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Abstract

The q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on a semi-infinite lattice is diagonalized by using the level-one vertex operators of the quantum affine superalgebra $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$. We give the bosonization of the boundary states. We give an integral expression for the correlation functions of the boundary model, and derive the difference equations which they satisfy.

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1. Introduction

Integrable models with quantum superalgebra symmetries have been the focus of recent studies [1–6] in the context of strongly correlated fermion systems, a subject of high-profile international research activity because of their relevance to high- T_c superconductivity. The investigations of these models have largely been carried out within the framework of QISM and the Bethe ansatz method. The exceptions are references [7], where the algebraic analysis method, developed in [8, 9] and generalized in [11–15], was used to diagonalize the supersymmetric t - J model and its multi-component version directly on an infinite lattice.

The algebraic analysis method [8, 9], which we will call the vertex operator method, was formulated with the help of the level-one q -vertex operators [10] and highest-weight representations of quantum affine algebras. The vertex operator method was later extended in [16] to treat integrable models with boundary interactions [17, 18]. It was shown in [16] how the space of states of the boundary XXZ spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ chain on a semi-infinite lattice can be described in terms of level-one q -vertex operators of $U_q(\widehat{sl}_2)$, and how the correlation functions can be computed using the vertex operators. Several other models have been analysed by means of this approach [19–22].

In this paper, we study the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model with an integrable boundary. We will work directly on a semi-infinite lattice. As is known, the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on an infinite lattice (i.e. without a boundary) has as its symmetry algebra the quantum affine superalgebra $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ [7]. On a finite lattice with diagonal boundary reflection K -matrices, this model was solved in [6] by the Bethe ansatz method. Here we adopt the vertex operator method. We will diagonalize the boundary model Hamiltonian directly on the semi-infinite lattice, and moreover compute the correlation functions of the boundary model.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we describe the vertex operator approach to the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on the semi-infinite lattice. In section 3, we study the bosonic realization of the boundary states associated with the level-one highest-weight representation of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$. In section 4, we compute the correlation functions of the local operators (including the spin operator S_z^{\pm}) and derive the difference equations which they satisfy. In appendix A, we review the bosonization of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ at level one and the associated vertex operators.

2. Boundary q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model

2.1. q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on a finite lattice

In this section, we recall some facts about the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on a finite lattice. Throughout this paper, we fix q such that $|q| < 1$.

Let V be the three-dimensional graded vector space and E_{ij} be the 3×3 matrix whose (i, j) element is unity and whose elements are zero otherwise. The grading of the basis vectors v_1, v_2, v_3 of V is chosen to be $[v_1] = [v_2] = 1, [v_3] = 0$. Let V^* be the dual space and $\{v_1^*, v_0^*, v_{-1}^*\}$ the dual basis vectors. Denote by $V_z (V_z^{*S})$ the three-dimensional level-0 representation (dual representation) of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ associated with V . Let $R(z) \in \text{end}(V \otimes V)$ be the R -matrix of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ with matrix elements defined by

$$R(z)(v_i \otimes v_j) = \sum_{k,l} R_{kl}^{ij}(z)v_k \otimes v_l, \quad \forall v_i, v_j, v_k, v_l \in V,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_{33}^{33}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1q^{-1} - z_2q}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{23}^{23}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{23}^{32}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{32}^{32}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{32}^{23}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})z_1}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{22}^{22}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -1, \\ R_{13}^{13}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{13}^{31}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{31}^{31}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{31}^{13}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})z_1}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{12}^{12}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{12}^{21}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{(q - q^{-1})z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{21}^{21}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, & R_{21}^{12}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -\frac{(q - q^{-1})z_1}{z_1q - z_2q^{-1}}, \\ R_{11}^{11}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= -1, & R_{kl}^{ij} &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

The R -matrix satisfies the graded Yang–Baxter equation (YBE) on $V \otimes V \otimes V$:

$$R_{12}(z)R_{13}(zw)R_{23}(w) = R_{23}(w)R_{13}(zw)R_{12}(z),$$

and moreover obeys: (i) the initial condition $R(1) = P$, with P being the graded permutation operator; (ii) the unitarity condition $R_{12}(z/w)R_{21}(w/z) = 1$, where $R_{21}(z) = PR_{12}(z)P$; and (iii) cross-unitarity,

$$R^{-1, st_1}(z)((M \otimes 1)R(zq^{-2})(M \otimes 1))^{st_1} = 1 \otimes 1,$$

where

$$M \equiv q^{2\bar{\rho}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} q^{2\rho_1} & & \\ & q^{2\rho_2} & \\ & & q^{2\rho_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & q^{-2} & \\ & & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.1}$$

The various supertranspositions of the R -matrix are given by

$$\begin{aligned} (R^{st_1}(z))_{ij}^{kl} &= R(z)_{kj}^{il}(-1)^{i(l+(i+k))}, & (R^{st_2}(z))_{ij}^{kl} &= R(z)_{il}^{kj}(-1)^{l(j+(l+i))}, \\ (R^{st_{12}}(z))_{ij}^{kl} &= R(z)_{kl}^{ij}(-1)^{((i+l+j)(i+l+j+l+k))} = R(z)_{kl}^{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

Following Sklyanin [17], we construct the transfer matrix of an integrable finite chain, with an open boundary condition described by a reflection K -matrix $K(z)$. Here $K(z)$ is a solution of the graded reflection equation

$$K_2(z_2)R_{21}(z_1z_2)K_1(z_1)R_{12}(z_1/z_2) = R_{21}(z_1/z_2)K_1(z_1)R_{12}(z_1z_2)K_2(z_2). \tag{2.2}$$

With appropriate normalization, we can show that this $K(z)$ obeys the relations

$$\begin{aligned} K(1) &= 1, & & \text{(boundary initial condition),} \\ K(z)K(z^{-1}) &= 1, & & \text{(boundary unitarity),} \\ \bar{K}(z)\bar{K}(z^{-1}) &= 1, & & \text{(boundary cross-unitarity),} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where $\bar{K}(z)$ is defined by

$$\bar{K}(z) = - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} R(z^2)_{i\beta}^{\alpha j}(-1)^{i(j+l+j+l\beta+l\alpha)} K_{\alpha}^{\beta}(z^{-1}q^{-1})q^{2\rho_{\alpha}}. \tag{2.4}$$

The third relation is the graded extension of the boundary cross-unitarity [16, 18, 23].

