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Notation

\mathfrak{g} : affine Lie algebra, $I = \{0, \dots, n\}$, $I_0 = I \setminus \{0\}$,

$\mathfrak{g}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$: simple Lie subalgebra corresponding to I_0 ,

W, W_0 : Weyl groups, $w_0 \in W_0$: longest element,

P^+, P_0^+ : sets of dominant integral weights,

$U_q(\mathfrak{g}), U_q(\mathfrak{g}_0)$: quantized enveloping algebras,

$U'_q(\mathfrak{g}) \subseteq U_q(\mathfrak{g})$: quantum affine algebra without the degree operator,

$\Lambda_i \in P^+ (i \in I)$: fundamental weights of \mathfrak{g} ,

$\varpi_i \in P_0^+ (i \in I_0)$: fundamental weight of \mathfrak{g}_0 .

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