

Lecture #2

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A - Heisenberg alg.
 $[a_n, a_m] = \hbar \delta_{n,-m} \cdot K$
 ↗ central
 ↘ constant

W - Witt alg.
 $[L_n, L_m] = (n-m)L_{n+m}$

Vir - Virasoro
 $[L_n, L_m] = (n-m)L_{n+m} + \frac{\hbar^3}{12} c(n^3 - n)\delta_{n,-m}$
 up to preference choice

2-cocycles $Z^2(L) = \{ \omega: L \otimes L \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \omega \text{ skew} \}$
 $\omega([a,b],c) + \omega([b,c],a) + \omega([c,a],b) = 0$

2-coboundary $B^2(L) = \{ \omega: L \otimes L \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \exists \zeta: \omega(a,b) = \zeta([a,b]) \}$

2-cohomology $H^2(L) = Z^2(L) / B^2(L)$

Must: Impose $\text{Im}(c) = \text{central}$ in \hat{L} .

$H^2(L) \iff$ 1-dim central extension of Lie alg. L up to equiv:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \hat{L}_1 & \xrightarrow{\pi} & L \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \text{Id} & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C} & \rightarrow & \hat{L}_2 & \rightarrow & L \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$P(H^2(L)) \iff$ 1-dim ^{non-trivial} central extensions of Lie alg L up to equiv

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C} & \rightarrow & \hat{L}_1 & \rightarrow & L \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \lambda \cdot \text{Id} \lambda \neq 0 & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C} & \rightarrow & \hat{L}_2 & \rightarrow & L \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Thm 1: $H^2(W) = 1\text{-dim}$ (one ^{can} choose a generator given by)

$$\omega(L_n, L_m) = \frac{n^3 - m^3}{6} \delta_{n, -m}$$

$H^2(W) = Z^2(W) / B^2(W)$

• Pick $\beta \in Z^2(W)$

Step 1: Consider $\xi \in W^*$ s.t. $\xi(L_n) = \frac{1}{n} \beta(L_n, L_0) \quad \forall n \neq 0$

\rightarrow replace β by $\tilde{\beta}$ given by $\tilde{\beta}(a, b) = \beta(a, b) - \underbrace{\xi([a, b])}_{2\text{-coboundary}}$

Key property: $\boxed{\tilde{\beta}(L_n, L_0) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ $[L_n, L_0] = n L_n$

Step 2: Let's write down 2-cycle for $\tilde{\beta}$ $a = L_0, b = L_m, c = L_n$

$$\underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([L_0, L_m], L_n)}_{= m \cdot \tilde{\beta}(L_n, L_m)} + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([L_n, L_0], L_m)}_{= n \tilde{\beta}(L_n, L_m)} + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([L_m, L_n], L_0)}_{= 0 \text{ by Step 1}} = 0$$

\leftarrow will vary

$$(m+n) \tilde{\beta}(L_n, L_m) = 0 \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So: $\boxed{\tilde{\beta}(L_n, L_m) = \delta_{n, -m} \cdot b_n, \quad b_n \in \mathbb{C}}$ \leftarrow $\begin{matrix} \tilde{\beta}\text{-skew} \\ \Downarrow \\ b_n = -b_{-n} \end{matrix}$

Step 3: Let's write 2-cocycle cond-n for $a=L_m, b=L_n, c=L_p$.

If $m+n+p \neq 0$, then it's vacuous (by previous step).

It suffices to treat $m+n+p=0$, i.e. $p=-m-n$.

$$\underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([\underbrace{L_m, L_n}_{(m-n)L_{m+n}}, \underbrace{L_p}_{-m-n})}_{(n-m)b_p} + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([\underbrace{L_n, L_p}_{(n-p)L_{n+p}=-m}, L_m)_{(p-n)b_m}}_{-2n-m} + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([\underbrace{L_p, L_m}_{(m-p)b_n}, L_n)}_{n+2m} = 0.$$

$$(n-m)b_{n+m} = (2m+n)b_n - (m+2n)b_m$$

Last Step: Change by 2-coboundary to achieve $b_1=0$.

