

Definition 0.1. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra on a field K and V be an n -dimensional vector space over K . And, Let $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \times V \longrightarrow V$ be a K -bilinear map. Hereinafter, we write $\phi(x, v) = x \cdot v (\forall x \in \mathfrak{g}, \forall v \in V)$. Then, (V, ϕ) is \mathfrak{g} -module such that

$$\phi([x, y], v) = [x, y] \cdot v = x \cdot (y \cdot v) - y \cdot (x \cdot v) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}, \forall v \in V.$$

Definition 0.2. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra and V be a \mathfrak{g} -module. Then, a p -dimensional **cochain** of \mathfrak{g} with values in V is a p -linear alternating mapping from $\underbrace{\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{g}}_p$ to V .

However, if p is 0, 0-cochain of \mathfrak{g} is a constant mapping from \mathfrak{g} to V .

Hereinafter, let \mathfrak{g}, V be finite dimension and $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ be a p -cochain space of \mathfrak{g} . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V) &\cong \text{Hom}(\Lambda^p \mathfrak{g}, V), & \phi &\mapsto e_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_p} \mapsto \phi(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_p}) & (p \geq 1) \\ C^0(\mathfrak{g}, V) &= V & & & (p = 0) \\ C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V) &= 0 & & & (p < 0) \end{aligned}$$

(e_1, \dots, e_n are basis of \mathfrak{g} , $1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_p \leq n$). Also, let $C^*(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ be a direct sum of all $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$. Then, we will define $\theta(x), i(y)$ as follows. Firstly, we will confirm that for x, x_1, \dots, x_p in \mathfrak{g} and Φ in $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$,

$$(x \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_p) = x \cdot \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p) - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, [x, x_i], \dots, x_p) \quad (*)$$

defines a \mathfrak{g} -module structure in $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x \cdot (y \cdot \Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_p) - (y \cdot (x \cdot \Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_p) \\
&= x \cdot ((y \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_p)) - \sum_i (y \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, [x, x_i], \dots, x_p) \\
&\quad - y \cdot ((x \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_p)) + \sum_i (x \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, [y, x_i], \dots, x_p) \\
&= x \cdot \{y \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)) - \sum_j \Phi(x_1, \dots, [y, x_j], \dots, x_p)\} \\
&\quad - \sum_i \{y \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, [x, x_i], \dots, x_p)) - \sum_{j \neq i} \Phi(x_1, \dots, [y, x_j], \dots, [x, x_i], \dots, x_p) \\
&\quad - \Phi(x_1, \dots, [y, [x, x_i]], \dots, x_p)\} \\
&\quad - y \cdot \{x \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)) - \sum_j \Phi(x_1, \dots, [x, y_j], \dots, x_p)\} \\
&\quad - \sum_i \{x \cdot \{\Phi(x_1, \dots, [y, x_i], \dots, x_p) - \sum_{j \neq i} \Phi(x_1, \dots, [x, x_j], \dots, [y, x_j], \dots, x_p) \\
&\quad - \Phi(x_1, \dots, [x, [y, x_j]], \dots, x_p)\} \\
&= [x, y] \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)) - \sum_i \Phi(x_1, \dots, [x, y], x_i, \dots, x_p) \\
&= ([x, y] \cdot \Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_p).
\end{aligned}$$

We write θ as a representation corresponding to this (*). Also, for y in \mathfrak{g} , we define $i(y)$ as a homomorphism from C^p to C^{p-1} such as the following.

$$(i(y)\Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) = \Phi(y, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}).$$

Lemma 0.1. *For x, y in \mathfrak{g} ,*

$$\theta(x) \circ i(y) - i(y) \circ \theta(x) = i([x, y]).$$

Proof. Substituting Φ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(Leftside) &= ((\theta(x) \circ i(y))\Phi - (i(y) \circ \theta(x))\Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&= (\theta(x)(i(y)\Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) - (i(y)(\theta(x)\Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&= x(i(y)\Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&\quad - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p-1} (i(y)\Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, [x, x_i], \dots, x_{p-1}) - (\theta(x)\Phi)(y, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&= x\Phi(y, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p-1} \Phi(y, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, [x, x_i], \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&\quad - \{x\Phi(y, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) - \Phi([x, y], x_1, \dots, x_{p-1})\} \\
&\quad - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p-1} \Phi(y, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, [x, x_i], \dots, x_p) \} \\
&= \Phi([x, y], x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) \\
&= (i([x, y])\Phi)(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) = (Rightside).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 0.3. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra and V be \mathfrak{g} -module. Then, we define endomorphism d as

$$\begin{aligned}
d : C^*(\mathfrak{g}, V) &\longrightarrow C^*(\mathfrak{g}, V) \\
d\Phi(x) &= x \cdot \Phi \quad \text{for } \forall \Phi \in C^0(\mathfrak{g}, V), \forall x \in \mathfrak{g} \\
d\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{p+1}) &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq p+1} (-1)^{s+1} x_s \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, x_{p+1})) \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq s < t \leq p+1} (-1)^{s+t} \Phi([x_s, x_t], x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, \hat{x}_t, \dots, x_{p+1}) \\
&\text{for } \forall \Phi \in C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V) (p \geq 1), \forall x_1, \dots, x_{p+1} \in \mathfrak{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

d maps an element of $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ to $C^{p+1}(\mathfrak{g}, V)$. This d is called **coboundary operator**.

