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# Structure of 8-dimensional 3-Lie algebra $J_{21}$

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we study 3-Lie algebra  $J_{21}$  which is constructed by 2cubic matrix. We give the multiplication in a special basis, and provide the concrete expression of all derivations and inner derivations.

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## 1 N-cubic matrix

We first introduce the cubic matrix which is discussed in paper [1]. Then according to the method given in the paper [2], we realized the 3-Lie algebra  $J_{21}$  [3] by the 2-cubic matrix, and study the structure of its inner derivation algebra  $adJ_{21}$  and derivation algebra  $DerJ_{21}$ .

An N-order cubic matrix  $A = (a_{ijk})$  (see [1]) over a field F is an ordered object which the elements with 3 indices, and the element in the position (i, j, k) is  $(A)_{ijk} = a_{ijk} \in F$ ,  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq N$ . Denote the set of all cubic matrix over a field F by  $\Omega$ . Then  $\Omega$  is an  $N^3$ -dimensional vector space over F with

$$A + B = (a_{ijk} + b_{ijk}) \in \Omega, \quad \lambda A = (\lambda a_{ijk}) \in \Omega,$$

for  $\forall A = (a_{ijk}), B = (b_{ijk}) \in \Omega, \ \lambda \in F$ , that is,  $(A + B)_{ijk} = a_{ijk} + b_{ijk}, (\lambda A)_{ijk} = \lambda a_{ijk}$ .

Denote  $E_{ijk}$  a cubic matrix with the element in the position (i, j, k) is 1 and elsewhere are zero. Then  $\{E_{ijk}, 1 \leq i, j, k \leq N\}$  is a basis of  $\Omega$ , and for every  $A = (a_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ ,  $A = \sum_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq N} a_{ijk} E_{ijk}$ ,  $a_{ijk} \in F$ .

For all  $A = (a_{ijk}), B = (b_{ijk}) \in \Omega$ , define the multiplication  $*_{21}$  in  $\Omega$  by

$$(A *_{21} B)_{ijk} = \sum_{p,q=1}^{N} a_{qjp} b_{ipk}, 1 \le i, j, k \le N,$$

then  $(\Omega, *_{21})$  is an associative algebra, and in the basis  $\{E_{ijk} | 1 \leq i, j, k \leq N\}$ , we have

$$E_{ijk} *_{21} E_{lmn} = \delta_{km} E_{ljn}, \ 1 \le i, j, k, l, m, n \le N,$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is 1 in the cases i = j, and others are zero,  $1 \le i, j \le N$ .

Define linear function  $\langle \rangle_1 : \Omega \to F$  by  $\langle A \rangle_1 = \sum_{p,q=1}^N a_{pqq}$ , Then we have

$$\langle A *_{21} B \rangle_1 = \langle B *_{21} A \rangle_1. \tag{1}$$

So we define the multiplication  $[,,]_{21} : \Omega \land \Omega \land \Omega \to \Omega$  as follows:

 $[A, B, C]_{21} = \langle A \rangle_1 (B *_{21} C - C *_{21} B)$ 

 $+\langle B \rangle_1 (C *_{21} A - A *_{21} C) + \langle C \rangle_1 (A *_{21} B - B *_{21} A).$ (2) We obtain a 3-ary algebra  $(\Omega, [, , ]_{21}).$ 

# **2** The structure of $J_{21}$

First we give the following lemma.

**Theorem 2.1**<sup>[1]</sup> The linear space  $\Omega$  is a 3-Lie algebras [2] in the multiplication  $[,,]_{21}$ , which is denoted by  $J_{21}$ .

In the following we suppose N = 2. We have the following result.

**Theorem 2.2** The 3-Lie algebra  $J_{21}$  is a non-nilpotent indecomposable 3-Lie algebra with a basis  $e_1 = E_{111}, e_2 = E_{112}, e_3 = E_{121}, e_4 = E_{111} - E_{122}, e_5 = E_{211} - E_{111}, e_6 = E_{212} - E_{112}, e_7 = E_{221} - E_{121}, e_8 = E_{122} - E_{222}, and$ 1) the multiplication in it is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} [e_1, e_2, e_3] = e_4, [e_1, e_4, e_2] = 2e_2, [e_1, e_3, e_4] = 2e_3, [e_1, e_7, e_4] = e_7, \\ [e_1, e_3, e_5] = e_7, [e_1, e_4, e_5] = e_5, [e_1, e_6, e_3] = e_8, [e_1, e_4, e_6] = e_6, \\ [e_1, e_2, e_7] = e_5, [e_1, e_8, e_2] = e_6, [e_1, e_4, e_8] = -e_8. \end{cases}$$
(3)

Then center of  $J_{21}$  is 0.

