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We generalize the linear algebra setting of Tate's central extension to arbitrary dimension. In general, one obtains a Lie $(n + 1)$ -cocycle. We compute it to some extent. The construction is based on a Lie algebra variant of Beilinson's adelic multidimensional residue symbol, generalizing Tate's approach to the local residue symbol for 1-forms on curves.

Firstly, recall that to every Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} one can associate its loop Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}[t^{\pm}]$. Iterating this construction, we obtain *multiloop Lie algebras* $\mathfrak{g}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]$. To begin with, we show that various classes of interesting multiloop Lie algebras can all be embedded into a large (infinite-dimensional) Lie algebra:

Theorem 1. *Let k be a field and $n \geq 1$. There is a universal Lie algebra \mathfrak{G} naturally containing, simultaneously,*

- (1) *the abelian Lie algebra $k[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]$,*
- (2) *Lie algebras of derivations, e.g., spanned by*

$$t_1^{s_1} \cdots t_n^{s_n} \partial_{t_i} \quad (\text{acting on } k[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]),$$

- (3) *for any finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , the multiloop algebra*

$$\mathfrak{g}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}].$$

The universal Lie algebra \mathfrak{G} has a canonical Lie $(n + 1)$ -cocycle $\phi \in H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{G}, k)$. For $n = 1$ this cocycle determines a central extension

$$0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{G}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow 0$$

(known as Tate's central extension) and the pullback of it to one of the above types of subalgebras yields (respectively)

- (1) *the Heisenberg algebra,*

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- (2) *the Virasoro algebra,*
 (3) *the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ associated to \mathfrak{g} .*

This will be stated in more detail and proven in Section 6. It is not at all surprising that some Lie algebras can be embedded into larger ones. The interesting fact is that there is such a Lie algebra which carries a canonical cocycle, inducing the ones defining all these classical central extensions. For $n = 1$ the above is well-known — see, for example, [Beilinson et al. 1991, §2.1]. For $n = 1, 2$, see [Frenkel and Zhu 2012]. In the language of the latter, \mathfrak{G} is an example of a “master Lie algebra”.

We are interested in the nature of ϕ for $n > 1$ — even if such cocycles cannot be interpreted as a central extension anymore (we get crossed modules, etc.). Indeed, they are meaningful, as we shall see.

A key point of this text is the actual computation of ϕ (with a slight limitation):

Theorem 2. *The cocycle $\phi \in H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{G}, k)$ is given explicitly by*

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) \\ &= \operatorname{tr} \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \operatorname{sgn} \pi \sum_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \operatorname{ad}(f_{\pi(1)}) P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} \operatorname{ad}(f_{\pi(n)}) P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0, \end{aligned}$$

whenever $f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$ is already a \mathfrak{g} -valued Lie cycle. The P_1^+, \dots, P_n^+ refer to certain commuting idempotents (see Section 4 for details).

The proof and details regarding the P_i^\pm can be found in Section 6. Effectively, we compute the composition

$$H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \xrightarrow{I} H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \rightarrow k, \quad (0-1)$$

with I a natural map to be explained in Section 2. By the universal coefficient theorem for Lie algebras, $H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \cong H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k)^*$, referring to the dual space. As such, although ϕ is well-defined, the formula only applies to those cycles admitting a lift under I (as soon as it exists, the choice does not matter). The formula is rather complicated. However, the pullback to particular subalgebras of \mathfrak{G} can be much nicer; for example for multiloop Lie algebras of simple Lie algebras, we get the following:

Theorem 3. *Suppose \mathfrak{g}/k is a finite-dimensional centerless Lie algebra (e.g., simple). For $Y_0, \dots, Y_n \in \mathfrak{g}$ we call*

$$B(Y_0, \dots, Y_n) := \operatorname{tr}_{\operatorname{End}_k(\mathfrak{g})}(\operatorname{ad}(Y_0) \operatorname{ad}(Y_1) \cdots \operatorname{ad}(Y_n))$$

the “generalized Killing form”. Then on all Lie cycles admitting a lift under I as in (0-1), the pullback of ϕ to $\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$ is explicitly given by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(Y_0 t_1^{c_{0,1}} \dots t_n^{c_{0,n}} \wedge \dots \wedge Y_n t_1^{c_{n,1}} \dots t_n^{c_{n,n}}) \\ = (-1)^n \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \operatorname{sgn} \pi B(Y_{\pi(1)}, \dots, Y_{\pi(n)}, Y_0) \prod_{i=1}^n c_{\pi(i), i} \end{aligned}$$

whenever $\sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, and vanishes otherwise. Here $c_{i,p} \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $i = 0, \dots, n$ and $p = 1, \dots, n$.

If \mathfrak{g} is finite-dimensional simple and $n = 1$, then the class ϕ yields the universal central extension of the loop Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}[t_1, t_1^{-1}]$, the associated affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ (without extending by a derivation),

$$0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[t_1, t_1^{-1}] \rightarrow 0.$$

In this case B is obviously just the ordinary Killing form of \mathfrak{g} . The above theorem will be proven in Section 8.

Additionally, we should say that these computations have an application outside the theory of Lie algebras. For this we need to return to the roots of the subject. J. Tate [1968] showed that the residue of a rational 1-form $f dg$ at a closed point x on an algebraic curve X/k can be expressed as a certain operator-theoretic trace on an infinite-dimensional space. Arbarello, de Concini and Kac [Arbarello et al. 1989, eq. (2.7)] reformulated this as

$$\operatorname{res}_x f dg = \operatorname{tr}([\pi, g]f). \quad (0-2)$$

On the right-hand side the functions f, g are to be read as multiplication operators acting on the local field $\operatorname{Frac} \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,x} \simeq \kappa(x)((t_1))$, seen as a $\kappa(x)$ -vector space, and π denotes some projector on the nonprincipal part, i.e., “we cut off the principal part of the Laurent series.” It is natural to ask whether there exists a generalization of this formula to higher residues. We can give such a formula; it will be proven in Section 7:

Theorem 4. For a multiple Laurent polynomial ring with residue field k , say

$$R := k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm],$$

and $f_0, \dots, f_n \in R$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{res}_{t_1} \dots \operatorname{res}_{t_n} f_0 df_1 \dots df_n \\ = (-1)^n \operatorname{tr} \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \operatorname{sgn} \pi \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} \\ \times (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \operatorname{ad}(f_{\pi(1)}) P_1^{\gamma_1}) \dots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} \operatorname{ad}(f_{\pi(n)}) P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0, \end{aligned}$$

where P_1^\pm, \dots, P_n^\pm are suitable projectors (explained in Section 7; see (7-3)).

- (1) For $n = 1$ and $\pi := P_1^+$ the formula reduces to the familiar (0-2) (as in [Arbarello et al. 1989]).
- (2) If we have $f_i = t_1^{c_{i,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{i,n}}$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$, the formula reduces to

$$\text{res } f_0 df_1 \cdots df_n = \det \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,1} & \cdots & c_{n,1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{1,n} & \cdots & c_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } \sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

and the residue is zero if the condition on the right-hand side is not satisfied.

- (3) For $n = 1$ and $f_1 = t_1$ this reduces by linearity to the classical definition

$$\text{res } \alpha t_1^{c_1} dt_1 = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } c_1 = -1, \\ 0 & \text{if } c_1 \neq -1. \end{cases}$$

How do we construct the cocycle ϕ ?

There are various ways to approach this construction. Frenkel and Zhu [2012] use distinguished generators of the cohomology ring of infinite matrix algebras, based on computations of Feigin and Tsygan [1983]. This is a very natural approach. However, in this text we use a different approach based on the multidimensional adelic residue of [Beilinson 1980]. Originally, this approach was only used to generalize Tate's approach to the residue symbol to several variables, but it readily generalizes to the problem we are discussing here. This might be interesting also since Beilinson does not give an explicit formula — and it is not totally trivial to extrapolate a formula from the definition.

Theorem 5. *The formula in Theorem 4 arises from the construction of Beilinson (in Lemma 1 of [Beilinson 1980]), i.e., it is the composition*

$$\Omega_{R/k}^n \xrightarrow{(-1)^n \varkappa} H_{n+1}^{\text{Lie}}(\mathfrak{G}, k) \xrightarrow{\rho_2} \wedge E_{0,n+1}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{(d_{n+1})^{-1}} \wedge E_{n+1,1}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\rho_1} H_0^{\text{Lie}}(\mathfrak{G}, N^{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} k, \quad (0-3)$$

where

- $\varkappa : f_0 df_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge df_n \mapsto f_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$,
- N^{n+1} is a certain \mathfrak{G} -module (see Section 4 for the definition, or T_{*N} in [Beilinson 1980]), and
- ρ_1, ρ_2 are edge maps and d_{n+1} a differential on the $(n+1)$ -st page of a certain spectral sequence $\wedge E_{*,*}$ (constructed in Lemma 19, or see [Beilinson 1980, Lemma 1]).

This result is only meaningful to readers familiar with [Beilinson 1980].

The above theorem actually lies at the heart of our approach. We formulate a contracting homotopy for a mild variation of the relevant complexes in [Beilinson 1980] and then, in a slightly tedious computation, make the spectral sequence differential d_{n+1} explicit on the basis of this.

Finally, for applications in algebraic geometry, e.g., the interpretation as a local residue, it is unfortunate to interpret “loop Lie algebra” as $\mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}]$. It is better to work with Laurent series, i.e., $\mathfrak{g}((t))$, or even local components of adèles. Tate's original work uses the language of adèles for example. For this reason, we shall axiomatize all these variations through the notion of a “cubically decomposed algebra” (essentially taken from [Beilinson 1980], where it's not given a name).

What is not here. In the present text I only discuss the “linear algebra setting” of Tate's central extension ([Beilinson et al. 1991, §1] for the case $n = 1$). There is also a “differential operator setting” [ibid., §2], which I will treat in a future text. Roughly speaking, \mathfrak{G} will be replaced by much smaller algebras of differential operators on a vector bundle.

Moreover, I do not treat the true multiloop analogue of an affine Kac–Moody algebra in the present text. Already for $n = 1$ I only consider the “plain” affine Lie algebras without extending by a derivation. From the perspective of a triangular decomposition, this is a rather horrible omission: the root spaces are infinite-dimensional! However, as the reader can probably imagine from the computations in Sections 7 and 8 the calculation gets a lot more complicated in the presence of derivations. Thus, this aspect will also be deferred to a future text. The same applies to the analogue of the plain Virasoro algebra. There should also be a nonlinear analogue, distinguished cohomology classes for multiloop groups. The cases $n = 1, 2$ (along with a higher representation theory in categories) are treated in detail by Frenkel and Zhu [2012].

One should also mention that there are completely orthogonal generalizations of Kac–Moody/Virasoro cocycles to multiloop Lie algebras — see, for example, [Frenkel 1987, §9; Neher 2011].

1. Basic framework

For an associative algebra A we shall write A_{Lie} to denote the associated Lie algebra.

