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**Abstract.** We investigate almost inner derivations of some finite-dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras. We show the existence of almost inner derivations of Leibniz filiform non-Lie algebras differing from inner derivations, we also show that the almost inner derivations of some filiform Leibniz algebras containing filiform Lie algebras do not coincide with inner derivations.

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# Introduction

Lie algebra is an algebra satisfying the anticommutativity identity and the Jacobi identity. The derivations of finite-dimensional Lie algebras are a well-studied direction of the theory of Lie algebras. It should be noted that the space of all derivations of Lie algebras is also Lie algebra with respect to the commutator. In the set of derivations of Lie algebras, there exist subsets of the so-called inner derivations. Naturally, there is a question: in what classes of algebras do derivations exist? and which are not inner? For the semisimple Lie algebras the sets of inner derivations and derivations coincide [14].

Almost inner derivations of Lie algebras were introduced by C. S. Gordon and E. N. Wilson [13] in the study of isospectral deformations of compact manifolds. Gordon and Wilson wanted to construct not only finite families of isospectral nonisometric manifolds, but rather continuous families. They constructed isospectral but nonisometric compact Riemannian manifolds of the form  $G/\Gamma$ , with a simply connected exponential solvable Lie group G, and a discrete cocompact subgroup  $\Gamma$  of G. For this construction, almost inner automorphisms and almost inner derivations were crucial.

Gordon and Wilson considered not only almost-inner derivations, but they studied almost inner automorphisms of Lie groups. The concepts of "almost inner" automorphisms and derivations, almost homomorphisms or almost conjugate subgroups arise in many contexts in algebra, number theory and geometry. There are several other studies of related concepts, for example, local derivations, which are a generalization of almost inner derivations and automorphisms [2,3].

In [4] we initiated the study of derivation type maps on non-associative algebras, namely, we investigated so-called 2-local derivations on finite-dimensional Lie algebras, and showed an essential difference between semisimple and nilpotent Lie algebras is the behavior of their 2-local

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derivations. The present paper is devoted to local derivation on finite-dimensional Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero.

Local derivation first was considered in 1990, Kadison [16] and Larson and Sourour [18]. Let X be a Banach A-bimodule over a Banach algebra A, a linear mapping  $\Delta : A \to X$  is said to be a *local derivation* if for every x in A there exists a derivation  $D_x : A \to X$ , depending on x, satisfying  $\Delta(x) = D_x(x)$ .

The main problems concerning this notion are to find conditions under which local derivations become derivations and to present examples of algebras with local derivations that are not derivations [8, 16, 18]. Kadison proves in [16, Theorem A] that each continuous local derivation of a von Neumann algebra M into a dual Banach M-bimodule is a derivation. This theorem gave rise to studies and several results on local derivations on C\*-algebras, culminating with a definitive contribution due to Johnson, which asserts that every continuous local derivation of a C\*-algebra A into a Banach A-bimodule is a derivation [15, Theorem 5.3]. Moreover in his paper, Johnson also gives an automatic continuity result by proving that local derivations of a C\*-algebra A into a Banach A-bimodule X are continuous even if not assumed a priori to be so (cf. [15, Theorem 7.5]).

In the theory of Lie algebras, there is a theorem which says that in the finite-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebra there are not inner (i.e. outer) derivations [12]. We give an Example 2.1 to shows that that there exists 4-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras, where any almost inner derivation is an outer derivation, and the converse is true also. But this question is still open for the general case. In [9] authors study almost inner derivations of some nilpotent Lie algebras. Prove the basic properties of almost inner derivations, calculate all almost inner derivations of Lie algebras for small dimensions. They also introduced the concept of fixed basis vectors for nilpotent Lie algebras defined by graphs and studied free nilpotent Lie algebras of the nilindex 2 and 3.

We recall that the study of almost-inner derivations of the Leibniz algebras is an open problem. Therefore in this paper we consider almost-inner derivations for some nilpotent Leibniz algebras. We prove the basic properties of almost inner derivations of the Leibniz algebras. We get almost all inner derivations of four-dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras. The study of the inner derivations of nilpotent Leibniz algebras is a very difficult problem. Therefore, we consider some subclasses of these nilpotent algebras. We study almost inner derivations of the null-filiform Leibniz algebras, and also consider almost inner derivations of the some filiform Leibniz algebras.

## 1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** An algebra L over a field F is called the Leibniz algebra if for all  $x, y, z \in L$  the Leibniz identity holds:

$$[x, [y, z]] = [[x, y], z] - [[x, z], y],$$

where [, ] is the multiplication in L.

For an arbitrary Leibniz algebra L, we define a sequence:

$$L^1 = L, \quad L^{k+1} = [L^k, L^1], \quad k \ge 1.$$

The Leibniz algebra L is said to be *nilpotent* if there exists  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $L^s = 0$ . The minimal number s with this property is called the *nilpotency index* or *nilindex* of the algebra L.

