1. Introduction

This project is part of a programme to understand the admissible-level Wess-Zumino-Witten (WZW) models for a Lie algebra or superalgebra \( g \). While the theories with non-negative integer levels and simple Lie algebras lead to rational conformal field theories and, as such, are very well understood, the situation is much more complicated and rich for other levels or when superalgebras are involved. Indeed, the non-rational admissible-level WZW models are expected to be prime examples of logarithmic conformal field theories, these being models that admit representations on which the hamiltonian acts non-diagonalisably, leading to correlation functions with logarithmic singularities. Another interesting feature of these models is that they have a continuous spectrum of modules.

We view our programme as complementary to older approaches. In particular, Quella, Saleur, Schomerus et al. [1–9] approached supergroup WZW theories via free field realisations and semiclassical limits (the minisuperspace analysis), the interest being rather in features of the WZW theory of the supergroup at integer levels. Another approach employed was to learn more about the conformal field theory using the mock modular behaviour of certain irreducible characters [10–12]. The relatively accessible case of \( g = \mathfrak{sl}(1|1) \) has also been studied from a more algebraic perspective by two of us [13, 14].

Presently, we have a very good picture in the case of \( g = \mathfrak{sl}_2 \) [15–23]. In order to extend our understanding to more sophisticated theories, one has to develop some basic strategies. First, one has to study the general theory of relaxed highest-weight modules. These new generalisations of the usual highest-weight modules were introduced in the conformal field theory literature in [24] for \( g = \mathfrak{sl}_2 \), though they had already appeared in mathematics classifications such as [15], but have only recently been formalised in a general setting [25]. Since then, the role played by irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules in facilitating the study of general admissible-level WZW models has been widely appreciated and the field has been rapidly developing, see [26–29] for example.

Second, one should develop techniques to reconstruct, at least in favourable circumstances, the representation theory of the algebra of interest in terms of those of subalgebras. We call this technique the (inverse) coset construction. This formalism has recently been developed in detail and rigour in [30–33] and, as a preparatory example, we have studied the logarithmic parafermion algebras of \( \mathfrak{sl}_2 \) at (negative) admissible levels [34]. The present paper is concerned with the minimal models for \( g = \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \), these being the admissible-level WZW models, building on the insights obtained for a particular level in [35]. In a sequel, the results of this paper will be combined with those of [34] in order to understand the minimal models of \( \mathfrak{sl}(2|1) \) at admissible levels.

Recently, vertex superalgebras and their modules have appeared as invariants of four-dimensional superconformal theories. For example, those associated with \( \mathfrak{sl}_2 \) and certain subregular \( W \)-algebras at various admissible levels arise in the study of Argyres-Douglas theories [36–38]. Their vacuum characters coincide with the Schur indices of these four-dimensional theories, while the indices of line defects are identified with characters of highest-weight modules and those of surface indices seem to correspond to relaxed highest-weight characters [39].
Further examples include topological twisted four-dimensional supersymmetric gauge theories. There, vertex operator superalgebras appear at the junction of three-dimensional topological boundary conditions. Categories of line defects ending on boundaries at which these conditions are imposed correspond to subcategories of modules of the junction vertex operator superalgebra. The best understood example is the level-1 affine vertex operator superalgebra of the exceptional simple Lie superalgebra b(2|1; α) which appears as a certain junction subalgebra in SU(2) gauge theory [40]. But, an osp(1|2) vertex operator superalgebra also appears, specifically as a junction of the so-called D_{0,1} and N_{2,1} boundary conditions [41]. In fact, the coset studied here (see (1.1) below) has an interpretation in gauge theory as the junction for osp(1|2) being obtained by concatenating the junctions corresponding to sl_{2} and Virasoro. As above, the categories of line defects correspond to ordinary modules and spectrally flown images of the vacuum, while one expects that relaxed highest-weight modules correspond to categories of surface defects.

1.1. The inverse coset construction. Our strategy in this article is to invert the coset construction. This is a rather subtle story and needs a little bit of vertex algebra tensor category theory. We aim to understand the conformal field theory of osp(1|2) at admissible level, whose symmetry algebra we denote by B_{0|1}(p, v). The coset of this theory corresponding to the sl_{2} subtheory A_{1}(u, v) is a rational Virasoro minimal model M(p, u):

\[ M(p, u) = \text{Comm}\left( A_{1}(u, v), B_{0|1}(p, v) \right) \equiv \frac{B_{0|1}(p, v)}{A_{1}(u, v)} \quad (2u = p + v). \quad (1.1) \]

This means that every module of B_{0|1}(p, v) is also a module of the tensor product of the two subalgebras A_{1}(u, v) and M(p, u). We thus want to construct the representations of B_{0|1}(p, v) from the known ones of these subalgebras. The mathematical tool that accomplishes this is induction.

In vertex algebra language, the bigger algebra B_{0|1}(p, v) is a commutative superalgebra object in the category of modules for the small algebra A_{1}(u, v) \otimes M(p, u) [31]. Moreover, there is a notion of local (and Ramond-twisted) superalgebra modules and these are exactly the Neveu-Schwarz (and Ramond) modules of B_{0|1}(p, v) [30,33]. Locality here means that the operator product algebra with the currents of osp(1|2) is monodromy-free. Our task is thus to find all these local (and Ramond-twisted) modules. Another result of [33] is that induction is a vertex tensor functor from a subcategory of modules for the smaller algebra to this category of local modules. The objects of this subcategory are exactly those that satisfy a certain locality condition that can be rephrased in terms of conformal dimensions, giving us a clear procedure to search for, and identify, these modules. Even better, the induction functor is monoidal [33] and hence it preserves the fusion rules, so we can easily compute the B_{0|1}(p, v) fusion rules from those known for A_{1}(u, v) [17,20,21,23,42] and M(p, u) [43,44].

On physical grounds, conformal field theory is always expected to require a vertex tensor category in the sense of Huang-Lepowsky-Zhang [45] and so one expects that an appropriate version of Verlinde’s formula holds. Verifying the existence of a vertex tensor category structure and proving a Verlinde formula for non-rational vertex operator algebras are two of the deepest problems in vertex algebra theory. In our case, both have recently been proven for the subcategory of ordinary modules of A_{1}(u, v) [42] (and all other simply-laced Lie algebras [42,46]) so that the results reported here are completely rigorous within this subcategory. In general, our results depend on the conjectural Verlinde formula for A_{1}(u, v) of [21,23], developed in [13], and the conjectural existence of a vertex tensor category structure on the A_{1}(u, v)-modules.

1.2. Outline and Results. We start in Section 2 with the necessary background, meaning that we introduce the Virasoro and sl_{2} minimal models and fix their notation. These are the building blocks of the osp(1|2) minimal models which we set up in Section 2.1.3. Next, in Section 2.2, we explain the realisation of each minimal model of osp(1|2) in terms of a vertex operator superalgebra extension of the tensor product of certain Virasoro minimal model with an sl_{2} one. In particular, we review and explain the “character” proof of the coset (1.1) presented in [47]. In order to deduce various facets of the representation theory of the osp(1|2) minimal models, we also have to explain some basic properties of the theory of vertex algebra extensions using the language of induction and restriction. This is done in Section 2.3.
With this setup, we are now able to construct modules of the \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) minimal models via induction and so we start Section 3 by finding all modules of the tensor product vertex operator subalgebra that induce to irreducible Neveu-Schwarz and Ramond modules over \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \). We then identify these modules by determining their global parities and other characterising data for \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) (highest weights, conformal dimensions and super-Casimir eigenvalues). Moreover, the construction makes it easy to explicitly state the characters and supercharacters of the induced representations.

It is expected, but is \textit{a priori} not clear, that one gets all irreducible modules of the \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) minimal models via induction. In Section 4, we prove that this is so, for relaxed highest-weight modules, by combining the information we get from the explicit constructions with some simple observations concerning Zhu’s algebra. This provides a new, and relatively straightforward, proof of the recent classification \cite{Wood} of Wood.

Finally, we use the fact that fusion respects induction to immediately deduce (conjectured) projectives for the \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) irreducible modules of the \( \mathfrak{osp} \) minimal models and other characterising data for \( \eta \),\( \chi \) where \( \mathfrak{osp} \). The character of the irreducible \( \mathfrak{osp} \)-modules are the highest-weight \( \mathfrak{osp} \)-modules \( \mathcal{V}_{r,s} \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq p - 1 \) and \( 1 \leq s \leq u - 1 \), whose highest-weight states have conformal dimension

\[
\Delta_{r,s}^{\mathfrak{osp}} = \frac{(ur - ps)^2 - (u - p)^2}{4pu}.
\]

Note that \( \mathcal{V}_{r,s} = \mathcal{V}_{p-r,u-s} \).

The character of the irreducible \( M(p,u) \)-module \( \mathcal{V}_{r,s} \) is given by

\[
\chi_{r,s}^{\mathcal{V}}(q) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ q^{(2pun+ur-ps)^2/4pu} - q^{(2pun+ur+ps)^2/4pu} \right],
\]

where \( \eta(q) \) is the Dedekind eta function. The minimal model \( M(p,u) \) is rational \cite{Math Ukrain, Math Ukrain2} and the fusion rules are

\[
\mathcal{V}_{r,s} \times \mathcal{V}_{r',s'} \cong \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{p-1} \bigoplus_{s''=1}^{u-1} N_{(r,s),(r',s')}^{(p,u)} \mathcal{V}_{r'',s''}.
\]
where $N^{(p,u)}_{(r,s),k}(r',s') = N^{(p)}_{r',r}N^{(u)}_{s,s'}$ and

$$N^{(f)}_{i,j,k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |i - j| + 1 \leq k \leq \min\{i + j - 1, 2t - i - j - 1\} \text{ and } i + j + k \text{ is odd}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.6)

We note that $V_{1,1} = V_{p-1,u-1}$ is the vacuum module and that when $p$ and $u$ are both greater than 2, $V_{p-1,1} = V_{l,u-1}$ is a (distinct) simple current of order 2: $V_{p-1,1} \otimes V_{p-1,1} \cong V_{1,1}$.

2.1.2. $sl_2$ minimal models. The affine Kac-Moody algebra $\hat{sl}_2$ has a standard basis in which the non-zero commutation relations are

$$[h_m, e_n] = +2e_{m+n}, \quad [h_m, h_n] = 2m\delta_{m+n,0}k, \quad [e_m, f_n] = h_{m+n} + m\delta_{m+n,0}k, \quad [h_m, f_n] = -2f_{m+n}. \hspace{1cm} (2.7)$$

The universal affine vertex algebra of level $k$ associated to $\hat{sl}_2$ is not simple when [51]

$$k + 2 = \frac{u}{v}, \quad u \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}, \quad v \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}, \quad \gcd(u, v) = 1. \hspace{1cm} (2.8)$$

Its simple quotient is referred to as the level-$k$ $sl_2$ minimal model and will be denoted by $A_1(u, v)$. The energy-momentum tensor of this minimal model is given by the Sugawara construction [52, 53] as

$$T^\ell(z) = \frac{1}{2(k + 2)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \partial h_\ell(z) + \partial e_\ell(z) + \partial e_\ell(z) \right] \hspace{1cm} (2.9)$$

and the central charge of $A_1(u, v)$ is

$$c^\ell = 3 - \frac{6u}{u}. \hspace{1cm} (2.10)$$

The generators of $\hat{sl}_2$ admit a number of automorphisms including [54] spectral flow $\sigma^\ell_\ell$, where $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$, which preserves the level $k$ and acts on the other generators by

$$\sigma^\ell_\ell(e_n) = e_{n-\ell}, \quad \sigma^\ell_\ell(h_n) = h_n - \delta_{n,0}\ell k, \quad \sigma^\ell_\ell(f_n) = f_{n+\ell}. \hspace{1cm} (2.11)$$

The zero mode $L_0^\ell$ of the energy momentum tensor, whose eigenvalue is the conformal dimension, satisfies

$$\sigma^\ell_\ell(L_0^\ell) = L_0^\ell = \frac{1}{2} \ell h_0 + \frac{1}{4} \ell^2 k. \hspace{1cm} (2.12)$$

Spectral flow also acts on $A_1(u, v)$-modules through composition with the corresponding representations. We shall denote the spectral flows of such a module $M$ by $\sigma^\ell_\ell(M)$.

