# Lie quasi-bialgebras with quasi-triangular decomposition

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**Abstract.** A class of Lie bialgebras and Lie quasi-bialgebras related to a triangular decomposition of the underlying Lie algebras is discussed. New examples are presented.

#### 1. Introduction

A Lie bialgebra is a vector space which is simultaneously a Lie algebra and a Lie coalgebra, both structures connected by a cocycle condition. This fundamental concept was introduced by Drinfeld [5] as the infinitesimal counterpart of the notion of Poisson-Lie group: a Lie group which is a Poisson manifold, both structures related by imposing the multiplication to be a Poisson manifold mapping. Poisson-Lie groups appear naturally in deformation-quantization theory. Their quantizations are the quantum groups. The subsidiary notion of Lie quasi-bialgebra was again introduced by Drinfeld in his approach to the quantization of classical solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equations [7]. Being more flexible that Lie bialgebras, the context of Lie quasi-bialgebras allows to use twistings, a technical tool that became very useful.

In this article, we present a unified way to endow Lie algebras with additional data (a so-called "triangular decomposition" or "quasi-triangular decomposition", see Definition 3.1), a Lie bialgebra or Lie quasi-bialgebra cobracket. Then we provide a systematic iterative way of constructing Lie algebras with quasi-triangular decomposition, analogous to a construction of Witt [14].

The paper is organized as follows: in §2, we recall the necessary definitions and results, mostly due to Drinfeld. In §3, we introduce the notion of Lie algebra with quasi-triangular decomposition and show that a Lie algebra with (quasi)-triangular decomposition is a factorizable Lie (quasi)-bialgebra. Examples of Lie algebras with triangular decomposition are given in §4: some of them were known, as Kac-Moody Lie algebras [6], extended Heisenberg algebras [4]; some of them are new, e. g. motion Lie algebras with respect to the adjoint representation.

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As a byproduct, we provide new examples of classical r-matrices. In Section §5, we discuss more examples arising form the analogue of Witt's construction; in particular, we endow many generalized Heisenberg algebras with Lie bialgebra structures. These examples are also new, see however [12].

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#### 2. Preliminaries

For simplicity of the exposition, we shall work over  $\mathbb{C}$ . We collect in this section the necessary definitions and theorems, due mostly to Drinfeld [7], [5]; see [3] for further properties of Lie quasi-bialgebras. By abuse of notation, ad will mean a representation which is tensor product of copies of the adjoint representation.

**Definition 2.1.** A Lie quasi-bialgebra is a triple  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra,  $\delta : \mathfrak{g} \to \wedge^2 \mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  is a 1-cocycle and  $\phi \in \wedge^3 \mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  such that the following axioms hold:

$$Alt(\delta \otimes id)\delta(x) = ad x(\phi), \quad x \in \mathfrak{g}; \tag{1}$$

$$Alt(\delta \otimes id \otimes id)(\phi) = 0, \tag{2}$$

where Alt is the alternation map and "1-cocycle" means that  $\delta$  is linear and  $\delta([x,y]) = \operatorname{ad} x(\delta(y)) - \operatorname{ad} y(\delta(x))$ . Examples of 1-cocycles are the 1-coboundaries: if  $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ , then  $\partial r : \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ , the map given by  $\partial r(x) := \operatorname{ad} x(r) - r$ , is called the coboundary of r. Furthermore, if  $\phi = 0$  we say that  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta)$  is a *Lie bialgebra*. So that equation (1) becomes  $\operatorname{Alt}(\delta \otimes \operatorname{id})\delta(x) = 0$  and equation (2) is identically satisfied. The equality  $\operatorname{Alt}(\delta \otimes \operatorname{id})\delta(x) = 0$  is called the co-Jacobi identity.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta)$  be a Lie bialgebra. A Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  is a *Lie subbialgebra* if  $\delta(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathfrak{h}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A Manin pair is a data  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$ , where  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a Lie algebra provided with a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -invariant, symmetric, non degenerate bilinear form  $< | > : \mathfrak{p} \times \mathfrak{p} \to \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  is an isotropic Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is an isotropic subspace of  $\mathfrak{p}$  complementary to  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ . That is,  $\mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $< \mathfrak{p}_i | \mathfrak{p}_i > = 0$ , i = 1, 2. If  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$ , we say that  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  is a Manin triple.

The terminology "Manin pair" is justified as follows: to a Manin pair  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  corresponds a Lie quasi-bialgebra structure on  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ ; and changing the complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  amounts only to a twisting of this structure, so that up to twisting only the pair  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1)$  counts. See below for details. We remark that Drinfeld does not fixes the isotropic complement  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  since he is interested in the notion of Lie quasi-bialgebra up to twisting.

We now recall the relation between Manin pairs and Lie quasi-bialgebras. Let  $(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{p}_2)$  be a Manin pair such that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is finite dimensional. Then there is a Lie quasi-bialgebra structure on  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ . Indeed, the restriction of the bracket to  $\mathfrak{p}_2 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_2 \to \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2$  has two components:  $[\,,\,]_2 : \mathfrak{p}_2 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_2 \to \mathfrak{p}_2$  and

 $[\,,\,]_1:\mathfrak{p}_2\otimes\mathfrak{p}_2\to\mathfrak{p}_1$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p}_1\simeq\mathfrak{p}_2^*$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1\simeq(\mathfrak{p}_2\otimes\mathfrak{p}_2)^*$ , the first defines by transposition a cobracket  $\delta:\mathfrak{p}_1\to\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1$ ; that is,  $<\delta(x)|u\otimes v>=< x|[u,v]>$ ,  $x\in\mathfrak{p}_1,\ u,v\in\mathfrak{p}_2$ . Similarly, the second defines an element  $\psi\in\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1$ . Put  $\phi=-\psi$ . Then  $(\mathfrak{p}_1,\delta,\phi)$  is a Lie quasi-bialgebra.

Conversely, let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  be a finite dimensional Lie quasi-bialgebra. Put  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathfrak{g}^*$  and endow  $\mathfrak{p}$  with the canonical scalar product. Let  $\delta^* : \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}^* \to \mathfrak{g}^*$  be the transpose of the bracket and let  $\theta : \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}^* \to \mathfrak{g}$  be induced by  $\phi$ . Take  $\delta^* - \theta$  as the commutator in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ ; it takes values in  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Then [x, l] can be uniquely defined for  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $l \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  so that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a Lie algebra and the scalar product in  $\mathfrak{p}$  is invariant. Explicitly, if  $\{x_i\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\{x^i\}$  is the dual basis in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  and

$$[x_i, x_j] = c_{ij}^k x_k, \qquad \delta(x_i) = d_i^{jk} x_j \otimes x_k, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \phi^{ijl} x_i \otimes x_j \otimes x_l$$
 (3)

(here and below, summation is assumed for repeated indices), then  $\{x_i\} \cup \{x^i\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and

$$\langle x_{i}|x^{j}\rangle = \delta_{i}^{j},$$
  $\langle x_{i}|x_{j}\rangle = 0,$   $\langle x^{i}|x^{j}\rangle = 0,$   $[x^{i}, x^{j}] = d_{k}^{ij}x^{k} - \phi^{ijl}x_{l},$   $[x_{i}, x^{j}] = d_{i}^{jk}x_{k} + c_{li}^{j}x^{l}.$  (4)

It is clear from the preceding discussion that  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is a Lie subalgebra if and only if  $\phi = 0$ .

