



# The structure of split regular BiHom-Lie algebras<sup>☆</sup>



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## ABSTRACT

We introduce the class of split regular BiHom-Lie algebras as the natural extension of the one of split Hom-Lie algebras and so of split Lie algebras. We show that an arbitrary split regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{L} = U + \sum_j I_j$  with  $U$  a linear subspace of a fixed maximal abelian subalgebra  $H$  and any  $I_j$  a well described (split) ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , satisfying  $[I_j, I_k] = 0$  if  $j \neq k$ . Under certain conditions, the simplicity of  $\mathfrak{L}$  is characterized and it is shown that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is the direct sum of the family of its simple ideals.

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## 1. Introduction and first definitions

A BiHom-algebra is an algebra in such a way that the identities defining the structure are twisted by two homomorphisms  $\phi, \psi$ . This class of algebras was introduced from a categorical approach in [1] as an extension of the class of Hom-algebras. The origin of Hom-structures can be found in the physics literature around 1900, appearing in the study of quasi-deformations of Lie algebras of vector fields, in particular  $q$ -deformations of Witt and Virasoro algebras, [2]. Since then, many authors have been interested in the study of Hom-algebras, mainly motivated by their applications in mathematical physics (see for instance the recent references [3–7]), but we would like to refer to [8,9], and the references therein, for a good review of the matter. The Ref. [1] is also fundamental for getting the basic notions, motivations and results on BiHom-algebras.

In the present paper we introduce the class of split regular BiHom-Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{L}$  as the natural extension of the one of split Hom-Lie algebras and so of split Lie algebras, and study its structure. In Section 2 we develop connections of roots techniques in the framework of BiHom-algebras, which becomes the main tool in our study. In Section 3 we apply all of these techniques to show that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is of the form  $\mathfrak{L} = U + \sum I_j$  with  $U$  a linear subspace of a fixed maximal abelian subalgebra  $H$  and any  $I_j$  a well described ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , satisfying  $[I_j, I_k] = 0$  if  $j \neq k$ . Finally, in Section 4, and under certain conditions, the simplicity of  $\mathfrak{L}$  is characterized and it is shown that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is the direct sum of the family of its simple ideals.

**Definition 1.1.** A BiHom-Lie algebra over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  is a 4-tuple  $(\mathfrak{L}, [\cdot, \cdot], \phi, \psi)$ , where  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear space,  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{L} \times \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$  a bilinear map and  $\phi, \psi : \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$  linear mappings satisfying the following identities:

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1.  $\phi \circ \psi = \psi \circ \phi$ ,
2.  $[\psi(x), \phi(y)] = -[\psi(y), \phi(x)]$ , (BiHom-skew-symmetry)
3.  $[\psi^2(x), [\psi(y), \phi(z)]] + [\psi^2(y), [\psi(z), \phi(x)]] + [\psi^2(z), [\psi(x), \phi(y)]] = 0$ , (BiHom-Jacobi identity),

for any  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}$ . When  $\phi, \psi$  furthermore are algebra automorphisms it is said that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a regular BiHom-Lie algebra.

Lie algebras are examples of BiHom-Lie algebras by taking  $\phi = \psi = Id$ . Hom-Lie algebras are also examples of BiHom-Lie algebras by considering  $\psi = \phi$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot])$  be a Lie algebra and  $\phi, \psi : L \rightarrow L$  two automorphisms. If we endow the underlying linear space  $L$  with a new product  $[\cdot, \cdot]' : L \times L \rightarrow L$  defined by  $[x, y]' := [\phi(x), \psi(y)]$  for any  $x, y \in L$ , we have that  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot]', \phi, \psi)$  becomes a regular BiHom-Lie algebra.

Throughout this paper  $\mathfrak{L}$  will denote a regular BiHom-Lie algebra. A *subalgebra*  $A$  of  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a linear subspace such that  $[A, A] \subset A$  and  $\phi(A) = \psi(A) = A$ . A subalgebra  $I$  of  $\mathfrak{L}$  is called an *ideal* if  $[I, \mathfrak{L}] \subset I$ , (and so necessarily  $[\mathfrak{L}, I] \subset I$ ). A regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is called *simple* if  $[\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}] \neq 0$  and its only ideals are  $\{0\}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

Finally, we would like to note that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is considered of arbitrary dimension and over an arbitrary base field  $\mathbb{K}$  and that we will denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all non-negative integers and by  $\mathbb{Z}$  the set of all integers.

Let us introduce the class of split algebras in the framework of regular BiHom-Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{L}$ . First, we recall that a Lie algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot])$ , over a base field  $\mathbb{K}$ , is called *split* respect to a maximal abelian subalgebra  $H$  of  $L$ , if  $L$  can be written as the direct sum

$$L = H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} L_{\alpha} \right)$$

where

$$L_{\alpha} := \{v_{\alpha} \in L : [h, v_{\alpha}] = \alpha(h)v_{\alpha} \text{ for any } h \in H\}$$

being any  $\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , a non-zero linear functional on  $H$  such that  $L_{\alpha} \neq 0$ .

Let us return to a regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Denote by  $H$  a maximal abelian, (in the sense  $[H, H] = 0$ ), subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . For a linear functional

$$\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K},$$

we define the *root space* of  $\mathfrak{L}$  (respect to  $H$ ) associated to  $\alpha$  as the subspace

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} := \{v_{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{L} : [h, \phi(v_{\alpha})] = \alpha(h)\phi\psi(v_{\alpha}) \text{ for any } h \in H\}.$$

The elements  $\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} \neq 0$  are called *roots* of  $\mathfrak{L}$  with respect to  $H$  and we denote  $\Lambda := \{\alpha \in (H)^* \setminus \{0\} : \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} \neq 0\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** We say that  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra, with respect to  $H$ , if

$$\mathfrak{L} = H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} \right).$$

We also say that  $\Lambda$  is the roots system of  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

As examples of split regular BiHom-Lie algebras we have the split Hom-Lie algebras and the split Lie algebras. Hence, the present paper extends the results in [10] and in [11]. Let us see another example.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $(L = H \oplus (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} L_{\alpha}), [\cdot, \cdot])$  be a split Lie algebra and  $\phi, \psi : L \rightarrow L$  two automorphisms such that  $\phi(H) = \psi(H) = H$ . By Example 1.1, we know that  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot]', \phi, \psi)$ , where  $[x, y]' := [\phi(x), \psi(y)]$  for any  $x, y \in L$ , is a regular BiHom-Lie algebra. Then it is straightforward to verify that the direct sum

$$L = H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} L_{\alpha\psi^{-1}} \right)$$

makes of the regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot]', \phi, \psi)$  a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra, being the roots system  $\Lambda = \{\alpha\psi^{-1} : \alpha \in \Gamma\}$ .