The minimal model $A_1(u, v)$ is unitary when $v = 1$, in which case the level $k$ is a non-negative integer. The minimal model $A_1(u, 1)$ is rational [55], so has a finite number of irreducible modules $L_{r,0}$, where $1 \leq r \leq u - 1$, which happen to be integrable and highest-weight. The $h_0$-charge and conformal dimension of the highest-weight state of $L_{r,0}$ are given by

$$h^\ell_{r,0} = r - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\ell_{r,0} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{4u}. \hspace{1cm} (2.13)$$

respectively. The spectral flows of these irreducibles satisfy

$$\sigma^\ell_\ell(L_{r,0}) \cong L_{u-r,0} \hspace{1cm} (2.14)$$

and their characters are given by

$$\text{ch}[L_{r,0}(z; q)] = \text{tr}_{L_{r,0}} z^{h^0} q^{A^0_{r,0}-c/24} = \frac{q^{A^0_{r,0}-c/24+1/8}}{\theta_1(z^2; q)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (z^{2u_{j+r}} - z^{-2u_{j-r}}) q^{u_{j+r}}. \hspace{1cm} (2.15)$$

where $\theta_1$ denotes a Jacobi theta function (see [18] for our conventions). Finally, the fusion rules are given by

$$L_{r,0} \otimes L_{r',0} \cong \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{u-1} N^{(u)}_{r,r''} L_{r'',0}. \hspace{1cm} (2.16)$$

The vacuum module is $L_{1,0}$ and, for $u > 2$, $L_{u-1,0}$ is a simple current of order 2. The $A_1(u, 1)$ conformal field theories are commonly known as the WZW models on the Lie group SU$_2$. 


When \( v \neq 1 \), the minimal model \( A_1(u, v) \) is non-unitary and logarithmic [25] with fractional level \( k = \frac{u}{v} - 2 \not\in \mathbb{Z} \). In this case, we generalise the parametrisation of the \( h_0 \)-charge and conformal dimensions from (2.13) to

\[
\lambda_{r,s}^\dag = r - 1 - \frac{u}{v}s, \quad \Delta_{r,s}^\dag = \frac{(vr - us)^2 - v^2}{4uv}, \tag{2.17}
\]

With this, the irreducible \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules come in several different classes, including those in the following list:

- The \( \mathcal{L}_{r,0} \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \). Each is an irreducible highest-weight module whose space of ground states is finite-dimensional. The highest-weight state of each module has \( h_0 \)-charge \( \lambda_{r,0}^\dag \) and conformal dimension \( \Delta_{r,0}^\dag \).
- The \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^- \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \) and \( 1 \leq s \leq v - 1 \). Each is an irreducible highest-weight module whose highest-weight state has charge \( \lambda_{r,s}^\dag \) and conformal dimension \( \Delta_{r,s}^\dag \). The space of ground states forms an irreducible infinite-dimensional Verma module for the horizontal subalgebra \( s\mathfrak{l}_2 \).
- The \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^+ \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \) and \( 1 \leq s \leq v - 1 \). These are defined to be the conjugates of the \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^- \), meaning that \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^- \) is obtained from \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^+ \) by twisting the \( A_1(u, v) \)-action by the Weyl reflection of \( s\mathfrak{l}_2 \). It follows that the ground states of the \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^- \) also have conformal dimension \( \Delta_{r,s}^\dag \).
- The \( \mathcal{E}_{r,s} \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \) and \( 1 \leq s \leq v - 1 \) and \( \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \) satisfy \( \lambda \neq \lambda_{r,s}^\dag \). Each is an irreducible relaxed highest-weight module whose ground states have \( h_0 \)-charges equal to \( \lambda \) (mod 2) and conformal dimension \( \Delta_{r,s}^\dag \).

Spectral flows of all of the irreducible modules above. This generally gives new irreducibles, though there are some isomorphisms to note, in particular

\[
\sigma_{\eta}^{\pm 1}(\mathcal{L}_{r,0}) = \mathcal{D}_{u-r,v-1}^\pm, \quad \sigma_{\eta}^{\pm 1}(\mathcal{D}_{r,s}^\pm) = \mathcal{D}_{u-r,v-1-s}^\pm (s \neq v - 1). \tag{2.18}
\]

Apart from the spectral flows, this classification originally appeared in [15]. More recent alternative proofs may be found in [25, 29].

There exist additional classes of irreducible \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules, for instance the Whittaker modules of [27]. However, these are not expected to be needed for the construction of the corresponding (logarithmic) conformal field theories. One does, however, need certain reducible but indecomposable \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules, in particular the relaxed highest-weight modules \( \mathcal{E}_{r,s}^\pm \), where \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \) and \( 1 \leq s \leq v - 1 \). These have ground states whose \( h_0 \)-charges are equal to \( \lambda_{r,s}^\dag \) (mod 2) and whose conformal dimension is \( \Delta_{r,s}^\dag \). Moreover, \( \mathcal{E}_{r,s}^\pm \) has a submodule isomorphic to \( \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^\pm \) and its quotient by this submodule is isomorphic to \( \mathcal{D}_{u-r,v-s}^\pm \). In other words, the following sequence is exact:

\[
0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^\pm \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{r,s}^\pm \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_{u-r,v-s}^\pm \longrightarrow 0. \tag{2.19}
\]

The characters of the \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules introduced above are given by

\[
\text{ch}[\mathcal{L}_{r,0}](z; q) = \frac{q^{H^0_{r,0} - \epsilon^0/24 + 1/8}}{i\delta_1(z^2; q)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ z^{2uj + r} - z^{-2uj - r} \right] q^{v(uj + r)}, \tag{2.20a}
\]

\[
\text{ch}[\mathcal{D}_{r,s}^\pm](z; q) = \frac{z^{\pm H_{r,s}^\pm} q^{H^\pm_{r,s} - \epsilon^\pm/24 + 1/8}}{\pm i\delta_1(z^2; q)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ z^{2uj} q^{\pm(uu + vr - us)} - z^{2uj} q^{\pm(uu - vr + us)} \right], \tag{2.20b}
\]

\[
\text{ch}[\mathcal{E}_{r,s}^\pm](z; q) = \frac{z^{\mp H_{r,s}^\pm}(q)}{\eta(q)^2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{2n}, \quad \text{ch}[\mathcal{E}_{r,s}^\pm](z; q) = \frac{z^{\mp H_{r,s}^\pm}(q)}{\eta(q)^2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{2n}, \tag{2.20c}
\]

where we recall that \( H_{r,s}^\pm \) in (2.20c) denotes the character of the irreducible \( M(u, v) \)-module \( V_{r,s} \). The formula for the \( \mathcal{E}_{r,s} \) was originally conjectured in [23] and was proven in [27], for generic values of the parameters, and in full generality in [28]. The characters of the spectral flows of an \( A_1(u, v) \)-module \( M \) are easily obtained from

\[
\text{ch}[\sigma_{\eta}^\pm(M)](z; q) = z^{\pm \frac{\text{ch}(M)}{2}} \text{ch}[M](zq^{1/2}; q), \tag{2.21}
\]

though one should be careful with convergence regions (see [18, 23]).

The fusion rules of the irreducible \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules with \( v \neq 1 \) are only known for \( (u, v) = (2, 3) \) [17, 21] and \( (u, v) = (3, 2) \) [20], where they were computed using the Nahm-Gaberdiel-Kausch algorithm [56, 57]. On the other hand, the Grothendieck fusion rules are known [21, 23], under the twin conjectures that the Grothendieck fusion
coefficients are well defined and that the standard Verlinde formula of \([58, 59]\) computes them. We list these rules in Appendix A for convenience. Note that these conjectures imply the following fusion rules for general \(u\) and \(v\):

\[
\mathcal{L}_{r,0} \times \mathcal{L}_{r',0} \cong \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{u+1} N_{r,r'}^{(u)} \mathcal{L}_{r'',0}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{r,0} \times \mathcal{D}_{r,s}^{\pm} \cong \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{u+1} N_{r,r'}^{(u)} \mathcal{D}_{r'',s}^{\pm}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{r,0} \times \mathcal{E}_{r,s} \cong \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{u+1} N_{r,r'}^{(u)} \mathcal{E}_{r'',s}. \tag{2.22}
\]

We emphasise that the fusion rules that decompose \(\mathcal{L}_{r,0} \times \mathcal{L}_{r',0}\) have recently been proven in [42]. It follows that \(\mathcal{L}_{1,0}\) and \(\mathcal{L}_{u-1,0}\) are again the vacuum module and a simple current of order 2 (if \(u > 2\), respectively).

2.1.3. \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) minimal models. The affine Kac-Moody superalgebra \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\) is generated by bosonic modes \(e_n, h_n\) and \(f_n\), as well as fermionic modes \(x_n\) and \(y_n\). Their non-zero (anti)commutation relations are given by (2.7) (the bosonic subalgebra of \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\) is isomorphic to \(\hat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2\)) along with

\[
\begin{align*}
\{e_m, y_s\} &= -x_{m+s}, \quad \{h_m, x_s\} = x_{m+s}, \quad \{h_m, y_s\} = -y_{m+s}, \quad \{f_m, x_s\} = -y_{m+s}, \\
\{x_r, x_s\} &= 2e_{r+s}, \quad \{x_r, y_s\} = h_{r+s} + 2r\delta_{r+s,0}k, \quad \{y_r, y_s\} = -2f_{r+s}. \tag{2.23}
\end{align*}
\]

There are actually two different versions of \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\), one with \(r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\) and another with \(r, s \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}\). Modules of the first version belong to the Neveu-Schwarz sector, while those of the second belong to the Ramond sector.

The level-\(k\) \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) minimal model \(B_{\overline{0}|1}(p, v)\) is defined to be the simple quotient of the universal vertex operator superalgebra associated to \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\) with [51]

\[
k = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{p}{2v}.
\]

The energy-momentum tensor provided by the Sugawara construction is

\[
T^{\mathfrak{osp}}(z) = \frac{1}{2k + 3} \left[ 1 + 2R_i(z) \right] = -\frac{1}{2} :y'g(z) + 2y'z \frac{1}{2}y'z : (z) \tag{2.25}
\]

and the central charge is

\[
e^{\mathfrak{osp}} = \frac{k}{2k + 3} = 1 - \frac{3v}{p}. \tag{2.26}
\]

Spectral flow acts on the generators of \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\) and the Virasoro zero mode \(L_0^{\mathfrak{osp}}\) obtained from (2.25) as follows:

\[
\sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}}_{\ell} (e_n) = e_{n-\ell}, \quad \sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}}_{\ell} (h_n) = h_n - 3\delta_{n,0}k, \quad \sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}}_{\ell} (f_n) = f_{n+\ell}
\]

\[
\sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}} (x_n) = x_{n-\ell/2}, \quad \sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}} (y_n) = y_{n+\ell/2}
\]

\[
\sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}} (L_0) = L_0 - \frac{3}{2}h_0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\ell^2k}{2}. \tag{2.27}
\]

Note that restricting \(\sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}}\) to the bosonic subalgebra \(\hat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2\) recovers \(\sigma_3\). As with \(A_1(u, v)\)-modules, the spectral flow \(\sigma^{\mathfrak{osp}}(M)\) of a \(B_{\overline{0}|1}(p, v)\)-module \(M\) is another \(B_{\overline{0}|1}(p, v)\)-module. If \(\ell \in 2\mathbb{Z}\), then spectral flow preserves the sector (Neveu-Schwarz or Ramond) of the module while these sectors are exchanged if \(\ell \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1\).

The classification of irreducible relaxed highest-weight \(B_{\overline{0}|1}(p, v)\)-modules has only recently been completed in [48], see also [29]. Our aim here is to provide an alternative classification that relies on a coset construction. This has the advantage that it will also allow us to easily deduce the characters, which were also only recently calculated [28], as well as the Grothendieck fusion rules, which were previously unknown. To prepare for this classification and to fix notation, we introduce the irreducible relaxed highest-weight \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\)-modules following [35]:

1. The \(\mathfrak{NS}A_3^+ (\mathfrak{NS}A_3^-)\), where \(\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\). Each is an irreducible highest-weight module in the Neveu-Schwarz (Ramond) sector whose space of ground states forms an irreducible finite-dimensional module for \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) (\(\mathfrak{sl}_2\)). The highest-weight state of each module is bosonic with \(h_0\)-charge \(\lambda\) and conformal dimension \(\frac{\lambda^2 + 1}{2(2k + 3)}\).

