

# Family of operators and their Lie algebras

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## 1 Introduction

In a recent paper Zhiber and Sokolov [ZS01] study integrable hyperbolic equations of Liouville type. They found a family of special operators with the property that they define a new Lie bracket and are homomorphisms from the Lie algebra with the newly induced bracket to the original Lie algebra. These operators have the form

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{..}^1 &= D \\ \mathcal{L}_{..}^2 &= D(D + \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{..}^3 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{0.}^4 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{1.}^4 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + 2\mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{00}^5 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{01}^5 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + 2\mathbf{u})(D + 3\mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{00}^6 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{01}^6 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + 2\mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{11}^6 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + 2\mathbf{u})(D + 3\mathbf{u})(D + 3\mathbf{u}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{10}^6 &= D(D + \mathbf{u})(D + \mathbf{u})(D + 2\mathbf{u})(D + 3\mathbf{u})(D + 4\mathbf{u}),\end{aligned}$$

where  $D$  is the total derivative operator with respect to the independent variable  $x$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  is the dependent variable. They are the polynomial homogeneous operators with  $D$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  of equal weight of order  $< 7$  with the property that for all  $P$  and  $Q$ , one has

$$[\mathcal{L}^n P, \mathcal{L}^n Q] \in \text{im } \mathcal{L}^n, \quad (1)$$

where  $P, Q$  are functions of  $x$  and the derivatives of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Here the bracket is given by

$$[P, Q] = Q'P - P'Q,$$

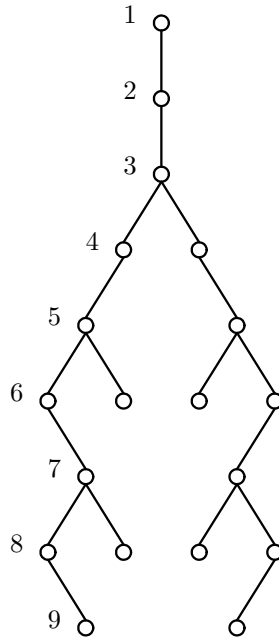


Figure 1: The operators to order 9

where  $P'$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $P$ . The Lie algebra of such  $P$  and  $Q$  with this bracket is denoted by  $\mathfrak{g}$ . These operators are claimed to lead to a not necessarily anti-symmetric generalization of Hamiltonian operators. Of course, the occurrence of all these regular sequences of integers in a problem that starts from a rather innocent looking condition (1) on the operator is rather startling and the authors of [ZS01] suspect that there is some deep mathematics behind this.

In this paper we show how this sequence continues by explicitly producing the family of operators and the corresponding Lie brackets. We show that for  $n > 4$  there exist operators  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^n$  where  $\alpha = 0, 1$  and  $\beta = 0$  for  $n$  odd, and  $\beta = 0, 1$  for  $n$  even, see Figure 1. We do this by studying multiplicative deformations instead of additive deformations, that is, when we have an operator that works, we multiply it from the right with a first order operator and derive the properties of this first order operator assuming the product is in the family. Thus our study does not answer the question of Zhiber and Sokolov whether these operators are unique. But we do prove that they are unique under multiplicative deformations. No deep mathematics is needed to get to these results, which of course does not imply that there is no deep mathematics behind it. Although the proofs in this paper are fairly straightforward, the reader should appreciate the amount of work that went into guessing the right form of the operators and Lie brackets.

This was done using Maple V [CGG<sup>+</sup>91] and Form 3.0 [Ver00] programs.

## 2 Main results

We consider the Lie algebra of evolutionary vectorfields based on a the independent variable  $x$  and the dependent variable  $\mathbf{u}$ . Let  $D$  be the total derivative operator with respect to  $x$ . We write  $\mathbf{u}_i = D^i \mathbf{u}$ . Given any two expressions  $P$  and  $Q$  depending on  $x$  and a finite number of the  $\mathbf{u}_i, i = 0, \dots$ , their bracket is defined to be  $[P, Q] = Q'P - P'Q$ , where  $P'$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $P$ , cf. [Olv93] for the theoretic foundation.

