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# Introduction

This thesis investigates the role of filtrations and gradings in the study of Lie (super)algebras.

In his paper [6] Kac indicates filtrations as the key ingredient used to solve the problem of classifying simple finite-dimensional primitive Lie superalgebras. In [9] he relates the problem of classifying simple infinite-dimensional linearly compact Lie superalgebras to the study and the classification of even transitive irreducible  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebras.

A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra is a Lie superalgebra  $L = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} L_j$  where the  $L_j$ 's are  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded subspaces such that  $[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j}$ . Consequently,  $L_0$  is a subalgebra of  $L$  and the  $L_j$ 's are  $L_0$ -modules with respect to the adjoint action.

A (decreasing) filtration of a Lie (super)algebra  $L$  is a sequence of subspaces of  $L$ :

$$L = L_{-d} \supset L_{-d+1} \cdots \supset \cdots \supset L_0 \supset L_1 \supset \dots$$

such that  $[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j}$ . The positive integer  $d$  is called the depth of the filtration. If  $L_0$  is a maximal subalgebra of  $L$  of finite codimension and the filtration is transitive, i.e., for any non-zero  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_k$  for  $k \geq 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_k = L_k/L_{k+1}$ , there is  $y \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  such that  $[x, y] \neq 0$ , the filtration is called, after [12], a Weisfeiler filtration.

The associated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie (super)algebra is of the form  $\mathfrak{g} = GrL = \bigoplus_{k \geq -d} \mathfrak{g}_k$ , and has the following properties:

- (1)  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_k < \infty$ ;

- (2)  $\mathfrak{g}_j = \mathfrak{g}_1^j$  for  $j > 1$ ;
- (3) if  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_j$  with  $j \geq 0$  and  $[a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ ;
- (4) the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible.

A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading satisfying property (3) is called *transitive*, if it satisfies property (4) it is called *irreducible*. Besides, it is said of *finite growth* if  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_n \leq P(n)$  for some polynomial  $P$ .

Weisfeiler's classification of such  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie algebras remained unpublished, but it is through these filtrations that Weisfeiler solved in a completely algebraic way the problem of classifying primitive linearly compact infinite-dimensional Lie algebras [12], a problem which had been first faced by Cartan [2] and then solved in [4] by the use of rather complicated methods from analysis.

Weisfeiler's idea leads Kac to the following classification theorem of infinite-dimensional Lie algebras, later generalized by Mathieu:

**Theorem 0.1.** [5] *Let  $L$  be a simple graded Lie algebra of finite growth. Assume that  $L$  is generated by its local part and that the grading is irreducible. Then  $L$  is isomorphic to one of the following:*

- (i) *a finite dimensional Lie algebra;*
- (ii) *an affine Kac-Moody Lie algebra;*
- (iii) *a Lie algebra of Cartan type.*

**Theorem 0.2.** [10] *Let  $L$  be a simple graded Lie algebra of finite growth. Then  $L$  is isomorphic to one of the following Lie algebras:*

- (i) *a finite dimensional Lie algebra;*
- (ii) *an affine Kac-Moody Lie algebra;*
- (iii) *a Lie algebra of Cartan type;*
- (iv) *a Virasoro-Witt Lie algebra.*



The classification of simple finite-dimensional Lie superalgebras [6] is divided into two main parts, namely, that of classical and non-classical Lie superalgebras. A Lie superalgebra  $L = L_{\bar{0}} + L_{\bar{1}}$  is called classical if it is simple and the representation of the Lie algebra  $L_{\bar{0}}$  on  $L_{\bar{1}}$  is completely reducible. In the case of such Lie superalgebras almost standard Lie algebras methods and techniques can be applied.

For the classification of the nonclassical simple Lie superalgebras  $L$  a Weisfeiler filtration is constructed and the classification of finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebras with properties (1)–(4) is used. In the proof the methods developed in Kac’s paper [5] for the classification of infinite-dimensional Lie algebras are applied and the Lie superalgebra  $L$  with filtration is reconstructed from the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $GrL$ . These methods rely on the connection between the properties of the gradings and the structure of the Lie (super)algebra. This thesis is focused on these properties to which Chapters 1, 2 and 3 are dedicated.

Chapter 4 is dedicated to the Lie superalgebras of vector fields  $W(m, n)$  and  $S(m, n)$ . Here  $W(m, n) = der\Lambda(m, n)$  where  $\Lambda(m, n) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n)$  is the Grassmann superalgebra and  $S(m, n)$  is the derived algebra of  $S'(m, n) = \{X \in W(m, n) \mid div(X) = 0\}$ . If  $n = 0$  these are infinite-dimensional Lie algebras, if  $m = 0$  they are finite-dimensional Lie superalgebras.

If we set  $\deg(x_i) = -\deg \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = 1$  for every even variable  $x_i$ , and  $\deg(\xi_j) = -\deg \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = 1$  for every odd variable  $\xi_j$ , then we get a grading of  $W(m, n)$  and  $S(m, n)$ , called the *principal grading*, satisfying properties (1) – (4). The properties of this grading can be used to prove the simplicity of the Lie superalgebras  $W(m, n)$  and  $S(m, n)$  (see Sections 4.1.2 and 4.2.2).

We then classify, up to isomorphisms, the strongly symmetric gradings of length 3 and 5 of  $W(m, n)$  and  $S(m, n)$ , and give a detailed description of them. A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said symmetric if  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i=-k}^k \mathfrak{g}_i$  for some  $k < \infty$ . If, in addition, the grading is transitive, generated by its local part and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-i}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  are isomorphic vector spaces, then the grading is

called *strongly symmetric*. We say that a strongly symmetric grading has length three (resp. five) if  $k = 1$  (resp.  $k = 2$ ).

The study of such gradings is motivated by [11], where a correspondence between strongly-symmetric graded Lie superalgebras of length three and five and triple systems appearing in three-dimensional supersymmetric conformal field theories is established.

We prove the following results:

**Theorem 0.3.** 1. *If  $(m, n) \neq (0, 2), (1, 1)$  the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$  has no strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three.*

2. *A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three of the Lie superalgebras  $W(0, 2)$  and  $W(1, 1)$  is the following:*

(a)  $(|1, 1)$

(b)  $(|0, 1)$

(c)  $(0|1)$

**Theorem 0.4.** *A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$  is the following:*

1.  $(|1, 2)$  for  $m = 0$  and  $n = 2$

2.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

**Theorem 0.5.** 1. *If  $(m, n) \neq (1, 2)$  then the Lie superalgebra  $S(m, n)$  has no strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of length three.*

2. *A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three of the Lie superalgebra  $S(1, 2)$  is the following:*

(a)  $(0|1, 1)$

(b)  $(0|1, 0)$

**Theorem 0.6.** *A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra of  $S(m, n)$  is the following:*

1.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$
2.  $(0|2, 1)$  for  $m = 1$  and  $n = 2$

Throughout this thesis the ground field is  $\mathbb{C}$ .



# Introduzione

In questa tesi viene analizzato il ruolo di filtrazioni e graduazioni nello studio di (super)algebre di Lie.

Nel suo articolo [6] Kac indica le filtrazioni come ingrediente chiave utilizzato per risolvere il problema di classificare le superalgebre di Lie semplici, di dimensione finita, primitive. In [9] mette in relazione il problema di classificare le superalgebre di Lie semplici, di dimensione infinita, linearmente compatte, allo studio e classificazione delle superalgebre di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduate even, transitive, irriducibili.

Una superalgebra di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduata è una superalgebra di Lie  $L = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} L_j$  dove gli  $L_j$  sono sottospazi  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graduati tali che  $[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j}$ . Ne segue che  $L_0$  è una sottoalgebra di  $L$  e che gli  $L_j$  sono  $L_0$ -moduli rispetto all'azione aggiunta.

Una filtrazione (decescente) di una (super)algebra di Lie  $L$  è una sequenza di sottospazi di  $L$ :

$$L = L_{-d} \supset L_{-d+1} \cdots \supset \cdots \supset L_0 \supset L_1 \supset \dots$$

tale che  $[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j}$ . L'intero positivo  $d$  è chiamato profondità della filtrazione. Se  $L_0$  è una sottoalgebra massimale di  $L$  di codimensione finita e la filtrazione è transitiva, i.e., per ogni  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_k$  non nullo, per  $k \geq 0$ , dove  $\mathfrak{g}_k = L_k/L_{k+1}$ , esiste  $y \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  tale che  $[x, y] \neq 0$ , la filtrazione è chiamata, seguendo [12], una filtrazione di Weisfeiler.

La (super)algebra di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduata associata è della forma  $\mathfrak{g} = GrL = \bigoplus_{k \geq -d} \mathfrak{g}_k$ , e ha le seguenti proprietà:

- (1)  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_k < \infty$ ;

- (2)  $\mathfrak{g}_j = \mathfrak{g}_1^j$  per  $j > 1$ ;
- (3) se  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_j$  con  $j \geq 0$  e  $[a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$ , allora  $a = 0$ ;
- (4) la rappresentazione di  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  su  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  è irriducibile.

Una  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazione che soddisfa la proprietà (3) è chiamata *transitiva*, se soddisfa la proprietà (4) è chiamata *irriducibile*. Inoltre, si dice che ha *crescita finita* se  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_n \leq P(n)$  per qualche polinomio  $P$ .

La classificazione di Weisfeiler di tali algebre di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduate rimase non pubblicata, ma fu grazie a queste filtrazioni che Weisfeiler risolse in un modo completamente algebrico il problema di classificare le algebre di Lie primitive, linearmente compatte, di dimensione infinita [12], un problema che venne prima affrontato da Cartan [2] e poi risolto in [4] con l'utilizzo di complicati metodi dell'analisi.

L'idea di Weisfeiler portò Kac al seguente teorema di classificazione di algebre di Lie infinito-dimensionali, in seguito generalizzato da Mathieu:

**Teorema 0.1.** [5] *Sia  $L$  un'algebra di Lie semplice graduata di crescita finita. Assumiamo che  $L$  sia generata dalla sua parte locale e che la graduazione sia irriducibile. Allora  $L$  è isomorfa a una delle seguenti:*

- (i) *un'algebra di Lie finito-dimensionale;*
- (ii) *un'algebra di Lie di Kac-Moody di tipo affine;*
- (iii) *un'algebra di Lie di tipo Cartan.*

**Teorema 0.2.** [10] *Sia  $L$  un'algebra di Lie semplice graduata di crescita finita. Allora  $L$  è isomorfa a una delle seguenti algebre di Lie:*

- (i) *un'algebra di Lie finito-dimensionale;*
- (ii) *un'algebra di Lie di Kac-Moody di tipo affine;*
- (iii) *un'algebra di Lie di tipo Cartan;*
- (iv) *un'algebra di Lie Virasoro-Witt.*

La classificazione delle superalgebre di Lie semplici finito-dimensionali [6] è divisa in due parti principali, ossia, quella delle superalgebre di Lie classiche e non classiche. Una superalgebra di Lie  $L = L_{\bar{0}} + L_{\bar{1}}$  è chiamata classica se è semplice e la rappresentazione dell'algebra di Lie  $L_{\bar{0}}$  su  $L_{\bar{1}}$  è completamente riducibile. Nel caso di tali superalgebre di Lie vengono applicati metodi e tecniche simili alle algebre di Lie.

Per la classificazione delle superalgebre di Lie non classiche, semplici  $L$ , si costruisce una filtrazione di Weisfeiler e si utilizza la classificazione di superalgebre di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduate finito-dimensionali con le proprietà (1)–(4). Nella dimostrazione, vengono applicate le tecniche utilizzate nell'articolo di Kac [5] per la classificazione di algebre di Lie infinito-dimensionali e la superalgebra di Lie  $L$  con filtrazione è ricostruita dalla superalgebra di Lie  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduata  $GrL$ . Queste tecniche si basano sul legame tra le proprietà delle graduazioni e la struttura della (super)algebra di Lie. Questa tesi studia queste proprietà, a cui sono dedicati i capitoli 1, 2 e 3.

Il capitolo 4 è dedicato alle superalgebre di Lie di campi vettoriali  $W(m, n)$  e  $S(m, n)$ .  $W(m, n) = der\Lambda(m, n)$  dove  $\Lambda(m, n) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n)$  è la superalgebra di Grassmann e  $S(m, n)$  è l'algebra derivata di  $S'(m, n) = \{X \in W(m, n) \mid div(X) = 0\}$ . Se  $n = 0$  queste sono algebre di Lie infinito-dimensionali, se  $m = 0$  sono superalgebre di Lie finito-dimensionali.

Se poniamo  $\deg(x_i) = -\deg \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = 1$  per ogni variabile pari  $x_i$ , e  $\deg(\xi_j) = -\deg \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = 1$  per ogni variabile dispari  $\xi_j$ , allora otteniamo una graduazione di  $W(m, n)$  e  $S(m, n)$ , chiamata *graduazione principale*, che soddisfa le proprietà (1) – (4). Le proprietà di questa graduazione possono essere usate per dimostrare la semplicità delle superalgebre di Lie  $W(m, n)$  e  $S(m, n)$  (Sezioni 4.1.2 e 4.2.2).

In seguito classifichiamo, a meno di isomorfismo, le graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza 3 e 5 di  $W(m, n)$  e  $S(m, n)$ , e diamo una loro descrizione. Una  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazione di una superalgebra di Lie  $\mathfrak{g}$  è detta simmetrica se  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i=-k}^k \mathfrak{g}_i$  per qualche  $k < \infty$ . Se, inoltre, la graduazione è transitiva, generata dalla parte locale e  $\mathfrak{g}_{-i}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  sono spazi vettoriali

isomorfi, allora la graduazione è chiamata *fortemente simmetrica*. Diciamo che una graduazione fortemente simmetrica ha lunghezza tre (risp. cinque) se  $k = 1$  (risp.  $k = 2$ ).

Lo studio di tali graduazioni è motivato da [11], dove è stabilita una corrispondenza tra superalgebre di Lie con graduazione fortemente-simmetrica di lunghezza tre e cinque e sistemi tripli che intervengono nelle teorie di campo conforme supersimmetrico tridimensionali.

Otteniamo i seguenti risultati:

**Teorema 0.3.** 1. Se  $(m, n) \neq (0, 2), (1, 1)$  allora la superalgebra di Lie  $W(m, n)$  non ha  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza tre.

2. Una lista completa, a meno di isomorfismi, di  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza tre delle superalgebre di Lie  $W(0, 2)$  e  $W(1, 1)$  è la seguente:

(a)  $(|1, 1)$

(b)  $(|0, 1)$

(c)  $(0|1)$

**Teorema 0.4.** Una lista completa, a meno di isomorfismi, di  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza cinque della superalgebra di Lie  $W(m, n)$  è la seguente:

1.  $(|1, 2)$  per  $m = 0$  e  $n = 2$

2.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

**Teorema 0.5.** 1. Se  $(m, n) \neq (1, 2)$  allora la superalgebra di Lie  $S(m, n)$  non ha  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza tre.

2. Una lista completa, a meno di isomorfismi, di  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza tre della superalgebra di Lie  $S(1, 2)$  è la seguente:



(a)  $(0|1, 1)$

(b)  $(0|1, 0)$

**Teorema 0.6.** *Una lista completa, a meno di isomorfismi, di  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graduazioni fortemente simmetriche di lunghezza cinque della superalgebra di Lie  $S(m, n)$  è la seguente:*

1.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

2.  $(0|2, 1)$  per  $m = 1$  e  $n = 2$

In questa tesi il campo utilizzato è  $\mathbb{C}$ .



# Chapter 0

## Preliminaries on representations of semisimple Lie algebras

In this chapter we recall some basic facts about the irreducible representations of a semisimple Lie algebra.

### 0.1 Highest and lowest weights

We consider a semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Moreover, we consider a finite-dimensional representation  $\rho$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $V$  or, equivalently a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V$ . If  $\lambda$  is an element of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$  we set:

$$V_\lambda = \{v \in V \mid \rho(h)(v) = \lambda(h)v \ \forall h \in \mathfrak{h}\}$$

**Definition 0.1.** If  $V_\lambda \neq 0$  we call  $\lambda$  a weight of  $\rho$ .

**Definition 0.2.** An element  $v_\lambda \in V_\lambda$  is called a weight vector if  $v_\lambda \neq 0$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}_\rho$  the set of all the weights of  $\rho$ . It follows that  $V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}_\rho} V_\lambda$ .

If the representation is the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then a weight  $\alpha$  is

called a root of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . It follows that  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$ , with  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{h}$ , and if  $\alpha \neq 0$  we have  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}) = 1$ .

**Definition 0.3.** A nonzero vector  $e_{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$  is said root vector.

Moreover if  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}, V_{\lambda}] \neq 0$  and  $\lambda + \alpha \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$  then  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}, V_{\lambda}] \subset V_{\lambda+\alpha}$ , on the other hand  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}, V_{\lambda}] = 0$  if  $\lambda + \alpha \notin \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$ .

We know that the Killing form  $(a, b) = \text{tr}(ad(a)ad(b))$  and its restriction to  $\mathfrak{h}$  are nondegenerate. Therefore if  $\alpha \neq 0$  we have  $[e_{\alpha}, e_{-\alpha}] = (e_{\alpha}, e_{-\alpha})h_{\alpha} \neq 0$ , where  $h_{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{h}$  is the unique vector such that  $\alpha(h) = (h_{\alpha}, h)$ .

We denote by  $\Delta$  the set of nonzero roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Definition 0.4.** A subset  $\Sigma$  of  $\Delta$  is called base if:

1.  $\Sigma$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$
2. every root can be written as  $\sum k_i \alpha_i$ , with  $k_i$  all nonnegative or all nonpositive integers

We call positive (resp. negative) the roots for which all  $k_i$  are nonnegative (resp. nonpositive) and we denote the set of positive (resp. negative) roots by  $\Delta^+$  (resp.  $\Delta^-$ ). Moreover we call simple roots the elements of  $\Sigma = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\}$ . We have that  $\Delta = \Delta^+ \cup -\Delta^+$ .

We denote by  $\mathfrak{h}_0^*$  the linear span of  $\Delta$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that the Killing form is positively definite on  $\mathfrak{h}_0^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\rho} \subset \mathfrak{h}_0^*$ .

If  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$ , the elements  $\lambda + s\alpha$  are weights if  $-p \leq s \leq q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are non negative integers and  $p - q = 2(\lambda, \alpha)/(\alpha, \alpha)$ . We call numerical marks of  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  the numbers  $2(\lambda, \alpha_i)/(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$ , its numerical marks are integers.