2. The \(\mathfrak{NS}B_3^+ (\mathfrak{NS}B_3^-)\), where \(\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\). Each is an irreducible highest-weight module in the Neveu-Schwarz (Ramond) sector whose space of ground states forms an irreducible infinite-dimensional Verma module for \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) (\(\mathfrak{sl}_2\)). The highest-weight state of each module is likewise bosonic with \(h_0\)-charge \(\lambda\) and conformal dimension \(\frac{\lambda^2 + 1}{2(2k + 3)}\).

3. The \(\mathfrak{NS}B_3^- (\mathfrak{NS}B_3^+)\), where \(\lambda \notin \mathbb{Z}_{<0}\), that are the conjugates of the \(\mathfrak{NS}B_3^+ (\mathfrak{NS}B_3^-)\). Conjugation for \(\hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2)\)-modules also corresponds to twisting by the Weyl reflection of \(\mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\).
• The NS\(\mathfrak{e}_{\lambda,\Sigma}\) (R\(\mathfrak{e}_{\lambda,\Sigma}\)) where \(\lambda \in \mathbb{C}\) and \(\Sigma \in \mathbb{C}\) (\(q \in \mathbb{C}\)) satisfy \(\lambda \neq \pm(\Sigma - \frac{1}{2}) \mod 2\) \((\lambda \neq -1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 2q} \mod 2)\). Each is an irreducible relaxed highest-weight module whose ground states have \(h_0\)-charges equal to \(\lambda \mod 2\) and conformal dimension given by

\[
\text{NS}\mathfrak{e}_{\lambda,\Sigma} : \quad \frac{\Sigma^2 - 1/4}{2(2k + 3)}, \quad \text{R}\mathfrak{e}_{\lambda,\Sigma} : \quad \frac{q - k/4}{2k + 3}.
\]

The ground state of \(h_0\)-charge \(\lambda\) is bosonic. Here, \(\Sigma\) denotes the eigenvalue of the \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) super-Casimir [60]

\[
\zeta = x_0y_0 - y_0x_0 + \frac{1}{2}
\]

on the bosonic ground states, while \(q\) denotes the ground state eigenvalue of the \(\mathfrak{sl}_2\) quadratic Casimir

\[
\Omega = \frac{1}{2}h_0^2 + e_0f_0 + f_0e_0.
\]

• The parity reversals of the above irreducibles obtained by declaring in each case that the ground state of \(h_0\)-charge \(\lambda\) is fermionic rather than bosonic. Parity reversal will be denoted by \(\Pi\).

Of course, the spectral flows of these irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules will again be irreducible, though they are usually not relaxed nor highest-weight.

2.2. The coset construction. It is well known, see [61] for an early instance and [62, Thm. 8.4] for a proof, that the coset (commutant) of an \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) minimal model by its \(\mathfrak{sl}_2\) minimal model bosonic subalgebra (of the same level \(k\)) is a Virasoro minimal model. Equating the expressions for \(k\) from (2.8) and (2.24) gives

\[
k + 2 = \frac{u}{v} \quad \text{and} \quad k + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{p}{2v}, \quad \text{where} \quad p + v = 2u.
\]

The coset is then as in (1.1):

\[
M(p, u) = \text{Comm} (A_1(u, v), B_{0|1}(p, v)) \equiv \frac{B_{0|1}(p, v)}{A_1(u, v)}.
\]

Note that if \(B_{0|1}(p, v)\) is unitary, then both \(M(p, u)\) and \(A_1(u, v)\) must be unitary. Thus, we must have \(p - u = \pm 1\) and \(v = 1\). The only solution is \(p = 3, u = 2\) and \(v = 1\), hence the only unitary \(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)\) minimal model is \(B_{0|1}(3, 1)\) corresponding to \(k = 0\) (this is the trivial one-dimensional vertex operator superalgebra).

In the remainder of the section, we shall discuss a proof of the coset identification (1.1). The only step which we omit is that which establishes a particular character identity, (2.36) below, whose somewhat lengthy proof has already been detailed in [47].

At the level of the generating fields, the \(\mathfrak{sl}_2\) fields \(e(z), h(z)\) and \(f(z)\) are identified with their namesakes in \(B_{0|1}(p, v)\), while the Virasoro field is identified with

\[
T^\text{Vir}(z) = T^\text{osp}(z) - T^\mathfrak{sl}_2(z).
\]

This guarantees that \(T^\text{Vir}\) has regular operator product expansions with \(e, h\) and \(f\) [63]. Let \(\mathcal{V}_k\) denote the tensor product of the universal Virasoro vertex operator algebra of central charge \(1 - \frac{6(p-u)^2}{pu}\) and the universal \(\mathfrak{sl}_2\) vertex operator algebra of level \(k\). The field identifications above then define a homomorphism of \(\mathcal{V}_k\) into \(B_{0|1}(p, v)\).

To show that this descends to an embedding

\[
M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v) \longmapsto B_{0|1}(p, v)
\]

and prove (1.1), we claim that it suffices to prove the following branching rule:

\[
B_{0|1}(p, v) \downarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{1, i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i, 0}.
\]

Here, we decompose \(B_{0|1}(p, v)\) as a \(\mathcal{V}_k\)-module and note that the direct summands which appear are in fact \(M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)\)-modules. The embedding (2.34) is now clear and the commutant of \(A_1(u, v)\), here identified with its vacuum module \(\mathcal{L}_{1, 0}\), is obviously \(\mathcal{V}_{1, 1}\), the vacuum module of \(M(p, u)\), as claimed.
As \( M(p, u) \) is rational \([49, 50]\) and \( A_1(u, v) \) is rational in category \( \mathcal{O} \) \([15, 16]\), (2.35) will be proven if we can demonstrate its character analogue:

\[
\text{ch}[B_{\text{def}}(p, v)](z; q) = \text{tr}_{B_{\text{def}}(p, v)} z^{h_1} q^{\lambda_{1,0}} \xi_{24}^{1/24} = \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \lambda_{1,0}^{p}_i(q) \text{ch}[L_{i,0}](z; q). \tag{2.36}
\]

This is a straightforward, though somewhat lengthy, computation and is detailed in \([47, \text{Lem. 2.1}]\). Actually, this calculation is performed at the level of meromorphic continuations of characters in \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) and \( |q| < 1 \), rather than as formal power series, hence its validity also requires the linear independence of these continuations (or careful attention to convergence regions). Unfortunately, the continuations of the irreducible \( A_1(u, v) \)-characters in category \( \mathcal{O} \) are not linearly independent if \( v > 1 \) \([18]\). We can rectify this by replacing category \( \mathcal{O} \) by its Kazhdan-Lusztig (or ordinary) subcategory \( \mathcal{KL} \) whose objects are the \( A_1(u, v) \)-modules in \( \mathcal{O} \) with finite-dimensional \( L_0^n \)-eigenspaces. The irreducible characters in \( \mathcal{KL} \), which are precisely those of the \( L_{i,0} \), have linearly independent meromorphic continuations and so the above manipulations are justified and the proof is complete.

### 2.3. Vertex tensor categories.

The theory of vertex algebra extensions allows one to analyse vertex algebra constructions, such as the coset construction, in a purely categorical way. This is based on the result that commutative and associative algebras in a given vertex tensor category are the same as vertex algebra extensions (in this category) \([30]\). In the case of vertex operator superalgebras, one has to work with commutative and associative superalgebras \([31]\). We will not give precise definitions of the categorical terms here, instead referring to \([33, 64]\) for details.

In this section, we summarise the results of \([33]\) that are needed in what follows. The main result of that article is that the category of extended vertex superalgebra modules is braided-equivalent to the category of local modules for the corresponding algebra object. Moreover, there is an induction functor from the base category and this functor is braided-tensor, meaning in particular that it preserves the fusion rules.

The setup is as follows. Let \( V \) be a simple vertex operator algebra with integer conformal weights and let \( W \) be a simple vertex operator superalgebra. Assume that we have a parity-preserving embedding \( V \hookrightarrow W \), meaning that the image is contained in the bosonic subalgebra of \( W \). This means that \( W \) is an extension of \( V \) and so it decomposes into \( V \)-modules as

\[
W \downarrow \cong \bigoplus_i W_i. \tag{2.37}
\]

Here and below, we assume that each of the \( W_i \) consists of either bosonic or fermionic states. An especially nice situation is when the \( W_i \) appearing in this decomposition are irreducible and inequivalent. The notion \( W \downarrow \) of the restriction of \( W \) to a module of the smaller vertex operator superalgebra \( V \) generalises to arbitrary \( W \)-modules \( N \) as we may also restrict them to \( V \)-modules:

\[
N \downarrow \cong \bigoplus_j N_j. \tag{2.38}
\]

The identification of a restricted \( W \)-module, as a \( V \)-module, is called a branching rule.

In this setup, there is a very closely related operation on modules called induction. For this, let \( M \) be a \( V \)-module and consider its fusion product with the \( V \)-module \( W \). In many cases, the result has a natural structure as a \( W \)-module and this \( W \)-module is called the induction of \( M \), denoted by \( M \uparrow \). The restriction of an induced module decomposes as

\[
M \uparrow \downarrow \cong \bigoplus_i W_i \times M. \tag{2.39}
\]

Not every module induces to a local (meaning Neveu-Schwarz) or twisted (meaning Ramond) module of \( W \). Fortunately, there is a nice criterion to study the result of inducing, assuming that the conformal dimensions of the states of \( W \) are integers (which is the case we are interested in here). This criterion says that an induced module is local if and only if the twist acts as a \( W \)-module morphism. The twist is given by the action of \( e^{2\pi i L_0} \), where \( L_0 \) is the Virasoro zero mode of \( W \). It follows that an irreducible induced module is Neveu-Schwarz if and only if its conformal dimensions all differ by integers. Moreover, an irreducible induced module is Ramond if and only if the conformal dimensions of its bosonic states differ from those of its fermionic ones by \( \frac{1}{2} \) modulo \( \mathbb{Z} \).
Let now $M_1$ and $M_2$ be two irreducible $V$-modules that both induce to irreducible $W$-modules. We ask the question of whether their inductions are isomorphic or not. For this, there is a useful criterion called Frobenius reciprocity. For our purposes, we may take it to say that the space of homomorphisms between two induced modules may be computed as

$$\text{Hom}_W(M_1 \uparrow, M_2 \uparrow) = \text{Hom}_V(M_1, M_2) \cong \bigoplus_i \text{Hom}_V(M_i, \times M_2).$$

One therefore only needs to verify if $M_1$ appears as a submodule of the fusion product of any of the $W_i$ with $M_2$. We however warn the reader that one has to be careful with parity: in this setup, Frobenius reciprocity does not distinguish modules from their parity reversals.

We now come to the two most important statements of [33]; we formulate them as theorems. The first one gives a criterion that guarantees that induced modules are irreducible. We shall apply it frequently in what follows.

**Theorem 1** ([33, Prop. 4.4]). Let $V \hookrightarrow W$ be an embedding of a simple vertex operator algebra $V$ into a simple vertex operator superalgebra $W$ under which $W \downarrow$ decomposes into a direct sum of irreducible $V$-modules $W_i$ as in (2.37). Suppose that $M$ is an irreducible $V$-module for which the fusion products $W_i \times M$ are irreducible and inequivalent: $W_i \times M \neq W_j \times M$ if $i \neq j$. Then, the induced $W$-module $M \uparrow = W \times M$ is irreducible.

Obviously, a necessary condition for the inequivalence of the $W_i \times M$ is that the $W_i$ are all inequivalent.

The second theorem gives a way to easily determine the fusion rules of induced modules. In categorical language, it states that induction is a vertex tensor functor. The version below, which suffices for the application to follows, eschews this language for simplicity.

**Theorem 2** ([33, Theorem. 3.68]). Let $V \hookrightarrow W$ be an embedding of a vertex operator algebra $V$ into an vertex operator superalgebra $W$ and let $M$ and $N$ be $V$-modules. Then, the fusion rules of the induced $W$-modules satisfy

$$M \uparrow \times N \uparrow = (M \times N)^\uparrow.$$  

(2.41)

This method for computing fusion rules from (2.41) has also been proposed in the physics literature, for example in [59, Eq. (3.3)].

