A CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE LIE SUBALGEBRAS OF CERTAIN TYPES FROM TRIPLE SYSTEMS

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We have constructed all simple Lie superalgebras from some triple systems. In particular, we shall discuss simple Lie superalgebras of P(n), Q(n) and Cartan types $W(n), \tilde{S}(n), H(n)$ in this article.

1. TRIPLE SYSTEMS AND LIE SUPERALGEBRAS

It is known ([1, 8]) that all simple Lie algebras over the complex field C (or more generally any field F of characteristic $\neq 2, \neq 3$) can be constructed from Freudenthal-Kantor triple systems. The purpose of this note is to show that the same is also true for Lie superalgebras (for example, [4, 6, 15]). This fact has been already demonstrated for the case of exceptional Lie superalgebras $D(2,1,\alpha), G(3)$ and F(4) in addition to osp(n,2) from some balanced (-1,-1) Freudenthal-Kantor triple systems in a previous paper ([10]). In this note, we shall construct the rest of the simple Lie superalgebras from some other triple systems for the sake of the completeness. From now on, we shall mainly use the notation and terminology of ([2, 10, 11]).

Let V be a finite dimensional superspace over a field F of characteristic not 2 with

$$(1.1) L = V_{\overline{0}} \oplus V_{\overline{1}}$$

in the standard notation. Suppose that V possesses a triple product $V \otimes V \otimes V \rightarrow V$ which is denoted by juxtaposition xyz for $x, y, x \in V$. We assume further that it satisfies a relation

(1.2)
$$uv(xyz) = (uvx)yz + \varepsilon(-1)^{(u+v)x+uv}x(vuy)z + (-1)^{(u+v)(x+y)}xy(uvz)$$

for any $u, v, x, y, z \in V$, where ε is a constant assuming only two values $\varepsilon = +1$ or -1.

Introducing the left multiplication operator $L: V \otimes V \rightarrow \text{End } V$ by

$$(1.3) L(x,y)z := xyz,$$

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equation (1.2) is rewritten as a Lie superalgebra relation of

(1.4)
$$\left[L(u,v),L(x,y)\right] = L(uvx,y) + \varepsilon(-1)^{(u+v)x+uv}L(x,vuy).$$

We can readily then construct Lie superalgebras spl(n, m) and osp(n, m) as follows. Let $\langle . | . \rangle$ be a non-degenerate form on V satisfying

(1.5a)
$$\langle x \mid y \rangle = -\varepsilon (-1)^{xy} y \mid x \rangle$$

(1.5b)
$$\langle V_{\overline{0}} | V_{\overline{1}} \rangle = 0$$

It is easily seen that the triple products defined by

and

(1.7)
$$xyz := \langle y \mid z \rangle x + \varepsilon (-1)^{xy} \langle x \mid z \rangle y$$

satisfy equation (1.2), as has been already noted in [10].

The resulting Lie superalgebras for equation (1.6) will take the form of

(1.8)
$$\left[L(u,v), L(x,y)\right] = \langle v \mid x \rangle L(u,y) + \varepsilon (-1)^{(u+v)x+uv} \langle u \mid y \rangle L(x,v)$$

while equation (1.7) gives

(1.9)
$$[L(u,v), L(x,y)] = \langle v \mid x \rangle L(u,y) + \varepsilon (-1)^{uv} \langle u \mid x \rangle L(v,y) + \varepsilon (-1)^{(u+v)x} \langle u \mid y \rangle L(x,v) + (-1)^{uv+(u+v)x} \langle v \mid y \rangle L(x,u).$$

If we choose $\varepsilon = -1$, then these reproduce the standard forms of Lie superalgebras spl(n, m) for equation (1.8) and osp(n, m) for equation (1.9), where we have set

(1.10)
$$n = \operatorname{Dim} V_{\overline{0}}, \quad m = \operatorname{Dim} V_{\overline{1}}$$

The other choice of $\varepsilon = +1$ lead to the same except for the fact that we interchange the role of n and m.

In the construction given above, V is a superspace with $V_{\overline{1}} \neq 0$ in general. However, we can also construct all Lie superalgebras except possibly for osp(n, m) (m > 2) from some non-super vector spaces (that is, $V_{\overline{1}} = 0$). We have already shown this fact in [11] for case of $D(2, 1; \alpha)$, G(3), F(4) and osp(n, 2).

