

# Adjoint Cohomology of Two-Step Nilpotent Lie Superalgebras

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**Abstract.** We study the cup products and Betti numbers over cohomology superspaces of two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebras with coefficients in the adjoint modules over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. As an application, we prove that the cup product over the adjoint cohomology superspaces for Heisenberg Lie superalgebras is trivial and we also determine the adjoint Betti numbers for Heisenberg Lie superalgebras by means of Hochschild-Serre spectral sequences.

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## 1. Introduction

Cohomology of Lie superalgebras was studied by a number of people, including Fuchs and Leites [9], Fuchs [8], Scheunert and Zhang [16], Su and Zhang [18], Bouarroudj, Grozman, Lebedev and Leites [4], and Musson [13]. As in Lie algebra case, Lie superalgebra cohomology has also many applications in the deformation theory (see [3, 8, 10, 13] for example). The cup product, introduced by Musson in [13], induces an associative superalgebra structure on the trivial cohomology. A standard fact is that the superalgebra structure on the cochains with coefficients in the trivial modules, which is arising from the cup product, is isomorphic to the super-exterior algebra generated by the dual superspace of the Lie superalgebra ([8, 13]). For some classes nilpotent Lie superalgebras, the cup products and Betti numbers are studied ([2, 11, 19]). In particular, Bai and Liu [2] showed that the trivial cohomology for the Heisenberg Lie superalgebra of even center is isomorphic to a quotient algebra of the super-exterior algebra and the trivial cohomology for the Heisenberg Lie superalgebra of odd center is isomorphic to the direct sum of a quotient algebra of the super-exterior algebra with a trivial-multiplication infinite-dimensional superalgebra.

For a symplectic vector space, one can define its Heisenberg Lie algebra by the symplectic form, which is a two-step nilpotent Lie algebra with one-dimensional center. Heisenberg Lie algebras have attracted special attentions in the modern mathematics and physics because of their applications in the commutation relations in quantum mechanics. For example, Santharoubane [15] gave a description of

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cocycles, coboundaries and cohomological spaces for Heisenberg Lie algebras with coefficients in the trivial module over a field of characteristic zero. Sköldberg [17] determined the generating function of Betti numbers of Heisenberg Lie algebras over a field of characteristic two by means of discrete Morse theory. Cairns and Jambor [7] extended Sköldberg's result to arbitrary characteristic by directly computing the Betti numbers and showed that in characteristic two, unlike all the other cases, the Betti numbers are unimodal. The adjoint cohomology of Heisenberg Lie algebras was studied in the work of Magnin [12], Cagliero and Tirao [5] (see also [6, Remark 1.2 and Example 1]). Moreover, by considering a Heisenberg Lie algebra as the nilradical of a parabolic subalgebra of a simple Lie algebra of type A, Alvarez [1] gave a full description of the adjoint homology of the parabolic subalgebra as a module over its Levi factor. Rodríguez-Vallarte, Salgado and Sánchez-Valenzuela [14] generalized Heisenberg Lie algebra by considering its supersymmetry, which is called Heisenberg Lie superalgebra, and proved that it admits neither supersymplectic nor superorthogonal invariant forms, however one-dimensional extensions by some appropriate homogeneous derivations do.

In this article, the cup products and Betti numbers on the adjoint cohomology are studied. For two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebras, we give a criterion for judging triviality of cup products and describe the Betti numbers by using the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence. As an application, for the Heisenberg Lie superalgebras, we prove that the cup products are trivial over the adjoint cohomology which is very different from the result in the trivial cohomology case. We also depict the Betti numbers of the adjoint cohomology for the Heisenberg Lie superalgebras by using the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence to the center.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, the ground field  $\mathbb{F}$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero and all vector spaces, algebras are over  $\mathbb{F}$ . A *Lie superalgebra* is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra whose multiplication satisfies the skew-supersymmetry and the super Jacobi identity (see [13]). For a Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we inductively define the lower central series

$$\mathfrak{g}^0 = \mathfrak{g}, \quad \mathfrak{g}^{i+1} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^i], \quad i \geq 0.$$

$\mathfrak{g}$  is called *n-step nilpotent* if  $\mathfrak{g}^{n-1} \neq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^n = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [14]).

