

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

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

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 $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in (\mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$ 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 $m \in (\mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$, $|m| \leq j$.

Proposition 1.1. *Every $f \in C^{k;j}(U)$ is C^j -map of U into L_k .*

Let V be an open set in C^n . $V(L_k)$ is open in $(L_k)^n$. For $f \in C^j(V)$, we define a map $\Psi(f)$ of $V(L_k)$ into L_k by $\Psi(f)(a_1, \dots, a_n)(t) := f(a_1(t), \dots, a_n(t))$ for $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in V(L_k), t \in S^1$.

Proposition 1.2. *Ψ maps $C^{k+j}(V)$ into $C^{k;j}(V(L_k))$.*

For an open subset U of $(L_k)^n$, and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, put

$$C^{k;j}(U; (L_k)^m) := C^{k;j}(U) \times \dots \times C^{k;j}(U) \quad (m \text{ times}).$$

The following proposition is clear from Proposition 1.1.

Proposition 1.3. *Every element in $C^{k;j}(U; (L_k)^m)$ is a C^j -map from U into $(L_k)^m$.*

For every element $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ in $C^{k+j}(V; C^m)$ (=the space of C^{k+j} -maps from V into C^m), we put

$$\Psi(f) := (\Psi(f_1), \dots, \Psi(f_n)).$$

The same fact as Proposition 1.2 holds for this new Ψ as follows.

Proposition 1.4. *For any $f \in C^{j+k}(V; C^m)$, $\Psi(f)$ belongs to $C^{k;j}(V(L_k); (L_k)^m)$.*

Let $L_{k,R}$ be the real form of L_k consisting of the real valued functions. All the above results are also true for $L_{k,R}$.

§ 2. Structure of the space of loops in a manifold. Let $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and M be an n -dimensional C^k -manifold. We denote by $M(L_k)$ the space of C^k -loops in M :

$$M(L_k) = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow M; f \text{ is of class } C^k\}.$$

For another finite-dimensional manifold M' , and a C^k -map F from M into M' , we define a map $\Psi(F)$ into $M'(L_k)$ by

$$\Psi(F)(f)(s) := F(f(s)) \quad \text{for } f \in M(L_k), s \in S^1.$$

Proposition 2.1. *There exists a topology on $M(L_k)$, with respect to which the above $\Psi(F)$'s are continuous, and the decomposition of $M(L_k)$ into the connected components with this topology, is exactly given by the homotopy classes of M .*

Now, we consider the case of a Lie group M . Thanks to Propositions 2.1 and 1.4, $M(L_k)$ becomes a Lie group with tangent space $(L_k)^{\dim M}$ as follows.

Theorem 2.3. *Let M be a finite-dimensional Lie group, and $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$. For any coordinate neighbourhood (V, ϕ) of 1 in M , there exists a unique Lie group structure on $M(L_k)$ in which a coordinate neighbourhood of 1 is given by $(V(L_k), \Psi(\phi))$. This structure is independent from the choice of (V, ϕ) . For another Lie group M' of finite dimension, any open subset U of M , and a C^∞ -map F of U into M' , the map $\Psi(F)$ of $U(L_k)$ into $M'(L_k)$ is of class C^∞ .*

§ 3. A completed affine Lie algebra. Let H be a Cartan subgroup of G , and \mathfrak{h} its Lie algebra. Denote by Δ the root system of $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$, and Δ_+ a choice of the set of positive roots, and $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ the set of simple roots in Δ_+ . Take a Chevalley basis $x_\alpha (\alpha \in \Delta), h_1, \dots, h_l \in \mathfrak{h}$.

Proposition 3.1 [6]. *The normalizer N of H in G is generated by the elements $w_\alpha(s) := \exp(sx_\alpha)\exp(-s^{-1}x_{-\alpha})\exp(sx_\alpha)$ with $\alpha \in \Delta$, and $s \in C^\times$. For any $\alpha \in \Delta$, $s \in C^\times$, the element $h_\alpha(s) := w_\alpha(1)^{-1}w_\alpha(s)$ belongs to H , and the map $(s_1, \dots, s_l) \rightarrow h_{\alpha_1}(s_1) \cdots h_{\alpha_l}(s_l)$ defines a Lie group isomorphism of $(C^\times)^l$ onto H .*

We can define an involutive antilinear antiautomorphism on \mathfrak{g} by $x_{\alpha_i}^* := x_{\alpha_i}$, $h_i^* := h_i$ for $i=1, \dots, l$. We extend this involution and the Killing form $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ on \mathfrak{g} to $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, by

$$f^*(s) := f(s)^*, \quad B(f, g) := \int_0^1 B(f(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r}), g(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r}))dr$$

for $f, g \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k, s \in S^1$.

Then, $f \rightarrow f^*$ is an involutive antilinear antiautomorphism, $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a non-degenerate invariant symmetric bilinear form.

From now on, we always assume $k \geq 1$. Put $Z(f, g) := B(\partial f, g)$ for $f, g \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, where ∂ is the derivation on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ defined in the same way as in § 1.

Lemma 3.2. *$Z(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a continuous 2-cocycle on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$.*

Let $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ be the 1-dimensional central extension of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ corresponding to the 2-cocycle $Z(\cdot, \cdot)$, and $[\cdot, \cdot]$ be the bracket product on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$. As a vector space, $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ is equal to the direct sum $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k + Cc$, where c represents $1 \in C$. Thanks to the continuity of $Z(\cdot, \cdot)$, $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ becomes naturally a Banach Lie algebra. We remark that the 2-cocycle $Z(\cdot, \cdot)$ coincides with the usual one (cf., [3, 7.1] and [2, 1.1]) on the dense subalgebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Hence, the Banach Lie algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ contains densely the usual affine Lie algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

§ 4. An action of \tilde{G}_k on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$. Let k be a positive integer. Denote by $[\cdot, \cdot]_0$ the bracket product on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, and by Ad_0 the adjoint action of \tilde{G}_k on the loop algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$.