**Definition 0.5.** We call  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_0^*$  dominant if its numerical marks are nonnegative.

**Definition 0.6.** A weight  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$  is said highest weight of  $\rho$  if  $\Lambda + \alpha \notin \mathcal{L}_{\rho}$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta^+$ .

**Definition 0.7.** A weight  $M \in \mathcal{L}_\rho$  is said lowest weight of  $\rho$  if  $M - \alpha \notin \mathcal{L}_\rho$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta^+$ .

**Definition 0.8.** A nonzero vector  $v \in V_\Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is the highest weight, is said highest weight vector of  $\rho$ .

**Definition 0.9.** A nonzero vector  $v \in V_M$ , where  $M$  is the lowest weight, is said lowest vector of  $\rho$ .

The highest and lowest vectors are unique up to scalars.

It is known that if  $\rho$  is an irreducible finite-dimensional representation of a semisimple algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  then  $\Lambda$  is dominant and for any dominant linear function  $\Lambda$  there is a unique finite-dimensional representation with highest weight  $\Lambda$ , up to isomorphisms.

Every representation  $\rho$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  in  $V$  induces a representation  $\rho^*$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  in  $V^*$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\rho^*$  said contragredient, moreover  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}_\rho$  if and only if  $-\lambda \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho^*}$ . It follows that if  $\Lambda$  is the highest weight of  $\rho$  then  $-\Lambda$  is the lowest weight of  $\rho^*$ .

If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple, then its adjoint representation is irreducible and its highest weight is the highest root.

**Definition 0.10.** A Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \neq 0$  is said reductive if  $Rad(\mathfrak{g}) = Z(\mathfrak{g})$ .

**Theorem 0.1.** 1. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a reductive Lie algebra, it follows that  $\mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g})$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$  is either semisimple or 0.

2. If a nonzero Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ , where  $V$  is finite-dimensional, acts irreducibly on  $V$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is reductive and  $\dim(Z(\mathfrak{g})) \leq 1$

*Proof.* 1) If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian, the thesis is obvious. Let us consider  $\mathfrak{g}$  a non abelian reductive Lie algebra. Then  $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g})$  is semisimple, it follows, by Weyl's theorem, that  $ad_{\mathfrak{g}} \cong \mathfrak{g}'$  acts completely reducibly on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . From the semisimplicity of  $\mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g})$ , it follows that  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]/Z(\mathfrak{g}) \cong [\mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g})] = \mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g})$ , i.e. for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  there exist  $y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $x = [y, z] + c$  for some  $c \in Z(\mathfrak{g})$ , that is  $\mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] + Z(\mathfrak{g})$ . Since  $Z(\mathfrak{g})$  is an  $ad_{\mathfrak{g}}$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then

$\mathfrak{g} = M \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g})$ , where  $M$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We have that  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \subset [M, M] \subset M$ , so  $\mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g})$ .

2) We denote by  $S$  the radical of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . By Lie's theorem the elements of  $S$  have a common eigenvector in  $V$ , hence  $s.v = \lambda(s)v \forall s \in S$ . Let  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ , then  $[s, x] \in S$ , so  $s.(x.v) = \lambda(s)x.v + \lambda([s, x])v$ . But  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts irreducibly on  $V$ , so every element of  $V$  is obtained acting by elements of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $V$  and taking linear combinations. It follows that every matrix of  $s \in S$  is triangular, with respect to a suitable basis, with only  $\lambda(s)$  on the diagonal. But the trace of the elements of  $[S, \mathfrak{g}]$  is zero, so  $\lambda$  is null on  $[S, \mathfrak{g}]$ . Then  $s \in S$  acts diagonally as  $\lambda(s)$  on  $V$ . We have that  $S = Z(\mathfrak{g})$  and  $\dim(S) \leq 1$ .  $\square$

## 0.2 Dynkin Diagrams

We know that a semisimple Lie algebra can be described by a Dynkin diagram. If we fix a set of simple roots  $\Sigma = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\}$ , the numbers  $\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle = 2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)/(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)$  are non positive integers. The Dynkin diagram is composed by  $s$  nodes, which represent the simple roots, where the  $i$ th and the  $j$ th nodes are linked by  $\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle \langle \alpha_j, \alpha_i \rangle$  edges with an arrow pointing to  $\alpha_i$  if  $|\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_i \rangle| < |\langle \alpha_j, \alpha_j \rangle|$ , i.e. if  $\alpha_i$  is shorter than  $\alpha_j$ . If  $\rho$  is an irreducible representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , it can be represented by a Dynkin diagram endowed with the numerical marks  $2(\Lambda, \alpha_i)/(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)$  of the highest weight  $\Lambda$  of  $\rho$ , written by the corresponding nodes.

# Chapter 1

## Lie superalgebras

In this chapter we introduce some basic notions about superalgebras, Lie superalgebras and some examples.

### 1.1 Superalgebras

**Definition 1.1.** (M-grading) Let  $A$  be an algebra and  $M$  an abelian group, we define an  $M$ -grading on  $A$  a decomposition of  $A$  as  $A = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in M} A_\alpha$ , where the  $A_\alpha$ 's are subspaces of  $A$  such that  $A_\alpha A_\beta \subset A_{\alpha+\beta}$ .

We call an algebra  $A$  endowed with a grading as in Definition 1.1 *M-graded* and an element  $a \in A_\alpha$  homogeneous of degree  $\alpha$ . Moreover a subspace of  $A$  is called *M-graded* if  $B = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in M} (B \cap A_\alpha)$ . All subalgebras and ideals of an  $M$ -graded algebra are meant to be  $M$ -graded.

**Definition 1.2.** (Homomorphism) A homomorphism  $\phi$  of two  $M$ -graded algebras  $A$  and  $A'$  is a homomorphism which preserves the grading, i.e.  $\phi(A_\alpha) \subset A'_{\varphi(\alpha)}$ , with  $\varphi$  an automorphism of  $M$ .

We are interested in the case  $M = \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** (Superalgebra) A superalgebra is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$ .

We call the elements of  $A_{\bar{0}}$  even and the elements of  $A_{\bar{1}}$  odd. If  $a \in A_{\alpha}$  we will say that  $\alpha$  is the parity of  $a$  and we will denote it by  $p(a)$ .

**Definition 1.4.** (Tensor product) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be superalgebras. We define  $A \otimes B$  as the superalgebra with underlying space the tensor product of the spaces  $A$  and  $B$  and induced  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading. The product is defined as follows:

$$(a_1 \otimes b_1)(a_2 \otimes b_2) = (-1)^{p(a_2)p(b_1)} a_1 a_2 \otimes b_1 b_2 \quad a_i \in A, b_i \in B$$

**Definition 1.5.** (Bracket) On a superalgebra we define the following bracket:

$$[a, b] = ab - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} ba \quad (1.1)$$

We call abelian a superalgebra  $A$  in which  $[a, b] = 0$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

The definition of associativity is the same as for algebras.

*Remark 1.* If  $A$  is an associative superalgebra, then the following identity holds:

$$[a, bc] = [a, b]c + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} b[a, c] \quad (1.2)$$

Indeed, the left hand side is:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, bc] &= a(bc) - (-1)^{p(a)p(bc)} (bc)a = \\ &= a(bc) - (-1)^{p(a)((p(b)+p(c))} (bc)a \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side is:

$$\begin{aligned} (ab - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} ba)c + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} b(ac - (-1)^{p(a)p(c)} ca) &= \\ (ab)c - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} (ba)c + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} b(ac) - (-1)^{p(a)((p(b)+p(c))} b(ca) &= \\ a(bc) - (-1)^{p(a)((p(b)+p(c))} (bc)a \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1.* If  $M$  is an abelian group and  $V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in M} V_{\alpha}$  an  $M$ -graded space, we can consider  $End(V)$  with the induced  $M$ -grading, i.e.,  $End(V) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in M} End_{\alpha} V$  where:

$$End_{\alpha} V = \{a \in End V \mid a(V_s) \subseteq V_{s+\alpha}\}$$

If  $M = \mathbb{Z}_2$  we have  $End V = End_{\bar{0}} V \oplus End_{\bar{1}} V$



*Example 2.* If  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Grassmann algebra in the variables  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$ , we define  $p(\xi_i) = \bar{1}$ , for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .  $\Lambda(n)$  with this grading is said the Grassmann superalgebra.

## 1.2 Lie superalgebras

**Definition 1.6.** (Lie superalgebra) A superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  with bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is called a Lie superalgebra if the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= -(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}[b, a] && \text{anticommutativity} \\ [a, [b, c]] &= [[a, b], c] + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}[b, [a, c]] && \text{Jacobi identity} \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.*  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  is a Lie algebra. Besides,  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -module with the action given by the bracket and the following map is a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -modules:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : S^2 \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}} &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} \\ (g_1, g_2) &\longmapsto [g_1, g_2] \end{aligned}$$

On the other side, a Lie superalgebra is completely determined by the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ , the  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -module  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  and a map  $\varphi$  such that for  $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ :

$$\varphi(a, b)c + \varphi(b, c)a + \varphi(c, a)b = 0$$

*Example 3.* Bracket (1.1) defines on an associative superalgebra  $A$  a Lie superalgebra structure that we will indicate by  $A_L$ . Indeed anticommutativity and the Jacobi identity follow from the definition of the bracket and associativity: for  $a, b \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] &= ab - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}ba = -(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(-(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}ab + ba) = \\ &\quad - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}[b, a] \end{aligned}$$

Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned}
[a, [b, c]] &= [a, bc - (-1)^{p(b)p(c)}cb] = \\
&a(bc) - (-1)^{p(b)p(c)}a(cb) - (-1)^{(p(b)+p(c))p(a)}(bc)a + \\
&(-1)^{(p(b)+p(c))p(a)}(-1)^{p(b)p(c)}(cb)a = \\
&a(bc) - (-1)^{p(b)p(c)}a(cb) - (-1)^{(p(b)+p(c))p(a)}(bc)a + \\
&(-1)^{p(b)p(a)+p(c)(p(a)+p(b))}(cb)a
\end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}
[[a, b], c] + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}[b, [a, c]] &= \\
[ab - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}ba, c] + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}[b, ac - (-1)^{p(a)p(c)}ca] &= \\
(ab)c - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(ba)c - (-1)^{p(c)(p(a)+p(b))}c(ab) + \\
(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(-1)^{p(c)(p(a)+p(b))}c(ba) + \\
(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}b(ac) - (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(-1)^{p(a)p(c)}b(ca) + \\
- (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(-1)^{p(b)(p(a)+p(c))}(ac)b + \\
(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(-1)^{p(a)p(c)}(-1)^{p(b)(p(a)+p(c))}(ca)b = \\
a(bc) - (-1)^{p(b)p(c)}a(cb) - (-1)^{(p(b)+p(c))p(a)}(bc)a + \\
(-1)^{p(b)p(a)+p(c)(p(a)+p(b))}(cb)a
\end{aligned}$$

### 1.3 Derivations

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $A$  be a superalgebra. We call  $D \in \text{End}_s A$  a derivation of  $A$  of degree  $s$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , if:

$$D(ab) = D(a)b + (-1)^{sp(a)}aD(b) \quad (\text{Leibniz rule})$$

We call  $\text{Der}_s A \subset \text{End}_s A$  the space of derivations of degree  $s$  on  $A$  and  $\text{Der} A = \text{Der}_{\bar{0}} A \oplus \text{Der}_{\bar{1}} A$ . Notice that  $\text{Der} A$  is not an associative subalgebra of  $\text{End} A$ , but it is a Lie subalgebra of  $(\text{End} A)_L$ .

*Remark 3.* Let us consider a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then the map:

$$ad_a(b) = [a, b] \quad \text{for } a, b \in \mathfrak{g}$$

is a derivation, by the Jacobi identity. Derivations of this form are said inner derivations.

*Remark 4.* Inner derivations are an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Indeed  $[D, ad_a] = ad_{D(a)} \quad \forall D \in Der \mathfrak{g}, \forall a \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

*Example 4.* Let us consider the Grassmann superalgebra  $\Lambda(n) = \Lambda_{\bar{0}}(n) \oplus \Lambda_{\bar{1}}(n)$ . Our purpose is to describe  $Der \Lambda(n)$ . We see  $\Lambda(n)$  as the quotient  $\tilde{\Lambda}(n)/I$  where  $\tilde{\Lambda}(n)$  is the free associative superalgebra generated by  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$  and  $I$  is the ideal generated by the relations  $\xi_i \xi_j + \xi_j \xi_i$ . The grading is given by setting  $p(\xi_i) = \bar{1}, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$ . If  $P, Q \in \tilde{\Lambda}(n)$  are homogeneous elements, then  $[P, Q] = PQ - (-1)^{p(P)p(Q)}QP \in I$ . Therefore let  $D$  be a derivation of  $\tilde{\Lambda}(n)$  of degree  $s$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} D(\xi_i \xi_j + \xi_j \xi_i) &= D(\xi_i) \xi_j + (-1)^s \xi_i D(\xi_j) + D(\xi_j) \xi_i + (-1)^s \xi_j D(\xi_i) = \\ &= (D(\xi_i) \xi_j + (-1)^s \xi_j D(\xi_i)) + (D(\xi_j) \xi_i + (-1)^s \xi_i D(\xi_j)) \in I \end{aligned}$$

So  $D(I) \subset I$ . Notice that, by the Leibniz rule,  $D(1) = 0$ . Besides, by the Leibniz rule, a derivation  $D$  of  $\tilde{\Lambda}(n)$  is completely determined by the values  $D(\xi_i)$ , therefore, if we choose  $P_1, \dots, P_n \in \Lambda(n)$ , there is only one derivation  $D$  of  $\Lambda(n)$  such that  $D(\xi_i) = P_i$ . Let us consider the relation  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}(\xi_j) = \delta_{ij}$ , this defines a derivation on  $\Lambda(n)$ . So we can now write a derivation  $D \in \Lambda(n)$  such that  $D(\xi_i) = P_i$  in the following way:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}$$

## 1.4 The superalgebra $l(V)$ , supertrace and bilinear forms

We consider a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded space  $V = V_{\bar{0}} \oplus V_{\bar{1}}$ . We already noticed that  $EndV$ , with the induced  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading, is an associative superalgebra and  $(EndV)_L$  is a Lie superalgebra. We shall denote  $(EndV)_L$  by  $l(V) = l(V)_{\bar{0}} \oplus l(V)_{\bar{1}}$  or  $l(m, n)$ , if  $m = dim(V_{\bar{0}})$  and  $n = dim(V_{\bar{1}})$ .

Let us consider a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_{m+n}\}$  of  $V$  where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  is a basis of  $V_{\bar{0}}$  and  $\{e_{m+1}, \dots, e_{m+n}\}$  a basis of  $V_{\bar{1}}$ . We call such a basis homogeneous. With respect to this basis every element of  $l(V)$  has matrix of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\alpha$  a  $m \times m$  matrix,  $\beta$  a  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\gamma$  a  $n \times m$  matrix,  $\delta$  a  $n \times n$  matrix. An element of  $l(V)_{\bar{0}}$  has a matrix of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix}$ , and an element of  $l(V)_{\bar{1}}$  has a matrix of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Definition 1.8.** (Supertrace) Let us consider an element  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  of  $l(m, n)$ . The supertrace of  $A$  is:

$$\text{str}(A) = \text{tr}\alpha - \text{tr}\delta$$

Since the supertrace does not depend on the choice of the homogeneous basis, we can consider the supertrace of  $A$  in any homogeneous basis.

Let us now introduce some definitions about bilinear forms. In the following  $V = V_{\bar{0}} \oplus V_{\bar{1}}$  will be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded space and  $f$  a bilinear form on  $V$ .

**Definition 1.9.** A bilinear form  $f$  on  $V$  is said *consistent* if  $f(a, b) = 0 \quad \forall a \in V_{\bar{0}}, \forall b \in V_{\bar{1}}$ .

**Definition 1.10.** A bilinear form  $f$  on  $V$  is said *supersymmetric* if  $f(a, b) = (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} f(b, a)$ .

**Definition 1.11.** A bilinear form  $f$  on a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said *invariant* if  $f([a, b], c) = f(a, [b, c])$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** *The bilinear form  $\text{str}(ab)$  is consistent, supersymmetric and invariant on  $l(V)$ . Moreover:*

$$\text{str}([a, b]) = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in l(V).$$

*Proof.* Let us set  $str(ab) = (a, b)$ . We fix a homogeneous basis of  $l(V)$ . We start showing consistency: we consider  $a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in l(V)_{\bar{0}}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in l(V)_{\bar{1}}$ . Then  $ab = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha\beta \\ \delta\gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so  $(a, b) = 0$ .

We now prove supersymmetry. Let us consider  $a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\delta} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $ab = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\tilde{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & \delta\tilde{\delta} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $(a, b) = tr(\alpha\tilde{\alpha}) - tr(\delta\tilde{\delta}) = tr(\tilde{\alpha}\alpha) - tr(\tilde{\delta}\delta)$ . If  $a \in l(V)_{\bar{0}}$  and  $b \in l(V)_{\bar{1}}$  supersymmetry follows from consistency. Finally we analyze the case  $a, b \in l(V)_{\bar{1}}$ , i.e.  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha \\ \beta & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \delta & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to a homogeneous basis. We have  $(a, b) = tr(\alpha\delta) - tr(\beta\gamma)$  and  $(b, a) = tr(\gamma\beta) - tr(\delta\alpha)$ , then  $(a, b) = -(b, a)$ . The property  $str([a, b]) = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in l(V)$  is equivalent to supersymmetry.

It remains to show invariance, using (1.2) we get:

$$0 = str([b, ac]) = ([b, a], c) + (-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(a, [b, c])$$

therefore

$$([b, a], c) = -(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}(a, [b, c])$$

We conclude  $-(-1)^{p(a)p(b)}([b, a], c) = ([a, b], c) = (a, [b, c])$  □

## 1.5 Classical Lie superalgebras

**Definition 1.12.** (Classical Lie superalgebra) Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  be a finite dimensional Lie superalgebra,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said classical if it is simple and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is a completely reducible  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -module.

### 1.5.1 $A(m, n)$

We define:

$$sl(m, n) = \{a \in l(m, n) \mid str(a) = 0\}$$

This is an ideal of  $l(m, n)$  of codimension 1, since  $\forall a, b \in l(m, n)$ ,  $str[a, b] = 0$ .