The transfer matrix of the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on a finite chain with the open boundary condition is constructed from $R(z)$ and $K(z)$ via [17, 24]

$$T_B^{\text{fin}}(z) = \text{str}_{V_0}(K^+(z)\mathcal{T}(z^{-1})K(z)\mathcal{T}(z)), \tag{2.5}$$

where $K^+(z) = K(-z^{-1}q^{-3})^{st}M$ and

$$\mathcal{T}(z) = R_{01}(z) \cdots R_{0N}(z) \in \text{end}(V_0 \otimes V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_N)$$

is the double-row monodromy matrix. The supertrace is defined as $\text{str}(A) = \sum (-1)^{i|j} A_{ii}$.

It can be verified that the $T_B^{\text{fin}}(z)$ form a commuting family; $[T_B^{\text{fin}}(z), T_B^{\text{fin}}(w)] = 0$. The Hamiltonian of the boundary q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model is given by [6, 17]

$$H_B^{\text{fin}} = \frac{d}{dz} T_B^{\text{fin}}(z)|_{z=1} = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} h_{j,j+1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} K(z)|_{z=1} + \frac{\text{str}_{V_0}(K^+(1)h_{0,N})}{K^+(1)}, \tag{2.6}$$

where $h_{j,j+1} = P_{j,j+1}(d/dz)R_{j,j+1}(z)|_{z=1}$.

The transfer matrix (2.5) with diagonal reflection K -matrices was diagonalized by the Bethe ansatz method in [6].

2.2. q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on a semi-infinite lattice

In this paper, we restrict ourselves to the diagonal reflection K -matrix of the form

$$K(z) = f(z) \begin{pmatrix} [(1-rz)/(z-r)]z & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.7}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{\phi(z|r)}{\phi(z^{-1}|r)}, \quad \phi(z|r) = \frac{1}{1-rz},$$

where r is an arbitrary parameter which is related to the boundary interaction [16, 18]. One can check that such a K -matrix satisfies boundary unitarity and cross-unitarity (2.3).

We now consider Hamiltonian (2.6) in the semi-infinite limit:

$$H_B^{\text{fin}}|_{N \rightarrow \infty} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} h_{j,j+1} + \Delta, \tag{2.8}$$

where $\Delta = \frac{1}{2}(d/dz)f(z)|_{z=1}$ acts formally on the left-infinite tensor product space

$$\dots \otimes V \otimes V. \tag{2.9}$$

As mentioned in the introduction, the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on an infinite lattice has $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ as its symmetry algebra. Let $V(\mu_\alpha)$ be the level-one irreducible highest-weight $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ -modules with highest weight $\mu_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ (see (A.4) and [7]). Consider the level-one vertex operators which are intertwining operators for $V(\mu_\alpha)$ and $V(\mu_\beta)$. It has been shown in [7] that the following type I vertex operators $\Phi(z)$ exist: $\Phi^*(z)$ which intertwine the level-one irreducible highest-weight $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ -modules $V(\mu_\alpha)$:

$$\Phi(z) : V(\mu_\alpha) \longrightarrow V(\mu_{\alpha-1}) \otimes V_z, \quad \Phi^*(z) : V(\mu_\alpha) \longrightarrow V(\mu_{\alpha+1}) \otimes V_z^{*S}. \tag{2.10}$$

(See appendix A for more details on $V(\mu_\alpha)$ and its associated vertex operators.) Therefore, following [7, 8, 16, 21], we can write the transfer matrix of the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model on the semi-infinite lattice as

$$T_B(z) = - \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \Phi_i^*(z^{-1}) K_i^j(z) \Phi_j(z) (-1)^{|i|} = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 q^{-2\rho_j} \Phi_j(z) \bar{K}_i^j(z^{-1}q^{-1}) \Phi_i^*(z^{-1}), \tag{2.11}$$

where $\Phi_i(z)$ and $\Phi_j^*(z)$ are the components of the $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ vertex operators of type I (see (A.6)). We have used the exchange relations of vertex operators (A.14) and the definition of $\bar{K}(z)$ (2.4) in the above equation.

We remark that the transfer matrix $T_B(z)$ given by (2.11) is an operator with the property

$$T(z) : V(\mu_\alpha) \longrightarrow V(\mu_\alpha), \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The commutativity of the transfer matrix (2.11), $[T_B(z), T_B(w)] = 0$, then follows from (A.12) and (2.2). Moreover by (A.12), (A.15) and (A.16), one can show that

$$T_B(1) = \text{id}, \quad T_B(z)T_B(z^{-1}) = \text{id}, \tag{2.12}$$

$$T_B(z)T_B(z^{-1}q^{-2}) = \text{id}. \tag{2.13}$$

These relations correspond to the boundary initial condition, boundary unitarity and boundary cross-unitarity (2.3) of the K -matrix, respectively. In terms of the transfer matrix, the q -deformed supersymmetric t - J model Hamiltonian on the semi-infinite lattice is given by

$$H = \frac{d}{dz} T_B(z)|_{z=1}. \tag{2.14}$$

Following [7], we define the local operators acting on the n th site:

$$E_{i,j}^{(1)} = -\Phi_i^*(1)\Phi_j(1)(-1)^{[j]}, \tag{2.15}$$

$$E_{i,j}^{(n)} = \sum_m (-1)^{([i]+[j])[m]+[m]} \Phi_m^*(1)E_{i,j}^{(n-1)}\Phi_m(1), \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \tag{2.16}$$

In particular, we have the spin operator S_1^z

$$S_1^z = \frac{1}{2}(E_{11}^{(1)} - E_{22}^{(1)}) = \frac{1}{2}\{\Phi_1^*(1)\Phi_1(1) - \Phi_2^*(1)\Phi_2(1)\}.$$

3. The boundary states

In this section we construct the bosonic boundary state $|\alpha; r\rangle_B$ and its dual state ${}_B\langle r; \alpha|$, which satisfy

$$T_B(z)|\alpha; r\rangle_B = |\alpha; r\rangle_B, \quad {}_B\langle r; \alpha|T_B(z) = {}_B\langle r; \alpha|. \tag{3.1}$$