Set  $V = V_{\bar{0}} \oplus V_{\bar{1}}$  to be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded vector space. Write  $|v|$  for the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -degree for a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homogeneous element  $v$  in  $V$ . Denote by  $T(V)$  the tensor superalgebra generated by  $V$ . Then  $T(V)$  is an associative superalgebra. Note that  $T(V) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \left( \bigotimes^i V \right)$  also has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading structure given by setting  $\|v\| = 1$  for any  $v \in V$ . Hereafter  $\|x\|$  denotes the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -degree of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homogeneous element  $x$  in a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded space. The super-exterior algebra  $\bigwedge^\bullet V$  generated by  $V$  is defined as the quotient of  $T(V)$  by the ideal generated by all elements of the form

$$x \otimes y + (-1)^{|x||y|} y \otimes x, \quad x, y \in V.$$

Then  $\bigwedge^\bullet V$  is a graded-supercommutative superalgebra (see [13]). Write  $\mathfrak{d}^k(r, s)$  for the dimension of  $k$ -homogeneous subspace of the super-exterior algebra generated by  $r$  even generators and  $s$  odd generators.

Then 
$$\mathfrak{d}^k(r, s) = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{r}{k-i} \binom{s+i-1}{i}.$$

Now, we introduce the definition of the cohomology of Lie superalgebras. For more details, the reader is referred to [4, 8, 13]. Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  a Lie superalgebra and  $\{x_i \mid i \in I\}$  a homogeneous basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , write  $\{x_i^* \mid i \in I\}$  for the dual basis. For 1-cochains with trivial coefficients, the differential is defined as an operation dual to the Lie-super bracket:

$$d : \mathfrak{g}^* \longrightarrow \bigwedge^2 \mathfrak{g}^*,$$

satisfying 
$$d(x_i^*) = \sum_{k < l} (-1)^{|x_k||x_l|+1} a_{kl}^i x_k^* \wedge x_l^* + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in I} a_{kk}^i x_k^{*2}, \quad i \in I, \tag{1}$$

where  $a_{kl}^i, i, k, l \in I$ , are the structure constants of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the basis, that is,

$$[x_k, x_l] = \sum_{i \in I} a_{kl}^i x_i, \quad k, l \in I.$$

Suppose  $k \geq 2$ . For  $k$ -cochains with trivial coefficients,  $d$  is defined by the Leibniz rule. That is,

$$d(x \wedge y) = d(x) \wedge y + (-1)^{|x||y|} x \wedge d(y), \quad x, y \in \bigwedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

For cochains with coefficients in any module  $M$ , we set

$$d(m) = \sum_{i \in I} (-1)^{|x_i||m|} (x_i \cdot m) \otimes x_i^*, \tag{2}$$

and 
$$d(m \otimes w) = d(m) \wedge w + m \otimes d(w),$$

for any  $m \in M, w \in \bigwedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*$  (see [4, Lemma 3.2]). Note that  $M \otimes \bigwedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module in a natural manner:

$$x \cdot (m \otimes w) = (x \cdot m) \otimes w + (-1)^{|x||m|} m \otimes (x \cdot w),$$

where  $x \in \mathfrak{g}, m \in M$ , and  $w \in \bigwedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*$ . We obtain that  $d$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module homomorphism and  $d^2 = 0$ . Denote by  $H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, M)$  the cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $M$  defined by the cochain complex  $(M \otimes \bigwedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*, d)$ . From eq. (2), we have

$$H^0(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \{m \in M \mid \mathfrak{g} \cdot m = 0\}.$$

Denote by  $C(\mathfrak{g})$  the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then

$$H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = C(\mathfrak{g}). \tag{3}$$

