RESULTS ON WITT KERNELS OF QUADRATIC FORMS FOR MULTI-QUADRATIC EXTENSIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we compute the Witt kernel of quadratic forms for the composition of a purely inseparable multi-quadratic extension with a separable quadratic extension. We also include the case of a multi-quadratic purely inseparable extension by completing the proof given before by the second author for such an extension.

Throughout this paper F denotes a field of characteristic 2. Let $W_q(F)$ (*resp.* $W(F)$) be the Witt group of nonsingular quadratic forms over F (*resp.* the Witt ring of regular bilinear forms over F). The group $W_q(F)$ is endowed with a $W(F)$ -module structure as follows: To a bilinear form (V, B) and a nonsingular quadratic form (W, φ) with the polar form B_φ , we associate a nonsingular quadratic form $B \otimes \varphi$ defined on $V \otimes_F W$ by: $B \otimes \varphi(v \otimes w) = B(v, v)\varphi(w)$ for $(v, w) \in V \times W$, whose polar form is $B \otimes B_\varphi$ [B].

For an integer $n \geq 1$, let $I^n F$ denote the n -th power of the fundamental ideal IF of $W(F)$ (set $I^0 F = W(F)$), and let $I^n W_q(F)$ denote the group $I^n F \otimes W_q(F)$.

We denote by $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle_b$ the n -dimensional diagonal bilinear form $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i y_i$ for $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F^* := F \setminus \{0\}$. The 2-dimensional quadratic form $ax^2 + xy + by^2$ will be denoted by $[a, b]$.

A given field extension K/F induces natural homomorphisms $i_K : W_q(F) \longrightarrow W_q(K)$ and $j_K : W(F) \longrightarrow W(K)$. Let $W_q(K/F)$ and $W(K/F)$ denote the kernels of i_K and j_K , respectively.

An important problem in the algebraic theory of quadratic (bilinear) forms is the computation of $W_q(K/F)$ and $W(K/F)$. These kernels are known for some field extensions. For example, for K/F purely transcendental, these kernels are trivial. If K/F is separable, then $W(K/F)$ is trivial since an anisotropic F -bilinear form remains anisotropic over a separable extension of F . For K/F inseparable, the kernel $W(K/F)$ was computed by Hoffmann in [H]. For K the function field of a hypersurface (including algebraic simple extensions), the kernel $W(K/F)$ was computed by Dolphin and Hoffmann in [DH]. Before this result the second author computed $W(K/F)$ when K is the function field of a quadric [L1]. Still for K the function field of a quadric, some partial results on $W_q(K/F)$ are given in [L1]. Also, for φ a bilinear Pfister form, the kernel $I^m(F(\varphi)/F)$ was computed by Baeza and the first author in [AB].

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In this paper we are interested in the kernel $W_q(K/F)$ when K/F is a multi-quadratic extension. As the characteristic is 2, there are two kinds of quadratic extensions: the inseparable quadratic extension $F[t]/(t^2 - a)$ with $a \in F \setminus F^2$, which we denote by $F(\sqrt{a})$, and the separable quadratic extension $F[t]/(t^2 + t + b)$ with $b \notin \wp(F)$, which we denote by $F(\wp^{-1}(b))$ (here $\wp : F \rightarrow F$ is the Artin-Schreier operator given by: $x \mapsto x^2 - x$).

In the case of a purely inseparable multi-quadratic extension K/F , the kernel $W_q(K/F)$ was computed in [L2], but it turns out that the proof contains a mistake. So our first aim in this paper is to give a complete proof of the following theorem (see comments after Proposition 1):

Theorem 1 ([L2, Th. 1]). *For any scalars $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$, we have the following:*

$$W_q(F(\sqrt{a_1}, \dots, \sqrt{a_n})/F) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle 1, a_i \rangle_b \otimes W_q(F).$$

After that, based on Theorem 1, we will compute the kernel of the composition of a purely inseparable extension with a quadratic separable extension:

Theorem 2. *For any scalars $a_1, \dots, a_n, b \in F$, we have the following:*

$$W_q(F(\wp^{-1}(b), \sqrt{a_1}, \dots, \sqrt{a_n})/F) = W(F) \otimes [1, b] + \sum_{i=1}^n \langle 1, a_i \rangle_b \otimes W_q(F).$$

Previously, Theorem 1 was proved by Mammone and Moresi [MM, Th. 2(i)] for $n = 2$, and by Baeza [B, Lem. 4.3, page 182] for $n = 1$. Theorem 2 is due to Ahmad for $n = 1$ [Ah]. In [B, Cor. 4.16, page 128], Baeza gave the computation in the case of quadratic and bi-quadratic separable extensions: $W_q(F(\wp^{-1}(a), \wp^{-1}(b))/F) = W(F) \otimes [1, a] + W(F) \otimes [1, b]$. But this computation does not extend to tri-quadratic separable extensions as was proved by Mammone and Moresi [MM, Prop. 1].

