

## 2-Local Automorphisms on Basic Classical Lie Superalgebras

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**Abstract** Let  $G$  be a basic classical Lie superalgebra except  $A(n, n)$  and  $D(2, 1, \alpha)$  over the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$ . Using existence of a non-degenerate invariant bilinear form and root space decomposition, we prove that every 2-local automorphism on  $G$  is an automorphism. Furthermore, we give an example of a 2-local automorphism which is not an automorphism on a subalgebra of Lie superalgebra  $\text{spl}(3, 3)$ .

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### 1 Introduction

In 1997, Šemrl introduced the concepts of 2-local automorphism and 2-local derivation on associative algebras in [13]. Let  $A$  be an associative algebra, a map  $\Phi : A \rightarrow A$  is called a 2-local automorphism if for  $\forall x, y \in A$ , there is an automorphism  $\Phi_{x,y} : A \rightarrow A$  such that  $\Phi(x) = \Phi_{x,y}(x)$  and  $\Phi(y) = \Phi_{x,y}(y)$ . A map  $T : A \rightarrow A$  is called a 2-local derivation if for  $\forall x, y \in A$ , there is a derivation  $\delta_{x,y} : A \rightarrow A$  such that  $T(x) = \delta_{x,y}(x)$  and  $T(y) = \delta_{x,y}(y)$ . 2-Local automorphisms and 2-local derivations are close to automorphisms and derivations. P. Šemrl studied 2-local automorphisms on the algebra  $B(H)$  of all bounded linear operators on the infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space  $H$  and proved that every 2-local automorphism on  $B(H)$  is an automorphism [13]. Later, the mathematicians considered the similar problems on semi-finite von Neumann algebras and von Neumann algebras and they obtained the same conclusions on these algebras (see [1, 2, 5, 6]). Afterwards, the similar problems were extended for non-associative algebras, in particular, Lie algebras and Lie superalgebras.

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Recently in [4], the authors proved that every 2-local derivation on a semi-simple Lie algebra is a derivation and gave an example of 2-local derivations which are not a derivation on finite-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras with dimension larger than two. In [8], Chen and Wang initiated the study of 2-local automorphisms on finite-dimensional simple Lie algebras. They proved that every 2-local automorphism is an automorphism on a simple Lie algebra of type  $A(l), l \geq 1, D(l), l \geq 4, E_k(k = 6, 7, 8)$  over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. In [3], authors obtained the same result for finite-dimensional semi-simple Lie algebras and gave example of nilpotent Lie algebras which admit 2-local automorphisms which are not automorphisms. In the present paper, we consider the same problem for Lie superalgebras.

In 1975, Kac in [11] presented the classification of finite-dimensional simple Lie superalgebras over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero: classical Lie superalgebras and the Lie superalgebras of Cartan type. The classical Lie superalgebras include basic classical Lie superalgebras and two strange series  $P(n)$  and  $Q(n)$ . The properties of basic classical Lie superalgebras are similar to those of semi-simple Lie algebras. The notions of a 2-local superderivation and a 2-local automorphism for Lie superalgebras are defined similar to the associative case. In [9, 16], authors proved that every local superderivation (2-local superderivation) on basic classical Lie superalgebras except  $A(n, n)$  over the complex numbers field  $\mathbb{C}$  is a superderivation. Furthermore, they gave examples of Lie superalgebras with local superderivations (2-local superderivations) which are not superderivations. The present paper is devoted to the study of 2-local automorphisms of basic classical Lie superalgebras.

