

$F[x, y]$ AS A DIALGEBRA AND A LEIBNIZ ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT. We define a new associative dialgebra over a polynomial algebra $F[x, y]$ with two indeterminates x and y . Left derivations, right derivations, derivations and automorphisms of $F[x, y]$ as associative dialgebra are determined. Meanwhile, we also determine all homogeneous derivations of $F[x, y]$ as \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra, and automorphisms of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ preserving the standard filtration.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of Leibniz algebras has been actively studied by many mathematicians for years (cf. [1-12]). It is well-known that any associative algebra gives rise to a Lie algebra by $[x, y] = xy - yx$. It is J.-L. Loday who introduced a new notion (cf. [11]), namely, associative dialgebra, which gives (by similar procedure) a Leibniz algebra. In this paper, we introduce an associative dialgebraic structure on a polynomial algebra space $F[x, y]$ over a field F with two variables x and y . Thus $F[x, y]$ also becomes a Leibniz algebra. The purpose of this paper is to study derivation algebras and automorphism groups of $F[x, y]$ as an associative dialgebra and as a Leibniz algebra.

§ 1.1 Basic notations and results.

In this subsection we first recall some basic conceptions and notations which are all standard (cf. [11]).

Let \mathcal{D} be a vector space over a field F equipped with two associative multiplications \dashv and \vdash : $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$. If for any $x, y, z \in \mathcal{D}$, the following conditions hold

$$x \dashv (y \dashv z) = x \dashv (y \vdash z), \quad (1.1)$$

$$(x \vdash y) \dashv z = x \vdash (y \dashv z), \quad (1.2)$$

$$(x \vdash y) \vdash z = (x \dashv y) \vdash z, \quad (1.3)$$

then $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is called an associative dialgebra (or dialgebra for short) (where \dashv and \vdash are called left multiplication and right multiplication, respectively).

Obviously, associative dialgebras merge into associative algebras if $a \dashv b = a \vdash b = ab$.

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Let \mathcal{D} be a dialgebra. An element $e \in \mathcal{D}$ is called a bar-unit of \mathcal{D} if e satisfies

$$x \dashv e = x = e \vdash x, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}.$$

The set of bar-units of \mathcal{D} is called its halo.

Suppose that \mathcal{D}_1 and \mathcal{D}_2 are two dialgebras over a field F , and φ is a linear map from \mathcal{D}_1 to \mathcal{D}_2 . If for any $a, b \in \mathcal{D}_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(a \dashv b) &= \varphi(a) \dashv \varphi(b), \\ \varphi(a \vdash b) &= \varphi(a) \vdash \varphi(b), \end{aligned}$$

then φ is called a homomorphism of dialgebras from \mathcal{D}_1 to \mathcal{D}_2 .

Isomorphism of dialgebras and automorphism of dialgebra can be defined similarly.

Suppose that I is a subspace of a dialgebra \mathcal{D} . If for any $a, b \in I$, we have $a \vdash b \in I$ and $a \dashv b \in I$, then I is called a sub-dialgebra of \mathcal{D} .

Suppose that I is a subspace of a dialgebra \mathcal{D} . If for any $a \in \mathcal{D}$, $b \in I$, we have $a \vdash b \in I$, $b \vdash a \in I$, $b \dashv a \in I$ and $a \dashv b \in I$, then I is called an ideal of \mathcal{D} .

If I is an ideal of a dialgebra \mathcal{D} , then on the quotient space \mathcal{D}/I we can define a natural dialgebra structure, the dialgebra \mathcal{D}/I is called the quotient dialgebra determined by I . It is easy to verify that the kernel of any homomorphism of dialgebras is an ideal.

Let \mathcal{G} be a vector space over a field F . If \mathcal{G} is equipped with a multiplication $[-, -]: \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$, and satisfies the Leibniz identity

$$[a, [b, c]] = [[a, b], c] - [[a, c], b], \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathcal{G},$$

then $(\mathcal{G}, [-, -])$ is called a Leibniz algebra.

Suppose that \mathcal{G} is a Leibniz algebra, J is a subspace of \mathcal{G} . If $[\mathcal{G}, J] \subseteq J$, then J is called a left ideal. If $[J, \mathcal{G}] \subseteq J$, then J is called a right ideal of \mathcal{G} . If J is both a left and right ideal of \mathcal{G} , then J is called an (two-sided) ideal of \mathcal{G} .

For a Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} , one puts

$$Z^r(\mathcal{G}) = \{a \in \mathcal{G} \mid [x, a] = 0, x \in \mathcal{G}\},$$

then $Z^r(\mathcal{G})$ is an ideal of \mathcal{G} and is called the right annihilator of \mathcal{G} .

Let \mathcal{G} be a Leibniz algebra. The lower central series of \mathcal{G} is the sequence

$$\mathcal{G}^1 \supseteq \mathcal{G}^2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathcal{G}^n \supseteq \dots$$

of ideals of \mathcal{G} defined inductively as follows

$$\mathcal{G}^1 = \mathcal{G}, \quad \mathcal{G}^{k+1} = [\mathcal{G}^k, \mathcal{G}], \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

\mathcal{G} is said to be nilpotent if there is an integer $s > 1$, such that $\mathcal{G}^s = 0$.

The derived series of a Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} is the sequence

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)} \supseteq \mathcal{G}^{(1)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathcal{G}^{(n)} \supseteq \dots$$

of ideals of \mathcal{G} defined inductively as follows

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)} = \mathcal{G}, \quad \mathcal{G}^{(k+1)} = [\mathcal{G}^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}^{(k)}], \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

\mathcal{G} is said to be solvable if there is an integer $s > 0$, such that $\mathcal{G}^{(s)} = 0$.

Assume that \mathcal{G} is a Leibniz algebra, $d \in \text{End}(\mathcal{G})$. If d satisfies:

$$d[a, b] = [d(a), b] + [a, d(b)], \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{G},$$

then d is called a derivation of the Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} . We denote $\text{der}(\mathcal{G})$ the set of all derivations of \mathcal{G} .

Suppose that \mathcal{G} is a Leibniz algebra, and $x \in \mathcal{G}$. We define a linear transformation $\text{ad } x$ of \mathcal{G} as follows

$$\text{ad } x(y) = [y, x], \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{G}.$$

Then it is easy to verify that $\text{ad } x$ is a derivation of \mathcal{G} , and is called an inner derivation of \mathcal{G} . We denote $\text{ad}(\mathcal{G})$ the set of all inner derivations of \mathcal{G} .

Suppose that $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is an associative dialgebra over F , we can define a new multiplication $[-, -]$ on \mathcal{D} :

$$[a, b] = a \dashv b - b \vdash a.$$

Then for any $a, b, c \in \mathcal{D}$, we have

$$[a, [b, c]] = [[a, b], c] - [[a, c], b].$$

According to the definition of Leibniz algebra, $(\mathcal{D}, [-, -])$ is a Leibniz algebra.

§ 1.2 Dialgebra and Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

Suppose that $F[x, y]$ is a polynomial algebra over F with commuting indeterminates x and y , where F is any field of characteristic 0. In this subsection, we introduce an associative dialgebraic structure over the vector space $F[x, y]$ and discuss some fundamental properties of $F[x, y]$ as a dialgebra and a Leibniz algebra.

We define two multiplications \dashv and \vdash on $F[x, y]$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) \dashv g(x, y) &= f(x, y)g(y, y), \\ f(x, y) \vdash g(x, y) &= f(x, x)g(x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

Then we have

Theorem 1.2.1. *$(F[x, y], \dashv, \vdash)$ is an associative dialgebra, where the left multiplication \dashv and the right multiplication \vdash are defined as (1.4).*

Proof. Since $\{x^m y^n \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ is a basis of $F[x, y]$ it is sufficient to prove (1.1)-(1.3) on basis elements. By (1.4), for any $x^m y^n, x^s y^t, x^i y^j \in F[x, y]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^m y^n \dashv (x^s y^t \dashv x^i y^j) &= x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^{t+i+j} = x^m y^{n+s+t+i+j}, \\ (x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^t) \dashv x^i y^j &= x^m y^{n+s+t} \dashv x^i y^j = x^m y^{n+s+t+i+j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x^m y^n \dashv (x^s y^t \dashv x^i y^j) = (x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^t) \dashv x^i y^j.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} x^m y^n \vdash (x^s y^t \vdash x^i y^j) &= x^m y^n \vdash x^{s+t+i} y^j = x^{m+n+s+t+i} y^j, \\ (x^m y^n \vdash x^s y^t) \vdash x^i y^j &= x^{m+n+s} y^t \vdash x^i y^j = x^{m+n+s+t+i} y^j, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$x^m y^n \vdash (x^s y^t \vdash x^i y^j) = (x^m y^n \vdash x^s y^t) \vdash x^i y^j.$$

Thus both \dashv and \vdash satisfy the associative law. On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} x^m y^n \dashv (x^s y^t \dashv x^i y^j) &= x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^{t+i+j} = x^m y^{n+s+t+i+j}, \\ x^m y^n \dashv (x^s y^t \vdash x^i y^j) &= x^m y^n \dashv x^{s+t+i} y^j = x^m y^{n+s+t+i+j}, \end{aligned}$$

thus (1.1) holds. But

$$\begin{aligned} (x^m y^n \vdash x^s y^t) \dashv x^i y^j &= x^{m+n+s} y^t \dashv x^i y^j = x^{m+n+s} y^{t+i+j}, \\ x^m y^n \vdash (x^s y^t \dashv x^i y^j) &= x^m y^n \vdash x^s y^{t+i+j} = x^{m+n+s} y^{t+i+j}, \end{aligned}$$

then (1.2) holds. Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} (x^m y^n \vdash x^s y^t) \vdash x^i y^j &= x^{m+n+s} y^t \vdash x^i y^j = x^{m+n+s+t+i} y^j, \\ (x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^t) \vdash x^i y^j &= x^m y^{n+s+t} \vdash x^i y^j = x^{m+n+s+t+i} y^j, \end{aligned}$$

thus (1.3) holds. Therefore $(F[x, y], \dashv, \vdash)$ is an associative dialgebra. \square

Since the left (and right) multiplication of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$ satisfies associative law, $(F[x, y], \dashv)$ and $(F[x, y], \vdash)$ are all associative algebras.

