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The Natural Filtration of Finite Dimensional Modular Lie Superalgebras of Special Type

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This paper is concerned with the natural filtration of Lie superalgebra $S(n, m)$ of special type over a field of prime characteristic. We first construct the modular Lie superalgebra $S(n, m)$. Then we prove that the natural filtration of $S(n, m)$ is invariant under its automorphisms.

1. Introduction

Although many structural features of nonmodular Lie superalgebras (see [1–3]) are well understood, there seem to be very few general results on modular Lie superalgebras. The treatment of modular Lie superalgebras necessitates different techniques which are set forth in [4, 5]. In [6], four series of modular graded Lie superalgebras of Cartan type were constructed, which are analogous to the finite dimensional modular Lie algebras of Cartan type [7] or the four series of infinite dimensional Lie superalgebras of Cartan type defined by even differential forms over a field of characteristic zero [8]. Recent works on the modular Lie superalgebras of Cartan type can also be found in [9–13] and references therein.

It is well known that filtration techniques are of great importance in the structure and the classification theories of Lie (super)algebras (see [1, 2, 14, 15]). For some classes of modular Lie (super)algebras, the filtrations have been well investigated, for example, the natural filtrations of finite dimensional modular Lie algebras of Cartan type [16, 17] and of finite dimensional simple modular Lie superalgebras W , S , and H of Cartan type [18, 19].

The original motivation for this paper comes from the researches of structures for the finite dimensional modular Lie superalgebras $W(n, m)$ and $H(n, m)$, which were first introduced in [20, 21], respectively. The starting point of our studies is to construct a class of finite dimensional modular Lie superalgebras of special type, which is denoted by $S(n, m)$.

A brief summary of the relevant concepts and notations in the finite dimensional modular Lie superalgebras $S(n, m)$ is presented in Section 2. In Section 3, by using the ad-nilpotent elements of $S(n, m)$, we show that the natural filtration of $S(n, m)$ is invariant under its automorphisms.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, $\mathbb{F}$ denotes an algebraic closed field of characteristic $p > 2$, and n is an integer greater than 3. In addition to the standard notation $\mathbb{Z}$, we write $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{N}_0$ to denote the sets of positive integers and nonnegative integers, respectively.

Let $\Lambda(n)$ be the Grassmann algebra over $\mathbb{F}$ in n variables $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$. Set $\mathbb{B}_k = \{\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n\}$ and $\mathbb{B}(n) = \bigcup_{k=0}^n \mathbb{B}_k$, where $\mathbb{B}_0 = \emptyset$. For $u = \langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle \in \mathbb{B}_k$, set $|u| = k$, $\{u\} = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$ and $x^u = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k}$ ($|\emptyset| = 0$, $x^\emptyset = 1$). Then $\{x^u \mid u \in \mathbb{B}(n)\}$ is an $\mathbb{F}$ -basis of $\Lambda(n)$.

Let Π denote the prime field of $\mathbb{F}$; that is, $\Pi = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$. Suppose that the set $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m\}$ is a Π -linearly independent finite subset of $\mathbb{F}$. Let $G = \{\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i z_i \mid \lambda_i \in \Pi\}$. Then G is an additive subgroup of $\mathbb{F}$. Let $\mathbb{F}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$ be the truncated polynomial algebra satisfying $y_i^p = 1$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. For every element $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i z_i \in G$, define $y^\lambda = y_1^{\lambda_1} y_2^{\lambda_2} \dots y_m^{\lambda_m}$. Then $y^\lambda y^\eta = y^{\lambda+\eta}$ for all $\lambda, \eta \in G$. Let $\mathbb{T}(m)$ denote $\mathbb{F}[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$. Then $\mathbb{T}(m) = \{\sum_{\lambda \in G} a_\lambda y^\lambda \mid$

$a_\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$. Let $\mathcal{U} = \Lambda(n) \otimes \mathbb{T}(m)$. Then $\mathcal{U}$ is an associative superalgebra with $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation induced by the trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of $\mathbb{T}(m)$ and the natural $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of $\Lambda(n)$; that is, $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_{\bar{0}} \oplus \mathcal{U}_{\bar{1}}$, where $\mathcal{U}_{\bar{0}} = \Lambda(n)_{\bar{0}} \otimes \mathbb{T}(m)$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\bar{1}} = \Lambda(n)_{\bar{1}} \otimes \mathbb{T}(m)$.

For $f \in \Lambda(n)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}(m)$, we abbreviate $f \otimes \alpha$ as $f\alpha$. Then the elements $x^u y^\lambda$ with $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$ and $\lambda \in G$ form an $\mathbb{F}$ -basis of $\mathcal{U}$. It is easy to see that $\mathcal{U} = \oplus_{i=0}^n \mathcal{U}_i$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded superalgebra, where $\mathcal{U}_i = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{x^u y^\lambda \mid u \in \mathbb{B}(n), |u| = i, \lambda \in G\}$. In particular, $\mathcal{U}_0 = \mathbb{T}(m)$ and $\mathcal{U}_n = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{x^\pi y^\lambda \mid \lambda \in G\}$, where $\pi := \langle 1, 2, \dots, n \rangle \in \mathbb{B}(n)$.