### 3. Inverting the coset

Recall that the restriction of $B_{01}(p, v)$ to an $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-module decomposes as in (2.35). The opposite operation, the induction of an $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-module $M$ to a $B_{01}(p, v)$-module $M \uparrow$, is then defined by

$$M \uparrow = B_{01}(p, v) \times M \quad \Rightarrow \quad M \downarrow = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} (V_{1,i} \otimes L_{1,0}) \times M,$$

(3.1)

where $\times$ denotes the fusion product of $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-modules. In this section, we shall use induction to construct $B_{01}(p, v)$-modules from $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-modules and identify them as level-k $\widehat{osp}(1|2)$-modules. This is an instance of what we call “inverting the coset”.

We start by recalling the branching rule (2.35), in which $B_{01}(p, v)$ is decomposed into irreducible $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-modules, and exploring the results of inducing its direct summands $V_{1,i} \otimes L_{1,0}$. If $i = 1$, then it is straightforward to identify the result, as an $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-module, using the fusion rules (2.5) and (2.22):

$$(V_{1,1} \otimes L_{1,0}) \uparrow \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} (V_{1,i} \otimes L_{1,0}) \times (V_{1,1} \otimes L_{1,0}) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} (V_{1,i} \times V_{1,1}) \otimes (L_{1,0} \times L_{1,0})$$

$$\cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} V_{1,i} \otimes L_{1,0} \cong B_{01}(p, v).$$

(3.2)

The result, which is also obtained if $i = u - 1$, is consistent with $(V_{1,1} \otimes L_{1,0}) \uparrow = B_{01}(p, v)$. However, this does not by itself allow us to conclude that we have the corresponding isomorphism of $B_{01}(p, v)$-modules.
Of course, $\mathcal{V}_{1,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0} \cong \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v)$ follows immediately from the definition of induction because $\mathcal{V}_{1,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0}$ is just the vacuum module for $M(p, u) \otimes A_{1}(u, v)$. However, this issue with identifying inductions is less trivial for other modules. We shall therefore analyse this simple case in detail, describing a methodology that generalises straightforwardly to all modules.

Before commencing this analysis, we note that the induction is quite different for all $i \neq 1, u - 1$. For example, when $u > 3$, we have

$$\mathcal{V}_{1,2} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{2,0} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{1,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=2}^{u-2} \mathcal{V}_{1,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{1,i-1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i+1,0} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{1,i+1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i-1,0} \cong \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \bigoplus M, \ (3.3)$$

where $M$ is some other, as yet uncharacterised, $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v)$-module. These results are consistent with Theorem 1 which applies when $i$ is such that the $(\mathcal{V}_{1,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}) \times (\mathcal{V}_{1,j} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{j,0})$ are inequivalent and irreducible for all $j$. If this holds, then the result of inducing is an irreducible $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v)$-module (which is clearly not the case in the previous example).

3.1. The $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$ minimal models $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$. We start with the non-negative integer-level models $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$. Here, $p$ is odd and greater than 1, so $u = k + 2 = \frac{p+1}{2} > 2$. For these models, the only irreducible modules available for induction are the $\mathcal{V}_{r,s} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{r',0}$, where $r = 1, \ldots, p - 1$ and $r', s = 1, \ldots, u - 1$. Inspecting the fusion rules involving these irreducibles and the $\mathcal{V}_{1,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}$, using (2.5) and (2.16), it is easy to see that the result will be irreducible if $r', s \in \{1, u - 1\}$.

Taking $r' = s = 1$, we detail the determination of the decomposition of the induced module $(\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0})$, which we shall denote by $A_{r,0}$ for brevity:

$$A_{r,0} \cong \mathcal{V}_{1,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0} \times (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0}) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{r,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}. \ (3.4)$$

The summands on the right-hand side are clearly inequivalent (and irreducible), hence Theorem 1 applies and we conclude that $A_{r,0}$ is an irreducible $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$-module as claimed. However, taking $r' = u - 1$ and $s = 1$, $r' = 1$ and $s = u - 1$, or $r' = s = u - 1$ gives inductions whose decompositions are identical to that in (3.4), though perhaps with $r$ replaced by $p - r$.

For example, writing $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ for the irreducible $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$-module $(\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{u-1,0})$, we have

$$\tilde{A}_{p-r,0} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{p-r,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{u-i,0} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{p-r,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}. \ (3.5)$$

As before, however, this need not imply that $A_{r,0}$ and $\tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$ are isomorphic as $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$-modules. As we shall see, they need not be.

To answer this question of possible isomorphisms, and to identify the induced modules $A_{r,0}$ as $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$-modules, we present two approaches. The first method uses Frobenius reciprocity (2.40). Start by noting that the isomorphism (3.5) gives an inclusion of $\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0}$ into $\tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$. Reciprocity then says that there is a non-zero map from $A_{r,0} = (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0})$ to $\tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$. As both modules are known to be irreducible, this map is an isomorphism by Schur’s lemma.

But, we have stated that these modules need not be isomorphic! The problem arises because we really want to determine if there is an isomorphism between $A_{r,0}$ and $\tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$ that preserves the parity of the vectors (as we distinguish between a $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$-module and its parity reversal). Our application of Frobenius reciprocity started with the existence of a map between $M(p, u) \otimes A_{1}(u, 1)$-modules, which have no concept of parity, it follows that the deduced map between $\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, 1)$-modules need not respect parity. More precisely, it could respect or reverse parity.

To ameliorate this deficiency, we describe a second, more instructive, approach which relies on explicitly identifying the ground states of the (irreducible) induced module. This has the added advantage of allowing us to compare with the list of irreducible $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$-modules given in Section 2.1.3 and thereby identify the induced module completely.

The ground states of the irreducible induced module $A_{r,0}$ are easily found by determining which of the ground states of the summands $\mathcal{V}_{r,i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}$ appearing in (3.4) have the lowest conformal dimension. By (2.3) and (2.13), the
conformal dimension of the ground states of the $i$-th summand is

$$\Delta_{r,i}^{\text{Vir}} + \Delta_{i,0}^0 = \frac{1}{2} i^2 - \frac{r}{2} + \frac{(r^2 - 1)u}{4p}. \quad (3.6)$$

The global minimum therefore occurs when $i = \sqrt{r}$, if $r$ is even, and when $i = \sqrt{r} - 1$, if $r$ is odd. This minimal conformal dimension may now be written in the form

$$\Delta_{r,0}^{\text{sup}} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{8p} - \frac{1 + (-1)^r}{16}. \quad (3.7)$$

Moreover, the ground states of minimal conformal dimension have a highest-weight state whose $h_0$-charge is

$$\lambda_{r,0}^{\text{sup}} = \frac{r - 1}{2} - \frac{1 + (-1)^r}{4}. \quad (3.8)$$

$A_{r,0}$ is therefore an irreducible highest-weight $osp(1|2)$-module of $h_0$-charge $\lambda_{r,0}^{\text{sup}}$. To determine its sector, note that the conformal dimensions of the ground states of the $i$-th and $j$-th summands in (3.4) differ by $\frac{1}{2}(i - j)(i + j - r)$. If $r$ is odd, then this difference is always an integer so $A_{r,0}$ belongs to the Neveu-Schwarz sector. Likewise, $A_{r,0}$ belongs to the Ramond sector when $r$ is even.

It only remains to determine the parity of the highest-weight state of $A_{r,0}$. To do so, note that the $h_0$-charges of the summands $\mathcal{V}_{r,i} \otimes L_{i,0}$ in (3.4) are equal to $i - 1$ (mod 2). As the states of $\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes L_{1,0}$ are bosonic (because this is the module we are inducing from), it follows that $\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes L_{1,0}$ is bosonic for $i$ odd and fermionic for $i$ even. For $r$ odd, the highest-weight state corresponds to $i = \sqrt{r}$, hence it is bosonic if $r$ is 1 (mod 4) and fermionic if $r$ is 3 (mod 4). For $r$ even, we similarly conclude that we have a bosonic highest-weight state if $r = 2$ (mod 4) and a fermionic one if $r = 0$ (mod 4). Comparing with the list of irreducible $osp(1|2)$-modules given in Section 2.1.3, this then completes the identification of the $A_{r,0}$.

| $r$ (mod 4) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| $A_{r,0}$   | $A_{r,0}$ | $A_{r,0}$ | $A_{r,0}$ | $A_{r,0}$ |

We recall that $\Pi$ denotes parity reversal, meaning that the module has had its bosonic and fermionic subspaces swapped. Note that $(\mathcal{V}_{1,1} \otimes L_{1,0}) = A_{1,0} \approx NS A_0$ is indeed the vacuum module of $B_{0|1}(p,1)$, as expected.

If we repeat this analysis with the $A_{r,0}$, we do not obtain any new $B_{0|1}(p,1)$-modules except perhaps for parity reversals. Indeed, the identification is as follows.

| $r$ (mod 4) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ | $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ | $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ | $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ | $\tilde{A}_{r,0}$ |

In particular, $A_{r,0}$ is isomorphic to $\tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$, if $p = 3$ (mod 4), and to $\Pi \tilde{A}_{p-r,0}$, if $p = 1$ (mod 4). We remark that the fact that no new modules are encountered (except parity reversals) was guaranteed because the spectral flow automorphisms of $\tilde{sl}_2$ and $\tilde{osp}(1|2)$ are consistent with the coset construction. Thus,

$$\tilde{A}_{r,0} = (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes u_{-1,0}) \approx (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \sigma_d(L_{1,0}) \approx \sigma^{\text{sup}}(\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes L_{1,0}) \approx \sigma^{\text{sup}}(A_{r,0})), \quad (3.9)$$

a relation that is easy to verify directly. We conclude that inducing the $\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes L_{1,0}$ and applying parity reversal will give all the irreducibles that can be obtained by inducing an arbitrary $M(p,u) \otimes A_1(u,v)$-module and parity-reversing.

The characters of the $A_{r,0}$ are now obtained by taking characters of modules on both sides of the branching rule (3.4). This gives

$$\text{ch}[A_{r,0}](z; q) = \text{tr}_{A_{r,0}} z^{h_0} q^{\lambda_{r,0}^{\text{sup}}/24} = \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} A_{r,i}^{p,u}(q) \text{ch}[L_{1,0}](z; q). \quad (3.10)$$

One can expand this using the explicit forms (2.4) and (2.20) for the irreducible $M(p,u)$- and $A_1(u,v)$-characters. Since $\tilde{osp}(1|2)$ is a superalgebra, it is appropriate to consider its supercharacters as well. As the highest-weight state of the module $\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes L_{1,0}$ is bosonic, its $h_0$-charge differs from those of the fermionic states by an odd integer. The
supercharacter of \( \mathcal{A}_{r,0} \) is therefore simply given by

\[
\text{sch}[\mathcal{A}_{r,0}](z; q) = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{A}_{r,0}}(-1)^F z^{h_0} q^{t^\text{Vir} - c^\text{Vir}/24} = \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} (-1)^{i-1} F_{r,i}(q) \text{ch}[\mathcal{L}_{i,0}](z; q),
\]

where \( F \) acts as 0 on a bosonic state and as multiplication by 1 on a fermionic one.

3.2. The \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) minimal models \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \) with \( v \neq 1 \). Following a similar method as in the \( v = 1 \) case, we construct irreducible \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules from those of \( \mathcal{M}(p, u) \) and \( \mathcal{A}_1(u, v) \) through induction. These modules are then identified as \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \)-modules using the list presented in Section 2.1.3. This identification uses \( h_0 \)-charges and conformal dimensions and is therefore straightforward for all cases except that of the Neveu-Schwarz relaxed highest-weight modules \( \mathcal{N}^\text{NS}(\lambda, \Sigma) \) for which the super-Casimir eigenvalue \( \Sigma \) on bosonic eigenstates is only determined by the conformal dimension up to a sign, see (2.28).