From the above subsection, we know that any associative dialgebra can be turned naturally into a Leibniz algebra. Thus $F[x, y]$ can be considered as a Leibniz algebra, its Leibniz bracket is given by

$$[f(x, y), g(x, y)] = f(x, y)(g(y, y) - g(x, x)), \quad (1.5)$$

or on its basis, we have

$$[x^m y^n, x^s y^t] = x^m y^n (y^{s+t} - x^{s+t}).$$

Lemma 1.2.2. *Let $F[x, y]$ be the Leibniz algebra defined as above, then $F[x, y]^{(1)} = (y - x)F[x, y]$.*

Proof. Obviously, $(y - x) \mid g(y, y) - g(x, x)$, for any $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, thus by (1.5),

$$F[x, y]^{(1)} = [F[x, y], F[x, y]] \subseteq (y - x)F[x, y].$$

On the other hand, for any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $(y - x)f(x, y) = [f(x, y), x] \in F[x, y]^{(1)}$, so $(y - x)F[x, y] \subseteq F[x, y]^{(1)}$. Hence, $F[x, y]^{(1)} = (y - x)F[x, y]$. \square

Theorem 1.2.3. *$F[x, y]$ is a solvable Leibniz algebra, but not a nilpotent Leibniz algebra.*

Proof. By Lemma 1.2.2, we have $F[x, y]^{(1)} = (y - x)F[x, y]$. Since

$$[(y - x)f(x, y), (y - x)g(x, y)] = 0, \quad \forall f(x, y), g(x, y) \in F[x, y],$$

thus $F[x, y]^{(2)} = 0$. Hence $F[x, y]$ is solvable.

However, for any integer $n > 0$,

$$[\cdots \underbrace{[[1, x], x], \cdots, x}_n] = (y - x)^n.$$

Thus, $F[x, y]^n \neq 0$, for any $n > 0$. So $F[x, y]$ is not nilpotent. \square

Lemma 1.2.4. *Let $Z^r(F[x, y])$ be the right annihilator of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, then*

$$Z^r(F[x, y]) = \{a + (y - x)h(x, y) \mid a \in F, h(x, y) \in F[x, y]\}.$$

Proof. For any $a \in F$, and $f(x, y), h(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, we have

$$[f(x, y), a + (y - x)h(x, y)] = [f(x, y), a] + [f(x, y), (y - x)h(x, y)] = 0,$$

thus $a + (y - x)h(x, y) \in Z^r(F[x, y])$.

Conversely, if $g(x, y) \in Z^r(F[x, y])$, then $0 = [1, g(x, y)] = g(y, y) - g(x, x)$. Hence $g(x, x) = a \in F$. $(y - x) \mid g(x, y) - g(x, x)$ implies that there is $h(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that $g(x, y) - g(x, x) = (y - x)h(x, y)$, so $g(x, y) = g(x, x) + (y - x)h(x, y) = a + (y - x)h(x, y)$. This completes the proof. \square

We can also get the following result.

Lemma 1.2.5. *The halo of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$ is*

$$\{1 + (y - x)g(x, y) \mid g(x, y) \in F[x, y]\}.$$

In particular, 1 is a bar-unit of $F[x, y]$.

Assume that $F[x, y]_n$ is the subspace consisting of all homogeneous polynomials of degree n in $F[x, y]$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then $F[x, y] = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} F[x, y]_n$ is a \mathbb{Z} -graded dialgebra and a \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra. We can also define an increasing filtration on $F[x, y]$ by setting $F[x, y]_{(n)} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n F[x, y]_i$, then $F[x, y]$ is also a filtered dialgebra and a filtered Leibniz algebra. The above gradation and filtration of $F[x, y]$ are said to be *standard*.

2. DERIVATION ALGEBRA AND AUTOMORPHISM GROUP OF THE DIALGEBRA $F[x, y]$

In this section we consider $F[x, y]$ as an associative dialgebra. We first determine left derivations $\text{LDer}(F[x, y])$ and right derivations $\text{RDer}(F[x, y])$ of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$. Then derivation algebra $\text{Der}(F[x, y])$ and automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$ are also determined.

§ 2.1 Left derivations of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Definition 2.1.1. *Assume that $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is a dialgebra, $d \in \text{End}(F[x, y])$. If d satisfies:*

$$d(a \dashv b) = d(a) \dashv b + a \dashv d(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{D},$$

then d is called a left derivation of the dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. Denote the set of all left derivations of \mathcal{D} by $\text{LDer}(\mathcal{D})$. Thus $\text{LDer}(F[x, y])$ is the set of left derivations of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Suppose that $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is an associative dialgebra over F . For $z \in \mathcal{D}$, define $\widehat{\text{adz}}(a) = z \dashv a - a \dashv z$, $\forall a \in \mathcal{D}$, then $\widehat{\text{adz}}$ is a left derivation of \mathcal{D} , and call it a *left inner derivation* of the associative dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$.

Since $x^m y^n = x^m \dashv x^n = x^m \dashv \underbrace{x \dashv \dots \dashv x}_n$, the associative algebra $(F[x, y], \dashv)$ is generated by $\{x^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ (note that we set $x^0 = 1$, and 1 is a right unit of $(F[x, y], \dashv)$, but not a unit element).

Lemma 2.1.2. *Given any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, we define a linear map $\widehat{f}(x, y): F[x, y] \rightarrow F[x, y]$ as follows:*

$$g(x, y) \mapsto f(x, y)g(x, y), \quad \forall g(x, y) \in F[x, y].$$

Then $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a left derivation of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$ if and only if $f(y, y) = 0$, or equivalently, $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$.

Proof. We prove the necessity first. If $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a left derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$, then we have

$$\widehat{f}(x, y)(1 \dashv 1) = \widehat{f}(x, y)(1) \dashv 1 + 1 \dashv \widehat{f}(x, y)(1),$$

so $1 \dashv \widehat{f}(x, y)(1) = 0$. Thus $f(y, y) = 0$, that is, $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$.

For sufficiency, we have to prove that if $f(y, y) = 0$, then $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a left derivation of $F[x, y]$. It is enough to verify it on the basis $\{x^s y^t \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^t) &= \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^m y^{n+s+t}) = x^m y^{n+s+t} f(x, y), \\ \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^m y^n) \dashv x^s y^t + x^m y^n \dashv \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^s y^t) &= f(x, y)x^m y^n y^{s+t} + 0 \\ &= x^m y^{n+s+t} f(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\widehat{f}(x, y)(x^m y^n \dashv x^s y^t) = \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^m y^n) \dashv x^s y^t + x^m y^n \dashv \widehat{f}(x, y)(x^s y^t).$$

Hence, $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a left derivation of $F[x, y]$. This proves the result. \square

In general, for any $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$, we have

$$d(1) = d(1 \dashv 1) = d(1) \dashv 1 + 1 \dashv d(1).$$

Thus $d(1) = d(1) \dashv 1 + d(1)$. So $1 \dashv d(1) = 0$. Hence $(x - y) \mid d(1)$.

Theorem 2.1.3. *Suppose that $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$. Then*

$$d(x^m y^n) = (m y^{m+n-1} + n x^m y^{n-1})g(y) + (x - y)y^n f_m(x, y), \quad (2.1)$$

where $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $g(y) \in F[y]$. Conversely, for any $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $g(y) \in F[y]$, the map $d \in \text{End}(F[x, y])$ defined by formula (2.1) is an element in $\text{LDer}(F[x, y])$.

Proof. If $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$, we set $d(x^n) = h_n(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then

$$1 \dashv d(x^n) = 1 \dashv d(x) \dashv x \dashv \dots \dashv x + \dots + 1 \dashv x \dashv x \dashv \dots \dashv d(x).$$

That is,

$$h_n(y, y) = n y^{n-1} h_1(y, y).$$

Since $(x - y) \mid h_n(x, y) - h_n(y, y)$, there exist $f_n(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, such that

$$h_n(x, y) = h_n(y, y) + (x - y)f_n(x, y) = n y^{n-1} h_1(y, y) + (x - y)f_n(x, y).$$

From the definition of left derivation and the fact $x^m y^n = x^m \dashv x^n$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= y^n d(x^m) + x^m h_n(y, y) \\ &= (m y^{m+n-1} + n x^m y^{n-1}) h_1(y, y) + (x - y) y^n f_m(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, given $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $g(y) \in F[y]$, we have to prove that the linear transformation d determined by formula (2.1) is an element in $\text{LDer}(F[x, y])$, that is, we have to check: for any $x^i y^j, x^m y^n \in F[x, y]$, the following identity holds:

$$d(x^i y^j \dashv x^m y^n) = d(x^i y^j) \dashv x^m y^n + x^i y^j \dashv d(x^m y^n), \quad \forall i, j, m, n \geq 0.$$

But the left-hand side of the above equation is

$$d(x^i y^{j+m+n}) = (i y^{i+j+m+n-1} + (j+m+n) x^i y^{j+m+n-1}) g(y) + (x - y) y^{j+m+n} f_i(x, y),$$

and the right-hand side is

$$\begin{aligned} & y^{m+n} ((i y^{i+j-1} + j x^i y^{j-1}) g(y) + (x - y) y^j f_i(x, y)) + x^i y^j (m + n) y^{m+n-1} g(y) \\ &= (i y^{i+j+m+n-1} + (j + m + n) x^i y^{j+m+n-1}) g(y) + (x - y) y^{j+m+n} f_i(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the equation holds, and $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$. \square

Corollary 2.1.4. *In Theorem 2.1.3, there exists an element $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ such that $d = \widehat{f}(x, y) \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$ if and only if $g(y) = 0$ and $f_m(x, y) = x^m f_0(x, y)$.*

Corollary 2.1.5. *Suppose that $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$ and $g(y) \in F[y]$. Then $g(y)d \in F[x, y]$, where $g(y)d$ is defined by*

$$g(y)d : f(x, y) \mapsto g(y)d(f(x, y)), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y].$$

For left inner derivations, we have the following result.