To this end, let V be hereafter a (non-super) vector space over a field F of characteristic not two. Suppose that a triple product [.,.,.] in V now satisfies

(1.11a)
$$[x, y, z] = [y, x, z]$$

(1.11b)
$$[x, y, z] + [y, z, x] + [z, x, y] = 0$$

(1.11c) [u, v, [x, y, z]] = [[u, v, x], y, z] + [x, [u, v, y], z] + [x, y, [u, v, z]]

for any $u, v, x, y, z \in V$. Then V is called an anti-Lie triple system ([3, 7, 10, 11, 14]).

For the triple products, we often use the notation xyz, [xyz] and $\langle xyz \rangle$ according to the traditional custom. Note that if we replace equation (1.11a) by

(1.11d)
$$[x, y, z] = -[y, x, z]$$

that it defines a more familiar Lie triple system ([5, 13]).

We can now give the canonical standard embedding construction of Lie superalgebras from an anti-Lie triple system as follows. First, we note that the left multiplication operator L(x, y) defined by

(1.12)
$$L(x,y)z := [x,y,z]$$

satisfies a Lie algebra relation of

$$(1.13a) \qquad [L(u,v),L(x,y)] = L([u,v,x],y) + L(x,[u,v,y])$$

with

$$(1.13b) L(y,x) = L(x,y)$$

by equation (1.11c) and (1.11a). We now identify this Lie algebra with the even-part $L_{\overline{0}}$ of a Lie superalgebra

$$(1.14) L = L_{\overline{0}} \oplus L_{\overline{1}},$$

with

$$(1.15a) L_{\overline{0}} := L(V, V)$$

$$(1.15b) L_{\overline{1}} := V$$

The commutation relations involving $L_{\overline{1}}$ are assumed to satisfy

(1.16a)
$$[x, y] := L(x, y),$$

(1.16b) [L(x,y),z] := -[z,L(x,y)] := [x,y,z]

for any $x, y, z \in V$.

Then, it can be easily proved that L is a Lie superalgebra.

One way to construct anti-Lie triple systems is to utilise the balanced (-1, -1)Freudenthal-Kantor triple systems as in [11] for derivations of $D(2, 1; \alpha)$, G(3) and F(4), which will not be repeated here. Another method which we shall employ in this note below is to consider an anti-Jordan triple system which is a special case of more general (ε, δ) Freudenthal-Kantor triple systems ([9, 12]).

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Let V be again a (non-super) vector space. Suppose that it possesses a triple product denoted now by $\langle xyz \rangle$ for $x, y, z \in V$, which satisfies

(1.17a)
$$\langle xyz \rangle = \delta \langle zyx \rangle$$

(1.17b) $\langle uv\langle xyz\rangle\rangle = \langle\langle uvx\rangle yz\rangle + \varepsilon\langle x\langle vuy\rangle z\rangle + \langle xy\langle uvz\rangle\rangle$

for constants $\varepsilon, \delta = +1$ or -1. In particular, the case of $\varepsilon = -1$ and $\delta = 1$ gives the familiar Jordan triple systems, while the other case of $\varepsilon = +1$ and $\delta = -1$ is called an anti-Jordan triple system ([7, 10]).

Introducing the second triple product in any anti-Jordan triple system by

(1.18)
$$[x, y, z] := \langle xyz \rangle + \langle yxz \rangle$$

it can be shown (for example, see [7, 10]) that it defines an anti-Lie triple system. In the following section, we shall construct in this way Lie superalgebras spl(n,m), P(n) and Q(n).

The remaining case of Cartan-type Lie superalgebras W(n), S(n), $\tilde{S}(n)$ and H(n) will be discussed in section 3, where we construct them more directly from some appropriate anti-Lie triple system.

In ending this section, we remark that we did not succeed in constructing a general osp(n, 2m) Lie superalgebras from a non-super vector space in a simple way except for the case of osp(n, 2) and osp(1, 2m). The 1st one for osp(n, 2) has been already given in terms of (-1, -1) balanced Freudenthat-Kantor triple systems in [11]. For second one osp(1, 2m), we have the following.

PROPOSITION 1. Let V be a 2m-dimensional vector space with an anti-symmetric nondegenerate bilinear form $\langle x, y \rangle$. Then (V, [xyz]) is an anti-Lie triple system with respect to the triple product defined by

$$[xyz] := \langle y, z \rangle x + \langle x, z \rangle y.$$

Thus the canonical standard embedding Lie superalgebra is type osp(1, 2m).

