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# Perfectness of Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals for nonexceptional types

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**Abstract.** For nonexceptional types, we prove a conjecture of Hatayama et al. about the perfectness of Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals.

**Résumé.** Pour les types non-exceptionnels, on démontre une conjecture de Hatayama et al. concernant la perfection des cristaux de Kirillov–Reshetikhin.

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## 1 Introduction

Kirillov–Reshetikhin (KR) crystals  $B^{r,s}$  are crystals corresponding to finite-dimensional  $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules [3, 4], where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an affine Kac–Moody algebra. Recently, a lot of progress has been made regarding long outstanding problems concerning these crystals which appear in mathematical physics and the path realization of affine highest weight crystals [13]. In [20, 21] the existence of KR crystals was shown. In [5] a major step in understanding these crystals was provided by giving explicit combinatorial realizations for all nonexceptional types. This abstract is based on [5, 6]. We prove a conjecture of Hatayama, Kuniba, Okado, Takagu, and Tsuboi [8, Conjecture 2.1] about the perfectness of these KR crystals.

**Conjecture 1.1** [8, Conjecture 2.1] *The Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystal  $B^{r,s}$  is perfect if and only if  $\frac{s}{c_r}$  is an integer with  $c_r$  as in Table 1. If  $B^{r,s}$  is perfect, its level is  $\frac{s}{c_r}$ .*

In [14], this conjecture was proven for all  $B^{r,s}$  for type  $A_n^{(1)}$ , for  $B^{1,s}$  for nonexceptional types (except for type  $C_n^{(1)}$ ), for  $B^{n-1,s}$ ,  $B^{n,s}$  of type  $D_n^{(1)}$ , and  $B^{n,s}$  for types  $C_n^{(1)}$  and  $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$ . When the highest weight is given by the highest root, level-1 perfect crystals were constructed in [1]. For  $1 \leq r \leq n-2$

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	$(c_1, \dots, c_n)$
$A_n^{(1)}, D_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}, A_{2n}^{(2)}, D_{n+1}^{(2)}$	$(1, \dots, 1)$
$B_n^{(1)}$	$(1, \dots, 1, 2)$
$C_n^{(1)}$	$(2, \dots, 2, 1)$

**Tab. 1:** List of  $c_r$

for type  $D_n^{(1)}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n - 1$  for type  $B_n^{(1)}$ , and  $1 \leq r \leq n$  for type  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ , the conjecture was proved in [22]. The case  $G_2^{(1)}$  and  $r = 1$  was treated in [24] and the case  $D_4^{(3)}$  and  $r = 1$  was treated in [16]. Naito and Sagaki [18] showed that the conjecture holds for twisted algebras, if it is true for the untwisted simply-laced cases.

In this paper we prove Conjecture 1.1 in general for nonexceptional types.

**Theorem 1.2** *If  $g$  is of nonexceptional type, Conjecture 1.1 is true.*

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we give basic notation and the definition of perfectness in Definition 2.1. In Section 3 we review the realizations of the KR crystals of nonexceptional types as recently provided in [5]. Section 4 is reserved for the proof of Theorem 1.2 and an explicit description of the minimal elements  $B_{\min}^{r, c_r, s}$  of the perfect crystals. A long version of this article containing further details and examples is available at [6].

## 2 Definitions and perfectness

We follow the notation of [12, 5]. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -crystal [15]. Denote by  $\alpha_i$  and  $\Lambda_i$  for  $i \in I$  the simple roots and fundamental weights and by  $c$  the canonical central element associated to  $\mathfrak{g}$ , where  $I$  is the index set of the Dynkin diagram of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (see Table 2). Let  $P = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}\Lambda_i$  be the weight lattice of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $P^+$  the set of dominant weights. For a positive integer  $\ell$ , the set of level- $\ell$  weights is