Theorem 2.1.6. *If d is a left inner derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$, then there exist $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, satisfying*

$$(x - y)f_m(x, y) = y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y)$$

such that (2.1) hold with $g(y) = 0$. Conversely, given any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, satisfying

$$(x - y)f_m(x, y) = y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y),$$

the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ defined by (2.1), with $g(y) = 0$, is a left inner derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Proof. Let $d = \widehat{\text{ad}}f(x, y)$ be a left inner derivation of $F[x, y]$, for some $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{ad}}f(x, y)(x^m y^n) &= f(x, y) \dashv x^m y^n - x^m y^n \dashv f(x, y) \\ &= y^{m+n} f(x, y) - x^m y^n f(y, y) \\ &= y^n (y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $f(x, y) = \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} x^i y^j$, where all $a_{i,j} \in F$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y) &= \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} (x^i y^{m+j} - x^m y^{i+j}) \\
&= \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} (x^i y^{m+j} - x^{i+j+m} + x^{i+j+m} - x^m y^{i+j}) \\
&= \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} (x^m (x^{i+j} - y^{i+j}) - x^i (x^{j+m} - y^{j+m})) \\
&= (x - y) \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} (x^m (x^{i+j-1} + x^{i+j-2} y + \dots + y^{i+j-1}) \\
&\quad - x^i (x^{j+m-1} + x^{j+m-2} y + \dots + y^{j+m-1})).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus there are $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that $(x-y)f_m(x, y) = y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y)$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Hence $d(x^m y^n) = (x-y)y^n f_m(x, y)$. Take $g(y) = 0$, then (2.1) holds.

Conversely, given any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_m(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, satisfying

$$(x-y)f_m(x, y) = y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y),$$

we need to prove that the linear transformation d determined by (2.1), with $g(y) = 0$, is a left inner derivation of $F[x, y]$.

At first, by Theorem 2.1.3, d is a left derivation of $F[x, y]$.

Secondly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x^m y^n) &= y^n (x-y) f_m(x, y) \\
&= y^n (y^m f(x, y) - x^m f(y, y)) \\
&= y^{m+n} f(x, y) - x^m y^n f(y, y) \\
&= f(x, y) \dashv x^m y^n - x^m y^n \dashv f(x, y) \\
&= \widehat{\text{ad}} f(x, y)(x^m y^n).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $d = \widehat{\text{ad}} f(x, y)$ is a left inner derivation. \square

§ 2.2 Right derivations of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Definition 2.2.1. Let $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ be an associative dialgebra, and let $d \in \text{End}(\mathcal{D})$, if d satisfies

$$d(a \vdash b) = d(a) \vdash b + a \vdash d(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{D},$$

then d is called a right derivation of the associative dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. We denote the set of all right derivations of \mathcal{D} by $\text{RDer}(\mathcal{D})$.

Firstly, we define a new algebra $(F[x, y]^{\text{op}}, \vdash')$ as follows: as a vector space $F[x, y]^{\text{op}} = F[x, y]$. For $f(x, y), g(x, y) \in F[x, y]^{\text{op}}$, we define $f(x, y) \vdash' g(x, y) = g(x, y) \vdash f(x, y)$, then $(F[x, y]^{\text{op}}, \vdash')$ is also an associative algebra.

We denote the set of all derivations of the associative algebra $(F[x, y]^{\text{op}}, \vdash')$ by $\text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$.

Lemma 2.2.2. Define a linear map $\eta : (F[x, y], \dashv) \rightarrow (F[x, y]^{\text{op}}, \vdash')$ by

$$\eta(f(x, y)) = f(y, x),$$

then η is an isomorphism of associative algebras.

Proof. For any $f(x, y), g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(f(x, y) \dashv g(x, y)) &= \eta(f(x, y)g(y, y)) \\ &= f(y, x)g(x, x). \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(f(x, y)) \vdash' \eta(g(x, y)) &= f(y, x) \vdash' g(y, x) \\ &= g(y, x) \vdash f(y, x) = g(x, x)f(y, x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus η is a homomorphism from $(F[x, y], \dashv)$ to $(F[x, y], \vdash')$. Obviously, η is an isomorphism of vector spaces, so η is an isomorphism of associative algebras. \square

Due to the above results, we have

Theorem 2.2.3. If $d \in \text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$, then there are $f_i(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $g(x) \in F[x]$, such that

$$d(x^m y^n) = (mx^{m-1}y^n + nx^{m+n-1})g(x) + (x-y)x^m f_n(x, y), \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (2.2)$$

Conversely, if $f_i(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $g(x) \in F[x]$, then the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ given by (2.2) is an element of $\text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$.

Theorem 2.2.4. $\text{RDer}(F[x, y]) = \text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$.

Proof. For any linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$, and $a, b \in F[x, y]$, we have

$$d(a \vdash b) = d(a) \vdash b + a \vdash d(b)$$

holds if and only if

$$d(b \vdash' a) = b \vdash' d(a) + d(b) \vdash' a$$

holds. Thus $d \in \text{RDer}(F[x, y])$ if and only if $d \in \text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$. Therefore, $\text{RDer}(F[x, y]) = \text{Der}(F[x, y]^{\text{op}})$. \square

Suppose that $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is a dialgebra. For $z \in \mathcal{D}$, set $\widetilde{\text{adz}}(a) = z \vdash a - a \vdash z$, $\forall a \in \mathcal{D}$, then $\widetilde{\text{adz}}$ is a derivation of the associative algebra (\mathcal{D}, \vdash) , so $\widetilde{\text{adz}}$ is called a *right inner derivation* of the dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. From the above discussion we have

Theorem 2.2.5. If d is a right inner derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$, then there exist $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_i(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, satisfying

$$(x-y)f_n(x, y) = y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y),$$

such that (2.2) hold with $g(x) = 0$. Conversely, given $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_i(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, satisfying

$$(x-y)f_n(x, y) = y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y),$$

the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.2), with $g(x) = 0$, is a right derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Proof. Suppose that $d = \widetilde{\text{ad}}f(x, y)$ is a right derivation of $F[x, y]$, for some $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= f(x, y) \vdash x^m y^n - x^m y^n \vdash f(x, y) \\ &= x^m y^n f(x, x) - x^{m+n} f(x, y) \\ &= x^m (y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

We can take $f_i(x, y) = (y^i g(x, x) - x^i g(x, y)) / (x - y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $g(x) = 0$, then

$$(x - y)f_n(x, y) = y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

and $d(x^m y^n) = (x - y)x^m f_n(x, y)$, that is, (2.2) holds.

If there are $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and $f_i(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, such that

$$(x - y)f_n(x, y) = y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y),$$

we have to prove that the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.2), with $g(x) = 0$, is a right inner derivation of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$. At first, by Theorem 2.2.3 and 2.2.4, d is a right derivation. Secondly,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= (x - y)x^m f_n(x, y) \\ &= x^m (y^n f(x, x) - x^n f(x, y)) \\ &= x^m y^n f(x, x) - x^{m+n} f(x, y) \\ &= f(x, y) \vdash x^m y^n - x^m y^n \vdash f(x, y) \\ &= \widetilde{\text{ad}}f(x, y)(x^m y^n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $d = \widetilde{\text{ad}}f(x, y)$ is a right inner derivation. \square

§ 2.3 Derivations of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Definition 2.3.1. Let $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ be an associative dialgebra, $d \in \text{End}(\mathcal{D})$, if d satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} d(a \dashv b) &= d(a) \dashv b + a \dashv d(b), \\ d(a \vdash b) &= d(a) \vdash b + a \vdash d(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{D}, \end{aligned}$$

then d is called a derivation of the associative dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. We denote the set of all derivations of $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ by $\text{Der}(\mathcal{D})$. Obviously, $\text{Der}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{LDer}(\mathcal{D}) \cap \text{RDer}(\mathcal{D})$.

By the definition of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$, we have

$$x^m y^n = \underbrace{x \vdash x \vdash \dots \vdash x}_m \vdash 1 \dashv \underbrace{x \dashv x \dashv \dots \dashv x}_n. \quad (2.3)$$

Suppose that $d \in \text{Der}(F[x, y])$. Then from $\text{Der}(F[x, y]) = \text{LDer}(F[x, y]) \cap \text{RDer}(F[x, y])$ and the above discussion about left derivations we know $(x - y)d(1)$, hence we can set $d(1) = (x - y)f(x, y)$, where $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$. By definition of derivation,

$$d(x \vdash 1) = d(x) = d(x) \vdash 1 + x \vdash d(1).$$

Assume that $d(x) = g(x, y)$. Then $g(x, y) = g(x, x) + x(x - y)f(x, y)$. By (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= d(x \vdash \cdots \vdash x \vdash 1 \dashv x \dashv \cdots \dashv x) \\ &= d(x) \vdash x \vdash \cdots \vdash 1 \dashv x \dashv \cdots \dashv x + \cdots + x \vdash \cdots \vdash d(1) \dashv x \dashv \cdots \dashv x \\ &\quad + x \vdash \cdots \vdash 1 \dashv d(x) \dashv \cdots \dashv x + \cdots + x \vdash \cdots \vdash x \vdash 1 \dashv x \dashv \cdots \dashv d(x) \\ &= mx^{m-1}y^n g(x, x) + x^m y^n d(1) + nx^m y^{n-1} g(y, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have the following results.

Theorem 2.3.2. *If $d \in \text{Der}(F[x, y])$, then there are $f(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that*

$$d(x^m y^n) = mx^{m-1}y^n f(x) + x^m y^n (x - y)g(x, y) + nx^m y^{n-1} f(y), \quad (2.4)$$

Conversely, for any $f(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.4) is an element of $\text{Der}(F[x, y])$.

Proof. Suppose that $d \in \text{Der}(F[x, y])$. Then by the above discussions, we have

$$d(x^m y^n) = mx^{m-1}y^n f(x) + x^m y^n (x - y)g(x, y) + nx^m y^{n-1} f(y),$$

where $f(x) = d(x) \vdash 1$ and $g(x, y) = d(1)/(x - y) \in F[x, y]$.