**Example 2.4.** We recall that, for a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module V, the motion Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \ltimes V$  is the vector space  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  with the bracket

$$[(x,u),(y,v)]=([x,y],x.v-y.u), \qquad x,y\in \mathfrak{g},u,v\in V.$$

If  $(\mathfrak{g},0,0)$  is the trivial Lie bialgebra with underlying Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  then  $\mathfrak{p}=\mathfrak{g}\oplus\mathfrak{g}^*$  is the motion Lie algebra with respect to the coadjoint representation. **Remark 2.5.** If  $(\mathfrak{g},\delta)$  is a finite dimensional Lie bialgebra and  $(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{p}_2)$  is the corresponding Manin triple, there is a one-to-one correspondence between subbialgebras  $\mathfrak{q}\subset\mathfrak{g}$  and subalgebras  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $\mathfrak{p}_1=\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{q}^\perp\cap\mathfrak{p}_2$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ .

Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta)$  be a finite dimensional Lie bialgebra and let  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  be the corresponding Manin triple. The double of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{g})$  whose underlying Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{p}$  and whose Lie cobracket is  $\partial r$ , where r is the image of the canonical element of  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^*$  under the embedding  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^* \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{g})$  (the canonical element is  $e_i \otimes e^i$ , where  $e_i$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $e^i$  is the dual basis in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ ). Let  $(\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{q}_1, \mathfrak{q}_2)$  be the Manin triple corresponding to the Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{g})$  and identify  $\mathfrak{q}_2$  with  $\mathfrak{p}$  by means of the bilinear form  $\langle \, | \, \rangle$ ; the Lie bracket in  $\mathfrak{q}_2$ , denoted  $[\, , \, ]_*$ , is

$$[u, v]_* = [v_1, u_1] + [u_2, v_2],$$

where  $u_i, v_i$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  and the bracket in the right hand side is that of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Indeed,  $\langle \delta(x)|u \otimes v \rangle = \sum_i (\langle [x, e_i]|u \rangle \langle e^i|v \rangle + \langle e_i|u \rangle \langle [x, e^i]|v \rangle) = \langle [x, \sum_i \langle e^i|v \rangle e_i]|u \rangle + \langle [x, \sum_i \langle e_i|u \rangle e^i]|v \rangle = \langle [x, v_1]|u \rangle + \langle [x, u_2]|v \rangle = \langle x|[v_1, u] \rangle + \langle x|[u_2, v] \rangle$ . Here,  $x \in \mathfrak{q}_1$ ,  $u, v \in \mathfrak{q}_2$ .

Remark 2.6. Let now  $(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{p}_2)$  be a Manin pair with  $\mathfrak{p}$  not necessarily finite dimensional. We decompose again  $[x,y]=[x,y]_1+[x,y]_2$  for  $x,y\in\mathfrak{p}_2$  and let  $\delta:(\mathfrak{p}_2)^*\to(\mathfrak{p}_2\otimes\mathfrak{p}_2)^*$  be the transpose of  $[\,,\,]_2$ . Identifying  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  with a subspace of  $(\mathfrak{p}_2)^*$ , the space of those  $x\in\mathfrak{p}_1$  such that  $\delta(x)\in\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ . Let  $\{x_i:i\in I\}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and assume that there exists a family  $\{x^i:i\in I\}$  in  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  such that  $\langle x_i|x^j\rangle=\delta_i^j$ . If the support of the family  $(d_k^{ij})_{i,j\in I}$  is finite for each k, then  $\delta(\mathfrak{p}_1)\subset\mathfrak{p}_1\otimes\mathfrak{p}_1$ .

Let  $\phi^{ijl}$  be given by  $[x^i, x^j]_1 = -\phi^{ijl}x_l$ . If the support of the family  $(\phi^{ijl})_{i,j,l\in I}$  is finite then it defines  $\phi \in \mathfrak{p}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $(\mathfrak{p}_1, \delta, \phi)$  is a Lie quasi-bialgebra. In fact, a weak version would be that ad  $x(\phi^{ijl}) \in \mathfrak{p}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{p}_1$  for any  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_1$ .

We now recall the notion of twisting of Lie quasi-bialgebras [7]. If r is an element of  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ , then set

$$\widehat{r} := [r^{12}, r^{13}] + [r^{12}, r^{23}] + [r^{13}, r^{23}]; \tag{5}$$

the identity  $\hat{r} = 0$  is the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE). If  $r = r^{ij}x_i \otimes x_j$ , then  $\hat{r} = \hat{r}^{ijk}x_i \otimes x_j \otimes x_k$ , where, keeping the notation from (3),

$$\hat{r}^{ijk} = r^{sj} r^{tk} c^i_{st} + r^{is} r^{tk} c^j_{st} + r^{is} r^{jt} c^k_{st}.$$
(6)

Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  be a Lie quasi-bialgebra and let  $r \in \wedge^2 \mathfrak{g}$ . Put

$$\delta_r = \delta(x) + \operatorname{ad} xr, \qquad \phi_r = \phi + \operatorname{Alt}(\delta \otimes \operatorname{id})r - \widehat{r}.$$
 (7)

Then  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta_r, \phi_r)$  is also a Lie quasi-bialgebra; we shall say that it is obtained from  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  by twisting via r. If  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta)$  is a Lie bialgebra,  $\hat{r} = 0$  and  $\mathrm{Alt}(\delta \otimes \mathrm{id})r = 0$  then  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta_r)$  is a Lie bialgebra. These hypotheses hold if  $r \in \wedge^2 \mathfrak{g}_0$  where  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\delta(\mathfrak{g}_0) = 0$ .