$$P_\ell^+ = \{\Lambda \in P^+ \mid \text{lev}(\Lambda) = \ell\},$$

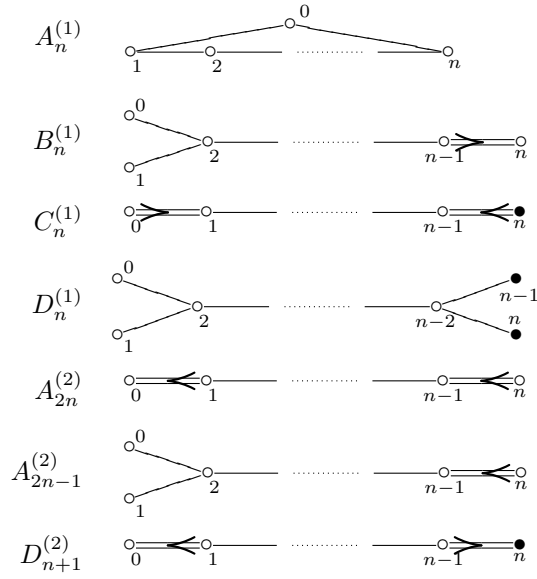
where  $\text{lev}(\Lambda) := \Lambda(c)$ . The set of level-0 weights is denoted by  $P_0$ . We identify dominant weights with partitions; each  $\Lambda_i$  yields a column of height  $i$  (except for spin nodes). For more details, please consult [11].

We denote by  $f_i, e_i : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  for  $i \in I$  the Kashiwara operators and by  $\text{wt} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow P$  the weight function on the crystal. For  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  we define  $\varepsilon_i(b) = \max\{k \mid e_i^k(b) \neq \emptyset\}$ ,  $\varphi_i(b) = \max\{k \mid f_i^k(b) \neq \emptyset\}$ , and

$$\varepsilon(b) = \sum_{i \in I} \varepsilon_i(b)\Lambda_i \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(b) = \sum_{i \in I} \varphi_i(b)\Lambda_i.$$

Next we define perfect crystals, see for example [11].

**Definition 2.1** *For a positive integer  $\ell > 0$ , a crystal  $\mathcal{B}$  is called perfect crystal of level  $\ell$ , if the following conditions are satisfied:*



Tab. 2: Dynkin diagrams

1.  $\mathcal{B}$  is isomorphic to the crystal graph of a finite-dimensional  $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module.
2.  $\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  is connected.
3. There exists a  $\lambda \in P_0$ , such that  $\text{wt}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \lambda + \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{0\}} \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \alpha_i$  and there is a unique element in  $\mathcal{B}$  of classical weight  $\lambda$ .
4.  $\forall b \in \mathcal{B}, \text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) \geq \ell$ .
5.  $\forall \Lambda \in P_\ell^+, \text{ there exist unique elements } b_\Lambda, b^\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ such that}$

$$\varepsilon(b_\Lambda) = \Lambda = \varphi(b^\Lambda).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{B}_{\min}$  the set of minimal elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ , namely

$$\mathcal{B}_{\min} = \{b \in \mathcal{B} \mid \text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) = \ell\}.$$

Note that condition (5) of Definition 2.1 ensures that  $\varepsilon, \varphi : \mathcal{B}_{\min} \rightarrow P_\ell^+$  are bijections. They induce an automorphism  $\tau = \varepsilon \circ \varphi^{-1}$  on  $P_\ell^+$ .

In [22, 5]  $\pm$ -diagrams were introduced, which describe the branching  $X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$  where  $X_n = B_n, C_n, D_n$ . A  $\pm$ -diagram  $P$  of shape  $\Lambda/\lambda$  is a sequence of partitions  $\lambda \subset \mu \subset \Lambda$  such that  $\Lambda/\mu$  and  $\mu/\lambda$  are horizontal strips (i.e. every column contains at most one box). We depict this  $\pm$ -diagram by the skew

tableau of shape  $\Lambda/\lambda$  in which the cells of  $\mu/\lambda$  are filled with the symbol  $+$  and those of  $\Lambda/\mu$  are filled with the symbol  $-$ . There are further type specific rules which can be found in [5, Section 3.2]. There exists a bijection  $\Phi$  between  $\pm$ -diagrams and the  $X_{n-1}$ -highest weight vectors inside the  $X_n$  crystal of highest weight  $\Lambda$ .

### 3 Realization of KR-crystals

Throughout the paper we use the realization of  $B^{r,s}$  as given in [5, 21, 22]. In this section we briefly recall the main constructions.

#### 3.1 KR crystals of type $A_n^{(1)}$

Let  $\Lambda = \ell_0\Lambda_0 + \ell_1\Lambda_1 + \dots + \ell_n\Lambda_n$  be a dominant weight. Then the level is given by

$$\text{lev}(\Lambda) = \ell_0 + \dots + \ell_n.$$

A combinatorial description of  $B^{r,s}$  of type  $A_n^{(1)}$  was provided by Shimozono [23]. As a  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ -crystal

$$B^{r,s} \cong B(s\Lambda_r).$$

The Dynkin diagram of  $A_n^{(1)}$  has a cyclic automorphism  $\sigma(i) = i + 1 \pmod{n + 1}$  which extends to the crystal in form of the promotion operator. The action of the affine crystal operators  $f_0$  and  $e_0$  is given by

$$f_0 = \sigma^{-1} \circ f_1 \circ \sigma \quad \text{and} \quad e_0 = \sigma^{-1} \circ e_1 \circ \sigma.$$