We recall that the Leibniz algebra is called null-filiform, if  $dimL^i = (n+1) - i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n+1$ ; filiform, if  $dimL^i = n - i$ ,  $2 \le i \le n$ .

Let L be a nilpotent Leibniz algebra with nilindex s.

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We consider  $L_i = L^i/L^{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s-1$  and  $grL = L_1 \oplus L_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{s-1}$ . Then  $[L_i, L_j] \subseteq L_{i+j}$  and we obtain the graded algebra grL.

**Definition 1.2.** If the Leibniz algebra L is isomorphic algebra grL, then L is called naturally graded Leibniz algebra.

For the Leibniz algebra L, we denote the *right* and *left* annihilators, respectively, as follows

$$Ann_r(L) = \{x \in L \mid [L, x] = 0\}, \quad Ann_l(L) = \{x \in L \mid [x, L] = 0\}.$$

We denote the *center* of the algebra by  $Cent(L) = Ann_r(L) \cap Ann_l(L)$ .

A linear map d is called a *derivation* of the Leibniz algebra L, if

$$d([x, y]) = [d(x), y] + [x, d(y)].$$

We denote the space of all derivations by Der(L).

For each  $x \in L$ , the operator  $R_x : L \to L$  which is called the *right multiplication*, such that  $R_x(y) = [y, x], y \in L$ , is a derivation. This derivation is called *an inner derivation* of L, and we denote the space of all inner derivations by Inner(L).

**Definition 1.3.** The derivation  $D \in Der(L)$  of the Leibniz algebra L is called almost inner derivation, if  $D(x) \in [x, L]$  ( $[x, L] \subseteq L$ ) holds for all  $x \in L$ ; in other words, there exists  $a_x \in L$  such that  $D(x) = [x, a_x]$ .

The space of all almost inner derivations of L is denoted by AID(L).

**Definition 1.4.** The derivation  $D \in AID(L)$  of the Leibniz algebra L is called **the right central** almost inner derivation, if there exists  $x \in L$  such that the map  $(D - R_x) : L \to Ann_r(L)$ .

The space of right central almost inner derivations of L is denoted by RCAID(L), respectively.

**Definition 1.5.** The derivation  $D \in AID(L)$  of the Leibniz algebra L is called **central almost** inner derivation, if there exists  $x \in L$  such that the map  $(D - R_x) : L \rightarrow Cent(L)$ .

The space of central almost inner derivations of L is denoted by CAID(L), respectively.

### 2. Main results

#### 2.1. The properties of almost inner derivations of the Leibniz algebras

The subspaces Inner(L), CAID(L), RCAID(L), AID(L), Der(L) are Lie subalgebras with [D, D'] = DD' - D'D.

**Proposition 2.1.** We have the following inclusions of Lie subalgebras

$$Inner(L) \subseteq CAID(L) \subseteq RCAID(L) \subseteq AID(L) \subseteq Der(L).$$

*Proof.* Let  $D_1, D_2 \in AID(L)$  and  $x \in L$ . Then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in L$  such that  $D_1(x) = [x, y_1]$ ,  $D_2(x) = [x, y_2]$ . Using the property of the derivation and the Leibniz identity, we get the following

$$\begin{split} [D_1, D_2](x) &= (D_1 D_2)(x) - (D_2 D_1)(x) = [D_1(x), y_2] + [x, D_1(y_2)] - [D_2(x), y_1] - [x, D_2(y)] = \\ &= [[x, y_1], y_2] - [[x, y_2], y_1] + [x, D_1(y_2)] - [x, D_2(y_1)] = \\ &= [x, [y_1, y_2]] + [x, D_1(y_2)] - [x, D_2(y_1)] = [x, [y_1, y_2] + D_1(y_2) - D_2(y_1)]. \end{split}$$

Therefore,  $[D_1, D_2](x) = [x, [y_1, y_2] + D_1(y_2) - D_2(y_1)] \in [x, L]$ , we have  $[D_1, D_2] \in AID(L)$ . Let  $C_1, C_2 \in CAID(L)$ . Then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in L$  such that  $C_1 - R_{y_1}$  and  $C_2 - R_{y_2}$  are maps from L to Cent(L). We consider  $[C, R_x] = R_{C(x)}$  for  $C \in Der(L)$  and obtain the following

$$[C_1 - R_{y_1}, C_2 - R_{y_2}] = [C_1, C_2] - [C_1, R_{y_2}] - [R_{y_1}, C_2] + [R_{y_1}, R_{y_2}] =$$
  
=  $[C_1, C_2] - R_{C_1(y_2)} + R_{C_2(y_1)} - R_{[y_2, y_1]} = [C_1, C_2] - (R_{C_1(y_2)} - R_{C_2(y_1)} + R_{[y_2, y_1]})$ 

Hence we have that the linear transformation  $[C_1, C_2] - (R_{C_1(y_2)} - R_{C_2(y_1)} + R_{[y_2, y_1]})$  maps L to Cent(L). Hence  $[C_1, C_2] \in CAID(L)$ .

