

# Study of Graded Algebras and General Linear Group with Lie Superalgebras and R-Algebra

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## Abstract

Some elements of theory of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded rings, modules and algebras.  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded tensor algebra, Lie superalgebras and matrices with entries in a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded commutative ring are treated in our present paper. At last a **Theorem 4.4** on the set of square matrices in the graded  $R$ -algebra  $M_R[m|n]$  is established.

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## I. Introduction

Nowadays a large body of literature is available concerning graded algebras, mainly over the real or complex numbers (usually called superalgebras), their representations, etc. Classical references are [3], [6], [7], [8], [10]. The most common notations and basic results are treated in this article.

## II. Graded Algebraic Structures

In general, given an arbitrary group  $G$ , we can introduce  $G$ -graded algebraic objects [5], [10]. Since in order to develop a ‘supergeometry’ only  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded structures are needed, we shall only consider here that particular case. We shall assume as a rule that

$$\text{graded} \equiv \mathbb{Z}_2 - \text{graded}$$

*Definition 2.1.* A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is said to be graded if  $(R, +)$  has two subgroups  $R_0$  and  $R_1$  such that  $R = R_0 \oplus R_1$  and  $R_\alpha R_\beta \subset R_{\alpha+\beta}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

An element  $a \in R$  is said to be homogeneous if either  $a \in R_0$  or  $a \in R_1$ . On the set  $h(R)$  of homogeneous elements an application  $||$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} ||: h(R) &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ a &\mapsto \alpha \Leftrightarrow a \in R_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

The elements of degree 0 and 1 are called even and odd respectively.

Obviously, any ring  $R$  can be trivially graded:  $R_0 = R$ ,  $R_1 = \{0\}$ .

*Example 2.2.* Let  $R$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring, namely,  $R = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{R}_p$  and  $\hat{R}_p \cdot \hat{R}_q \subset \hat{R}_{p+q}$  then  $R$  can be graded by taking  $R_0$  as the sum of the even components and  $R_1$  as the sum of the odd ones.

For any graded ring  $R$ , a graded commutator  $\langle, \rangle: R \times R \rightarrow R$  is defined by letting

$$\langle a, b \rangle = ab - (-1)^{|a||b|}ba \quad \forall a, b \in h(R) \quad (2.1)$$

The centre of  $R$  is defined as the set

$$C(R) \equiv \{a \in R \mid \langle a, b \rangle = 0 \quad \forall b \in R\},$$

i.e.  $C(R)$  is the set of the elements of  $R$  which graded – commute with any other elements.

A graded ring  $R$  is said to be graded-commutative if  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in R$ , that is, if  $C(R) = R$ .

Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a left(right)  $R$ -module.

*Definition 2.3.* Mis a left (right) graded  $R$ -module if it has two subgroups  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  such that  $M = M_0 \oplus M_1$  and for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , one has  $R_\alpha M_\beta \subset M_{\alpha+\beta}$  ( $M_\alpha R_\beta \subset M_{\alpha+\beta}$ ).

If  $R$  is graded-commutative, which we shall henceforth assume, we shall use the term ‘graded  $R$ -module’ without ambiguity.

Having fixed two graded  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ , we say that a morphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is  $R$ -linear on the right if  $f(xa) = f(x)a$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $a \in R$ . Unless otherwise stated, by ‘linear’ we mean ‘linear on the right’. Moreover, we say that  $f$  has degree  $|f| = \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , if  $f(M_\alpha) \subset N_{\alpha+\beta}$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . The set  $Hom(M, N)$  of  $R$ -linear morphisms  $M \rightarrow N$  (that will be denoted simply by  $Hom(M, N)$ ) has a natural grading, with  $f \in Hom(M, N)_\alpha$  whenever  $|f| = \alpha$ . If  $R$  is graded-commutative,  $Hom(M, N)$  is a graded  $R$ -module, with the multiplication rule  $(af)(x) = af(x)$ .

One of the most basic results in commutative ring theory, namely the Nakayama lemma, can be generalized to the graded setting. Let us define the radical of a graded-commutative ring  $R$  as the graded ideal  $\mathcal{R}$  obtained by intersecting all maximal graded ideals of  $R$ .