To fix this sign, we must realise \( \Sigma \) in terms of \( \mathcal{M}(p, u) \) and \( \mathcal{A}_1(u, v) \) data. Recall that the super-Casimir \( \varsigma \), defined in (2.29), of \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) (embedded in \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \) as the horizontal subalgebra) commutes with \( e_0 \), \( h_0 \) and \( f_0 \), but anticommutes with \( x_0 \) and \( y_0 \). We therefore introduce the field

\[
\varsigma(z) = :xy:(z) - :yx:(z),
\]

noting that its zero mode \( q_0 \) acts on Neveu-Schwarz ground states as multiplication by \( \pm \Sigma - \frac{i}{4} \), where the sign is positive for bosonic ground states and negative for fermionic ones. It is now straightforward to check that \( \varsigma(z) \) is realised as

\[
\varsigma(z) = 2T^\text{sl}(z) - \frac{2p}{v} T^\text{Vir}(z),
\]

under the embedding (2.34). It follows that \( \Sigma \) may be computed in terms of the action of the zero modes of \( T^\text{sl}(z) \) and \( T^\text{Vir}(z) \) acting on a bosonic Neveu-Schwarz ground state \( v \):

\[
\Sigma v = \left( 2T^0_0 - \frac{2p}{v} T^\text{Vir}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) v.
\]

Having dealt with this minor subtlety, we can now follow the same procedure as in the \( v = 1 \) case and construct irreducible \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules by inducing certain modules of \( \mathcal{M}(p, u) \otimes \mathcal{A}_1(u, v) \). We shall adopt the following convention in defining our \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules:

\[
\mathcal{A}_{r,0} = (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0})^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{B}_{r,s}^+ = (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{1,s}^+) \dagger, \quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} = (\mathcal{V}_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s})^\dagger.
\]

Here, \( r = 1, \ldots, p - 1 \) and \( s = 1, \ldots, v - 1 \), while \( \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \) satisfies \( \lambda \neq \lambda_{1,s}^{\text{sl}}, \lambda_{u-1,v-s}^{\text{sl}} \) (mod 2). The corresponding branching rules are computed as in (3.4) and are given by

\[
\mathcal{A}_{r,0} \downarrow_\lambda \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{r-i} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{i,0}, \quad \mathcal{B}_{r,s}^+ \downarrow_\lambda \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{r-i} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{i+1}^+, \quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} \downarrow_\lambda \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{r-i} \otimes \mathcal{E}_{i+1,r,s}^+. \quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} \downarrow_\lambda \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{u-1} \mathcal{V}_{r-i} \otimes \mathcal{E}_{i,s}^+.
\]

It is now easy to check that Theorem 1 applies to the \( \mathcal{A}_{r,0} \), \( \mathcal{B}_{r,s}^+ \) and \( \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} \), hence that these are irreducible \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules.

As before, the states in the \( \mathcal{M}(p, u) \otimes \mathcal{A}_1(u, v) \)-module being induced are bosonic in the resulting \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(u, v) \)-module, hence the states of the summands of (3.16) with \( i \) odd (even) are bosonic (fermionic). In each branching rule, we determine the indices \( i \) for which the conformal dimension of the ground states of the \( \mathcal{M}(p, u) \otimes \mathcal{A}_1(u, v) \)-module is minimised. In the Neveu-Schwarz sector, where \( r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1 \), the global minimum occurs for \( i = \frac{r+s}{2} \), while in the Ramond sector, where \( r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} \), the minimum is at \( i = \frac{r+s}{2} \). (We take \( s = 0 \) for the \( \mathcal{A}_{r,0} \).) The conformal dimensions of the ground states of the induced modules (3.15) are thereby found to be given by

\[
\Delta_{r,s}^{\text{rep}} = \frac{(ur - ps)x^2 - v^2}{8pv} - 1 + (-1)^{r+s} \frac{1}{16}.
\]

This clearly reduces to (3.7) when \( v = 1 \) (forcing \( s = 0 \)).
The $A_{r,0}^+$ and $B_{r,s}^+$ are highest-weight $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules and the $h_0$-charges of their highest-weight states are easily seen to be
\[ \lambda_{r,s}^{\text{op}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( r - 1 - \frac{P}{v} \right) - \frac{1 + (-1)^{r+s}}{4}. \]
This likewise reduces to (3.8) when $v = 1$ and $s = 0$. The $B_{r,s}^+$ are clearly the conjugates of the $B_{r,s}^+$, so it remains to identify the $C_{A_{r,s}}$ and the $C_{B_{r,s}}$. In the Neveu-Schwarz sector, we use (3.14) to show that the super-Casimir eigenvalue on the bosonic ground states is
\[ \Sigma_{r,s} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - (-1)^{r+s} \right) \left( r - \frac{P}{v} \right), \]
which is easily checked to be consistent with (2.28) and (3.17). In the Ramond sector, (2.28) and (3.17) lead to the eigenvalue of the $sl_2$ Casimir on the ground states being
\[ q_{r,s} = \frac{1}{8} \left( r - \frac{P}{v} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}. \]

We now summarise the properties of the induced $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules (3.15) in the following list, thereby identifying them as $\widetilde{osp}(1|2)$-modules. Modules with $r + s$ odd (even), where $s$ is understood to be 0 for the $A_{r,0}$, belong to the Neveu-Schwarz (Ramond) sector. The global parities of these induced modules are determined as in Section 3.1.

- The $A_{r,0}$, with $1 \leq r \leq p - 1$, are irreducible highest-weight modules whose ground state spaces are infinite-dimensional. The highest-weight state of each module has $h_0$-charge $\lambda_{r,0}^{\text{op}}$ and conformal dimension $\Delta_{r,0}^{\text{op}}$. The sectors and global parities are found to follow the same pattern as for the case where $v = 1$.

| $r$ (mod 4) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| $A_{r,0}$   | $\text{NS}_{A_{r,0}}$ | $\text{R}_{A_{r,0}}$ | $\Pi_{\text{NS}}\text{A}_{r,0}$ | $\Pi_{\text{R}}\text{A}_{r,0}$ |

- The $B_{r,s}^+$, with $1 \leq r \leq p - 1$ and $1 \leq s \leq v - 1$, are irreducible highest-weight modules whose ground state spaces are infinite-dimensional. The highest-weight state has charge $\lambda_{r,s}^{\text{op}}$ and conformal dimension $\Delta_{r,s}^{\text{op}}$. The $B_{r,s}^+$ are the conjugates of the $B_{r,s}^+$.

| $r + s$ (mod 4) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| $B_{r,s}^+$    | $\text{NS}_{B_{r,s}^+}$ | $\text{R}_{B_{r,s}^+}$ | $\Pi_{\text{NS}}\text{B}_{r,s}^+$ | $\Pi_{\text{R}}\text{B}_{r,s}^+$ |

- The $C_{A_{r,s}}$, with $1 \leq r \leq p - 1$ and $\lambda \neq \bar{\lambda}_{r,s}^{\text{op}}, \bar{\lambda}_{u-1,v-s}$ (mod 2) are irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules whose ground state spaces are infinite-dimensional. There is a bosonic ground state of charge $\lambda$ that is characterised by its super-Casimir eigenvalue $\Sigma_{r,s}$ (if $r + s$ is odd) or its $sl_2$ Casimir eigenvalue $q_{r,s}$ (if $r + s$ is even). In either case, the conformal dimension of the ground states is $\Delta_{r,s}^{\text{op}}$.

| $r + s$ (mod 4) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| $C_{A_{r,s}}$  | $\text{NS}_{C_{A_{r,s}}}^\lambda$ | $\text{R}_{C_{A_{r,s}}}^\lambda$ | $\Pi_{\text{NS}}\text{C}_{A_{r,s}}^\lambda$ | $\Pi_{\text{R}}\text{C}_{A_{r,s}}^\lambda$ |

It is easy to check that the restriction $\lambda \neq \bar{\lambda}_{1,s}^{\text{op}}, \bar{\lambda}_{u-1,v-s}^{\text{op}}$ (mod 2) translates into $\lambda \neq \bar{\xi}_{r,s}^{\pm}$ (mod 2), where
\[ \bar{\xi}_{r,s}^{\pm} = \begin{cases} \pm (\Sigma_{r,s} - \frac{1}{2}), & \text{if } r + s \text{ is odd,} \\ -1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 2q_{r,s}}, & \text{if } r + s \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \]

For example, $r + s = 1$ (mod 4) implies that
\[ \lambda_{1,s}^{\text{op}} = - \frac{u}{v} = \frac{1}{2} (-s - \frac{P}{v}) = \frac{1}{2} (r - 1 - \frac{P}{v}) = \Sigma_{r,s} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (r - 1 - \frac{P}{v}) = \Sigma_{r,s} - \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{(mod 2)} \]
and, similarly, $\lambda_{u-1,v-s}^{\text{op}} = - (\Sigma_{r,s} - \frac{1}{2})$ (mod 2).

- The $C_{B_{r,s}}^\pm$, with $1 \leq r \leq p - 1$ and $1 \leq s \leq v - 1$, are reducible relaxed highest-weight modules with a bosonic ground state of charge $\lambda_{r,s}^{\text{op}}$ and conformal dimension $\Delta_{r,s}^{\text{op}}$. They are characterised by the following short exact sequences:
\[ 0 \rightarrow B_{r,s}^+ \rightarrow C_{B_{r,s}}^\pm \rightarrow \Pi B_{r,s}^+, v = 0. \]

Unpacking this, we find that the submodule $S$ and quotient $Q$ of $C_{B_{r,s}}^\pm$ are identified as follows.
We emphasise that the parity reversals of the $A_{r,0}$, $B_{r,s}^\pm$, $C_{r,s}$, and $C_{r,s}^\pm$ are also $B_{01}(p,v)$-modules, as are their images under spectral flow.

The characters and supercharacters of the induced $B_{01}(p,v)$-modules follow from (3.16) as in the $v = 1$ case. The characters are given by

$$\text{ch}[A_{r,0}](z; q) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} \chi^{p,u}_{r,i}(q) \chi_{i,0}(z; q),$$

$$\text{ch}[B^\pm_{r,s}](z; q) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} \chi^{p,u}_{r,i}(q) \chi_{i,s}(z; q)$$

and the supercharacters by the same formulae, but with $(-1)^{i-1}$ inserted into each sum. More explicit formulae may now be obtained by substituting (2.4) and (2.20). As usual, the characters and supercharacters of parity reversals are obtained from

$$\text{ch}[\Pi M] = \text{ch}[M], \quad \text{sch}[\Pi M] = -\text{sch}[M].$$

We remark that substituting the formula (2.20c) for the irreducible relaxed $A_{1}(u,v)$-characters gives the following form for the irreducible relaxed $B_{01}(p,v)$-characters:

$$\text{ch}[C_{r,s}](z; q) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} \chi^{p,u}_{r,i}(q) \chi_{i,s}(z; q) \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{2j}.$$ 

Comparing with the character formulae recently proved in [28], we deduce the following remarkable identities:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{u-1} \chi^{p,u}_{r,i}(q) \chi_{i,s}(z; q) = \begin{cases} \psi_{r,s}^{p,u}(q) \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)}} \frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)} & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ \frac{2}{\eta(q)} \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{2\eta(q)}} & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{u-1} (-1)^{i-1} \chi^{p,u}_{r,i}(q) \chi_{i,s}(z; q) = \begin{cases} \overline{\psi}_{r,s}^{p,u}(q) \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)}} \frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)} & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ 0 & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1. \end{cases}$$

Here, $\psi_{r,s}^{p,u}$ and $\overline{\psi}_{r,s}^{p,u}$ denote the characters and supercharacters of the $N = 1$ superconformal minimal model $\text{SM}(p,v)$ of central charge $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{3u-v^2}{v^2}$:

$$\psi_{r,s}^{p,u}(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{2np + ur + us}/8pv & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ \frac{1}{2\eta(q)} \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{2\eta(q)}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{2np + ur + us}/8pv - q^{2np + ur + us}/8pv & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{\psi}_{r,s}^{p,u}(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1; q)}{\eta(q)}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n q^{2np + ur + us}/8pv & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ 0 & \text{if } r + s \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1. \end{cases}$$

The identities (3.27) may be understood as resulting from the branching rules for the coset described by the embedding

$$M(p, u) \otimes M(u, v) \hookrightarrow \text{SM}(p, v) \otimes F,$$
where $F$ denotes the free fermion vertex operator superalgebra. Indeed, this is strongly suggested by the character decomposition (3.27a) with $r = s = 1$ and is easily confirmed by explicitly constructing the two commuting Virasoro subalgebras. A version of this coset was previously considered, but deduced heuristically, in [65, 66]—however, there $F$ was incorrectly replaced by its bosonic orbifold $M(3, 4)$. From our perspective, it is natural to regard this beautiful coset as the quantum hamiltonian reduction of the coset (1.1) (this is explained in [41, Thm. 2.10] and [67]).

