

## Bialgebra structures on simple 3-Lie algebra

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### Abstract

The bialgebra structure on the finite dimensional simple 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$  over the field of complex numbers is studied. It is proved that there exist only three non-equivalent bialgebra structures on  $L_e$ , which are  $(L_e, 0)$ ,  $(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_1)$  and  $(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_2)$ .

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## 1 Preliminaries

Authors in paper [1] provided 3-Lie algebras, and then bialgebra structures on the 4-dimensional 3-Lie algebras  $L_b$ ,  $L_c$ ,  $L_d$  are discussed [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]. In this paper we discuss bialgebra structures on the finite dimensional simple 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$  [7] over the field of complex numbers.

W. Ling in paper [8] proved that there exists only one finite dimensional simple 3-Lie algebra over the complex field, that is the simple 4-dimensional 3-Lie algebra. Suppose  $L$  is a 4-dimensional vector space with a basis  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$ . Then  $L$  is the simple 3-Lie algebra in the multiplication  $\mu_e : L \wedge L \wedge L \rightarrow L$ :

$$\mu_e(e_2, e_3, e_4) = e_1, \mu_e(e_1, e_3, e_4) = e_2, \mu_e(e_1, e_2, e_4) = e_3, \mu_e(e_1, e_2, e_3) = e_4,$$

and which is denoted by  $L_e$ .

A 3-Lie coalgebra  $(L, \Delta)$  [1] is a vector space  $L$  with a linear mapping  $\Delta : L \rightarrow L \otimes L \otimes L$  satisfying

(1)  $Im(\Delta) \subset L \wedge L \wedge L$ , (2)  $(1 - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3)(1 \otimes 1 \otimes \Delta)\Delta = 0$ ,  
 where 1 is the identity, linear maps  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3 : L^{\otimes 5} \rightarrow L^{\otimes 5}$  satisfying identities

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1(x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_3 \otimes x_4 \otimes x_5) &= x_3 \otimes x_4 \otimes x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_5, \\ \omega_2(x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_3 \otimes x_4 \otimes x_5) &= x_4 \otimes x_5 \otimes x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_3, \\ \omega_3(x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_3 \otimes x_4 \otimes x_5) &= x_5 \otimes x_3 \otimes x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_4. \end{aligned}$$

A 3-Lie bialgebra [1] is a triple  $(L, \mu, \Delta)$  such that

- (1)  $(L, \mu)$  is a 3-Lie algebra with the multiplication  $\mu : L \wedge L \wedge L \rightarrow L$ ,
- (2)  $(L, \Delta)$  is a 3-Lie coalgebra with  $\Delta : L \rightarrow L \wedge L \wedge L$ ,
- (3)  $\Delta$  and  $\mu$  satisfy the following identity, for  $x, y, u, v, w \in L$ ,

$$\Delta\mu(x, y, z) = ad_\mu^{(3)}(x, y)\Delta(z) + ad_\mu^{(3)}(y, z)\Delta(x) + ad_\mu^{(3)}(z, x)\Delta(y),$$

where  $ad_\mu^{(3)}(x, y), ad_\mu^{(3)}(z, x), ad_\mu^{(3)}(y, z) : L \otimes L \otimes L \rightarrow L \otimes L \otimes L$  are linear maps defined by (similar for  $ad_\mu^{(3)}(z, x)$  and  $ad_\mu^{(3)}(y, z)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} ad_\mu^{(3)}(x, y)(u \otimes v \otimes w) &= (ad_\mu(x, y) \otimes 1 \otimes 1)(u \otimes v \otimes w) \\ &+ (1 \otimes ad_\mu(x, y) \otimes 1)(u \otimes v \otimes w) + (1 \otimes 1 \otimes ad_\mu(x, y))(u \otimes v \otimes w) \\ &= \mu(x, y, u) \otimes v \otimes w + u \otimes \mu(x, y, v) \otimes w + u \otimes v \otimes \mu(x, y, w). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $\Delta : V \rightarrow V \otimes V \otimes V$  be a linear mapping,  $V^*$  be the dual space of  $V$  and  $\Delta^*$  be the dual mapping of  $\Delta$ . Then for all  $f \in V^*, x_1, x_2, x_3 \in V, \langle \Delta(f), x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes x_3 \rangle = \langle f, \Delta^*(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rangle$ .

