

From lattice model to CFT via fermionic basis

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1. Introduction: $\mathfrak{t}^*(\zeta)$

Consider an infinite chain of spins 1/2:

$$\mathfrak{H}_S = \bigotimes_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{C}^2.$$

We study XXZ (equivalently six-vertex) model, basic object is the R-matrix:

$$R_{1,2}(\zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & c & 0 \\ 0 & c & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b(\zeta) = \frac{\zeta - \zeta^{-1}}{\zeta q - \zeta^{-1} q^{-1}}, \quad c(\zeta) = \frac{q - q^{-1}}{\zeta q - \zeta^{-1} q^{-1}},$$

Introduce the adjoint R-matrix

$$\mathbb{R}_{i,j}(\zeta)(\bullet) = R_{i,j}(\zeta) \bullet R_{i,j}(\zeta)^{-1}.$$

Define further the following, rather formal, object

$$\mathbb{T}_{a,[-\infty,\infty]}(\zeta) = \prod_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}_{a,j}(\zeta).$$

Denote $S(k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=-\infty}^k \sigma_j^3$, and consider operators

$$\mathcal{O}q^{2\alpha S(0)}; \quad \mathcal{O} \text{ is local, } q^{2\alpha S(0)} \text{ is called 'primary field'.$$

We want to make sense of the operator

$$\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}q^{2\alpha S(0)}) = \mathrm{Tr}_a(\mathbb{T}_{a,[-\infty, \infty]}(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}q^{\alpha(2S(0)+\sigma_a^3)})),$$

First observe that due to $[\sigma_a^3 + \sigma_j^3, R_{a,j}] = 0$ if \mathcal{O} lives on $[1, n]$ we can rewrite

$$\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}q^{2\alpha S(0)}) = \mathrm{Tr}_a(\mathbb{T}_{a,[1, \infty]}(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}q^{\alpha(2S(0)+\sigma_a^3)}).$$

I shall use

$$\check{\mathbb{R}}_{i,j}(\zeta) = \mathbb{R}_{i,j}(\zeta)\mathbb{P}_{i,j}.$$

where $\mathbb{P}_{i,j}$ stands for the adjoint action of the permutation.

We have

$$\check{\mathbb{R}}_{i,j}(\zeta)|_{\zeta^2=1} = I,$$

hence

$$\check{\mathbb{R}}_{i,j}(\zeta) = I + (\zeta^2 - 1)\mathbf{r}_{i,j}(\zeta),$$

where the operator $\mathbf{r}_{i,j}(\zeta)$ is regular at $\zeta^2 = 1$.

Property:

$$\mathbf{r}_{i,j}(\zeta)(X) = 0$$

if the operator X acts trivially on the i -th and the j -th components of the tensor product.

Then for large but finite l

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}_a \left(\mathbb{T}_{a,[1,l]}(\zeta) (\mathcal{O}_q^{\alpha(2S(0)+\sigma_a^3)}) \right) \\ &= \text{Tr}_a \left(\check{\mathbb{R}}_{a,l}(\zeta) \check{\mathbb{R}}_{l,l-1}(\zeta) \cdots \check{\mathbb{R}}_{n+2,n+1}(\zeta) \mathbb{T}_{n+1,[1,n]}(\zeta) (\mathcal{O}_q^{\alpha(2S(0)+\sigma_{n+1}^3)}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=n}^{l-1} (\zeta^2 - 1)^{j-k} \mathbf{r}_{j+1,j}(\zeta) \cdots \mathbf{r}_{n+2,n+1}(\zeta) \mathbb{T}_{n+1,[1,n]}(\zeta) (\mathcal{O}_q^{\alpha(2S(0)+\sigma_{n+1}^3)}) \\ &+ O((\zeta^2 - 1)^{l-n}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}_q^{2\alpha S(0)})$ is well defined as Taylor series.

In other words if we understand $\mathbf{t}^*(\zeta)(\mathcal{O}_q^{2\alpha S(0)})$ as power series in $\zeta^2 - 1$,

it is well-defined.