4. Completeness of the irreducible spectrum

In the previous section, we have constructed several families of irreducible $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules using $M(p, u)$- and $A_1(u, v)$-modules as building blocks. A natural question to ask is whether this procedure has in fact constructed all the irreducible $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules, up to isomorphism. The answer to this is surely no, because one expects to be able to similarly construct irreducible Whittaker modules for $B_{0|1}(p, v)$ from those known for $A_1(u, v)$ when $v > 1$ [27]. However, we can refine our question to instead ask whether we have constructed all the irreducible $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules in some physically relevant, and hopefully consistent, class (category) of $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$-modules.

When $v = 1$, this question was asked and answered in [47] using the notion of Perron-Frobenius dimensions for the $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$-analogue of the Kazhdan-Lusztig category $\mathcal{KL}$ discussed at the end of Section 2.2. This relied crucially on there being only finitely many irreducible highest-weight $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules, up to isomorphism. As such, this dimension argument should also succeed when $v > 1$ as long as we only want to know if we have constructed all the irreducible highest-weight $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules with finite-dimensional $L_0^{\text{osp}}$-eigenspaces. It will not obviously help with the completeness question for more general classes of modules.

Here, we shall instead use a different tool, Zhu’s algebras, to prove that the lists of irreducible relaxed highest-weight $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules constructed in Section 3 are complete. We strongly believe that there is a physically consistent category for these vertex operator superalgebras in which the simple objects are precisely the spectral flows of the irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules. It therefore suffices to complete the classification of irreducible relaxed highest-weight $B_{0|1}(p, v)$-modules. We shall first do this for the case $v = 1$, for which there is an easy argument, independent of our constructions, that trivially recovers the classification result of [47]. We shall then present a slightly more involved argument for $v > 1$ that relies on our constructions to provide a quick proof of the general classification. This classification was originally proved in [48, Thm. 3.7] using symmetric functions.

4.1. Zhu’s algebra. There are two basic observations, both very familiar to physicists, that underlie the formalism developed by Zhu [68], see also [44, 69, 70], to classify suitably nice vertex operator superalgebra modules. The first is that for irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules (see [25] for a general definition), one can completely identify the module from the action of the zero modes of the algebra on the ground states (relaxed highest-weight states) of the module. Here, the zero mode of the field $\phi(z)$, assumed to have definite conformal dimension $\Delta$, is given by

$$\varphi_0 = \oint_0 \phi(z)z^{\Delta - 1} \frac{dz}{2\pi i},$$

as usual. The second observation is that “setting singular vectors to zero” in the vacuum module, hence in the vertex operator superalgebra, results in zero modes that must annihilate the ground states, thereby constraining the representation theory. This was implicitly used in Gepner and Witten’s analysis [71] of WZW models and was made explicit in Feigin, Nakanishi and Ooguri’s work on Virasoro minimal models [72].

Zhu’s algebra is thus nothing more than the algebra of zero modes of the vertex operator superalgebra, constrained to act on ground states. In fact, there are two Zhu algebras in the super-setting, one for Neveu-Schwarz ground states and another for Ramond ones (the difference lies in which fields actually have zero modes). The first basic observation above is now formalised as the following beautiful correspondence between vertex operator superalgebra modules and Zhu algebra modules.

Theorem 3 ([68]). Let $V$ be a vertex operator superalgebra and let $\text{Zhu}[V]$ be its Zhu algebra (Neveu-Schwarz or Ramond). Then:
(i) The ground states of an irreducible relaxed highest-weight \( \mathcal{V} \)-module naturally form an irreducible weight Zhu[\( \mathcal{V} \)]-module.

(ii) An irreducible weight Zhu[\( \mathcal{V} \)]-module may always be induced to an irreducible relaxed highest-weight \( \mathcal{V} \)-module whose ground states realise the original Zhu[\( \mathcal{V} \)]-module.

(iii) These correspondences give rise to a bijection between the isomorphism classes of irreducible relaxed highest-weight \( \mathcal{V} \)-modules and irreducible weight Zhu[\( \mathcal{V} \)]-modules.

This shifts the question of classifying irreducible relaxed highest-weight modules for a vertex operator superalgebra to the (hopefully easier) question of classifying irreducible weight modules for an associative algebra.

The formal definitions [68, 70] of the Zhu algebras are, unfortunately, usually given in a form which obfuscates this simple origin. We shall therefore not discuss these general definitions, but instead use the equivalent, but more practical, definition described in [35, Sec. 4.1] (for example) for affine vertex operator superalgebras. The equivalence of the zero mode and formal definitions is discussed, in varying degrees of detail, in [73, Lect. 18.5–6], [25, App. B] and [74, App. A].

Let \( \mathcal{V}_k \) denote the universal level-k vertex operator superalgebra associated to \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \), where \( k \neq -\frac{1}{2} \) is non-critical. Let \( \hat{\mathcal{U}}_k \) denote the quotient of the universal enveloping algebra of \( \hat{\mathfrak{osp}}(1|2) \) by the ideal generated by \( K - kI \) and let \( \hat{\mathcal{U}}_k^0 \) be its conformal weight zero subalgebra (the centraliser of \( L_0 \) in \( \hat{\mathcal{U}}_k \)). Then, there is a projection \( \pi_0 \) from \( \hat{\mathcal{U}}_k^0 \) into \( U(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)) \), the universal enveloping algebra of \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \), whose kernel is spanned by the Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt (PBW) basis elements, ordered by increasing mode index, that involve at least one mode with a non-zero index. (Here, we are identifying zero modes with elements of \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \).) The Neveu-Schwarz Zhu algebra \( \text{Zhu}^{NS}[\mathcal{V}_k] \) is then the image of the map \( v \in \mathcal{V}_k \mapsto [v] = \pi_0(v_0) \), equipped with the product \( [u] * [v] = \pi_0(u_0v_0) \).

It is clear that the image of \( v \) is precisely the zero mode of the corresponding field, modified to remove any (PBW-ordered) terms that annihilate all ground states. The product \( * \) is then just the product of the zero modes, with annihilating terms then removed. The Ramond Zhu algebra \( \text{Zhu}^{R}[\mathcal{V}_k] \) is obtained in exactly the same way, but restricted to the bosonic orbifold of \( \mathcal{V}_k \) (as fermionic fields will not have zero modes in the Ramond sector).

Let \( k = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{p}{20} \), with the restrictions on \( p \) and \( v \) given in (2.24), and let \( \chi_{p,v} \) denote the singular vector of \( \mathcal{V}_k \) that generates the ideal by which one quotients to obtain \( \mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p,v) \). We have the following useful results.

**Proposition 4.**

(i) [69, Lem. 2.1] \( \text{Zhu}^{NS}[\mathcal{V}_k] \cong U(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)) \).

(ii) [35, Prop. 6] \( \text{Zhu}^{R}[\mathcal{V}_k] \cong U(\mathfrak{s}l_2) \).

(iii) [75] \( \chi_{p,v} \) has conformal dimension \( \frac{1}{2}(p-1)v \) and \( h_0 \)-charge \( p - 1 \).

(iv) [35, Prop. 7] \( \text{Zhu}^{\bullet}[\mathcal{B}_{0|1}(p,v)] \cong \frac{\text{Zhu}^{\bullet}[\mathcal{V}_k]}{\langle \chi_{p,v}^0 \rangle} \), for \( \bullet = \text{NS, R} \).

(v) [48, Lem. 3.3] The (Neveu-Schwarz and Ramond) Zhu ideals \( \langle \chi_{p,v}^0 \rangle \) are not zero.

In part iv, we can always replace \( \chi_{p,v}^0 \) by \( \chi_{p,v} \) in the Neveu-Schwarz case. However, this is only valid in the Ramond case if \( p \) is odd because, otherwise, \( \chi_{p,v} \) is fermionic and so has no zero mode. We remark that one can easily prove the Neveu-Schwarz case of part v in an identical fashion to the corresponding Neveu-Schwarz proof for the \( N = 1 \) superconformal minimal models, given in [74, Lem. 4.6]. Here, the Ramond proof follows from the Neveu-Schwarz one by spectral flow (this proof is much more subtle in the \( N = 1 \) case).

### 4.2. Completeness when \( v = 1 \)

We suppose first that \( v = 1 \), hence that \( p = 2k + 3 \) is odd (and at least 3), so that \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \). The singular vector \( \chi_{p,1} \) is therefore bosonic and thus its zero mode generates the ideal in Proposition 4iv (by the remark following it). The corresponding field may be taken to have the form

\[
\chi_{p,1}(z) = :e(z)^{k+1}:,
\]

where \( : \cdot : \) denotes normal ordering. Since the field involves no fermions, we may compute its zero mode in both the Neveu-Schwarz and Ramond sectors by inductively using the standard formula for the modes of a normally ordered
product of fields. In both cases, the result is

\[ [\chi_p, 1] = e^{k+1}. \] (4.3)

We mention that this calculation simplifies greatly because all the \( e_m \) commute among themselves.

Consider now the Neveu-Schwarz sector. By Theorem 3 and Proposition 4, parts i and iv, we know that \( \mathcal{M} \) will be an irreducible Neveu-Schwarz relaxed highest-weight \( B_{0|1}(p, 1) \)-module if and only if its space of ground states is an irreducible weight \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \)-module annihilated by \( e^{k+1} = x^{2(k+1)} \). Because \( x \) acts nilpotently, it follows that this ground state \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \)-module is actually highest-weight and, by comparing with the irreducible Neveu-Schwarz highest-weight \( \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \)-modules listed in Section 2.1.3, we conclude that \( \mathcal{M} = A_\lambda \) or \( \Pi A_\lambda \), for some \( \lambda \leq k \).

In the language of Section 3.1, we thereby obtain the irreducible Neveu-Schwarz \( B_{0|1}(p, 1) \)-modules \( A_{r,0} \), with \( r = 1, 3, \ldots, 2k + 1 = p - 2 \), and their parity reversals. These are therefore the only irreducible Neveu-Schwarz relaxed highest-weight \( B_{0|1}(p, 1) \)-modules, up to isomorphism.

Adapting this argument to the Ramond sector, we must replace Proposition 4i by part ii. Thus, \( \mathcal{M} \) is an irreducible relaxed highest-weight \( B_{0|1}(p, 1) \)-module if and only if its space of ground states is an irreducible weight \( s|2 \)-module annihilated by \( e^{k+1} \). Again, this means that the ground state module is highest-weight and an otherwise identical analysis concludes that the only irreducible Ramond relaxed highest-weight \( B_{0|1}(p, 1) \)-modules are the \( A_{r,0} \), with \( r = 2, 4, \ldots, 2k + 2 = p - 1 \), and their parity reversals, again up to isomorphism.

We remark that the preceding analysis did not actually make use of the explicit constructions of irreducible \( B_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules reported in Section 3.1. Nevertheless, it is worth pointing out we now know, after performing the Zhu analysis, that our constructions resulted in a complete set of irreducibles, for each \( p \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 3 \), up to parity.

### 4.3. Completeness for general \( v \)

For general \( v \), the direct classification argument used in the previous section becomes much more difficult because an explicit formula for the singular vector \( \chi_{p,v} \) is not so easily determined. (An implicit formula in terms of symmetric functions is used in [48]; we expect that it may also be possible to use the implicit Malikov-Feigin-Fuchs formula [76] as well.) We therefore describe a different approach that relies on the fact that we have already constructed many irreducible \( B_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules. Our strategy is to show that the existence of any additional \( B_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules would violate a bound that we derive from Zhu considerations, thereby proving completeness.