2. LIE SUPERALGEBRAS,
$$spl(n,m)$$
, $P(n)$ AND $Q(n)$

Let $V_{n,m}$ be a vector space spaned by all $n \times m$ matrices over a field F of characteristic not 2. For a pair $x \in V_{n,m}$ and $x' \in V_{m,n}$, we introduce a large vector space V spanned by all $(n + m) \times (n + m)$ matrices X of the form

(2.1)
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ x' & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In V, we then define a triple product by

(2.2)
$$\langle XYZ \rangle := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & xy'z - zy'x \\ x'yz' - z'yx' & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V$$

for $X, Y, Z \in V$, where $xy'z \in V_{n,m}$ and $x'yz' \in V_{m,n}$ stand for the standard associative matrix products. Note that we have $xy' \in V_{n,n}$ and $x'y \in V_{m,m}$ for $x, y \in V_{n,m}$ and $x', y' \in V_{m,n}$. It is straightforward to verify that V then becomes an anti-Jordan triple system with respect to this triple product. We can now construct the associated anti-Lie triple system by

$$[X, Y, Z] := \langle XYZ \rangle + \langle YXZ \rangle$$

$$(2.3) \qquad \qquad = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & xy'z + yx'z - zx'y - zy'x \\ x'yz' + y'xz' - z'xy' - z'yx' & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

following the prescription described in section 1. We then calculate the left multiplication operator by

(2.4a)
$$L(X,Y)Z := [X,Y,Z] = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} xy' + yx' & 0 \\ 0 & x'y + y'x, \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & z \\ z' & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that we have

(2.4b)
$$L(X,Y) = \operatorname{ad} \begin{pmatrix} xy' + yx' & 0\\ 0, & x'y + y'x \end{pmatrix}$$

Here, ad designates the adjoint operation. Since $x, y \in V_{n,m}$ and $x', y' \in V_{m,n}$ can be chosen arbitrarily, xy' + yx' and x'y + y'x span all $n \times n$ and $m \times m$ matrices, respectively with a constraint

(2.5)
$$T_r^{(n)}(xy' + yx') = T_r^{(m)}(x'y + y'x),$$

where $T_r^{(n)}$ stands for the trace of $n \times n$ matrix. If $m \neq n$, then L(V, V) can be identified with a diagonal $(n + m) \times (n + m)$ matrix form

(2.6a)
$$L(V,V) \cong \begin{pmatrix} V_{n,n}, & 0\\ 0, & V_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$(2.6b) \qquad \qquad \operatorname{str} L(V, V) = 0,$$

where str implies the supertrace. Therefore, the resulting Lie superalgebra $L = L(V, V) \oplus V$ can be also identified as

(2.7)
$$L \cong \begin{pmatrix} V_{n,n}, & V_{n,m} \\ V_{m,n}, & V_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}$$

with the supertrace constraint equation (2.6b). Thus, we have obtained the Lie superalgebra spl(n, m).

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We have imposed the condition $m \neq n$ in the above for the following reason. For n = m, it could happen that for some choices of matrices x, y, x', and y', we could have

$$x_0 = xy' + yx'$$
, and $x'_0 = x'y + y'x$

to be $n \times n$ identity matrix E_n that is,

$$x_0 = x'_0 = E_n$$

which is compatible with equation (2.5) for n = m. In the case, equation (2.4 b) gives $L(X_0, Y_0) = \operatorname{ad} \begin{pmatrix} E_n & 0 \\ 0 & E_n \end{pmatrix} = 0$. Therefore, equation (2.7) is now replaced by

(2.8)
$$L = \begin{pmatrix} V_{n,n}, & V_{n,n} \\ V_{n,n}, & V_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} / F E_{2n}$$

which represents now

 $spl(n, n)/FE_{2n}$ (see [15]).

