

From now on we will always assume that  $k$  is a field of characteristic zero.

**Definition 0.1.** a) A grading on a vector space  $V$  is a choice of subspaces  $V^n \subset V, 0 \leq n < \infty$  such that  $V = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n$ . In this case we say that elements of  $V^n$  are homogeneous elements of degree  $n$ . If  $v \in V$  is homogeneous denote by  $|v| \in \mathbb{N}$  the number such that  $v \in V^{|v|}$ . We say that a subspace  $W \subset V$  is graded if  $W = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} W^n$  where  $W^n := W \cap V^n$ . In this case the quotient space  $V/W = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n/W^n$  is also graded.

b) For a graded vector space  $V = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n$  we denote by  $\hat{V}$  the completion  $\hat{V} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n$ . In other words elements of  $\hat{V}$  are sequences  $\hat{v} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n, \dots), v_n \in V^n$ .

c) We consider the topology on  $\hat{V}$  such for any  $\hat{v} \in \hat{V}$  the sets  $U_r(\hat{v}) := \hat{v} + \prod_{n=r}^{\infty} V^n$  constitute the fundamental set of open neighborhoods of  $\hat{v}$ . It is easy to see that  $V$  is dense in  $\hat{V}$  and that the operations of the addition and the scalar multiplication on  $V$  extend to a continuous operations on  $\hat{V}$ . [Please check]

d) We say that a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is graded if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is graded as a vector space [ so  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{g}^n$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \{0\}$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}^n, \mathfrak{g}^m] \subset \mathfrak{g}^{m+n}, \forall m, n > 0$ . It is easy to see that for any graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  the operation  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  extends to a continuous operation  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \times \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  which defines a Lie algebra structure on  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

e) We say that an algebra  $A$  is graded if  $A$  is graded as a vector space in such a way that  $A^m A^n \subset A^{m+n}, \forall m, n > 0$ . We say that an ideal  $I \subset A$  is graded if  $I$  is graded subspace of  $A$ . In this case the quotient algebra  $A/I$  is also graded. [Please check]

f) If  $V = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n$  is a graded vector space we define a grading on  $T(V)$  in such a way for any homogeneous elements  $v_1, \dots, v_r \in V$  the tensor product  $v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_r \in T(V)$  is homogeneous and  $|v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_r| = |v_1| + \dots + |v_r|$ . [Please check that  $T(V)$  has a structure of a graded algebra].

**Problem 0.2.** a) Let  $V = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n$  be a graded vector space,  $W = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} W^n$  a graded subspace. Show that  $V/W = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V^n/W^n$  [ so  $V/W$  is a graded vector space] and that for any homogeneous  $v \in V - W$  we have  $|\bar{v}| = |v|$  where  $\bar{v}$  is the image of  $v$  in  $V/W$ .

b) Let  $A$  be a graded algebra. Show that the multiplication  $m : A \times A \rightarrow A, (a, b) \rightarrow ab$  extends to a continuous operation  $m : \hat{A} \times \hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{A}$  which defines an algebra structure on  $\hat{A}$ .

c) Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{g}^n$  be a graded Lie algebra. Show that the kernel  $I$  of the natural homomorphism  $T(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})$  is a graded ideal of  $T(\mathfrak{g})$  and that the imbedding  $i : \mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})$  preserves the grading. Moreover the imbedding  $i : \mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})$  extends to a continuous imbedding  $\hat{i} : \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \hookrightarrow \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

d) For any homogeneous  $u', u'' \in U(\mathfrak{g})$  the product  $u' \otimes u'' \in U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$  is homogeneous and  $|u' \otimes u''| = |u'| + |u''|$ .

e) Let  $A$  be a graded algebra,  $\mathcal{M} \subset \hat{A}$  the set of elements of the form  $\bar{u} = (0, u_1, \dots, u_n, \dots), u_n \in A^n$ . Show that the maps

$$\exp : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow 1 + \mathcal{M}, \exp(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n / n!$$

$$\ln : 1 + \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}, \ln(1 + x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} x^n / n$$

are well defined and  $\exp \circ \ln = Id_{1+\mathcal{M}}, \ln \circ \exp = Id_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

f) Define an algebra homomorphism  $U(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}) \rightarrow \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  and check whether it is always an isomorphism.

**Example** Let  $V = k[t], V^n = kt^n$ . In this case  $\hat{V}$  is the ring  $k[[t]]$  of Taylor power series.

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{g}^n$  be a graded Lie algebra,  $U(\mathfrak{g})^n \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  the grading as in Problems 2 c). The isomorphism  $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g})$  provides the definition of a grading  $U(\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g})^n \subset U(\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g})$ .