*Proposition 2.4.* (Graded Nakayama Lemma) *Let  $R$  be a graded-commutative ring  $R$ ,  $I$  be a graded ideal contained in the radical  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $R$  and  $M$  be a graded finitely generated  $R$ -module.*

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- (a) If  $IM = M$ , then  $M = 0$ .  
 (b) If  $N$  is a graded submodule of  $M$  and  $M = IM + N$ , then  $M = N$ .  
 (c) If  $x^1, \dots, x^m$  are even elements and  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  are odd elements in  $M$  such that the images  $(\bar{x}^1, \dots, \bar{x}^m, \bar{y}^1, \dots, \bar{y}^n)$  are generators of  $M/IM$  over  $R/I$ , then  $(x^1, \dots, x^m, y^1, \dots, y^n)$  are generators of  $M$  over  $R$ .

*Definition 2.5.* A graded  $R$ -module  $F$  is said to be free if it has a basis formed by homogeneous elements.

A basis of  $F$  of finite cardinality is of type  $(m, n)$ , if it is formed by  $m$  even elements  $\{f_i^0 \in F_0 \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $n$  odd elements  $\{f_\alpha^1 \in F_1 \mid \alpha = 1, \dots, n\}$ .

We have a canonical isomorphism

$$F \simeq \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^m Rf_i^0 \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\alpha=1}^n Rf_\alpha^1 \right).$$

For each pair of natural numbers  $m, n$  such that  $m + n = p$ , the  $R$ -module  $R^p$  can be regarded as a free graded  $R$ -module endowed with a basis of type  $(m, n)$ , by letting,

$$(R^{m+n})_0 \equiv R^{m,n} = R_0^m \oplus R_1^n;$$

$$(R^{m+n})_1 \equiv R^{\bar{m},\bar{n}} = R_0^{\bar{m}} \oplus R_1^{\bar{n}} \quad (2.2)$$

$R^{m+n}$  equipped with this gradation will be denoted by  $R^{m|n}$ .

*Example 2.6.* (cf. [5]) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The exterior algebra of  $M$  over  $R$ , denoted by  $\Lambda_R M$ , is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra, namely  $\bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \Lambda_R^p M$ , and is alternating, i.e.  $x^2 = 0$  for all  $x \in \Lambda_R^{2p+1} M$ . If  $M$  is free and finitely generated, with a basis  $\{e_i \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$ , then  $\Lambda_R M$  is a free finitely generated  $R$ -module, with a canonical basis (relative to the basis  $\{e_i\}$ ) which can be described as follows. Let  $\Xi_N$  denote the set

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu: \{1, \dots, r\} \rightarrow \\ \{1, \dots, N\} \text{ strictly increasing} \end{array} \mid 1 \leq r \leq N \right\} \cup \{\mu_0\},$$

where  $\mu_0$  is the empty sequence, and let

$$\beta_\mu = e_{\mu(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{\mu(r)} \text{ for } \mu \neq \mu_0, \quad \beta_{\mu_0} = 1.$$

Then  $\{\beta_\mu \mid \mu \in \Xi_N\}$  is the canonical basis of  $\Lambda_R M$ .

The cases  $R = \mathbb{R}$  and  $R = \mathbb{C}$  have a particular interest and deserve ad hoc notations:

$$\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{R}^L \equiv B_L; \quad \Lambda_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}^L \equiv C_L \quad (2.3)$$

$B_L$  is a vector space, with a canonical basis obtained from the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^L$  according to the above described procedure. If  $\mathfrak{m}_L$  is the ideal of nilpotents of  $B_L$ , the vector space direct sum decomposition  $B_L = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{m}_L$  defines two projections

$$\sigma: B_L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad s: B_L \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_L \quad (2.4)$$

which are sometimes called body and soul maps.

*Tensor Products:* Let us recall that we are considering a graded-commutative ring  $R$ . The graded tensor product of

two graded  $R$ -modules  $M, N$  is by definition the usual tensor product  $M \otimes_R N$ , obtained by regarding  $M$  as a right module, and  $N$  as a left module, equipped with the gradation

$$(M \otimes_R N)_\gamma = \bigoplus_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \left\{ \sum m_i \otimes n_j \mid m_i \in M_\alpha, n_j \in N_\beta \right\}$$

Evidently,  $M \otimes_R N$  has a natural structure of graded  $R$ -module:

$$\begin{aligned} a(x \otimes y) &= ax \otimes y = (-1)^{|a||x|} xa \otimes y \\ &= (-1)^{|a||x|} x \otimes ay \\ &= (-1)^{|a|(|x|+|y|)} (x \otimes y)a. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