The Killing forms of classical Lie superalgebras are different from those of semi-simple Lie algebras. The Killing forms of classical Lie superalgebras are non-degenerate or equal to zero. If a basic classical Lie superalgebra has non-degenerate Killing form, then it is isomorphic to a simple Lie algebra or is isomorphic to one of  $A(m, n)(m \neq n), B(m, n), D(m, n)(m - n \neq 1), C(n), G(3), F(4)$ . In Section 3, we describe the 2-local automorphisms on these basic classical Lie superalgebras. Since the Killing form of Lie superalgebra  $D(n + 1, n)$  is zero, we study its 2-local automorphisms in Section 4 by trace form  $b(x, y) = \text{str}(xy)$ . The case of 2-local automorphisms of classical Lie superalgebras  $A(n, n), D(2, 1, \alpha), P(n)$  and  $Q(n)$  are still an unsolved problem. In Section 5, we give an example of a 2-local automorphism which is not an automorphism on a subalgebra of Lie superalgebra  $\text{spl}(3, 3)$ .

We denote by  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  the sets of all integers, complex numbers and residue classes modulo 2, respectively. The Lie superalgebras in this paper are all finite-dimensional over the complex numbers field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we recall the definition and significant properties of basic classical Lie superalgebras.

**Definition 2.1** ([12]) *Let  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a bilinear form on finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra  $G = G_{\bar{0}} \oplus G_{\bar{1}}$ .*

- (1) *If  $\forall x \in G_{\alpha}, y \in G_{\beta}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2, b(x, y) = (-1)^{\alpha\beta}b(y, x)$ , then  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called supersymmetric.*
- (2) *If  $\forall x, y, z \in G, b([x, y], z) = b(x, [y, z])$ , then  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called invariant.*

(3) If  $\{x \mid b(x, y) = 0, \forall y \in G\} = \{0\}$ , then  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called non-degenerate.

(4) If  $b(G_{\bar{0}}, G_{\bar{1}}) = 0$ , then  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called even; if  $b(G_{\bar{i}}, G_{\bar{i}}) = 0, i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , then  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  is called odd.

**Definition 2.2** ([12]) A finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra  $G = G_{\bar{0}} \oplus G_{\bar{1}}$  is called a basic classical Lie superalgebra if

- (1)  $G$  is a simple Lie superalgebra;
- (2)  $G_{\bar{0}}$  is a reductive Lie algebra;
- (3) there exists a non-degenerate even supersymmetric invariant bilinear form on  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.3** ([12]) Let  $G$  be a finite-dimensional basic classical Lie superalgebra. Then either  $G$  is a simple Lie algebra or  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the following algebras:

- $A(m, n) = \text{spl}(m + 1, n + 1), m \neq n, m, n \geq 0,$
- $A(n, n) = \text{spl}(n + 1, n + 1), n \geq 1,$
- $B(m, n) = \text{osp}(2m + 1, 2n), m \geq 0, n \geq 1,$
- $C(n) = \text{osp}(2, 2n - 2), n \geq 2,$
- $D(m, n) = \text{osp}(2m, 2n), m \geq 2, n \geq 1,$
- $D(2, 1; a), a \neq 0, -1,$
- $G(3),$
- $F(4).$

**Proposition 2.4** ([12]) Let  $G$  be a simple Lie superalgebra.

- (1) Any invariant bilinear form on  $G$  either is non-degenerate or equals to zero.
- (2) Any invariant bilinear form on  $G$  is super-symmetric.
- (3) Any two non zero invariant bilinear forms on  $G$  are proportional.
- (4) The invariant bilinear forms on  $G$  are either all even or all odd.

**Definition 2.5** ([12]) Let  $G$  be a finite-dimensional simple Lie superalgebra. For  $g \in G$ , if  $g = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{gl}(m, n)$ , we define the supertrace of  $g$ ,  $\text{str}(g)$ , by  $\text{str}(g) = \text{tr}(A) - \text{tr}(D)$  and define the Killing form of  $G$  by  $\kappa(x, y) = \text{str}(\text{adx}_y)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in G$ .