From now on  $\mathfrak{L} = H \oplus (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha})$  denotes a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra. Also, and for an easier notation, the mappings  $\phi|_H, \psi|_H, \phi|_H^{-1}, \psi|_H^{-1} : H \rightarrow H$  will be denoted by  $\phi, \psi, \phi^{-1}, \psi^{-1}$  respectively.

**Lemma 1.1.** For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda \cup \{0\}$  the following assertions hold.

1.  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}}$  and  $\psi(\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}$ .
2.  $\phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi}$  and  $\psi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi}$ .

**Proof.** 1. For any  $h \in H$  and  $v_\alpha \in \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ , since

$$[h, \phi(v_\alpha)] = \alpha(h)\phi\psi(v_\alpha) \quad (1)$$

we have that by writing  $h' = \phi(h)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} [h', \phi^2(v_\alpha)] &= \phi([h, \phi(v_\alpha)]) = \alpha(h)\phi^2\psi(v_\alpha) = \alpha\phi^{-1}(h')\phi^2\psi(v_\alpha) \\ &= \alpha\phi^{-1}(h')\phi\psi(\phi(v_\alpha)). \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\phi(v_\alpha) \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}}$  and so

$$\phi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}}. \quad (2)$$

Now, let us show

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}} \subset \phi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha).$$

Indeed, for any  $h \in H$  and  $v_\alpha \in \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ , Eq. (1) shows  $[\phi^{-1}(h), v_\alpha] = \alpha(h)\psi(v_\alpha)$ . From here we get  $[\phi(h), v_\alpha] = \alpha\phi^2(h)\psi(v_\alpha)$  and conclude

$$\phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi}. \quad (3)$$

Hence, since for any  $x \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}}$  we can write  $x = \phi(\phi^{-1}(x))$  and by Eq. (3) we have  $\phi^{-1}(x) \in \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ , we conclude  $\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}} \subset \phi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha)$ . This fact together with Eq. (2) shows  $\phi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}}$ .

To verify

$$\psi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \quad (4)$$

observe that Eq. (1) gives us  $[\psi(h), \psi\phi(v_\alpha)] = \alpha(h)\psi\phi\psi(v_\alpha)$  and so  $[\psi(h), \phi\psi(v_\alpha)] = \alpha\psi^{-1}(\psi(h))\phi\psi(\psi(v_\alpha))$ . Since Eq. (1) and the identity  $\psi^{-1}\phi = \phi\psi^{-1}$  also give us

$$\psi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi}, \quad (5)$$

we conclude as above that  $\psi(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}$ .

2. The fact  $\phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi}$  is Eq. (3), while the fact  $\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi} \subset \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha)$  is consequence of writing any element  $x \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi}$  of the form  $x = \phi^{-1}(\phi(x))$  and apply Eq. (2). We can argue similarly with Eqs. (5) and (4) to get  $\psi^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_\alpha) = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.2.** For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda \cup \{0\}$  we have  $[\mathfrak{L}_\alpha, \mathfrak{L}_\beta] \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}+\beta\psi^{-1}}$ .

**Proof.** For each  $h \in H$ ,  $v_\alpha \in \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$  and  $v_\beta \in \mathfrak{L}_\beta$  we can write

$$[h, \phi([v_\alpha, v_\beta])] = [\psi^2\psi^{-2}(h), \phi([v_\alpha, v_\beta])].$$

So, by denoting  $h' = \psi^{-2}(h)$ , we can apply BiHom-Jacobi identity and BiHom-skew-symmetry to get

$$\begin{aligned} [\psi^2(h'), \phi([v_\alpha, v_\beta])] &= [\psi^2(h'), [\psi\psi^{-1}\phi(v_\alpha), \phi(v_\beta)]] \\ &= -[\psi\phi(v_\alpha), [\psi(v_\beta), \phi(h')]] - [\psi^2(v_\beta), [\psi(h'), \phi\psi^{-1}\phi(v_\alpha)]] \\ &= [\psi\phi(v_\alpha), [\psi(h'), \phi(v_\beta)]] - [\psi^2(v_\beta), [\phi\phi^{-1}\psi(h'), \phi\psi^{-1}\phi(v_\alpha)]] \\ &= [\psi\phi(v_\alpha), [\psi(h'), \phi(v_\beta)]] - [\psi(\psi(v_\beta)), \phi([\phi^{-1}\psi(h'), \psi^{-1}\phi(v_\alpha)])] \\ &= [\psi\phi(v_\alpha), [\psi(h'), \phi(v_\beta)]] + [[\psi^2\phi^{-1}(h'), \phi(v_\alpha)], \phi\psi(v_\beta)] \\ &= \beta\psi(h')[\psi\phi(v_\alpha), \phi\psi(v_\beta)] + [\alpha\psi^2\phi^{-1}(h')[\phi\psi(v_\alpha)], \phi\psi(v_\beta)] \\ &= (\beta\psi + \alpha\psi^2\phi^{-1})(h')[\psi\phi(v_\alpha), \phi\psi(v_\beta)] \\ &= (\beta\psi + \alpha\psi^2\phi^{-1})(h')[\phi\psi(v_\alpha), \phi\psi(v_\beta)] \\ &= (\beta\psi + \alpha\psi^2\phi^{-1})(h')\phi\psi([v_\alpha, v_\beta]). \end{aligned}$$

Taking now into account  $h' = \psi^{-2}(h)$  we have shown

$$[h, \phi([v_\alpha, v_\beta])] = (\beta\psi^{-1} + \alpha\phi^{-1})(h)\phi\psi([v_\alpha, v_\beta]).$$

From here  $[\mathfrak{L}_\alpha, \mathfrak{L}_\beta] \subset \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-1}+\beta\psi^{-1}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.3.** The following assertions hold.

