# Semi-infinite Plücker relations and arcs over toric degeneration

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We study the algebra of Weyl modules in types A and C using the methods of arcs over toric degenerations and functional realization of dual space. We compute the generators and relations of this algebra and construct its basis.

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#### Introduction

The goal of this paper is to study the homogenous coordinate ring of the semi-infinite flag variety (see [FiMi]). This ring is graded by the cone of dominant weights and its homogenous components are the dual global Weyl modules.

We consider a simply-connected simple algebraic group G over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbbm{k}$  of characteristic zero. We are interested in the corresponding current group G[[t]] and the corresponding current Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}[t] := \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbbm{k}[t]$ . The group G[[t]] is the group of  $\mathbbm{k}[[t]]$ -points of G, which as variety is the arc (or in the other terms  $\infty$ -jets) scheme of G.

The main representation theoretic objects of this paper are Weyl modules (see [CP, CL1, CL2]). Their role in the representation theory of the current algebras is similar to the role of the irreducible representations in the representation theory of semisimple Lie algebras (see [Kat1, FMO, BF2, I]). A Weyl module  $\mathbb{W}_{\lambda}$  is a cyclic module with a generating highest weight vector  $v_{\lambda}$  defined by the set of relations which essentially mean that this module is integrable and all weights of its vectors are less or equal to  $\lambda$ .

We consider a maximal unipotent subgroup  $U \subset G$  and a maximal torus  $H \subset G$  normalizing U. The semi-infinite flag variety is the variety  $G[[t]]/(U[[t]] \cdot H)$ . The variety G[[t]]/U[[t]] is its affine multicone. We study the homogenous coordinate ring of  $G[[t]]/(U[[t]] \cdot H)$  which is equal to the coordinate ring of the affine variety G[[t]]/U[[t]]. This ring is isomorphic to the ring of dual Weyl modules ([BF1, BF2, BF3]):

$$\mathbb{W} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} \mathbb{W}_{\lambda}^*.$$

The algebra W is generated by the sum of dual fundamental Weyl modules. Our goal is to write down the defining relations of this ring and to give its basis. We call them the semi-infinite Plücker relations. They were computed for type A in [FeMa2]. It is relatively easy to write down the set of quadratic relations satisfied by generators of W. However it's hard to prove that these relations generate the whole ideal of relations in W. In [FeMa2] this claim was proven using the fusion product structure on local Weyl modules [CL1] and this proof is very technical. Here we propose another method to prove the nonexistence of additional relations. This method is the current version of the toric degeneration method due to Gonciulea-Lakshmibai [GL]. We study the algebra W inside the algebra of functions on the current group. This algebra is usually much easier than the algebra W and has a structure of  $\mathfrak{g}[t]$ - $\mathfrak{g}[t]$  bimodule. Then the algebra  $\mathbb{W}$  is the ring of invariants of  $\mathbb{k}[G[[t]]]$ with respect to the right action of  $\mathfrak{n}_{+}[t]$ . We study the current version of the toric degeneration which is the ring of lower terms of elements W with respect to some order on elements of  $\mathbb{k}[G[[t]]]$ . This algebra has obviously the graded dimension less than or equal to the graded dimension of W. Thus if we prove some lower bound for the graded dimension of the current version of toric degeneration then we prove the same lower bound for W. We use this method to prove that the algebra W surjects to the quotient by the quadratic semi-infinite Plücker relations.

We apply these methods in types A and C. The first good property of these types which we use is that the coordinate ring of G[[t]]/U[[t]] is the

quotient of the coordinate ring of the arc scheme over G/U by the ideal of nilpotents. This is equivalent to the equality  $W_{\omega_i} \simeq V_{\omega_i}$  for local Weyl modules of each fundamental weight  $\omega_i$ . The second good property is that the coordinate rings of simply-connected groups of these types are easy to describe. The third good property of these types is that we can construct the toric degeneration of the flag variety only in these types.

In types A and C we obtain the character formulas for Weyl modules. In type A this formula was proven in [FeMa2], in type C it is new.

More precisely we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 0.1.** The algebra  $\mathbb{W}$  in type  $SP_{2n}$  is generated by allowed minors  $m_I^{(k)}$  with defining relations (4.1) and its basis is (4.4). In particular the character or the Weyl module  $\mathbb{W}(\sum \lambda_n \omega_n)$  is the following:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{r}} \frac{q^{\sum_{I \prec J} k(I,J)r_I r_J}}{\prod_I (q)_{r_I}} \left( \prod_{I} \prod_{k=1}^{|I|} e^{\varepsilon_{i_k}} \right)^{r_I},$$

where the summation is on **r** such that  $\sum_{|I|=p} r_I = \lambda_p$ .

The structure of the paper is the following. In Section 1 we explain the classical construction of Plücker equations and toric degeneration of flag variety. In Section 2 we recall the basic facts from the theory of current algebras and Weyl modules. In Section 3 we recall the construction of semi-infinite Plücker relations, construct an analogue of the toric degeneration construction and give a simple proof of the fact that the semi-infinite Plücker relations generate the ideal of relations in  $\mathbb{W}$ . In Section 4 we define semi-infinite Plücker relations for  $SP_{2n}[[t]]$  and prove that they generate the ideal of relations in  $\mathbb{W}$  using this property for  $SL_{2n}[[t]]$ .

#### 1. Finite dimensional case

In this paper all groups, varieties and algebras are defined over algebraically closed field k of characteristic zero.

#### 1.1. Algebra of functions on the affine cone of the flag variety

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional simple Lie algebra, G be the corresponding connected Lie group. We take a Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b}$ . Let P be the lattice of weights of the group G,  $P_+$  be the cone of dominant weights. For  $\lambda \in P_+$ 

we denote the corresponding simple (left) module  $V_{\lambda}$  and let  $V_{\lambda}^{o}$  be the corresponding right module. Let W be the Weyl group of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $w_{0}$  be the longest element of this Weyl group.

Consider the algebra  $\mathbb{k}[G]$  of algebraic functions on the group G. It has the natural structure of G-G bimodule. Therefore it has the structure of  $\mathfrak{g}$ - $\mathfrak{g}$  bimodule. The structure of this bimodule is described by the classical Peter-Weyl theorem.

#### Theorem 1.1.

$$\Bbbk[G] \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} V_{\lambda}^* \otimes_{\Bbbk} V_{\lambda}^{*o}.$$

Then the invariant space of this module with respect to the right action of  $\mathfrak{n}_+$  is as follows.

# Corollary 1.2.

$$\mathbb{k}[G]^{\mathfrak{n}_+} \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} V_{\lambda}^*.$$

This is the coordinate ring of the affine cone over flag variety. The right action of the Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  preserves this invariant subalgebra and makes it  $P_+$  graded algebra, deg  $V_{\lambda}^* = \lambda$ .

In many cases the structure of a group is easier than the structure of the corresponding flag variety and it is convenient to study the coordinate ring of the flag variety inside the coordinate ring of the group. The goal of this section is to explain some classical results on the algebra  $\mathcal{M} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} V_{\lambda}^*$  of functions on the affine cone of the flag variety.

We consider two dominant weights  $\lambda, \mu \in P_+$ . Then there is an injection:

$$V_{\lambda+\mu} \hookrightarrow V_{\lambda} \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} V_{\mu}$$
.

Dualizing this injection we obtain the surjection:

$$V_{\lambda}^* \otimes_{\Bbbk} V_{\mu}^* \twoheadrightarrow V_{\lambda+\mu}^*.$$

This is the multiplication map in  $\mathcal{M}$ . In particular, surjectivity of this map means that  $\mathcal{M}$  is generated by  $\bigoplus V_{\omega_i}^*$ , where the weights  $\omega_i$  are fundamental. Moreover this algebra is quadratic and even Koszul (see for example [BC]). In the following subsections we give a proof the quadraticity in some concrete cases and describe the defining relations of this algebra.

# 1.2. $SL_n$ -case

Consider the special linear group  $SL_n$  of  $n \times n$  matrices with determinant 1. By definition the coordinate ring of this group is the following. We consider  $n \times n$  generators  $z_{uv}$ . Then:

(1.1) 
$$\mathbb{k}[SL_n] \simeq \mathbb{k}[z_{uv}] / \left\langle \det \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n1} & \cdots & z_{nn} \end{pmatrix} - 1 \right\rangle.$$

Here the left and the right actions of  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$  are defined from the obvious matrix multiplication, i.e. for an unit matrix  $E_{ij}$  we have:

$$E_{ij}z_{uv} = \begin{cases} z_{jv}, & \text{if } i = u; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$z_{uv}E_{ij} = \begin{cases} z_{ui}, & \text{if } j = v; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We are interested in the precise description of the algebraic functions on the special linear group invariant under the right action of the subgroup of unitriangular matrices (or in other words invariant under the action of Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{n}_+$ ). Let  $I \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$  be a nonzero proper subset, let  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k$  be the elements of I. We denote:

$$m_I = \det \left( \begin{array}{ccc} z_{i_1 1} & \cdots & z_{i_1 k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{i_k 1} & \cdots & z_{i_k k} \end{array} \right).$$

The following result is classical (see [MS]):

#### Theorem 1.3.

$$\mathbb{k}[SL_n]^{\mathfrak{n}^+} = \mathbb{k}[m_I]_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}, |I| \neq 0, n}.$$

**1.2.1. Construction of monomial order.** We construct the order on monomials in minors which we use throughout the paper.

**Definition 1.4.** We define the partial monomial order on monomials in variables  $m_I$  in the following way. Let  $I^1, \ldots, I^a; J^1, \ldots, J^b \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$  be

two tuples of proper nonempty subsets,  $|I^1| \ge \cdots \ge |I^a|$ ,  $|J^1| \ge \cdots \ge |J^b|$ . If a > b, then we write

$$m_I := m_{I^1} \dots m_{I^a} \succ m_{J^1} \dots m_{J^b} =: m_J.$$

Assume that a = b and  $(|I^1|, \ldots, |I^a|) > (|J^1|, \ldots, |J^a|)$  in the lexicographic order, i.e. there exists c such that  $|I^c| > |J^c|, |I^{c'}| = |J^{c'}|$  for all c' < c. Then we write  $m_{I^1} \ldots m_{I^a} > m_{J^1} \ldots m_{J^a}$ .

Assume that for any  $c: |I^c| = |J^c|$  (the case of equal Young diagrams). We consider the n-tuple  $\operatorname{wt}(m_I) = (|\{c|1 \in I^c\}|, \ldots, |\{c|n \in I^c\}|)$ , we call it the weight of an element. We denote by  $\operatorname{wt}_d(m_I)$  the d-th component of  $\operatorname{wt}(m_I)$ . Then if there exists d such that  $\operatorname{wt}_d(m_I) > \operatorname{wt}_d(m_J)$ , for any d' > d:  $\operatorname{wt}_{d'}(m_I) = \operatorname{wt}_{d'}(m_J)$ , then  $m_I \succ m_J$ . In words, if the number n appears in I more times than in I, then  $m_I \succ m_J$ , if they equal then we compare the number of n-1's etc. (This step is necessary for type I0 purposes, for type I1 purposes it is possible to define an easier order).