By (A.15) and (2.11), the above eigenvalue problem is equivalent to

$$\Phi_i(z^{-1})|\alpha; r\rangle_B = \sum_j K_i^j(z)\Phi_j(z)|\alpha; r\rangle_B, \tag{3.2}$$

$${}_B\langle r; \alpha|\Phi_j^*(z)(-1)^{[j]} = \sum_i {}_B\langle r; \alpha|\Phi_i^*(z^{-1})K_i^j(z)(-1)^{[i]}. \tag{3.3}$$

3.1. The boundary state in $V(\Lambda_0)$

First, we consider the boundary state $|0; r\rangle_B \in V(\mu_0)$ (or $V(\Lambda_0)$). As is shown in appendix A, $V(\mu_0) = \eta_0 \xi_0 F_{(0;\beta)}$ and the highest-weight vector $|\Lambda_0\rangle = |\beta, \beta, \beta, 0\rangle$ satisfies

$$\eta_0|\Lambda_0\rangle = 0.$$

So we make the following ansatz [16, 27]:

$$|0; r\rangle_B = e^{F_0(r)}|\Lambda_0\rangle, \tag{3.4}$$

$$F_0(r) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m}{[m]^2} \alpha_m \{h_{-m}^1 h_{-m}^{*1} + h_{-m}^2 h_{-m}^{*2} + c_{-m} c_{-m}\} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \{\beta_m^1 h_{-m}^1 + \beta_m^2 h_{-m}^2 + \beta_m^3 c_{-m}\}, \tag{3.5}$$

where $\alpha_m, \beta_m^1, \beta_m^2, \beta_m^3$ are functions of the boundary parameter r .

We can check that $e^{F_0(r)}$ plays a role of the Bogoliubov transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-F_0(r)} h_m^{*1} e^{F_0(r)} &= h_m^{*1} + \alpha_m h_{-m}^{*1} + \frac{[m]^2}{m} \beta_m^1, \\ e^{-F_0(r)} h_m^{*2} e^{F_0(r)} &= h_m^{*2} + \alpha_m h_{-m}^{*2} + \frac{[m]^2}{m} \beta_m^2, \\ e^{-F_0(r)} c_m e^{F_0(r)} &= c_m + \alpha_m c_{-m} + \frac{[m]^2}{m} \beta_m^3, \\ e^{-F_0(r)} h_m^1 e^{F_0(r)} &= h_m^1 + \alpha_m h_{-m}^1 + \frac{[2m][m]}{m} \beta_m^1 - \beta_m^2 \frac{[m]^2}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Keeping (3.2) in mind and following [16, 19, 21], we find that the coefficients $\alpha_m, \beta_m^1, \beta_m^2, \beta_m^3$ are

$$\alpha_m = -q^{4m}, \quad \beta_m^1 = 0, \tag{3.6}$$

$$\beta_m^2 = \frac{r^m}{[m]} q^{\frac{3}{2}m} + \theta_m \frac{q^{\frac{3}{2}m} - q^{\frac{5}{2}m}}{[m]}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\beta_m^3 = \theta_m \frac{q^{2m}}{[m]}, \tag{3.8}$$

where the function θ_m is defined by

$$\theta_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover following [19] one can check that $\eta_0|0\rangle_B = 0$, i.e. the boundary state $|0\rangle_B \in V(\mu_0)$, as required. In the derivation, the following relations are useful:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{h_1^{*+}(\xi^{-1}q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0; r\rangle_B &= e^{h_1^{*-}(\xi q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0; r\rangle_B, \\ e^{-h_1^+(\omega q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0; r\rangle_B &= (1 - \omega^{-2})(1 - r\omega^{-1})e^{-h_1^-(\omega^{-1}q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0; r\rangle_B, \\ e^{c^+(\omega q^2; 0)}|0\rangle_B &= (1 - \omega^{-2})e^{c^-(\omega^{-1}q^2; 0)}|0; r\rangle_B, \\ e^{-h_2^{*+}(\xi^{-1}q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0\rangle_B &= (1 - \omega r)^{-1}e^{-h_2^{*-}(\xi q^2; -\frac{1}{2})}|0; r\rangle_B. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the dual state ${}_B\langle r; 0| \in V^*(\mu_0)$ can be constructed:

$${}_B\langle r; 0| = \langle 0|e^{G_0(r)}, \tag{3.9}$$

$$G_0(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} q^{-2m} \frac{m}{[m]^2} \{h_m^1 h_m^{1*} + h_m^2 h_m^{2*} + c_m c_m\} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \{\delta_m^1 h_m^1 + \delta_m^2 h_m^2 + \delta_m^3 c_m\}, \tag{3.10}$$

where

$$\delta_m^1 = 0, \quad \delta_m^2 = -\frac{r^{-m}q^{-\frac{m}{2}}}{[m]} + \theta_m \left(\frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}m} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}m}}{[m]} \right), \quad \delta_m^3 = \theta_m \left(\frac{q^{-m}}{[m]} \right).$$

3.2. The general boundary states

Noting that the boundary K -matrix $K(z)$ have the following properties:

$$K(z)|_{z=r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.11}$$

we may define $|-1; r\rangle_B = \Phi_1(r^{-1})|0; r\rangle_B|_{r \rightarrow rq^{-2}}$. One can check that such a $|-1; r\rangle_B$ satisfies (3.2) with $\alpha = -1$. Recursively, we can construct the general boundary state $|\alpha; r\rangle_B$ from $|0; r\rangle_B$ by means of the following recursive relations:

$$|\alpha; rq^2\rangle_B = \Phi_1(r^{-1})|\alpha + 1; r\rangle_B, \quad |\alpha; r\rangle_B = q^{-2\rho_1} \Phi_1^*(r^{-1}q^2)|\alpha - 1; rq^2\rangle_B. \tag{3.12}$$

We have used the second invertibility relation (A.16). Similarly, we can obtain the dual boundary states ${}_B\langle r; \alpha|$ from ${}_B\langle r; 0|$ by means of the recursive relations

$${}_B\langle r; \alpha|\Phi_1^*(r) = {}_B\langle r; \alpha - 1|, \quad {}_B\langle r; \alpha| = {}_B\langle r; \alpha - 1|\Phi_1(rq^{-2})q^{-2\rho_1}. \tag{3.13}$$

4. Correlation functions

The aim of this section is to calculate the one-point functions $\langle E_{i,j}^{(1)} \rangle_\alpha$:

$$\langle E_{i,j}^{(1)} \rangle_\alpha = \frac{{}_B\langle r; \alpha|E_{i,j}^{(1)}|\alpha; r\rangle_B}{{}_B\langle r; \alpha|\alpha; r\rangle_B}.$$

The generalization to the calculation of multi-point functions is straightforward. Thanks to the recursive relations (3.12) and (3.13), it is sufficient to calculate $\langle E_{i,j}^{(1)} \rangle_0$. Thus in the following we restrict ourselves to the calculation of $\langle E_{i,j}^{(1)} \rangle_0$.

