

DERIVATIONS OF THE ODD CONTACT LIE ALGEBRAS IN PRIME CHARACTERISTIC

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ABSTRACT. The underlying field is of characteristic $p > 2$. In this paper, we first use the method of computing the homogeneous derivations to determine the first cohomology of the so-called odd contact Lie algebra with coefficients in the even part of the generalized Witt Lie superalgebra. In particular, we give a generating set for the Lie algebra under consideration. Finally, as an application, the derivation algebra and outer derivation algebra of the Lie algebra are completely determined.

0. Introduction

In this paper, we consider a family of non-simple modular Lie algebras, called the odd contact Lie algebras, which are actually the even parts of the odd contact simple Lie superalgebras that are also closely related to the contact simple Lie algebras. The main purpose is to compute the first cohomology of the odd contact Lie algebras with coefficients in their adjoint representations. In other words, we determine the derivation algebras and the outer derivation algebras.

As is well-known, the theory of modular Lie algebras has undergone a remarkable evolution. In the super-case, the theory of modular Lie superalgebras has also obtained many interesting results in the past decade. For example, one can find work on the classification of classical modular Lie superalgebras [1, 2] and on the structures and representations of modular Lie superalgebras of Cartan type [6, 7, 9, 16, 17, 18]. Recently, one can also find work on the representations of the classical modular Lie superalgebras (see, for example, [14, 15]). For the simple modular Lie algebras and simple modular Lie superalgebras of Cartan type, the (super)derivation algebras have been sufficiently studied (for example, see [3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]). In [4, 11], the superderivation algebras of Lie superalgebras of Cartan-type H , W , S , K , HO and KO were determined. For the derivations of the even parts of Lie superalgebras

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of Cartan type W , S and HO , we refer the reader to [8, 10]. Our work is essentially motivated by the work on modular Lie algebras of Cartan type (see [3, 12, 13]).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 1, we recall some notions and basic facts and state the main results (Theorems 1.1 and 1.2). The rest of the paper covers the proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. In Section 2, we give a generating set of the odd contact Lie algebra and recall the so-called \mathbb{Z} -grading structures, which will be frequently used, and establish some technical lemmas pertaining to transitivity for computing derivations. In Section 3, we determine the derivation space from the odd contact Lie algebra into the even part of generalized Witt superalgebra as module. As an application, we finally complete the characterization of the derivation algebra and the outer derivation algebra.

1. Notation and main results

Throughout the present paper, \mathbb{F} is a field of prime characteristic $p > 2$, and \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{N}_0 are the sets of positive integers and non-negative integers, respectively. Let $\mathbb{Z}_2 := \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}\}$ be the additive group of order 2. We first give a description of the graded Lie superalgebras of Cartan type. For an n -tuple $\alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, put $|\alpha| := \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$. Fix $\underline{t} := (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and write $\pi := (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_n)$, where $\pi_i := p^{t_i} - 1$, $i \in \overline{1, n}$. Let $\mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}) := \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \mid \alpha_i \leq \pi_i, i \in \overline{1, n}\}$. Denote by $\mathcal{O}(n; \underline{t})$ the divided power algebra over \mathbb{F} with \mathbb{F} -basis $\{x^{(\alpha)} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t})\}$. For $\varepsilon_i := (\delta_{i1}, \delta_{i2}, \dots, \delta_{in})$, we write x_i for $x^{(\varepsilon_i)}$, $i \in \overline{1, n}$. Let $\Lambda(n+1)$ be the exterior superalgebra over \mathbb{F} in $n+1$ variables $x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots, x_{2n+1}$. The tensor product $\mathcal{O}(n, n+1; \underline{t}) := \mathcal{O}(n; \underline{t}) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} \Lambda(n+1)$ is an associative superalgebra in the natural way, which is called a divided power superalgebra. For $g \in \mathcal{O}(n; \underline{t})$ and $f \in \Lambda(n+1)$, we simply write fg to mean $f \otimes g$. Recall the multiplication in $\mathcal{O}(n, n+1; \underline{t})$:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(\alpha)}x^{(\beta)} &= \binom{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha} x^{(\alpha + \beta)} \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}), \\ x_i x_j &= -x_j x_i \quad \text{for } i, j \in \overline{n+1, 2n+1}, \\ x^{(\alpha)}x_j &= x_j x^{(\alpha)} \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}), j \in \overline{n+1, 2n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\binom{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha} = \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{\alpha_i + \beta_i}{\alpha_i}.$$

Let $\mathbb{B}_k := \{\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle \mid n+1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq 2n+1\}$ and

$$\mathbb{B} := \mathbb{B}(n+1) := \cup_{k=0}^{n+1} \mathbb{B}_k,$$

where $\mathbb{B}_0 := \emptyset$. Set $\mathbb{B}^0 := \{u \in \mathbb{B} \mid |u| \text{ is even}\}$ and $\mathbb{B}^1 := \{u \in \mathbb{B} \mid |u| \text{ is odd}\}$. For $u := \langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle \in \mathbb{B}_k$, put $|u| := k$, $\{u\} := \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$, and $x^u := x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k}$. We write $|\emptyset| := 0$, $x^\emptyset := 1$ and $\omega := \langle n+1, \dots, 2n+1 \rangle$. Note that $\{x^{(\alpha)}x^u \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}), u \in \mathbb{B}(n+1)\}$ is a \mathbb{Z}_2 -homogeneous \mathbb{F} -basis of