Let  $D_1, D_2 \in RCAID(L)$ . Then there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in L$  such that  $D_1 - R_{y_1}$  and  $D_2 - R_{y_2}$  are maps L to  $Ann_r(L)$ . We consider  $[D, R_x] = R_{D(x)}$  for  $D \in Der(L)$  and obtain the following

$$\begin{split} & [D_1 - R_{y_1}, D_2 - R_{y_2}] = [D_1, D_2] - [D_1, R_{y_2}] - [R_{y_1}, D_2] + [R_{y_1}, R_{y_2}] = \\ & = [D_1, D_2] - R_{D_1(y_2)} + R_{D_2(y_1)} - R_{[y_2, y_1]} = [D_1, D_2] - (R_{D_1(y_2)} - R_{D_2(y_1)} + R_{[y_2, y_1]}). \end{split}$$

Hence we have that the linear transformation  $[D_1, D_2] - (R_{D_1(y_2)} - R_{D_2(y_1)} + R_{[y_2, y_1]})$  maps L to  $Ann_r(L)$ . Hence  $[D_1, D_2] \in RCAID(L)$ .

Now let us show that  $Inner(L) \subseteq CAID(L)$ . Let  $R_x, R_y \in Inner(L)$  and  $R_x - R_y : L \to Cent(L)$ . For every  $z \in L$ ,  $a \in Cent(L)$  we consider the following

$$(R_x - R_y)(z) = [z, x] - [z, y] = [z, x] - [z, a + x] = [z, a] \in Cent(L).$$

Therefore,  $Inner(L) \subseteq CAID(L)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** The subalgebra RCAID(L) is a Lie ideal in AID(L).

*Proof.* Let  $C \in RCAID(L)$  and  $D \in AID(L)$ . We must show  $[D, C] \in RCAID(L)$ . We already know  $[D, C] \in AID(L)$ . We fix an element  $x \in L$  such that  $C' := C - R_x$  maps L to  $Ann_r(L)$ . We denote  $D' := [D, C] - R_{D(x)}$ . Then from  $[D, R_x] = R_{D(x)}$  we obtain

$$[D, C'] = [D, C - R_x] = [D, C] - [D, R_x] = [D, C] - R_{D(x)} = D'$$

and D' maps L to  $Ann_r(L)$ . Hence for all  $y \in L$  we have

$$D'(y) = [D, C'](y) = D(C'(y)) - C'(D(y)),$$

because C' maps L to  $Ann_r(L)$  and D maps  $Ann_r(L)$  to  $Ann_r(L)$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** Let L be the Leibniz algebra. Then the followings are true:

1) Let  $D \in AID(L)$ . Then  $D(L) \subseteq [L, L]$ , D(Cent(L)) = 0 and  $D(I) \subseteq I$  for every ideal I of L.

2) For  $D \in CAID(L)$ , there exists an  $x \in L$  such that  $D_{|[L,L]} = R_{x|[L,L]}$ .

3) If L has nilindex 3, then CAID(L) = AID(L).

4) If Cent(L) = 0, then CAID(L) = Inner(D).

5) If L is nilpotent, then AID(L) is nilpotent.

6)  $AID(L \oplus L') = AID(L) \oplus AID(L').$ 

*Proof.* 1) By definition, almost inner derivations of L maps to [L, L] and Cent(L) to 0. Let  $x \in I$ . Then we have  $D(x) \in [x, L] \subseteq [I, L] \subseteq I$ .

2) For a given  $D \in CAID(L)$ , there exists  $x \in L$  such that  $D' = D - R_x$  satisfies  $D'(L) \subseteq Cent(L)$ . Hence D' is derivation and for all  $u, v \in L$  we have

$$D'([u,v]) = [D'(u),v] + [u,D'(v)] = 0.$$

3) If L is nilpotent with nilindex 3, i.e.  $L^3 = 0$ , then for each  $D \in AID(L)$  we get  $D(L) \subseteq [L, L] \subseteq Cent(L)$  and get equality.

4) We suppose Cent(L) = 0 and  $D \in CAID(L)$ . Then there is  $x \in L$  such that  $D - R_x = 0$ . Therefore D is inner.

5) Let  $D \in AID(L)$  and  $x \in L$ . Then  $D^k(x) \in [[[\dots, [x, L], \dots, L], L] \ (k \text{ times } L)$ . If k is higher than nilpotent class over L, then we have  $D^k(x) = 0$ , therefore D is nilpotent. By Engel's theorem for Leibniz algebras [5], AID(L) is nilpotent.

