

## LEIBNIZ ALGEBRAS ASSOCIATED WITH FOLIATIONS

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### Abstract

Certain types of singular foliations on a manifold have Leibniz algebra structures on the space of multivector fields. Each of them has a structure of a central extension of a Lie algebra in the sense of Leibniz algebra. To a specific Leibniz cohomology class, there corresponds an isomorphism class of central extension of a Leibniz algebra similarly as in the case of Lie algebra.

### 1. Introduction

Recently, a lot of interests have been taken in Leibniz algebra, which is introduced by Loday [10, 11] as a non-commutative variation of Lie algebra. A Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an  $R$ -module, where  $R$  is a commutative ring, endowed with a bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  satisfying

$$[g_1, [g_2, g_3]] = [[g_1, g_2], g_3] + [g_2, [g_1, g_3]].$$

Note that we do not require the anti-symmetry of  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ .

In this paper, we consider Leibniz algebra associated with a certain type of singular foliations on a manifold. More precisely, we observe that when an integrable and locally decomposable  $q$ -form  $\omega$  on a manifold  $M$  is given, there yields a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $M$  whose leaves are either of dimension  $n - q$  or 0. Any transversely oriented regular foliation of codimension  $q$  is defined by such a  $q$ -form. We show that the bundle of  $(q + 1)$ -vectors  $\bigwedge^{q+1} TM$  on  $M$  has a Leibniz algebroid structure whose anchor map is a interior product by  $\omega$  and whose bracket is given by

$$[[X, Y]]_\omega = [t_\omega X, Y] + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle Y$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the Schouten bracket,  $\langle | \rangle$  the natural pairing and  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  the space of  $(q + 1)$ -vector fields. We see that the isomorphism class of the algebra is determined by the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ . It is not a Lie algebra in general unless  $q = 0$  or  $q = n - 2$ . Considering the difference of  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  from Lie algebra, it is shown that  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  is, as a Leibniz algebra, a central extension of the Lie algebra of vector fields tangent to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

As it is known, central extensions of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the center  $A$  are described by  $H_{\text{Lie}}^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  where  $H_{\text{Lie}}^*(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  denotes the Lie algebra cohomology with coefficients in  $A$ . One can ask the question: how about the case of Leibniz algebras? We see that the “usual” cohomology of Leibniz algebra does not work, but a slightly different cohomology  $H^*(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  makes a similar one-to-one correspondence between equivalent classes of central extensions and elements in  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$ . It means that, when  $\mathfrak{g}'$  is a central extension of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the center  $A$ , Leibniz algebra structures of  $\mathfrak{g}'$  is determined by an element in  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$ . Applying it to Leibniz algebras associated with foliations, we can obtain a lot of geometric examples of central extensions of Leibniz algebras.

The (co)homology of Leibniz algebra is studied by Loday and Pirashvili [12]. Lodder [14] extends the Leibniz cohomology from a Lie algebra invariant to an invariant for a differential manifold. The notion of Leibniz algebroid over a manifold was defined in [9] as a vector bundle with certain additional conditions as in the case of Lie algebroid, and it was proved that the bundle of  $(p-1)$ -forms on a Nambu-Poisson manifold has a Leibniz algebroid structure. In [6], one of the author discovered an alternative Leibniz algebroid structure which is a natural generalization of the Lie algebroid associated with a Poisson manifold. Description of all Leibniz algebras of dimension three is given in [1].

## 2. Leibniz algebras and cohomologies

First we review the notion of Leibniz algebra defined by Loday [10, 11, 12]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $\mathfrak{g}$  an  $R$ -module endowed with a bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad [g_1, [g_2, g_3]] = [[g_1, g_2], g_3] + [g_2, [g_1, g_3]]$$

for  $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in \mathfrak{g}$ . The map  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is called the Leibniz bracket on  $\mathfrak{g}$  and (2.1) the Leibniz identity. We remark that if  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is additionally skew-symmetric, then the Leibniz identity is just the Jacobi identity and  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  is a Lie algebra. Therefore, a Leibniz algebra is a non-commutative variant of Lie algebra.

Now we consider the cohomology of a Leibniz algebra with values in a module [12]. Suppose that  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  is a Leibniz algebra and  $A$  an  $R$ -module equipped with bilinear actions of  $\mathfrak{g}$

$$[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times A \rightarrow A, \quad [\cdot, \cdot] : A \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A$$

such that

$$(2.2) \quad [a, [g_1, g_2]] = [[a, g_1], g_2] + [g_1, [a, g_2]]$$

$$(2.3) \quad [g_1, [a, g_2]] = [[g_1, a], g_2] + [a, [g_1, g_2]]$$

$$(2.4) \quad [g_1, [g_2, a]] = [[g_1, g_2], a] + [g_2, [g_1, a]]$$

for  $g_1, g_2 \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $a \in A$ . We also use the notations  $ga = l_g(a) = [g, a]$  and  $ag = r_g(a) = [a, g]$ . The condition (2.2)–(2.4) above is equivalent to that

$$(2.5) \quad l_{[g_1, g_2]} = [l_{g_1}, l_{g_2}]$$

$$(2.6) \quad r_{[g_1, g_2]} = [l_{g_1}, r_{g_2}]$$

$$(2.7) \quad r_{g_2} \circ l_{g_1} = -r_{g_2} \circ r_{g_1}$$

where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  in the right-hand side of (2.5) and (2.6) denotes the commutator of operators.