We study a kind of special local differential operators  $\mathfrak{R}$ , which produce a Lie-subalgebra, that is, for any  $P$  and  $Q$ , there is a  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{R}}(P, Q)$  such that

$$[\mathfrak{R}P, \mathfrak{R}Q] = \mathfrak{R}\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{R}}(P, Q) \quad (2)$$

and so  $\text{dom } \mathfrak{R}$  is a subalgebra. If we view  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{R}}$  as a 2-form on the domain of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then this form is antisymmetric, and obeys the Jacobi identity modulo the kernel of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , so it defines a (possibly new) Lie bracket on a suitable domain.

Before we give the results, we define the following notation, which will use throughout the paper.

**Notation 1.** Let  $\Gamma_i = D + \alpha_i \mathbf{u}$ , with  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define  $\mathbb{L}_k^l = \prod_{i=k}^l \Gamma_i$ ,  $\Delta_n^0 = \alpha_n$ ,  $\Delta_n^1 = \Delta_n^0 - \Delta_{n-1}^0$  and  $\Delta_n^2 = \Delta_n^1 - \Delta_{n-1}^1$ .

**Theorem 2.** For every even  $n$  there exist 4 and for every odd  $n$  there exist 2 operators of the type  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathbb{L}_1^n$ , as long as the order  $n$  is larger than 4, such that for every  $P, Q$  there is a  $\mathbb{B}_n(P, Q)$  satisfying  $[\mathbb{L}_1^n P, \mathbb{L}_1^n Q] = \mathbb{L}_1^n \mathbb{B}_n(P, Q)$ . The sequences of  $\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{00}^{n+2} &: 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 1, & n \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{01}^{n+2} &: 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 2, & n \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{11}^{n+2} &: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n-1, & n \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{10}^{n+2} &: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n, & n \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Here the first subindex is  $\Delta_4^1$ , the second one is  $|\Delta_n^2|$ . Moreover, the bracket  $\mathbb{B}_n(P, Q) = \mathbb{Z}_n(P, Q) + D_Q[\mathbb{L}_1^n P] - D_P[\mathbb{L}_1^n Q]$ , where, for any odd  $n$ ,

$$\mathbb{Z}_n(P, Q) = \Delta_n^0(\mathbb{L}_2^n P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^n Q \cdot P) - \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^n P \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^n Q - \mathbb{L}_3^n Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^n P), \quad (3)$$

and for any even  $n = 2m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_n(P, Q) &= \Delta_n^0(\mathbb{L}_2^n P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^n Q \cdot P) - \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^n P \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^n Q - \mathbb{L}_3^n Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^n P) \\ &+ \Delta_n^2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+2}^n P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+1}^n Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+2}^n Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+1}^n P). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* The existence of the operators and Lie brackets is proved in section 3, combining the results in the Lemmas. The uniqueness under multiplication,

that is to say, proving that given  $\mathfrak{R}$  there exist one (if the order of  $\mathfrak{R}$  is even) or two (if the order of  $\mathfrak{R}$  is odd) uniquely determined operators  $\Gamma$  such that  $\mathfrak{R}\Gamma$  again satisfies the conditions, is the subject of section 4, as well as proving the nonexistence of any such  $\Gamma$  in case the sequence of  $\mathfrak{R}$  ends with 1, 1, 2 or  $n - 4, n - 3, n - 3$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *The generating function for the number of operators of given order is*

$$\frac{1 + t^4}{1 - t} + \frac{2t^6}{1 - t^2}.$$

### 3 Existence of the operators

**Lemma 4.**  *$\mathfrak{R}$  is an operator satisfying (2) if and only if for any  $P, Q \in \mathfrak{g}$ , there is a  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{R}} \in C^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$  such that*

$$\mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}P]Q - \mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}Q]P = \mathfrak{R}\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{R}}(P, Q).$$