6) Let  $D \in AID(L \oplus L')$ . Then the constraints are again almost inner derivations, i.e.  $D_{|L} \in AID(L)$  and  $D_{|L'} \in AID(L')$ . It is obvious that the mapping  $D \mapsto D_{|L} \oplus D_{|L'}$  gives a one-to-one correspondence between  $AID(L \oplus L')$  and  $AID(L) \oplus AID(L')$ .

#### 2.2. Almost inner derivations of null-filiform Leibniz algebras

Firstly we consider a certain class of nilpotent Leibniz algebras, the so-called null-filiform Leibniz algebra [7].

In any *n*-dimensional null-filiform Leibniz algebra L there exists a basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n\}$  such that the multiplication in L has the form:

$$NF_n: [e_i, e_1] = e_{i+1}, \quad 1 \le i \le n-1$$
 (1)

(the omitted of products are equal to zero).

Let L be a null-filiform Leibniz algebra.

**Proposition 2.4.** For the n-dimensional null-filiform Leibniz algebra  $NF_n$  the following equality holds:

$$AID(NF_n) = Inner(NF_n).$$

*Proof.* The null-filiform algebra L is a one-generated algebra, i.e. generated by  $e_1$ . Let  $D \in AID(NF_n)$ . Then, by the definition of almost inner derivation, there exists  $a_{e_1}$  such that  $D(e_1) = R_{a_{e_1}}$ . Let  $D' \in AID(NF_n)$  and let  $D' = D - R_{a_{e_1}}$ , then we get  $D'(e_1) = 0$ . Then by multiplication (1) we have

$$D'(e_i) = D'([e_{i-1}, e_1]) = [D'(e_{i-1}, e_1)] + [e_{i-1}, D'(e_1)] = 0, \ 2 \le i \le n.$$

This means that

$$AID(NF_n) = Inner(NF_n).$$

# 2.3. Almost inner derivation of non-lie filiform Leibniz algebras

Now we consider filiform non-Lie Leibniz algebras  $F_1(\alpha_4, \alpha_5, \ldots, \alpha_n, \theta)$  and  $F_2(\beta_5, \ldots, \beta_n, \gamma)$  from [7]:

$$F_1(\alpha_4, \alpha_5, \dots, \alpha_n, \theta) : \begin{cases} [e_1, e_1] = e_3, \\ [e_i, e_1] = e_{i+1}, & 2 \le i \le n-1, \\ [e_1, e_2] = \sum_{s=4}^{n-1} \alpha_s e_s + \theta e_n, \\ [e_j, e_2] = \sum_{s=4}^{n-j+2} \alpha_s e_{s+j-2}, & 2 \le j \le n-2, \end{cases}$$

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$$F_{2}(\beta_{4},\beta_{5},\ldots,\beta_{n},\gamma): \begin{cases} [e_{1},e_{1}] = e_{3}, \\ [e_{i},e_{1}] = e_{i+1}, \quad 3 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ [e_{1},e_{2}] = \sum_{k=4}^{n} \beta_{k}e_{k}, \\ [e_{2},e_{2}] = \gamma e_{n}, \\ [e_{i},e_{2}] = \sum_{k=4}^{n+2-i} \beta_{k}e_{k+i-2}, \quad 3 \leq i \leq n-2. \end{cases}$$

Let L be an algebra from  $F_1(\alpha_4, \alpha_5, \ldots, \alpha_n, \theta)$  or  $F_2(\beta_4, \beta_5, \ldots, \beta_n, \gamma)$ . Let L be the Leibniz algebra and  $E_{n,2}: L \to L$  be a linear mapping such that

$$E_{n,2}(e_i) = \delta_{i,2}e_n, \quad 1 \leqslant i \leqslant n, \tag{2}$$

where  $\delta_{i,2} = \begin{cases} 1, & i=2\\ 0, & i \neq 2 \end{cases}$  — Kronecker symbol.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let L be a non-Lie filiform Leibniz algebra and let  $D \in AID(L)$ . Then there exist an element  $x \in L$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$D - R_x = \lambda E_{n,2}.$$

*Proof.* We first consider the non-Lie filiform Leibniz algebra  $L = F_1(\alpha_4, \alpha_5, \ldots, \alpha_n, \theta)$ .