The Leibniz cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $A$  is the homology of the cochain complex  $C^k(\mathfrak{g}; A) = \text{Hom}_R(\otimes^k \mathfrak{g}, A)$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) whose coboundary operator  $\partial^k : C^k(\mathfrak{g}; A) \rightarrow C^{k+1}(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  is defined by

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial^k c^k(g_1, \dots, g_{k+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} g_i(c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{k+1})) + (-1)^k (c^k(g_1, \dots, g_k))g_{k+1} \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} (-1)^i c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{j-1}, [g_i, g_j], g_{j+1}, \dots, g_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $(g_1, \dots, g_{k+1})$  denotes  $g_1 \otimes \dots \otimes g_{k+1}$ . The condition  $\partial \circ \partial = 0$  is proved in [12].

When the left action and the  $(-1)$  times of the right action agree, we get the following ‘‘usual’’ Leibniz cohomology:

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra and  $A$  a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with respect to the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $A$ , that is,  $A$  is endowed with a bilinear map  $\mathfrak{g} \times A \rightarrow A$  such that  $[g_1, g_2]a = g_1(g_2a) - g_2(g_1a)$ . Then the operator  $\partial^k : C^k(\mathfrak{g}; A) \rightarrow C^{k+1}(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  given by*

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial^k c^k(g_1, \dots, g_{k+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} g_i(c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{k+1})) \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} (-1)^i c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{j-1}, \\ &\quad [g_i, g_j], g_{j+1}, \dots, g_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

defines a Leibniz cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $A$ .

In most of the cases, we consider the Leibniz cohomology of this type, which is denoted by  $HL^*(\mathfrak{g}; A)$ . If  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  is a Lie algebra, we obtain the subcomplex of  $(C^*(\mathfrak{g}; A), \partial)$  that consists of the skew-symmetric cochains. The cohomology of this subcomplex is just the usual cohomology  $H_{\text{Lie}}^*(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  of the Lie algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  with coefficients in  $A$ . Thus there is a natural homomorphism

$$\iota : H_{\text{Lie}}^*(\mathfrak{g}; A) \rightarrow HL^*(\mathfrak{g}; A).$$

The followings are several examples of Leibniz cohomology we have in mind.

*Example 2.2* ([2, 4, 16]). Let  $(M, \Pi)$  be a Nambu-Poisson manifold of order  $p$ , that is,  $\Pi$  is a  $p$ -vector field satisfying

$$[\Pi(df_1, \dots, df_{p-1}), \Pi] = 0$$

for  $f_1, \dots, f_{p-1} \in C^\infty(M)$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the Schouten bracket. It holds that  $\bigwedge^{p-1} C^\infty(M)$  is a Leibniz algebra by the bracket  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_{p-1}, g_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge g_{p-1} \rrbracket \\ = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} g_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \Pi(df_1, \dots, df_{p-1}, dg_i) \wedge \cdots \wedge g_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

for  $f_1, \dots, f_{p-1}, g_1, \dots, g_{p-1} \in C^\infty(M)$ . Furthermore, by the natural action

$$[f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_{p-1}, f] = \Pi(df_1, \dots, df_{p-1}, df),$$

we obtain the Leibniz cohomology  $HL^*(\bigwedge^{p-1} C^\infty(M); C^\infty(M))$ .

*Example 2.3* ([9]). Let  $(M, \Pi)$  be a Nambu-Poisson manifold of order  $p \geq 3$ . The space of  $(p-1)$ -forms  $\Omega^{p-1}(M)$  is a Leibniz algebra by the bracket  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$  defined by

$$(2.10) \quad \llbracket \alpha, \beta \rrbracket = \mathcal{L}_{\Pi(\alpha)}\beta + (-1)^p(\Pi(d\alpha))\beta$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega^{p-1}(M)$ . By the action of  $\Omega^{p-1}(M)$  on  $C^\infty(M)$

$$[\alpha, f] = \Pi(\alpha, df),$$

we obtain the Leibniz cohomology  $HL^*(\Omega^{p-1}(M); C^\infty(M))$ . The cochain complex  $C^k(\Omega^{p-1}(M); C^\infty(M))$  has the subcomplex  $C^k(\bigwedge^{p-1} dC^\infty(M); C^\infty(M))$ , and there exist a natural map from  $C^k(\bigwedge^{p-1} C^\infty(M); C^\infty(M))$  (Example 2.2) to  $C^k(\Omega^{p-1}(M); C^\infty(M))$  whose image is this subcomplex.

*Example 2.4* ([6]). In case of Nambu-Poisson manifold of order 2, the bracket (2.10) gives a Leibniz algebra structure only if the Poisson structure is decomposable (that is,  $\text{rank } \Pi \leq 2$ ), and then agrees with the Lie algebra bracket on the space of 1-forms. One of the authors proved that there is a different Leibniz bracket

$$(2.11) \quad \llbracket \alpha, \beta \rrbracket' = \mathcal{L}_{\Pi(\alpha)}\beta - \iota_{\Pi(\beta)} d\alpha$$

on  $\Omega^{p-1}(M)$  for  $p \geq 2$ , which agrees with the Lie bracket when  $p = 2$ . It defines a different Leibniz cohomology from that in Example 2.3, but it holds similarly that the cochain complex  $C^k(\Omega^{p-1}(M); C^\infty(M))$  has the subcomplex  $C^k(\bigwedge^{p-1} dC^\infty(M); C^\infty(M))$  and there exist a natural map from  $C^k(\bigwedge^{p-1} C^\infty(M); C^\infty(M))$  to it.