In this paper, if $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$ is a superalgebra (or $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded linear space), let $\text{Der}A$ be the derivation superalgebra of A (see [1] or [2] for the definition) and $hg(A) = A_{\bar{0}} \cup A_{\bar{1}}$; that is, $hg(A)$ is the set of all $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homogeneous elements of A . If $\deg x$ occurs in some expression, we regard x as a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homogeneous element and $\deg x$ as the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -degree of x . Let $A = \oplus_{i=-r}^n A_i$ be a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded superalgebra. If $x \in A_i$, then we call x a $\mathbb{Z}$ -homogeneous element and i the $\mathbb{Z}$ -degree of x and set $zd(x) = i$.

Set $Y = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Given that $i \in Y$, let $\partial/\partial x_i$ be the partial derivative on $\Lambda(n)$ with respect to x_i . For $i \in Y$, let D_i be the linear transformation on $\mathcal{U}$ such that $D_i(x^u y^\lambda) = (\partial x^u / \partial x_i) y^\lambda$ for all $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$ and $\lambda \in G$. Then $D_i \in \text{Der}_{\bar{1}} \mathcal{U}$ for all $i \in Y$ since $\partial/\partial x_i \in \text{Der}_{\bar{1}}(\Lambda(n))$.

Suppose that $u \in \mathbb{B}_k \subseteq \mathbb{B}(n)$ and $i \in Y$. When $i \in \{u\}$, we denote the uniquely determined element of $\mathbb{B}_{k-1}$ satisfying $\{u - \langle i \rangle\} = \{u\} \setminus \{i\}$ by $u - \langle i \rangle$ and denote the number of integers less than i in $\{u\}$ by $\tau(u, i)$. When $i \notin \{u\}$, we set $\tau(u, i) = 0$ and $x^{u - \langle i \rangle} = 0$. Therefore, $D_i(x^u) = (-1)^{\tau(u, i)} x^{u - \langle i \rangle}$ for any $i \in Y$ and $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$.

We define $(fD)(g) = fD(g)$ for $f, g \in hg(\mathcal{U})$ and $D \in hg(\text{Der} \mathcal{U})$. Since the multiplication of $\mathcal{U}$ is supercommutative, it follows that fD is a derivation of $\mathcal{U}$. Let

$$W(n, m) = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{x^u y^\lambda D_i \mid u \in \mathbb{B}(n), \lambda \in G, i \in Y\}. \quad (1)$$

Then $W(n, m)$ is a finite dimensional Lie superalgebra contained in $\text{Der} \mathcal{U}$. A direct computation shows that

$$[fD_i, gD_j] = fD_i(g)D_j - (-1)^{\deg f D_i \deg g D_j} gD_j(f)D_i, \quad (2)$$

where $f, g \in hg(\mathcal{U})$ and $i, j \in Y$.

Let $D_{r_1 r_2} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow W(n, m)$ be the linear map such that for every $f \in hg(\mathcal{U})$ and $r_1, r_2 \in Y$,

$$D_{r_1 r_2}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^2 f_{r_i} D_{r_i}, \quad (3)$$

where $f_{r_1} = -D_{r_2}(f)$ and $f_{r_2} = -D_{r_1}(f)$. It is easy to see that $D_{r_1 r_2}$ is an even linear map. Let $S(n, m) = \{D_{ij}(f) \mid f \in \mathcal{U}, i, j \in Y\}$. Then $S(n, m)$ is a finite dimensional Lie superalgebra with a $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradation $S(n, m) = \oplus_{r=-1}^{n-2} S_r(n, m)$, where $S_r(n, m) = \{D_{ij}(x^u y^\lambda) \mid u \in \mathbb{B}(n), |u| = r + 2, \lambda \in G, i, j \in Y\}$. In this paper, $S(n, m)$ is called the Lie superalgebra of special type.

By the definition of linear map $D_{r_1 r_2}$, the following equalities are easy to verify:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{ii}(f) &= -2D_i(f)D_i, \\ D_{ij}(f) &= D_{ji}(f), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$[D_k, D_{ij}(f)] = -D_{ij}(D_k(f)),$$

$$[D_{s_1 s_2}(f), D_{r_1 r_2}(g)] = \sum_{i, j=1}^2 (-1)^{\deg f D_{s_i r_j}} D_{s_i r_j}(f_{s_i} g_{r_j}), \quad (5)$$

where $f, g \in hg(\mathcal{U})$; $i, j, k \in Y$; and f_{s_i}, g_{r_j} and as in (3). The equality (5) shows that $S(n, m)$ is a subalgebra of $W(n, m)$. Hereafter, $S(n, m)$ and $S_i(n, m)$ will be simply denoted by S and S_i , respectively.