Define

$$\oint dz f(z) = f_{-1}, \quad \text{for formal series function } f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f_n z^n.$$

From the bosonic realization of Drinfeld currents of $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$, equations (A.7)–(A.10) and the normal ordering relations in the appendix A, we obtain the integral expressions for the vertex operators [7]:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_3(z) &= : e^{-h_2^*(q^2z; -\frac{1}{2}) + c(q^2z; 0)} : e^{-i\pi a_0^2}, \\ \phi_2(z) &= : \left\{ \frac{e^{-c(wq; 0)}}{wq(1 - qz/w)} + \frac{e^{-c(wq^{-1}; 0)}}{zq^2(1 - w/zq^3)} \right\} e^{-h_2^*(q^2z; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_2(w; -\frac{1}{2}) + c(q^2z; 0)} e^{i\pi h_0^1} :, \\ \phi_1(z) &= \frac{q^2 - 1}{w(1 - w_1q/w)(1 - wq/w_1)} : \left\{ \frac{e^{-c(wq; 0)}}{wq(1 - qz/w)} + \frac{e^{-c(wq^{-1}; 0)}}{zq^2(1 - w/zq^3)} \right\} \\ &\quad \times e^{-h_2^*(q^2z; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_2(w; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_1(w_1; -\frac{1}{2}) + c(q^2z; 0)} e^{-i\pi a_0^2} :, \\ \phi_1^*(z) &= : e^{h_1^*(qz; -\frac{1}{2})} : e^{i\pi a_0^2}, \\ \phi_2^*(z) &= \oint dw \frac{1 - q^{-2}}{z(1 - zq^2/w)(1 - w/z)} : e^{h_1^*(qz; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_1(w; -\frac{1}{2})} e^{-i\pi h_0^1} :, \\ \phi_3^*(z) &= \oint dw_1 \oint dw \frac{1 - q^{-2}}{z(1 - zq^2/w)(1 - w/z)} \\ &\quad \times : \frac{e^{-c(w_1q; 0)} - e^{-c(w_1q^{-1}; 0)}}{ww_1(1 - wq/w_1)(1 - w_1q/w)} e^{h_1^*(qz; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_1(w; -\frac{1}{2}) - h_2(w_1; -\frac{1}{2})} e^{i\pi a_0^2} :. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\eta_0|0, r\rangle = 0$, one may set

$$P_{i,j}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{{}_B\langle r; 0 | \Phi_i^*(z_1) \Phi_j(z_2) | 0; r \rangle_B}{{}_B\langle r; 0 | 0; r \rangle_B} \equiv \frac{{}_B\langle r; 0 | \phi_i^*(z_1) \phi_j(z_2) | 0; r \rangle_B}{{}_B\langle r; 0 | 0; r \rangle_B}, \quad (4.1)$$

then $\langle E_{i,j}^{(1)} \rangle_0 = -(-1)^{|j|} P_{i,j}(1, 1)$.

The bosonization formulae (A.7)–(A.10) of the vertex operators immediately imply

$$P_{i,j}(z_1, z_2) = \delta_{ij} F_i(z_1, z_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta_{ij} \frac{{}_B\langle r; 0 | \phi_i^*(z_1) \phi_i(z_2) | 0; r \rangle_B}{{}_B\langle r; 0 | 0; r \rangle_B}.$$