The graded tensor product can be characterized as a 'universal object'. To this end, given graded  $R$ -modules  $M, N$  and  $Q$ , we introduce the set  $\mathcal{L}(M, N; Q)_\alpha$  (with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ ) of the graded  $R$ -bilinear morphisms  $f: M \times N \rightarrow Q$ , homogeneous of degree  $\alpha$ : if  $f \in \mathcal{L}(M, N; Q)_\alpha$ , then  $f$  is a morphism of degree  $\alpha$  such that  $f(xa, y) = f(x, ay) = (-1)^{|a||y|} f(x, y)a$  for all  $a \in R$ . The set

$$\mathcal{L}(M, N; Q) \equiv \mathcal{L}(M, N; Q)_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}(M, N; Q)_1$$

is endowed with a structure of graded  $R$ -module by enforcing the multiplication rule  $(fa)(x, y) = f(ax, y)$ . In the same way, if  $M_1, \dots, M_n, Q$  are graded  $R$ -modules, we define the graded  $R$ -module  $\mathcal{L}(M_1, \dots, M_n; Q)$  formed by the graded  $R$ -multilinear morphisms  $M_1 \times \dots \times M_n \rightarrow Q$ .

*Proposition 2.7.* There are natural isomorphisms in the category  $R - G$  Module

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(M, N; Q) &\simeq \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_R N, Q) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_R(M, \text{Hom}_R(N, Q)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proposition 2.8.* Let  $M, M', M''$  be graded  $R$ -modules; the following natural isomorphisms of graded  $R$ -modules hold:

- (a)  $M \otimes_R M' \simeq M' \otimes_R M$ , achieved by the morphism  $x \otimes x' \mapsto (-1)^{|x||x'|} x' \otimes x$ ;  
 (b)  $(M \otimes_R M') \otimes_R M'' \simeq M' \otimes_R (M \otimes_R M'')$ , achieved by the morphism  $(x \otimes x') \otimes x'' \mapsto x \otimes (x' \otimes x'')$ ;  
 (c)  $R \otimes_R M \simeq M \simeq M \otimes_R R$ .

If  $f: M \rightarrow P$ ,  $g: N \rightarrow Q$  are morphisms of graded modules over a graded ring  $R$ , the tensor product  $f \otimes g: M \otimes_R N \rightarrow P \otimes_R Q$  is the morphism defined by the condition

$$(f \otimes g)(m \otimes n) = (-1)^{|g||m|} f(m) \otimes g(n). \quad (2.6)$$

### III. Graded Algebras and Graded Tensor Calculus

Let  $R$  be a graded-commutative ring.

*Definition 3.1.* A graded  $R$ -algebra  $P$  is a graded  $R$ -module endowed with a graded  $R$ -bilinear multiplication

$$P \otimes P \rightarrow P$$

$$x \otimes y \mapsto x \cdot y.$$

A graded  $R$ -algebra  $P$  is said to be graded-commutative if all graded commutators

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot y - (-1)^{|x||y|} y \cdot x,$$

defined on the analogy of equation (2.1), vanish.

*Example 3.2.* The graded module  $B_L(C_L)$  introduced in Example 2.6, equipped with the exterior product, is a graded-commutative  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra ( $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra).

The graded tensor product  $P \otimes_R Q$  of two graded  $R$ -algebras  $P$  and  $Q$  is defined as the tensor product of the underlying  $R$ -modules equipped with the multiplication naturally induced by those of  $P$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Q: (x_1 \otimes y_1) \cdot (x_2 \otimes y_2) \\ = (-1)^{|y_1||x_2|} (x_1 \cdot x_2) \otimes (y_1 \cdot y_2). \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 3.3.* A graded Lie  $R$ -algebra (or Lie  $R$ -superalgebra)  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a graded  $R$ -algebra, whose multiplication, called graded Lie bracket and denoted by  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ , satisfies the following identities:

$$[x, y] = -(-1)^{|x||y|} [y, x]; \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{|x||z|} [x, [y, z]] + (-1)^{|y||x|} [y, [z, x]] + \\ (-1)^{|z||y|} [z, [x, y]] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

*Remark 3.4.* Given a graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ , its even part  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  is a Lie algebra over the ring  $R_0$ .

An important class of graded Lie algebras can be constructed in terms of the notion of graded derivation.

Let  $P$  be a graded-commutative  $R$ -algebra.