Definition 6 [Beilinson 1980]. An (n -fold) *cubically decomposed algebra* (over a field k) is the datum $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$:

- an associative unital (not necessarily commutative) k -algebra A ;
- two-sided ideals I_i^+, I_i^- such that $I_i^+ + I_i^- = A$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$;

Define $I^0(R) := I^+(R) \cap I^-(R)$ and one checks that

$$I^0(R) := \{\phi \in E(R) \mid \phi_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many } (i, j)\}.$$

There is a trace morphism

$$\text{tr} : I^0(R) \rightarrow R, \quad \text{tr} \phi := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi_{ii}; \quad (1-2)$$

the sum is obviously finite. One easily verifies that $\text{tr}[\phi, \phi'] = \sum_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}} [\phi_{ij}, \phi'_{ji}]$ and thus $\text{tr}[I^0(R), E(R)] \subseteq [R, R]$. More generally, if $R' \subseteq R$ is a subalgebra,

$$\text{tr}[I^0(R'), E(R)] \subseteq [R', R].$$

We note that this trace does not necessarily vanish on commutators. Moreover, every $\phi \in E(R)$ can be written as $\phi = \phi^+ + \phi^-$ with $\phi_{ij}^+ := \delta_{i \geq 0} \phi_{ij}$ (for this R need not be unital, use ϕ_{ij} for $i \geq 0$ and 0 otherwise) and $\phi^- = \phi - \phi^+$. One checks that $\phi^\pm \in I^\pm(R)$. It follows that $I^+(R) + I^-(R) = E(R)$.

Finally, let M be an R -bimodule (over k , i.e., a left- $(A \otimes_k A^{op})$ -module; R -bimodules form an abelian category). Analogously to $E(R)$, define

$$E(M) := \{\phi = (\phi_{ij})_{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}}, \phi_{ij} \in M \mid \exists K_\phi : |i - j| > K_\phi \Rightarrow \phi_{ij} = 0\}. \quad (1-3)$$

Again using the matrix multiplication formula, $E(M)$ is an $E(R)$ -bimodule. If $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of R -bimodules, $0 \rightarrow E(M') \rightarrow E(M) \rightarrow E(M'') \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of $E(R)$ -bimodules. Note that for an ideal $I \subseteq R$ the object $E(I)$ is well-defined, regardless of whether we regard I as an associative ring as in (1-1) or an R -bimodule as in (1-3).

Now let V be a finite-dimensional k -vector space and R_0 an arbitrary unital subalgebra of $\text{End}_k(V)$. Define $R_i := E(R_{i-1})$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Note that via $k \rightarrow R_0, \alpha \mapsto \alpha \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\text{End}_k(V)}$, k is embedded into the center of R_i . Then $R_n = (E \circ \dots \circ E)(R_0)$ is a unital associative k -algebra. Its elements may be indexed $\phi = (\phi_{(i_n, j_n), \dots, (i_1, j_1)})_{(i_1, j_1) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}} \in R_0$. By the properties discussed above,

$$I_i^\pm := (E \dots E \circ I_i^\pm \circ E \dots E)(R_0) \quad (I^\pm \text{ in the } i\text{-th place})$$

is an ideal in R_n (we use centered subscripts only to emphasize the numbering). Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} I_i^+ + I_i^- &= (E \dots E \circ I^+ \circ E \dots E)(R_0) + (E \dots E \circ I^- \circ E \dots E)(R_0) \\ &= (E \dots E \circ E \circ E \dots E)(R_0) = R_n. \end{aligned}$$

By composing the traces of (1-2) we arrive at a k -linear map τ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau : I_{\text{tr}} &= I_1^0 \cap \cdots \cap I_n^0 \\ &= (I^0 \circ \cdots \circ I^0)(R_0) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} I^0(I^0(R_0)) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} I^0(R_0) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} R_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}} k,\end{aligned}$$

where “Tr” (as opposed to “tr”) denotes the ordinary matrix trace of $\text{End}_k(V)$ ($\supseteq R_0$). Here we have used that V is finite-dimensional over k . Using inductively the relation

$$\text{tr}[I^0(R'), E(R)] \subseteq [R', R]$$

(valid for subalgebras $R' \subseteq R$), one sees that

$$\begin{aligned}\tau[I_{\text{tr}}, R_n] &= \text{Tr}(\text{tr} \circ \cdots \circ \text{tr} \circ \text{tr})[I^0(I^0(\cdots)), E(E(\cdots))] \\ &\subseteq \text{Tr}(\text{tr} \circ \cdots \circ \text{tr})[I^0(\cdots), E(\cdots)] \subseteq \text{Tr}[R_0, R_0] = 0\end{aligned}$$

since the ordinary trace Tr vanishes on commutators. Hence, τ factors to a morphism $\tau : I_{\text{tr}, \text{Lie}}/[I_{\text{tr}, \text{Lie}}, R_{\text{Lie}}] \rightarrow k$. Summarizing, for every $n \geq 1$, every finite-dimensional k -vector space V and every unital subalgebra $R_0 \subseteq \text{End}_k(V)$, $(R_n, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ is a cubically decomposed algebra.

Finally, note that for any associative algebra R , $E(R)$ is a right- R -submodule of *right- R -module endomorphisms* $\text{End}_R(R[t, t^{-1}])$ of $R[t, t^{-1}]$. Write elements as $a = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i t^i$, also denoted $a = (a_i)_i$ with $a_i \in R$, and let $\phi = (\phi_{ij})$ act by $(\phi \cdot a)_i := \sum_k \phi_{ik} a_k$. Moreover, each $a \in R[t, t^{-1}]$ determines a right- R -module endomorphism via the multiplication operator $x \mapsto a \cdot x$. We find

$$R[t, t^{-1}] \hookrightarrow E(R) \hookrightarrow \text{End}_R(R[t, t^{-1}]).$$

Multiplication with t^i is represented by a matrix with a diagonal $\dots, 1, 1, 1, \dots$, shifted by i off the principal diagonal. Inductively,

$$R_0[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}] \hookrightarrow R_n \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{R_0}(R_0[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]). \quad (1-4)$$

See for example [Jimbo and Miwa 1983, §1; Kac and Raina 1987, Lec. 4] for more information regarding the case $n = 1$ and [Frenkel and Zhu 2012, §3] for a similar procedure when $n = 2$.

2. Modified Chevalley–Eilenberg complexes

Suppose k is a field and \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra over k . We recall that for any \mathfrak{g} -module the conventional Chevalley–Eilenberg complex is given by $C(M)_r := M \otimes \wedge^r \mathfrak{g}$ along

with the differential

$$\delta := \delta^{[1]} + \delta^{[2]} : C(M)_r \rightarrow C(M)_{r-1}, \quad (2-1)$$

$$\delta^{[1]}(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r) := \sum_{i=1}^r (-1)^i [f_0, f_i] \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{f_i} \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r,$$

$$\delta^{[2]}(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r) := \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} (-1)^{i+j+1} f_0 \otimes [f_i, f_j] \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{f_i} \cdots \widehat{f_j} \cdots \wedge f_r$$

for $f_0 \in M$ and $f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathfrak{g}$. Its homology is (by definition, if one wants) Lie homology with coefficients in M . There is also a cohomological analogue; for details see, for example, [Loday 1992, Chapter 10]. We may view k itself as a \mathfrak{g} -module with the trivial structure. There is an obvious morphism

$$I : C(\mathfrak{g})_r \rightarrow C(k)_{r+1}, \quad f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r \mapsto (-1)^r \mathbb{1}_k \otimes f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r, \quad (2-2)$$

and one checks easily that this commutes with the respective differentials and thus induces morphisms $H_r(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow H_{r+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k)$. The linear dual $\mathfrak{g}^* := \text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{g}, k)$ is canonically a \mathfrak{g} -module via $(f \cdot \varphi)(g) := \varphi([g, f])$ for $\varphi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ and $f, g \in \mathfrak{g}$. The cohomological analogue of (2-2) is the morphism $I : H^{r+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \rightarrow H^r(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^*)$ given by

$$(I\phi)(f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r)(f_0) := (-1)^r \phi(f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r).$$

Remark 7. These maps could be viewed as a Lie-theoretic analogue of map I in Connes' periodicity sequence — see [Loday 1992, §2.2]. We may view $H_{*-1}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$ as a partial “noncyclic” counterpart of Lie homology. The true Hochschild analogue would be Leibniz homology — see [Loday 1992, §10.6]. For the present purposes, however, we have no use for this analogue.

Let $\mathfrak{j} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$ be a Lie ideal. As such, it is a \mathfrak{g} -module and we may consider $C(\mathfrak{j})$. Following [Beilinson 1980] we may work with a “cyclically symmetrized” counterpart: We write $\mathfrak{j} \wedge \wedge^{r-1} \mathfrak{g}$ to denote the \mathfrak{g} -submodule of $\mathfrak{g} \wedge \wedge^{r-1} \mathfrak{g} = \wedge^r \mathfrak{g}$ generated by elements $j \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_{r-1}$ such that $j \in \mathfrak{j}$ and $f_1, \dots, f_{r-1} \in \mathfrak{g}$. If $\mathfrak{j}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, are Lie ideals, we denote by $(\bigoplus_i \mathfrak{j}_i) \wedge \wedge^{r-1} \mathfrak{g}$ the module $\bigoplus_i (\mathfrak{j}_i \wedge \wedge^{r-1} \mathfrak{g})$.

Example 8. If $k \langle s, t, u \rangle$ and $k \langle s \rangle$ denote a 3-dimensional abelian Lie algebra along with a 1-dimensional Lie ideal, then $\wedge^2 k \langle s, t, u \rangle$ is 3-dimensional with basis $s \wedge t, s \wedge u$ and $t \wedge u$. Then $k \langle s \rangle \wedge k \langle s, t, u \rangle$ is 2-dimensional with basis $s \wedge t, s \wedge u$.

The k -vector spaces $CE(\mathfrak{j})_r := \mathfrak{j} \wedge \wedge^{r-1} \mathfrak{g}$ (for $r \geq 1$) and $CE(\mathfrak{j})_0 := k$ define a subcomplex of $C(k)$. In particular, the differential is given by

$$\delta(f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_r) := \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq r} (-1)^{i+j} [f_i, f_j] \wedge f_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{f_i} \cdots \widehat{f_j} \cdots \wedge f_r. \quad (2-3)$$

It is well-defined since \mathfrak{j} is a Lie ideal. We get morphisms generalizing I , notably $H_r(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}) \rightarrow H_{r+1}(CE(\mathfrak{j}))$ via $\mathfrak{j} \otimes \wedge^r \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{j} \wedge \wedge^r \mathfrak{g}$ and analogously $H^{r+1}(CE(\mathfrak{j})) \rightarrow H^r(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}^*)$. We have resisted the temptation to reindex $CE(-)$, despite the unpleasant $(+1)$ -shift in (2-2) in order to remain compatible with standard usage in the following sense:

Lemma 9 [Beilinson 1980, Lemma 1(a)]. *$CE(\mathfrak{g})$ is a complex of k -vector spaces and is quasi-isomorphic to $k \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}}^L k$. In particular*

$$H_i(\mathfrak{g}, k) = H_i(CE(\mathfrak{g})) \quad \text{and} \quad H^i(\mathfrak{g}, k) = H^i(\text{Hom}_k(CE(\mathfrak{g}), k)).$$

Proof. As we have explained above, $CE(\mathfrak{g})$ agrees with the standard Chevalley–Eilenberg complex and the latter is well-known to represent $k \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}}^L k$. \square

We easily compute

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}) &\xrightarrow[\cong]{I} H_1(CE(\mathfrak{j})) \cong \mathfrak{j}/[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}], \\ H^1(CE(\mathfrak{j})) &\xrightarrow[\cong]{I} H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}^*) \cong (\mathfrak{j}/[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{j}])^*. \end{aligned} \tag{2-4}$$

In higher degrees the map I ceases to be an isomorphism.