#### 3.2 KR crystals of type $D_n^{(1)}, B_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

Let  $\Lambda = \ell_0\Lambda_0 + \ell_1\Lambda_1 + \dots + \ell_n\Lambda_n$  be a dominant weight. Then the level is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lev}(\Lambda) &= \ell_0 + \ell_1 + 2\ell_2 + 2\ell_3 + \dots + 2\ell_{n-2} + \ell_{n-1} + \ell_n && \text{for type } D_n^{(1)} \\ \text{lev}(\Lambda) &= \ell_0 + \ell_1 + 2\ell_2 + 2\ell_3 + \dots + 2\ell_{n-2} + 2\ell_{n-1} + \ell_n && \text{for type } B_n^{(1)} \\ \text{lev}(\Lambda) &= \ell_0 + \ell_1 + 2\ell_2 + 2\ell_3 + \dots + 2\ell_{n-2} + 2\ell_{n-1} + 2\ell_n && \text{for type } A_{2n-1}^{(2)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

We have the following realization of  $B^{r,s}$ . Let  $X_n = D_n, B_n, C_n$  be the classical subalgebra for  $D_n^{(1)}, B_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $1 \leq r \leq n - 2$  for type  $D_n^{(1)}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n - 1$  for type  $B_n^{(1)}$ , and  $1 \leq r \leq n$  for type  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ . Then  $B^{r,s}$  is defined as follows. As an  $X_n$ -crystal

$$B^{r,s} \cong \bigoplus_{\Lambda} B(\Lambda), \tag{3.2}$$

where the sum runs over all dominant weights  $\Lambda$  that can be obtained from  $s\Lambda_r$  by the removal of vertical dominoes. The affine crystal operators  $e_0$  and  $f_0$  are defined as

$$f_0 = \sigma^{-1} \circ f_1 \circ \sigma \quad \text{and} \quad e_0 = \sigma^{-1} \circ e_1 \circ \sigma, \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the crystal automorphism defined in [22, Definition 4.2].

**Definition 3.2** Let  $B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,s}$  be the  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ -KR crystal. Then  $B^{n,s}$  of type  $B_n^{(1)}$  is defined through the unique injective map  $S : B^{n,s} \rightarrow B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,s}$  such that

$$S(e_i b) = e_i^{m_i} S(b), \quad S(f_i b) = f_i^{m_i} S(b) \quad \text{for } i \in I,$$

where  $(m_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n} = (2, 2, \dots, 2, 1)$ .

In addition, the  $\pm$ -diagrams of  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$  that occur in the image are precisely those which can be obtained by doubling a  $\pm$ -diagram of  $B^{n,s}$  (see [5, Lemma 3.5]).  $S$  induces an embedding of dominant weights of  $B_n^{(1)}$  into dominant weights of  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ , namely  $S(\Lambda_i) = m_i \Lambda_i$ . It is easy to see that for any  $\Lambda \in P^+$  we have  $\text{lev}(S(\Lambda)) = 2 \text{lev}(\Lambda)$  using (3.1).

For the definition of  $B^{n,s}$  and  $B^{n-1,s}$  of type  $D_n^{(1)}$ , see for example [5, Section 6.2].

### 3.3 KR crystal of type $C_n^{(1)}$

The level of a dominant  $C_n^{(1)}$  weight  $\Lambda = \ell_0 \Lambda_0 + \dots + \ell_n \Lambda_n$  is given by

$$\text{lev}(\Lambda) = \ell_0 + \dots + \ell_n.$$

We use the realization of  $B^{r,s}$  as the fixed point set of the automorphism  $\sigma$  [22, Definition 4.2] (see Definition 3.1) inside  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$  of [5, Theorem 5.7].

**Definition 3.3** For  $1 \leq r < n$ , the KR crystal  $B^{r,s}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  is defined to be the fixed point set under  $\sigma$  inside  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$  with the operators

$$e_i = \begin{cases} e_0 e_1 & \text{for } i = 0, \\ e_{i+1} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \end{cases}$$

where the Kashiwara operators on the right act in  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$ . Under the crystal embedding  $S : B^{r,s} \rightarrow B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$  we have

$$\Lambda_i \mapsto \begin{cases} \Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1 & \text{for } i = 0, \\ \Lambda_{i+1} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Under the embedding  $S$ , the level of  $\Lambda \in P^+$  doubles, that is  $\text{lev}(S(\Lambda)) = 2 \text{lev}(\Lambda)$ .

