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# Super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebra

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#### Abstract

In this paper we investigate super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebra. The super Virasoro algebra is a Lie superalgebra equipped with a basis  $\{L_m, I_m, G_m \mid m \in Z\}$  and nontrivial Lie super-brackets:  $[L_m, L_n] = (n-m)L_{m+n}, [L_m, I_n] = nI_{m+n}, [L_m, G_n] = (n-m)G_{m+n},$  $[I_m, G_n] = G_{m+n}$ . Finally, we prove that all skew-supersymmetric super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebra are inner super-biderivations.

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### 1 Introduction

Recently, many authors have investigated biderivations of both Lie algebras and Lie superalgebras. In [3,7], the authors proved that each skew-symmetric biderivation on the Schrödinger-Virasoro algebra and a simple generalized Witt algebra over a field of characteristic 0 is a inner biderivation. Later on, superbiderivations of many Lie superalgebras were studied in [4,9,10]. In [5], the author introduced the concept of the super Virasoro algebra. In [11], the

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authors studied Lie super-bialgebra and quantization of the super Virasoro algebra.

The super Virasoro algebra S is a Lie superalgebra whose even part  $S_{\bar{0}}$  has a basis  $\{L_m, I_m \mid m \in Z\}$  and odd part  $S_{\bar{1}}$  has a basis  $\{G_m \mid m \in Z\}$ , equipped with the following nontrivial Lie super-brackets  $(m, n \in Z)$ :  $[L_m, L_n] = (n - m)L_{m+n}, [L_m, I_n] = nI_{m+n}, [L_m, G_n] = (n - m)G_{m+n}, [I_m, G_n] = G_{m+n}.$ 

Obviously, we know that S contains many important subalgebras. For example,

- $W = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} L_m$  is in fact the well-known centerless Virasoro algebra.
- $H = (\bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} L_m) \oplus (\bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} I_m)$  is the centerless twisted Heisenberg-Virasoro algebra.

Note that S is Z-graded:  $S = \bigoplus_{m \in Z} S_m$ ,  $S_m = \operatorname{span}\{L_m, I_m, G_m\}$ . Here is a detailed outline of the contents of the main parts of the arti-

Here is a detailed outline of the contents of the main parts of the article. In Section 2, we review some conclusions about super-biderivations of Lie superalgebras. In Section 3, we prove that all skew-supersymmetric super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebras are inner super-biderivations.

For the readers' convenience, we give some notations used in this paper. Denote by C, Z the sets of complex numbers, integers. We assume that all vector spaces are based on C and the degree of x or  $\phi$  is denoted by |x| or  $|\phi|$ . In addition, x is always assumed to be homogeneous when |x| occurs. Denote by hg(L) the set of all homogeneous elements of L where L be a superspace.

#### **2** Preliminaries

In this section, we shall summarize some basic concepts about super-bideivations of Lie superalgebras in [4,9].

**Definition 2.1** We call a bilinear map  $\phi: L \times L \longrightarrow L$  a super-biderivation of L if it satisfies the following two equations  $(x, y, z \in hg(L))$ :

$$\phi([x,y],z) = (-1)^{|\phi||x|} [x,\phi(y,z)] + (-1)^{|y||z|} [\phi(x,z),y], \tag{1}$$

$$\phi(x, [y, z]) = [\phi(x, y), z] + (-1)^{(|\phi| + |x|)|y|} [y, \phi(x, z)].$$
(2)

**Proposition 2.2** We say that a super-biderivation  $\phi$  of L is a skew-supersymmetric super-biderivation if  $\phi$  satisfies the following condition  $(x, y \in hg(L))$ :

$$skew - supersymmetry: \quad \phi(x,y) = -(-1)^{|x||y|}\phi(y,x). \tag{3}$$

**Definition 2.3** A super-biderivation  $\phi$  of homogenous  $\gamma \in Z_2$  of L is a super-biderivation such that  $\phi(L_{\alpha}, L_{\beta}) \subseteq L_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in Z_2$ . Denote by  $\operatorname{BDer}_{\gamma}(L)$  the set of all super-biderivations of homogenous  $\gamma$  of L. Obviously,  $\operatorname{BDer}(L) = \operatorname{BDer}_{\bar{0}}(L) \oplus \operatorname{BDer}_{\bar{1}}(L)$ .

**Lemma 2.4** If the map  $\phi_{\lambda}: L \times L \longrightarrow L$ , defined by  $\phi_{\lambda}(x, y) = \lambda[x, y]$  for any  $x, y \in hg(L)$ , where  $\lambda \in C$ , then  $\phi_{\lambda}$  is a skew-supersymmetric superbiderivation of L. We call this class super-biderivations inner super-biderivations.

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $\phi$  be a skew-supersymmetric super-biderivation on L, then we get  $[\phi(x, y), [u, v]] = (-1)^{|\phi|(|x|+|y|)}[[x, y], \phi(u, v)]$  for any  $x, y, u, v \in hg(L)$ .

**Lemma 2.6** Let  $\phi$  be a skew-supersymmetric super-biderivation on L. If  $|x| + |y| = \overline{0}$ , then  $[\phi(x, y), [x, y]] = 0$  for any  $x, y \in hg(L)$ .