$\mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$. Denote the \mathbb{Z}_2 -degree of a \mathbb{Z}_2 -homogeneous element x by $p(x)$. Let $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{2n+1}$ be the linear transformations of $\mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ such that $D_i(x^{(\alpha)}x^u) = x^{(\alpha-\varepsilon_i)}x^u$ if $i \in \overline{1, n}$ and $x^{(\alpha)}\frac{\partial x^u}{\partial x_i}$ if $i \in \overline{n+1, 2n+1}$. Then $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{2n+1}$ are superderivations of the superalgebra $\mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ and $p(D_i) = \mu(i)$, where $\mu(i) := \overline{0}$ if $i \in \overline{1, n}$ and $\overline{1}$ if $i \in \overline{n+1, 2n+1}$. Recall the generalized Witt superalgebra

$$W(n, n + 1; \underline{t}) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} a_i D_i \mid a_i \in \mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t}), i \in \overline{1, 2n+1} \right\},$$

which is a finite-dimensional simple Lie superalgebra (see [16]). The even part of $W(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ is denoted by $\mathfrak{W}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$. Note that $W(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ is a free $\mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ -module with a basis $\{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{2n+1}\}$. Put $i' := i + n$ if $i \in \overline{1, n}$ and $i - n$ if $i \in \overline{n+1, 2n}$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} T_K : \mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t}) &\longrightarrow W(n, n + 1; \underline{t}) \\ T_K(a) &:= \sum_{i=1}^{2n} ((-1)^{\mu(i')p(a)} D_{i'} a + (-1)^{p(a)} (D_{2n+1} a) x_i) D_i \\ &\quad + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i (D_i a) - 2a \right) D_{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then T_K is an odd linear mapping and the following formula holds for $a, b \in \mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$:

$$(1.1) \quad [T_K(a), T_K(b)] = T_K \left(T_K(a)(b) - (-1)^{p(a)} 2(D_{2n+1} a)b \right).$$

It follows that the image of T_K ,

$$KO(n, n + 1; \underline{t}) := \{T_K(a) \mid a \in \mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})\},$$

is a finite-dimensional simple subalgebra of $W(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$, known as the odd contact Lie superalgebra (see [4]). The even part of this Lie superalgebra is called the odd contact Lie algebra, denoted by $\mathfrak{K}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$.

For simplicity, in the sequel, the parameter tuple $(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ will be omitted. For example, we usually write \mathcal{O} , \mathfrak{W} and \mathfrak{K} for $\mathcal{O}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$, $\mathfrak{W}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$ and $\mathfrak{K}(n, n + 1; \underline{t})$, respectively. View \mathfrak{W} as a \mathfrak{K} -module by means of the adjoint representation. The primary results of this paper are:

Theorem 1.1. *The derivation space from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} is*

$$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}) = \text{ad}(\mathfrak{W}) \oplus \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 1 \leq k_i < t_i\}.$$

In particular, the first cohomology space of \mathfrak{K} with values in \mathfrak{W} is of dimension $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i - n$.

Theorem 1.2. *The derivation algebra of the odd contact Lie algebra is*

$$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}) = \text{ad}(\mathfrak{K}) \oplus \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 1 \leq k_i < t_i\}.$$

In particular, the outer derivation algebra is an abelian Lie algebra of dimension $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i - n$.

2. Generating set and grading structures

2.1. Generating set

A derivation of a Lie algebra L is completely determined by its action on a generating set of L . Thereby we first give a generating set of the odd contact Lie algebra, which will be frequently used in this paper. Put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &:= \{T_K(x_{n+i}) \mid i \in \overline{1, n}\}, \\ \mathcal{N} &:= \left\{T_K\left(x^{(k\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right) \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 0 \leq k \leq \pi_i\right\}, \\ \mathcal{P} &:= \{T_K(x_{n+l}x_{n+t}x_{2n+1}) \mid l, t \in \overline{1, n}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.1. $\mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{N} \cup \mathcal{P}$ is a generating set of \mathfrak{K} .