We next proceed for constructions of strange Lie superalgebras P(n) and Q(n). Hereafter we restrict ourselves to the case of m = n. We first consider a choice of x' = x in equation (2.1) with tr x = 0 so that

(2.9)
$$V = \left\{ X \mid X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ x & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ tr } x = 0, x \in V_{n,n} \right\}.$$

Equation (2.2) becomes then

(2.10)
$$\langle XYZ \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & xyz - zyx \\ xyz - zyx & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V$$

since we have tr(xyz - zyx) = 0. Moreover, equation (2.4b) is rewritten as

$$L(X,Y) = \operatorname{ad} \begin{pmatrix} xy + yx & 0\\ 0 & xy + yx \end{pmatrix}$$

so that the resulting Lie superalgebra $L = L(V, V) \oplus V$ can be identified in a similar way with

(2.11)
$$L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u & x \\ x & u \end{pmatrix} \middle| \operatorname{tr} x = 0, \ u, x \in V_{n,n} \right\} / FE_{2n}$$

which realises the Lie superalgebra Q(n-1) (or d(n) in the notation of [15]).

We finally consider the choice of tx = x and tx' = -x' where tx stands for the transpose matrix of x. We put

(2.12)
$$V = \left\{ X \mid X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x \\ x' & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ {}^{t}x = x, \ {}^{t}x' = -x', \ x, x' \in V_{n,n} \right\}$$

with

(2.13)
$$\langle XYZ \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & xy'z - zy'x \\ x'yz' - z'yx' & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V,$$

since

$${}^{t}(xy'z - zy'x) = xy'z - zy'x,$$

$${}^{t}(x'yz' - z'yx') = -(x'yz' - z'yx').$$

Moreover, we note x'y + y'x = -t(xy' + yx') and hence L(X, Y) is rewritten as

$$L(X,Y) = \operatorname{ad} \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & -^{t}u \end{pmatrix}$$

for $u = xy' + yx' \in V_{n,n}$. Then the resulting Lie superalgebra is P(n-1)(or b(n)) when we note

(2.15)
$$L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u & x \\ x' & -{}^{t}u \end{pmatrix} \middle| {}^{t}x = x, {}^{t}x' = -x', x, x', u \in V_{n,n} \right\}.$$

Summarising the results of above and Section 1, we have the following.

PROPOSITION 2. Let $(V, \langle xyz \rangle)$ be an anti-Jordan triple system. Then (V, [xyz]) is an anti-Lie triple system with respect to the new product defined by

$$[xyz] := \langle xyz \rangle + \langle yxz \rangle$$

In particular, we can obtain the simple Lie superalgebras spl(n, m), P(n) and Q(n) from anti-Jordan triple systems by means of the canonical standard embedding Lie superalgebra associated with V.

3. CARTAN-TYPE LIE SUPERALGEBRAS

All Cartan-type Lie superalgebras can be constructed directly from some anti-Lie triple systems. Before going into its details, we first note the following.

Suppose that a Lie superalgebra

$$(3.1) L = L_{\overline{0}} \oplus L_{\overline{1}}$$

satisfies conditions

(3.2a)
$$[L_{\overline{1}}, L_{\overline{1}}] = L_{\overline{0}}$$

(3.2b) ad $L_{\overline{0}}$ is isomorphic to $L_{\overline{0}}$ as Lie algebras

Setting $V = L_{\overline{1}}$, we introduce, next, a triple product in V by

$$(3.3) [x, y, z] := [[x, y], z]$$

for $x, y, z \in V$. This defines an anti-Lie triple system. Moreover its canonial construction of a Lie superalgebra as described in section 1 gives a Lie superalgebra isomorphic to the original L. All simple Cartan-type Lie superalgebras W(n), S(n), $\tilde{S}(n)$, and H(n)satisfy the desired conditions so that they can be surely constructed in terms of the corresponding anti-Lie triple systems.

Let $\Gamma(n)$ be the Grassmann algebra generated by *n* anti-commuting variables $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$. It is well-known then that

(3.4)
$$W(n) := \left\{ X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{X}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \mid \widetilde{X}_{i} \in \Gamma(n) \right\}$$

is the Lie superalgebra consisting of all superderivations of $\Gamma(n)$.