Conversely, for any $f(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, we have to prove that the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.4) is a derivation of $F[x, y]$. For any $x^m y^n \in F[x, y]$, clearly, $(x - y) \mid x^{m-1} f(x) - y^{m-1} f(y)$, thus, $f_m(x, y) := x^m g(x, y) + \frac{m(x^{m-1} f(x) - y^{m-1} f(y))}{x - y} \in F[x, y]$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, so

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= mx^{m-1}y^n f(x) + x^m y^n (x - y)g(x, y) + nx^m y^{n-1} f(y) \\ &= (my^{m+n-1} + nx^m y^{n-1})f(y) + (x - y)y^n f_m(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1.3, $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y])$. Similarly,

$$d(x^m y^n) = (mx^{m-1}y^n + nx^{m+n-1})f(x) + (x - y)x^m g_n(x, y),$$

where $g_n(x, y) = y^n g(x, y) + \frac{n(y^{n-1} f(y) - x^{n-1} f(x))}{x - y} \in F[x, y]$, thus $d \in \text{RDer}(F[x, y])$ and $d \in \text{LDer}(F[x, y]) \cap \text{RDer}(F[x, y]) = \text{Der}(F[x, y])$, completing the proof. \square

Let $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ be an associative dialgebra over F . For $z \in \mathcal{D}$, set $\text{ad } z(X) = X \dashv z - z \vdash X$ ($\forall X \in \mathcal{D}$), we can prove that $\text{ad } z$ is a derivation of $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. For any $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$, we have

$$\text{ad } z(X \dashv Y) = (X \dashv Y) \dashv z - z \vdash (X \dashv Y),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad } z(X) \dashv Y + X \dashv \text{ad } z(Y) &= (X \dashv z - z \vdash X) \dashv Y + X \dashv (Y \dashv z - z \vdash Y) \\ &= X \dashv (z \dashv Y) - (z \vdash X) \dashv Y + X \dashv (Y \dashv z) - X \dashv (z \dashv Y) \\ &= X \dashv (Y \dashv z) - (z \vdash X) \dashv Y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\text{ad } z(X \dashv Y) = \text{ad } z(X) \dashv Y + X \dashv \text{ad } z(Y).$$

On the other hand,

$$\text{ad } z(X \vdash Y) = (X \vdash Y) \dashv z - z \vdash (X \vdash Y),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad } z(X) \vdash Y + X \vdash \text{ad } z(Y) &= (X \dashv z - z \vdash X) \vdash Y + X \vdash (Y \dashv z - z \vdash Y) \\ &= (X \vdash z) \vdash Y - (z \vdash X) \vdash Y + X \vdash (Y \dashv z) - (X \vdash z) \vdash Y \\ &= X \vdash (Y \dashv z) - (z \vdash X) \vdash Y. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\text{ad } z(X \vdash Y) = \text{ad } z(X) \vdash Y + X \vdash \text{ad } z(Y).$$

$\text{ad } z$ is called an *inner derivation* of \mathcal{D} . We denote the set of all inner derivations of $F[x, y]$ by $\text{Inder}(F[x, y])$. By the above definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad}(x^m y^n)(x^i y^j) &= x^i y^j \dashv x^m y^n - x^m y^n \vdash x^i y^j \\ &= x^i y^j (y^{m+n} - x^{m+n}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

Theorem 2.3.3. *If $d \in \text{Inder}(F[x, y])$, then there exist $h(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ satisfying*

$$(x - y)g(x, y) = h(y) - h(x), \quad (2.5)$$

such that (2.4) hold with $f(x) = 0$. Conversely, given $h(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ satisfying (2.5), the linear transformation d of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.4), with $f(x) = 0$, is an element in $\text{Inder}(F[x, y])$.

Proof. Let $d = \text{ad } h(x, y) \in \text{Inder}(F[x, y])$, for some $h(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= x^m y^n \dashv h(x, y) - h(x, y) \vdash x^m y^n \\ &= x^m y^n h(y, y) - x^m y^n h(x, x) \\ &= x^m y^n (h(y, y) - h(x, x)), \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \end{aligned}$$

Take $g(x, y) = (h(y, y) - h(x, x))/(x - y)$, $h(x) = h(x, x)$ and $f(x) = 0$, then $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, $(x - y)g(x, y) = h(y) - h(x)$ and (2.4) holds.

Conversely, take $h(x) \in F[x]$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that (2.5) hold. If d is the linear transformation of $F[x, y]$ determined by (2.4), with $f(x) = 0$, then by Theorem 2.3.2, d is a derivation, and

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= x^m y^n (x - y)g(x, y) \\ &= x^m y^n (h(y) - h(x)) \\ &= x^m y^n h(y) - x^m y^n h(x) \\ &= x^m y^n \dashv h(x) - h(x) \vdash x^m y^n \\ &= \text{ad } h(x)(x^m y^n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $d = \text{ad } h(x) \in \text{Inder}(F[x, y])$. \square

§ 2.4 Automorphisms of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

Definition 2.4.1. Suppose that $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$ is an associative dialgebra, $\sigma \in \text{End}(\mathcal{D})$. If σ satisfies the following conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(a \dashv b) &= \sigma(a) \dashv \sigma(b), \\ \sigma(a \vdash b) &= \sigma(a) \vdash \sigma(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{D},\end{aligned}$$

and σ is bijective, then σ is called an automorphism of the dialgebra $(\mathcal{D}, \dashv, \vdash)$. We denote the set of all automorphisms of \mathcal{D} by $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{D})$.

In this subsection, we always denote $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$ the automorphism group of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$.

By (2.3) we know $F[x, y]$ is generated by 1 and x as a dialgebra. Let $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(F[x, y])$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(x) &= \sigma(x \dashv 1) = \sigma(x) \dashv \sigma(1), \\ \sigma(x) &= \sigma(1 \vdash x) = \sigma(1) \vdash \sigma(x).\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $\sigma(x) = f(x, y)$ and $\sigma(1) = g(x, y)$. Then $g(x, x) = g(y, y) = 1$. By (2.3), we have

$$\sigma(x^m y^n) = f(x, x)^m g(x, y) f(y, y)^n.$$

For any $h(x, y) = \sum_{m,n} a_{m,n} x^m y^n \in F[x, y]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(h(x, y)) &= \sum_{m,n} a_{m,n} \sigma(x^m y^n) \\ &= \left(\sum_{m,n} a_{m,n} f(x, x)^m f(y, y)^n \right) g(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $F[x, y] = \sigma(F[x, y]) \subseteq g(x, y)F[x, y]$, which implies that $\sigma(1) = g(x, y)$ is a non-zero element in F . From $g(x, x) = 1$ we get $\sigma(1) = 1$.

Now suppose that $f(x) = f(x, x) = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i x^i$ (where all $a_i \in F$ and $a_s \neq 0$). Then

$$\sigma(x^m y^n) = f(x)^m f(y)^n.$$

Assume that η is the inverse of σ , and $\eta(x) = g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^t b_j x^j$, where all $b_j \in F$ and $b_t \neq 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \eta\sigma(x) = \eta(f(x)) = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i \eta(x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i g(x)^i \\ &= a_0 + a_1(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_t x^t) + \cdots + a_s(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_t x^t)^s.\end{aligned}$$

Since the degree of the last polynomial of the above equation is 1, we have $st = 1$, that is, $s = t = 1$. Therefore, $f(x) = a + bx$, where $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$.

By the above discussion we know that all automorphisms σ of the associative dialgebra $F[x, y]$ preserve the standard filtration, that is, $\sigma(F[x, y]_{(n)}) \subseteq F[x, y]_{(n)}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

Now, let us determine the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$.

Theorem 2.4.2. *The automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$ of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$ is*

$$\{\sigma \in \text{End}(F[x, y]) \mid \sigma f(x, y) = f(a + bx, a + by), \forall f(x, y); a, b \in F, b \neq 0\}.$$

Proof. Set

$$A = \{\sigma \in \text{End}(F[x, y]) \mid \sigma f(x, y) = f(a + bx, a + by), \forall f(x, y); a, b \in F, b \neq 0\}.$$

Then by the above discussion we know that $\text{Aut}(F[x, y]) \subseteq A$. On the other hand, for any $\sigma \in A$, such that $\sigma(x) = a + bx$, it is easy to verify that σ is a homomorphism of dialgebras. We can define a linear transformation η of $F[x, y]$ by $\eta(x^m y^n) = (-ab^{-1} + b^{-1}x)^m (-ab^{-1} + b^{-1}y)^n$, for all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Then η is the inverse of σ , thus σ is a bijection and $A \subseteq \text{Aut}(F[x, y])$. Therefore, $\text{Aut}(F[x, y]) = A$. \square

Corollary 2.4.3. *$\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$ is a subgroup of the automorphism group of the polynomial associative algebra $F[x, y]$.*

3. DERIVATIONS AND AUTOMORPHISMS OF THE LEIBNIZ ALGEBRA $F[x, y]$

In this section we will consider $F[x, y]$ as a Leibniz algebra induced by its associative dialgebraic structure. Recall that its Leibniz brackets are given by

$$[x^m y^n, x^s y^t] = x^m y^n (y^{s+t} - x^{s+t}).$$

Our main purpose is to determine the derivation algebra and the automorphism group of $F[x, y]$. Since it is difficult to determine all derivations and all automorphisms of $F[x, y]$, we only discuss its homogeneous derivations and automorphisms preserving the standard filtration.

§ 3.1 Derivations of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

Suppose that d is a derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$. Since $[1, 1] = 0$, $d([1, 1]) = 0$, thus $[f(x, y), d(1)] = f(x, y)[1, d(1)] = 0$, for any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$. Set $d(1) = g(x, y)$, then $g(x, y) \in Z^r(F[x, y])$. Hence by Lemma 1.2.4, there are $c \in F$ and $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that $d(1) = c + (y - x)f(x, y)$. But

$$d[x^m, x^n] = d(x^m \dashv x^n - x^n \vdash x^m) = d(x^m y^n) - d(x^{m+n}),$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^m y^n) &= d(x^{m+n}) + d[x^m, x^n] \\ &= d(x^{m+n}) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

That is, $d(x^m y^n)$ can be determined by $d(x^{m+n})$, $d(x^m)$ and $d(x^n)$.

