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# THE CENTRALIZER OF $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$ IN THE GENERALIZED WITT LIE SUPERALGEBRA OVER FIELDS OF PRIME CHARACTERISTIC

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ABSTRACT. This paper considers centralizers of the Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  over prime characteristic fields. Using homological methods, the centralizers of the even and odd parts of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in the generalized Witt Lie superalgebra are calculated and a summary of their structural properties is provided.

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#### 1. Introduction

The Lie superalgebra (see [1]) is a generalization of Lie algebras and an important part of the Lie theory. It not only occupies a very important position in mathematics, but also has general applications in modern physics. In theoretical physics, the Lie superalgebra is a Lie algebra with  $Z_2$ -graded which can be used to study supersymmetric phenomena (see [2],[9]). In addition, the deformation theory of the universal enveloping algebra in the Lie superalgebra makes a significant contribution to the study of quantum supergroup theory in physics.

At present, the study of non-modular Lie superalgebra has achieved quite systematic results (see [11]). However, there is still a lot of research space for modular Lie superalgebras (see [14],[15]). We know that centralizers play an important role in the study of group structure (see [4],[5]) and the Lie superalgebra is a linearized object of the Lie supergroup, so it also has centralizers. In the literature [6],[8],[13], the centralizers of  $\mathfrak{gl}(0,3)$ ,  $\mathfrak{gl}(m,n)$ ,  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,3)$  in the generalized Witt Lie superalgebras are studied respectively.

Since the Lie superalgebra can be represented by an adjoint representation, it can be considered a natural module of its subalgebra. Therefore, the centralizer can be equivalently regarded as a zero cohomology group (see [10],[12]). This paper is inspired by references (see [6],[7]) and we use homological methods to discuss

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the centralizers of Lie superalgebras in the generalized Witt Lie superalgebra W. We believe that our findings contribute significantly to the understanding of non-modular Lie superalgebras and have implications for the study of supersymmetric phenomena in modern physics.

### 2. Preliminary

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field of prime characteristic,  $Y_0 = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}, Y_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$ 

$$\mathbb{B}_k = \{ \langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle \mid 1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \le n \},$$

 $\mathbb{B} = \bigcup_{k=0}^{n} \mathbb{B}_{k}$ . The structure of the generalized Witt Lie superalgebra over a prime characteristic field is as follows (see [3]):

$$W = w \oplus \omega$$
.

where

$$w = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\pi+n} w_i = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\pi+n} span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} \xi^u D_k \mid |\alpha| + |u| = i, \alpha \in \mathbb{A}(m, n, \underline{t}), u \in \mathbb{B}, k \in Y_0 \right\},$$

$$\omega = \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\tau+n} \omega_j = \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\tau+n} span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} \xi^u d_b \mid |\alpha| + |u| = j, \alpha \in \mathbb{A}(m, n, \underline{t}), u \in \mathbb{B}, b \in Y_1 \right\}.$$

The canonical basis of the Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  is  $\{\xi_q d_v, \xi_i d_i - \xi_{i+1} d_{i+1}\}$ , where  $q, v \in Y_1, q \neq v, i = 1, \ldots, n-1$ .

**Definition 2.1.** In a Lie algebra L and the L-module A if

$$\ldots \to C^{n-1}(L,A) \xrightarrow{\delta_{n-1}} C^n(L,A) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} C^{n+1}(L,A) \to \ldots$$

(where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the angle code increases as the arrow progresses.) satisfies:

$$\delta_n \delta_{n-1} = 0 \ (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}); \ \delta_0(a)(x) = x.a \ (\forall x \in L, \ \forall a \in A),$$

where the L-module homomorphism  $\delta_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is the coboundary operator, then this chain is said to be a cochain.

**Definition 2.2.** Let L be a Lie superalgebra, A be an L-module,

$$H^n(L,A) = Ker\delta_n/(\mathrm{Im}\delta_{n-1})$$

is called an n-dimensional cohomology of L with the coefficient in its module A.