If  $m = n$  the set of elements of the form  $\lambda I_{2n}$  is an ideal of  $sl(m, n)$ .

We set:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) &= sl(m+1, n+1) \quad \text{if } m \neq n \quad m, n \geq 0 \\ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}) &= sl(n+1, n+1) / \langle I_{2n+2} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

### 1.5.2 $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}), \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{n})$

Let us consider a non degenerate, consistent, supersymmetric bilinear form  $F$  on  $V$ , such that  $V_{\bar{0}}$  and  $V_{\bar{1}}$  are orthogonal,  $F_{V_{\bar{0}} \times V_{\bar{0}}}$  is symmetric and  $F_{V_{\bar{1}} \times V_{\bar{1}}}$  is skew-symmetric. Then  $n$  must be even, say  $n = 2r$ .

We define the orthogonal-symplectic superalgebra  $osp(m, n) = osp(m, n)_{\bar{0}} \oplus osp(m, n)_{\bar{1}}$  in the following way:

$$osp(m, n)_s = \{a \in l(m, n)_s \mid F(a(x), y) = -(-1)^{sp(x)} F(x, a(y))\}, \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}_2$$

Let us consider the case  $m = 2l + 1$ . With respect to a conveniently chosen basis, the matrix of  $F$  becomes:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & I_l & 0 & & \\ I_l & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ \hline & & & 0 & I_r \\ & & & -I_r & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

hence an element of  $osp(m, n)$  becomes of the form:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} a & b & u & x & x_1 \\ c & -a^T & v & y & y_1 \\ -v^T & -u^T & 0 & z & z_1 \\ \hline y_1^T & x_1^T & z_1^T & d & e \\ -y^T & -x^T & -z^T & f & -d^T \end{array} \right] \quad (*)$$

where  $a$  is a matrix of size  $l \times l$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are skew-symmetric of size  $l \times l$ ,  $d$  is  $r \times r$ , the matrices  $e$  and  $f$  are symmetric of size  $r \times r$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are column vectors of length  $l$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are of size  $l \times r$ , finally  $z$  is of a column vector of

length  $r$ .

Similarly, in the case  $m = 2l$ , if we choose a basis conveniently, the matrix of  $F$  becomes:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & I_l & & \\ I_l & 0 & & \\ \hline & & 0 & I_r \\ & & -I_r & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

then a matrix of  $osp(m, n)$  is of the same form as (\*) up to deleting the central column and row.

We define:

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = osp(2m + 1, 2n) \quad m \geq 0 \quad n > 0$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) = osp(2m, 2n) \quad m \geq 2 \quad n > 0$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{n}) = osp(2, 2n - 2) \quad n \geq 2$$

### 1.5.3 The superalgebras $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{n})$ , $n \geq 2$ and $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n})$ , $n \geq 2$

$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{n})$  is a subalgebra of  $sl(n + 1, n + 1)$ , whose elements are of the form:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline c & -a^T \end{array} \right]$$

with  $tr(a) = 0$ ,  $b$  symmetric and  $c$  skew-symmetric.

Before defining the elements of  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n})$ , we consider the subalgebra  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(n)$  of  $sl(n + 1, n + 1)$  consisting of matrices of the form:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline b & a \end{array} \right]$$

with  $tr(b) = 0$ . The center of  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(n)$  is  $C = \langle I_{2n+2} \rangle$  and we set  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{n}) = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}(n)/C$ .





# Chapter 2

## $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings

Let us introduce some definitions about  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings.

**Definition 2.1.** ( $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra) A Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  is said  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded if:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{g} &= \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i \\ [\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j] &\subset \mathfrak{g}_{i+j} \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.2.** If  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra s.t.  $\mathfrak{g}_i = 0 \forall i < -d$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -d} \mathfrak{g}_i$ , we will say that  $d$  is the depth of the grading.

**Definition 2.3.** (Consistent  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is said consistent if:

$$\mathfrak{g}_0 = \bigoplus \mathfrak{g}_{2i} \quad \mathfrak{g}_1 = \bigoplus \mathfrak{g}_{2i+1}$$

From Definition 2.1 it follows that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_i] \subset \mathfrak{g}_i, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so the  $\mathfrak{g}_i$ 's are  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -modules with respect to the adjoint representation restricted to  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ .

*Example 5.* Let us consider a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded space  $V = V_0 \oplus V_1$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, i.e.  $V = V_0 \oplus V_1$ , then  $l(V)$  is endowed with a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading, compatible with the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading, and  $l(V) = l_{-1} \oplus l(V)_0 \oplus l_1$ , where the elements of  $l_{-1}$  have matrix of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and the elements of  $l_1$  have matrix of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Example 6.* If we choose a homogeneous basis of  $l(m, n)$ , then the elements of  $sl(m, n) = sl(m, n)_{-1} \oplus sl(m, n)_0 \oplus sl(m, n)_1$ , seen as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, are of the following form: the elements of  $sl(m, n)_0$  are matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  with  $tr(\alpha) = tr(\delta)$ , the elements of  $sl(m, n)_1$  are matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and the elements of  $sl(m, n)_{-1}$  are  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a  $m \times m$  matrix,  $\beta$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\gamma$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix,  $\delta$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix.

*Example 7.* The Lie superalgebra  $osp(m, n)$  can be realized also in a different way. We consider a space  $V_0$  of dimension  $m$  endowed with a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form  $(,)_0$  and  $V_1$  a space of dimension  $n = 2r$  endowed with a nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $(,)_1$ . Therefore we define:

$$osp(m, n)_0 = \Lambda^2 V_0 \oplus S^2 V_1 \quad \text{and} \quad osp(m, n)_1 = V_0 \otimes V_1$$

Moreover we set:

$$\begin{aligned} [a \wedge b, c] &= (a, c)_0 b - (b, c)_0 a \quad \text{with} \quad a \wedge b \in \Lambda^2 V_0, c \in V_0 \\ [a \circ b, c] &= (a, c)_1 b + (b, c)_1 a \quad \text{with} \quad a \circ b \in S^2 V_1, c \in V_1 \end{aligned}$$

From these definitions, we obtain that the brackets on  $\Lambda^2 V_0$  and  $S^2 V_1$  are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} [a \wedge b, c \wedge d] &= [a \wedge b, c]d + c[a \wedge b, d] \\ [a \circ b, c \circ d] &= [a \circ b, c]d + c[a \circ b, d] \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if we consider  $a \otimes b, c \otimes d \in V_0 \otimes V_1$  we define:

$$[a \otimes c, b \otimes d] = (a, b)_0 c \circ d + (c, d)_1 a \wedge b$$

We can now consider the following  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $osp(m, n)$ :

$$osp(m, n) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$$

In order to do this, we consider  $V_1$  as direct sum of isotropic subspaces  $V'_1 \oplus V''_1$ , hence:

$$osp(m, n) = S^2 V'_1 \oplus (V_0 \otimes V'_1) \oplus (V'_1 \otimes V''_1 \oplus \Lambda^2 V_0) \oplus (V_0 \otimes V''_1) \oplus S^2 V''_1$$

**Definition 2.4.** (Irreducible Lie superalgebra) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is said irreducible if the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible.

**Definition 2.5.** (Transitive Lie superalgebra) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is said transitive if, given  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_i, i \geq 0, [a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ .

**Definition 2.6.** (Bitransitive Lie superalgebra) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is said bitransitive if it is transitive and in addition, given  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_i, i \leq 0, [a, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a simple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra which is generated by  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is bitransitive.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_i, i \geq 0$  such that  $[x, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$ , we show that  $x = 0$ . Indeed let us consider:

$$I = \bigoplus_{k,l=0}^{+\infty} (ad \mathfrak{g}_1)^k (ad \mathfrak{g}_0)^l x$$

$I$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , indeed let  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $h \in I$ ; since  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  generates  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then  $g = \sum [g_i, g_j]$  with  $g_i, g_j \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ , but every term of this sum is such that  $[[g_i, g_j], h] \in I$  by definition of  $I$ . If  $x \neq 0$  then  $I$  is nontrivial. But also  $I \neq \mathfrak{g}$  since no elements of  $\mathfrak{g}_k, k < i$  lie in  $I$ , due to its definition. This leads to a contradiction, so  $x = 0$ . Similarly if we choose  $J = \bigoplus_{k,l=0}^{+\infty} (ad \mathfrak{g}_{-1})^k (ad \mathfrak{g}_0)^l x$  with  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_i, i \leq 0$  we can show that bitransitivity holds.

□

## 2.1 Local Lie superalgebras

**Definition 2.7.** (Local Lie superalgebra) Let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded space which is the direct sum of the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded spaces  $\mathfrak{g}_i, i = -1, 0, 1$ . If  $\forall i, j$  such that  $|i + j| \leq 1$  there is a bilinear operation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}_i \times \mathfrak{g}_j &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{i+j} \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto [x, y] \end{aligned}$$

that is anticommutative and satisfies the Jacobi identity, provided that the commutators in the identity are defined, then  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is said a local Lie superalgebra.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra, then  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  is a local Lie superalgebra which is called the local part of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Transitivity and bitransitivity for local parts can be defined as for usual Lie superalgebras. In the following we consider  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebras generated by their local parts.

**Definition 2.8.** (Maximal Lie superalgebra) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra and let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  be its local part,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called maximal if, given any other  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}'$ , an isomorphism of the local parts  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}'$  can be extended to a surjective homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}'$ .

**Definition 2.9.** (Minimal Lie superalgebra) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra and let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  be its local part. Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called minimal if, given any other  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}'$ , an isomorphism of the local parts  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}'$  can be extended to a surjective homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}'$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  be a local Lie superalgebra. Then there exist a maximal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra and a minimal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra whose local parts are isomorphic to  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

*Proof.* Let us start from considering the free Lie superalgebra  $F\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  that is freely generated by  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  and let  $\tilde{I}$  be the ideal of  $F\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  generated by the relations as  $[x, y] = z$  in  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ . We set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = F\hat{\mathfrak{g}}/\tilde{I}$ . Let us denote by  $\pi$  the natural projection of  $F\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  onto the quotient space  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  and let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-1} = \pi(\mathfrak{g}_{-1})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_0 = \pi(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_1 = \pi(\mathfrak{g}_1)$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_-$  be the subalgebra generated by  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-1}$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_+$  the subalgebra generated by  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_1$ . It follows that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_- \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_0 \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_+ = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ , its local part is isomorphic to  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \bigoplus_i \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_i$ , where  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_i = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_1^i$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-i} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-1}^i$ , is a minimal Lie superalgebra.

In order to construct a maximal Lie superalgebra whose local part is isomorphic to  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , we consider the set:

$$L_2 = \{a \in F\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] \subset \mathfrak{g}_1\}$$

In the same way:

$$L_{-2} = \{a \in F\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{-1}\}$$

Recursively, we define, if  $i > 2$ ,  $L_i = \{a \in F\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] \subset L_{i-1}\}$  for  $i > 2$  and  $L_i = \{a \in F\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset L_{i+1}\}$  for  $i < -2$ . It follows that  $(\bigoplus_{i \leq -2} L_i) \oplus \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \oplus (\bigoplus_{i \geq 2} L_i)$  is a maximal Lie superalgebra.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3. i)** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a bitransitive  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is minimal.*

**ii)** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a minimal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra. If its local part is bitransitive then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is bitransitive.*

**iii)** *Two bitransitive  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebras are isomorphic if and only if their local parts are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* i)

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a bitransitive  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra. We suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not minimal and that  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a minimal superalgebra with local part isomorphic to the local part of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then there exists a surjective morphism:

$$\varphi : \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h}$$

which is the extension of the isomorphism between the local parts. Moreover  $\mathfrak{h} \cong \mathfrak{g}/\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ , where clearly  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \neq 0$ , since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not minimal, is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We have  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \cap \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 = 0$  because  $\varphi|_{\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1}$  is an isomorphism. Then if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not minimal there exists an ideal  $J \neq 0$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $J \cap (\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1) = 0$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  be the smallest integer in module for which  $(J \cap \mathfrak{g}_k) \neq 0$ . Let us suppose for the sake of simplicity  $k > 0$ , then:

$$[J \cap \mathfrak{g}_k, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{k-1} \cap J = 0$$

From the minimality of  $k$  it follows  $[J \cap \mathfrak{g}_k, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$ , and from transitivity  $J \cap \mathfrak{g}_k = 0$  which leads to a contradiction.

ii) First we prove transitivity. Let us consider  $z \in \mathfrak{g}_k$ ,  $k \geq 2$  such that

$[z, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is minimal, we know that it is generated by its local part. As in the proof of Theorem 2.1,  $I = \bigoplus_{j,l=0}^{+\infty} (ad\mathfrak{g}_1)^j (ad\mathfrak{g}_0)^l z$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$  which is contained in  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 2} \mathfrak{g}_i$  because  $k \geq 2$ . If we suppose  $z \neq 0$ , then  $I \neq 0$ , and this leads to a contradiction because  $\mathfrak{g}/I$  has the same local part of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and an isomorphism of their local parts can be extended, using the projection to the quotient, to an epimorphism from  $\mathfrak{g}$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}/I$ , but not the viceversa. This contradicts the minimality of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The same argument proves that if  $z \in \mathfrak{g}_k$ ,  $k \leq -2$  is such that  $[z, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$  and we consider  $I = \bigoplus_{j,l=0}^{+\infty} (ad\mathfrak{g}_{-1})^j (ad\mathfrak{g}_0)^l z$ , then we obtain  $z = 0$ .

iii) follows from i).

□

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_i \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra generated by its local part. Suppose that a consistent supersymmetric invariant bilinear form  $(,)$  is defined on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  such that  $(\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j) = 0$  if  $i + j \neq 0$ . Then  $(,)$  can be uniquely extended to a consistent supersymmetric invariant bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

*Proof.* We start from setting  $(\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j) = 0$  if  $i + j \neq 0$ . We extend  $(,)$  by induction when  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_k$  and  $y \in \mathfrak{g}_{-k}$  in order to keep the property of invariance. Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is generated by  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ , we can assume, up to linear combinations, that  $x = [x_{k-s}, x_s]$ , with  $x_i \in \mathfrak{g}_i$  and  $y = [y_{s-k}, y_{-s}]$  with  $y_{-i} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-i}$ . In order to maintain invariance, we define:

$$(x, y) = ([x_{k-s}, x_s], [y_{s-k}, y_{-s}])$$

or

$$(x, y) = -(-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)}(x_s, [x_{k-s}, [y_{s-k}, y_{-s}]])$$

let us show that this is a good definition. From hypothesis of induction, the

extension is well defined if  $0 < s < k$ , so:

$$\begin{aligned}
& ([[x_{k-s}, x_s], y_{s-k}], y_{-s}) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} ([x_s, [x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}]], y_{-s}) + ([x_{k-s}, [x_s, y_{s-k}]], y_{-s}) = \\
& (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} (-1)^{p(x_s)(p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k}))} ([x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], [x_s, y_{-s}]) + \\
& + (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})(p(x_s)+p(y_{s-k}))+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})} ([x_s, y_{s-k}], [y_{-s}, x_{k-s}]) = \\
& (-1)^{p(x_s)p(y_{s-k})} ([x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], [x_s, y_{-s}]) + \\
& + (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})(p(x_s)+p(y_{s-k}))+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})} ([x_s, y_{s-k}], [y_{-s}, x_{k-s}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_s)p(y_{s-k})} (-1)^{p(x_s)p(y_{-s})} ([[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}], x_s) + \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})(p(x_s)+p(y_{s-k}))+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})(p(y_{-s})+p(x_{k-s}))} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_s)p(y_{s-k})+p(x_s)p(y_{-s})} ([[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}], x_s) + \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_s)p(y_{s-k})+p(x_s)p(y_{-s})+p(x_s)(p(y_{-s})+p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k}))} (x_s, [[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}]) + \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_s)p(x_{k-s})} (x_s, [[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}]) + \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} ([x_s, [[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}]) + \\
& + (-1)^{p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})} (x_s, [[y_{-s}, x_{k-s}], y_{s-k}]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} ([x_s, [[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}]) + \\
& + (-1)^{p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})+p(y_{s-k})p(y_{-s})+p(y_{s-k})(p(y_{-s})+p(x_{k-s}))+p(y_{-s})p(x_{k-s})} \\
& \quad \cdot (x_s, [y_{s-k}, [x_{k-s}, y_{-s}]]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} ([x_s, [[x_{k-s}, y_{s-k}], y_{-s}]) + \\
& + (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(y_{s-k})} (x_s, [y_{s-k}, [x_{k-s}, y_{-s}]]) = \\
& - (-1)^{p(x_{k-s})p(x_s)} (x_s, [x_{k-s}, [y_{s-k}, y_{-s}]]
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a simple superalgebra, then an invariant form on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is either non degenerate or identically zero, and any two invariant forms on  $\mathfrak{g}$  are proportional.*

*Proof.* If  $(,)$  is an invariant form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then its radical is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , so, due to the simplicity of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the radical is the whole  $\mathfrak{g}$  or 0. In the first case  $(,)$  is identically zero, in the second it is non degenerate. We consider now two invariant forms  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We define,  $\forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\phi_x, \psi_x \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  such that  $\forall y \in \mathfrak{g}$ :

$$\phi_x(y) = \alpha(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_x(y) = \beta(x, y).$$

Let us suppose that  $\alpha$  is non degenerate, then there exists a unique morphism  $F$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules such that:

$$\begin{aligned} F : \mathfrak{g}^* &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \\ \phi_x &\longrightarrow \psi_x \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, since  $\alpha$  is non degenerate,  $F$  is uniquely determined because there exists a unique isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : \mathfrak{g} &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \\ x &\longrightarrow \phi_x. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that  $F$  is indeed a morphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules. We first show that  $z.\phi_x = \phi_{[z,x]}$ ,  $\forall z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Indeed, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z.\phi_x(y) &= -(-1)^{p(z)p(x)}\phi_x(z.y) = \\ &= -(-1)^{p(z)p(x)}\phi_x([z, y]) = \\ &= -(-1)^{p(z)p(x)}\alpha(x, [z, y]) = \quad (\text{invariance}) \\ &= -(-1)^{p(z)p(x)}\alpha([x, z], y) = \\ &= \alpha([z, x], y) = \\ &= \phi_{[z,x]}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have:  $z.\psi_x = \psi_{[z,x]}$ ,  $\forall z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $F$  is a morphism of