### 3. Two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebra

In this section, we study the adjoint cohomology of two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebras. Let us first recall the definition of the cup product for Lie superalgebras, introduced by Musson in [13]. Suppose that  $S_n$  is the symmetric group of degree  $n$ . For a  $\sigma \in S_n$ , set  $\varepsilon(\sigma)$  to be the sign of  $\sigma$  and denote the set of inversions of  $\sigma$  by

$$\text{Inv}(\sigma) = \{(i, j) \mid i < j \text{ and } \sigma(i) > \sigma(j)\}.$$

Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  a Lie superalgebra and  $M$  a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Suppose that  $\star : \otimes^2 M \rightarrow M$ ,  $m_1 \otimes m_2 \mapsto m_1 \star m_2$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules. For  $\sigma \in S_{p+q}$ ,  $f \in M \otimes \wedge^q \mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $g \in M \otimes \wedge^p \mathfrak{g}^*$ , define a bilinear map

$$F_\sigma : M \otimes \wedge^q \mathfrak{g}^* \times M \otimes \wedge^p \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow M \otimes \wedge^{p+q} \mathfrak{g}^*$$

such that  $F_\sigma(f, g)(x) = (-1)^{|x_\sigma^I||g|} \varepsilon(\sigma) \gamma(x, \sigma) f(x_\sigma^I) \star g(x_\sigma^{II})$ , where we have taken  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{p+q}) \in \mathfrak{g}^{p+q}$ ,  $\gamma(x, \sigma) = \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{Inv}(\sigma)} (-1)^{|x_{\sigma(i)}||x_{\sigma(j)}|}$ ,  $x_\sigma^I = (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(q)})$  and  $x_\sigma^{II} = (x_{\sigma(1+q)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(p+q)})$ . Then the *cup product* of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$f \cup g = (1/p!q!) \sum_{\sigma \in S_{p+q}} F_\sigma(f, g)$$

(see [13, 16.5.1]). Note that the cup product and the differential are compatible:

$$d(f \cup g) = df \cup g + (-1)^q f \cup dg$$

(see [13, Lemma 16.5.5]). Moreover, the cup product induces a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded superalgebra structure on  $M \otimes \wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^* = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} (M \otimes \wedge^i \mathfrak{g}^*)$  and  $H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} H^i(\mathfrak{g}, M)$ .

For any  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $f \in M \otimes \wedge^{n+1} \mathfrak{g}^*$ , define  $f_x \in M \otimes \wedge^n \mathfrak{g}^*$  by

$$f_x(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x, x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Moreover, from [13, Lemma 16.5.4], we obtain the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.1.** For  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $f, g \in M \otimes \wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*$ ,

$$(f \cup g)_x = (-1)^{|x||g|} f_x \cup g + (-1)^{\|f\|} f \cup g_x.$$

**Remark 3.2.**  $(\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*, \cup)$  is a graded-supercommutative associative superalgebra (see [13, Example 16.5.6]). Moreover, it is isomorphic to the super-exterior algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For  $f, g, h \in M \otimes \wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{g}^*$ , the following conclusions hold:

(1) if  $\star$  satisfies the skew-supersymmetry, then

$$g \cup f = (-1)^{|f||g| + \|f\|\|g\| + 1} f \cup g;$$

(2) if  $\star$  satisfies the super Jacobi identity, then

$$f \cup (g \cup h) = (f \cup g) \cup h + (-1)^{|f||g| + \|f\|\|g\|} g \cup (f \cup h).$$

**Proof.** (1) Use induction on  $\|f\| + \|g\|$ . From Lemma 3.1 and induction hypothesis, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \cup g)_x &= (-1)^{|x||g|} f_x \cup g + (-1)^{\|f\|} f \cup g_x \\ &= (-1)^{|x||g|} \{(-1)^{|f_x||g| + \|f_x\|\|g\| + 1} g \cup f_x\} + (-1)^{\|f\|} \{(-1)^{|f||g_x| + \|f\|\|g_x\| + 1} g_x \cup f\} \\ &= (-1)^{|f||g| + \|f\|\|g\| + 1} \{(-1)^{|x||f|} g_x \cup f + (-1)^{\|g\|} g \cup f_x\} \\ &= (-1)^{|f||g| + \|f\|\|g\| + 1} (g \cup f)_x. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of (2) is similar to (1). ■

