} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\frac{n-a'-1}{2}} R^a_{j-1-2i} \right),$$

while for $s_0 + s'_0, s_0 + a, a + a' > p$

$$(1, s_0) \otimes (1, s'_0) = \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-s'_0-s_0-1}{2} \rfloor}^p \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-s'_0-s_0-1}{2} \rfloor} \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-s'_0-s_0-1}{2} \rfloor} \right),$$
(1, s₀) ⊗ ℐₐₙ⁻¹ = \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a-1,\lceil \frac{2n-2a-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} ℐ_{p-a-1-2i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a-1,\lceil \frac{2n-2a-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} ℐ_{n+a-1-2i} \right\}

ℐₐₙ⁻¹ ⊗ ℐₐₙ⁻¹' = \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+a'+1} \delta_4^{(j,n,a')} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a'-1,\lceil \frac{2n'-2a'-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} ℐ_{p-a'-1-2i} \right) \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{p-\max(p-a',-1)} ℐ_{p-a'-1-2i} \right\}

\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a'-1,\lceil \frac{2n'-2a'-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} \delta_2^{(j,n,a')} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a-1,\lceil \frac{2n-2a-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} ℐ_{p-a-1-2i} \right) \bigoplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min(p-a-1,\lceil \frac{2n-2a-1}{2} \rceil - 1)} ℐ_{n+a-1-2i} \right)

(2.15)

In the special case of critical dense polymers \( LM(1, 2) \), the fundamental fusion algebra reads

\langle (r, 1), (1, 2) \rangle_{1,2} = \{ (r, s), ℐ₁ \}; r ∈ ℤ, s ∈ \{1, 2\}_{1,2} \tag{2.16}

with fusion rules

\( (r, 1) \otimes (r', s) = \bigoplus_{j=[r-r'+1], by 2}^{r+r'-1} \delta_{j} \langle j, s \rangle \),

\( (r, 2) \otimes (r', 2) = \bigoplus_{j=[r-r'+1], by 2}^{r+r'-1} ℐ_{j} \),

\( (r, 1) \otimes ℐ_{j} = \bigoplus_{j=[r-r'+1], by 2}^{r+r'-1} ℐ_{j} \),

\( (r, 2) \otimes ℐ_{j} = \bigoplus_{j=[r-r'+1], by 2}^{r+r'-1} \delta_2^{(j, r', r')} \langle j, 2 \rangle \),

\( ℐ_{1} \otimes ℐ_{1} = \bigoplus_{j=[r-r'+1], by 2}^{r+r'-1} \delta_2^{(j, r', r')} ℐ_{j} \). \tag{2.17}

Here, the superscript 1 on \( ℐ_{1} \) is redundant but kept for consistency of notation.

Introducing

\( \epsilon(n) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^n), \quad n ∈ ℤ \) \tag{2.18}

a particular subset of the fusion rules (2.13)–(2.15) can be written in the following compact form:

\( (1, s) \otimes (1, s') = \left\{ \bigoplus_{j=[s-s'+1], by 2}^{p-\max(p-s-s'-1, 0)} (1, j) \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s+s'-p-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \tag{2.19} \)

\( (1, s) \otimes ℐ_{1} = \left\{ \bigoplus_{j=[s-a], by 2}^{p-\max(p-s-a, 0)} ℐ_{j} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s-a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s-a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s-a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \)

\( (1, s) \otimes ℐ_{1} = \left\{ \bigoplus_{j=[s+a], by 2}^{p-\max(p-s+a, 0)} ℐ_{j} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s+a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s+a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \bigoplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^{s+a-1} ℐ_{i} \right\} \)
Explicitly, the characters of these irreducible representations are given by

\[
\chi(a, s, q) = \frac{\eta(q)^{2a}}{\eta(q^2)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{nz^2} p^n z^n.
\]

where \(a, s' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p}\) and \(a, s' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p-1}\). These expressions correspond to setting \(n, n' = 1\) in (2.13)–(2.15) and will be used below.