Proof. Denote by \mathcal{L} the subalgebra of \mathfrak{K} generated by $\mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{N} \cup \mathcal{P}$. For $T_K(a)$, $T_K(b) \in \mathcal{L}$, if neither a nor b contains x_{2n+1} , then the Lie bracket of $T_K(a)$ and $T_K(b)$ equals to that of $T_H(a)$ and $T_H(b)$ in the even part of the odd Hamiltonian superalgebra $HO(n, n; \underline{t})$ (see [11]). By [8, Proposition 2.4], the even part of $HO(n, n; \underline{t})$ has a generating set A :

$$\begin{aligned} &\{T_H(x_k x_l x_q) \mid k, l, q \in \overline{n+1, 2n}\} \\ &\cup \{T_H(x^{(q_i \varepsilon_i)} x_k) \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 0 \leq q_i \leq \pi_i, k \in \overline{n+1, 2n}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $[T_K(x^{(k_j \varepsilon_j)} x_{2n+1}), T_K(x_{n+i})] = T_K(x^{(k_j \varepsilon_j)} x_{n+i})$ whenever $j, i \in \overline{1, n}$ with $j \neq i$, $[T_K(x^{(k_i \varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1}), T_K(x_{n+i})] = T_K(x^{(k_i-1)\varepsilon_i} x_{2n+1} + x^{(k_i \varepsilon_i)} x_{n+i})$ for $i \in \overline{1, n}$, $[T_K(x_k x_l x_{2n+1}), T_K(x_q)] = T_K(x_k x_l x_q)$ for $k, l, q \in \overline{n+1, 2n}$, all the elements in A may be generated by $\mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{N} \cup \mathcal{P}$. Therefore,

$$T_K(x^{(\delta)} x^u) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}) \text{ and all } u \in \mathbb{B}(n) \text{ with } |u| \text{ odd.}$$

One can easily verify that $T_K(x^{(\delta)} x_{2n+1}) \in \mathcal{L}$. Thus in order to complete the proof, it is sufficient to show that

$$T_K(x^{(\delta)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1}) \in \mathcal{L}$$

for all $j \in \overline{1, n}$, $\delta \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t})$ and $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$ with $|u|$ odd.

For every $u \in \mathbb{B}(n)$, since $|u| \geq 1$, there exists $n+i \in u$. Then one computes

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[T_K(x^{(\delta)} x^u), T_K(x_{n+i} x_{n+j} x_{2n+1})\right] \\ &= T_K\left((x^{(\delta-\varepsilon_i)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} - x^{(\delta-\varepsilon_j)} x^u x_{n+i} x_{2n+1}\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i + |u| - 2\right) x^{(\delta)} x^u x_{n+i} x_{n+j}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= T_K \left(x^{(\delta-\varepsilon_i)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right).$$

It follows that $T_K \left(x^{(\delta-\varepsilon_i)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right) \in \mathcal{L}$. So it remains to show that

$$T_K \left(x^{(\pi)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \text{for all } j \in \overline{1, n} \text{ and } u \in \mathbb{B}(n) \text{ with } |u| \text{ odd.}$$

A routine computation shows that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[T_K \left(x^{(\pi-\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right), T_K \left(x^{(\varepsilon_i)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right) \right] \\ &= (n + |u| + 3) T_K \left(x^{(\pi)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the identity in the underlying field:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^n \binom{p^{t_k} - 1}{1} + \binom{p^{t_i} - 2}{1} - |u| - 2 \right) \binom{p^{t_i} - 1}{1} \equiv n + |u| + 3 \pmod{p}.$$

A similar computation gives

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[T_K \left(x^{(\pi-2\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right), T_K \left(x^{(2\varepsilon_i)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right) \right] \\ &= -(n + |u| + 5) T_K \left(x^{(\pi)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that $T_K \left(x^{(\pi)} x^u x_{n+j} x_{2n+1} \right) \in \mathcal{L}$ since $p > 2$.

Summarizing, we have proved that $T_K \left(x^{(\delta)} x^u \right) \in \mathcal{L}$ for all $\delta \in \mathbb{A}(n, \underline{t}), u \in \mathbb{B}^1$. Hence $\mathcal{L} = \mathfrak{K}$, completing the proof. \square

2.2. Principal gradings and transitivity

In order to compute the derivations, let us introduce a \mathbb{Z} -grading structure of \mathfrak{K} . Write $\xi := |\pi| + n + 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n p^{t_i} + 1$. In what follows, the symbol $\deg(x)$ always implies that x is a \mathbb{Z} -homogeneous element with respect to the \mathbb{Z} -grading under consideration and $\deg(x)$ is the \mathbb{Z} -degree of x . By letting $\deg(x^{(\alpha)}) := |\alpha|$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{A}$ and $\deg(u) := |u| + \delta_{2n+1 \in u}$ for $u \in \mathbb{B}$, the divided power superalgebra has a \mathbb{Z} -grading structure, known as the principal grading,

$$\mathcal{O} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\xi+1} \mathcal{O}_i, \quad \mathcal{O}_i = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{ x^{(\alpha)} x^u \mid \deg(x^{(\alpha)} x^u) = i, \alpha \in \mathbb{A}, u \in \mathbb{B} \}.$$

Here, $\delta_{2n+1 \in u}$ is, by definition, 1 if $2n + 1 \in u$ and 0 otherwise. In particular, $\deg(x_i) = 1 + \delta_{i, 2n+1}$ for all $i \in \overline{1, 2n+1}$. By assigning $\deg(D_i) = -1 - \delta_{i, 2n+1}$ for $i \in \overline{1, 2n+1}$, the principal grading of \mathcal{O} induces a \mathbb{Z} -grading structure on the generalized Witt superalgebra, known again as principal:

$$W = \bigoplus_{i \geq -2} W_i, \quad W_i := \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{ f D_s \mid f \in \mathcal{O}, s \in \overline{1, 2n+1}, \deg(f) + \deg(D_s) = i \}.$$