*Example 2.5* ([13]). Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $(\mathcal{X}(M), [\cdot, \cdot])$  the Lie

algebra of smooth vector fields on  $M$ . It is obvious that  $C^\infty(M)$  is a  $\mathcal{X}(M)$ -module with respect to the representation by the Lie derivation. The Leibniz cohomology  $HL^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M))$  is, by definition ([13]), the homology of the complex of continuous cochains  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\text{cont}}(\otimes^k \mathcal{X}(M), C^\infty(M))$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) in the  $C^\infty$  topology. The coboundary operator is given as the exterior differential, that is,

$$(2.12) \quad d^k c^k(X_1, \dots, X_{k+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} X_i(c^k(X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, X_{k+1})) \\ + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} (-1)^i c^k(X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, X_{j-1}, [X_i, X_j], \\ X_{j+1}, \dots, X_{k+1})$$

for  $X_1, \dots, X_{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ . The de Rham cohomology  $H_{DR}^*(M)$  of  $M$  is just the cohomology of the subcomplex of the skew-symmetric and  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear cochains. Then the diagram

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H_{DR}^*(M) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & H_{GF}^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M)) \\ \pi \circ \iota \downarrow & & \swarrow \pi \\ HL^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M)) & & \end{array}$$

commutes where  $H_{GF}^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M))$  denotes the Gel'fand-Fuks cohomology. The map  $\iota: H_{DR}^*(M) \rightarrow H_{GF}^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M))$  is induced by the inclusion

$$\text{Hom}_{C^\infty(M)}^{\text{cont}}(\mathcal{X}^k(M); C^\infty(M)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\text{cont}}(\mathcal{X}^k(M); C^\infty(M))$$

where  $\mathcal{X}^k(M)$  denotes the space of  $k$ -vector fields on  $M$  and  $\pi: H_{GF}^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M)) \rightarrow HL^*(\mathcal{X}(M); C^\infty(M))$  is induced by the projection  $\otimes^k \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^k(M)$ .

### 3. Leibniz algebras associated with foliations

The notion of Leibniz algebroid is introduced in [9] as a generalization of the Lie algebroid:

DEFINITION 3.1. A Leibniz algebroid is a smooth vector bundle  $\pi: A \rightarrow M$  with a Leibniz algebra structure  $[[, ]]$  on  $\Gamma(A)$  (the space of smooth sections of  $A$ ) and a bundle map  $\rho: A \rightarrow TM$ , called an anchor, such that the induced map  $\rho: \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(M)$  satisfies the following properties:

(1) (Leibniz algebra homomorphism)

$$\rho([[x, y]]) = [\rho(x), \rho(y)]$$

(2) (derivation law)

$$[[x, fy]] = (\rho(x)f)y + f[[x, y]]$$

for all  $x, y \in \Gamma(A)$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ .

*Example 3.2.* If the bracket  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$  is skew-symmetric, we recover the Lie algebroid.

*Example 3.3.* The bundle of  $(p-1)$ -forms  $\bigwedge^{p-1} T^*M$  over a Nambu-Poisson manifold  $(M, \Pi)$  of order  $p$  is a Leibniz algebroid with the anchor map  $\Pi : \bigwedge^{p-1} T^*M \rightarrow TM$  and the bracket either (2.10) ( $p \geq 2$  which we assume  $\Pi$  is decomposable when  $p = 2$ ) or (2.11) ( $p \geq 2$ ).

*Example 3.4* ([5]). There is a different generalization of Lie algebroid. A Filippov  $p$ -algebroid, or  $p$ -Lie algebroid,  $(E, \pi, [\dots])$  over a manifold  $M$  is a vector bundle  $E$  endowed with a  $p$ -Lie bracket  $[\dots]$  on  $\Gamma(E)$ , that is, the skew-symmetric bracket satisfying the Filippov (or Fundamental) identity

$$[a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, [b_1, \dots, b_p]] = \sum_{i=1}^p [b_1, \dots, [a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b_i], \dots, b_p]$$

for any  $a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b_1, \dots, b_p \in \Gamma(E)$ , and a bundle map  $\pi : \bigwedge^{p-1} E \rightarrow TM$ , called an anchor, such that the induced map  $\pi : \Gamma(\bigwedge^{p-1} E) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(M)$  satisfies the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} & [\pi(a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_{p-1}), \pi(b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_{p-1})] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \pi(b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge [a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b_i] \wedge \dots \wedge b_{p-1}), \end{aligned}$$

$$[a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, fb] = f[a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b] + (\pi(a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_{p-1})f)b$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}, b \in \Gamma(E)$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ . In this case, it is shown that  $\bigwedge^{p-1} E$  is a Leibniz algebroid with the anchor  $\pi$  and the bracket

$$\llbracket a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_{p-1}, b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_{p-1} \rrbracket = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge [a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, b_i] \wedge \dots \wedge b_{p-1}.$$

In the recent paper [20], it has been shown that any Nambu-Poisson manifold has an associated Filippov algebroid.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a transversely oriented foliation of codimension  $q$  on  $M$ . Then we deduce, by using a partition of unity, that there exists a transverse volume form  $\omega$  on  $M$  such that  $\omega$  is decomposable (that is,  $\omega = \omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_q$  for some 1-forms  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_q$ ) and integrable ( $d\omega = \gamma \wedge \omega$  for some 1-form  $\gamma$ ). In this paper, we call a decomposable and integrable form  $\omega$  on  $M$  simply an integrable form. We remark that  $\omega$  needs not to be nonsingular. When  $\omega$  is nonsingular, the transversely oriented foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  is recovered by  $\omega_1 = \dots = \omega_q = 0$  where  $\omega = \omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_q$ . If  $\omega$  is singular, it yields a foliation whose leaves are of codimension  $q$  where  $\omega \neq 0$  and otherwise of dimension 0; we consider the foliation to be given by the interior product  $\iota_\omega : \bigwedge^{q+1} TM \rightarrow TM$ . Thus the equivalence class of an integrable form gives a foliation.