Put $A = \{D_{ij}(x^\pi y^\lambda) \mid i, j \in Y, \lambda \in G\}$ and $B = \{D_{ij}(x_k y^\eta) \mid i, j, k \in Y, \eta \in G\}$.

Proposition 1. *The Lie superalgebra S is generated by $A \cup B$.*

Proof. Suppose that $A \cup B$ generate the subalgebra Q of S . Since A and B are subsets of S , it follows that $Q \subseteq S$.

Next we will consider the reverse inclusion.

It is easy to see that $D_{ki}(x_k y^\lambda) = -y^\lambda D_i$ for all distinct elements i, k of Y and $\lambda \in G$. Therefore, $zd(D_{ki}(x_k y^\lambda)) = -1$ and $S_{-1} \subseteq Q$.

A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} [D_{ij}(x^\pi y^\lambda), D_{kl}(x_k y^\eta)] &= [-D_i(x^\pi y^\lambda)D_j - D_i(x^\pi y^\lambda)D_j - y^\eta D_l] \\ &= (-1)^n (D_i D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta})D_j + D_j D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta})D_i) \\ &= -(-1)^n D_{ij}(D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta})) \in S, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for all distinct elements i, j, k, l of Y and $\lambda, \eta \in G$. It follows from $zd(D_{ij}(D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta}))) = n - 3$ that $S_{n-3} \subseteq Q$.

For distinct elements i, j, k, l, g of Y and $\lambda, \eta, \zeta \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [D_{ij}(D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta})), D_{kg}(x_k y^\zeta)] &= (-1)^{n+1} D_{ij}(D_g D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta+\zeta})) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and $zd(D_{ij}(D_g D_l(x^\pi y^{\lambda+\eta+\zeta}))) = n - 4$. Thus $S_{n-4} \subseteq Q$.

By the same methods above, we may obtain $D_{ij}(x^u y^\lambda) \in S$ for $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$; that is, $S_i \subseteq Q$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 5$.

According to $D_{ii}(x_i x_j x_k y^\lambda) = -2x_j x_k y^\lambda D_i \in S_1$ and $x_k y^{\lambda+\eta} D_i \in S_0$, we have

$$x_k y^{\lambda+\eta} D_i = [x_j x_k y^\lambda D_i, y^\eta D_j] \in Q. \quad (8)$$

Hence $S_0 \subseteq Q$.

In conclusion, $S \subseteq Q$. Therefore, the desired result follows immediately. $\square$

3. The Natural Filtration of $S(n, m)$

Adopting the notion of [22], the element x of Lie super-algebra S is called ad-nilpotent if adx is a nilpotent linear transformation. The set of all ad-nilpotent elements of S is denoted by $\text{nil}(S)$. Let $S_{(j)} = \oplus_{i \geq j} S_i$. Then

$$S = S_{(-1)} \supseteq S_{(0)} \supseteq S_{(1)} \supseteq \cdots \supseteq S_{(n-2)} \supseteq S_{(n-1)} = 0 \quad (9)$$

is a descending filtration of S , which is called the natural filtration of S . We also call $\{S_{(k)} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ a filtration of S for short, where $S_{(k)} = S$ if $k \leq -1$ and $S_{(k)} = 0$ if $k \geq n - 2$. Since S is $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded and finite dimensional, we may easily obtain $S_{-1} \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$ and $S_{(1)} \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$.

Let $M_n(\mathbb{F})$ denote the set of all $n \times n$ matrices over $\mathbb{F}$. Notice that $\dim \mathbb{T}(m) = p^m$. Without loss of generality, we may suppose that $\{y_1, \dots, y_{p^m}\}$ is a standard $\mathbb{F}$ -basis of $\mathbb{T}(m)$.

If $z = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j \in S_0$, where $a_{ijq} \in \mathbb{F}$, then let $\rho(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & A_{p^m} \end{pmatrix}_{np^m \times np^m}$, where $A_q = (a_{ijq})_{n \times n} \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$.

Lemma 2. Suppose that $z = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j \in S_0$. If z is ad-nilpotent, then $\rho(z)$ is a nilpotent matrix.

Proof. Let Γ be the representation of S_0 with values in S_{-1} . Then $\Gamma(z) = \text{adz}$ and the matrix of $\Gamma(z)$ over the basis $\{y_1 D_1, \dots, y_1 D_n, \dots, y_{p^m} D_1, \dots, y_{p^m} D_n\}$ of S_{-1} is $A = \begin{pmatrix} -(A_1)^t & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & -(A_{p^m})^t \end{pmatrix}_{np^m \times np^m}$, where $A_q = (a_{ijq})_{n \times n} \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$.

