

## Structure of the 3-Lie algebra $J_{11}$

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### Abstract

The paper main concerns the structure of 8-dimensional 3-Lie algebra  $J_{11}$  which is constructed by 2-cubic matrix. The multiplication of  $J_{11}$  is discussed and the decomposition of  $J_{11}$  associate with a Cartan subalgebra is provided. The structure of derivation algebra and inner derivation algebra of  $J_{11}$  are also studied.

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## 1 Introduction

$n$ -Lie algebras [1-2], especially, 3-Lie algebras, have wide applications in mathematics and mathematical physics [3-4]. Researchers try to construct  $n$ -Lie algebras by algebras which we know well. For example, by means of one and two dimensional extensions, people constructed  $n$ -Lie algebras from  $(n-1)$ -Lie algebras. In papers [5-6], 3-Lie algebras are constructed by Lie algebras, associative algebras, pre-Lie algebras and commutative associative algebras and their derivations and involutions. In paper [7], fifteen kinds of multiplications of  $N$ -cubic matrix are provided, and four non-isomorphic  $N^3$ -dimensional 3-Lie algebras are constructed. In this paper, we pay our main attention to

8-dimensional 3-Lie algebras which are constructed by 2-cubic matrix, we suppose that 3-Lie algebras over a field  $F$  of characteristic of zero, and the subspace generated by a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is denoted by  $\langle S \rangle$ .

## 2 Structure of 3-Lie algebras $J_{11}$

An  $N$ -order cubic matrix  $A = (a_{ijk})$  (see [7]) over a field  $F$  is an ordered object which the elements with 3 indices, and the element in the position  $(i, j, k)$  is  $(A)_{ijk} = a_{ijk}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq N$ . Denote the set of all cubic matrix over a field  $F$  by  $\Omega$ . Then  $\Omega$  is an  $N^3$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$  with  $A + B = (a_{ijk} + b_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ ,  $\lambda A = (\lambda a_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ , for  $\forall A = (a_{ijk}), B = (b_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ ,  $\lambda \in F$ , that is,  $(A + B)_{ijk} = a_{ijk} + b_{ijk}$ ,  $(\lambda A)_{ijk} = \lambda a_{ijk}$ .

Denote  $E_{ijk}$  a cubic matrix with the element in the position  $(i, j, k)$  is 1 and elsewhere are zero. Then  $\{E_{ijk}, 1 \leq i, j, k \leq N\}$  is a basis of  $\Omega$ , and for every  $A = (a_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ ,  $A = \sum_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq N} a_{ijk} E_{ijk}$ ,  $a_{ijk} \in F$ .

For all  $A = (a_{ijk}), B = (b_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ , define the multiplication  $*_{11}$  in  $\Omega$  by

$$(A *_{11} B)_{ijk} = \sum_{p=1}^N a_{ijp} b_{ipk},$$

then  $(\Omega, *_{11})$  is associative algebra.

Denote  $\langle A \rangle_1 = \sum_{p,q=1}^N a_{pqq}$ . Then  $\langle \rangle_1$  is linear functions from  $\Omega$  to  $F$  and satisfies  $\langle A *_{11} B \rangle_1 = \langle B *_{11} A \rangle_1$ .

Define the multiplication  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{11} : \Omega \wedge \Omega \wedge \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  as follows:

$$[A, B, C]_{11} = \langle A \rangle_1 (B *_{11} C - C *_{11} B) + \langle B \rangle_1 (C *_{11} A - A *_{11} C) + \langle C \rangle_1 (A *_{11} B - B *_{11} A). \tag{1}$$

We obtain the following lemma.

**Theorem 2.1**<sup>[7]</sup> *The linear space  $\Omega$  is a 3-Lie algebra in the multiplication  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{11}$ , which is denoted by  $J_{11}$ .*

In the following we suppose  $N = 2$ . We have the following result.

**Theorem 2.2** *The 3-Lie algebra  $J_{11}$  is a non-nilpotent indecomposable 3-Lie algebra with a basis  $e_1 = E_{111}, e_2 = E_{112}, e_3 = E_{121}, e_4 = E_{111} - E_{122}, e_5 = E_{211} - E_{111}, e_6 = E_{212}, e_7 = E_{221}, e_8 = E_{211} - E_{222}$ , and the multiplication in it is as follows:*

$$\begin{cases} [e_1, e_2, e_3] = e_4, [e_1, e_2, e_4] = -2e_2, [e_1, e_3, e_4] = 2e_3, \\ [e_1, e_6, e_7] = e_8, [e_1, e_6, e_8] = -2e_6, [e_1, e_7, e_8] = 2e_7, \\ [e_1, e_2, e_5] = e_2, [e_1, e_3, e_5] = -e_3, [e_1, e_5, e_6] = e_6, [e_1, e_5, e_7] = -e_7. \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

*Then center of  $J_{11}$  is  $\langle e_4 + 2e_5 - e_8 \rangle$ .*

**Proof** It is clear that  $\{e_1, \dots, e_8\}$  is a basis of  $\Omega$ . By the definition of  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{11}$ , we obtain Eq.(2). Thank to  $ad(e_1, e_4)$  is non-nilpotent, the 3-Lie algebra  $J_{11}$

is non-nilpotent. By a direct computation,  $[e_4 + 2e_5 - e_8, x, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in J_{11}$ . Then proof is completed.