1. If  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  then  $\alpha\phi^{-z_1}\psi^{-z_2} \in \Lambda$  for any  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
2.  $\mathfrak{L}_0 = H$ .

**Proof.** 1. Consequence of Lemma 1.1-1, 2.

2. The fact  $H \subset \mathfrak{L}_0$  is a direct consequence of the character of abelian subalgebra of  $H$ . Let us now show  $\mathfrak{L}_0 \subset H$ . For any  $0 \neq x \in \mathfrak{L}_0$  we can express  $x = h \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^m v_{\alpha_i})$  with  $h \in H$ , any  $v_{\alpha_i} \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_i}$  and with  $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$  when  $i \neq j$ . Since for any  $h' \in H$  we have  $[h', x] = 0$ , then Lemma 1.1 allows us to get  $0 = [h', x] = [h', h + \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \phi\phi^{-1}(v_{\alpha_i})] = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \phi(h') \psi(v_{\alpha_i}) = 0$ . From here, Lemma 1.1 together with the fact  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  gives us that any  $v_{\alpha_i} = 0$ . Hence  $x = h \in H$ .  $\square$

Maybe the main topic in the theory of Hom-algebras consists in studying if a known result for a class of, non-deformed, algebra still holds true for the corresponding class of Hom-algebras. Following this line, the present paper shows how the structure theorems getting in [11] and in [10] for split Lie algebras and split regular Hom-Lie algebras respectively, also hold for the class of split regular BiHom-Lie algebras. We would like to know that all of the constructions carried out along this paper strongly involve both of the structure mappings  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ , which makes the proofs different from the non-bi-deformed cases.

## 2. Connections of roots techniques

As in the previous section,  $\mathfrak{L}$  denotes a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra and

$$\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{L}_0 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} \right)$$

the corresponding root spaces decomposition. Given a linear functional  $\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ , we denote by  $-\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  the element in  $H^*$  defined by  $(-\alpha)(h) := -\alpha(h)$  for all  $h \in H$ . We also denote by

$$-\Lambda := \{-\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \text{ and } \pm \Lambda := \Lambda \cup (-\Lambda).$$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ . We will say that  $\alpha$  is connected to  $\beta$  if

- Either  $\beta = \epsilon \alpha \phi^{z_1} \psi^{z_2}$  for some  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$ , or
  - Either there exists  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset \pm \Lambda$ , with  $k \geq 2$ , such that
    1.  $\alpha_1 \in \{\alpha \phi^{-n} \psi^{-r} : n, r \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
    2.  $\alpha_1 \phi^{-1} + \alpha_2 \psi^{-1} \in \pm \Lambda$ ,  
 $\alpha_1 \phi^{-2} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_3 \psi^{-1} \in \pm \Lambda$ ,  
 $\alpha_1 \phi^{-3} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-2} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_3 \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_4 \psi^{-1} \in \pm \Lambda$ ,  
 $\dots$   
 $\alpha_1 \phi^{-i} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-i+1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_3 \phi^{-i+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_{i+1} \psi^{-1} \in \pm \Lambda$ ,  
 $\dots$   
 $\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+2} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+3} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_3 \phi^{-k+4} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-2} \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_{k-1} \psi^{-1} \in \pm \Lambda$ .
    3.  $\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_3 \phi^{-k+3} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i \phi^{-k+i} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1} + \alpha_k \psi^{-1} \in \{\pm \beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s} : m, s \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
- We will also say that  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  is a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ .

Observe that for any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have that  $\alpha \phi^{z_1} \psi^{z_2}$  is connected to  $\alpha \phi^{z_3} \psi^{z_4}$  for any  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and also to  $-\alpha \phi^{z_3} \psi^{z_4}$  in case  $-\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** The relation  $\sim$  in  $\Lambda$ , defined by  $\alpha \sim \beta$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is connected to  $\beta$ , is symmetric.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\alpha \sim \beta$ . In case  $\beta = \epsilon \alpha \phi^{z_1} \psi^{z_2}$  with  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$  we clearly have  $\beta \sim \alpha$ . So, let us consider a connection

$$\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset \pm \Lambda, \tag{6}$$

$k \geq 2$ , from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ . Observe that condition 3. in Definition 2.1 allows us to distinguish two possibilities. In the first one

$$\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i \phi^{-k+i} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k \psi^{-1} = \beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}, \tag{7}$$

while in the second one

$$\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i \phi^{-k+i} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k \psi^{-1} = -\beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s} \tag{8}$$

for some  $m, s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose we have the first above possibility (7). Lemma 1.3-1 shows that the set

$$\{\beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}, -\alpha_k \phi^{-1}, -\alpha_{k-1} \phi^{-3}, -\alpha_{k-2} \phi^{-5}, \dots, -\alpha_{k-i} \phi^{-2i-1}, \dots, -\alpha_2 \phi^{-2k+3}\} \subset \pm \Lambda.$$

We are going to show that this set is a connection from  $\beta$  to  $\alpha$ . It is clear that satisfies condition 1. of Definition 2.1, so let us check that also satisfies condition 2. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}) \phi^{-1} - (\alpha_k \phi^{-1}) \psi^{-1} &= (\beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s} - \alpha_k \psi^{-1}) \phi^{-1} \\ &= (\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \phi^{-1} \psi^{-1}) \phi^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

last equality being consequence of Eq. (7), and so

$$(\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-1} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\psi^{-1} = (\alpha_1\phi^{-k+2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-1}\psi^{-1})\phi^{-2}.$$

Taking into account

$$\alpha_1\phi^{-k+2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-1}\psi^{-1} \in \pm\Lambda$$

by condition 2. of Definition 2.1 applied to the connection (6), Lemma 1.3-1 allows us to assert  $(\beta\phi^{-n}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-1} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\psi^{-1} \in \pm\Lambda$ .

