



# Affine Springer Fibers and Level-Rank Duality

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True in even more cases, assuming a conjecture of OY.

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$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq m-1} (-1)^k [\Delta_{d/m}(\chi_{\wedge^k(\mathbf{a})})] = [L_{d/m}(1_W)],$$

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