Consider: $\tilde{\beta}(a, b) = \tilde{\beta}(a, b) - \frac{b_1}{2} \tilde{\xi}([a, b])$, $\tilde{\xi} \in W^*$ which extracts coeff-t of L_0 .

$$\tilde{\beta}(L_1, L_{-1}) = b_1 - \frac{b_1}{2} \tilde{\xi}(\underbrace{[L_1, L_{-1}]}_{2L_0}) = 0$$

\Rightarrow can assume $b_1=0$.

$$b_1 = 0$$

$$(n-m) b_{n+m} = (2m+n) b_n - (m+2n) b_m \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (n-2) b_n = (n+1) b_{n-1} \end{array} \right.$$

Play $\nearrow m \Rightarrow 1, n \Rightarrow n-1$

$$b_n = \frac{n+1}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n}{n-3} \cdot \frac{n-1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} b_2$$
$$= \boxed{\frac{n^3 - n}{6} b_2}$$

Affine Kac-Moody algebras

- \mathfrak{g} - fin. dim. Lie algebra
- $(,) : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ - invariant form

$$(\tau x, y, z) + (y, \tau x, z) = 0.$$

side remark
 infinitesimal version
 of group-inv. form
 $(F, x) = (F, \tau x)$



$\mathfrak{g}[\tau, \tau^{-1}] = \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}[\tau, \tau^{-1}]$ with Lie bracket

$$[x \otimes \tau^n, y \otimes \tau^m] = [x, y] \otimes \tau^{n+m}$$

Consider 2-cocycle: $\omega(F, G) = \text{Res}_{t=0} (G, dF) \quad \forall F, G \in \mathfrak{g}[\tau, \tau^{-1}]$

or more explicitly

Exercise: Check it is a 2-cocycle!

$$\omega \left(\underset{\mathfrak{g}}{x \otimes \tau^m}, \underset{\mathfrak{g}}{y \otimes \tau^n} \right) = \underbrace{(x, y)}_{(F, G)} \delta_{m, -n} \cdot m = \text{Res}_{t=0} t^n d t^m$$

Recall: \mathfrak{g} -simple
 ($\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ -ideal iff
 $[\mathcal{J}, \mathfrak{g}] \subseteq \mathcal{J}$)

if it's not abelian
 and has no proper ideals.

Fact: If \mathfrak{g} -simple \Rightarrow ~~the~~ the space of invariant forms is 1-dim, with explicit generator, Killing form,

Basic example

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n =$ traceless
 $n \times n$ matrices

$$(X, Y) = \text{Tr}(XY)$$

$$(X, Y) = \text{Tr}_{\mathfrak{g}} \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{ad}(X) := [X, -] \\ \text{Linear operator } \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}}}{\text{ad}(X)} \text{ad}(Y) \right)$$

Thm 2: If \mathfrak{g} -simple, then $H^2(\mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}]) = 1$ -dim,
 spanned by aforementioned ω !

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}} := \mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot K$
 \uparrow affine (untwisted) Kac-Moody alg.
 \uparrow central

with $[\cdot, \cdot]$: $[x \otimes t^m, y \otimes t^n] = [x, y] \otimes t^{m+n} + (x, y) \cdot n \delta_{m, -n} K$

Proof of Thm 2 relies on one classical result
on simple Lie algs.

• \mathfrak{g} -Lie alg., M - \mathfrak{g} -module.

$$\mathbb{Z}^1(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \{ \varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow M \mid \varphi([x, y]) = x(\varphi(y)) - y(\varphi(x)) \}$$

$$\mathbb{B}^1(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \{ \varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow M \mid \exists m \in M \text{ s.t. } \varphi(x) = x(m) \}$$

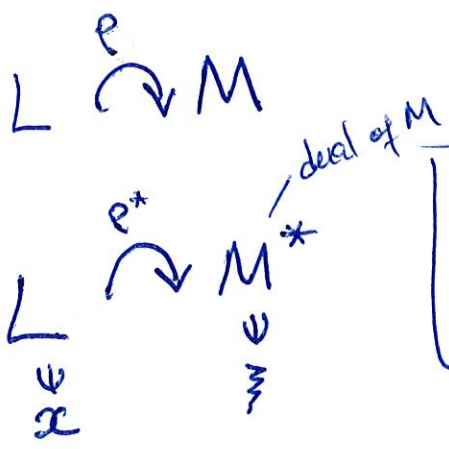
$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}^1(\mathfrak{g}, M)}{\mathbb{B}^1(\mathfrak{g}, M)} \leftarrow \text{1st cohom. of } \mathfrak{g} \text{ w/ coeff. in } M.$$

Whitehead Lemma: If \mathfrak{g} -simple, M -f. defn $\Rightarrow H^1(\mathfrak{g}, M) = 0$.