For any  $1 \leq i \leq k-2$  we also have that,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-i} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\phi^{-i+1}\psi^{-1} - (\alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3})\phi^{-i+2}\psi^{-1} - \dots - (\alpha_{k-(i-1)}\phi^{-2i+1})\psi^{-1} \\ &= (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s} - \alpha_k\psi^{-1} - \alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} - \dots - \alpha_{k-(i-1)}\phi^{-i+1}\psi^{-1})\phi^{-i} \\ &= (\alpha_1\phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-i}\phi^{-i}\psi^{-1})\phi^{-i}, \end{aligned}$$

last equality being consequence of Eq. (7). From here,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-i} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\phi^{-i+1}\psi^{-1} - (\alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3})\phi^{-i+2}\psi^{-1} - \dots - (\alpha_{k-(i-1)}\phi^{-2i+1})\psi^{-1} \\ &= (\alpha_1\phi^{-k+i+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+i+2}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-i}\psi^{-1})\phi^{-2i}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking now into account that, by condition 2. of Definition 2.1 applied to (6),

$$\alpha_1\phi^{-k+i+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+i+2}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-i}\psi^{-1} \in \pm\Lambda,$$

we get as consequence of Lemma 1.3-1 that

$$(\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-i} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\phi^{-i+1}\psi^{-1} - (\alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3})\phi^{-i+2}\psi^{-1} - \dots - (\alpha_{k-(i-1)}\phi^{-2i+1})\psi^{-1} \in \pm\Lambda.$$

Consequently, our set satisfies condition 2. of Definition 2.1. Let us prove that this set also satisfies condition 3. of this definition. We have as above that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-k+1} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} - (\alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3})\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} - \dots - (\alpha_2\phi^{-2k+3})\psi^{-1} \\ &= (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s} - \alpha_k\psi^{-1} - \alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} - \dots - \alpha_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1})\phi^{-k+1} \\ &= (\alpha_1\phi^{-k+1})\phi^{-k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Condition 1. of Definition 2.1 applied to the connection (6) gives us now that  $\alpha_1 = \alpha\phi^{-n}\psi^{-r}$  for some  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s})\phi^{-k+1} - (\alpha_k\phi^{-1})\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} - (\alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3})\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} - \dots - (\alpha_2\phi^{-2k+3})\psi^{-1} \\ &= \alpha\phi^{-(2k-2+n)}\psi^{-r} \in \{\alpha\phi^{-h}\psi^{-r} : h, r \in \mathbb{N}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We have showed that our set is actually a connection from  $\beta$  to  $\alpha$ .

Suppose now we are in the second possibility given by Eq. (8). Then we can prove as in the above first possibility, given by Eq. (7), that

$$\{\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s}, \alpha_k\phi^{-1}, \alpha_{k-1}\phi^{-3}, \alpha_{k-2}\phi^{-5}, \dots, \alpha_{k-i}\phi^{-2i-1}, \dots, \alpha_2\phi^{-2k+3}\}$$

is a connection from  $\beta$  to  $\alpha$ . We conclude  $\beta \sim \alpha$  and so the relation  $\sim$  is symmetric.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , be a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  with  $\alpha_1 = \alpha\phi^{-n}\psi^{-r}$ ,  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for any  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$  and  $m, s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m \geq n$  and  $s \geq r$ , there exists a connection  $\{\bar{\alpha}_1, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_k\}$  from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  such that  $\bar{\alpha}_1 = \alpha\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s}$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.3-1, 2 we have  $\{\alpha_1\phi^{n-m}\psi^{r-s}, \dots, \alpha_k\phi^{n-m}\psi^{r-s}\} \subset \pm\Lambda$ . Define  $\bar{\alpha}_i := \alpha_i\phi^{n-m}\psi^{r-s}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then Lemma 1.3-1 allows us to verify that  $\{\bar{\alpha}_1, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_k\}$  is a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  which clearly satisfies

$$\bar{\alpha}_1 = \alpha_1\phi^{n-m}\psi^{r-s} = (\alpha\phi^{-n}\psi^{-r})\phi^{n-m}\psi^{r-s} = \alpha\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s}. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , be a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  with

$$\alpha_1\phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i\phi^{-k+i}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k\psi^{-1} = \epsilon\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s},$$

being  $m, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$ . Then for any  $q, p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q \geq m$ ,  $p \geq s$ , there exists a connection  $\{\bar{\alpha}_1, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_k\}$  from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  such that

$$\bar{\alpha}_1\phi^{-k+1} + \bar{\alpha}_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} + \bar{\alpha}_3\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \bar{\alpha}_i\phi^{-k+i}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \bar{\alpha}_k\psi^{-1} = \epsilon\beta\phi^{-q}\psi^{-p}.$$

**Proof.** Lemma 1.3-1 allows us to assert that  $\{\alpha_1 \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p}, \dots, \alpha_k \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p}\} \subset \pm \Lambda$ . Define now  $\tilde{\alpha}_i := \alpha_i \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Then as in the previous item, Lemma 1.3-1 gives us that  $\{\tilde{\alpha}_1, \dots, \tilde{\alpha}_k\}$  is a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ . Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \tilde{\alpha}_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \tilde{\alpha}_3 \phi^{-k+3} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \tilde{\alpha}_k \psi^{-1} \\ = \alpha_1 \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p} \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p} \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p} \psi^{-1} \\ = (\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k \psi^{-1}) \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p} \\ = (\epsilon \beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}) \phi^{m-q} \psi^{s-p} \\ = \epsilon \beta \phi^{-q} \psi^{-p}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** The relation  $\sim$  in  $\Lambda$ , defined by  $\alpha \sim \beta$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is connected to  $\beta$ , is transitive.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\alpha \sim \beta$  and  $\beta \sim \gamma$ .

If  $\beta = \epsilon \alpha \phi^{z_1} \psi^{z_2}$  for some  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$  and  $\gamma = \epsilon' \beta \phi^{z_3} \psi^{z_4}$  for some  $z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it is clear that  $\alpha \sim \gamma$ .