Let  $G$  be a basic classical Lie superalgebra and  $H_0$  be the Cartan subalgebra of  $G_{\bar{0}}$ . Set

$$G^\alpha = \{x \in G \mid [h_0, x] = \alpha(h_0)x, \forall h_0 \in H_0\},$$

then  $\Delta = \{\alpha \in H_0^* \mid \alpha \neq 0, G^\alpha \neq 0\}$  is the set of roots of  $G$ . Evidently,  $\Delta = \Delta_{\bar{0}} \cup \Delta_{\bar{1}}$  where  $\Delta_{\bar{0}}$  is the root system of  $G_{\bar{0}}$ ,  $\Delta_{\bar{1}}$  is the weight system of  $G_{\bar{0}}$  on  $G_{\bar{1}}$ . Since the action of  $H_0$  on any finite-dimensional simple  $G_{\bar{0}}$ -module is diagonalizable, there is a root space decomposition

$$G = H \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Delta} G^\alpha \right),$$

where  $H = G^0$  is the centralizer of  $H_0$  in  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.6** ([12]) Let  $G$  be a basic classical Lie superalgebra. Then  $\dim G^\alpha = 1$  and  $H = H_0$ .

We can represent the root vector of the root  $\alpha$  by  $e_\alpha \neq 0$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

**Definition 2.7** Let  $G$  be a finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra. A map  $\Psi : G \rightarrow G$  is called a 2-local automorphism if for  $\forall x, y \in G$ , there exists an automorphism  $\Phi_{x,y} : G \rightarrow G$  such that  $\Phi_{x,y}(x) = \Psi(x)$  and  $\Phi_{x,y}(y) = \Psi(y)$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([10, 14]) *Let  $G$  be a finite-dimensional complex simple Lie superalgebra and  $\Omega$  be the component connected of the identity of a Lie group, with Lie algebra  $G_{\bar{0}}$ . We call  $\Omega$  the inner automorphisms group of  $G$ .  $\text{Out}(G) = \text{Aut}(G)/\Omega$  is called the outer automorphisms group.*

**3 Basic Classical Lie Superalgebras with Non-degenerate Killing Forms**

We know that the Killing form of a simple Lie superalgebra  $G$  either is non-degenerate or equals to zero. If  $G = A(m, n)$ , then  $\kappa(x, y) = (m - n)\text{str}(xy)$ . Thus the Killing form of  $A(m, m)$  equals to zero. If a basic classical Lie superalgebra  $G$  has the non-degenerate invariant Killing form, then it is isomorphic to a simple Lie algebra or is isomorphic to one of  $A(m, n)(m \neq n), B(m, n), D(m, n)(m - n \neq 1), C(n), G(3), F(4)$  in [15]. In this section,  $G$  denotes one of these algebras. The main result is Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.1** *If  $G$  is a basic classical Lie superalgebra with non-degenerate Killing form, then every 2-local automorphism on  $G$  is an automorphism.*

The proof of Theorem 3.1 consists of several lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2** *There exists an element  $d \in H$  such that  $\alpha(d) \neq \beta(d)$  for  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Delta \cup \{0\}$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .  $d$  is called a strongly regular element of  $G$ .*

*Proof* The proof is similar to Lemma 2.2 of [7]. Since the restriction to  $H_0$  of the Killing form is non-degenerate, there exists a bijection  $H_0^* \rightarrow H_0, \phi \mapsto h_\phi$  satisfying  $\phi(h) = \kappa(h_\phi, h)$  for  $\forall h \in H_0$  and we may transfer the Killing form to  $H_0^*$  by  $(\gamma, \delta) = \kappa(h_\gamma, h_\delta)$ . Let

$$D = \{\gamma - \delta \mid \gamma, \delta \in \Delta \cup \{0\}, \gamma \neq \delta\}.$$

