

CHAPTER 13

The Algebras $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ and \mathbf{k}

13.1. THE ALGEBRA $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$

13.1.1. We preserve the setup of the previous chapter. Given $\nu \in \mathbf{N}[\mathbf{I}]^a$, we may regard $\mathbf{V} \mapsto \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ as a functor on the category \mathcal{V}_{ν}^a with values in the category of \mathcal{O}' -modules. An isomorphism $\mathbf{V} \cong \mathbf{V}'$ in \mathcal{V}_{ν}^a induces an isomorphism $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{V}} \cong \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{V}'}$ compatible with the a -actions; this induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}} \cong \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}'}$ which induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}}) \cong \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}'})$ that is actually independent of the choice of the isomorphism $\mathbf{V} \cong \mathbf{V}'$ by the equivariance properties of the complexes considered. Hence we may take the direct limit $\varinjlim_{\mathbf{V}} \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ over the category \mathcal{V}_{ν}^a . This direct limit is denoted by $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$. By the previous discussion, the natural homomorphism $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$ is an isomorphism for any $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{V}_{\nu}^a$.

The signed basis $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{V}}$ of $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ (see 12.6.4) (where $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{V}_{\nu}^a$) can be regarded as a signed basis of the \mathcal{O}' -module $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$, independent of \mathbf{V} ; we denote it by \mathcal{B}_{ν} . It is a finite set.

13.1.2. Let $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} = \oplus_{\nu} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu})$ (ν runs over $\mathbf{N}[\mathbf{I}]^a$). Let $\mathcal{B} = \sqcup_{\nu} \mathcal{B}_{\nu}$, a signed basis of the \mathcal{O}' -module $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$. An element $x \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ is said to be *homogeneous* if it belongs to $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$ for some ν ; we then write $|x| = \nu$.

The homomorphisms $\text{ind}_{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{W}}^{\mathbf{V}}$ can be regarded as \mathcal{O}' -linear maps $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\tau} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\omega}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$, defined whenever $\tau, \omega, \nu \in \mathbf{N}[\mathbf{I}]^a$ satisfy $\tau + \omega = \nu$. They define a multiplication operation, hence they define a structure of \mathcal{O}' -algebra on $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$. For any $\nu = (\nu^1, \dots, \nu^m) \in \mathcal{X}^a$, we may regard L_{ν} as an element in $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$ where $\nu_i = \sum_l \nu_l^i$ for all i .

Lemma 12.3.3 can be now restated as follows:

$$(a) \quad L_{\nu'} L_{\nu''} = L_{\nu' + \nu''}.$$

Since the elements L_{ν} generate $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ as a \mathcal{O}' -module (see 12.6.3), it follows that the algebra structure on $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ is associative. One can also see this more directly.

13.1.3. The homomorphisms $\text{res}_{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{W}}^{\mathbf{V}}$ can be regarded as \mathcal{O}' -linear maps $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\tau} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\omega})$, defined whenever $\tau, \omega, \nu \in \mathbf{N}[\mathbf{I}]^a$ satisfy $\tau + \omega = \nu$. By taking direct sums, we obtain an \mathcal{O}' -linear map $\bar{r} : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$.

13.1.4. We have a symmetric bilinear pairing $\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}] \times \mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ given by

$$\nu \cdot \nu' = 2 \sum_i \nu_i \nu'_i - \sum_h (\nu_{h'} \nu'_{h''} + \nu_{h''} \nu'_{h'}).$$

This bilinear form is independent of orientation. Let $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ be the \mathcal{O}' -module $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ with the \mathcal{O}' -algebra structure given by

$$(x \otimes y)(x' \otimes y') = v^{-|x'| \cdot |y|} x x' \otimes y y'$$

for x, x', y, y' homogeneous.

Lemma 13.1.5. $\bar{r} : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ is a homomorphism of \mathcal{O}' -algebras.

We must check that $\bar{r}(xy) = \bar{r}(x)\bar{r}(y)$ for any $x, y \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$. Since the elements L_{ν} generate the \mathcal{O}' -module $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ (see 12.6.3), we may assume that $x = L_{\nu'}, y = L_{\nu''}$, where $\nu' = (\nu'^1, \dots, \nu'^m)$ and $\nu'' = (\nu''^1, \dots, \nu''^n)$ are elements of \mathcal{X}^a . We have

$$(a) \quad \bar{r}(L_{\nu'}) = \sum v^{M'(\tau', \omega')} L_{\tau'} \otimes L_{\omega'}$$

where the sum is taken over all $\tau' = (\tau'^1, \dots, \tau'^m)$ and $\omega' = (\omega'^1, \dots, \omega'^m)$ in \mathcal{X}^a such that $\tau'^l + \omega'^l = \nu'^l$ for $1 \leq l \leq m$; $M'(\tau', \omega')$ is as in 9.2.11.