**Theorem 2.3** *The subalgebra  $H = \langle e_1, e_4, e_5, e_8 \rangle$  is a Cartan subalgebra of the 3-Lie algebra  $J_{11}$ . And the decomposition of  $J_{11}$  associate to  $H$  is*

$$J_{11} = H \dot{+} J_\alpha \dot{+} J_{-\alpha}, \text{ where } J_\alpha = \langle e_2, e_6 \rangle, J_{-\alpha} = \langle e_3, e_7 \rangle,$$

where the linear function  $\alpha : H \wedge H \rightarrow F$  defined by  $\alpha(1, 4) = 2, \alpha(1, 8) = 2, \alpha(1, 5) = -1$ , and others are zero.

**Proof** Define linear function  $\alpha : H \wedge H \rightarrow F$  by  $\alpha(1, 4) = 2, \alpha(1, 8) = 2, \alpha(1, 5) = -1$ , and others are zero. By the multiplication (2) we have  $[e_i, e_j, e_2] = \alpha(e_i, e_j)e_2, [e_i, e_j, e_6] = \alpha(e_i, e_j)e_6, [e_i, e_j, e_3] = -\alpha(e_i, e_j)e_3, [e_i, e_j, e_7] = -\alpha(e_i, e_j)e_7$ , for all  $e_i, e_j \in H$ . Then we have  $J_\alpha = \langle e_2, e_6 \rangle, J_{-\alpha} = \langle e_3, e_7 \rangle$ , and  $J_{11} = H \dot{+} J_\alpha \dot{+} J_{-\alpha}$ . The proof is completed.

Now we study the inner derivation algebra  $adJ_{11}$ . For  $e_i, e_j \in \Omega$ , denote

$$ad(e_i, e_j)e_k = \sum_{l=1}^8 a_{kl}^{ij} e_l, \text{ where } a_{kl}^{ij} = -a_{kl}^{ji} \in F.$$

Then the matrix form of  $ad(e_i, e_j)$  in the basis  $e_1, \dots, e_8$  is  $\sum_{k,l=1}^8 a_{kl}^{ij} E_{kl}$ , where  $E_{kl}$  are the matrix units.

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $J_{11}$  be a 3-Lie algebra in Theorem 2.2. Then we have

1)  $\dim adJ_{11} = 12$ , and  $X_1 = E_{34} - 2E_{42} + E_{52}, X_2 = -E_{24} + 2E_{43} - E_{53}, X_3 = 2E_{22} - 2E_{33}, X_4 = -E_{56} + E_{78} - 2E_{86}, X_5 = E_{57} - E_{68} + 2E_{87}, X_6 = 2E_{66} - 2E_{77}, X_7 = E_{14}, X_8 = E_{12}, X_9 = E_{13}, X_{10} = E_{16}, X_{11} = E_{17}, X_{12} = E_{18}$  is a basis of  $adJ_{11}$ . And the multiplication in it is

$$\begin{aligned} [X_2, X_1] &= X_3, [X_3, X_2] = 2X_2, [X_3, X_1] = -2X_1, [X_6, X_4] = -2X_4, \\ [X_5, X_4] &= X_6, [X_6, X_5] = 2X_5, [X_1, X_7] = 2X_8, [X_1, X_9] = -X_7, [X_2, X_7] = \\ &= -2X_9, [X_3, X_9] = 2X_9, [X_4, X_{11}] = -X_{12}, [X_4, X_{12}] = 2X_{10}, [X_5, X_{10}] = X_{12}, \\ [X_5, X_{12}] &= -2X_{11}, [X_6, X_{10}] = -2X_{10}, [X_6, X_{11}] = 2X_{11}, [X_2, X_8] = X_7, \\ [X_3, X_8] &= -2X_8. \end{aligned}$$

2)  $adJ_{11}$  is a decomposable Lie algebra, and

$$adJ_{11} = L_1 \dot{+} L_2, [L_1, L_1] = L_1, [L_2, L_2] = L_2, [L_1, L_2] = 0,$$

where  $L_1 = \langle X_1, X_2, X_3, X_7, X_8, X_9 \rangle, L_2 = \langle X_4, X_5, X_6, X_{10}, X_{11}, X_{12} \rangle, \langle X_1, X_2, X_3 \rangle \cong \langle X_4, X_5, X_6 \rangle \cong sl_2$ , and  $I_1 = \langle X_7, X_8, X_9 \rangle, I_2 = \langle X_{10}, X_{11}, X_{12} \rangle$  are minimal ideals of  $adJ_{11}$ .