*Definition 3.5.* A homogeneous morphism  $D \in \text{End}_R P$  is a graded derivation of  $P$  over  $R$  if it fulfills the following condition (called the graded Leibnitz rule)

$$D(x \cdot y) = D(x) \cdot y + (-1)^{|x||D|} x \cdot D(y). \quad (3.3)$$

The graded  $R$ -submodule of  $\text{End}_R P$  generated by the graded derivations of  $P$  will be denoted by  $\text{Der}_R P$ , or simply  $\text{Der} P$ .

*Proposition 3.6.*  $\text{Der} P$ , equipped with the graded Lie bracket

$$[D_1, D_2] \equiv D_1 \circ D_2 - (-1)^{|D_1||D_2|} D_2 \circ D_1, \quad (3.4)$$

is a graded Lie  $R$ -algebra.

By identifying  $R$  with the submodule  $R \cdot 1 \subset P$ , condition (3.4) implies that, for all  $D \in \text{Der} P$ ,  $D(R) = 0$ . We notice that  $\text{Der} P$  is a (left) graded  $P$ -module in a natural way, by letting  $(xD)(y) = x \cdot D(y)$ .

*Definition 3.7.* A graded derivation of  $P$  over  $R$  with values in  $M$  is a homogeneous element  $D \in \text{Hom}_R(P, M)$  which fulfills a graded Leibnitz rule formally identical with equation (3.3).

The graded  $P$ -submodule of  $\text{Hom}_R(P, M)$  generated by the graded derivations of  $P$  with values in  $M$  will be denoted by  $\text{Der}_R(P, M)$ .

*Proposition 3.8.* Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. There is a natural morphism of graded  $R$ -modules

$$\phi: N \otimes M^* \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N)$$

described by  $\phi(n \otimes \omega)(m) = n\omega(m)$ . This induces a morphism

$$\gamma: M^* \otimes N^* \rightarrow (M \otimes N)^*$$

whose expression is

$$\gamma(\omega \otimes \eta)(m \otimes n) = (-1)^{|\eta||m|} \omega(m)\eta(n).$$

Both morphisms are bijective whenever  $M$  is free and finitely generated.

Graded Exterior Algebra: Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and let us denote by

$$T^p M = \underbrace{M \otimes \cdots \otimes M}_p$$

The  $p$ -th tensor power of  $M$ , graded as usual. We can consider as in the non-graded setting the graded tensor algebra of  $M$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}(M) = \bigotimes_{p=0}^{\infty} T^p M, \quad (3.5)$$

which is in a natural way a bigraded  $R$ -algebra (i.e. it has the usual  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradation of the tensor algebra, together with the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -gradation it carries as a graded  $R$ -algebra).

The graded exterior algebra  $\Lambda_R M$  of  $M$  (denoted simply by  $\Lambda M$ ) is defined as the quotient of  $\mathcal{T}(M)$  by the graded ideal  $\mathfrak{I}(M)$  generated by elements of the form  $m_1 \otimes m_2 + (-1)^{|m_1||m_2|} m_2 \otimes m_1$ , with  $m_1, m_2$  homogeneous. The product induced in  $\Lambda M$  by this quotient is denoted by  $\wedge$  and is called the (graded) wedge product, as usual. If we let  $\mathfrak{I}^p(M) = \mathfrak{I}(M) \cap T^p M$ , since  $\mathfrak{I}(M)$  is generated by homogeneous elements, we obtain  $\mathfrak{I}(M) = \bigotimes_{p=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{I}^p(M)$  and therefore,

$$\Lambda M = \bigotimes_{p=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^p M$$

with  $\Lambda^p M = T^p M / \mathfrak{I}^p(M)$ .

We wish to ascertain the relationship existing between the exterior algebra  $\Lambda M^*$  and the modules of alternating graded multilinear forms: this will be realized by a morphism analogous to the morphism

$$\gamma: M_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes M_n^* \rightarrow (M_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes M_n)^* \simeq \mathcal{L}(M_1, \dots, M_n; R). \quad (3.6)$$

If  $F_p \in \text{Hom}(T^p M, R)$  and  $F_q \in \text{Hom}(T^q M, R)$  are homogeneous graded multilinear forms,  $F_p \otimes F_q$  acts on a family of homogeneous elements according to the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & (F_p \otimes F_q)(m_1, \dots, m_{p+q}) \\ &= (-1)^{|F_q|(|m_{p+1}|+\dots+|m_{p+q}|)} F_p(m_1, \dots, m_n) \\ & \quad F_q(m_{p+1}, \dots, m_{p+q}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_p$  be the group of permutation of  $p$  objects. For any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_p$  and any  $F_p \in \text{Hom}(T^p M, R)$ , we write, for homogeneous elements  $m_1, \dots, m_p \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & F_p^\sigma(m_1, \dots, m_p) \\ &= (-1)^{\Delta_1(\sigma, m)} F_p(m_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, m_{\sigma(p)}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_1(\sigma, m) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} \sum_{\sigma(i) > \sigma(j)} |m_{\sigma(i)}| |m_{\sigma(j)}|. \quad (3.7)$$