Consider now the case of equal Young diagrams and equal weights. We fix a number  $l, 1 \le l \le n-1$ . Define the truncation map. For  $L \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$ ,  $|L| \ge l$ , we put

$$\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}(L) := \{i_l, \dots, i_{|L|}\},\$$

i.e. this operation deletes from L its l-1 smallest elements and is (l-1)st power of the operator tr deleting the smallest element of the set. For  $I = (I_1, \ldots, I_a)$  define

$$\operatorname{tr} I := (\operatorname{tr} I_1, \dots, \operatorname{tr} I_a).$$

Assume that  $\operatorname{tr}^l I = \operatorname{tr}^l J$  for some l and  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1} I \neq \operatorname{tr}^{l-1} J$ . Then if the multiplicity of c in  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1} I$  is greater than the multiplicity of c in  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1} J$  and for all c' < c the multiplicity of c' in  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1} I$  equal to the multiplicity of c' in  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1} J$  we put  $m_I > m_J$ .

Assume that all these multiplicities are equal, i.e.  $\operatorname{wt}(\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}I) = \operatorname{wt}(\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}J)$ . We order sets  $U \subset \{l+1,\ldots,n\}$  in the lexicographic way, i.e. for  $U = \{u_1,\ldots,u_{|U|}\},\ V = \{v_1,\ldots,v_{|V|}\},\ u_p < u_{p+1},\ v_p < v_{p+1}$  we write U < V if  $u_1 = v_1,\ldots,u_{c-1} = v_{c-1},u_c < v_c$  or  $u_1 = v_1,\ldots,u_{|V|} = v_{|V|},|U| > |V|$ . For example, the empty set is the largest. Note that  $\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}(L) = \operatorname{tr}^l(L) \cup \{a\}$  for some number a. We put  $p_{a,U}(I) = |\{I^c|\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}I^c = U \cup \{a\},\operatorname{tr}^lI^c = U\}|$ . Then we write  $m_I \succ m_J$  if ther exists a,U such that  $p_{a,U}(I) > p_{a,U}(J)$  and for any  $U' > U : p_{a,U'}(I) = p_{a,U'}(J)$ , for any  $a' < a,U' : p_{a',U'}(I) = p_{a',U'}(J)$ .

This is the linear order on monomials  $m_I$ . It is easy to see that this order is indeed a monomial order, i.e. if  $m_I \leq m_J$ , then  $m_I m_K \leq m_J m_K$ .

Such complicated construction of the order is needed for the purposes of current algebra. We use the same order on the tuples of sets  $(I^1, \ldots, I^a)$ . I.e. we define  $(I^1, \ldots, I^a) \succ (J^1, \ldots, J^b)$  iff  $m_{I^1} \ldots m_{I^a} \succ m_{J^1} \ldots m_{J^b}$ . On the came way we order the sets of numbers  $\mathbf{r} := (r_I), r_I \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , where  $r_I := |\{p|I^p = I\}|$ .

**Remark 1.5.** The same construction of the order can be applied for  $I^1, \ldots, I^a; J^1, \ldots, J^b$  be subsets of arbitrary linearly ordered set. We use the ordered set  $\{1 < \bar{1} < \cdots < n < \bar{n}\}$  in symplectic case. Any monotonous map on linearly ordered sets gives the monotonous map on monomials in minors. Later we use the monotonous bijection between  $\{1, \bar{1}, \ldots, n, \bar{n}\}$  and  $\{1, 2, \ldots, 2n\}$  to identify the monomials in minors of type  $C_n$  with monomials in minors of type  $A_{2n}$ .

# Example 1.6.

$$m_{123}m_{46}m_1m_1 \succ m_{78}m_{67}m_{36}m_{45},$$

because we have the inequality on lengths of sets of indices, (3, 2, 1, 1) > (2, 2, 2, 2).

$$m_{126}m_{15}m_1m_1 \succ m_{123}m_{46}m_3m_1$$

because in both monomials 6 appears one time, 5 appears in the first monomial one time and zero time in the second.

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m_{1268}m_{157}m_1m_1 \succ m_{2468}m_{467}m_3m_1
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because  $tr^2$  of both sides coincides, tr(1268, 157, 1, 1) = (268, 57) > (468, 67)= tr(2468, 467, 3, 1) because 2 appears in (268, 57) once and doesn't appear in (468, 67).

$$m_{1268}m_{157}m_1m_1 \succ m_{2568}m_{127}m_3m_1$$

because  $\operatorname{tr}^2(1268, 157, 1, 1) = (68, 7) = \operatorname{tr}^2(2568, 127, 3, 1)$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}(1268, 157, 1, 1) = (268, 57)$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}(2568, 127, 3, 1) = (568, 27)$ , we have  $\{68\} < \{7\}$ , and in the first monomial the larger number 5 is attached to the larger set  $\{7\}$ , in the second monomial this number is added to the smaller set  $\{68\}$ . On the other terms, in the second case "snake" on the first two columns is longer (see Subsection 3.2).

**1.2.2. Plücker relations.** Now we want to describe the ideal of relations satisfied by the elements  $m_I$  and to give a linear basis of the algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ . We take two sets of numbers  $I, J \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}, I = \{i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k\}, J = \{j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_l\}$ . We call  $I \leq J$  if  $k \geq l$  and  $i_s \leq j_s, 1 \leq s \leq l$ . This gives

a partial order on the set of nonempty proper subsets of  $\{1,\ldots,n\}$ . Assume that I,J are uncomparable and |I|=k>l=|J| or  $k=l,\ i_k=j_k,i_{k-1}=j_{k-1},\ldots,i_{r+1}=j_{r+1},i_r< j_r$  for some r. Define  $s=\max\{s'|i_{s'}>j_{s'}\}$ . Then the set of numbers  $A=\{j_1,\ldots,j_s,i_s,\ldots,i_k\}$  is strictly increasing. Fix an s-element subset  $B\subset A$ . Let  $B=\{b_1<\cdots< b_s\};\ A\backslash B=\{c_1<\cdots< c_{k-s}\}$ . Then the chain of numbers  $(b_1,\ldots,b_s,c_1,\ldots,c_{k-s})$  is the permutation of the chain  $(j_1,\ldots,j_s,i_s,\ldots,i_k)$ . We denote by  $\mathrm{sign}(B)$  the  $\mathrm{sign}$  of this permutation (i.e. 1 for even and -1 for odd one).

**Proposition 1.7.** (See [MS]) For any uncomparable pair I, J there exists the following quadratic relation satisfied by minors:

$$\sum_{B \subset A, |B| = s} \operatorname{sign}(B) m_{(I \setminus A) \cup B} m_{(J \setminus A) \cup (A \setminus B)} = 0.$$

The leading monomial of the left hand side of this equality is  $m_I m_J$ .

*Proof.* The function

$$\sum_{B\subset A, |B|=s} \operatorname{sign}(B) m_{(I\backslash A)\cup B} m_{(J\backslash A)\cup (A\backslash B)}$$

is multilinear and anti-symmetric in i+1 vectors  $(z_{a,1},\ldots,z_{a,i}), a \in A$  of length i. Therefore it is identically equal to zero. By the construction we know that  $A \cap J$  is the set of smallest elements of J. Therefore  $m_I$  is the leading term.

#### Corollary 1.8.

$$\mathbb{k}[m_I]_{I\subset\{1,\dots,n\},|I|\neq 0,n} = \sum_{I_1\leq I_2\leq \dots \leq I_k} \mathbb{k} m_{I_1} m_{I_2} \dots m_{I_k},$$

i.e. the ring  $\mathbb{k}[m_I]_{I\subset\{1,\dots,n\},|I|\neq 0,n}$  is linearly generated by the products of minors with comparable indices.

Next we explain the proof of the linear independence of products of minors with comparable indices. This proof uses the construction of toric degeneration and is due to [GL].

**Lemma 1.9.** The subalgebra  $\mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]_{(i,j)\neq(n,n)}$  is free.

*Proof.* The only defining relation of the coordinate ring of the special linear group is

$$r = \det \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n1} & \cdots & z_{nn} \end{pmatrix} - 1.$$

This element is linear in  $m_{nn}$ . We need to prove that

$$\mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]r \cap \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]_{(i,j)\neq(n,n)} = \{0\}.$$

We put  $r = r_0 + r_1 m_{nn}$ , where  $r_i \in \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]_{(i,j)\neq(n,n)}$ . Assume that for some  $a \in \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]$   $a(r_0 + r_1 m_{nn}) \in \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}], (i,j) \neq (n,n)$ . We know that a is a polynomial in  $z_{nn}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}[z_{ij}], (i,j) \neq (n,n)$ . Then  $a(r_0 + r_1 m_{nn})$  is obviously a nonconstant polynomial in  $m_{nn}$  and this completes the proof.

We denote  $z_{ij} < z_{i'j'}$  if j < j' or j = j' and i < i'. Then define the order  $\lhd$  on monomials in  $z_{ij}, (i,j) \neq (n,n)$  lexicographically in the order of variables. For  $f \in \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}]_{(i,j)\neq(n,n)}$  define by  $\mathrm{lt}(f)$  the leading term on f in  $\lhd$ . We apply the operation lt to the algebra  $\mathbb{k}[m_I]$ . The algebra  $\mathrm{lt}(\mathbb{k}[m_I])$  is called the toric degeneration of the algebra  $\mathbb{k}[m_I]_{I\subset\{1,\dots,n\},|I|\neq 0,n}$ .

We denote  $I_k = \{i_{k1} < \dots i_{k|I_k|}\}$ . The next proposition is obvious.

# Proposition 1.10.

$$\operatorname{lt}(m_{I_1}\dots m_{I_s}) = \prod_{i_{kj} \in I_k} z_{i_{kj}j}.$$

The leading terms of monomials in  $m_I$  are the monomials

$$z_{i_{11}1}z_{i_{21}1}\ldots z_{i_{l_1}1}z_{i_{22}1}\ldots z_{i_{l_2}2}\ldots$$

for  $l_1 \ge l_2 \ge \ldots$  and  $i_{kj} < i_{k,j+1}$ . They are different for different products of comparable monomials.

Different leading terms are clearly linearly independent. Therefore the products of comparable monomials are linearly independent and they form a basis of  $k[m_I]$ .

### 1.3. Symplectic case

Consider now the symplectic group  $SP_{2n}$ . It consists of matrices S such that:

$$S\left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & E \\ -E & 0 \end{array}\right)S^t = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & E \\ -E & 0 \end{array}\right).$$

Enumerate the rows and the columns of  $2n \times 2n$  matrices by elements 1, 2, ...,  $n, \bar{1}, ..., \bar{n}$ . Then we denote the coordinate functions on the space of  $2n \times 2n$  matrices by  $z_{ij}$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., n, \bar{1}, ..., \bar{n}\}$ .