**Lemma 0.3.**  $\Delta(U(\mathfrak{g})^n) \subset U(\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g})^n$

*Proof.* Since the graded algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  is generated as a graded algebra by the graded subspace  $\mathfrak{g} \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  it is sufficient to check that  $|\Delta(x)| = |x|$  for any homogeneous element  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ . But this follows from the part d) of the previous problem and the equality  $\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{g}^n$  be a graded Lie algebra. As follows from the Lemma 3 the diagonal map  $\Delta : U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$  extends to a continuous map  $\hat{\Delta} : \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ .

**Definition 0.4.** We say that an element  $\hat{u} \in \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  is primitive if  $\Delta(\hat{u}) = \hat{u} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \hat{u}$  and we say that  $\hat{u}$  is of a group if  $\Delta(\hat{u}) = \hat{u} \otimes \hat{u}$ .

**Lemma 0.5.** *The set of primitive elements of  $\hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  coincides with  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \subset \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$*

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{u} = (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n, \dots), t_n \in U(\mathfrak{g})^n(X)$  be a primitive element. Since

$$\hat{\Delta}(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n, \dots) = (\Delta(u_0), \Delta(u_1), \dots, \Delta(u_n), \dots)$$

where [by Lemma 3]  $\Delta(u_n) \in U(\mathfrak{g})^n(X)$  we have  $\Delta(u_n) \in u_n \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes u_n$ . So  $\hat{u}$  is primitive iff all elements  $u_n \in U(\mathfrak{g})$  are primitive. It follows from Theorem 5.4 in Serre that  $u_n \in \mathfrak{g}^n(X)$ . So  $\hat{u} \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 0.6.** *The map  $\exp : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow 1 + \mathcal{M}$  defines a bijection between primitive elements in  $\mathcal{M}$  and group elements in  $1 + \mathcal{M}$*

*Proof.* a) Let  $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{M}$  an element such that  $\Delta(\hat{u}) = \hat{u} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \hat{u}$ . We have to show that  $\Delta(\exp(\hat{u})) = \exp(\hat{u}) \otimes \exp(\hat{u})$ . Since  $\Delta$  is an algebra isomorphism we have to show

$$\Delta(\exp(\hat{u})) = \exp(\Delta(\hat{u})) = \exp(\hat{u} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \hat{u})$$

Since the elements  $\hat{u} \otimes 1, 1 \otimes \hat{u} \in \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  commute we have

$$\exp(\hat{u} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \hat{u}) = \exp(\hat{u} \otimes 1) \exp(1 \otimes \hat{u}) = \exp(\hat{u}) \otimes \exp(\hat{u})$$

b) Let  $\hat{u} \in 1 + \mathcal{M}$  a group element. We have to show that  $\ln(\hat{u})$  is primitive. I leave for you to finish the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 0.7.** *(Campbell-Hausdorff) For any  $x, y \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  there exists  $z \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  such  $\exp(x) \exp(y) = \exp(z)$*

*Proof.* By Lemma 6 we  $\exp(x), \exp(y)$  are group elements. Since  $\Delta$  is an algebra isomorphism we see that  $\exp(x) \exp(y)$  is also a group element. So by Lemma 5 there exists  $z \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  such  $\exp(x) \exp(y) = \exp(z)$ .  $\square$

To show that there exists a universal formula for  $z(x, y)$  we introduce the notion of a *free Lie algebra*.

**Definition 0.8.** a) *Let  $X$  be a set.*

a) *A free Lie algebra on  $X$  is a pair  $(i, L(X))$  where  $L(X)$  is a Lie algebra and  $i : X \rightarrow L(X)$  is a map such that for any Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and any map  $j : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  there exists unique Lie algebra homomorphism  $f : L(X) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $j = f \circ i$ .*

b) *Let  $V_X$  be the space with a basis  $e_x, x \in X, V_X \hookrightarrow \text{Ass}_X := T(V_X)$  be the tensor algebra and  $i : X \rightarrow \text{Ass}_X$  be the imbedding  $i(x) := e_x, x \in X$ . We denote by  $\tilde{L}(X) \subset \text{Ass}_X$  the Lie subalgebra generated by  $e_x, x \in X$ . (That is  $\tilde{L}(X) \subset \text{Ass}_X$  is the subspace spanned by the commutators of  $e_x, x \in X$ .)*

**Lemma 0.9.**  $(i, \tilde{L}(X))$  is a free Lie algebra on  $X$ .

*Proof.* We have to show that for any Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and a map  $j : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  there exists unique Lie algebra homomorphism  $f : \tilde{L}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $f(e_x) = j(x), \forall x \in X$ . Since the Lie algebra  $\tilde{L}(V)$  is generated by  $e_x, x \in X$  the uniqueness of  $f$  is obvious. To prove the existence of  $f$  consider the algebra homomorphism  $\tilde{f} : \text{Ass}_X \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})$  such that  $\tilde{f}(e_x) = j(x) \in \mathfrak{g} \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  [ see Lemma 4 in the Lecture 2]. It is clear that the restriction  $f$  of  $\tilde{f}$  on  $\tilde{L}(X) \subset \text{Ass}_X$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism and  $f(e_x) = j(x), \forall x \in X$ .  $\square$