Lemma 2.8 below is stated in [7] without proof; we include one for completeness. We need the following elementary linear algebra facts:

- Remark 2.7. (a). Let W be a vector subspace of a vector space V. Fix a complement U of W in V, i. e.  $V = W \oplus U$ . There is a bijection between the set of all complements of W in V and hom(U, W). Explicitly, if Z is such a complement and  $x \in U$  then write  $x = x_W + x_Z$ , with  $x_W \in W$ ,  $x_Z \in Z$  and define  $\varphi_Z(x) := x_W$ . Conversely, if  $\varphi \in hom(U, W)$  then  $Z := the image of <math>\Phi$ , where  $\Phi(x) := x \varphi(x)$ , is a complement of W.
- (b). If in addition V is provided with a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form (,), W is isotropic and admits an isotropic complement U then there is a bijection between the set of all isotropic complements of W in V and  $\{\varphi \in \text{hom}(U,W) : (\varphi(x),y) = -(x,\varphi(y))\}.$
- (c). If in addition V is finite dimensional, there is a bijection between the set of all isotropic complements of W in V and  $\wedge^2 W$ . Explicitly, let  $(x_i)$  be a basis of W and let  $x^j \in U$  such that  $(x_i, x^j) = \delta_i^j$ . If  $r = r^{ij} x_i \otimes x_j \in \wedge^2 W$  then the subspace  $V_r := \langle x^i + r^{ji} x_j \rangle$  of V is an isotropic complement of W.
- **Lemma 2.8.** Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  be a finite dimensional Lie quasi-bialgebra and let  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  be the corresponding Manin pair. Then changing the isotropic complement of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  amounts to twisting the corresponding Lie quasi-bialgebra. Explicitly,

if  $r \in \wedge^2 \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{u} = \mathfrak{p}_{-r}$  corresponds to -r as described in Remark 2.7 (c), then the Manin pair  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{u})$  corresponds to the Lie quasi-bialgebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta_r, \phi_r)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $x^1, \ldots, x^n$  be the dual basis in  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ ; so equations (3) and (4) hold. Let  $u^1, \ldots, u^n$  be the basis in  $\mathfrak{u}$  given by  $u^i := x^i + r^{ij}x_j$ . Let  $\widehat{r}$  have the same meaning as in (6). Then

$$[u^{i}, u^{j}] = [r^{il}x_{l} + x^{i}, r^{jk} + x_{k}x^{j}]$$

$$= [x^{i}, x^{j}] + r^{jk}[x^{i}, x_{k}] + r^{il}[x_{l}, x^{j}] + r^{il}r^{jk}[x_{l}, x_{k}]$$

$$= d_{s}^{ij}x^{s} - \phi^{ijs}x_{s} + r^{kj}d_{k}^{is}x_{s} + r^{kj}c_{sk}^{i}x^{s}$$

$$+ r^{il}d_{l}^{js}x_{s} + r^{il}c_{sl}^{j}x^{s} + r^{il}r^{jk}c_{lk}^{s}x_{s}$$

$$= d_{s}^{ij}u^{s} + r^{kj}c_{sk}^{i}u^{s} + r^{il}c_{sl}^{j}u^{s} - \phi^{ijk}x_{k}$$

$$- \langle u^{i} \otimes u^{j} \otimes id \mid Alt(\delta \otimes id)r \rangle + \hat{r}^{ijk}x_{k}$$
(8)

It follows that  $\phi_r = \phi + \text{Alt}(\delta \otimes \text{id})r - \hat{r}$  and

$$\delta_r(x_t) = d_t^{ij} x_i \otimes x_j + r^{kj} c_{tk}^i x_i \otimes x_j + r^{il} c_{tl}^j x_i \otimes x_j$$
  
=  $\delta(x_t) + \operatorname{ad} x_t(r^{kj} x_k) \otimes x_j + r^{ik} x_i \otimes \operatorname{ad} x_t(x_k) = \delta(x_t) + \operatorname{ad} x_t(r).$ 

**Definition 2.9.** A Lie quasi-bialgebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  is quasitriangular if there exists  $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ , such that:

- 1. the coboundary of r is the cobracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , i.e.  $\partial r = \delta$ , and
- 2.  $\hat{r} = \phi$ . (The definition of  $\hat{r}$  is given in formula (5).)

So that if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is Lie bialgebra (i.e.  $\phi = 0$ ), then it is quasitriangular if and only if  $\partial r = \delta$  and r satisfies the classical Yang-Baxter equation. The following result is also stated in [7] without proof; a proof appears in [3].

**Lemma 2.10.** Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  be a finite dimensional Lie quasi-bialgebra and let  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  be the corresponding Manin pair. Let  $\mathfrak{u}$  be a subspace of  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{u}$ , and let  $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  be the tensor associated to  $\mathfrak{u}$  (i.e.  $\mathfrak{p}_r = \mathfrak{u}$ ). Then

- (a)  $[\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{u}] \subset \mathfrak{u}$  if and only if the coboundary of r is the cobracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- (b)  $[\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{u}] \subset \mathfrak{u}$  if and only if the coboundary of r is the cobracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\widehat{r} = \phi$ . In other words,  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta, \phi)$  is quasitriangular if and only if  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  admits a complementary ideal in  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

**Proof.** (a). Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $x^1, \ldots, x^n$  be a dual basis in  $\mathfrak{g}^* = \mathfrak{p}_2$ . Let  $u^i = r^{ji}x_j + x^i$ ; then  $[x_l, u^i] = (r^{ti}c_{lt}^k + d_l^{ik})x_k + c_{sl}^i x^s$ . Thus  $[x_l, u^i] \in \mathfrak{u}$  if and only if  $(r^{ti}c_{lt}^k + d_l^{ik})x_k + c_{sl}^i x^s = \alpha_{sl}^i (r^{ks}x_k + x^s)$ , for some scalars  $\alpha_{sl}^i$ . This happens if and only if  $c_{sl}^i = \alpha_{sl}^i$  and  $r^{ti}c_{lt}^k + d_l^{ik} = c_{sl}^i r^{ks}$ , or  $d_l^{ik} = r^{ti}c_{tl}^i + r^{kt}c_{tl}^i$ , for all j, k, l. On the other hand,

$$\partial r(x_l) = (r^{ti}c_{lt}^k + r^{kt}c_{lt}^i)x_k \otimes x_i = -(r^{kt}c_{tl}^i + r^{ti}c_{tl}^k)x_k \otimes x_i.$$
 (9)

That is,  $[\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{u}] \subset \mathfrak{u}$  if and only if  $d_l^{ik} = r^{ti}c_{tl}^k + r^{kt}c_{tl}^i$  for all j,k,l if and only if  $\partial r(x_l) = d^{ki}x_k \otimes x_i = \delta(x_l)$ .