The symplectic group is an affine variety with the generators  $z_{ij}$  and the following defining relations:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} z_{ki} z_{\bar{k}j} - z_{\bar{k}i} z_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = \bar{i} \\ -1, & \text{if } i = \bar{j} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We order the elements  $\{1, 2, \dots, n, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{n}\}$  in the following way:

$$1 < \bar{1} < 2 < \bar{2} \cdots < n < \bar{n}.$$

For a set  $I = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{n}\}, |I| \le n \text{ let } m_I \text{ be the minor in the columns } 1, \dots, |I| \text{ and rows } i_1, i_2, \dots \text{ I.e.:}$ 

(1.2) 
$$m_I = \det \begin{pmatrix} z_{i_1 1} & \cdots & z_{i_1 k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{i_k 1} & \cdots & z_{i_k k} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The following results are well known (see, for example, [DC]).

# Proposition 1.11.

$$\mathbb{k}[SP_{2n}]^{\mathfrak{n}^+} = \mathbb{k}[m_I]_{I \subset \{1,2,\dots,n,\bar{1},\dots,\bar{n}\},|I| < n}.$$

The minors  $m_I$  obviously satisfy the relations from Proposition 1.7 for any uncomparable sets I,J. However these minors are linearly dependent. More precisely take  $I \subset \{1,2,\ldots,n,\bar{1},\ldots,\bar{n}\}, \ |I| \leq n-2$ . For any  $l \in \{1,\ldots,n\}$  take a multiset  $I \cup \{l,\bar{l}\}$  and define the minor  $m_{I \cup \{l,\bar{l}\}}$ . It is equal to zero if this multiset has multiple elements, because then this minor has equal columns.

**Proposition 1.12.** *For any*  $I \subset \{1, 2, ..., n, \bar{1}, ..., \bar{n}\}, |I| \le n - 2$  *we have:* 

(1.3) 
$$m_{I \cup \{1,\bar{1}\}} + m_{I \cup \{2,\bar{2}\}} + \dots + m_{I \cup \{n,\bar{n}\}} = 0,$$

where union means the union of multisets.

*Proof.* For  $I \subset \{1, 2, ..., n, \bar{1}, ..., \bar{n}\}, K \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}, |I| = |K|$  we define:

$$m_{IK} = \det \left( \begin{array}{ccc} z_{i_1k_1} & \cdots & z_{i_1k_{|I|}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{i_{|I|}k_1} & \cdots & z_{i_{|I|}k_{|I|}} \end{array} \right).$$

Decomposing minors  $m_{I \cup \{l,\bar{l}\}}$  by two columns (indexed by l and  $\bar{l}$ ) we obtain that the left hand side of (1.3) is equal to:

$$\sum_{K \subset \{1,2,\ldots,|I|+2\},|I|=|K|,\{i,j\}=\{1,2,\ldots,|I|+2\}\backslash K} m_{IK} \sum_{l=1}^{n} (z_{li} z_{\bar{l}j} - z_{\bar{l}i} z_{lj})$$

which is equal to 0.

Note that some of minors in (1.3) are equal to 0. They are the minors  $m_{I \cup \{l,\bar{l}\}}$  if l or  $\bar{l}$  belongs to I.

**Definition 1.13.** We call *forbidden* the subsets  $J \subset \{1, ..., n\}, 0 < |I| \le n$  and the minors  $m_J$  such that for some a < b  $j_b = \bar{a}$ . The remaining subsets  $J \subset \{1, ..., n\}, 0 < |I| \le n$  and minors  $m_J$  we call *allowed*.

**Remark 1.14.** For each forbidden minor  $m_J$  there exists a number b such that  $j_b = b, j_{b+1} = \bar{b}$ .

**Remark 1.15.** It is an easy combinatorial check that for  $l \geq 2$  there is  $\binom{2n}{l} - \binom{2n}{l-2}$  allowed minors  $m_I$ , |I| = l.

The next lemma essentially belongs to C. De Concini [DC]. We use slightly different monomial order so we give it with the complete proof.

**Lemma 1.16.** Each forbidden minor is equivalent modulo relations (1.3) to the linear combination of allowed minors which are greater than or equal to this minor with respect to the order  $\succ$ .

*Proof.* For a forbidden minor  $m_J$  let b be the smallest number such that  $j_b = b, j_{b+1} = \bar{b}$ . Let  $A = \{a_1, \ldots, a_s\}$  be the set of numbers  $a_p < b$  such that

both  $a_p, \bar{a}_p \in J$ ,  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_s\}$  be the set of numbers  $c_p < b$  such that both  $c_p, \bar{c}_p \notin J$  (clearly the cardinalities of these sets are equal).

We put  $D := A \cup C \cup \{b\}$ . For each s-element subset  $E \subset D$ ,  $E = \{e_1, \ldots, e_s\}$  we define  $\bar{E} := \{\bar{e}_1, \ldots, \bar{e}_s\}$ . Take the (|J| - 2)-element subset  $I := J \setminus (A \cup \bar{A} \cup \{b, \bar{b}\}) \cup (E \cup \bar{E})$ . Then we consider the equality (1.3) for such a subset I. We have  $\binom{2s+1}{s}$  equalities of such a type. Note that all these equalities are indeed the linear combination of the following variables:

- for s+1 element subset  $F\subset D$  the minors  $m_{J\setminus (A\cup \bar{A}\cup \{b,\bar{b}\})\cup (F\cup \bar{F})}$ , there are  $\binom{2s+1}{s+1}$  such variables;
- variables  $m_K$  such that for some k the elements greater than k belong or don't belong to K and J together and  $k \in K$ ,  $k \notin J$ ; for such variables we have  $m_K \succ m_J$ .

We consider this system of  $\binom{2s+1}{s}$  equalities as the system of linear equations in  $\binom{2s+1}{s+1}$  variables of the first type. We prove that this system is non-degenerate, and hence, the monomials of the first type lie in the linear span of the monomials of the second type.

The matrix of this system is the following. Its columns are enumerated by the s+1 element subsets of 2s+1 element set, and its rows are enumerated by s element subsets of the same set The element of the column A and the row B is equal to 1 if  $B \subset A$ , 0, otherwise. We note that this matrix is  $\mathfrak{S}_{2s+1}$  equivariant, so its kernel has to be  $\mathfrak{S}_{2s+1}$  invariant subset. It is easy to check that the  $\binom{2s+1}{s}$  dimensional module spanned by s+1 element subsets of 2s+1 element set splits to s+1 irreducible representations and all these representations don't lie in the kernel of the matrix.

Thus the ring  $k[SP_{2n}]^{n^+}$  is generated by the allowed minors and the product of any pair of uncomparable allowed minors can be expressed as the linear combination of the products of pairs of the comparable minors (because they satisfy the relations from Lemma 1.7).

Our next goal is to give a proof of the linear independence of products of comparable allowed minors. We will use the method of toric degeneration analogous to the case of  $GL_n$ .

**Lemma 1.17.** The defining ideal of  $SP_{2n}$  has a trivial intersection with the polynomial subalgebra

$$\mathbb{k}[z_{uv}]_{v \in \{1,2,...,n\},(u,v) \neq (\bar{k},l),k < l}$$

*Proof.* We denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the field  $\mathbb{k}(z_{uv})_{v \in \{1,2,\ldots,n\},(u,v) \neq (\bar{k},l),k < l}$ . Consider the n(n-1)/2 relations

(1.4) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (z_{ku} z_{\bar{k}v} - z_{\bar{k}u} z_{kv}) = 0$$

for  $u, v \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . These relations are the subset of relations (1.2) containing only  $z_{uv}, v \in \{1, ..., n\}$ . They are linear in variables  $z_{\bar{k}v}$ . Consider the variables  $z_{\bar{k}l}, k < l$ . It is easy to see that the system (1.4) is triangular with respect to these n(n-1)/2 variables. Therefore these relations as a system of equations on  $z_{\bar{k}l}, k < l$ , can be rewritten in the form

$$z_{\bar{k}l} - a_{\bar{k}l}, \ a_{\bar{k}l} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Thus they generate a proper ideal in the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{F}[z_{\bar{k}l}] = \mathcal{F}[z_{\bar{k}l} - a_{\bar{k}l}]$ . Hence this ideal has trivial intersection with the field  $\mathcal{F}$  and thus with the ring  $\mathbb{k}[z_{uv}]_{v \in \{1,2,\dots,n\},(u,v) \neq (\bar{k},l),k < l}$  as well. Moreover we have:

$$\mathcal{F}[z_{\bar{k}l}]/\langle z_{\bar{k}l} - a_{\bar{k}l} \rangle \simeq \mathcal{F}.$$

Therefore the elements  $z_{uv}$ ,  $(u, v) = (\bar{k}, l), k < l$  belong to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Take now an algebra  $\mathcal{F}[z_{u\bar{v}}]_{u\in\{1,\bar{1},\dots,n,\bar{n}\},v\in\{1,\dots,n\}}$ . Consider the remaining relations (1.2). They form an ideal in this ring. We need to prove that this ideal is proper, i.e. it contains a point. However the vectors  $(z_{uv})$ , with fixed  $v\in\{1,\dots,n\}$  span a Lagrangian subspace L in 2n dimensional space over  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus there is a Lagrangian subspace L spanned by  $(z_{uv})$ , with fixed  $v\in\{\bar{1},\dots,\bar{n}\}$ , such that the vectors  $(z_{uv})$ ,  $v\in\{\bar{1},\dots,\bar{n}\}$  are symplectic dual to  $(z_{uv})$ ,  $v\in\{1,\dots,n\}$ . This gives a needed point. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 1.18.** Leading monomials for different products of comparable allowed minors are different.

*Proof.* The leading monomial of an allowed minor  $m_I$  is equal to

$$z_{i_1 1} \dots z_{i_{|I|},|I|} \subset \mathbb{k}[z_{uv}]_{v \in \{1,2,\dots,n\},(u,v) \neq (\bar{k},l),k < l}$$

We identify the leading monomials of type  $SP_{2n}$  with some leading monomials of type  $SL_{2n}$ . Renaming the indices  $(u,v) \mapsto (2u-1,v), (\bar{u},v) \mapsto (2u,v)$  for  $u,v \in \{1,2,\ldots,n\}$ , the comparable minors come to comparable. Thus this theorem is the partial case of Theorem 1.10.

**Corollary 1.19.** Different products of comparable allowed minors are different. In particular the products of comparable allowed minors form a basis of k[G/U]. They are called symplectic Young tableaux in [DC].

**Corollary 1.20.** There exists the toric degeneration of the flag variety in type C similar to Gonciulea-Lakshmibai toric degeneration.

Remark 1.21. One could construct such a toric degeneration of flag varieties only in types A and C. The essential property of allowed minors in type C is that they form a subalgebra of the algebra generated by minors in type A. This is not the case even for type  $SO_n$ . Moreover any natural choice of leading monomials in the products of right invariant minors in  $\mathbb{k}[SO_n]$  is not closed under multiplication. In the case of spinor or exceptional groups the situation is even worse. It is not so easy to describe the defining equations for the group, so it is difficult to study the ring  $\mathcal{M}$  inside the ring  $\mathbb{k}[G]$ .