3. The logarithmic minimal model \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\): extended picture

We now consider the logarithmic minimal models \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\) as ‘rational’ logarithmic CFTs with extended \(W\) symmetry. In this picture, the characters of the infinity of Kac representations are reorganized into a finite number of extended characters given as infinite sums of the Kac characters with suitable multiplicities. The central charges are given by (2.2) but now there is a finite Kac table of conformal weights as shown in figure 2.

\[
\Delta_{r,s} = \frac{(rp - s)^2 - (p - 1)^2}{4p}, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,2}; \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p}
\]

(3.1)
corresponding to the \(2p\) irreducible representations here denoted by

\[
(r, s)_{\mathcal{W}}, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,2}; \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p}.
\]

(3.2)

Explicitly, the characters of these irreducible representations are given by

\[
\hat{\chi}_{1, r}(q) = \chi[(1, s)_{\mathcal{W}}] = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \left( s \vartheta_{p-s, p}(q) + 2 \vartheta'_{p-s, p}(q) \right),
\]

\[
\hat{\chi}_{2, r}(q) = \chi[(2, s)_{\mathcal{W}}] = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \left( s \vartheta_{s, p}(q) - 2 \vartheta'_{s, p}(q) \right),
\]

(3.3)

where \(\eta(q)\) is the Dedekind eta function (2.6) and \(\vartheta_{s, p}(q) = \vartheta_{s, p}(q, 1)\) with

\[
\vartheta_{s, p}(q, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} q^{nz^2} z^n, \quad \vartheta'(q) = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vartheta_{s, p}(q, z).\]

(3.4)

The \(2p\) irreducible characters in the extended picture of \(\mathcal{LM}(1, p)\) can be expanded in terms of the characters of the Kac representations as follows:

\[
\hat{\chi}_{1, r}(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n-1) \chi_{2n-1, r}(q), \quad \hat{\chi}_{2, r}(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n \chi_{2n, r}(q),
\]

(3.5)

where \(s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p}\). In addition, there are \(2p - 2\) indecomposable rank-2 representations which we denote by

\[
(\mathcal{R}^a_{1})_{\mathcal{W}}, \quad (\mathcal{R}^a_{2})_{\mathcal{W}}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, p-1}.
\]

(3.6)

Though inequivalent, their characters are equal in pairs:

\[
\chi[(\mathcal{R}^a_{1})_{\mathcal{W}}](q) = \chi[(\mathcal{R}^{p-a}_{2})_{\mathcal{W}}](q) = 2\hat{\chi}_{1, p-a}(q) + 2\hat{\chi}_{2, a}(q).
\]

(3.7)

As we will discuss below, the rank-2 representations themselves differ in their Jordan-cell structures and general embedding structures.
The extended vacuum character of 3.1. Extended boundary conditions and their fusion algebra

\[ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (r', s')_W = \left( \bigoplus_{j=|s-r|+1, 2}^{p-|p-s-r|+1} (r', j)_W \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=|s-r|+1, 2}^{s+p'-p-1} (R^\ell_{r-r'})_W \right), \]

\[ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (R^a_r)_W = \left( \bigoplus_{j=|a-r|+1, 2}^{p-|p-a-r|+1} (R^\ell_{r-r})_W \right) \oplus 2 \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=|a-r|+1, 2}^{s+a-p-1} (R^\ell_{r-r'})_W \right), \]

\[ \left( R^a_r \right)_W \hat{\otimes} \left( R^a_{r'} \right)_W = 2 \left( (r, p-a)_W \oplus (3-r, a)_W \right) \hat{\otimes} \left( R^a_r \right)_W, \] where \( r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1, 2} \) and

\[ r \cdot r' = 1 + \epsilon (r + r'). \] (3.8)

3.1. Extended boundary conditions and their fusion algebra

The extended vacuum character of \( \mathcal{LM}(1, p) \) is

\[ \tilde{x}_{1, 1}(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n-1) x_{2n-1, 1}(q). \] (3.9)

This suggests that the corresponding integrable boundary condition should be given by the direct sum

\[ (1, 1)_W = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n-1)(2n-1, 1). \] (3.10)

However, the BYBE is not linear and sums of solutions do not usually give new solutions. Rather, the BYBE is closed under fusions. It follows that if we can construct the desired direct sum from fusions, then automatically it will be a solution of the BYBE.