For (b), we can assume that  $\partial r = \delta$  by (a). We have  $[x^l, u^k] = (r^{sk} d_s^{tl} - \phi^{lkt})x_t + (r^{sk}c_{sp}^l + d_p^{lk})x^p$ . Thus  $[x^l, u^k] \in \mathfrak{u}$  if and only if  $[x^l, u^k] = (r^{sk}c_{sp}^l + d_p^{lk})(r^{tp}x_t + x^p)$ , i.e.  $r^{sk}d_s^{tl} - \phi^{lkt} = r^{sk}c_{sw}^l r^{tw} + d_s^{lk} r^{ts}$ . Thus

$$r^{sk}r^{wl}c^t_{sw} + r^{sk}r^{tw}c^l_{sw} + r^{sk}r^{tw}c^l_{sw} + r^{wl}r^{ts}c^l_{sw} + r^{wl}r^{ts}c^k_{sw} + r^{kw}r^{ts}c^l_{sw} = \phi^{lkt}.$$

The second and the third term cancel because of the antisymmetry of the bracket. Performing some permutations in the others terms, we have

$$r^{sk} r^{wl} c^t_{sw} + r^{ts} r^{wl} c^k_{sw} + r^{ts} r^{kw} c^l_{sw} = \phi^{lkt}.$$

That is,  $\mathfrak{u}$  is an ideal if and only if  $\hat{r} = \phi$  and  $\partial r = \delta$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [13]. A quasitriangular Lie quasi-bialgebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, r)$  is factorizable if the map  $\mathfrak{g}^* \to \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\alpha \mapsto \langle \alpha \otimes \mathrm{id}, r + \tau(r) \rangle$ , is a bijection, where  $\tau$  is the usual transposition.

## 3. Lie algebras with quasi-triangular decomposition

In this section we introduce the notions of "Lie algebra with quasi-triangular decomposition" and "Lie algebra with triangular decomposition"; these definitions are inspired by [6, Ex. 3.2] and are related to but not the same as the notion discussed in [11]. We show that such a Lie algebra has a canonical structure of quasitriangular Lie quasi-bialgebra. We give two proofs of this fact; the second one uses the double and suggests a method of constructing Lie algebras with triangular decomposition.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra. We shall say that the collection  $(\mathfrak{g}_0,\mathfrak{g}_+,\mathfrak{g}_-,(||))$  is a quasi-triangular decomposition (QTD) of  $\mathfrak{g}$  if  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_-,\mathfrak{g}_+$  are subspaces of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{g}_-\oplus\mathfrak{g}_0\oplus\mathfrak{g}_+$ , and  $(||):\mathfrak{g}\times\mathfrak{g}\to\mathbb{C}$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant, non degenerate, symmetric, bilinear form such that

$$0 = (\mathfrak{g}_+|\mathfrak{g}_+) = (\mathfrak{g}_-|\mathfrak{g}_-) = (\mathfrak{g}_+|\mathfrak{g}_0) = (\mathfrak{g}_0|\mathfrak{g}_-).$$

Furthermore, we shall say that  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_+, \mathfrak{g}_-, (\mid))$  is a triangular decomposition (TD) if  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is abelian,  $\mathfrak{g}_-, \mathfrak{g}_+$  are subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_\pm, \mathfrak{g}_0] \subset \mathfrak{g}_\pm$ .

In what follows, we shall simply say " $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra with quasi-triangular decomposition or triangular decomposition", without mentioning the data defining it. We shall use the notation  $x = x_+ + x_0 + x_-$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ , if  $x_j \in \mathfrak{g}_j$ ,  $j \in \{+, 0, -\}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional Lie algebra with QTD (respectively TD). Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits a canonical structure of Lie quasi-bialgebra (resp. Lie bialgebra), which is quasitriangular. If  $\mathfrak{g}$  has another structure of QTD with the same non-degenerate invariant form then the corresponding structures of Lie quasi-bialgebra are related by a twist.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$  with the product Lie algebra structure,  $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(a, a) : a \in \mathfrak{g}\}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(a_- + a_0, a_+ - a_0) : a_- \in \mathfrak{g}_-, a_+ \in \mathfrak{g}_+, a_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_0\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2 \subset \mathfrak{p}$  is a subspace complementary to  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ . Let  $< |>: \mathfrak{p} \times \mathfrak{p} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \times \mathfrak{p}$ 

 $\mathbb{C}$  be the bilinear form defined by  $\langle (x,y)|(u,v)\rangle = (x|u)-(y|v)$ . Then  $\langle | \rangle$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -invariant, non degenerate and  $\langle \mathfrak{p}_1|\mathfrak{p}_1\rangle = 0$ . If  $(x,y)=(x_-+x_0,x_+-x_0)$  and  $(u,v)=(u_-+u_0,u_+-u_0)$  belong to  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ , then

$$<(x,y)|(u,v)>=(x,u)-(y|v)=(x_0|u_0)-(-x_0|-u_0)=0;$$

that is  $\langle \mathfrak{p}_2 | \mathfrak{p}_2 \rangle = 0$ . Hence  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  is a Manin pair and  $\mathfrak{p}_1 \simeq \mathfrak{g}$  has a structure of Lie quasi-bialgebra. If  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a TD, then  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a structure of Lie bialgebra. Since  $\mathfrak{u} = \{(0, x) : x \in \mathfrak{g}\}$  is an ideal complementary to  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is quasitriangular by Lemma 2.10.

Let  $(\mathfrak{g}'_0,\mathfrak{g}'_+,\mathfrak{g}'_-,(\mid))$  be another QTD of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ; its Manin pair is  $(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{p}'_2)$ , where  $\mathfrak{p}'_2 = \{(a_- + a_0, a_+ - a_0) : a_- \in \mathfrak{g}'_-, a_+ \in \mathfrak{g}'_+, a'_0 \in \mathfrak{g}'_0\}$ . The corresponding bilinear form is again <(x,y)|(u,v)>=(x|u)-(y|v); we have two Manin pairs that only differ in the complement of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$ , so Lemma 2.8 applies.

**Remark 3.2.**  $\delta = 0$  if and only if  $[\mathfrak{g}_+, \mathfrak{g}_+] = [\mathfrak{g}_-, \mathfrak{g}_-] = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}_0] = 0$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{g}_+\oplus\mathfrak{g}_0\oplus\mathfrak{g}_-$  be a finite dimensional Lie algebra with TD, and consider on  $\mathfrak{g}$  the structure of Lie bialgebra provided by Theorem 3.1.

**Lemma 3.3.** (a)  $\mathfrak{b}_{+} = \mathfrak{g}_{0} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{+}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_{-} = \mathfrak{g}_{0} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-}$  are Lie subbialgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

As Lie algebras,  $\mathfrak{b}_{\pm}^{*} \cong \mathfrak{b}_{\mp}$ .

(b)  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+)$  is isomorphic as a Lie algebra to the direct product  $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}_0$ .