Let  $D \in AID(L)$ . This algebra is a two-generated algebra, i.e. we have generators  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Then, by the definition of almost inner derivation, there exists  $a_{e_1}$  such that  $D(e_1) = R_{a_{e_1}}$ . Let  $D' \in AID(L)$  and  $D' = D - R_{a_{e_1}}$ , then we get  $D'(e_1) = 0$ . Since  $D'(e_1) = 0$ , then we have the following:

$$D'(e_3) = D'([e_1, e_1]) = [D'(e_1), e_1] + [e_1, D'(e_1)] = 0,$$
  
$$D'(e_i) = D'([e_{i-1}, e_1]) = [D'(e_{i-1}), e_1] + [e_{i-1}, D'(e_1)] = [D'(e_{i-1}), e_1] = 0, \quad 4 \le i \le n.$$

Let  $D'(e_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_j e_j$ . we check the following:

$$D'(e_3) = D'([e_2, e_1]) = [D'(e_2), e_1] = \left[\sum_{j=1}^n b_j e_j, e_1\right] = (b_1 + b_2)e_3 + b_3e_4 + \dots + b_{n-1}e_n.$$

On the other hand,  $D'(e_3) = D([e_1, e_1]) = 0$ . So we get

$$b_1 = -b_2, \ b_i = 0, \ 3 \le i \le n-1.$$

Now we check the following:

$$0 = D'([e_1, e_2]) = [D'(e_1), e_2] + [e_1, D'(e_2)] = [e_1, b_1e_1 - b_1e_2 + b_ne_n] = = b_1e_3 - b_1(\alpha_4e_4 + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}e_{n-1} + \theta e_n).$$

We have  $b_1 = 0$  and  $D'(e_2) = b_n e_n$ . On the other hand, by definition of almost inner derivation  $b_n e_n = D'(e_2) = [e_2, a_{e_2}] = [e_2, a_{2,1}e_1 + a_{2,2}e_2 + \dots + a_{2,n}e_n] = a_{2,1}e_3 + a_{2,2}(\alpha_4e_4 + \alpha_5e_5 + \dots + \alpha_ne_n).$ We obtain

$$\begin{cases}
 a_{2,1} = 0, & a_{2,2}\alpha_i = 0, \ 4 \leq i \leq n-1, \\
 b_n = a_{2,2}\alpha_n.
\end{cases}$$
(3)

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Hence  $D'(e_2) = a_{2,2}\alpha_n e_n$ . If  $a_{2,2}\alpha_n = 0$ , then AID(L) = Inner(L), so

$$a_{2,2}\alpha_n \neq 0,$$

therefore from (3) we get

$$\alpha_i = 0, \quad 4 \leqslant i \leqslant n - 1.$$

In the end we obtain  $D' = a_{2,2}\alpha_n E_{n,2} = \lambda E_{n,2}$ .

Let  $L = F_2(\beta_4, \beta_5, \dots, \beta_n, \gamma)$  and  $D' \in AID(L)$ . By definition AID for  $e_2$  there exists  $a_{e_2}$ such that

$$D'(e_2) = [e_2, a_{e_2}] = [e_2, a_{2,1}e_1 + \dots + a_{2,n}] = a_{2,2}\gamma e_n.$$

Conducting analogously reasoning in this algebra we obtain  $D'(e_1) = 0, D'(e_i) = 0, 3 \le i \le n$ and  $D' = a_{2,2}\gamma E_{n,2} = \lambda E_{n,2}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Now we consider the following equality:

$$a_{2,2}\gamma e_n = D'(e_1) + D'(e_2) = D'(e_1 + e_2) = [e_1 + e_2, c_{e_1 + e_2}] = [e_1 + e_2, c_1e_1 + c_2e_2] = = c_1e_3 + c_2\beta_4e_4 + c_2(\beta_4 + \beta_5)e_6 + \dots + c_2(\beta_4 + \dots + \beta_{n-1})e_{n-1} + + c_2(\beta_4 + \dots + \beta_{n-1} + \beta_n + \gamma)e_n.$$

We get

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = 0, \\ c_2\beta_i = 0, \ 4 \le i \le n - 1, \\ c_2(\beta_n + \gamma) = a_{2,2}\gamma. \end{cases}$$

If at least one of  $\beta_{i_0} \neq 0$  ( $4 \leq i_0 \leq n-1$ ), then we have  $c_2 = 0$ , hence AID(L) = Inner(L). Therefore  $\beta_i = 0, \ 4 \leq i \leq n-1$ . 

Thus, for filiform non-Lie algebras we obtain  $D - R_a = \lambda E_{n,2}, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Let L be a filiform non-Lie Leibniz algebra. If at least one of  $\alpha_{i_0} \neq 0$  and  $\beta_{j_0} \neq 0$ ,  $i_0, j_0 \in \{4, 5, \dots, n-1\}$ , then we get AID(L) = Inner(L).

**Theorem 2.2.** Let L be an n-dimensional filiform non-Lie Leibniz algebra  $F_1(0, \ldots, 0, \alpha_n, \theta)$  or  $F_2(0,\ldots,0,\beta_n,\theta)$ . Then at run  $\theta=0, \ \alpha_n\neq 0$  and  $\beta_n=0, \ \gamma\neq 0$  respectively we obtain

$$AID(L) = Inner(L) \oplus \langle E_{n,2} \rangle,$$

where  $E_{n,2}$  is the matrix of the elements in which in the place (n,2) we have 1, and other elements are 0.