2. Fermionic structure of local operators on the lattice

We shall consider more sophisticated auxiliary space, q -oscillators by Bazhanov-Lukyanov-Zamolodchikov:

$$q^D \mathbf{a} q^{-D} = q^{-1} \mathbf{a}, \quad q^D \mathbf{a}^* q^{-D} = q \mathbf{a}^*, \quad \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^* = 1 - q^{2D+2}, \quad \mathbf{a}^* \mathbf{a} = 1 - q^{2D}.$$

The we define

$$R_{A,j}(\zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \zeta^2 q^{2D_A+2} & -\zeta \mathbf{a}_A \\ -\zeta \mathbf{a}_A^* & 1 \end{pmatrix}_j \begin{pmatrix} q^{-D_A} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{D_A} \end{pmatrix}_j.$$

We want to define some new operators using the q -oscillators, but we have to be careful about spin of our local operators. Define

$$\mathbb{S}(\bullet) = [S(\infty), \bullet],$$

and consider

$$X = \mathcal{O} q^{2(\alpha-s)S(0)} \quad \mathbb{S}(\mathcal{O}) = s\mathcal{O}.$$

Now I shall make some magic tricks.

First, take finite l , restrict X to $\mathcal{O}q^{2(\alpha-s)S_{[-l+1,0]}}$, and define

$$\mathbf{k}(\zeta)(X_{[-l+1,l]}) = \zeta^{\alpha-2s-1} \text{Tr}_{a,A} \left\{ \sigma_a^+ \mathbb{T}_{a,[-l+1,l]}(\zeta) \right. \\ \left. \times \mathbb{T}_{A,[-l+1,l]}(\zeta) \left(q^{(\alpha-s-1)(2D_A+\sigma_a^3)-2S_{[-l+1,l]}} X_{[-l+1,l]} \right) \right\}.$$

Once again it is obvious that $[-l+1, l]$ can be changed to $[1, l]$. But the right reduction does not hold. In order to reach it we proceed as follows. Let $\Delta f(\zeta) = f(\zeta q) - f(\zeta q^{-1})$, and define the ‘primitive’ function

$$\mathbf{f}(\zeta) = \Delta_\zeta^{-1} \mathbf{k}(\zeta)(X) \\ = \int_\Gamma \Delta_\zeta^{-1} \psi(\zeta/\xi, \alpha) \cdot \mathbf{k}(\xi)(X) \frac{d\xi^2}{2\pi i \xi^2}, \quad \psi(\zeta, \alpha) = \zeta^\alpha \frac{\zeta^2 + 1}{2(\zeta^2 - 1)},$$

poles of $\Delta_\zeta^{-1} \psi(\zeta/\xi, \alpha)$ are outside and the poles of $\mathbf{k}(\xi)(X)$ are inside Γ .

Then, for some obscure reason, apply to it the Baxter operator:

$$\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta) = \mathbf{f}(\zeta q) + \mathbf{f}(\zeta q^{-1}) + \mathbf{t}^*(\zeta) \mathbf{f}(\zeta).$$

This is a magic definition.

For this $\mathbf{b}^*(\zeta)$ we have

$$\mathbf{b}^*(X) = \text{Tr}_c \left(\mathbb{T}_{c, [n+1, l]}(\zeta) \mathbf{g}_c(\zeta, \alpha)(X) \right) ,$$

where $\mathbf{g}_c(\zeta, \alpha)$ is certain operator such that $\mathbf{g}_c(\zeta, \alpha)(X)$ has support $[1, n]$, and is regular at $\zeta^2 = 1$.

Hence once again $\mathbf{b}^*(X)$ is well defined as series in $\zeta^2 - 1$ for $l = \infty$.

Finally we define

$$\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta)(X) = -q^{-\alpha+2s-2}(1 - q^{2(\alpha-2s+1)}) \times \left\{ \left(\mathbb{J} \circ \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta) \circ \mathbb{J} \right) (X) \right\} \Big|_{\alpha \rightarrow -\alpha+2s} ,$$

where \mathbb{J} is the spin reflection.

All these operators act in $W_\alpha = \bigoplus_{s \in \mathbb{Z}} W_{\alpha-s, s}$ as

$$\mathbf{t}^* : W_{\alpha-s, s} \rightarrow W_{\alpha-s, s} , \quad \mathbf{b}^* : W_{\alpha-s, s} \rightarrow W_{\alpha-1, s+1} , \quad \mathbf{c}^* : W_{\alpha-s, s} \rightarrow W_{\alpha-s+1, s-1} .$$

Fermionic basis is the basis of

$$W_\alpha^{\text{quo}} = W_\alpha / \mathbf{t}^* W_\alpha .$$

The lattice model made a huge step towards CFT.