**Proof.** (a). Keep the notation of the proof of Theorem 3.1. The subspace orthogonal to  $\mathfrak{b}_+$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{b}_-$ ) in  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is  $0 \times \mathfrak{g}_+$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{g}_- \times 0$ ) which is clearly an ideal of  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ , and clearly  $\mathfrak{p}_2/(0 \times \mathfrak{g}_+)$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{p}_2/\mathfrak{g}_- \times 0$ ) is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{b}_-$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{b}_+$ ), as Lie algebras. Notice that the pairing  $\langle , \rangle$  between  $\mathfrak{b}_+$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_-$  is

$$\langle x, y \rangle = (x_0|y_0) + (x|y). \tag{10}$$

(b). Let  $\Upsilon: \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+) \to \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}_0$  be the linear isomorphism  $\Upsilon(x_+ + x_0, y_0 + y_-) = (x_+ + x_0 + y_0 + y_-, x_0 - y_0)$ . We want to show that  $\Upsilon([u, v]) = [\Upsilon(u)\Upsilon(v)]$ ; it suffices to consider  $u = x \in \mathfrak{b}_+$ ,  $v = y \in \mathfrak{b}_-$ . Let us write  $[x, y] = [x, y]_1 + [x, y]_2$ , where  $[x, y]_1 \in \mathfrak{b}_+$ ,  $[x, y]_2 \in \mathfrak{b}_-$ . We deduce easily from (10) that

$$[x,y]_1 = [x,y]_+ + \frac{1}{2}[x,y]_0, \quad [x,y]_2 = [x,y]_- + \frac{1}{2}[x,y]_0.$$
 (11)

Indeed, if  $u \in \mathfrak{b}_-$ ,  $\langle [x,y]_1, u \rangle = \langle x, [y,u] \rangle = (x|[y,u]) = \langle [x,y]_+ + \frac{1}{2}[x,y]_0, u \rangle$ . Now (11) implies our claim.

Let  $\{x_j : j \in J\}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}_+$ ,  $\{y_j\}$  be its dual basis in  $\mathfrak{g}_-$ ,  $\{h_i : i \in I\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Then the dual basis of  $B = \{x_j\} \cup \{y_j\} \cup \{h_i\}$  in  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  is constituted by the vectors

$$x_j^* = (y_j, 0), \quad y_j^* = (0, -x_j) \quad \text{and} \quad h_i^* = \frac{1}{2}(h_i, -h_i), \quad j \in J, i \in I.$$
 (12)

Corollary 3.4. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional Lie algebra with TD. Then the Lie cobracket on  $\mathfrak{g}$  provided by Theorem 3.1 is  $\partial r_0$ , where, in the notation above,

$$r_0 = \sum_{j \in J} x_j \otimes y_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in I} h_i \otimes h_i.$$
 (13)

This gives a new proof of the quasitriangularity of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Proof.** Preserve the notation of the preceding proof. The orthogonal of the ideal  $\Upsilon^{-1}(0 \times \mathfrak{g}_0)$  is  $\{(u,v) \in \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+) : u_0 = v_0\}$ , clearly a Lie subalgebra of the dual of  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+)/\Upsilon^{-1}(0 \times \mathfrak{g}_0) \simeq \mathfrak{g}$  inherits a Lie bialgebra structure and the canonical projection is a morphism of Lie bialgebras. We claim that this Lie bialgebra structure coincides with the structure defined in Theorem 3.1. Let  $\{(u,v) \in \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+) : u_0 = v_0\} \to \mathfrak{p}_2$  be the application  $(u,v) \mapsto (v,-u)$ ; it is easy to check that it is an isomorphism of Lie algebras. Since the introduced isomorphisms preserve the corresponding dualities, the claim follows. Let r be the canonical element of  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b}_+)$ . It is easy to see that the image of r under the above projection is  $r_0$ ; the latter satisfies CYBE because the former does.

Corollary 3.5.  $\delta(\mathfrak{g}_0) = 0$ .

**Proof.** If  $H \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ , then write  $[H, x_j] = \sum_i \varphi_{ji}(H)x_i$ . It follows from the invariance of the bilinear form that  $[H, y_j] = -\sum_i \varphi_{ij}(H)y_i$ . Hence  $\delta(H) = \sum_{j \in J} [H, x_j] \otimes y_j + \sum_{j \in J} x_j \otimes [H, y_j] = 0$ .

Corollary 3.6. A finite dimensional Lie bialgebra with TD is factorizable.

Lemma 3.3 and Corollary 3.4 suggest the following method of constructing Lie algebras with TD.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{b}$  be a finite dimensional Lie bialgebra. Consider  $\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$  the double of  $\mathfrak{b}$ . Assume that

- (a) there exists an abelian subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that, as vector spaces,  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus [\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{b}]$ ;
- (b)  $\mathfrak{h}^{\perp} = [\mathfrak{b}^*, \mathfrak{b}^*]$ ; there exists an abelian subalgebra  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  such that, as vector spaces,  $\mathfrak{b}^* = \widetilde{\mathfrak{h}} \oplus [\mathfrak{b}^*, \mathfrak{b}^*]$ , and  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{h}}^{\perp} = [\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{b}]$ ;
- (c) for any  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ , there exists a unique  $\widetilde{x} \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  such that  $\operatorname{ad} \widetilde{x}$  coincides with  $\operatorname{ad} x$  on  $\mathfrak{b}^* \subset \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$ .

Given h in  $\mathfrak{h}$ , let  $\widehat{h}$  be the unique element of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  such that  $\langle x|\widehat{h}\rangle=\langle \widetilde{x}|h\rangle$ , for all x in  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

Let 
$$\mathfrak{g}_{+}=[\mathfrak{b},\mathfrak{b}]$$
,  $\mathfrak{g}_{-}=[\mathfrak{b}^{*},\mathfrak{b}^{*}]$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_{0}=\{h+\widehat{h}:h\in\mathfrak{h}\}$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{g}=:\mathfrak{g}_-\oplus\mathfrak{g}_0\oplus\mathfrak{g}_+$$

is a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$  with TD. The non-degenerate invariant bilinear form is the one inherited from  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$ .

**Proof.** First, we remark that if  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $u \in \mathfrak{b}$  and  $w \in \mathfrak{b}^*$ , then

$$< ad(x)u|w> = <[x, u]|w> = - < u|[x, w]> = - < u|ad(x)w>$$
.

By (c) we know that  $ad(x)w = ad(\tilde{x})w$ , hence

$$-\langle u|\operatorname{ad}(x)w\rangle = -\langle u|\operatorname{ad}(\widetilde{x})w\rangle = -\langle u|[\widetilde{x},w]\rangle = \langle\operatorname{ad}(\widetilde{x})u|w\rangle.$$

Thus,  $ad(\tilde{x})$  coincides with ad(x) on  $\mathfrak{b}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{r} = \{x - \widetilde{x} : x \in \mathfrak{h}\}$ , then  $\mathfrak{r}$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$ . In fact if  $u \in \mathfrak{b}$ , then  $[u, x - \widetilde{x}] = [u, x] - [u, \widetilde{x}] = 0$  (see above). In an analogous way, for (c), we obtain that if  $w \in \mathfrak{b}^*$ , then  $[w, x - \widetilde{x}] = 0$ . So,  $[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})] = 0$  and clearly  $\mathfrak{r}$  is an ideal.