2) The derived algebra  $J_{21}^1 = \langle e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle$ , and  $M_1 = \langle e_5, e_7 \rangle$ ,  $M_2 = \langle e_6, e_8 \rangle$  are minimal ideals of  $J_{21}$ .

3)  $J_{21}$  is a non-2-solvable, but 3-solvable 3-Lie algebra with  $[J_{21}^1, J_{21}^1, J_{21}^1] = 0.$ 

**Proof** It is clear that  $\{e_1, \dots, e_8\}$  is a basis of  $\Omega$ . By the definition of  $*_{12}$ , we obtain Eq.(3). Thanks to  $ad(e_1, e_4)$  is non-nilpotent, the 3-Lie algebra  $J_{21}$  is non-nilpotent and the center is zero. By the multiplication, dim  $J_{21}^1 = 7$ , and  $J_{21}^1 = \langle e_2, \dots, e_8 \rangle$ . Since  $[J_{21}, M_1] = M_1$  and  $[J_{21}, M_2] = M_2$ ,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are minimal ideals of  $J_{21}$ . Follows from  $[J_{21}^1, J_{21}^1, J_{21}] = J_{21}^1$ , and  $[J_{21}^1, J_{21}^1, J_{21}] = 0$ , we obtain the result. Then proof is completed.

Now we study the inner derivation algebra  $adJ_{21}$ . For  $e_i, e_j \in \Omega$ , denote

$$ad(e_i, e_j)e_k = \sum_{l=1}^{8} a_{kl}^{ij}e_l$$
, where  $a_{kl}^{ij} = -a_{kl}^{ji} \in F$ .

Then the matrix form of  $ad(e_i, e_j)$  in the basis  $e_1, \dots, e_8$  is  $\sum_{k,l=1}^8 a_{kl}^{ij} E_{kl}$ , where  $E_{kl}$  are  $8 \times 8$ -matrix units.

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $J_{21}$  be a 3-Lie algebra in Theorem 2.2. Then we have 1) dim  $adJ_{21} = 14$ , and  $\{X_1 = E_{34} - 2E_{42} + E_{75} - E_{86}, X_2 = -E_{24} + 2E_{43} + E_{57} - E_{68}, X_3 = 2E_{22} - 2E_{33} + E_{55} + E_{66} - E_{77} - E_{88}, X_4 = E_{37} + E_{45}, X_5 = E_{38} - E_{46}, X_6 = -E_{25} + E_{47}, X_7 = E_{26} + E_{48}, X_8 = E_{12}, X_9 = E_{13}, X_{10} = E_{14}, X_{11} = E_{15}, X_{12} = E_{16}, X_{13} = E_{17}, X_{14} = E_{18} \}$  is a basis of  $adJ_{21}$ , the multiplication in it is

$$\begin{cases} [X_2, X_1] = X_3, \ [X_3, X_2] = 2X_2, \ [X_1, X_3] = 2X_1, \ [X_{10}, X_2] = 2X_9, \\ [X_1, X_7] = X_5, \ [X_1, X_9] = -X_{10}, \ [X_{10}, X_1] = 2X_8, \ [X_1, X_{13}] = -X_{11}, \\ [X_1, X_{14}] = X_{12}, \ [X_3, X_5] = -X_5, \ [X_2, X_4] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_8] = X_{10}, \\ [X_1, X_6] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_{11}] = -X_{13}, \ [X_2, X_{12}] = X_{14}, \ [X_3, X_4] = -X_4, \\ [X_2, X_5] = X_7, \ [X_3, X_{12}] = -X_{12}, \ [X_3, X_6] = X_6, \ [X_3, X_7] = X_7, \\ [X_3, X_9] = 2X_9, \ [X_3, X_{11}] = -X_{11}, \ [X_3, X_{13}] = X_{13}, \ \ [X_3, X_8] = -2X_8, \\ [X_3, X_{14}] = X_{14}, \ [X_4, X_9] = -X_{13}, \ \ [X_4, X_{10}] = -X_{11}, \ [X_5, X_9] = -X_{14}, \\ [X_5, X_{10}] = X_{12}, \ \ [X_6, X_{10}] = -X_{13}, \ \ [X_6, X_8] = X_{11}, \ \ [X_7, X_8] = -X_{12}, \\ [X_7, X_{10}] = -X_{14}. \end{cases}$$

2)  $adJ_{21}$  is an indecomposable Lie algebra, and

$$adJ_{21} = L + M = ad^{1}J_{21}$$
, where  $L = \langle X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3} \rangle \cong sl(2)$ .