**Remark 3.4.** It shows that the cup product on the adjoint cohomology in general is neither unitary nor graded-supercommutative nor associative, which is different from the trivial cohomology case (see [13, Example 16.5.6], [2] and [19]). ■

In particular,  $M = \mathfrak{g}$  and  $\star$  is the Lie-super bracket. The cup product for the adjoint cohomology can be described by the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie superalgebra and  $\{x_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then the cup product on  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \dot{\bigwedge} \mathfrak{g}^*$  is given by*

$$(x_i \otimes f_{n_i}^\alpha) \cup (x_j \otimes f_{n_j}^\beta) = (-1)^{|f_{n_i}^\alpha||x_j|} [x_i, x_j] \otimes (f_{n_i}^\alpha \wedge f_{n_j}^\beta),$$

where 
$$f_{n_i}^\alpha = x_{\alpha_1}^* \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{\alpha_{n_i}}^* \in \dot{\bigwedge}^{n_i} \mathfrak{g}^*,$$

and 
$$f_{n_j}^\beta = x_{\beta_1}^* \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{\beta_{n_j}}^* \in \dot{\bigwedge}^{n_j} \mathfrak{g}^*,$$

for  $n_i, n_j \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $i, j, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n_j} \in I$ .

**Proof.** Note that

$$(x_i \otimes f_{n_i}^\alpha)(x_\sigma^I) \star (x_j \otimes f_{n_j}^\beta)(x_\sigma^{II}) = f_{n_i}^\alpha(x_\sigma^I) f_{n_j}^\beta(x_\sigma^{II}) [x_i, x_j].$$

Moreover, for any  $x \in \mathfrak{g}^{n_i+n_j}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ (x_i \otimes f_{n_i}^\alpha) \cup (x_j \otimes f_{n_j}^\beta) \right\} (x) \\ &= [x_i, x_j] \left( (1/n_i!n_j!) \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n_i+n_j}} (-1)^{|x_\sigma^I||x_j \otimes f_{n_j}^\beta|} \varepsilon(\sigma) \gamma(x, \sigma) f_{n_i}^\alpha(x_\sigma^I) f_{n_j}^\beta(x_\sigma^{II}) \right) \\ &= (-1)^{|f_{n_i}^\alpha||x_j|} [x_i, x_j] (f_{n_i}^\alpha \cup f_{n_j}^\beta)(x) = (-1)^{|f_{n_i}^\alpha||x_j|} [x_i, x_j] (f_{n_i}^\alpha \wedge f_{n_j}^\beta)(x) \\ &= (-1)^{|f_{n_i}^\alpha||x_j|} \left\{ [x_i, x_j] \otimes (f_{n_i}^\alpha \wedge f_{n_j}^\beta) \right\} (x). \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $(x_i \otimes f_{n_i}^\alpha) \cup (x_j \otimes f_{n_j}^\beta) = (-1)^{|f_{n_i}^\alpha||x_j|} [x_i, x_j] \otimes (f_{n_i}^\alpha \wedge f_{n_j}^\beta)$ . ■

**Corollary 3.6.** *If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an  $n$ -step nilpotent Lie superalgebra, then*

$$\underbrace{\left( \mathfrak{g} \otimes \dot{\bigwedge} \mathfrak{g}^* \right) \cup \cdots \cup \left( \mathfrak{g} \otimes \dot{\bigwedge} \mathfrak{g}^* \right)}_{n+1} = 0.$$

**Corollary 3.7.** *If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie superalgebra, then  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \cup H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** It can be obtained from eq. (3) and Theorem 3.5. ■

Moreover, for two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebras, we give the following criteria for cup product triviality.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebra and  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is any complement space of  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*$  be the dual space of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Suppose that the following two conditions are satisfied for  $k \geq 1$  :*

