

53. Loop Groups and Related Affine Lie Algebras

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Introduction. We are concerned with the Lie group \tilde{G}_k of C^k -loops in a connected, simply connected complex simple Lie group G , its Lie algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, and a central extension $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k$. The Lie algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ of algebraic loops in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G has a universal central extension $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ called an affine Lie algebra, and the corresponding 2-cocycle $Z(\cdot, \cdot)$ was explicitly given in [1]. We extend the 2-cocycle of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ after [2], and get a central extension $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k$. $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ is one of the simplest infinite-dimensional Kac-Moody algebras. The corresponding Kac-Moody group \hat{G} is a 1-dimensional central extension of the group \tilde{G} of algebraic loops in G (cf. [1], [7], [4], and [5]).

Since the kernel of the adjoint action Ad of \hat{G} on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$, is precisely the center C of \hat{G} , $\tilde{G} \simeq \hat{G}/C$ acts on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ through Ad , and the set of invariants in $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ under this action is just the center of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$. The action on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ induces the adjoint action of \tilde{G} on $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$. The main purpose of this article is to construct a completed version of this fact for the pair of the infinite-dimensional Lie group \tilde{G}_k and the Lie algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$.

§ 1. The coefficient extension from C to $L_k = C^k(S^1)$. Let $L_k := C^k(S^1)$, the algebra of C^k -functions on S^1 . This becomes a Banach algebra if we introduce a norm $|\cdot|_k$ as

$$|a|_k := \sup_{r \in \mathbb{R}, j=0, \dots, k} |(\partial^j a)(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r})| \quad \text{for } a \in L_k,$$

where ∂ is a differential operator on S^1 , defined by

$$(\partial a)(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r}) := \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \frac{d}{dr} a(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r}).$$

Let n be a positive integer and $i=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. Define derivations D_i on the polynomial ring $P_{k;n} := L_k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ by $D_i X_{i'} = \delta_{ii'}$, and $D_i a = 0$ for $i'=1, 2, \dots, n$, $a \in L_k$. For a bounded closed subset B in $(L_k)^n$ and a non-negative integer j , put

$$|f|_{k;B,j} := \sup_{m, b} |(D^m f)(b)|_k \quad \text{for } f \in P_{k;n},$$

where \sup is taken over all $m=(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$ satisfying $|m| := m_1 + \dots + m_n \leq j$, and all $b=(b_1, \dots, b_n) \in B$, and D^m means $D_1^{m_1} D_2^{m_2} \dots D_n^{m_n}$. Let $C^{k;j}(B)$ be the completion of the normed space $(P_{k;n}, |\cdot|_{k;B,j})$.

Let U be an open set in $(L_k)^n$, and $C^{k;j}(U)$ the space of maps $f: U \rightarrow L_k$ which satisfy that, for any $u \in U$, there exist a bounded closed neighbourhood B of u in $(L_k)^n$ and $g \in C^{k;j}(B)$ such that $f(b)=g(b)$ for $\forall b \in B$. We define $D^m f(u)$ as $D^m g(u)$ for $m \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$, $|m| \leq j$.