*Definition 3.9.* A graded multilinear form  $F_p \in \text{Hom}(T^p M, R)$  is said to be alternating if  $F_p^\sigma = (-1)^{|\sigma|} F_p$  for every  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_p$ , where  $|\sigma|$  is the parity of the permutation  $\sigma$ .

The set  $\text{Alt}\left(M \times \cdots \times M; R\right) \equiv \text{Alt}(M^p, R)$  of all alternating graded multilinear forms is a submodule of  $\text{Hom}(T^p M, R)$ ; we can introduce a projection morphism, which is no more than the graded anti-symmetrization:

$$A_p: \text{Hom}(T^p M, R) \rightarrow \text{Alt}(M^p; R)$$

$$F_p \rightarrow A_p(F_p) = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_p} (-1)^{|\sigma|} F_p^\sigma.$$

*Proposition 2.10.* The morphism  $A_p$  has the following properties:

- (a)  $A_p(F_p) = F_p$  for any alternating form  $F_p$ ;
- (b)  $A_{p+q}(F_q \otimes F_p) = (-1)^{pq+|F_p||F_q|} A_{p+q}(F_p \otimes F_q)$  for homogeneous  $F_p, F_q$ ;
- (c)  $A_{p+q}(A_p(F_p) \otimes F_q) = A_{p+q}(F_p \otimes F_q)$ .

We assume that  $M$  is a free and finitely generated module, so that we may identify  $T^p(M^*)$  with  $\text{Hom}(T^p M, R)$ . In this way, the morphism  $A_p$  yields the exact sequence of graded  $R$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}(M^*) \rightarrow T^p M^* \xrightarrow{A_p} \text{Alt}(M^p; R) \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.8)$$

and therefore we obtain an isomorphism  $\Lambda^p M^* \simeq \text{Alt}(M^p; R)$ . Thus, for a free and finitely generated module  $M$ , the homogeneous elements in the graded exterior algebra  $\Lambda M^*$  can be interpreted as alternating graded multilinear forms on  $M$ . In particular, we may interpret the wedge product of two elements  $w^p \in \Lambda^p M^*$  and  $w^q \in \Lambda^q M^*$  as a graded multilinear form, which acts on homogeneous elements  $m_1, \dots, m_{p+q}$  according to [9];

$$(\omega^p \wedge \omega^q)(m_1, \dots, m_{p+q}) = \frac{1}{(p+q)!}$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{p+q}} (-1)^{|\sigma| + \Delta_2(\sigma, m, \omega^q)} \omega^p(m_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, m_{\sigma(p)})$$

$$\omega^q(m_{\sigma(p+1)}, \dots, m_{\sigma(p+q)})$$

where in terms of the symbol  $\Delta_1(\sigma, m)$  previously defined, we get

$$\Delta_2(\sigma, m, \omega^q) = \Delta_1(\sigma, m) + |\omega^q| \sum_{i=1}^p |m_{\sigma(i)}|. \quad (2.9)$$

#### IV. Matrices

Given a graded-commutative ring  $R$ , an  $R$ -module morphism  $R^{m|n} \rightarrow R^{p|q}$  can be regarded, relative to the canonical bases of  $R^{m|n}$  and  $R^{p|q}$ , as a  $(p+q) \times (m+n)$  matrix with entries in  $R$ ,

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1)$$

which acts on column vectors in  $R^{n|m}$  from the left. The set  $M_R[(p+q) \times (m+n)]$  of such matrices can be graded so as to be naturally isomorphic to the graded  $R$ -module  $\text{Hom}_R(R^{m|n}, R^{p|q})$ , by decreeing that:

- $X$  is even if  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  have even entries, while  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  have odd entries;

- $X$  is odd if  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  have odd entries, while  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  have even entries;

The set of matrices of the form (4.1), equipped with this gradation, will be denoted by  $M_R[p|q; m|n]$ . The set of square matrices  $M_R[m|n]$  (which are obtained by letting  $p = m, q = n$ ) is a graded  $R$ -algebra.