Obviously,  $D$  is a finite set. For  $\alpha \in D$ , there exists a hyperplane

$$P_\alpha = \{\gamma \in H_0^* \mid (\gamma, \alpha) = 0\}.$$

Then we have

$$\dim P_\alpha = \dim H_0^* - 1.$$

It is generally acknowledged truth that the union of finitely many hyperplanes can't exhaust  $H_0^*$ . So we have

$$\gamma_0 \in H_0^* - \bigcup_{\alpha \in D} P_\alpha,$$

i.e.,

$$(\gamma_0, \alpha) \neq 0, \quad \forall \alpha \in D.$$

There exists corresponding  $h_{\gamma_0} \in H_0$ , such that

$$\alpha(h_{\gamma_0}) = \kappa(h_{\gamma_0}, h_\alpha) = (\gamma_0, \alpha) \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in D.$$

By the definition of  $D$ , we know that  $d = h_{\gamma_0}$  is a strongly regular element. □

**Lemma 3.3** *If  $d$  is a strongly regular element of  $G$ , then  $\{x \in G \mid [x, d] = 0\} = H$ .*

*Proof*  $d \in H$  implies that  $H \subseteq C_G(d)$ . Conversely, let  $y \in C_G(d)$ , then  $y$  can be written as

$$y = \sum_{\beta \in \Delta} a_\beta e_\beta + h, \quad h \in H.$$

We obtain  $[y, d] = -\sum_{\beta \in \Delta} a_\beta \beta(d) e_\beta = 0$ . By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\beta(d) \neq 0$ . Thus  $a_\beta = 0, y \in H$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4** *The Killing form is  $\text{Aut}(G)$ -invariant.*

*Proof* Recall the definition of the Killing form on  $G$ ,  $\kappa(x, y) = \text{str}(\text{adxady})$ . Let  $\Phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . Because  $\text{deg}(\Phi) = \bar{0}$ , we can choose homogeneous elements as the basis of  $G$ . The matrix of  $\Phi$  in the basis is a block diagonal matrix, i.e.,

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is obvious that  $A, D$  are invertible matrices. It is easy to see that

$$\text{ad}\Phi(x) = \Phi \circ \text{adx} \circ \Phi^{-1}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) &= \text{str}(\text{ad}\Phi(x)\text{ad}\Phi(y)) \\ &= \text{str}(\Phi\text{adx}\Phi^{-1}\Phi\text{ady}\Phi^{-1}) \\ &= \text{str}(\Phi\text{adxady}\Phi^{-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Let  $\begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ P & Q \end{pmatrix}$  represent the matrix corresponding to  $\text{adxady}$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ P & Q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & D^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} AMA^{-1} & AND^{-1} \\ DCA^{-1} & DQD^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{str}(\Phi\text{adxady}\Phi^{-1}) &= \text{tr}(AMA^{-1}) - \text{tr}(DQD^{-1}) = \text{tr}(M) - \text{tr}(Q) \\ &= \text{str}(\text{adxady}) = \kappa(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1), we have  $\kappa(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) = \kappa(x, y)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5** *Let  $\Phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$  and  $d$  be a strongly regular element of  $G$  such that  $\Phi(d) = d$ .*

- (a) *If  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $\Phi(e_\alpha) = c_\alpha e_\alpha, c_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .*
- (b) *If  $h \in H$ , then  $\Phi(h) = h$ .*

*Proof* (a) For  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , according to the root space decomposition, we can represent the element  $\Phi(e_\alpha)$  in the form

$$\Phi(e_\alpha) = h + \sum_{\beta \in \Delta} c_\beta e_\beta, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $h \in H, c_\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . By  $\Phi(d) = d$ , we have

$$[d, \Phi(e_\alpha)] = [\Phi(d), \Phi(e_\alpha)] = \Phi([d, e_\alpha]) = \Phi(\alpha(d)e_\alpha) = \alpha(d)\Phi(e_\alpha),$$

i.e.,

$$[d, \Phi(e_\alpha)] = \alpha(d)\Phi(e_\alpha). \tag{3.3}$$

Plug (3.2) into equation (3.3), we have

$$\sum c_\beta \beta(d) e_\beta = \alpha(d)h + \sum c_\beta \alpha(d) e_\beta. \tag{3.4}$$

Since  $d$  is a strongly regular element of  $G$ , we have  $\alpha(d) \neq 0, \beta(d) \neq \alpha(d)$  for any  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Thus by the equality (3.4), we obtain  $h = 0, c_\beta = 0, \forall \beta \neq \alpha, \alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ . So  $\Phi(e_\alpha) = c_\alpha e_\alpha, c_\alpha \neq 0$ .