Our proofs are reduced to computations on differential forms. This is allowed by the well known result of Kato [K], which gives the relation between nonsingular quadratic forms and differential forms (see below).

Let us recall some facts about differential forms. For any integer $n \geq 1$, we denote by $\Omega_F^n = \bigwedge^n \Omega_F^1$ the space of n -differential forms ($\Omega_F^0 = F$), where Ω_F^1 is the F -vector space generated by the symbols dx , $x \in F$, subject to the relations $d(x + y) = dx + dy$ and $d(xy) = xdy + ydx$ for $x, y \in F$. In particular, there is a F^2 -linear map $F \rightarrow \Omega_F^1$, given by: $x \mapsto dx$. This map extends to the differential operator $d : \Omega_F^n \rightarrow \Omega_F^{n+1}$ as follows: $d(xdx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n) = dx \wedge dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$. The usual Artin-Schreier operator $\wp : F \rightarrow F$, $\wp(a) = a^2 - a$, extends to the general Artin-Schreier map

$$\wp : \Omega_F^n \rightarrow \Omega_F^n / d\Omega_F^{n-1}$$

given on generators by

$$\wp(x \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dx_n}{x_n}) = (x^2 - x) \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dx_n}{x_n} + d\Omega_F^{n-1}.$$

Let $\nu_F(n) = \text{Ker}(\wp)$ and $H_2^{n+1}(F) = \text{Coker}(\wp)$. By a result of Kato [K], there exists an isomorphism

$$e^n : \overline{I^n} W_q(F) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(F)$$

given on generators as follows:

$$e^n(\langle\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle\rangle_b \otimes [1, c] + I^{n+1}W_q(F)) = c \frac{da_1}{a_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{da_n}{a_n} + \wp(\Omega_F^n) + d\Omega_F^{n-1},$$

where $\overline{I^n}W_q(F)$ denotes the quotient $I^nW_q(F)/I^{n+1}W_q(F)$ and $\langle\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle\rangle_b$ denotes the n -fold bilinear Pfister form $\langle 1, a_1 \rangle_b \otimes \dots \otimes \langle 1, a_n \rangle_b$. In [K], Kato also established a relation between bilinear forms and differentials forms, but we will not need this fact here.

Let $\{a_i \mid i \in I\}$ be a 2-basis of F ; i.e., the set $\{\prod_{i \in I} a_i^{\epsilon_i} \mid \epsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}, \text{ and } \epsilon_i = 0 \text{ for almost all } i \in I\}$ is an F^2 -basis of F . We fix some ordering on I and consider the set $\sum_n := \{\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow I \mid \sigma(i) < \sigma(j) \text{ whenever } i < j\}$. This set $\sum_n$ is equipped with the lexicographic ordering. Hence, the set $\{\frac{da_\sigma}{a_\sigma} \mid \sigma \in \sum_n\}$ is an F -basis of Ω_F^n , where $\frac{da_\sigma}{a_\sigma} = \frac{da_{\sigma(1)}}{a_{\sigma(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{da_{\sigma(n)}}{a_{\sigma(n)}}$ for any $\sigma \in \sum_n$. For $\alpha \in \sum_n$, let $\Omega_{F, \alpha}^n$ (resp. $\Omega_{F, < \alpha}^n$) be the subspace of Ω_F^n generated by $\frac{da_\sigma}{a_\sigma}$ with $\sigma \leq \alpha$ (resp. the subspace of Ω_F^n generated by $\frac{da_\sigma}{a_\sigma}$ with $\sigma < \alpha$). Hence, we get a filtration of Ω_F^n given by $\Omega_{F, \alpha}^n$, $\alpha \in \sum_n$ (and $\Omega_{F, < \alpha}^n$, $\alpha \in \sum_n$). For any $i \in I$, let F_i be the subfield $F^2(a_j \mid j \leq i)$.