For  $B^{n,s}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  we refer to [5, Section 6.1].

### 3.4 KR crystals of type $A_{2n}^{(2)}, D_{n+1}^{(2)}$

Let  $\Lambda = \ell_0 \Lambda_0 + \ell_1 \Lambda_1 + \dots + \ell_n \Lambda_n$  be a dominant weight. The level is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lev}(\Lambda) &= \ell_0 + 2\ell_1 + 2\ell_2 + \dots + 2\ell_{n-2} + 2\ell_{n-1} + 2\ell_n && \text{for type } A_{2n}^{(2)} \\ \text{lev}(\Lambda) &= \ell_0 + 2\ell_1 + 2\ell_2 + \dots + 2\ell_{n-2} + 2\ell_{n-1} + \ell_n && \text{for type } D_{n+1}^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Define positive integers  $m_i$  for  $i \in I$  as follows:

$$(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{n-1}, m_n) = \begin{cases} (1, 2, \dots, 2, 2) & \text{for } A_{2n}^{(2)}, \\ (1, 2, \dots, 2, 1) & \text{for } D_{n+1}^{(2)}. \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

Then  $B^{r,s}$  can be realized as follows.

**Definition 3.4** For  $1 \leq r \leq n$  for  $\mathfrak{g} = A_{2n}^{(2)}$ ,  $1 \leq r < n$  for  $\mathfrak{g} = D_{n+1}^{(2)}$  and  $s \geq 1$ , there exists a unique injective map  $S : B_{\mathfrak{g}}^{r,s} \rightarrow B_{C_n^{(1)}}^{r,2s}$  such that

$$S(e_i b) = e_i^{m_i} S(b), \quad S(f_i b) = f_i^{m_i} S(b) \quad \text{for } i \in I.$$

The  $\pm$ -diagrams of  $C_n^{(1)}$  that occur in the image of  $S$  are precisely those which can be obtained by doubling a  $\pm$ -diagram of  $B^{r,s}$  (see [5, Lemma 3.5]).  $S$  induces an embedding of dominant weights for  $A_{2n}^{(2)}, D_{n+1}^{(2)}$  into dominant weights of type  $C_n^{(1)}$ , with  $S(\Lambda_i) = m_i \Lambda_i$ . This map preserves the level of a weight, that is  $\text{lev}(S(\Lambda)) = \text{lev}(\Lambda)$ .

For the case  $r = n$  of type  $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$  we refer to [5, Definition 6.2].

## 4 Proof of Theorem 1.2

For type  $A_n^{(1)}$ , perfectness of  $B^{r,s}$  was proven in [14]. For all other types, in the case that  $\frac{s}{c_r}$  is an integer, we need to show that the 5 defining conditions in Definition 2.1 are satisfied:

1. This was recently shown in [21].
2. This follows from [7, Corollary 6.1] under [7, Assumption 1]. Assumption 1 is satisfied except for type  $A_{2n}^{(2)}$ : The regularity of  $B^{r,s}$  is ensured by (1), the existence of an automorphism  $\sigma$  was proven in [5, Section 7], and the unique element  $u \in B^{r,s}$  such that  $\varepsilon(u) = s\Lambda_0$  and  $\varphi(u) = s\Lambda_\nu$  (where  $\nu = 1$  for  $r$  odd for types  $B_n^{(1)}, D_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ ,  $\nu = r$  for  $A_n^{(1)}$ , and  $\nu = 0$  otherwise) is given by the classically highest weight element in the component  $B(0)$  for  $\nu = 0$ ,  $B(s\Lambda_1)$  for  $\nu = 1$ , and  $B(s\Lambda_r)$  for  $\nu = r$ . Note that  $\Lambda_0 = \tau(\Lambda_\nu)$ , where  $\tau = \varepsilon \circ \varphi^{-1}$ . For type  $A_{2n}^{(2)}$ , perfectness follows from [18].
3. The statement is true for  $\lambda = s(\Lambda_r - \Lambda_r(c)\Lambda_0)$ , which follows from the decomposition formulas [2, 9, 10, 19].

Conditions (4) and (5) will be shown in the following subsections using case by case considerations: Section 4.1 for type  $A_n^{(1)}$ , Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 for types  $B_n^{(1)}, D_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ , Sections 4.5 and 4.6 for type  $C_n^{(1)}$ , Section 4.7 for type  $A_{2n}^{(2)}$ , and Sections 4.8 and 4.9 for type  $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$ .