It is routine to verify that the odd contact Lie superalgebra KO is a \mathbb{Z} -graded subalgebra of W with respect to the principal grading, that is,

$$KO = \bigoplus_{i \geq -2} KO_i, \quad KO_i := KO \cap W_i.$$

Correspondingly, \mathfrak{W} and \mathfrak{K} have the principal grading structures:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{W} &= \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{W}_i, & \mathfrak{W}_i &:= \mathfrak{W} \cap W_i, \\ \mathfrak{K} &= \bigoplus_{i \geq -1} \mathfrak{K}_i, & \mathfrak{K}_i &:= \mathfrak{K} \cap KO_i. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{K}_{-1} &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{T_K(x_{n+i}) \mid i \in \overline{1, n}\}, \\ \mathfrak{K}_0 &= \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{T_K(x_{2n+1}), T_K(x_i x_{n+j}) \mid i, j \in \overline{1, n}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We should note that T_K is of degree -2 with respect to the principal gradings. For convenience, we list some formulas for later use ($i, j \in \overline{1, n}$):

$$\begin{aligned} T_K(x_{n+i}) &= -D_i - x_{n+i}D_{2n+1}, \\ T_K(x_{2n+1}) &= -\sum_{k=1}^{2n} x_k D_k - 2x_{2n+1}D_{2n+1}, \\ T_K(x_i x_{n+j}) &= T_H(x_i x_{n+j}) = x_{n+j}D_{n+i} - x_i D_j. \end{aligned}$$

Since both \mathfrak{K} and \mathfrak{W} are finite dimensional, viewing \mathfrak{W} as a \mathfrak{K} -module by the adjoint representation, the derivation space $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$ inherits a \mathbb{Z} -grading from the principal gradings of \mathfrak{K} and \mathfrak{W} in the usual fashion:

$$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Der}_i(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}).$$

In particular, $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K})$ is a \mathbb{Z} -graded Lie algebra:

$$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Der}_i(\mathfrak{K}).$$

Here we should mention that, to determine the derivations of \mathfrak{K} , we shall first determine the derivations from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} . This will largely simplify our computations since the elements in \mathfrak{W} possess more concise expressions.

Write \mathcal{G} for the centralizer of \mathfrak{K}_{-1} in \mathfrak{W} , that is, $\mathcal{G} := C_{\mathfrak{W}}(\mathfrak{K}_{-1})$. By a lengthy but straightforward computation, we can verify the following:

Lemma 2.2. *If n is odd, then*

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{G} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{x^u D_i, x^\omega D_i, x^v D_{2n+1} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0; 2n+1 \notin v \in \mathbb{B}^1\};$$

If n is even, then

$$(2.4) \quad \mathcal{G} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{x^u D_i, x^\omega D_{2n+1}, x^v D_{2n+1} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0; 2n+1 \notin v \in \mathbb{B}^1\}.$$

Similarly, one may easily give the centralizer of \mathfrak{K}_{-1} in \mathfrak{K} :

Lemma 2.3. *If n is odd, then*

$$(2.5) \quad C_{\mathfrak{K}}(\mathfrak{K}_{-1}) = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{T_K(x^u) \mid 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1\};$$

If n is even, then

$$(2.6) \quad C_{\mathfrak{K}}(\mathfrak{K}_{-1}) = \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{T_K(x^\omega), T_K(x^u) \mid 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1\}.$$

Remark 2.4. We should mention that Lemma 2.3 implies that the principal grading of \mathfrak{K} is not transitive and that \mathfrak{K} is not simple.

Remark 2.5. It is a standard fact that \mathcal{G} is a graded subalgebra of \mathfrak{W} with respect to the principal gradings. By Lemma 2.3, $\mathcal{G} = \sum_i \mathcal{G}_{2i+1}$, that is, $\mathcal{G}_{2i} = 0$ for all i . The same conclusion holds for $C_{\mathfrak{K}}(\mathfrak{K}_{-1})$.

We close this section by introducing two technical lemmas. The first one is straightforward while the second is from [10, Proposition 2.1.6].

Lemma 2.6. *Let $\phi \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$ and $\phi(\mathfrak{K}_{-1}) = 0$. If E is an element of \mathfrak{K} such that $[E, \mathfrak{K}_{-1}] \subset \ker \phi$, then $\phi(E) \in \mathcal{G}$.*

Lemma 2.7. *Any nonnegative \mathbb{Z} -homogeneous derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} modulo an inner derivation vanishes on \mathfrak{K}_{-1} .*

3. Proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

In this section, we completely determine the derivations from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} (Theorem 1.1). We treat separately the derivations of nonnegative degree and of negative degree and obtain the following intermediate results:

Proposition 3.1. *All the nonnegative homogeneous derivations from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} are inner. That is,*

$$\text{Der}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}) = \text{ad}(\mathfrak{W}^{\geq 0}).$$

Proposition 3.2. *The negative homogeneous derivations from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} are described as follows:*

$$\text{Der}^{< 0}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}) = \text{ad}\mathfrak{W}_{-1} \oplus \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 1 \leq k_i < t_i\}.$$

These two propositions will be proved in Subsections 3.1 and 3.2, respectively. Then we can give:

Proof of Theorem 1.1. This follows immediately from Propositions 3.1 and 3.2. □

Every derivation of \mathfrak{K} is a derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} . Thereby Theorem 1.1 can be used to determine the derivation algebra of \mathfrak{K} .