3. Fermionic structure in CFT

Consider CFT with $c = 1 + 6Q^2$, $Q = b + 1/b$, i.e. the Liouville model:

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{Liouv}} = \int \left[\frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_z \varphi(z, \bar{z}) \partial_{\bar{z}} \varphi(z, \bar{z}) + \frac{\mu^2}{\sin \pi b^2} e^{b\varphi(z, \bar{z})} \right] \frac{idz \wedge d\bar{z}}{2}.$$

We consider primary fields $\Phi_a = e^{a\varphi}$ of dimension $\Delta_a = a(Q - a)$. The Liouville model has the reflection: $a \rightarrow Q - a$. It is interesting to consider its perturbation by

$$\frac{\mu^2}{\sin \pi b^2} e^{-b\varphi(z, \bar{z})},$$

which corresponds to sinh(sine)-Gordon model.

After the perturbation we have the symmetry $\varphi \rightarrow -\varphi$, and hence $a \rightarrow -a$.

How to implement both reflections?

Zamolodchikov's integrals of motion.

We consider the Verma module V_a , Virasoro generators are defined by \mathbf{l}_k .

As preparation for future perturbation Zamolodchikov introduces the action integrals of motion (KdV Hamiltonian vector fields in classics):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{i}_1 &= \mathbf{l}_{-1}, & \mathbf{i}_3 &= 2 \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} \mathbf{l}_{-3-k} \mathbf{l}_k, \\ \mathbf{i}_5 &= 3 \left(\sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-1}^{\infty} \mathbf{l}_{-5-k-l} \mathbf{l}_l \mathbf{l}_k + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-2} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{-2} \mathbf{l}_l \mathbf{l}_k \mathbf{l}_{-5-k-l} \right) \\ &+ \frac{c+2}{6} \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+3) \mathbf{l}_{-5-k} \mathbf{l}_k. \end{aligned}$$

What is the relation to our reflections?

First act by \mathbf{i}_{2j-1} on any element of V_a . The coefficients in the Virasoro basis depend on Δ only, so, they are invariant under $a \rightarrow Q - a$.

Now perform the bosonization:

$$\mathbf{l}_k = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j \neq 0, k} a_j a_{k-j} + (i(k+1)Q/2 + \pi_0) a_k, \quad k \neq 0,$$

$$\mathbf{l}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{-j} a_j + \pi_0(\pi_0 + iQ),$$

where the Heisenberg generators satisfy

$$[a_k, a_l] = 2k\delta_{k,-l},$$

and zero-mode is canonical: $\pi_0 = \frac{\partial}{i\partial\phi_0}$.

Take any element of V_a created by the Heisenberg generators, apply to it \mathbf{i}_{2j-1} , and consider coefficients in the Heisenberg basis. They are invariant under the reflection

$$a \rightarrow -a, \quad a_k \rightarrow -a_k.$$

Thinking of this having in mind the perturbation to sinh(sine)-Gordon, one understands what Zamolodchikov integrals are all about.

Similarly to the lattice model we are interested in the quotient space:

$$\mathcal{V}_a^{\text{quo}} = \mathcal{V}_a / \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{i}_{2k-1} \mathcal{V}_a .$$

We shall use \equiv for equality in this space. Since Zamolodchikov's integrals respect both reflections it makes sense to ask whether there is a basis respecting them in the quotient. The following statement has been checked up to level 10 (general prove is absent).

Proposition. There are fermionic creation operators β_{2j-1}^* , γ_{2j-1}^* , which create the basis of $\mathcal{V}_a^{\text{quo}}$

$$\beta_{I^+}^* \gamma_{I^-}^* \Phi_a ,$$

where I^\pm are multiindices with odd positive entries , $\#(I^+) = \#(I^-)$,

$\beta_{I^+}^* = \prod_{p \in I^+} \beta_p^*$, $\gamma_{I^+}^* = \prod_{p \in I^+} \gamma_p^*$. This basis possesses two properties.

Virasoro basis of $\mathcal{V}_a^{\text{quo}}$ is generated by $\mathbf{1}_{-2k}$, while the Heisenberg basis is created by some monomials (there is no *a priori*) choice of even degrees in a_{-k} .