 $M = M_1 + M_2 + M_3 + M_4 + M_5 \text{ is a maximal nilpotent ideal of } adJ_{21}, \text{ and } M_i \text{ are irreducible } sl(2) - modules, M_1 = < X_6, X_4 >, M_2 = < X_7, X_5 >, M_3 = < X_9, X_{10}, X_8 >, M_4 = < X_{13}, X_{11} >, M_5 = < X_{14}, X_{12} >.$ 

**Proof** By a direct computation according to Eq.(3) we have

$$ad(e_1, e_2) = E_{34} - 2E_{42} + E_{75} - E_{86}, ad(e_1, e_3) = -E_{24} + 2E_{43} + E_{57} - E_{68},$$
  
$$ad(e_1, e_4) = 2E_{22} - 2E_{33} + E_{55} + E_{66} - E_{77} - E_{88}, ad(e_1, e_5) = -E_{37} - E_{45},$$

$$ad(e_1, e_6) = E_{38} - E_{46}, ad(e_1, e_7) = -E_{25} + E_{47}, ad(e_1, e_8) = E_{26} + E_{48},$$
  
$$ad(e_2, e_4) = -2E_{12}, ad(e_3, e_4) = 2E_{13}, ad(e_2, e_3) = E_{14}, ad(e_2, e_7) = E_{15},$$
  
$$ad(e_2, e_8) = -E_{16}, ad(e_3, e_5) = E_{17}, ad(e_3, e_6) = E_{18}.$$

Denote  $X_1 = E_{34} - 2E_{42} + E_{75} - E_{86}, X_2 = -E_{24} + 2E_{43} + E_{57} - E_{68}, X_3 = 2E_{22} - 2E_{33} + E_{55} + E_{66} - E_{77} - E_{88}, X_4 = E_{37} + E_{45}, X_5 = E_{38} - E_{46}, X_6 = -E_{25} + E_{47}, X_7 = E_{26} + E_{48}, X_8 = E_{12}, X_9 = E_{13}, X_{10} = E_{14}, X_{11} = E_{15}, X_{12} = E_{16}, X_{13} = E_{17}, X_{14} = E_{18}.$ 

We obtain that  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{14}\}$  is a basis of  $adJ_{21}$ . From  $[ad(e_i, e_j), ad(e_k, e_l)] = ad([e_i, e_j, e_k], e_l) + ad(e_k, [e_i, e_j e_l])$ , we have the result 1).

Let  $L = \langle X_1, X_2, X_3 \rangle$ ,  $M_1 = \langle X_6, X_4 \rangle$ ,  $M_2 = \langle X_7, X_5 \rangle$ ,  $M_3 = \langle X_9, X_{10}, X_8 \rangle$ ,  $M_4 = \langle X_{13}, X_{11} \rangle$ ,  $M_5 = \langle X_{14}, X_{12} \rangle$ . From the above discussion,  $L = \langle X_1, X_2, X_3 \rangle \cong sl(2)$ , and  $M_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  are irreducible L-modules, and  $adJ_{21} = ad^1J_{21}$ ,  $[M, M] \subseteq M$ . The proof is completed.

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $J_{21}$  be a 3-Lie algebra in Theorem 2.2. Then we have 1) The dimension of  $Der J_{21}$  is 19, and  $Der J_{21}$  with a basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{19}\}$ , where  $X_{15} = E_{11} - 2E_{33} - E_{44} - E_{77} - E_{88}, X_{16} = E_{66} + E_{88}, X_{17} = E_{55} + E_{77} - E_{66} - E_{88}, X_{18} = E_{56} - E_{78}, X_{19} = E_{65} - E_{87}, and X_i for <math>1 \le i \le 14$  is in Theorem 2.3. And the multiplication in the basis is