Similarly, we have

$$\bar{r}(L_{\nu''}) = \sum v^{M'(\tau'', \omega'')} L_{\tau''} \otimes L_{\omega''}$$

where the sum is taken over all $\tau'' = (\tau''^{(m+1)}, \dots, \tau''^{(m+n)})$ and $\omega'' = (\omega''^{(m+1)}, \dots, \omega''^{(m+n)})$ in \mathcal{X}^a such that $\tau''^l + \omega''^l = \nu''^{l-m}$ for $m+1 \leq l \leq m+n$. Hence

$$\bar{r}(L_{\nu'}) \bar{r}(L_{\nu''}) = \sum v^{M'(\tau', \omega') + M'(\tau'', \omega'') + |L_{\omega'}| \cdot |L_{\tau''}|} L_{\tau'} \otimes L_{\omega'} \otimes L_{\tau''} \otimes L_{\omega''}$$

where the sum is taken over all $\tau' = (\tau'^1, \dots, \tau'^m)$, $\omega' = (\omega'^1, \dots, \omega'^m)$, $\tau'' = (\tau''^{(m+1)}, \dots, \tau''^{(m+n)})$, $\omega'' = (\omega''^{(m+1)}, \dots, \omega''^{(m+n)})$ in \mathcal{X}^a such that $\tau'^l + \omega'^l = \nu'^l$ for $1 \leq l \leq m$ and $\tau''^l + \omega''^l = \nu''^{l-m}$ for $m+1 \leq l \leq m+n$.

We have

$$\bar{r}(L_{\nu'} L_{\nu''}) = \bar{r}(L_{\nu' \nu''}) = \sum v^{M'(\tau, \omega)} L_{\tau} \otimes L_{\omega}$$

where the sum is taken over all $\tau = (\tau^1, \dots, \tau^{m+n})$ and $\omega = (\omega^1, \dots, \omega^{m+n})$ in \mathcal{X}^a such that $\tau^l + \omega^l = \nu'^l$ for $1 \leq l \leq m$ and $\tau^l + \omega^l = \nu''^{l-m}$ for $m+1 \leq l \leq m+n$.

It remains to show that

$$|L_{\omega'}| \cdot |L_{\tau''}| = M'(\tau' \tau'', \omega' \omega'') - M'(\tau', \omega') - M'(\tau'', \omega'').$$

This follows by a straightforward computation. The lemma is proved.

13.1.6. The pairing $\{, \}$ on $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ (see 12.1.2) (where $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{V}_{\nu}^a$) can be regarded as an \mathcal{O}' -bilinear pairing $\{, \} : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu} \times \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}((v))$, which is independent of \mathbf{V} . This extends to an \mathcal{O}' -bilinear pairing $\{, \} : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \times \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}((v))$ such that for homogeneous x, y , $\{x, y\}$ is given by the previous pairing if $|x| = |y|$, and is zero if $|x| \neq |y|$.

13.1.7. We define a \mathcal{O}' -bilinear pairing $\{, \}$ on $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ by

$$\{x' \otimes x'', y' \otimes y''\} = \{x', y'\} \{x'', y''\}.$$

The identity

$$\{x, y'y''\} = \{\bar{r}(x), y' \otimes y''\}$$

for all $x, y', y'' \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$, follows immediately from 12.2.2.

13.1.8. The homomorphism $D : \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ (where $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{V}_{\nu}^a$) can be regarded as a group homomorphism $D : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{\nu}$ that has square 1 and is semi-linear with respect to the ring involution $- : \mathcal{O}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'$ given by $v^n \mapsto v^{-n}$ and $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^{-1}$ for $\zeta \in \mathcal{O}, \zeta^n = 1$. By taking direct sums we obtain $D : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ which, by 12.4.3, is a ring homomorphism.

13.1.9. We shall regard $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ as an \mathcal{O}' -algebra with

$$(x \otimes y)(x' \otimes y') = v^{|x'|+|y|} xx' \otimes yy'$$

for x, x', y, y' homogeneous. This should be distinguished from the algebra $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$. Let $D : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ be the ring isomorphism given by $D(x \otimes y) = D(x) \otimes D(y)$ for all x, y .

