

49. Universal Central Extensions of Chevalley Algebras over Laurent Polynomial Rings and GIM Lie Algebras

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We will give an explicit description of the universal central extensions of Chevalley algebras over Laurent polynomial rings with n variables, which is a natural generalization of the result for $n=1$ established in Garland [1], and which is obtained in a different way from Kassel [4]. Using this, we will discuss about a certain class of GIM Lie algebras which are introduced by Slodowy [5] as a generalization of Kac-Moody Lie algebras.

1. Central extensions of Chevalley algebras. Let F be a field of characteristic zero. For a finite dimensional split simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} over F and an F -algebra R , we will write $\mathfrak{g}(R)=R \otimes_F \mathfrak{g}$ and view $\mathfrak{g}(R)$ as a Lie algebra over F . Since $\mathfrak{g}(R)=[\mathfrak{g}(R), \mathfrak{g}(R)]$, there is a unique, up to isomorphism, universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g}(R)$. A central extension of $\mathfrak{g}(R)$:

$$(1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow \alpha \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}(R) \longrightarrow 0$$

can be reduced to a skew-symmetric F -bilinear mapping:

$$(2) \quad \{ \cdot, \cdot \}: R \times R \longrightarrow V$$

satisfying $\{u, vw\} + \{v, wu\} + \{w, uv\} = 0$ for all $u, v, w \in R$ (cf. [1], [3]).

2. Laurent polynomial rings. We denote by $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]$ the ring of Laurent polynomials in X_1, \dots, X_n with coefficients in F . Let \mathfrak{c} be the F -vector space with a basis $\{z_v^{(1)}, \dots, z_v^{(n-1)}, z_v^{(n)} \mid v \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$. We define an F -bilinear mapping $\{ \cdot, \cdot \}_1$:

$$F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \times F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \longrightarrow \mathfrak{c}$$

by, for all $r_i, s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ($i=1, \dots, n$),

$$(3) \quad \{X_1^{r_1} \dots X_n^{r_n}, X_1^{s_1} \dots X_n^{s_n}\}_1 = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{r_i s_k - s_i r_k}{l_k} z_v^{(i)} + \sum_{j=k+1}^n r_j z_v^{(j-1)} & \text{if } l_k \neq 0, l_{k+1} = \dots = l_n = 0 \text{ for some } k, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_v^{(i)} & \text{if } l_i = 0 \text{ for all } i, \end{cases}$$

where $v=(l_1, \dots, l_n)$ and $l_i=r_i+s_i$.

Theorem 1. *Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional split simple Lie algebra over F . Then the mapping (3) determines a universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$.*

Notice that the dimension of \mathfrak{c} is one ($n=1$); infinite ($n \geq 2$).

3. n -fold extended Cartan matrices. Let \mathfrak{h} be a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} , and $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{h} + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{g}^\alpha$ the root space decomposition of \mathfrak{g} with respect to

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\mathfrak{h} , where Δ is the root system of $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ and \mathfrak{g}^α is the root subspace of \mathfrak{g} corresponding to $\alpha \in \Delta$. We choose a fundamental system $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ of Δ , where $l = \dim \mathfrak{h}$. Let H_α be the coroot of α . We fix a Chevalley basis $\{H_{\alpha_i}, E_{\alpha_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq l, \alpha_i \in \Delta\}$ of \mathfrak{g} (cf. [2]). Here $H_{\alpha_i} \in \mathfrak{h}$ and $E_{\alpha_i} \in \mathfrak{g}^\alpha$. The Cartan subalgebra may be denoted by \mathfrak{g}^0 . Let $Q = \sum_{i=1}^{l+n} \mathbb{Z}\tilde{\beta}_i$ be the free \mathbb{Z} -module generated by $\tilde{\beta}_1, \dots, \tilde{\beta}_{l+n}$. For each $\tilde{\beta} = (k_1, \dots, k_{l+n}) \in Q$, we define the subspace:

$$\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])^{\tilde{\beta}} = (FX_1^{k_1+1} \dots X_n^{k_n+n}) \otimes_F \mathfrak{g}^{k_1\alpha_1 + \dots + k_{l+n}\alpha_l}$$

of $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$. Then $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$ is a Q -graded Lie algebra over F . Let $\beta = b_1\alpha_1 + \dots + b_l\alpha_l$ be the negative highest root of Δ with respect to Π . Put $\tilde{\alpha}_i = \tilde{\beta}_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq l$) and $\tilde{\alpha}_j = b_1\tilde{\beta}_1 + \dots + b_l\tilde{\beta}_l + \tilde{\beta}_j$ ($l+1 \leq j \leq l+n$). Then $\{\tilde{\alpha}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq l+n\}$ is a new basis of Q , and we will use this basis. Let $\alpha_j = \beta$ ($l+1 \leq j \leq l+n$). We denote by $A^{[n]}$ the n -fold extended Cartan matrix of \mathfrak{g} , which is defined by

$$A^{[n]} = \left(2 \frac{(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq l+n}.$$

4. GIM Lie algebras. An $m \times m$ integral matrix $B = (b_{ij})$ is called a generalized intersection matrix (=GIM) if

- (i) $b_{ii} = 2$,
- (ii) $b_{ij} < 0 \iff b_{ji} < 0$,
- (iii) $b_{ij} > 0 \iff b_{ji} > 0$.