● On Virasoro side

$$\beta_{I^+}^* \gamma_{I^-}^* \Phi_a \equiv C_{I^+, I^-} \prod_{p \in I^+} D_p(a) \prod_{p \in I^+} D_p(Q - a) \\ \times \left(P_{I^+, I^-}^{\text{even}}(\{\mathbf{1}_{-2k}\}, \Delta, c) + d \cdot P_{I^+, I^-}^{\text{odd}}(\{\mathbf{1}_{-2k}\}, \Delta, c) \right) \Phi_a ,$$

where $d = (b - b^{-1})(Q - 2a)$.

● On Heisenberg side

$$\beta_{I^+}^* \gamma_{I^-}^* \Phi_a \equiv C_{I^+, I^-} \prod_{p \in I^+} \tilde{D}_p(a) \prod_{p \in I^+} \tilde{D}_p(-a) \\ \times \left(Q_{I^+, I^-}^{\text{even}}(\{a_{-k}\}, a^2, c) + \tilde{d} \cdot Q_{I^+, I^-}^{\text{odd}}(\{a_{-k}\}, a^2, c) \right) \Phi_a ,$$

where $\tilde{d} = a(b - b^{-1})$.

The functions $D_p(a)$, $\tilde{D}_p(a)$ are expressed through γ -functions:

$$D_p(a) = (-1)^{(p+1)/2} C^p \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2a+pb^{-1}}{2Q}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2(Q-a)+pb}{2Q}\right)}{((p-1)/2)!},$$

$$\tilde{D}_p(a) = (-1)^{(p+1)/2} C^p \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{pb^{-1}+2a}{2Q}\right) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{pb-2a}{2Q}\right)}{((p-1)/2)!}.$$

So, under both reflections $\beta_{2j-1}^* \leftrightarrow \gamma_{2j-1}^*$. As a bonus the same is true for the duality $b \rightarrow 1/b$.

Simplest examples:

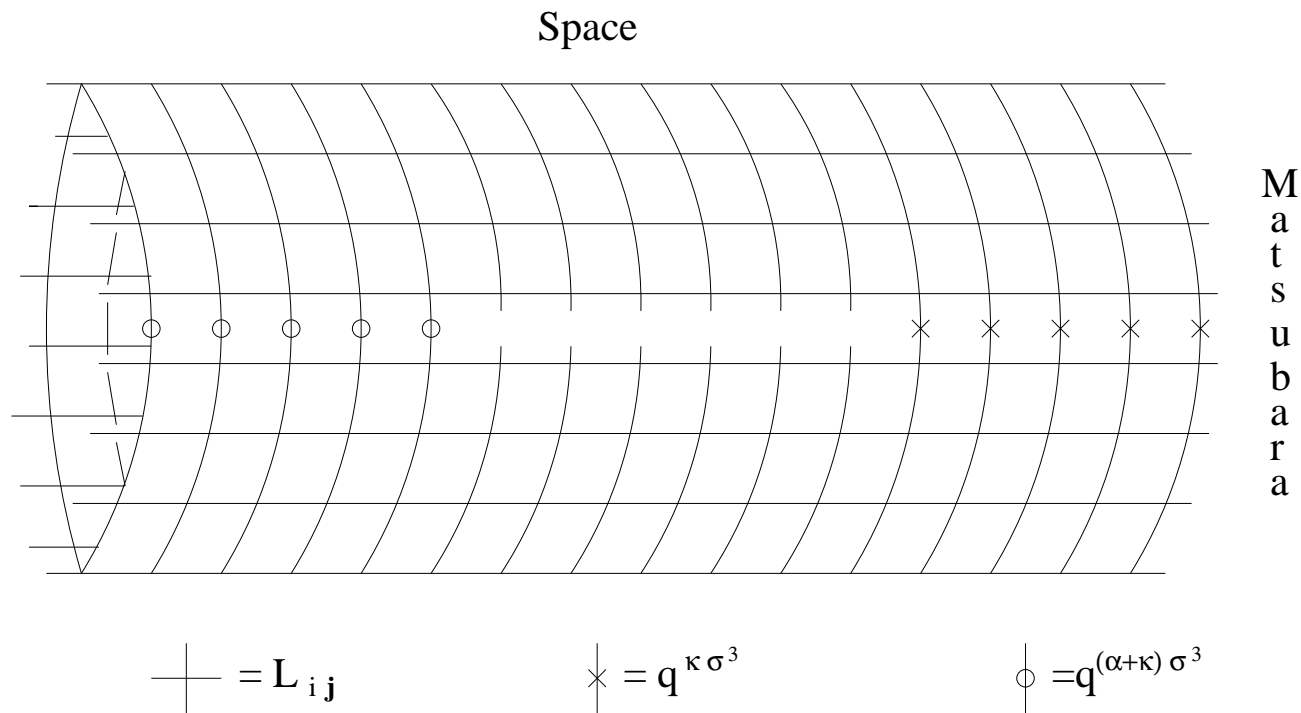
$$P_{\{1\},\{1\}}^{\text{even}} = \mathbf{1}_{-2},$$