**Proof** Let us compute the following bracket

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{R}P, \mathfrak{R}Q] &= D_{\mathfrak{R}Q}[\mathfrak{R}P] - D_{\mathfrak{R}P}[\mathfrak{R}Q] \\ &= \mathfrak{R}(D_Q[\mathfrak{R}P] - D_P[\mathfrak{R}Q]) + \mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}P]Q - \mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}Q]P. \end{aligned}$$

So, if and only if the lemma is valid, there exists  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{R}} \in C^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$  satisfying (2) with  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathfrak{R}}(P, Q) = \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{R}}(P, Q) + D_Q[\mathfrak{R}P] - D_P[\mathfrak{R}Q]$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Assume  $\mathfrak{R}$  is an operator satisfying (2). For any operator  $\Gamma$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}\Gamma$  is also such an operator if and only if*

$$\mathcal{O}(P, Q) = \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{R}}(\Gamma P, \Gamma Q) + \Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma P]Q - \Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma Q]P \quad (5)$$

is in the image of the operator  $\Gamma$  for all  $P, Q \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

*Proof.* According to Lemma 4, we need to compute

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathfrak{R}\Gamma)'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma P]Q - (\mathfrak{R}\Gamma)'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma Q]P \\ &= \mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma P]\Gamma Q - \mathfrak{R}'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma Q]\Gamma P + \mathfrak{R}(\Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma P]Q - \Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma Q]P) \\ &= \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{R}}(\Gamma P, \Gamma Q) + \Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma P]Q - \Gamma'[\mathfrak{R}\Gamma Q]P) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we only need to check whether the expression  $\mathcal{O}(P, Q)$  is in the image of the operator  $\Gamma$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $\alpha_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 1$ . Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Define  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathbb{L}_1^n$  and*

$$\mathbb{Z}_n(P, Q) = \Delta_n^0(\mathbb{L}_2^n P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^n Q \cdot P) - \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^n P \cdot \Gamma_n Q - \mathbb{L}_3^n Q \cdot \Gamma_n P),$$

*Then, if  $\Delta_{n+1}^1 = \Delta_n^1 = \alpha$ , with  $\alpha = 0$  or 1 (and therefore  $\Delta_{n+1}^2 = 0$ ),*

$$\mathbb{Z}_n(\Gamma_{n+1}P, \Gamma_{n+1}Q) + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^n \Gamma_{n+1}P]Q - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^n \Gamma_{n+1}Q]P = \Gamma_{n+1}\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}(P, Q).$$

*Proof.* We directly compute

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_{n+1}\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}(P, Q) - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}P]Q + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}Q]P - \mathbb{Z}_n(\Gamma_{n+1}P, \Gamma_{n+1}Q) = \\
& = \Gamma_{n+1}(\Delta_{n+1}^0(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot P)) \\
& \quad - \Gamma_{n+1}(\Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P)) \\
& \quad - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}P]Q + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}Q]P \\
& \quad - \Delta_n^0(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& = \Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& = -\Delta_{n+1}^2(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n\Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that either  $\Delta_{n+1}^0 = \Delta_n^0 + 1$  or  $\Delta_{n+1}^0 = 1 = \alpha_2$ . This shows that we have an inductive relation for such a family of  $\mathbb{L}_1^n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  for  $\alpha = 0, 1$ . We have not yet shown how the induction starts, but for this we can refer to [ZS01], as listed in section 1.  $\square$

Suppose now all the  $\Gamma_i$  satisfy the relations given in Lemma 6 up till  $\Gamma_n$ , but  $\Gamma_{n+1}$  does not, i.e.,  $\Delta_{n+1}^2 \neq 0$ .