*Proof.* Let  $L = F_1(0, \ldots, 0, \alpha_n, \theta)$ . We have to show that  $E_{n,2}$  is an almost inner derivation of the algebra L. We take the element  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i e_i \in L$ , then there is  $c_x = c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 \in L$  and we check up the following

$$E_{n,2}(x) = [x, c_x] = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i, c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2\right] = c_1(x_1 + x_2)e_3 + c_1 x_3 e_4 + c_1 x_4 e_5 + \dots + c_1 x_{n-2} e_{n-1} + (c_1 x_{n-1} + c_2 (x_1 \theta + x_2 \alpha_n))e_n$$

If  $\theta \neq 0$  and  $x_3 \neq 0$ , then for  $x_1 = -\frac{x_2 \alpha_n}{\theta}$  the map  $E_{n,2}$  is not almost inner derivation.

Therefore  $\theta = 0$  and for any  $x \in L$  choosing  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_r}$  we have  $E_{n,2}(x) = x_2 e_n$ . Hence  $E_{n,2} \in AID(L).$ 

Let  $L = F_2(0, 0, \dots, 0, \beta_n, \gamma)$ . Let  $\forall x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i \in L$ , then  $\exists c_x = c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 \in L$  and we obtain the following

$$E_{n,2}(x) = [x, c_x] = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i, c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2\right] = c_1 x_1 e_3 + c_1 x_3 e_4 + c_1 x_4 e_5 + \dots + c_1 x_{n-2} e_{n-1} + (c_1 x_{n-1} + c_2 (x_1 \beta_n + x_2 \gamma)) e_n.$$

If  $\beta_n \neq 0$  and  $x_4 \neq 0$ , then for  $x_1 = -\frac{x_2\gamma}{\beta_n}$  the derivation  $E_{n,2}$  is not almost inner derivation. Therefore  $\beta_n = 0$  and for any  $x \in L$  choosing  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = \frac{1}{\gamma}$  we have  $E_{n,2}(x) = x_2e_n$ . Hence  $E_{n,2} \in AID(L)$ .

Theorem 2.1 and 2.2 imply the following consequence:

**Corollary 2.1.** In filiform non-Lie Leibniz algebras, if all parameters are equal to zero, then these algebras turn into a graded algebra. Then the almost inner derivations of graded non-Lie Leibniz algebras coincide with the inner derivations.

#### 2.4. Almost inner derivations of sme filiform Leibniz algebras

We consider filiform Leibniz algebra  $L = F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ , which contain filiform Lie algebra [10]:

$$F_{3}(\theta_{1},\theta_{2},\theta_{3}): \begin{cases} [e_{1},e_{1}] = \theta_{1}e_{n}, \quad [e_{1},e_{2}] = -e_{3} + \theta_{2}e_{n}, \quad [e_{2},e_{2}] = \theta_{3}e_{n}, \\ [e_{i},e_{1}] = e_{i+1}, \quad 2 \leqslant i \leqslant n-1, \\ [e_{1},e_{i}] = -e_{i+1}, \quad 3 \leqslant i \leqslant n-1, \\ [e_{i},e_{2}] = -[e_{2},e_{i}] = \sum_{\substack{k=5\\k=5}}^{n-i+3} \beta_{k}e_{k+i-3}, \quad 3 \leqslant i \leqslant n-2, \\ [e_{i},e_{j}] = -[e_{j},e_{i}] = 0, \quad i,j \geqslant 3. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $L = F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$  and let  $D \in AID(L)$ . Then there exist an element  $x \in L$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$D - R_x = \lambda E_{n,2}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $L = F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ . Let  $D \in AID(L)$ . Then D induces an almost inner derivation of  $\overline{D}$  by  $L/\langle e_n \rangle$ . By induction, we can assume that after changing D to inner derivation, we have  $\overline{D} = \mu E_{n-1,2}$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ . This implies such that  $D(e_1) = \alpha e_n$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Now we replace D with  $D' = D + R_{\alpha e_{n-1}}$ . Then we have

$$D'(e_1) = D(e_1) + R_{\alpha e_{n-1}}(e_1) = \alpha e_n + [e_1, \alpha e_{n-1}] = 0,$$
  
$$D'(e_i) = D(e_i) + [e_i, \alpha e_{n-1}] = D(e_i), \ i \ge 2.$$

We get

$$D'(e_2) = D(e_2) = \mu e_{n-1} + \lambda e_n, \quad \mu, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Hence, we have the following

$$D'(e_3) = D'([e_2, e_1]) = [D'(e_2), e_1] = [\mu e_{n-1} + \lambda e_n, e_1] = \mu e_n,$$
  
$$D'(e_4) = D'([e_3, e_1]) = [D'(e_3), e_1] = [\mu e_n, e_1] = 0,$$

moreover,  $D'(e_i) = 0, i \ge 5.$ 

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Since we have  $D'(e_3) = \mu e_n$  and  $D' \in AID(L)$ , then there exists an element  $a_{e_3} = a_{3,1}e_1 + a_{3,2}e_2 \in L$  such that  $D'(e_3) = [e_3, a_{e_3}] = \mu e_n$ . Therefore we get the following

$$\mu e_n = [e_3, a_{3,1}e_1 + a_{3,2}e_2] = a_{3,1}e_4 + a_{3,2}(\beta_5e_5 + \beta_6e_6 + \dots + \beta_ne_n).$$