# 2. Current algebras and Weyl modules

In this section we recall some properties of current groups and algebras. We call the current Lie algebra the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t]$ . It is a subalgebra of maximal parabolic subalgebra of the untwisted affine Kac-Moody Lie algebra attached to  $\mathfrak{g}$  with codimension two. Consider a finite dimensional Lie group G. We call the current group G[[t]] the group of  $\mathbb{k}[[t]]$ -points of the group G. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of the Lie group G. There is the natural action of the Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[[t]]$ ,  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t]$  on the ring of algebraic function on G[[t]].

The variety G[[t]] is in the other terms called the variety of arcs over G([Na]). For an affine variety the arc variety has the following description.

Assume that an affine variety V has the coordinate ring

$$\mathbb{k}[x_1,\ldots,x_r]/\langle p_1(x_1,\ldots,x_r),\ldots,p_l(x_1,\ldots,x_r)\rangle.$$

Then the arc variety has the following coordinate ring. We take the set of variables  $x_i^{(k)}$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,r; k=0,1,\ldots$  and define the formal series:

(2.1) 
$$x_i(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_i^{(k)}.$$

Then the coordinate ring of the arc variety is

$$\mathbb{k}[x_i^{(k)}]/\langle p_1(x_1(s),\ldots,x_r(s)),\ldots,p_l(x_1(s),\ldots,x_r(s))\rangle,$$

where  $p_1(x_1(s), \dots, x_r(s))$  means the set of all s-coefficients of this polynomial. (See for details [Fr, EM])

**Proposition 2.1.** The arc scheme of an algebraic group is reduced, i.e. its coordinate ring has no nilpotents.

*Proof.* This scheme is the group scheme (of  $\mathbb{k}[[t]]$  points). Therefore it is reduced ([Oo]).

We are interested in the following representations of the current Lie algebra.

**Definition 2.2.** [CP] Let  $\lambda \in P_+$ . Then the global Weyl module  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda)$  is the cyclic  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t]$  module with a generator  $v_{\lambda}$  and the following defining relations:

$$(2.2) (e_{\alpha} \otimes t^{k})v_{\lambda} = 0, \ \alpha \in \Delta_{+}, \ k \ge 0;$$

$$(2.3) (f_{-\alpha} \otimes 1)^{\langle \alpha^{\vee}, \lambda \rangle + 1} v_{\lambda} = 0, \ \alpha \in \Delta_{+}.$$

Local Weyl modules  $W(\lambda)$  are defined by previous conditions and one additional condition:

(2.4) 
$$h \otimes t^k v_{\lambda} = 0 \text{ for all } h \in \mathfrak{h}, k > 0.$$

Weyl modules are the natural analogues of finite-dimensional simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ modules  $V(\lambda)$ . They are graded by the degree of t:

$$\mathbb{W}(\mu) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{W}(\mu)^{(k)}$$

with finite-dimensional homogeneous components. Therefore we can define the restricted dual module:

$$\mathbb{W}(\mu)^* = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{W}(\mu)^{(k)})^*.$$

Dual global Weyl modules have the following properties.

**Lemma 2.3.**  $\mathbb{W}(\mu)^*$  is cocyclic, i.e. there exists an element (cogenerator)  $v^* \in \mathbb{W}(\mu)^*$  such that for any element  $u \in \mathbb{W}(\mu)^*$  there exists an element  $f \in U(\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t])$  such that  $fu = v^*$ . The set of cogenerators coincides with  $(\mathbb{W}(\mu)^{(0)})^* \simeq V(\mu)^*$ .

*Proof.* This is a direct consequence of the fact that Weyl module is cyclic.

For a dominant weight  $\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^{\mathrm{rk}(\mathfrak{g})} m_k \omega_k$  we define

$$(q)_{\lambda} = \prod_{k=1}^{\text{rkg}} \prod_{i=1}^{m_k} (1 - q^i).$$

Each Weyl module is graded by the  $\mathfrak{h}$ -weights and by t-degree. For any  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t]$ -module U with such a grading let  $U(\nu, m), \ \nu \in \mathfrak{h}^*, \ m \in \mathbb{Z}$  be the weight space of the corresponding weight.

#### Definition 2.4.

$$\operatorname{ch} U = \sum_{\nu,m} \dim U(\nu,m) x^{\nu} q^{m}.$$

Proposition 2.5. [CFK, N]

$$\operatorname{chW}(\mu) = \frac{\operatorname{ch}W(\mu)}{(q)_{\mu}}.$$

Moreover, the algebra of endomorphisms of  $\mathbb{W}(\mu)$  is a polynomial algebra generated by  $h_{\alpha_i}t^r, 1 \leq r \leq \langle \mu, \alpha_i \rangle$ . We denote this algebra by  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu}$ . This makes  $\mathbb{W}(\mu)$  the  $\mathfrak{g}$ - $\mathcal{A}_{\mu}$  bimodule.

**Lemma 2.6.** [Kat1] The  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{k}[t]$ -submodule of  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda) \otimes \mathbb{W}(\mu)$  generated by  $v_{\lambda} \otimes v_{\mu}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda + \mu)$ .

Corollary 2.7. There exists a surjection of dual Weyl modules:

$$(2.5) \mathbb{W}^*(\lambda) \otimes \mathbb{W}^*(\mu) \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{W}^*(\lambda + \mu),$$

inducing the structure of associative and commutative algebra on the space  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} \mathbb{W}^*(\lambda)$ . We denote this algebra by  $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{W}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

**Remark 2.8.** The algebra  $\mathbb{W}$  is an analogue of the algebra  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in X_{+}} V(\lambda)^{*}$ .

The following proposition is a direct consequence of Corollary 2.7.

**Proposition 2.9.** We is generated by the space  $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\mathrm{rk}(\mathfrak{g})} \mathbb{W}(\omega_k)^*$ .

The structure of this algebra is complicated and we want to study this algebra using the algebra k[G[[t]]] of functions on the current algebraic group.

Analogously to the usual (left) Weyl modules on can define the right Weyl modules  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda)^o$  and dual right Weyl modules  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda)^{o*}$ . These modules are  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$ - $\mathfrak{g}$  bimodules. Thus we can define the  $\mathfrak{g}$ - $\mathfrak{g}$  bimodules

$$\mathbb{W}(\lambda)^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}} \mathbb{W}(\lambda)^{o*}$$
.

We have the following Peter-Weyl theorem for current algebras. Recall that  $w_0$  is the longest element of the Weyl group.

**Theorem 2.10.** [FKM] For a simply-connected group G there is a filtration on  $\mathbb{k}[G[[t]]]$  with subquotients  $\mathbb{W}(\lambda)^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}} \mathbb{W}(\lambda)^{o*}$ . The components of this filtration  $F_{\lambda}$  are cogenerated as  $\mathfrak{b}$ - $\mathfrak{b}$  bimodules by elements  $v_{-w_0(\lambda)} \otimes v_{-w_0(\lambda)}$  of left and right weight  $-w_0(\lambda)$  and t-degree 0.

# Corollary 2.11.

$$\mathbb{k}[G[[t]]]^{\mathfrak{n}_+[t]} \simeq \mathbb{W}.$$

In particular it is generated by the components of fundamental weights  $\omega_i$ .

*Proof.* Consider the space of  $\mathfrak{n}_+[t]$ -invariant vectors of right  $\mathfrak{h}$ -weights  $\lambda$ . For an element u of this space we have  $u\mathfrak{n}_+ \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists \gamma \in \Delta_+, k \geq 0, \operatorname{wt}(ue_{\gamma}t^k) > \lambda$  and thus u is not cogenerated by element of weight  $\lambda$ .

Therefore the space of elements cogenerated by  $v_{-w_0(\lambda)} \otimes v_{-w_0(\lambda)}$  and  $\mathfrak{n}_+$  invariant is equal to

$$\mathbb{W}_{\lambda}^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}.$$

Thus it is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{W}_{\lambda}^*$  as the left module. We have that

$$v_{-w_0(\lambda)} \otimes v_{-w_0(\lambda)} \times v_{-w_0(\mu)} \otimes v_{-w_0(\mu)} \mapsto v_{-w_0(\lambda+\mu)} \otimes v_{-w_0(\lambda+\mu)}.$$

Thus by cocyclicity we have that the algebra structure of  $\mathbb{k}[G[[t]]]^{\mathfrak{n}_+[t]}$  coincides with  $\mathbb{W}$ .

# 3. Semi-infinite Plücker relations in type A

The goal of this section is to give an easier and conceptually different proof of the results of [FeMa2]. We recall the construction of quadratic semi-infinite Plücker relations. Then we prove that they form a basis of ideal of relations using arc varieties over toric degenerations.

# 3.1. Structure of the algebra of functions on current group

Recall (1.1):

(3.1) 
$$\mathbb{k}[SL_n] \simeq \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}] / \left\langle \det \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n1} & \cdots & z_{nn} \end{pmatrix} - 1 \right\rangle.$$

We are interested in the current group of this group, or in the other terms we consider the arc variety with the following algebra of functions. Consider the family of variables  $z_{ij}^{(k)}$ ,  $1 \le i, j \le n, k = 0, 1, \ldots$  As before we define:

$$z_{ij}(s) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z_{ij}^{(k)} s^k.$$

Then we have:

(3.2) 
$$\mathbb{k}[SL_n[t]] \simeq \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}^{(k)}] / \left\langle \det \begin{pmatrix} z_{11}(s) & \cdots & z_{1n}(s) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n1}(s) & \cdots & z_{nn}(s) \end{pmatrix} - 1 \right\rangle.$$

Here as before  $\langle f(s) \rangle$  means the ideal generated by all s-coefficients of f(s). The right action of the current Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}[t]$  on this algebra is the following.

Let  $e_{ab}$  be the matrix unit, then the element  $e_{ab}t^c$  acts in the following way:

$$z_{uv}^{(k)}e_{ab}t^c = \begin{cases} z_{ub}^{(k-c)}, & \text{if } a = v; k-c \ge 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The left action can be described in a similar way.

We study the ring of  $\mathfrak{n}_+[t]$  invariant functions with respect to the right action. The next proposition tells that this ring is generated by coefficients of minors on first columns.

Let  $I \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$  be a nonzero proper subset, let  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k$  be the elements of I.

#### Definition 3.1.

$$m_I(s) = \det \left( \begin{array}{ccc} z_{i_11}(s) & \cdots & z_{i_1k}(s) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{i_k1}(s) & \cdots & z_{i_kk}(s) \end{array} \right)$$

Expanding  $m_I(s)$  we denote its coefficients:

$$m_I(s) =: \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} m_I^{(k)} s^k.$$

#### Proposition 3.2.

$$\mathbb{k}[SL_n[[t]]]^{\mathfrak{n}_+[t]} = \mathbb{k}[m_I^{(k)}]_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}, |I| \neq 0, n, k \geq 0}$$

Proof. Clearly each  $m_I^{(k)}$  is invariant under  $\mathfrak{n}_+[t]$ . The Weyl module  $W_{\omega_p}$  has the graded dimension equal to the graded dimension of the linear span of these elements with |I|=p. Therefore the space of invariant functions of the right weight  $\omega_p$  is equal to the span of these elements. Therefore Proposition 2.9 and Corollary 2.11 imply the desired equality.

