A NEW APPROACH TO LEIBNIZ BIALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. A study of Leibniz bialgebras arising naturally through the double of Leibniz algebras analogue to the classical Drinfeld's double is presented. A key ingredient of our work is the fact that the underline vector space of a Leibniz algebra becomes a Lie algebra and also a commutative associative algebra, when provided with appropriate new products. A special class of them, the coboundary Leibniz bialgebras, gives us the natural framework for studying the Yang-Baxter equation (YBE) in our context, inspired in the classical Yang-Baxter equation as well as in the associative Yang-Baxter equation. Results of the existence of coboundary Leibniz bialgebra on a symmetric Leibniz algebra under certain conditions are obtained. Some interesting examples of coboundary Leibniz bialgebras are also included. The final part of the paper is dedicated to coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structures on quadratic Leibniz algebras.

1. INTRODUCTION

All the algebras (resp. coalgebras) considered in this paper are finite-dimensional algebras (resp. coalgebras) over a commutative field $\mathbb{K}$ of characteristic zero. A left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra is a nonassociative algebra where the left (resp. right) multiplications are derivations. In 1993 the left (and right) Leibniz algebras were introduced by Jean-Louis Loday [18], as a generalization of Lie algebras with no symmetry requirements. If a nonassociative algebra is both a left Leibniz algebra and a right Leibniz algebra, it is called a symmetric Leibniz algebra [14]. These latter algebras had been considered in [5], appearing in the study of some bi-invariant connections on Lie groups. In recent years, the theory of Leibniz algebras has been intensively studied. Many results of the theory of Lie algebras have been generalized to Leibniz algebras (see for example [7], [9], [10], [13], [14], [15] or [16]). Recently, S. Benayadi and S. Hidri in [6] investigated the structure of left (resp. right) Leibniz algebras endowed with invariant, non-degenerate and symmetric bilinear forms, which are called *quadratic left (resp. right) Leibniz algebras*. In particular, they prove that a quadratic left (or right) Leibniz algebra is a symmetric Leibniz algebra. It is well known that, in case of Lie theory, double of Lie bialgebras (construction provided by V. Drinfeld [11], see also [8]) are interesting quadratic Lie algebras.

The main purpose of this paper is to explore the concept of Leibniz bialgebra. We show, in particular, that the bialgebra notion of Leibniz can be envisaged only in the case of the symmetric Leibniz algebras. Our approach to Leibniz bialgebras is based on a fundamental result that realizes the underline vector space of the symmetric Leibniz algebra as Lie algebra (resp. commutative associative algebra) with respect to a Lie bracket (resp. commutative associative product) arising in a natural way from the product of the Leibniz algebra. Both Lie algebras and commutative associative algebras have a theory of bialgebras which have been applied to many fields. The Lie bialgebras introduced by Drinfeld [11] arise naturally in the theory of integrable models and in particular are closed related to the classical Yang-Baxter equation. In the case of associative algebras, Joni and Rota in [17] introduced the notion of infinitesimal bialgebra

in order to provide an algebraic structure for the calculus of divided differences. After that Aguiar developed a systematic theory for infinitesimal bialgebras, based on the analogy with the well developed Lie bialgebra theory [1, 2]. We develop a bialgebra theory for Leibniz algebras, which acquires a Lie bialgebra structure with respect to the Lie bracket of the Leibniz algebra, and a commutative and co-commutative infinitesimal bialgebra with respect to the commutative associative product of the Leibniz algebra. We also prove that in the setting of the Leibniz algebras there is an analogue of the fundamental classical Drinfeld's double construction in the case of Lie bialgebras. Next, we introduce a Yang-Baxter equation for Leibniz bialgebra, motivated by the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE) and associative Yang-Baxter equation (AYBE). Our approach to Leibniz bialgebras will differ essentially from the approach in the recent work [20] due to A. Rezaei-Aghdam, GH. Haghighatdoost and L. Sedghi-Ghadim, where the authors handle the bialgebras of left (or right) Leibniz algebras by adopting the classic method to study bialgebras for a given nonassociative structure.

The paper is structured as follows. The next section is devoted to review some facts about Leibniz algebras. In Section 3 the notion of Leibniz bialgebra is introduced via the double construction of Leibniz algebras. One of the main results establishes a characterization of the Leibniz bialgebras in terms of coproducts and representations. Section 4 is dedicated to coboundary Leibniz bialgebras, which give us the natural framework for studying the analogue of the classical Yang-Baxter equation (CYBE) and r-matrix in our context, and in Section 5 we establish the existence of coboundary Leibniz bialgebras on a symmetric Leibniz algebra under certain conditions. In Section 6 we included some examples. Finally Section 7 is devoted to the coboundary Lie bialgebras on quadratic Leibniz algebras.

2. Basic definitions and results

In this section we state some basic definitions and properties concerning Leibniz algebras for convenience of the reader.

Definition 2.1. Let $\mathfrak{L}$ be an algebra endowed with a bilinear multiplication $\mathfrak{L} \times \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$.

  (i) $\mathfrak{L}$ is called a *left Leibniz algebra* if

$$x.(y.z) = (x.y).z + y.(x.z), \qquad \forall x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L} \qquad \text{(left Leibniz identity)}.$$

  (ii) $\mathfrak{L}$ is said a *right Leibniz algebra* if

$$x.(y.z) = (x.y).z - (x.z).y, \qquad \forall x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L} \qquad \text{(right Leibniz identity)}.$$

Definition 2.2. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be an algebra. Recall that a linear map $D : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ is called a *derivation* if

$$D(x.y) = (Dx).y + x.(Dy), \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

As usual, for $x \in \mathfrak{L}$, we define the corresponding endomorphism of $\mathfrak{L}$ by $L_x(y) = x.y$ (resp. $R_x(y) = y.x$), $\forall y \in \mathfrak{L}$, which is called the *left* (resp. *right*) *multiplication* by x . We have the following characterization of Leibniz algebras:

  (i) $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra if the left multiplication L_x (resp. right multiplication R_x) is a derivation on $\mathfrak{L}$, for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$.
  (ii) In case that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is simultaneously a left and a right Leibniz algebra it is called a *symmetric Leibniz algebra* (or is simply called *Leibniz algebra*).

It is easy to see that a left (or right) Leibniz algebra $\mathfrak{L}$, such that $x.x = 0$ for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$, is actually a Lie algebra. Conversely, any Lie algebra is both a left and a right Leibniz algebra, meaning that it is a symmetric Leibniz algebra. Although the multiplication in a Leibniz algebra assumes no symmetry property, there is the following weak symmetry condition.

Proposition 2.3. [6] *If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra then, for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$,*

$$R_x L_y = -R_x R_y \qquad \left(resp.\ L_x R_y = -L_x L_y \right).$$

If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, the condition in Proposition 2.3 can be written explicitly as

$$(x.y).z = -(y.x).z \qquad \Big(\text{resp. } x.(y.z) = -x.(z.y)\Big),$$

for any $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Proposition 2.4. [6] *If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra then:*

$$L_x L_y = -R_x L_y, \qquad L_{x.y} = R_{y.x},$$
$$R_x R_y = -L_x R_y, \qquad L_x L_y = R_x R_y,$$

hold for every $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.

The conditions for a symmetric Leibniz algebra $\mathfrak{L}$ presented in Proposition 2.4 may be written explicitly as

$$x.(y.z) = -(y.z).x, \qquad (x.y).z = z.(y.x),$$
$$(z.y).x = -x.(z.y), \qquad x.(y.z) = (z.y).x,$$

for every $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}$. It is easy to observe that $L_x L_y = -R_x L_y$ represents the same as $R_x R_y = -L_x R_y$ and also $L_{x.y} = R_{y.x}$ is equal to $L_x L_y = R_x R_y$.

Definition 2.5. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a nonassociative algebra, V a vector space and $r, l : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \text{End}\,(V)$ a pair of linear maps.

(i) If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a left Leibniz algebra, we say that the pair (r, l) is a *left representation* of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V if

$$\begin{aligned}
(l_1) \quad & l(x.y) = [l(x), l(y)], \\
(l_2) \quad & r(x.y) = r(y)r(x) + l(x)r(y), \\
(l_3) \quad & r(x.y) = l(x)r(y) - r(y)l(x), \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

(ii) If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a right Leibniz algebra, we say that (r, l) is a *right representation* of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V if

$$\begin{aligned}
(r_1) \quad & l(x.y) = [r(y), l(x)], \\
(r_2) \quad & l(x.y) = l(x)l(y) + r(y)l(x), \\
(r_3) \quad & r(x.y) = r(y)r(x) - r(x)r(y), \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

(iii) If $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra, we say that (r, l) is a *representation* of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V if it is both a left and a right representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V. We denote by $Rep(\mathfrak{L}, V)$ the set of all representations of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V.

Remark 2.6. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a left (or right) Leibniz algebra. We define the linear map $L_{\mathfrak{L}} : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \text{End}\,(\mathfrak{L})$ by $L_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = L_x$ (resp. $R_{\mathfrak{L}} : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \text{End}\,(\mathfrak{L})$ by $R_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = R_x$), for all $x \in \mathfrak{L}$, where we consider the left (resp. right) multiplications on $\mathfrak{L}$. It can be proven that if $\mathfrak{L}$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, $(R_{\mathfrak{L}}, L_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a left (resp. right) representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in $\mathfrak{L}$. In both cases, such a pair $(R_{\mathfrak{L}}, L_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is called the *adjoint representation* of $\mathfrak{L}$.

If the Leibniz algebra $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a Lie algebra, the three conditions of (2.1) (and similar to (2.2)) reduce actually to the fact that $L_{\mathfrak{L}} : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \text{End}\,(\mathfrak{L})$ is a Lie algebra homomorphism (because $R_x = -L_x$ for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$), so (r, l) is a representation of $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ as a Lie algebra. This suggests that the Definition 2.5 constitutes a natural generalization of the notion of representation in Lie algebras to our context.

Proposition 2.7. [6] *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra, V a vector space and $r, l : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \text{End}\,(V)$ a pair of linear maps. Then (r, l) is a representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V if and only if,*

$$\begin{aligned}
l(x.y) = [l(x), l(y)], \qquad & r(x.y) = [l(x), r(y)], \qquad l(x.y) = [r(y), l(x)], \\
l(x)l(y) = -r(x)l(y), \qquad & l(x)r(y) = -r(x)r(y), \qquad r(x.y) = -l(x.y),
\end{aligned}$$

hold for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$. In this condition, we say that V is an $\mathfrak{L}$-bimodule.

Remark 2.8. Take $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, V a vector space, V^* its dual vector space and $r, l : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathrm{End}\,(V)$ a left (resp. right) representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V. In general, the pair of the bilinear maps $l^* : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathrm{End}\,(V^*)$ and $r^* : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathrm{End}\,(V^*)$ defined by

$$l^*(x)(f) = f \circ r(x),$$
$$r^*(x)(f) = f \circ l(x), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}, f \in V^*,$$

is neither a left representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V^* nor a right representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in V^*.

Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, $\mathfrak{L}^*$ its dual vector space and consider $(R_\mathfrak{L}, L_\mathfrak{L})$ the adjoint representation of $\mathfrak{L}$. We define the linear maps $(L_\mathfrak{L})^* : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathrm{End}\,(\mathfrak{L}^*)$ and $(R_\mathfrak{L})^* : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathrm{End}\,(\mathfrak{L}^*)$ by means of

$$(L_\mathfrak{L})^*(x)(f) = L_x^*(f) = f \circ R_\mathfrak{L}(x),$$
$$(R_\mathfrak{L})^*(x)(f) = R_x^*(f) = f \circ L_\mathfrak{L}(x), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}, f \in \mathfrak{L}^*.$$

The following result says in which conditions the pair $((R_\mathfrak{L})^*, (L_\mathfrak{L})^*)$ is a left (resp. right) representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in $\mathfrak{L}^*$.

Proposition 2.9. [6] *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra. Then the pair $((R_\mathfrak{L})^*, (L_\mathfrak{L})^*)$ is a left (resp. right) representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in $\mathfrak{L}^*$ if and only if $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a right (resp. left) Leibniz algebra (i.e., $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra). This representation $((R_\mathfrak{L})^*, (L_\mathfrak{L})^*)$ is called the coadjoint representation of $\mathfrak{L}$.*

Remark 2.10. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra. We easily see that $(R_\mathfrak{L}, L_\mathfrak{L})$ is a representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in $\mathfrak{L}$, so $\mathfrak{L}$ is a $\mathfrak{L}$-bimodule. Applying Proposition 2.9, we conclude that the pair $((R_\mathfrak{L})^*, (L_\mathfrak{L})^*)$ is a representation of $\mathfrak{L}$ in $\mathfrak{L}^*$, thus $\mathfrak{L}^*$ is also a $\mathfrak{L}$-bimodule.

Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a left (or right) Leibniz algebra. We consider the following two new products on the underline vector space:

$$[x, y] := \frac{1}{2}(x.y - y.x), \quad x \bullet y := \frac{1}{2}(x.y + y.x), \quad \forall \, x, y \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

Let us denote $\mathfrak{L}^- := (\mathfrak{L}, [\,,\,])$ and $\mathfrak{L}^+ := (\mathfrak{L}, \bullet)$. As usual, the *center* of $\mathfrak{L}^-$ is defined by $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) := \{x \in \mathfrak{L} : [x, y] = 0, \forall y \in \mathfrak{L}\}$ and the *annihilator* of $\mathfrak{L}^+$ is given by $\mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) := \{x \in \mathfrak{L} : x \bullet y = 0, \forall y \in \mathfrak{L}\}$. These new products allow the space $\mathfrak{L}$ to become a Lie algebra as well as a commutative associative algebra. The following proposition will be very useful to study Leibniz bialgebras in the sequel.

Proposition 2.11. *Consider $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ a left (or right) Leibniz algebra. The algebraic structure $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra if and only if the following four conditions hold:*

(1) $\mathfrak{L}^-$ *is a Lie algebra;*
(2) $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$;
(3) $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$;
(4) $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$.

Proof. By using Proposition 2.4, we prove by straightforward calculations that if $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra then the four conditions above are satisfied.

Conversely, suppose that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ satisfies these four conditions. For $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}$, we have

$$x.(y.z) = x.[y, z] + x.(y \bullet z) = [x, [y, z]] + x \bullet [y, z] + [x, (y \bullet z)] + x \bullet (y \bullet z) = [x, [y, z]],$$
$$(x.y).z = [x.y, z] + (x.y) \bullet z = [[x, y], z] + [x \bullet y, z] + [x, y] \bullet z + (x \bullet y) \bullet z = [[x, y], z],$$
$$y.(x.z) = y.[x, z] + y.(x \bullet z) = [y, [x, z]] + y \bullet [x, z] + [y, (x \bullet z)] + y \bullet (x \bullet z) = [y, [x, z]].$$

Therefore $x.(y.z) - (x.y).z - y.(x.z) = [x, [y, z]] + [z, [x, y]] + [y, [z, x]] = 0$ because $[\,,\,]$ is a Lie structure on $\mathfrak{L}$. Now, $(x.y).z + z.(x.y) = [[x, y], z] + [z, [x, y]] = 0$. We conclude that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra. $\qquad \square$

Definition 2.12. Let $\mathfrak{L}$ be a Leibniz algebra. A bilinear form B on $\mathfrak{L}$ is

(i) *symmetric* if $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$, $\forall\, x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$;
(ii) *non-degenerate* if $x \in \mathfrak{L}$ satisfies $B(x, y) = 0$, $\forall\, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, then $x = 0$;
(iii) *invariant* if $B(x.y, z) = B(x, y.z)$, $\forall\, x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Definition 2.13. A Leibniz algebra $\mathfrak{L}$ is *quadratic* if there exists a bilinear form B on $\mathfrak{L}$ such that B is symmetric, non-degenerate and invariant. It is denoted by $(\mathfrak{L}, B)$ and B is called an *invariant scalar product* on $\mathfrak{L}$.

3. Leibniz bialgebras via the double construction of a Leibniz algebra

The purpose of this section is to introduce the notion of Leibniz bialgebras and to present some of its properties. To start, we recall some definitions on Lie bialgebras and associative bialgebras. A *Lie coalgebra* is a vector space $\mathfrak{g}$ over $\mathbb{K}$ equipped with a linear map $\Delta_\varrho : \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ such that:

$$\mathrm{Im}(\Delta_\varrho) \subseteq \mathrm{Im}(\mathrm{I} - \tau),$$

$$(\mathrm{I} + \xi + \xi^2) \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes \Delta_\varrho) \circ \Delta_\varrho = 0, \qquad \text{(co-Jacoby identity)}$$

where $\mathrm{I} : \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ represents the identity map, $\tau : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ the linear map (the so called *twist map*) given by $\tau(x \otimes y) = y \otimes x$ (for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$) and $\xi : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ denotes the linear cycle map defined by $\xi(x \otimes y \otimes z) = y \otimes z \otimes x$, for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$. For more information on Lie coalgebras we refer the reader to [19]. A *Lie bialgebra* is a vector space $\mathfrak{g}$ over $\mathbb{K}$ together with two linear maps $[,] : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ and $\Delta_\varrho : \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ such that $(\mathfrak{g}, [,])$ is a Lie algebra, $(\mathfrak{g}, \Delta_\varrho)$ is a Lie coalgebra and these structures are compatible in the following sense:

$$\Delta_\varrho([x, y]) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes \mathrm{I} + \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)\Delta_\varrho(y) - (\mathrm{ad}_y \otimes \mathrm{I} + \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)\Delta_\varrho(x),$$

for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, where as usual $\mathrm{ad}_x(y) = [x, y]$. The compatibility condition can be also expressed as:

$$\Delta_\varrho([x, y]) = x \cdot \Delta_\varrho(y) - y \cdot \Delta_\varrho(x),$$

for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$, where the tensor product $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ is a $\mathfrak{g}$-module via the adjoint action defined by:

$$x \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n ([x, x_i] \otimes y_i + x_i \otimes [x, y_i]),$$

for any $x, x_i, y_i \in \mathfrak{g}$ with $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ (i.e., Δ_ϱ is a 1-cocycle of $\mathfrak{g}$ with values in $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$, so $\Delta_\varrho \in \mathrm{Z}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g})$). The reader may consult [8] for a survey of results on Lie bialgebras.

If A is a $\mathbb{K}$-vector space provided with a linear map $\Delta_a : A \longrightarrow A \otimes A$, the pair (A, Δ_a) is called *coassociative coalgebra* if the following condition holds:

$$(\mathrm{I} \otimes \Delta_a) \circ \Delta_a = (\Delta_a \otimes \mathrm{I}) \circ \Delta_a \qquad \text{(co-associativity identity)}.$$

Let $(A, \bullet)$ be an associative algebra provided with a linear map $\Delta_a : A \longrightarrow A \otimes A$, the triple $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$ is called *infinitesimal bialgebra* if (A, Δ_a) is a coassociative coalgebra and

$$\Delta_a(x \bullet y) = (L(x) \otimes \mathrm{I})\Delta_a(y) + (\mathrm{I} \otimes R(y))\Delta_a(x), \tag{3.3}$$

for any $x, y \in A$, where $L(x)$ is the left multiplication by x and $R(y)$ is the right multiplication by y in the associative algebra $(A, \bullet)$. See [1, 2] for additional information about infinitesimal bialgebras.

We approach the notion of a Leibniz bialgebra in a similar way to Lie bialgebra and infinitesimal bialgebra notions. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra and define $m : \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ by $m(x \otimes y) := x.y$, for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$. The condition in definition of left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra may be written as:

$$m \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes m) = m \circ (m \otimes \mathrm{I}) + m \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes m) \circ (\tau \otimes \mathrm{I})$$

$$(resp. \quad m \circ (m \otimes \mathrm{I}) = m \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes m) + m \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes m) \circ (\mathrm{I} \otimes \tau)).$$

The following notion of left (resp. right) Leibniz coalgebra is naturally deduced from the definition of left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra using m.

Definition 3.1. Assume that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a vector space provided with a linear comultiplication $\Delta : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$.

(i) We say that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a *left Leibniz coalgebra* if

$$(I \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta = (\Delta \otimes I) \circ \Delta + (\tau \otimes I) \circ (I \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta \qquad \text{(left co-Leibniz identity)}.$$

(ii) We call that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a *right Leibniz coalgebra* if

$$(\Delta \otimes I) \circ \Delta = (I \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta + (I \otimes \tau) \circ (\Delta \otimes I) \circ \Delta \qquad \text{(right co-Leibniz identity)}.$$

(iii) If $\mathfrak{L}$ is both a left and right Leibniz coalgebra it is called a *symmetric Leibniz coalgebra* (or simply-*Leibniz coalgebra*).

For the comultiplication of x in $\mathfrak{L}$, we write $\Delta(x) = \sum_x x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}$, where $x_{(1)}$ and $x_{(2)}$ are elements in $\mathfrak{L}$. We use the notation: if $\mathfrak{B}$ is a vector space, $\mathfrak{B}^*$ its dual, $x \in \mathfrak{B}$ and $f \in \mathfrak{B}^*$, we denote $f(x)$ by either $\langle f, x \rangle$ or $\langle x, f \rangle$. Moreover, we identify $\mathfrak{B}$ and its bi-dual $\mathfrak{B}^{**}$ by means the isomorphism of vector spaces $\mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{B}^{**}$ given by $x \mapsto \langle x, \ \rangle$.

There is a natural way to define a structure of a Leibniz coalgebra on the dual of a Leibniz algebra. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, m := .)$ be a left (or right) Leibniz algebra, and on the dual space of $\mathfrak{L}$ we consider the linear map ${}^t m : \mathfrak{L}^* \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}^* \otimes \mathfrak{L}^*$ defined by

$$\langle {}^t m(f), x \otimes y \rangle = \langle f, m(x \otimes y) \rangle, \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}, f \in \mathfrak{L}^*.$$

It is easy to check that $(\mathfrak{L}, m)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra if and only if $(\mathfrak{L}^*, {}^t m)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz coalgebra.

In the other way around, we also endow the dual of a Leibniz coalgebra with a structure of a Leibniz algebra. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ be a left (resp. right) Leibniz coalgebra. It turns out that $(\mathfrak{L}^*, \star)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, where $\star$ is defined by:

$$\langle f \star g, x \rangle := \langle f \otimes g, \Delta(x) \rangle, \qquad \forall f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*, \ x \in \mathfrak{L}. \tag{3.4}$$

Now, we are in a position to construct the double of $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ such that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra and $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz coalgebra. On the vector space $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}) := \mathfrak{L} \oplus \mathfrak{L}^*$, we consider the following product:

$$(x, f) \odot (y, g) := \Big(x.y + (R_{\mathfrak{L}^*})^*(g)(x) + (L_{\mathfrak{L}^*})^*(f)(y), \ f \star g + (R_{\mathfrak{L}})^*(y)(f) + (L_{\mathfrak{L}})^*(x)(g) \Big),$$

for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. It is clear that if $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), \odot)$ is a left (resp. right) Leibniz algebra, then the pair $((R_{\mathfrak{L}})^*, (L_{\mathfrak{L}})^*)$ is a left (resp. right) representation of $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ in $\mathfrak{L}^*$ and the pair $((R_{\mathfrak{L}^*})^*, (L_{\mathfrak{L}^*})^*)$ is a left (resp. right) representation of $(\mathfrak{L}^*, \star)$ in $\mathfrak{L} \cong \mathfrak{L}^{**}$. Consequently, by Proposition 2.9, we have that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ and $(\mathfrak{L}^*, \star)$ are symmetric Leibniz algebras, so $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is also a symmetric Leibniz coalgebra. Let us remark that if $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), \odot)$ is a left (or right) Leibniz algebra, then the symmetric bilinear B form on $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L})$ defined by:

$$B((x, f), (y, g)) := g(x) + f(y), \quad \forall \, x, y \in \mathfrak{L}, \ f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*,$$

is non-degenerate and associative (or invariant). Then $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), \odot)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra by [6]. The above reasoning leads us to introduce the following key definition of Leibniz bialgebra via the notion of the double of a Leibniz algebra, just to Leibniz algebras with symmetric structures:

Definition 3.2. Let us consider $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ such that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra and $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is symmetric Leibniz coalgebra. The triple $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is said *symmetric Leibniz bialgebra* (or simply *Leibniz bialgebra*) if $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), \odot)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra.