- (1)  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \otimes \bigwedge^k \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \subseteq \text{Im } d$ ;
- (2) *for any  $f \in [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]^*$  and  $g \in \bigwedge^k \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*$ , if  $d(f) \wedge g = 0$ , then  $f = 0$  or  $g = 0$ .*

*Then the cup product on the adjoint cohomology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is trivial.*

**Proof.** For  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{g} \otimes \bigwedge^k \mathfrak{g}^* = ([\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \oplus \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=0}^k \left( \bigwedge^i [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]^* \bigwedge^{k-i} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \right) \right\}.$$

Since  $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \subseteq C(\mathfrak{g})$ , from eqs. (1) and (2), we have

$$d([\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]^*) \subseteq \bigwedge^2 \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*, \quad d(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}) \subseteq [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \otimes \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*, \quad d([\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]) = d(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*) = 0.$$

Set 
$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k = \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*, \quad \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \otimes \left( \bigwedge^i [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]^* \bigwedge^{k-i} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \right).$$

From the conditions (1) and (2),  $H^k(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$  is contained in  $\text{Ker } d \cap (\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \oplus \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,1})$ . From Theorem 3.5, we have  $\overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,1} \cup H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \cup \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^l \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k+l,0} \subseteq \text{Im } d$ , for  $k, l \geq 1$ . Hence the proof is complete. ■

**Remark 3.9.** It shows that Theorem 3.8 is only a sufficient condition of the cup product triviality, not a necessary condition. ■

For a Lie superalgebra, denote *k-th Betti number* by the dimension of the *k*-cohomology. We are in position to study the Betti numbers of adjoint cohomology for the two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebras. A useful tool to compute the Betti numbers is spectral sequence (see [2, 19, 11] for example). Suppose *I* is an abelian ideal of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then there is a convergent spectral sequence

$$\{E_r^{p,q}, d_r^{p,q} : E_r^{p,q} \rightarrow E_r^{p+r, q-r+1}\},$$

called the *Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence*, such that

$$E_2^{k,s} = H^k(\mathfrak{g}/I, H^s(I, \mathfrak{g})) \implies H^{k+s}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}),$$

(see [13, Theorem 16.6.6]). Suppose that  $I = C(\mathfrak{g})$ . Then

$$E_2^{k,s} = H^k(\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \bigwedge_s C(\mathfrak{g})^* \implies H^{k+s}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}). \tag{4}$$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebra and  $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is any complement space of the center  $C(\mathfrak{g})$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*$  be the dual space of  $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Suppose that the following two conditions are satisfied for  $k \geq 1$  :*

- (1)  $C(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \bigwedge^k \overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \subseteq \text{Im } d$ ;
- (2) *for any  $f \in C(\mathfrak{g})^*$  and  $g \in \bigwedge^k \overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*$ , if  $d(f) \wedge g = 0$ , then  $f = 0$  or  $g = 0$ .*

*Then  $\text{Ker } d_2^{k,1} = 0$ . In particular,  $E_{\infty}^{k,1} = 0$ .*

**Proof.** From eq. (4), for  $k \geq 1$ , consider the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^{k,1} : H^k(\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g}) \otimes C(\mathfrak{g})^* &\longrightarrow H^{k+2}(\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g}), \\ f \otimes g &\longmapsto f \wedge d(g), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f \in H^k(\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g})$ , and  $g \in C(\mathfrak{g})^*$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g})$  is abelian, from the condition (1),

$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}), \mathfrak{g}) = \text{Ker } d \cap \left\{ \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}))^* \right\}.$$

Define the linear mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{d}_2^{k,1} : \left\{ \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}))^* \right\} \otimes C(\mathfrak{g})^* &\longrightarrow \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^{k+2} (\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}))^*, \\ f \otimes g &\longmapsto f \wedge d(g), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/C(\mathfrak{g}))^*$ , and  $g \in C(\mathfrak{g})^*$ . Then, from the condition (2),

$$\text{Ker } d_2^{k,1} \subseteq \text{Ker } \widetilde{d}_2^{k,1} = 0.$$

Moreover,  $E_{\infty}^{k,1} = E_3^{k,1} = 0$ . ■

#### 4. Heisenberg Lie superalgebra

If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a two-step nilpotent Lie superalgebra with a one-dimensional center,  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called a *Heisenberg Lie superalgebra*. All finite dimensional Heisenberg Lie superalgebras are divided into two classes, according to the parities of their centers, denoted by  $\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}$  and  $\mathfrak{ba}_n$  (see [14]).