We obtain

$$a_{3,1} = 0, \ a_{3,2}\beta_i = 0, \ 5 \le i \le n-1, \ a_{3,2}\beta_n = \mu$$

Since we assume  $\mu \neq 0$ , then we have

$$\beta_i = 0, \quad 5 \leqslant i \leqslant n - 1.$$

Now we consider the following

$$D'(e_2) = [e_2, a_{e_2}] = \left[e_2, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2,j}e_j\right] = a_{2,1}e_3 + (a_{2,2}\theta_3 - a_{2,3}\beta_n)e_n.$$

On the other hand  $D'(e_2) = \mu e_{n-1} + \lambda e_n$ . We have

$$a_{2,1}e_3 + (a_{2,2}\theta_3 - a_{2,3}\beta_n)e_n = \mu e_{n-1} + \lambda e_n.$$

Since we assume that  $\mu \neq 0$ , this equation does not have a solution, which is a contradiction. Hence indeed  $\mu = 0$ , and therefore  $D' = \lambda E_{2,n}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let L be an n-dimensional filiform Leibniz algebra  $F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ . Then

$$AID(F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)) = Inner(F_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)) \oplus \langle E_{n,2} \rangle,$$

where  $E_{n,2}$  is the matrix of the elements in which in the place (n, 2) we have 1, and other elements are 0.

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to Proposition 7.4 in [9].

# 2.5. Almost inner derivations of low dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras

N. Jacobson proved the following theorem [12]:

**Theorem 2.4.** Every nilpotent Lie algebra has a derivation D which is not inner.

There is a question: Are almost inner derivations of nilpotent Lie algebras outer derivations? And is the converse right? Generally this question is open. We give an example which answers in the positive on this question.

**Example 2.1.** We consider 5-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebra in which there exist almost inner derivations which are not inner [9].

1)  $\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}$ :  $[e_1, e_2] = e_4$ ,  $[e_1, e_4] = e_5$ ,  $[e_2, e_3] = e_5$ , the omitted products are equal to zero. Derivations, inner derivations and almost inner derivations of this algebra have the following matrix forms respectively:

$$Der(\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,2} & a_{2,2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,3} & a_{2,3} & 2a_{1,1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,4} & a_{2,4} & -a_{2,2} & a_{1,1} + a_{2,2} & 0 \\ a_{1,5} & a_{2,5} & a_{3,5} & -a_{1,3} + a_{2,4} & 2a_{1,1} + a_{2,2} \end{pmatrix},$$

If  $a_{1,4} = a_{1,5} = a_{2,4} = a_{2,5} = 0$ , then we obtain the matrix of outer derivation of algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}$ :

$$Outer(\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,2} & a_{2,2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,3} & a_{2,3} & 2a_{1,1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{2,2} & a_{1,1} + a_{2,2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{3,5} & -a_{1,3} & 2a_{1,1} + a_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,  $AID(\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}) \subseteq Outer(\mathfrak{g}_{5,3})$  and any almost inner derivation of the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{5,3}$  is outer. If in  $Outer(\mathfrak{g}_{5,3})$  we have  $a_{1,1} = a_{1,2} = a_{1,3} = a_{2,2} = a_{2,3} = 0$ , then the space of all outer derivations coincides with the space of all almost inner derivations.

Now we give examples for low dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras.

**Example 2.2.** Let L be the three-dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebra:

$$\begin{array}{ll} L_1(\alpha): & [e_2,e_2]=e_1, & [e_3,e_3]=\alpha e_1, & [e_2,e_3]=e_1, & \alpha\in\mathbb{C}, \\ L_2: & [e_2,e_2]=e_1, & [e_3,e_2]=e_1, & [e_2,e_3]=e_1, \\ L_3: & [e_2,e_2]=e_1, & [e_3,e_3]=e_1, & [e_3,e_2]=e_1, & [e_2,e_3]=e_1, \\ L_4: & [e_3,e_3]=e_1, & \\ L_5: & [e_2,e_3]=e_1, & [e_3,e_3]=e_1, \\ L_6: & [e_3,e_3]=e_1, & [e_1,e_3]=e_2. \end{array}$$

For three-dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras L, the following equality

$$AID(L) = Inner(L)$$

holds.