When  $\frac{s}{c_r}$  is not an integer, we show in the subsequent sections that the minimum of the level of  $\varepsilon(b)$  is the smallest integer exceeding  $\frac{s}{c_r}$ , and provide examples that contradict condition (5) of Definition 2.1 for each crystal, thereby proving that  $B^{r,s}$  is not perfect. In the case that  $\frac{s}{c_r}$  is an integer, we provide an explicit construction of the minimal elements of  $B^{r,s}$ .

### 4.1 Type $A_n^{(1)}$

It was already proven in [14] that  $B^{r,s}$  is perfect. We give below its associated automorphism  $\tau$  and minimal elements.  $\tau$  on  $P$  is defined by

$$\tau\left(\sum_{i=0}^n k_i \Lambda_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n k_i \Lambda_{i-r \bmod n+1}.$$

Recall that  $B^{r,s}$  is identified with the set of semistandard tableaux of  $r \times s$  rectangular shape over the alphabet  $\{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ . For  $b \in B^{r,s}$  let  $x_{ij} = x_{ij}(b)$  denote the number of letters  $j$  in the  $i$ -th row of  $b$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . Set  $r' = n+1-r$ , then

$$x_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{unless} \quad i \leq j \leq i+r'.$$

Let  $\Lambda = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i$  be in  $P_s^+$ , that is,  $\ell_0, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i = s$ . Then  $x_{ij}(b)$  of the minimal element  $b$  such that  $\varepsilon(b) = \Lambda$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{ii} &= \ell_0 + \sum_{\alpha=i}^{r-1} \ell_{\alpha+r'}, \\ x_{ij} &= \ell_{j-i} \quad (i < j < i+r'), \\ x_{i,i+r'} &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^{i-1} \ell_{\alpha+r'} \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .

### 4.2 Types $B_n^{(1)}, D_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

Conditions (4) and (5) of Definition 2.1 for  $1 \leq r \leq n-2$  for type  $D_n^{(1)}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n-1$  for type  $B_n^{(1)}$ , and  $1 \leq r \leq n$  for type  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$  were shown in [22, Section 6]. To a given fundamental weight  $\Lambda_k$  a  $\pm$ -diagram  $\text{diagram}(\Lambda_k)$  was associated. This map can be extended to any dominant weight  $\Lambda = \ell_0 \Lambda_0 + \dots + \ell_n \Lambda_n$  by concatenating the columns of the  $\pm$ -diagrams of each piece. To every fundamental weight  $\Lambda_k$  a string of operators  $f(\Lambda_k)$  can be associated as in [22, Section 6].

The minimal element  $b$  in  $B^{r,s}$  that satisfies  $\varepsilon(b) = \Lambda$  can now be constructed as follows

$$b = f(\Lambda_n)^{\ell_n} \dots f(\Lambda_2)^{\ell_2} \Phi(\text{diagram}(\Lambda)).$$

For  $\Lambda = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i \in P_s^+$ , we have

$$\tau(\Lambda) = \begin{cases} \Lambda & \text{if } r \text{ is even,} \\ \ell_0 \Lambda_1 + \ell_1 \Lambda_0 + \sum_{i=2}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i & \text{if } r \text{ is odd,} \\ & \text{types } B_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}, \\ \ell_0 \Lambda_1 + \ell_1 \Lambda_0 + \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \ell_i \Lambda_i + \ell_{n-1} \Lambda_n + \ell_n \Lambda_{n-1} & \text{if } r \text{ is odd, type } D_n^{(1)}. \end{cases}$$



### 4.3 Type $D_n^{(1)}$ for $r = n - 1, n$

The cases when  $r = n, n - 1$  for type  $D_n^{(1)}$  were treated in [14]. We refer to [14] or [6, Section 4.3] for an explicit description of the minimal elements.

The automorphism  $\tau$  is given by

$$\tau\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i\right) = \ell_0 \Lambda_{n-1} + \ell_1 \Lambda_n + \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \ell_i \Lambda_{n-i} + \begin{cases} \ell_{n-1} \Lambda_0 + \ell_n \Lambda_1 & n \text{ even,} \\ \ell_{n-1} \Lambda_1 + \ell_n \Lambda_0 & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

### 4.4 Type $B_n^{(1)}$ for $r = n$

In this section we consider the perfectness of  $B^{n,s}$  of type  $B_n^{(1)}$ .