$\mathfrak{g}$ -modules, indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} F(z.\phi_x) &= F(\phi_{[z,x]}) = \\ &\psi_{[z,x]} = \\ &z.\psi_x = \\ &z.F(\phi_x) \end{aligned}$$

Finally  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple, so  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module, therefore  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  is irreducible and, by Schur's Lemma,  $F = \lambda I$ . Then  $\psi_x = \lambda\phi_x$ , i.e. for every  $y \in \mathfrak{g}$   $\beta(x, y) = \lambda\alpha(x, y)$ .  $\square$

## 2.2 $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebras of depth 1

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded transitive irreducible Lie superalgebra. If  $(Z(\mathfrak{g}_0))_{\bar{0}}$  is nontrivial, then it is one dimensional,  $(Z(\mathfrak{g}_0))_{\bar{0}} = \langle z \rangle$ , and  $[z, g] = sg, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}_s$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \neq z \in (Z(\mathfrak{g}_0))_{\bar{0}}$ . We define:

$$\begin{aligned} F : \mathfrak{g}_{-1} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \\ g &\mapsto [z, g] \end{aligned}$$

Then  $F$  is  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -invariant, indeed if  $g_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [g_0, F(g)] &= [g_0, [z, g]] = \\ &\underbrace{[[g_0, z], g]}_{=0, z \in C} + [z, [g_0, g]] = F([g_0, g]) \end{aligned}$$

By Schur's Lemma, since  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module,  $F = \lambda Id$ . Since  $z \neq 0$ , we can choose it such that  $\lambda = -1$ . It follows that  $(Z(\mathfrak{g}_0))_{\bar{0}} = \langle z \rangle$ , because if  $y \in (Z(\mathfrak{g}_0))_{\bar{0}}$  then  $\forall g \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [z, g] &= -g \quad \text{and} \quad [y, g] = \alpha g \\ &\Downarrow \\ [\alpha z + y, g] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From transitivity  $y = -\alpha z$ . Let us use induction on  $k > -1$ . Suppose  $[z, g_k] = kg_k, \forall g_k \in \mathfrak{g}_k, x \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and let  $g_{k+1} \in \mathfrak{g}_{k+1}$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} [z, [x, g_{k+1}]] &= \\ [[z, x], g_{k+1}] + [x, [z, g_{k+1}]] &= \\ -[x, g_{k+1}] + [x, [z, g_{k+1}]] & \end{aligned}$$

By the inductive hypothesis  $[z, [x, g_{k+1}]] = k[x, g_{k+1}]$ , so:

$$[x, [z, g_{k+1}] - (k+1)g_{k+1}] = 0$$

We conclude using transitivity.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded transitive irreducible Lie superalgebra. If the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is faithful, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is bitransitive.*

*Proof.* We set  $V = \{a \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0\}$ .  $V$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ , indeed if  $g_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_0, a \in V$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [[g_0, a], \mathfrak{g}_1] &= \quad (\text{Jacoby identity}) \\ [g_0, [a, \mathfrak{g}_1]] - (-1)^{p(g_0)p(a)} \underbrace{[a, [g_0, \mathfrak{g}_1]]}_{=0, a \in V} &= \\ [g_0, [a, \mathfrak{g}_1]] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We know that the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is faithful, then  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq 0$  and, by transitivity,  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \neq 0$ . It follows  $V \neq \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ , then by irreducibility  $V = 0$ . For the elements of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  the thesis is obvious from hypothesis.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** *If a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is simple and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}} \neq 0$ , then these conditions are necessary: the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is faithful and  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ . Moreover if these two conditions hold and, in addition, the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is irreducible, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple.*

*Proof.* Let us consider  $V = \{g \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} \mid [g, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] = 0\}$ .  $V$  is the kernel of the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ , so  $V$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ , moreover, it is clear

from its definition that it is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}} \neq 0$  then  $V = 0$ .

Let us now show that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ . Indeed, let us set  $I = [\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ . Then  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , indeed if  $g_{\bar{1}} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ :

$$[g_{\bar{1}}, I] = \underbrace{[g_{\bar{1}}, [\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}]]}_{\in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}} \subset I} + \underbrace{[g_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}]}_{\in I}$$

and  $g_{\bar{0}} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [g_{\bar{0}}, I] &= [g_{\bar{0}}, [\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}]] + \underbrace{[g_{\bar{0}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}]}_{\in I} \subseteq \\ &[[g_{\bar{0}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}], \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] + [\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, [g_{\bar{0}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}]] + [g_{\bar{0}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] \subset I \end{aligned}$$

By simplicity of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $I = \mathfrak{g}$ , i.e.  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ .

Let us now suppose that the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is faithful and  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  and that, in addition, the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is irreducible, we then shall prove that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple.

Let  $0 \neq J = J_{\bar{0}} \oplus J_{\bar{1}}$  be an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $[J_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}] \subset J_{\bar{1}}$ . It follows that  $J_{\bar{1}}$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ , hence, by irreducibility, we have either  $J_{\bar{1}} = 0$  or  $J_{\bar{1}} = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ .

The first case cannot hold, since it would follow  $[J_{\bar{0}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] \subset J_{\bar{1}} = 0$ , but  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$  is a faithful  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}}$ -module. Then  $J_{\bar{1}} = \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{0}} = [\mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}, \mathfrak{g}_{\bar{1}}] \subset J$ .  $J = \mathfrak{g}$ .

□

**Theorem 2.9.** *If a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is simple and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \neq 0$ , then these conditions are necessary:  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive and irreducible,  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_0$ . Moreover if these conditions hold and in addition  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \mathfrak{g}_1^i, \forall i > 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple.*

*Proof.* Let us prove the necessary conditions. Suppose that  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that:  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, V] \subset V$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, V] \subset V$ . We set  $\mathfrak{g}^+ = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  and  $V^n = [\mathfrak{g}^+, [\mathfrak{g}^+, \dots [\mathfrak{g}^+, V] \dots]]$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ , where  $n$  is the number of

the  $\mathfrak{g}^+$  factors. Then, clearly by its definition,  $\tilde{V} = \sum_{n \geq 0} V^n$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$  containing  $V$ . Now take:

$$V = \{a \in \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_i \mid [a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0\}.$$

From the previous observation, in this case  $\tilde{V}$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$  contained in  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_i$ , so by simplicity of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\tilde{V} = 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive. Moreover, if we choose  $V$  as a non zero  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ , it follows that  $\tilde{V} \neq 0$  and  $\tilde{V} \subset V \oplus (\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_i)$ . By simplicity of  $\mathfrak{g}$  it follows that  $V = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and irreducibility is proved. It remains to show that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_0$ . Let us consider:

$$I = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \oplus \mathfrak{g}^+$$

We prove that  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , from which it follows that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_0$ . Indeed, if  $g_i \in \mathfrak{g}_i$  and  $x = a + b + c \in I$ , with  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}, b \in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1], c \in \mathfrak{g}^+$ :

$$[g_i, x] = \underbrace{[g_i, a]}_{\in \mathfrak{g}_{i-1}} + \underbrace{[g_i, b]}_{\in \mathfrak{g}_i} + \underbrace{[g_i, c]}_{\in \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} \mathfrak{g}_{i+k}}$$

Note that if  $i \geq 2$   $[g_i, x] \in I$ ; if  $i = 1$ ,  $[g_i, x] \in I$  because  $[g_i, a] \in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$ ; if  $i = 0$   $[g_i, b] \in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$  since  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$  is an ideal; finally if  $i = -1$ ,  $[g_i, x] \in I$  since  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset I$ .

Let us now show that if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive and irreducible,  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_0$ , and if in addition  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \mathfrak{g}_1^i, \forall i > 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple. Let  $I \neq 0$  be a graded ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $I = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} I_i$ . It follows that  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, I_{-1}] \subset I_{-1}$ , hence, by irreducibility, either  $I_{-1} = 0$  or  $I_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ . If  $I_{-1} = 0$  then  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, I_0] = 0$ , hence, by transitivity,  $I_0 = 0$ . Similarly, it follows that  $I_k = 0, k \geq 1$ . But this is impossible since  $I \neq 0$ .

Therefore  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \subset I$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset I$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \in I$ ,  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_1 \subset I$ . Finally  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \mathfrak{g}_1^i, \forall i > 0$ , then  $I = \mathfrak{g}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra such that  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \neq 0$ . Suppose that the grading is consistent. If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive and irreducible,  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_0$  and in addition the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is faithful and  $\mathfrak{g}_i = \mathfrak{g}_1^i, \forall i > 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple.*

*Proof.* Let  $I \neq 0$  be a graded ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $I = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} I_i$ . It follows that  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, I_{-1}] \subset I_{-1}$ , hence, by irreducibility, either  $I_{-1} = 0$  or  $I_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ . If  $I_{-1} = 0$  then  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, I_0] = 0$ , hence, by transitivity,  $I_0 = 0$ . Similarly, it follows that  $I_k = 0, k \geq 1$ . But this is impossible since  $I \neq 0$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \subset I$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset I$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \in I$ ,  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset I$ . It remains to show  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \subset I$ , then  $I = \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple since it does not contain non trivial ideals. Since  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset I$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \mathfrak{g}_1$ . Since the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible and faithful, it follows that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is a reductive Lie algebra, in particular  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  where  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  is semisimple and  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  is the center, with  $\dim(Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)) \leq 1$ . From Theorem 2.6 it follows that if  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0) \neq 0$ , then  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0) = \langle c \rangle$  with  $[c, x] = x \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ , but  $c \in \mathfrak{g}_0 \subset I$ , so  $x \in I$ .

If  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0) = 0$ , we know that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is semisimple, so  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is a completely reducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module, that is  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ , with  $V_i$  irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -modules.

It follows  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \bigoplus_i [\mathfrak{g}_0, V_i] = \mathfrak{g}_1$ . Indeed  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, V_i] = V_i$ , because  $V_i$  for every  $i$  is an irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module, and due to the fact that the representation on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is faithful, it is non trivial. It is obvious that  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, V_i] \subset V_i$ , but in fact the equality holds due to irreducibility.

□

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a transitive irreducible Lie superalgebra with a consistent  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading. If  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq 0$  then  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$ .*

*Proof.* We notice that  $V = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]] \neq 0$ , indeed there exists  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \ni a \neq 0$ , so, since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive, we have  $[a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] \neq 0$  and, again by transitivity,  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, [a, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}]] \neq 0$ . Moreover  $V$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ . Indeed, if  $g_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ ,  $\tilde{g}_{-1}, g_{-1} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ ,  $g_1 \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ , we have:

$$[g_0, [\tilde{g}_{-1}, [g_{-1}, g_1]]] =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \underbrace{[[g_0, \tilde{g}_{-1}], [g_{-1}, g_1]]}_{\in V} + [\tilde{g}_{-1}, [g_0, [g_{-1}, g_1]]] = \\
& [[g_0, \tilde{g}_{-1}], [g_{-1}, g_1]] + \underbrace{[\tilde{g}_{-1}, [[g_0, g_{-1}], g_1]]}_{\in V} + \underbrace{[\tilde{g}_{-1}, [g_{-1}, [g_0, g_1]]]}_{\in V}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $C$  be the centralizer of  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . By irreducibility of the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and transitivity, it follows that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is a reductive Lie algebra, in particular  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  where  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  is semisimple and  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ , with  $\dim(Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)) \leq 1$ .

In order to prove the thesis it is enough to show that  $C$  is abelian: indeed  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = L_1 \oplus \dots \oplus L_t \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ , where we denote by  $L_i$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , the simple ideals of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . In particular  $[L_i, L_j] = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$ . Let  $J$  be  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$ , an ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ , the, up to reordering the indexes, we may assume  $J = L_1 \oplus \dots \oplus L_k$  and  $C_{\mathfrak{g}_0}(J) = L_{k+1} \oplus \dots \oplus L_t \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ . If  $C$  is abelian, then  $C \subset Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$ , otherwise  $L_i \subset C$  for some  $i$ , but  $L_i$  is not abelian since it is simple.

It remains to show that  $C$  is abelian, i.e.  $[a, b] = 0, \forall a, b \in C$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is transitive, it is sufficient to prove that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, [a, b]] = [[[\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}], \mathfrak{g}_{-1}], [a, b]] = 0$  i.e. to show that for  $t \in \mathfrak{g}_1, x, y \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $a, b \in C$ :

$$[[t, x], y], [a, b]] = 0$$

Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[t, x], y], [a, b]] = \\
& [[[[t, x], y], a], b] + [a, [[t, x], y], b]] = \\
& \underbrace{[[[[t, x], y], a], b]}_{:=d} - \underbrace{[[[[t, x], y], b], a]}_{:=e}
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is consistent. We have:

$$e = [[[[t, x], y], b], a] =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[[t, x], [y, b]], a] - \underbrace{[[y, [t, x], b]], a}_{=0, b \in C} = \\
& \quad \quad \quad [[t, x], [y, b]], a = \quad (Jacobi \ identity) \\
& [[t, \underbrace{[x, [y, b]]}_{\in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0}], a] + [[x, [t, [y, b]]], a] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad [[x, [t, [y, b]]], a] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad -[[t, [y, b]], x], a] = \\
& -[[t, [y, b]], [x, a]] + \underbrace{[x, [t, [y, b]], a]}_{=0, a \in C} = \\
& \quad \quad \quad -[[t, [y, b]], [x, a]].
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover we observe that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[t, x], y] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad -[y, [t, x]] = \\
& -[[y, t], x] + [t, \underbrace{[y, x]}_{\in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0}] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad -[[t, y], x]
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
d & = [[[[t, x], y], a], b] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad -[[[[t, y], x], a], b] = \\
& -[[[t, y], [x, a]], b] + \underbrace{[[x, [t, y], a]], b}_{=0, a \in C} = \\
& \quad \quad \quad [[x, a], [t, y]], b] = \\
& [[[[x, a], t], y], b] - [t, \underbrace{[[x, a], y]}_{\in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0}], b] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad [[[[x, a], t], y], b] = \\
& \quad \quad \quad [[t, [x, a]], y], b] =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[t, [x, a]], [y, b]] - [y, \underbrace{[[t, [x, a]], b]}_{=0, b \in C}] = \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad [[t, [x, a]], [y, b]] = \\
& \underbrace{[t, [[x, a], [y, b]]]}_{\in [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}] = 0} + [[x, a], [t, [y, b]]] = \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad -[[t, [y, b]], [x, a]] = e.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  be a transitive irreducible Lie superalgebra with a consistent  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading and  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq 0$ . Let the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  be irreducible and faithful, and denote by  $H$  a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ , by  $F_\Lambda$  the highest weight vector of the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and by  $E_M$  the lowest weight vector of the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ .*

*Then:*

a) *If  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  are contragredient  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -modules:*

- 1)  $M = -\Lambda$
- 2)  $[F_\Lambda, E_M] = h \neq 0, h \in H$
- 3)  $[\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$
- 4)  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  is simple

b) *If  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  are not contragredient:*

- 1)  $[F_\Lambda, E_M] = e_\alpha$ , with  $\alpha = \Lambda + M$  a nonzero root of  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$
- 2)  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$
- 3)  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  is simple

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  be a system of simple roots of  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  with respect to  $H$ . It follows that:  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} = \langle [\dots [F_\Lambda, e_{-\gamma_1}], \dots, e_{-\gamma_k}] \rangle$ , where  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  and  $e_{-\gamma_i}$  is a root vector associated with  $-\gamma_i$ . Likewise,  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \langle [\dots [E_M, e_{\delta_1}], \dots, e_{\delta_s}] \rangle$ , where  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_s \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  and  $e_{\delta_i}$  is a root



vector associated with  $\delta_i$ .

So we have:  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \langle [\dots [F_\Lambda, E_M], e_{\beta_1}, \dots, e_{\beta_t}] \rangle$ , with  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_t \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, -\alpha_1, \dots, -\alpha_m\}$ .

From the hypothesis  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq 0$  so it follows from transitivity that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \neq 0$ , then  $[F_\Lambda, E_M] \neq 0$ .

We have  $[t, [F_\Lambda, E_M]] = (\Lambda + M)(t)[F_\Lambda, E_M], \forall t \in H$ . If  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  are contragredient  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -modules then  $\Lambda + M = 0$ , 1a), hence  $[F_\Lambda, E_M]$  lies in the centralizer of  $H$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  which coincides with  $H$  itself, 2a). If  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  are not contragredient then  $\Lambda + M \neq 0$  and  $[F_\Lambda, E_M]$  is a root vector corresponding to the root  $\Lambda + M$ , 1b). We now prove 3a). Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the subalgebra generated by  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ , then  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is bitransitive. Indeed by Theorem 2.11  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1]$  is either  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  or  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ . In the first case  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is simple because it satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2.10. Indeed,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is transitive,  $[\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-1}, \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_1] = [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_0$  by construction and the representation of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_0$  on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible: otherwise there would exist a non trivial  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_0$ -submodule  $V$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ , but, from 2.6, the elements of  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  act as scalars on  $V$ , then  $V$  would be a nontrivial  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ , which is impossible since  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible (this argument proves also 4a)). Then  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is simple and by Theorem 2.1 it is bitransitive. Now suppose that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \oplus Z(\mathfrak{g}_0) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$ . Then by Theorem 2.6,  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0) = \langle z \rangle$ , where  $[z, x] = x, \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ , hence  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is bitransitive.

There exists an automorphism:

$$\varphi : \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$$

carrying the positive roots of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  in the negative ones and interchanges  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ . By Theorem 2.3 i),  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is minimal, so  $\varphi$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  that interchanges  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ , hence  $[\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$ .

It remains to prove 2b) and 3b).