Now, we will prove that such a foliation given by an integrable  $q$ -form on a manifold  $M$  gives the Leibniz algebroid structure to the bundle of  $(q+1)$ -vectors.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional smooth manifold endowed with a decomposable and integrable  $q$ -form  $\omega$  ( $q < n$ ). Then  $\bigwedge^{q+1} TM$  becomes a Leibniz algebroid over  $M$  whose anchor is the interior product  $\iota_\omega : \bigwedge^{q+1} TM \rightarrow TM$  and whose bracket is defined by*

$$\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_\omega = [\iota_\omega X, Y] + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle Y.$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the Schouten bracket,  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  the natural pairing and  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  the space of  $(q+1)$ -vector fields.

*Proof.* This Leibniz algebroid is essentially the same as that in Example 3.3 with the bracket (2.10) by the correspondence  $\Pi = (-1)^{nq} \Phi(\omega)$  where  $\Phi$  is an arbitrary co-volume field on  $M$  (that is, a dimensional multivector field). However, we will give a direct verification in the realm of multivector fields.

We abbreviate  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_\omega$  to  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$ . It is easy to see  $\llbracket X, fY \rrbracket = ((\iota_\omega X)f)Y + f\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket$ . Let us prove  $\iota_\omega(\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket) = [\iota_\omega X, \iota_\omega Y]$ . Since  $\omega$  is integrable, there is a 1-form  $\gamma$  such that  $d\omega = \gamma \wedge \omega$ . By the decomposability of  $\omega$  we have  $\omega(X(\omega)) = 0$ . Thus

$$(3.1) \quad \iota_{X(\omega)} d\omega = (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle \omega.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)} Y)(\omega) &= \mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)}(Y(\omega)) - Y(\mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)} \omega) \\ &= [X(\omega), Y(\omega)] - (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle (Y(\omega)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \iota_\omega \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket &= [X(\omega), Y(\omega)] + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle (Y(\omega)) \\ &= [\iota_\omega X, \iota_\omega Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we will see that the Leibniz identity holds. Let  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ . By (3.1),

$$d\iota_{X(\omega)} d\omega = \omega \wedge (d\langle X | d\omega \rangle) + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle d\omega.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket(d\omega) &= (\mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)} Y)(d\omega) + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle \langle Y | d\omega \rangle \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)} \langle Y | d\omega \rangle - Y(\mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)} d\omega) + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle \langle Y | d\omega \rangle \\ &= (X(\omega)) \langle Y | d\omega \rangle - Y(d\iota_{X(\omega)} d\omega) + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle \langle Y | d\omega \rangle \\ &= (X(\omega)) \langle Y | d\omega \rangle - (Y(\omega)) \langle X | d\omega \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (3.2),

$$\llbracket [X, Y], Z \rrbracket = \llbracket [X(\omega), Y(\omega)], Z \rrbracket + (-1)^q ((X(\omega)) \langle Y | d\omega \rangle - (Y(\omega)) \langle X | d\omega \rangle) Z.$$

Also using (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket X, \llbracket Y, Z \rrbracket \rrbracket &= [X(\omega), \llbracket Y, Z \rrbracket] + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle \llbracket Y, Z \rrbracket \\ &= [X(\omega), [Y(\omega), Z] + (-1)^q \langle Y | d\omega \rangle Z] \\ &\quad + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle ([Y(\omega), Z] + (-1)^q \langle Y | d\omega \rangle Z) \\ &= [X(\omega), [Y(\omega), Z]] \\ &\quad + (-1)^q ((X(\omega)) \langle Y | d\omega \rangle) Z + (-1)^q \langle Y | d\omega \rangle [X(\omega), Z] \\ &\quad + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle [Y(\omega), Z] + \langle X | d\omega \rangle \langle Y | d\omega \rangle Z. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket Y, \llbracket X, Z \rrbracket \rrbracket &= [Y(\omega), [X(\omega), Z]] \\ &\quad + (-1)^q ((Y(\omega)) \langle X | d\omega \rangle) Z + (-1)^q \langle X | d\omega \rangle [Y(\omega), Z] \\ &\quad + (-1)^q \langle Y | d\omega \rangle [X(\omega), Z] + \langle X | d\omega \rangle \langle Y | d\omega \rangle Z. \end{aligned}$$

Then the Leibniz identity

$$\llbracket X, \llbracket Y, Z \rrbracket \rrbracket = \llbracket \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket, Z \rrbracket + \llbracket Y, \llbracket X, Z \rrbracket \rrbracket$$

is equivalent to

$$[X(\omega), [Y(\omega), Z]] = \llbracket [X(\omega), Y(\omega)], Z \rrbracket + [Y(\omega), [X(\omega), Z]]$$

which is true since  $[\mathcal{L}_{X(\omega)}, \mathcal{L}_{Y(\omega)}] = \mathcal{L}_{[X(\omega), Y(\omega)]}$  holds.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.6.** (1)  $(\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket)$  is a Leibniz algebra where

$$(3.3) \quad \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket = [\iota_\omega X, Y] + (-1)^q (X(d\omega)) Y.$$