A crucial result that we will use in our proofs is due to Kato. We will refer to it as Kato's lemma:

Proposition 1 ([K]). *Let $\alpha \in \sum_n$ and $y \in F$ be such that $\wp(y \frac{da_\alpha}{a_\alpha}) \in \Omega_{F, < \alpha}^n + d\Omega_F^{n-1}$. Then, there exist $v \in \Omega_{F, < \alpha}^n$ and $c_i \in F_{\alpha(i)}^*$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, such that*

$$y \frac{da_\alpha}{a_\alpha} = \frac{dc_1}{c_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dc_n}{c_n} + v.$$

Clearly, this proposition implies that any element $\eta \in \nu_F(n)$ can be written as $\eta = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} u_\beta \frac{dl_\beta}{l_\beta}$ for some $\alpha \in \sum_n$, $l_{\beta(i)} \in F_{\beta(i)}^*$, $u_\beta = 0, 1$, and $\frac{dl_\beta}{l_\beta} = \frac{dl_{\beta(1)}}{l_{\beta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{dl_{\beta(n)}}{l_{\beta(n)}}$.

The following proposition is incorporated in [L2, Prop. 1], and it is the basis of Theorem 1. When trying to prove Theorem 2 we noticed that some details in the proof of [L2, Prop. 1] should be corrected (see the explanations in the following footnote). This is the reason why we reproduce the proof here.

Proposition 2. *For any integer $n \geq 1$ and scalars $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in F$, we have*

$$\text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(F(\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_m}))) = \sum_{i=1}^m \overline{d\alpha_i \wedge \Omega_F^{n-1}(F)}.$$

Proof. Let $L = F(\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_m})$ and $M = F(\sqrt{\alpha_1})$. Without loss of generality, we may suppose that $[L : F] = 2^m$. So we can choose a 2-basis $\mathcal{B} = \{c_1, \dots, c_m, c_{m+1}, \dots\}$ of F such that $c_i = \alpha_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$.

We proceed by induction on m . The case $m = 1$ is done in [AB, Lem. 2.18]. Suppose that the proposition is true for any field F' of characteristic 2 and any purely inseparable multi-quadratic extension L'/F' such that $[L' : F'] < 2^m$.

Since $[L : M] = 2^{m-1}$, we get by the induction hypothesis that $\text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(M) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L)) = \sum_{i=2}^m \overline{d\alpha_i \wedge \Omega_M^{n-1}}$.

Let $\omega \in \Omega_F^n$ be such that $\bar{\omega} \in \text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L))$. Then, over M , we have $\bar{\omega} \in \text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(M) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L))$. Hence, $\bar{\omega} \in \sum_{i=2}^m \overline{d\alpha_i} \wedge \Omega_M^{n-1}$. This means that there exist $u \in \Omega_M^n$ and $v \in \Omega_M^{n-1}$ such that

$$(1) \quad w = \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{d\alpha_i}{\alpha_i} \wedge \sigma_i + \wp(u) + d(v),$$

for suitable $\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m \in \Omega_M^{n-1}$. For the sequel we use a descent argument¹ in order to reduce to the case where $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m, u, v$ are defined over F .

The set $\mathcal{B}' := \{c_2, \dots, c_m, c_{m+1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_1}\}$ is a 2-basis of M . We may suppose that $\sqrt{\alpha_1}$ is the last element in $\mathcal{B}'$. Let δ be the maximal multi-index in (1).

Suppose that $\delta(1) > m$. Then we get

$$(2) \quad w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \wp(u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) + t \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$$

such that $t \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} + d(v) := w' \in \Omega_{M, < \delta}^n$.

(i) Suppose that $c_{\delta(n)} = \sqrt{\alpha_1}$: In this case, we have $w_\delta = 0$, and thus $\wp(u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) \in d\Omega_M^{n-1} + \Omega_{M, < \delta}^n$. By Kato's lemma, $u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \frac{de_{\delta(1)}}{e_{\delta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{de_{\delta(n)}}{e_{\delta(n)}} + u'$, where $e_{\delta(j)} \in M_{\delta(j)}$ and $u' \in \Omega_{M, < \delta}^n$. By substituting the expression $u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$ in (2) and using the fact that $\wp(\frac{de_{\delta(1)}}{e_{\delta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{de_{\delta(n)}}{e_{\delta(n)}}) \in d\Omega_M^{n-1}$, we are reduced to the case where $c_{\delta(n)} \in F$.