We thus consider the triple fusion

\[ (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{n} (2k - 1)(2k - 1, 1) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=n+1}^{3n-2} (3n - k - 1)(2k - 1, 1) = (1, 1) \oplus 3(3, 1) \oplus 5(5, 1) \oplus \cdots \]

\[ \times (2n - 1)(2n - 1, 1) \oplus \cdots. \] (3.11)

The coefficients in the tail for \((2n + 1, 1)\) and beyond have not saturated for this finite \(n\), but as \(n \to \infty\) the coefficients progressively stabilize and exactly reproduce the multiplicities of the extended vacuum \((1, 1)_W\). We conclude that the extended vacuum boundary condition can be constructed by fusing three \(r\)-type integrable seams to the boundary

\[ (1, 1)_W := \lim_{n \to \infty} (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)(2n - 1, 1). \] (3.12)
This extended vacuum has the following remarkable stability property:

\[(2m - 1, 1) \otimes (1, 1)_W = (2m - 1) \left( \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)(2n - 1, 1) \right) = (2m - 1)(1, 1)_W,\]

(3.14)

and more generally satisfies

\[(2m - 1, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W = (2m - 1) \left( \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)(2n - 1, s) \right),\]

\[(2m, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W = 2m \left( \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n(2n, s) \right),\]

\[R_{2m-1}^a \otimes (1, 1)_W = (2m - 1) \left( \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)R_{2m-1}^a \right),\]

\[R_{2m}^a \otimes (1, 1)_W = 2m \left( \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} 2nR_{2m}^a \right),\]

for all \(s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p}, a \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}\) and \(m \in \mathbb{N}\).

We want the extended vacuum boundary representation \((1, 1)_W\) to act as the identity in the fusion algebra associated with the extended picture. In particular, we require that

\[\hat{W}(1, 1)_W \otimes (1, 1)_W = (1, 1)_W,\]  

(3.16)

where \(\hat{\otimes}\) denotes the fusion multiplication in the extended picture. This can be achieved by interpreting this extended fusion multiplication as a limit of a rescaled fusion in the logarithmic minimal model

\[(1, 1)_W \otimes (1, 1)_W := \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{(2n - 1)^3} (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (1, 1)_W \right)
= (1, 1)_W,\]  

(3.17)

thus ensuring that fusion in the extended picture has a natural implementation on the lattice.

Now, a representation in the extended picture \((\hat{A})_W\) is constructed as the integrable boundary condition \(A \otimes (1, 1)_W\) where \(A\) is some representation in the logarithmic minimal model. Fusion in the extended picture is then described by

\[(\hat{A})_W \otimes (\hat{B})_W = (A \otimes (1, 1)_W) \otimes (B \otimes (1, 1)_W) = (A \otimes B) \otimes ((1, 1)_W \otimes (1, 1)_W)
= \left( \bigoplus_j C_j \right) \otimes (1, 1)_W = \left( \bigoplus_j (\hat{C}_j)_W \right),\]  

(3.18)

where \(A \otimes B = \bigoplus_j C_j\) is the fusion of the representations \(A\) and \(B\) in the logarithmic minimal model. This extended fusion prescription is readily seen to be both associative and commutative. It is also immediately confirmed that \((1, 1)_W\) is the identity of the ensuing fusion algebra

\[(1, 1)_W \otimes (\hat{A})_W = ((1, 1) \otimes (1, 1)_W) \otimes (A \otimes (1, 1)_W) = ((1, 1) \otimes A) \otimes (1, 1)_W = (\hat{A})_W.\]  

(3.19)

We proceed by identifying the integrable boundary conditions corresponding to the \(2p\) irreducible representations \((r, s)_W\) and to the \(2p - 2\) reducible yet indecomposable rank-2
representations \((\mathcal{R}_i^n)_W\) in the extended picture

\[
(1, s)_W := (1, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)(2n - 1, s),
\]

\[
(2, s)_W := \frac{1}{2} (2, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n(2n, s),
\]

\[
(\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W := \mathcal{R}_1^n \otimes (1, 1)_W = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n - 1)\mathcal{R}_{2n-1}^n,
\]

\[
(\mathcal{R}_2^n)_W := \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}_2^n \otimes (1, 1)_W = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n\mathcal{R}_{2n}^n,
\]

where \(s \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p}\) and \(a \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}\). These expansions follow by setting \(m = 1\) in (3.15). Similarly, from (3.15), fusions such as \((2m - 1, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W\) and \((2m, s) \otimes (1, 1)_W\) do not add independent fusion generators to the list (3.20). We also note that

\[
(2, s)_W = (1, s) \otimes (2, 1)_W = (1, s)_W \otimes (2, 1)_W,
\]

\[
(\mathcal{R}_2^n)_W = \mathcal{R}_2^n \otimes (2, 1)_W = (\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W \otimes (2, 1)_W.
\]

