

## A universal enveloping algebra of Malcev superalgebras

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**Abstract.** In this paper an enveloping superalgebra is presented for Malcev superalgebra. An extension of the Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem to this class of superalgebras is obtained.

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### 1. Introduction

Given a superalgebra  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$ , let us denote by  $A^-$  the superalgebra obtained from  $A$  replacing the product  $xy$  by the super-commutator  $[x, y] = xy - (-1)^{\bar{x}\bar{y}}yx$ , for homogeneous elements  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$ ,  $y \in A_{\bar{y}}$ . It is known that if  $A$  is an associative superalgebra one obtains a Lie superalgebra  $A^-$ , and conversely, superizing the arguments used in the Lie algebra case, the Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem establishes that any Lie superalgebra is isomorphically embedded into an algebra  $A^-$ , for a suitable associative superalgebra  $A$  [4].

If we start with an alternative superalgebra  $A$  (alternativity is a weaker form of associativity) then  $A^-$  is a Malcev superalgebra. It remains an open problem whether any Malcev superalgebra is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A^-$ , for some alternative superalgebra  $A$ . In [3], Pérez-Izquierdo and Shestakov presented an enveloping algebra of Malcev algebras (constructed in a more general way), showing that this generalizes the classical notion of enveloping algebra for the particular case of Lie algebras. They prove that for every Malcev algebra  $M$  there exist an algebra  $U(M)$  and an injective Malcev algebra homomorphism  $\iota : M \rightarrow U(M)^-$  such that the image is contained in the generalized alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(U(M))$ , being  $U(M)$  a universal object with respect to such

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homomorphisms. The algebra  $U(M)$  is in general not alternative, but it has a basis of Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem type over  $M$  and it inherits the good properties of the universal enveloping algebra of Lie algebras.

It is worth noting that enveloping superalgebras for Akivis superalgebras have been recently studied in [1] by Albuquerque and Santana, superizing the work of Shestakov in the Akivis algebra case [5]. It is our goal to present a universal enveloping superalgebra of Malcev superalgebras, superizing the theory exposed by Pérez-Izquierdo and Shestakov in [3]. Our approach is similar to the one employed in [3], but the superization of the results implies more elaborated calculations and arguments.

## 2. Preliminaries

A *superalgebra*  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra (meaning that we consider an underlying  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded vector space  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$  and  $A_\alpha A_\beta \subset A_{\alpha+\beta}$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ ). We write  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$  to mean that  $x$  is a homogeneous element of the superalgebra  $A$  of degree  $\bar{x}$ , with  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . We recall that a *superalgebra*  $M = M_{\bar{0}} \oplus M_{\bar{1}}$  endowed with the multiplication  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is called a *Malcev superalgebra* if it satisfies the following two conditions:  $\forall x \in M_{\bar{x}}, y \in M_{\bar{y}}, z \in M_{\bar{z}}, t \in M_{\bar{t}}$

(i) super-anticommutativity:  $[x, y] = -(-1)^{\bar{x}\bar{y}}[y, x]$

(ii) super-Malcev identity:

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{\bar{y}\bar{z}}[[x, z], [y, t]] &= [[x, y], z, t] + (-1)^{\bar{x}(\bar{y}+\bar{z}+\bar{t})}[[[y, z], t], x] \\ &\quad + (-1)^{(\bar{x}+\bar{y})(\bar{z}+\bar{t})}[[[z, t], x], y] + (-1)^{\bar{t}(\bar{x}+\bar{y}+\bar{z})}[[[t, x], y], z]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V$  be a vector space of countable dimension. The *Grassmann* (or *exterior algebra*) over  $V$ , usually denoted by  $\Lambda(V)$ , is the quotient of the tensor algebra over the ideal generated by the symmetric tensors  $\{x \otimes x : x \in V\}$ . If  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\}$  is a basis of  $V$  then the elements  $1, e_{i_1} \cdot \dots \cdot e_{i_n}$ , with  $i_1 < \dots < i_n$ , constitute a basis for  $\Lambda(V)$  satisfying  $e_i^2 = 0$  and  $e_i e_j = -e_j e_i$ . The algebra  $\Lambda(V)$  is associative with identity, and it is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra  $\Lambda(V) = \Lambda(V)_{\bar{0}} \oplus \Lambda(V)_{\bar{1}}$ , where its even part  $\Lambda(V)_{\bar{0}}$  is the linear span of all tensors of even length and the odd part  $\Lambda(V)_{\bar{1}}$  is the linear span of all tensors of odd length.

Let  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$  be a superalgebra. The *Grassmann enveloping algebra* of  $A$  is the algebra  $G(A) = (A_{\bar{0}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{0}}) \oplus (A_{\bar{1}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{1}})$ , with the multiplication defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (x \otimes e_\alpha)(y \otimes e_\beta) &= xy \otimes e_\alpha e_\beta, \quad \forall (x \otimes e_\alpha) \in A_{\bar{x}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{x}}, \\ (y \otimes e_\beta) &\in A_{\bar{y}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{y}}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a type of algebras defined by homogeneous identities, a superalgebra  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -superalgebra if its Grassmann enveloping algebra  $G(A)$  is in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

The associator  $(x, y, z)$  of elements  $x, y, z$  in the superalgebra  $A$  is defined in terms of the associator defined in its Grassmann enveloping algebra  $G(A)$  in the following way:

$$(x, y, z) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma) = (x \otimes e_\alpha, y \otimes e_\beta, z \otimes e_\gamma).$$

Making some simple computations we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma) &= ((x \otimes e_\alpha)(y \otimes e_\beta))(z \otimes e_\gamma) - (x \otimes e_\alpha)((y \otimes e_\beta)(z \otimes e_\gamma)) \\ &= ((xy)z - x(yz)) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

In this way the associator will be  $(x, y, z) = (xy)z - x(yz)$  for elements  $x, y, z$  in  $A$ .

The *superjacobian* of homogeneous elements  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}, y \in A_{\bar{y}}, z \in A_{\bar{z}}$  is given by

$$SJ(x, y, z) = [[x, y], z] + (-1)^{\bar{x}(\bar{y}+\bar{z})}[[y, z], x] + (-1)^{\bar{z}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}[[z, x], y].$$

It is easy to see that the superjacobian is super-skewsymmetric. The super-Malcev identity is equivalent to the condition

$$SJ(x, y, z) = 6(x, y, z), \quad \forall x \in A_{\bar{x}}, y \in A_{\bar{y}}, z \in A_{\bar{z}}. \tag{2.1}$$

### 3. Generalized alternative nucleus

The notion of generalized alternative nucleus of an arbitrary algebra presented in [2] and used in [3] can be straightforward extended to the super case.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$  be a superalgebra. The *generalized alternative nucleus* of  $A$ , which we denote by  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ , is the set of  $A$  generated by the elements

$$\{a \in A_{\bar{a}} : (a, x, y) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x, a, y) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a), \forall x \in A_{\bar{x}}, y \in A_{\bar{y}}\}.$$

Next we shall prove that the generalized alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)^-$  is a Malcev superalgebra endowed with the super-commutator  $[a, b] = ab - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}ba$ , for homogeneous elements  $a \in N_{\text{alt}}(A)_{\bar{a}}, b \in N_{\text{alt}}(A)_{\bar{b}}$ .

We recall that a *ternary superderivation* of a superalgebra  $A = A_{\bar{0}} \oplus A_{\bar{1}}$  is a triple  $(D_1, D_2, D_3)$  in  $(\text{End}(A))_{\alpha} \times (\text{End}(A))_{\beta} \times (\text{End}(A))_{\gamma}$  such that

$$D_1(xy) = D_2(x)y + (-1)^{\gamma\bar{x}}xD_3(y), \quad \forall x \in A_{\bar{x}}, y \in A_{\bar{y}}.$$

The Lie superalgebra of ternary superderivations is denoted by  $\text{Tsder}(A)$ . If  $D = D_1 = D_2 = D_3$ , then we have that  $D$  is a homogeneous superderivation of  $A$  of degree  $\alpha$ .