We know that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = \langle [\dots [e_\alpha, e_{\beta_1}], \dots, e_{\beta_t}] \rangle \subset \tilde{H}$ , where  $\tilde{H}$  is the simple ideal of  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  which contains the root space of  $\alpha$ . But by Theorem 2.11:

$$[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset \tilde{H} \subset [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$$

We conclude that  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  and it is simple.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1$  be a transitive Lie superalgebra which satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2.11. Then either  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is a faithful and irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module, or  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_1) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_1) > 1$ . Let us suppose  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is not irreducible, then by Weyl's Theorem,  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \mathfrak{g}'_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}''_1$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}'_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}''_1$  are  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -submodules. If we apply Theorem 2.11 to  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}'_1$ , it follows  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}'_1]$ . Then:

$$[[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}''_1] \subset [[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}'_1], \mathfrak{g}''_1] \subset [\mathfrak{g}'_1, [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}''_1]] \subset \mathfrak{g}'_1$$

where we used the Jacoby identity and the fact that  $[\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$ . Since the sum of  $\mathfrak{g}'_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}''_1$  is direct it follows that:  $[[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}''_1] = 0$ . In the same way it follows  $[[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}'_1] = 0$ . Hence  $[[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$ . Now let us prove that if  $[[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$  then  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_1) = 1$ . Let  $a \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , and define:

$$\begin{aligned} F_a : \mathfrak{g}_{-1} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_0 \\ y &\mapsto [a, y] \end{aligned}$$

Then  $F_a$  is a morphism of  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ -modules: for  $x \in [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ , we have:

$$F_a([x, y]) = [a, [x, y]] = [ \underbrace{[a, x]}_{\in [[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0], \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0}, y] + [x, [a, y]] = [x, F_a(y)]$$

By Theorem 2.12  $F_a(\mathfrak{g}_{-1}) = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ , since  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and  $\mathbb{C}a$  are not contragredient. But  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  is irreducible and  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  is an irreducible  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ -module since  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  is simple by Theorem 2.12 3b), so  $\text{Ker}(F_a) = 0$  then  $F_a$  is an isomorphism onto its image. Therefore  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  are isomorphic, irreducible  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ -modules, so they are isomorphic highest weight modules, hence  $F_a = \lambda Id$ . For  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ ,  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$ :

$$[a_1, x] = \lambda [a_2, x] \Rightarrow [a_1 - \lambda a_2, x] = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = \lambda a_2$$

Therefore we proved that  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_1) = 1$ .

We conclude by showing that the representation of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is faithful. If it is

not faithful, then there exists a simple ideal  $J$  of  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  such that:  $[J, \mathfrak{g}_1] = 0$ . Indeed  $\text{Ker}(ad_{\mathfrak{g}_0})$  is an ideal and it cannot be contained in  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ , since the elements of  $Z(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  act as scalars on  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  by Theorem 2.6. So  $\text{Ker}(ad_{\mathfrak{g}_0})$  is a simple ideal of the semisimple Lie algebra  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ .

Set  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ , where  $V_i$  are  $J$ -submodules of  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1}$  and let  $F_a$  be as defined above.

We observe:

$$\begin{aligned} (F_a)|_{V_i} : V_i &\rightarrow [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] = J \oplus C_{[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]}(J) \\ x &\mapsto [a, x] \end{aligned}$$

The  $V_i$ 's are irreducible and faithful  $J$ -modules, then they are nontrivial. From the fact that  $F_a$  is an isomorphism onto its image and  $J$  acts trivially on  $C_{[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]}(J)$ , it follows  $F_a(V_i) \subset J, \forall i$ . Finally:

$$[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1] \subset J \subset [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$$

Then  $J = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ , so  $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_1) = 1$  and this is a contradiction.  $\square$



# Chapter 3

## Filtrations

In this chapter we explain some results on Lie superalgebras with filtrations.

**Definition 3.1.** (Filtration) A filtration of a Lie superalgebra  $L$  is a sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded subspaces  $L_i, i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= L_{-1} \supset L_0 \supset L_1 \dots \\ L_i &= L \quad \forall i \leq -1 \\ [L_i, L_j] &\subset L_{i+j} \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} L_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.2.** A Lie superalgebra with filtration is said transitive if:

$$L_i = \{a \in L_{i-1} \mid [a, L] \subset L_{i-1}\} \quad i > 0 \quad (3.1)$$

*Remark 5.* If we consider a Lie superalgebra  $L$  and a subalgebra  $L_0$  of  $L$  which does not contain any nonzero ideal of  $L$ , then condition (3.1) together with  $L_{-1} = L$  defines a filtration on  $L$ . Indeed  $[L_i, L_j] \subset L_{i+j} \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is obvious for  $i \leq -1$  or  $j \leq -1$ . If  $i, j \geq 0$  we proceed by induction on  $i + j$ :

if  $i + j = 0$ , that is  $i = j = 0$ ,  $[L_i, L_j] \subseteq L_{i+j}$  since  $L_0$  is a subalgebra.

if  $i + j > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [L, [L_i, L_j]] &= \\ \underbrace{[[L, L_i], L_j]}_{\subset L_{i-1}} \pm [L_i, \underbrace{[L, L_j]}_{\subset L_{j-1}}] &\subset \\ L_{i+j-1} & \end{aligned}$$

by induction. Moreover it is obvious that  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} L_i$  is an ideal of  $L$  contained in  $L_0$ , so  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} L_i = 0$ . This filtration is called the transitive filtration of the pair  $(L, L_0)$ .

Let  $L$  be a filtered Lie superalgebra. Then we can consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra  $GrL$ , associated to  $L$ , defined as follows:

$$GrL = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} Gr_i L, \quad Gr_i L = L_i / L_{i+1}$$

$GrL$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Lie superalgebra, due to the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading of  $L_i$ , but the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is not consistent in general.

If  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{g}_i$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra, we can canonically consider the filtration given by  $L_i = \bigoplus_{s \geq i} \mathfrak{g}_s$ , the properties of Definition 3.1 are obviously verified by this  $L_i$ .

### 3.1 Properties of $L$ and $GrL$

**Proposition 3.1.** *A Lie superalgebra  $L$  with filtration is transitive if and only if  $GrL$  is transitive.*

*Proof.* Let us suppose that  $GrL$  is transitive, i.e., for every  $\bar{a} = a + L_{i+1} \in Gr_i L, i \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } [\bar{a}, Gr_{-1}L] = 0 \text{ then } \bar{a} = 0 \text{ or, equivalently,} \\ \text{if } [a, L] \subset L_i \text{ then } a \in L_{i+1}, \text{ i.e.} \\ \{a \in L_i \mid [a, L] \subset L_i\} \subset L_{i+1} \quad \forall i \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since the reverse inclusion is obvious, equality holds, i.e.,  $L$  is transitive.

Now suppose that the filtration on  $L$  is transitive. Let  $\bar{a} = a + L_{i+1} \in Gr_i L, i \geq 0$  such that  $[\bar{a}, Gr_{-1}L] = 0$  or, equivalently,  $[a, L] \subset L_i$ . By the transitivity of the filtration on  $L$ ,  $a \in L_{i+1}$  that is  $\bar{a} = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $L$  be a Lie superalgebra with filtration. If  $GrL$  is simple then  $L$  is simple.*

*Proof.* Let  $I \neq 0$  be an ideal of  $L$  and set  $\tilde{I} = \{\bar{a} \in GrL \mid a \in I\}$ .  $\tilde{I}$  is an ideal of  $GrL$ , indeed: let us consider  $\bar{a} \in \tilde{I}$  and  $\bar{u} \in GrL$ . For the sake of simplicity we suppose  $\bar{u} \in Gr_i L$  for some  $i$ . Then:

$$[\bar{u}, \bar{a}] = [u + L_{i+1}, a + L_{j+1}] = \overline{[u, a]} \in Gr_{i+j} L$$

Let  $x \in I$  be a non zero element, then  $x \in L_i$  where  $i$  is the minimal index such that  $x \notin L_{i+1}$ . It follows that  $0 \neq \bar{x} \in Gr_i L \cap \tilde{I}$  and  $\tilde{I} \neq 0$ . Since  $GrL$  is simple,  $\tilde{I} = GrL$ , then  $I = L$ .  $\square$

*Remark 6.* Let  $L$  be a Lie superalgebra with filtration. If there exist subspaces  $G_i$  such that  $L_i = G_i \oplus L_{i+1}$  and  $[G_i, G_j] \subset G_{i+j}, \forall i, j$ , then we say that a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading consistent with the filtration is defined on  $L$  and if  $dim(L) < \infty$  then  $L \cong GrL$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let us consider a transitive finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra  $L$  with filtration. If  $GrL$  is consistently  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, the representation of  $Gr_0 L$  on  $Gr_{-1} L$  is irreducible and  $Z(Gr_0 L) \neq 0$ , then  $L \cong GrL$ .*

*Proof.* We can apply Theorem 2.6 to  $GrL$ , so  $Z(Gr_0 L) = \langle z \rangle$ , with  $[z, g] = sg, \forall g \in Gr_s L$ . We consider the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : L_0 &\longrightarrow L_0/L_1 = Gr_0 L \\ x &\longmapsto x + L_1 \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\tilde{z}$  an element of  $\pi^{-1}(z)$ . It follows that for  $\bar{g} \in L_s/L_{s+1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [\tilde{z}, \bar{g}] &= \\ [z + L_1, g + L_{s+1}] &= sg + L_{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\tilde{z}$  is diagonalizable in  $L$ ,  $L = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} G_i$  and  $L_s = G_s \oplus L_{s+1}$  where  $G_i$  is the eigenspace relative to the eigenvalue  $i$ . Then we obtained a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading consistent with the filtration on  $L$ .  $\square$

Let  $L = L_{\bar{0}} \oplus L_{\bar{1}}$  be a Lie superalgebra with a maximal proper subalgebra  $L_0$  of  $L$  such that  $L_{\bar{0}} \subset L_0$  and let us suppose that  $L_{\bar{0}}$  does not contain nonzero ideals of  $L$ . Let us consider, as defined before, the filtration of the pair  $(L, L_0)$ :

$$L_i = \{a \in L_{i-1} \mid [a, L] \subset L_{i-1}\} \quad i > 0.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $GrL = \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} Gr_i L$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Lie superalgebra associated to the filtration of the pair  $(L, L_0)$ , then:*

1.  $GrL$  is transitive;
2. the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of  $GrL$  is consistent;
3.  $GrL$  is irreducible;
4. if the representation of  $L_{\bar{0}}$  on  $L_{\bar{1}}$  is reducible, then  $Gr_1 L \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* 1) From the definition of its filtration,  $L$  is transitive, then, by Proposition 3.1,  $GrL$  is transitive.

2) Since  $L_{\bar{0}} \subset L_0$ ,  $L/L_0 = Gr_{-1}L \subset (GrL)_{\bar{1}}$ . We show, using induction and transitivity, that  $Gr_i L \subset (GrL)_{\bar{0}}$  if  $i$  is even and  $Gr_i L \subset (GrL)_{\bar{1}}$  if  $i$  is odd. If  $i$  is even,  $[Gr_i L \cap (GrL)_{\bar{1}}, Gr_{-1}L] \subset Gr_{i-1}L \subset (GrL)_{\bar{1}}$  by the inductive hypothesis. Besides:

$$[Gr_i L \cap (GrL)_{\bar{1}}, Gr_{-1}L] \subset [(GrL)_{\bar{1}}, (GrL)_{\bar{1}}] \subset (GrL)_{\bar{0}}$$

It follows that  $[Gr_i L \cap (GrL)_{\bar{1}}, Gr_{-1}L] = 0$ , by transitivity  $Gr_i L \cap (GrL)_{\bar{1}} = 0$  and  $Gr_i L \subset (GrL)_{\bar{0}}$ . The case  $i$  odd is similar.

3) Assume that  $GrL$  is reducible, then there exists  $\tilde{L} \subsetneq L$  such that  $\tilde{L} \supset L_0$  and  $[L_0, \tilde{L}] \subset \tilde{L}$ .



$\tilde{L} = L_0 \oplus V$  where  $V \subset L_{\bar{1}}$ , because  $L_{\bar{0}} \subset L_0$ , and  $[V, V] \subset L_{\bar{0}} \subset L_0$ . It follows:

$$[\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}] = [L_0 \oplus V, L_0 \oplus V] = \underbrace{[L_0, L_0]}_{\subset L_0 \subset \tilde{L}} + \underbrace{[L_0, V]}_{\subset \tilde{L}} + \underbrace{[V, V]}_{\subset L_0 \subset \tilde{L}} \subset \tilde{L}$$

But this leads to a contradiction by the maximality of  $L_0$ .

4) We suppose  $Gr_1L = 0$ , then  $L_1/L_2 = 0$  that is  $L_1 = L_2$ . Note that:

$$L_2 = \{a \in L_1 \mid [a, L] \subset L_1\}$$

It follows that  $L_1$  is an ideal of  $L$ , then  $L_1 \cap L_{\bar{0}}$  is an ideal of  $L_{\bar{0}}$ . From the hypothesis  $L_1 \cap L_{\bar{0}} = \{0\}$ , i.e.,  $L_1 \subset L_{\bar{1}}$ , so  $Gr_0L = L_0/L_1 = L_{\bar{0}}$ . Since  $Gr_1L = 0$ , then  $GrL = Gr_{-1}L \oplus Gr_0L$ , but  $Gr_0L = L_{\bar{0}}$ , then  $Gr_{-1}L = L_{\bar{1}}$ . Using 3) we conclude that the representation of  $L_{\bar{0}}$  on  $L_{\bar{1}}$  is irreducible.  $\square$



# Chapter 4

## Superalgebras of vector fields

In this chapter we study the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of some Lie superalgebras of vector fields, focusing on the cases in which the grading is symmetric (see Definition 4.1) and of depth two.

### 4.1 The Lie superalgebra $W(m, n)$

We recall that  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Grassmann algebra in the  $n$  odd indeterminates  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$ . Let  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  be even coordinates, we denote  $\Lambda(m, n) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n)$  and  $W(m, n)$  the space of its derivations:

$$W(m, n) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n g_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \quad \text{where } f_i, g_i \in \Lambda(m, n) \right\}.$$

The derivations  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}$  are determined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(x_j) &= \delta_{ij} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\xi_j) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}(x_j) &= 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}(\xi_j) &= \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

We can define a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $W(m, n)$  by letting  $\deg(x_i) = a_i = -\deg(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})$  and  $\deg(\xi_i) = b_i = -\deg(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i})$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and we call it grading

of type  $(a_1, \dots, a_m | b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . The grading of type  $(1, \dots, 1 | 1, \dots, 1)$  is called *principal*, instead the grading of type  $(1, \dots, 1 | 0, \dots, 0)$  is called *subprincipal*.

#### 4.1.1 The principal grading

We study the principal grading of  $W(m, n)$ . First we observe that with this grading  $W(m, n) = \bigoplus_{j=-1}^{\infty} W(m, n)_j$ , i.e. it has depth one. We have:

$$W(m, n)_0 = \langle x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \rangle \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m, n)$$

The isomorphism is given by the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : W(m, n)_0 &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(m, n) \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &\longmapsto e_{i,j} \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &\longmapsto e_{i+m,j} \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &\longmapsto e_{i,j+m} \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &\longmapsto e_{i+m,j+m} \end{aligned}$$

where by  $e_{l,k}$  we denoted the elementary matrix with 1 in position  $l, k$ .

Notice that

$$W(m, n)_{-1} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}^{m|n}$$

and  $W(m, n)_0$  acts on  $W(m, n)_{-1}$  via the standard action, therefore the principal grading of  $W(m, n)$  is irreducible.

**Proposition 4.1.** *The principal grading of  $W(m, n)$  is transitive.*

*Proof.* Let  $a = \sum_{deg(P_i) \geq 1} P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{deg(Q_j) \geq 1} Q_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$  be an element of  $W(m, n)_{\geq 0}$ , where  $P_i, Q_j \in \Lambda(m, n)$ . We show that if  $[a, W(m, n)_{-1}] = 0$  it follows  $a = 0$ .

In fact if  $[a, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}] = 0, \forall k = 1, \dots, m$  we have:

$$- \sum_{deg(P_i) \geq 1} \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \sum_{deg(Q_j) \geq 1} \frac{\partial Q_j}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, m$$

From this we deduce that  $\frac{\partial P_i}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial Q_j}{\partial x_k} = 0 \forall i, j, k$ . Analogously if  $[a, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_r}] = 0, \forall r = 1, \dots, n$  we obtain  $\frac{\partial P_i}{\partial \xi_r} = \frac{\partial Q_j}{\partial \xi_r} = 0 \forall i, j, r$ . So  $P_i, Q_j \in \mathbb{C}$  and this leads to a contradiction.  $\square$

### 4.1.2 Simplicity

**Theorem 4.2.**  $W(m, n)$  is simple if  $(m, n) \neq (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* We consider  $W(m, n)$  with the principal grading. We have:

$[W(m, n)_{-1}, W(m, n)_1] = W(m, n)_0$ , in fact it is obvious that  $W(m, n)_0 \supset [W(m, n)_{-1}, W(m, n)_1]$ , on the other hand  $[W(m, n)_{-1}, W(m, n)_1] \supset W(m, n)_0$  because:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{x_i^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, x_j \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, x_i \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \xi_j \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \quad \text{if } i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

$$\xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, x_1 \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] & \text{if } m \geq 1 \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}, \xi_k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Now let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $W(m, n)$  and let us show that  $I = W(m, n)$ .

Indeed, due to the irreducibility of  $W(m, n)_{-1}$  and the fact that  $[I_{-1}, W(m, n)_0] \subset I_{-1}$ , it follows  $I_{-1} = 0$  or  $I_{-1} = W(m, n)_{-1}$ . In the first case we have that  $[W(m, n)_{-1}, I_0] \subset I_{-1} = 0$ , hence, by transitivity,  $I_0 = 0$  and, proceeding in the same way,  $I_i = 0 \forall i$  which is impossible because  $I \neq 0$ .

So  $I_{-1} = W(m, n)_{-1}$  and  $W(m, n)_0 = [W(m, n)_{-1}, W(m, n)_1] \subset I$ , hence it remains to show that a generic element of the type  $PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  or  $PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$  lies in  $I$ , where  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q \in \Lambda(n)$ . Suppose  $m \geq 1$ : we denote by  $\tilde{P}$

an element of  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  such that  $\frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_i} = P$ . It follows:

$$\begin{aligned} PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \tilde{P}Q \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right] \\ PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \tilde{P}Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $m = 0$  and  $n \geq 2$ : we show that a generic element of the type  $Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}$ , with  $\deg(Q) \geq 2$  lies in  $I$ . Indeed, since  $\deg(Q) \geq 2$ , there exists some  $k \neq i$ , such that:

$$Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} = \left[ \xi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}, Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right]$$

We conclude  $I = W(m, n)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 7.* We now analyze the case  $(m, n) = (0, 1)$  and notice that  $W(0, 1)$  is not simple.

$$W(0, 1) = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}, \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right\rangle$$

and

$$[W(0, 1), W(0, 1)] = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right\rangle \subsetneq W(0, 1)$$

### 4.1.3 Subprincipal grading

Let us consider the subprincipal grading of  $W(m, n)$ , i.e., the grading of type  $(1, \dots, 1|0, \dots, 0)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} W(m, n)_0 &= \left\langle P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, P_i \in \Lambda(n) \right\rangle + \left\langle x_i P_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, P_l \in \Lambda(n) \right\rangle \\ &\cong \mathfrak{gl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n) + W(0, n) \end{aligned}$$

The isomorphism is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : W(m, n)_0 &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n) + W(0, n) \\ x_i \otimes P_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + P_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_r} &\longmapsto e_{i,j} \otimes P_l + P_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_r} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have that:

$$W(m, n)_{-1} = \left\langle P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, P_i \in \Lambda(n) \right\rangle \cong \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$$

We observe that  $W(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading has depth 1.