#### 3.2. Semi-infinite Plücker relations

From this moment till the end of this section we study the algebra generated by  $m_I^{(k)}$ . We have proved that this algebra is isomorphic to the algebra of dual Weyl modules. We denote the algebra generated by  $m_I^{(k)}$  by  $\mathbb{W}$  too. Denote by  $\mathbb{W}[[s]]$  the algebra of formal series in variable s over algebra  $\mathbb{W}$ . First we recall semi-infinite Plücker relations.

Recall the order 1.4 on the proper nonzero subsets of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Assume that for some  $I \prec J$  we have the following set of inequalities:

$$i_{|J|} \le j_{|J|}, \dots, i_{k_1+1} \le i_{k_1+1},$$

$$i_{k_1} > j_{k_1}, i_{k_1-1} \ge j_{k_1-1}, \dots, i_{k_2+1} \ge j_{k_2+1},$$

$$i_{k_2} < j_{k_2}, i_{k_2-1} \le j_{k_2-1}, \dots.$$

We define strictly decreasing sequence of elements

$$S(I,J) = (i_{|I|}, i_{|I|-1}, \dots, i_{|J|+1}, \dots, i_{k_1+1}, i_{k_1}, j_{k_1}, j_{k_1-1}, \dots, j_{k_2}, i_{k_2}, \dots).$$

We set

$$k(I,J) = |S(I,J)| - |I|.$$

We call the set S(I, J) the snake. The number k(I, J) measures how much uncomparable are I and J, k(I, J) = 0 iff I and J are comparable.

These monomials satisfy the following relations (see [FeMa2]).

**Proposition 3.4.** a). For any  $k' \leq k(I, J) - 1$  we have the following equality in W[[s]]:

(3.3) 
$$\sum_{A \subset S(I,J), |A| = |I \cap S|} (-1)^{\operatorname{sign}(A)} \frac{\partial^{k'} m_{I \setminus S \cup A}(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} m_{I \setminus S \cup (S \setminus A)}(s) = 0.$$

b). The series

$$\frac{\partial^{k'} m_I(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} m_J(s)$$

is the leading part in the left hand side of the previous equation.

Recall the monomial order from Definition 1.4. We define the order on monomials  $m_{I^1}^{(k_1)}\dots m_{I^a}^{(k_a)}$  such that

$$m_{I^1}^{(k_1)} \dots m_{I^a}^{(k_a)} \succcurlyeq m_{J^1}^{(l_1)} \dots m_{J^b}^{(l_b)} \Leftrightarrow m_{I^1} \dots m_{I^a} \succcurlyeq m_{J^1} \dots m_{J^b}.$$

In particular this order doesn't fill the upper indices and elements which differ only by the upper indices are equivalent.

We now consider the degeneration of equations (3.3) with respect to the order  $\prec$ .

**Definition 3.5.** We denote by  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  the free polynomial algebra with generators  $\bar{m}_I^{(k)}$  modulo the relations

(3.4) 
$$\frac{\partial^{k'} \widetilde{m}_I(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} \widetilde{m}_J(s) = 0, \ 0 \le k' < k(I, J).$$

Clearly the character of the degenerate algebra is greater than or equal to the character of the algebra W.

We use the notation  $\alpha_i = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1}$ ;  $\omega_k = \sum_{p=1}^k \varepsilon_p$ . In these notation the grading of an element  $m_I^{(k)}$  is equal to  $\sum_{p=1}^{|I|} \varepsilon_{i_p} q^k$ . Note that the semi-infinite Plücker relations are homogenous with respect to this grading.

Degenerate Plücker relations are homogenous with respect to a stronger grading. More precisely consider the free commutative semigroup generated by nonempty proper subsets  $I \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$  and the variable  $\delta$ . Attach the grading  $I + k\delta$  to the variable  $m_I^{(k)}$ . Then it is clear that the relations (3.4) are homogenous with respect to this grading. We use the notation  $x^{\delta} = q$ . For a  $\mathbb{N}\delta$ -graded space  $V = \bigoplus_p V_p$  we define its q-dimension by  $\sum_p \dim V_p q^p$ .

Our next goal is to compute the q-dimension of  $\mathbb{N}[I]$ -homogenous components of the algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  and to describe its basis. Denote these components by  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$  for  $\mathbf{r} = (r_I)$ .

The next proposition is proven in [FeMa2]. We give it with the complete proof because we use the methods of this proof in the study of arcs over toric degeneration below. Recall the notation  $(q)_r = \prod_{i=1}^r (1-q^i)$ .

# Proposition 3.6.

(3.5) 
$$\operatorname{ch}\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{q^{\sum_{I \prec J} k(I,J)r_I r_J}}{\prod_{I} (q)_{r_I}}.$$

*Proof.* We consider a functional realization of the dual space of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$ . Namely, given a linear function  $\xi$  on the space  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$ , we attach to it the polynomial  $f_{\xi}$  in variables  $Y_{I,p}$ ,  $I \subset \{1,\ldots,n\}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq r_I$  defined as follows:

(3.6) 
$$f_{\xi} = \xi \left( \prod_{I} r_{I}(Y_{I,1}) \dots r_{I}(Y_{I,r_{I}}) \right).$$

We claim that formula (3.6) defines an isomorphism between the space of functionals on  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}(\sum_{I} r_{I}I)$  and the space  $\operatorname{Pol}(\sum_{I} r_{I}I)$  of polynomials f in variables  $Y_{I,p}$  subject to the following conditions:

- f is symmetric in variables  $Y_{I,j}$  for each I,
- f is divisible by  $(Y_{I,j_1} Y_{J,j_2})^{k(I,J)}$  for all  $I, J, j_1, j_2$ .

The first condition holds because of commutativity of multiplication in  $\widetilde{W}$ . The second one comes from the relations (3.4). Indeed these relations mean that this space contains polynomials in  $Y_{I,p}$  which go to 0 under the substitution  $Y_{I,p} = Y_{J,q}$  with their  $Y_{I,p}$ -derivatives from 0th to k'(I,J) - 1st.

We note that the q-dimension on  $\overline{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$  is now translated into the counting of the total degree in all variables  $Y_{I,p}$ . Now the q-character of the space  $\operatorname{Pol}(\sum_{I} r_{I}I)$  is given by

(3.7) 
$$\frac{q^{\sum_{I \prec J} k(I,J)r_I r_J}}{\prod_{\sigma} (q)_{r_{\sigma}}}.$$

Indeed,  $(q)_r^{-1}$  is the character of the space of symmetric polynomials in r variables and the factor  $\prod_{I \prec J} (Y_{I,p_1} - Y_{\tau,p_2})^{k(I,J)}$  produces the numerator of the above formula.

**Corollary 3.7.** The homogeneous component  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}} \subset \widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  has the basis consisting of monomials of the form

(3.8) 
$$\prod_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}} m_I^{(l_{1,I})} \dots m_I^{(l_{r_I,I})}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I}$$

such that  $l_{1,I} \geq \sum_{J \prec I} k(I,J) r_J$ .

*Proof.* We note that the character of the set of monomials (3.8) is equal to (3.7). Hence it suffices to show that the elements (3.8) span the space  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$ .

Assume that there exists an element  $\xi \in (\overline{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}})^*$  vanishing on all the monomials (3.8). We want to show that in this case  $\xi$  is zero; equivalently, we need to prove that  $f_{\xi} = 0$ . A non-zero polynomial divisible by  $\prod_{I \prec J} (Y_{I,p_1} - Y_{J,p_2})^{k(I,J)}$  contains a monomial

(3.9) 
$$\prod_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}} Y_I^{l_{1,I}} \dots Y_I^{l_{r_I,I}}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I}$$

such that  $l_{1,I} \geq \sum_{J \prec I} r_J J$  (coming from the choice of the term  $Y_{J,p_2}^{k(I,J)}$  in each bracket  $(Y_{I,p_1} - Y_{J,p_2})^{k(I,J)}$ ). However, the coefficient in front of monomial (3.9) is equal to  $\xi(m_J^{(l_{1,J})} \dots m_J^{(l_{r_J,J})})$ . Therefore, if  $\xi$  vanishes on all the elements (3.8), then  $f_{\xi}$  is zero.

#### 3.3. Arcs for toric degeneration

We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.8.** The defining ideal of  $SL_n[[t]]$  has the trivial intersection with the polynomial algebra  $\mathbb{k}[z_{uv}^{(k)}]_{(u,v)\neq(n,n)}$ .

*Proof.* Rewrite the generating function of the generators of defining ideal in the following form:

(3.10) 
$$\det \begin{pmatrix} z_{11}(s) & \cdots & z_{n1}(s) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{1n}(s) & \cdots & z_{nn}(s) \end{pmatrix} - 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_{ni}(s) m_{\{1,\dots,n\}\setminus\{i\}}(s) - 1.$$

Each s-coefficient of this element is a linear function on  $z_{nn}^{(k)}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}[z_{uv}^{(k)}]_{(u,v)\neq(n,n)}$ . Moreover this is a triangular linear system,

because the coefficient of  $s^l$  depends only on  $z_{nn}^{(l)}$ ,  $l \leq k$ . Hence these coefficients generate a proper ideal in the polynomial algebra  $\mathcal{F}[z_{nn}^{(l)}]$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{k}(z_{uv}^{(k)})_{(u,v)\neq(n,n)}$ . Thus this ideal doesn't intersect  $\mathcal{F}$ . This completes the proof.

Consider the following order  $\lhd$  on variables  $z_{uv}^{(k)}$ . It is lexicographic with respect to lower indices and it doesn't feel the upper indices. More precisely  $z_{uv}^{(k)} \lhd z_{u'v'}^{(k')}$  if v < v' or v = v' and u < u'. Note that all variables are comparable with respect to this order and for fixed u, v variables  $z_{uv}^{(k)}$  are equivalent. We introduce the degree-restricted lexicographic order on monomials in  $z_{uv}^{(k)}$ . This is a monomial order, i.e. for monomials a, b, c if  $a \lhd b$ , then  $ac \lhd bc$ .

Note that all coefficients of minors  $m_I^{(k)}$  lie in the polynomial algebra  $\mathbb{k}[z_{uv}^{(k)}], (u, v) \neq (n, n)$  due to Lemma 3.8. Then the following lemma is obvious.

**Lemma 3.9.** The leading part of  $m_I(s)$  with respect to  $\triangleleft$  is equal to

$$d_I(s) := z_{i_1 1}(s) z_{i_2 2}(s) \dots z_{i_{|I|}|I|}(s).$$

We denote by  $d_I^{(k)}$  the coefficient of  $s^k$  in the series  $d_I(s)$ , i.e.:

$$d_I(s) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_I^{(k)}.$$

**Remark 3.10.** The algebra  $\mathbb{k}[d_I^{(k)}]$  is the reduced function algebra on the affine toric degeneration of flag variety. The classical toric degeneration of the flag variety is due to Gonciulea-Lakshmibai [GL].

The goal of the remainder of this section is to prove that the leading parts of monomials from (3.8) are linear independent.