For  $a \in A_{\bar{a}}$ , we define as usual the linear maps  $L_a : A \rightarrow A$  and  $R_a : A \rightarrow A$  by  $L_a(x) = ax$  and  $R_a(x) = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}xa$ , for all  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$ , respectively. The maps  $L_a$  and  $R_a$  are homogeneous of degree  $\bar{a}$ . Let  $T_a = L_a + R_a$ . We can show that  $a \in N_{\text{alt}}(A)$  if and only if

$$(L_a, T_a, -L_a) \text{ and } (R_a, -R_a, T_a) \in \text{Tsder}(A). \tag{3.1}$$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $a \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{b}}$  and  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$ . Then*

- (i)  $L_{ax} = L_aL_x + [R_a, L_x]$  and  $L_{xa} = L_xL_a + [L_x, R_a]$ ;
- (ii)  $(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}R_{ax} = R_xR_a + [R_x, L_a]$  and  $(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}R_{xa} = R_aR_x + [L_a, R_x]$ ;
- (iii)  $[L_a, R_b] = [R_a, L_b]$ ;
- (iv)  $[L_a, L_b] = L_{[a,b]} - 2[R_a, L_b]$  and  $[R_a, R_b] = -R_{[a,b]} - 2[L_a, R_b]$ .

*Proof.* The proof is a superization of that of [2], Lemma 4.2. We easily see that (i), (ii) and (iii) follows from the identities:  $(a, x, y) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a)$ ,  $(x, a, y) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}}(x, y, a)$ ,  $(a, y, x) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}}(y, a, x)$ ,  $(a, y, x) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(y, x, a)$ , and  $(a, x, b) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{x})+\bar{b}\bar{x}}(b, x, a)$ ,  $\forall a \in A_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in A_{\bar{b}}$ ,  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$ ,  $y \in A_{\bar{y}}$ . As  $[L_a, L_b] = L_aL_b - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}L_bL_a$  and  $[R_a, R_b] = R_aR_b - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}R_bR_a$ , for all  $a \in A_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in A_{\bar{b}}$ , then (iv) is a consequence of (i), (ii) and (iii), finishing the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *If  $a \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{a}}$  and  $b \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{b}}$  then  $[a, b] \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{a}+\bar{b}}$ .*

*Proof.* Consider  $a \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{a}}$  and  $b \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{b}}$ . From Lemma 3.2(iv) we know that  $L_{[a,b]} = [L_a, L_b] + 2[R_a, L_b]$  and  $R_{[a,b]} = -[R_a, R_b] - 2[L_a, R_b]$ . Moreover, by (3.1) we have that  $(L_a, T_a, -L_a)$ ,  $(L_b, T_b, -L_b)$ ,  $(R_a, -R_a, T_a)$ , and  $(R_b, -R_b, T_b) \in \text{Tsder}(A)$ . Consequently  $(L_{[a,b]}, [T_a, T_b] + 2[-R_a, T_b], [L_a, L_b] + 2[T_a, -L_b])$  and  $(R_{[a,b]}, -[R_a, R_b] + 2[T_a, R_b], -[T_a, T_b] + 2[L_a, T_b])$  are ternary superderivation of  $A$ . As

$$\begin{aligned} -L_{[a,b]} &= -[L_a, L_b] - 2[R_a, L_b] = [L_a, L_b] + 2[T_a, -L_b], \\ -R_{[a,b]} &= [R_a, R_b] + 2[L_a, R_b] = -[R_a, R_b] + 2[T_a, R_b], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$T_{[a,b]} = [L_a, L_b] - [R_a, R_b] = [T_a, T_b] + 2[-R_a, T_b] = -[T_a, T_b] + 2[L_a, T_b],$$

we conclude that  $(L_{[a,b]}, T_{[a,b]}, -L_{[a,b]})$  and  $(R_{[a,b]}, -R_{[a,b]}, T_{[a,b]}) \in \text{Tsder}(A)$ , and so  $[a, b] \in (N_{\text{alt}}(A))_{\bar{a}+\bar{b}}$  as desired.  $\square$

Using the relation between a superalgebra  $A$  and its Grassmann enveloping algebra  $G(A)$ , the next result shows that  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)^-$  is a Malcev superalgebra.

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $A$  is a superalgebra then  $G(N_{\text{alt}}(A)) = N_{\text{alt}}(G(A))$ . Furthermore,  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)^-$  is a Malcev superalgebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \otimes e_\alpha \in N_{\text{alt}}(G(A))$ . Let us assume that  $x \otimes e_\alpha \in A_{\bar{x}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{x}}$ . For  $y \otimes e_\beta \in A_{\bar{y}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{y}}$  and  $z \otimes e_\gamma \in A_{\bar{z}} \otimes \Lambda(V)_{\bar{z}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a \otimes e_\alpha, x \otimes e_\beta, y \otimes e_\gamma) &= -(x \otimes e_\beta, a \otimes e_\alpha, y \otimes e_\gamma) = (x \otimes e_\beta, y \otimes e_\gamma, a \otimes e_\alpha) \\ \iff (a, x, y) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma) &= -(x, a, y) \otimes (e_\beta e_\alpha e_\gamma) = (x, y, a) \otimes (e_\beta e_\gamma e_\alpha) \\ \iff (a, x, y) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma) &= -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x, a, y) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma) \\ &= (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a) \otimes (e_\alpha e_\beta e_\gamma), \end{aligned}$$

so  $a \otimes e_\alpha \in G(N_{\text{alt}}(A))$ , because  $(a, x, y) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x, a, y) = (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a)$ , for  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}$  and  $y \in A_{\bar{y}}$ , which means that  $a \in N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ , showing the equality of the sets. It is proved that the generalized alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ , of an arbitrary algebra  $A$ , is a Malcev algebra when endowed with the commutator product  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ , for elements  $x, y \in A$ , where the initial multiplication in  $A$  is defined by juxtaposition (see [2], [3]). As  $G(N_{\text{alt}}(A)) = N_{\text{alt}}(G(A))$  and  $N_{\text{alt}}(G(A))$  is a Malcev superalgebra endowed with the commutator product

$$[x \otimes e_\alpha, y \otimes e_\beta] = xy \otimes e_\alpha e_\beta - yx \otimes e_\beta e_\alpha = \{xy - (-1)^{\bar{x}\bar{y}}yx\} \otimes e_\alpha e_\beta,$$

we infer that  $G(N_{\text{alt}}(A))^-$  is a Malcev algebra, consequently  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)^-$  is a Malcev superalgebra when endowed with the super-commutator  $[x, y] = xy - (-1)^{\bar{x}\bar{y}}yx$ , for homogeneous elements  $x \in A_{\bar{x}}, y \in A_{\bar{y}}$ , as desired.  $\square$

### 4. Enveloping superalgebra of a Malcev superalgebra

In this section an enveloping superalgebra of a Malcev superalgebra is presented and some of its properties are studied.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $M$  be a Malcev superalgebra. A *universal enveloping superalgebra* of  $M$  is a pair  $(U, \iota)$ , where  $U$  is a unital superalgebra and  $\iota : M \rightarrow U^-$  is a Malcev homomorphism, with the image of  $M$  inside the generalized alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(U)$ , satisfying the following condition: for any unital superalgebra  $A$  and any Malcev homomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow A^-$ , with the image of  $M$  inside the alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ , there exists a unique superalgebra homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi} : U \rightarrow A$  of degree 0 such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(1) = 1$  and  $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \iota$ .