(1)  $\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}$  has a homogeneous basis  $\{z; x_1, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{2m} \mid y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ , where  $|z| = |x_1| = \dots = |x_{2m}| = \bar{0}$ ,  $|y_1| = \dots = |y_n| = \bar{1}$  and the non-zero brackets are given by

$$[x_i, x_{m+i}] = [y_j, y_j] = z, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

(2)  $\mathfrak{ba}_n$  has a homogeneous basis

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_n \mid z; y_1, \dots, y_n\},$$

where  $|x_1| = \dots = |x_n| = \bar{0}$ ,  $|z| = |y_1| = \dots = |y_n| = \bar{1}$  and the non-zero brackets are given by

$$[x_i, y_i] = z, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Heisenberg Lie superalgebra. Note that  $C(\mathfrak{g}) = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] = \mathbb{F}z$ . Then  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = \mathbb{F}z$ . As an application of Theorems 3.8 and 3.10, we characterize below the cup products and Betti numbers of adjoint cohomology of Heisenberg Lie superalgebras. For a Heisenberg Lie superalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we take

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} = \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}} = \begin{cases} \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{x_1, \dots, x_{2m} \mid y_1, \dots, y_n\}, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}; \\ \text{span}_{\mathbb{F}}\{x_1, \dots, x_n \mid y_1, \dots, y_n\}, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n, \end{cases}$$

such that  $\mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \oplus \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} = C(\mathfrak{g}) \oplus \overline{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . At first, from eq. (1), we have

$$(dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}} = \begin{cases} -\sum_{i=1}^m x_i^* \wedge x_{m+i}^* + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j^{*2}, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}; \\ -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* \wedge y_i^*, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n. \end{cases}$$

For  $k \geq 0$ , set  $\psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^k : \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \longrightarrow \bigwedge^{k+2} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^*$ ,  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha \wedge (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

From [2, Lemma 4.3] and the proofs of [2, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2], we obtain the following lemma:

**Lemma 4.1.** *Suppose that  $k \geq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Heisenberg Lie superalgebra. Then*

$$\text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^k = \begin{cases} 0, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}; \\ \bigwedge^{k-2} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^* \wedge \mathbb{F}(dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}} \oplus \delta_{k,n} \mathbb{F}(x_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n^*), & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n. \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$\dim \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^k = \begin{cases} 0, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}; \\ \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^{i-1} (\mathfrak{d}^{k-2i}(n, n) - \delta_{k-2i,n}) + \delta_{k,n}, & \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *The cup product on the adjoint cohomology for Heisenberg Lie superalgebras is trivial.*

**Proof.** From Theorem 3.8 and Lemma 4.1, it is obvious that the theorem holds for  $\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}$ . Suppose that  $k \geq 1$  and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , set

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i} = \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \left( \mathbb{F}z^{*i} \wedge \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k-i} \right).$$

By a direct computation from eqs. (1) and (2),  $H^k(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$  is contained in

$$\left\{ \text{Ker } d \cap \left( \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \oplus \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,1} \right) \right\} \bigoplus_{i=2}^k \left\{ \text{Ker } d \cap \left( \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i-1} \oplus \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i} \right) \right\}.$$

Note that

$$C(\mathfrak{g}) = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] = \mathbb{F}z, \quad d \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-1} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \right) = \mathbb{F}z \otimes \bigwedge^k \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^*, \quad \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \wedge \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^l = 0,$$

where  $k, l \geq 1$ . Thus, from Theorem 3.5,

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \cup \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^l = \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i} \cup \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{l,j} = \overline{\mathcal{W}}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{k,i} \cup H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = 0,$$

for any  $k, l \geq 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . It is sufficient to prove that