Suppose  $\beta = \epsilon \alpha \phi^{z_1} \psi^{z_2}$  for some  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$  and  $\beta$  is connected to  $\gamma$  through a connection  $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p\}$ ,  $p \geq 2$ , being  $\tau_1 = \beta \phi^{-n} \psi^{-r}$ ,  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$ . By choosing  $m, s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m \geq n$ ,  $s \geq r$  and  $z_1 - m \leq 0$  and  $z_2 - s \leq 0$ , Lemma 2.2 allows us to assert that  $\beta$  is connected to  $\gamma$  through a connection  $\{\bar{\tau}_1, \bar{\tau}_2, \dots, \bar{\tau}_k\}$  such that  $\bar{\tau}_1 = \beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}$ . From here,  $\{\epsilon \bar{\tau}_1, \epsilon \bar{\tau}_2, \dots, \epsilon \bar{\tau}_k\}$  is a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\gamma$ .

Finally, let us write  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , for a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ , which satisfies

$$\alpha_1 \phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2 \phi^{-k+2} \psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k \psi^{-1} = \epsilon \beta \phi^{-m} \psi^{-s}, \quad (9)$$

for some  $m, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$ ; and write  $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p\}$  for a connection from  $\beta$  to  $\gamma$ , being then

$$\tau_1 = \beta \phi^{-q} \psi^{-p} \quad (10)$$

for some  $n, q \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 allows us to suppose  $m = q$  and  $s = p$ .

From here, taking into account Eqs. (9), and (10); and the fact  $m = q$  and  $s = p$ , we can easily verify that  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_p\}$  is a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\gamma$  if  $\epsilon = 1$ ; and that  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k, -\tau_2, \dots, -\tau_p\}$  it is if  $\epsilon = -1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** The relation  $\sim$  in  $\Lambda$ , defined by  $\alpha \sim \beta$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is connected to  $\beta$ , is an equivalence relation.

**Proof.** Since clearly the relation  $\sim$  is reflexive, the result follows of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4.  $\square$

### 3. Decompositions as sum of ideals

By Corollary 2.1 the connection relation is an equivalence relation in  $\Lambda$ . From here, we can consider the quotient set

$$\Lambda / \sim = \{[\alpha] : \alpha \in \Lambda\},$$

becoming  $[\alpha]$  the set of nonzero roots  $\mathfrak{L}$  which are connected to  $\alpha$ .

Our next goal in this section is to associate an (adequate) ideal  $I_{[\alpha]}$  to any  $[\alpha]$ .

Fix  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we start by defining the set  $I_{0,[\alpha]} \subset \mathfrak{L}_0$  as follows:

$$I_{0,[\alpha]} := \text{span}_{\mathbb{K}}\{[\mathfrak{L}_\beta, \mathfrak{L}_\gamma] : \beta, \gamma \in [\alpha] \cup \{0\}\} \cap \mathfrak{L}_0.$$

By applying Lemmas 1.1-2 and 1.2 we get

$$I_{0,[\alpha]} := \text{span}_{\mathbb{K}}\{[\mathfrak{L}_{\beta\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\beta\phi^{-1}}] : \beta \in [\alpha]\}.$$

Next, we define

$$V_{[\alpha]} := \bigoplus_{\beta \in [\alpha]} \mathfrak{L}_\beta.$$

Finally, we denote by  $I_{[\alpha]}$  the direct sum of the two subspaces above, that is,

$$I_{[\alpha]} := I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}.$$

**Proposition 3.1.** For any  $[\alpha] \in \Lambda / \sim$ , the following assertions hold.

1.  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\alpha]}] \subset I_{[\alpha]}$ .
2.  $\phi(I_{[\alpha]}) = I_{[\alpha]}$  and  $\psi(I_{[\alpha]}) = I_{[\alpha]}$ .

**Proof.** 1. Since  $I_{0,[\alpha]} \subset \mathcal{L}_0 = H$ , then  $[I_{0,[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\alpha]}] = 0$  and we have

$$[I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}] \subset [I_{0,[\alpha]}, V_{[\alpha]}] + [V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\alpha]}] + [V_{[\alpha]}, V_{[\alpha]}]. \quad (11)$$

Let us consider the first summand in Eq. (11). Given  $\beta \in [\alpha]$  we have  $[I_{0,[\alpha]}, \mathcal{L}_\beta] \subset \mathcal{L}_{\beta\psi^{-1}}$ , being  $\beta\psi^{-1} \in [\alpha]$  by Lemma 1.3-1. Hence  $[I_{0,[\alpha]}, \mathcal{L}_\beta] \subset V_{[\alpha]}$ . In a similar way we get  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, I_{0,[\alpha]}] \subset V_{[\alpha]}$ . Consider now the third summand in Eq. (11). Given  $\beta, \gamma \in [\alpha]$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, \mathcal{L}_\gamma] \neq 0$ , then  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, \mathcal{L}_\gamma] \subset \mathcal{L}_{\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1}}$ . If  $\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1} = 0$  we have  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, \mathcal{L}_{-\gamma}] \subset \mathcal{L}_0$  and so  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, \mathcal{L}_{-\gamma}] \subset I_{0,[\alpha]}$ . Suppose then  $\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1} \in \Lambda$ . We have that  $\{\beta, \gamma\}$  is a connection from  $\beta$  to  $\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1}$ . The transitivity of  $\sim$  gives now that  $\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1} \in [\alpha]$  and so  $[\mathcal{L}_\beta, \mathcal{L}_\gamma] \subset \mathcal{L}_{\beta\phi^{-1} + \gamma\psi^{-1}} \subset V_{[\alpha]}$ . Hence  $[\bigoplus_{\beta \in [\alpha]} \mathcal{L}_\beta, \bigoplus_{\beta \in [\alpha]} \mathcal{L}_\beta] \subset I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}$ . That is,

$$[V_{[\alpha]}, V_{[\alpha]}] \subset I_{[\alpha]}. \quad (12)$$

From Eqs. (11) and (12) we get  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\alpha]}] = [I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}] \subset I_{[\alpha]}$ .