Nonetheless, this computation hints at the principle of computation which we shall use below. Beilinson [1980] uses $CE(-)$, whereas we will only be able to do manageable computations with $C(-)$. The map I will serve to deduce facts about $CE(-)$ while working with $C(-)$.

3. Cubically decomposed algebras

Let $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ be an n -fold cubically decomposed algebra (Definition 6) over a field k ; that is, we are given the following data:

- an associative unital (not necessarily commutative) k -algebra A ;
- two-sided ideals I_i^+, I_i^- such that $I_i^+ + I_i^- = A$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$;
- writing $I_i^0 := I_i^+ \cap I_i^-$ and $I_{\text{tr}} := I_1^0 \cap \dots \cap I_n^0$, a k -linear map

$$\tau : I_{\text{tr, Lie}}/[I_{\text{tr, Lie}}, A_{\text{Lie}}] \rightarrow k.$$

See Section 1 to see how this type of structure arises. As a shorthand, define $\mathfrak{g} := A_{\text{Lie}}$. For any elements $s_1, \dots, s_n \in \{+, -, 0\}$ we define the *degree* of the n -tuple (s_1, \dots, s_n) as

$$\text{deg}(s_1 \dots s_n) := 1 + \#\{i \mid s_i = 0\}.$$

Next, following [Beilinson 1980], we construct complexes of \mathfrak{g} -modules:

Definition 10 [Beilinson 1980]. For every $1 \leq p \leq n + 1$ define

$$\wedge T_{\bullet}^p := \coprod_{\substack{s_1 \dots s_n \in \{\pm, 0\} \\ \deg(s_1 \dots s_n) = p}} \bigcap_{i=1}^n \begin{cases} CE(I_i^+). & \text{for } s_i = +, \\ CE(I_i^-). & \text{for } s_i = -, \\ CE(I_i^+) \cap CE(I_i^-). & \text{for } s_i = 0, \end{cases} \quad (3-1)$$

and $\wedge T_{\bullet}^0 := CE(\mathfrak{g})_{\bullet}$.

Each $CE(I_i^{\pm})_{\bullet}$ is a complex and all their differentials are defined by the same formula, (2-3); hence the intersection of these complexes has a well-defined differential and is a complex itself. Same for the coproduct. The complex $\wedge T_{\bullet}^p$ is inspired by a cubical object used by Beilinson [1980].

Example 11. For $n = 2$ we get complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge T_{\bullet}^1 &= \coprod_{s_1, s_2 \in \{\pm\}} CE(I_1^{s_1})_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^{s_2})_{\bullet}, \\ \wedge T_{\bullet}^2 &= \coprod_{s_1 \in \{\pm\}} CE(I_1^{s_1})_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^+)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^-)_{\bullet} \oplus \coprod_{s_2 \in \{\pm\}} CE(I_1^+)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_1^-)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^{s_2})_{\bullet}, \\ \wedge T_{\bullet}^3 &= CE(I_1^+)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_1^-)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^+)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_2^-)_{\bullet}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $CE(I_1^+)_{\bullet} \cap CE(I_1^-)_{\bullet} \neq CE(I_1^+ \cap I_1^-)_{\bullet}$; for example, $I_1^+ \wedge I_1^-$ is a subspace in degree two of the left-hand side, but not of the right-hand side.

Diverging from [Beilinson 1980] we shall primarily use the following slightly different auxiliary construction (which we will later relate to the above one):

Definition 12. For $1 \leq p \leq n + 1$ let

$$\otimes T_{\bullet}^p := \coprod_{\substack{s_1 \dots s_n \in \{\pm, 0\} \\ \deg(s_1 \dots s_n) = p}} C(I_1^{s_1} \cap I_2^{s_2} \cap \dots \cap I_n^{s_n})_{\bullet}, \quad (3-2)$$

and $\otimes T_{\bullet}^0 := C(\mathfrak{g})_{\bullet}$.

So, instead of the modified Chevalley–Eilenberg complex of Section 2 we just use the standard complexes for Lie homology with suitable coefficients. Clearly the morphism $I : C(\mathfrak{g})_r \rightarrow C(k)_{r+1}$ descends to morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathfrak{g})_r &\supseteq C(I_i^{s_i})_r \rightarrow CE(I_i^{s_i})_{r+1} \subseteq C(k)_{r+1}, \\ f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_r &\mapsto (-1)^r f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f_r. \\ \in I_i^{s_i} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \in I_i^{s_i} \end{aligned}$$

As we take intersections of Lie ideals on the left $C(I_1^{s_1} \cap \dots)_{\bullet}$, as in (3-2), the image lies in the intersection of the individual images, i.e., $CE(I_1^{s_i})_{\bullet} \cap \dots$, as in

(3-1). As a result, we obtain morphisms

$$\otimes T_{\bullet}^p \xrightarrow{I} \wedge T_{\bullet,+1}^p \quad (\text{for all } p),$$

and since they are a restriction of the map I to subcomplexes, this is a morphism of complexes, and thus induces maps on homology.

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Next, we shall define maps $\cdots \rightarrow \otimes T_{\bullet}^2 \rightarrow \otimes T_{\bullet}^1 \rightarrow \otimes T_{\bullet}^0 \rightarrow 0$, so that $(\otimes T_{\bullet})^{\bullet}$ becomes an exact superscript-indexed complex (of subscript-indexed complexes); and the same for $\wedge T_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$. We begin by discussing $\otimes T_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$.

We define a \mathfrak{g} -module $N^0 := \mathfrak{g}$ and for $p \geq 1$

$$N^p := \coprod_{s_1 \dots s_n \in \{+, -, 0\}} I_1^{s_1} \cap I_2^{s_2} \cap \cdots \cap I_n^{s_n} \quad (\text{with } \deg(s_1 \dots s_n) = p). \quad (4-1)$$

We shall denote the components $f = (f_{s_1 \dots s_n})$ of elements in N^p with indices in terms of $s_1, \dots, s_n \in \{+, -, 0\}$. Clearly $N^p = 0$ for $p > n + 1$. We shall treat all N^p as \mathfrak{g} -modules and observe that

$$\otimes T_{\bullet}^p = C(N^p).$$

(by definition!), so by the functoriality and flatness¹ of C_{\bullet} it suffices to construct an exact complex N^{\bullet} out of the N^p and then $\otimes T_{\bullet}^p$ will be an exact complex in p .

Example 13. For $n = 1$ we have

$$N^2 = I_1^0, \quad N^1 = I_1^+ \oplus I_1^-$$

and elements would be denoted $f = (f_0) \in N^2$ and $g = (g_+, g_-) \in N^1$. For $n = 2$ we have

$$N^3 = I_1^0 \cap I_2^0, \quad N^2 = \left(\coprod_{s_1 \in \{+, -\}} I_1^{s_1} \cap I_2^0 \right) \oplus \left(\coprod_{s_2 \in \{+, -\}} I_1^0 \cap I_2^{s_2} \right)$$

$$N^1 = \coprod_{s_1, s_2 \in \{+, -\}} I_1^{s_1} \cap I_2^{s_2}.$$

We shall use the shorthand $s_1 \dots \pm \dots s_n$ to indicate that in the i -th place we have $s_i \in \{+, -\}$, whatever i may be at the moment. Similarly, $s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n$ will

¹We just tensor N^p with the vector spaces $\wedge^i \mathfrak{g}$. Being over a field, this preserves exact sequences.

imply that $s_i = 0$. Define \mathfrak{g} -module homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_i f)_{s_1 \dots \pm \dots s_n} &:= (-1)^{\#\{j|j>i \text{ and } s_j=0\}} f_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n}, \\ (\partial_i f)_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n} &:= 0, \\ \partial &:= \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i. \end{aligned} \quad (4-2)$$

One checks easily that $\partial_i^2 = 0$ and $\partial_i \partial_j + \partial_j \partial_i = 0$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. As a consequence, $\partial^2 = 0$. The components are given explicitly by

$$(\partial f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \sum_{\{i|s_i=+,-\}} (-1)^{\#\{j|j>i \text{ and } s_j=0\}} f_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n}. \quad (4-3)$$

Definition 14. Let $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ be an n -fold cubically decomposed algebra over a field k . A *system of good idempotents* are pairwise commuting elements $P_i^+ \in A$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that for all i :

- (1) $P_i^{+2} = P_i^+$.
- (2) $P_i^+ A \subseteq I_i^+$.
- (3) $P_i^- A \subseteq I_i^-$ (where we define $P_i^- := \mathbb{1}_A - P_i^+$).

We note that the P_i^- are also pairwise commuting idempotents and $P_i^+ + P_i^- = \mathbb{1}_A$. Next, for $s_i \in \{+, -\}$ define k -vector space homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon_i f)_{s_1 \dots s_i \dots s_n} &:= (-1)^{s_i} P_i^{s_i} \sum_{\gamma_i \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_i} f_{s_1 \dots \gamma_i \dots s_n}, \\ (\varepsilon_i f)_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n} &:= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $(-1)^\pm = \pm 1$. By direct calculation one verifies the identities $\varepsilon_i^2 = \varepsilon_i$ and $\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_j \varepsilon_i$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. Finally, define

$$\begin{aligned} (H_i f)_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n} &:= (-1)^{\#\{j|j>i \text{ and } s_j=0\}} \sum_{\gamma_i \in \{\pm\}} P_i^{-\gamma_i} f_{s_1 \dots \gamma_i \dots s_n}, \\ (H_i f)_{s_1 \dots \pm \dots s_n} &:= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The expression $P_i^{-\gamma_i}$ means P_i^- for $\gamma_i = +$ and P_i^+ for $\gamma_i = -$. One checks that

$$\begin{aligned} H_i^2 &= 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H_i H_j + H_j H_i = 0, \\ \partial_i \varepsilon_j &= \varepsilon_j \partial_i \quad \text{and} \quad H_i \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_j H_i \end{aligned}$$

for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. Moreover, $\partial_i H_j + H_j \partial_i = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$. In the special case $i = j$ one finds instead that

$$\partial_i H_i + H_i \partial_i = \mathbb{1} - \varepsilon_i.$$

Define $H := H_1 + \varepsilon_1 H_2 + \cdots + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdots \varepsilon_{n-1} H_n$. Using the identities established above, one finds very easily

$$H^2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial H + H \partial = \mathbb{1} - \varepsilon_1 \cdots \varepsilon_n. \quad (4-4)$$

The fact $H^2 = 0$ was observed by the anonymous referee; it explains a certain cancellation in the proof of Proposition 24, which had been rather mysterious in an earlier version of this text.