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \cup \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{l,j} = 0.$$

From Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 3.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^k \cup \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}^{l,j} &\subseteq \mathbb{F}z \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*j} \left( \bigwedge^k \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \wedge \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{g}}^{l-j} \right) \\ &\subseteq \mathbb{F}z \otimes \mathbb{F} \left( (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}} \wedge z^{*j} \right) \bigwedge^{k+l-j-2} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \subseteq d \left( \mathbb{F}z \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*j+1} \bigwedge^{k+l-j-2} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}^* \right). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. ■

**Lemma 4.3.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{F}z \oplus \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is a Heisenberg Lie superalgebra and the super-dimension of  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is  $(r, s)$ . Then we have for  $k \geq 1$*

$$\dim H^k(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g}) = (r + s)\mathfrak{d}^k(r, s) - \mathfrak{d}^{k+1}(r, s).$$

**Proof.** By a direct computation, we have

$$d \left( \mathfrak{g} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-1} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right) = d \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-1} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right) = \mathbb{F}z \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^*,$$

and 
$$H^k(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g}) = \text{Ker } d \cap \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right),$$

where  $k \geq 1$ . It is sufficient to consider the dimension of

$$\text{Ker } d \cap \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right), \quad k \geq 1.$$

For  $k \geq 1$ , define the mapping

$$\bar{d}_k : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}z \otimes \bigwedge^{k+1} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^*$$

such that  $\bar{d}_k(x) = d(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^*$ . Then  $\bar{d}_k$  is surjective. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{Ker } d \cap \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right) &= \dim \text{Ker } \bar{d}_k \\ &= \dim \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \bigwedge^k (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* - \dim \mathbb{F}z \otimes \bigwedge^{k+1} (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^* = (r + s)\mathfrak{d}^k(r, s) - \mathfrak{d}^{k+1}(r, s), \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. ■

For  $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , set  $\mathfrak{a}_n^k = \dim \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{ba}_n}^k$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_n^k = \mathfrak{d}^k(n, n) - \mathfrak{a}_n^k$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *Suppose that  $k \geq 1$ . Then*

- (1)  $\dim H^k(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) = (2m + n)(\mathfrak{d}^k(2m, n) - \mathfrak{d}^{k-2}(2m, n)) - \mathfrak{d}^{k+1}(2m, n) + \mathfrak{d}^{k-1}(2m, n).$
- (2)  $\dim H^k(\mathfrak{ba}_n, \mathfrak{ba}_n) = 2n\mathfrak{d}^k(n, n) - \mathfrak{d}^{k+1}(n, n) + 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (2n\mathfrak{a}_n^{k-i} - \mathfrak{b}_n^{k-i-1}) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-3} (\mathfrak{d}^{k-i-1}(n, n) - \mathfrak{b}_n^{k-i-3} - 2n\mathfrak{b}_n^{k-i-2}).$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Heisenberg Lie superalgebra. Note that the center  $C(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathbb{F}z$ . From eq. (4), for  $k \geq 1$ , and  $0 \leq i \leq k$ , we have

$$E_2^{k-i,i} = H^{k-i}(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i}. \quad (5)$$

Moreover,  $E_\infty^{k-i,i} = E_3^{k-i,i}$ . Since  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g}) = \mathbb{F}z$ , consider the mapping:

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^{0,i} : \mathbb{F}(z \otimes z^{*i}) &\longrightarrow H^2(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g}) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i-1}, \\ z \otimes z^{*i} &\longmapsto iz \otimes (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes z^{*i-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $i \geq 0$ . Note that  $z \otimes (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{g}} \in d(\mathfrak{g} \otimes (\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z)^*)$ , which is zero in  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{g})$ . Thus, we have, for  $i \geq 0$

$$E_\infty^{0,i} = E_3^{0,i} = \text{Ker } d_2^{0,i} = \mathbb{F}(z \otimes z^{*i}). \quad (6)$$