- The interior product  $\iota_\omega$  is a Leibniz algebra homomorphism from  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  to the Lie algebra of vector fields  $(\mathcal{X}(M), [\cdot, \cdot])$ . It also holds that  $\llbracket \ker \iota_\omega, Y \rrbracket = 0$  and  $\llbracket X, \ker \iota_\omega \rrbracket \in \ker \iota_\omega$  where  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ .*
- (2) *For any non-zero function  $f$ , the multiplication by  $f$  induces an isomorphism from the Leibniz algebra  $(\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_{f\omega})$  to  $(\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_\omega)$ . That is, the isomorphism class of Leibniz algebra structure is determined by the foliation.*

*Proof.* Since (1) is obvious, we will check (2). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_{f\omega} &= f[X(\omega), Y] - X(\omega) \wedge Y(df) + (X(\omega) \wedge df) Y + (-1)^q \langle X | f d\omega \rangle Y \\ &= f \llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_\omega + (X(\omega) \wedge Y)(df). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket fX, fY \rrbracket_\omega &= (fX(\omega \wedge df))Y + f\llbracket fX, Y \rrbracket_\omega \\ &= f^2[X(\omega), Y] - fX(\omega) \wedge Y(df) \\ &\quad + (-1)^q f^2(X(d\omega))Y + f(X(\omega \wedge df))Y \\ &= f^2\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_\omega + f(X(\omega) \wedge Y)(df). \end{aligned}$$

This is equal to  $f\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_{f\omega}$ , and we obtain (2).  $\square$

In general,  $(\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket)$  is not a Lie algebra unless  $q = 0$  or  $q = n - 2$ .

*Example 3.7.* (1) The case  $q = n - 2$  corresponds to the Lie algebra associated with a Poisson manifold of rank 2 via the isomorphism by the volume.

(2) Consider the case  $q = 0$ . For any function  $f$  on  $M$ , the Lie bracket is given as

$$[X, Y]_f = f[X, Y] + (Xf)Y - (Yf)X$$

where  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ . This corresponds to the Lie algebra associated with a Nambu-Poisson manifold coming from a volume form.

(3) Consider the case  $q = n - 1$ . Then the Leibniz bracket is given as

$$\llbracket f\Phi, g\Phi \rrbracket_\omega = (fZg - gZf + fg\langle Z|\gamma \rangle)\Phi$$

where  $\Phi$  is a co-volume field,  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $d\omega = \gamma \wedge \omega$  and  $Z = \Phi(\omega)$ . Therefore, if  $\omega$  is a closed  $(n - 1)$ -form,  $(\mathcal{X}^n(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_\omega)$  is a Lie algebra. This corresponds to  $(C^\infty(M), [\cdot, \cdot]_Z)$  defined by an arbitrary vector field  $Z$  where

$$[f, g]_Z = fZg - gZf.$$

Sometimes, we have a Lie algebra as a Leibniz subalgebra. For example, let us consider  $(\mathcal{X}^2(\mathbf{R}^n), \llbracket, \rrbracket_\omega)$ . By Corollary 3.6, it is a Leibniz algebra if  $\omega$  is an integrable 1-form on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . In the following by a constant bivector field we mean the bivector field of the form

$$\sum_{i < j} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

where  $a_{ij} \in \mathbf{R}$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.8.** *Let  $f$  be a quadratic function on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . In the Leibniz algebra  $(\mathcal{X}^2(\mathbf{R}^n), \llbracket, \rrbracket_{df})$ , the subset of constant bivector fields  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{const}}^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$  forms a Lie algebra.*

*Proof.* It follows from a direct computation.  $\square$

We can relate this Lie algebra to the Lie algebra of matrices; let  $(j, k)$  be the

signature and  $l$  the nullity of any quadratic function  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Denote by  $P_f$  the matrix  $\text{diag}(I_{j+k}, 0_l)$  where  $I_{j+k}$  is the unit matrix of size  $j+k$  and  $0_l$  is the zero matrix of size  $l$ , and by  $so(j, k, l)$  the set of matrices in  $gl(n)$  satisfying

$$I_{jkl}A + {}^tAI_{jkl} = 0$$

where  $I_{jkl} = \text{diag}(I_j, -I_k, I_l)$ . Then,

**THEOREM 3.9.**  $(\mathcal{X}_{\text{const}}^2(\mathbf{R}^n), \llbracket, \rrbracket_{df})$  is isomorphic to  $(so(j, k, l), \{, \}_{P_f})$  where  $\{X, Y\}_{P_f} = XP_fY - YP_fX$  for any  $X, Y \in so(j, k, l)$ .

*Proof.* It also follows from a direct computation.  $\square$

In case  $f$  is nondegenerate,  $(\mathcal{X}_{\text{const}}^2(\mathbf{R}^n), \llbracket, \rrbracket_{df})$  is isomorphic to  $(so(j, k), [, ])$ .