$$\begin{split} & [X_2, X_1] = X_3, [X_3, X_2] = 2X_2, [X_3, X_1] = -2X_1, [X_1, X_6] = X_4, \\ & [X_1, X_7] = X_5, [X_1, X_9] = -X_{10}, [X_1, X_{10}] = -2X_8, [X_1, X_{13}] = -X_{11}, \\ & [X_2, X_5] = X_7, [X_1, X_{14}] = X_{12}, [X_2, X_4] = X_6, [X_3, X_{14}] = X_{14}, \\ & [X_2, X_8] = X_{10}, [X_2, X_{10}] = -2X_9, [X_2, X_{11}] = -X_{13}, [X_2, X_{12}] = X_{14} \\ & [X_4, X_3] = X_4, [X_3, X_5] = -X_5, [X_3, X_6] = X_6, [X_3, X_7] = X_7, \\ & [X_3, X_9] = 2X_9, [X_3, X_{11}] = -X_{11}, [X_3, X_{12}] = -X_{12}, [X_3, X_{13}] = X_{13}, \\ & [X_9, X_4] = X_{13}, [X_4, X_{10}] = -X_{11}, [X_5, X_9] = -X_{14}, [X_5, X_{10}] = X_{12}, \\ & [X_6, X_8] = X_{11}, [X_{10}, X_6] = X_{13}, [X_7, X_8] = -X_{12}, [X_7, X_{10}] = -X_{14}, \\ & [X_1, X_{15}] = X_1, [X_2, X_{15}] = -X_2, [X_4, X_{15}] = X_4, [X_5, X_{15}] = X_5, \\ & [X_{15}, X_8] = X_8, [X_{15}, X_9] = 3X_9, [X_{15}, X_{10}] = 2X_{10}, [X_{15}, X_{14}] = 2X_{14}, \\ & [X_8, X_3] = 2X_8, [X_{15}, X_{11}] = X_{11}, [X_{15}, X_{12}] = X_{12}, [X_{15}, X_{13}] = 2X_{13}, \\ & [X_6, X_{17}] = X_6, [X_{11}, X_{17}] = X_{11}, [X_{13}, X_{17}] = X_{13}, [X_4, X_{18}] = X_5, \\ & [X_{11}, X_{18}] = X_{12}, [X_{18}, X_{13}] = X_{14}, [X_{19}, X_5] = X_4, [X_{19}, X_7] = X_6, \\ & [X_{19}, X_{14}] = X_{13}, [X_5, X_{16}] = X_5, [X_7, X_{16}] = X_7, [X_{12}, X_{16}] = X_{12}, \\ & [X_{17}, X_{18}] = 2X_{18}, [X_{17}, X_{19}] = -2X_{19}, [X_{18}, X_{19}] = X_{17}, \\ & [X_{18}, X_{16}] = X_{18}, [X_{19}, X_{16}] = -X_{19}, [X_4, X_{17}] = X_4, [X_6, X_{18}] = -X_7, \\ & [X_{12}, X_{19}] = X_{11}, [X_{14}, X_{16}] = X_{14}, [X_5, X_{17}] = -X_5, [X_7, X_{17}] = -X_7, \\ & [X_{12}, X_{19}] = X_{11}, [X_{14}, X_{17}] = -X_{14}. \\ \end{split}$$

2)  $Der J_{21}$  is an indecomposable Lie algebra, and

$$Der J_{21} = adJ_{21} + B, \ Der^1 J_{21} = adJ_{21}^1 + \langle X_{17}, X_{18}, X_{19} \rangle,$$

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where  $B = \langle X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{17}, X_{18}, X_{19} \rangle$ ,  $[B, B] = \langle X_{17}, X_{18}, X_{19} \rangle \cong sl(2)$ ,  $\langle X_{15}, X_{17} + X_{16} \rangle$  is contained in the center of B.

**Proof** For all  $D \in Der J_{21}$ , suppose  $D(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{8} a_{ij}e_j$ ,  $1 \le i \le 8$ , then the matrix form of D in the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_8\}$  is  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^8 = \sum_{i,j=1}^8 a_{ij}E_{ij}$ , where  $E_{ij}$  are  $(8 \times 8)$  matrix units,  $1 \le i, j \le 8$ . By a direct computation according to the multiplication (3), we have the result 1).

Thanks to Theorem 2.3,  $B = \langle X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{17}, X_{18}, X_{19} \rangle$  are exterior derivations. Then we have  $Der J_{21} = adJ_{21} + B$ , and  $[B, B] = \langle X_{17}, X_{18}, X_{19} \rangle \cong sl(2), \langle X_{15}, X_{17} + X_{16} \rangle$  is contained in the center of B. By a direct computation,  $Der^1 J_{21} = \langle X_2, \cdots, X_{19} \rangle$ . The proof is completed.

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