**Proposition 4.1** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) \mid b \in B^{n,2s+1}\} &\geq s + 1, \\ \min\{\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) \mid b \in B^{n,2s}\} &\geq s. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Suppose, there exists an element  $b \in B^{n,2s+1}$  with  $\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) = p < s + 1$ . Since  $B^{n,2s+1}$  is embedded into  $B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s+1}$  by Definition 3.2, this would yield an element  $\tilde{b} \in B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s+1}$  with  $\text{lev}(\tilde{b}) < 2s + 1$ .

But this is not possible, since  $B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s+1}$  is a perfect crystal of level  $2s + 1$ .

Suppose there exists an element  $b \in B^{n,2s}$  with  $\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) = p < s$ . By the same argument one obtains a contradiction to the level of  $B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s}$ .  $\square$

Hence to show that  $B^{n,2s+1}$  is not perfect, it is enough to provide two elements  $b_1, b_2 \in B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s+1}$  which are in the realization of  $B^{r,s}$  under  $S$  and satisfy  $\varepsilon(b_1) = \varepsilon(b_2) = \Lambda$ , where  $\text{lev}(\Lambda) = 2s + 2$ . We use the notation  $f_{\vec{a}} = f_{a_1}^{m_1} \cdots f_{a_k}^{m_k}$  for  $\vec{a} = (a_1^{m_1}, \dots, a_k^{m_k})$ .

**Proposition 4.2** *Define the following elements  $b_1, b_2 \in B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s+1}$ : For  $n$  odd, let  $P_1$  be the  $\pm$ -diagram corresponding to one column of height  $n$  containing one  $+$ , and  $2s$  columns of height 1 each containing a  $-$  sign, and  $P_2$  the analogous  $\pm$ -diagram but with a  $-$  in the column of height  $n$ . Set  $\vec{a} = (n, (n-1)^2, n, (n-2)^2, (n-1)^2, n, \dots, 2^2, \dots, (n-1)^2, n)$  and*

$$b_1 = f_{\vec{a}}(\Phi(P_1)) \quad \text{and} \quad b_2 = f_{\vec{a}}(\Phi(P_2)).$$

*For  $n$  even, replace the columns of height 1 with columns of height 2 and fill them with  $\pm$ -pairs. Then  $b_1, b_2 \in S(B^{n,2s+1})$  and  $\varepsilon(b_1) = \varepsilon(b_2) = 2s\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_n$ , which is of level  $2s + 2$ .*

**Proof:** It is clear from the construction that the  $\pm$ -diagrams corresponding to  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  can be obtained by doubling a  $B_n^{(1)}$   $\pm$ -diagram (see [5, Lemma 3.5]). Hence  $\Phi(P_1), \Phi(P_2) \in S(B^{n,2s+1})$ . The sequence  $\vec{a}$  can be obtained by doubling a type  $B_n^{(1)}$  sequence using  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) = (2, \dots, 2, 1)$ , so by Definition 3.2  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are in the image of the embedding  $S$  that realizes  $B^{n,2s+1}$ . The claim that  $\varepsilon(b_1) = \varepsilon(b_2) = 2s\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_n$  can be checked explicitly.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3** *The KR crystal  $B^{n,2s+1}$  of type  $B_n^{(1)}$  is not perfect.*

**Proof:** This follows directly from Proposition 4.2 using the embedding  $S$  of Definition 3.2. □

**Proposition 4.4** *There exists a bijection, induced by  $\varepsilon$ , from  $B_{\min}^{n,2s}$  to  $P_s^+$ . Hence  $B^{n,2s}$  is perfect of level  $s$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be the embedding from Definition 3.2. Then we have an induced embedding of dominant weights  $\Lambda$  of  $B_n^{(1)}$  into dominant weights of  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$  via the map  $S$ , that sends  $\Lambda_i \mapsto m_i \Lambda_i$ .

In [22, Section 6] (see Section 4.2) the minimal elements for  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$  were constructed by giving a  $\pm$ -diagram and a sequence from the  $\{2, \dots, n\}$ -highest weight to the minimal element. Since  $(m_0, \dots, m_n) = (2, \dots, 2, 1)$  and columns of height  $n$  for type  $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$  are doubled, it is clear from the construction that the  $\pm$ -diagrams corresponding to weights  $S(\Lambda)$  are in the image of  $S$  of  $\pm$ -diagrams for  $B_n^{(1)}$  (see [5, Lemma 3.5]). Also, since under  $S$  all weights  $\Lambda_i$  for  $1 \leq i < n$  are doubled, it follows that the sequences are “doubled” using the  $m_i$ . Hence a minimal element of  $B^{n,2s}$  of level  $s$  is in one-to-one correspondence with those minimal elements in  $B_{A_{2n-1}^{(2)}}^{n,2s}$  that can be obtained from doubling a  $\pm$ -diagram of  $B^{n,2s}$ . This implies that  $\varepsilon$  defines a bijection between  $B_{\min}^{n,2s}$  and  $P_s^+$ . □