According to the definition, the following lemmas are clearly stated.

**Lemma 2.3.** For all L-module A, the centralizers of L in A is

$$C_{\Delta}(L) = H^{0}(L, A) = \{ a \in A | x \cdot a = 0, x \in L \}.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Suppose that A is an L-module and  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_k$  are submodules of A such that  $A = A_1 \bigoplus A_2 \bigoplus \cdots \bigoplus A_k$ . Then

$$H^n(L,A) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k (L,A_i), \ n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

## 3. The centralizer $C_W(\mathfrak{sl}(0,n))$

Firstly, we consider  $C_w(\mathfrak{sl}(0,n))$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $w_0$  is

$$C_{w_0}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n), w_0) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} D_k \mid |\alpha| = 1, \ k \in Y_0 \right\}.$$

**Proof.** According to  $w_0 = span_{\mathbb{F}} \{ X^{(\alpha)} \xi^u D_k \mid |\alpha| + |u| = 1, \ k \in Y_0 \}$ , suppose that

$$f = \sum_{k,l \in Y_0} c_{lk} x_l D_k + \sum_{k \in Y_0} \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{jk} \xi_j D_k.$$

If  $q \neq v$ , then

$$[\xi_q d_v, f] = \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{vk} \xi_q D_k = 0.$$

If q = v, then

$$[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_2 d_2, f] = \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{1k} \xi_1 D_k - \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{2k} \xi_2 D_k = 0,$$

$$[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_3 d_3, f] = \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{1k} \xi_1 D_k - \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{3k} \xi_3 D_k = 0.$$

Similarly,

$$[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_n d_n, f] = \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{1k} \xi_1 D_k - \sum_{k \in Y_0} g_{nk} \xi_n D_k = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$g_{11} = g_{12} = \dots = g_{1m} = g_{21} = g_{22} = \dots = g_{2m} = \dots = g_{n1} = \dots = g_{nm} = 0,$$
 as desired.

**Proposition 3.2.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $w_1$  is

$$C_{w_1}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n), w_1) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} D_k \mid |\alpha| = 2, \ k \in Y_0 \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Suppose that

$$f = \sum_{k,l,p \in Y_0} c_{lpk} x_l x_p D_k + \sum_{k,l \in Y_0} \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{ilk} \xi_j x_l D_k + \sum_{k \in Y_0} \sum_{i,j \in Y_1} h_{ijk} \xi_i \xi_j D_k.$$

It follows from  $q \neq v$  that  $[\xi_q d_v, f] = 0$ . If q = v, then  $[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_t d_t, f] = 0$ ,  $t = 1, \ldots, n$ . By calculating the coefficients, the conclusion is proved.

**Proposition 3.3.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $w_i$  is

$$C_{w_i}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n), w_i) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} D_k \mid |\alpha| = i+1, \ k \in Y_0 \right\}.$$

**Proof.** According to induction, drawing conclusions is straightforward.

From Proposition 3.3 and Lemma 2.4, it follows that:

**Theorem 3.4.** The centralizers of Lie superalgebras in w is

$$C_w(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n), w) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} D_k \mid \alpha \in A(m,t), \ k \in Y_0 \right\}.$$

Next, we will investigate  $C_{\omega}(sl(0,n))$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $\omega_0$  is

$$C_{\omega_0}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n),\omega_0) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \{\xi_b d_b \mid b \in Y_1\}.$$

**Proof.** According to  $\omega_0 = span_{\mathbb{F}} \{ X^{(\alpha)} \xi^u d_b \mid |\alpha| + |u| = 1, \ b \in Y_1 \}$ , suppose that

$$f = \sum_{b \in Y_1} \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{lb} x_l d_b + \sum_{b, j \in Y_1} g_{jb} \xi_j d_b.$$

If  $q \neq v$ , then

$$[\xi_q d_v, f] = \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{vb} \xi_q d_b - \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{jq} \xi_j d_v + \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{lq} x_l d_v = 0.$$