Considering the expansions in (3.20), we conjecture that the embedding structures of the rank-2 indecomposable representations \((\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W\) and \((\mathcal{R}_2^{p-a})_W\) can be described by

\[
(2, a)_W \quad (1, p - a)_W
\]

\[
(\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W : \quad (1, p - a)_W \leftarrow (1, p - a)_W \quad (\mathcal{R}_2^{p-a})_W : \quad (2, a)_W \leftarrow (2, a)_W
\]

\[
(2, a)_W \quad (1, p - a)_W
\]

where the horizontal arrows indicate the off-diagonal action of the Virasoro mode \(L_0\). Our argument is based on the embedding patterns of the individual rank-2 indecomposable Virasoro representations \(\mathcal{R}_n^a\) described in [16] and on the assertion that the indecomposable representations \((\mathcal{R}_i^n)_W\) can be described by embedding diagrams linking irreducible \(\mathcal{W}\)-representations. To determine the embedding structure of \((\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W\), for example, we thus have to add or combine embedding patterns

\[
(\mathcal{R}_1^n)_W = \mathcal{R}_1^n \oplus 3\mathcal{R}_3^3 \oplus 5\mathcal{R}_5^5 \oplus 7\mathcal{R}_7^7 \oplus ...
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
(2, a) \\
(1, p - a)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
(1, p - a)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
(4, a) \\
(3, p - a) \\
(2, a)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
(6, a) \\
(5, p - a) \\
(4, a)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
(5, p - a) \\
(7, p - a) \\
(6, a)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
(8, a)
\end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
+ 5 \begin{pmatrix}
(5, p - a) \\
(4, a)
\end{pmatrix}
+ 7 \begin{pmatrix}
(7, p - a) \\
(6, a)
\end{pmatrix} + ...
\]

(3.23)
This expansion involves the correct numbers of irreducible Virasoro representations making up the irreducible $\mathcal{V}$-representations (3.20) appearing in (3.22). With the announced assertion, we are led to conjecture (3.22). Embedding patterns similar to (3.22) also appeared in [19, 20, 22].

With definitions (3.20) and employing the properties (3.15) and (3.21), we now establish that our fusion prescription (3.18) applied to the fusion rules of the logarithmic minimal model yields the fusion algebra of the extended picture (3.8).

To do this, we first consider the fusion

$$ (2, 1)_W \hat{\otimes} (2, 1)_W = \frac{1}{2}((1, 1) \oplus (3, 1)) \otimes (1, 1)_W = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 3)(1, 1)_W = (1, 1)_W $$.  

(3.24)

and conclude that the horizontal fusion algebra $(2, 1)_W$ in the extended picture is isomorphic to the well-known $A_2$ fusion algebra. This readily implies that

$$ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (r', s')_W = (r \cdot r', 1)_W \hat{\otimes} ((1, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (1, s')_W). $$.  

(3.25)

Likewise, we find that

$$ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_r^a)_W = (r \cdot r', 1)_W \hat{\otimes} (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_1^j)_W, $$

$$ (\mathcal{R}_r^a)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_r^a)_W = (r \cdot r', 1)_W \hat{\otimes} ((\mathcal{R}_1^j)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_1^j)_W). $$

(3.26)

The vertical ($r$- and $r'$-independent) parts of (3.25) and (3.26) are examined using the compact expressions (2.19). Only the last of the three types of fusion undergoes a simplification in the extended picture, namely

$$ (\mathcal{R}_1^j)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_1^j)_W = (\mathcal{R}_1^j \oplus \mathcal{R}_1^j) \otimes (1, 1)_W = 2 \left( \mathcal{R}_2^a \right)_W. $$

It is also recalled that $\mathcal{R}_2^a \otimes (1, 1)_W = 2(\mathcal{R}_2^a)_W$. In conclusion, the fusion algebra in the extended picture reads

$$ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (r', s')_W = \left( \bigoplus_{j=s+r}^{p-s-r-1} (r \cdot r', j)_W \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=(s \pm s' - p)}^{p-s-r-1} (\mathcal{R}_{3-r'}^j)_W \right), $$

$$ (r, s)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_{r}^a)_W = \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=(s \pm a - 1)}^{p-s-r-1} (\mathcal{R}_{r}^a)_{W} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=(s \pm a - 1)}^{p-s-r-1} (\mathcal{R}_{3-r'}^j)_{W} \right), $$

$$ \bigoplus_{\ell=(a \pm a - 1)}^{p-s-r-1} (\mathcal{R}_{3-r'}^j)_{W}, $$

$$ (\mathcal{R}_{r}^a)_W \hat{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}_{r}^a)_W = \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=(p-a+1)}^{p-a-1} (\mathcal{R}_{r}^a)_{W} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\ell=(p-a+1)}^{p-a-1} (\mathcal{R}_{3-r'}^j)_{W} \right), $$