Lemma 3.11. The leading part of

$$\prod_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}} m_I^{(l_{1,I})} \dots m_I^{(l_{r_I,I})}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I}$$

is equal to

$$\prod_{I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}} d_I^{(l_{1,I})} \dots d_I^{(l_{r_I,I})}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I}$$

*Proof.* The order  $\triangleleft$  is monomial. Therefore the leading part of a product is equal to the product of leading parts.

We have:

$$d_I^{(k)} \in \mathbb{k}[z_{ij}^{(k)}]_{i \ge j}.$$

Consider the vector space

$$U_{\mathbf{r}} := \langle \prod_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}} d_I^{(l_{1,I})} \dots d_I^{(l_{r_I,I})}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I} \rangle$$

with fixed vector of numbers  $\mathbf{r} = (r_I)$  and arbitrary  $(l_{p,I})$ . We study the functional realization of the dual space  $U_{\mathbf{r}}^*$ . We take  $\sum_I r_I$  variables  $Y_{I,p}$ ,  $1 \le p \le r_I$  and consider the expression

(3.11) 
$$\prod_{I} d_{I}(Y_{I,1}) \dots d_{I}(Y_{I,r_{I}}).$$

Clearly the coefficients of this expression are all of the form

$$\prod_{I} d_{I}^{(l_{1,I})} \dots d_{I}^{(l_{r_{I},I})}.$$

They span a subspace of the space spanned by elements

$$\prod_{u>v} z_{uv}^{(k_{uv,1})} \dots z_{uv}^{(k_{uv,a_{uv}})},$$

where  $a_{uv} = \sum_{I|i_v=u} r_I$ , i.e.  $a_{uv}$  is equal to the number of appearance of  $z_{uv}$  as a factor of  $d_I$ . Denote this vector of numbers  $a_{uv}$  by **a** and this subspace by  $V_{\mathbf{a}}$ .

Consider the expression

(3.12) 
$$\prod_{uv} z_{uv}(X_{uv,1}) \dots z_{uv}(X_{uv,a_{uv}}).$$

As before for each  $\chi \in V_{\mathbf{a}}^*$  we define the function:

$$f_{\chi} := \chi \big( \prod_{uv} z_{uv}(X_{uv,1}) \dots z_{uv}(X_{uv,a_{uv}}) \big).$$

The functions  $f_{\chi}$  form the following space (in fact, the algebra):

$$\mathbb{K}[X_{uv,p}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{11}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{21}} \times \dots}$$

of polynomials in  $X_{uv,p}$  symmetric in all group of variables  $X_{uv,1}, \ldots, X_{uv,a_{uv}}$ . Thus the space  $V_{\mathbf{a}}^*$  is naturally isomorphic to this space of polynomials.

Note that we have the following substitution map

(3.13) 
$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}: X_{uv,\sum_{i_n=i_n=u,I \triangleleft J} r_I + j} \mapsto Y_{J,j}.$$

Then to each variable  $Y_{I,j}$  we substitute |I| variables  $X_{i_k k,p}$ . By the construction we have:

$$(3.14) \qquad \varphi_{\mathbf{r}} \left( \prod_{uv} z_{uv}(X_{uv,1}) \dots z_{uv}(X_{uv,a_{uv}}) \right) = \prod_{I} d_{I}(Y_{I,1}) \dots d_{I}(Y_{I,r_{I}}).$$

We have:

$$U_{\mathbf{r}}^* = V_{\mathbf{a}}^* / \operatorname{ann}(U_{\mathbf{r}}),$$

where ann $(U_{\mathbf{r}})$  is the annihilator of the subspace  $(U_{\mathbf{r}})$ . Thus the functional realization of  $U_{\mathbf{r}}^*$  can be obtained in the following way. We fix  $\chi \in V_{\mathbf{a}}^*$ . Then

$$f_{\chi}(Y_{I,p}) = \chi(\prod_{I} d_{I}(Y_{I,1}) \dots d_{I}(Y_{I,r_{I}})).$$

Hence the dual space of  $U_{\mathbf{r}}$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbb{k}[X_{uv,p}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{11}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{21}} \times \cdots})$ .

**Remark 3.12.** Note that  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbb{k}[X_{uv,p}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{11}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{21}} \times \dots}) \subset \mathbb{k}[Y_{I,j}]^{\times_{I} \mathfrak{S}_{|I|}}$ . In general this inclusion is not an equality.

**Example 3.13.** Consider the case n=3. Then we have 6 Plücker variables with leading monomials

$$d_1 = z_{11}, d_2 = z_{21}, d_3 = z_{31}, d_{12} = z_{11}z_{22}, d_{13} = z_{11}z_{32}, d_{23} = z_{21}z_{32}.$$

Take a vector  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, r_3, r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23})$ . Then:

$$a_{11} = r_1 + r_{12} + r_{13}, a_{21} = r_2 + r_{23}, a_{31} = r_3, a_{22} = r_{12}, a_{32} = r_{13} + r_{23}.$$

The space  $V_{\mathbf{a}}^*$  is isomorphic to the following algebra:

$$(3.15) \quad \mathbb{k}[X_{11,1}, \dots, X_{11,a_{11}}, X_{21,1}, \dots, X_{21,a_{21}}, X_{31,1}, \dots, X_{31,a_{31}}, X_{22,1}, \dots, X_{22,a_{22}}, X_{32,1}, \dots, X_{32,a_{32}}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{11}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{21}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{31}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{22}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{32}}}$$

i.e. the algebra of polynomials symmetric in five groups of variables.

The map  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  is as follows:

$$X_{11,p} \mapsto Y_{12,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{12}, X_{11,r_{12}+p} \mapsto Y_{13,p}, \ p = 1, \dots, r_{13},$$

$$X_{11,r_{12}+r_{13}+p} \mapsto Y_{1,p}, \ p = 1, \dots, r_{1};$$

$$X_{21,p} \mapsto Y_{23,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{23}, X_{21,r_{23}+p} \mapsto Y_{2,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{2};$$

$$X_{31,p} \mapsto Y_{3,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{23};$$

$$X_{22,p} \mapsto Y_{12,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{12};$$

$$X_{32,p} \mapsto Y_{13,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{13}, X_{32,r_{13}+p} \mapsto Y_{23,p}; \ p = 1, \dots, r_{23}.$$

In particular the image of  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  is the subalgebra in  $\mathbb{k}[Y_{I,p}]$  generated by five subalgebras isomorphic to symmetric algebras in  $a_{ij}$  variables.

Next lemmas contain the properties of symmetric and supersymmetric polynomials which we need for the proof.

**Definition 3.14.** We take k groups of variables  $Y_{l,i}$ ,  $l=1,\ldots,k$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,r_l$  and q subsets  $S_j \subset \{1,\ldots,k\}$ . We denote:

$$\mathcal{R}_{S_j} = \mathbb{k}[Y_{l,i}]_{l \in S_j, \ i=1,\dots,r_l}^{\mathfrak{S}_{\sum_{l \in S_j} r_l}}.$$

We define the subalgebra generated by k subalgebras of symmetric functions:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\{S_1,...,S_q\}} := \mathbb{k}[\mathcal{R}_{S_1},...,\mathcal{R}_{S_k}] \subset \mathbb{k}[Y_{l,i}]_{l=1,...,k,\ i=1,...,r_l}.$$

**Lemma 3.15.** Assume that q = k and the indicator matrix  $(\delta_i^j)$ ,  $\delta_i^j = 1$  if  $i \in S_j$ , 0 otherwise, is invertible. Then:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\{S_1,\ldots,S_q\}} = \mathbb{k}[Y_{l,i}]_{l=1,\ldots,k,\ i=1,\ldots,r_l}^{\mathfrak{S}_{r_1}\times\cdots\times\mathfrak{S}_{r_k}}.$$

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove that every power sum of elements in each group belongs to this algebra, i.e.:

$$p_{l,m} = \sum_{i=1}^{r_l} Y_{l,i}^m \in \mathbb{k}[\mathcal{R}_{S_1}, \dots, \mathcal{R}_{S_k}].$$

However by the construction we have:

$$\sum_{l \in S_j} p_{l,m} \in \mathcal{R}_{S_j} \subset \mathbb{k}[\mathcal{R}_{S_1}, \dots, \mathcal{R}_{S_k}].$$

Then using the invertibility of  $(\delta_i^j)$  we have that  $p_{l,m}$  are linear combinations of these elements. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Next lemma contains a property of supersymmetric functions. Recall the definition.

Take two groups of variables  $A_1, \ldots, A_r, B_1, \ldots, B_l$ . A polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{k}[A_i, B_j]^{\mathfrak{S}_r \times \mathfrak{S}_l}$  is called supersymmetric if the following holds for the substitution  $A_r \mapsto X, B_l \mapsto X$ :

$$f|_{A_r \mapsto X, B_l \mapsto X} \in \mathbb{k}[A_i, B_j, i \le r - 1, j \le l - 1]^{\mathfrak{S}_{r-1} \times \mathfrak{S}_{l-1}}.$$

I.e. this substitution doesn't depend on the variable X.

**Lemma 3.16.** The ring of supersymmetric functions is generated by coefficients of the series

$$\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{r} (1 - tA_j)}{\prod_{j=1}^{l} (1 - tB_j)}.$$

The ideal of the ring  $\mathbb{K}[A_1,\ldots,A_r,B_1,\ldots,B_l]^{\mathfrak{S}_r \times \mathfrak{S}_l}$  generated by

$$(3.16) \qquad \prod_{1 \le i \le r, 1 \le j \le l} (A_i - B_j)$$

belongs to the ring of supersymmetric polynomials and is equal to the kernel of the substitution map  $f \mapsto f|_{A_r \mapsto X, B_l \mapsto X}$ .

*Proof.* The first claim is proved in [M], Chapter 1.5. The second claim is obvious.  $\hfill\Box$ 

Take two numbers  $a_{\alpha}$ ,  $a_{\beta}$  and two groups of variables  $X_{\alpha,1}, \ldots, X_{\alpha,a_{\alpha}}$ ,  $X_{\beta,1}, \ldots, X_{\beta,a_{\beta}}$ . Define the vector of numbers  $\mathbf{r} = (r_b, r_c, r_d)$  such that  $r_b + r_c = a_{\alpha}$ ,  $r_d + r_c = a_{\beta}$  and take three groups of variables  $B_1, \ldots, B_{r_b}, C_1, \ldots, C_{r_c}, D_1, \ldots, D_{r_d}$ . Consider the map

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}} : \mathbb{k}[X_{\alpha,1}, \dots, X_{\alpha,a_{\alpha}}, X_{\beta,1}, \dots, X_{\beta,a_{\beta}}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{\alpha}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{\beta}}}$$

$$\to \mathbb{k}[B_{1}, \dots, B_{r_{b}}, C_{1}, \dots, C_{r_{c}}, D_{1}, \dots, D_{r_{d}}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{r_{b}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_{c}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_{d}}} :$$

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\alpha,1}) = B_1, \dots, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\alpha,a_b})$$
  
=  $B_{a_b}, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\alpha,a_b+1}) = C_1, \dots, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\alpha,a_b+a_c}) = C_{a_c};$ 

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\beta,1}) = D_1, \dots, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\beta,a_d})$$
  
=  $D_{a_d}, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\beta,a_d+1}) = C_1, \dots, \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(X_{\beta\alpha,a_d+a_c}) = C_{a_c}.$ 

We consider the order  $\mathbf{r} < \mathbf{r}' = (r_b', r_c', r_d')$  if  $r_c < r_c'$ .