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Let us show that

$$\text{Der}(\mathfrak{K}) = \text{ad}(\mathfrak{K}) \oplus \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 1 \leq k_i < t_i\}.$$

First, consider the inclusion “ \subset ”. Let ϕ be a homogeneous derivation. If ϕ is of degree $t \geq -1$, then by Theorem 1.1, there is an $E \in \mathfrak{W}$ such that $\phi = \text{ad}E$. Note that \mathfrak{K} is self-normalizing in \mathfrak{W} , that is, $\text{Nor}_{\mathfrak{W}}(\mathfrak{K}) = \mathfrak{K}$. One sees $E \in \mathfrak{K}$ and $\phi \in \text{ad}(\mathfrak{K})$. If ϕ is of degree $t < -1$, then by Theorem 1.1, $\phi \in \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}, 1 \leq k_i < t_i\}$. Hence “ \subset ” holds. The converse inclusion is immediate since $(\text{ad}D_i)^{p^{k_i}} = (\text{ad}T_{\mathbb{K}}(x_{n+i}))^{p^{k_i}}$ for any positive integer k_i . The dimensional formula for the outer derivation algebra is obvious and the proof is complete. □

3.1. Derivations of nonnegative degree

For convenience, write for $i \in \overline{1, n}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i &:= T_K(x_i x_{i'}) = x_{i'} D_{i'} - x_i D_i, \\ \Delta_{2n+1} &:= T_K(x_{2n+1}) = - \sum_{k=1}^{2n} x_k D_k - 2x_{2n+1} D_{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{T} := \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{\Delta_i, \Delta_{2n+1} \mid i \in \overline{1, n}\}$$

is a maximal torus of dimension $n + 1$ of \mathfrak{K}_0 , known as standard. We also point out that $-\text{ad}\Delta_{2n+1}$ is the degree derivation of \mathfrak{K} with respect to the principal grading, that is,

$$(3.1) \quad [-\Delta_{2n+1}, E] = kE \quad \text{for all } E \in \mathfrak{K}_k.$$

In particular, the degree derivation is inner for this Lie algebra. We state a formula for later use: for $i \in \overline{1, n}$,

$$\left[T_K(x^{(\alpha)} x^u), \Delta_i \right] = (\alpha_i - \delta_{n+i \in u}) T_K(x^{(\alpha)} x^u).$$

In order to prove Proposition 3.1, we first give a result pertaining to derivation vanishing:

Lemma 3.3. *A nonnegative homogeneous derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} vanishes if and only if it vanishes on the non-positive part of \mathfrak{K} .*

Proof. Suppose $\phi \in \text{Der}_t(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$ with $t \geq 0$ and $\phi(\mathfrak{K}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{K}_0) = 0$. In view of Theorem 2.1, we have to show that $\phi(\mathcal{N}) = 0 = \phi(\mathcal{P})$.

Case 1. We first check that $\phi(\mathcal{N}) = 0$ or equivalently,

$$(3.2) \quad \phi\left(T_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1})\right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \overline{1, n}, 0 \leq a \leq \pi_i.$$

For $a = 1, 2$, as in [8, Lemma 3.1], it is easy to see that (3.2) holds. Now we proceed by induction on $a > 2$. Note that by induction hypothesis,

$$\left[\phi\left(T_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1})\right), T_K(x_{n+j}) \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } j \in \overline{1, n}.$$

By Lemma 2.6, it is sufficient to treat the following Subcases 1.1 and 1.2.

Subcase 1.1. Suppose

$$\phi\left(T_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1})\right) = \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}, u \in \mathbb{B}(n+1)} c_{ur} x^u D_r, \quad \text{where } c_{ur} \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Applying ϕ to the equation that $[T_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1}), \Delta_i] = a T_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1})$, one gets

$$\left[\sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}, u \in \mathbb{B}} c_{ur} x^u D_r, x_{i'} D_{i'} - x_i D_i \right] = a \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}, u \in \mathbb{B}} c_{ur} x^u D_r$$

and therefore,

$$-\sum_{u \in \mathbb{B}} c_{ui} x^u D_i - \delta_{i' \in u} \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}, u \in \mathbb{B}} c_{ur} x^u D_r = a \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}, u \in \mathbb{B}} c_{ur} x^u D_r,$$

where $\delta_{i' \in u}$ means that it is 1 if $i' \in u$ and 0 otherwise. Comparing the coefficients, we have

$$(3.3) \quad (a + \delta_{i' \in u})c_{ur} = 0 \quad \text{for } r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}, u \in \mathbb{B};$$

$$(3.4) \quad (a + 1 + \delta_{i' \in u})c_{ui} = 0 \quad \text{for } u \in \mathbb{B}.$$