Theorem 0.1. d satisfies $d^2 = 0$.

Fistly, we will prove this lemma.

Lemma 0.2.

- (i) $\theta(x) = i(x) \circ d + d \circ i(x)$
- (ii) $d \circ \theta(x) = \theta(x) \circ d \quad \text{for } \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}.$

Proof. About (i),

For x, x_1, \dots, x_p in \mathfrak{g} ,

$$\begin{aligned}
((i(x) \circ d)(\Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_p) &= (i(x)(d\Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_p) \\
&= d\Phi(x, x_1, \dots, x_p) \\
&= x \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)) - \sum_{1 \leq s \leq p} (-1)^{s+1} \theta(x_s) \Phi((x, x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, x_p)) \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq s \leq p} (-1)^{s+1} \Phi([x, x_s], x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, x_p) \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq s < t \leq p} (-1)^{s+t} \Phi([x_s, x_t], x, x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, \hat{x}_t, \dots, x_p) \\
&= x \cdot (\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)) \\
&\quad - \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq s \leq p} (-1)^{s+1} \left(i(x)(\theta(x_s)\Phi) - i([x, x_s])\Phi \right) (x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, x_p) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{1 \leq s < t \leq p} (-1)^{s+t} (i(x)\Phi)([x_s, x_t], x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_s, \dots, x_p) \right\} \\
&= (\theta(x) - d \circ i(x))(\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_p)).
\end{aligned}$$

About (ii), let Φ be a 0-cochain. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\theta(x) \circ d\Phi)(y) &= x(y\Phi) - [x, y]\Phi \\
&= x(y\Phi) - x(y\Phi) - y(x\Phi) = y(x\Phi) = (d\theta(x)\Phi)(y) \\
\therefore \theta(x)d\Phi &= d\theta(x)\Phi
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we assume that this relationship holds up to $p-1$. That is, for Φ in $C^{p-1}(\mathfrak{g}, V)$, $d(\theta(x)\Phi) = \theta(x)d\Phi$. Assuming that Φ is an element of $C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(i(y)(d\theta(x) - \theta(x)d))\Phi &= (i(y)(d\theta(x))\Phi - i(y)\theta(x)d\Phi) \\
&= (\theta(y) - di(y))\theta(x)\Phi + (i([x, y]) - \theta(x)i(y))d\Phi \\
&= \theta(y)\theta(x)\Phi - di(y)\theta(x)\Phi + i([x, y])d\Phi - \theta(x)i(y)d\Phi \\
&= \theta(y)\theta(x)\Phi + d(i([x, y]) - \theta(x)i(y))\Phi \\
&\quad + \{\theta([x, y]) - di([x, y])\}\Phi - \{\theta(x)(\theta(y) - di(y))\}\Phi \\
&= (\theta(x)d - d\theta(x))(i(y)\Phi) = 0 \\
\therefore (d\theta(x) - \theta(x)d)\Phi &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

□

then, we will prove theorem 0.1.

Proof. We prove by induction on p . Firstly, for $\Phi \in C^0(\mathfrak{g}, V), \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$,

$$\begin{aligned} ((d \circ d)(\Phi))(x, y) &= x \cdot (d\Phi(y)) - y \cdot (d\Phi(x)) - d\Phi([x, y]) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Secondary, we suppose that the above equation holds up to $p - 1$. Then, for $\Phi \in C^p(\mathfrak{g}, V), x_1, \dots, x_{p+2} \in \mathfrak{g}$,

$$\begin{aligned} ((d \circ d)(\Phi))(x_1, \dots, x_{p+2}) &= (i(x_1) \circ d \circ d)(\Phi)(x_2, \dots, x_{p+2}) \\ &= ((\theta(x_1) - d \circ i(x_1)) \circ d)(\Phi)(x_2, \dots, x_{p+2}) \\ &= (\theta(x_1) \circ d - d \circ (\theta(x_1) - d \circ i(x_1)))(\Phi)(x_2, \dots, x_{p+2}) \\ &= ((d \circ d \circ i(x_1))(\Phi))(x_2, \dots, x_{p+2}) \\ &= (d \circ d)(i(x_1)(\Phi))(x_2, \dots, x_{p+2}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $d^2 = 0$. □

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