#### 4. Central extensions of Leibniz algebras

Let us return to the Leibniz cohomology of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The condition (2.2)–(2.4) admits the case that the right action  $r_g = 0$  for any  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . If this is the case, we get a different Leibniz cohomology from “usual” one given by Proposition 2.1. In this section, we assume the right action  $r_g = 0$ , and we use this kind of Leibniz cohomology since it is essential when we consider the extensions of Leibniz algebras.

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra and  $A$  a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with respect to the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $A$ , that is,  $A$  is endowed with a bilinear map  $\mathfrak{g} \times A \rightarrow A$  such that  $[g_1, g_2]a = g_1(g_2a) - g_2(g_1a)$ . Then the operator  $\delta^k : C^k(\mathfrak{g}; A) \rightarrow C^{k+1}(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  given by*

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta^k c^k(g_1, \dots, g_{k+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} g_i(c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{k+1})) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} (-1)^i c^k(g_1, \dots, \widehat{g}_i, \dots, g_{j-1}, \\ &\quad \quad \quad [g_i, g_j], g_{j+1}, \dots, g_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

defines a Leibniz cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $A$ .

We denote this Leibniz cohomology by  $H^*(\mathfrak{g}; A)$ . Note that even though  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra and  $c^k$  is skew-symmetric,  $c^{k+1}$  is not skew-symmetric in general.

Now, we will consider the central extensions of Leibniz algebras. A central extension  $(\mathfrak{g}', \llbracket, \rrbracket)$  of a Leibniz algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, [, ])$  with a center  $A$  is a Leibniz algebra with a surjective homomorphism  $\Pi : \mathfrak{g}' \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  whose kernel  $A$  is a center in the sense of  $\llbracket A, \mathfrak{g}' \rrbracket = 0$ . This is equivalent to giving an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathfrak{g}' \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow 0$$

such that  $A$  is a center of  $\mathfrak{g}'$ .

The next theorem shows that an analog of the case of Lie algebra holds (see also [12]).

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  be a Leibniz algebra and  $A$  a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Then an element of  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  determines an equivalence class of central extensions of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the center  $A$ . The action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $A$  is recovered by  $g \cdot a = \llbracket s(g), a \rrbracket$  where  $(\mathfrak{g}', \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket)$  is a central extension of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $s : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}'$  an arbitrary linear map satisfying  $\Pi \circ s = \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Conversely, an equivalence class of central extensions of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the center  $A$  defines the action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $A$  by  $g \cdot a = \llbracket s(g), a \rrbracket$  where  $s$  is as above, and determines an element of  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$ . That is, a central extension of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with a center  $A$  is in one-to-one correspondence to an element of  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  up to isomorphisms.*

*Proof.* Take an arbitrary “section”  $s$ . Then  $S = s(\mathfrak{g})$  has a Leibniz bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_s$  induced by  $s$ . We may write  $\mathfrak{g}' = S \oplus A$ . Thus it may be written  $g'_i = s(g_i) + a_i$  for any  $g'_i \in \mathfrak{g}'$  where  $\Pi(g'_i) = g_i \in \mathfrak{g}, a_i \in A$  and  $i = 1, 2$ . We deduce that the action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $A$  is independent to the choice of a section map  $s$ . It holds

$$\llbracket g'_1, g'_2 \rrbracket = \llbracket s(g_1), s(g_2) \rrbracket + \llbracket s(g_1), a_2 \rrbracket,$$

and from  $\Pi(\llbracket g'_1, g'_2 \rrbracket) = [s(g_1), s(g_2)]_s$  it follows

$$\llbracket s(g_1), s(g_2) \rrbracket = s[g_1, g_2] + \psi_s(g_1, g_2)$$

for some linear map  $\psi_s : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A$ . It is shown that the Leibniz identity holds if and only if  $\psi_s$  is a 2-cocycle. Now, we will see that  $[\psi_s] \in H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  does not depend on the choice of  $s$ . Take a section  $\tilde{s}$  and let  $\tilde{a}_i = g'_i - \tilde{s}(g_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Then we may define a 1-cochain  $t : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A$  by  $t(g) = \tilde{s} - s$ . Since

$$s([g_1, g_2]) + \llbracket s(g_1), \tilde{a}_2 \rrbracket + \psi_s(g_1, g_2) = \tilde{s}([g_1, g_2]) + \llbracket \tilde{s}(g_1), a_2 \rrbracket + \psi_{\tilde{s}}(g_1, g_2),$$

we have

$$(\psi_{\tilde{s}} - \psi_s)(g_1, g_2) = g_1 \cdot t(g_2) - t([g_1, g_2]).$$

The right hand of the equation is just  $\delta t(g_1, g_2)$ , thus we deduce that  $[\psi_s] \in H^2(\mathfrak{g}; A)$  does not depend on the choice of  $s$ . We denote this element simply by  $[\psi]$ .