From now on we consider $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ such that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra and $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is symmetric Leibniz coalgebra (i.e., $(\mathfrak{L}^*, \star)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra). Let us consider the products $[\,,\,]$ and $\bullet$ on $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L})$ defined by: $\forall\, x, y \in \mathfrak{L},\; f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$,

$$[(x, f), (y, g)] := \frac{1}{2}\big((x, f) \odot (y, g) - (y, g) \odot (x, f)\big);$$

$$(x, f) \bullet (y, g) := \frac{1}{2}\big((x, f) \odot (y, g) + (y, g) \odot (x, f)\big).$$

We consider also the products $[\,,\,]_1, \bullet_1$ on $\mathfrak{L}$, and the products $[\,,\,]_2, \bullet_2$ on $\mathfrak{L}^*$ given by: $\forall\, x, y \in \mathfrak{L},\; f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$,

$$[x, y]_1 := \frac{1}{2}(x.y - y.x) \quad\text{and}\quad x \bullet_1 y := \frac{1}{2}(x.y + y.x);$$

$$[f, g]_2 := \frac{1}{2}(f \star g - g \star f) \quad\text{and}\quad f \bullet_2 g := \frac{1}{2}(f \star g + g \star f).$$

By Proposition 2.11, it turns out that the resulting algebraic structure $\mathfrak{L}^- := (\mathfrak{L}, [\,,\,]_1)$ (resp. $(\mathfrak{L}^*)^- := (\mathfrak{L}^*, [\,,\,]_2)$) is a Lie algebra and $\mathfrak{L}^+ := (\mathfrak{L}, \bullet_1)$ (resp. $(\mathfrak{L}^*)^+ := (\mathfrak{L}^*, \bullet_2)$) is a commutative associative algebra such that:

$$(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}, \quad (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) \quad\text{and}\quad [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$$

$$\Big(\text{resp. } ((\mathfrak{L}^*)^+)^3 = \{0\},\ ((\mathfrak{L}^*)^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}((\mathfrak{L}^*)^-) \ \text{ and } \ [(\mathfrak{L}^*)^-, (\mathfrak{L}^*)^-] \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}((\mathfrak{L}^*)^+)\Big).$$

Consider $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ and $\Delta_a : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ defined by, respectively

$$\langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x), f \otimes g \rangle = \langle x, [f, g]_2 \rangle$$
$$\langle \Delta_a(x), f \otimes g \rangle = \langle x, f \bullet_2 g \rangle, \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}, f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*.$$

Thus $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a Lie coalgebra and $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_a)$ is a coassociative coalgebra which is cocommutative. We observe that:

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} := \frac{1}{2}(\Delta - \tau \circ \Delta) \quad\text{and}\quad \Delta_a := \frac{1}{2}(\Delta + \tau \circ \Delta).$$

Let us fix the notation $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = \sum_{(x)_{\mathfrak{L}}} x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}$ and $\Delta_a(x) = \sum_{(x)_a} x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}$, for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$, where $x_{(1)}$ and $x_{(2)}$ are elements of $\mathfrak{L}$. By using these notations and applying Proposition 2.11, we get the following result.

Proposition 3.3. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ be a left (or right) Leibniz coalgebra. The pair $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is a symmetric Leibniz coalgebra if and only if the following four conditions hold:*

(1) $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ *is a Lie coalgebra;*
(2) $(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = (I \otimes \Delta_a) \circ \Delta_a = 0;$
(3) $(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} = (I \otimes \Delta_a) \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} = 0;$
(4) $(\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = (I \otimes \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}) \circ \Delta_a = 0.$

Making use of $\tau \circ \Delta_a = \Delta_a$ and $\tau \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} = -\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$ we obtain the following consequence

Corollary 3.4. *The pair $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta)$ is a symmetric Leibniz coalgebra if and only if $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a Lie coalgebra and*

$$(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = (\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} = (\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = 0.$$

It is straightforward to verify that $(\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}))^- := (\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), [\,,\,])$ is a Lie algebra if and only if $(\mathfrak{L}, [\,,\,]_1, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a Lie bialgebra, which means:

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}([x, y]_1) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - (\mathrm{ad}_y \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x),$$

for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, here $\mathrm{ad}_x(y) = [x, y]_1$.

We fix the following notation: If $x \in \mathfrak{L}$ (resp. $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$), we denote by M_x (resp. M_f) the endomorphism of $\mathfrak{L}$ (resp. $\mathfrak{L}^*$) defined by: $M_x(y) := x \bullet_1 y$, $\forall\, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ (resp. $M_f(g) := f \bullet_2 g$, $\forall\, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$). With the notation introduced above, the products $[\,,\,]$ and $\bullet$ on $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L})$ are also expressed as:

$$[(x,f),(y,g)] = \big([x,y]_1 + x \circ \mathrm{ad}_g - y \circ \mathrm{ad}_f \,,\, [f,g]_2 + f \circ \mathrm{ad}_y - g \circ \mathrm{ad}_x\big),$$

$$(x,f) \bullet (y,g) = \big(x \bullet_1 y + x \circ M_g + y \circ M_f \,,\, f \bullet_2 g + f \circ M_y + g \circ M_x\big),$$

for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}, f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. Recall that the linear map $\pi : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L})$ defined by $\pi(x)(y \otimes z) :=$ $x \cdot_\mathfrak{L} (y \otimes z) - (y \otimes z) \cdot_\mathfrak{L} x$, for all $x \in \mathfrak{L}, y \otimes z \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$, where

$$x \cdot_\mathfrak{L} (y \otimes z) = \mathrm{ad}_x(y) \otimes z = [x,y]_1 \otimes z,$$

$$(y \otimes z) \cdot_\mathfrak{L} x = -y \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x(z) = y \otimes [z,x]_1,$$

is a representation of Lie algebra $(\mathfrak{L}, [\,,\,]_1)$ on $\mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$. And also $\mathfrak{L}$ acts on $\mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ via the commutative associative regular representation, meaning that

$$x \cdot_a (y \otimes z) = M_x(y) \otimes z = (x \bullet_1 y) \otimes z,$$

$$(y \otimes z) \cdot_a x = y \otimes M_x(z) = y \otimes (z \bullet_1 x), \qquad \forall x, y, z \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

We note that $\mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ with these actions is a bimodule of the associative algebra $(\mathfrak{L}, \bullet_1)$. Next results present conditions (2), (3) and (4) presented in Proposition 2.11 in terms of coproducts and representations.

Proposition 3.5. *The following assertions are equivalent:*
(1) $((\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}))^+)^3 = \{0\}$;
(2) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$,*

$$(f \bullet_2 g)(x \bullet_1 y) = 0, \tag{3.5}$$

$$f \circ M_{(\langle x,\ \rangle \circ M_g)} = -f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x); \tag{3.6}$$

(3) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$,*

$$\Delta_a(x \bullet_1 y) = 0, \tag{3.7}$$

$$y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) + \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

Proof. First we prove (1) $\Longrightarrow$ (2). Assume that $\bullet$ is 3-nilpotent. It is enough to see the cases $(x \bullet y) \bullet f = 0$, $x \bullet (f \bullet g) = 0$, $f \bullet (x \bullet g) = 0$ and $x \bullet (y \bullet f) = 0$, with $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$.

First we study the case $(x \bullet y) \bullet f = 0$. Since

$$(x \bullet y) \bullet f = (x \bullet_1 y) \bullet f = (x \bullet_1 y) \circ M_f + f \circ M_{x \bullet_1 y},$$

from $(x \bullet y) \bullet f = 0$ we get $(x \bullet_1 y) \circ M_f = 0$ and $f \circ M_{x \bullet_1 y} = 0$. But $f \circ M_{x \bullet_1 y}(z) = f((x \bullet_1 y) \bullet_1 z) = 0$, for $z \in \mathfrak{L}$, by hypothesis. And $(x \bullet_1 y) \circ M_f(g) = (x \bullet_1 y)(f \bullet_2 g) = (f \bullet_2 g)(x \bullet_1 y)$, for $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. It turns out that $(f \bullet_2 g)(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$, getting condition (3.5).

From $x \bullet (f \bullet g) = 0$ we obtain the same condition as before. Next, we study the case $f \bullet (x \bullet g) = 0$. As

$$f \bullet (x \bullet g) = f \bullet (x \circ M_g + g \circ M_x) = x \circ M_g \circ M_f + f \circ M_{(\langle x,\ \rangle \circ M_g)} + f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x),$$

then using $f \bullet (x \bullet g) = 0$ it follows $x \circ M_g \circ M_f = 0$ and $f \circ M_{(\langle x,\ \rangle \circ M_g)} + f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x) = 0$. But $x \circ M_g \circ M_f(h) = x(g \bullet_2 (f \bullet_2 h)) = 0$, for $h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, by hypothesis. So $f \circ M_{(\langle x,\ \rangle \circ M_g)} = -f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x)$, obtaining condition (3.6).

We are left to deal with $x \bullet (y \bullet f) = 0$. As

$$x \bullet (y \bullet f) = x \bullet (y \circ M_f + f \circ M_y) = x \bullet_1 (y \circ M_f) + x \circ M_{f \circ M_y} + (f \circ M_y) \circ M_x,$$

from $x \bullet (y \bullet f) = 0$ we infer $x \bullet_1 (y \circ M_f) + x \circ M_{f \circ L_y} = 0$ and $(f \circ M_y) \circ M_x = 0$. However $(f \circ M_y) \circ M_x(z) = f(y \bullet_1 (x \bullet_1 z)) = 0$, for $z \in \mathfrak{L}$, by hypothesis. The last remaining condition $x \bullet_1 (y \circ M_f) = -x \circ M_{f \circ M_y}$,

is equivalent to condition (3.6) already obtained. Indeed, for $y \in \mathfrak{L}$, $f \circ M_{x \circ M_g}(y) = f(y \bullet_1 (x \circ M_g))$ and on the other hand

$$f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x)(y) = y(f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x)) = y \circ M_{g \circ M_x}(f) = f(y \circ M_{g \circ M_x}),$$

as required.

Now we show (2) $\implies$ (3). Since $(f \bullet_2 g)(x \bullet_1 y) = \langle f \bullet_2 g, x \bullet_1 y \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \Delta_a(x \bullet_1 y) \rangle$, hence from $(f \bullet_2 g)(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ we conclude that $\Delta_a(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ getting condition (3.7). Using $\Delta_a = \tau \circ \Delta_a$

$$\langle f \circ M_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ M_g)}, y \rangle = \langle f, (x \circ M_g) \bullet_1 y \rangle = \langle \Delta_a(f), (x \circ M_g) \otimes y \rangle$$

$$= \langle \sum_{(f)_a} f_{(1)} \otimes f_{(2)}, (x \circ M_g) \otimes y \rangle = \sum_{(f)_a} \langle f_{(1)}, x \circ M_g \rangle \langle f_{(2)}, y \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(f)_a} \langle x, g \bullet_2 f_{(1)} \rangle \langle y, f_{(2)} \rangle = \sum_{(f)_a} \langle \Delta_a(x), g \otimes f_{(1)} \rangle \langle y, f_{(2)} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, \sum_{(f)_a} g \otimes f_{(1)} \otimes f_{(2)} \rangle = \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, g \otimes \Delta_a(f) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, (I \otimes \Delta_a) \circ \tau(f \otimes g) \rangle = \langle {}^t\tau \circ (I \otimes \bullet_1)(\Delta_a(x) \otimes y), f \otimes g \rangle$$

$$= \langle \sum_{(x)_a} (x_{(2)} \bullet_1 y) \otimes x_{(1)}, f \otimes g \rangle = \langle y \cdot_a (\tau \circ \Delta_a(x)), f \otimes g \rangle$$

$$= \langle y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x), f \otimes g \rangle$$

$$\langle f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x), y \rangle = \langle f \otimes (g \circ M_x), \Delta_a(y) \rangle = \langle f \otimes (g \circ M_x), \sum_{(y)_a} y_{(1)} \otimes y_{(2)} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(y)_a} \langle f, y_{(1)} \rangle \langle g, x \bullet_1 y_{(2)} \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \sum_{(y)_a} y_{(1)} \otimes (x \bullet_1 y_{(2)}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle f \otimes g, \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x \rangle$$

Therefore, from $f \circ M_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ M_g)} = -f \bullet_2 (g \circ M_x)$ we conclude that $y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) + \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = 0$ as required. The converse of these two implications are clearly true, we just have to make the reasonings above in the opposite direction, so this show the desired equivalences. $\square$

Proposition 3.6. *The following statements are equivalent:*

(1) $((\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}))^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}((\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}))^-)$;
(2) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$,*

$$[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = 0, \tag{3.9}$$

$$(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

$$g \circ ad_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ M_f)} = [f \circ M_x, g]_2; \tag{3.11}$$

(3) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$,*

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x \bullet_1 y) = 0, \tag{3.12}$$

$$\Delta_a([x, y]_1) = 0, \tag{3.13}$$

$$x \cdot_a \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - \Delta_a(x) \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} y = 0. \tag{3.14}$$

Proof. First we show (1) $\implies$ (2). We have to study three cases, depending on the choice of the two elements in $\mathfrak{L} \cup \mathfrak{L}^*$. First, we take $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$. Since $\mathfrak{L} \bullet \mathfrak{L} \subseteq Z(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ then it is enough to take $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. We have

$$[x \bullet y, f] = (x \bullet_1 y) \circ ad_f - f \circ ad_{x \bullet_1 y},$$

from $[x \bullet y, f] = 0$ we obtain $(x \bullet_1 y) \circ \mathrm{ad}_f = 0$ and $f \circ \mathrm{ad}_{x \bullet_1 y} = 0$. But $f \circ \mathrm{ad}_{x \bullet_1 y}(z) = f([x \bullet_1 y, z]_1) = 0$, for $z \in \mathfrak{L}$, by hypothesis. And $(x \bullet_1 y) \circ \mathrm{ad}_f(g) = [f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y)$, for $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. So $[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$, getting condition (3.9).