! Apply this to the case when you have ambient Lie alg. L ,
 $\mathfrak{g} = \bar{L} \subseteq L$ -Lie subalg., $M \subseteq L$ - \bar{L} -module.

Then: if $\omega \in \mathbb{Z}^2(L) \rightsquigarrow \varphi \in \mathbb{Z}^1(L, M^*)$
 $\omega \longmapsto \varphi(x)(m) = \omega(x, m).$

Homk Exercise
 $\varphi \in \mathbb{Z}^1$



$$(\rho^*(\alpha)\xi)(m) = -\xi(\rho(\alpha)m)$$

must add "-".

(a shadow of its group version)
 where $(\rho^*(g)\xi)(m) := \xi(\rho(g^{-1})m)$

Dual module over Lie algebra

Proof of Thm 2

$$L = g[t, t^{-1}], \quad \begin{array}{c} \bar{L} = g \circ t^0 \subset L \\ \uparrow \\ g \end{array}, \quad \begin{array}{c} M = g \circ t^n \subset L \\ \uparrow \\ \bar{L} \end{array} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{in the} \\ \text{above setup} \\ \text{p. 7} \end{array} \right)$$

By Whitehead Lemma: $H^1(g, g^*) = 0$

$$H^1(\bar{L}, M^*) = 0$$

- Back to thm. Let's pick any $\beta \in Z^1(g[t, t^{-1}])$
 - $\beta|_{\bar{L} \times M} \rightarrow$ produces elt of $Z^1(\bar{L}, M^*) \stackrel{\vee}{=} B^1(\bar{L}, M^*)$
- $\Rightarrow \exists m^* \in M^*$ s.t. $\beta(x, y \cdot t^n) = -m^*(x, y \cdot t^{-n})$

Therefore: can modify β by 2-coboundary

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\beta}: g[t, t^{-1}] &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \tilde{\beta}|_{gt^n} &= -m^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{elt of } B^2(g[t, t^{-1}])$$

Upshot: Changing by 2-coboundary $\beta \rightsquigarrow \tilde{\beta}$

$$\text{s.t. } \boxed{\tilde{\beta}(x, yt^n) = 0 \quad \forall n \\ \forall x, y}$$

Step 2: Apply 2-cocycle condition on $\tilde{\beta}$ with
 $a=x, b=y \cdot t^n, c=z \cdot t^m$. $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\tilde{\beta}([x, y]t^n, z \cdot t^m) + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([y, z]t^{n+m}, x)}_{=0 \text{ by step 1}} + \underbrace{\tilde{\beta}([z, x]t^m, yt^n)}_{=0} = 0.$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{\beta}([x, y]t^n, z \cdot t^m) + 0 + \tilde{\beta}(yt^n, [x, z]t^m) = 0}$$

That means: bilinear map $\boxed{\tilde{\beta}_{m,n}^g(a, b) := \tilde{\beta}(at^n, bt^m)}$ is inv. form on \mathfrak{g} !