Lemma 15. *An explicit formula for H is given by*

$$(Hf)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = (-1)^{\deg(s_1 \dots s_n)} (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_b} P_1^{s_1} \cdots P_i^{s_b} \\ \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{b+1} \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_b} P_{b+1}^{-\gamma_{b+1}} f_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_b s_{b+2} \dots s_n}, \quad (4-5)$$

where b denotes the largest index such that $s_1, \dots, s_b \in \{\pm\}$ or $b = 0$ if none (and so $s_{b+1} = 0$ if $b < n$; $b + 1$ is the index of the leftmost zero).

Proof. One shows that

$$(\varepsilon_1 \cdots \varepsilon_i f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_i} P_1^{s_1} \cdots P_i^{s_i} \\ \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_i \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_i} f_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_i s_{i+1} \dots s_n} & \text{for } s_1, \dots, s_i \in \{\pm\}, \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \in \{s_1, \dots, s_i\} \end{cases} \quad (4-6)$$

by evaluating $(\varepsilon_j \cdots \varepsilon_i f)$ inductively along $j = i, i - 1, \dots, 1$. Plug in $H_{i+1} f$ for f to obtain

$$(\varepsilon_1 \cdots \varepsilon_i H_{i+1} f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = (-1)^{\#\{j | j > i+1 \text{ and } s_j = 0\}} (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_i} P_1^{s_1} \cdots P_i^{s_i} \\ \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{i+1} \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_i} P_{i+1}^{-\gamma_{i+1}} f_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_i \gamma_{i+1} s_{i+2} \dots s_n}$$

for $s_1, \dots, s_i \in \{\pm\}$ and $s_{i+1} = 0$. Otherwise, (that is, for $0 \in \{s_1, \dots, s_i\}$ or $s_{i+1} \in \{\pm\}$), the respective component is zero. Thus,

$$H_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\varepsilon_1 \cdots \varepsilon_i H_{i+1} f)_{s_1 \dots s_n}.$$

The summands with $i > b$ vanish since for them $0 \in \{s_1, \dots, s_i\}$. The summands with $i < b$ vanish since for them $s_{i+1} \in \{\pm\}$. Thus,

$$H_{s_1 \dots s_n} = (\varepsilon_1 \cdots \varepsilon_b H_{b+1} f)_{s_1 \dots s_n}$$

and we use the above explicit formula. Note that $\#\{j | j > b + 1 \text{ and } s_j = 0\}$ is just one below the total number of slots with value 0 since $s_1, \dots, s_b \in \{\pm\}$ and $s_{b+1} = 0$. Thus, $(-1)^{\#\{j | j > i+1 \text{ and } s_j = 0\}} = (-1)^{\deg(s_1 \dots s_n)}$. \square

The above maps are defined for N^p in degrees ≥ 1 . We extend them to degree zero by defining the maps

$$\hat{\partial} : N^1 \rightarrow N^0 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{H} : N^0 \rightarrow N^1$$

as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\partial} f &:= \sum_{s_1 \dots s_n \in \{+, -\}} (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_n} f_{s_1 \dots s_n}, \\ (\hat{H}f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} &:= (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_n} P_1^{s_1} \dots P_n^{s_n} f. \end{aligned} \quad (4-7)$$

Along with these, we obtain the following crucial fact:

Lemma 16. *Equipped with these morphisms,*

$$N^\bullet = \left[N^{n+1} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\partial} \\ \xleftarrow{H} \end{array} N^n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\partial} \\ \xleftarrow{H} \end{array} \dots \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\partial} \\ \xleftarrow{H} \end{array} N^1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\hat{\partial}} \\ \xleftarrow{\hat{H}} \end{array} N^0 \right]_{n+1,0} \quad (4-8)$$

is a complex of \mathfrak{g} -modules with differentials ∂_\bullet (resp. $\hat{\partial}$) and contracting homotopies H_\bullet (resp. \hat{H}) in the category of k -vector spaces.

Proof. The identities $\partial^2 = 0$ and $\hat{\partial} \circ \partial = 0 : N^2 \rightarrow N^0$ are easy to check. Next, we confirm the contracting homotopy. We find $\partial H + H \partial = \mathbb{1} - \varepsilon_1 \dots \varepsilon_n$ by a telescope cancellation. For $f \in N^i$ with $i \geq 2$ for each component $f_{s_1 \dots s_n}$ there must be at least one i with $s_i = 0$ and thus $\varepsilon_1 \dots \varepsilon_n |_{N^i} = 0$ for $i \geq 2$. It remains to treat $i = 0, 1$. For $i = 1$ we compute

$$\hat{H} \hat{\partial} f = (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_n} P_1^{s_1} \dots P_n^{s_n} \sum_{s_1 \dots s_n \in \{+, -\}} (-1)^{s_1 + \dots + s_n} f_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \varepsilon_1 \dots \varepsilon_n f$$

(as in (4-6)). Thus, $\partial H + \hat{H} \hat{\partial} = \mathbb{1}$ on N^1 . Finally, for $i = 0$ we compute $\hat{\partial} \hat{H} f = f$. \square

Corollary 17. $0 \rightarrow \otimes T_\bullet^{n+1} \rightarrow \otimes T_\bullet^n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \otimes T_\bullet^0 \rightarrow 0$ with differential (and a contracting homotopy) induced by $\partial \otimes \text{id}_{\wedge \bullet \mathfrak{g}}$ (and $H \otimes \text{id}_{\wedge \bullet \mathfrak{g}}$) is an exact complex (of complexes of k -vector spaces).

For the corollary, just use that tensoring with $\wedge^r \mathfrak{g}$ is exact.

5. The cube complex, II

Next, it would be nice to give a discussion of the $\wedge T_\bullet$ parallel to the one for $\otimes T_\bullet$ in the previous section. We can only do this to a limited extent, however.

Lemma 18. *The definition*

$$(\partial f)_{s_1 \dots s_n} = \sum_{\{i | s_i = +, -\}} (-1)^{\#\{j | j > i \text{ and } s_j = 0\}} f_{s_1 \dots 0 \dots s_n} \quad (5-1)$$

turns $\wedge T_\bullet$ into a complex (of complexes of k -vector spaces) with respect to the superscript index. The morphisms $I : \otimes T_\bullet^p \rightarrow \wedge T_{\bullet, +1}^p$ yield a morphism of complexes.

Proof. Easy. Just check that the map ∂ is well-defined and satisfies $\partial^2 = 0$; in fact, exactly the same computation as in (4-2) applies. For the second claim, we just need to show that the map I commutes with the differential of either complex, but this is clear since the differentials are given by the same formula—compare (4-3) with (5-1). \square

The complex ${}^\wedge T_\bullet$ is the central object in Beilinson's construction [1980]. We will use its analogue ${}^\otimes T_\bullet$ as an auxiliary computational device. Firstly, let us explain Beilinson's construction. We need the following entirely homological tool:

Lemma 19. *Suppose we are given an exact sequence*

$$S^\bullet = [S^{n+1} \rightarrow S^n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S^0]_{n+1,0}$$

with entries in $\mathbf{Ch}^+ \text{Mod}_k$; that is, each $S^i = S_\bullet^i$ is a bounded-below complex of k -vector spaces.²

- (1) *There is a second-quadrant homological spectral sequence $(E_{p,q}^r, d_r)$ converging to zero such that*

$$E_{p,q}^1 = H_q(S_\bullet^p) \quad (d_r : E_{p,q}^r \rightarrow E_{p-r,q+r-1}^r).$$

- (2) *There is a first-quadrant cohomological spectral sequence $(E_r^{p,q}, d^r)$ converging to zero such that*

$$E_1^{p,q} = H^q(\text{Hom}_k(S_\bullet^p, k)) \quad (d^r : E_r^{p,q} \rightarrow E_r^{p+r,q-r+1}).$$

- (3) *The following differentials are isomorphisms:*

$$d_{n+1} : E_{n+1,1}^{n+1} \rightarrow E_{0,n+1}^{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad d^{n+1} : E_{n+1}^{0,n+1} \rightarrow E_{n+1}^{n+1,1}.$$

- (4) *Suppose $H_p : S^p \rightarrow S^{p+1}$ is a contracting homotopy for S^\bullet . Then*

$$(d_{n+1})^{-1} = H_n \delta_1 H_{n-1} \cdots \delta_{n-1} H_1 \delta_n H_0 = H_n \prod_{i=1, \dots, n} (\delta_i H_{n-i})$$

(where the last product depends on the ordering and refers to composition), and

$$(d^{n+1})^{-1} = H_0^* \delta_n^* H_1^* \cdots \delta_1^* H_n^* = H_0^* \prod_{i=n, \dots, 1} (\delta_i^* H_{n+1-i}^*),$$

where we write $f^* = \text{Hom}_k(f, k)$ as a shorthand.

The construction is functorial in S^\bullet ; that is, if $S^\bullet \rightarrow S'^\bullet$ is a morphism of complexes as in our assumptions, then there are induced morphisms between their spectral sequences.

²One may alternatively view this as a bicomplex supported horizontally in degrees $[0, n+1]$, bounded from below, and whose rows are exact.