The automorphism  $\tau$  of the perfect KR crystal  $B^{n,2s}$  is given by

$$\tau\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i\right) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \ell_0 \Lambda_1 + \ell_1 \Lambda_0 + \sum_{i=2}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### 4.5 Type $C_n^{(1)}$

In this section we consider  $B^{r,s}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  for  $r < n$ .

**Proposition 4.5** *Let  $r < n$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) \mid b \in B^{r,2s+1}\} &\geq s + 1, \\ \min\{\text{lev}(\varepsilon(b)) \mid b \in B^{r,2s}\} &\geq s. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** By Definition 3.3, the crystal  $B^{r,s}$  is realized inside  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$ . The proof is similar to the proof of Proposition 4.1 for type  $B_n^{(1)}$ . □

Hence to show that  $B^{r,2s+1}$  is not perfect, it suffices to give two elements  $b_1, b_2 \in B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,2s+1}$  that are fixed points under  $\sigma$  with  $\varepsilon(b_1) = \varepsilon(b_2) = \Lambda$ , where  $\text{lev}(\Lambda) = 2s + 2$ .

**Proposition 4.6** *Let  $b_1, b_2 \in B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,2s+1}$ , where  $b_1$  consists of  $s$  columns of the form read from bottom to top  $(1, 2, \dots, r)$ ,  $s$  columns of the form  $(\bar{r}, \overline{r-1}, \dots, \bar{1})$ , and a column  $(\overline{r+1}, \dots, \bar{2})$ . In  $b_2$  the last column is replaced by  $(r+2, \dots, 2r+2)$  if  $2r+2 \leq n$  and  $(r+2, \dots, n, \bar{n}, \dots, \bar{k})$  of height  $n$  otherwise. Then*

$$\varepsilon(b_1) = \varepsilon(b_2) = \begin{cases} s\Lambda_r + \Lambda_{r+1} & \text{if } r > 1, \\ s(\Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1) + \Lambda_2 & \text{if } r = 1, \end{cases}$$

which is of level  $2s + 2$ .

**Proof:** The claim is easy to check explicitly. □

**Corollary 4.7** *The KR crystal  $B^{n,2s+1}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  is not perfect.*

**Proof:** The  $\{2, \dots, n\}$ -highest weight elements in the same component as  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  of Proposition 4.6 correspond to  $\pm$ -diagrams that are invariant under  $\sigma$ . Hence, by Definition 3.3,  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are fixed points under  $\sigma$ . Combining this result with Proposition 4.5 proves that  $B^{r,2s+1}$  is not perfect. □

**Proposition 4.8** *There exists a bijection, induced by  $\varepsilon$ , from  $B_{\min}^{r,2s}$  to  $P_s^+$ . Hence  $B^{r,2s}$  is perfect of level  $s$ .*

**Proof:** By Definition 3.3,  $B^{r,s}$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  is realized inside  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,s}$  as the fixed points under  $\sigma$ . Under the embedding  $S$ , it is clear that a dominant weight  $\Lambda = \ell_0\Lambda_0 + \ell_1\Lambda_1 + \dots + \ell_{n+1}\Lambda_{n+1}$  of type  $A_{2n+1}^{(2)}$  is in the image if and only if  $\ell_0 = \ell_1$ . Hence it is clear from the construction of the minimal elements for  $A_{2n+1}^{(2)}$  as described in Section 4.2 that the minimal elements corresponding to  $\Lambda$  with  $\ell_0 = \ell_1$  are invariant under  $\sigma$ . By [22, Theorem 6.1] there is a bijection between all dominant weights  $\Lambda$  of type  $A_{2n+1}^{(2)}$  with  $\ell_0 = \ell_1$  and  $\text{lev}(\Lambda) = 2s$  and minimal elements in  $B_{A_{2n+1}^{(2)}}^{r,2s}$  that are invariant under  $\sigma$ . Hence using  $S$ , there is a bijection between dominant weights in  $P_s^+$  of type  $C_n^{(1)}$  and  $B_{\min}^{r,2s}$ . □

The automorphism  $\tau$  of the perfect KR crystal  $B^{r,2s}$  is given by the identity.