(ii) Suppose that $c_{\delta(n)} \in F$: In this case, we have $v \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$. Otherwise, $v = v_0 + \sqrt{\alpha_1}v_1$ with $v_0, v_1 \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$ and $v_1 \neq 0$. Then, $d(v) = d(v_0) + \sqrt{\alpha_1}d(v_1) + v_1 \wedge d(\sqrt{\alpha_1})$. Consequently, $\frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$ contains the slot $d(\sqrt{\alpha_1})$, which is not possible. Hence, $t \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$ and w' belong to Ω_F^n . In particular, $u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} \in \Omega_F^n$. Now substituting $w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$ in w , we get

$$\begin{aligned} w &= w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} + w'', \quad \text{with } w'' \in \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n \\ &= \wp(u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) + d(v) + w' + w'' \\ &\equiv w''' \pmod{\wp(\Omega_F^n) + d\Omega_F^{n-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

with $w''' = w' + w'' \in \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n$. By iterating the procedure whenever $\delta(1) > m$, we are reduced to an element w''' whose maximal multi-index λ satisfies $\lambda(1) \leq m$. This means that $w''' \in \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{d\alpha_i}{\alpha_i} \wedge \Omega_F^{n-1}$. Hence, there exist $\tau_2, \dots, \tau_m \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$, $r \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$ and $s \in \Omega_F^n$ such that, over the field M , we have

$$w = \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{d\alpha_i}{\alpha_i} \wedge \tau_i + \wp(r) + d(s).$$

Since $\text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(M)) = \overline{\frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \wedge \Omega_F^{n-1}}$, there exists $\tau_1 \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$ such that $\bar{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{d\alpha_i}{\alpha_i} \wedge \tau_i$. $\square$

The proof of Theorem 2 will be based on the following proposition:

¹A mistake in the proof of [L2, Prop. 1] has been made when trying to make this descent. More precisely, it happens in [L2, page 2484, lines 7-8] when we tried to apply the Artin-Schreier operator.

Proposition 3. *Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, a \in F$, and let $L = F(\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_m})$, $M = F(\wp^{-1}(a))$. Then we have the following:*

$$\text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \longrightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L \cdot M)) = a\nu_F(n) + \sum_{i=1}^m \overline{d\alpha_i \wedge \Omega_F^{n-1}}.$$

Proof. Without loss of generality, we may suppose that $[L : F] = 2^m$, $a \in F \setminus \wp(F)$ and $a \in F^2$. Put $\beta = \wp^{-1}(a)$. Let $\mathcal{B} := \{c_1, \dots, c_m, c_{m+1}, \dots\}$ be a 2-basis of F such that $c_i = \alpha_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$. Since M/F is separable, $\mathcal{B}$ remains a 2-basis of M . Then $\Omega_{M, < \delta}^n = \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n + \beta \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n$.

Let $\omega \in \Omega_F^n$ be such that $\overline{\omega} \in \text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \longrightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L \cdot M))$. Then, over M , $\overline{\omega} \in \text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(M) \longrightarrow H_2^{n+1}(L \cdot M))$. It follows from Proposition 2 that

$$(3) \quad \omega = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \wedge d\alpha_i + \wp(u) + d(v)$$

with $u \in \Omega_M^n$, $v \in \Omega_M^{n-1}$, and $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m \in \Omega_M^{n-1}$. Let δ be the maximal multi-index in relation (3).