Since z is ad-nilpotent, the representation $\Gamma(z)$ is a nilpotent linear transformation. It implies that A is nilpotent. Therefore, $\rho(z) = -A^t$ is a nilpotent matrix. $\square$

Lemma 3. Let $z = \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} z_i$, where $z_i \in S_i$ and $k \leq n - 1$. If $z \in \text{nil}(S)$ and $k \geq 0$, then $z_k \in \text{nil}(S)$.

Proof. Suppose that $z = z_k + z'$, where $z_k \in S_k$ and $z' \in \oplus_{i=k+1}^{n-1} S_i \subseteq S_{(k+1)}$. Since $z \in \text{nil}(S)$, we may assume that $(\text{adz})^t = 0$. Let x be a $\mathbb{Z}$ -homogeneous element of S with $\mathbb{Z}$ -degree i . Then $(\text{adz})^t(x) = 0$. On the other hand,

$$(\text{adz})^t(x) = (\text{ad}(z_k + z'))^t(x) = (\text{adz}_k)^t(x) + h, \quad (10)$$

which implies $(\text{adz}_k)^t(x) + h = 0$. It is easy to see that $(\text{adz}_k)^t(x) \in S_{(kt+i)}$ and $h \in S_{(kt+i+1)} = \oplus_{j \geq kt+i+1} S_j$. Thus $(\text{adz}_k)^t(x) = 0$. Since x is an arbitrary $\mathbb{Z}$ -homogeneous element of S , we have $(\text{adz}_k)^t(S) = 0$. Then $(\text{adz}_k)^t = 0$; that is, $z_k \in \text{nil}(S)$. $\square$

Suppose that E_{ij} denotes the $n \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) element is 1 and otherwise is zero. Obviously,

$$E_{ij} E_{kl} = \delta_{jk} E_{il}, \quad (11)$$

where δ_{jk} is the Kronecker delta.

If $z = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j \in S_0$, where $a_{ijq} \in \mathbb{F}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z) = & \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij1} E_{ij} + \sum_{i,j=n+1}^{2n} a_{ij2} E_{ij} \\ & + \cdots + \sum_{i,j=n(p^m-1)+1}^{np^m} a_{ijp^m} E_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Let $\Delta = \{z \in \text{nil}(S) \mid \text{adz}(S) \subseteq \text{nil}(S)\}$.

Lemma 4. Suppose that $z = \sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} z_i$, where $z_i \in S_i$. If $z \in \Delta$, then $z_{-1} = 0$.

Proof. Suppose that $0 \neq z_{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{iq} y_q D_i$, where $a_{iq} \in \mathbb{F}$. Let $a_{jq} \neq 0$ and $j, k, l \in Y$ such that i, j, k are distinct. We may assume that $d = [z_{-1}, D_{kl}(x_k x_l x_j)]$. A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} d = & \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{iq} y_q D_i, -x_l x_j D_l + x_k x_j D_k \right] \\ = & - \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} (a_{lq} x_j y_q D_l - a_{jq} x_l y_q D_l \\ & - a_{kq} x_j y_q D_k + a_{jq} x_k y_q D_k). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

By equalities (11) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho(d))^t = & (-1)^t \left((-1)^t (a_{j1})^t E_{ll} + (a_{j1})^t E_{kk} \right. \\ & + (-1)^{t-1} a_{l1} (a_{j1})^{t-1} E_{jl} - a_{k1} (a_{j1})^{t-1} E_{jk} \\ & + (-1)^t (a_{(j+n)2})^t E_{(l+n)(l+n)} \\ & + (a_{(j+n)2})^t E_{(k+n)(k+n)} \\ & + (-1)^{t-1} a_{(l+n)2} (a_{(j+n)1})^{t-1} E_{(j+n)(l+n)} \\ & - a_{(k+n)2} (a_{(j+n)2})^{t-1} E_{(j+n)(k+n)} + \cdots \\ & + (-1)^t (a_{(j+p^m-n)p^m})^t E_{(l+p^m-n)(l+p^m-n)} \\ & + (a_{(j+p^m-n)p^m})^t E_{(k+p^m-n)(k+p^m-n)} \\ & + (-1)^{t-1} a_{(l+p^m-n)p^m} (a_{(j+p^m-n)p^m})^{t-1} \\ & \times E_{(j+p^m-n)(l+p^m-n)} \\ & \left. - a_{(k+p^m-n)p^m} (a_{(j+p^m-n)p^m})^{t-1} E_{(j+p^m-n)(k+p^m-n)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Since $(a_{j1})^t \neq 0$, we have $(\rho(d))^t \neq 0$. So $\rho(d)$ is not a nilpotent matrix. By Lemma 2, it follows that $d \notin \text{nil}(S)$. By Lemma 3,

we have $[z, D_{kl}(x_k x_l x_j)] \notin \text{nil}(S)$. Then $z \notin \Delta$. It contradicts $z \in \Delta$. This proves our assertion. $\square$

Lemma 5. Let $z = \sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} z_i$, where $z_i \in S_i$. If $z \in \Delta$, then $z_0 = 0$.

