

# TAYLOR SPECTRUM

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**2.1. Notation.** In the article all algebras, including Lie algebras, are complex. For Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  we will use the notation  $U\mathfrak{g}$  to denote its enveloping algebra. We will denote by  $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  and  $\text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$  the categories of left and right  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules respectively. We write  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  for the set of set of isomorphism classes of simple finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules and  $\mathbb{C}$  for trivial bimodule. For  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V$  can be defined vector spaces

$$(1) \quad V^{\mathfrak{g}} = \{v \in V : g \cdot v = 0 \ \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\},$$

called invariants and

$$(2) \quad V_{\mathfrak{g}} = V/gV,$$

called coinvariants. It is known , that  $\square^{\mathfrak{g}}$  and  $\square_{\mathfrak{g}}$  are actually functors from  $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  (or  $\text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$ ) to the category of vector spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$ , isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbb{C}, V)$  and  $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} V$  respectively.

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**2.2. Functors between categories of modules.** For the rest of this section we will denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  an arbitrary finite-dimensional Lie algebra. We define two functors  $\square^*: \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}^{op} \rightarrow \text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\square^{\circ}: \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$  as follows. The first  $\square^*$ , called duality functor, sends  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V$  to it's dual vector space, on which the right action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is defined as

$$(f \cdot g)(v) = f(g \cdot v), \text{ for all } f \in V^*, v \in V, g \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

The second  $\square^{\circ}$ , called antipode functor, sends  $V$  to itself as a vector space with right action

$$v \cdot g = -g \cdot v, \text{ for all } v \in V, g \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

These two functors define equivalence of categories  $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ ,  $\text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}^{op}$  and  $\text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}^{op}$ . We will also denote by  $\square^*$  and  $\square^{\circ}$  functors from category of right  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules to left  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules, defined the same way. It is easy to see, that  $(\square^*)^*$  and  $(\square^{\circ})^{\circ}$  are naturally isomorphic to the identity functor.

Another pair of very important functors are  $\square \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \square: \text{mod-}\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\square, \square): \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}^{op} \times \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ . If  $V \in \text{mod-}\mathfrak{g}$  and  $W \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ , then  $V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is the tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$  as vector space with action of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , fully determined by the formula

$$g \cdot v \otimes w = v \otimes (g \cdot w) - (v \cdot g) \otimes w, \text{ for all } w \in W, v \in V, g \in \mathfrak{g}$$

The Hom functor is defined as

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V, W) = V^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W.$$

For  $V, W \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{mod}\text{-}\mathfrak{g}$ ), we will denote by  $V \otimes W$  left  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V^\circ \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  (resp.  $V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W^\circ$ ).

For  $V \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  and  $S \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , we will write  $V_S$  for the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V$ . If  $S$  is one-dimensional, it is fully determined by the character  $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{g}/[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}])$  and in this case we will simply write  $V_\lambda$  for it. For example,  $\mathbb{C}_\lambda$  stands for one-dimensional module with action, given by  $g \cdot s = \lambda(g)s$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}_\lambda$  and  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . We will also use the notation  $V_{-S}$  for the module  $S^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V$ , which is motivated by the fact, that if  $S$  is again one-dimensional with character  $\lambda$ , then  $V_{-S}$  is isomorphic to  $V_{-\lambda}$ .

**2.3. Homology and cohomology of Lie algebras.** In this paragraph we recall the definitions of Lie algebra cohomology, which can be found in any related textbook .

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**Definition 1.** For  $V \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  the homology functors are defined as

$$(3) \quad H_k(\mathfrak{g}, V) = \mathrm{Tor}_k^{U\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbb{C}, V),$$

and, dually, the cohomology as

$$(4) \quad H^k(\mathfrak{g}, V) = \mathrm{Ext}_{U\mathfrak{g}}^k(\mathbb{C}, V).$$

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The homology can be computed using Chevalley-Eilenberg free resolution of the trivial  $\mathfrak{g}$  module  $\mathbb{C}$ . It has  $F_k = U\mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^k \mathfrak{g}$  in degree  $k$  with the differential given by

$$(5) \quad d(u \otimes g_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge g_p) = \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i+1} u g_i \otimes g_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{g}_i \wedge \cdots \wedge g_p + \\ + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} u \otimes [g_i, g_j] \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{g}_i \cdots \wedge \hat{g}_j \cdots \wedge g_p, \text{ where } u \in U\mathfrak{g}, g_i \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

The following fact about homology will be used in the text.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $V \in \mathbf{mod}\text{-}\mathfrak{g}$  and  $W \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}$ . Then

$$\mathrm{Tor}_k^{U\mathfrak{g}}(V, W) \cong \mathrm{Tor}_k^{U\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbb{C}, V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W) = H_k(\mathfrak{g}, V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W),$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

*Proof.* Since functors  $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} (\square \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W)$  and  $\square \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} W$  are naturally isomorphic, it suffices to show, that if  $P_\bullet \rightarrow V$  is a flat resolution of  $V$ , then  $P_\bullet \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is a flat resolution of  $V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ .

By definition, flatness of  $P_k$  means exactness of functor  $P_k \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} \square$ . Using properties of tensor product we obtain an isomorphism of functors  $(P_k \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W) \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} \square$  and  $P_k \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g}} (W \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \square)$ . The last functor is the composition of exact functors, so it is also exact, hence  $P_k \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$  is flat. ■

A useful variation of Poincare duality holds for finite dimensional Lie algebras. Let  $n = \dim \mathfrak{g}$ . We endow one-dimensional vector space  $\bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g}$  with structure of left  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module, which extends adjoint action by Leibnitz rule.

**Theorem 2** (Poincare duality). *For  $0 \leq k \leq n$  and any left  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V$ , there are vector space isomorphism*

$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}, V^*) \cong H_k(\mathfrak{g}, V)^*,$$

and

$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}, V) \cong H_{n-k}(\mathfrak{g}, (\bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g})^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V),$$

natural in  $V$ . Consequently

$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}, V^*) \cong H^{n-k}(\mathfrak{g}, \bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V)^*.$$

*Proof.* Theorem 6.10 in



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### 3. TAYLOR SPECTRUM OF $\mathfrak{g}$ -MODULE

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be an arbitrary Lie algebra and  $V$  be a left  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Recall, that  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  is the set of isomorphism classes of simple finite dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules.

**Definition 2.** *The Taylor spectrum of  $V$  is the subset of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , defined as*

$$\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}}(V) = \{S \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \mid \exists k: \text{Tor}_k^{U_{\mathfrak{g}}}(S^*, V) \neq 0\}.$$

We will simply write  $\sigma(V)$  instead of  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}}(V)$  if it is clear what Lie algebra is considered.

Let us provide several equivalent definitions, in order to use later.

**Theorem 3.** *For an arbitrary  $S \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S \in \sigma(V)$ ;
- (2)  $H_k(\mathfrak{g}, V_{-S}) \neq 0$  for some  $k$ ;
- (3)  $H^k(\mathfrak{g}, \bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_{-S}) \neq 0$  for some  $k$ ;
- (4)  $S^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g} \in \sigma(V^*)$

*Proof.*  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$  This follows immediatly from Lemma 1.

$2 \Leftrightarrow 3$  Poincare duality (Theorem 2).

$3 \Leftrightarrow 4$  Again, by Poincare duality we have

$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}, \bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_{-S})^* = H^{n-k}(\mathfrak{g}, V_{-S}^*).$$

First observe that  $V_{-S}^*$  is isomorphic to  $\bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_{-S^* \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n \mathfrak{g}}^*$ . Using the equivalence of the 1'st and the 3'rd statements we obtain the desired result.

In case of abelian Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  the set  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , due to the Lie's Theorem, can be identified with the space of characters  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .



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### 4. CASE OF SEMISIMPLE LIE ALGEBRA

In this section  $\mathfrak{g}$  denotes finite-dimensional semisimple Lie algebra.

## 5. SPECTRUM OF ONE-DIMENSIONAL EXTENSIONS

In this section we provide a tool for computing spectrum of some modules by induction.

Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be an arbitrary Lie algebra. By one-dimensional extension of  $\mathfrak{h}$  we call the exact sequence of Lie algebras

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\mathbb{C}_\lambda$  is one-dimensional  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module, such the commutator in  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by  $[g, c] = \lambda(\pi(g))c$  for all  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}_\lambda$ . The fundamental result of Lie algebra cohomology theory states, that isomorphism classes of such extensions are in one-to-one correspondence with the set  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda) = \text{Ext}_{U\mathfrak{h}}^2(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda)$ .

## 6. CASE OF SOLVABLE LIE ALGEBRA

## 7. CASE OF NILPOTENT LIE ALGEBRA

## 8. CASE OF BOREL SUBALGEBRA OF SEMISIMPLE LIE ALGEBRA