Now, we take $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. Since $\mathfrak{L}^* \bullet \mathfrak{L}^* \subseteq Z((\mathfrak{L}^*)^-)$ then we just take $x \in \mathfrak{L}$. We have

$$[f \bullet g, x] = -x \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \bullet_2 g} + (f \bullet_2 g) \circ \mathrm{ad}_x.$$

Using the fact that $[f \bullet g, x] = 0$ we obtain $x \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \bullet_2 g} = 0$ and $(f \bullet_2 g) \circ \mathrm{ad}_x = 0$. But $x \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \bullet_2 g}(h) = x([f \bullet_2 g, h]_2) = 0$, for $h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, by hypothesis. And $(f \bullet_2 g) \circ \mathrm{ad}_x(y) = (f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1$, for $y \in \mathfrak{L}$. Thus $(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = 0$, getting condition (3.10).

Finally, we take $x \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. For $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$ we get

$$[x \bullet f, g] = [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f + f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g] = [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, g] + [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g] = (x \circ \mathrm{M}_f) \circ \mathrm{ad}_g - g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{M}_f)} + [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g]_2$$

from $[x \bullet f, g] = 0$ it follows $(x \circ \mathrm{M}_f) \circ \mathrm{ad}_g = 0$ and $-g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{M}_f)} + [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g]_2 = 0$. But $(x \circ \mathrm{M}_f) \circ \mathrm{ad}_g(h) = x(f \bullet_2 [g, h]_2) = 0$, for $h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, by hypothesis. Then $g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{M}_f)} = [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g]_2$, getting condition (3.11). For $y \in \mathfrak{L}$ we have

$$[x \bullet f, y] = [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f + f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, y] = [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y] + [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, y] = [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y] - y \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \circ \mathrm{M}_x} + (f \circ \mathrm{M}_x) \circ \mathrm{ad}_y.$$

then, using $[x \bullet f, y] = 0$ we obtain $[x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y] - y \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \circ \mathrm{M}_x} = 0$ and $(f \circ \mathrm{L}_x) \circ \mathrm{ad}_y = 0$. But $(f \circ \mathrm{M}_x) \circ \mathrm{ad}_y(z) = f(x \bullet_1 [y, z]_1) = 0$, for $z \in \mathfrak{L}$, by hypothesis. It remains condition $[x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y] = y \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \circ \mathrm{M}_x}$, which we prove that is equivalent to condition (3.11) already obtained. Indeed, for $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, $g([x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y]) = g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{x \circ \mathrm{M}_f}(y)$ and on the other hand

$$g(y \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \circ \mathrm{M}_x}) = (y \circ \mathrm{ad}_{f \circ \mathrm{M}_x})(g) = y([f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g]) = [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g](y),$$

as required.

Now we prove (2) $\implies$ (3). Since $[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = \langle [f, g]_2, x \bullet_1 y \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(x \bullet_1 y) \rangle$, then from $[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ it turns out that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L}(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ getting condition (3.12). As $(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = \langle f \bullet_2 g, [x, y]_1 \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \Delta_a([x, y]_1) \rangle$, so from $(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = 0$ we conclude that $\Delta_a([x, y]_1) = 0$ which implies condition (3.13).

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{M}_f)}, y \rangle &= \langle g, [x \circ \mathrm{M}_f, y]_1 \rangle = \langle \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(g), (x \circ \mathrm{M}_f) \otimes y \rangle \\
&= \langle \sum_{(g)_\mathfrak{L}} g_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)}, (x \circ \mathrm{M}_f) \otimes y \rangle = \sum_{(g)_\mathfrak{L}} \langle g_{(1)}, x \circ \mathrm{M}_f \rangle \langle g_{(2)}, y \rangle \\
&= \sum_{(g)_\mathfrak{L}} \langle x, f \bullet_2 g_{(1)} \rangle \langle y, g_{(2)} \rangle = \sum_{(g)_\mathfrak{L}} \langle \Delta_a(x), f \otimes g_{(1)} \rangle \langle y, g_{(2)} \rangle \\
&= \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, \sum_{(g)_\mathfrak{L}} f \otimes g_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)} \rangle = \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, f \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(g) \rangle \\
&= \langle \Delta_a(x) \otimes y, (\mathrm{I} \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L})(f \otimes g) \rangle = \langle (\mathrm{I} \otimes [,]_1)(\Delta_a(x) \otimes y), f \otimes g \rangle \\
&= \langle \sum_{(x)_a} x_{(1)} \otimes [x_{(2)}, y]_1, f \otimes g \rangle = \langle \Delta_a(x) \cdot_\mathfrak{L} y, f \otimes g \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g], y \rangle &= \langle (f \circ \mathrm{M}_x) \otimes g, \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(y) \rangle = \langle (f \circ \mathrm{M}_x) \otimes g, \sum_{(y)_\mathfrak{L}} y_{(1)} \otimes y_{(2)} \rangle \\
&= \sum_{(y)_\mathfrak{L}} \langle f, x \bullet_1 y_{(1)} \rangle \langle g, y_{(2)} \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \sum_{(y)_\mathfrak{L}} (x \bullet_1 y_{(1)}) \otimes y_{(2)} \rangle \\
&= \langle f \otimes g, x \cdot_a \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(y) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from $g \circ \mathrm{ad}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{M}_f)} = [f \circ \mathrm{M}_x, g]$ we conclude that $x \cdot_a \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - \Delta_a(x) \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} y = 0$ as required. As in above proposition, we prove the desired equivalences. $\square$

Proposition 3.7. *The following assertions are equivalent:*

(1) $[\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}), \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L})] \subseteq Ann((\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{L}))^+)$;

(2) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$,*

$$[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = 0,$$
$$(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = 0,$$
$$g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ ad_f)} = (f \circ ad_x) \bullet_2 g; \tag{3.15}$$

(3) *For any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$,*

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x \bullet_1 y) = 0,$$
$$\Delta_a([x, y]_1) = 0,$$
$$x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) - \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = 0. \tag{3.16}$$

Proof. First we show (1) $\Longrightarrow$ (2). We use a similar reasoning to the one applied in Proposition 3.6. Again, we have to study three cases. First, we take $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$. Since $[\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}] \subseteq Ann(\mathfrak{L}^+)$ then it is enough to take $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. From $[x, y] \bullet f = 0$ we infer $(f \bullet_2 g)[x, y]_1 = 0$ already appeared in Proposition 3.6.

Next, we take $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. Since $[\mathfrak{L}^*, \mathfrak{L}^*] \subseteq Ann((\mathfrak{L}^*)^+)$ then we just take $x \in \mathfrak{L}$. From $[f, g] \bullet x = 0$ it follows $[f, g]_2(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ obtained also in Proposition 3.6.

Finally, we take $x \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. For $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, we have

$$[x, f] \bullet g = (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f - f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet g = (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \circ \mathrm{M}_g + g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)} - (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet_2 g.$$

Using the fact that $[x, f] \bullet g = 0$ we obtain $(x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \circ \mathrm{M}_g = 0$ and $g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)} - (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet_2 g = 0$. But $(x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \circ \mathrm{M}_g(h) = x([f, g \bullet_2 h]_2) = 0$, for $h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, by hypothesis. Thus $g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)} = (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet_2 g$, getting condition (3.15). Given $y \in \mathfrak{L}$, we obtain

$$[x, f] \bullet y = (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f - f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet y = (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \bullet_1 y - y \circ \mathrm{M}_{f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x} - (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \circ \mathrm{M}_y$$

from $[x, f] \bullet y = 0$ we have $(x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \bullet_1 y - y \circ \mathrm{M}_{f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x} = 0$ and $(f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \circ \mathrm{M}_y = 0$. But $(f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \circ \mathrm{M}_y(z) = f([x, y \bullet_1 z]_1) = 0$, for $z \in \mathfrak{L}$, by hypothesis. It remains condition $(x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \bullet_1 y = y \circ \mathrm{M}_{f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x}$, which we prove that is equivalent to condition (3.15) already obtained. Indeed, for $g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, $g((x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \bullet_1 y) = (g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)})(y)$ and on the other hand

$$g(y \circ \mathrm{M}_{f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x}) = (y \circ \mathrm{M}_{f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x})(g) = y((f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet_2 g) = ((f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet g)(y),$$

as required.

Now we prove (2) $\Longrightarrow$ (3). We just need to study the last statement. Given $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$, we get

$$\langle g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)}, y \rangle = \langle g, (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \bullet_1 y \rangle = \langle \Delta_a(g), (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \otimes y \rangle$$

$$= \Big\langle \sum_{(g)_a} g_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)}, (x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f) \otimes y \Big\rangle = \sum_{(g)_a} \langle g_{(1)}, x \circ \mathrm{ad}_f \rangle \langle g_{(2)}, y \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(g)_a} \langle x, [f, g_{(1)}]_2 \rangle \langle y, g_{(2)} \rangle = \sum_{(g)_a} \langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x), f \otimes g_{(1)} \rangle \langle y, g_{(2)} \rangle$$

$$= \Big\langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \otimes y, \sum_{(g)_a} f \otimes g_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)} \Big\rangle = \langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \otimes y, f \otimes \Delta_a(g) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \otimes y, (\mathrm{I} \otimes \Delta_a)(f \otimes g) \rangle = \langle (\mathrm{I} \otimes \bullet_1)(\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \otimes y), f \otimes g \rangle$$

$$= \Big\langle \sum_{(x)_{\mathfrak{L}}} x_{(1)} \otimes (x_{(2)} \bullet_1 y), f \otimes g \Big\rangle = \langle \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y, f \otimes g \rangle.$$

On the other hand

$$\langle (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet g, y \rangle = \langle ((f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \otimes g, \Delta_a(y) \rangle = \langle ((f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \otimes g, \sum_{(y)_a} y_{(1)} \otimes y_{(2)} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{(y)_a} \langle f, x \bullet_1 y_{(1)} \rangle \langle g, y_{(2)} \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \sum_{(y)_a} ([x, y_{(1)}]_1) \otimes y_{(2)} \rangle$$

$$= \langle f \otimes g, x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) \rangle$$

Therefore, from $g \circ \mathrm{M}_{(\langle x, \rangle \circ \mathrm{ad}_f)} = (f \circ \mathrm{ad}_x) \bullet g$ we conclude that $x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) - \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = 0$ as desired. We complete the proof as in the previous propositions.   □

Now we summarize the results above in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.8. *Let* $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ *be a symmetric Leibniz algebra and* Δ *a coproduct on* $\mathfrak{L}$. *The triple* $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ *is a symmetric Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these conditions are satisfied:*

    (1) $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ *is a Lie coalgebra,*
    (2) $(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = (\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} = (\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a = 0,$
    (3) $\Delta_a(x \bullet_1 y) = \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x \bullet_1 y) = \Delta_a([x, y]_1) = 0,$
    (4) $y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) + \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = 0,$
    (5) $x \cdot_a \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - \Delta_a(x) \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} y = 0,$
    (6) $x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) - \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = 0,$

for any $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.