Proof. Assume that $z_0 \neq 0$. Let $z_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j$, $a_{ijq} \in \mathbb{F}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \min \{i \mid a_{ij\lambda} \neq 0, i, j \in Y\}, \\ t &= \min \{j \mid a_{ij\lambda} \neq 0, i, j \in Y\}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

(i) Suppose that $l \leq t$. Then

$$k = \max \{j \mid a_{ij\lambda} \neq 0, j \in Y\}. \quad (16)$$

Then $a_{l k q} \neq 0$. It is easy to see that $t \leq k$. Since $l \leq t$, we have $l \leq k$. Therefore,

$$z_0 = \sum_{j=t}^k \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_l y_q D_j + \sum_{i=l+1}^n \sum_{j=t}^k \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j. \quad (17)$$

Assume that $l = k$. It follows from $t \leq k$ that $t \leq l$. Then we have $t = l$ which implies that

$$z_0 = \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{llq} x_l y_q D_l + \sum_{i=l+1}^n \sum_{j=t}^k \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j. \quad (18)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z_0) &= a_{ll1} E_{ll} + \sum_{i=l+1}^n \sum_{j=t}^k a_{ij1} E_{ij} \\ &\quad + a_{(l+n)(l+n)2} E_{(l+n)(l+n)} + \sum_{i=l+1+n}^{2n} \sum_{j=t+n}^{2n} a_{ij2} E_{ij} \\ &\quad + \cdots + a_{(l+n(p^m-1))(l+n(p^m-1))p^m} E_{(l+n)(l+n)} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=l+1+n}^{np^m} \sum_{j=t+n}^{np^m} a_{ijp^m} E_{ij} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & & \\ B_1 & C_1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & A_{p^m} \\ & & & B_{p^m} & C_{p^m} \end{pmatrix}_{np^m \times np^m}, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where $A_k = a_{(l+(k-1)n)(l+(k-1)n)q} E_{(l+(k-1)n)(l+(k-1)n)}$ is an $(l + (k-1)n) \times (l + (k-1)n)$ matrix and $q \in \{1, \dots, p^m\}$. Since $a_{ll1} \neq 0$, we have A_1 not being a nilpotent matrix. Then $\rho(z_0)$ is not a nilpotent matrix and $z_0 \notin \text{nil}(S)$. Lemma 3 shows that $z \notin \text{nil}(S)$. It is a contradiction of to $z \in \Delta$; that is, $l < k$.

Suppose that $h \in Y$ and $h \neq l, k$. Let $d = [z_0, x_k D_l]$. By equality (2), we obtain

$$d = \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} \left(a_{lkq} x_l y_q D_l + \sum_{i=l+1}^n a_{ikq} x_i y_q D_l - \sum_{j=t}^k a_{ijq} x_k y_q D_j \right). \quad (20)$$

Since $l < k$, $\rho(d)$ also has the matrix form as $\rho(z_0)$, it follows from $a_{lk1} \neq 0$ that A_1 is not a nilpotent matrix. Then $\rho(d)$ is not nilpotent. So $z \notin \text{nil}(S)$ and $[z, x_k D_l] \notin \text{nil}(S)$. It is a contradiction of $z \in \Delta$.

(ii) Suppose that $t < l$. Let $k = \max\{i \mid a_{it\lambda} \neq 0\}$ and $d' = [z, x_t D_k]$. Imitating (i), we may prove that $\rho(d')$ is also not nilpotent. Then the desired result follows. $\square$

Lemma 6. (i) If $z \in S_0 \cap \text{nil}(S)$ and $h \in S_{(1)}$, then $z + h \in \text{nil}(S)$.

(ii) Suppose that i, j are distinct elements of Y ; then $x_i y^\lambda D_j \in \text{nil}(S)$ for all $\lambda \in G$.

(iii) Suppose that i, j, k are distinct elements of Y ; then $ax_j y^\lambda D_k + bx_i y^\eta D_k \in \text{nil}(S)$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and λ, η are arbitrary elements of G .

Proof. (i) A direct verification shows that $\{\text{adz}\} \cup \{\text{ad}S_{(1)}\}$ is a weakly closed subset of nilpotent elements of $pl(S)$, where $pl(S)$ is the general linear Lie superalgebra of S . It was shown in [23, Theorem 1 of Chapter II] that each element of $\text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}(\{\text{adz}\} \cup \{\text{ad}S_{(1)}\})$ is a nilpotent linear transformation of S . Then $\text{adz} + \text{adh}$ is nilpotent. So $z + h$ is ad-nilpotent.