**Lemma 3.17.** There exists a subspace

$$S_{\mathbf{r}} \subset \mathbb{k}[X_{\alpha,1},\ldots,X_{\alpha,a_{\alpha}},X_{\beta,1},\ldots,X_{\beta,a_{\beta}}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{a_{\alpha}}\times\mathfrak{S}_{a_{\beta}}}$$

such that  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = \{0\}$  for  $\mathbf{r}' > \mathbf{r}$  and

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r_b, 1 \leq j \leq r_d} (B_i - D_j) \mathbb{k}[B_1, \dots, B_{r_b}, C_1, \dots, C_{r_c}, D_1, \dots, D_{r_d}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{r_b} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_c} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_d}}.$$

*Proof.* We denote

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{r}) := \mathbb{k}[B_1, \dots, B_{r_b}, C_1, \dots, C_{r_c}, D_1, \dots, D_{r_d}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{r_b} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_c} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_d}}.$$

Define a substitution map  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{r}) \to \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{r}')$  for  $\mathbf{r}' > \mathbf{r}$ .

$$\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}'}: B_{r_b} \mapsto C_{r_c+1}, D_{r_d} \mapsto C_{r_c+1}, \dots, B_{r_b-r'_c+r_c+1} \mapsto C_{r'_c}, D_{r_d-r'_c+r_c+1} \mapsto C_{r'_c}.$$

Note that  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'} = \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}'} \circ \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$ . Consider the coefficients of the formal series

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^{a_{\alpha}} (1 - tX_{\alpha,i})}{\prod_{i=1}^{a_{\beta}} (1 - tX_{\beta,i})}.$$

By Lemma 3.16 their image under  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  generate the ring of supersymmetric functions in  $B_1, \ldots, B_{r_b}$  and  $D_1, \ldots, D_{r_d}$  and in particular the space

$$\prod_{1 \leq i \leq r_b, 1 \leq j \leq r_d} (B_i - D_j) \mathbb{k}[B_1, \dots, B_{r_b}, D_1, \dots, D_{r_d}]^{\mathfrak{S}_{r_b} \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_d}}.$$

Using Lemma 3.14 we have that the image of  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  contains the whole principal ideal generated by

$$\prod_{1 \le i \le r_b, 1 \le j \le r_d} (B_i - D_j).$$

However:

$$\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}'} \prod_{1 \le i \le r_b, 1 \le j \le r_d} (B_i - D_j) = 0.$$

Therefore the preimage of this subspace under  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  is the needed subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}}$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.

Fix a vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_{uv})_{u \geq v}$ . We recall the order  $\prec$  on the vectors  $\mathbf{r} = (r_I)$ . Our goal is to study the symmetric polynomials in  $X_{uv,i}$  which are annihilated by all maps  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}$  for  $\mathbf{r}' \succ \mathbf{r}$ .

We use the following notation to simplify the formulas:

(3.17) 
$$\prod_{1 \le i \le r_I, 1 \le j \le r_J} (Y_{I,i} - Y_{J,j}) =: (Y_{I,i} - Y_{J,j}).$$

We next prove the needed property of symmetric functions in the case  $r_I = 0$  for  $|I| \ge 3$  or equivalently  $a_{uv} = 0$  for  $v \ge 3$ . We omit the braces when we write the set I, i.e. we use a notation  $\{a, b\} = ab$ .

**Proposition 3.18.** Assume that  $a_{uv} = 0$  for  $v \ge 3$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{r}$  there exists a subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}}$  such that

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = 0 \text{ for } \mathbf{r}' \succ \mathbf{r};$$

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = \prod_{a < b < c < d} (Y_{ad,i} - Y_{bc,j}) \mathbb{k}[Y_{I,j}]^{\times_I \mathfrak{S}_{|I|}}.$$

*Proof.* For a subset I we define the set of variables  $X_{uv,l}^I,\ l=1,\ldots,a_{uv}^I,$  where

$$a_{uv}^I = a_{uv} - \sum_{j_v = u, J \le I} r_J.$$

Define then the algebra  $\mathcal{R}^I$  of polynomials symmetric in groups of variables  $Y_{J,l},\ J \prec I$  and  $X^I_{uv,l}$ . Note that the order  $\prec$  is linear, therefore the largest element I' such that  $I' \prec I$  is well defined, denote it by  $I^-$ . In the same way we denote by  $I^+$  the smallest element larger than I. We denote  $I^{++}:=(I^+)^+$ , etc. Then we have the map  $\varphi^I_{\mathbf{r}}:\mathcal{R}^{I^-}\to\mathcal{R}^I$ :

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}(X_{l}^{I^{-}}) = Y_{I,l}, \ l \leq r_{I}; \ \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}(X_{uv,r_{I}+l}^{I^{-}}) = X_{uv,l}^{I}, \text{ if } I_{v} = u;$$
$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}(X_{uv,l}^{I^{-}}) = X_{uv,l}^{I}, \text{ otherwise;}$$
$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}(Y_{II}) = Y_{II}, J \prec I.$$

Then  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  is equal to the composition of all maps  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}$ .

Note that the conditions  $|I| \leq 2$  means that if  $(u, v) \notin \{(i_1, 1), (i_2, 2)\}$ , then the map  $\varphi^I_{\mathbf{r}}$  bijectively sets the group of variables  $X^{I^-}_{uv,p}$  to the group

of variables  $X_{uv,p}^I$ . Thus we can apply Lemma 3.17 to the groups of variables  $X_{i_11,p}^{I^-}$ ,  $X_{i_22,p}^{I^-}$ . Hence there exists the subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}}^I$  whose image is the principal ideal generated by

$$\prod_{l=1,\dots,a_{i_{1}1}^{I},m=1,\dots,a_{i_{2}2}^{I}}(X_{i_{1}1,l}^{I}-X_{i_{2}2,m}^{I})$$

and  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}^{I}(S_{\mathbf{r}}^{I}) = 0$  if  $r'_{I} > r_{I}$ . One can compute:

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{\{n\}} \circ \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{\{n-1\}} \circ \cdots \circ \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I^{++}} \circ \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I^{+}} \left( \prod_{l=1,\dots,a_{i_{1}1}^{I},m=1,\dots,a_{i_{2}2}^{I}} (X_{i_{1}1,l}^{I} - X_{i_{2}2,m}^{I}) \right)$$

$$= \prod_{i_{1} < b < i_{2} < c} (Y_{i_{1}c} - Y_{bi_{2}}).$$

Thus comparing the properties of maps  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^I$  we obtain that there is a subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}}$  such that for each I its image under  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{I^-} \circ \dots \varphi_{\mathbf{r}}^{12}$  is contained in  $S_{\mathbf{r}}^I$  and  $\varphi(S_{\mathbf{r}})$  is equal to  $\prod_{a < b < c < d} (Y_{ad,i} - Y_{bc,j}) \mathbb{k}[Y_{I,j}]^{\times_I \mathfrak{S}_{|I|}}$ . If  $\mathbf{r}' \succ \mathbf{r}$ , then there exists the smallest I such that  $r_I < r'_I$ . Then the algebras  $\mathcal{R}^I$  are the same for  $J \prec I$ . Therefore the space  $S_{\mathbf{r}}^I$  is contained in the kernel of  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}^I$ , and thus  $S_{\mathbf{r}}$  is contained in the kernel of  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}^I$ . This completes the proof of the proposition.

Now we a ready to prove the needed property of the morphism  $\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}$  in the whole generality.

**Theorem 3.19.** For each  $\mathbf{r}$  there exists a subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}} \subset \mathbb{k}[X_{uv,i}]^{\times \mathfrak{S}_{a_{uv}}}$  such that

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}'}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = 0 \text{ for } \mathbf{r}' \succ \mathbf{r};$$

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}}(S_{\mathbf{r}}) = \prod_{I \prec J} (Y_{I,i} - Y_{J,j})^{k(I,J)} \mathbb{k}[Y_{I,j}]^{\times_I \mathfrak{S}_{|I|}}.$$

*Proof.* We fix a number l,  $1 \le l \le n-1$ . Recall the truncation map. For  $I \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}, |I| \ge l$ , we put

$$\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}(I) := \{i_l, \dots, i_{|I|}\},\$$

i.e. this operation deletes from I its l-1 smallest elements and is l-1st power of the operator tr deleting the smallest element of the set.

For each subset  $U \subset \{l, \ldots, n-1\}$  we define

$$r_U^{l-1} := \sum_{\operatorname{tr}^{l-1}(I) = U} r_I.$$

Denote the vector of these numbers by  $\mathbf{r}^{l-1}$ .

We construct the algebra  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}^{l-1}}^{l-1}$  as a symmetric algebra in  $X_{uv,p}, v \leq l-1, p=1, \ldots a_{uv}$  and  $Y_{U,p}^{l-1}, U \subset \{l, \ldots, n-1\}, 1 \leq p \leq r_U^{l-1}$ . In particular  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}}^0$  is a symmetric algebra is  $Y_{I,p}$ .

Define a map  $\psi_{\mathbf{r}}^l : \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}^l}^l \to \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}^{l-1}}^{l-1}$ :

$$\begin{split} Y_{U,p}^l &\mapsto Y_{\{1\} \cup U,p}^{l-1}, p = 1, \dots, r_{\{1\} \cup U}^{l-1}; \\ Y_{U,r_{\{1\} \cup U}^{l-1} + p}^l &\mapsto Y_{\{1\} \cup U,p}^{l-1}, p = 1, \dots, r_{\{2\} \cup U}^{l-1}, \dots; \end{split}$$

$$X_{ul,\sum_{U' \prec U} r_{U'}^l p} \mapsto Y_{\{u\} \cup U,p}.$$

Then we have

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}} := \psi_{\mathbf{r}}^1 \circ \psi_{\mathbf{r}}^2 \cdots \circ \psi_{\mathbf{r}}^{n-1}.$$

We equip the elements  $Y_{U,p}^l$  the lexicographic order, i.e.  $U \triangleleft V$  if for some p their p-1 smallest elements coincide and the pth element of U is smaller then the pth element on V. Note that this order doesn't coincide with the order  $\prec$ . Then we define the lexicographic order on the vectors  $\mathbf{r}^{l-1}$  with the same truncation to  $\mathbf{r}^l$ . Thus using Proposition 3.18 we have that there exists a subspace  $S_{\mathbf{r}^{l-1}} \subset \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}^l}^l$  such that for each  $\mathbf{r}'^{l-1} \succ \mathbf{r}^{l-1} \psi_{\mathbf{r}'^{l-1}}^{l-1}(S_{\mathbf{r}^l}) = 0$  and

$$\psi_{\mathbf{r}'^{l-1}}^{l-1}(S_{\mathbf{r}^{l-1}}) = \prod_{U \blacktriangleleft V, 1 \le a < b \le n} (Y_{U \cup \{b\}} - Y_{V \cup \{a\}}) \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{r}^{l-1}}^{l-1}.$$

Then we complete the proof of the theorem by induction.