Let $r : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ be the \mathcal{O}' -algebra homomorphism defined as the composition

$$\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \xrightarrow{D} \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \xrightarrow{\bar{r}} \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}) \xrightarrow{D} \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}).$$

13.1.10. Let $(,) : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \times \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}((v^{-1}))$ be the \mathcal{O}' -bilinear pairing given by $(x, y) = \{\bar{D}(x), D(y)\}$. Here, $- : \mathcal{O}((v)) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}((v^{-1}))$ is given by $\sum_n a_n v^n \mapsto \sum_n \bar{a}_n v^{-n}$ ($a_n \in \mathcal{O}$).

From 13.1.7, we deduce the identity

$$(a) \quad (x, y'y'') = (r(x), y' \otimes y'')$$

for all $x, y', y'' \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$.

13.1.11. From the definition we have

(a) $D(b) = b$ for all $b \in \mathcal{B}$.

We have

(b) $\{b, b'\} \in v\mathbf{Z}[[v]] \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ for any $b, b' \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $b' \neq \pm b$.

Indeed, $\{b, b'\}$ is in $v\mathcal{O}[[v]]$ by 12.5.3 and in $\mathbf{Z}((v))$ by 12.6.2 and 12.6.3, and hence in $v\mathbf{Z}[[v]]$.

We have

(c) $\{b, b\} \in 1 + v\mathbf{Z}[[v]] \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ for all $b \in \mathcal{B}$.

Indeed, $\{b, b\}$ is in $1 + v\mathcal{O}[[v]]$ by 12.5.3 and in $\mathbf{Z}((v))$ by 12.6.2 and 12.6.3, and hence in $1 + v\mathbf{Z}[[v]]$.

From (a), (b), (c) we deduce:

(b') $(b, b') \in v^{-1}\mathbf{Z}[[v^{-1}]] \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ for any $b, b' \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $b' \neq \pm b$.

(c') $(b, b) \in 1 + v^{-1}\mathbf{Z}[[v^{-1}]] \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ for all $b \in \mathcal{B}$.

13.1.12. Let i be an a -orbit on \mathbf{I} and let $\gamma = \sum_{i \in i} \mathbf{i}$. For any $n \geq 0$, $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{n\gamma}$ has a distinguished element denoted $\mathbf{1}_{ni}$; it corresponds to $[1, 1] \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{V}})$ where $\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{V}_{n\gamma}^a$. This element forms a basis of the \mathcal{O}' -module $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_{n\gamma}$. When $n = 0$, this is independent of i and is denoted simply by $\mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}_0$. Note that

(a) $\mathbf{1}$ is the unit element of the algebra $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$.

(b) The elements $L_{\nu} \in \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ are precisely the elements of $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ which are products of elements of form $\mathbf{1}_{ni}$ for various i, n . Hence the elements $\mathbf{1}_{ni}$ generate $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ as an \mathcal{O}' -algebra.

(c) We have $\mathbf{1}_i \mathbf{1}_{(n-1)i} = v^{d(n-1)} (\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} v^{-ds}) \mathbf{1}_{ni}$ (for $n \geq 1$), where d is the number of elements in the orbit i . (See 12.3.4.)

From 12.3.6, we have

(d) $\{\mathbf{1}_i, \mathbf{1}_i\} = (1 - v^{2d})^{-1}$ (where d is as above)

or equivalently, since $D(\mathbf{1}_i) = \mathbf{1}_i$:

(d') $(\mathbf{1}_i, \mathbf{1}_i) = (1 - v^{-2d})^{-1}$.

From (b) and (c) we see that

(e) $\bar{r}(\mathbf{1}_i) = r(\mathbf{1}_i) = \mathbf{1}_i \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_i$.

This is obvious from the definitions. It is clear that

(f) $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}\} = 1$.

13.1.13. From 10.3.4, it follows easily that there is a unique \mathcal{O}' -linear map $\sigma : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ such that $\sigma(L_\nu) = L_{\nu'}$ for any $\nu = (\nu^1, \nu^2, \dots, \nu^m) \in \mathcal{X}^a$, where $\nu' = (\nu^m, \nu^{m-1}, \dots, \nu^1) \in \mathcal{X}^a$; moreover, we have $\sigma(\mathcal{B}) = \mathcal{B}$. It follows that σ is the unique isomorphism of $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ onto the algebra opposed to $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ such that $\sigma(\mathbf{1}_{ni}) = \mathbf{1}_{ni}$ for all $i \in I$ and $n \geq 0$.