$$P_{\{1\},\{3\}}^{\text{even}} = \mathbf{1}_{-2}^2 + \frac{2c-32}{9} \mathbf{1}_{-4}, \quad P_{\{1\},\{3\}}^{\text{odd}} = \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{1}_{-4}.$$

4. Synthesis: relation between lattice and CFT

General wisdom: in QFT the convergence is always weak. So, it makes sense to compare expectation values, matrix elements, *etc.*

Consider the partition function given by the picture



where $L_{i,j} = \sigma_i^3 R_{i,j}(q^{-1/2}) \sigma_j^3$.

It defines a linear functional Z^κ on $W_{\alpha,0}$.

Important property of our fermionic basis is

$$Z^\kappa \left(\prod \mathbf{t}^*(\zeta_j^0) \prod \mathbf{b}^*(\zeta_j^+) \mathbf{c}^*(\zeta_j^-) (q^{2\alpha S(0)}) \right) = \prod \rho(\zeta_j^{(0)}) \det \left(\omega(\zeta_i^{(+)}, \zeta_j^{(-)}) \right).$$

$\rho(\zeta)$ and $\omega(\zeta, \xi)$ are two functions which are defined only by Matsubara data.

One more piece of wisdom: in QFT one must clearly separate UV and IR problems, in other words local properties and environment.

There are two boundary conditions described by Matsubara transfer-matrices with twists κ and $\kappa' = \kappa + \alpha$. We want to emancipate κ' . Already on the lattice we can perform a kind of Feigin -Fuchs -Dotsenko -Fateev which results in $\kappa' \rightarrow \kappa' - 2\frac{1-\nu}{\nu} s$. This requires changing the boundary conditions and introducing some 'screening operators' cooked of fermions $\mathbf{c}^*(\zeta)$ for $\zeta^2 \rightarrow 0$ instead of usual $\zeta^2 \rightarrow 1$.

The relation between lattice and CFT constants

$$q = e^{\pi i \nu}, \quad \nu = 1 + b^2, \quad \frac{2a}{Q} = \alpha, \quad \frac{2P}{Q} = \kappa, \quad \frac{2P'}{Q} = \kappa'.$$

Then Z^κ is identified with

$$\langle Q/2 - P' \mid \text{descendant}(\Phi_a) \mid Q/2 + P \rangle.$$

Comparing this expression with the tree-point functions in CFT for $P = P'$ we conclude that

$$\mathbf{b}^*((Ca)^\nu \lambda) \rightarrow \beta^*(\lambda), \quad \mathbf{c}^*((Ca)^\nu \lambda) \rightarrow \gamma^*(\lambda),$$

where

$$\beta^*(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_{2j-1}^* \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}}, \quad \gamma^*(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{2j-1}^* \lambda^{-\frac{2j-1}{\nu}},$$

a is the lattice spacing introduced in natural way: $2\pi R = \mathbf{n}a$,

$$C = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1-\nu}{2\nu}\right)}{2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2\nu}\right)} \Gamma(\nu)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}.$$