4. Coboundary Leibniz bialgebras, the Yang-Baxter equation and r−matrices

In the previous section we considered Leibniz bialgebras in general, now we are going to study a special class of them, namely the coboundary Leibniz bialgebras. It will give us the natural framework to study the analogue of the Yang-Baxter equation and r-matrix in our setting. Similar to the preceding section, first we present a brief description of the theory for Lie bialgebras as well as associative bialgebras.

A Lie bialgebra $(\mathfrak{g}, [,], \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is called *coboundary* if $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \in \mathrm{B}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g})$ (meaning that, $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$ is a coboundary of $\mathfrak{g}$ with values in $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$). In this case, there exists $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ such that:

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

If $r = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \otimes b_i$ with $a_i, b_i \in \mathfrak{g}$, $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we consider $r_{12} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \otimes b_i \otimes 1$, $r_{13} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \otimes 1 \otimes b_i$ and $r_{23} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 \otimes a_i \otimes b_i$ in $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes^3}$, then

$$[r_{12}, r_{13}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} [a_i, a_j] \otimes b_i \otimes b_j,$$

$$[r_{12}, r_{23}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_i \otimes [b_i, a_j] \otimes b_j,$$

$$[r_{13}, r_{23}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_i \otimes a_j \otimes [b_i, b_j],$$

$$C(r) := [r_{12}, r_{13}] + [r_{12}, r_{23}] + [r_{13}, r_{23}].$$

Proposition 4.1. [11] *Let* $\mathfrak{g}$ *be a Lie algebra and* $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$. *The map* $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$ *given by*

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (ad_x \otimes I + I \otimes ad_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g},$$

defines a Lie bialgebra structure on $\mathfrak{g}$ *if and only if the following statements are satisfied:*

    (1) $(ad_x \otimes I + I \otimes ad_x)(r + \tau(r)) = 0, \forall x \in \mathfrak{g};$

(2) $(ad_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes ad_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes ad_x)C(r) = 0$, $\forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$.

The equation $C(r) = 0$ is called *classical Yang-Baxter equation* (CYBE). If $r \in \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ satisfies $C(r) = 0$, then r is called the *solution* of CYBE (as well a *r-matrix* of $\mathfrak{g}$). It is clear that if r is skew-symmetric (recall that $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ is *skew-symmetric* if $r + \tau(r) = 0$) and $C(r) = 0$, then $(\mathfrak{g}, [,], \Delta_\varrho)$ is a Lie bialgebra, where Δ_ϱ is the coalgebra structure defined by r. In this case, $(\mathfrak{g}, [,], \Delta_\varrho)$ is said a *triangular Lie bialgebra*. If $(\mathfrak{g}, [,], \Delta_\varrho)$ (with $\Delta_\varrho(x) = x \cdot r$, $x \in \mathfrak{g}$) is a Lie bialgebra and r a solution of CYBE which is not skew-symmetric, then $(\mathfrak{g}, [,], \Delta_\varrho)$ is called *quasi-triangular Lie bialgebra* and r is called a *quasi-classical r-matrix* of $\mathfrak{g}$.

Now, let $(A, \bullet)$ be an associative algebra. If $r = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \otimes b_i \in A \otimes A$, we consider

$$r_{13}r_{12} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} (a_i \bullet a_j) \otimes b_j \otimes b_i,$$

$$r_{12}r_{23} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet a_j) \otimes b_j,$$

$$r_{23}r_{13} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_j \otimes a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet b_j),$$

$$A(r) := r_{13}r_{12} - r_{12}r_{23} + r_{23}r_{13}.$$

Now, we define the coproduct $\Delta_a : A \longrightarrow A \otimes A$ by:

$$\Delta_a(x) = (M_x \otimes I - I \otimes M_x)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} ((x \bullet a_i) \otimes b_i - a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet x)), \qquad \forall x \in A.$$

It is easy to verify that the associativity of $\bullet$ implies condition (3.3).

Proposition 4.2. [1] $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$, where Δ_a is defined by $r \in A \otimes A$, is coassociative if and only if

$$\big(L(x) \otimes I \otimes I - I \otimes I \otimes R(x)\big)A(r) = 0, \qquad \forall x \in A.$$

Corollary 4.3. [2] *The triple* $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$, *where as before* Δ_a *is given by* $r \in A \otimes A$, *is an infinitesimal bialgebra if and only if*

$$\big(L(x) \otimes I \otimes I - I \otimes I \otimes R(x)\big)A(r) = 0, \qquad \forall x \in A.$$

In this case, $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$ *is called a coboundary infinitesimal bialgebra.*

The equation $A(r) = 0$ is called the *associative Yang-Baxter equation* (AYBE), and each solution r of this equation is called a *solution* of AYBE. We recall that a coalgebra (A, Δ) is called *cocommutative* if $\tau \circ \Delta = \Delta$.

Definition 4.4. An infinitesimal bialgebra $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$ is called *commutative* if $(A, \bullet)$ is a commutative algebra and (A, Δ_a) is a cocommutative coalgebra.

It is clear that if $(A, \bullet)$ is a commutative associative algebra and Δ_a a coproduct on A defined by $r \in A \otimes A$, the triple $(A, \bullet, \Delta_a)$ is a commutative infinitesimal bialgebra if and only if

(i) $\big(L(x) \otimes I - I \otimes L(x)\big)(r + \tau(r)) = 0$;

(ii) $\big(L(x) \otimes I \otimes I - I \otimes I \otimes L(x)\big)A(r) = 0$,

hold $\forall x \in A$.

Now, our goal is to transfer these structures to the Leibniz algebras.

Definition 4.5. A Leibniz bialgebra $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is called *coboundary* if there exists $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ such that:

$$\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

If r is skew-symmetric, we obtain for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$:

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r),$$
$$\Delta_a(x) = (\mathrm{M}_x \otimes I - I \otimes \mathrm{M}_x)(r),$$

thus $(\mathfrak{L}, [,]_1, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ (resp. $(\mathfrak{L}, \bullet_1, \Delta_a)$) is actually a coboundary Lie bialgebra (resp. coboundary commutative associative bialgebra).

Remark 4.6. If $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ such that $(x \in \mathfrak{L})$:

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r),$$
$$\Delta_a(x) = (\mathrm{M}_x \otimes I - I \otimes \mathrm{M}_x)(r),$$

then $\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r)$ holds for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$, meaning that $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra.

Theorem 4.7. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra and $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ a skew-symmetric element. We consider the coproduct $\Delta : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ defined by:*

$$\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The triple $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these conditions are satisfied:

(1) $(ad_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes ad_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes ad_x)C(r) = 0,$
(2) $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)C(r) = 0,$
(3) $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)A(r) = 0,$
(4) $(I \otimes I \otimes ad_x)A(r) = 0,$
(5) $(M_x \otimes ad_y)(r) = 0,$

for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Proof. Set $r = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes b_i - b_i \otimes a_i$, with $a_i, b_i \in \mathfrak{L}$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$. We have (for $x \in \mathfrak{L}$):

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Big([x, a_i]_1 \otimes b_i - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes a_i + a_i \otimes [x, b_i]_1 - b_i \otimes [x, a_i]_1\Big),$$

$$\Delta_a(x) = (\mathrm{M}_x \otimes I - I \otimes \mathrm{M}_x)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Big((x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes b_i - (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes a_i - a_i \otimes (x \bullet_1 b_i) + b_i \otimes (x \bullet_1 a_i)\Big).$$

Since r is skew-symmetric, $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a Lie coalgebra if and only if $(\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)C(r) = 0$. By easy calculation we prove that: $\forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$,

(i) $(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a(x) = 0$ if and only if $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)(r_{13}r_{12} - r_{12}r_{23}) = 0$ which is equivalent to $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)A(r) = 0$, because $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$.
(ii) $(\Delta_a \otimes I) \circ \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = 0$ if and only if $(I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r_{13}r_{12} - r_{12}r_{23}) = 0$ and equivalently $(I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)A(r) = 0$, as $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$.
(iii) $(\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \otimes I) \circ \Delta_a(x) = 0$ if and only if $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)([r_{12}, r_{13}] + [r_{12}, r_{23}]) = 0$ which is the same as $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)C(r) = 0$, since $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$.
(iv)

$$y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) + \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = \sum_{i=1}^n (-(y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 b_i) + (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 a_i))$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^n ((y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (b_i \bullet_1 x) - (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (a_i \bullet_1 x)) = 0$$

(v) $x \cdot_a \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - \Delta_a(x) \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} y = 0$ if and only if $(\mathrm{M}_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r) = 0$.

(vi) $x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) - \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = 0$ if and only if $(\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes \mathrm{M}_y)(r) = 0$. The fact that r is skew-symmetric implies that (v) and (vi) are equivalent.

(vii) Since $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$, $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$, then $\Delta_a(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$, $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x \bullet_1 y) = 0$ and $\Delta_a([x, y]_1) = 0$.

By Theorem 3.8, we conclude that $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if (i)–(vii) are satisfied. □

We have the following immediate consequences:

Corollary 4.8. *If $C(r) = 0$, $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these assertions are satisfied:*

(1) $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)A(r) = 0$,

(2) $(I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)A(r) = 0$,

(3) $(M_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r) = 0$,

for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Corollary 4.9. *If $A(r) = 0$, $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these conditions are satisfied:*

(1) $(\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)C(r) = 0$,

(2) $(I \otimes I \otimes M_x)C(r) = 0$,

(3) $(M_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r) = 0$,

for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Corollary 4.10. *If $C(r) = A(r) = 0$, $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if $(M_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r) = 0$, for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$.*

The following proposition presents an interesting construction of a Leibniz bialgebra, which is not a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra.

Proposition 4.11. *Consider $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ a symmetric Leibniz algebra together with an element $r = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(a_i \otimes b_i - b_i \otimes a_i)$ in $\mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$. Define the following maps $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$, $\Delta_a : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ by (for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$):*

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r),$$
$$\Delta_a(x) = (-M_x \otimes I + I \otimes M_x)(r).$$

Then $\mathfrak{L}$ is a Leibniz bialgebra with the coproducts $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$ and Δ_a on $\mathfrak{L}$ (hence $\Delta(x) = (-R_x \otimes I + I \otimes L_x)(r)$, for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$) if and only if the following condition is true:

$$(\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)C(r) = 0, \tag{4.17}$$

for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$.

Explicitly, $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}$ and Δ_a can be written as (for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$):

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\Big([x, a_i]_1 \otimes b_i - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes a_i + a_i \otimes [x, b_i]_1 - b_i \otimes [x, a_i]_1\Big),$$

$$\Delta_a(x) = (-M_x \otimes I + I \otimes M_x)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\Big(-(x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes b_i + (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes a_i + a_i \otimes (x \bullet_1 b_i) - b_i \otimes (x \bullet_1 a_i)\Big).$$

Proof. Straightforward calculations show that the conditions of Theorem 3.8 are checked. Indeed, conditions (2) and (3) are immediate. $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}})$ is a Lie coalgebra, means that, $\mathrm{Im}(\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}) \subseteq \mathrm{Im}(I - \tau)$ and

$(I + \xi + \xi^2) \circ (I \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}) \circ \Delta_\mathfrak{L} = 0$. Doing some careful computations we obtain (with $x \in \mathfrak{L}$):

$$(I \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}) \circ \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(x) = (I \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L})\Big(\sum_{i=1}^{n}([x, a_i]_1 \otimes b_i - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes a_i + a_i \otimes [x, b_i]_1 - b_i \otimes [x, a_i]_1)\Big)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\big([x, a_i]_1 \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(b_i) - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(a_i) + a_i \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}([x, b_i]_1) - b_i \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}([x, a_i]_1)\big)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{n}\big([x, a_i]_1 \otimes [b_i, a_j]_1 \otimes b_j - [x, a_i]_1 \otimes [b_i, b_j]_1 \otimes a_j + [x, a_i]_1 \otimes a_j \otimes [b_i, b_j]_1 - [x, a_i]_1 \otimes b_j \otimes [b_i, a_j]_1$$

$$- [x, b_i]_1 \otimes [a_i, a_j]_1 \otimes b_j + [x, b_i]_1 \otimes [a_i, b_j]_1 \otimes a_j - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes a_j \otimes [a_i, b_j]_1 + [x, b_i]_1 \otimes b_j \otimes [a_i, a_j]_1$$

$$+ a_i \otimes [[x, b_i]_1, a_j]_1 \otimes b_j - a_i \otimes [[x, b_i]_1, b_j]_1 \otimes a_j + a_i \otimes a_j \otimes [[x, b_i]_1, b_j]_1 - a_i \otimes b_j \otimes [[x, b_i]_1, a_j]_1$$

$$- b_i \otimes [[x, a_i]_1, a_j]_1 \otimes b_j + b_i \otimes [[x, a_i]_1, b_j]_1 \otimes a_j - b_i \otimes a_j \otimes [[x, a_i]_1, b_j]_1 + b_i \otimes b_j \otimes [[x, a_i]_1, a_j]_1\big)$$

and since r is skew-symmetric we have,

$$(I + \xi + \xi^2) \circ (I \otimes \Delta_\mathfrak{L}) \circ \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(x) = (\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x)C(r).$$