$$ \bigoplus_{\ell=(a \pm a - 1)}^{p-s-r-1} (\mathcal{R}_{3-r'}^j)_{W}, $$

(3.28)
Figure 4. Cayley tables of the fusion algebras of $\mathcal{L}(M(2),2)$ and $\mathcal{L}(M(3),2)$ respectively in the chiral field picture. The irreducible representations $(R_i)$ are denoted by $\Delta_i$. To further facilitate a comparison with [17], we denote the indecomposable rank-2 representations $(R_2)$ by $R_{\nu}$. In the case of $\mathcal{L}(M(2),2)$ and $\mathcal{L}(M(3),3)$.
where the subscript \(3 - r \cdot r'\) arises from \((r \cdot r') \cdot 2\). We recall that \((R^0_r)_W = (r, p)_W, r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,2}, s, s' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p}, a, a' \in \mathbb{Z}_{1,p-1}\) and that \(e(n)\) and \(r \cdot r'\) are defined in (2.18) and (3.9), respectively. It follows straightforwardly from the fusion rules (3.28) that
\[
(R^r_{s'})_W \hat{\otimes} (R^r_{s'})_W = 2((r, p - a)_W \oplus (3 - r, a)_W) \hat{\otimes} (R^r_{s'})_W
\]
(3.29)
thus verifying that our fusion algebra in the extended picture (3.28) is equivalent to (3.8).

4. Discussion

We have considered the logarithmic minimal models \(LM(1, p)\) from a lattice perspective and looked for integrable structures which, in the continuum scaling limit, reflect the \(\mathcal{W}\)-extended symmetry. Although Virasoro and extended conformal symmetries cannot be seen directly on a finite lattice, since the finite system size manifestly breaks these symmetries, it is possible to see the shadow of the extended conformal symmetry in the structure of the ensuing closed finite fusion algebras.

Extending ideas originating with Cardy \([32, 33]\), the fusion of representations of the conformal algebra can be implemented on the lattice by combining integrable boundary conditions associated with these fusions on the left and right edges of a strip. For rational theories, such as the minimal models, these integrable boundary conditions are constructed \([34]\), as solutions to the boundary Yang–Baxter equation, by fusing (in a lattice formulation of fusion) a finite number of columns to the boundary. However, in the context of the logarithmic minimal models \(LM(1, p)\) in the extended picture, such a construction with a finite number of columns cannot work. This is clear since it is known \([29]\) that such constructions lead to finite direct sums of Virasoro representations whereas, from character formulae, it is clear that the \(\mathcal{W}\)-representations must in fact correspond to infinite sums of such representations.

In this paper, we have constructed \(4p - 2\) integrable boundary conditions of the \(LM(1, p)\) models, associated with the \(4p - 2\) distinct \(\mathcal{W}\)-representations, as limits of fusions on the boundary of the lattice. In effect, the limiting process \((1, 1)_W := \lim_{n \to \infty} (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1) \otimes (2n - 1, 1)\) implies that the boundary condition is described by an infinite number of columns since, referring to figure 3, the number of columns is \(3(\rho + s - 2) = 3(\rho - 1) \to \infty\) as \(n \to \infty\). On the one hand, this introduces a class of boundary conditions allowing for arbitrarily large number of defects to propagate in the bulk (the maximum number \(3(\rho - 1) \to \infty\) as \(n \to \infty\)) compared to the fixed upper bound on the number of defects that emerges in the Virasoro picture (the maximum number of defects for an \((r, s)\) boundary condition is \(\rho + s - 2\)). On the other hand, it also means that the \(\mathcal{W}\)-extended fusion on the lattice requires a non-trivial normalization to be well defined in the limit of a large system. When normalized appropriately, we have shown that these new boundary conditions possess some simple stability properties that enable us to deduce the \(\mathcal{W}\)-extended fusion rules \([17, 22, 36]\) from the known fusion rules \([16, 29]\) in the Virasoro picture. The closure of this fusion algebra on a finite number of representations in the extended picture is remarkable confirmation of the consistency of the lattice approach and a clear demonstration that the logarithmic minimal models also provide lattice realizations of symplectic fermions and other logarithmic theories with extended conformal symmetry. Explicit Cayley tables for \(LM(1, 2)\) and \(LM(1, 3)\) are given in figure 4.

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