(1) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}$ . Note that  $|z| = \bar{0}$ . From eq. (5), for  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$E_2^{k-i,i} = \begin{cases} H^k(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}), & i = 0; \\ H^{k-1}(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^*, & i = 1; \\ 0, & i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

From Theorem 3.10 and eq. (6),

$$E_\infty^{k-i,i} = \begin{cases} H^k(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n})/\text{Im } d_2^{k-2,1}, & i = 0, k \geq 1; \\ \mathbb{F}(z \otimes z^*), & i = k = 1; \\ 0, & i = 1, k \geq 2; \text{ or } i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim H^1(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) &= \dim H^1(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) + 1, \\ \dim H^2(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) &= \dim H^2(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}), \quad \text{and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\dim H^k(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) = \dim H^k(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}) - \dim H^{k-2}(\mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{h}_{2m,n}),$$

where  $k \geq 3$ . Thanks to Lemma 4.3, the proof is complete.

(2) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{ba}_n$ . From the following sequence

$$E_2^{k-i-2,i+1} \xrightarrow{d_2^{k-i-2,i+1}} E_2^{k-i,i} \xrightarrow{d_2^{k-i,i}} E_2^{k-i+2,i-1},$$

we have  $E_\infty^{k-i,i} = \text{Ker } d_2^{k-i,i} / \text{Im } d_2^{k-i-2,i+1}$ . Moreover, from eq. (5),

$$\begin{aligned} &\dim H^k(\mathfrak{ba}_n, \mathfrak{ba}_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left( \dim \text{Ker } d_2^{k-i,i} + \dim \text{Ker } d_2^{k-i-2,i+1} - \dim H^{k-i-2}(\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{ba}_n) \right). \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the linear mapping:

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^{k-i,i} : H^{k-i}(\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{ba}_n) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i} &\longrightarrow H^{k-i+2}(\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{ba}_n) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i-1}, \\ x \otimes z^{*i} &\longmapsto ix \wedge (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes z^{*i-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in H^{k-i}(\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{ba}_n)$ . In order to compute the dimension of  $\text{Ker } d_2^{k-i,i}$ , we define the linear mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{d}_2^{k-i,i} : \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-i} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i} &\longrightarrow \left( \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-i+2} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^* \right) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i-1}, \\ x \otimes z^{*i} &\longmapsto ix \wedge (dz^*)_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes z^{*i-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $k \geq 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$  and  $x \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes \bigwedge^{k-i} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^*$ . Then

$$\text{Ker } \widetilde{d}_2^{k-i,i} = \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{ba}_n}^{k-i} \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i}.$$

Set 
$$\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i} = \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \otimes \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{ba}_n}^{k-i}.$$

Then, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\text{Ker } d_2^{k-i,i} = \begin{cases} H^k(\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z, \mathfrak{ba}_n), & i = 0; \\ \left( \text{Ker } d \cap \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i} \right) \otimes \mathbb{F}z^{*i}, & 1 \leq i \leq k-1; \\ \mathbb{F} \left( z \otimes z^{*k} \right), & i = k. \end{cases}$$

To compute the dimension of  $\text{Ker } d \cap \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i}$ , for  $k \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ , we set

$$\bar{d}_{k,i} : \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}z \otimes \left( \bigwedge^{k-i-1} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^* \wedge \mathbb{F}(dz^*)_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \right)$$

such that  $\bar{d}_{k,i}(x) = d(x)$ ,  $x \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i}$ . Then, from Lemma 4.1,  $\bar{d}_{k,i}$  is surjective. Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{Ker } d \cap \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i} &= \dim \text{Ker } \bar{d}_{k,i} \\ &= \dim \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_{k,i} - \dim \bigwedge^{k-i-1} (\mathfrak{ba}_n/\mathbb{F}z)^* \wedge \mathbb{F}(dz^*)_{\mathfrak{ba}_n} \\ &= 2n \dim \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{ba}_n}^{k-i} - \mathfrak{d}^{k-i-1}(n, n) + \dim \text{Ker } \psi_{\mathfrak{ba}_n}^{k-i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemmas 4.1 and 4.3 and eq. (7), the proof is complete. ■

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