2. The facts  $\phi(I_{[\alpha]}) = I_{[\alpha]}$  and  $\psi(I_{[\alpha]}) = I_{[\alpha]}$  are direct consequences of Lemma 1.1-1.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** For any  $[\alpha] \neq [\gamma]$  we have  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$[I_{0,[\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\gamma]} \oplus V_{[\gamma]}] \subset [I_{0,[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}] + [V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\gamma]}] + [V_{[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}]. \quad (13)$$

Consider the above third summand  $[V_{[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}]$  and suppose there exist  $\alpha_1 \in [\alpha]$  and  $\gamma_1 \in [\gamma]$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}, \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}] \neq 0$ . As necessarily  $\alpha_1\phi^{-1} \neq -\gamma_1\psi^{-1}$ , then  $\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \gamma_1\psi^{-1} \in \Lambda$ . So  $\{\alpha_1, \gamma_1, -\alpha_1\phi^{-1}\}$  is a connection between  $\alpha_1$  and  $\gamma_1$ . By the transitivity of the connection relation we have  $\alpha \in [\gamma]$ , a contradiction. Hence  $[\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}, \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}] = 0$  and so

$$[V_{[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}] = 0. \quad (14)$$

Consider now the first summand  $[I_{0,[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}]$  in Eq. (13). Let us take  $\alpha_1 \in [\alpha]$  and  $\gamma_1 \in [\gamma]$  and show that

$$\gamma_1([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}]) = 0.$$

Indeed, by BiHom-Jacobi identity we have

$$[\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}), [\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]] + [\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), [\psi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1})]] + [\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1}), [\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1})]] = 0.$$

Now by Eq. (14) we get

$$[\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}), [\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]] = 0$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}), [\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]] = [\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}), \phi\phi^{-1}([\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})])] \\ &= [\psi\phi^{-1}([\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]), \phi\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1})]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi\phi^{-1}([\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]) \subset \mathcal{L}_0 = H$  and  $\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}) \subset \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1\psi^{-1}}$  we obtain

$$\gamma_1\phi^{-1}([\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})])\phi\psi^2(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}) = 0.$$

From here

$$\gamma_1\phi^{-1}([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}]) = \gamma_1\phi^{-1}([\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}), \phi(\mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1})]) = 0 \quad (15)$$

for any  $\alpha_1 \in [\alpha]$ .

Since

$$\phi([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}]) \subset [\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}\phi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-2}}],$$

we get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}] \subset \phi^{-1}([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}\phi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-2}}]) = \phi^{-1}([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-2}}]).$$

Taking now into account that Eq. (15) and the fact  $\alpha_1\phi^{-1} \in [\alpha]$  give us

$$\gamma_1\phi^{-1}([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-2}}]) = 0$$

we conclude

$$\gamma_1([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}]) = 0.$$

From here  $[[\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}] \subset \gamma_1([\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{-\alpha_1\phi^{-1}}])\phi\psi(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma_1}) = 0$ . We have showed  $[I_{0,[\alpha]}, V_{[\gamma]}] = 0$ . In a similar way we get  $[V_{[\alpha]}, I_{0,[\gamma]}] = 0$  and we conclude, together with Eqs. (13) and (14), that  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** *The following assertions hold.*

1. For any  $[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim$ , the linear space

$$I_{[\alpha]} = I_{0, [\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]}$$

of  $\mathfrak{L}$  associated to  $[\alpha]$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

2. If  $\mathfrak{L}$  is simple, then there exists a connection from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ ; and  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$ .

**Proof.** 1. Since  $[I_{[\alpha]}, H] \subset I_{[\alpha]}$  we have by Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 that

$$[I_{[\alpha]}, \mathfrak{L}] = \left[ I_{[\alpha]}, H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\beta \in [\alpha]} \mathfrak{L}_{\beta} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\gamma \notin [\alpha]} \mathfrak{L}_{\gamma} \right) \right] \subset I_{[\alpha]}.$$

In a similar way we get  $[\mathfrak{L}, I_{[\alpha]}] \subset I_{[\alpha]}$  and, finally, as we also have by Proposition 3.1 that  $\phi(I_{[\alpha]}) = \psi(I_{[\alpha]}) = I_{[\alpha]}$  we conclude  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

2. The simplicity of  $\mathfrak{L}$  implies  $I_{[\alpha]} = \mathfrak{L}$ . From here, it is clear that  $[\alpha] = \Lambda$  and  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *We have*

$$\mathfrak{L} = U + \sum_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]},$$

where  $U$  is a linear complement in  $H$  of  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$  and any  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is one of the ideals of  $\mathfrak{L}$  described in Theorem 3.1-1. Furthermore  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$  when  $[\alpha] \neq [\gamma]$ .

**Proof.** We have  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is well defined and, by Theorem 3.1-1, an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , being clear that

$$\mathfrak{L} = H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha} \right) = U + \sum_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]}.$$

Finally, Proposition 3.2 gives us  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$  if  $[\alpha] \neq [\gamma]$ .  $\square$

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) := \{v \in \mathfrak{L} : [v, \mathfrak{L}] + [\mathfrak{L}, v] = 0\}$  the center of  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** *If  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) = 0$  and  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$ . Then  $\mathfrak{L}$  is the direct sum of the ideals given in Theorem 3.1,*

$$\mathfrak{L} = \bigoplus_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]}.$$

Furthermore  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$  when  $[\alpha] \neq [\gamma]$ .

**Proof.** Since  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$  we get  $\mathfrak{L} = \sum_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]}$ . Finally, to verify the direct character of the sum, take some  $v \in I_{[\alpha]} \cap (\sum_{[\beta] \in \Lambda/\sim, [\beta] \neq [\alpha]} I_{[\beta]})$ . Since  $v \in I_{[\alpha]}$ , the fact  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\beta]}] = 0$  when  $[\alpha] \neq [\beta]$  gives us

$$\left[ v, \sum_{[\beta] \in \Lambda/\sim, [\beta] \neq [\alpha]} I_{[\beta]} \right] + \left[ \sum_{[\beta] \in \Lambda/\sim, [\beta] \neq [\alpha]} I_{[\beta]}, v \right] = 0.$$

In a similar way, since  $v \in \sum_{[\beta] \in \Lambda/\sim, [\beta] \neq [\alpha]} I_{[\beta]}$  we get  $[v, I_{[\alpha]}] + [I_{[\alpha]}, v] = 0$ . That is,  $v \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L})$  and so  $v = 0$ .  $\square$