Using the technique in [16, 21] (see equation (C.4)), after tedious calculation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} {}_B\langle r; 0 | 0; r \rangle_B &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\quad \times \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} (\gamma_n (\beta_n^3)^2 + 2\beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2) \right], \quad (4.2) \\ F_1(z_1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{{}_B\langle r; 0 | 0; r \rangle_B} \oint d\omega_1 \oint d\omega \frac{(q^2 - 1)g_1}{q\omega^2(1 - \omega_1q/\omega)(1 - \omega q/\omega_1)(1 - z_2q/\omega)} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left(\sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ (B_1 - C_1)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_1 - C_1) \beta_n^2 \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \gamma_n(B_1 - C_1)A_1 + (B_1 - C_1)\delta_n^2 \Big\} \Big) \\
 & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\beta_n^3)^2 D \gamma_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 D_1^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D_1 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + D_1 \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right\} \right) \\
 & + \oint d\omega_1 \oint d\omega \frac{(q^2 - 1)g'_1}{q^2 \omega z_2 (1 - \omega_1 q / \omega) (1 - \omega q / \omega_1) (1 - \omega / z_2 q^3)} \\
 & \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{(\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)} \left\{ (B_1 - C_1)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_1 - C_1) \beta_n^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - \gamma_n (B_1 - C_1) A_1 + (B_1 - C_1) \delta_n^2 \right\} \right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\beta_n^3)^2 D_1' \gamma_n \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 (D_1')^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D_1' \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + D_1' \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right\} \right), \tag{4.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_1 &= \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{3n} z_2^{-n} \omega^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n z_2^{-n} \omega^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n z_2^n \omega^{-n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{-n} z_2^{-n} \omega^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} z_1^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega_1^{-2n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{r^n q^{2n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{z_1^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right), \\
 g'_1 &= \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n z_2^n \omega^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{-n} z_2^{-n} \omega^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} z_1^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega_1^{-2n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{r^n q^{2n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \\
 & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{z_1^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{3}{2}n} z_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}n} z_1^{-n}}{[n]} + \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega^{-n}}{[n]}, \\
 B_1 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{5}{2}n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{3}{2}n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^n \omega^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega^{-n}}{[n]}, \\
 C_1 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\
 D'_1 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n}}{[n]}, \\
 F_2(z_1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{B \langle r; 0|0; r \rangle_B} \oint d\omega \oint d\omega_1 \frac{(1 - q^{-2})g_2}{z_1(1 - z_1q^2/\omega)(1 - \omega/z_1)\omega_1q(1 - z_2q/\omega_1)} \\
 &\times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\times \exp \left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} \left[(B_2 - C_2)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_2 - C_2) \beta_n^2 \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \gamma_n (B_2 - C_2) A_2 + (B_2 - C_2) \delta_n^2 \right] \right\} \exp \left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left[\frac{1}{2} (\beta_n^3)^2 D_2 \gamma_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 D_2^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D_2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + D_2 \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right] \right\} \\
 &+ \oint d\omega \oint d\omega_1 \frac{(1 - q^{-2})g'_2}{z_1(1 - z_1q^2/\omega)(1 - \omega/z_1)z_2q^2(1 - \omega_1z_2q^3)} \\
 &\times \exp \left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} \left[(B_2 - C_2)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_2 - C_2) \beta_n^2 \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \gamma_n (B_2 - C_2) A_2 + (B_2 - C_2) \delta_n^2 \right] \right\} \\
 &\times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left[\frac{1}{2} (\beta_n^3)^2 D'_2 \gamma_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 D_2'^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D'_2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + D'_2 \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right] \right\}, \quad (4.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_2 &= \exp \left(\sum \frac{\omega^n z_1^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n} \right) \\
 &\times \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^n z_2^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n} \right) \\
 &\times \exp \left(- \sum \frac{\omega^{-2n} q^{4n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(- \sum \frac{\omega^{-n} q^{2n} r^n}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n} \right) \\
 &\times \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{3n} \omega_1^{-n} z_2^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n} z_2^{-n}}{n} \right) \\
 &\times \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n} \right), \\
 g'_2 &= \exp \left(\sum \frac{\omega^n z_1^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n z_1^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n} \right) \\
 &\times \exp \left(- \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^n z_2^{-n}}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{q^{3n} \omega_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n} \right) \exp \left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-2n} q^{4n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-n} q^{2n} r^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{3}{2}n} z_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}n} z_1^{-n}}{[n]} + \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ B_2 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{5}{2}n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{3}{2}n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ D_2 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ C_2 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ D'_2 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_3(z_1, z_2) &= \frac{-1}{{}_B\langle r; 0|0; r \rangle_B} \oint d\omega \oint d\omega_1 \frac{(1-q^{-2})g_3}{z_1(1-z_1q^2/\omega)(1-\omega/z_1)\omega_1\omega(1-\omega q/\omega_1)(1-\omega_1q/\omega)} \\ & \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \times \exp\left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} \left[(B_3 - C_3)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_3 - C_3) \beta_n^2 \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \gamma_n (B_3 - C_3) A_3 + (B_3 - C_3) \delta_n^2 \right] \right\} \exp\left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \right. \\ & \left. \times \left[\frac{1}{2} (\beta_n^3)^2 D_3 \gamma_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 D_3^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D_3 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + D_3 \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right] \right\} \\ & + \oint d\omega \oint d\omega_1 \frac{(1-q^{-2})g'_3}{z_1(1-z_1q^2/\omega)(1-\omega/z_1)\omega\omega_1(1-\omega q/\omega_1)(1-\omega_1q/\omega)} \\ & \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \times \exp\left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} \left[(B_3 - C_3)^2 \frac{[2n]}{[n]} \frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n \gamma_n - 1} + \gamma_n (B_3 - C_3) \beta_n^2 \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \gamma_n (B_3 - C_3) A_3 + (B_3 - C_3) \delta_n^2 \right] \right\} \exp\left\{ \sum \frac{[n]^2}{n} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} \right. \\ & \left. \times \left[\frac{1}{2} (\beta_n^3)^2 D'_3 \gamma_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta_n^3 D_3^2 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 D'_3 \gamma_n + \beta_n^3 \delta_n^3 + D'_3 \delta_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_n (\delta_n^3)^2 \right] \right\}, \quad (4.5) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_3 &= \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^n z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{3n} \omega_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-2n} q^{4n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-n} q^{2n} r^n}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{3n} \omega_1^{-n} z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n} z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right), \\ g'_3 = & \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^n z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^n \omega^{-n} \omega_1^n}{n}\right) \left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_1^{-n} z_2^n}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(\sum \frac{r^n z_2^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-2n} q^{4n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(-\sum \frac{\omega^{-n} q^{2n} r^n}{n}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(-\sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{5n} \omega^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{n}\right) \exp\left(\sum \frac{q^{4n} \omega^{-n} z_1^{-n}}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{3}{2}n} z_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}n} z_1^{-n}}{[n]} + \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ B_3 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{5}{2}n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-\frac{3}{2}n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ D_3 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ C_3 &= \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}n} \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}, \\ D'_3 &= \sum \frac{q^{2n} z_2^n}{[n]} - \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^{-2n} z_2^{-n}}{[n]} - \sum \frac{q^{-n} \omega_1^n}{[n]} + \alpha_n \sum \frac{q^n \omega_1^{-n}}{[n]}. \end{aligned}$$

We now derive the difference equations satisfied by the one-point functions. From (2.11) and (A.15), (A.16), one obtains

$$\Phi_i^*(z^{-1})|\alpha; r\rangle_B = \sum_j \bar{K}_i^j(zq)\Phi_j^*(zq^2)|\alpha; r\rangle_B, \tag{4.6}$$

$${}_B\langle r; \alpha | \Phi_i(z)(-1)^{[i]} = \sum_j {}_B\langle r; \alpha | \Phi_j(z^{-1}q^{-2})\bar{K}_i^j(zq)(-1)^{[j]}. \tag{4.7}$$

From (A.14), one derives the exchange relations

$$\Phi_i^*(z_1)\Phi_j(z_2) = \sum_{kl} \tilde{R}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{ij}^{kl} \Phi_l(z_2)\Phi_k^*(z_1)(-1)^{[k][l]}, \tag{4.8}$$

where $\tilde{R}(z) = R^{-1, st_1, -1}(z)$.