Lemma 3.1.1. *If d is a derivation of an associative dialgebra \mathcal{D} , then d is a derivation of \mathcal{D} as a Leibniz algebra.*

By definition of derivation of Leibniz algebra we have

$$d[x^m, x^n] = [d(x^m), x^n] + [x^m, d(x^n)] = d(x^m y^n - x^{m+n}), \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$d[y^n, x^m] = [d(y^n), x^m] + [y^n, d(x^m)] = d(y^{m+n} - x^m y^n). \quad (3.3)$$

Adding (3.2) and (3.3) we get

$$d[x^m, x^n] + d[y^n, x^m] = d(y^{m+n}) - d(x^{m+n}). \quad (3.4)$$

Since $d[1, x^{m+n}] = d(y^{m+n}) - d(x^{m+n})$, substituting it into (3.4) we get

$$[d(x^m), x^n] + [x^m, d(x^n)] + [d(y^n), x^m] + [y^n, d(x^m)] = [d(1), x^{m+n}] + [1, d(x^{m+n})],$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)] + (y^m - x^m)d(y^n) + y^n[1, d(x^m)] \\ = (y^{m+n} - x^{m+n})d(1) + [1, d(x^{m+n})]. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)] + (y^m - x^m)(d(x^n) + (y^n - x^n)d(1) \\ + [1, d(x^n)]) + y^n[1, d(x^m)] = (y^{m+n} - x^{m+n})d(1) + [1, d(x^{m+n})]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+m})] = (y^m - x^m)d(x^n) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + y^m[1, d(x^n)] \\ + y^n[1, d(x^m)] + (2x^{n+m} - x^m y^n - x^n y^m)d(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Lemma 3.1.2. For $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, we define a linear transformation $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ of $F[x, y]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(x, y) : F[x, y] &\rightarrow F[x, y] \\ g(x, y) &\mapsto f(x, y)g(x, y), \quad \forall g(x, y) \in F[x, y]. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ if and only if $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$.

Proof. Suppose that $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$. Then

$$\widehat{f}(x, y)[1, y] = [\widehat{f}(x, y)(1), y] + [1, \widehat{f}(x, y)(y)].$$

Since

$$\widehat{f}(x, y)[1, y] = f(x, y)[1, y] = f(x, y)(y - x),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\widehat{f}(x, y)(1), y] + [1, \widehat{f}(x, y)(y)] \\ = [f(x, y), y] + [1, f(x, y)y] \\ = f(x, y)(y - x) + (f(y, y)y - f(x, x)x), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain that $f(x, x) = f(y, y) = 0$, so $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$.

On the other hand, if $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$, then due to Theorem 2.3.2, $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a derivation of the dialgebra $F[x, y]$. Thus it follows from Lemma 3.1.1 that $\widehat{f}(x, y)$ is a derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$. \square

Definition 3.1.3. Let \mathcal{G} be a \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra. If d is a derivation of \mathcal{G} such that $d(\mathcal{G}_i) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_{i+j}$, for any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, then d is called a homogeneous derivation of the Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} of degree j . We denote by $\text{der}_j(\mathcal{G})$ the set of all homogeneous derivations of \mathcal{G} with degree j .

If a Leibniz algebra $\mathcal{G} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{G}_i$ is \mathbb{Z} -graded algebra and finite dimensional, then the derivation algebra $\text{der}(\mathcal{G})$ is also \mathbb{Z} -graded (cf. [13, p119-120]). If \mathcal{G} is not finite dimensional, then the derivation algebra $\text{der}(\mathcal{G})$ is not necessarily \mathbb{Z} -graded (with respect to the original \mathbb{Z} -gradation of \mathcal{G}). But the space $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{der}_i(\mathcal{G})$ generated by homogeneous derivations of \mathcal{G} is a (Lie) subalgebra of $\text{der}(\mathcal{G})$. We denote this subalgebra by $\text{der}'(\mathcal{G})$ and call it the homogeneous derivation algebra of \mathcal{G} .

In the following we discuss the subalgebra $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$.

Lemma 3.1.4.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \in \text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y]).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.1.1, a derivation of a dialgebra \mathcal{D} is also a derivation of \mathcal{D} as a Leibniz algebra. Thus if in Theorem 2.3.2 we put $f(x) = 1$ and $g(x, y) = 0$, then we have

$$d = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \in \text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y]). \quad \square$$

In general, by direct checking we have

Lemma 3.1.5. For any non-positive integer m ,

$$d_{m-1} := x^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \in \text{der}_{m-1}(F[x, y]).$$

In particular, $d_{-1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$.

Lemma 3.1.6. $\text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y]) = \langle d_{-1} \rangle$, where $\langle d_{-1} \rangle$ is the space generated by d_{-1} .

Proof. We have proved that $\langle d_{-1} \rangle \subseteq \text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y])$.

Now for any $\delta \in \text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y])$, we have $\delta(1) = 0$ and $\delta(x) = r \in F$. Set $d = \delta - rd_{-1}$, then $d \in \text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y])$, and $d(1) = d(x) = 0$. From (3.1), $d(y) = d(x) + (y-x)d(1) + [1, d(x)] = 0$. By (3.5), we get

$$[1, d(x^2)] = 2(y-x)d(x) + 2y[1, d(x)] + (2x^2 - 2xy)d(1) = 0.$$

But $d(x^2) \in F[x, y]_1$, so we can write $d(x^2) = b(y-x)$. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^3)] &= (y^2 - x^2)d(x) + (y-x)d(x^2) + y^2[1, d(x)] \\ &\quad + y[1, d(x^2)] + (2x^3 - x^2y - xy^2)d(1) \\ &= (y-x)d(x^2) \\ &= (y-x)(by - bx). \end{aligned}$$

Since $d(x^3) \in F[x, y]_2$, we can write $d(x^3) = f(x, y) \in F[x, y]_2$. As the right-hand side of the above equation is $f(y, y) - f(x, x)$, the coefficients of x and y in its second factor are the same, which implies that $b = 0$, that is, $d(x^2) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^3)] = 0$.

In the following by using the induction on k we prove that if d is a homogeneous derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ with degree -1 , then $d(x^k) = 0$, for all $k \geq 0$.

Suppose that for $k = n$ (≥ 2) we have $d(x^n) = 0$. Then for $k = n + 1$, by (3.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+1})] &= (y - x)d(x^n) + (y^n - x^n)d(x) + y[1, d(x^n)] + y^n[1, d(x)] \\ &\quad + (2x^{n+1} - xy^n - x^n y)d(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

As $d(x^{n+1}) \in F[x, y]_n$, we can set $d(x^{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_{n-i,i} x^{n-i} y^i$, where all $a_{i,j} \in F$ and $\sum_{i=0}^n a_{n-i,i} = 0$. But $d(x^{n+2}) \in F[x, y]_{n+1}$, again by (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+2})] &= (y - x)d(x^{n+1}) \\ &= (y - x) \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_{n-i,i} x^{n-i} y^i \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since coefficients of monomials in the second factor of the right-hand side are all equal,

$$a_{n,0} = a_{n-1,1} = \cdots = a_{0,n} = 0,$$

thus, $d(x^{n+1}) = 0$. By induction, we have $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \geq 0$.

Now $d(x^m y^n) = d(x^{m+n}) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)]$, thus $d(x^m y^n) = 0$, for all $m, n \geq 0$, that is, $d = 0$. So $\delta = rd_{-1}$. Hence, $\text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y]) \subseteq \langle d_{-1} \rangle$. Consequently, $\text{der}_{-1}(F[x, y]) = \langle d_{-1} \rangle$. \square

Lemma 3.1.7. *If d is a homogeneous derivation of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ with degree -2 , then $d = 0$.*

Proof. First, we prove by induction on k that if d is a such derivation, then $d(x^k) = 0$, for all $k \geq 0$.

Since d is of degree -2 , $d(1) = d(x) = d(y) = 0$ and $d(x^2) = a \in F$. By (3.5) we have $[1, d(x^3)] = a(y - x)$, and $d(x^3) \in F[x, y]_1$, so we can put $d(x^3) = bx + (a - b)y$. By (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^4)] &= 2(y^2 - x^2)d(x^2) + 2y^2[1, d(x^2)] = 2a(y^2 - x^2) \\ &= (y - x)d(x^3) + (y^3 - x^3)d(x) + y[1, d(x^3)] + y^3[1, d(x)] + (2x^4 - x^2 y - xy^2)d(1) \\ &= (y - x)(bx + (a - b)y + ay). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $a = b = 0$, $d(x^2) = d(x^3) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^4)] = 0$.

Suppose that for $k = n$, $d(x^n) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^{n+1})] = 0$ hold. Then for $k = n + 1$, by (3.5) we have $[1, d(x^{n+2})] = (y - x)d(x^{n+1})$, and

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+2})] &= (y^n - x^n)d(x^2) + (y^2 - x^2)d(x^n) + y^n[1, d(x^2)] + y^2[1, d(x^n)] \\ &\quad + (2x^{n+2} - x^n y^2 - x^2 y^n)d(1) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $d(x^{n+1}) = 0$. Thus, by induction we have $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \geq 0$. But $d(x^m y^n) = d(x^{m+n}) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)]$, hence $d(x^m y^n) = 0$, for all $m, n \geq 0$. Consequently, $d = 0$. \square

Lemma 3.1.8. *For the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, $\text{der}_{-3}(F[x, y]) = 0$.*

Proof. At first, by induction on k we can prove that if $d \in \text{der}_{-3}(F[x, y])$, then $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \geq 0$.

Since $\deg d = -3$, we have $d(1) = d(x) = d(x^2) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^3)] = 0$.

Suppose that for $k = n$ (≥ 2), $d(x^n) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^{n+1})] = 0$ hold. Then for $k = n + 1$, by (3.5) we get $[1, d(x^{n+2})] = (y - x)d(x^{n+1})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+2})] &= (y^n - x^n)d(x^2) + (y^2 - x^2)d(x^n) + y^n[1, d(x^2)] + y^2[1, d(x^n)] \\ &\quad + (2x^{n+2} - x^n y^2 - x^2 y^n)d(1) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

That is, $d(x^{n+1}) = [1, d(x^{n+2})] = 0$. By induction on k we have $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \geq 0$. But $d(x^m y^n) = d(x^{m+n}) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)]$, thus $d(x^m y^n) = 0$, for any $m, n \geq 0$. Consequently, $d = 0$. \square

Similar to the proof of Lemma 3.1.8, we have the following result.

Theorem 3.1.9. *For the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, $\text{der}_m(F[x, y]) = 0$, $\forall m < -3$.*

Now we discuss homogeneous derivations of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ with non-negative degrees.