Next we prove that by the equivalence class of extensions  $\psi$  is determined up to coboundaries. Suppose that  $(\mathfrak{g}', \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket), (\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}', \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket)$  are isomorphic central extensions of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and  $\psi_s, \tilde{\psi}_{\tilde{s}}$  are corresponding cocycles with respect to sections  $s, \tilde{s}$  respectively. We consider the commutating diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathfrak{g}' & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & \mathfrak{g} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow f & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\iota}} & \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}' & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Pi}} & \mathfrak{g} & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where  $f$  is a Leibniz algebra isomorphism. We define 1-cochain  $t: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow A$  by  $t = f \circ s - \bar{s}$ . Then, from  $\bar{\psi}_{f \circ s} = f \circ \psi_s$ ,  $f|_A = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ s([g_1, g_2]) + \llbracket f \circ s(g_1), a_2 \rrbracket^- + \bar{\psi}_{f \circ s}(g_1, g_2) \\ = \bar{s}([g_1, g_2]) + \llbracket \bar{s}(g_1), a_2 + t(g_2) \rrbracket^- + \bar{\psi}_{\bar{s}}(g_1, g_2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $g'_i = s(g_i) + a_i$ , it follows

$$(\psi_s - \bar{\psi}_{\bar{s}})(g_1, g_2) = g_1 \cdot t(g_2) - t([g_1, g_2]) = \delta t(g_1, g_2).$$

Hence we have  $[\psi] = [\bar{\psi}]$ . Conversely, it is not difficult to see that if corresponding cohomologies with two central extensions of  $\mathfrak{g}$  are equal then they are isomorphic.  $\square$

We remark that we cannot develop a Leibniz generalization of the abelian extension of a Lie algebra because  $\llbracket [a_1, s(g_2)], s(g_3) \rrbracket + \llbracket s(g_2), [a_1, s(g_3)] \rrbracket$  does not vanish in general for  $g'_i = s(g_i) + a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ).

As an example of a central extension, we have the Leibniz algebras associated with foliations. For any foliation  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  given by a  $q$ -form  $\omega$ , we have shown that  $(\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M), \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_\omega)$  is a Leibniz algebra. In fact, it follows from Corollary 3.6(1) that there is a central extension

$$0 \rightarrow \ker \iota_\omega \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M) \xrightarrow{\iota_\omega} \mathcal{X}_\omega(M) \rightarrow 0.$$

where  $\mathcal{X}_\omega(M)$  denotes the image of  $\iota_\omega$ , which yields the foliation  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$ . We will calculate the 2-cocycle of this extension. When  $\omega$  is nonsingular, that is, the given foliation is regular, we may take a section  $s$  by  $s(X) = Z \wedge X$  where  $Z$  is an arbitrary  $q$ -vector field satisfying  $\omega(Z) = 1$ , and then  $\psi_s$  is given by

$$\psi_s(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}_X Z \wedge Y + \langle X | \gamma \rangle (Z \wedge Y)$$

where  $d\omega = \gamma \wedge \omega$ . Therefore, if a foliation is given by  $\omega_i = 0$  for non-zero 1-forms  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_q$ ,

$$\psi_s(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}_X (Z_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Z_q) \wedge Y + \left\langle X \left| \sum_{i=1}^q \gamma_{ii} \right. \right\rangle (Y \wedge Z_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Z_q)$$

where  $d\omega_i = \sum_{k=1}^q \gamma_{ik} \wedge \omega_k$  and  $\omega_i(Z_j) = \delta_{ij}$ . For a singular  $q$ -form  $\omega = f\omega'$  where  $f$  is an arbitrary function and  $\omega'$  a nonsingular  $q$ -form, we take a metric  $g$  and identify the tangent space and the cotangent space. Then we may take a section

$$s(X) = \frac{1}{|\omega|^2} Z \wedge X$$

where  $g(Z) = \omega$ , which is well-defined since both  $Z$  and an element of  $\mathcal{X}_\omega(M)$  are divisible by  $f$ . Using the metric  $g$  satisfying  $|\omega'| = 1$ , the corresponding cocycle with  $s$  is given by

$$\psi_s(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}_X Z' \wedge Y' + \langle X | \gamma \rangle (Z' \wedge Y')$$

where  $Z'$  and  $Y'$  denote  $f^{-1}Z$  and  $f^{-1}Y$ , respectively.

Conversely, by the theorem above, an arbitrary element of  $H^2(\mathcal{X}_\omega(M); \ker \iota_\omega)$  determines a Leibniz algebra structure on  $\mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ .

The following consideration gives us homomorphisms between Leibniz algebras.

**PROPOSITION 4.3.** *Suppose that a  $p$ -form  $\alpha$  and a  $q$ -form  $\beta$  which are both integrable are given, and that  $\alpha \wedge \beta \neq 0$ . Then  $\alpha \wedge \beta$  is also integrable, and we get the exact sequence*

$$(4.2) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \ker \iota_{\alpha \wedge \beta} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M) \xrightarrow{\iota_{\alpha \wedge \beta}} \mathcal{X}_{\alpha \wedge \beta}(M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