We say that  $\Gamma_{n+1}$  *splits over*  $\mathbb{L}_1^n$  if

$$\Gamma'_{n+1} = \Gamma'_{i+1} + \Gamma'_{n-i+1}, \quad \forall i = 2, \dots, n-2.$$

**Lemma 7.** *If  $\Gamma_{n+1}$  splits over  $\mathbb{L}_1^n$  then*

$$\Gamma_{n+1}(P \cdot Q) = \Gamma_{i+1}P \cdot Q + P \cdot \Gamma_{n-i+1}Q.$$

*Proof.* This is obvious, since  $\alpha_{n+1}\mathbf{u} = \alpha_{i+1}\mathbf{u} + \alpha_{n-i+1}\mathbf{u}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** *Suppose  $n \geq 5$  and  $\Gamma_{n+1}$  splits over  $\mathbb{L}_1^n$ . If  $\mathbb{L}_1^n = \mathcal{L}_{00}^n$  this implies  $\Gamma'_{n+1} = \Gamma'_n + 1 = 2$  and if  $\mathbb{L}_1^n = \mathcal{L}_{10}^n$  then  $\Gamma'_{n+1} = \Gamma'_n = n-2$ . Let, for  $n = 2m+1$  odd and  $m \geq 2$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}(P, Q) & = \Delta_{n+1}^0(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot P) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}P)
\end{aligned}$$

*Then*

$$\mathbb{Z}_n(\Gamma_{n+1}P, \Gamma_{n+1}Q) + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}P]Q - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}Q]P = \Gamma_{n+1}\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}(P, Q).$$

*Proof.* We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_{n+1} \mathbb{Z}_{n+1}(P, Q) - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}P]Q + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}Q]P - \mathbb{Z}_n(\Gamma_{n+1}P, \Gamma_{n+1}Q) = \\
& = \Gamma_{n+1}(\Delta_{n+1}^0(\mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}P \cdot Q - \mathbb{L}_2^{n+1}Q \cdot P)) \\
& \quad - \Gamma_{n+1}(\Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P)) \\
& \quad + \Gamma_{n+1}(\Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}P)) \\
& \quad - \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}P]Q + \Gamma'_{n+1}[\mathbb{L}_1^{n+1}Q]P \\
& \quad - \Delta_n^0(\mathbb{L}_2^n \Gamma_{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_2^n \Gamma_{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^n \Gamma_{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^n \Gamma_{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& = + \Delta_n^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{n+1}^1(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+1}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+2}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+1}^{n+1}P) \\
& = - \Delta_{n+1}^2(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}P) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{n+1}^2 \sum_{i=3}^{m+1} (-1)^i (\mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_{i+1}^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_{n-i+2}^{n+1}P) \\
& = - \Delta_{n+1}^2(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \Gamma_n \Gamma_{n+1}P) \\
& \quad + \Delta_{n+1}^2(\mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}P \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^{n+1}Q - \mathbb{L}_3^{n+1}Q \cdot \mathbb{L}_n^{n+1}P) \\
& = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that either  $\Gamma'_{n+1} = 1 + \Gamma'_n$  or  $\Delta_{n+1}^1 = 0$ .  $\square$

## 4 Uniqueness of the operators under multiplicative deformation

In this section we show, using the symbolic method [GD75, SW98], which choice we have if we want to go from  $\mathfrak{R} = \mathbb{L}_1^n$ , with  $n \geq 4$ , to  $\mathfrak{R}\Gamma$ , with  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{n+1} = D + \alpha_{n+1}\mathbf{u}$ .

According to Lemma 5 we need to check whether the expression (5) is in the image of the operator  $\Gamma$ .

We do it term by term. First we pick out the terms in  $\mathcal{O}(P, Q)$  without  $\mathbf{u}$  and its derivatives, denoted as  $H_0^{n+1}$  and integrate it. The image part is denoted by  $Z_0$  and the rest is put as zero to obtain the condition on  $\alpha_{n+1}$ . Next step

we pick out the term in  $\mathcal{O}(P, Q) - \Gamma Z_0$  linear in  $u$  or its derivatives, denoted as  $H_1^{n+1}$  and treat it the same way as before. We continue such procedure till we either get the obstruction, meaning no such operator or the operator  $\mathfrak{R}\Gamma$ .

To prove the uniqueness of the operators, we start to show there is at most one solution for each case from even order to odd order (cf. Lemma 9) and two solutions for each case from odd order to even order (cf. Lemma 10). Then we prove that there are no such operators starting from  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha_1}^n$ , where  $\alpha = 0, 1$  and  $n \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  by a long computation (cf. after Lemma 11), see Figure 1.