Lemma 4.1. *For each g in \tilde{G}_k , there exists a unique element z_g in $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{k-1}$ such that*

$$Z(\text{Ad}_0(g)x, \text{Ad}_0(g)y) = Z(x, y) + B(z_g, [x, y]_0) \quad \text{for } \forall x, y \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k.$$

For each $g \in \tilde{G}_k$, define a linear operator $\text{Ad}(g)$ on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ by

$$\text{Ad}(g)(x + rc) := \text{Ad}_0(g)x + (B(z_g, x) + r)c \quad \text{for } x \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k, r \in C.$$

Theorem 4.2. *$\text{Ad}: g \rightarrow \text{Ad}(g)$ is a group-homomorphism of \tilde{G}_k into the group $\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k)$ of homeomorphic automorphisms on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, and is of class C^∞ .*

Since the 2-cocycle $Z(\cdot, \cdot)$ is ∂ -invariant: $Z(\partial x, y) + Z(x, \partial y) = 0$ for $\forall x, y \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, ∂ defines, by $\partial c = 0$, a continuous linear map from $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ into $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{k-1}$, denoted by the same symbol ∂ . It satisfies the derivation property $[\partial x, y] + [x, \partial y] = 0$ for $\forall x, y \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$.

We put $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e := C\partial + \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$, and extend the bracket product on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ to a bilinear map $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e \times \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e \ni (x, y) \rightarrow [x, y] \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{k-1}^e$ by

$$[r_1\partial + x_1, r_2\partial + x_2] := r_1\partial x_2 - r_2\partial x_1 + [x_1, x_2] \quad \text{for } r_i \in C, x_i \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k (i=1, 2).$$

For each $g \in \tilde{G}_k$, we extend the operator $\text{Ad}(g)$ on $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ to the linear map from $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e$ into $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{k-1}^e$, by

$$\text{Ad}(g)\partial := \partial + z_{g^{-1}} - \frac{1}{2}B(z_g, z_g)c,$$

Proposition 4.3. *Let $k \geq 2$.*

- i) $[\text{Ad}(g)x, \text{Ad}(g)y] = \text{Ad}(g)[x, y]$ for $\forall g \in \tilde{G}_k, \forall x, y \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e$.
- ii) $\text{Ad}(g)\text{Ad}(g')x = \text{Ad}(gg')x$ for $\forall g, g' \in \tilde{G}_k, \forall x \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e$.

§ 5. Weyl group of the completed affine Lie algebra. The dense subalgebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}^e := \hat{\mathfrak{g}} + C\partial$ of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e$, is one of Kac-Moody algebras of affine type with tier number 1 [3, 7.1], and its Cartan subalgebra is given by $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}^e := \mathfrak{h} + Cc + C\partial$. The intersection of $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}^e$ with $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = [\hat{\mathfrak{g}}^e, \hat{\mathfrak{g}}^e]$ is given by $\hat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} + Cc$. $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}^e$ are maximal abelian subalgebras of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_k^e$ respectively. Put $\tilde{H}_k := H(L_k) \subset \tilde{G}_k$. By Proposition 3.1 and Theorem 2.2, we see that

$$(L_k)^\times \times \cdots \times (L_k)^\times \ni (f_1, \dots, f_l) \longrightarrow h_{\alpha_1}(f_1) \cdots h_{\alpha_l}(f_l) \in \tilde{H}_k$$

is a Lie group isomorphism.

Let \hat{Z} and \hat{Z}^e be centralizers in \tilde{G}_k of $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}^e$ respectively. Making use of the results in § 4, we get

Theorem 5.2. $\hat{Z} = \{h_{\alpha_1}(f_1) \cdots h_{\alpha_l}(f_l); f_1, \dots, f_l \in \exp(L_k)\}$, and $\hat{Z}^e = H$.

We denote by \hat{N} and \hat{N}^e the normalizers in \tilde{G}_k of $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ and $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}^e$ respectively.

Theorem 5.3. $\hat{N} = N \cdot \tilde{H}_k$, and

$$\tilde{N}^e = \hat{N}^e = N \cdot \{h_{\alpha_1}(C_1 \zeta^{n_1}) \cdots h_{\alpha_l}(C_l \zeta^{n_l}); n_1, \dots, n_l \in \mathbf{Z}, C_1, \dots, C_l \in \mathbf{C}^\times\},$$

where $\zeta : S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \subset \mathbf{C}$ is the identity map.

Put $\hat{W} := \hat{N}^e / \hat{Z}^e$ and

$$T := \{h_{\alpha_1}(C_1 \zeta^{n_1}) \cdots h_{\alpha_l}(C_l \zeta^{n_l}); n_1, \dots, n_l \in \mathbf{Z}, C_1, \dots, C_l \in \mathbf{C}^\times\}.$$

Since $N \cap T = H = \hat{Z}^e$ and N normalizes T , we have $\hat{W} = (N/H) \ltimes (T/H)$. We see that the mapping $T \ni g \rightarrow z_g$ gives an isomorphism of T/H onto the coroot lattice of $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$. Thus,

Theorem 5.4. *The quotient groups \hat{N} / \hat{Z} and \hat{N}^e / \hat{Z}^e are both isomorphic to the affine Weyl group $\hat{W} = W \ltimes \hat{Q}$ canonically, where W and \hat{Q} are the Weyl group and the coroot lattice of $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ respectively.*

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