Therefore setting

(3.5)
$$V = W_{\overline{1}}(n) = \left\{ X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{X}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \mid \widetilde{X}_{i} \in \Gamma(n), \text{ grade } \widetilde{X}_{i} = \text{even} \right\},$$

and introducing the triple product

$$[X, Y, Z] := (XY + YX)Z - Z(XY + YX) = [[X, Y], Z]$$
(3.6)

in V, this gives an anti-Lie triple system whose canonical construction leads to W(n). We may also note that

$$[X, Y, Z] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{W}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}},$$

$$(3.7) \qquad \widetilde{W}_{i} = \sum_{j,k=1}^{n} \left\{ \left(X_{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{j}} Y_{k} + Y_{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{j}} X_{k} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{k}} Z_{i} - Z_{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{k}} \left(X_{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{j}} Y_{i} + Y_{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{j}} X_{i} \right) \right\}$$

for $X, Y, Z \in V (= W_{\overline{1}}(n))$.

We next consider a Lie supersubalgebra of W(n) given by

(3.8)
$$S(n) = \left\{ X \mid X = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \widetilde{X}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}}, \ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \widetilde{X}_{i} = 0 \right\}.$$

We repeat the same procedure to find a Lie superalgebra isomorphic to S(n) by considering an anti-Lie triple system constructed from its odd part $S_{\overline{1}}(n)$.

Similarly, we set

(3.9)
$$\widetilde{S}(n) = \left\{ X \mid X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{X}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} (1 + \theta_{1} \theta_{2} \cdots \theta_{n}) \widetilde{X}_{i} = 0 \right\},$$

where n is now assumed to be an even integer.

We note that $\widetilde{S}(n)$ is characterised also as a linear combination of elements of the forms

(3.10a)
$$X = (1 - \theta_1 \theta_2 \cdots \theta_n) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}, \ a_i \in F$$

and

(3.10b)
$$X = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \widetilde{X}_{ij}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}}$$

where $\widetilde{X}_{ij} \in \Gamma(n)$ satisfies

$$\widetilde{X}_{ij} = \widetilde{X}_{ji}$$
, grade $\widetilde{X}_{ij} \ge 2$.

We must verify the validity of conditions equation (3.2). For example, for the case of

$$X_0 = (1 - \theta_1 \theta_2 \cdots \theta_n) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \in V = \widetilde{S}_{\overline{1}}(n)$$

and

$$Y_0 = (1 - \theta_1 \theta_2 \cdots \theta_n) \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \in V = \widetilde{S}_{\overline{1}}(n)$$

for some $a_i, b_i \in F$, we calculate

$$[X_0, Y_0] = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \widetilde{Z}_{ij}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \in \widetilde{S}_{\overline{0}}(n)$$
$$\widetilde{Z}_{ij} = -(a_i b_j + a_j b_i) \theta_1 \theta_2 \cdots \theta_n.$$

From these, we can verify the validity of the conditions equation (3.2).

Finally, let us consider a Lie superalgebra $\widetilde{H}(n)$ and we put

(3.11)
$$\widetilde{H}(n) = \left\{ X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{X}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \mid \widetilde{X}_{i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} X_{0}, \ X_{0} \in \Gamma(n) \right\}$$

However, $\tilde{H}(n)$ is not simple and we restrict to its Lie supersubalgebra H(n) given by

$$(3.12) H(n) := \{X \mid X \in \widetilde{H}(n), \text{ grade } X_0 \leq n-1\}.$$

We conclude that

(3.12)
$$H(n) = \left[\tilde{H}(n), \tilde{H}(n)\right]$$

since for $X, Y \in \widetilde{H}(n)$ with

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial X_0}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}, \ Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial Y_0}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i},$$

we calculate

$$Z = [X, Y] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial Z_0}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i},$$

with

$$Z_{0} = (-1)^{X+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{i}} \left(X_{0} \frac{\partial Y_{0}}{\partial \theta_{j}} \right)$$

whose grade is obviously less than n.

Summarising the results of above and Section 1, we have the following.

PROPOSITION 3. Let V be an anti-Lie triple system and L(V, V) be the Lie algebras of inner derivations of V. Then $L(V) := L(V, V) \oplus V$ is a Lie superalgebra with respect to

$$[D + X, D' + Y] := [D, D'] + DY - D'X + L(X, Y).$$

where $D, D' \in L(V, V), X, Y \in V$

In particular, we can obtain the simple Lie superalgebras W(n), S(n), $\tilde{S}(n)$, H(n) by means of the canonical standard embedding.

In conclusion, there exists a way to construct all simple Lie superalgebras from some triple systems (for example, anti-Lie triple systems) without using the terms of supertriple systems except possibly osp(n, m). That is, by means of non-super vector spaces.

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