Some fun. Set

$$D_V^{(10)}(\Delta, c) = (\Delta + 6) \left(-23794 + 2905c + (-2285 + 983c)\Delta \right. \\ \left. + (1447 + 71c)\Delta^2 + (149 + c)\Delta^3 + 3\Delta^4 \right),$$

then

$$P_{\{5\},\{5\}}^{\text{even}}(\{1_{-2k}\}) = (1_{-2})^5 + \frac{20(22 + 2c + (c - 16)\Delta)}{9(6 + \Delta)} 1_{-4}(1_{-2})^3 \\ + \frac{1}{6804 D_V^{(10)}(\Delta, c)} \\ \times \left\{ 6 \left(-2394125160 + 328307580c - 11439180c^2 + 2245740c^3 + \right. \right. \\ (4571783552 - 642113226c + 9291216c^2 + 1626898c^3)\Delta \\ + (283889270 - 184441506c + 1485447c^2 + 487564c^3)\Delta^2 \\ + (-306733490 - 17698098c + 377931c^2 + 59192c^3)\Delta^3 \\ + (-32577650 - 3648594c + 199578c^2 + 1106c^3)\Delta^4 \\ \left. \left. + (-4856082 + 80724c + 4998c^2)\Delta^5 + (-126000 + 5040c)\Delta^6 \right) (1_{-4})^2 1_{-2} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 72 \left(306222000 - 173805840c + 10920960c^2 + 353640c^3 \right. \\
& + (381614464 - 23068800c - 1839477c^2 + 394058c^3) \Delta \\
& + (-105570444 + 28836996c - 2363925c^2 + 120078c^3) \Delta^2 \\
& + (-5062960 + 1902948c - 186516c^2 + 10948c^3) \Delta^3 \\
& + (6142752 - 591276c + 16296c^2 + 168c^3) \Delta^4 \\
& \left. + (183204 - 17388c + 504c^2) \Delta^5 \right) \mathbf{l}_{-6} (\mathbf{l}_{-2})^2 \\
& + 3 \left(-36240157632 + 6121778448c - 402247260c^2 + 15838734c^3 + 980700c^4 \right. \\
& + (61259894752 - 7807807432c + 120911226c^2 - 916009c^3 + 946078c^4) \Delta \\
& + (-7496632304 + 562374632c - 138115254c^2 + 2579783c^3 + 269878c^4) \Delta^2 \\
& + (-2902569880 + 343253716c - 42063144c^2 + 978190c^3 + 31388c^4) \Delta^3 \\
& + (611052008 - 52433468c - 1301100c^2 + 80872c^3 + 1568c^4) \Delta^4 \\
& + (38386992 - 1678896c - 154944c^2 + 7008c^3) \Delta^5 \\
& \left. + (3894912 - 324864c + 6912c^2) \Delta^6 \right) \mathbf{l}_{-6} \mathbf{l}_{-4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 18 \left(84650153280 - 14906569500c + 601240950c^2 - 1997070c^3 + 598500c^4 \right. \\
& + (-63120449168 + 11108354394c - 726265569c^2 + 16981463c^3 + 370230c^4) \Delta \\
& + (-4980065552 + 1173915830c - 54554649c^2 - 1312234c^3 + 171640c^4) \Delta^2 \\
& + (2427198620 - 271665042c + 16272864c^2 - 804287c^3 + 26670c^4) \Delta^3 \\
& + (11156180 + 22230214c - 2038338c^2 + 42124c^3 + 560c^4) \Delta^4 \\
& + (9021768 + 97848c - 64800c^2 + 2064c^3) \Delta^5 \\
& \left. + (649152 - 54144c + 1152c^2) \Delta^6 \right) \mathbf{1_{-8}1_{-2}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left(2402050721280 - 453732439584c - 1008508824c^2 + 736353804c^3 \right. \\
& + 10413480c^4 + 2116800c^5 + (-750420745088 + 104186820112c \\
& + 5982020544c^2 - 1576485004c^3 + 55452740c^4 + 1381800c^5) \Delta \\
& + (472993701600 - 34597963440c + 5014768290c^2 - 448750215c^3 \\
& + 5613636c^4 + 585060c^5) \Delta^2 + (141065264032 - 14296085648c \\
& + 1417241010c^2 - 80355379c^3 + 222908c^4 + 91140c^5) \Delta^3 \\
& + (-36292325160 + 7660662252c - 400215072c^2 + 5783664c^3 \\
& - 80556c^4 + 5880c^5) \Delta^4 + (3111074008 - 286403588c + 23527848c^2 \\
& - 1241092c^3 + 23912c^4) \Delta^5 + (5295360 + 16262592c - 1153344c^2 \\
& + 20352c^3) \Delta^6 + (4612608 - 297216c + 4608c^2) \Delta^7 \left. \right) \mathbf{1}_{-10} \}.
\end{aligned}$$