Since all invariant forms are proportional to each other (as \mathfrak{g} -simple) $\Rightarrow \tilde{\beta}_{m,n} = \boxed{\lambda_{m,n}} \cdot \underbrace{(\cdot, \cdot)}_{\text{constants}}$

We shall get constraints on $\lambda_{m,n}$ in the next step choice from biplicity

Final Step: Apply 2-cocycle cond -n to

$$\text{general case: } \begin{cases} a = x + t^n \\ b = y + t^m \\ c = z + t^p \end{cases}$$



$$([x, y], z) \cdot \lambda_{n+m, p} + ([y, z], x) \cdot \lambda_{m+p, n} + ([z, x], y) \cdot \lambda_{p+n, m} = 0.$$

$$([x, y], z) = -([y, [x, z]]) = ([z, x], y) \dots = -([y, z], x)$$

$$(*) \quad \lambda_{n+m, p} + \lambda_{m+p, n} + \lambda_{p+n, m} = 0 \quad \forall m, n, p$$

$$n = m = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{0, p} = 0 \quad \forall p.$$

$$m = 1 \Rightarrow p = N - n - 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_{n, N-n} + \lambda_{1, N-1} = \lambda_{n+1, N-n-1} \left\} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{n, N-n} \\ \dots \\ \lambda_{1, N-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m = -n \Rightarrow \lambda_{n, -n} = n \cdot \lambda_{1, -1}$$

$$\underline{\text{Also}}: \lambda_{m, n} = 0 \text{ if } m+n \neq 0$$

← verify this at home! →



Lemma 1 (Dixmier's Lemma = Schur Lemma in countable dim-n)

Let V be a countably dimensional ~~irred.~~ repr. of an assoc. alg. A/\mathbb{C} . Then any endom. of V , commuting with A , is scalar.

$$\boxed{\text{End}_A(V) = \mathbb{C} \cdot \text{Id}_V.}$$

! In particular, if A itself is countably dim-~~l~~ ~~l~~
(then necessarily V is \leq countably dim- l).

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\boxed{\text{End}_A(V) = \mathbb{C} \cdot \text{Id}_V.}$$

Proof:

• $\phi \in \text{End}_A(V)$
 Contradiction: ϕ - not scalar.

$$V \xrightarrow{\phi} V$$

$\mathcal{D} =$ division algebra (V -irr $\Rightarrow \text{Im } \phi = V$, $\text{Ker } \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi$ - invertible.)

$\Rightarrow \nexists P$ - pd-1 s.t. $P(\phi) = 0$ $\Rightarrow \phi$ - transcendental/ \mathbb{C} .
(Factor P and use $\phi \neq \text{scalar}$) $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}(\phi) \in \mathcal{D}$

• \mathcal{D} - countably dimensional.

\blacktriangleright Pick any $v \in V \Rightarrow \phi$ is uniquely determined by $\phi(v) \in \underbrace{V}_{\text{countable dim-1}}$

$$A(v) = V$$

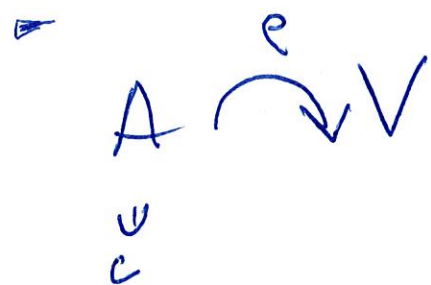
$\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ - countably dim-1

\swarrow not countable (as parametrized by \mathbb{C})

$\underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{\phi - a} \right\}}_{a \in \mathbb{C}} \in \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \underbrace{V}_{\text{countable}} \Rightarrow \phi$ - scalar

- $\phi - a \in \text{End}_A(V)$ is nonzero as $\phi \neq \text{scalar} \Rightarrow$ admits inverse (as \mathcal{D} -division alg) \Rightarrow notation $\frac{1}{\phi - a}$
- If some $\frac{1}{\phi - a}$ were lin. dep. \Rightarrow common denominator to get $P(\phi) = 0$ with P -pd-1 $\Rightarrow \psi$.

Corollary: In the above setting, if $c \in A$ -central, then $c|_V$ is a scalar operator (i.e. $\lambda \cdot \text{Id}_V$)
 \uparrow
 irreducible.



$$ca = ac \quad \forall a \in A$$

$$\rho(c)\rho(a) = \rho(a)\rho(c) \Rightarrow \boxed{\rho(c) \in \text{End}_A(V)}$$

$\Downarrow \rho(c) = \lambda \text{Id}_V$ by Lemma \square

Next time: Apply this to $A = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$
 \nwarrow univ. enveloping alg.
 \uparrow oscillator algebra

After that: general framework of \mathbb{Z} -graded Lie algs.