(b) For arbitrary  $h \in H$ , by  $[d, \Phi(h)] = [\Phi(d), \Phi(h)] = \Phi([d, h]) = \Phi(0) = 0$  and Lemma 3.3, we have  $\Phi(h) \in H$ . Thus for  $\alpha \in \Delta$ ,

$$[\Phi(h), \Phi(e_\alpha)] = [\Phi(h), c_\alpha e_\alpha] = c_\alpha \alpha(\Phi(h))e_\alpha.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$[\Phi(h), \Phi(e_\alpha)] = \Phi([h, e_\alpha]) = \Phi(\alpha(h)e_\alpha) = \alpha(h)c_\alpha e_\alpha.$$

Thus

$$c_\alpha \alpha(\Phi(h)) = \alpha(h)c_\alpha$$

which implies that

$$\alpha(\Phi(h)) = \alpha(h), \quad \forall \alpha \in \Delta.$$

Therefore  $\Phi(h) = h$ . □

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $\Psi$  be a 2-local automorphism on  $G$  and  $d$  be a strongly regular element of  $G$  such that  $\Psi(d) = d$ . Then*

- (a)  $\Psi(h) = h$  for  $\forall h \in H$ ,
- (b)  $\Psi(e_\alpha) = c_\alpha e_\alpha, c_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*$  for  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ .

*Proof* (a) Since  $\Psi$  is a 2-local automorphism on  $G$ , for arbitrary  $h \in H$ , there exists an automorphism  $\Phi_{h,d}$  such that

$$\Phi_{h,d}(h) = \Psi(h), \quad \Phi_{h,d}(d) = \Psi(d).$$

Therefore

$$\Phi_{h,d}(d) = \Psi(d) = d.$$

By Lemma 3.5, we have

$$\Psi(h) = \Phi_{h,d}(h) = h.$$

- (b) For arbitrary  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , we can take an automorphism  $\Phi_{d,e_\alpha}$  such that

$$\Phi_{d,e_\alpha}(d) = \Psi(d), \quad \Phi_{d,e_\alpha}(e_\alpha) = \Psi(e_\alpha).$$

By Lemma 3.5

$$\Phi_{d,e_\alpha}(e_\alpha) = c_\alpha e_\alpha.$$

Thus  $\Psi(e_\alpha) = c_\alpha e_\alpha$ . □

**Lemma 3.7** *Let  $\Psi$  be a 2-local automorphism on  $G$  and  $d$  be a strongly regular element such that  $\Psi(d) = d$ . Then  $\Psi$  is linear.*

*Proof* Because Killing form is  $\text{Aut}(G)$ -invariant, for any  $x, y \in G$ , we have

$$\kappa(\Psi(x), \Psi(y)) = \kappa(\Phi_{x,y}(x), \Phi_{x,y}(y)) = \kappa(x, y).$$

For any  $x, y, z \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(\Psi(x + y), \Psi(z)) &= \kappa(x + y, z) = \kappa(x, z) + \kappa(y, z) \\ &= \kappa(\Psi(x), \Psi(z)) + \kappa(\Psi(y), \Psi(z)) \\ &= \kappa(\Psi(x) + \Psi(y), \Psi(z)), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\kappa(\Psi(x + y), \Psi(z)) = \kappa(\Psi(x) + \Psi(y), \Psi(z)).$$