We distinguish two cases: (i) $a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, and (ii) $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

(i) Suppose $a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. By (3.4), $c_{ui} = 0$. Then

$$\phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right)\right) = \sum_{\substack{i' \in u \in \mathbb{B} \\ r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}}} c_{ur} x^u D_r + \sum_{\substack{i' \notin v \in \mathbb{B} \\ r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}}} c_{vr} x^v D_r.$$

By (3.3), one gets

$$\phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right)\right) = \sum_{\substack{i' \notin v \in \mathbb{B} \\ r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}}} c_{vr} x^v D_r.$$

For any fixed v satisfying that $i' \notin v$, since $|v| > 3$, there exists $q \in v$, $q \neq 2n+1$ and $q \neq i, i'$ such that $[\mathbb{T}_K(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_q] = 0$. Applying ϕ to the above equation, we get $c_{vr} = 0$ for $r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}$. This proves (3.2).

(ii) Suppose $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Similar to (i), from (3.3) and (3.4) one can show that (3.2) holds.

Subcase 1.2. Suppose

$$\phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(a\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right)\right) = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{B}^1} c_{u_{2n+1}} x^u D_{2n+1}, \text{ where } c_{u_{2n+1}} \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Similar to Subcase 1.1, it is easy to show (3.2).

Case 2. Let us show that $\phi(\mathcal{P}) = 0$, that is,

$$(3.5) \quad \phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = 0 \quad \text{for } j, k \in \overline{1, n} \text{ with } j \neq k.$$

We treat separately the two subcases of t being even and t being odd.

Subcase 2.1. Suppose t is even. By Lemma 2.6, $\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}))$ is of exactly one of the forms

$$\sum_{\substack{r \in \overline{1, n} \\ 2n+1 \in \omega \in \mathbb{B}^0}} c_{\omega r} x^\omega D_r \quad \text{and} \quad c_{\omega_{2n+1}} x^\omega D_{2n+1}.$$

We only treat the first form since the other case can be treated similarly. Applying ϕ to the equation

$$[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_j] = -\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}),$$

we obtain that $c_{\omega j} = 0$. Consequently,

$$\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{\substack{2n+1 \in \omega \in \mathbb{B}^0 \\ r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j\}}} c_{\omega r} x^\omega D_r.$$

By $|\omega| \geq 3$, $|\omega| \geq 5$, there exists $s \in \omega$, $s \neq 2n + 1$ and $s \neq n + j, n + k$ such that $[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_{s'}] = 0$. Applying ϕ to the above equation, we have $c_{\omega r} = 0$ for $r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j\}$. Then (3.5) holds.

Subcase 2.2. Suppose t is odd. By Lemma 2.6, $\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}))$ is of exactly one of the forms

$$\sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1} c_u x^{2n+1} D_{2n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\substack{r \in \overline{1, n} \\ 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0}} c_{ur} x^u D_r.$$

We only treat the first form since the other is similar. For any fixed u , by $|u| \geq 5$, there exists $q \in u$, $q \neq 2n + 1$ and $q \neq n + j, n + k$ such that $[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_{q'}] = 0$. Applying ϕ , one gets

$$\left[\sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1} c_u x^{2n+1} D_{2n+1}, x_q D_q - x_{q'} D_{q'} \right] = 0.$$

Consequently, $-\sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1} c_u x^{2n+1} D_{2n+1} = 0$ and so $c_u x^{2n+1} = 0$. This proves $\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = 0$. \square

We need, in addition, a reduction lemma of which the proof is completely analogous to [8, Lemmas 3.6 and 3.7]:

Lemma 3.4. *A nonnegative derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} vanishing on \mathfrak{K}_{-1} modulo an inner derivation vanishes on the non-positive part $\mathfrak{K}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{K}_0$ of \mathfrak{K} .*

Proof of Proposition 3.1. The inclusion $\text{ad}\mathfrak{W}_t \subset \text{Der}_t(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$ is immediate. On the other hand, for $\phi \in \text{Der}_t(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$, by Lemma 2.7, there exists $E \in \mathfrak{W}_t$ such that $(\phi - \text{ad}E)(\mathfrak{K}_{-1}) = 0$. By Lemma 3.4, there exists $D \in \mathfrak{G}_t$ such that

$$(\phi - \text{ad}E - \text{ad}D)(\mathfrak{K}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{K}_0) = 0.$$

Then Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 2.1 ensure that $\phi - \text{ad}E - \text{ad}D = 0$. Consequently, $\phi = \text{ad}E + \text{ad}D \in \text{ad}\mathfrak{W}_t$ and the proof is complete. \square

3.2. Derivations of negative degree

In this subsection, we determine the homogeneous derivations of degree -1 , $-p^d$ for any positive integer d and of the other negative degrees, respectively.

3.2.1. Degree -1 .

We first give a reduction lemma for degree -1 derivations.