We give the classification of 4-dimensional 3-Lie coalgebras.

**Lemma 2.1** [1, 9] Let  $(L, \Delta)$  be a 4-dimensional 3-Lie coalgebra with a basis  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$ . Then  $L$  is isomorphic to one and only one of the following possibilities:  $C_a. (L, \Delta_a)$  is trivial;

$$\begin{aligned} C_{b_1}. \Delta_{b_1}(e^1) &= e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4; \quad C_{b_2}. \Delta_{b_2}(e^1) = e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge e^3; \\ C_{c_1}. \Delta_{c_1}(e^1) &= e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_{c_1}(e^2) = e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4; \\ C_{c_2}. \Delta_{c_2}(e^1) &= \alpha e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_{c_2}(e^2) = e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4 + e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4; \\ C_{c_3}. \Delta_{c_3}(e^1) &= e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_{c_3}(e^2) = e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4; \\ C_d. \Delta_d(e^1) &= e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_d(e^2) = e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_d(e^3) = e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge e^4; \\ C_e. \Delta_e(e^1) &= e^2 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_e(e^2) = e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4, \quad \Delta_e(e^3) = e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge e^4, \\ \Delta_e(e^4) &= e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge e^3, \quad \text{where } \alpha \in F, \alpha \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

For convenience, in the following, for a 3-Lie bialgebra  $(L, \mu, \Delta)$ , if the 3-Lie algebra  $(L, \mu)$  is the case  $(L, \mu_e)$ , and the 3-Lie coalgebra  $(L, \Delta)$  is the case  $(L, \Delta_{c_1})$  for example, then the 3-Lie bialgebra  $(L, \mu_e, \Delta_{c_1})$  is simply denoted by  $(L_e, C_{c_1})$ , which is called *the 3-Lie bialgebra of type  $(L_e, C_{c_1})$* .

## 2 Bialgebra structures on $L_e$

For a given 3-Lie algebra  $L$ , in order to find all the 3-Lie bialgebra structures on  $L$ , we should find all the 3-Lie coalgebra structures on  $L$  which are compatible with the 3-Lie algebra  $L$ . Although a permutation of a basis of  $L$

gives isomorphic 3-Lie coalgebra, but it may lead to the non-equivalent 3-Lie bialgebras.

**Theorem** The only bialgebra structures on the finite dimensional simple 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$  are  $(L_e, \Delta_0)$ , (where  $\Delta_0 = 0 : L \rightarrow L^{\otimes 3}$ ), and  $(L_e, C_{c_3})$ . And the non-equivalent 3-Lie bialgebras of the type  $(L_e, C_{c_3})$  are as follows:

$$(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_1) \Delta_1 e_1 = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta_1 e_2 = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4;$$

$$(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_2) \Delta_2 e_1 = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4, \Delta_2 e_3 = e_3 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4.$$

**Proof** It is clear that 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$  is compatible with coalgebra  $(L, \Delta_0)$ , where  $\Delta_0 = 0 : L \rightarrow L^{\otimes 3}$ . From Lemma 2.1, by means of permutating a basis of  $L$ , we obtain the twelve isomorphic 3-Lie coalgebras of type  $C_{c_3}$  as follows:

- (1)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4;$
- (2)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3;$
- (3)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4;$
- (4)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_2, \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_2;$
- (5)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_2, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_2;$
- (6)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3;$
- (7)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1, \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1;$
- (8)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4;$
- (9)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1;$
- (10)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3;$
- (11)  $\Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2;$
- (12)  $\Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_1, \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_1.$

By a direct computation, the above twelve 3-Lie coalgebras are compatible with the 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$ . So we get 3-Lie bialgebras  $(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta)$ . By the following isomorphisms of the 4-Lie bialgebras