The following diagram of Leibniz algebra commutes where  $\iota'_\beta = (-1)^{pq} \iota_\beta$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\alpha^{q+1}(M) \subset \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  is the image of the interior product  $\iota_\alpha : \mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (\mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_{\alpha \wedge \beta}) & \\ \swarrow \iota_\alpha & & \searrow \iota'_\beta \\ (\mathcal{X}_\alpha^{q+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_\alpha) & \downarrow \iota_{\alpha \wedge \beta} & (\mathcal{X}_\beta^{p+1}(M), \llbracket, \rrbracket_\beta) \\ & \searrow \iota_\beta & \swarrow \iota_\alpha \\ & (\mathcal{X}_{\alpha \wedge \beta}(M), [, ]) & \end{array}$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\alpha \wedge \beta$  is an integrable  $(p+q)$ -form. Let us show the above diagram commutes. All the maps are well-defined since  $\iota_\beta(\mathcal{X}_\alpha^{q+1}(M)), \iota_\alpha(\mathcal{X}_\beta^{p+1}(M)) \subset \mathcal{X}_{\alpha \wedge \beta}(M)$ . For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M)$ , we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} [\iota_{\alpha \wedge \beta} X, Y](\alpha) &= \mathcal{L}_{X(\alpha \wedge \beta)}(Y(\alpha)) - Y(\mathcal{L}_{X(\alpha \wedge \beta)} \alpha) \\ &= [(\iota_\alpha X)(\beta), \iota_\alpha Y] - (-1)^{p+q} \langle X | d\alpha \wedge \beta \rangle (Y(\alpha)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_\alpha(\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket_{\alpha \wedge \beta}) &= [(\iota_{\alpha \wedge \beta} X, Y) + (-1)^{p+q} \langle X | d(\alpha \wedge \beta) \rangle Y](\alpha) \\ &= [(\iota_\alpha X)(\beta), \iota_\alpha Y] + (-1)^q \langle X | \alpha \wedge d\beta \rangle (Y(\alpha)) \\ &= [(\iota_\alpha X)(\beta), \iota_\alpha Y] + (-1)^q \langle \iota_\alpha X | d\beta \rangle (Y(\alpha)) \\ &= \llbracket \iota_\alpha X, \iota_\alpha Y \rrbracket_\beta \end{aligned}$$

and thus we conclude that  $\iota_\alpha : \mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{q+1}(M)$  is a Leibniz homomorphism; similarly for  $\iota'_\beta : \mathcal{X}^{p+q+1}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{p+1}(M)$ .  $\square$

*Example 4.4.* We consider the Lie algebra  $sl(2, \mathbf{R})$  with the basis

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then it holds that

$$[e_1, e_2] = e_2, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 2e_1, \quad [e_1, e_3] = -e_3.$$

Let us take the dual  $e_1^*, e_2^*, e_3^*$  of  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ . From  $de_2^* = -e_1^* \wedge e_2^*$ , it follows that  $(\wedge^2 sl(2, \mathbf{R}), \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket_{e_2^*})$  is a Leibniz algebra which is a central extension of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  where

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{span}(e_1, e_3), \quad [e_3, e_1] = e_3.$$

As we mentioned before, we may take a section  $s(X) = e_2 \wedge X$ . Then the corresponding cocycle  $\psi \in H^2(\mathfrak{g}; \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g})$  is given by

$$\psi(X, Y) = [X, e_2] \wedge Y - \langle X | e_1^* \rangle e_2 \wedge Y$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Since it follows that

$$\psi(e_1, e_1) = \psi(e_1, e_3) = \psi(e_3, e_1) = 0, \quad \psi(e_3, e_3) = 2a$$

where  $a = e_3 \wedge e_1 \in \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g}$ , we may write  $\psi = 2ae_3^* \otimes e_3^*$ .

When we replace  $e_2^*$  with  $ce_2^*$  where  $c$  is a non-zero constant, which preserves the foliation, then by

$$\llbracket g_1, g_2 \rrbracket_{ce_2^*} = c \llbracket g_1, g_2 \rrbracket_{e_2^*}$$

we deduce that the cocycle  $\psi$  is replaced with  $c^{-1}\psi$ .

Now, let us elucidate all the central extension  $(\wedge^2 sl(2, \mathbf{R}), \llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g}$  is given by

$$(4.3) \quad e_1 \cdot a = -2a, \quad e_3 \cdot a = 0,$$

that is,  $g \cdot a = 2\mathcal{L}_g a$ , and any 1-cochain  $t$  is generated by

$$t_1 = ae_1^*, \quad t_3 = ae_3^*.$$

Since  $\delta t(g_1, g_2) = g_1 \cdot t(g_2) - t([g_1, g_2])$ , we have

$$(4.4) \quad \delta t_1(e_1, e_1) = -2a, \quad \delta t_1(e_1, e_3) = \delta t_1(e_3, e_1) = \delta t_1(e_3, e_3) = 0,$$

$$(4.5) \quad \delta t_3(e_1, e_3) = \delta t_3(e_3, e_1) = -a, \quad \delta t_3(e_1, e_1) = \delta t_3(e_3, e_3) = 0,$$

thus we may write  $\delta t_1 = 2\kappa_{11}$  and  $\delta t_3 = \kappa_{13} + \kappa_{31}$  where  $\kappa_{ij}$  denotes  $-ae_i^* \otimes e_j^*$ . A direct computation shows  $\delta \kappa_{13}(e_1, e_3, e_3) \neq 0$ , that is,  $\kappa_{13}$  is not a cocycle, thus we deduce that  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g})$  is 1-dimensional and a cocycle  $c\kappa_{33}$  where  $c$  is a constant determines an element in  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}; \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g})$ . The corresponding Leibniz algebra structure on  $\wedge^2 sl(2, \mathbf{R})$  is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket e_2 \wedge e_1, e_2 \wedge e_1 \rrbracket &= 0, & \llbracket e_2 \wedge e_1, e_2 \wedge e_3 \rrbracket &= -e_2 \wedge e_3, \\ \llbracket e_2 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_1 \rrbracket &= e_2 \wedge e_3, & \llbracket e_2 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_3 \rrbracket &= -ce_3 \wedge e_1 \end{aligned}$$

(the rest is given by (4.3) and  $\llbracket \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g}, \wedge^2 sl(2, \mathbf{R}) \rrbracket = 0$ ). Thus we have shown that, on any central extension of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the center  $\mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g}$ , the Leibniz algebra structure is necessarily of this type.

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