Let  $z \in \mathfrak{r}^{\perp}$ , so z = u + w,  $u \in \mathfrak{b}$ ,  $w \in \mathfrak{b}^*$  and  $\langle u | x - \widetilde{x} \rangle + \langle w | x - \widetilde{x} \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ . For (a) and (b) we have  $u = h_1 + u_1$  and  $w = s_1 + w_1$ , with  $h_1 \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $u_1 \in [\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{b}]$ ,  $s_1 \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  and  $w_1 \in [\mathfrak{b}^*, \mathfrak{b}^*]$ . So,  $0 = \langle z | x - \widetilde{x} \rangle = \langle h_1 + u_1 | - \widetilde{x} \rangle + \langle s_1 + w_1 | x \rangle = \langle h_1 | - \widetilde{x} \rangle + \langle s_1 | x \rangle$ . Thus,  $\langle h_1 | \widetilde{x} \rangle = \langle s_1 | x \rangle$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$ , then by hypothesis  $s_1 = \widehat{h_1}$ . This implies that

$$\mathfrak{r}^\perp=\mathfrak{g}_-\oplus\mathfrak{g}_0\oplus\mathfrak{g}_+=\mathfrak{g}.$$

As  $\mathfrak{r}$  is an ideal,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is also an ideal. In particular,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{d}(\mathfrak{b})$ .

## 4. Examples.

**Example 4.1.** A Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with TD such that  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = 0$  is equivalent to a Manin triple  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}_+, \mathfrak{g}_-)$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie bialgebra with TD. If we twist via  $r \in \wedge^2 \mathfrak{g}_0$  then  $(\mathfrak{g}, \delta_r)$  is a Lie bialgebra (use Corollary 3.5).

**Example 4.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra and let < | > be a non degenerate invariant bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $(\mathfrak{g},0,0,<|>)$  is a QTD. It is a TD if and only if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$  be the complexification of a decomposition of a real simple Lie algebra. It is known that the representation of  $\mathfrak{k}$  on  $\mathfrak{p}$  is either irreducible or a direct sum of two irreducible components; in the latter case, the corresponding symmetric space is hermitian. See [9]. Assume we are in the hermitian case, i. e. that  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{p}_2$  as  $\mathfrak{k}$ -modules, with  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  irreducible. Then  $(\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2, (|))$ , where (|) is the Killing form, is a QTD. It is seldom a TD; only when  $\mathfrak{g} = sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

**Example 4.5.** Let A be a symmetrizable complex matrix of size  $n \times$  and let  $D = (d_1, \ldots d_n)$  be an invertible diagonal matrix such that  $DA = A^tD$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$  be the Lie algebra defined in [10, §1.2] and let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(A)$  be the corresponding contragradient Lie algebra [10, Ch. 1]. We preserve the notation  $\mathfrak{h}, \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^{\pm}, e_i, f_i, \alpha_i^{\vee}$ , etc. from loc cit. Let  $h_i = d_i \alpha_i^{\vee}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{r}$  be the unique maximal ideal among the ideals intersecting  $\mathfrak{h}$  trivially; then  $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}/\mathfrak{r}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a well-known triangular decomposition, cf [10, 1.2, 2.2], which gives rise to a Lie bialgebra structure by the method of Proposition 3.1. It is well-known [6] that the corresponding cobracket is given by

$$\delta(h_i) = 0, \quad \delta(e_i) = \frac{1}{2} (e_i \otimes h_i - h_i \otimes e_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(f_i) = \frac{1}{2} (f_i \otimes h_i - h_i \otimes f_i).$$
(14)

Alternatively, it is not difficult to see that formula (14) determines a Lie bialgebra structure on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  or  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Indeed, [2, Ch. II §2 Prop. 8] allows to define the 1-cocycle on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  or  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The co-Jacobi identity is also easy to check; it suffices to verify it on generators.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra and  $(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{n}_+, \mathfrak{n}_-, (\mid))$  a triangular decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$  be the motion Lie algebra with respect to the adjoint representation, cf. Example 2.4. Take

$$\mathfrak{l}_0 = \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h}, \quad \mathfrak{l}_+ = \mathfrak{n}_+ \times \mathfrak{n}_+, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{l}_- = \mathfrak{n}_- \times \mathfrak{n}_-.$$

Thus  $\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{l}_+ \oplus \mathfrak{l}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{l}_-$ . Let  $k_{\mathfrak{l}}(\ |\ ) : \mathfrak{l} \times \mathfrak{l} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by

$$k_{\mathsf{I}}((x,y)|(u,v)) = (x|u) + (y|u) + (x|v).$$

Then  $(l_0, l_+, l_-, k_{\mathfrak{l}}(|))$  is a TD of  $\mathfrak{l}$ .

Now, we assume that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a simple Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}_+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_-$  is the usual decomposition, where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a Cartan subalgebra,  $\mathfrak{n}_\pm$  is the span of the positive, resp. negative, root vectors. In this context, (|) will be the Killing form. Let A be the Cartan matrix of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\Phi$  be the root system of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\Phi^+$  be the set of positive roots and  $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n\}$  be the set of simple roots. We choose  $a_\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha - \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , ( $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  is the root space) and  $H_i, m_i \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that:

$$(H_i|H) = \alpha_i(H), \ \forall H \in \mathfrak{h}, \quad [a_{\alpha_i}, a_{-\alpha_i}] = H_i, \quad (a_{\alpha}|a_{-\alpha}) = 1, \quad (H_i|m_j) = \delta_{ij}.$$

Let us consider the following elements of  $\mathfrak{l}$ :

$$x_{\alpha} = (a_{\alpha}, 0), \quad y_{\alpha} = (0, a_{-\alpha}), \quad u_{\alpha} = (0, a_{\alpha}), \quad v_{\alpha} = (a_{-\alpha}, -a_{-\alpha}), \quad \alpha \in \Phi,$$
  
 $h_i = (H_i, 0), \quad l_i = (m_i, 0), \quad r_i = (0, H_i), \quad s_i = (m_i, -m_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$ 

Then it is clear that  $\{x_{\alpha}, u_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Phi^+}$  (resp.  $\{h_i, r_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ) is a basis of  $\mathfrak{l}_+$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{l}_0$ ), whose dual basis is  $\{y_{\alpha}, v_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Phi^+}$  (resp.  $\{l_i, s_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ).

