

Symmetrization map, Casimir elements and Sugawara operators

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For proofs and relations between the families, including **MacMahon Master Theorem** and **Newton Identity**, see [\[Sugawara operators for classical Lie algebras, AMS, 2018\]](#), Russian edition is available on the MCCME web site.

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