We first analyse the Neveu-Schwarz sector. By Proposition 4i and iv, the Zhu ideal is generated by the image \([\psi]\) of the state \( \psi = y_0^{-r} \chi_{p,v} \) in \( \mathfrak{u}^{N|0}[V_0] \sim U(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)) \). This image is not zero, by Proposition 4v. By considering the conformal dimension of \( \psi \), we deduce that the number of modes in each of its PBW-monomials cannot exceed \( \frac{1}{2}(p - 1)v \) (Proposition 4iii), hence the same must be true for \( \psi_0 \) (using the standard normal ordering formulae) and \([\psi]\). On the other hand, \( \psi \) has \( h_0 \)-charge 0, so \([\psi]\) is a non-zero polynomial \( P(h, \zeta) \) in \( h \) and the super-Casimir \( \zeta \). We assign degrees 1 to both \( h \) and \( \zeta \) so as to get a bound on the total degree of \( P \):

\[ \text{t-deg} P \leq \frac{(p - 1)v}{2}. \] (4.4)

The reason for \( \text{deg} \zeta = 1 \) is a little subtle. Naïvely, one would think this degree should be 2 as \( \zeta \) is quadratic in \( x \) and \( y \), see (2.29). The point here is that we are not grading \( U(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)) \), but just the part of \( h_0 \)-charge 0. So, while \( xy = \frac{1}{2}(h + \zeta - \frac{1}{2}) \) suggests that \( \zeta \) should be degree 2, because two modes results in one \( \zeta \), we also have

\[ ef = -x^2y^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x\left(h + \zeta - \frac{1}{2}\right) y = -\frac{1}{4}\left(h + \zeta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(h - \zeta - \frac{3}{2}\right), \] (4.5)

which makes it clear that two modes can result in a \( \zeta^2 \). Thus, \( \text{deg} \zeta = 1 \) is the correct choice.

As we have constructed the Neveu-Schwarz \( B_{0|1}(p, v) \)-modules \( \hat{C}_{h,r,s} \) and \( \Pi \hat{C}_{h,r,s} \), for an infinitude of \( \lambda \) and all \( r = 1, \ldots, p - 1 \) and \( s = 1, \ldots, v - 1 \) with \( r + s \) odd, their ground states must be annihilated by \( \psi_0 \), hence we have \( P(\lambda, \pm \Sigma_{r,s}) = 0 \) (see (3.19) for the definition of \( \Sigma_{r,s} \)). Considering \( P \) as a function of \( \lambda \) alone (so holding \( r \) and \( s \) constant), this becomes \( P(h, \pm \Sigma_{r,s}) = 0 \) which implies that \( \zeta \pm \Sigma_{r,s} \) is a factor of \( P(h, \zeta) \) for all \( r \) and \( s \) in the above range. Now, \( \Sigma_{r,s} \neq 0 \) in this range, unless \( p \) and \( v \) are even and \((r, s) = (\frac{p}{2}, \frac{v}{2}) \) (so \( r + s = \frac{p + v}{2} \) is odd). We may
We conclude that hence that the inequalities in (4.6) are actually equalities.

We use the fact that Neveu-Schwarz $B_{0\{1\]}(p, v)$-modules $A_{r, 0}$ and $\Pi A_{r, 0}$, with $r = 1, \ldots, p - 1$ odd, have also been constructed. (The construction of the $B_{r, s}^\pm$ and $\Pi B_{r, s}^\pm$ does not help because their ground states have $\zeta$-eigenvalues $\pm \Sigma_{r, s}$.) Using (2.29) or (3.19), we find that their ground state $\zeta$-eigenvalues are distinct, being of the form $\pm \frac{1}{2}$, and that they never coincide with any of the $\Sigma_{r', s'}$ with $r' = 1, \ldots, p - 1$, $s' = 1, \ldots, v - 1$ and $r' + s'$ odd — the only possibility occurs when $p$ is even and $(r', s') = (r + \frac{p}{2}, \frac{v}{2})$, but then $r' + s'$ is even. These ground states therefore do not give zeroes of the products in (4.6), so they must give zeroes of $Q$. In particular, the annihilation by $\psi_0$ of the highest-weight states of the $A_{r, 0}$ and $\Pi A_{r, 0}$, which have $h_0$-charge $\lambda_{r, 0} = \frac{1}{2}(r - 1)$, leads to

$$R_s(r) = Q \left( \frac{r - 1}{2}, \pm \frac{r}{2} \right) = 0, \quad r = 1, \ldots, p - 1 \text{ odd.}$$

We conclude that

$$t\text{-deg } Q \geq \deg R_s \geq \begin{cases} \frac{p - 1}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{p}{2}, & \text{if } p \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

hence that the inequalities in (4.7) and (4.9) are actually equalities.

This allows us to finally prove the completeness of the set of (isomorphism classes of) irreducible Neveu-Schwarz relaxed highest-weight $B_{0\{1\]}(p, v)$-modules constructed in Section 3.2. Any irreducible Neveu-Schwarz relaxed highest-weight $B_{0\{1\]}(p, v)$-module $M$ is, a priori, an $\bar{\mathfrak{sp}}(1|2)$-module, so must be one of those introduced in Section 2.1.3. If $M$ is one of the $N_{\lambda, \Lambda}$, $N_{\lambda, \overline{\Lambda}}$ or their parity reversals, then its bosonic ground states describe zeroes of $P(h, \zeta)$ for infinitely many distinct $h_0$-charges. As the $\zeta$-eigenvalue of these states must all be the same, we must have $\Sigma = \pm \Sigma_{r, s}$, for some $r = 1, \ldots, p - 1$, $s = 1, \ldots, v - 1$ with $r + s$ odd, because $Q(h, \zeta)$ cannot have infinitely many $h$-roots. $M$ is thus one of the modules that we have constructed.

Alternatively, if $M$ is one of the $N_{\lambda, \Lambda}$, with $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, or their parity reversals, then its highest-weight state likewise describes a zero of $P(h, \zeta)$. Its $h_0$-charge is $\lambda$ and its $\zeta$-eigenvalue is $\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$ which never coincides with any of the $\pm \Sigma_{r, s}$ — again, the only possible solution is $(r, s) = (\frac{p}{2} + 2\lambda + 1, \frac{p}{2})$, but then $r + s$ is even. To get a zero of $P$, we must therefore have $R_s(2\lambda + 1) = Q(\lambda, \pm (\lambda + \frac{1}{2})) = 0$. However, we know the degree of $R_s$ and that all its roots correspond to $\lambda = \lambda_{r, 0}$, for $r = 1, \ldots, p - 1$ odd. Thus, $M$ must likewise be one of the modules we have constructed. The proof for the Neveu-Schwarz sector is complete.

The proof in the Ramond sector is almost identical, so we only comment on the numerology and leave the details to the reader. First, $|\psi\rangle$ is now an $h_0$-charge 0 element of Zhu $R^\Lambda[V_k] \cong \mathcal{U}(s \mathfrak{l}_2)$, hence $|\psi\rangle = P(h, \Omega)$ for some polynomial $P$, where $\Omega$ is the $s \mathfrak{l}_2$ Casimir (2.30). We again have (4.4), though this requires consideration of generalised commutation relations in place of the usual prescription for normal ordering, with $deg h = 1$ and $deg \Omega = 2$. The existence of infinitely many Ramond $B_{0\{1\]}(p, v)$-modules $C_{r, s}$, with $r + s$ even, now implies that $P$ decomposes as some polynomial $Q$ times a product of factors $(\Omega - q_{r, s})$, where $q_{r, s}$ was defined in (3.20). The number of factors is the number of distinct values that $q_{r, s}$ takes: $\frac{1}{2}(p - 1)(v - 1)$, if $p$ is odd, and $\frac{1}{2}(p - 1)(v - 1 + 1)$, if $p$ is even. This then gives upper bounds on $t\text{-deg } Q$, being $\frac{p - 1}{2}$, if $p$ is odd, and $\frac{p - 2}{2}$, if $p$ is even. Again, consideration of the $A_{r, 0}$, with $r$ even, saturates these bounds and the rest of the proof follows as before.
5. Fusion

5.1. Grothendieck fusion rules for $B_{0/1}(p, v)$. One of the most convenient ways to compute the fusion rules of a rational bosonic conformal field theory involves substituting its $S$-matrix entries into the Verlinde formula for fusion coefficients. For fermionic theories, one can derive variations of the Verlinde formula as in [77, 78]. For certain non-rational theories, there is a generalisation called the standard Verlinde formula [58, 59] that is conjectured to give the Grothendieck fusion coefficients of the theory, these being the structure constants of the Grothendieck group of the fusion ring. We recall that the Grothendieck group is defined to be the $\mathbb{Z}$-span of the isomorphism classes of the irreducibles and that the image of a module in the Grothendieck group is the sum of the isomorphism classes of its composition factors. A fermionic version of the standard Verlinde formula was recently tested successfully in [35] for the $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$ minimal model $B_{0/1}(2, 4)$. We are thus confident that their result may be generalised straightforwardly to $B_{0/1}(p, v)$ using the (super)character formulae derived here and the known $S$-matrices of the Virasoro and $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ minimal models [23].

We shall, however, present an alternative approach to computing the (Grothendieck) fusion rules using Theorem 2, the coset (1.1) and the known (Grothendieck) fusion rules of the Virasoro and $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ minimal models $M(p, u)$ and $A_1(u, v)$. We shall illustrate the idea by computing the fusion of $A_{r,0}$ and $B_{r',s'}^+$. Both of these modules are defined, see (3.15), as inductions of $M(p, u) \otimes A_1(u, v)$-modules. Thus,

$$A_{r,0} \times B_{r',s'}^+ = \left( (V_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0}) \right)^+ \times (V_{r',1} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{1,s'}^+) \simeq \left( (V_{r,1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{1,0}) \times (V_{r',1} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{1,s'}^+) \right)^+,$$

as induction is preserved by fusion (Theorem 2). Using the Virasoro fusion rules (2.5) and the $A_1(u, v)$ fusion rules (2.22), this becomes

$$A_{r,0} \times B_{r',s'}^+ \simeq \left( (V_{r,1} \times V_{r',1}) \otimes (\mathcal{L}_{1,0} \times \mathcal{D}_{1,s'}^+) \right)^+ \simeq \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{p-1} \mathbf{N}_{r',r''}^{(p)} \mathbf{B}_{r'',s'},$$

where we have identified the final induced module using (3.15).

In an identical fashion, Theorem 2 gives the following $B_{0/1}(p, v)$ fusion rules:

$$A_{r,0} \times A_{r',0} \equiv \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{p-1} \mathbf{N}_{r,r''}^{(p)} \mathbf{A}_{r'',0},$$

$$A_{r,0} \times B_{r',s'}^\pm \equiv \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{p-1} \mathbf{N}_{r,r''}^{(p)} \mathbf{B}_{r'',s'}^\pm,$$

$$A_{r,0} \times \mathcal{C}_{r',s'} \equiv \bigoplus_{r''=1}^{p-1} \mathbf{N}_{r,r''}^{(p)} \mathbf{C}_{r'',s'}.$$

Because fusion respects parity reversal and should respect spectral flow [79, Prop. 2.11 and Eq. (3.6)],

$$\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \simeq \Pi(M \times N) \simeq \Pi M \times N, \quad \mathcal{M} \times \sigma_{\mathfrak{osp}}(N) \simeq \sigma_{\mathfrak{osp}}(M \times N) \simeq \sigma_{\mathfrak{osp}}(M) \times N,$$

these fusion rules imply many others. We remark that the fusion rules of the rational $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$ minimal models $B_{0/1}(p, 1)$ are given by (5.3a) alone.

Unfortunately, a complete set of irreducible $B_{0/1}(p, v)$ fusion rules cannot be obtained in this way because the required $A_1(u, v)$ fusion rules are not known. Instead, we have their Grothendieck versions [23] which are reproduced...
for convenience in (A.2). We shall denote the Grothendieck fusion operation by ⊠ and the image of a module \(M\) in the Grothendieck fusion ring by \([M]\).

The fact that \(\boxtimes\) is well defined is not at all obvious. A sufficient condition for this is that fusing with any fixed module from our category is exact, meaning that it respects the exactness of sequences. For rational theories, such as the \(B_{0|1}(p,1)\), this is a theorem in the formalism of Huang, Lepowsky and Zhang [45]. However, for the \(B_{0|1}(p,v)\) with \(v \neq 1\), we have to assume that fusion is exact on a suitable module category. Granting this, it follows that the fusion and Grothendieck fusion products of two modules \(M\) and \(N\) are related by

\[
[M \times N] = [M] \boxtimes [N].
\]  

(5.5)

(This is, in fact, how \(\boxtimes\) is defined.) The exactness assumption being made is strong, but is not expected to be problematic. Unfortunately, tools to verify it seem to be out of reach at present.

In any case, taking Grothendieck images respects tensor products and induction, the latter because it is defined in terms of fusion, hence the methods that led to the fusion rules (5.3) apply equally well to Grothendieck fusion rules. This procedure thus determines the Grothendieck fusion rules involving all the irreducible modules.