Next we will construct the universal enveloping superalgebra of a Malcev superalgebra  $(M = M_{\bar{0}} \oplus M_{\bar{1}}, [,])$  over a commutative and associative ring  $\mathbb{K}$  with  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \in \mathbb{K}$ , which is a free module over  $\mathbb{K}$ . We consider the nonassociative  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded tensor algebra of  $M$ ,

$$\tilde{T}(M) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{T}^n(M),$$

where  $\tilde{T}^n(M) = \{0\}$  if  $n < 0$ ,  $\tilde{T}^0(M) = \mathbb{K}$ ,  $\tilde{T}^1(M) = M$  and  $\tilde{T}^n(M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} \tilde{T}^i(M) \otimes \tilde{T}^{n-i}(M)$  if  $n \geq 2$ , with the multiplication  $xy := x \otimes y$ , whenever  $x, y \in \tilde{T}(M)$ . For example,  $\tilde{T}^3(M) = [\tilde{T}^1(M) \otimes (\tilde{T}^1(M) \otimes \tilde{T}^1(M))] \oplus [(\tilde{T}^1(M) \otimes \tilde{T}^1(M)) \otimes \tilde{T}^1(M)]$ , where the two summands are different, meaning that, in general  $x(yz) \neq (xy)z$ , for  $x, y, z \in M$ . We also have that  $\tilde{T}(M)$  is a superalgebra where the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of it is induced by the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of  $M$  and is defined by

$$\tilde{T}(M) = \left( \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \tilde{T}^n(M)_{\bar{0}} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \tilde{T}^n(M)_{\bar{1}} \right),$$

where  $\tilde{T}^n(M)_{\gamma} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} \bigoplus_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} (\tilde{T}^i(M)_{\alpha} \otimes \tilde{T}^{n-i}(M)_{\beta})$ , for  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Consider the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded ideal  $I$  in  $\tilde{T}(M)$  generated by the set of all homogeneous elements

$$ab - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}ba - [a, b], (a, x, y) + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x, a, y), (a, x, y) - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a),$$

with  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ ,  $x \in \tilde{T}(M)_{\bar{x}}$ ,  $y \in \tilde{T}(M)_{\bar{y}}$ . The quotient algebra  $U(M) = \tilde{T}(M)/I$  is a superalgebra with the natural  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation induced by the graded ideal  $I$ , with the usual multiplication  $(x + I)(y + I) = xy + I$ , for every  $x, y \in \tilde{T}(M)$ . Consider the map  $\iota : M \rightarrow \tilde{T}(M) \rightarrow U(M)$  given by  $\iota(a) = a + I$ , for all  $a \in M$ , composition of the canonical injection with the quotient map.

**Proposition 4.2.** *The pair  $(U(M), \iota)$  is a universal enveloping superalgebra of  $M$ . Moreover,  $M$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)^-$ , for some superalgebra  $A$ , if and only if the map  $\iota$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ . As for all  $x \in \tilde{T}(M)_{\bar{x}}$ ,  $y \in \tilde{T}(M)_{\bar{y}}$ ,  $(a, x, y) + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x, a, y)$  and  $(a, x, y) - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(x, y, a)$  belong to  $I(M)$  then  $\iota(a)$  is contained in generalized alternative nucleus of  $U(M)$ . The assertion  $ab - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}ba - [a, b] \in I(M)$ , for every  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ , ensures that  $\iota : M \rightarrow N_{\text{alt}}(U(M))^-$  is a Malcev homomorphism.

Now we take care about the universal property. Let  $A$  be an unital superalgebra and  $\varphi : M \rightarrow A^-$  a Malcev homomorphism, with the image of  $M$  inside the generalized alternative nucleus  $N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ . We have to prove that there exists

a unique superalgebra homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi} : U(M) \rightarrow A$  such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(1) = 1$  and  $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \iota$ . Taking in account the universal property of the tensor algebra, there exists a unique superalgebra homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{T}(M) \rightarrow A$  of degree 0 verifying  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) = \varphi(x)$ , whenever  $x \in M$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a Malcev homomorphism and  $\varphi(a) \in N_{\text{alt}}(A)$ , for all  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ , we infer that  $I \subseteq \text{Ker } \tilde{\varphi}$ . Consequently, there exists a superalgebra homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi} : U(M) \rightarrow A$  of degree 0, such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(\iota(x)) = \tilde{\varphi}(x)$ , with  $x \in M$ . Since  $U(M)$  is generated by  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\iota(M)$ , then we guarantee that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is unique, as desired.  $\square$

It is our goal to find a basis of the vector space  $U(M)$  for a Malcev superalgebra  $M$ . Let  $\{a_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a basis of  $M = M_{\bar{0}} \oplus M_{\bar{1}}$  indexed by the totally ordered set  $\Lambda = \Lambda_{\bar{0}} \cup \Lambda_{\bar{1}}$  verifying the conditions:  $\{a_i : i \in \Lambda_\alpha\}$  is a basis of  $M_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = \bar{0}, \bar{1}$ ) and  $i_p < i_q$  if  $i_p \in \Lambda_{\bar{0}}, i_q \in \Lambda_{\bar{1}}$ . Take

$$\Omega = \{(i_1, \dots, i_n) : n \geq 0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in \Lambda \text{ with } i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_n \text{ and } i_p < i_{p+1} \text{ if } a_{i_p} \in M_{\bar{1}}\}.$$

To simplify, if  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \Omega$  we will abbreviate  $\iota(a_I) = \iota(a_{i_1})\iota(a_{i_2}) \cdot (\dots \iota(a_{i_{n-1}})\iota(a_{i_n})) \dots$ . If  $n = 0$  then  $I = \emptyset$  and we use the convention that  $\iota(a_I) = 1$ . We will denote by  $|I|$  the size  $n$  of  $I$  and  $I' = (i_2, \dots, i_n)$  if  $|I| \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *The set  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$  is a basis of the vector space  $U(M)$ .*

The proof of Theorem 4.3 is very laborious, so we will do it in a staged manner and it will take the rest of the paper. First we are going to prove that  $U(M)$  is spanned by the set  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$  and in next section we will take care about the linear independence.

**Proposition 4.4.**  *$U(M)$  is spanned by the monomials  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$ .*

*Proof.* Denote by  $U$  the vector space spanned by  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$  and  $U_n$  an auxiliary vector space spanned by  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega \text{ and } |I| \leq n\}$ . As  $U(M)$  is generated by  $\iota(M)$  and  $\iota(M) \subset U$ , it remains to show that  $U$  is a subalgebra of  $U(M)$ . We shall prove the proposition by induction on  $n$ . Let us assume that  $\iota(a)U_{n-1} \subseteq U_n$  and  $[U_{n-1}, \iota(a)] \subseteq U_{n-1}$ . For  $a \in M$  and  $I \in \Omega$  such that  $|I| = n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\iota(a_I), \iota(a)] &= [\iota(a_{i_1})\iota(a_{I'}), \iota(a)] = (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a)}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})}} [\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a)]\iota(a_{I'}) + \iota(a_{i_1})[\iota(a_{I'}), \iota(a)] \\ &\quad + (\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a_{I'}), \iota(a)) - (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a)}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})}} (\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a), \iota(a_{I'})) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a)}(\overline{\iota(a_{i_1})} + \overline{\iota(a_{I'})})} (\iota(a), \iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a_{I'})) \\ &= (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a)}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})}} [\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a)]\iota(a_{I'}) + \iota(a_{i_1})[\iota(a_{I'}), \iota(a)] + 3(\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a_{I'}), \iota(a)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-1)^{\overline{i(a)}\overline{i(a_{i'})}} \underbrace{[i(a_{i_1}), i(a)] i(a_{I'})}_{U_n} + \underbrace{i(a_{i_1}) [i(a_{I'}), i(a)]}_{U_n} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \underbrace{[[i(a_{i_1}), i(a_{I'})], i(a)]}_{U_{n-1}} - (-1)^{\overline{i(a)}\overline{i(a_{I'})}} \underbrace{[[i(a_{i_1}), i(a)], i(a_{I'})]_{U_{n-1}}}_{U_{n-1}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \underbrace{[i(a_{i_1}), [i(a_{I'}), i(a)]]}_{U_{n-1}} \right\} \in U_n,
 \end{aligned}$$

because  $i(a), i(a_{i_1}) \in N_{\text{alt}}(U(M))$  and we use the two following assertions:

$$[xy, z] - (-1)^{\bar{y}\bar{z}}[x, z]y - x[y, z] = (x, y, z) - (-1)^{\bar{y}\bar{z}}(x, z, y) + (-1)^{\bar{z}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(z, x, y)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[[x, y], z] - (-1)^{\bar{y}\bar{z}}[[x, z], y] - [x, [y, z]] \\
 &= (x, y, z) - (-1)^{\bar{y}\bar{z}}(x, z, y) + (-1)^{\bar{z}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})}(z, x, y) \\
 &\quad - (-1)^{\bar{x}\bar{y}}(y, x, z) + (-1)^{\bar{x}(\bar{y}+\bar{z})}(y, z, x) - (-1)^{\bar{x}(\bar{y}+\bar{z})+\bar{y}\bar{z}}(z, y, x) \quad (4.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

holding in any superalgebra, where  $x, y$  and  $z$  are homogeneous elements. In conclusion, we obtain  $[U_n, i(a)] \subseteq U_n$ . Now we take care about the other condition. For  $a_{i_0} \in M$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 i(a_{i_0})i(a_I) &= i(a_{i_0})(i(a_{i_1})i(a_{I'})) = (i(a_{i_0})i(a_{i_1}))i(a_{I'}) - (i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{i_1}), i(a_{I'})) \\
 &= (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_0})}\overline{i(a_{i_1})}} (i(a_{i_1})i(a_{i_0}))i(a_{I'}) + [i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{i_1})]i(a_{I'}) \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_1})}\overline{i(a_{I'})}} (i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{I'}), i(a_{i_1})) \\
 &\equiv (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_0})}\overline{i(a_{i_1})}} i(a_{i_1})(i(a_{i_0})i(a_{I'})) \\
 &\quad + 2(-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_1})}\overline{i(a_{I'})}} (i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{I'}), i(a_{i_1})) \text{ mod } U_n \\
 &\equiv (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_0})}\overline{i(a_{i_1})}} i(a_{i_1})(i(a_{i_0})i(a_{I'})) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3}(-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_1})}\overline{i(a_{I'})}} \left\{ \underbrace{[[i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{I'})], i(a_{i_1})]_{U_{n-1}}}_{U_{n-1}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_1})}\overline{i(a_{I'})}} \underbrace{[[i(a_{i_0}), i(a_{i_1})], i(a_{I'})]_{U_{n-1}}}_{U_{n-1}} - \underbrace{[i(a_{i_0}), [i(a_{I'}), i(a_{i_1})]]}_{U_{n-1}} \right\} \text{ mod } U_n \\
 &\equiv (-1)^{\overline{i(a_{i_0})}\overline{i(a_{i_1})}} i(a_{i_1})(i(a_{i_0})i(a_{I'})) \text{ mod } U_n
 \end{aligned}$$

where we take in account that  $\iota(a_{i_0}), \iota(a_{i_1}) \in N_{\text{alt}}(U(M))$  and (4.1). Hence  $\iota(a)U_n \subseteq U_{n+1}$ . By induction we proved that  $[U_n, \iota(a)] \subseteq U_n$  and  $\iota(a)U_n \subseteq U_{n+1}$ , for all  $n$ . From  $U_n \iota(a) \subseteq \iota(a)U_n + [\iota(a), U_n] \subseteq U_{n+1} + U_n \subseteq U_{n+1}$  we also have  $U_n \iota(a) \subseteq U_{n+1}$ . Therefore  $\iota(a)U + U\iota(a) \subseteq U$ . We shall proceed by induction again. Let us now suppose that  $\iota(a_I)U \subseteq U$ , for  $I \in \Omega$  with  $|I| < n$ . Take  $I \in \Omega$  with  $|I| = n$  and  $x \in U$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(a_I)x &= (\iota(a_{i_1})\iota(a_{I'}))x = \iota(a_{i_1})(\iota(a_{I'})x) + (\iota(a_{i_1}), \iota(a_{I'}), x) \\ &= \iota(a_{i_1})(\iota(a_{I'})x) + (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a_{i_1})}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})} + \bar{x}}(\iota(a_{I'}), x, \iota(a_{i_1})) \\ &= \iota(a_{i_1}) \underbrace{(\iota(a_{I'})x)}_U + (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a_{i_1})}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})} + \bar{x}} \underbrace{(\iota(a_{I'})x)}_U \iota(a_{i_1}) \\ &\quad - (-1)^{\overline{\iota(a_{i_1})}\overline{\iota(a_{I'})} + \bar{x}} \underbrace{\iota(a_{I'})(x\iota(a_{i_1}))}_U \subseteq U \end{aligned}$$

which guarantees that  $\iota(a)U \subseteq U$  for  $|I| = n$ . Hence  $U$  is a subalgebra and consequently  $U(M) = U$ . □

Now we show that the universal enveloping superalgebra of a Malcev superalgebra generalizes the classical notion of the universal enveloping of a Lie superalgebra (see [4]).

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $M$  is a Lie superalgebra then  $U(M)$  and the universal enveloping superalgebra of  $M$  as Lie superalgebra are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* Consider  $(U, \theta)$  the universal enveloping superalgebra of  $M$  as Lie superalgebra. Since  $U$  is associative, by universal property of  $(U(M), \iota)$  there exists an epimorphism of superalgebras  $\psi : U(M) \rightarrow U$  such that  $\psi(\iota(a)) = \theta(a)$ , for  $a \in M$ . Since  $U(M)$  is spanned by the monomials  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$ , and this generator set is mapped into a basis of  $U$ , the epimorphism  $\psi : U(M) \rightarrow U$  is an isomorphism. □

### 5. Linear independence of $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$

This section is devoted to ensure the linear independence of the monomials  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$ . To obtain our goal we use the relation between Malcev superalgebras and Lie super-triple system.

We recall that a *Lie super-triple system* is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded vector space  $V$  equipped with a trilinear product  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot] : V \times V \times V \rightarrow V$  satisfying the following conditions:  $\forall a \in V_{\bar{a}}, b \in V_{\bar{b}}, c \in V_{\bar{c}}, u \in V_{\bar{a}}, v \in V_{\bar{b}}$

- (i)  $\overline{[a, b, c]} \equiv (\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c}) \pmod{2}$ ;
- (ii)  $[a, b, c] = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}[b, a, c]$ ;
- (iii)  $(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{c}}[a, b, c] + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}[b, c, a] + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}}[c, a, b] = 0$ ;
- (iv)  $[u, v, [a, b, c]] = [[u, v, a], b, c] + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{u}+\bar{v})}[a, [u, v, b], c] + (-1)^{(\bar{a}+\bar{b})(\bar{u}+\bar{v})}[a, b, [u, v, c]]$ .

Given a Malcev superalgebra  $(M = M_{\bar{0}} \oplus M_{\bar{1}}, [ , , ])$  we can construct the Lie super-triple system with underlying  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded vector space  $M$  endowed with the trilinear product  $M \otimes M \otimes M \rightarrow M$  defined by:  $\forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, c \in M_{\bar{c}}$

$$[a, b, c] = \frac{1}{3} \{ 2[[a, b], c] - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})}[[b, c], a] - (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}[[c, a], b] \}.$$

From the Lie super-triple system defined just above we construct a Lie superalgebra  $L(M, [ , , ]) = L(M) \oplus M$ , where  $L(M)$  is the Lie superalgebra generated by the adjoint operators  $\text{ad}_a(x) = [a, x]$ , for  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}, x \in M_{\bar{x}}$ , with the multiplication defined in the following way: we consider in  $L(M)$  its own multiplication and

$$\begin{aligned} [\varphi, a] &= \varphi(a), \quad \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, \varphi \in L(M)_{\bar{\varphi}}, \\ [a, b] &\in L(M), \quad \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, \text{ defined by } [a, b](x) = [a, b, x], \forall x \in M_{\bar{x}}. \end{aligned}$$

We can easily see that the Lie superalgebra  $L(M, [ , , ])$  possesses a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation with even and odd parts  $L(M)$  and  $M$  respectively. This superalgebra is not large enough for our purposes, but it will help us to find the structure that we need.