#### 4. The simple components

In this section we are interested in studying under which conditions  $\mathfrak{L}$  decomposes as the direct sum of the family of its simple ideals, obtaining so a second Wedderburn-type theorem for a class of BiHom-Lie algebras. We recall that a roots system  $\Lambda$  of a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is called *symmetric* if it satisfies that  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  implies  $-\alpha \in \Lambda$ . From now on we will suppose  $\Lambda$  is symmetric.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$  such that  $I \subset H$ , then  $I \subset \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L})$ .*

**Proof.** Consequence of  $[I, H] + [H, I] \subset [H, H] = 0$  and  $[I, \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}] + [\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}, I] \subset (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}) \cap H = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$  there exists  $h_0 \in H$  such that  $\alpha(h_0) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha(h_0) \neq \beta(h_0)$ .*

**Proof.** As  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , there exists  $h \in H$  such that  $\alpha(h) \neq \beta(h)$ . If  $\alpha(h) \neq 0$  we have finished, so let us suppose  $\alpha(h) = 0$  what implies  $\beta(h) \neq 0$ . Since  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we can fix some  $h' \in H$  such that  $\alpha(h') \neq 0$ . We can distinguish two cases, in the first one  $\alpha(h') \neq \beta(h')$  and in the second one  $\alpha(h') = \beta(h')$ . Then we have that by taking  $h_0 := h'$  in the first case and  $h_0 := h + h'$  in the second one we complete the proof.  $\square$



**Lemma 4.3.** If  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $x = h + \sum_{j=1}^n v_{\alpha_j} \in I$ , with  $h \in H$ ,  $v_{\alpha_j} \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_j}$  and  $\alpha_j \neq \alpha_k$  if  $j \neq k$ . Then any  $v_{\alpha_j} \in I$ .

**Proof.** If  $n = 1$  we have  $x = h + v_{\alpha_1} \in I$ . By taking  $h' \in H$  such that  $\alpha_1(h') \neq 0$  we get  $[h', x] = [h', \phi\phi^{-1}(h)] + [h', \phi\phi^{-1}(v_{\alpha_1})] = \alpha_1\phi(h')\psi(v_{\alpha_1}) \in I$  and so  $\psi(v_{\alpha_1}) \in I$ . From here  $\psi^{-1}(\psi(v_{\alpha_1})) = v_{\alpha_1} \in I$ .

Suppose now  $n > 1$  and consider  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . By Lemma 4.2 there exists  $h_0 \in H$  such that  $\alpha_1(h_0) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_1(h_0) \neq \alpha_2(h_0)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [h_0, x] &= [h_0, \phi\phi^{-1}(h)] + [h_0, \phi\phi^{-1}(v_{\alpha_1})] + [h_0, \phi\phi^{-1}(v_{\alpha_2})] + \cdots + [h_0, \phi\phi^{-1}(v_{\alpha_n})] \\ &= \alpha_1\phi(h_0)\psi(v_{\alpha_1}) + \alpha_2\phi(h_0)\psi(v_{\alpha_2}) + \cdots + \alpha_n\phi(h_0)\psi(v_{\alpha_n}) \in I \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

and

$$\psi(x) = \psi(h) + \psi(v_{\alpha_1}) + \psi(v_{\alpha_2}) + \cdots + \psi(v_{\alpha_n}) \in I. \quad (17)$$

By multiplying Eq. (17) by  $\alpha_2\phi(h_0)$  and subtracting Eq. (16) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2\phi(h_0)\psi(h) + (\alpha_2\phi(h_0) - \alpha_1\phi(h_0))\psi(v_{\alpha_1}) \\ + (\alpha_2\phi(h_0) - \alpha_3\phi(h_0))\psi(v_{\alpha_3}) + \cdots + (\alpha_2\phi(h_0) - \alpha_n\phi(h_0))\psi(v_{\alpha_n}) \in I. \end{aligned}$$

By denoting  $\tilde{h} := \alpha_2\phi(h_0)\psi(h) \in H$  and  $v_{\alpha_i\psi^{-1}} := (\alpha_2\phi(h_0) - \alpha_i\phi(h_0))\psi(v_{\alpha_i}) \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_i\psi^{-1}}$  we can write

$$\tilde{h} + v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-1}} + v_{\alpha_3\psi^{-1}} + \cdots + v_{\alpha_n\psi^{-1}} \in I. \quad (18)$$

Now we can argue as above with Eq. (18) to get

$$\tilde{\tilde{h}} + v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-2}} + v_{\alpha_4\psi^{-2}} + \cdots + v_{\alpha_n\psi^{-2}} \in I$$

for  $\tilde{\tilde{h}} \in H$  and any  $v_{\alpha_i\psi^{-2}} \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_i\psi^{-2}}$ . By iterating this process we obtain

$$\bar{\tilde{h}} + v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-n+1}} \in I$$

with  $\bar{\tilde{h}} \in H$  and  $v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-n+1}} \in \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1\psi^{-n+1}}$ . As in the above case  $n = 1$ , we get  $v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-n+1}} \in I$  and consequently  $v_{\alpha_1} \in \mathbb{K}\psi^{-n+1}(v_{\alpha_1\psi^{-n+1}}) \in I$ .

In a similar way we can prove any  $v_{\alpha_i} \in I$  for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Let us introduce the concepts of root-multiplicativity and maximal length in the framework of split BiHom-Lie algebras, in a similar way to the ones for split Hom-Lie algebras, split Lie algebras, split triple systems, split Leibniz structures and so on (see [10–12] for these notions and examples).

**Definition 4.1.** We say that a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is root-multiplicative if given  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$  such that  $\alpha\phi^{-1} + \beta\psi^{-1} \in \Lambda$ , then  $[\mathfrak{L}_\alpha, \mathfrak{L}_\beta] \neq 0$ .

