

# Lie-rings

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(From Plato's door, according to Tzetzes [12th c.]:

Μηδεις ἀγεωμέτρητος εἰσίτω μου τὴν στέγην.

Why did the AMS choose a version of this as its motto?)

$E$  is an abelian group, in signature  $\{+, -, 0\}$ .

$\text{End}(E)$  is its *abelian group* of endomorphisms.

$\text{Mult}(E)$  is the abelian group of **multiplications** of  $E$ : bi-additive maps

$$(x, y) \mapsto \mathbf{m}(x, y) : E \times E \rightarrow E.$$

If  $\mathbf{m} \in \text{Mult}(E)$ , then  $(E, \mathbf{m})$  is a **ring**; also,  $\text{Mult}(E)$  contains  $\mathring{\mathbf{m}}$ , the **converse** of  $\mathbf{m}$ , given by

$$\mathring{\mathbf{m}}(x, y) = \mathbf{m}(y, x).$$

$\text{Mult}(\text{End}(E))$  contains **composition**,  $\mathbf{c}$ , and so

$$\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathring{\mathbf{c}} \rangle \leq \text{Mult}(\text{End}(E));$$

in particular, the **bracket**,  $\mathbf{c} - \mathring{\mathbf{c}}$  or  $\mathbf{b}$ , is in  $\text{Mult}(\text{End}(E))$ .

A ring  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  is:

- **associative**, if  $\mathfrak{m}(\mathfrak{m}(x, y), z) = \mathfrak{m}(x, \mathfrak{m}(y, z))$ ;
- **commutative**, if associative, and  $\mathfrak{m} - \dot{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$ ;
- a **Lie-ring**, if  $\mathfrak{m} + \dot{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$  and

$$\mathfrak{m}(\mathfrak{m}(x, y), z) = \mathfrak{m}(x, \mathfrak{m}(y, z)) - \mathfrak{m}(y, \mathfrak{m}(x, z))$$

(the **Jacobi identity**).

It is obvious that  $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{c})$  is associative;

to see that  $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{b})$  is a Lie-ring requires a computation.

**Theorem A.** *Among non-associative rings, Lie-rings are the most “natural” in a precise sense.*

**Theorem B.** *There are Lie-rings  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  with  $t$  in  $\text{End}(E)$  such that  $\text{Th}(E, \mathfrak{m}, t)$  is model-complete and  $\omega$ -stable.*

There is an isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{m} \mapsto \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}} : \text{Mult}(E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, \text{End}(E)),$$

- where  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}$  is  $x \mapsto \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x) : E \rightarrow \text{End}(E)$ ,
- where  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x)$  is  $y \mapsto \mathfrak{m}(x, y) : E \rightarrow E$ .

We can now recast the Jacobi identity:

$$\mathfrak{m}(\mathfrak{m}(x, y), z) = \mathfrak{m}(x, \mathfrak{m}(y, z)) - \mathfrak{m}(y, \mathfrak{m}(x, z))$$

becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(\mathfrak{m}(x, y)) &= \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x) \circ \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(y) - \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(y) \circ \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x) \\ &= \mathfrak{b}(\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x), \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(y)), \end{aligned}$$

This says  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a *ring*-homomorphism from  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  to  $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{b})$ .

**Theorem A.** *Let  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be  $pc - q\mathfrak{c}$ . Call a ring  $(E, *)$  an  $\mathfrak{m}$ -ring if  $\lambda^*$  is a ring-homomorphism from  $(E, *)$  to  $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{m})$ . The following are equivalent:*

- $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{m})$  is an  $\mathfrak{m}$ -ring for all  $E$ .
- $\mathfrak{m}$  is  $\mathfrak{c}$  or  $\mathfrak{b}$  or  $0$ .

A **derivation** of a ring  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  is an element  $D$  of  $\text{End}(E)$  such that

$$D(\mathfrak{m}(x, y)) = \mathfrak{m}(Dx, y) + \mathfrak{m}(x, Dy);$$

—rearranged,

$$D(\mathfrak{m}(x, y)) - \mathfrak{m}(x, Dy) = \mathfrak{m}(Dx, y);$$

—with  $y$  removed,

$$D \circ \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x) - \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x) \circ D = \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(Dx),$$

that is,

$$\mathfrak{b}(D, \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(x)) = \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}(Dx);$$

—with  $x$  removed,

$$\lambda^{\mathfrak{b}}(D) \circ \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}} = \lambda^{\mathfrak{m}} \circ D,$$

that is, the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}} & \text{End}(E) \\ D \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda^{\mathfrak{b}}(D) \\ E & \xrightarrow[\lambda^{\mathfrak{m}}]{} & \text{End}(E) \end{array}$$

The derivations of  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  compose a subgroup

$$\text{Der}(E, \mathfrak{m})$$

of  $\text{End}(E)$ ; this subgroup is closed under  $\mathfrak{b}$ .

For any abelian group  $E$ , there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\text{End}(E), \mathbf{b}) & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathbf{b}}} & (\text{Der}(\text{End}(E), \mathbf{c}), \mathbf{b}) \\
 & \searrow \lambda^{\mathbf{b}} & \downarrow \subseteq \\
 & & (\text{End}(\text{End}(E)), \mathbf{b})
 \end{array}$$

Suppose now  $(E, \mathbf{m})$  is a Lie-ring. Then  $\lambda^{\mathbf{m}}$  is the **adjoint representation**: there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (E, \mathbf{m}) & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathbf{m}}} & (\text{Der}(E, \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{b}) \\
 & \searrow \lambda^{\mathbf{m}} & \downarrow \subseteq \\
 & & (\text{End}(E), \mathbf{b})
 \end{array}$$

Combining gives

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (E, \mathbf{m}) & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathbf{b}} \circ \lambda^{\mathbf{m}}} & (\text{Der}(\text{End}(E), \mathbf{c}), \mathbf{b}) \\
 \searrow \lambda^{\mathbf{m}} & & \uparrow \lambda^{\mathbf{b}} \\
 (\text{End}(E), \mathbf{b}) & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathbf{b}}} & (\text{Der}(\text{End}(E), \mathbf{c}), \mathbf{b})
 \end{array}$$

This means that every  $D$  in  $E$  is now a derivation  $f \mapsto Df$  of  $(\text{End}(E), \mathbf{c})$  by the rule

$$(Df)x = \mathbf{m}(D, fx) - f(\mathbf{m}(D, x)).$$

Still  $(E, \mathfrak{m})$  is a Lie-ring, mapping into  $(\text{Der}(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{c}), \mathfrak{b})$ .

Let  $t \in \text{End}(E)$ . Call the structure

$$(E, \mathfrak{m}, t)$$

a **vector Lie-ring** if:

- $\{Dt : D \in E\}$  is the universe of a sub-*field*  $K$  of  $(\text{End}(E), \mathfrak{c})$ , and
- $E$  acts on  $K$  as a vector-space (over  $K$ ) of derivations:

$$(gD)f = g(Df).$$

**Theorem B.**

- *The class of vector Lie-rings is elementary.*
- *If  $n < \omega$ , then the theory of vector Lie-rings of dimension  $n$  is companionable.*
- *the model-companion of this theory becomes complete and  $\omega$ -stable when characteristic 0 is specified.*

(Related results are being worked out independently by Martin Bays.)