Furthermore

$$\kappa(\Psi(x + y) - \Psi(x) - \Psi(y), \Psi(z)) = 0.$$

Set  $z = e_\alpha$  and  $z = h \in H$ , respectively, then by Lemma 3.6, we have

$$\kappa(\Psi(x + y) - \Psi(x) - \Psi(y), e_\alpha) = 0$$

and

$$\kappa(\Psi(x + y) - \Psi(x) - \Psi(y), h) = 0.$$

Thus for all  $\omega \in G$ , we have

$$\kappa(\Psi(x + y) - \Psi(x) - \Psi(y), \omega) = 0.$$

Since the Killing form is non-degenerate on  $G$ , we obtain

$$\Psi(x + y) = \Psi(x) + \Psi(y), \quad \forall x, y \in G.$$

Finally,

$$\Psi(\lambda x) = \Phi_{\lambda x, x}(\lambda x) = \lambda \Phi_{\lambda x, x}(x) = \lambda \Psi(x).$$

Thus  $\Psi$  is linear. □

Next, we prove Theorem 3.1 in this section.

*Proof* Let  $\Psi$  be a 2-local automorphism on  $G$  and  $d$  be a strongly regular element. Put  $q = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} e_\alpha$ . By the definition of 2-local automorphisms, there exists an automorphism  $\Phi_{d,q}$  such that

$$\Phi_{d,q}(d) = \Psi(d), \quad \Phi_{d,q}(q) = \Psi(q).$$

Set  $\Psi' = \Phi_{d,q}^{-1} \circ \Psi$ , then  $\Psi'$  is a 2-local automorphism such that

$$\Psi'(d) = d, \quad \Psi'(q) = q.$$

By Lemma 3.7, we obtain that  $\Psi'$  is linear. Take into account Lemma 3.6, we have

$$\Psi'(q) = \Psi' \left( \sum e_\alpha \right) = \sum \Psi'(e_\alpha) = \sum c_\alpha e_\alpha. \tag{3.5}$$

On the other hand,

$$\Psi'(q) = q = \sum e_\alpha. \tag{3.6}$$

Comparing the equality (3.5) with (3.6), we have  $c_\alpha = 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . We can get  $\Psi'(x) = x, \forall x \in G$ , i.e.,

$$\Psi' = \text{Id}|_G.$$

Thus  $\Psi = \Phi_{d,q}$  is an automorphism. □

### 4 The Lie Superalgebra $D(n + 1, n)$

We know that the Killing form of  $D(n + 1, n)$  is zero. Taking  $b(x, y) = \text{str}(xy)$  as a non-degenerate even invariant bilinear form on  $D(n + 1, n)$ , we prove that  $b(\cdot)$  is  $\text{Aut}(D(n + 1, n))$ -invariant.

Let  $\text{GL}_n, \text{SO}_n, \text{SP}_n$  denote the general linear groups, special orthogonal groups and symplectic groups, respectively.

$$\text{gl}(m, n) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \mid A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, C \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \right\}.$$

Let  $\text{gl}(n)$  denote the general linear Lie algebra. There is a natural homomorphism  $\text{Ad} : \text{GL}_n \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\text{gl}(n))$ , where  $\text{Ad}X : A \mapsto XAX^{-1}, X \in \text{GL}_n, A \in \text{gl}(n)$ .

For  $(X, Y) \in \text{GL}_m \times \text{GL}_n$ , we define  $\text{Ad}(X, Y) : \text{gl}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{gl}(m, n)$  by

$$\text{Ad}(X, Y)(G) = \text{diag}(X, Y) \cdot G \cdot \text{diag}(X, Y)^{-1}, \quad G \in \text{gl}(m, n).$$

This yields a group homomorphism  $\text{Ad} : \text{GL}_m \times \text{GL}_n \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\text{gl}(m, n))$ .