We carry out the above procedure by the symbolic method by mapping  $\mathbf{u}_i \mapsto z^i$ ,  $P_i \mapsto x^i$  and  $Q_i \mapsto y^i$ .

Notice that  $\mathbb{L}_k^n = D^{l-k+1} + \sum_{j=k}^n \alpha_j D^{j-k} \mathbf{u} D^{n-j} + O(\mathbf{u}^2)$ . The symbolic expression of  $\mathbf{u}$ -linear terms in  $\mathbb{L}_k^n P$  is

$$\psi_k^n(x, z) = \sum_{j=k}^n \alpha_j (x+z)^{j-k} x^{n-j}. \quad (6)$$

From the formula (3) and (4), we obtain, for any  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} H_0^{n+1}(x, y) &= \\ &= \alpha_{n+1}(x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}) + \alpha_n(x^n y - x y^n) - \Delta_n^1(x^{n-1} y^2 - x^2 y^{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 9.** *The function  $H_0^{2m+1}(x, y)$  has a factor  $x + y$  if and only if*

$$\Delta_{2m+1}^2 = 0.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that

$$H_0^{2m+1}(x, -x) = 2(\alpha_{2m+1} - \alpha_{2m} - \Delta_{2m}^1)x^{2m+1} = 2\Delta_{2m+1}^2 x^{2m+1}.$$

This has to be zero. □

Notice that the function  $H_0^{2m}(x, y)$  has a factor  $x + y$ . We go to the next step. Let us write out the symbolic expression of the linear term in  $\mathbf{u}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{2m}(x, y, z) &= \\ &= \wp_{2m}(x, y, z) - \wp_{2m}(y, x, z) - \alpha_{2m} \frac{H_0^{2m}(x, y)}{x+y}, \end{aligned}$$

where (cf. the formula (6))

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_{2m}(x, y, z) &= \\ &= \alpha_{2m} \psi_1^{2m}(x, z) + \alpha_{2m} \alpha_{2m-1} x^{2m-1} + \alpha_{2m-1} \psi_2^{2m}(x, z) y \\ &\quad - \Delta_{2m-1}^1 (x^{2m-2} (\alpha_{2m}(y+z) + \alpha_{2m-1} y) + \psi_3^{2m}(x, z) y^2). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 10.** *The function  $H_1^{2m}(x, y, z)$  has a factor  $x + y + z$  if and only if*

1.  $\alpha_{2m} = 1$  or  $2$  when  $\alpha_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_j = 1$  for  $j = 2, \dots, 2m-1$ .

2.  $\alpha_{2m} = 2m - 2$  or  $2m - 3$  when  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\alpha_j = j - 2$  for  $j = 3, \dots, 2m - 1$ .

*Proof.* Let us compute  $H_1^{2m}(x, y, -x - y)$  in both cases. For the first case

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_k^{2m}(x, -x - y) &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m} \alpha_j (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m-j} \\ &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m-1} (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m-j} + \alpha_{2m} (-y)^{2m-k} - \delta_k^1 x^{2m-1} \\ &= \frac{x^{2m+1-k} - x(-y)^{2m-k}}{x+y} + \alpha_{2m} (-y)^{2m-k} - \delta_k^1 x^{2m-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{2m}(x, y, -x - y) &= \\ &= (\alpha_{2m} - 1) \frac{xy^{2m-1} - yx^{2m-1}}{x+y} - (\alpha_{2m}^2 - \alpha_{2m}) y^{2m-1} + \alpha_{2m} x^{2m-1} \\ &\quad - (\alpha_{2m} - 1) \frac{yx^{2m-1} - xy^{2m-1}}{x+y} + (\alpha_{2m}^2 - \alpha_{2m}) x^{2m-1} - \alpha_{2m} y^{2m-1} \\ &\quad - \alpha_{2m} \frac{\alpha_{2m}(x^{2m} - y^{2m}) + (x^{2m-1}y - xy^{2m-1})}{x+y} \\ &= (\alpha_{2m} - 1)(\alpha_{2m} - 2) \frac{xy(x^{2m-2} - y^{2m-2})}{x+y}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the first case of the lemma. For the second case