**Proposition 4.3.**  $W(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading is irreducible.

*Proof.* Let  $S \neq 0$  be a submodule of  $W(m, n)_{-1} \cong \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$  and  $z \in S$  a nonzero element. Then  $z$  is of the form:

$$z = \sum_k \alpha_k P_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \quad \text{where } P_k \in \Lambda(n), \alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$$

Let us suppose  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for an index  $i$ , we have:

$$\left[ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, z \right] = -\alpha_i P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \in S$$

We recall that  $W(m, n)_0 \cong \mathfrak{gl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n) \oplus W(0, n)$ . By the action of  $\mathfrak{gl}(m)$  on  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$  we generate  $P_i \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ . Moreover by the action of  $W(0, n)$  on  $P_i$  we generate  $1 \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ , finally by the action of  $\mathfrak{gl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n)$  on  $1 \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$  we generate  $\mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.**  $W(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading is transitive.

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be an element of  $W(m, n)_{\geq 0}$  such that  $[a, W(m, n)_{-1}] = 0$ . The element  $a$  is of the form:

$$a = \sum_{deg(P_i) \geq 1} P_i Q_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{deg(\tilde{P}_j) \geq 0} \tilde{P}_j \tilde{Q}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \quad P_i, \tilde{P}_j \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m], Q_i, \tilde{Q}_j \in \Lambda(n)$$

We have:

$$0 = \left[ a, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \right] = - \sum_{deg(P_i) \geq 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (P_i Q_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \sum_{deg(\tilde{P}_j) \geq 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\tilde{P}_j \tilde{Q}_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$$

We obtain that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (P_i Q_i) &= 0 \quad \forall i, k \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\tilde{P}_j \tilde{Q}_j) &= 0 \quad \forall j, k \end{aligned}$$

So we get that  $P_i, \tilde{P}_j \in \mathbb{C}$ , but  $deg(P_i) \geq 1 \forall i$ , so  $P_i = 0 \forall i$ . Therefore, including now the constants  $\tilde{P}_j$  in the elements  $\tilde{Q}_j$ ,  $a = \sum \tilde{Q}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$ . Moreover we also know:

$$0 = \left[ a, T(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \right]$$

This means:

$$\sum \tilde{Q}_j \frac{\partial T(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = 0$$

Finally  $\tilde{Q}_j \frac{\partial T(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} = 0 \forall j, \forall T \in \Lambda(n)$ . In particular we choose  $T = \xi_h$   $\forall h = 1, \dots, n$  and get:

$$0 = \tilde{Q}_h \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_h} \xi_h = \tilde{Q}_h$$

□

#### 4.1.4 Symmetric gradings

**Definition 4.1.** (Symmetric grading) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said symmetric if  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{i=-h}^k \mathfrak{g}_i$  with  $h = k < \infty$ .

**Definition 4.2.** (Strongly symmetric grading) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said strongly symmetric if it is symmetric, transitive, generated by its local part and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-i} \cong \mathfrak{g}_i$  as vector spaces  $\forall i$ .

**Definition 4.3.** (Strongly symmetric grading of length five (resp. three)) A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said strongly symmetric of length five (resp. three) if it is strongly symmetric and  $h = k = 2$  (resp.  $h = k = 1$ ).

Our aim is to obtain a complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$ .

*Remark 8.* Notice that if  $\deg(x_i) \neq 0$  for some  $i$ , then the length of the grading is not finite. Therefore a grading of  $W(m, n)$  has finite length if and only if it is of type  $(0, \dots, 0 | b_1, \dots, b_n)$ .

*Remark 9.* 1. If there exists an index  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $a_i$  is odd, then the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is not consistent. In fact  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \in W_{\bar{0}}$  would lie in  $W_{-a_i}$ .

2. If there exists an index  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $|b_j|$  is even, then the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is not consistent. In fact  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \in W_{\bar{1}}$  would lie in  $W_{-b_j}$ .



3. A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(a_1, \dots, a_m | b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , where all  $a_i$ 's are even and all  $b_j$ 's are odd, is consistent. Indeed, let  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q \in \Lambda(n)$ :  
 $deg(PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}) = deg(P) + deg(Q) + deg(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})$  and  $deg(PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}) = deg(P) + deg(Q) + deg(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i})$ .

Now we start our analysis from  $W(0, n)$  and then generalize it to  $W(m, n)$ .

#### 4.1.5 $W(0, n)$ , $n \geq 2$

First we consider a grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i > 0 \forall i$ . We denote by  $k$  the maximal degree and by  $-h$  the minimal degree of elements of  $W(0, n)$  in this grading. It follows:

$$k = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n - \min \{b_i\} \quad h = \max \{b_i\}$$

So:

$$h = k \Leftrightarrow b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n - \min \{b_i\} = \max \{b_i\} \Leftrightarrow n = 2$$

We first study the case  $n = 2$ .

##### A) $W(0, 2)$

i)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b, B)$  where  $0 < b \leq B$ .

In this case  $h = k = B$  and the degree that we can obtain are:  
 $-b, -B, 0, b - B, B - b, B, b$

*Remark 10.* We are interested in  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading such that  $\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \neq 0$ , so if a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is such that  $\mathfrak{g}_{-l} \neq 0$  for some  $l > 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-i} = 0$  for every  $0 < i < l$ , then we assume, up to isomorphisms,  $l = 1$ .

- If  $B = b$  the grading becomes of type  $(|b, b)$ , we suppose  $b = 1$ .

We have:

$$W(0, 2)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \cong \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$W(0, 2)_0 = \left\langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \cong \mathfrak{gl}(2)$$

$$W(0, 2)_1 = \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \cong \mathbb{C}^2$$

It is consistent and generated by its local part.

- If  $B > b$  and  $B = 2b$ , with  $b = 1$ , so that  $b - B = -b$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} W(0, 2)_{-2} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_2 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

It is generated by its local part and it is not consistent.

- If  $B > b$  and  $B > 2b$  so that  $-b > b - B$ , we have, assuming  $b = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W(0, 2)_{-B} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{1-B} &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{B-1} &= \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_B &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

It is not generated by its local part since  $[W(0, 2)_{-1}, W(0, 2)_{-1}] = 0$ .

- If  $B > b$  and  $B < 2b$  so that  $-b < b - B$ , we have, choosing

$b - B = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W(0, 2)_{-b-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{-b} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_b &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_{b+1} &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

It is not generated by its local part, since  $[W(0, 2)_{-1}, W(0, 2)_{-1}] = 0$ .

ii)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|0, a)$  where  $a > 0$ .

We observe that  $h = k = a$ , so we choose  $a = 1$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ W(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

It is not consistent.

iii)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|a, -b)$  where  $a, b > 0$ .

We observe that  $h = k = a + b$ , we can obtain the degrees  $-b - a, -a, -b, 0, b, a, a + b$ .

- If  $a = b = 1$ , then  $h = k = 2$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
W(0, 2)_{-2} &= \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_0 &= \langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_1 &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_2 &= \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

It is consistent and generated by its local part.

- If  $a > b$ , we have, choosing  $b = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
W(0, 2)_{-a-1} &= \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_{-a} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_0 &= \langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_1 &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_a &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_{a+1} &= \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

It is not generated by its local part, since  $[W(0, 2)_{-1}, W(0, 2)_{-1}] = 0$ .

- If  $b > a$ , we have a situation analogous to the previous one, obtaining a grading which is not generated by its local part.

Now we study  $W(0, n)$ , with  $n \geq 3$ .

**B)**  $W(0, n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$

We saw in the previous section that in this case there is no symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i > 0 \forall i$ . So the following cases are left:  $b_i \geq 0$  for every  $i$  and  $b_j = 0$  for some  $j$ , or  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ . We observe that in both these options it follows that  $W(m, n) = \bigoplus_{i=-h}^k W(m, n)_i$  with  $h, k < \infty$  and:

$$h = \sum_{b_i \leq 0} |b_i| + \max \{b_i \geq 0\}$$

$$k = \sum_{b_i \geq 0} b_i + |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}|$$

Then, if we set  $b_1 = \max \{b_i\}$ ,  $b_2 = \min \{b_i\}$  :

$$h = k \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_1 + \dots + b_n = \max \{b_i \geq 0\} - |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_1 + \dots + b_n = \max \{b_i \geq 0\} + \min \{b_i \leq 0\} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_1 + \dots + b_n = \max \{b_i\} + \min \{b_i\} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_3 + \dots + b_n = 0$$

*Remark 11.* If a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  such that  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ , it is sufficient, in order to study symmetric gradings of length five, to analyze a grading of type  $(|B, b, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with  $B > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ . Indeed if  $b_i, b_j, b_k \neq 0$  for some distinct  $i, j, k$ , since  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$ , then  $\deg(\xi_i \xi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}) = b_i + b_k - b_j \geq 3$  if  $b_k > 0$  or  $\deg(\xi_j \xi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}) = b_j + b_k - b_i \leq -3$  if  $b_k < 0$ .

**i)**  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i \geq 0$  for every  $i$  and  $b_j = 0$  for some  $j$ , it follows that  $h = k$  if and only if the grading is of type  $(|a, 0, \dots, 0)$

where  $a > 0$ . We have, choosing  $a = 1$ :

$$W(0, n)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_1 = \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

Since  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\dim(\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle) \geq 2$  and  $W(0, n)_{-1} \not\cong W(0, n)_1$ .

- ii)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  such that  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ . In particular we analyze a grading of type  $(|B, b, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with  $B > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ , in fact this is sufficient in order to study symmetric gradings of length five by Remark 11. We have  $h = k = -b + B$ , the possible degrees are  $-B, b, b - B, B, -b, B - b, 0, B + b$ . We notice that surely  $-b - B \neq -B, b - B, -b, B - b$ . So only the following possibilities remain:  $-b - B = b$ ,  $-b - B = B$  and  $-b - B = 0$ , which can be rewritten as  $B = 2|b|$ ,  $|b| = 2B$  and  $|b| = B$ . If no one of these hold, then  $\dim(W(0, n)_{-b-B}) = 0$  and  $\dim(W(0, n)_{b+B}) > 0$ .

- $B = 2|b|$ , we choose  $|b| = 1$ , so that the grading is  $(|2, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . We have:

$$W(0, n)_{-2} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_2 = \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

It is not symmetric since  $W(0, n)_{-2} \not\cong W(0, n)_2$ .

- $|b| = 2B$ , we choose  $B = 1$ , so that the grading is  $(|1, -2, 0, \dots, 0)$ . This is analogous to the previous one,  $W(0, n)_{-2} \not\cong W(0, n)_2$ .

- $|b| = B$ , we choose  $B = 1$ , so that the grading is  $(|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

$$W(0, n)_{-2} = \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_{-1} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_0 = \langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_1 = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(0, n)_2 = \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$$

This grading is symmetric, not consistent and generated by its local part.

#### 4.1.6 $W(m, n)$ , $m \geq 1$ , $n \geq 1$

The analysis of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  of the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$  is similar to that of the grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  of the Lie superalgebra  $W(0, n)$ . Indeed, the following relations still hold:

$$h = \sum_{b_i \leq 0} |b_i| + \max \{b_i \geq 0\}$$

$$k = \sum_{b_i \geq 0} b_i + |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}|$$

Then:

$$h = k \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_1 + \dots + b_n = \max \{b_i \geq 0\} - |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b_1 + \dots + b_n = \max \{b_i \geq 0\} + \min \{b_i \leq 0\}$$

*Remark 12.* In these formulas it is tacit that if either  $\{b_i \geq 0\} = \emptyset$  or  $\{b_i \leq 0\} = \emptyset$  we mean that  $\max \{b_i \geq 0\}$  or respectively  $\min \{b_i \leq 0\}$  are substituted by a 0.

The possibilities become:

- i)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i \geq 0 \forall i$ , it follows that  $h = k$  if and only if the grading is of type  $(0, \dots, 0|a, 0, \dots, 0)$  where  $a > 0$ . We have, choosing  $a = 1$ :

$$W(m, n)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$W(m, n)_1 = \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$$

$$\otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$W(m, n)_{-1} \cong W(m, n)_1$  if and only if  $m = 1$  and  $n = 1$ , the grading becomes  $(0|1)$ . Indeed:

$$W(1, 1)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$W(1, 1)_0 = \left\langle P(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, Q(x) \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right\rangle$$

$$W(1, 1)_1 = \left\langle \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

This strongly symmetric grading of  $W(m, n)$  of length three is not present in the list given in [1] because  $W(1, 1) \cong K(1, 2)$  (for the definition of the Lie superalgebra  $K(1, 2)$  see [9]). We give a description of it.

$$W(1, 1)_0 = \left\langle \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] \cong$$

$$I \rtimes W(1, 0)$$

where  $I$  is an abelian ideal isomorphic, as a  $W(1, 0)$ -module, to  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ . Indeed:

$$\left[ P(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, Q(x) \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right] = P \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$$

$W(1, 1)_{-1}$  is isomorphic, as a module, to  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ ,  $W(1, 0)$  acts naturally



on it, meanwhile  $I$  acts by multiplication on it. Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} [P(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, Q(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}] &= P \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ [P(x) \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}, Q(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}] &= -PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \end{aligned}$$

ii)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where there exist a  $b_i > 0$  and a  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ . We focus on  $(0, \dots, 0|B, b, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with  $B > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ . Slightly adjusting the case ii) of  $W(0, n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , we obtain that the only symmetric grading, in which  $W(m, n)$  is generated by its local part, is  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

Therefore we have proved the following results:

**Theorem 4.5.** 1. If  $(m, n) \neq (0, 2), (1, 1)$  the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$  has no strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three.

2. A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three of the Lie superalgebras  $W(0, 2)$  and  $W(1, 1)$  is the following:

(a)  $(|1, 1)$

(b)  $(|0, 1)$

(c)  $(0|1)$

**Theorem 4.6.** A complete list, up to isomorphism, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra  $W(m, n)$  is the following:

1.  $(|1, 2)$  for  $m = 0$ ,  $n = 2$

2.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

*Remark 13.* Neither  $(|1, 2)$  nor  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$  is consistent.

We now give a description of these gradings:

- $(|1, 2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
W(0, 2)_{-2} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_{-1} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_0 &= \langle \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_1 &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \\
W(0, 2)_2 &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

We have that  $W(0, 2)_0$  is an abelian Lie algebra of dimension two.  $W(0, 2)_{-2}$  and  $W(0, 2)_2$  are  $W(0, 2)_0$ -modules of dimension 1 isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $W(0, 2)_{-1} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \oplus \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle$ , where  $\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle$  are  $W(0, 2)_0$ -modules of dimension 1. Finally  $W(0, 2)_1 = \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \oplus \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle$  which are  $W(0, 2)_0$ -modules of dimension 1.

- $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
W(m, n)_{-2} &= \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \\
W(m, n)_{-1} &= \langle \xi_2 \rangle \otimes W(m, n-2) \oplus \\
&(\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \oplus \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \\
W(m, n)_0 &= \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle \otimes W(m, n-2) \rtimes (\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \oplus \\
&W(m, n-2)) \\
W(m, n)_1 &= \langle \xi_1 \rangle \otimes W(m, n-2) \oplus \\
&(\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \oplus \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \\
W(m, n)_2 &= \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)
\end{aligned}$$

where by  $\Lambda(n-2)$  we mean  $\Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$ .  $W(m, n)_0$  is not simple since it contains a non trivial abelian ideal, i.e.  $I := \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle \otimes W(m, n-2)$ .  $\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  acts on  $I$  by multiplication, indeed let  $P, \tilde{P} \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q, \tilde{Q} \in \Lambda(n-2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [PQ\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] &= PQ\tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \\ [PQ\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] &= PQ\tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \\ [PQ\xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] &= PQ\tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \\ [PQ\xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] &= PQ\tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \end{aligned}$$

$W(m, n-2)$  acts on  $I$  by adjoint action, let  $X, Y \in W(m, n-2)$ :

$$[X, \xi_1 \xi_2 Y] = \xi_1 \xi_2 [X, Y]$$

The grading is not irreducible, indeed  $\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  is a proper submodule of  $W(m, n)_{-1}$ .

$I$  and  $\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  act trivially on this submodule,  $\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  acts by multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} [P\xi_1\xi_2Q \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= 0 \\ [P\xi_1\xi_2Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= 0 \\ [P\xi_1Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= \\ P\tilde{P}\xi_1Q\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - (-1)^{p(Q)(p(\tilde{Q})+1)} P\tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q}Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} &= \\ P\tilde{P}\xi_1Q\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - P\tilde{P}\xi_1Q\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} &= 0 \\ [P\xi_2Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \tilde{P}\xi_1\xi_2\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= -P\tilde{P}\xi_2Q\xi_1\tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \end{aligned}$$

$W(m, n - 2)$  acts on it by derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} [PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_1 \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= P \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_j} Q \xi_1 \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ [PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_1 \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= P \tilde{P} Q \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \end{aligned}$$

$I$  acts trivially on  $W(m, n)_{-2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [P \xi_1 \xi_2 Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= 0 \\ [P \xi_1 \xi_2 Q \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n - 2)$  acts on  $W(m, n)_{-2}$  by multiplication.  $W(m, n - 2)$  acts on  $W(m, n)_{-2}$  by derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} [PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= \\ P \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_j} Q \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} & \\ [PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= \\ - PQ \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} & \end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 The Lie superalgebra $S'(m, n)$

We call divergence of a vector field  $D = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n g_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \in W(m, n)$  the expression:

$$\text{div} D = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{p(g_i)} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \xi_i}$$

We denote by  $S'(m, n)$  the subspace of  $W(m, n)$  consisting of vector fields with zero divergence,  $S'(m, n)$  is a subalgebra of  $W(m, n)$ .

Moreover we call  $S(m, n)$  the derived algebra of  $S'(m, n)$ . A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $W(m, n)$  induces gradings on  $S'(m, n)$  and  $S(m, n)$ .