Corollary 3.20. The monomials (3.8) as elements of  $\mathbb{W}$  are linear independent.

*Proof.* The linear span of leading parts of monomials (3.8) has the same graded dimension as the degenerate algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$ . However the graded dimension of the degenerate algebra is greater then or equal to the graded dimension of original algebra and the linear span of leading parts of a set of polynomials is less than or equal to the graded dimension of the linear span of this set of polynomials. Therefore these dimensions are equal and the set of monomials (3.8) is linear independent. This completes the proof of the corollary.

# 4. Semi-infinite Plücker relations in type C

We consider the current group of the symplectic group. The algebra of functions  $\mathbb{k}[SP_{2n}[[t]]]$  on this group is generated by elements  $z_{uv}^{(k)}$ ,  $u, v \in \{1, \bar{1}, \ldots, n, \bar{n}\}, k = 0, 1, \ldots$  and is defined by the relations:

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n} z_{lu}(s) z_{\bar{l}v}(s) - z_{\bar{l}u}(s) z_{lv}(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v = \bar{u} \\ -1, & \text{if } u = \bar{v} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Analogously to the finite-dimensional case we have:

**Proposition 4.1.** For any  $I \subset \{1, 2, ..., n, \overline{1}, ..., \overline{n}\}$ ,  $|I| \leq n - 2$  we have:

$$m_{I\cup\{1,\bar{1}\}}(s) + m_{I\cup\{2,\bar{2}\}}(s) + \dots + m_{I\cup\{n,\bar{n}\}}(s) = 0,$$

where union means the union of multisets.

Our plan is to study the subalgebra of  $k[SP_{2n}[[t]]]$  invariants under the right  $\mathfrak{n}_+[t]$  action. We first need to prove the analogue of Proposition 3.2 for the symplectic algebra.

# Proposition 4.2.

$$\mathbb{k}[SP_n[[t]]]^{\mathfrak{n}_+[t]} = \mathbb{k}[m_I^{(k)}]_{I \text{ is allowed}}$$

*Proof.* The proof literally coincides with the proof of Proposition 3.2.  $\Box$ 

It is clear that the minors in type  $C_n$  satisfy the same (semi-infinite Plücker) relations as the minors in type  $A_{2n}$ . More precisely for allowed I, J we define the number k(I, J) as in Definition 3.3.

**Proposition 4.3.** a). For any  $k' \leq k(I, J) - 1$  we have the following equality in W[[s]]:

(4.1) 
$$\sum_{A \subset S(I,J), |A| = |I \cap S|} (-1)^{\operatorname{sign}(A)} \frac{\partial^{k'} m_{I \setminus S \cup A}(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} m_{I \setminus S \cup (S \setminus A)}(s) = 0.$$

b). We have

$$\frac{\partial^{k'} m_I(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} m_J(s)$$

is the leading part of the previous equation.

Thus one can define the degenerated algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  generated by allowed minors  $m_I^{(k)}$  and satisfying the relations

(4.2) 
$$\frac{\partial^{k'} m_I(s)}{\partial s^{k'}} m_J, \ k' < k(I, J).$$

The graded character of this algebra is greater than or equal to the graded character of  $\mathbb{W}$ . Attach the degree  $I + l\delta$  to the allowed monomial  $m_I^{(l)}$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** The algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  is graded by the free group in generators  $I \subset \{1, \overline{1}, \dots, n, \overline{n}\}, i_p \geq p$  and symbol  $\delta$ . It is isomorphic to the subalgebra of the degenerated algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  of type  $A_{2n}$  generated by minors  $m_I^{(l)}$ ,  $i_p \geq 2p - 1$ . In particular the character of the homogenous subset  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}} \subset \widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = \sum r_I I$ , of type  $C_n$  is equal to

(4.3) 
$$\operatorname{ch}\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{q^{\sum_{I \prec J} k(I,J)r_I r_J}}{\prod_{I} (q)_{r_I}}.$$

The homogeneous component  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}} \subset \widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  has the basis consisting of monomials of the form

(4.4) 
$$\prod_{I \subset \{1,\dots,n\}} m_I^{(l_{1,I})} \dots m_I^{(l_{r_I,I})}, \quad 0 \le l_{1,I} \le \dots \le l_{r_I,I}$$

such that  $l_{1,I} \geq \sum_{J \prec I} k(I,J)r_J$ ,  $m_I, m_J$  are allowed minors.

*Proof.* The defining relations are homogenous with respect to the grading coming from the attaching degree  $I + l\delta$  to  $m_I^{(l)}$ .

We identify the algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  of type  $C_n$  with subalgebra of the algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  of type  $A_{2n}$  in the following way. We identify the subsets  $I \subset \{1, \overline{1}, \ldots, n, \overline{n}\}$ ,  $i_p \geq p$  with the subsets  $I \subset \{1, \ldots, 2n\}$ ,  $i_p \geq 2p-1$  by the map on elements  $p \mapsto 2p-1$ ,  $\overline{p} \mapsto 2p$ . The map is well defined because the defining relations of the algebra  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  of type  $C_n$  coincide with the defining relations of this subalgebra.

Each graded component  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}_{\mathbf{r}}$  goes to the graded component and the basis (4.4) of this component goes to the basis (3.8) In particular the image of this inclusion is the sum of some homogenous components of the graded algebra. This gives the needed character formula.

Next we prove the current analogue of Lemma 1.17.

**Lemma 4.5.** The defining ideal of  $\mathbb{K}[SP_{2n}[[t]]]$  has trivial intersection with the polynomial subalgebra  $\mathbb{K}[z_{uv}^{(k)}]$ ,  $v \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ ,  $(u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l)$ , p < l.

*Proof.* The proof is parallel to the proof of Lemma 1.17. Consider first the algebra generated by elements  $z_{uv}^{(k)}$ ,  $v \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ;

$$\mathcal{G}' := \mathbb{k}[z_{uv}^{(k)}]/\langle \sum_{k=1}^n z_{uv}(s)z_{\bar{u}v}(s) - z_{\bar{u}v}(s)z_{uv}(s) \rangle.$$

Take the field  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{k}(z_{uv}^{(0)}), v \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, (u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l), p < l$ . Define the algebra

$$\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{F}[z_{uv}^{(k)}]/\langle \sum_{k=1}^{n} z_{uv}(s) z_{\bar{u}v}(s) - z_{\bar{u}v}(s) z_{uv}(s) \rangle,$$

 $(u,v,k) \neq ((\bar{p},l,0),p < l.$  This is the algebra of fractions for  $\mathcal{G}'$ . The series  $z_{uv}(s) \subset \mathcal{G}[[s]], \ (u,v) \neq (\bar{p},l), p < l,$  is invertible (because its free term is invertible). Then as in the proof of Lemma 1.17 we have that the set of n(n-1)/2 equations

$$\sum_{v=1}^{n} z_{uv}(s) z_{\bar{u}v}(s) - z_{\bar{u}v}(s) z_{uv}(s) = 0$$

is a triangular linear system for the n(n-1)/2 variables  $z_{\bar{p},l}(s), p < l$  and the diagonal coefficients of this system are invertible. Therefore the defining relations of  $\mathcal{G}$  can be rewritten in the form:

$$z_{\bar{p}l}(s) - a_{\bar{p}l}(s) = 0, p < l, a_{\bar{p}l} \in \mathcal{F}[z_{uv}^{(k)}], v \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},\ (u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l), p < l, k \ge 1.$$

These are the linear equations one for each element  $z_{\bar{p}l}^{(k)}, p < l$ . Hence the ideal generated by these equations doesn't intersect the ring  $\mathcal{F}[z_{uv}^{(k)}], v \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}, (u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l), p < l, k \geq 1$  and moreover the ring of polynomials in  $z_{uv}^{(k)}, v \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}, (u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l), p < l$ . In particular we have  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \mathcal{F}[z_{uv}^{(k)}], v \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}, (u, v) \neq (\bar{p}, l), p < l, k \geq 1$ . Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{G}}$  be the fraction field of this ring. Consider the algebra over this field generated by variables  $z_{uv}^{(k)}, v \in \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \ldots, \bar{n}\}$  modulo the remaining defining relations of the algebra of functions over symplectic group, i.e. the relations that the vectors  $(z_{u\bar{v}}(s)), u = 1, \ldots, n, \bar{1}, \ldots, \bar{n}$  are dual to the vectors  $(z_{uv}(s)), u = 1, \ldots, n, \bar{1}, \ldots, \bar{n}$ . As in the proof of Lemma 1.17 the ideal generated by these

relations doesn't intersect the field  $\widetilde{\mathcal{G}}((s))$  because each Lagrangian subspace in 2n dimensional symplectic space has a dual subspace. This completes the proof.

Next define the order of elements  $z_{uv}^{(k)}, u \in \{1, \ldots, n, \bar{1}, \ldots, \bar{n}\}, v \in \{1, \ldots, n\}, k \geq 0$  as the lexicographic order in (u, v), i.e.  $z_{uv}^{(k)} \leq z_{u'v'}^{(k')}$ , if v < v' or v = v' and  $u \leq u'$  (recall the order  $1 < \bar{1} < \cdots < n < \bar{n}$ ). Define the monomial order on the monomials in these elements as the degree restricted lexicographic order. Then we easily have that the leading part of the allowed minors in  $m_I(s)$  is equal to

$$d_I(s) = z_{i_1,1}(s)z_{i_2,2}(s)\ldots, z_{i_{|I|},|I|}(s).$$

Our goal is to study the algebra

$$\mathbb{k}[d_I^{(k)}]$$

of leading terms of the algebra generated by allowed minors.

**Proposition 4.6.** The leading parts of the monomials (4.4) are linear independent. In particular the monomials (4.4) are linear independent.

*Proof.* Consider the identification  $z_{uv} \mapsto z_{2u-1,v}, z_{\bar{u}v} \mapsto z_{2u,v}$ . This map sends the leading terms of monomials in type C to leading parts of monomials in type A. Then the comparison to the similar property of leading monomials in type A completes the proof.

We summarize the results of this section in the following theorem. We use the notation  $e^{\varepsilon_l} = e^{-\varepsilon_l}$ 

**Theorem 4.7.** The algebra  $\mathbb{W}$  in type  $SP_{2n}$  is generated by allowed minors  $m_I^{(k)}$  with defining relations (4.1) and its basis is (4.4). In particular the character or the Weyl module  $\mathbb{W}(\sum \lambda_p \omega_p)$  is the following:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{r}} \frac{q^{\sum_{I \prec J} k(I,J)r_I r_J}}{\prod_I(q)_{r_I}} \left( \prod_I \prod_{k=1}^{|I|} e^{\varepsilon_{i_k}} \right)^{r_I},$$

where the summation is on  $\mathbf{r}$  such that  $\sum_{|I|=p} r_I = \lambda_p$ .

*Proof.* We sum up the q degrees of homogenous components  $\widetilde{\mathbb{W}}$  multiplied by the weight of this components with respect to Cartan subalgebra.  $\square$ 

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