

$sl(\infty)$ -modules arising from categorical action on  
the category  $\mathcal{O}$  for general linear superalgebra.

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## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  denote the full subcategory of  $\mathfrak{sl}(\infty)$ -modules consisting of modules  $U$  satisfying the following conditions:

- 1  $U$  is an integrable module of finite length.
- 2 Simple constituents of  $U$  are tensor modules  $S(\lambda, \mu) \subset \mathbf{E}^{\otimes |\lambda|} \otimes \mathbf{E}_*^{\otimes |\mu|}$  (here  $(\lambda, \mu)$  is a bipartition).
- 3 For any  $u \in U$  we have  $e_i u = f_i u = 0$  for all but finitely many  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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# Main results.

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- ①  $K_{m|n}$  is an injective object of  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- ② The submodule  $E^{\otimes m} \otimes E_*^{\otimes n} \hookrightarrow K_{m|n}$  is isomorphic to the subgroup generated by the classes of all Verma modules.
- ③ The socle of  $K_{m|n}$  is isomorphic to the subgroup generated by the classes of all projective objects in  $\mathcal{O}_{m|n}$ .

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