

# On Leibniz cohomology

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Motivation: Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence in Lie algebra cohomology

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k} \rightarrow 0$$

induces a filtration

$$\mathcal{F}^p C^n(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \{c \mid c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ if } n-p \text{ elements } x_i \text{ are in } \mathfrak{k}\}$$

and a spectral sequence with

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k}, H^q(\mathfrak{k}, M)).$$

### Theorem (Whitehead)

$\mathfrak{g}$  finite-dimensional semisimple over a field  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ .  $M$  finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module with  $M^{\mathfrak{g}} = 0$ . Then  $H^n(\mathfrak{g}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

### Theorem (Hochschild-Serre)

$\mathfrak{g}$  finite-dimensional over a field  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$  and Levi decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{s} \ltimes \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})$ .  $M$  finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Then

$$H^n(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H^p(\mathfrak{s}, k) \otimes H^q(\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}), M)^{\mathfrak{g}}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

## Definition

A (left) Leibniz algebra is a vector space  $\mathfrak{h}$  with a bracket such that for all  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{h}$

$$[x, [y, z]] = [[x, y], z] + [y, [x, z]].$$

$\text{Leib}(\mathfrak{h})$  is the *ideal of squares* with corresponding quotient Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}} := \mathfrak{h}/\text{Leib}(\mathfrak{h})$ .

A finite-dimensional Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  is called *semisimple* if the maximal solvable ideal  $\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{h})$  is included in  $\text{Leib}(\mathfrak{h})$ .

## Definition

A Leibniz  $\mathfrak{h}$ -bimodule is a vector space  $M$  with left and right operations of  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathfrak{h}$  and all  $m \in M$

- 1  $x \cdot (y \cdot m) = [x, y] \cdot m + y \cdot (x \cdot m)$  (LLM),
- 2  $x \cdot (m \cdot y) = (x \cdot m) \cdot y + m \cdot [x, y]$  (LML),
- 3  $m \cdot [x, y] = (m \cdot x) \cdot y + x \cdot (m \cdot y)$  (MLL).

$M$ ,  $k$ -vector space satisfying (LLM), becomes a bimodule in two ways:

$m \cdot x = -x \cdot m$  gives a bimodule called *symmetric bimodule*.

$m \cdot x = 0$  gives a bimodule called *antisymmetric bimodule*.

With  $M_0 := \text{span}_k(x \cdot m + m \cdot x \mid x \in \mathfrak{h}, m \in M)$ , get for any bimodule  $M$  an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/M_0 =: M^s \rightarrow 0.$$

$M^{\mathfrak{h}} := \{m \in M \mid \forall x \in \mathfrak{h} : m \cdot x = 0\}$  right invariants

### Lemma (1.1)

$M^{\mathfrak{h}} = 0$  implies  $M$  symmetric. Furthermore  $\text{Leib}(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \text{Ann}^{\text{bi}}(M)$ .

### Corollary (1.3)

$M \neq \{0\}$  irreducible bimodule:  $M^{\mathfrak{h}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow M$  symmetric and non-trivial.

Cohomology:  $CL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = \text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{h}^{\otimes n}, M) \ni c$

$$\begin{aligned} dc(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} x_i \cdot c(x_1, \dots, \widehat{x}_i, \dots, x_{n+1}) + \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} c(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot x_{n+1} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (-1)^i c(x_1, \dots, \widehat{x}_i, \dots, [x_i, x_j], \dots, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

### Lemma (1.5)

$M$  antisymmetric  $\mathfrak{h}$ -bimodule:

$$HL^0(\mathfrak{h}, M) = M$$

$$HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) \cong HL^{n-1}(\mathfrak{h}, \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}, M)^s),$$

induced by  $\varphi(c)(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})(x) := c(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .



Spectral sequences I: comparison spectral sequence between Lie- and Leibniz cohomology for a Lie algebra (Pirashvili)

### Theorem (Pirashvili)

$\mathfrak{g}$  Lie algebra,  $M$  symmetric  $\mathfrak{g}$ -bimodule.

$$H^*(\mathfrak{g}, M) = 0 \Rightarrow HL^*(\mathfrak{g}, M^S) = 0.$$

Spectral sequences II: Given a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{j} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathfrak{q} \rightarrow 0,$$

and a  $\mathfrak{q}$ -bimodule  $M$ , there is a *relative complex*

$$CL^\bullet(\mathfrak{h}|\mathfrak{q}, M) := \text{coker}(\pi^*).$$

### Lemma (3.1)

*There is a long exact sequence*

$$\dots \rightarrow HL^n(\mathfrak{q}, M) \rightarrow HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) \rightarrow HL^{n-1}(\mathfrak{h}|\mathfrak{q}, M) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\mathcal{F}^p CL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = \{c \mid c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ if } \exists i \geq n - p + 1 : x_i \in \mathfrak{j}\}$$

leads to

### Theorem (Beaudouin)

$$E_2^{p,q} = HL^{q-1}(\mathfrak{h}, HL^p(\mathfrak{q}, M))$$

for  $q \geq 1$  and zero otherwise.

$$\mathcal{F}^p CL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = \{c \mid c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ if } \exists i \leq p : x_i \in \mathfrak{j}\}$$

leads for  $\mathfrak{j} \subset Z_L(\mathfrak{h})$  to

### Theorem (Pirashvili)

$$E_2^{p,q} = \begin{cases} HL^p(\mathfrak{q}, \text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{j}, HL^0(\mathfrak{h}, M))^s) & \text{for } q = 0 \\ HL^p(\mathfrak{q}, (\mathfrak{j}^*)^s) \otimes HL^q(\mathfrak{h}, M) & \text{for } q \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (FW,4.1)

$\mathfrak{h}$  Leibniz such that  $\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}$  finite-dimensional semisimple over  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ .  $M$  finite-dimensional bimodule such that  $M^{\mathfrak{h}} = 0$ .  
Then  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Proof:  $M^{\mathfrak{h}} = 0$  implies  $M$  symmetric and  $\text{Leib}(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \text{Ann}^{\text{bi}}(M)$ .

Thus  $M$  is a symmetric  $\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}$ -bimodule with  $M^{\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}} = 0$ .

Whitehead implies  $H^n(\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Comparison Lie/Leibniz cohomology implies  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Beaudouin implies  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$ . Thus the relative cohomology is zero and the long exact sequence (3.1) leads to the conclusion  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . □

## Theorem (FW,4.2)

$\mathfrak{h}$  finite-dimensional semisimple Leibniz over  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ .  
 $M$  finite-dimensional bimodule. Then  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 2$   
and  $HL^1(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  if  $M$  is symmetric.

Proof: First step:  $M$  symmetric.

$M$  has a composition series  $\Rightarrow$  it suffices to show the claim for  $M$  irreducible. If  $M$  is non-trivial, we have by Corollary 1.3 that  $M^{\mathfrak{h}} = 0$  and thus by Theorem 4.1 that  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Otherwise, if  $M = k$  is trivial, have  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, k) = HL^{n-1}(\mathfrak{h}, (\mathfrak{h}^*)^s)$   
and  $(\mathfrak{h}^*)^s$  is symmetric non-trivial.

$HL^0(\mathfrak{h}, (\mathfrak{h}^*)^s) = H^1(\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}, k) = 0$ , because  $\mathfrak{h}_{\text{Lie}}$  is perfect.

Second step:  $M$  antisymmetric.

Conclude by Lemma 1.5 and the first step.

Third step:  $M$  arbitrary.

The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow M^s \rightarrow 0$$

and the previous steps permit to conclude that  $HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . □

### Corollary

$HL^2(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}) = 0$  for  $\mathfrak{h}$  finite-dimensional semisimple over  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ .

Cohomology decomposition induced by the Levy decomposition

Thanks to Barnes, every finite-dimensional Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  has a Levy decomposition  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{s} \ltimes \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{h})$ .

### Theorem (FW)

*Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a finite-dimensional Leibniz algebra over  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ . Let  $M$  be a symmetric  $\mathfrak{h}$ -bimodule on which  $\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{h})$  acts trivially. Then*

$$HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, M) = \begin{cases} M^{\mathfrak{s}} & \text{if } n = 0 \\ HL^{n-1}(\mathfrak{h}, \text{Hom}_k(\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{h}), M^{\mathfrak{s}})^{\mathfrak{s}}) & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

For example, have

$$HL^n(\mathfrak{h}, k) = HL^{n-1}(\mathfrak{h}, (\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{h})^*)^{\mathfrak{s}}).$$