Lemma 3.5. *A derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} of degree -1 vanishes if and only if it vanishes on \mathfrak{K}_0 .*

Proof. The “only if” direction is obvious. For the “if” direction, in view of Theorem 2.1, it is enough to show that $\phi(\mathcal{P}) = 0 = \phi(\mathcal{N})$ for all $\phi \in \text{Der}_{-1}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$. Similar to [8, Lemma 4.2], it is easy to show that $\phi(\mathcal{N}) = 0$. Now let us show that $\phi(\mathcal{P}) = 0$, that is,

$$(3.6) \quad \phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = 0 \quad \text{for all } j, k \in \overline{1, n} \text{ with } j \neq k.$$

Since ϕ is of degree -1 , by Lemma 2.6, $\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}))$ is of exactly one of the forms

$$\sum_{\substack{r \in \overline{1, n} \\ 2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0}} c_{ur}x^u D_r \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^1} c_u x^u D_{2n+1}.$$

We only treat the first form since the other is similar. Applying ϕ to the equation

$$[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_j] = -\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}),$$

we obtain that for any given u , $c_{ur} = 0$ for $r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j\}$ if $n+j \notin u$ and $c_{uj} = 0$ if $n+j \in u$.

Case 1. If $n+j \notin u$, then

$$\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{2n+1, n+j \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0} c_{uj}x^u D_j.$$

Since $|u| = 2$, there exists $r \in u$, $r \neq n+j$ and $r \neq n+k$ such that

$$[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_{r'}] = 0.$$

Applying ϕ , one gets $c_{uj} = 0$. This proves (3.6).

Case 2. If $n+j \in u$, then

$$\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0, r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j\}} c_{ur}x^u D_r.$$

Noting that

$$[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_k] = -\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}),$$

one gets, for any given u , $c_{ur} = 0$ for $r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{k\}$ if $n+k \notin u$. Thus

$$\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{2n+1 \notin u \in \mathbb{B}^0} c_{uk}x^u D_k.$$

Since $n+k \notin u$ and $|u| = 2$, there exists $q \in u$, $q \neq n+j$ and $q \neq n+k$ such that $[\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_{q'}] = 0$. Applying ϕ to the equation, one gets $c_{uk} = 0$ and (3.6) holds. If $n+k \in u$, then $c_{uk} = 0$. Next we consider only the case when $n+j \in u$ and $n+k \in u$. Suppose

$$\phi(\mathbb{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{\substack{n+j, n+k \in u \in \mathbb{B}^0 \\ r \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j, k\}}} c_{ur}x^u D_r.$$

For any fixed u satisfying $n + j \in u$ and $n + k \in u$, choose any $t \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j, k\}$. Applying ϕ to the equation $[\mathrm{T}_K(x_{n+j}x_{n+k}x_{2n+1}), \Delta_t] = 0$, we can obtain that $c_{ut} = 0$ for $t \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{j, k\}$. This proves (3.6). \square

Proposition 3.6. *Any derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} of degree -1 is inner.*

Proof. For $\phi \in \mathrm{Der}_{-1}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$, we may suppose

$$\phi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_{2n+1})) = \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}} c_r D_r + \sum_{s \in \overline{n+1, 2n}} d_s x_s D_{2n+1},$$

where $c_r, d_s \in \mathbb{F}$. Let $E := -\left(\sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}} c_r D_r + \sum_{s \in \overline{n+1, 2n}} d_s x_s D_{2n+1}\right)$. Writing $\psi := \phi - \mathrm{ad}E$, one sees $\psi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_{2n+1})) = 0$. Then we have

$$[\psi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_i x_j)), \mathrm{T}_K(x_{2n+1})] = 0 \quad \text{for } i \in \overline{1, n}, j \in \overline{n+1, 2n}.$$

On the other hand, a simple computation shows that

$$[\psi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_i x_j)), \mathrm{T}_K(x_{2n+1})] = -\psi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_i x_j)) \quad \text{for } i \in \overline{1, n}, j \in \overline{n+1, 2n}.$$

Therefore, $\psi(\mathrm{T}_K(x_i x_j)) = 0$ for $i \in \overline{1, n}, j \in \overline{n+1, 2n}$. This implies that $\psi(\mathfrak{K}_0) = 0$. By Lemma 3.5, we get $\psi = 0$. Consequently, $\phi = \mathrm{ad}E \in \mathrm{ad}\mathfrak{W}_{-1}$. The proof is complete. \square

Next, we compute the derivations of degree less than -1 .