Thus, $(\mathfrak{L}, \Delta_\mathfrak{L})$ is a Lie coalgebra if and only if condition (4.17) is verified. Next we take care about condition (4). Since $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$, we have (for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$)

$$y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(-y \bullet_1 (x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes b_i + y \bullet_1 (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes a_i + (y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 b_i) - (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 a_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}((y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 b_i) - (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (x \bullet_1 a_i)),$$

and

$$\Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(-(y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (b_i \bullet_1 x) + (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (a_i \bullet_1 x) + a_i \otimes (y \bullet_1 b_i) \bullet_1 x - b_i \otimes (y \bullet_1 a_i) \bullet_1 x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}(-(y \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes (b_i \bullet_1 x) + (y \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes (a_i \bullet_1 x)),$$

which prove that $y \cdot_a \Delta_a(x) + \Delta_a(y) \cdot_a x = 0$. Concerning condition (5), since $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$, we have

$$x \cdot_a \Delta_\mathfrak{L}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(x \bullet_1 [y, a_i]_1 \otimes b_i - x \bullet_1 [y, b_i]_1 \otimes a_i + (x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes [y, b_i]_1 - (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes [y, a_i]_1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}((x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes [y, b_i]_1 - (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes [y, a_i]_1)$$

and

$$\Delta_a(x) \cdot_\mathfrak{L} y = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(-(x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes [b_i, y]_1 + (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes [a_i, y]_1 + a_i \otimes [(x \bullet_1 b_i), y]_1 - b_i \otimes [(x \bullet_1 a_i), y]_1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}((x \bullet_1 a_i) \otimes [y, b_i]_1 - (x \bullet_1 b_i) \otimes [y, a_i]_1)$$

it follows $x \cdot_a \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(y) - \Delta_a(x) \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} y = 0$. Finally, relative to condition (6), using $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] \subseteq$ Ann$(\mathfrak{L}^+)$, we have

$$x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-[x, y \bullet_1 a_i]_1 \otimes b_i + [x, y \bullet_1 b_i]_1 \otimes a_i + [x, a_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 b_i) - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 a_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} ([x, a_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 b_i) - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 a_i))$$

and

$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} ([x, a_i]_1 \otimes (b_i \bullet_1 y) - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes (a_i \bullet_1 y) + a_i \otimes [x, b_i]_1 \bullet_1 y - b_i \otimes [x, a_i]_1 \bullet_1 y)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} ([x, a_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 b_i) - [x, b_i]_1 \otimes (y \bullet_1 a_i))$$

obtaining $x \cdot_{\mathfrak{L}} \Delta_a(y) - \Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) \cdot_a y = 0$, completing the proof. $\qquad\square$

5. Existence of coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure on a symmetric Leibniz algebra

Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra. We are interested in the case when $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq \{0\}$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \{0\}$, i.e., when $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is neither a Lie algebra nor an associative commutative algebra.

Theorem 5.1. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \{0\}$. Then there exists a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ such that $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$.*

Proof. We divide the proof in two cases. First case, we assume that Ann$(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) \subsetneq \mathfrak{L}$. Let $a \in \mathfrak{L}\backslash(\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-))$, $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ and we set $r := a \otimes b - b \otimes a$. We have (for $x \in \mathfrak{L}$):

$$\Delta(x) = (x.a) \otimes b - (x.b) \otimes a - a \otimes (b.x) + b \otimes (a.x),$$
$$\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x) = [x, a]_1 \otimes b - [x, b]_1 \otimes a + a \otimes [x, b]_1 - b \otimes [x, a]_1$$
$$= [x, a]_1 \otimes b - b \otimes [x, a]_1, \quad \text{because } b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-),$$
$$\Delta_a(x) = (x \bullet_1 a) \otimes b - (x \bullet_1 b) \otimes a - a \otimes (x \bullet_1 b) + b \otimes (x \bullet_1 a)$$
$$= (x \bullet_1 a) \otimes b + b \otimes (x \bullet_1 a), \quad \text{because } b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \text{ and } (\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}.$$

Since $a \notin \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$, then there exists $x_0 \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $[x_0, a]_1 \neq 0$. Consequently $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}}(x_0) \neq 0$, because $b \notin [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ implies that a and b are linearly independent. The fact that $a \notin \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$ implies that there exists $y_0 \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $y_0 \bullet_1 a \neq 0$. Thus $\Delta_a(y_0) \neq 0$, which proves that $\Delta_a \neq 0$. Now, we are going to prove that r satisfies the assertions (1) to (5) of Theorem 4.7. Since $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$, then $[r_{12}, r_{13}] = [r_{12}, r_{23}] = [r_{13}, r_{23}] = 0$. Consequently $C(r) = 0$, so assertions (1) and (2) of Theorem 4.7 are satisfied. We have

$$r_{13}r_{12} = (a \bullet_1 a) \otimes b \otimes b,$$
$$r_{12}r_{23} = -b \otimes (a \bullet_1 a) \otimes b,$$
$$r_{23}r_{13} = b \otimes b \otimes (a \bullet_1 a),$$

because $b \in \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$, hence $A(r) = (a \bullet_1 a) \otimes b \otimes b + b \otimes (a \bullet_1 a) \otimes b + b \otimes b \otimes (a \bullet_1 a)$. It follows that the assertions (3) and (4) of Theorem 4.7 are satisfied because $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$ and $b \in \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cap \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$. Finally, $b \in \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cap \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ implies that $(M_x \otimes \text{ad}_y)(r) = 0$, $\forall x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$, i.e., the assertion (5) of Theorem 4.7 is satisfied. We conclude that $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra with $\Delta_{\mathfrak{L}} \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

Second case, we suppose that Ann$(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) = \mathfrak{L}$, then $\mathfrak{L} = \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) + \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$. Since $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq \{0\}$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \{0\}$, it follows that Ann$(\mathfrak{L}^+) \subsetneq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$ and $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) \subsetneq \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$. Consequently, there exist $v \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)\backslash \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$ and $s \in \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)\backslash\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$, so $a = v + s$ is an element of $\mathfrak{L}\backslash(\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-))$. If we

choose $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$, then by first case, $r := a \otimes b - b \otimes a$ defines on $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure such that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

$\square$

Remark 5.2. Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq \{0\}$, $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \{0\}$ and $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \emptyset$. For the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{L}^-$, in the proof of the last theorem, we give a new solution of Yang-Baxter equation different from that given in [12].

Proposition 5.3. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$.*

(i) *If $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$, then there exists a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ such that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$;*

(ii) *If $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ and $dim(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \geq 2$, then $\mathfrak{L}^-$ and $\mathfrak{L}$ are 2-nilpotent algebras and there exists a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ such that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$;*

(iii) *If $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ and $dim(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = 1$, then $\mathfrak{L}^-$ and $\mathfrak{L}$ are 2-nilpotent algebras and there exists a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ such that $\Delta_a \neq 0$.*

Proof. (i) If $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$, then there exist $x_0, y_0 \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $[x_0, y_0]_1 \notin (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2$. Which implies that $x_0 \notin (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2$ because $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$. Next, we consider a non zero element $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2$, so $[x_0, y_0]_1$ and b are linearly independent. We set $r := x_0 \otimes b - b \otimes x_0$. If we consider a coproduct $\Delta : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ defined by:

$$\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L},$$

then $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a coboundary symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$.

Suppose that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$. Since for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{L} : x.y = [x, y]_1 + x \bullet_1 y$, $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$, $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^3 = \{0\}$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] \subseteq \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$, then $\mathfrak{L}^-$ and $\mathfrak{L}$ are 2-nilpotent algebras.

(ii) Now, if $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ and $dim(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \geq 2$. Let us consider $x_0, y_0, b \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $[x_0, y_0]_1 \neq 0$, $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2$, $[x_0, y_0]_1$ and b are linearly independent. Consequently, $r := x_0 \otimes b - b \otimes x_0$ define on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ a coboundary symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $\Delta_\mathfrak{L} \neq 0$.

(iii) If $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1$ and $dim(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = 1$. Then there exist $x_0, y_0, b \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 = \mathbb{K}b$ and $[x_0, y_0]_1 = b$. Thus, $r := x_0 \otimes b - b \otimes x_0$ define on $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ a coboundary symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

$\square$

The following result comes from Theorem 5.1 and Proposition 5.3.

Corollary 5.4. *Every symmetric Leibniz algebra $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$, such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \neq \{0\}$ and $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]_1 \neq \{0\}$, admits a non-trivial coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structure.*

6. EXAMPLES OF LEIBNIZ BIALGEBRAS

In this section we are going to present some examples of Leibniz algebras which verify either hypothesis of Theorem 5.1 or hypothesis of Proposition 5.3.

Example I. Let $\mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{W}$ be two vector spaces. Let us consider $C : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{W}$ a skew-symmetric bilinear map and $F : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{W}$ a symmetric bilinear map. On the vector space $\mathfrak{L} := \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$ we define the following product:

$$(v, w).(v', w') := C(v, v') + F(v, v'), \ \forall v, v' \in \mathcal{V}, \forall w, w' \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Simple calculations prove that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra and $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is non-Lie algebra if $F \neq 0$. The product $[,]_1$ of Lie algebra $\mathfrak{L}^-$ (resp. $\bullet_1$ of associative commutative algebra $\mathfrak{L}^+$) is defined by:

$$[(v, w), (v', w')]_1 := C(v, v') \quad \Big(\text{resp. } (v, w) \bullet_1 (v', w') := F(v, v')\Big),$$

$\forall v, v' \in \mathcal{V}, \forall w, w' \in \mathcal{W}$. It is clear that $\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}^-$ and $\mathfrak{L}^+$ are 2−nilpotent algebras. We are going to give some examples of Leibniz algebras $\mathfrak{L} := \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$ which verify either hypothesis of Theorem 5.1 or hypothesis

of Proposition 5.3.

1. Consider the case when $\mathcal{V} := \mathbb{K}^2 := \mathbb{K}a + \mathbb{K}X$, $\mathcal{W} := \mathbb{K}^2 := \mathbb{K}b + \mathbb{K}Y$, C_1 and C_2 be two skew-symmetric bilinear forms on $\mathcal{V}$, F_1 and F_2 be two symmetric bilinear forms on $\mathcal{V}$. Let C (resp. F) : $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{W}$ be the skew-symmetric (resp. symmetric) bilinear map defined by:

$$C(\,,\,) := C_1(\,,\,)b + C_2(\,,\,)Y \quad \left(\text{resp. } F(\,,\,) := F_1(\,,\,)b + F_2(\,,\,)Y\right).$$

1.1. Suppose that $C_1(a, X) = 0$, $C_2(a, X) = 1$, $F_1(a, a) = 1$ and $F_2 = 0$. In this case, $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] = \mathbb{K}Y$ and $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = \mathbb{K}b$. Consequently, $b \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]$ and $a \in \mathfrak{L} \backslash (\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-))$. By the proof of Theorem 5.1, $r := a \otimes b - b \otimes a$ defines a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra Δ such that $\Delta_\varrho \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

1.2. Suppose that $C_1(a, X) = 1$, $C_2(a, X) = 0$, $F_1(a, a) = 1$ and $F_2 = 0$. In this case, $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] = (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = \mathbb{K}b$. By the proof of assertion (iii) of Proposition 5.3, $r := a \otimes b - b \otimes a$ defines a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra Δ such that $\Delta_a \neq 0$. It is easy to see that $\Delta_\varrho = 0$.