(ii) To prove $(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^p = 0$, we may assume without loss of generality that $i < j$. Set η to be an arbitrary element of G . If $k \neq i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^2 (x^u y^\eta D_k) \\ &= [x_i y^\lambda D_j, [x_i y^\lambda D_j, x^u y^\eta D_k]] \\ &= (-1)^{\tau(u,j)} [x_i y^\lambda D_j, x_i x^{u-\langle j \rangle} y^{\lambda+\eta} D_k] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

In the case of $k = i$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^3 (x^u y^\eta D_k) \\ &= [x_i y^\lambda D_j, [x_i y^\lambda D_j, [x_i y^\lambda D_j, x^u y^\eta D_i]]] \\ &= [x_i y^\lambda D_j, [x_i y^\lambda D_j, (-1)^{\tau(u,j)} x_i x^{u-\langle j \rangle} y^\lambda D_i - x^u y^{\lambda+\eta} D_j]] \\ &= (-1)^{\tau(u,j)} [x_i y^\lambda D_j, -x_i x^{u-\langle j \rangle} y^\lambda D_j - x_i x^{u-\langle j \rangle} y^{2\lambda+\eta} D_j] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

For $p > 2$ we obtain $(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^p (x^u y^\eta D_k) = 0$. Therefore $(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^p(S) = 0$. This yields $(\text{adx}_i y^\lambda D_j)^p = 0$. Thus $x_i y^\lambda D_j \in \text{nil}(S)$.

(iii) According to (ii) and $[x_j y^\lambda D_k, x_i y^\eta D_k] = 0$, $\{\text{adx}_j y^\lambda D_k, \text{adx}_i y^\eta D_k\}$ is a weakly closed subset of nilpotent elements of $pl(S)$. So $ax_j y^\lambda D_k + bx_i y^\eta D_k \in \text{nil}(S)$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$. $\square$

Lemma 7. If i, j, k are distinct elements of Y , then $x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k \in \Delta$ for all $\lambda \in G$.

Proof. Suppose that $l \in Y \setminus \{i, j, k\}$. Then $x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k \in S_{(1)} \subseteq \text{nil}(S)$. Let $z = \sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} z_i$, where $z_i \in S_i$. Assume that $[x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k, z] = f_0 + f_1$, where $f_0 = [x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k, z_{-1}] \in S_0$ and $f_1 \in S_{(1)}$. Let $z_{-1} = \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{\eta \in G} a_{l\eta} y^\eta D_l$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= \left[x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k, \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{\eta \in G} a_{l\eta} y^\eta D_l \right] \\ &= \sum_{\eta \in G} (a_{i\eta} x_j y^{\lambda+\eta} D_k - a_{j\eta} x_i y^{\lambda+\eta} D_k). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

By (iii) of Lemma 6, we have $f_0 \in S_0 \cap \text{nil}(S)$. By (i) of Lemma 6, it follows that $f_0 + f_1 \in \text{nil}(S)$. We finally obtain $x_i x_j y^\lambda D_k \in \Delta$ for all $\lambda \in G$. $\square$

Let $Q = \{z \in \text{nil}(S) \mid \text{adz}(\Delta) \subseteq \Delta\}$.

Lemma 8. $Q = S_{(1)}$.

Proof. By the definition of Δ , we have $S_{(2)} \subseteq \Delta$. Lemmas 4 and 5 show that $\Delta \subseteq S_{(1)}$. Then $[S_{(1)}, \Delta] \subseteq [S_{(1)}, S_{(1)}] \subseteq S_{(2)} \subseteq \Delta$. Thus $S_{(1)} \subseteq Q$.

Next we will prove $Q \subseteq S_{(1)}$. Let $z \in Q$ and $z = \sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} z_i$, where $z_i \in S_i$. Assume that $z_{-1} = \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{\lambda \in G} a_{l\lambda} y^\lambda D_l \neq 0$, $a_{l\lambda} \in \mathbb{F}$. Without loss of generality, we may suppose that $a_i \neq 0$. Let $d = x_i x_j y^\eta D_k$, where i, j, k are distinct elements of Y and η is an arbitrary element of G . By Lemma 7, we have $d \in \Delta$. Let $[z, d] = h_0 + h_1$, where $h_0 = [z_{-1}, d] \in S_0$ and $h_1 \in S_{(1)}$. Since $a_i \neq 0$, we have $h_0 = \sum_{\lambda \in G} (a_{i\lambda} x_j y^{\lambda+\eta} D_k - a_{j\lambda} x_i y^{\lambda+\eta} D_k) \neq 0$. Lemma 5 implies that $h_0 + h_1 \notin \Delta$. It is a contradiction of $z \in Q$. Hence $z_{-1} = 0$.