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_k^{2m}(x, -x - y) &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m} \alpha_j (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m-j} \\ &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m-1} (j-2)(-y)^{j-k} x^{2m-j} + \alpha_{2m} (-y)^{2m-k} \\ &\quad + \delta_k^1 (x^{2m-1} - yx^{2m-2}) + \delta_k^2 x^{2m-2} \\ &= \frac{x^{2m+1-k} (kx - 2x + ky - 3y) - x(-y)^{2m-k} (2mx - 2x + 2my - 3y)}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad + \alpha_{2m} (-y)^{2m-k} + \delta_k^1 (x^{2m-1} - yx^{2m-2}) + \delta_k^2 x^{2m-2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{2m}(x, y, -x - y) &= \\ &= (\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 2) \frac{y^2 x^{2m-1} + xy^{2m-1} (2mx - 2x + 2my - 3y)}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad - (\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 2) \frac{x^2 y^{2m-1} + yx^{2m-1} (2my - 2y + 2mx - 3x)}{(x+y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\alpha_{2m}^2(x^{2m-1} - y^{2m-1}) + A_{2m}(xy^{2m-2} - yx^{2m-2}) \\
& -\alpha_{2m} \frac{\alpha_{2m}(x^{2m} - y^{2m}) + (2m-3)(x^{2m-1}y - xy^{2m-1}) - (x^{2m-2}y^2 - x^2y^{2m-2})}{x+y} \\
= & (\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 2)(2m-3) \frac{xy^{2m-1} - yx^{2m-1}}{x+y} \\
& +\alpha_{2m} \frac{(\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 2)(x^{2m-1}y - xy^{2m-1})}{x+y} \\
= & ((\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 2)(\alpha_{2m} - 2m + 3)) \frac{x^{2m-1}y - xy^{2m-1}}{x+y}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Lemma.  $\square$

Now we prove that for the first case, starting from  $\mathbb{L}_1^{2m}$  with  $\alpha_{2m} = 2$  and for the second case, with  $\alpha_{2m} = 2m - 3$ , we can not find such  $\mathbb{L}_1^{2m+1}$ . To do so, we need to write out  $H_0^{2m-1}(x, y)$  using the formula (4).

$$\begin{aligned}
H_0^{2m+1}(x, y) & = \\
& = \alpha_{2m+1}(x^{2m+1} - y^{2m+1}) + \alpha_{2m}(x^{2m}y - xy^{2m}) \\
& \quad - \Delta_{2m}^1(x^{2m-1}y^2 - x^2y^{2m-1}) + \Delta_{2m}^2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} (-1)^i (x^{2m-i}y^{i+1} - x^{i+1}y^{2m-i})
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 11.** *The function  $H_0^{2m+1}(x, y)$  has a factor  $x + y$  if and only if*

$$\Delta_{2m+1}^2 = (m-2)\Delta_{2m}^2.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that

$$H_0^{2m+1}(x, -x) = 2(\Delta_{2m+1}^2 - (m-2)\Delta_{2m}^2)x^{2m+1}$$

This has to be zero. The proof of the lemma follows.  $\square$

Now let write out the the possible sequences of  $\alpha_j$  ( $m > 1$ ):

1.  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_j = 1$  for  $j = 2, \dots, 2m-1$ ,  $\alpha_{2m} = 2$  and  $\alpha_{2m+1} = m+1$ .
2.  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$  and  $\alpha_j = j-2$  for  $j = 3, \dots, 2m-1$ ,  $\alpha_{2m} = 2m-3$  and  $\alpha_{2m+1} = m-1$ .

We show that for such  $\alpha_j$ 's one has  $H_1^{2m+1}(x, y, -x-y) \neq 0$ , i.e., such operators do not exist.