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  the Lie superalgebra generated by  $\{\lambda_a, \rho_a : a \in M_{\bar{a}}\}$  where the degree of the generators is given by  $\bar{\lambda}_a = \bar{\rho}_a = \bar{a}, a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ , satisfying the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\alpha a + \beta b} &= \alpha \lambda_a + \beta \lambda_b, \quad \rho_{\alpha a + \beta b} = \alpha \rho_a + \beta \rho_b, \\ [\lambda_a, \lambda_b] &= \lambda_{[a, b]} - 2[\lambda_a, \rho_b], \quad [\rho_a, \rho_b] = -\rho_{[a, b]} - 2[\lambda_a, \rho_b], \\ [\lambda_a, \rho_b] &= [\rho_a, \lambda_b], \quad \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

**Proposition 5.1.** *The even linear map  $\varphi : \mathcal{L}(M) \rightarrow L(M, [ , , ])$  defined by  $\varphi(\lambda_a) = \frac{1}{2}(\text{ad}_a + a)$  and  $\varphi(\rho_a) = \frac{1}{2}(-\text{ad}_a + a)$ , whenever  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ , is an epimorphism of Lie superalgebras.*

To abbreviate we define in  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  the elements

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad}_a &= \lambda_a - \rho_a, \quad T_a = \lambda_a + \rho_a, \\ D_{a, b} &= [\lambda_a, \lambda_b] + [\rho_a, \rho_b] + [\lambda_a, \rho_b] \\ &= \text{ad}_{[a, b]} - 3[\lambda_a, \rho_b], \quad \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

**Proposition 5.2.** *The Lie superalgebra  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  is provided with a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation  $\mathcal{L}(M) = \mathcal{L}_+ \oplus \mathcal{L}_-$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_+ = \text{span}\langle \text{ad}_a, D_{a,b} : a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}} \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{L}_- = \text{span}\langle T_a : a \in M_{\bar{a}} \rangle$ . In particular,  $M$  is identified with  $\mathcal{L}_-$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ . From (5.1) we obtain

$$[T_a, T_b] = [\lambda_a, \lambda_b] + [\rho_a, \rho_b] + 2[\lambda_a, \rho_b] = \text{ad}_{[a,b]} - 2[\lambda_a, \rho_b]. \tag{5.3}$$

Inserting (5.2) in (5.3) leads to

$$3[T_a, T_b] = \text{ad}_{[a,b]} + 2D_{a,b}. \tag{5.4}$$

Using again (5.1), we get

$$[\text{ad}_a, T_b] = [\lambda_a, \lambda_b] - [\rho_a, \rho_b] = \lambda_{[a,b]} + \rho_{[a,b]} = T_{[a,b]}. \tag{5.5}$$

Adding (5.1) to (5.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{ad}_a, \text{ad}_b] &= [\lambda_a, \lambda_b] + [\rho_a, \rho_b] - 2[\lambda_a, \rho_b] \\ &= \text{ad}_{[a,b]} - 6[\lambda_a, \rho_b] = -\text{ad}_{[a,b]} + 2D_{a,b}, \end{aligned} \tag{5.6}$$

so  $2D_{a,b} = \text{ad}_{[a,b]} + [\text{ad}_a, \text{ad}_b]$ . Using this last relation, (5.5), super-Jacobi identity, and linearity condition  $T_{\alpha a + \beta b} = \alpha T_a + \beta T_b, \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2[D_{a,b}, T_c] &= [\text{ad}_{[a,b]}, T_c] + [\text{ad}_a, \text{ad}_b], T_c \\ &= [\text{ad}_{[a,b]}, T_c] - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} [[\text{ad}_b, T_c], \text{ad}_a] - (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} [[T_c, \text{ad}_a], \text{ad}_b] \\ &= T_{[[a,b],c]} + T_{[a,[b,c]]} + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} T_{[[a,c],b]} \\ &= T_{[[a,b],c] + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} [[a,c],b] + [a,[b,c]]}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

For  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ , we define the linear map  $D_{a,b} : M \rightarrow M$  by

$$D_{a,b}(c) = \frac{1}{2} \{ [[a,b],c] + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} [[a,c],b] + [a,[b,c]] \}, \quad \forall c \in M_{\bar{c}}. \tag{5.8}$$

So (5.7) may be written as

$$[D_{a,b}, T_c] = T_{\frac{1}{2} \{ [[a,b],c] + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} [[a,c],b] + [a,[b,c]] \}} = T_{D_{a,b}(c)}. \tag{5.9}$$

Combine (5.4), (5.5), (5.6), super-Jacobi identity, and linearity condition  $\text{ad}_{\alpha a + \beta b} = \alpha \text{ad}_a + \beta \text{ad}_b, \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
2[D_{a,b}, \text{ad}_c] &= [3[T_a, T_b] - \text{ad}_{[a,b]}, \text{ad}_c] \\
&= -3(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} [[T_b, \text{ad}_c], T_a] - 3(-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} [[\text{ad}_c, T_a], T_b] - [\text{ad}_{[a,b]}, \text{ad}_c] \\
&= 3(-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} [T_{[a,c]}, T_b] + 3[T_a, T_{[b,c]}] + \text{ad}_{[[a,b],c]} - 2D_{[a,b],c} \\
&= \text{ad}_{[[a,b],c]+(-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}}[[a,c],b]+[a,[b,c]]} \\
&\quad + 2\{D_{a,[b,c]} + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} D_{b,[c,a]} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} D_{c,[a,b]}\},
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
2[D_{a,b}, \text{ad}_c] &= 2 \text{ad}_{D_{a,b}(c)} \\
&\quad + 2\{D_{a,[b,c]} + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} D_{b,[c,a]} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} D_{c,[a,b]}\}. \quad (5.10)
\end{aligned}$$

We shall prove that in a Malcev superalgebra  $M$  (with  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ ) the linear map  $D_{a,b} : M \rightarrow M$  is a homogeneous superderivation of degree  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$ .

Now, we show that

$$2D_{a,b}(c) = 2[[a,b],c] - SJ(a,b,c), \quad (5.11)$$

where  $SJ(a,b,c)$  is the superjacobian of the homogeneous elements  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
2[[a,b],c] - SJ(a,b,c) &= [[a,b],c] - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} [[b,c],a] - (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} [[c,a],b] \\
&= [[a,b],c] + (-1)^{\bar{b}\bar{c}} [[a,c],b] + [a,[b,c]] = 2D_{a,b}(c).
\end{aligned}$$

By (5.11) and the super-skewsymmetry of the superjacobian

$$\begin{aligned}
&2\{D_{a,b}(c) + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} D_{b,c}(a) + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} D_{c,a}(b)\} \\
&= 2\{[[a,b],c] + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} [[b,c],a] + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} [[c,a],b]\} \\
&\quad - SJ(a,b,c) - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} SJ(b,c,a) - (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} SJ(c,a,b) \\
&= -SJ(a,b,c). \quad (5.12)
\end{aligned}$$

We are going to prove that  $D_{a,[b,c]} + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})} D_{b,[c,a]} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})} D_{c,[a,b]} = 0$ . As  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  is a Lie superalgebra then  $SJ(\text{ad}_a, \text{ad}_b, \text{ad}_c) = 0$ . On the other hand, from (5.6), (5.10), (5.12), as  $D_{b,a} = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} D_{a,b}$  and  $\text{ad}_{\alpha a + \beta b} = \alpha \text{ad}_a + \beta \text{ad}_b$ ,  $\forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $b \in M_{\bar{b}}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 SJ(\text{ad}_a, \text{ad}_b, \text{ad}_c) &= [-\text{ad}_{[a,b]} + 2D_{a,b}, \text{ad}_c] \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})}[-\text{ad}_{[b,c]} + 2D_{b,c}, \text{ad}_a] \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}[-\text{ad}_{[c,a]} + 2D_{c,a}, \text{ad}_b] \\
 &= \text{ad}_{SJ(a,b,c)} + 2\{\text{ad}_{D_{a,b(c)}+(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})}D_{b,c(a)}+(-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}D_{c,a(b)}}\} \\
 &\quad + 8\{D_{a,[b,c]} + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})}D_{b,[c,a]} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}D_{c,[a,b]}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $D_{a,[b,c]} + (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{b}+\bar{c})}D_{b,[c,a]} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}D_{c,[a,b]} = 0$  which simplifies expression (5.10) as