Assume that $0 \neq z_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} a_{ijq} x_i y_q D_j$, $a_{ijq} \in \mathbb{F}$, and suppose that l and t are as the definitions in (15). We may suppose that $l \leq t$ (the proof is similar to the case $t < l$) and let k be as the definition in (16). In a similar way to the first part of the proof in Lemma 5, we have $l < k$. Suppose that $h \in Y \setminus \{l, k, t\}$ and $d_1 = x_k x_h D_l$. Lemma 7 shows that $d_1 \in \Delta$. Let $[z, d_1] = g_1 + g_2$, where $g_1 = [z_0, d_1] \in S_1$ and $g_2 \in S_{(2)}$. Using equality (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} \left(a_{lkq} x_l x_h y_q D_l - \sum_{i=l+1}^n a_{ihq} x_i x_k y_q D_l \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{j=t}^k a_{ijq} x_k x_h y_q D_j \right). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

If $h < t$, then $a_{ihq} = 0$ in the above equality, where $i \in Y \setminus \{1, \dots, l-1\}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [D_h, g_1] &= - \sum_{q=1}^{p^m} \left(a_{lkq} x_l y_q D_l + \sum_{i=l+1}^n a_{ihq} x_i y_q D_l \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a_{hhq} x_k y_q D_l - a_{ijq} x_k y_q D_j \right). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

By equality (12), the matrix $\rho([D_h, g_1])$ has the matrix form as in Lemma 5. Since $a_{lkq} \neq 0$, A_1 is not a nilpotent matrix. It implies that $\rho([D_h, g_1])$ is not nilpotent. Hence $[D_h, g_1] \notin \text{nil}(S)$. Lemma 3 shows that $[D_h, g_1 + g_2] \notin \text{nil}(S)$; that is, $[D_h, g_1 + g_2] \notin \Delta$. It contradicts $z \in Q$. Thus $z_0 = 0$. Therefore, $z \in S_{(1)}$ and $Q \subseteq S_{(1)}$. $\square$

According to the fact that Δ and Q are invariant subspaces under the automorphisms of S and Lemma 8, $S_{(1)}$ is also invariant under the automorphisms of S . Since

$$S_{(0)} = \{x \in S \mid [x, S_{(1)}] \subseteq S_{(1)}\}, \quad (26)$$

$$S_{(i)} = \{x \in S_{i-1} \mid [x, S] \subseteq S_{(i-1)}\}, \quad i \geq 1,$$

we may easily obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 9. The natural filtration of S is invariant under the automorphisms of S .

Let $\mathfrak{S}_i = S_{(i)}/S_{(i+1)}$ for $-1 \leq i \leq n-2$. Then $\mathfrak{S}_i$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded space. Suppose that $\mathfrak{S} := \bigoplus_{i=-1}^{n-2} \mathfrak{S}_i$; then $\mathfrak{S}$ is also a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded space. Let $x + S_{(i+1)} \in \mathfrak{S}_i$ and $y + S_{(j+1)} \in \mathfrak{S}_j$. Define

$$[x + S_{(i+1)}, y + S_{(j+1)}] := [x, y] + S_{(i+j+1)}. \quad (27)$$

It is easy to see that the definition above is reasonable. There exists a linear expansion such that $\mathfrak{S}$ has an operator $[\cdot, \cdot]$. A direct verification shows that $\mathfrak{S}$ is a Lie superalgebra with respect to the operator $[\cdot, \cdot]$. The Lie superalgebras $\mathfrak{S}$ is called a Lie superalgebra induced by the natural filtration of S .

Lemma 10. $\mathfrak{S} \cong S$.

Proof. Let $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}$ be a linear map such that $\phi(x) = x + S_{(i+1)}$, where $x \in S_{(i)} \setminus S_{(i+1)}$. A direct verification shows that ϕ is a homomorphism of Lie superalgebras. Suppose that $y \in \ker \phi$. If $y \neq 0$, then there exists $i \geq -1$ such that $y \in S_{(i)} \setminus S_{(i+1)}$. Since $\phi(y) = 0$, we have $y + S_{(i+1)} = 0$. Hence $y \in S_{(i+1)}$. That shows that $y = 0$. Thus, $\ker \phi = 0$. Therefore, ϕ is a monomorphism. It follows from the fact S is finite dimensional that ϕ is an isomorphism. $\square$

The definition of ϕ shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(S_i) &= \{x + S_{(i+1)} \mid x \in S_i\} = \{x + S_{(i+1)} \mid x \in S_{(i)}\} \\ &= S_{(i)}/S_{(i+1)} = \mathfrak{S}_i, \quad i \geq -1. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Suppose that m, n, m', n' are elements of $\mathbb{N}_0$ and n, n' are greater than 3. In a similar way to S , the Lie superalgebra $S(n', m')$ will be simply denoted by S' . According to the definitions of Δ, Q , and $\mathfrak{S}$ in S , the Δ', Q' , and $\mathfrak{S}'$ in S' are also defined by the same method, respectively.

Proposition 11. Suppose that $S \cong S'$ and σ is an isomorphism from S to S' ; then $\sigma(S_{(i)}) = S'_{(i)}$ for all $i \geq -1$.

Proof. It is clear that $\sigma(S_{(-1)}) = S'_{(-1)}$ and $\sigma(\text{nil}(S)) = \text{nil}(S')$. A direct verification shows that $\sigma(\Delta) = \Delta'$. Hence $\sigma(Q) = Q'$.