For each GIM $B = (b_{ij})$, we denote by $L(B)$ the Lie algebra over F generated by $e_1, \dots, e_m, h_1, \dots, h_m, f_1, \dots, f_m$ with the defining relations: $[h_i, h_j] = 0$, $[h_i, e_j] = b_{ij}e_j$, $[h_i, f_j] = -b_{ij}f_j$, $[e_i, f_i] = h_i$ for all i, j , $[e_i, f_j] = (\text{ad } e_i)^{b_{ij}+1}e_j = (\text{ad } f_j)^{b_{ij}+1}f_j = 0$ for distinct i, j with $b_{ij} \leq 0$, $[e_i, e_j] = [f_i, f_j] = (\text{ad } e_i)^{b_{ij}+1}f_j = (\text{ad } f_j)^{b_{ij}+1}e_j = 0$ for distinct i, j with $b_{ij} > 0$. Then $L(B)$ is a \mathbb{Z}^m -graded Lie algebra over F in usual sense (cf. [5]).

Next suppose $B = A^{[n]}$. Then there is an extension

$$\phi: L(A^{[n]}) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$$

defined by $\phi(e_i) = E_{\alpha_i}$, $\phi(e_{l+j}) = X_j \otimes E_{\beta}$, $\phi(h_i) = H_{\alpha_i}$, $\phi(h_{l+j}) = H_{\beta}$, $\phi(f_i) = E_{-\alpha_i}$, $\phi(f_{l+j}) = X_j^{-1} \otimes E_{-\beta}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, l$ and $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then the kernel J_1 of ϕ is homogeneous since both $L(A^{[n]})$ and $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$ are Q -graded. Furthermore J_1 is a maximal homogeneous ideal of $L(A^{[n]})$. Let $J = [L(A^{[n]}), J_1]$.

Theorem 2. *Notation is as above. Then $L(A^{[n]})/J$ is a universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$.*

Let I_1 be the maximal homogeneous ideal of $L(A^{[n]})$ which intersects the subspace of degree zero trivially. Put $I = I_1 + J$ and $L'(A^{[n]}) = L(A^{[n]})/I$. Then ϕ induces a central extension $\phi': L'(A^{[n]}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$. Let $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n Fv_i$, and let

$$\{ \cdot, \cdot \}' : F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \times F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \longrightarrow V$$

be the mapping defined by

$$\{X_1^{r_1} \dots X_n^{r_n}, X_1^{s_1} \dots X_n^{s_n}\}' = \delta_{r_1, -s_1} \dots \delta_{r_n, -s_n} (r_1 v_1 + \dots + r_n v_n).$$

Theorem 3. *Notation is as above. Then the central extension ϕ' is*

corresponding to the mapping $\{\cdot, \cdot\}'$.

The algebra $L'(A^{[n]})$ is an n -fold generalization of the standard affine (Kac-Moody) Lie algebra $L(A^{[1]})=L'(A^{[1]})$.

5. A remark. Let (Ω, d) be the module of relative differential forms of $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]$ over F . Using the fact that $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]$ is a Hopf algebra, whose structure is given by $\Delta(X_i)=X_i \otimes X_i$ and $\varepsilon(X_i)=1$ for all $i=1, \dots, n$, the module Ω is identified with $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \otimes_F I/I^2$, where I is the kernel of ε (cf. [6]). Then the mapping d is identified with $(1 \otimes \pi)\Delta$, where π is the composition of the projection from $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]=F \oplus I$ to I and the canonical homomorphism: $I \rightarrow I/I^2$. Set $\Omega' = \Omega/d(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$. We define the mapping τ of $F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}] \times F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]$ to Ω' by

$$(4) \quad \tau(u, v) = \overline{ud(v)}$$

for all $u, v \in F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}]$. Then τ satisfies the condition of (2). The theory of Kassel [4] says that τ gives a universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g}(F[X_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, X_n^{\pm 1}])$. It is easily seen that $(c, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_1)$ is equivalent to (Ω', τ) (cf. [7]).

Our results seem to be answers to some questions in [9, Section 4.15].

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