2. Now consider the case when $\mathcal{V} := \mathbb{K}^3 := \mathbb{K}a + \mathbb{K}X + \mathbb{K}Z$, $\mathcal{W} := \mathbb{K}^2 = \mathbb{K}b + \mathbb{K}Y$, C_1 and C_2 be two skew-symmetric bilinear forms of $\mathcal{V}$, F_1 and F_2 be two symmetric bilinear forms on $\mathcal{V}$. Let C (resp. F) : $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{W}$ be the skew-symmetric (resp. symmetric) bilinear map defined by:

$$C(\,,\,) := C_1(\,,\,)b + C_2(\,,\,)Y \quad \left(\text{resp. } F(\,,\,) := F_1(\,,\,)b + F_2(\,,\,)Y\right).$$

Suppose that $C_1(a, X) = C_2(X, Z) = 1$, $C_1(a, Z) = C_1(X, Z) = C_2(a, X) = C_2(a, Z) = 0$, $F_1(a, a) = F_2(X, X) = 1$ and $F_2(a, a) = F_1(X, X) = 0$. In this case, $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] = (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = \mathcal{W}$. By the proof of assertion (ii) of Proposition 5.3, $r := X \otimes b - b \otimes X$ defines a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra Δ such that $\Delta_\varrho \neq 0$. We have $\Delta_a(X) = (X \bullet_1 X) \otimes b + b \otimes (X \bullet_1 X) = Y \otimes b + b \otimes Y \neq 0$, so $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

Example II. Let $(\mathfrak{g}, [\,,\,]_\mathfrak{g})$ be a semisimple Lie algebra and π its co-adjoint representation. Consider $\mathcal{V} := \mathbb{K}^2 := \mathbb{K}a + \mathbb{K}b$. On the vector space $\mathfrak{L} := \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^* \times \mathcal{V}$ we define the following bilinear product:

$$\left(X, f, \alpha a + \beta b\right).\left(Y, h, \lambda a + \gamma b\right) := \left([X, Y]_\mathfrak{g}, \pi(X)(h) - \pi(Y)(f) + \alpha h - \lambda f, \alpha \lambda b\right),$$

$\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}, f, h \in \mathfrak{g}^*, \alpha, \beta, \lambda, \gamma \in \mathbb{K}$. Simple calculations prove that $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ is a symmetric Leibniz algebra such that $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = \mathbb{K}b$, $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^* \times \{0\}$ which is a perfect Lie algebra and isomorphic to the semi-direct product of the abelian Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}^*$ by the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ by means of π, $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) = \{0\} \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{K}b$ and $\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^* \times \mathbb{K}b$. The proof of Theorem 5.1 shows that $r := a \otimes b - b \otimes a$ defines a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra Δ such that $\Delta_\varrho \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$.

Example III. Let us consider the three-dimensional symmetric, solvable and non-nilpotent Leibniz algebra $\mathfrak{L} := \mathbb{K}X \oplus \mathbb{K}Y \oplus \mathbb{K}Z$ with the product defined by:

$$Z.Y = Y, \quad Y.Z = -Y, \quad Z.Z = X.$$

The product $[\,,\,]_1$ of $\mathfrak{L}^-$ is defined by $[Z, Y]_1 = Y$ and the product $\bullet_1$ of $\mathfrak{L}^+$ is defined by $Z \bullet_1 Z = X$. Then $[\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-] = \mathbb{K}Y$, $(\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 = \mathbb{K}X$, $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) = \mathbb{K}X$ and $\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) = \mathbb{K}X \oplus \mathbb{K}Y$. Consequently $\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-) = \mathbb{K}X \oplus \mathbb{K}Y \neq \mathfrak{L}$. Since $Z \in \mathfrak{L} \backslash (\text{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+) \cup \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-))$ and $X \in (\mathfrak{L}^+)^2 \backslash [\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]$. By the proof of Theorem 5.1, $r := Z \otimes X - X \otimes Z$ defines a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra Δ such that $\Delta_\varrho \neq 0$ and $\Delta_a \neq 0$. More precisely,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(X) &= 0, & \Delta(Y) &= X \otimes Y - Y \otimes X, & \Delta(Z) &= 2X \otimes X; \\
\Delta_\varrho(X) &= 0, & \Delta_\varrho(Y) &= X \otimes Y - Y \otimes X, & \Delta_\varrho(Z) &= 0; \\
\Delta_a(X) &= 0, & \Delta_a(Y) &= 0, & \Delta_a(Z) &= 2X \otimes X.
\end{aligned}$$

7. Coboundary Leibniz bialgebra structures on quadratic Leibniz algebras

Let $\mathfrak{L}$ be a Leibniz algebra and consider $r = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \otimes b_i$ with $a_i, b_i \in \mathfrak{L}$, for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$. We associate to r a linear map $\mathcal{R} : \mathfrak{L}^* \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{R}(f) := (f \otimes 1)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a_i) b_i, \qquad \forall f \in \mathfrak{L}^*. \tag{7.18}$$

If r is skew-symmetric, we also have $\mathcal{R}(f) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(b_i) a_i$, for all $f \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. In [4] we have studied the class of quadratic Lie (super)algebras with triangular structures. We have proved that for a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$, r is a skew-symmetric solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation $C(r) = 0$ if and only if $\langle f, \mathcal{R}(h) \rangle = -\langle h, \mathcal{R}(f) \rangle$ and the cyclic equation

$$\sum_{cycl} \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(h), \mathcal{R}(l)] \rangle = 0,$$

hold, for all $f, h, l \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ (see [4, Proposition 2.5]). In our present context we may also rewrite conditions of Theorem 4.7 in terms of a map $\mathcal{R}$.

Proposition 7.1. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra, $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ a skew-symmetric element and $\mathcal{R}$ the linear map defined by (7.18). We consider the coproduct $\Delta : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ defined by:*

$$\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The triple $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these conditions are satisfied:

(1) $\sum_{cycl} \left(\langle ad_x^*(f), [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle + \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(ad_x^*(g)), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle + \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(ad_x^*(h))] \rangle \right) = 0,$

(2) $\langle M_x^*(h), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(g)] \rangle + \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h))] \rangle - \langle g, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h))] \rangle = 0,$

(3) $\langle M_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \rangle + \langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h)) \rangle + \langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h)) \rangle = 0 ,$

(4) $\langle ad_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \rangle + \langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(ad_x^*(h)) \rangle + \langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(ad_x^*(h)) \rangle = 0,$

(5) $\langle M_x^*(f), \mathcal{R}(ad_y^*(g)) \rangle = 0 ,$

for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g, h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$.

Proof. First we rewrite condition (1) of Theorem 4.7 in terms of a map $\mathcal{R}$. We consider always $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $f, g, h \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. Recall that

$$C(r) := \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left([a_i, a_j] \otimes b_i \otimes b_j + a_i \otimes [b_i, a_j] \otimes b_j + a_i \otimes a_j \otimes [b_i, b_j] \right),$$

hence

$$(\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x) \, C(r) =$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} ([x, [a_i, a_j]] \otimes b_i \otimes b_j + [x, a_i] \otimes [b_i, a_j] \otimes b_j + [x, a_i] \otimes a_j \otimes [b_i, b_j]$$

$$+ [a_i, a_j] \otimes [x, b_i] \otimes b_j + a_i \otimes [x, [b_i, a_j]] \otimes b_j + a_i \otimes [x, a_j] \otimes [b_i, b_j]$$

$$+ [a_i, a_j] \otimes b_i \otimes [x, b_j] + a_i \otimes [b_i, a_j] \otimes [x, b_j] + a_i \otimes a_j \otimes [x, [b_i, b_j]]).$$

We have,

$$(f \otimes g \otimes h) \, ((\mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes \mathrm{ad}_x) C(r)) =$$

$$= -\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(f), [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle + \langle g, [\mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(f)), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle - \langle h, [\mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(f)), \mathcal{R}(g)] \rangle$$

$$- \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(g)), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle + \langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(g), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(h)] \rangle - \langle h, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(g))] \rangle$$

$$- \langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h))] \rangle + \langle g, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h))] \rangle - \langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(h), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(g)] \rangle.$$

Then (1) of Theorem 4.7 is equivalent to the cyclic condition

$$\sum_{cycl} \left(\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(f), [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(h)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(g)), \mathcal{R}(h)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle \right) = 0.$$

Now we deal we condition (2) of Theorem 4.7. We have

$$(\mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{M}_x) C(r) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left([a_i, a_j] \otimes b_i \otimes (x \bullet b_j) + a_i \otimes [b_i, a_j] \otimes (x \bullet b_j) + a_i \otimes a_j \otimes (x \bullet [b_i, b_j]) \right).$$

Thus

$$(f \otimes g \otimes h) \left((\mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{M}_x) C(r) \right) = \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(h), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(g)] \right\rangle - \left\langle g, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle.$$

Then (2) of Theorem 4.7 is equivalent to the condition

$$\left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(h), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(g)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle - \left\langle g, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle = 0.$$

To deal with condition (3) of Theorem 4.7, we recall that

$$A(r) := \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left((a_i \bullet a_j) \otimes b_j \otimes b_i - a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet a_j) \otimes b_j + a_j \otimes a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet b_j) \right),$$

then

$$(\mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{M}_x) A(r) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left((a_i \bullet a_j) \otimes b_j \otimes (x \bullet b_i) - a_i \otimes (b_i \bullet a_j) \otimes (x \bullet b_j) + a_j \otimes a_i \otimes (x \bullet (b_i \bullet b_j)) \right).$$

Hence

$$(f \otimes g \otimes h) \left((\mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{I} \otimes \mathrm{M}_x) A(r) \right) = \left\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \right\rangle.$$

Therefore condition (3) of Theorem 4.7 is equivalent to

$$\left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \right\rangle + \left\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle = 0.$$

In a similar way we show that (4) of Theorem 4.7 is equivalent to the condition

$$\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \right\rangle + \left\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle = 0.$$

Finally, for condition (5) of Theorem 4.7 we have

$$(\mathrm{M}_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x \bullet a_i) \otimes [y, b_i].$$

Hence

$$(f \otimes g)((\mathrm{M}_x \otimes \mathrm{ad}_y)(r)) = -\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_y^*(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(f)) \right\rangle = \left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_y^*(g)) \right\rangle.$$

Then condition (5) of Theorem 4.7 is equivalent to

$$\left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_y^*(g)) \right\rangle = 0,$$

completing the proof. □

Now, we assume that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a quadratic Leibniz algebra endowed with an invariant scalar product B. Since B is non-degenerate then we may define an isomorphism of vector spaces $\phi : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}^*$ by

$$\phi(x) := B(x, .), \qquad \forall \, x \in \mathfrak{L}. \tag{7.19}$$

We also define $U := \mathcal{R} \circ \phi : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$, where $\mathcal{R}$ is the above linear map associated to r expressed by (7.18).

Proposition 7.2. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a quadratic symmetric Leibniz algebra, $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ a skew-symmetric element and U the map just defined. We consider the coproduct $\Delta : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$ defined by:*

$$\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r), \qquad \forall x \in \mathfrak{L}.$$

The triple $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ is a Leibniz bialgebra if and only if these conditions are satisfied: for $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{L}$,

(1) $\sum_{cycl} ([a, [U(b), U(c)]] + [b, U([a, U(c)])] - [c, U([a, U(b)])]) = 0$,

(2) $[U(a), U(b)] - U([a, U(b)] + [U(a), b]) \in Ann(\mathfrak{L}^+)$,

(3) $U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \in Ann(\mathfrak{L}^+)$,

(4) $U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$,

(5) $U([\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]) \subseteq Ann(\mathfrak{L}^+)$ *or equivalently* $U(\mathfrak{L}^+ \bullet \mathfrak{L}^+) \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$.