We also conjecture that they are projective. As is well known, projective modules induce to projective modules. Let's denote this procedure by \([\mathcal{P}\mathcal{M}]\). This procedure thus determines the Grothendieck fusion rules involving all the irreducible modules.

We may therefore immediately lift these conjectures to \(B_{0|1}(p,v)\). The lifts of these proposed projective modules will be denoted by \(\mathcal{P}_{r,s}^+\), and are defined by

\[
\mathcal{P}_{r,s} = (V_{r,1} \otimes S_{1,s}^+), \quad 1 \leq r \leq p - 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq s \leq v - 1.
\]  

(5.7)

Their restrictions are then

\[
\mathcal{P}_{r,s} \downarrow = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{v-1} V_{r,i} \otimes S_{i,s}^+.
\]  

(5.8)

5.2. Projective modules. In Appendix A, we conjecture structures, in the form of Loewy diagrams, for the staggered modules \(S_{r,s}^+\) of \(A_1(u,v)\) (recalling that these are indecomposable modules on which \(L_0^0\) acts non-semisimply [58,80]). We also conjecture that they are projective. As is well known, projective modules induce to projective modules. We may therefore immediately lift these conjectures to \(B_{0|1}(p,v)\). The lifts of these proposed projective modules will be denoted by \(\mathcal{P}_{r,s}^+\), and are defined by

\[
\mathcal{P}_{r,s}^+ = (V_{r,1} \otimes S_{1,s}^+), \quad 1 \leq r \leq p - 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq s \leq v - 1.
\]  

(5.7)

Their restrictions are then

\[
\mathcal{P}_{r,s}^+ \downarrow = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{v-1} V_{r,i} \otimes S_{i,s}^+.
\]  

(5.8)
and the corresponding Loewy diagrams take the form

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\sigma_{\text{opt}}^{-1}(B^+_{r,s+1}) \\
B^+_{r,s+1} \\
\sigma_{\text{opt}}(B^+_{r,s}) \\
B^+_{r,s}
\end{array}
\]

where we have introduced the following convenient notation:

\[
B^+_{r-1} = B^+_r, \quad B^+_{r,0} \equiv A_{r,0} \equiv B^+_{r,0} \quad \text{and} \quad B^+_{r,v} = \sigma_{\text{opt}}^{-1}(B^+_{u-r,1}).
\]

(5.10)

Of course, the \( B^+_{r,v} \) are staggered and are expected to be projective. There are also analogous statements obtained by applying parity reversal.

For completeness, we also lift the conjectured \( A_1(u,v) \) fusion rules (A.5) to \( B_{0\{\mu, \nu\}}(p, v) \) fusion rules in order to show how the \( B^+_{r,v} \) arise. Let \( \lambda \neq \xi_{l,1}^r \) (mod 2) and \( \mu \neq \xi_{l,s}^r \) (mod 2), where we recall the definition in (3.21). Then, for all \( 1 \leq r \leq p - 1 \) and \( 2 \leq s \leq v - 2 \) (which requires that \( v \geq 4 \)), we have the fusion rules

\[
\begin{align*}
E_{\lambda,1} \times E_{\mu,r,s} &= \left\{
\begin{array}{ll}
\sigma_{\text{opt}}^{-1}(E_{\lambda+\mu+k,r,s}) \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = -\frac{p+u}{2v}(s-1), \\
\sigma_{\text{opt}}(E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s}) \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \frac{p-u}{2v}(s+1), \\
\sigma_{\text{opt}}^{-1}(E_{\lambda+\mu+k,r,s}) \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = -\frac{p+u}{2v}(s+1), \\
\sigma_{\text{opt}}(E_{\lambda+\mu-k,r,s}) \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \frac{p-u}{2v}(s-1), \\
\sigma_{\text{opt}}^{-1}(E_{\lambda+\mu+k,r,s}) \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+r,s+1} \oplus E_{\lambda+\mu+1,r,s+1}, & \text{otherwise},
\end{array}
\right.
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \lambda + \mu \) is always understood (mod 2).

**APPENDIX A. GROTHENDIECK FUSION RULES FOR THE sl_2 MINIMAL MODELS**

The Grothendieck fusion rules for the non-unitary minimal model \( A_1(u,v) \) were computed in [23] using the conjectural standard Verlinde formula of [23, 59]. The fusion rules of type \( \mathcal{L}_{r,0} \times \mathcal{L}_{r,0} \) were recently proven in [42] and confirm the Verlinde conjectures. The results, which were shown to be consistent with the irreducible fusion rules of [17], for \( (u,v) = (2,3) \) (see [21] for some corrections), and [20], for \( (u,v) = (3,2) \), are recorded in the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 1** ([23]). The Grothendieck fusion rules of the irreducible relaxed highest-weight \( A_1(u,v) \)-modules satisfy

\[
[s_1^m(M)] \otimes [s_1^n(N)] = s_1^{m+n}(\{M\} \otimes [N]).
\]

(A.1)

The “non-spectrally flowed” rules are as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
[\mathcal{L}_{r,0}] \otimes [\mathcal{L}_{r',0}] &= \sum_{r''} N_{r,r'}^{(u,v)} \mathcal{L}_{r'',0}, & (A.2a) \\
[\mathcal{L}_{r,0}] \otimes [\mathcal{D}_{r,v}^0] &= \sum_{r''} N_{r,r'}^{(u,v)} \mathcal{D}_{r',v}, & (A.2b) \\
[\mathcal{L}_{r,0}] \otimes [\mathcal{E}_{r+r,0}] &= \sum_{r''} N_{r,r'}^{(u,v)} \mathcal{E}_{r+r,0}. & (A.2c)
\end{align*}
\]
We refer to (2.6) for the definition of the (Virasoro) fusion coefficients that appear.

The known fusion rules for $(u, v) = (2, 3)$ and $(3, 2)$ involve additional reducible, but indecomposable, $A_1(u, v)$-modules with four composition factors each. They are examples of staggered modules, in the sense of [58, 80], possessing a non-diagonalisable action of $L_0^\lambda$. As such, they are responsible for the logarithmic nature of the corresponding conformal field theories. We believe that these staggered modules are projective and are therefore the projective covers of their irreducible heads (in an appropriate category of $A_1(u, v)$-modules). We record this belief as a formal conjecture below, extending it to all admissible levels.

For convenience, let us agree to the following notation:

$$\mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,s} = \mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,1}, \quad \mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,0} = \mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,0} \equiv \mathcal{D}^-_{r,0} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,v} = \sigma^\pm_{A_1}(\mathcal{D}^\pm_{u-r,1}). \quad (A.3)$$

The projective covers of the $\mathcal{D}^\pm_{r,s}$, for $s = 0, 1, \ldots, v - 1$, shall be denoted by $S^\pm_{r,s}$. We shall sometimes drop the label $\pm$ when $s = 0$ in accordance with the second identification of (A.3).

The structures of the (conjectured) projective covers will be described in terms of their Loewy diagrams. This is a picture in which the composition factors of the module are arranged in horizontal layers. The bottom layer contains the composition factors of the module’s socle. The next layer up contains the composition factors of the socle of the quotient of the module by its socle. This continues up until we reach the top layer which contains the composition factors of the module’s head. We refer to [23, App. A.4] for an elementary introduction to Loewy diagrams that describes the idea in detail.

With this background in place, we can now state our conjecture for the projective covers of the irreducible $A_1(u, v)$-modules.

**Conjecture 2.**

- The irreducible $\sigma^\ell_j(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s})$, with $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$, $r = 1, \ldots, u - 1$, $s = 1, \ldots, v - 1$ and $\lambda \neq \lambda^-_{r,s}, \lambda^-_{u-r,v-1}$ (mod 2), are projective and are hence their own projective covers.
• The Loewy diagram of the projective cover \( S^+_{r,s} \) of \( \mathcal{D}^+_{r,s} \) is

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\sigma^{-1}_d(\mathcal{D}^+_{r,s-1}) & S^+_{r,s} & \sigma_d(\mathcal{D}^+_{r,s+1}) \\
& (s = 0, 1, \ldots, v - 1). & (A.4)
\end{array}
\]

The projective cover of \( \sigma^{-1}_d(\mathcal{D}^+_{r,s}) \) is then \( \sigma^{-1}_d(S^+_{r,s}) \) and its Loewy diagram is obtained from that of \( \mathcal{D}^+_{r,s} \) by applying \( \sigma^{-1}_d \) to each composition factor. (Indeed, that of \( S^+_{r,1} \) is the image under \( \sigma_d \) of that of \( S_{r,0} \).) We remark that it is easy to prove that almost all of the \( S^+_{r,1} \) are projective.

Evidence for the conjectured Loewy diagrams (A.4) comes from trying to lift the Grothendieck fusion rules of Conjecture 1 to actual fusion rules. We expect that the physically consistent category of \( A_1(u,v) \)-modules should be, among other things, rigid and tensor. The associative tensor product is, of course, fusion and rigidity ensures that fusing with any fixed module defines an exact functor on the category [64, Prop. 4.2.1]. This means that the Grothendieck group of the category inherits a well-defined product \( \times \) from the fusion product \( \times \), as in (5.5). Another consequence of rigidity is that the projectives of the category form a tensor ideal: the fusion product of a projective, in particular one of the irreducible \( \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} \), with any module is again projective [64, Prop. 4.2.12].

As the \( \mathcal{L}_{r,0}, \mathcal{D}^+_{r,s} \) and \( \mathcal{E}^+_{r,s} \), along with their spectral flows, cannot be projective, there are not many ways to arrange the composition factors, obtained from Conjecture 1, of a fusion product involving an irreducible \( \mathcal{E}_{\lambda,r,s} \) so that the result could be projective. Indeed, if we also insist on projectives being self-dual, a desirable property in view of the non-degeneracy of two-point correlation functions [81], then the arrangement is often essentially unique. This is reflected in the following conjecture for a particular subset of the \( A_1(u,v) \) fusion rules.

**Conjecture 3.** Let \( \lambda \neq \lambda_{1,1}^{sl} \lambda_{u-1,v-1}^{sl} \) (mod 2) and \( \mu \neq \lambda_{r,s}^{sl} \lambda_{u-r,v-s}^{sl} \) (mod 2). Then, for all \( 1 \leq r \leq u - 1 \) and \( 2 \leq s \leq v - 2 \), which requires that \( v \geq 4 \), we have the fusion rules

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{E}_{\lambda,1,1} \times \mathcal{E}_{\mu,r,s} &= S^+_{r,s-1} \oplus \sigma^{-1}_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \lambda_{r,s-1}^{sl} \\
& S^+_{u-r,v-s-1} \oplus \sigma^{-1}_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s-1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \lambda_{u-r,v-s-1}^{sl} \\
& S^-_{u-r,v-s-1} \oplus \sigma_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s-1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \lambda_{u-r,v-s}^{sl} \\
& S^-_{r,s-1} \oplus \sigma_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s+1}, & \text{if } \lambda + \mu = \lambda_{u-r,v-s}^{sl} \\
& \sigma_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \sigma^{-1}_d(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,k,r,s}) \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s-1} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,s+1}, & \text{otherwise}.
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \lambda + \mu \) is always understood (mod 2).

When \( s = 1 \) or \( s = v - 1 \), these fusion rules are modified to remove any \( \mathcal{E}_{v,r,s'} \), with \( s' = 0 \) or \( v \), and remove any direct summands that do not appear in all expressions corresponding to the same value of \( \lambda + \mu \) (mod 2). For example, the fusion rule for \( s = 1, v \geq 3 \) and \( \lambda + \mu = \lambda_{r,0} \) (mod 2) becomes

\[
\mathcal{E}_{\lambda,1,1} \times \mathcal{E}_{\mu,r,1} = S_{r,0} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,2},
\]

because \( \lambda_{r,0} = \lambda_{u-r,v} \) and the spectrally flowed summands in the first and fourth cases of (A.5) are different. When \( v = 2 \), we would also have to remove the \( \mathcal{E}_{\lambda+\mu,r,2} \) from the right-hand side.

In fact, the Loewy diagrams (A.4) were deduced by analysing the possible arrangements for the composition factors appearing in the Grothendieck counterpart (A.2f) (with \( r, s = 1 \)). It is, of course, possible to similarly conjecture the remaining fusion rules involving the irreducible \( A_1(u,v) \)-modules. These fusion rules will be reported in [82].
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