

# A construction of lower-bounded generalized twisted modules for a grading-restricted vertex (super)algebra

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# Why is it important to have such a construction?

- The universal  $g$ -twisted  $V$ -modules are analogues of the Verma modules for finite-dimensional Lie algebras.
- This construction should be useful even for the construction and study of (untwisted) modules for those  $\mathcal{W}$  algebras discussed in this workshop when the  $\mathcal{W}$  algebras are obtained as kernels of the screening operators.
- In fact, the exponentials of the screening operators are automorphisms of the vertex algebras one starts with. The kernels of the screening operators are the same as the fixed point subalgebras of these automorphisms. One way to construct modules for the fixed point subalgebras is to construct twisted modules for the larger vertex algebras and then take the generalized eigenspaces for the automorphisms.



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*such that  $(\widehat{M}_B^{[g]}, Y_{\widehat{M}_B^{[g]}}^g)$  is a lower-bounded generalized  $g$ -twisted  $V$ -module. Moreover, this is the unique generalized  $g$ -twisted  $V$ -module structure on  $\widehat{M}_B^{[g]}$  generated by the coefficients of  $(\psi_{\widehat{M}_B^{[g]}}^a)(x)v$  for  $a \in A$  and  $v \in V$  such that*

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# Outline

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# The universal property $\widehat{M}_B^{[g]}$

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# Lower-bounded generalized twisted modules as quotients

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