By Table 4.1 of [10], for  $D(n + 1, n) = \text{osp}(2(n + 1), 2n)$ , we know  $\Omega \cong \text{SO}_{2(n+1)} \times \text{SP}_{2n}/u_2$ , where  $\ker \text{Ad} = u_2 = (-I_{2n+2}, -I_{2n})$ . This show that every inner automorphism is in the form  $\text{Ad}(X, Y)$  where  $X, Y$  are invertible matrices.

Let  $B_{2k, n} = \text{diag}(I_{2k}, J_n)$ , where  $J_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . By Theorem 1 of [14], we know  $\text{Out}(G) \cong \text{Ad}(J_{n+1, n})$  for  $G = D(n + 1, n)$ , where  $J_{n+1, n} \in \text{gl}(2n + 2, 2n)$  with  $\det(J_{n+1, n}) = -1, J_{n+1, n}^2 = I_{2(n+1)+2n}, J_{n+1, n} B_{2(n+1), n} J_{k, n} = B_{2(n+1), n}$ . By simple calculation one can verify that  $J_{n+1, n}$  is a block diagonal matrix. Let  $J_{n+1, n} = \begin{pmatrix} X & O \\ O & Y \end{pmatrix}, X \in \text{GL}_{2n+2}, Y \in \text{GL}_{2n}$ . For  $A \in D(n + 1, n)$ , we have

$$\text{Ad}(J_{n+1, n})(A) = (J_{n+1, n})A(J_{n+1, n})^{-1} = \text{Ad}(X, Y)(A).$$

Therefore every automorphism on  $D(n + 1, n)$  is the form  $\text{Ad}(X, Y)$  where  $X, Y$  are invertible matrices.

**Lemma 4.1**  $b(\cdot)$  is  $\text{Aut}(D(n + 1, n))$ -invariant.

*Proof* For  $\Phi \in \text{Aut}(D(n + 1, n))$ , we know that  $\Phi$  is  $\text{Ad}(X, Y)$  for some invertible matrices  $X$  and  $Y$ . Set

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{B} \\ \tilde{C} & \tilde{D} \end{pmatrix} \in D(n + 1, n).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} b(x, \tilde{x}) &= \text{str}(x\tilde{x}) = \text{tr}(A\tilde{A} + B\tilde{C}) - \text{tr}(C\tilde{B} + D\tilde{D}) \\ &= \text{tr}(X(A\tilde{A} + B\tilde{C})X^{-1}) - \text{tr}(Y(C\tilde{B} + D\tilde{D})Y^{-1}) \\ &= \text{Str}(\text{diag}(X, Y) \cdot x\tilde{x} \cdot \text{diag}(X, Y)^{-1}) = \text{Str}(\text{Ad}(X, Y)(x) \cdot \text{Ad}(X, Y)(\tilde{x})) \\ &= b(\Phi(x), \Phi(\tilde{x})). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $b(\cdot)$  on  $D(n + 1, n)$  is  $\text{Aut}(D(n + 1, n))$ -invariant. □

**Lemma 4.2** There exists a strongly regular element on  $D(n + 1, n)$ .



*Proof* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.2. □

Replacing Killing form with Trace form, we can prove the following Theorem 4.3 by the same method of Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 4.3** *Every 2-local automorphism on  $D(n + 1, n)$  is an automorphism.*

**Corollary 4.4** *If  $G$  is a basic classical Lie superalgebras except  $A(n, n)$  and  $D(2, 1, \alpha)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , then every 2-local automorphism on  $G$  is an automorphism.*

*Proof* This is the result of Theorem 3.1, Theorem 4.3 and References [3, 8]. □

**5 A 2-local Automorphism on a Subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{spl}(3, 3)$**

In [3], the authors give an example of a 2-local automorphism which is not an automorphism of nilpotent Lie algebras. Referring to their method, we construct a non-nilpotent Lie superalgebra with its 2-local automorphism which is not an automorphism.