Suppose that $\delta(1) > m$. Then, as in the relation (2), there exists $w' \in \Omega_{M, < \delta}^n$ such that

$$(4) \quad w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \wp(u_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) + d(v) + w'.$$

Let $r_\delta, s_\delta \in F$, $v_0, v_1 \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$, and $w'_0, w'_1 \in \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n$ be such that $u_\delta = r_\delta + \beta s_\delta$, $v = v_0 + \beta v_1$ and $w' = w'_0 + \beta w'_1$. A simple computation shows that the relation (4) gives the following:

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \wp(r_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) + d(v_0) + a s_\delta^2 \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} + w'_0, \\ \wp(s_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) = d(v_1) + w'_1. \end{cases}$$

By applying Kato's lemma to the second relation in (5), we get

$$s_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \frac{da_{\delta(1)}}{a_{\delta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{da_{\delta(n)}}{a_{\delta(n)}} + w'_2,$$

for some $w'_2 \in \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n$ and $a_{\delta(j)} \in F_{\delta(j)}$. Again with the second relation in (5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a s_\delta^2 \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} &= a s_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} + a d(v_1) + a w'_1 \\ &= a \frac{da_{\delta(1)}}{a_{\delta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{da_{\delta(n)}}{a_{\delta(n)}} + d(a v_1) + a w'_1 + a w'_2. \end{aligned}$$

If we substitute the expression $a s_\delta^2 \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}$ in the first relation in (5), we get

$$w_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta} = \wp(r_\delta \frac{dc_\delta}{c_\delta}) + d(v') + a \eta_\delta + w'',$$

where $v' = v_0 + a v_1$, $\eta_\delta = \frac{da_{\delta(1)}}{a_{\delta(1)}} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{da_{\delta(n)}}{a_{\delta(n)}}$, and $w'' = a w'_1 + a w'_2 + w'_0 \in \Omega_{F, < \delta}^n$.

Since $a \eta_\delta \in \wp(\Omega_M^n) \subset \wp(\Omega_M^n) + d(\Omega_M^{n-1})$, the multi-index has been reduced. By iterating the procedure whenever $\delta(1) > m$, we obtain, over M , the following:

$$w = \wp(\gamma_1) + d(\gamma_2) + a \gamma_3 + \gamma_4,$$

for $\gamma_1 \in \Omega_F^n$, $\gamma_2 \in \Omega_F^{n-1}$, $\gamma_3 \in \nu_F(n)$ and $\gamma_4 \in \Omega_F^n$, with the condition that the maximal multi-index λ in γ_4 satisfies $\lambda(1) \leq m$. Then $\gamma_4 \in \sum_{i=1}^m d\alpha_i \wedge \Omega_F^{n-1}$. Now,

since the kernel $\text{Ker}(H_2^{n+1}(F) \rightarrow H_2^{n+1}(M)) = \overline{a\nu_F(n)}$ [AB], we get the desired conclusion. $\square$

As a corollary, we get:

Corollary 1. *Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer, and let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, a \in F$. Let $L = F(\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_m})$ and $M = L(\wp^{-1}(a))$. Then we have:*

- (1) $\text{Ker}(\overline{I^n W_q}(F) \rightarrow \overline{I^n W_q}(L)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle 1, \alpha_i \rangle_b \otimes \overline{I^{n-1} W_q}(F).$
- (2) $\text{Ker}(\overline{I^n W_q}(F) \rightarrow \overline{I^n W_q}(L \cdot M)) = \overline{I^n F} \otimes [1, a] + \sum_{i=1}^m \langle 1, \alpha_i \rangle_b \otimes \overline{I^{n-1} W_q}(F).$

Proof. We use Propositions 2 and 3 with the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{I^n W_q}(F) & \longrightarrow & \overline{I^n W_q}(K) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ H_2^{n+1}(F) & \longrightarrow & H_2^{n+1}(K) \end{array}$$

where $K = L$ (resp. $K = L \cdot M$), the vertical arrows are given by the isomorphism e^n , and the horizontal arrows are induced by the inclusion $F \subset K$. $\square$

Proof of Theorems 1 and 2. We use Corollary 1, and we follow the same argument used for the proof of [L2, Theorem 1]. $\square$

We also have the following corollary, whose proof is the same as for Theorems 1 and 2:

Corollary 2. *Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer, and let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, a \in F$. Let $L = F(\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\alpha_m})$ and $M = L(\wp^{-1}(a))$. Then we have:*

- (1) $\text{Ker}(I^n W_q(F) \rightarrow I^n W_q(L)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle 1, \alpha_i \rangle_b \otimes I^{n-1} W_q(F).$
- (2) $\text{Ker}(I^n W_q(F) \rightarrow I^n W_q(L \cdot M)) = I^n F \otimes [1, a] + \sum_{i=1}^m \langle 1, \alpha_i \rangle_b \otimes I^{n-1} W_q(F).$

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