**Example 2.3.** Let L be four-dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebra. Then from [1] there are 28 algebras and we give only those algebras which will be necessary to us:

Let us show the calculation of the dimension of almost inner derivations and the inner derivations of these algebras. • The algebra  $L_4$  is a filiform algebra from the class  $F_1(0, \ldots, 0, \alpha_n, \theta)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.2 we have: if  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $AID(L_4) = Inner(L_4)$ , and if  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $AID(L_4) = Inner(L_4) \oplus \langle E_{4,2} \rangle$ .

• We consider the algebra  $L_9$ . Let  $D \in AID(L_9)$ , then by definition AID for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  for each  $e_i$  there is  $a_{e_i} = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i,j}e_j$  and we have the following:

$$D(e_1) = [e_1, a_{e_1}] = -a_{1,2}e_3 + (a_{1,1} + 2a_{1,2} - a_{1,3})e_4, \quad D(e_2) = [e_2, a_{e_2}] = a_{2,1}e_3 + a_{2,2}e_4,$$
  
$$D(e_3) = [e_3, a_{e_3}] = a_{3,1}e_4, \qquad D(e_4) = [e_4, a_{e_4}] = 0.$$

Since D is derivation, we check the following:

$$a_{3,1}e_4 = D(e_3) = D([e_2, e_1]) = [D(e_2), e_1] + [e_2, D(e_1)] = a_{2,1}e_4$$

from here we get  $a_{2,1} = a_{3,1}$ . Therefore, the matrix AID of this algebra has the following form:

$$AID(L_9) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -a_{1,2} & a_{2,1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,1} + 2a_{1,2} - a_{1,3} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,1} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

hence  $dimAID(L_9) = 4$ .

Now we calculate the dimension of the space of inner derivations. To do this, we take the element  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{4} x_i e_i$  and consider  $R_x(e_i)$ ,  $(1 \le i \le 4)$ :

The matrix of inner derivation of algebra  $L_9$ :

$$Inner(L_9) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 & x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

hence  $dimInner(L_9) = 3$ .

From the matrices  $AID(L_9)$  and  $Inner(L_9)$  it is clear that  $AID(L_9) = Inner(L_9) \oplus \langle E_{4,2} \rangle$ . Now let's calculate the dimension of  $RCAID(L_9)$ , for this we take every element of  $x = \sum_{i=4}^{4} x_i e_i \in L_9$  and

$$(D-R_x)(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -a_{1,2}-x_2 & a_{2,1}-x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ a'_{1,3}-x'_3 & a_{2,2}-x_2 & a_{2,1}-x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{0}.$$

Then we have  $a_{1,2} = x_2$ ,  $a'_{1,3} = x'_3$ ,  $a_{2,1} = x_1$ ,  $a_{2,2} = x_2$ . Hence,  $dimRCAID(L_9) = 3$ .

• For algebras  $L_{10}$ ,  $L_{11}$ ,  $L_{12}$ ,  $L_{20}$  similarly conducted reasoning and calculated dimension AID(L) and Inner(L).

• Now we consider  $L_{13}$  and get the following matrices:

$$AID(L_{13}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,1} & -a_{2,1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{1,2} & -a_{2,2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Inner(L_{13}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x_1 & -x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 & -x_2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This shows that  $dimAID(L_{13}) = 4$ ,  $dimRCAID(L_{13}) = dimInner(L_{13}) = 2$ , hence we obtain  $AID(L_{13}) = Inner(L_{13}) \oplus \langle E_{3,2} + E_{4,2} \rangle$ .

For other algebras, except those shown, almost inner derivations coincide with inner derivations.

Therefore, we have the following table:

Algebra	dim Inner(L)	dimRCAID(L)	$\dim AID(L)$	dimDer(L)	D
$L_4$	2	2	3	4	$E_{4,2}$
$L_9$	3	3	4	4	$E_{4,2}$
$L_{10}$	3	3	4	4	$E_{4,2}$
$L_{11}$	2	2	3	5	$E_{4,2}$
$L_{12}$	2	2	3	5	$E_{4,2}$
$L_{13}$	2	2	4	5	$\frac{E_{4,2} + E_{3,2}}{E_{4,2}}$
$L_{20}$	2	2	3	7	$E_{4,2}$

**Example 2.4.** Let L be a complex Leibniz algebra of dimension  $n \leq 2$ . Then we have

$$AID(L) = RCAID(L) = Inner(L).$$

It is clear that for abelian Leibniz algebras Inner(L) = RCAID(L) = AID(L) = 0.

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# Почти внутренние дифференцирования некоторых нильпотентных алгебр Лейбница

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Аннотация. В статье исследуется почти внутренние дифференцирования некоторых конечномерных нильпотентных алгебр Лейбница. Мы показываем существование почти внутренних дифференцирований филиформных нелиевых алгебр Лейбница, отличных от внутренних дифференцирований, а также показываем, что почти внутренние дифференцирования некоторых филиформных алгебр Лейбница, содержащих филиформные алгебры Ли, не совпадают с внутренними дифференцированиями.

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