- (1)  $\rightarrow$  (5) :  $f(e_1) = -e_4, f(e_2) = e_1, f(e_3) = e_2, f(e_4) = -e_3;$
- (1)  $\rightarrow$  (11) :  $f(e_1) = e_3, f(e_2) = e_4, f(e_3) = e_1, f(e_4) = e_2;$
- (3)  $\rightarrow$  (9) :  $f(e_1) = e_2, f(e_2) = e_1, f(e_3) = e_4, f(e_4) = -e_3;$
- (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (11)  $\rightarrow$  (12) :  $f(e_1) = e_1, f(e_2) = -e_2, f(e_3) = -e_3, f(e_4) = e_4;$
- (1)  $\rightarrow$  (8), (2)  $\rightarrow$  (7) :  $f(e_1) = -e_3, f(e_2) = e_2, f(e_3) = e_1, f(e_4) = e_4;$
- (3)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (5)  $\rightarrow$  (6), (9)  $\rightarrow$  (10) :  
 $f(e_1) = -e_1, f(e_2) = -e_2, f(e_3) = e_3, f(e_4) = e_4;$

we get the non-equivalent 3-Lie bialgebras of type  $(L_e, C_{c_3})$  are  $(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_1)$  and  $(L_e, C_{c_3}, \Delta_2)$ .

Now we prove that there does not exist 3-Lie bialgebra of type  $(L_e, C_b)$ .

First, we prove that there does not exist 3-Lie bialgebra of type  $(L_e, C_{b_1})$ . By Lemma 2.1, by means of permutating a basis of  $L$ , we obtain the eight isomorphic 3-Lie coalgebras of type  $C_{b_1}$ :

- (1)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4;$  (2)  $\Delta(e_1) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3;$  (3)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3;$
- (4)  $\Delta(e_2) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4;$  (5)  $\Delta(e_3) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4;$  (6)  $\Delta(e_3) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_2;$

$$(7) \Delta(e_4) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3; (8) \Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3.$$

By a direct computation, the above 3-Lie coalgebras are incompatible with the 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$ . Therefore there does not exist 3-Lie bialgebra  $(L_d, C_{b_1})$ .

Second, from Lemma 2.1, we have twenty four isomorphic 3-Lie coalgebras of the type  $C_{b_2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Delta(e_1) &= e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3; (2) \Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4; (3) \Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4; \\ (4) \Delta(e_1) &= e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_2; (5) \Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_2; (6) \Delta(e_1) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3; \\ (7) \Delta(e_2) &= e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3; (8) \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4; (9) \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4; \\ (10) \Delta(e_2) &= e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1; (11) \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1; (12) \Delta(e_2) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3; \\ (13) \Delta(e_3) &= e_3 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2; (14) \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4; (15) \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4; \\ (16) \Delta(e_3) &= e_3 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_1; (17) \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1; (18) \Delta(e_3) = e_3 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_2; \\ (19) \Delta(e_4) &= e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_2; (20) \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3; (21) \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3; \\ (22) \Delta(e_4) &= e_4 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_1; (23) \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1; (24) \Delta(e_4) = e_4 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_2. \end{aligned}$$

By a direct computation, the 3-Lie coalgebras of the type  $C_{b_2}$  are incompatible with the 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$ . Therefore, there does not exist 3-Lie bialgebras of type  $(L_e, C_b)$ .

Thirdly, we prove that there does not exist 3-Lie bialgebra of type  $(L_e, C_e)$ . By the similar discussion, we have six isomorphic 3-Lie coalgebras of the type  $C_e$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_2) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_3) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_4, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3; \\ (2) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_2) = e_1 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_3) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3; \\ (3) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_2) = e_3 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4, \Delta(e_3) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1; \\ (4) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_2) = e_1 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_3) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_4, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3; \\ (5) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_2) = e_4 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_3) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_1 \wedge e_3; \\ (6) \Delta(e_1) &= e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_3, \Delta(e_2) = e_4 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1, \Delta(e_3) = e_2 \wedge e_4 \wedge e_1, \\ &\Delta(e_4) = e_2 \wedge e_3 \wedge e_1, \end{aligned}$$

are incompatible with the 3-Lie algebra  $L_e$ .

Lastly, by completely similar discussion, we can prove that there do not exist 3-Lie bialgebras of types  $(L_e, C_{c_1})$ ,  $(L_e, C_{c_2})$  and  $(L_e, C_d)$ . We omit the similar computation. The proof is complete.

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