Applying (4) and (12), we obtain the cobracket  $\delta$ :

$$\delta(x_{\pm\alpha_i}) = \frac{1}{2} x_{\pm\alpha_i} \wedge r_i + \frac{1}{2} u_{\pm\alpha_i} \wedge (h_i - r_i) \quad \delta(u_{\pm\alpha_i}) = \frac{1}{2} u_{\pm\alpha_i} \wedge r_i \quad \delta(h_i) = \delta(r_i) = 0.$$

The corresponding r-matrix is given by

$$r_0 = \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} x_\alpha \otimes y_\alpha + u_\alpha \otimes v_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,t} (m_t | m_i) (h_i \otimes h_t - r_i \otimes r_t)$$
 (15)

Note that (15) is a new example of a classical r-matrix.

Remark 4.7. Let V be a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module and consider the motion Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$ , i. e. with the Lie bracket given by [(x,y),(u,v)]=([x,u],xv-uy). Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  admits a non degenerate invariant bilinear form (|). Then  $(V|\mathfrak{g}V)=0$ . If V is irreducible and non trivial, (V|V)=0 and we obtain a monomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules  $V \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Assume that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple: then  $V \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*$ . If in addition  $\mathfrak{g}$  is finite dimensional, identify  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  with  $\mathfrak{g}$  via the Killing form. Then any invariant non-degenerate bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  is a(x|u)+b(y|u)+b(x|v), for some scalars a,b. Let c be a scalar and let  $T_c$  be the Lie algebra automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$ ,  $T_c((x,v))=(x,cv)$ . By using an appropriate  $T_c$ , we may assume that an invariant non-degenerate bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  is a multiple of the one considered in Example 4.6.

**Example 4.8.** The extended Heisenberg algebras have a quasitriangular Lie bialgebra structure considered in [4] as well as their quantizations. It is easy to see that the Lie bialgebra structure arises from a TD; see Example 5.6 below.

**Example 4.9.** Let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{C}[t,t^{-1}]$  be the algebra of Laurent polynomials in t. Recall that the residue of a Laurent polynomial P is defined by  $\operatorname{Res} P = \operatorname{the}$  coefficient of P at degree -1. Let  $\phi: \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \to \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\phi(P,Q) = \operatorname{Res} \frac{dP}{dt}Q$ . Then

$$\phi(P,Q) = -\phi(Q,P),\tag{16}$$

$$\phi(PQ, R) + \phi(QR, P) + \phi(RP, Q) = 0 \quad (P, Q, R \in \mathcal{L}). \tag{17}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra with QTD. As in [10], consider the loop algebra  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) := \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ , with the bracket  $[\,,\,]_0$  given by  $[P \otimes x, Q \otimes y]_0 = PQ \otimes [x,y], P, Q \in \mathcal{L}, x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\psi : \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) \times \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) \to \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\psi(P \otimes x, Q \otimes y) = (x|y)\phi(P,Q)$ . It is easy to check, using (16), (17) and the symmetry and invariance of (|)), that  $\psi$  is a 2-cocycle on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})$ :

$$\psi(a,b) = -\psi(b,a),$$
  
$$\psi([a,b]_0,c) + \psi([b,c]_0,a) + \psi([c,a]_0,b) = 0, \qquad a,b,c \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Denote by  $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$  the extension of the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})$  by a 1-dimensional center, associated to the cocycle  $\psi$ . Explicity,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathbb{C}K$  and the bracket is given by

$$[a + \lambda_1 K, b + \lambda_2 K]_1 = [a, b]_0 + \psi(a, b)K,$$
  $a, b \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}); \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}.$ 

The derivation  $t\frac{d}{dt}: \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{L}$  extends to a derivation of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})$  by  $t\frac{d}{dt}(x \otimes P) = x \otimes t\frac{d}{dt}P$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$  be the Lie algebra obtained by adjoining to  $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$  a derivation D which acts on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})$  as  $t\frac{d}{dt}$  and which kills K. In other words,  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$  is  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}D$  with the bracket

$$[a + \lambda_1 K + \mu_1 D, b + \lambda_2 K + \mu_2 D] = [a, b]_0 + \psi(a, b) K + \mu_1 D(b) - \mu_2 D(a),$$

 $a, b \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}), \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Even more explicity

$$[x \otimes t^m + \lambda_1 K + \mu_1 D, y \otimes t^n + \lambda_2 K + \mu_2 D] =$$
$$[x, y] \otimes t^{m+n} + m \delta_{m,-n}(x|y) K + \mu_1 n y \otimes t^n - \mu_2 m x \otimes t^m,$$

 $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . We extend the form (|) to a form (|)<sub>t</sub> on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})$  by:

$$(P \otimes x | Q \otimes y)_t = \operatorname{Res}(t^{-1}PQ)(x|y).$$

Then we extend further  $(|)_t$  to a bilinear symmetric form (|) on  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$  imposing  $(K|D)=1, (K|\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})\oplus K)=0$  and  $(D|\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g})\oplus D)=0$ . It is easy to see that (|) is non degenerate and  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ -invariant (see [10, p. 102]).

We see, with all these coventions, that here are  $two \text{ QTD of } \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ , namely  $(G_0, G_+, G_-, (||))$  and  $(G_0, L_+, L_-, (||))$ , where

$$G_{+} = \mathfrak{g}_{+} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{0} \otimes t\mathbb{C}[t],$$

$$G_{-} = \mathfrak{g}_{-} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{0} \otimes t^{-1}\mathbb{C}[t^{-1}],$$

$$G_{0} = \mathfrak{g}_{0} \otimes 1 \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}D,$$

$$L_{+} = (\mathfrak{g}_{-} + \mathfrak{g}_{0}) \otimes t\mathbb{C}[t] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{+} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t],$$

$$L_{-} = (\mathfrak{g}_{+} + \mathfrak{g}_{0}) \otimes t^{-1}\mathbb{C}[t^{-1}] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t^{-1}].$$

If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra with TD then these are TD of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathfrak{g})$ . It can be shown that these two QTD give rise to Lie quasi-bialgebra structures which are topological twistings of each other.