### 4.2.1 The principal grading

The principal grading of  $W(m, n)$  induces a grading on  $S'(m, n)$  that we still call principal. With respect to this grading:

$$S'(m, n) = \bigoplus_{i=-1}^{\infty} S'(m, n)_i$$

where:

$$S'(m, n)_0 = \langle x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, i \neq j \rangle \cong \mathfrak{sl}(m, n)$$

The isomorphism is given by the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : S'(m, n)_0 &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(m, n) \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &\longmapsto e_{i,i} + e_{j+m,j+m} \\ x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \quad i \neq j &\longmapsto e_{i,j} \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \quad i \neq j &\longmapsto e_{i+m,j+m} \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &\longmapsto e_{i,j+m} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover:

$$S'(m, n)_{-1} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}^{m|n}$$

So with this grading  $W(m, n)$  is irreducible because  $S'(m, n)_{-1}$  acts via the standard action on  $S'(m, n)_0$ .

**Proposition 4.7.**  *$S'(m, n)$  with the principal grading is transitive.*

*Proof.* It follows from the transitivity of the principal grading of  $W(m, n)$ . □

### 4.2.2 Simplicity

**Theorem 4.8.**  $S'(m, n)$  is simple if  $m > 1$  or  $m = 0$  and  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* We prove the simplicity of  $S'(m, n)$  using the principal grading. First we observe that  $[S'(m, n)_{-1}, S'(m, n)_1] = S'(m, n)_0$ , in fact it is sufficient to show that  $[S'(m, n)_{-1}, S'(m, n)_1] \supset S'(m, n)_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{x_i^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] \quad i \neq j \\
\xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}, \xi_k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] & \text{if } n \geq 3 \text{ and } m = 0 \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] & \text{if } m > 1 \end{cases} \quad i \neq j \\
x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, x_k x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \xi_j x_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \quad \exists x_k \neq x_i \text{ because } m > 1 \\
x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, x_k x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \quad \exists x_k \neq x_i \text{ because } m > 1 \\
\xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, x_k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] \quad \exists x_k \neq x_j \text{ because } m > 1 \\
x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, (x_i^2 + 2x_i x_j + x_j^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (x_i^2 + 2x_i x_j + x_j^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] + \\
&\quad - x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \quad i \neq j \\
\xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - x \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] & m > 1 \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k}, \xi_k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_k \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] & n \geq 3 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Now let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal. We will show that  $I = S'(m, n)$ . In fact from the irreducibility of  $S'(m, n)_{-1}$  and the fact that  $[I_{-1}, S'(m, n)_0] \subset I_{-1}$ , it follows  $I_{-1} = 0$  or  $I_{-1} = S'(m, n)_{-1}$ . In the first case we have that  $[S'(m, n)_{-1}, I_0] \subset I_{-1} = 0$ , by transitivity we have  $I_0 = 0$  and, proceeding in the same way,  $I_i = 0 \forall i$  which is impossible because  $I \neq 0$ .

It follows that  $I_{-1} = S'(m, n)_{-1}$  and  $S'(m, n)_0 = [S'(m, n)_{-1}, S'(m, n)_1] \subset I$ . It remains to show that an element of degree higher than 0 lies in  $I$ . Let us first analyze the case  $m = 0$  and  $n \geq 3$ .

It is enough to prove that a system of generators of  $S'(m, n)_k$ ,  $k < n - 1$ , lies in  $I$ . Indeed we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \frac{1}{2} [\xi_{i_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{i_1}} - \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}] \quad i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{k+1} \\ &= \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_j \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = \\ &= [\xi_{i_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{i_1}} - \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_j \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \cdots \xi_{i_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] \\ & \quad i, j \neq i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}, i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

If  $m > 1$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_1}}, \frac{x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}+1}}{\lambda_{j_1}+1} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \quad j \neq i_1 \cdots i_t, \lambda_{j_1} + \dots + \lambda_{j_l} + t = k + 1 \\ &= x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{i_{t-1}} \left( -\xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} - \frac{x_{j_s}}{\lambda_{j_s}+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_s}} \right) = \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_s}}, x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots \frac{x_{j_s}^{\lambda_{j_s}+1}}{\lambda_{j_s}+1} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{t-1}} \left( -\xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} - \frac{x_{j_s}}{(\lambda_{j_s}+2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} \right) \right] \\ &= x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} = \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_1}}, \frac{x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}+1}}{\lambda_{j_1}+1} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} \right] \quad s \neq \lambda_{j_1}, \dots, \lambda_{j_l}, \lambda_{j_1} + \dots + \lambda_{j_l} = k + 1 \\ &= x_s^{\lambda_s} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} + \lambda_s x_s^{\lambda_s-1} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} = \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s}, \frac{x_s^{\lambda_s+1}}{\lambda_s+1} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} + x_s^{\lambda_s} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] \\ &= x_s^{\lambda_s} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} - \lambda_s x_s^{\lambda_s-1} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots \frac{x_t^{\lambda_t+1}}{\lambda_t+1} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_t} = \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s}, \frac{x_s^{\lambda_s+1}}{\lambda_s+1} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_s} - x_s^{\lambda_s} x_{j_1}^{\lambda_{j_1}} \cdots \frac{x_t^{\lambda_t+1}}{\lambda_t+1} \cdots x_{j_l}^{\lambda_{j_l}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark 14.* Let us analyze the cases in which  $S'(m, n)$  is not simple.

i)  $m = 0$  and  $n = 1$ , then  $P(\xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \in S'(0, 1)$  if and only if  $P(\xi) = a \in \mathbb{C}$ , so  $S'(0, 1) = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \rangle$  which is abelian.

ii)  $m = 0$  and  $n = 2$ , we have:

$$S'(0, 2) = \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle$$

We notice that  $\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle$  is a non trivial ideal.

iii)  $m = 1 \forall n$ :  $S'(1, n) = S(1, n) + \mathbb{C} \xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ .

First we show that  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \notin S(1, n)$ , in fact:

$$\begin{aligned} [P(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=1}^n Q_l(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l}, R(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] = \quad (4.1) \\ P(x, \xi) \frac{\partial R(x, \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{p(P)p(R)} R(x, \xi) \frac{\partial P(x, \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ \sum_{j=1}^n (P(x, \xi) \frac{\partial T_j(x, \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} - (-1)^{p(P)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) + \\ \sum_{l=1}^n (Q_l(x, \xi) \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{p(R)(p(Q_l)+1)} R(x, \xi) \frac{\partial Q_l(x, \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l}) + \\ \sum_{l,j} [Q_l \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l}, T_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the term  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  can come out from this bracket only if one of these holds:

- If  $P(x, \xi) \frac{\partial R(x, \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ , then it should be  $P = \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}$ ,  $R = x \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}$ , such that  $\xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} = \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} P \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=1}^n Q_l \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l} = \\ \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=1}^n Q_l \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l} \end{aligned}$$



The condition of null divergence gives:

$$\sum_{l=1}^n (-1)^{P(Q_l)} \frac{\partial Q_l}{\partial \xi_l} = 0$$

And:

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = \\ x \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \end{aligned}$$

The condition of null divergence gives:

$$\xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} + \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{P(T_j)} \frac{\partial T_j}{\partial \xi_j} = 0$$

In this case the terms of (4.1) that involve  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  become:

$$\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_j (-1)^{p(P)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

We now observe that  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  cannot be canceled by neither the terms  $\sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  because they contain  $x$  nor the terms  $T_j \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  if  $T_j \neq \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_j$  where  $j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n$ .

So we focus on:

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j(x, \xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = \\ x \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} \alpha_j \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \end{aligned}$$

The divergence condition becomes:

$$\xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \left( 1 - \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} \alpha_j \right) = 0$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_j (-1)^{p(P)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} (-1)^{t(n-t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_j \frac{\partial \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} (-1)^{t(n-t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} ((-1)^{t(n-t)} - \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} (-1)^{t(n-t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& (-1)^{t(n-t)} \xi_{i_{t+1}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} (1 - \sum_{j \neq i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n} \alpha_j) \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

- There exists a  $\bar{j}$  such that  $T_{\bar{j}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}}} = \xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n$ , then  $T_{\bar{j}} = \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}}$ ,  $P = \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}$ , such that  $\xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} = \xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n$ . So:

$$\begin{aligned}
& P \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = \\
& \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}
\end{aligned}$$

The condition of zero divergence becomes:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{P(Q_j)} \frac{\partial Q_j}{\partial \xi_j} = 0$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
& R \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} = \\
& R \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}} T_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} + \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}}}
\end{aligned}$$

The condition of zero divergence becomes:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}} (-1)^{P(T_j)} \frac{\partial T_j}{\partial \xi_j} - \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = 0$$

In this case the terms of (4.1) that involve  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\ & \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

Now we analyze these subcases:

1. If  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \neq 0$  we have that the terms  $\sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  cannot cancel  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ , we focus on  $R = \beta x \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}$  and  $T_j = \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_j$   $j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t$  that can cancel  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ . In this case the terms of (4.1) that involve  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\ & ((-1)^{t(n-t)} \beta - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} ((-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j) - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)}) \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

But the condition of zero divergence of  $R \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}} (-1)^{P(T_j)} \frac{\partial T_j}{\partial \xi_j} - \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = \\ & \beta \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} + \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{t+1} (-1)^t \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} - \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = \\ & (\beta - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} \alpha_j - 1) \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (4.2) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-1)^{t(n-t)} \beta - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} ((-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j) - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)}) \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\ & (-1)^{t(n-t)} (\beta - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (\alpha_j) - 1) \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = 0$ , and  $R = \beta \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}$ , then the terms of (4.1) that involve  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  become:

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_l Q_l \frac{\partial R}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\ & - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(p(T_j)+1)} T_j \frac{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\ & - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=i_1, \dots, i_t} \beta Q_l \frac{\partial \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

Focusing on  $T_j = \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_j$   $j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t$  and  $Q_l = \gamma_l \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_l$ , that can cancel  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n$  the last expression becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \xi_j \frac{\partial \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\
& - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\
& + \sum_{l=i_1, \dots, i_t} \beta \gamma_l \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_l \frac{\partial \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t}}{\partial \xi_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\
& - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\
& + \sum_{l=i_1, \dots, i_t} \beta \gamma_l \xi_{\bar{j}} \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \alpha_j \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \\
& - (-1)^{(n-t)(t+2)} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=i_1, \dots, i_t} \beta \gamma_l (-1)^{(n-t)t} \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \\
& (-1)^{(n-t)t} \left( - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} \alpha_j - 1 + \sum_{l=i_1, \dots, i_t} \beta \gamma_l \right) \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad (4.3)
\end{aligned}$$

But the condition of zero divergence of  $R \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{j=1}^n T_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} + \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}} (-1)^{p(T_j)} \frac{\partial T_j}{\partial \xi_j} - \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = \\
& \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} (-1)^{t+1} (-1)^t \alpha_j \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} - \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = \\
& \left( - \sum_{j \neq \bar{j}, i_1, \dots, i_t} \alpha_j - 1 \right) \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand the condition of zero divergence of

$P \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sum_{l=1}^n Q_l \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_l}$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \sum_l (-1)^{p(Q_l)} \frac{\partial Q_l}{\partial \xi_l} = \\ \sum_l \gamma_l (-1)^{n-t+1} (-1)^{n-t} \xi_j \xi_{i_{t+2}} \cdots \xi_{i_n} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (4.3) becomes 0.

This proves that  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \notin S(1, n)$ .

Now we show that every element different from  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  lies in  $S(1, n)$ . In order to do this, we consider the principal grading and prove that a basis of  $[S'(1, n), S'(1, n)]_k$  lies in  $S(1, n)$ . Indeed we have:

1. If  $k < n - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x^{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{x^{k+2}}{k+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] \\ x^{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (k+1)x^k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \frac{1}{k+2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x^{k+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (k+2)x^{k+1} \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] \\ x^h \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{k+2-h} h x^{h-1} \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \\ \frac{1}{h+1} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x^{h+1} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{k+2-h} (h+1) x^h \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] \\ \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \quad i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{k+1} \\ \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] \quad i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $k = n - 1$  can be treated in the same way, except for the element  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
3. If  $k > n - 1$ :  $x^{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, x^{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (k+1)x^k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, x^h \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{k+2-h} h x^{h-1} \xi_i \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{k+1-h}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}$  where  $k+1-h \leq n-1$  can be obtained as seen in the first case.

**Proposition 4.9.**  $S(1, n)$  is simple if  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove the statement using principal grading. We show that  $[S(1, n)_{-1}, S(1, n)_1] = S(1, n)_0$ , indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right], i \neq j \\ x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{1}{2} x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \xi_j x \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \\ x \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{1}{2} x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, \xi_j \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right], i \neq j \\ \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - x \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Now let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $S(1, n)$ . We will show that  $I = S(1, n)$ . By the irreducibility of  $S(1, n)_{-1} = S'(1, n)_{-1}$  and the fact that  $[I_{-1}, S(1, n)_0] \subset I_{-1}$ , it follows  $I_{-1} = 0$  or  $I_{-1} = S(1, n)_{-1}$ . In the first case we have that  $[S(1, n)_{-1}, I_0] \subset I_{-1} = 0$ , by transitivity we have  $I_0 = 0$  and, proceeding in the same way,  $I_i = 0 \forall i$  which is impossible because  $I \neq 0$ .

So  $I_{-1} = S(1, n)_{-1}$  and  $S(1, n)_0 = [S(1, n)_{-1}, S(1, n)_1] \subset I$ ,

It remains to show that an element of degree  $k > 0$  lies in  $I$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x^{k+1-t} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{x^{k+2-t}}{k+2-t} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right] & \quad j \neq i_1 \cdots i_t \\ x^{k+1-t} \xi_{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{i_{t-1}} \left( -\xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} - \frac{x}{k+2-t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) &= \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{x^{k+2-t}}{k+2-t} \xi_{i_1} \cdots \xi_{i_{t-1}} \left( -\xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} - \frac{x}{(k+3-t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right] & \\ x^{k+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (k+1) x^k \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} &= \\ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{x^{k+2}}{k+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right] &\end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark 15.*  $S(1, 1)$  is not simple. Indeed  $\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$  is a non zero ideal of  $S(1, 1)$ .

### 4.2.3 Subprincipal grading

The subprincipal grading is that of type  $(1, \dots, 1|0, \dots, 0)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(m, n)_0 &= \langle x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \quad i \neq j, x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \quad i \neq j \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) + S'(0, n) \\ &\cong \mathfrak{sl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) + S'(0, n) \end{aligned}$$

The isomorphism is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : S'(m, n)_0 &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) + S'(0, n) \\ (x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}) \otimes P(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \quad i \neq j &\longmapsto (e_{i,i} - e_{j,j}) \otimes P(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \\ x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \otimes P(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \quad i \neq j &\longmapsto e_{i,j} \otimes P(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \\ S'(0, n) \ni P &\longmapsto P \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have that:

$$S'(m, n)_{-1} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(n) \cong \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$$

We observe that  $S'(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading has depth 1.

**Proposition 4.10.**  *$S'(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading is irreducible.*

*Proof.* Let  $S \neq 0$  be a submodule of  $S(m, n)_{-1} \cong \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$  and  $z \in S$  a nonzero element. Then  $z$  is of the form:

$$z = \sum_k \alpha_k P_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \quad \text{where } P_k \in \Lambda(n), \alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$$

Let us suppose  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for an index  $i$ . Then we have:

$$[x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, z] = -\alpha_i P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \in S$$

We recall that  $S'(m, n)_0 \cong \mathfrak{sl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n) \oplus S'(0, n)$ . By the action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(m)$  on  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$  we generate  $P_i \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ . Moreover by the action of  $S'(0, n)$  on  $P_i$  we generate  $1 \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$ , finally by the action of  $\mathfrak{sl}(m) \otimes \Lambda(n)$  on  $1 \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$  we generate  $\mathbb{C}^m \otimes \Lambda(n)$ .  $\square$



**Proposition 4.11.**  $S'(m, n)$  with subprincipal grading is transitive.

*Proof.* Let  $a \neq 0$  be an element of  $S'_{i \geq 0}(m, n)$  and suppose  $[a, S'_{-1}(m, n)] = 0$ . Since  $S'_{-1}(m, n) = W_{-1}(m, n)$ , we have, by the transitivity of  $W(m, n)$  with the subprincipal grading, that  $a = 0$ . □

#### 4.2.4 Symmetric gradings

Our aim is to obtain a complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra  $S'(m, n)$ .

*Remark 16.* We notice that we are interested only in  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  or  $(a|)$ , in fact if there exists an  $a_i \neq 0$  and  $m \geq 2$ , the maximal degree  $k$  would not be finite, because for example an element of the form  $x_1^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$  would lie in  $S'$  for every  $l$ . On the other hand if  $m = 1$  and  $n \geq 1$  the maximal degree  $k$  would not be finite, because, similarly, an element of the form  $x^l \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}$  would lie in  $S'$  for every  $l$ . Moreover the gradings of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  and  $(a|)$  are of finite depth, because the squares of the  $\xi_i$ 's are zero.

The grading of type  $(a|)$  is very elementary, indeed, if we suppose  $a = 1$   $S'(1, 0) = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rangle = S'(1, 0)_{-1}$ .

We will start our analysis from  $S'(0, n)$  and then generalize it to  $S'(m, n)$ .

#### 4.2.5 $S'(0, n)$

We first consider a grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i > 0 \forall i$ . We denote by  $k$  the maximal degree and  $-h$  the minimal degree of elements of  $S'(0, n)$  with such a grading. We set  $\max(b_i) = b_2$  and  $\min(b_i) = b_1$  It follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k &= b_2 + \dots + b_n - \min \{b_i\} = b_2 + \dots + b_n - b_1 \\ h &= \max \{b_i\} = b_2 \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} h = k &\Leftrightarrow \\ -b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n &= b_2 \Leftrightarrow \\ b_3 + \dots + b_n &= b_1 \Leftrightarrow \\ n = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad b_3 &= b_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we first study the case  $n = 3$  and grading  $(|b, B, b), B \geq b$ . We have  $h = k = B$  and the following two possibilities:

1. If  $B = b$ , supposing  $b = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S'(0, 3)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 3)_1 &\supset \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \xi_1 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_2 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} - \xi_1 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \dim(S'(0, 3)_{-1}) < \dim(S'(0, 3)_1).$$

2. If  $B > b$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(0, 3)_{-B} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 3)_B &\supset \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3}, \xi_2 \xi_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \dim(S'(0, 3)_{-B}) < \dim(S'(0, 3)_B).$$

Therefore now we study gradings of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  with  $b_i \geq 0 \forall i$  such that  $b_j = 0$  for some  $j$ , or such that  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ . First we analyze what happens for  $n = 2$  and then  $n \geq 3$ .