**Lemma 2.7** Let  $\phi$  be a skew-supersymmetric super-biderivation on L. If [x, y] = 0, then  $\phi(x, y) \in Z([L, L])$ , where Z([L, L]) is the center of [L, L].

## 3 Super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebra

In this section, we would like to compute super-biderivations of the super Virasoro algebras.

**Lemma 3.1** Every super-skewsymmetric super-biderivation on the super Virasoro algebra S is an inner super-biderivation.

Proof Suppose  $\phi$  is a super-biderivation of the super Virasoro algebra S. Assume that  $\phi(L_0, L_n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_m^n L_m + b_m^n I_m + c_m^n G_m), \ \phi(L_0, I_n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (d_m^n L_m + e_m^n I_m + f_m^n G_m), \ \phi(L_0, G_n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (g_m^n L_m + h_m^n I_m + \Delta_m^n G_m), \ \text{where } a_m^n, \ b_m^n, c_m^n, \ d_m^n, \ e_m^n, \ f_m^n, \ g_m^n, \ h_m^n, \ \Delta_m^n \in C \ \text{for any } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$ 

According to Lemma 2.7, then  $\phi(L_0, L_0), \phi(L_0, I_0), \phi(L_0, G_0) \in Z([S, S])$ . Hence,  $\phi(L_0, L_0) = \phi(L_0, I_0) = \phi(L_0, G_0) = 0$ .

Due to  $L_m \in S_{\bar{0}}$ , then  $|L_m| + |L_n| = \bar{0}$  for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Lemma 2.6, then we obtain

$$[[L_0, L_n], \phi(L_0, L_n)] = 0$$

Furthermore,

$$n[L_n, \Sigma_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}(a_m^n L_m + b_m^n I_m + c_m^n G_m)] = 0.$$

One has

$$a_m^n(m-n) = b_m^n m = c_m^n(m-n) = 0.$$

Thus,  $a_m^n = c_m^n = 0$  for  $m \neq n$  and  $b_m^n = 0$  for  $m \neq 0$ . So we get  $\phi(L_0, L_n) = a_n^n L_n + b_0^n I_0 + c_n^n G_n$ .

By Lemma 2.5, we have

$$[\phi(L_0, L_n), [L_0, L_1]] = (-1)^{|\phi|(|L_0| + |L_n|)} [[L_0, L_n], \phi(L_0, L_1)].$$

Hence, we deduce that  $a_n^n = na_1^1$  and  $c_n^n = nc_1^1$ . Let  $\lambda = a_1^1$ ,  $\mu = c_1^1$ , then we have

$$\phi(L_0, L_n) = \lambda n L_n + b_0^n I_0 + \mu n G_n.$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have

$$[\phi(L_0, L_k), [L_0, I_n]] = (-1)^{|\phi|(|L_0| + |I_n|)}[[L_0, L_k], \phi(L_0, I_n)]$$

One deduces that

$$\phi(L_0, L_n) = \lambda n L_n + b_0^n I_0,$$
  
$$\phi(L_0, I_n) = \lambda n G_n + d_0^n I_0.$$

Set  $x = L_0, y = I_0, z = G_n$  in (2), then

$$\phi(L_0, [I_0, G_n]) = [\phi(L_0, I_0), G_n] + [I_0, \phi(L_0, G_n)].$$

Hence, we have  $\phi(L_0, G_n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (\Delta_m^n G_m)$ . Set  $x = L_0, y = L_0, z = G_n$  in (2), then

$$\phi(L_0, [L_0, G_n]) = [\phi(L_0, L_0), G_n] + [L_0, \phi(L_0, G_n)].$$

Hence, we have  $\phi(L_0, G_n) = \triangle_n^n G_n$ . Set  $x = L_0, y = L_k, z = G_n$  in (2), then we have

$$\phi(L_0, [L_k, G_n]) = [\phi(L_0, L_k), G_n] + [L_k, \phi(L_0, G_n)],$$

This shows that  $\triangle_n^n = \lambda n$  and  $b_0^n = 0$ . Set  $x = L_0, y = I_k, z = G_n$  in (2), then we have

$$\phi(L_0, [I_k, G_n]) = [\phi(L_0, I_k), G_n] + [I_k, \phi(L_0, G_n)],$$

Therefore, we have  $d_0^n = 0$ .

Finally, we have proved the following equations  $(n \in Z)$ :

$$\phi(L_0, L_n) = \lambda[L_0, L_n],$$
  
$$\phi(L_0, I_n) = \lambda[L_0, I_n],$$
  
$$\phi(L_0, G_n) = \lambda[L_0, G_n].$$

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For any  $z \in S$ , we get

$$\phi(L_0, z) = \lambda[L_0, z]$$

Due to  $|\phi| = \bar{0}$ , and according to Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$[\phi(x, y), [L_0, z]] = [[x, y], \phi(L_0, z)].$$

Furthermore we have  $[\phi(x, y) - \lambda[x, y], [L_0, z]] = 0$ . According to the arbitrary of z, then  $\phi(x, y) - \lambda[x, y] = 0$ .

Thus,  $\phi(x, y) = \lambda[x, y]$ .

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