Proof. Parts (1)–(3) are [Beilinson 1980, Lemma 1(a)]. More precisely, for (1) use the bicomplex spectral sequence for

$$E_{p,q}^0 = S_q^p \quad \text{and} \quad E_0^{p,q} = \text{Hom}_k(S_q^p, k).$$

If we take differentials “ \rightarrow ” for forming the E^0 -page, the E^1 -page vanishes since S_\bullet is exact (as a complex of complexes) and so the individual sequences of k -vector spaces S_i^j for constant i are exact, so $E^\infty = E^1 = 0$. Then use the bicomplex spectral sequences with differential “ \downarrow ” on the E^0 -page for our claim. It also converges to zero then; (2) is analogous. For (3), the bicomplex is horizontally supported in $[0, n+1]$. For (4), diagram chase. \square

We combine Lemma 18 with Lemma 19: Apply the latter to $S_q^p := \wedge T_q^p$; we denote the resulting spectral sequence by $\wedge E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$. The fact that the (bi)complex of Lemma 19 is supported horizontally in $[n+1, 0]$ homologically (i.e., for $\wedge E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$) and in $[0, n+1]$ cohomologically (i.e., for $\wedge E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$) implies that we have edge morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 : \wedge E_{n+1,1}^{n+1} &\rightarrow \wedge E_{n+1,1}^1 & \text{and} & \quad \rho_2 : \wedge E_{0,n+1}^1 \rightarrow \wedge E_{0,n+1}^{n+1}, \\ \wp_1 : \wedge E_{n+1}^{0,n+1} &\rightarrow \wedge E_1^{0,n+1} & \text{and} & \quad \wp_2 : \wedge E_1^{n+1,1} \rightarrow \wedge E_{n+1}^{n+1,1}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we identify the objects involved: Using Lemma 9 we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge E_{0,n+1}^1 &= H_{n+1}(\wedge T_\bullet^0) = H_{n+1}(CE(\mathfrak{g})_\bullet) \cong H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k), \\ \wedge E_{n+1,1}^1 &= H_1(\wedge T_\bullet^{n+1}) = H_1\left(\bigcap_{i=1,\dots,n} \bigcap_{s_i \in \{\pm\}} CE(I_i^{s_i})_\bullet\right) = I_{\text{tr}}/[I_{\text{tr}}, \mathfrak{g}], \\ \wedge E_1^{n+1,1} &= \text{Hom}_k(I_{\text{tr}}/[I_{\text{tr}}, \mathfrak{g}], k) \quad \text{and} \quad \wedge E_1^{0,n+1} = H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k). \end{aligned}$$

Definition 20 [Beilinson 1980]. Let $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ be an n -fold cubically decomposed algebra over a field k and $\mathfrak{g} := A_{\text{Lie}}$ its Lie algebra. Define

$$\text{res}_* : H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \rightarrow k \quad \text{res}_* := \tau \circ \rho_1 \circ (d_{n+1})^{-1} \circ \rho_2$$

and

$$\text{res}^* : k \rightarrow H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \quad \text{res}^*(1) := (\wp_1 \circ (d^{n+1})^{-1} \circ \wp_2)\tau,$$

where for res^* we read τ as an element of $E_1^{n+1,1}$. We will call $\phi := \text{res}^*(1)$ the *Tate extension class*.

In the case $n = 1$ it would also be justified to name this cohomology class after [Kac and Peterson 1981]; it also appears in the works of the Japanese school, e.g., [Jimbo and Miwa 1983].

Remark 21. It follows from the construction of res_* and res^* that

$$\text{res}^*(\alpha)(X_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_n) = \alpha \text{res}_* X_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge X_n. \quad (5-2)$$

Now we would like to compute these maps explicitly. Clearly, the most elusive map in the construction is the differential d_{n+1} (resp. d^{n+1}). We can render it explicit using Lemma 19(4) as soon as we have an explicit contracting homotopy available. However, it seems to be quite difficult to construct such a homotopy for the complex ${}^\wedge T^\bullet$. On the other hand, we *do* have such a contracting homotopy for $\otimes T^\bullet$ by Lemma 16 and its corollary. Luckily for us, these complexes are closely connected. We may apply Lemma 19 also to $S_q^p := \otimes T_{q-1}^p$; this time denote the resulting spectral sequence by $\otimes E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$. We easily compute

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes E_{0,n+1}^1 &= H_{n+1}(\otimes T_{\bullet-1}^0) = H_n(C(\mathfrak{g})_\bullet) \cong H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}), \\ \otimes E_{n+1,1}^1 &= H_1(\otimes T_{\bullet-1}^{n+1}) = H_0\left(C\left(\bigcap_{i=1,\dots,n} \bigcap_{s_i \in \{\pm\}} I_i^{s_i}\right)_\bullet\right) = I_{\text{tr}}/[I_{\text{tr}}, \mathfrak{g}], \\ \otimes E_1^{n+1,1} &= \text{Hom}_k(I_{\text{tr}}/[I_{\text{tr}}, \mathfrak{g}], k) \quad \text{and} \quad \otimes E_1^{0,n+1} = H^n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^*). \end{aligned}$$

We note that some groups even agree with their ${}^\wedge T_q^p$ -counterpart, as we had already observed in (2-4).

Definition 22. Write $\otimes \text{res}_* : H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow k$ and $\otimes \text{res}^*(1) \in H^n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^*)$ for the counterparts of res_* , res^* in Definition 20 using $\otimes E$ instead of ${}^\wedge E$.

Lemma 23 (Compatibility). *The morphism of bicomplexes $\otimes T_\bullet \xrightarrow{I} {}^\wedge T_{\bullet+1}$ induces a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{comes with contracting homotopy} & & \\ & & \curvearrowright & & \\ H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) & \longrightarrow & \otimes E_{0,n+1}^{n+1} & \xleftarrow{\cong} & \otimes E_{n+1,1}^{n+1} & \longrightarrow & H_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) & \longrightarrow & {}^\wedge E_{0,n+1}^{n+1} & \xleftarrow[\cong]{d_{n+1}} & {}^\wedge E_{n+1,1}^{n+1} & \longrightarrow & H_1(\mathfrak{g}, k) \\ & & & & & & \curvearrowleft \\ & & & & & & \text{Beilinson's residue} \end{array}$$

Proof. We had already observed in Lemma 18 that the morphisms I induce a morphism of bicomplexes. The spectral sequences $\otimes E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$ and ${}^\wedge E_{\bullet,\bullet}^*$ both arise from Lemma 19, so by the functoriality of the construction we get an induced morphism of spectral sequences. In particular, all squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \otimes E_{p,q}^r & \xrightarrow{d_r} & \otimes E_{p-r,q+r-1}^r \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ {}^\wedge E_{p,q}^r & \xrightarrow{d_r} & {}^\wedge E_{p-r,q+r-1}^r \end{array}$$

commute, giving the middle square in our claim. The same applies to the edge maps, giving the outer squares. \square

Absolutely analogously we obtain a cohomological counterpart

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^1(\mathfrak{g}, k) & \longrightarrow & H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^*) & \longrightarrow & H^n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^*), \end{array}$$

where we have a contracting homotopy for the lower row. We leave the details of this formulation to the reader.

6. Concrete formalism

Let $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ be an n -fold cubically decomposed algebra over a field k . In Section 5 we have constructed a canonical morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{res}_* : H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) & \rightarrow & k \\ \uparrow & & \\ H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) & & \end{array}$$

where $\mathfrak{g} := A_{\text{Lie}}$ is the Lie algebra associated to A . By Lemma 23, its values on the image of $H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k)$ can be computed via ${}^\otimes\text{res}_*$. In this section we will obtain an explicit formula for the latter morphism.

Given the definition of ${}^\otimes\text{res}_*$, Lemma 19(4) tells us that it can be given explicitly in terms of differentials of the ordinary Chevalley–Eilenberg complexes $C(-)$ (see Section 2) and contracting homotopies of the cube complex N^\bullet (see Lemma 16 and its corollary), namely

$${}^\otimes\text{res}_* = \tau \circ \rho_1 \circ ({}^\otimes d_{n+1})^{-1} \circ \rho_2 = \tau \circ \rho_1 H \prod_{i=1, \dots, n} (\delta_i H) \rho_2 \quad (6-1)$$

via the spectral sequence ${}^\otimes E_{\bullet, \bullet}$. The contracting homotopy H depends on the choice of a good system of idempotents; see Definition 14. Different choices will yield formulas that may look different, but as ${}^\otimes\text{res}_*$ (just like res_* itself) was defined entirely independently of the choice of any idempotents, all such formulas actually must agree.

Suppose a representative $\theta := f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$ with $f_0, \dots, f_n \in N^0$ is given (note that N^0 equals \mathfrak{g} as a left- $U\mathfrak{g}$ -module by definition, so it is valid to treat all f_i on equal footing). We shall compute ${}^\otimes\text{res}_*\theta$ in several steps, starting with $\theta_{0,n} := \rho_2\theta$, then following

Again s_1, \dots, s_n denotes the component in N^p , w_1, \dots, w_p omitted wedge factors. Moreover, w_a and w_b denote two additional omitted wedge factors and simultaneously indicate that $[f_{w_a}, f_{w_b}]$ appears as an additional wedge factor. As for the previous notation, the elements $\theta_{p,q|s_1 \dots s_n}^{w_1 \dots w_p \| w_a, w_b} \in N^p$ are not uniquely determined. We will explain how these expressions arise soon.

Combinatorial preparation: We define for arbitrary $1 \leq p \leq n$ and $w_1, \dots, w_p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ a sign function (generalizing the sign of a permutation):

$$\rho(w_1, \dots, w_p) := (-1)^{\sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{j < k} \delta_{w_j < w_k}}. \quad (6-5)$$

By abuse of language we do not carry the value p in the notation for ρ as it will always be clear from the number of arguments which variant is used. It is easy to see that $\rho(w_1) = +1$ and $\rho(w_1, w_2) = (-1)^{\delta_{w_1 < w_2}}$. For $p = n$ we have

$$\rho(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \text{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & n \\ w_1 & \cdots & w_n \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6-6)$$

We shall need the inductive formula (which is easy to check by induction)

$$(-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}} \rho(w_1, \dots, w_p) = \rho(w_1, \dots, w_{p+1}). \quad (6-7)$$

Proposition 24. *Suppose $\theta := f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$ with $f_i \in N_0 = \mathfrak{g}$. Moreover, suppose P_1^+, \dots, P_n^+ is a good system of idempotents as in Definition 14. Then for every $p \geq 0$ the element $\theta_{p+1,q}$ is of the shape as in (6-3) and for $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} \in \{+, -\}$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_{p+1,q|s_1 \dots s_n}^{w_1 \dots w_p} \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_p \\ &= (-1)^{\sum_{u=1}^{p-1} (u+1)} (-1)^{w_1 + \dots + w_p} \rho(w_1, \dots, w_p) (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_{n-p}} P_1^{\gamma_1} \dots P_{n-p}^{\gamma_{n-p}} \times \\ & \quad \sum_{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* \dots \gamma_n^* \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* + \dots + \gamma_n^*} (P_{n-p+1}^{(-\gamma_{n-p+1}^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_p}) P_{n-p+1}^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^*}) \cdots (P_n^{(-\gamma_n^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_1}) P_n^{\gamma_n^*}) f_0. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\rho(w_1, \dots, w_p)$ is the sign function defined in (6-5). For $p = 0$ the expression $\rho(w_1, \dots, w_p)$ and the whole sum $(\sum_{\{\pm\}}(\cdots))$ in $(\sum_{\{\pm\}}(\cdots))f_0$ should be read as $+1$ (giving the right-hand side of (6-8) below).

- Note that no terms of the shape as in (6-4) appear. This is not entirely obvious in view of the definition of $\delta^{[2]}$ — see (2-1).
- The formula does not compute $\theta_{p+1,q|s_1 \dots s_n}^{w_1 \dots w_p}$ for arbitrary $s_1 \dots s_n$ of degree $p+1$. This is due to the fact that we only have further use for the ones treated.
- For $p \leq 1$ read $\sum_{u=1}^{p-1} (u+1)$ as zero.