**Definition 4.2.** It is said that a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is of maximal length if  $\dim \mathfrak{L}_\alpha = 1$  for any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra of maximal length and root-multiplicative. Then  $\mathfrak{L}$  is simple if and only if  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) = 0$ ,  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$  and  $\Lambda$  has all of its elements connected.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\mathfrak{L}$  is simple. Since  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L})$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$  then  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) = 0$ . From here, Theorem 3.1-2 completes the proof of the first implication. To prove the converse, consider  $I$  a nonzero ideal of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . By Lemma 4.3 we can write  $I = (I \cap H) \oplus (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} I_\alpha)$ , where  $I_\alpha := I \cap \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ . By the maximal length of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , if we denote by  $\Lambda_I := \{\alpha \in \Lambda : I_\alpha \neq 0\}$ , we can write  $I = (I \cap H) \oplus (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda_I} \mathfrak{L}_\alpha)$ , being also  $\Lambda_I \neq \emptyset$  as consequence of Lemma 4.1. Let us fix some  $\alpha_0 \in \Lambda_I$  being then  $0 \neq \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_0} \subset I$ . Since  $\phi(I) = I$  and  $\psi(I) = I$  and by making use of Lemma 1.1-1 we can assert that

$$\text{if } \alpha \in \Lambda_I \text{ then } \{\alpha\phi^{z_1}\psi^{z_2} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \Lambda_I. \quad (19)$$

In particular

$$\{\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_0\phi^{z_1}\psi^{z_2}} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset I. \quad (20)$$

Now, let us take any  $\beta \in \Lambda$  satisfying  $\beta \notin \{\pm\alpha_0\phi^{z_1}\psi^{z_2} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Since  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta$  are connected, we have a connection  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , from  $\alpha_0$  to  $\beta$  satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \alpha_0\phi^{-n}\psi^{-r} \text{ for some } n, r \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1} &\in \Lambda, \\ \alpha_1\phi^{-2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\psi^{-1} &\in \Lambda, \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ \alpha_1\phi^{-i+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-i+2} + \alpha_3\phi^{-i+3} + \cdots + \alpha_i\psi^{-1} &\in \Lambda, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots\dots\dots \\ & \alpha_1\phi^{-k+2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\phi^{-k+4}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_{k-2}\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_{k-1}\psi^{-1} \in \Lambda, \\ & \alpha_1\phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\phi^{-k+3}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_i\phi^{-k+i}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} + \\ & \alpha_k\psi^{-1} = \epsilon\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s} \text{ for some } m, s \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \epsilon \in \{1, -1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \Lambda$  and  $\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1} \in \Lambda$ , the root-multiplicativity and maximal length of  $\mathfrak{L}$  allow us to assert  $0 \neq [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1}, \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_2}] = \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1}}$ . Since  $0 \neq \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1} \subset I$  as consequence of Eq. (20) we get

$$0 \neq \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1}} \subset I.$$

A similar argument applied to  $\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1}, \alpha_3$  and

$$(\alpha_1\phi^{-1} + \alpha_2\psi^{-1})\phi^{-1} + \alpha_3\psi^{-1} = \alpha_1\phi^{-2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\psi^{-1}$$

gives us  $0 \neq \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-2} + \alpha_2\phi^{-1}\psi^{-1} + \alpha_3\psi^{-1}} \subset I$ . We can follow this process with the connection  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  to get

$$0 \neq \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha_1\phi^{-k+1} + \alpha_2\phi^{-k+2}\psi^{-1} + \dots + \alpha_k\psi^{-1}} \subset I$$

and then

$$\text{either } \mathfrak{L}_{\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s}} \subset I \text{ or } \mathfrak{L}_{-\beta\phi^{-m}\psi^{-s}} \subset I.$$

From Eqs. (19) and (20), we now get

$$\text{either } \{\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\phi^{-z_1}\psi^{-z_2}} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset I \text{ or } \{\mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-z_1}\psi^{-z_2}} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset I \text{ for any } \alpha \in \Lambda. \quad (21)$$

Eq. (21) can be reformulated by asserting that given any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  either  $\{\alpha\phi^{-z_1}\psi^{-z_2} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  or  $\{-\alpha\phi^{-z_1}\psi^{-z_2} : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is contained in  $\Lambda_I$ . Taking now into account  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$  we have

$$H \subset I. \quad (22)$$

If we consider now any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , since  $\mathfrak{L}_\alpha = [H, \mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi}]$  by the maximal length of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , Eq. (22) gives us  $\mathfrak{L}_\alpha \subset I$  and so  $I = \mathfrak{L}$ . That is,  $\mathfrak{L}$  is simple.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra of maximal length, root multiplicative, with  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) = 0$  and satisfying  $H = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}]$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{L} = \bigoplus_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]},$$

where any  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is a simple (split) ideal having its roots system,  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}}$ , with all of its elements  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}}$ -connected.

**Proof.** Taking into account Corollary 3.1 we can write  $\mathfrak{L} = \bigoplus_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]}$  as the direct sum of the family of ideals

$$I_{[\alpha]} = I_{0, [\alpha]} \oplus V_{[\alpha]} = \left( \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} [\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha\psi^{-1}}, \mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha\phi^{-1}}] \right) \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \in [\alpha]} \mathfrak{L}_\beta,$$

being each  $I_{[\alpha]}$  a split regular BiHom-Lie algebra having as roots system  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}} := [\alpha]$ . To make use of Theorem 4.1 in each  $I_{[\alpha]}$ , we have to observe that the root-multiplicativity of  $\mathfrak{L}$  and Proposition 3.2 show that  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}}$  has all of its elements  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}}$ -connected, that is, connected through connections contained in  $\Lambda_{I_{[\alpha]}}$ . We also get that any of the  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is root-multiplicative as consequence of the root-multiplicativity of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Clearly  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is of maximal length, and finally its center  $\mathcal{Z}_{I_{[\alpha]}}(I_{[\alpha]}) := \{x \in I_{[\alpha]} : [x, I_{[\alpha]}] = 0\} = 0$  as consequence of  $[I_{[\alpha]}, I_{[\gamma]}] = 0$  if  $[\alpha] \neq [\gamma]$  (see Theorem 3.2) and  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{L}) = 0$ . We can apply Theorem 4.1 to any  $I_{[\alpha]}$  so as to conclude  $I_{[\alpha]}$  is simple. It is clear that the decomposition  $\mathfrak{L} = \bigoplus_{[\alpha] \in \Lambda/\sim} I_{[\alpha]}$  satisfies the assertions of the theorem.  $\square$

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