# Multiplicity spaces in classical symplectic branching 

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We will show that there is a natural irreducible action of

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on $\mathcal{M}_{\mu}^{\lambda}$.

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- The action of $L$ is well-defined on the intersections of these subalgebras, allowing us to glue them together obtaining a representation of $L$ on $\mathcal{M}$.


## Main result

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There is a unique representation $(\Phi, \mathcal{M})$ of $L=\prod_{i=1}^{n} S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ such that,
(1) for all $(\mu, \lambda) \in \mathfrak{D}, \mathcal{M}_{\mu}^{\lambda} \cong \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^{\lambda}=\bigotimes_{i=1}^{n} F_{r_{i}(\mu, \lambda)}$, and
(2) for all $\sigma \in \Sigma, L$ acts as algebra automorphisms on $\mathcal{M}_{\sigma}$.

Moreover, $\left.\Phi\right|_{S L(2, \mathrm{C})}$ is the natural action of $S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ on $\mathcal{M}$.

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