Proof. We prove this by induction. For $p = 0$ the claim reads

$$\theta_{1,q|\gamma_1\dots\gamma_n} = (-1)^{\gamma_1+\dots+\gamma_n} P_1^{\gamma_1} \dots P_n^{\gamma_n} f_0 \quad (6-8)$$

and in view of (4-7) this proves the claim in this case. Now we proceed by induction. Assume the case p is settled, that is, in the notation of (6-3),

$$\theta_{p+1,q|\gamma_1\dots\gamma_{n-p}}^{\underbrace{w_1\dots w_p}_{0\dots 0}}$$

is exactly as in our claim. Next, we need to apply the differential $\delta_q = \delta_q^{[1]} + \delta_q^{[2]}$ of the Chevalley–Eilenberg resolution — see (2-1). The contribution of $\delta_q^{[1]}$ will be relevant, but for $\delta_q^{[2]}$ we shall see that (after applying the next contracting homotopy) the contribution vanishes. We treat each $\delta^{[i]}$, $i = 1, 2$ separately:

(1) Consider $\delta_q^{[1]}$ in (2-1). The sum Σ_i *loc. cit.* maps components indexed by w_1, \dots, w_p to components of $\delta^{[1]}\theta_{p,q}$, indexed by w_1, \dots, w_p and an additional $w_{p+1} \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{w_1, \dots, w_p\}$ — they correspond to the summands of $\delta^{[1]}\theta_{p,q}$ and to the additional omitted wedge factor, respectively. Moreover, the formula imposes signs $(-1)^{i+1}$, but here i depends on the numbering of the wedges $(\dots \wedge \dots \wedge \dots)$. In the notation of (6-3) the subscript j of f_j does not necessarily indicate the f_j sits in the j -th wedge, due to the possible omission of wedge factors f_{w_1}, \dots, f_{w_p} on the left-hand side of it. To compensate for that in the following computation the term $(-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}}$ appears, sign-counting the omission on the left of the new-to-be-omitted w_{p+1} in the component of $\delta^{[1]}\theta_{p+1,q}$. As p remains constant, the indexing $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} 0 \dots 0$ remains unaffected. We get the expression

$$\begin{aligned} & (\delta^{[1]}\theta_{p+1,q})_{p+1,q-1|\gamma_1\dots\gamma_{n-p}}^{\underbrace{w_1\dots w_p w_{p+1}}_{0\dots 0}} \\ &= (-1)^{\sum_{u=1}^{p-1} (u+1)} (-1)^{w_{p+1}+1} (-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}} \text{ad}(f_{w_{p+1}}) \\ & \quad \times (-1)^{w_1+\dots+w_p} \rho(w_1, \dots, w_p) (-1)^{\gamma_1+\dots+\gamma_{n-p}} P_1^{\gamma_1} \dots P_{n-p}^{\gamma_{n-p}} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* \dots \gamma_n^* \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^*+\dots+\gamma_n^*} (P_{n-p+1}^{(-\gamma_{n-p+1}^*)} \text{ad } f_{w_p} P_{n-p+1}^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^*}) \dots (P_n^{(-\gamma_n^*)} \text{ad } f_{w_1} P_n^{\gamma_n^*}) f_0. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we need to apply the contracting homotopy $H : N^{p+1} \rightarrow N^{p+2}$. We have $p+1 \geq 1$, so (4-5) applies. Note that for an index $\gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger 0 \dots 0$ with $\gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger \in \{\pm\}$ and $p+1$ zeros (i.e., an index of degree $p+2$; compare (4-1)), the corresponding index with one fewer 0 has degree $p+1$. Indices of the latter type have been dealt with above. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (H\delta^{[1]}\theta_{p+1,q})_{p+2,q-1|\gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{p+1}} \\
 &= (-1)^p (-1)^{\gamma_1^\dagger + \dots + \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} P_1^{\gamma_1^\dagger} \dots P_{n-p-1}^{\gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{(n-p-1)+1} \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_{n-p-1}} P_{(n-p-1)+1}^{-\gamma_{(n-p-1)+1}} (\delta\theta_{p+1,q})_{p+1,q-1|\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} \underbrace{0\dots 0}_p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In principle the first factor is $(-1)^{\deg(\dots)} = (-1)^{p+2}$, but switching to p preserves the correct sign. Next, we expand this using our previous computation and obtain (by noting that many signs are squares and thus $+1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-1)^{\sum_{u=1}^{p-1} (u+1)} (-1)^{p+1} (-1)^{\gamma_1^\dagger + \dots + \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} (-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}} \\
 & \quad \times (-1)^{w_1 + \dots + w_{p+1}} \rho(w_1, \dots, w_p) P_1^{\gamma_1^\dagger} \dots P_{n-p-1}^{\gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_{n-p} \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_{n-p}} \left(\sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p-1} \in \{\pm\}} P_1^{\gamma_1} \dots P_{n-p-1}^{\gamma_{n-p-1}} \right) P_{n-p}^{-\gamma_{n-p}} \text{ad}(f_{w_{p+1}}) P_{n-p}^{\gamma_{n-p}} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* \dots \gamma_n^* \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* + \dots + \gamma_n^*} \\
 & \quad \times (P_{n-p+1}^{(-\gamma_{n-p+1}^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_p}) P_{n-p+1}^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^*}) \dots (P_n^{(-\gamma_n^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_1}) P_n^{\gamma_n^*}) f_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The sum in parentheses is the identity since for all i we have $P_i^+ + P_i^- = \mathbb{1}$ by Definition 14. Up to the naming of the indices, and after using (6-7), this is exactly our claim in the case $p+1$ (and this is true despite the fact that we have only considered $\delta^{[1]}$ so far, because we shall next show that the contribution from $H \circ \delta^{[2]}$ vanishes).

(2) Consider $\delta_q^{[2]}$ in (2-1). Using the notation of (6-3) we may write

$$\theta_{p+1,q} = \bigoplus_{\deg(s_1 \dots s_n) = p+1} \sum_{\substack{w_1 \dots w_p \\ \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ \text{pairw. diff.}}} \theta_{p+1,q|s_1 \dots s_n}^{w_1 \dots w_p} \otimes f_1 \wedge \widehat{f}_{w_1} \dots \widehat{f}_{w_p} \wedge f_n.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \delta^{[2]}\theta_{p+1,q} \\
 &= \bigoplus_{\deg(s_1 \dots s_n) = p+1} \sum_{\substack{w_1 \dots w_p \\ \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ \text{pairw. diff.}}} \sum_{\substack{w_{p+1} < w_{p+2} \\ \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{w_1 \dots w_p\}}} (-1)^{w_{p+1} + w_{p+2}} \\
 & \quad \times (-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}} (-1)^{\#\{w_i | 1 \leq i \leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+2}\}} \\
 & \quad \times \theta_{p+1,q|s_1 \dots s_n}^{w_1 \dots w_p} \otimes [f_{w_{p+1}}, f_{w_{p+2}}] \wedge f_1 \wedge \widehat{f}_{w_1} \dots \widehat{f}_{w_{p+1}} \dots \widehat{f}_{w_{p+2}} \dots \widehat{f}_{w_p} \wedge f_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

The two powers of -1 on the middle line of the right-hand side appear since the original summand in $\delta^{[2]}$ carries the sign $(-1)^{i+j}$, so we need to compute the number of the wedge slot correctly, respecting the omitted wedge factors; compare with the discussion in the first part of this proof. We observe that the first wedge factor remains unchanged under $\delta^{[2]}$. Hence, when we apply the contracting homotopy H in this induction step and in the next again, the summand will vanish thanks to $H^2 = 0$; see (4-4). It will not do harm to verify this explicitly: We use the notation of (6-4) and write the above in terms of

$$\begin{aligned} & (\delta^{[2]}\theta_{p+1,q})_{p+1,q-1|s_1\dots s_n}^{w_1\dots w_p||w_{p+1},w_{p+2}} \\ &= (-1)^{w_{p+1}+w_{p+2}} (-1)^{\#\{w_i|1\leq i\leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+1}\}} (-1)^{\#\{w_i|1\leq i\leq p \text{ s.t. } w_i < w_{p+2}\}} \theta_{p+1,q|s_1\dots s_n}^{w_1\dots w_p}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we apply the map $H : N^{p+1} \rightarrow N^{p+2}$ of (4-5). Then for indices $s_1 \dots s_n = \gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger 0 \dots 0$ and $\gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger \in \{\pm\}$ (which is of degree $p+2$) we obtain the expression

$$\begin{aligned} & (H\delta^{[2]}\theta_{p+1,q})_{p+2,q-1|\gamma_1^\dagger \dots \gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{p+1}}^{w_1\dots w_p||w_{p+1},w_{p+2}} \\ &= P_1^{\gamma_1^\dagger} \dots P_{n-p-1}^{\gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{(\dots)} P_{n-p}^{-\gamma_{n-p}} \theta_{p+1,q|\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} \underbrace{0\dots 0}_p}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have plugged in our previous computation and started to disregard the precise sign. We know the last term of this expression by our induction hypothesis and therefore obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= P_1^{\gamma_1^\dagger} \dots P_{n-p-1}^{\gamma_{n-p-1}^\dagger} \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{n-p} \in \{\pm\}} \sum_{\gamma_{n-p+1}^* \dots \gamma_n^* \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{(\dots)} \underline{P_{n-p}^{-\gamma_{n-p}} P_1^{\gamma_1} \dots P_{n-p}^{\gamma_{n-p}}} \\ &\quad \times (P_{n-p+1}^{(-\gamma_{n-p+1}^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_p}) P_{n-p+1}^{\gamma_{n-p+1}^*}) \dots (P_n^{(-\gamma_n^*)} \text{ad}(f_{w_1}) P_n^{\gamma_n^*}) f_0. \end{aligned}$$

As the P_1^+, \dots, P_n^+ commute pairwise, the same holds for all P_1^\pm, \dots, P_n^\pm (by Definition 14). Thus, the underlined expression can be rearranged to

$$P_{n-p}^{-\gamma_{n-p}} P_{n-p}^{\gamma_{n-p}} \dots$$

But

$$P_i^+ P_i^- = P_i^+ (\mathbb{1} - P_i^+) = 0$$

because P_i^+ is an idempotent. The same holds for $P_i^- P_i^+$. Hence, in all the indices s_1, \dots, s_n relevant for our claim $H\delta^{[2]}\theta_{p+1,q}$ is zero. \square

This readily implies the following key computation:

Theorem 25 (main theorem). *Let $(A, (I_i^\pm), \tau)$ be an n -fold cubically decomposed algebra over a field k . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \otimes \text{res}_*(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) \\ &= -(-1)^{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}} \tau \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) \\ & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \text{ad } f_{\pi(1)} P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} \text{ad } f_{\pi(n)} P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0, \end{aligned}$$

where P_1^+, \dots, P_n^+ is any system of pairwise commuting good idempotents in the sense of Definition 14 (the value does not depend on the choice of the latter). Analogously,

$$(\otimes \text{res}^* \varphi)(f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n)(f_0) := \varphi \cdot \otimes \text{res}_*(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n)$$

for every $\varphi \in k$.