#### 4.6 Type $C_n^{(1)}$ for $r = n$

This case is treated in [14]. For the minimal elements, we follow the construction in Section 4.2. To every fundamental weight  $\Lambda_k$  we associate a column tableau  $T(\Lambda_k)$  of height  $n$  whose entries are  $k + 1, k + 2, \dots, n, \bar{n}, \dots, n - k + 1$  ( $1, 2, \dots, n$  for  $k = 0$ ) reading from bottom to top. Let  $f(\Lambda_k)$  be defined such that  $T(\Lambda_k) = f(\Lambda_k)b_1$ , where  $b_k$  is the highest weight tableau in  $B(k\Lambda_n)$ . Then the minimal element  $b$  in  $B^{n,s}$  such that  $\varepsilon(b) = \Lambda = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i\Lambda_i \in P_s^+$  is constructed as

$$b = f(\Lambda_n)^{\ell_n} \dots f(\Lambda_1)^{\ell_1} b_s.$$

The automorphism  $\tau$  is given by

$$\tau\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i\Lambda_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i\Lambda_{n-i}.$$

#### 4.7 Type $A_{2n}^{(2)}$

For type  $A_{2n}^{(2)}$  one may use the result of Naito and Sagaki [18, Theorem 2.4.1] which states that under their [18, Assumption 2.3.1] (which requires that  $B^{r,s}$  for  $A_{2n}^{(1)}$  is perfect) all  $B^{r,s}$  for  $A_{2n}^{(2)}$  are perfect. Here we provide a description of the minimal elements via the embedding  $S$  into  $B_{C_n^{(1)}}^{r,2s}$ .

**Proposition 4.9** *The minimal elements of  $B^{r,s}$  of level  $s$  are precisely those that corresponding to doubled  $\pm$ -diagrams in  $B_{C_n^{(1)}}^{r,2s}$ .*

**Proof:** In Proposition 4.8 a description of the minimal elements of  $B_{C_n^{(1)}}^{r,2s}$  is given. We have the realization of  $B^{r,s}$  via the map  $S$  from Definition 3.4. In the same way as in the proof of Proposition 4.4 one can show, that the minimal elements of  $B_{C_n^{(1)}}^{r,2s}$  that correspond to doubled dominant weights are precisely those in the realization of  $B^{r,s}$ , hence  $\varepsilon$  defines a bijection between  $B_{\min}^{r,s}$  and  $P_s^+$ .  $\square$

The automorphism  $\tau$  is given by the identity.

#### 4.8 Type $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$ for $r < n$

**Proposition 4.10** *Let  $r < n$ . There exists a bijection  $B_{\min}^{r,s}$  to  $P_s^+$ , defined by  $\varepsilon$ . Hence  $B^{r,s}$  is perfect.*

**Proof:** This proof is analogous to the proof of Proposition 4.9.  $\square$

The automorphism  $\tau$  is given by the identity.

#### 4.9 Type $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$ for $r = n$

This case is already treated in [14], which we summarize below. As a  $B_n$ -crystal it is isomorphic to  $B(s\Lambda_n)$ . There is a description of its elements in terms of semistandard tableaux of  $n \times s$  rectangular shape with letters from the alphabet  $\mathcal{A} = \{1 < 2 < \dots < n < \bar{n} < \dots < \bar{1}\}$ . Moreover, each column does not contain both  $k$  and  $\bar{k}$ . Let  $c_i$  be the  $i$ th column, then the action of  $e_i, f_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) is calculated through that of  $c_s \otimes \dots \otimes c_1$  of  $B(\Lambda_n)^{\otimes s}$ . With this realization the minimal element  $b_\Lambda$  such that  $\varepsilon(b_\Lambda) = \Lambda = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i \in P_s^+$  is given as follows. Let  $x_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n, j \in \mathcal{A}$ ) be the number of  $j$  in the  $i$ th row. Note that  $x_{ij} = 0$  unless  $i \leq j \leq \overline{n-i+1}$ . The table  $(x_{ij})$  of  $b_\Lambda$  is then given by  $x_{ii} = \ell_0 + \dots + \ell_{n-i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ),  $x_{ij} = \ell_{j-i}$  ( $i+1 \leq j \leq n$ ),  $x_{i\bar{j}} = \ell_j + \dots + \ell_n$  ( $n-i+1 \leq j \leq n$ ). The automorphism  $\tau$  is given by

$$\tau\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \ell_i \Lambda_{n-i}.$$

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