$$[D_{a,b}, \text{ad}_c] = \text{ad}_{D_{a,b(c)}}. \tag{5.13}$$

By (5.6), (5.13), super-Jacobi identity,  $\text{ad}_{\alpha a + \beta b} = \alpha \text{ad}_a + \beta \text{ad}_b, \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 2[D_{a,b}, D_{c,d}] &= [D_{a,b}, [\text{ad}_c, \text{ad}_d]] + [D_{a,b}, \text{ad}_{[c,d]}] \\
 &= (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}[\text{ad}_c, \text{ad}_{D_{a,b}(d)}] - (-1)^{\bar{d}(\bar{a}+\bar{b}+\bar{c})}[\text{ad}_d, \text{ad}_{D_{a,b}(c)}] + \text{ad}_{D_{a,b}([c,d])} \\
 &= \text{ad}_{D_{a,b}([c,d]) - [D_{a,b}(c), d] - (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}[c, D_{a,b}(d)]} \\
 &\quad + 2\{D_{D_{a,b}(c), d} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}D_{c, D_{a,b}(d)}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $D_{a,b}$  is a homogeneous superderivation of degree  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$ , then

$$[D_{a,b}, D_{c,d}] = D_{D_{a,b}(c), d} + (-1)^{\bar{c}(\bar{a}+\bar{b})}D_{c, D_{a,b}(d)}. \quad \square$$

Now let  $T(M)$  be the classical  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded associative tensor algebra of the Malcev superalgebra  $M$ ,

$$T(M) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} T^n(M),$$

where  $T^n(M) = \{0\}$  if  $n < 0$ ,  $T^0(M) = \mathbb{K}$  and  $T^n(M) = M \otimes M \otimes \dots \otimes M$  ( $n$  times) if  $n > 0$ . The  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of  $M$  induces a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation of  $T(M)$  in a way that the canonical injection  $M \rightarrow T(M)$  is an even linear map and  $T(M)$  is a superalgebra with gradation

$$T(M)_\alpha = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = \alpha} M_{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes M_{\alpha_n} \right),$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Let  $J$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded ideal of  $T(M)$  generated by the homogeneous elements

$$ab - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}}ba, \quad \forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}, b \in M_{\bar{b}}.$$

The quotient algebra  $S(M) = T(M)/J$  which is a superalgebra with the natural  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation induced by the graded ideal  $J$ , is called the *supersymmetric* superalgebra of  $M$ . As  $M$  can be identified with  $\mathcal{L}_-$  (by Proposition 5.2) we also identify the supersymmetric tensor superalgebra  $S(M)$  on  $M$  with  $S(\mathcal{L}_-)$ . Using the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation on  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  we define an  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -module structure on  $S(M)$ . Let us consider a Lie superalgebra  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_1$  endowed with a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_+ \oplus \mathcal{L}_-$  being  $\mathcal{L}_+$  the even part and  $\mathcal{L}_-$  the odd part, its universal enveloping superalgebra  $U(\mathcal{L})$ , the left ideal  $K$  of  $U(\mathcal{L})$  generated by  $\mathcal{L}_+$ ,  $K = U(\mathcal{L})\mathcal{L}_+$ , and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -module  $U(\mathcal{L})/K$ . Consider a basis  $\{x_i : i \in \Lambda_-\}$  of  $\mathcal{L}_-$  such that  $\Lambda_- = (\Lambda_-)_{\bar{0}} \oplus (\Lambda_-)_{\bar{1}}$  and let  $\leq$  be an order in  $\Lambda_-$  verifying  $\{x_i : i \in (\Lambda_-)_{\alpha}\}$  is a basis of  $(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\alpha}$ , for  $\alpha = \bar{0}, \bar{1}$ , and  $i_p < i_q$  if  $i_p \in (\Lambda_-)_{\bar{0}}$  and  $i_q \in (\Lambda_-)_{\bar{1}}$ . Applying Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem we have a basis of  $U(\mathcal{L})/K$  defined by:

$$\{x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} + K : n \geq 0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in \Lambda_- \text{ with } i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_n \text{ and } i_p < i_{p+1} \text{ if } x_{i_p} \in (\mathcal{L}_-)_{\bar{1}}\}.$$

If  $n = 0$  we have  $x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} = 1$  by convention. Taking in account the basis of  $S(\mathcal{L}_-)$  defined by

$$\{x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} : n \geq 0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in \Lambda_- \text{ with } i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_n \text{ and } i_p < i_{p+1} \text{ if } x_{i_p} \in (\mathcal{L}_-)_{\bar{1}}\}$$

we have an even linear isomorphism  $\theta : S(\mathcal{L}_-) \rightarrow U(\mathcal{L})/K$  defined by

$$x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} \mapsto x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} + K.$$

We can construct an  $\mathcal{L}$ -module of  $S(\mathcal{L}_-)$  by pull backing the  $\mathcal{L}$ -module structure of  $U(\mathcal{L})/K$  by means of  $\theta$  in the following way: for  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $x \in S(\mathcal{L}_-)$  we define  $\lambda \circ x = \theta^{-1}(\lambda\theta(x))$ , where  $\lambda\theta(x)$  is the action of  $\mathcal{L}$  in  $U(\mathcal{L})/K$ . Let us take the natural gradation on  $S(\mathcal{L}_-) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} S(\mathcal{L}_-)^i$ . Associated to this gradation we have the filtration  $S(\mathcal{L}_-) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n}$ , where  $S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n S(\mathcal{L}_-)^i$ . Next lemma shows us how  $\mathcal{L}$  acts in the components of the filtration of  $S(\mathcal{L}_-)$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** *We have the following assertions:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_+ \circ S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n} \subseteq S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_- \circ S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n} \subseteq S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n+1}$ ;
- (ii) If  $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq \dots \leq i_{n+1}$  and  $x_{i_k} \in (\mathcal{L}_-)_{\bar{1}}$  therefore

$$x_{i_k} \circ (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}}) \equiv (-1)^{\bar{x}_{i_k}(\bar{x}_{i_1} + \dots + \bar{x}_{i_{n+1}})} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_{n+1}} \text{ mod } S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{\leq n-1},$$

where “ $\hat{x}_{i_k}$ ” means that we omit this factor.

*Proof.* We use induction in  $n$  to show (i). Taking  $x_{i_k} \in (\mathcal{L}_-)^{\bar{x}_{i_k}}$ , with  $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq \dots \leq i_{n+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x_{i_k} \circ (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}})) &= x_{i_k}(x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}} + K) \\ &= x_{i_k}x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}} + K \\ &= ([x_{i_k}, x_{i_1}] \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}} + K) \\ &\quad + ((-1)^{\bar{x}_{i_k}\bar{x}_{i_1}} x_{i_1}x_{i_k}x_{i_2} \dots \hat{x}_{i_k} \dots x_{i_{n+1}} + K). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[x_{i_k}, x_{i_1}] \in \mathcal{L}_+$  we can apply the hypothesis to conclude that the first term of the sum is in  $\theta(S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{n-1})$ . Repeating the process we obtain  $\mathcal{L}_- \circ S(\mathcal{L}_-) \subseteq S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{n+1}$ . Now, we show the former inclusion in (i). For arbitrary  $\lambda_+ \in \mathcal{L}_+$  and  $x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} \in S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{n-1}$  we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\lambda_+ \circ (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n})) &= \lambda_+(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n}) + K = [\lambda_+, x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n}] + K \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{\bar{\lambda}_+(\bar{x}_{i_1} + \dots + \bar{x}_{i_{j-1}})} x_{i_1} \dots [\lambda_+, x_{i_j}] \dots x_{i_n} + K, \end{aligned}$$

because  $(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n})\lambda_+$  is in the left ideal  $K$  generated by  $\mathcal{L}_+$ . The  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_+ \oplus \mathcal{L}_-$  yields  $[\lambda_+, x_{i_j}] \in \mathcal{L}_-$ , hence any term of the sum is in  $\theta(S(\mathcal{L}_-)_{n-1})$ , as required.  $\square$