We remark that one can also write the above formula as

$$\begin{aligned} & \otimes \text{res}_*(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) = \\ & -(-1)^{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}} \tau \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} f_{\pi(1)} P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} f_{\pi(n)} P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0 \end{aligned}$$

since for any expression g we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_i^{-\gamma_i} \text{ad}(f_w) P_i^{\gamma_i} g &= P_i^{-\gamma_i} [f_w, P_i^{\gamma_i} g] = P_i^{-\gamma_i} f_w P_i^{\gamma_i} g - P_i^{-\gamma_i} P_i^{\gamma_i} g f_w \\ &= P_i^{-\gamma_i} f_w P_i^{\gamma_i} g \end{aligned} \tag{6-9}$$

since $P_i^{-\gamma_i} P_i^{\gamma_i} = (\mathbb{1} - P_i^{\gamma_i}) P_i^{\gamma_i} = 0$ and $P_i^{\gamma_i}$ is an idempotent.

Proof. Use Proposition 24 with $p = n$. Plugging these components into the shorthand notation of (6-3) we unwind for $\otimes \text{res}_*(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n)$ the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\tau (-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \sum_{\substack{w_1 \dots w_n \\ = \{1, \dots, n\}}} \rho(w_1, \dots, w_n) (-1)^{w_1 + \dots + w_n} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \text{ad}(f_{w_n}) P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} \text{ad}(f_{w_1}) P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0. \end{aligned}$$

We can clearly replace w_1, \dots, w_n by a sum over all permutations of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. In order to obtain a nice formula (in the above formula the P_i appear in ascending order, while the w_i appear in descending order), we prefer to compose each permutation with the order-reversing permutation $w_i := \pi(n - i + 1)$; hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \otimes \text{res}_*(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) \\
&= -\tau(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \rho(\pi(n), \dots, \pi(1)) (-1)^{1+\cdots+n} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \text{ad}(f_{\pi(1)}) P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} \text{ad}(f_{\pi(n)}) P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0.
\end{aligned}$$

To conclude, use (6-6) and the (easy) fact that the order-reversing permutation has sign $(-1)^{(n-1)n/2}$, giving the sign of our claim. \square

Proof of Theorems 1 and 2. We define $\mathfrak{G} := E^n(k)$, where E is the functor defined in Section 1.1. As already discussed in Section 1.1 this contains $k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$ as a Lie subalgebra, acting as multiplication operators $x \mapsto f \cdot x$. It is also easily checked that the differential operators $t_1^{s_1} \cdots t_n^{s_n} \partial_i$ can be written as infinite matrices. If \mathfrak{g} is a *finite*-dimensional Lie algebra, observe that $\mathfrak{G} = E^n(k)$ and $E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))$ are actually isomorphic. If \mathfrak{g} is simple, it is centerless, so the adjoint representation gives an embedding $\mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow \text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g})$, and thus

$$\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm] \hookrightarrow E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g})) \simeq E^n(k) = \mathfrak{G}.$$

This shows that all Lie algebras in the claim are subalgebras of \mathfrak{G} . As shown in Section 1.1, \mathfrak{G} is a cubically decomposed algebra, so we define ϕ as in Definition 20, $\phi := \text{res}^*(1)$. Since we work with field coefficients, the universal coefficient theorem for Lie algebras tells us that

$$H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \cong H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k)^*,$$

that is, knowing the values of a cocycle only on Lie cycles (instead of all of $\wedge^* \mathfrak{g}$) determines the cocycle uniquely, $\text{res}^*(1)(\alpha) = \text{res}_* \alpha$. However, by Lemma 23 we may evaluate the cocycle on the image of I by using $\otimes \text{res}_*$ instead. Using Theorem 25 we get an explicit formula for $\otimes \text{res}^*(1)$, proving Theorem 2. Using the explicit formula, it is a direct computation to check that for $n = 1$ the cocycle agrees with the ones mentioned in the claim of Theorem 1. \square

7. Application to the multidimensional residue

In this section we will show that the Lie cohomology class of Definition 20 naturally gives the multidimensional (Parshin) residue.

We work in the framework of multivariate Laurent polynomial rings over a field k ; see Section 1.1. In other words, as our cubically decomposed algebra we take an infinite matrix algebra $A = E^n(k)$ and $\mathfrak{g} = A_{\text{Lie}}$. Via (1-4) it acts on the k -vector space $k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$. The latter, now interpreted as a ring, also embeds as a *commutative* subalgebra into A . In order to distinguish very clearly between the subalgebra of A and the vector space it acts on, we shall from now on write

$k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$ for the k -vector space. Thus, when we write t_i we always refer to the associated multiplication operator $x \mapsto t_i \cdot x$ in A , e.g., $t_i^m \cdot t_i^l = t_i^{m+l}$.

Following [Beilinson 1980, Lemma 1(b)] we may introduce a (not quite well-defined³) “map”

$$\varkappa : \Omega_{k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]/k}^n \rightarrow H_{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}, k), \quad f_0 df_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge df_n \mapsto f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n. \quad (7-1)$$

As $k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$ is commutative, the f_i commute pairwise and thus $f_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$ is indeed a Lie homology cycle.

Theorem 26. *The morphism*

$$\text{res}_* \circ \varkappa : \Omega_{k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]/k}^n \rightarrow k$$

(with \varkappa as in (7-1) and res_* as in Definition 20) for $c_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}$ is explicitly given by

$$t_1^{c_{0,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{0,n}} d(t_1^{c_{1,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{1,n}}) \wedge \cdots \wedge d(t_1^{c_{n,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{n,n}}) \mapsto -(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \det \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,1} & \cdots & c_{n,1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{1,n} & \cdots & c_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

whenever $\sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$ and is zero otherwise. In particular $-(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} (\text{res}_* \circ \varkappa)$ is the conventional multidimensional (Parshin) residue.

The complicated sign $-(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}}$ should not concern us too much; it is an artifact of homological algebra. Just by changing our sign conventions for bicomplexes, we could easily switch to an overall opposite sign. Letting $c_{i,j} = \delta_{i=j}$ for $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ gives the familiar

$$-(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \text{res}_*(at_1^{c_{0,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{0,n}} \wedge t_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge t_n) = \delta_{c_{0,1}=-1} \cdots \delta_{c_{0,n}=-1} a$$

for $a \in k$. In particular this assures us that the map res_* gives the correct notion of residue: it is the $(-1, \dots, -1)$ -coefficient of the Laurent expansion.

Proof. After unwinding \varkappa it remains to evaluate $\text{res}_*(f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n)$ for $f_i := t_1^{c_{i,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{i,n}}$ ($i = 0, \dots, n$). Clearly $f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n$ is a cycle in $H_n(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$, and so by Lemma 23 we may use ${}^\otimes \text{res}_*$ instead of res_* . Then Theorem 25 reduces this to the matrix trace

$$\text{res}_*(f_0 \wedge f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) = -(-1)^{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}} \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) \tau M_\pi, \quad (7-2)$$

³It does not respect the relation $d(ab) = b da + a db$; this artifact already occurs in [Beilinson 1980]. However, this ambiguity dissolves after composing with the residue (as in the theorem) and it is very convenient to treat this as some sort of a map for the moment.

where

$$M_\pi := \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} f_{\pi(1)} P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} f_{\pi(n)} P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0.$$

For the evaluation of τM_π fix a permutation π and pick the (pairwise commuting) system of idempotents given by

$$P_j^+ t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} = \delta_{\lambda_j \geq 0} t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} \quad (\text{with } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}). \quad (7-3)$$

Next, observe that the Laurent polynomial ring $W := k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$ is stable (i.e., $\phi W \subseteq W$) under the endomorphisms f_0, \dots, f_n and the idempotents P_i^\pm , and therefore under M_π . Hence, it follows that it suffices to evaluate the trace of M_π on the k -vector subspace $k[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$. We compute successively

$$\begin{aligned} f_k P_j^+ t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} &= \delta_{\lambda_j \geq 0} t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{k,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{k,n}}, \\ P_j^- f_k P_j^+ t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} &= \delta_{0 \leq \lambda_j < -c_{k,j}} t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{k,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{k,n}}, \end{aligned}$$

and analogously for $P_j^+ f_k P_j^-$. We find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\gamma_j \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_j} (P_j^{-\gamma_j} f_k P_j^{\gamma_j}) t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} \\ = (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_j < -c_{k,j}} - \delta_{-c_{k,j} \leq \lambda_j < 0}) t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{k,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{k,n}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7-4)$$

Subclaim. Writing $w_i := \pi(i)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_\pi t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} &= \prod_{i=1}^n (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{-c_{w_i,i} \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < 0}) \\ &\quad \times t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{0,1} + \sum_{p=1}^n c_{w_p,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{0,n} + \sum_{p=1}^n c_{w_p,n}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7-5)$$

(*Proof of subclaim.* Define for $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ the truncated sum

$$M_\pi^{(i)} := \left[\sum_{\gamma_i \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_i + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_i^{-\gamma_i} f_{w_i} P_i^{\gamma_i}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} f_{w_n} P_n^{\gamma_n}) \right] f_0$$

so that $M_\pi^{(1)} = M_\pi$ and $M_\pi^{(n+1)} = f_0$. We claim that

$$M_\pi^{(i)} t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} = \alpha t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{0,1} + \sum_{p=i}^n c_{w_p,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{0,n} + \sum_{p=i}^n c_{w_p,n}} \quad (7-6)$$

for some factor $\alpha \in \{\pm 1, 0\}$. For $i = n+1$ this is clear since $f_0 = t_1^{c_{0,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{0,n}}$, in particular $\alpha = 1$. Assuming this holds for $i+1$, for i we get by using (7-4) (with

the appropriate values plugged in: $j := i$ and $k := w_i$, and λ_i as in (7-6))

$$\begin{aligned} M_\pi^{(i)} \mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n} &= \sum_{\gamma_i \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_i} (P_i^{-\gamma_i} f_{w_i} P_i^{\gamma_i}) M_\pi^{(i+1)} \mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n} \\ &= (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{-c_{w_i,i} \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < 0}) \\ &\quad \times \alpha \mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{0,1} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,1} + c_{w_i,1}} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n + c_{0,n} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,n} + c_{w_i,n}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7-7)$$

This proves our claim for all i by induction. We observe that the prefactor α in each step just gets multiplied with the expression in (7-7), giving the product in our claim.)