The usual notation of trace and determinant of a matrix can be expended to the matrices in  $M_R[m|n]$ , thus obtaining the concepts of graded trace and Berezinian (also called supertrace and superdeterminant respectively). For any matrix  $X \in M_R[p|q; m|n]$ , regarded as a morphism  $X: R^{m|n} \rightarrow R^{p|q}$ , we define the graded transpose of  $X$ —denoted by  $X^{gt}$ —as the matrix corresponding to the morphism  $X^*: (R^{p|q})^* \rightarrow (R^{m|n})^*$  dual to  $X$ . With reference to equation (4.1), one obtains the following relations, where the superscript  $t$  denotes the usual matrix transportation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix}^{gt} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} X_1^t & X_2^t \\ -X_3^t & X_4^t \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } |X| = 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} X_1^t & -X_3^t \\ X_2^t & X_4^t \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } |X| = 1 \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

The graded transportation behaves naturally with respect to matrix multiplication:

$$(XY)^{gt} = (-1)^{|X||Y|} Y^{gt} X^{gt}.$$

The graded trace of  $X$  is the element  $StrX = \sum_i a_i^*(a^i) \in R$ . Alternatively, one can give a direct characterization by letting, for all homogeneous  $X \in M_R[m|n]$ ,

$$Str = TrX_1 - (-1)^{|X|} TrX_4 \quad (4.3)$$

where  $Tr$  designates the usual trace operation. The graded trace determines an  $R$ -module morphism  $Str: M_R[m|n] \rightarrow R$ , which is natural with respect to graded transportation and matrix multiplication:

$$Str(X^{gt}) = StrX$$

$$Str(XY) = (-1)^{|X||Y|} Str(YX). \quad (4.4)$$

Let us notice that, by denoting by  $I_{m|n}$  the identity matrix, one has  $Str I_{m|n} = m - n$ .

In order to extend the notion of determinant, we must consider the subgroup  $GL_R[m|n]$  of the matrices in  $M_R[m|n]$  corresponding to an even invertible endomorphisms.  $GL_R[m|n]$  is the natural extension of the notion of general linear group, so that it will be called the general graded linear group.

*Proposition 4.1.* A matrix  $x \in M_R[m|n]_0$  is in  $GL_R[m|n]$  if and only if  $X_1 \in GL_R[m|0]$  and  $X_4 \in GL_R[0|n]$ , i.e.  $X$  is invertible if and only if  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  are invertible as ordinary matrices with entries in  $R_0$ .

*Definition 4.2.* [1], [3], [4] Let  $X \in GL_R[m|n]$ . the Berezinian of  $X$  is the element in  $GL_R[1|0]$  given by

$$BerX = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det(X_1 - X_2 X_4^{-1} X_3) (\det X^{-1}). \quad (4.5)$$

*Proposition 4.3.* The mapping  $Ber : GL_R[m|0] \rightarrow GL_R[0|n]$  is a group morphism, that coincides with the determinant whenever  $n = 0$ :

$$Ber(XY) = BerX BerY \quad \forall X, Y \in GL_R[m|n] \quad (4.6)$$

**Theorem 4.4.** A matrix in  $X \in M_R[m|n]_0$  is invertible if and only if  $\sigma(X) \in GL[m+n]$ .

*Proof.* The ‘only if’ part is trivial, since  $\sigma$  is ring morphism. To show the converse, it suffices to prove that a matrix  $Z \in M_{B_L}[p|0]_0$  is invertible as a matrix with entries

in  $(B_L)_0$  if  $\sigma(Z)$  is invertible. In the case  $p = 1$  this is a consequence of the fact that in  $B_L$  the morphism  $\sigma$  is the natural projection  $(B_L)_0 \rightarrow (B_L)_0 / (n_L)_0$ . The result is easily extended to  $p > 1$  by inclusion. ■

## V. Conclusion

We start with given an arbitrary group  $G$  and introducing  $G$ -graded algebraic objects and for a given graded-commutative ring  $R$  and  $R$ -module morphism can be regarded, relative to the canonical bases of relative to the canonical bases of  $R^{m|n}$  and  $R^{p|q}$ , as a  $(p+q) \times (m+n)$  matrix with entries in  $R$ ,  $X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix}$ , which acts on column vectors in  $R^{n|n}$  from the left. Finally, this article induces a **Theorem 4.4.** on a matrix of graded  $R$ -algebra. This paper will be helpful for other researchers.

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