Proof. First we take care of condition (1) of Proposition 7.1. We consider $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{L}$ and set $f = \phi(a)$, $g = \phi(b)$, $h = \phi(c)$ in $\mathfrak{L}^*$. Since r is skew-symmetric, $\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \rangle = -\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \rangle$ and so $B(a, U(b)) = -B(b, U(a)) = -B(U(a), b)$. We have for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$

$$\mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(a))(y) = -\phi(a)([x, y]) = -B(a, [x, y]) = B([x, a], y) = \phi([x, a])(y).$$

So

$$\sum_{cycl} \left(\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(f), [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(h)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(g)), \mathcal{R}(h)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle \right) =$$

$$= \sum_{cycl} \left(\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(a)), [U(b), U(c)] \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(a), [R(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(b))), U(c)] \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(a), [U(b), R(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(c)))] \right\rangle \right)$$

$$= \sum_{cycl} \left(-B(a, [x, [U(b), U(c)]]) + B(a, [U([x, b]), U(c)]) + B(a, [U(b), U([x, c])]) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{cycl} \left(B([a, [U(b), U(c)]], x) + B(U([a, U(c)]), [x, b]) - B(U([a, U(b)]), [x, c]) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{cycl} \left(B([a, [U(b), U(c)]] + [b, U([a, U(c)])] - [c, U([a, U(b)])], x) \right).$$

Since B is non-degenerate, then (1) of Proposition 7.1 is equivalent to the cyclic condition

$$\sum_{cycl} ([a, [U(b), U(c)]] + [b, U([a, U(c)])] - [c, U([a, U(b)])]) = 0.$$

Now we deal with condition (2) of Proposition 7.1. We have for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$

$$\mathrm{M}_x^*(\phi(a))(y) = \phi(a)(x \bullet y) = B(a, x \bullet y) = B(x \bullet a, y) = \phi(x \bullet a)(y).$$

Hence

$$\left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(h), [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(g)] \right\rangle + \left\langle f, [\mathcal{R}(g), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle - \left\langle g, [\mathcal{R}(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{M}_x^*(h))] \right\rangle =$$

$$= \left\langle \mathrm{M}_x^*(\phi(c)), [U(a), U(b)] \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(a), [U(b), R(\mathrm{M}_x^*(\phi(c)))] \right\rangle - \left\langle \phi(b), [U(a), R(\mathrm{M}_x^*(\phi(c)))] \right\rangle$$

$$= B(x \bullet c, [U(a), U(b)]) + B(a, [U(b), U(x \bullet c)]) - B(b, [U(a), U(x \bullet c)])$$

$$= B(x, c \bullet [U(a), U(b)]) - B(U([a, U(b)]) \bullet c, x) - B(U([U(a), b]) \bullet c, x)$$

$$= B(([U(a), U(b)] - U([a, U(b)] + [U(a), b])) \bullet c, x).$$

Since B is non-degenerate, condition (2) of Proposition 7.1 is

$$([U(a), U(b)] - U([a, U(b)] + [U(a), b])) \bullet c = 0, \qquad \forall\, c \in \mathfrak{L},$$

means,

$$[U(a), U(b)] - U([a, U(b)] + [U(a), b]) \in \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+).$$

In relation to condition (3) of Proposition 7.1 we have

$$\left\langle M_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \right\rangle + \left\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(h)) \right\rangle =$$
$$= \left\langle M_x^*(\phi(c)), U(a) \bullet U(b) \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(a), U(b) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(\phi(c))) \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(b), U(a) \bullet \mathcal{R}(M_x^*(\phi(c))) \right\rangle$$
$$= B(x \bullet c, U(a) \bullet U(b)) + B(a, U(b) \bullet U(x \bullet c)) + B(b, U(a) \bullet U(x \bullet c))$$
$$= B(x, c \bullet (U(a) \bullet U(b))) - B(U(a \bullet U(b)) \bullet c, x) - B(U(U(a) \bullet b) \bullet c, x)$$
$$= B(U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \bullet c, x).$$

Since B is non-degenerate, condition (3) of Proposition 7.1 is

$$(U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b)) \bullet c = 0, \qquad \forall\, c \in \mathfrak{L},$$

meaning that,

$$U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \in \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+). \tag{7.20}$$

In relation to condition (4) of Proposition 7.1 we have

$$\left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(h), \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(g) \right\rangle + \left\langle f, \mathcal{R}(g) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle + \left\langle g, \mathcal{R}(f) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(h)) \right\rangle =$$
$$= \left\langle \mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(c)), U(a) \bullet U(b) \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(a), U(b) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(c))) \right\rangle + \left\langle \phi(b), U(a) \bullet \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_x^*(\phi(c))) \right\rangle$$
$$= B([x, c], U(a) \bullet U(b)) + B(a, U(b) \bullet U([x, c])) + B(b, U(a) \bullet U([x, c]))$$
$$= B(x, [c, U(a) \bullet U(b)]) - B([c, U(a \bullet U(b))], x) - B([c, U(U(a) \bullet b)], x)$$
$$= B([c, U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b)], x).$$

Since B is non-degenerate, condition (4) of Proposition 7.1 is

$$[c, U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b)] = 0, \qquad \forall\, c \in \mathfrak{L},$$

which is,

$$U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-). \tag{7.21}$$

We observe that the pair of conditions (7.20) and (7.21) together, is equivalent to have

$$U(a) \bullet U(b) - U(a \bullet U(b) + U(a) \bullet b) \in \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}).$$

Finally, for condition (5) of Proposition 7.1 we have

$$\left\langle M_x^*(f), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_y^*(g)) \right\rangle = \left\langle M_x^*(\phi(a)), \mathcal{R}(\mathrm{ad}_y^*(\phi(b))) \right\rangle = B(x \bullet a, U([y, b])) = B(x, a \bullet U([y, b])),$$

Since B is non-degenerate, condition (5) of Proposition 7.1 is equivalent to

$$a \bullet U([y, b]) = 0, \qquad \forall\, a \in \mathfrak{L},$$

that is, $U([\mathfrak{L}^-, \mathfrak{L}^-]) \subseteq \mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{L}^+)$. Similar, we can show that condition (5) of Proposition 7.1 is equivalent to $U(\mathfrak{L}^+ \bullet \mathfrak{L}^+) \subseteq \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{L}^-)$, so the proof is complete. $\qquad\square$

Proposition 7.3. *Assume that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a coboundary Leibniz bialgebra such that the co-multiplication on $\mathfrak{L}$ is defined by a skew-symmetric element $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$. Then the multiplication on $\mathfrak{L}^*$ defined by (3.4) is determined explicitly by*

$$f \star g = -f \circ R_{\mathcal{R}(g)} - g \circ L_{\mathcal{R}(f)}, \qquad \forall f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*, \tag{7.22}$$

where $\mathcal{R}$ is the linear map associated to r defined by (7.18).

Proof. Set $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$. For $x \in \mathfrak{L}$ we have

$$\langle f \star g, x \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \Delta(x) \rangle = \langle f \otimes g, \sum_{i=1}^{n} ((x.a_i) \otimes b_i - a_i \otimes (b_i.x)) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (f(x.a_i)g(b_i) - f(a_i)g(b_i.x))$$

$$= f(x. \sum_{i=1}^{n} g(b_i)a_i) - g(\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a_i)b_i.x)$$

$$= -f(x.\mathcal{R}(g)) - g(\mathcal{R}(f).x)$$

$$= -f \circ R_{\mathcal{R}(g)}(x) - g \circ L_{\mathcal{R}(f)}(x),$$

as required.   □

Proposition 7.4. *Assume that $\mathfrak{L}$ is a quadratic coboundary Leibniz bialgebra such that the co-multiplication on $\mathfrak{L}$ is defined by a skew-symmetric element $r \in \mathfrak{L} \otimes \mathfrak{L}$. The bilinear map $(.)_* : \mathfrak{L} \times \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ defined by*

$$(a.b)_* \quad = \quad \phi^{-1}\big(\phi(a) \star \phi(b)\big), \qquad \forall a, b \in \mathfrak{L}, \tag{7.23}$$

where ϕ is determined by (7.19), can be rewritten as

$$(a.b)_* \quad = \quad -U(b).a - b.U(a), \qquad \forall a, b \in \mathfrak{L},$$

where $U = \mathcal{R} \circ \phi$, and $\mathcal{R}$ is the linear map associated to r defined by (7.18). Furthermore, $\mathfrak{L}$ equipped with the multiplication defined by (7.23) is a Leibniz algebra.

Proof. Set $a, b \in \mathfrak{L}$. There exist $f, g \in \mathfrak{L}^*$ such that $f = \phi(a)$ and $g = \phi(b)$, respectively. From (7.22), since B is invariant and symmetric, we get for any $x \in \mathfrak{L}$

$$\langle \phi(a) \star \phi(b), x \rangle = -\phi(a) \circ R_{\mathcal{R}(\phi(b))}(x) - \phi(b) \circ L_{\mathcal{R}(\phi(a))}(x)$$

$$= -\phi(a) \circ R_{U(b)}(x) - \phi(b) \circ L_{U(a)}(x)$$

$$= -B(a, x.U(b)) - B(b, U(a).x)$$

$$= B(-U(b).a - b.U(a), x),$$

so $\phi^{-1}\big(\phi(a) \star \phi(b)\big) = -U(b).a - b.U(a)$, because ϕ is an isomorphism of vector spaces. From (7.23) we get for $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{L}$,

$$(a.(b.c)_*)_* \quad = \quad \phi^{-1}\big(\phi(a) \star (\phi(b) \star \phi(c))\big).$$

Then the Leibniz identity of $\mathfrak{L}$ provided with the multiplication given by (7.23) comes easily from the correspondent identity on Leibniz algebra $(\mathfrak{L}^*, \star)$, completing the proof.   □

Let $(\mathfrak{L}, ., B)$ be a quadratic symmetric Leibniz algebra with a derivation $D : \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ which is invertible and B-skew-symmetric (i.e., $B(D(x), y) = -B(x, D(y))$, for $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}$). Then $U := D^{-1}$ satisfies conditions (1) to (5) of Proposition 7.2. Consequently, $\mathcal{R} = U \circ \phi^{-1} = D^{-1} \circ \phi^{-1} = (\phi \circ D)^{-1}$ define a Leibniz bialgebra $(\mathfrak{L}, ., \Delta)$ with the coproduct defined by $\Delta(x) = (L_x \otimes I - I \otimes R_x)(r)$, $\forall x \in \mathfrak{L}$, where r is associated to $\mathcal{R}$. We can construct a quadratic symmetric Leibniz algebra with an invertible skew-symmetric derivation (classical way).

Lemma 7.5. *Let $(A, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra. The vector space $T_0^* := A \oplus A^*$ provided with the product given by*

$$(x + f) \odot (y + g) = x.y + (R_A)^*(y)(f) + (L_A)^*(x)(g),$$

and the bilinear form B defined by

$$B(x + f, y + g) = g(x) + f(y),$$

whenever $x, y \in A$, $f, g \in A^*$, is a quadratic symmetric Leibniz algebra. Let D be an invertible derivation of A. Denote by $D^* : A^* \longrightarrow A^*$ the linear map defined by $D^*(f)(x) = -f(D(x))$, $\forall\, x \in A, f \in A^*$ (that is, $D^* = -{}^t D$, where ${}^t D$ is the transpose of D). Therefore the linear map $\delta : T_0^* \longrightarrow T_0^*$ defined by

$$\delta(x + f) := D(x) + D^*(f) = D(x) - {}^t D\,(f), \qquad \forall\, x \in A, f \in A^*,$$

is an invertible skew-symmetric derivation of T_0^*.

Proof. Doing easy calculations we show that δ is a derivation of T_0^*. Let $x + f, y + g \in T_0^*$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
B(\delta(x + f), y + g) &= B(D(x) + D^*(f), y + g) \\
&= D^*(f)(y) + g(D(x)) \\
&= -f(D(y)) - D^*(g)(x) \\
&= -B(x + f, D(y) + D^*(g)) \\
&= -B(x + f, \delta(y + g)),
\end{aligned}
$$

meaning that the derivation δ is B-skew-symmetric. □

Example 7.6. *Let $(\mathfrak{L}, .)$ be a symmetric Leibniz algebra, consider the associative algebra $A_n = X\mathbb{K}[X]/(X^{(n+1)})$, with $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The vector space $A = \mathfrak{L} \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} A_n$ with the multiplication defined by: $\forall\, x, y \in \mathfrak{L}, \forall\, p, q \in \mathbb{N}$, $(x \otimes \overline{t^p}).(y \otimes \overline{t^q}) = x.y \otimes \overline{t^{p+q}}$, is a symmetric Leibniz algebra. The linear map $D : A \longrightarrow A$ defined by $D(x \otimes \overline{t^p}) = p(x \otimes \overline{t^p})$, $\forall x \in \mathfrak{L}, \forall p \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$, is an invertible derivation of A. The linear map $\delta : T_0^* \longrightarrow T_0^*$ given by $\delta(x + f) = D(x) - f \circ D$, $\forall\, x \in A, f \in A^*$, is an invertible skew-symmetric derivation of T_0^*.*

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