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1^{2m+1}(x, y, z) & = \\
& = \wp_{2m+1}(x, y, z) - \wp_{2m+1}(y, x, z) - \alpha_{2m+1} \frac{H_0^{2m+1}(x, y)}{x+y},
\end{aligned}$$

where (cf. formula (4))

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_{2m+1}(x, y, z) &= \\ &= \alpha_{2m+1}\psi_1^{2m+1}(x, z) + \alpha_{2m}\alpha_{2m+1}x^{2m} + \alpha_{2m}\psi_2^{2m+1}(x, z)y \\ &\quad - \Delta_{2m}^1(x^{2m-1}\psi_{2m}^{2m+1}(y, z) + \psi_3^{2m+1}(x, z)y^2) \\ &\quad + \Delta_{2m}^2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} (-1)^i (x^{2m-i}\psi_{2m-i+1}^{2m+1}(y, z) + \psi_{i+2}^{2m+1}(x, z)y^{i+1}). \end{aligned}$$

For the first case,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_k^{2m+1}(x, -x-y) &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m+1} \alpha_j (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m+1-j} \\ &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m} (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m+1-j} + (m+1)(-y)^{2m+1-k} - \delta_k^1 x^{2m} + (-y)^{2m-k} x \\ &= \frac{x^{2m+2-k} - x(-y)^{2m+1-k}}{x+y} + (m+1)(-y)^{2m+1-k} - \delta_k^1 x^{2m} + (-y)^{2m-k} x. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_{2m+1}(x, y, -x-y) &= \\ &= (m+1) \frac{x^{2m+1} - xy^{2m}}{x+y} + (m+1)^2 y^{2m} - (m-2)y^{2m-1}x \\ &\quad + 2(m+1)x^{2m} + 2 \frac{x^{2m}y + xy^{2m}}{x+y} - 3(m+1)y^{2m} \\ &\quad - 2x^{2m-1}y - \frac{x^{2m-1}y^2 - xy^{2m}}{x+y} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left( \frac{y^{i+1}(-x)^{2m-i} - xy^{2m}}{x+y} + (m+1)x^{2m} - x^{2m-1}y \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left( \frac{x^{2m-i}(-y)^{i+1} - xy^{2m}}{x+y} + (m+1)y^{2m} - y^{2m-1}x \right) \\ &= \frac{(m+1)^2 x^{2m+1} + (m^2 - m + 4)x^{2m}y - (m+1)x^{2m-1}y^2}{x+y} \\ &\quad + 2 \frac{y^3 x^{2m-1} + y^{m+1}(-x)^{m+1}}{(x+y)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{2m+1}(x, y, -x-y) &= \\ &= \frac{(m+1)^2 x^{2m+1} + (m^2 - m + 4)x^{2m}y - (m+1)x^{2m-1}y^2}{x+y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2 \frac{y^3 x^{2m-1} - x^3 y^{2m-1}}{(x+y)^2} \\
& - \frac{(m+1)^2 y^{2m+1} + (m^2 - m + 4) y^{2m} x - (m+1) y^{2m-1} x^2}{x+y} \\
& - (m+1) \frac{(m+1)(x^{2m+1} - y^{2m+1}) + 2(x^{2m} y - x y^{2m}) - (x^{2m-1} y^2 - x^2 y^{2m-1})}{x+y} \\
& - (m+1) \frac{x^3 y^3 (x^{2m-4} - y^{2m-4})}{(x+y)^2} \\
= & (m-1) \left( (m-2) \frac{(x^{2m} y - x y^{2m})}{x+y} - \frac{x^3 y^3 (x^{2m-4} - y^{2m-4})}{(x+y)^2} \right). \tag{7}
\end{aligned}$$

