

Unitary representations of minimal W-algebras

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1. Abstract

To each non-zero nilpotent orbit of a simple finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra \mathfrak{g} with a non-degenerate invariant bilinear form one associates a simple vertex algebra, called a quantum affine W-algebra. In the simplest case $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{sl}_2$ one gets the Virasoro vertex algebra.

For the smallest simple Lie superalgebras \mathfrak{g} one gets by this construction all $N=1,2,3,4$, and big $N=4$ superconformal algebras.

I will explain classification of unitary representations of W-algebras, associated to nilpotent orbits of minimal dimension in the even part of \mathfrak{g} , which cover all the above examples.

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