We note that the pair  $\lambda'_a = T_a, \rho'_a = -\rho_a$ , as well the pair  $\lambda''_a = -\lambda_a, \rho''_a = T_a$ , satisfies relations (5.1) defining  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ . We can define two endomorphisms  $\xi, \eta : \mathcal{L}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(M)$  by  $\xi(\lambda_a) = T_a, \xi(\rho_a) = -\rho_a$  and  $\eta(\lambda_a) = -\lambda_a, \eta(\rho_a) = T_a$ , for  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ , respectively, which are automorphisms because  $\xi^2 = \eta^2 = \text{id}_{\mathcal{L}(M)}$ . Consider an  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -module  $S(M)$  and an automorphism  $\varepsilon$  of  $S(M)$ . We define the twisted  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -module  $S(M)_\varepsilon$  in the following way: for all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  and  $x \in S(M)$  we have  $\lambda x := \varepsilon(\lambda) \circ x$ . In particular, using the automorphism  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  referred before, we define the  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -modules  $S(M)_\xi$  and  $S(M)_\eta$ , respectively.

**Proposition 5.4.** *If there exists an  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -module homomorphism  $* : S(M)_\xi \otimes S(M)_\eta \rightarrow S(M)$  verifying*

- (i)  $a * x = 2\lambda_a \circ x$  and  $x * a = 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} \rho_a \circ x$ , with  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}, x \in S(M)_{\bar{x}}$ ,
- (ii)  $1 * x = x * 1 = x$ , for  $x \in S(M)$ ,

then Theorem 4.3 is true.

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $S(M)$  is an algebra with multiplication  $*$ . From (i) and since  $*$  is an  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ -module homomorphism, we infer that for  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}, x \in S(M)_{\bar{x}}, y \in S(M)_{\bar{y}}$

$$\begin{aligned} a * (x * y) &= 2\lambda_a \circ (x * y) = 2(\zeta(\lambda_a) \circ x) * y + 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (\eta(\lambda_a) \circ y) \\ &= 2(T_a \circ x) * y - 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (\lambda_a \circ y). \end{aligned}$$

We also have,

$$\begin{aligned} (a * x) * y + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(x * a) * y - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (a * y) \\ = (2\lambda_a \circ x) * y + (2\rho_a \circ x) * y - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (2\lambda_a \circ y) \\ = 2(T_a \circ x) * y - 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (\lambda_a \circ y), \end{aligned}$$

thus  $(x, a, y) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}}(a, x, y)$ . Similar, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) * a &= 2(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})} \rho_a \circ (x * y) \\ &= 2(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})} (\zeta(\rho_a) \circ x) * y + 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (\eta(\rho_a) \circ y) \\ &= -2(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})} (\rho_a \circ x) * y + 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (T_a \circ y). \end{aligned}$$

We also get,

$$\begin{aligned} x * (y * a) - (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}}(x * a) * y + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (a * y) \\ = (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (2\rho_a \circ y) - (-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})} (2\rho_a \circ x) * y + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (2\lambda_a \circ y) \\ = -2(-1)^{\bar{a}(\bar{x}+\bar{y})} (\rho_a \circ x) * y + 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}} x * (T_a \circ y), \end{aligned}$$

hence  $(x, y, a) = -(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{y}}(x, a, y)$ , we conclude that  $M \subseteq N_{\text{alt}}((S(M), *))$ . Consider the basis  $\{a_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  of  $M$ . Since  $T_a + \text{ad}_a = 2\lambda_a$ ,  $\forall a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i_1} * (a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n}) &= 2\lambda_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n}) = T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n}) + \text{ad}_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n}) \\ &\equiv a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_n} \text{ mod } S(M)_{n-1}, \end{aligned}$$

because  $\text{ad}_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_n}) \in \mathcal{L}_+ \circ S(M)_{n-1} \subseteq S(M)_{n-1}$  (from Lemma 5.3). Repeating this argument we get that

$$a_{i_1} * (a_{i_2} * (\dots (a_{i_{n-1}} * a_{i_n}))) \equiv a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_n} \text{ mod } S(M)_{n-1},$$

consequently,

$$\{a_{i_1} * (a_{i_2} * (\dots (a_{i_{n-1}} * a_{i_n}))) : (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \Omega\} \quad (5.14)$$

is a basis of  $S(M)$ . From the universal property of the enveloping algebra  $(U(M), \iota)$ , there exists a superalgebra homomorphism  $U(M) \rightarrow (S(M), *)$  of degree 0 which send a linear generator set  $\{\iota(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$  of  $U(M)$  onto a basis (5.14) of  $S(M)$ , therefore it is indeed an isomorphism.  $\square$

Now, it is our task to define a product  $*$  in  $S(M)$  satisfying the conditions of Proposition 5.4. Using an argument similar to the one used in proof just above, we show that given  $a_I = a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_n}$  in  $S(M)$  we get that  $r_I = a_I - 2\lambda_{a_{i_1}} \circ a_{I'} \in S(M)_{|I|-1}$  and  $\bar{r}_I = \bar{a}_I$ . We define recursively the product  $*$  in  $S(M)$  in the following way: set that  $1 * x = x$ , for  $x \in S(M)$ . Assuming by hypothesis that  $a_J * x$  is given for  $|J| < |I|$  we define, by induction, that

$$a_I * x = 2T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{I'} * x) - 2(-1)^{\bar{a}_{i_1}\bar{a}_{I'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_{i_1}} \circ x) + r_I * x. \tag{5.15}$$

**Proposition 5.5.** *Given  $\lambda \in \mathcal{L}(M)_{\bar{\lambda}}$ ,  $x \in S(M)_{\bar{x}}$  and  $y \in S(M)_{\bar{y}}$  it is verified that*

$$\lambda \circ (x * y) = (\xi(\lambda) \circ x) * y + (-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{x}} x * (\eta(\lambda) \circ y).$$

*Proof.* We shall prove that  $\lambda \circ (a_I * x) = (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_I) * x + (-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I} a_I * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)$  by induction on the size  $|I|$  of  $I$ . If  $|I| = 0$ , this is  $a_I = 1$ , we have to ensure that  $\lambda \circ x = (\xi(\lambda) \circ 1) * x + \eta(\lambda) \circ x$ . For  $\lambda = D + \lambda_a + \rho_b$ , with  $D = \sum_i \alpha_i D_{a_i, b_i}$  ( $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{K}$ ), we get

$$\lambda - \eta(\lambda) = D + \lambda_a + \rho_b - \eta(D) + \lambda_a - T_b = 2\lambda_a - \lambda_b = \lambda_{2a-b}.$$

Since  $D_{a,b}$  is a derivation then  $D_{a,b} \circ 1 = 0$ . As  $\lambda_a \circ 1 = \rho_a \circ 1 = \frac{1}{2}a$  and  $T_a \circ 1 = a$  then  $\xi(\lambda) \circ 1 = \xi(D + \lambda_a + \rho_b) \circ 1 = (D + T_a - \rho_b) \circ 1 = a - \frac{1}{2}b$ . Therefore

$$(\xi(\lambda) \circ 1) * x = 2\lambda_{a-(1/2)b} \circ x = \lambda_{2a-b} \circ x = (\lambda - \eta(\lambda)) \circ x,$$

the required formula.