### 5. A variation of Witt's construction

We now discuss a family of examples arising from a construction due to Witt [14], see also [8]. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra, let V be a vector space and  $V^*$  be the dual vector space of V. Let  $\pi: \mathfrak{g} \to \operatorname{End}(V)$  and  $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \to \operatorname{End}(V^*)$  be representations of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and denote  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}} = V^* \oplus \mathfrak{g} \oplus V$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $\beta: V \times V^* \to \mathfrak{g}$  be a bilinear form. Then the bracket

$$[(\lambda, x, v), (\lambda', x', v')]$$

$$= (\rho(x)\lambda' - \rho(x')\lambda, [x, x]' + \beta(v, \lambda') - \beta(v', \lambda), \pi(x)v' - \pi(x')v), \quad (18)$$

 $\lambda, \lambda' \in V^*$ ,  $x, x' \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $v, v' \in V$ , defines a Lie algebra structure on  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  if and only if for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $v, v' \in V$  and  $\lambda, \lambda' \in V^*$ 

$$[x, \beta(v, \lambda)] = \beta(\pi(x)v, \lambda) + \beta(v, \rho(x)\lambda), \tag{19}$$

$$\pi(\beta(v,\lambda))v' = \pi(\beta(v',\lambda))v \quad and \quad \rho(\beta(v,\lambda))\lambda' = \rho(\beta(v,\lambda'))\lambda. \tag{20}$$

**Proof.** The antisymmetry of the bracket (18) is evident. A straightforward computation shows that the Jacobi identity is equivalent to (19), (20).

**Lemma 5.2.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is provided with a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form < |>. Let < |>:  $V \times V^* \to \mathbb{C}$  be the canonical bilinear form. Extend these forms to  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  in the following way

$$<\lambda + x + v|\lambda' + x' + v'> = < v'|\lambda> + < x|x'> + < v|\lambda'>,$$
 (21)

 $x, x' \in \mathfrak{g}, v, v' \in V, \lambda, \lambda' \in V^*.$ 

Suppose that  $\rho = \pi^*$  with respect to the form on  $V \times V^*$  and define  $\beta: V \times V^* \to \mathfrak{g}$  by

$$<\beta(v,\lambda)|x> = <\pi(x)v|\lambda>, \quad (x \in \mathfrak{g}, v \in V, \lambda \in V^*).$$
 (22)

Then the bracket (18) defines a Lie algebra structure on  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  if and only if the equations (20) hold. In such case, the form < |> on  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  is  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ -invariant.

**Proof.** It is clear that if  $v \in V$  and  $\lambda \in V^*$ , then  $[v, \lambda] \in \mathfrak{g}$  is the unique element such that  $\langle x|[v,\lambda] \rangle = \langle \pi(x)v|\lambda \rangle$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Hence, (22) implies (19). Thus the bracket (18) define a Lie algebra structure if and only if (20) hold. Let us check that the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariance of (21): let  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $v \in V$  and  $\lambda \in V^*$ , then

$$< x|[v,\lambda]> = <\beta(v,\lambda)|x> = <\pi(x)v|\lambda> = <[x,v]|\lambda>$$

and

$$< v|[x,\lambda]> = < v|\rho(x)\lambda> = - < \beta(v,\lambda)|x> = - < \pi(x)v|\lambda> = < [v,x]|\lambda>.$$

We can deduce the other cases from the definition of < | > and the invariance of the form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Remark 5.3.** Instead of defining  $\beta$  by (22), we could define  $\pi$  by the formula (22); then we should check that  $\pi$  is a representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Corollary 5.4. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra with QTD (respectively, with TD). Let  $\pi: \mathfrak{g} \to V$  be a representation and let  $\rho$ ,  $\beta$  be as in Lemma 5.2. Then  $(\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_+ \oplus V^*, \mathfrak{g}_- \oplus V, < | >)$  is a QTD (respectively, TD) of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$  if and only if the equations (20) hold. In such case, the motion Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  is a subbialgebra of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

**Proof.** We leave the first part to the reader. Let  $(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2)$  be the Manin triple associated to  $(\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}, \delta)$  as in Theorem 3.1. Clearly,  $\mathfrak{q} = \{(t, t) : t \in \mathfrak{g} \oplus V\}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{q}^{\perp} \cap \mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(v, 0) : v \in V\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ , so  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  is a subbialgebra of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

**Example 5.5.** We preserve the notation above. We assume that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a finite dimensional semisimple Lie algebra, the invariant bilinear form is the Killing form and V a finite dimensional representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $C_{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the value of the action of the Casimir element on the adjoint representation and assume that the action of the Casimir element on V has a single eigenvalue  $C_V$ . Then equations (20) hold whenever

$$\frac{2\dim V}{\dim \mathfrak{g}} + \frac{C_{\mathfrak{g}}}{C_V} = 2.$$

Indeed, let  $M = V \oplus V^*$  and let  $\psi$  be the symmetric bilinear form on M which restricted to  $V \times V^*$  is the usual evaluation and such that V and  $V^*$  are isotropic. It is clearly  $\mathfrak{g}$ -invariant. On the other hand, it is clear that the Casimir element acts on  $V^*$  and a fortiori on M with a single eigenvalue  $C_V$ . The claim then follows from [8, Th. 12.1].

Example 5.6. We now consider the opposite situation to the example above. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional Lie algebra and let  $\pi:\mathfrak{g}\to \operatorname{End}(V)$  be a finite dimensional representation. Let  $\mathfrak{l}=\mathfrak{g}\oplus\mathfrak{g}^*$  be the motion Lie algebra corresponding to the coadjoint representation. We extend  $\pi$  to a representation of  $\mathfrak{l}$  of the same name by letting  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  act by 0. The bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{l}$  given by evaluation between  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ , and such that  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  are isotropic, is invariant (e. g. by Example 2.4). Let  $\beta: V \times V^* \to \mathfrak{g}^*$  be the bilinear map given by  $<\beta(v,\lambda)|x>=<\pi(x)v|\lambda>$ ,  $v\in V$ ,  $\lambda\in V^*$ ,  $x\in\mathfrak{g}$ . Then equations (20) hold because  $\mathfrak{g}^*\subset\ker\pi$ ; therefore  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{l}}:=V^*\oplus\mathfrak{l}\oplus V$  has a Lie algebra structure by Lemma 5.2. Furthermore, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a TD then  $\mathfrak{l}$  also does by Example 4.6 (note that the bilinear form considered in Example 4.6 is not the same as the one coming from Example 2.4; however (22) holds for both). By Corollary 5.4,  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  also has a TD.

**Lemma 5.7.** The Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h} = V^* \oplus \mathfrak{g}^* \oplus V$ ; it is a of  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  is a Lie subbialgebra.

**Proof.** Let  $(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{p}_1,\mathfrak{p}_2)$  be the Manin triple corresponding to  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  as constructed in Theorem 3.1. By Remark 2.5, it is enough to show that  $\mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{p}_2$  is an ideal of  $\mathfrak{p}_2$ . This is not difficult to see using the definitions.

Notice that  $\mathfrak h$  is a two-step nilpotent Lie algebra, or Heisenberg-type Lie algebra since Heisenberg Lie algebras correspond to the case dim  $\mathfrak g=1$ . Hence the procedure just described allows to obtain many new Lie bialgebras with underlying Lie algebra of Heisenberg-type and to provide many new examples of factorizable Lie bialgebras.

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