By the definition of  $U(L(X))$  the imbedding  $L(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Ass}_X$  extends uniquely to an algebra homomorphism  $\phi : U(L(X)) \rightarrow \text{Ass}_X$ . On the other hand the linear map  $V_X \rightarrow L(X) \subset U(L(X))$  extends uniquely to an algebra homomorphism  $\psi : \text{Ass}_X \rightarrow U(L(X))$ .

**Lemma 0.10.** Homomorphisms  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  provide an isomorphism between associative algebras  $U(L(X))$  and  $\text{Ass}_X$ .

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\phi \circ \psi = \text{Id}_{\text{Ass}_X}, \psi \circ \phi = \text{Id}_{U(L(X))}$ . By the construction  $\phi \circ \psi : \text{Ass}_X \rightarrow \text{Ass}_X$  is an algebra homomorphism such that  $\phi \circ \psi(e_x) = e_x, \forall x \in X$ . Since the set  $e_x, x \in X$  generates the algebra  $\text{Ass}_X$  we see that  $\phi \circ \psi = \text{Id}_{\text{Ass}_X}$ . The analogous arguments show that  $\psi \circ \phi = \text{Id}_{U(L(X))}$   $\square$

We will identify the algebras  $U(L(X))$  and  $\text{Ass}_X$ . In particular we consider the diagonal map  $\Delta : U(L(X)) \rightarrow U(L(X)) \otimes U(L(X))$  as a algebra homomorphism  $\Delta : \text{Ass}_X \rightarrow \text{Ass}_X \otimes \text{Ass}_X$ .

**Definition 0.11.** a) A Lie polynomial in two variables is a element  $P \in L(X), X = (x, y)$ . For any Lie algebra, a Lie polynomial  $P$  in two variables and elements  $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}^1$  we define the evaluation  $P(a, b) \in \mathfrak{g}$  as follows. By the definition of a free Lie algebra  $L(X)$  there exists unique homomorphism  $f_{a,b} : L(X) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  of graded Lie algebras such that  $f_{a,b}(x) = a, f_{a,b}(y) = b$ . For any Lie polynomial  $P$  in two variables we define  $P(a, b) := f_{a,b}(P)$ .

b) A formal Lie polynomial in two variables is a element  $P \in \hat{L}(X), X = (x, y)$ . For any graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , a formal Lie polynomial  $P(x, y)$  in two variables and any elements  $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}, |a| = |b| = 1$  we can define the evaluation  $P(a, b) \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  [ please give a definition]

**Theorem 0.12.** There exists a formal Lie polynomial  $Q(x, y)$  such that for any graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and any homogeneous elements  $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}$  we have  $\exp(a) \exp(b) = \exp(z), z = Q(a, b)$

*Proof.* Follows from Corollary 7 □

One can write explicitly a formula for  $Q(x, y)$ . An algorithm for the computation of  $Q(x, y)$  is in the end of portion of the Serre's book which I posted.

**Problem 0.13.** *Show that*

a)  $Q(x, y) = x + y + 1/2[x, y] + 1/12[x, [x, y]] + 1/12[y, [y, x]] + \dots$  where we omit terms of degree bigger than three. [ You can prove this equality without looking in the Serre's book].

b)  $L^1(X)$  is the span of  $e_x, x \in X$  and  $L^n(X) = [L^1(X), L^{n-1}(X)]$ .

c) The center of  $L(X)$  is equal to  $\{0\}$  if  $\text{Card}(X) > 1$ .

d) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a graded Lie algebra,  $u', u'' \in \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  group elements. Then  $u'u'' \in \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  is also a group element.

e) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the graded Lie algebra with a basis  $x, y, z$  such that

$$[x, y] = z, [x, z] = [z, y] = 0, |x| = |y| = 1, |z| = 2$$

Using the part a) describe the subgroup  $G \subset \hat{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  of group elements.

f)\*\*. Let  $X$  be a finite set,  $d = |X|$ . Show that  $\dim L(X)^n = 1/n \sum_{m|n} \mu(m) d^{n/m}$  where the function  $\mu$  is defined as follows

$(n) = 1$  if  $n$  is a square-free positive integer with an even number of distinct prime factors.

$(n) = -1$  if  $n$  is a square-free positive integer with an odd number of distinct prime factors.

$(n) = 0$  if  $n$  is not square-free.