Relatively to the induction step, first we will show that we can reduce our study just to the case that  $\lambda = T_{a_{i_0}}$ , for a suitable  $a_{i_0}$ . Indeed, using definitions, applying the hypothesis and doing some calculations we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda \circ (a_I * x) - (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_I) * x - (-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I} a_I * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x) \\ & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \circ \{2T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{I'} * x) - 2(-1)^{\bar{a}_{i_1}\bar{a}_{I'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_{i_1}} \circ x) + r_I * x\} \\ & \quad - \{\xi(\lambda) \circ (2\lambda_{a_{i_1}} \circ a_{I'} + r_I)\} * x - 2(-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I} T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) \\ & \quad + 2(-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I + \bar{a}_{i_1}\bar{a}_{I'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_{i_1}} \eta(\lambda) \circ x) - (-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I} r_I * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x) \\ & \stackrel{\text{hyp}}{=} 2\lambda T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{I'} * x) - 2(-1)^{\bar{a}_{i_1}\bar{a}_{I'}} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_{i_1}} \circ x)) - 2(\xi(\lambda) \lambda_{a_{i_1}} \circ a_{I'}) * x \\ & \quad - 2(-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I} T_{a_{i_1}} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) + 2(-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_I + \bar{a}_{i_1}\bar{a}_{I'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_{i_1}} \eta(\lambda) \circ x) \\ & = 2[\lambda, T_{a_{i_1}}] \circ (a_{I'} * x) + 2(-1)^{\bar{\lambda}\bar{a}_{i_1}} T_{a_{i_1}} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x)) - 2(\xi(\lambda) \lambda_{a_i} \circ a_{I'}) * x \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i} + \overline{a_i a_i'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_i} \eta(\lambda) \circ x) \\
\stackrel{\text{hyp}}{=} & 2[\lambda, T_{a_i}] \circ (a_{I'} * x) + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * x) \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x) - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'} + \overline{\lambda a_i}} a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \rho_{a_i} \circ x) \\
& - 2(\xi(\lambda) \lambda_{a_i} \circ a_{I'}) * x - 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) \\
& + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i} + \overline{a_i a_i'}} a_{I'} * (\rho_{a_i} \eta(\lambda) \circ x) \\
\stackrel{\text{hyp}}{=} & 2([\xi(\lambda), \lambda_{a_i}] \circ a_{I'}) * x + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * x) \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x) - 2(\xi(\lambda) \lambda_{a_i} \circ a_{I'}) * x \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) \\
= & -2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} (\lambda_{a_i} \circ \xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \lambda \circ (a_{I'} * x) \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x) - 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ (a_{I'} * (\eta(\lambda) \circ x)) \\
\stackrel{\text{hyp}}{=} & -2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} (\lambda_{a_i} \circ \xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ ((\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x) \\
& - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using hypothesis with  $T_{a_i}$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} T_{a_i} \circ ((\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x) \\
& = 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} (\xi(T_{a_i}) \circ \xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x \\
& \quad + 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i} + \overline{a_i}(\overline{\lambda} + \overline{a_i'})} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\eta(T_{a_i}) \circ x) \\
& = 2(-1)^{\overline{\lambda a_i}} (\lambda_{a_i} \circ \xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * x + 2(-1)^{\overline{a_i a_i'}} (\xi(\lambda) \circ a_{I'}) * (\rho_{a_i} \circ x),
\end{aligned}$$

so we may assume  $\lambda = T_{a_{i_0}}$ , for some  $a_{i_0}$ . Using hypothesis of induction we can show that we may assume that  $i_0 \leq i_1$ . So, denoting  $a_{(i_0, I)} = a_{i_0} a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_n}$ , with  $i_0 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_n$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
2(\lambda_{a_{i_0}} \circ a_I) * x & = a_{(i_0, I)} * x - r_{(i_0, I)} * x \\
& = 2T_{a_{i_0}} \circ (a_I * x) - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_{i_0} a_I}} a_I * (\rho_{a_{i_0}} \circ x) + r_{(i_0, I)} * x - r_{(i_0, I)} * x \\
& = 2T_{a_{i_0}} \circ (a_I * x) - 2(-1)^{\overline{a_{i_0} a_I}} a_I * (\rho_{a_{i_0}} \circ x),
\end{aligned}$$

thus

$$T_{a_{i_0}} \circ (a_I * x) = (\lambda_{a_{i_0}} \circ a_I) * x + (-1)^{\overline{a_{i_0} a_I}} a_I * (\rho_{a_{i_0}} \circ x),$$

completing the proof. □

**Proposition 5.6.** *For the product defined by (5.15) the following statements hold:  $1 * x = x * 1 = x$ ,  $a * x = 2\lambda_a \circ x$  and  $x * a = 2(-1)^{\overline{ax}} \rho_a \circ x$ , for any  $a \in M_{\bar{a}}$ ,  $x \in S(M)_{\bar{x}}$ .*

*Proof.* If we fix  $\delta_a = \eta(\text{ad}_a)$  then  $\xi(\delta_a) = \delta_a$ . In fact,  $\delta_a = \eta(\text{ad}_a) = \eta(\lambda_a - \rho_a) = -\lambda_a - T_a$ . On the other hand,  $\xi(\delta_a) = \xi(\eta(\text{ad}_a)) = \xi(-\lambda_a - T_a) = \xi(-2\lambda_a - \rho_a) = -2T_a + \rho_a = -2\lambda_a - \rho_a = -\lambda_a - T_a$  as required. As  $\eta(\delta_a) = \text{ad}_a$  and  $\text{ad}_a \circ 1 = 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_a \circ (x * 1 - x) &= (\xi(\delta_a) \circ x) * 1 + (-1)^{\overline{ax}} x * (\eta(\delta_a) \circ 1) - \delta_a \circ x \\ &= (\delta_a \circ x) * 1 + (-1)^{\overline{ax}} x * (\text{ad}_a \circ 1) - \delta_a \circ x \\ &= (\delta_a \circ x) * 1 - \delta_a \circ x. \end{aligned}$$

More general, we infer that  $\delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ (x * 1 - x) = (\delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ x) * 1 - \delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ x$ , for  $a_i \in M_{\bar{a}_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Denote by  $S$  the vector space spanned by  $\delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ 1$ , with  $a_i \in M_{\bar{a}_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Using this last condition we show that  $x * 1 - x = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ . In fact

$$(\delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ 1) * 1 - \delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ 1 = \delta_{a_1} \dots \delta_{a_n} \circ (1 * 1 - 1) = 0.$$

We will show that  $S(M) = S$  by induction in  $n$ . Since  $\delta_a \circ 1 = (-2\lambda_a - \rho_a) \circ 1 = -2\frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}a = -\frac{3}{2}a$ , then  $S(M)_1 (= M) \subseteq S$ . Let us now assume that  $S(M)_{n-1} \subseteq S$ . Let  $a_I \in S(M)_n$  with  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ . Since  $\delta_a = -\lambda_a - T_a$  we have  $2\delta_a = -3T_a - \text{ad}_a$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{a_1} \circ a_{I'} &= \left( -\frac{3}{2}T_{a_1} - \frac{1}{2}\text{ad}_{a_1} \right) \circ a_{I'} = -\frac{3}{2}T_{a_1} \circ a_{I'} - \frac{1}{2}\text{ad}_{a_1} \circ a_{I'} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}a_I - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\text{ad}_{a_1}}_{\in \mathcal{L}_+} \circ \underbrace{a_{I'}}_{\in S(M)_{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis of induction we infer that  $\delta_{a_1} \circ a_{I'} \in S$ , by Lemma 5.3 we get that  $\text{ad}_{a_1} \circ a_{I'}$  is in  $S(M)_{n-1}$ , consequently  $S(M)_n \subseteq S$ . Finally, we ensure the last condition of the proposition (the other is similar). Since

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_a \circ x &= \rho_a \circ (x * 1) = (\xi(\rho_a) \circ x) * 1 + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (\eta(\rho_a) \circ 1) \\ &= -\rho_a \circ x + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * (T_a \circ 1) = -\rho_a \circ x + (-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} x * a,\end{aligned}$$

therefore  $x * a = 2(-1)^{\bar{a}\bar{x}} \rho_a \circ x$ , as desired.  $\square$

We summarize as follows: Proposition 5.6 shows that the product  $*$  in  $S(M)$  defined recursively by (5.15) satisfies the conditions of Proposition 5.4. Which guarantees that Theorem 4.3 holds, providing the vector space  $U(M)$  with a basis  $\{t(a_I) : I \in \Omega\}$ . So, the universal enveloping algebra  $U(M)$  has a basis of Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt Theorem type over the Malcev superalgebra  $M$ .

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