Theorem 3.1.10. $\text{der}_0(F[x, y]) = \langle d_0 \rangle$.

Proof. Note that $d_0 \in \text{der}_0(F[x, y])$ and $d_0(f(x, y)) = sf(x, y)$, for any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]_s$.

Now suppose that $\delta \in \text{der}_0(F[x, y])$, and $\delta(x) = ay + bx$, then by Lemma 3.1.5,

$$\delta - bd_0 \in \text{der}_0(F[x, y]).$$

Set $d = \delta - bd_0$, then $d(x) = ay$. Suppose $d(1) = a' \in F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^2)] &= 2(y - x)d(x) + 2y[1, d(x)] + (2x^2 - 2xy)d(1) \\ &= (y - x)(-2a'x + 4ay). \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficients of x and y in the second factor of the right-hand side of the above equation are equal, we get $a' = -2a$. Thus $d(1) = -2a$ and $d(x) = ay$. But $d(x^2) \in F[x, y]_2$, we can write $d(x^2) = a_{2,0}x^2 + a_{1,1}xy + a_{0,2}y^2$, such that $a_{2,0} + a_{1,1} + a_{0,2} = 4a$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^3)] &= (y^2 - x^2)d(x) + (y - x)d(x^2) + y^2[1, d(x)] + y[1, d(x^2)] \\ &\quad + (2x^3 - x^2y - xy^2)d(1) \\ &= (y - x)((4a + a_{2,0})x^2 + (a + a_{1,1} + 4a + 2a)xy \\ &\quad + (a + a_{0,2} + a + 4a)y^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficients of x^2 , xy , y^2 in the second factor of the right-hand side of the above equation are equal, $a_{2,0} = 3a$, $a_{1,1} = 0$, $a_{0,2} = a$, hence

$$d(x^2) = 3ax^2 + ay^2, [1, d(x^3)] = 7a(y^3 - x^3).$$

As $d(x^3) \in F[x, y]_3$, we can assume that $d(x^3) = \sum_{i=0}^3 b_{3-i,i} x^{4-i} y^i$, where all $b_{i,j} \in F$ and $\sum_{i=0}^3 b_{3-i,i} = 7a$. From (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^4)] &= (y^3 - x^3)d(x) + (y - x)d(x^3) + y[1, d(x^3)] + y^3[1, d(x)] \\ &\quad + (2x^4 - x^3y - xy^3)d(1) \\ &= (y - x)((4a + b_{3,0})x^3 + (b_{2,1} + 10a)x^2y + (b_{1,2} + 10a)xy^2 \\ &\quad + (b_{0,3} + 9a)y^3). \end{aligned}$$

As the coefficients of x^3, x^2y, xy^2, y^3 in the second factor of right-hand side of the above equation are equal, we have

$$4a + b_{3,0} = b_{2,1} + 10a = b_{1,2} + 10a = b_{0,3} + 9a.$$

That is, $b_{3,0} = 6a, b_{1,2} = b_{2,1} = 0, b_{0,3} = a$, thus

$$d(x^3) = 6ax^3 + ay^3, [1, d(x^4)] = 10a(y^4 - x^4).$$

As $d[xy, x] = [d(xy), x] + [xy, d(x)]$, and $d(x^m y^n) = d(x^{m+n}) + (y^n - x^n)d(x^m) + x^m[1, d(x^n)]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d[xy, x] &= d(xy^2) - d(x^2y) = d(x^3) + (y^2 - x^2)d(x) + x[1, d(x^2)] \\ &\quad - d(x^3) - (y - x)d(x^2) - x^2[1, d(x)] \\ &= 5a(xy^2 - x^2y), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [d(xy), x] + [xy, d(x)] &= (y - x)d(xy) + xy[1, d(x)] \\ &= (y - x)(2ax^2 + 2ay^2) + a(y - x)xy \\ &= -2ax^3 + (-a)(xy^2 - x^2y) + 2ay^3, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $a = 0$, so $d(x) = d(x^2) = d(x^3) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^4)] = 0$.

By induction on k we can prove that if $d \in \text{der}_0(F[x, y])$, then $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Suppose that for $k = n$, $d(x^k) = 0$. Then for $k = n + 1$, by (3.5) we have $[1, d(x^{n+1})] = 0$. Since $d(x^{n+1}) \in F[x, y]_{n+1}$, we can suppose that

$$d(x^{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} c_{n+1-i,i} x^{n+1-i} y^i,$$

where all $c_{n+1-i,i} \in F$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} c_{n+1-i,i} = 0$. But

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{n+2})] &= (y^{n+1} - x^{n+1})d(x) + (y - x)d(x^{n+1}) + y[1, d(x^{n+1})] + y^{n+1}[1, d(x)] \\ &\quad + (2x^{n+2} - x^{n+1}y - xy^{n+1})d(1) \\ &= (y - x)d(x^{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

As the coefficients of $x^n, x^{n-1}y, \dots, y^n$ in the second factor of the right-hand side of the above equation are equal, we can get $d(x^{n+1}) = 0$. By induction we have $d(x^k) = 0$, for any $k \geq 0$.

Now $d(x^s y^t) = d(x^{s+t}) + (y^t - x^t)d(x^s) + x^s[1, d(x^t)]$, thus $d(x^s y^t) = 0$, that is $d = 0$, so $\delta = bd_0$. Hence $\text{der}_0(F[x, y]) \subseteq \langle d_0 \rangle$. Therefore, $\text{der}_0(F[x, y]) = \langle d_0 \rangle$. \square

We determine general forms of derivations of positive degrees as follows.

Lemma 3.1.11. *For any positive integer n , $\text{der}_n(F[x, y]) = \langle \widehat{f}(x, y) \mid f(x, y) \in F[x, y]_n, \text{ and } (x - y) \mid f(x, y) \rangle \oplus \langle d_n \rangle$.*

Proof. At first, we want to prove that if $d \in \text{der}_n(F[x, y])$, $d(1) = 0$ and

$$d(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_{n+1-i,i} x^{n+1-i} y^i, \text{ where } a_{n+1-i,i} \in F, \text{ for all } i,$$

then $d = 0$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^2)] &= 2(y-x)d(x) + 2y[1, d(x)] + (2x^2 - 2xy)d(1) \\ &= 2(y-x) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_{n+1-i,i} x^{n+1-i} y^i \right) + 2\alpha y(y^{n+1} - x^{n+1}) \\ &= 2(y-x) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_{n+1-i,i} x^{n+1-i} y^i + \alpha y(x^n + x^{n-1}y + \cdots + xy^{n-1} + y^n) \right) \\ &= 2(y-x) \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (a_{n+1-i,i} + \alpha) x^{n+1-i} y^i, \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_{n+1-i,i}$. But the coefficients of $x^{n+1}, x^ny, \dots, y^{n+1}$ in the second factor of $[1, d(x^2)]$ are equal, so $a_{n,1} = a_{n-1,2} = \cdots = a_{0,n+1} = 0$, thus $d(x) = 0$ and $[1, d(x^2)] = 0$.

Suppose that $d(x^k) = [1, d(x^{k+1})] = 0$ ($k \geq 1$). We will prove that $d(x^{k+1}) = [1, d(x^{k+2})] = 0$. Let

$$d(x^{k+1}) = a_{n+k+1,0} x^{n+k+1} + a_{n+k,1} x^{n+k} y + \cdots + a_{0,n+k+1} y^{n+k+1},$$

where all $a_{n+k+1-i,i} \in F$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} [1, d(x^{k+2})] &= (y^{k+1} - x^{k+1})d(x) + (y-x)d(x^{k+1}) + y^{k+1}[1, d(x)] \\ &\quad + y[1, d(x^{k+1})] + (2x^{k+2} - x^{k+1}y - xy^{k+1})d(1) \\ &= (y-x)d(x^{k+1}) \\ &= (y-x)(a_{n+k+1,0} x^{n+k+1} + a_{n+k,1} x^{n+k} y + \cdots + a_{0,n+k+1} y^{n+k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since the coefficients of all monomials in the second factor of $[1, d(x^{k+2})]$ are equal we have $a_{n+k+1,0} = \cdots = a_{0,n+k+1}$. But $[1, d(x^{k+1})] = 0$ implies that $\sum_{i=0}^{n+k+1} a_{n+k+1-i,i} = 0$. Thus $a_{n+k+1,0} = \cdots = a_{0,n+k+1} = 0$, that is, $[1, d(x^{k+2})] = 0$ and $d(x^{k+1}) = 0$. By induction on m , we have $d(x^m) = 0$, for any $m \geq 0$. Now by (3.1), $d(x^s y^t) = d(x^{s+t}) + (y^t - x^t)d(x^s) + x^s[1, d(x^t)] = 0$, for any $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Thus $d = 0$.