Next, we need to evaluate the trace of M_π as given in (7-5). The endomorphism is nilpotent unless

$$c_{0,1} + \sum_{p=1}^n c_{w_p,i} = 0 \quad \text{for all } i. \quad (7-8)$$

We remark that w_1, \dots, w_n is just a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, so these conditions can be rewritten as $\sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$. In the nilpotent case the trace is clearly zero. Hence, we may assume we are in the case where (7-8) holds. Using these equations and the useful convention $w_{n+1} := 0$, our expression for M_π simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} M_\pi \mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n} &= \prod_{i=1}^n (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + \sum_{p=i+1}^{n+1} c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{w_i,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^{n+1} c_{w_p,i} < c_{w_i,i}}) \mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n}. \end{aligned} \quad (7-9)$$

The endomorphism M_π is visibly diagonal of finite rank and we may reduce the computation of the trace to a (finite-dimensional) stable vector subspace. A finite subset of the $\mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n}$ ($\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}$) provides a basis. We see in (7-9) that M_π acts diagonally on these basis vectors with eigenvalues ± 1 or 0. Moreover, for each i we either have $c_{w_i,i} \geq 0$ or $c_{w_i,i} < 0$, which shows that each bracket of the shape $(\delta_{0 \leq \lambda < -c} - \delta_{-c \leq \lambda < 0})$ in (7-9) either attains only values in $\{+1, 0\}$ when we run through all $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, or only values in $\{-1, 0\}$. This shows that we only need to count (with appropriate sign) the nonzero eigenvalues of M_π in order to evaluate the trace. Note that our finite subset of $\mathbf{t}_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \mathbf{t}_n^{\lambda_n}$ ($\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}$) indexes a basis, so we need to count the number of such basis vectors with nonzero eigenvalue. We introduce the nonstandard shorthand $\lfloor x \rfloor := \min(0, x)$. Inspecting (7-9) shows that when running through λ_i we have

- $\lfloor -c_{w_i,i} \rfloor$ times the eigenvalue $+1$,
- $\lfloor +c_{w_i,i} \rfloor$ times the eigenvalue -1 .

The value of a fixed bracket $(\delta_{0 \leq \lambda < -c} - \delta_{-c \leq \lambda < 0})$ — when nonzero — is always either $+1$, or always -1 . Thus, the number of nonzero eigenvalues is simply the number of elements within the hypercube such that each λ_i lies within the range of length $\lfloor \pm c_{w_i, i} \rfloor$ counted above, and therefore

$$\tau M_\pi = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lfloor -c_{w_i, i} \rfloor - \lfloor +c_{w_i, i} \rfloor) = \prod_{i=1}^n (-c_{w_i, i}) = (-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n c_{\pi(i), i}$$

(because $\lfloor -a \rfloor - \lfloor a \rfloor = -a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$). We plug this into (7-2) and recognize the usual formula for the determinant. This finishes the proof. \square

We are now ready to prove the remaining theorems from the introduction:

Proof of Theorems 4 and 5. We use Theorem 26 to obtain Theorem 4(2). Then Theorem 4(3) follows as a special case. For Theorem 4(1) use the shorthands $\pi = P_1^+ = P^+$ (following both the notation of Arbarello, de Concini and Kac and ours). On the one hand we compute

$$\begin{aligned} [\pi, f_1]f_0 &= [P, f_1]f_0 = Pf_1f_0 - f_1Pf_0 = [Pf_0, f_1] \\ &= (P^+ + P^-)[P^+f_0, f_1] \\ &= P^-[P^+f_0, f_1] + P^+[P^+f_0, f_1] \\ &= P^-[P^+f_0, f_1] - P^+[P^-f_0, f_1]. \end{aligned}$$

where for the last equality we used that $[P^+f_0, f_1] + [P^-f_0, f_1] = [f_0, f_1] = 0$. On the other hand, we unwind

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res } f_0 df_1 &= (-1)^1 \text{tr} \sum_{\gamma_1 \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} \text{ad}(f_{\pi(1)}) P_1^{\gamma_1}) f_0 \\ &= -P^-[f_1, P_1^+ f_0] + P^+[f_1, P_1^- f_0] \end{aligned}$$

and these expressions clearly coincide. Finally Theorem 5 is true since we use the cocycle defined in Definition 20, which is constructed exactly as stated in Theorem 5. \square

8. Application to multiloop Lie algebras

Suppose k is a field and \mathfrak{g}/k is a finite-dimensional centerless Lie algebra (e.g., \mathfrak{g} finite-dimensional, semisimple). Then the adjoint representation $\text{ad} : \mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow \text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g})$ is injective. Thus, we obtain a Lie algebra inclusion

$$i : \mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm] \hookrightarrow E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))_{\text{Lie}},$$

where E is the functor described in Section 1.1 (the right-hand side is equipped with the Lie bracket $[a, b] = ab - ba$ based on the associative algebra structure).

Thus, we have the pullback

$$i^* : H^{n+1}(E^n(\text{End}_R(\mathfrak{g}))_{\text{Lie}}, k) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm], k),$$

which we may apply to the class $\text{res}^*(1)$ — see Definition 20.

Theorem 27. *Suppose k is a field and \mathfrak{g}/k is a finite-dimensional centerless Lie algebra. For $Y_0, \dots, Y_n \in \mathfrak{g}$ we call*

$$B(Y_0, \dots, Y_n) := \text{tr}_{\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g})}(\text{ad}(Y_0) \text{ad}(Y_1) \cdots \text{ad}(Y_n)) \quad (8-1)$$

the “generalized Killing form”. For $n = 1$ and if \mathfrak{g} is semisimple, this is the classical Killing form of \mathfrak{g} .

(1) *Then on all Lie cycles admitting a lift under I as in (0-1), the pullback $i^* \text{res}^*(1) \in H^{n+1}(\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm], k)$ is explicitly given by*

$$\begin{aligned} (i^* \phi)(Y_0 t_1^{c_{0,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{0,n}} \wedge \cdots \wedge Y_n t_1^{c_{n,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{n,n}}) \\ = -(-1)^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}} \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) B(Y_{\pi(1)}, \dots, Y_{\pi(n)}, Y_0) \prod_{i=1}^n c_{\pi(i), i} \end{aligned}$$

whenever $\sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, and it vanishes otherwise.

(2) *If \mathfrak{g} is finite-dimensional and semisimple and $n = 1$, then $i^* \text{res}^*(1) \in H^2(\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm], k)$ is the universal central extension of the loop Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}[t_1, t_1^{-1}]$ giving the associated affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ (without extending by a derivation),*

$$0 \rightarrow k \langle c \rangle \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[t_1, t_1^{-1}] \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof. (1) By Lemma 23, Theorem 25 and (5-2) the cocycle is explicitly given by

$$\text{res}^*(1)(f_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) = \otimes \text{res}^*(1)(f_0 \otimes f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) = \tau \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) M_\pi,$$

where

$$M_\pi = \sum_{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n} (P_1^{-\gamma_1} f_{\pi(1)} P_1^{\gamma_1}) \cdots (P_n^{-\gamma_n} f_{\pi(n)} P_n^{\gamma_n}) f_0.$$

Note that $M_\pi \in E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))$. As we consider the pullback of the cohomology class along $i : \mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm] \hookrightarrow E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))_{\text{Lie}}$, it suffices to treat elements $f_i := Y_i t_1^{c_{i,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{i,n}}$ with $c_{i,1}, \dots, c_{i,n} \in \mathbb{Z}$ (for $i = 0, \dots, n$) and $Y_i \in \mathfrak{g}$. Note that by our embedding i an element f_i is mapped to the endomorphism $\text{ad}(Y_i) t_1^{c_{i,1}} \cdots t_n^{c_{i,n}}$ in $E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))$. Let $\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ be a fixed permutation. In order to compute the trace, it suffices to study the action of M_π on the basis elements $X t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n}$ of $\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm]$, where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ runs through a basis of \mathfrak{g} . We denote them with bold letters \mathbf{t}_i instead of t_i to distinguish clearly between a basis element and t_i as an endomorphism $t_i : x \mapsto t_i \cdot x$ in $E^n(\text{End}_k(\mathfrak{g}))$. As in the proof

of Theorem 26 we compute

$$P_j^- f_k P_j^+ X t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} = \delta_{0 \leq \lambda_j < -c_{k,j}} \operatorname{ad}(Y_k) X t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{k,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{k,n}},$$

and as a consequence we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\gamma_j \in \{\pm\}} (-1)^{\gamma_j} (P_j^{-\gamma_j} f_k P_j^{\gamma_j}) X t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} \\ = (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_j < -c_{k,j}} - \delta_{-c_{k,j} \leq \lambda_j < 0}) \operatorname{ad}(Y_k) X t_1^{\lambda_1 + c_{k,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + c_{k,n}}. \end{aligned}$$

With an inductive computation entirely analogous to (7-5) we find

$$\begin{aligned} M_\pi X t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n} = \prod_{i=1}^n (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{-c_{w_i,i} \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < 0}) \\ \times \operatorname{ad}(Y_{w_1}) \cdots \operatorname{ad}(Y_{w_n}) \operatorname{ad}(Y_0) X t_1^{\lambda_1 + \sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,1}} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n + \sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,n}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $w_i := \pi(i)$. Unless $\forall i : \sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$ holds, M_π is clearly nilpotent and thus has trace $\tau M_\pi = 0$. This condition is clearly independent of π , showing that $(i^* \operatorname{res}^*(1))(f_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_n) = 0$ in this case. From now on assume $\forall i : \sum_{p=0}^n c_{p,i} = 0$. Then M_π respects the decomposition

$$\mathfrak{g}[t_1^\pm, \dots, t_n^\pm] = \coprod_{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mathfrak{g} t_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots t_n^{\lambda_n}$$

and therefore (as τ is essentially a trace) $\tau M_\pi = \sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n} \tau M_\pi|_{\mathfrak{g} t_1^{\lambda_1} \dots t_n^{\lambda_n}}$. For each summand of the latter we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau M_\pi|_{\mathfrak{g} t_1^{\lambda_1} \dots t_n^{\lambda_n}} = \prod_{i=1}^n (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{-c_{w_i,i} \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < 0}) \\ \times \operatorname{tr}(\operatorname{ad}(Y_{w_1}) \cdots \operatorname{ad}(Y_{w_n}) \operatorname{ad}(Y_0)). \end{aligned}$$

The trace term is independent of $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ (and in the shape of (8-1)), so we may rewrite τM_π as

$$\begin{aligned} \tau M_\pi = B(Y_{w_1}, \dots, Y_{w_n}, Y_0) \\ \times \sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n} \prod_{i=1}^n (\delta_{0 \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < -c_{w_i,i}} - \delta_{-c_{w_i,i} \leq \lambda_i + c_{0,i} + \sum_{p=i+1}^n c_{w_p,i} < 0}). \end{aligned}$$

For the evaluation of the sum $\sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n}$ we can apply the same eigenvalue count as in the proof of Theorem 26. This time instead of counting eigenvalues, we count nonzero summands. This yields

$$\tau M_\pi = (-1)^n B(Y_{w_1}, \dots, Y_{w_n}, Y_0) \prod_{i=1}^n c_{w_i,i}$$

and thus our claim.

(2) For $n = 1$ we obtain

$$(i^* \text{res}^*(1))(Y_0 t_1^{c_{0,1}} \wedge Y_1 t_1^{c_{1,1}}) = -c_{1,1} \delta_{c_{0,1}+c_{1,1}=0} B(Y_1, Y_0).$$

This is well-known to be the defining cocycle of the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ (usually with a positive sign, but the class is only well-defined up to nonzero scalar multiple anyway). \square

The natural further cases of the Virasoro algebra as well as affine Kac–Moody algebras (i.e., $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ extended by derivations) will be discussed elsewhere. The computations become more involved, but no further ideas are needed.

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