Using (3.2), (3.3), (4.6)–(4.8), (A.14) and (A.7)–(A.10), we get the difference equations

$$\begin{aligned} F_i(z_1q^{-2}, z_2) &= \sum_{j,k,l,m,n} (-1)^{[k][l]+[i]+[j]+[n]} K_j^i(z_1q^{-2})\tilde{R}(z_1^{-1}z_2^{-1}q^2)_{ji}^{lk} \\ & \times \bar{K}_l^m(z_1q^{-1})\bar{R}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{mk}^{nn} F_n(z_1, z_2), \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_i(z_1, z_2q^2) &= \sum_{j,k,l,m,n} (-1)^{[k][l]+[l]+[m]+[n]} K_i^j(z_2^{-1}q^{-2})\tilde{R}(z_1z_2q^2)_{kl}^{ij} \\ & \times \bar{K}_l^m(z_2^{-1}q^{-1})\bar{R}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{km}^{nn} F_n(z_1, z_2). \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

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Appendix A

A.1. Bosonization of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$

In this appendix, we briefly review the bosonization of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ at level one and the corresponding vertex operators [7, 25]. The Cartan matrix of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ is

$$(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $i, j = 0, 1, 2$.

In terms of the Drinfeld generators: $\{d, X_m^{\pm,i}, h_n^i, (K^i)^{\pm 1}, \gamma^{\pm 1/2} | i = 1, 2, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}\}$, the defining relations of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ read

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma \text{ is central,} && [K^i, h_m^j] = 0, && [d, K^i] = 0, && [d, h_m^j] = mh_m^j, \\ &[h_m^i, h_n^j] = \delta_{m+n,0} \frac{[a_{ij}m](\gamma^m - \gamma^{-m})}{m(q - q^{-1})}, \\ &K^i X_m^{\pm,j} = q^{\pm a_{ij}} X_m^{\pm,j} K^i, && [d, X_m^{\pm,j}] = mX_m^{\pm,j}, \\ &[h_m^i, X_n^{\pm,j}] = \pm \frac{[a_{ij}m]}{m} \gamma^{\pm |m|/2} X_{n+m}^{\pm,j}, \\ &[X_m^{+,i}, X_n^{-,j}] = \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{q - q^{-1}} (\gamma^{(m-n)/2} \psi_{m+n}^{+,j} - \gamma^{-(m-n)/2} \psi_{m+n}^{-,j}), \\ &[X_m^{\pm,2}, X_n^{\pm,2}] = 0, \\ &[X_{m+1}^{\pm,i}, X_n^{\pm,j}]_{q^{\pm a_{ij}}} + [X_{n+1}^{\pm,j}, X_m^{\pm,i}]_{q^{\pm a_{ij}}} = 0, && \text{for } a_{ij} \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $[m] = (q^m - q^{-m})/(q - q^{-1})$, $[X, Y]_{\xi} = XY - (-1)^{|X||Y|} \xi YX$ and $[X, Y]_1 \equiv [X, Y]$; the \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading of the Drinfeld generators is: $[X_m^{\pm,2}] = 1$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and zero otherwise.

Introduce the bosonic q -oscillators [25] $\{a_n^1, a_n^2, b_n, c_n, Q_{a^1}, Q_{a^2}, Q_b, Q_c | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, which satisfy the commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned} [a_m^i, a_n^j] &= \delta_{i,j} \delta_{m+n,0} \frac{[m]^2}{m}, & [a_0^i, Q_{a^j}] &= \delta_{i,j}, \\ [b_m, b_n] &= -\delta_{m+n,0} \frac{[m]^2}{m}, & [b_0, Q_b] &= -1, \\ [c_m, c_n] &= \delta_{m+n,0} \frac{[m]^2}{m}, & [c_0, Q_c] &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Define the generating functions for the Drinfeld basis as $X_i^{\pm}(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} X_m^{\pm,i} z^{-m-1}$, and introduce h_0^i by setting $K^i = q^{h_0^i}$. Define $Q_{h^1} = Q_{a^1} - Q_{a^2}$, $Q_{h^2} = Q_{a^2} + Q_b$ and $h_i(z; \beta)$ by

$$h_i(z; \beta) = - \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{h_n^i}{[n]} q^{-\beta|n|} z^{-n} + Q_{h^i} + h_0^i \ln z, \tag{A.1}$$

where β is a parameter. Other bosonic fields are defined similarly.

The Drinfeld generators at level one are realized by the free-boson fields as [25]

$$\begin{aligned} h_m^1 &= a_m^1 q^{-|m|/2} - a_m^2 q^{|m|/2}, & h_m^2 &= a_m^2 q^{-|m|/2} + b_m q^{-|m|/2}, & m \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ X_1^\pm(z) &= \pm : e^{\pm h_1(z; \pm \frac{1}{2})} : e^{\pm i\pi a_0^1}, & X_2^\pm(z) &= : e^{h_2(z; \frac{1}{2})} e^{c(z; 0)} : e^{-i\pi a_0^1}, \\ X_2^-(z) &= : e^{-h_2(z; -\frac{1}{2})} [\partial_z e^{-c(z; 0)}] : e^{i\pi a_0^1}, & \gamma &= q, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\partial_z f(z) = \frac{f(qz) - f(q^{-1}z)}{(q - q^{-1})z} : O :$$

stands for the usual normal ordering of O .