In general, suppose that $\delta \in \text{der}_n(F[x, y])$. Then $\delta(1) \in F[x, y]_n$. Let $\delta(1) = f(x, y)$, then $(x - y) \mid f(x, y)$. By Lemma 3.1.2, $\widehat{f}(x, y) \in \text{der}_n(F[x, y])$, and $\delta(1) = \widehat{f}(x, y)(1)$. Set $d' = \delta - \widehat{f}(x, y) \in \text{der}_n(F[x, y])$, then $d'(1) = 0$. Suppose that $d'(x) = a_{n+1,0} x^{n+1} + a_{n,1} x^n y + \cdots + a_{0,n+1} y^{n+1}$, where all $a_{n+1-i,i} \in F$. Then

$$(d' - a_{n+1,0} d_n)(x) = d'(x) - a_{n+1,0} x^{n+1} = a_{n,1} x^n y + \cdots + a_{0,n+1} y^{n+1},$$

and $(d' - a_{n+1,0}d_n)(1) = 0$. Set $d = d' - a_{n+1,0}d_n$, then $d \in \text{der}_n(F[x, y])$, $d(1) = 0$ and $d(x) = b_n x^n y + \dots + b_0 y^{n+1}$. Now by above discussion, we have $d = 0$. Thus $\delta = \widehat{f}(x, y) + a_{n+1,0}d_n$. Consequently, $\text{der}_n(F[x, y]) = \langle \widehat{f}(x, y) \mid f \in F[x, y]_n, \text{ and } (x - y) \mid f(x, y) \rangle + \langle d_n \rangle$. If $\widehat{f}(x, y) \in \langle d_n \rangle$, then $0 = \widehat{f}(x, y)(1) = f(x, y)$, thus $\widehat{f}(x, y) = 0$ and

$$\text{der}_n(F[x, y]) = \langle \widehat{f}(x, y) \mid f \in F[x, y]_n, \text{ and } (x - y) \mid f(x, y) \rangle \oplus \langle d_n \rangle. \quad \square$$

We collect all these results into the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1.12. *For the \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, its homogeneous derivation algebra*

$$\text{der}'(F[x, y]) = \{ \widehat{f}(x, y) \mid f(x, y) \in (y - x)F[x, y] \} \oplus \langle d_m \mid m \geq -1 \rangle.$$

Corollary 3.1.13. *$\text{Der}(F[x, y]) = \text{der}'(F[x, y])$, that is, the derivation algebra of $F[x, y]$ as an associative dialgebra is the same as the homogeneous derivation algebra of $F[x, y]$ as a \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra.*

Set

$$\mathcal{D}_1(F[x, y]) = \{ \widehat{f}(x, y) \mid f(x, y) \in (y - x)F[x, y] \},$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_2(F[x, y]) = \langle d_m \mid m \geq -1 \rangle.$$

Thus, by Theorem 3.1.12, $\text{der}'(F[x, y]) = \mathcal{D}_1(F[x, y]) \oplus \mathcal{D}_2(F[x, y])$. In the following theorem we point out the structure of the Lie algebra $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$.

Theorem 3.1.14. *For the homogeneous derivation algebra $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$ of the \mathbb{Z} -graded Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, we have*

- (1) $\mathcal{D}_1(F[x, y])$ is an abelian ideal of $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$;
- (2) $\mathcal{D}_2(F[x, y])$ is a subalgebra of $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$ and is isomorphic to Witt algebra $W(1)$;
- (3) For any $f(x, y) \in (y - x)F[x, y]$ and $m \geq -1$,

$$[d_m, \widehat{f}(x, y)] = \widehat{g}(x, y),$$

where $g(x, y) = d_m(f(x, y)) \in (y - x)F[x, y]$.

Proof. Since $F[x, y]$ is a commutative algebra as a polynomial algebra (with respect to the ordinary multiplication), we have that $[\widehat{f}(x, y), \widehat{g}(x, y)] = 0$, and $\mathcal{D}_1(F[x, y])$ is an abelian subalgebra.

It is easy to verify that

$$[d_m, d_n] = \begin{cases} (n - m)d_{m+n}, & \text{if } m + n \geq -1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, (2) is true.

For any $f(x, y) \in (y - x)F[x, y]$, $h(x, y) \in F[x, y]$ and integer $m \geq -1$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} [d_m, \widehat{f}(x, y)]h(x, y) &= d_m \widehat{f}(x, y)(h(x, y)) - \widehat{f}(x, y)d_m(h(x, y)) \\ &= d_m(f(x, y)h(x, y)) - f(x, y)\left(x^{m+1}\frac{\partial h(x, y)}{\partial x} + y^{m+1}\frac{\partial h(x, y)}{\partial y}\right) \\ &= x^{m+1}\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x}h(x, y) + y^{m+1}\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y}h(x, y) \\ &= \widehat{g}(x, y)h(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where $g(x, y) = x^{m+1}\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} + y^{m+1}\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = d_m(f(x, y))$. Since $[d_m, \widehat{f}(x, y)]$ is also a derivation, by Lemma 3.1.2, $g(x, y) \in (y - x)F[x, y]$. Thus (3) holds, and $\mathcal{D}_1(F[x, y])$ is an ideal of $\text{der}'(F[x, y])$. So (1) is true. \square

§ 3.2 Automorphisms of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

In this subsection, we discuss automorphisms of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

Definition 3.2.1. Let \mathcal{G} be a Leibniz algebra, $\sigma \in \text{End}(\mathcal{G})$. If

$$\sigma[a, b] = [\sigma(a), \sigma(b)], \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{G},$$

and σ is bijective, then σ is called an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} . We denote the automorphism group of the Leibniz algebra \mathcal{G} by $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G})$.

Suppose that σ is an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, that is, $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(F[x, y])$. Then

$$\sigma[x^m, x^n] = \sigma(x^m y^n - x^{m+n}). \quad (3.6)$$

Thus $\sigma(x^m y^n) = \sigma(x^{m+n}) + \sigma(x^m)[1, \sigma(x^n)]$. That is, $\sigma(x^m y^n)$ can be determined by $\sigma(x^{m+n})$, $\sigma(x^m)$ and $\sigma(x^n)$. Further,

$$\sigma[y^n, x^m] = \sigma(y^{m+n} - x^m y^n). \quad (3.7)$$

By adding (3.6) and (3.7) we get

$$\sigma[x^m, x^n] + \sigma[y^n, x^m] = \sigma(y^{m+n}) - \sigma(x^{m+n}).$$

Since $\sigma[1, x^{m+n}] = \sigma(y^{m+n} - x^{m+n})$,

$$\sigma[x^m, x^n] + \sigma[y^n, x^m] = \sigma[1, x^{m+n}]. \quad (3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(y^n) &= \sigma(x^n)[1, \sigma(1)] + \sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x^n)] + \sigma(x^n) \\ &= \sigma(x^n) + \sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x^n)]. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this expression into (3.8) we have

$$\sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x^{m+n})] = \sigma(x^m)[1, \sigma(x^n)] + \sigma(x^n)[1, \sigma(x^m)] + \sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x^m)][1, \sigma(x^n)]. \quad (3.9)$$

Suppose that $\sigma(1) = f(x, y)$, then $f(y, y) = f(x, x)$ follows from $[1, \sigma(1)] = 0$. Thus there are $c \in F$ and $g(x, y) \in F[x, y]$, such that $f(x, y) = c + (y - x)g(x, y)$.

Next, we will prove that $c \neq 0$.

By Lemma 1.2.4, the right annihilator $Z^r(F[x, y])$ of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ is $\{a + (y - x)h(x, y) \mid a \in F, h(x, y) \in F[x, y]\}$. On the other hand, by Lemma 1.2.2, $F[x, y]^{(1)} = (y - x)F[x, y]$.

Obviously, for any $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(F[x, y])$, $F[x, y]^{(1)}$ and $Z^r(F[x, y])$ are all σ -invariant. Hence, $(y - x)F[x, y]$ is σ -invariant.

Now $1 \notin (y - x)F[x, y]$ implies that $\sigma(1) \notin (y - x)F[x, y]$, thus $c \neq 0$.

By (3.9), we have

$$\sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x^2)] = 2\sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] + \sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x)]^2, \quad (3.10)$$

or

$$\sigma(1)([1, \sigma(x^2)] - [1, \sigma(x)]^2) = 2\sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)]. \quad (3.11)$$

Suppose that σ preserves the standard filtration $\{F[x, y]_{(n)}\}_{n \geq 0}$ of $F[x, y]$. Then $\sigma(1) = c$, $\sigma(x) \in F[x, y]_{(1)}$. So we can write $\sigma(x) = a + bx + ey$, for some $a, b, e \in F$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \neq c[1, \sigma(x^2)] &= 2\sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] + c[1, \sigma(x)]^2 \\ &= (b + e)(y - x)(2a + 2bx + 2ey + c(b + e)(y - x)). \end{aligned}$$

As the coefficients of x^2 and y^2 in $[1, \sigma(x^2)]$ are equal, $(1 - c)b = (1 + c)e$. Hence, if $c = 1$, then $e = 0$; if $c = -1$, then $b = 0$. So in the following we first consider two special cases: $c = 1$ or $c = -1$.

Theorem 3.2.2. *Let σ be an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ which preserves the standard filtration and $\sigma(1) = 1$, then*

$$\sigma(x^m y^n) = (a + bx)^m (a + by)^n, \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad (3.12)$$

where $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$.

Conversely, for any $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$, the linear transformation σ of $F[x, y]$ defined by (3.12) is an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

Proof. If $\sigma \in \text{End}(F[x, y])$ defined by (3.12), then it is easy to see that

$$\sigma f(x, y) = f(a + bx, a + by), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y].$$

Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma[f(x, y), g(x, y)] &= f(a + bx, a + by)(g(a + by, a + by) - g(a + bx, a + bx)) \\ &= [\sigma f(x, y), \sigma g(x, y)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus σ is a homomorphism. On the other hand, if we define $\eta \in \text{End}(F[x, y])$ by

$$\eta f(x, y) = f(-ab^{-1} + b^{-1}x, -ab^{-1} + b^{-1}y), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y].$$

then η is the inverse of σ . Hence, $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(F[x, y])$.

If σ is any automorphism of $F[x, y]$ preserving the standard filtration and $\sigma(1) = 1$, $\sigma(x) = a + bx$, for some $a, b \in F$, $b \neq 0$, then by (3.9), $[1, \sigma(x^2)] = b(y - x)(2a + bx +$

by). Suppose that $\sigma(x^2) = \sum_{k=0}^2 \sum_{i=0}^k a_{i,k-i} x^i y^{k-i}$ and the coefficients satisfying $a_{1,0} + a_{0,1} = 2ab$, $a_{2,0} + a_{1,1} + a_{0,2} = b^2$. Then by (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1, \sigma(x^3)] &= \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x^2)] + \sigma(x^2)[1, \sigma(x)] + [1, \sigma(x)][1, \sigma(x^2)] \\ &= b(y-x)((2a^2 + a_{00}) + (ab + a_{1,0})x + (3ab + a_{0,1})y + a_{2,0}x^2 \\ &\quad + (b^2 + a_{1,1})xy + (b^2 + a_{0,2})y^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficients of x, y and of x^2, xy, y^2 in the second factor of the right-hand side of the above equation are equal respectively, we have

$$\sigma(x^2) = c + 2abx + b^2x^2, \quad [1, \sigma(x^3)] = b(y-x)(2a^2 + c + 3ab(x+y) + b^2(x^2 + xy + y^2)).$$

Now suppose that

$$\sigma(x^3) = \sum_{k=0}^3 \sum_{i=0}^k b_{i,k-i} x^i y^{k-i},$$

and the coefficients satisfy

$$b_{1,0} + b_{0,1} = b(2a^2 + c), \quad \sum_{i=0}^2 b_{i,2-i} = 3ab^2, \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 b_{i,3-i} = b^3.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} [1, \sigma(x^4)] &= 2\sigma(x^2)[1, \sigma(x^2)] + [1, \sigma(x^2)]^2 \\ &= b(y-x)(4ac + (4a^2b + 2bc)(x+y) + 4ab^2(x^2 + xy + y^2) \\ &\quad + b^3(x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 + y^3)) \\ &= \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x^3)] + \sigma(x^3)[1, \sigma(x)] + [1, \sigma(x)][1, \sigma(x^3)] \\ &= b(y-x)(2a^3 + ac + b_{0,0} + (3a^2b + b_{1,0})x + (5a^2b + bc + b_{0,1})y \\ &\quad + (ab^2 + b_{2,0})x^2 + (4ab^2 + b_{1,1})xy + (4ab^2 + b_{0,2})y^2 \\ &\quad + b_{3,0}x^3 + (b_{2,1} + b^3)x^2y + (b_{1,2} + b^3)xy^2 + (b_{0,3} + b^3)y^3). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $c = a^2$, $b_{0,0} = a^3$, which implies that $\sigma(x^2) = (a + bx)^2$ and $\sigma(x^3) = (a + bx)^3$.

