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## Homomorphisms of Generalized Verma Modules, BGG Parabolic Category $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}}$ and Juhl's Conjecture

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{p})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu}(\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{p}')$  be the generalized Verma modules for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathrm{so}(p + 1, q + 1), \mathfrak{g}' = \mathrm{so}(p, q + 1)$  induced from characters  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  of the standard maximal parabolic (conformal) subalgebras  $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}' = \mathfrak{g}' \cap \mathfrak{p}$ . Motivated by questions about the existence of invariant differential operators in conformal geometry, we explain, reformulate and prove an extended version of Juhl's conjecture on the structure of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}')$ -homomorphisms of generalized Verma modules from  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{g}',\mathfrak{p}')$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu}(\mathfrak{g},\mathfrak{p})$ . The answer has a natural formulation as a branching problem in the BGG parabolic category  $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}'}$  rather than the set of generalized Verma modules alone.

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