13.2. THE ALGEBRA \mathbf{k}

13.2.1. Let $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}$ be the \mathcal{A} -submodule of $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ spanned by \mathcal{B} , or equivalently (see 12.6.3), by the elements L_ν for various $\nu \in \mathcal{X}^a$. Thus, on the one hand, $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}$ is the \mathcal{A} -subalgebra of $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ generated by the elements $\mathbf{1}_{ni}$ as in 13.1.12(b), and on the other hand, \mathcal{B} is a signed basis for the \mathcal{A} -module $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}$. We have $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} = \bigoplus_\nu (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}_\nu)$ where $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}_\nu$ is the \mathcal{A} -submodule generated by \mathcal{B}_ν .

13.2.2. From 13.1.5(a), we see that \bar{r} restricts to an \mathcal{A} -linear map $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k})$, denoted again by \bar{r} ; this is an \mathcal{A} -algebra homomorphism if $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k})$ (which is naturally imbedded in $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \bar{\otimes}_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$) is given the induced \mathcal{A} -algebra structure (see 13.1.5).

13.2.3. By 13.1.11(a), the ring homomorphism $D : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k}$ restricts to a ring homomorphism $D : \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k}$ which has square 1 and is semi-linear with respect to the ring involution $- : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

13.2.4. From 13.2.3 and 13.2.2, it follows that the \mathcal{O}' -algebra homomorphism $r : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$ (see 13.1.9) restricts to an \mathcal{A} -algebra homomorphism $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k})$, denoted again by r . This is an \mathcal{A} -algebra homomorphism if $\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k})$ (which is naturally imbedded in $\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}'} (\mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k})$) is given the induced \mathcal{A} -algebra structure (see 13.1.9).

13.2.5. The pairing $(,) : \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \times \mathcal{O}'\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}((v^{-1}))$ (see 13.1.10) restricts to an \mathcal{A} -bilinear pairing $(,) : \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \times \mathcal{A}\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}((v^{-1})) \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ (see 13.1.11(b'), (c')). The equation analogous to 13.1.10(a) continues of course to hold over \mathcal{A} .

13.2.6. Let \mathbf{k} be the $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra $\mathbf{Q}(v) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{k})$. Note that \mathcal{B} is a signed basis of the $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -vector space \mathbf{k} . We have a direct sum decomposition $\mathbf{k} = \bigoplus_\nu \mathbf{k}_\nu$ where \mathbf{k}_ν is the subspace spanned by \mathcal{B}_ν .

From 13.2.1 and 13.1.12(c), we see by induction on n that \mathbf{k} is generated as a $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra by the elements $\mathbf{1}_i$ for the various a -orbits on I .

13.2.7. The homomorphism r in 13.2.4 extends to a $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra homomorphism $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(v)} \mathbf{k}$ (denoted again by r) where $\mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}(v)} \mathbf{k}$ is regarded as a $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra by the same rule as in 13.1.9.

13.2.8. The pairing $(,)$ on ${}_A\mathbf{k}$ extends to a $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -bilinear pairing $(,): \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(v)$. From 13.1.11(b'),(c'), we see that the restriction of this pairing to \mathbf{k}_ν is non-degenerate, for any ν . (Its determinant with respect to a basis contained in \mathcal{B}_ν belongs to $1 + v^{-1}\mathbf{Z}[[v^{-1}]] \cap \mathbf{Q}(v)$ and hence is non-zero.)

13.2.9. Let I be the set of a -orbits on \mathbf{I} . We identify $\mathbf{Z}[I]$ with the subgroup

$$\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}]^a = \{\nu \in \mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}] \mid \nu_i = \nu_{a(i)} \quad \forall i \in \mathbf{I}\}$$

of $\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}]$ by associating to each $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}[I]$ the element of $\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}]$ (denoted again ν), in which the coefficient of i is ν_i where i is the a -orbit of i .

For $\nu, \nu' \in \mathbf{Z}[I]$ we define $\nu \cdot \nu' \in \mathbf{Z}$ by regarding ν, ν' as elements of $\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{I}]$ as above and then computing $\nu \cdot \nu'$ according to 13.1.4. (This is a symmetric bilinear form). According to this rule, we have, for $i, j \in I$: $i \cdot j$ = minus the number of $h \in H$ such that $[h]$ consists of a point in i and a point in j , if $i \neq j$ and $i \cdot i$ = twice the number of elements in the orbit i . Note that, if $i \neq j$ then $-2\frac{i \cdot j}{i \cdot i} \in \mathbf{N}$; indeed, this is the number of $h \in H$ such that $[h]$ consists of a given point in i and some point in j . Hence we have obtained a Cartan datum (I, \cdot) .