In the following we prove by induction that $\sigma(x^k) = (a + bx)^k$, for all $k \geq 0$.

Suppose that for $k = n$, $\sigma(x^k) = (a + by)^k$ holds. Then for $k = n + 1$, by (3.9) we have $[1, \sigma(x^{n+1})] = (a + by)^{n+1} - (a + bx)^{n+1}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [1, \sigma(x^{n+2})] &= \sigma(x^2)[1, \sigma(x^n)] + \sigma(x^n)[1, \sigma(x^2)] + [1, \sigma(x^2)][1, \sigma(x^n)] \\ &= (a + by)^{n+2} - (a + bx)^{n+2} \\ &= \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x^{n+1})] + \sigma(x^{n+1})[1, \sigma(x)] + [1, \sigma(x)][1, \sigma(x^{n+1})]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sigma(x^{n+1}) = (a + bx)^{n+1}.$$

By induction, for any $k \geq 0$, $\sigma(x^k) = (a + bx)^k$ holds.

As $\sigma(x^m y^n) = \sigma(x^{m+n}) + \sigma(x^m)[1, \sigma(x^n)]$, for any $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we get

$$\sigma(x^m y^n) = (a + bx)^m (a + by)^n,$$

which completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3.2.3. *Let σ be an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ which preserves the standard filtration and $\sigma(1) = -1$, then there are $a, b \in F$, and $b \neq 0$, such that*

$$\sigma f(x, y) = -f(a + by, a + bx), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y]. \quad (3.13)$$

Conversely, for any $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$, the linear transformation σ of $F[x, y]$ defined by (3.13) is an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$.

Proof. For any $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$, if σ is the transformation of $F[x, y]$ defined by (3.13), then similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2.2, we obtain that σ is an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$, and clearly, σ preserves the standard filtration.

On the other hand, it is easy to verify that the linear transformation γ of $F[x, y]$ defined by

$$\gamma : f(x, y) \mapsto -f(y, x), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$$

is an automorphism of $F[x, y]$, and $\gamma(1) = -1$. Obviously, γ preserves the standard filtration.

Now consider any automorphism σ of $F[x, y]$ which preserves the filtration and $\sigma(1) = -1$. Set $\sigma' = \gamma^{-1}\sigma$, then σ' is also an automorphism preserving the filtration, and $\sigma'(1) = \gamma^{-1}\sigma(1) = \gamma^{-1}(-1) = 1$. By Theorem 3.2.2, there are $a, b \in F$, $b \neq 0$, such that $\sigma'f(x, y) = f(a + bx, a + by)$, for any $f(x, y) \in F[x, y]$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma f(x, y) &= \gamma\sigma'f(x, y) = \gamma f(a + bx, a + by) \\ &= -f(a + by, a + bx), \quad \forall f(x, y) \in F[x, y], \end{aligned}$$

which is the result we want to get. \square

In the following, we will prove that if σ is any automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ preserving the standard filtration, and $\sigma(1) = a \in F$, then $a = \pm 1$, or equivalently, if $a \neq -1$ then $a = 1$.

So suppose that $\sigma(1) = a \neq 1$, and $\sigma(x) = b + cx + ey$. As $a[1, \sigma(x^2)] = 2\sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] + a[1, \sigma(x)]^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a[1, \sigma(x^2)] &= 2(b + cx + ey)(c + e)(y - x) + a(c + e)^2(y - x)^2 \\ &= (c + e)(y - x)(2b + (2c - ae - ac)x + (2e + ac + ae)y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $e = \frac{1-a}{1+a}c$ and

$$\sigma(x) = b + cx + \frac{1-a}{1+a}cy, \quad a[1, \sigma(x^2)] = \frac{4bc}{1+a}(y-x) + \frac{4c^2}{(1+a)^2}(y^2 - x^2).$$

In this case $c \neq 0$, otherwise,

$$\sigma(y - x) = \sigma[1, x] = \sigma(1)[1, \sigma(x)] = 0,$$

and σ is injective, a contradiction. Hence, $c \neq 0$.

Suppose that $\sigma(x^2) = a_{0,0} + a_{1,0}x + a_{0,1}y + a_{2,0}x^2 + a_{1,1}xy + a_{0,2}y^2$, where all $a_{i,j} \in F$ and

$$a_{1,0} + a_{0,1} = \frac{4bc}{a(1+a)}, \quad a_{2,0} + a_{1,1} + a_{0,2} = \frac{4c^2}{a(1+a)^2}.$$

By (3.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
a[1, \sigma(x^3)] &= \frac{2c}{a(1+a)}(y-x) \left(2b + \frac{2c}{1+a}x + \frac{2c}{1+a}y \right) \left(b + cx + \frac{1-a}{1+a}cy \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{2ac}{1+a}(y-x) \right) + \frac{2c}{1+a}(y-x)\sigma(x^2) \\
&= \frac{2c}{1+a}(y-x) \left(\frac{2b^2}{a} + \frac{2bc(2-a)}{a(1+a)}x + \frac{2bc(2+a)}{a(1+a)}y + \frac{2c^2(1-a)}{a(1+a)^2}x^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{4c^2}{a(1+a)^2}xy + \frac{2c^2}{a(1+a)}y^2 + a_{0,0} + a_{1,0}x + a_{0,1}y + a_{2,0}x^2 + a_{1,1}xy + a_{0,2}y^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2bc(2-a)}{a(1+a)} + a_{1,0} &= \frac{2bc(2+a)}{a(1+a)} + a_{0,1}, \\
\frac{2c^2(1-a)}{a(1+a)^2} + a_{2,0} &= \frac{4c^2}{a(1+a)^2} + a_{1,1} = \frac{2c^2}{a(1+a)} + a_{0,2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$a_{1,0} = \frac{2bc}{a}, \quad a_{0,1} = \frac{2bc(1-a)}{a(1+a)}, \quad a_{2,0} = \frac{2c^2}{a(1+a)}, \quad a_{1,1} = 0, \quad a_{0,2} = \frac{2c^2(1-a)}{a(1+a)^2}.$$

Thus

$$\sigma(x^2) = a_{0,0} + \frac{2bc}{a}x + \frac{2bc(1-a)}{a(1+a)}y + \frac{2c^2}{a(1+a)}x^2 + \frac{2c^2(1-a)}{a(1+a)^2}y^2.$$

On the other hand, $\sigma[xy, x] = [\sigma(xy), \sigma(x)] = \sigma(xy)[1, \sigma(x)]$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma[xy, x] &= \sigma(xy^2 - x^2y) \\
&= \sigma(x^3) + \sigma[x, x^2] - \sigma(x^3) - \sigma[x^2, x] \\
&= \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x^2)] - \sigma(x^2)[1, \sigma(x)] \\
&= \frac{\sigma x}{a}(2\sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] + a[1, \sigma(x)]^2) - \sigma(x^2)[1, \sigma(x)] \\
&= [1, \sigma(x)] \left(\frac{2(\sigma(x))^2}{a} + \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] - \sigma(x^2) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

But

$$\sigma[xy, x] = \sigma(xy)[1, \sigma(x)] = [1, \sigma(x)](\sigma(x^2) + \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)]),$$

and $[1, \sigma(x)] \neq 0$, hence

$$\frac{2(\sigma(x))^2}{a} + \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)] - \sigma(x^2) = \sigma(x^2) + \sigma(x)[1, \sigma(x)],$$

which implies that $(\sigma(x))^2 = a\sigma(x^2)$. By comparing the coefficients of x^2 in two sides of the equation we have $a = 1$. Hence, we have proved the following

Theorem 3.2.4. *If σ is an automorphism of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ and preserves the standard filtration $\{F[x, y]_{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, then $\sigma(1) = \pm 1$.*

Thus, we can describe all automorphisms of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ which preserve the standard filtration.

Theorem 3.2.5. *Let $\text{Aut}'(F[x, y])$ be the set of automorphisms of the Leibniz algebra $F[x, y]$ which preserve the standard filtration $\{F[x, y]_{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ of $F[x, y]$, then $\text{Aut}'(F[x, y])$ is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$, and $\text{Aut}'(F[x, y])$ is isomorphic to the following matrix multiplication group*

$$G = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & a & a \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{array} \right) \middle| a, b \in F, b \neq 0 \right\} \cup \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1 & a & a \\ 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & b & 0 \end{array} \right) \middle| a, b \in F, b \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Proof. Clearly, $\text{Aut}'(F[x, y])$ is a subgroup of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F[x, y])$, and by Theorem 3.2.4, for any $\sigma \in \text{Aut}'(F[x, y])$, $\sigma(1) = \pm 1$. But by Theorem 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, such an automorphism σ can be determined uniquely by its images $\sigma(1)$, $\sigma(x)$ and $\sigma(y)$. If we identify σ with the matrix of linear transformation $\sigma|_{F[x, y]_{(1)}}$ with respect to the basis $1, x, y$, we get the result. \square

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