**Proof** By a direct computation according to Eq.(2) we have

$ad(e_1, e_2) = E_{34} - 2E_{42} + E_{52}, ad(e_1, e_3) = -E_{24} + 2E_{43} - E_{53}, ad(e_1, e_4) = 2E_{22} - 2E_{33}, ad(e_1, e_6) = -E_{56} + E_{78} - 2E_{86}; ad(e_1, e_7) = E_{57} - E_{68} + 2E_{87}, ad(e_1, e_8) = 2E_{66} - 2E_{77}, ad(e_2, e_3) = E_{14}, ad(e_2, e_5) = E_{12}, ad(e_3, e_5) = -E_{13}, ad(e_5, e_6) = E_{16}, ad(e_5, e_7) = -E_{17}, ad(e_6, e_7) = E_{18}$ . Then  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{12}\}$  is a basis of  $adJ_{11}$ . From

$$[ad(e_i, e_j), ad(e_k, e_l)] = ad([e_i, e_j, e_k], e_l) + ad(e_k, [e_i, e_j, e_l]),$$

we have the result.

At the last of the paper, we discuss the derivation algebra  $Der J_{11}$ .

**Theorem 2.5** The derivation algebra  $Der J_{11}$  satisfies:

1) The dimension of  $Der J_{11}$  is 15, and  $Der J_{11}$  with a basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{15}\}$ , where  $X_{13} = E_{11} - 2E_{33} - E_{44} - E_{55} - 2E_{77} - E_{88}$ ,  $X_{14} = E_{54} + 2E_{55} - E_{58}$ ,  $X_{15} = E_{15}$ ,  $X_i$  is in Theorem 2.4 for  $1 \leq i \leq 12$ . And the multiplication in the basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [X_2, X_1] = X_3, [X_{10}, X_{13}] = -X_{10}, [X_5, X_{12}] = -2X_{11}, \\ [X_6, X_5] = 2X_5, [X_6, X_4] = -2X_4, [X_1, X_7] = 2X_8, [X_1, X_9] = -X_7, \\ [X_2, X_7] = -2X_9, [X_2, X_8] = X_7, [X_3, X_8] = -2X_8, [X_3, X_9] = 2X_9, \\ [X_4, X_{11}] = -X_{12}, [X_4, X_{12}] = 2X_{10}, [X_5, X_{10}] = X_{12}, \\ [X_3, X_2] = 2X_2, [X_6, X_{10}] = -2X_{10}, [X_6, X_{11}] = 2X_{11} \\ [X_1, X_{13}] = X_1, [X_2, X_{13}] = -X_2, [X_4, X_{13}] = X_4, [X_5, X_{13}] = -X_5 \\ [X_7, X_{13}] = -2X_7, [X_8, X_{13}] = -X_8, [X_9, X_{13}] = -3X_9, \\ [X_3, X_1] = -2X_1, [X_{11}, X_{13}] = -3X_{11}, [X_{12}, X_{13}] = -2X_{12}, \\ [X_2, X_{15}] = X_9, [X_4, X_{15}] = X_{10}, [X_5, X_{15}] = -X_{11}, [X_{13}, X_{15}] = 2X_{15}, \\ [X_5, X_4] = X_6, [X_{14}, X_{15}] = -X_7 - 2X_{15} + X_{12}, [X_1, X_{15}] = -X_8. \end{array} \right.$$

2)  $Der J_{11}$  is an indecomposable Lie algebra, and

$$Der J_{11} = adJ_{11} + W,$$

where  $W = \langle X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15} \rangle$ .

3) Derived algebra  $Der^1 J_{11} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_{12}, X_{15} \rangle$ ,  $I_1, I_2$  are minimal ideals of  $Der J_{11}$ ,  $L_1, L_2$  are ideals of  $Der J_{11}$  and  $[W, L_1] \subseteq L_1, [W, L_2] \subseteq L_2$ .

**Proof** For all  $D \in Der J_{11}$ , suppose  $D(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^8 a_{ij}e_j, 1 \leq i \leq 8$ , then the

matrix of  $D$  in the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_8\}$  is  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^8 = \sum_{i,j=1}^8 a_{ij}E_{ij}$ , where  $E_{ij}$  are  $(8 \times 8)$  matrix units,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 8$ . By a direct computation according to the multiplication (2), we have the result 1).

Thanks to Theorem 2.5,  $W = \langle X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15} \rangle$  are exterior derivations. Then we have  $Der J_{11} = adJ_{11} + W$ .

By a direct computation,  $Der^1 J_{11} = \langle X_2, \dots, X_{12}, X_{15} \rangle$  and  $L_1, L_2$  defined in Theorem 2.5 are ideals of  $Der J_{11}$ , and  $I_1, I_2$  are minimal ideals.

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