Consider the bosonic Fock spaces $F_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4}$, generated by a_{-m}^i, b_{-m}, c_{-m} ($m > 0$) over the vacuum vectors $|\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle$:

$$F_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4} = C[a_{-1}^i, a_{-2}^i, \dots; b_{-1}, \dots; c_{-1}, \dots] |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle, \tag{A.2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_m^i |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle &= 0, & b_m |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle &= 0, \\ c_m |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle &= 0, & \text{for } m > 0, \\ |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\rangle &= e^{\lambda_1 Q_{a^1} + \lambda_2 Q_{a^2} + \lambda_3 Q_b + \lambda_4 Q_c} |0, 0, 0, 0\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Introduce the following spaces:

$$F_{(\alpha; \beta)} = \bigoplus_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}} F_{\beta+i, \beta-i+j, \beta-\alpha+j, -\alpha+j}. \tag{A.3}$$

It can be shown that the bosonized action of $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ on $F_{(\alpha; \beta)}$ is closed. To obtain the irreducible subspaces in $F_{(\alpha; \beta)}$, it convenient to introduce a pair of fermionic currents [25, 26]:

$$\eta(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \eta_n z^{-n-1} = : e^{c(z; 0)} :, \quad \xi(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \xi_n z^{-n} = : e^{-c(z; 0)} :,$$

The mode expansion of $\eta(z), \xi(z)$ is well defined on $F_{(\alpha; \beta)}$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, and it satisfies the following relations:

$$\xi_m \xi_n + \xi_n \xi_m = \eta_m \eta_n + \eta_n \eta_m = 0, \quad \xi_m \eta_n + \eta_n \xi_m = \delta_{m, n}.$$

Since η_0 commutes (or anticommutes) with $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$, η_0 plays the role of screening charge and $\eta_0 \xi_0$ qualifies as the projector from $F_{(\alpha; \beta)}$ to the kernel of η_0 . Set $\lambda_\alpha = (1 - \alpha)\Lambda_0 + \alpha\Lambda_2$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, where Λ_i ($i = 0, 1, 2$) are the fundamental weights of $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$, and

$$\mu_\alpha = \begin{cases} \Lambda_\alpha, & \alpha = 0, 1, 2 \\ \lambda_{\alpha-1} & \text{for } \alpha > 2 \\ \lambda_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha < 0. \end{cases} \tag{A.4}$$

Define $V(\mu_\alpha) = \eta_0 \xi_0 F_{(\alpha, \beta-\alpha)}$. Following [7, 25], $V(\mu_\alpha)$ ($\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$) are the irreducible highest-weight $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ -modules with the highest weight μ_α .

A.2. Level-one vertex operators

Let $V(\lambda)$ be the highest-weight $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ -module with the highest weight λ . Consider the following intertwiners of $U_q[\widehat{sl}(2|1)]$ -modules:

$$\Phi_\lambda^{\mu V}(z) : V(\lambda) \longrightarrow V(\mu) \otimes V_z, \quad \Phi_\lambda^{\mu V^*}(z) : V(\lambda) \longrightarrow V(\mu) \otimes V_z^{*S}.$$

They are intertwiners in the sense that for any $x \in U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$,

$$\Theta(z)x = \Delta(x)\Theta(z), \quad \Theta(z) = \Phi(z), \Phi^*(z), \tag{A.5}$$

the grading of these operators is: $[\Theta(z)] = 0$. $\Phi(z)$ is called a type I (dual) vertex operator [9]. We expand the vertex operator as

$$\Phi(z) = \sum_{j=1,2,3} \Phi(z)_j \otimes v_j, \quad \Phi^*(z) = \sum_{j=1,2,3} \Phi^*(z)_j \otimes v_j^S. \tag{A.6}$$

Define the operators $\phi_j(z)$, $\phi_j^*(z)$, $\psi_j(z)$ and $\psi_j^*(z)$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) by

$$\phi_3(z) = : e^{-h_3^2(q^2z; -\frac{1}{2}) + c(q^2z; 0)} : e^{-i\pi a_0^2}, \tag{A.7}$$

$$\phi_2(z) = -[\phi_3(z), X_0^{-2}]_{q^{-1}}, \quad \phi_1(z) = [\phi_2(z), X_0^{-1}]_q, \tag{A.8}$$

$$\phi_1^*(z) = : e^{h_1^2(qz; -\frac{1}{2})} : e^{i\pi a_0^2}, \tag{A.9}$$

$$\phi_2^*(z) = -q^{-1}[\phi_1^*(z), X_0^{-1}]_q, \quad \phi_3^*(z) = q^{-1}[\phi_2^*(z), X_0^{-2}]_q, \tag{A.10}$$

where $h_m^{*1} = -h_m^2$, $h_m^{*2} = -h_m^1 - ([2m]/[m])h_m^2$ and $Q_{h^{*1}} = -Q_{h^2}$, $Q_{h^{*2}} = -Q_{h^1} - 2Q_{h^2}$. Since the operators $\phi_i(z)$, $\phi_i^*(z)$ commute (or anticommute) with η_0 , we define

$$\Phi_i(z) = \eta_0 \xi_0 \phi_i(z) \eta_0 \xi_0, \quad \Phi_i^*(z) = \eta_0 \xi_0 \phi_i^*(z) \eta_0 \xi_0. \tag{A.11}$$

According [7, 25], the vertex operators $\Phi(z)$ and $\Phi^*(z)$, equation (A.6), given by (A.11) are the only type I vertex operators of $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ which intertwine the level-one irreducible highest-weight $U_q[\widehat{sl(2|1)}]$ -modules $V(\mu_\alpha)$ ($\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$):

$$\Phi(z) : V(\mu_\alpha) \longrightarrow V(\mu_{\alpha-1}) \otimes V_z, \quad \Phi^*(z) : V(\mu_\alpha) \longrightarrow V(\mu_{\alpha+1}) \otimes V_z^{*s}.$$

It is shown [7] that the above vertex operators satisfy the graded Faddeev–Zamolodchikov algebra

$$\Phi_j(z_2)\Phi_i(z_1) = \sum_{kl} R\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{ij}^{kl} \Phi_k(z_1)\Phi_l(z_2)(-1)^{[i][j]}, \tag{A.12}$$

$$\Phi_j^*(z_2)\Phi_i^*(z_1) = \sum_{kl} R\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{kl}^{ij} \Phi_k^*(z_1)\Phi_l^*(z_2)(-1)^{[i][j]}, \tag{A.13}$$

$$\Phi_j(z_2)\Phi_i^*(z_1) = \sum_{kl} \bar{R}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)_{ij}^{kl} \Phi_k^*(z_1)\Phi_l(z_2)(-1)^{[k][l]}, \tag{A.14}$$

where $\bar{R}(z) = R^{-1, s_1}(z)$. Moreover, the vertex operators have the following invertibility relations:

$$\Phi_i(z)\Phi_j^*|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)} = -(-1)^{[j]} \delta_{ij} \text{id}|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)}, \quad -\sum_k (-1)^{[k]} \Phi_k^*(z)\Phi_k(z)|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)} = \text{id}|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)}, \tag{A.15}$$

$$\Phi_i^*(zq^2)\Phi_j(z)|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)} = \delta_{ij} q^{2\rho_i} \text{id}|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)}, \quad \sum_k q^{-2\rho_k} \Phi_k(z)\Phi_k^*(zq^2)|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)} = \text{id}|_{V(\Lambda_\alpha)}. \tag{A.16}$$

