

# 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

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

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.  $\blacksquare$

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  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

prove that definitions coincide

### 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.

**5.1. Extensions of Lie algebras.** 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  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda) = \text{Ext}_{U\mathfrak{h}}^2(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda)$ . Let us recall how to construct the bijection. Let  $\xi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\bigwedge^2 \mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda)$  be a cocycle. We define Lie bracket on the vector space  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{C}_\lambda \oplus \mathfrak{h}$  by

$$[(h_1, v_1), (h_2, v_2)]_\xi = ([h_1, h_2], \lambda(h_1)v_2 - \lambda(h_2)v_1 + \xi(h_1 \wedge h_2)),$$

for all  $h_i \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}_\lambda$ . Jacobi identity is obtained from definition of cocycle and it can be shown, that cohomologous cocycles induce isomorphic extensions (comp. ).

From now and till the end of the paragraph, we write  $\mathfrak{g}$  for one-dimensional extension of  $\mathfrak{h}$ , represented by cocycle  $\xi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\bigwedge^2 \mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C}_\lambda)$ . Note, that if  $S \in \hat{\mathfrak{h}}$  – irreducible  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module, than  $S^\pi$  is also irreducible as  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module, thus we will identify  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$  with subset of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Assume that we have a  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module  $V$ , and we want to compute it's spectrum  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}}(V^\pi)$ , here  $V^\pi$  is  $V$  considered as  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module via the homomorphism  $\pi$ . The following Theorem gives us some approximations for the desired result.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $V$  be as above. The*

- (1)  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{g}}(V^\pi) \subset \hat{\mathfrak{h}} \subset \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$
- (2)

6. CASE OF SOLVABLE LIE ALGEBRA

7. CASE OF NILPOTENT LIE ALGEBRA

8. CASE OF BOREL SUBALGEBRA OF SEMISIMPLE LIE ALGEBRA