Suppose that  $G$  is a Lie superalgebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $Z(G)$  and  $[G, G]$  denote the center and derived algebra of  $G$ , respectively. Let  $\delta : G \rightarrow G$  be a linear map of degree  $\alpha (\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2)$  such that  $\delta|_{[G, G]} = 0$  and  $\delta(G) \subseteq Z(G)$ . Then  $\delta$  is a superderivation.

Let  $S$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{spl}(3, 3)$  consisting of the following elements:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_1 & 0 & d_2 & 0 & 0 & d_4 \\ d_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_6 & d_7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_8 & -d_6 & 0 \\ d_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $d_i \in \mathbb{C}, i = 1, \dots, 8$ . We can obtain that  $[S, S] = \mathbb{C}E_{21} + \mathbb{C}(E_{44} - E_{55}) + \mathbb{C}E_{45} + \mathbb{C}E_{54}$ ,  $Z(S) = \mathbb{C}E_{21}$ , where  $E_{ij}$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix with 1 in the  $(i, j)$  position and 0 elsewhere. There exists a decomposition of  $S$  as follows:

$$S = [S, S] + \mathbb{C}E_{23} + \mathbb{C}E_{31} + \mathbb{C}E_{26} + \mathbb{C}E_{61}.$$

We define a function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

$$f(k_1, k_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{k_1^2}{k_2}, & \text{if } k_2 \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } k_2 = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a map  $T$  on  $S$  by

$$T(x) = f(k_1, k_2)E_{21}, \quad \text{for } x = x_1 + k_1E_{23} + k_2E_{31} + k_3E_{26} + k_4E_{61},$$

where  $x_1 \in [S, S], k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Let

$$\Psi(x) = x + T(x), \quad x \in S.$$

It is obvious that  $\Psi$  is not an automorphism since it is not linear. In following sections we prove that  $\Psi$  is a 2-local automorphism.

Define a map  $\delta$  on  $S$  by

$$\delta(x) = (ak_1 + bk_2)E_{21}, \quad \text{for } x = x_1 + k_1E_{23} + k_2E_{31} + k_3E_{26} + k_4E_{61},$$

where  $x_1 \in [S, S]$ ,  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $\delta$  is a superderivation of degree  $\bar{0}$  since  $\delta|_{[S, S]} = 0$  and  $\delta(S) \subseteq Z(S)$ .

Let  $x = x_1 + k_1E_{23} + k_2E_{31} + k_3E_{26} + k_4E_{61}$  and  $y = x'_1 + k'_1E_{23} + k'_2E_{31} + k'_3E_{26} + k'_4E_{61}$  be the elements of  $S$ . Since the function  $f$  is homogeneous, the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} k_1a + k_2b = f(k_1, k_2), \\ k'_1a + k'_2b = f(k'_1, k'_2) \end{cases}$$

in variables  $a$  and  $b$  has a solution. Namely, there exists  $\delta_{x,y}$  such that

$$T(x) = \delta_{x,y}(x), \quad T(y) = \delta_{x,y}(y).$$

Therefore,  $\forall x, y \in S$  there exists a superderivation  $\delta_{x,y}$  such that

$$\Psi(x) = x + T(x) = x + \delta_{x,y}(x), \quad \Psi(y) = y + T(y) = y + \delta_{x,y}(y).$$

Suppose  $\phi_{x,y} = \text{Id}|_S + \delta_{x,y}$ , then  $\phi_{x,y}$  is a linear map. For  $\forall x', y' \in S$ ,  $[\phi_{x,y}(x'), \phi_{x,y}(y')] = [x', y'] = \phi_{x,y}([x', y'])$ . It is obvious that  $\phi_{x,y}$  is bijective and  $\deg(\phi_{x,y}) = \bar{0}$ . Therefore  $\phi_{x,y}$  is an automorphism. Namely, there exists an automorphism  $\phi_{x,y}$  such that

$$\Psi(x) = \phi_{x,y}(x), \quad \Psi(y) = \phi_{x,y}(y).$$

So  $\Psi$  is a 2-local automorphism on  $S$  but it's not an automorphism.

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