Appendix B

In this appendix, we give the normal ordering relations of fundamental bosonic fields:

$$e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1(z_2; \beta_2)} = (z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2) + 1} z_2)(z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2) - 1} z_2) : e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1(z_2; \beta_2)} :,$$

$$e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2(z_2; \beta_2)} = \frac{1}{z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2} : e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2(z_2; \beta_2)} :,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{h_2(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1(z_2; \beta_2)} &= \frac{1}{z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2} : e^{h_2(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_2(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2(z_2; \beta_2)} &= : e^{h_2(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_j^*(z_2; \beta_2)} &= (z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2)^{\delta_{ij}} : e^{h_1(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_j^*(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_j(z_2; \beta_2)} &= (z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2)^{\delta_{ij}} : e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_j(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1^*(z_2; \beta_2)} &= : e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1^*(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2^*(z_2; \beta_2)} &= \frac{1}{z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2} : e^{h_1^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2^*(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_2^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1^*(z_2; \beta_2)} &= \frac{1}{z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2} : e^{h_2^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_1^*(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{h_2^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2^*(z_2; \beta_2)} &= \frac{1}{(z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2) + 1} z_2)(z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2) - 1} z_2)} : e^{h_2^*(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{h_2^*(z_2; \beta_2)} :, \\
 e^{c(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{c(z_2; \beta_2)} &= (z_1 - q^{-(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} z_2) : e^{c(z_1; \beta_1)} e^{c(z_2; \beta_2)} :.
 \end{aligned}$$

Appendix C

We here summarize the formulae concerning coherent states of bosons which have been used in section 4.

The coherent states $|\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle$ and $\langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3|$ in the Fock space $F_{(0; \beta)}$ and its dual space $F_{(0; \beta)}^*$ are defined by

$$|\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle = \exp \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{m}{[m]^2} \zeta_m^i h_{-m}^{*i} + \sum_{m=1}^2 \frac{m}{[m]^2} \zeta_m^3 c_{-m} \right\} |\beta, \beta, \beta, 0\rangle, \tag{C.1}$$

$$\langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3| = \langle \beta, \beta, \beta, 0| \exp \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{m}{[m]^2} \bar{\zeta}_m^i h_m^{*i} + \sum_{m=1}^2 \frac{m}{[m]^2} \bar{\zeta}_m^3 c_m \right\} \tag{C.2}$$

where ζ_m^l and $\bar{\zeta}_m^l$ ($l = 1, 2, 3; m = 1, 2, \dots$) are complex conjugate parameters.

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_m^i |\beta, \beta, \beta, 0\rangle &= 0, & \langle \beta, \beta, \beta, 0| h_{-m}^i &= 0, & i &= 1, 2, m \geq 1, \\
 c_m |\beta, \beta, \beta, 0\rangle &= 0, & \langle \beta, \beta, \beta, 0| c_{-m} &= 0, & m &\geq 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

one can easily verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_m^i |\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle &= \zeta_m^i |\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle, & \langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3| h_{-m}^i &= \bar{\zeta}_m^i \langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3|, & i &= 1, 2, \\
 c_m |\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle &= \zeta_m^3 |\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle, & \langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3| c_{-m} &= \bar{\zeta}_m^3 \langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3|.
 \end{aligned}$$

One can also show that the coherent states $\{|\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle\}$ ($\langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3|$) form a complete basis in Fock space $F_{(0; \beta)}$ ($F_{(0; \beta)}^*$). That is, one can verify the completeness relation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{id}_{F_{(0; \beta)}} &= \int \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{d\zeta_m^1 d\bar{\zeta}_m^1 d\zeta_m^2 d\bar{\zeta}_m^2 d\zeta_m^3 d\bar{\zeta}_m^3}{([m]^2/m) \det([a_{ij} m][m]/m)} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i, j=1}^2 \frac{K_{ij}(m)m}{[m]} \zeta_m^i \bar{\zeta}_m^j \right\} \\
 &\quad \times |\zeta^1, \zeta^2, \zeta^3\rangle \langle \bar{\zeta}^1, \bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^3|, \tag{C.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $K_{ij}(n)$ is a 2×2 matrix satisfying

$$\sum_{l=1}^2 K_{il}(n) [a_{lj} n] = \delta_{ij}.$$

One may also derive the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{d\zeta_m^1 d\bar{\zeta}_m^1 d\zeta_m^2 d\bar{\zeta}_m^2 d\zeta_m^3 d\bar{\zeta}_m^3}{([m]^2/m) \det([a_{ij}m][m]/m)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m (\bar{\zeta}_m^1, \bar{\zeta}_m^2, \bar{\zeta}_m^3, \zeta_m^1, \zeta_m^2, \zeta_m^3) \mathcal{A}_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\zeta}_m^1 \\ \bar{\zeta}_m^2 \\ \bar{\zeta}_m^3 \\ \zeta_m^1 \\ \zeta_m^2 \\ \zeta_m^3 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\zeta}_m^1, \bar{\zeta}_m^2, \bar{\zeta}_m^3, \zeta_m^1, \zeta_m^2, \zeta_m^3) \mathcal{B}_m \right\} \\
 & = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (-\det \mathcal{A}_m)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{[m]^2}{m} \det \left(\frac{[a_{ij}m][m]}{m} \right) \mathcal{B}_m^t \mathcal{A}_m^{-1} \mathcal{B}_m \right\}, \quad (\text{C.4})
 \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{A}_m are invertible constant 6×6 matrices and \mathcal{B}_m are constant 6-component vectors.

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