3.2.2. Degree $-p^d$. We need a reduction lemma for derivations of degree less than -1 .

Lemma 3.7. *A homogenous derivation from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} having degree $t < -1$ vanishes if and only if it vanishes on the elements of form $\mathrm{T}_K(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1})$ with $i \in \overline{1, n}$.*

Proof. The ‘‘only if’’ direction is obvious. Conversely, let ϕ be a derivation vanishing on the elements indicated above. By Theorem 2.1, it suffices to show that $\phi(\mathcal{P}) = 0 = \phi(\mathcal{N})$. But this can be proved completely analogously to [8, Lemma 4.5]. \square

Proposition 3.8. *Let $t = p^d$, where d is a positive integer. Then*

$$\mathrm{Der}_{-t}(\mathfrak{K}) = \mathrm{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{(\mathrm{ad}D_i)^t \mid i \in \overline{1, n}\}.$$

Proof. Let $\phi \in \mathrm{Der}_{-t}(\mathfrak{K})$. Given any $i \in \overline{1, n}$, one may suppose

$$\phi\left(\mathrm{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{n+i}\right)\right) = \sum_{j \in \overline{1, n}} c_j D_j + \sum_{j' \in \overline{n+1, 2n}} c_j x_{j'} D_{2n+1}, \quad \text{where } c_j \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Since $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, we have

$$\left[\mathrm{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{n+i}\right), \Delta_i\right] = -\mathrm{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{n+i}\right).$$

Applying ϕ to the equation above, one gets

$$\phi\left(\mathrm{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{n+i}\right)\right) = c_i D_i + c_i x_{n+i} D_{2n+1}.$$

To finish, we produce a new derivation $\psi := \phi + \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}} c_r (\text{ad} D_r)^t$. One may verify that

$$(3.7) \quad \psi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{n+i} \right) \right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \overline{1, n}.$$

Fixing any $i \in \overline{1, n}$ and picking any $j \in \overline{1, n} \setminus \{i\}$, one gets

$$(3.8) \quad \mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{n+j} \right) = \left[\mathbb{T}_K \left(x_i x_{n+j} \right), \mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{n+i} \right) \right].$$

From (3.7) and (3.8), one may deduce that

$$(3.9) \quad \psi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{n+j} \right) \right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j \in \overline{1, n}.$$

Note that for any $i, j \in \overline{1, n}$ and any positive integer k ,

$$(3.10) \quad \left[\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(k\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right), \mathbb{T}_K \left(x_{n+j} \right) \right] = \delta_{i,j} \mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(k-1)\varepsilon_i} x_{2n+1} \right) + \mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(k\varepsilon_i)} x_{n+j} \right).$$

From (3.9) and (3.10), one may show that

$$\left[\psi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right) \right), \mathbb{T}_K \left(x_{n+j} \right) \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j \in \overline{1, n},$$

that is, $\psi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right) \right) \in \mathcal{G}$. Consequently,

$$\psi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right) \right) \in \mathcal{G} \cap \mathfrak{W}_0 = \mathcal{G}_0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \overline{1, n}.$$

By Lemma 2.5, $\mathcal{G}_0 = 0$ and thus $\psi(\mathcal{N}) = 0$. By Lemma 3.7, $\psi = 0$ and therefore,

$$\phi = - \sum_{r \in \overline{1, n}} c_r (\text{ad} D_r)^t \in \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}} \{ (\text{ad} D_i)^t \mid i \in \overline{1, n} \}.$$

The converse is obvious since a p -power of a derivation is again a derivation. \square

3.2.3. Other negative degrees. In this subsection, we prove that the derivations from \mathfrak{K} into \mathfrak{W} having degree $-t$ are trivial, where $t > 1$ is not a p -power.

Proposition 3.9. *Der $_{-t}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W}) = 0$, where $t > 1$ is not a p -power.*

Proof. Let $\phi \in \text{Der}_{-t}(\mathfrak{K}, \mathfrak{W})$. We distinguish two cases:

Case 1. Suppose $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Consider the degree derivation (3.1). We have for any k ,

$$(3.11) \quad (k - t)\phi(E) = [\phi(E), \Delta_{2n+1}] = k\phi(E) \quad \text{for all } E \in \mathfrak{K}_k.$$

Consequently, $\phi = 0$.

Case 2. Suppose $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. We want to check that ϕ fulfills the conditions of Lemma 3.7, that is,

$$(3.12) \quad \phi \left(\mathbb{T}_K \left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)} x_{2n+1} \right) \right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \overline{1, n}.$$

Consider the p -adic form $t = \sum_{s=1}^r a_s p^s$, where $0 \leq a_s < p$ and $a_r \neq 0$. Observing the \mathbb{Z} -degrees, one gets

$$\phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t-p^r+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right)\right) = 0 = \phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(p^r\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right).$$

Note that $\binom{t}{p^r} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t-p^r+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right), \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(p^r\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right] \\ &= \binom{t}{p^r} \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{2n+1}\right) + \binom{t+1}{p^r} \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to show (3.12), it is sufficient to verify that

$$(3.13) \quad \phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right) = 0.$$

To do so, we first assert that $\phi\left(\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right) = 0$. Indeed,

$$\left[\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t-p^r+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right), \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(p^r\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right] = \left(\binom{t}{p^r} - \binom{t}{p^r-1}\right) \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right).$$

The assertion follows since $\binom{t}{p^r} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $\binom{t}{p^r-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Now, keeping in mind that $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, one computes

$$\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{((t+1)\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right) = -\left[\mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(t\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right), \mathbb{T}_K\left(x^{(2\varepsilon_i)}x_{i'}\right)\right].$$

Consequently, (3.13) holds. The proof is complete. \square

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