By virtue of Lemma 8, we have $Q = S_{(1)}$ and $Q' = S'_{(1)}$. Thus $\sigma(S_{(1)}) = S'_{(1)}$. By equalities (26), the desired result $\sigma(S_{(i)}) = S'_{(i)}$ for all $i \geq -1$ is obtained. $\square$

Lemma 12. Suppose that $S \cong S'$ and σ is an isomorphism from S to S' ; then σ induces an isomorphism $\tilde{\sigma}$ from $\mathfrak{S}$ to $\mathfrak{S}'$ such that $\tilde{\sigma}(\mathfrak{S}_i) = \mathfrak{S}'_i$ for all $i \geq -1$.

Proof. Define a linear map $\tilde{\sigma} : \mathfrak{S} \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}'$ such that

$$\tilde{\sigma}(x + S_{(i+1)}) = \sigma(x) + S'_{(i+1)}, \quad (29)$$

where $x + S_{(i+1)} \in \mathfrak{S}_i$. Using Proposition 11, the definition of $\tilde{\sigma}$ is reasonable and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}([x + S_{(i+1)}, y + S_{(j+1)}]) &= \sigma([x, y]) + S'_{(i+j+1)} \\ &= [\sigma(x) + S'_{(i+1)}, \sigma(y) + S'_{(j+1)}] \\ &= [\tilde{\sigma}(x + S'_{(i+1)}), \tilde{\sigma}(y + S'_{(j+1)})]. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Thus $\tilde{\sigma}$ is a homomorphism from $\mathfrak{S}$ to $\mathfrak{S}'$. Clearly, $\tilde{\sigma}(\mathfrak{S}_i) = \mathfrak{S}'_i$ for all $i \geq -1$. It follows that $\tilde{\sigma}$ is an epimorphism.

Suppose that $y \in \ker \tilde{\sigma}$; then $y \in \mathfrak{S}$. So we may suppose that $y = \sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} y_i$ and $y_i \in \mathfrak{S}_i$. Since $\mathfrak{S}_i = S_{(i)}/S_{(i+1)}$, let $y_i = z_i + S_{(i+1)}$, where $z_i \in S_{(i)}$. Hence $\tilde{\sigma}(y_i) = \sigma(z_i) + S'_{(i+1)}$. It follows from $\tilde{\sigma}(y) = 0$ that $\sum_{i=-1}^{n-2} \tilde{\sigma}(y_i) = 0$. Thus $\tilde{\sigma}(y_i) = 0$; that is, $\sigma(z_i) + S'_{(i+1)} = 0$. It follows that $\sigma(z_i) \in S'_{(i+1)}$. By Proposition 11, we have $z_i \in \sigma^{-1}(S'_{(i+1)}) = S_{(i+1)}$. Then $y_i = z_i + S_{(i+1)} = 0$ for $-1 \leq i \leq n-2$. Therefore, $y = 0$ and $\ker \tilde{\sigma} = 0$. Consequently, $\tilde{\sigma}$ is an isomorphism induced by σ such that $\tilde{\sigma}(\mathfrak{S}_i) = \mathfrak{S}'_i$ for all $i \geq -1$. $\square$

Theorem 13. $S \cong S'$ if and only if $m = m'$ and $n = n'$.

Proof. Because the sufficiency is obvious, it suffices to prove the necessity. Suppose that $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}$ is the isomorphism given in the proof of Lemma 10. Similarly, there also exists the $\phi' : S' \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}'$. According to the equality (28) and Lemma 12, we have

$$\phi(S_i) = \mathfrak{S}_i, \quad \phi'(S'_i) = \mathfrak{S}'_i, \quad \tilde{\sigma}(\mathfrak{S}_i) = \mathfrak{S}'_i \quad (31)$$

for $-1 \leq i \leq n-2$. Let $\psi = (\phi')^{-1} \tilde{\sigma} \phi$. Then

$$\psi(S_i) = (\phi')^{-1} \tilde{\sigma} \phi(S_i) = (\phi')^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}(\mathfrak{S}_i) = (\phi')^{-1}(\mathfrak{S}'_i) = S'_i. \quad (32)$$

In particular, $\psi(S_{-1}) = S'_{-1}$. It follows from $\dim S_{-1} = \dim S'_{-1}$ that $np^m = n'p^{m'}$. By virtue of the definition of S_i , we have

$$S_0 = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{D_{ij}(x_k x_l y^\lambda) \in S \mid i, j, k, l \in Y, \lambda \in G\}. \quad (33)$$

Thus $\dim S_0 = (n^2 - 1)p^m$. Similarly, $\dim S'_0 = (n'^2 - 1)p^{m'}$. According to $\dim S_0 = \dim S'_0$ and $np^m = n'p^{m'}$, we have $n = n'$. In conclusion, the proof is completed. $\square$

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