If q = v, then

$$\begin{split} \left[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_2 d_2, f\right] &= \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{1b} \xi_1 d_b - \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{2b} \xi_2 d_b + \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{j2} \xi_j d_2 \\ &- \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{j1} \xi_j d_1 + \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{l2} x_l d_2 - \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{l1} x_l d_1 = 0, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_3 d_3, f] &= \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{1b} \xi_1 d_b - \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{3b} \xi_3 d_b + \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{j3} \xi_j d_3 \\ &- \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{j1} \xi_j d_1 + \sum_{l \in Y_2} c_{l3} x_l d_3 - \sum_{l \in Y_2} c_{l1} x_l d_1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} [\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_n d_n, f] &= \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{1b} \xi_1 d_b - \sum_{b \in Y_1} g_{nb} \xi_n d_b + \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{jn} \xi_j d_n \\ &- \sum_{j \in Y_1} g_{j1} \xi_j d_1 + \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{nl} x_l d_n - \sum_{l \in Y_0} c_{l1} x_l d_1 = 0. \end{split}$$

Therefore,  $c_{ij} = 0$ ,  $g_{ij} = 0$ ,  $i, j \in Y_1$  if  $i \neq j$ , as desired.

**Proposition 3.6.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $\omega_1$  is

$$C_{\omega_1}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n),\omega_1) = span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} \xi^{u-\langle b \rangle} \xi_b d_b \mid |\alpha| + |u-\langle b \rangle| = 1, \ b \in Y_1 \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Suppose that

$$f = \sum_{b \in Y_1} \sum_{l, p \in Y_0} c_{lpb} x_l x_p d_b + \sum_{b, j \in Y_1} \sum_{l \in Y_0} g_{jlb} \xi_j x_l d_b + \sum_{b, i, j \in Y_1} h_{ijb} \xi_i \xi_j d_b.$$

It follows from  $q \neq v$  that  $[\xi_q d_v, f] = 0$ . If q = v, then  $[\xi_1 d_1 - \xi_t d_t, f] = 0$ ,  $t = 1, \ldots, n$ . By calculating the coefficients, the conclusion is proved.

**Proposition 3.7.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $\omega_i$  is

$$C_{\omega_i}(sl(0,n)) = H^0(sl(0,n),\omega_i)$$
$$= span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} \xi^{u-\langle b \rangle} \xi_b d_b \mid |\alpha| + |u-\langle b \rangle| = i+1, \ b \in Y_1 \right\}.$$

**Proof.** According to induction, drawing conclusions is straightforward.

From Proposition 3.7 and Lemma 2.4, it follows that:

**Theorem 3.8.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in  $\omega$  is

$$C_{\omega}(sl(0,n)) = H^{0}(sl(0,n),\omega)$$
$$= span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} \xi^{u-\langle b \rangle} \xi_{b} d_{b} \mid 0 \leq |\alpha| + |u - \langle b \rangle| \leq \pi + n - 1, \ b \in Y_{1} \right\}.$$

From Theorem 3.4, Theorem 3.8 and Lemma 2.4, it follows that:

**Theorem 3.9.** The centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in W is

$$C_{W}(sl(0,n)) = H^{0}(sl(0,n), W) = H^{0}(sl(0,n), w) \oplus H^{0}(sl(0,n), \omega)$$
$$= span_{\mathbb{F}} \left\{ x^{(\alpha)} D_{k}, x^{(\alpha)} \xi^{u - \langle b \rangle} \xi_{b} d_{b} \right\},$$
$$where \ \alpha \in A(m,t), \ 0 \leq |\alpha| + |u| \leq \pi + n - 1, \ k \in Y_{0}, \ b \in Y_{1}.$$

The conclusion gives the centralizers of  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$  in the generalized Witt Lie superalgebra W. This contributes to the study of the structure of the Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(0,n)$ .

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