13.2.10. Let \mathbf{f} be the $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra, defined as in 1.2.5, in terms of the Cartan datum (I, \cdot) just described. Recall that $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}'/\mathcal{I}$ where \mathbf{f}' is the free associative $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra on the generators $\theta_i (i \in I)$ and \mathcal{I} is a two-sided ideal defined as the radical of a certain symmetric bilinear form $(,)$ on \mathbf{f}' . Let $\chi: \mathbf{f}' \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$ be the unique homomorphism of $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebras with 1 such that $\chi(\theta_i) = 1_i$ for each $i \in I$.

Theorem 13.2.11. χ induces an algebra isomorphism $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}'/\mathcal{I} \cong \mathbf{k}$.

The homomorphism χ is surjective, since \mathbf{k} is generated by the 1_i as a $\mathbf{Q}(v)$ -algebra (see 13.2.6.)

The homomorphism $r: \mathbf{f}' \rightarrow \mathbf{f}' \otimes \mathbf{f}'$ (see 1.2.2) and the homomorphism $r: \mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k}$ (see 13.2.7) make the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{f}' & \xrightarrow{r} & \mathbf{f}' \otimes \mathbf{f}' \\ \chi \downarrow & & \chi \otimes \chi \downarrow \\ \mathbf{k} & \xrightarrow{r} & \mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k} \end{array}$$

Indeed, first we note that $\chi \otimes \chi$ is an algebra homomorphism, since $\nu \cdot \nu'$ on $\mathbf{Z}[I]$ has been defined in terms of the pairing on $\mathbf{Z}[I]$. Hence the two possible compositions in the diagram are algebra homomorphisms; to check that they are equal, it suffices to do this on the generators θ_i . But they both take θ_i to $\mathbf{1}_i \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_i$ (see 13.1.12(e)).

For $x, y \in {}'\mathbf{f}$, we set $((x, y)) = (\chi(x), \chi(y))$ (the right hand side is as in 13.2.8). We have

$$(a) \quad ((\theta_i, \theta_i)) = (\mathbf{1}_i, \mathbf{1}_i) = (1 - v^{-i \cdot i/2})^{-1} \quad (\text{see } 13.1.12(d')); \quad ((\theta_i, \theta_j)) = (\mathbf{1}_i, \mathbf{1}_j) = 0, \text{ if } i \neq j \text{ (trivially);}$$

$$(b) \quad \begin{aligned} ((x, y'y'')) &= (\chi(x), \chi(y')\chi(y'')) = (r(\chi(x)), \chi(y') \otimes \chi(y'')) \\ &= (\chi \otimes \chi)(r(x), \chi(y') \otimes \chi(y'')) = ((r(x), y' \otimes y'')); \end{aligned}$$

we have used 13.1.10(a) and the commutativity of the diagram above. By (b) and the symmetry of $((,))$, we obtain

$$(c) \quad ((xx', y)) = ((x \otimes x', r(y))).$$

We have $((1, 1)) = 1$ (see 13.1.12(f)). Thus, $((x, y))$ satisfies the defining properties of $(,)$ in 1.2.3; hence it coincides with $(,)$. Since \mathcal{I} is defined as the radical of $(,)$ on $'\mathbf{f}$, we also get

$$(d) \quad \mathcal{I} = \{x \in {}'\mathbf{f} \mid (\chi(x), \chi(y)) = 0 \quad \forall y \in {}'\mathbf{f}\}.$$

Hence, if $x \in {}'\mathbf{f}$ satisfies $\chi(x) = 0$, then $x \in \mathcal{I}$, so that $\text{Ker } \chi \subset \mathcal{I}$. Conversely, assume that $x \in \mathcal{I}$. Let $z \in \mathbf{k}$. We have $z = \chi(y)$ for some $y \in {}'\mathbf{f}$ (recall that χ is surjective). We have $(\chi(x), z) = (\chi(x), \chi(y)) = 0$ by (d). Thus $\chi(x)$ is in the radical of the form $(,)$ on \mathbf{k} . But this radical is zero (see 13.2.8). Hence $\chi(x) = 0$. Thus we have proved that $\text{Ker } \chi = \mathcal{I}$. The theorem follows.