For the second case,

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_k^{2m+1}(x, -x-y) &= \sum_{j=k}^{2m+1} \alpha_j (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m+1-j} \\
&= \sum_{j=k}^{2m} (j-2) (-y)^{j-k} x^{2m+1-j} + \alpha_{2m+1} (-y)^{2m+1-k} \\
&\quad - (-y)^{2m-k} x + \delta_k^1 (x^{2m} - y x^{2m-1}) + \delta_k^2 x^{2m-1} \\
&= \frac{x^{2m+2-k} (kx - 2x + ky - 3y) - x (-y)^{2m+1-k} (2mx - x + 2my - 2y)}{(x+y)^2} \\
&\quad + (m-1) (-y)^{2m+1-k} - (-y)^{2m-k} x + \delta_k^1 (x^{2m} - y x^{2m-1}) + \delta_k^2 x^{2m-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\wp_{2m+1}(x, y, -x-y) &= \\
&= (m-1) \frac{x^{2m+1} (-x-2y) - x y^{2m} (2mx - x + 2my - 2y)}{(x+y)^2} \\
&\quad + (m-1) \left( (m-1) y^{2m} + y^{2m-1} x + x^{2m} - y x^{2m-1} \right) \\
&\quad + (2m-3) y \frac{-x^{2m} y + x y^{2m-1} (2mx - x + 2my - 2y)}{(x+y)^2} \\
&\quad + (2m-3) \left( y x^{2m-1} - (m-1) y^{2m} - y^{2m-1} x + (m-1) x^{2m} \right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{(-x)^{2m-i} y^{i+1} \left( (2m-i-1)y + (2m-i-2)x \right)}{(x+y)^2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left( \frac{y x^{2m} (2my - y + 2mx - 2x)}{(x+y)^2} - (m-1) x^{2m} - x^{2m-1} y \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{x^{2m-i} (-y)^{i+1} (ix + iy - y)}{(x+y)^2} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left( \frac{x y^{2m} (2mx - x + 2my - 2y)}{(x+y)^2} - (m-1) y^{2m} - y^{2m-1} x \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(m-1)^2 x^{2m+2} + (m-1)(2m-3)x^{2m+1}y + (m-1)(3m-5)x^{2m}y^2}{(x+y)^2} + (2-2m) \frac{y^3 x^{2m-1} + (-x)^{m+1} y^{m+1}}{(x+y)^2}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} H_1^{2m+1}(x, y, -x-y) &= \\ &= \frac{(m-1)^2 x^{2m+2} + (m-1)(2m-3)x^{2m+1}y + (m-1)(3m-5)x^{2m}y^2}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad + (2-2m) \frac{y^3 x^{2m-1} - x^3 y^{2m-1}}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{(m-1)^2 y^{2m+2} + (m-1)(2m-3)y^{2m+1}x + (m-1)(3m-5)y^{2m}x^2}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad - (m-1) \frac{(m-1)(x^{2m+1} - y^{2m+1}) + (2m-3)(x^{2m}y - xy^{2m})}{x+y} \\ &\quad + (m-1) \frac{x^3 y^3 (x^{2m-4} - y^{2m-4})}{(x+y)^2} \\ &= (m-1) \frac{(m-2)(x^{2m+1}y - y^{2m+1}x) + (m-2)(x^{2m}y^2 - y^{2m}x^2)}{(x+y)^2} \\ &\quad - (m-1) \frac{x^3 y^3 (x^{2m-4} - y^{2m-4})}{(x+y)^2} \\ &= (m-1) \left( (m-2) \frac{(x^{2m}y - xy^{2m})}{x+y} - \frac{x^3 y^3 (x^{2m-4} - y^{2m-4})}{(x+y)^2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

## 5 Open problems

We have in this paper shown the existence of a certain infinite family of operators. Notice that the  $\mathcal{L}_{0\alpha}^n$ -family,  $\alpha = 0, 1$ , behaves exactly as the  $\mathcal{L}_{1\alpha}^n$ -family, and the obstruction expressions (7) and (8) are in both cases equal. However, we have no explanation for this symmetry.

Another question is whether the Lie brackets that are defined are mutually compatible.

Finally it remains to be shown that these operators, characterize by the property 1 are truly unique, not only up to multiplicative deformations. This would imply that they always factorize into first order operators.

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