#### A) $S'(0, 2)$

The possibilities are:

i)  $(|0, a)$  with  $a > 0$ . We suppose  $a = 1$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\dim(S'(0, 2)_{-1}) > \dim(S'(0, 2)_1)$ .

ii)  $(|a, -b)$  with  $a, b > 0$  and  $a > b$  then  $h = k = a + b$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(0, 2)_{-b} &= 0 \\ S'(0, 2)_b &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\dim(S'(0, 2)_{-b}) < \dim(S'(0, 2)_b)$ .

iii)  $(|a, -b)$  with  $a, b > 0$  and  $a < b$  then  $h = k = a + b$ , It is analogous to the previous one.

iv)  $(|a, -a)$  with  $a > 0$ , we suppose  $a = 1$ , we have  $h = k = 2$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(0, 2)_{-2} &= \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_0 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_1 &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \\ S'(0, 2)_2 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

This grading not generated by its local part, since  $[S'(0, 2)_{-1}, S'(0, 2)_{-1}] = 0$ .

**B)**  $S'(0, n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$

Let  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading such that  $b_i \geq 0 \forall i$  and  $b_j = 0$  for some  $j$ , or such that  $b_i > 0$  and a  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

We observe that in both these cases  $S'(0, n) = \bigoplus_{i=-h}^k S'(0, n)_i$  with  $h, k < \infty$  and:

$$h = \sum_{b_i \leq 0} |b_i| + \max \{b_i \geq 0\}$$

$$k = \sum_{b_i \geq 0} b_i + |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}|$$

Then, if we set  $b_1 = \max \{b_i\}$ ,  $b_2 = \min \{b_i\}$  :

$$h = k \Leftrightarrow b_3 + \dots + b_n = 0$$

i)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  where  $b_i \geq 0 \forall i$  and  $b_j = 0$  for some  $j$ . Notice that  $h = k$  if and only if the grading is of type  $(|a, 0, \dots, 0)$  where  $a > 0$ . We have, choosing  $a = 1$ :

$$S'(0, n)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$$

$$S'(0, n)_1 = \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) + \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \xi_4, \dots, \xi_n) + \dots$$

$$+ \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \xi_3, \dots, \xi_{n-1}) + \left\langle \xi_1 \xi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_1 \xi_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_k, k \neq i, j, 1)$$

$$i \neq j, \quad i, j \neq 1$$

Therefore:

$$\dim(S'(0, n)_{-1}) = 2^{n-1}$$

$$\dim(S'(0, n)_1) = (n-1)2^{n-2} + (n-2)2^{n-3}$$

$$\dim(S'(0, n)_{-1}) = \dim(S'(0, n)_1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2^{n-1} = (n-1)2^{n-2} + (n-2)2^{n-3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{n-1} &= 2^{n-3}(2n - 2 + n - 2) \Leftrightarrow \\
4 &= 3n - 4 \Leftrightarrow \\
n &= 8/3
\end{aligned}$$

So these two spaces have always different dimensions.

ii)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  with  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

Let us analyze the grading of type  $(|B, b, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with  $B > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ . In fact this is sufficient, by Remark 11, in order to study symmetric gradings of length five. We have  $h = k = -b + B$ , the possible degrees are  $-B, b, b - B, B, -b, B - b, 0, B + b$ . We notice that  $-b - B \neq -B, b - B, -b, B - b$ . Therefore we have the following possibilities:

- ii a)  $-b - B = b$ , i.e.,  $B = 2|b|$ ;
- ii b)  $-b - B = B$ , i.e.,  $|b| = 2B$ ;
- ii c)  $-b - B = 0$ , i.e.,  $|b| = B$ .

If none of these cases holds, then  $\dim(S'(m, n)_{-b-B}) = 0$  and  $\dim(S'(m, n)_{b+B}) > 0$ , hence we rule this possibility out. In case *ii a)* (resp. *ii b)*) we can assume  $|b| = 1$  (resp.  $B = 1$ ) hence getting a grading of depth three. Now suppose  $|b| = B$ , and set  $B = 1$ , i.e., consider the grading of type  $(|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
S'(0, n)_{-2} &= \langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \\
S'(0, n)_{-1} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) + \\
&\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} + (-1)^{p(Q)} \xi_2 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\
S'(0, n)_0 &= \langle Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle + \\
&\langle Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} - \xi_1 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle + \xi_1 \xi_2 \otimes S(m, n - 2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S'(0, n)_1 &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) + \\
&\left\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} + (-1)^{p(Q)} \xi_1 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\
S'(0, n)_2 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that this grading is symmetric, it is consistent if and only if  $n = 2$  and it is generated by its local part.

#### 4.2.6 $S'(m, n)$ , $m > 1$ and $n \geq 2$

The analysis of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(0, \dots, 0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  of the Lie superalgebra  $S'(m, n)$  is similar to that of the grading of type  $(|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  of the Lie superalgebra  $S'(0, n)$ . Indeed, the following relations still hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
h &= \sum_{b_i \leq 0} |b_i| + \max \{b_i \geq 0\} \\
k &= \sum_{b_i \geq 0} b_i + |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}|
\end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
h &= k \Leftrightarrow \\
b_1 + \dots + b_n &= \max \{b_i \geq 0\} - |\min \{b_i \leq 0\}| \Leftrightarrow \\
b_1 + \dots + b_n &= \max \{b_i \geq 0\} + \min \{b_i \leq 0\}
\end{aligned}$$

*Remark 17.* As in the general case of  $W(m, n)$ , in these formulas we mean that if either  $\{b_i \geq 0\} = \emptyset$  or  $\{b_i \leq 0\} = \emptyset$  then  $\max \{b_i \geq 0\} = 0$  (resp.  $\min \{b_i \leq 0\} = 0$ ).

The following possibilities may thus occur:

i)  $b_i \geq 0 \forall i$ :

in this case  $h = k$  if and only if the grading is, up to isomorphisms, of

type  $(0, \dots, 0|a, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $a > 0$ . Let us set  $a = 1$ . Then we have:

$$S'(m, n)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$$

$$S'(m, n)_1 = \left\langle P \frac{\partial Q(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)+1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle$$

$$j \geq 2$$

where  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q \in \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$ .

**ii)**  $b_i > 0$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $i > j$ .

In order to study symmetric gradings of length five it is sufficient to analyze gradings of type  $(0, \dots, 0|B, b, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $B > 0$ ,  $b < 0$ , by Remark 11. Then  $h = k = -b + B$  and the degrees which appear are:  $-B, b, b - B, B, -b, B - b, 0, B + b$ . Notice that  $-b - B \neq -B, b - B, -b, B - b$ . Therefore we have the following possibilities:

$$\text{ii a)} \quad -b - B = b, \text{ i.e., } B = 2|b|;$$

$$\text{ii b)} \quad -b - B = B, \text{ i.e., } |b| = 2B;$$

$$\text{ii c)} \quad -b - B = 0, \text{ i.e., } |b| = B.$$

If none of these cases holds, then  $\dim(S'(m, n)_{-b-B}) = 0$  and  $\dim(S'(m, n)_{b+B}) > 0$ , hence we rule this possibility out. In case *ii a)* (resp. *ii b)*) we can assume  $|b| = 1$  (resp.  $B = 1$ ) hence getting a grading of depth three. Now suppose  $|b| = B$ , and set  $B = 1$ , i.e., consider the grading of type  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , let  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q \in \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$ :

$$S'(m, n)_{-2} = \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S'(m, n)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] + \\
&\left\langle P \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)+1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle + \\
&\left\langle P \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} + (-1)^{p(Q)} P \xi_2 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\
S'(m, n)_0 &= \left\langle PQ(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} \xi_1 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \right. \\
&PQ(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - PQ(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \\
&P \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \\
&P \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} \xi_1 \xi_2 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \left. \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\
S'(m, n)_1 &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] + \\
&\left\langle P \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)+1} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle + \\
&\left\langle P \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} + (-1)^{p(Q)} P \xi_1 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\
S'(m, n)_2 &= \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]
\end{aligned}$$

This grading is symmetric, consistent if and only if  $n = 2$  and generated by its local part.

#### 4.2.7 $S(1, n)$ , $n \geq 2$

We start by analyzing the grading of type  $(0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$  with  $b_i > 0$  for every  $i$ . Recall that  $S(1, n) = S'(1, n) \setminus \langle \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rangle$ , hence  $S(1, n) = \bigoplus_{i=-h}^k S(1, n)_i$  where, if we set  $b_1 = \min(b_i)$  and  $b_2 = \max(b_i)$ :

$$h = b_2 \quad k = b_2 + \dots + b_n$$

Then:

$$k = h \Leftrightarrow b_2 + \dots + b_n = b_2 \Leftrightarrow b_3 + \dots + b_n = 0 \Leftrightarrow n = 2$$

The following possibilities may then occur:



i)  $(0|b, b)$  where  $b = 1$ , that is  $(0|1, 1)$ . We have:

$$S(1, 2)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$S(1, 2)_1 = \left\langle rx^{r-1}\xi_1\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - x^r\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, rx^{r-1}\xi_1\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} - x^r\xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right\rangle \quad r \geq 0$$

Note that this grading is symmetric and consistent.

ii)  $(0|b, B)$ ,  $B > b$ . This grading is symmetric of length 5 if and only if  $b = 1$  and  $B = 2$ . Then we have:

$$S(1, 2)_{-2} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$S(1, 2)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$S(1, 2)_0 = \left\langle \xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] + \left\langle x^r\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + rx^{r-1}\xi_i\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}, i = 1, 2 \right\rangle$$

$$S(1, 2)_1 = \left\langle \xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] + \left\langle rx^{r-1}\xi_1\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} - x^r\xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right\rangle \quad r \geq 0$$

$$S(1, 2)_2 = \left\langle x^r\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - rx^{r-1}\xi_1\xi_2\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle$$

This grading is symmetric and generated by its local part, but not consistent.

Finally we consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of type  $(0|b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , where either  $b_i > 0$  for some  $i$  and  $b_j < 0$  for some  $j$  or  $b_i \geq 0$  for every  $i$  and  $b_k = 0$  for at least one  $k$ . The analysis of these cases can be carried out as for  $S'(m, n)$  with  $m > 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ , keeping in mind that  $\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \notin S(1, n)$ . Notice, though, that the grading of type  $(0|1, 0)$  of  $S(1, 2)$  is strongly symmetric of length three. Indeed, let us consider  $S(1, n)$  with the grading of type  $(0|1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then we have:

$$S(1, n)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$S(1, n)_1 = \left\langle P(x)\frac{\partial Q(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_i}\xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (-1)^{p(Q)+1}\frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x}Q(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)\xi_1\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \right\rangle$$

for  $i \geq 2$

Therefore  $S(1, n)_1$  is isomorphic to  $n - 1$  copies of  $S(1, n)_{-1}$ , that is  $S(1, n)_1 \cong S(1, n)_{-1}$  if and only if  $n = 2$ .

If  $n = 2$  we obtain:

$$S(1, 2)_{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_2) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$S(1, 2)_1 = \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] + \left\langle x^r \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - r x^{r-1} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle$$

Therefore we have proved the following results:

**Theorem 4.12.** 1. If  $(m, n) \neq (1, 2)$  then the Lie superalgebra  $S(m, n)$  has no strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading of length three.

2. A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length three of the Lie superalgebra  $S(1, 2)$  is the following:

(a)  $(0|1, 1)$

(b)  $(0|1, 0)$

**Theorem 4.13.** A complete list, up to isomorphisms, of strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra of  $S(m, n)$  is the following:

1.  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$

2.  $(0|2, 1)$  for  $m = 1$  and  $n = 2$

We now give a description on the strongly symmetric  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings of length five of the Lie superalgebra of  $S(m, n)$ .

1.  $S(1, 2)$  with grading  $(0|2, 1)$ . It follows that:

$$S(1, 2)_0 = \left\langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \right\rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] + \left\langle x^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + r x^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \cong$$

$$\mathbb{C}[x] \rtimes W(1, 0)$$

and  $I := \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$  is a non trivial abelian ideal. Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} & [x^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + rx^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, x^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + tx^{t-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = \\ & tx^{r+t-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + t(t-1)x^{r+t-2} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ & - rx^{r+t-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - r(r-1)x^{r+t-2} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ & [P(x)(\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}), Q(x)(\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$W(0, 1)$  acts naturally on  $I$ , indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} & [x^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + rx^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, P(x)\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - P(x)\xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}] = \\ & \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} x^r \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} x^r \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned} S(1, 2)_{-1} &= \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] \oplus \langle \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x] \cong \\ & S_1 \oplus S_2 \end{aligned}$$

with  $S_1$  and  $S_2$   $S(1, 2)_0$ -modules. In particular:  $S_1 \cong \mathbb{C}[x]^{(-1)}$  and  $S_2 \cong \mathbb{C}[x]^{(1)}$ , where by  $\mathbb{C}[x]^{(\lambda)}$  we denote the twisted action of  $W(1, 0)$  on  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  defined as follows, for  $X \in W(1, 0)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ :

$$X.P = X(P) + \lambda \operatorname{div}(X)P$$

Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} & [x^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + rx^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, Q(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = \\ & x^r \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - rQx^{r-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ & [x^r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + rx^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, Q(x)\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}] = \\ & x^r \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} + rQx^{r-1} \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  acts on  $S_1$  by multiplication for  $-1$  and on  $S_2$  by multiplication for  $2$ . Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} [P(x)(\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}), Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] &= -PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ [P(x)(\xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}), Q \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}] &= 2PQ \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \end{aligned}$$

Finally  $S(1, 2)_{-2} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]$  is isomorphic, as a module, to  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ , it is a  $W(1, 0)$ -module with respect to the natural action, meanwhile it is a  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ -module with respect to the product action.

2.  $S(m, n)$  with grading  $(0, \dots, 0|1, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S'(m, n)_0 &= \langle PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} \xi_1 Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \rangle + \\ &\langle PQ \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - PQ \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \rangle + \\ &\langle P \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \rangle + \\ &\langle P \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \rangle \quad j \geq 3 = \\ &W(m, 0) \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \oplus I_1 \oplus S(m, n-2) \oplus I_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q \in \Lambda(n-2)$  and by  $\Lambda(n-2)$  we mean  $\Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)$ .

$I_1 \cong \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  and  $I_2 \cong \langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle \otimes S(m, n-2)$  are abelian ideals. The ideals  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  commute, indeed let  $P, \tilde{P} \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $Q, \tilde{Q} \in \Lambda(n-2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [PQ \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - PQ \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \tilde{P} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(\tilde{Q})} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{P}(x)}{\partial x_i} \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}] &= \\ PQ \tilde{P} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(\tilde{Q})} PQ \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{P}(x)}{\partial x_i} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} + \\ PQ \tilde{P} \xi_2 \xi_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(\tilde{Q})} PQ \xi_2 \xi_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{P}(x)}{\partial x_i} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$S(m, n-2)$  acts by derivation on  $I_1$ ,  $W(m, 0)$  acts on  $I_1$  by derivation,  $\Lambda(n-2)$  by multiplication.

$S(m, n-2)$  and  $W(m, 0) \otimes \Lambda(n-2)$  act on  $I_2$  via the adjoint action.

Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned} S'(m, n)_{-1} &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(n-2) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] + \\ &\left\langle P(x) \frac{\partial R(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(R)+1} \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} R(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 \\ &\left\langle P(x) \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} + (-1)^{p(Q)} P(x) \xi_2 Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \right\rangle \quad j \geq 3 = \end{aligned}$$

$$S_1 + S_2 + S_3 \cong$$

$$\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes \Lambda(n-2) + S(m, n-2) + \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \otimes W(0, n-2)$$

By direct and long computations one can see that the following inclusions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} [I_1 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_1] &\subset S_1 \\ [W(m, 0) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m], S_1] &\subset S_1 \\ [S(m, n-2), S_1] &\subset S_1 \\ [I_2 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_1] &\subset S_2 + S_3 \\ [I_1 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_2] &\subset S_2 + S_3 \\ [W(m, 0) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m], S_2] &\subset S_2 + S_3 \\ [S(m, n-2), S_2] &\subset S_2 \\ [I_2 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_2] &= 0 \\ [I_1 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_3] &\subset S_3 \\ [W(m, 0) \otimes \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m], S_3] &\subset S_2 + S_3 \\ [S(m, n-2), S_3] &\subset S_2 + S_3 \\ [I_2 \otimes \Lambda(n-2), S_3] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore this grading is not irreducible, since  $S_2 + S_3$  is a submodule.

Finally:

$$S'(m, n)_{-2} = \left\langle \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \right\rangle \otimes \Lambda(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$$

Therefore  $W(m, 0) \otimes \Lambda(n - 2)$  acts on  $S'(m, n)_{-2}$  by  $(-1)$ -twisted action. Indeed, let  $Q, \tilde{Q} \in \Lambda(n - 2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & [P(x)Q \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} \xi_1 Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = \\ & P \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_i} Q \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - (-1)^{p(Q)p(\tilde{Q})} (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} = \\ & P \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_i} Q \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} Q \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{C}[x] \otimes \Lambda(n - 2)$  acts on  $S'(m, n)_{-2}$  by multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} & [P(x)Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - P(x)Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2}, \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = \\ & - PQ \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - (-1)^{p(Q)p(\tilde{Q})} (-1)^{p(Q)} \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} PQ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} = \\ & - PQ \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - PQ \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} = \\ & - 2PQ \tilde{P} \xi_2 \tilde{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \end{aligned}$$

and  $S(m, n - 2)$  acts on  $S'(m, n)_{-2}$  by derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} & [P(x) \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P} \tilde{Q} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = \\ & P(x) \frac{\partial Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial x_i} \tilde{Q} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} Q(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_n) \tilde{P} \frac{\partial \tilde{Q}}{\partial \xi_j} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \end{aligned}$$

$\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle \otimes S(m, n - 2)$  acts on  $S'(m, n)_{-2}$  trivially:

$$[P(x) \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - (-1)^{p(Q)} \xi_1 \xi_2 \frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x_i} Q \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j}, \tilde{P} \tilde{Q} \xi_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}] = 0$$

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