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**A NON-ABELIAN TENSOR PRODUCT  
OF LEIBNIZ ALGEBRAS**

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**Abstract**

Leibniz algebras are a non-commutative version of usual Lie algebras. We introduce a notion of (pre)crossed Leibniz algebra which is a simultaneous generalization of notions of representation and two-sided ideal of a Leibniz algebra. We construct the Leibniz algebra of biderivations on crossed Leibniz algebras and we define a non-abelian tensor product of Leibniz algebras. These two notions are adjoint to each other. A (co)homological characterization of these new algebraic objects enables us to compare the first order Milnor-type Hochschild homology of an associative algebra (non-necessarily commutative) to its classical Hochschild homology.

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**Introduction.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra and let  $M$  be a representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , seen as a right  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Given a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -equivariant map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ , one can endow the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $M$  with a bracket  $([m, m'] := m^{\mu(m')})$  which is not skew-symmetric but satisfies the *Leibniz rule of derivations*:

$$[m, [m', m'']] = [[m, m'], m''] - [[m, m''], m'].$$

Such objects were baptized *Leibniz algebras* by Jean-Louis Loday and are studied as a non-commutative variation of Lie algebras (see [8]). One of the main examples of Lie algebras comes from the notion of *derivations*. For the Leibniz algebras, there is an analogue notion of *biderivations* (see [7]).

The aim of this article is to “integrate” the Leibniz algebra of biderivations by means of a non-abelian tensor product of Leibniz algebras as it is done for Lie algebras.

In the classical case, D. Guin (see [5]) has shown that, given crossed Lie  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ , the set of derivations  $\text{Der}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  has a structure of pre-crossed Lie  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. Moreover the functor  $\text{Der}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, -)$  is right adjoint to the functor  $- \otimes_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}$  where  $- \otimes_{\mathfrak{g}} -$  is the non-abelian tensor product of Lie algebras defined by G. J. Ellis (see [3]). D. Guin uses these objects to construct a non-abelian (co)homology theory for Lie algebras, which enables him to compare the  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules  $\text{HC}_1(A)$  and  $\text{K}_2^{M \text{ add}}(A)$  where  $A$  is an arbitrary associative algebra. We give a non-commutative version of his results, in the sense that Leibniz algebras play the role of Lie algebras, the additive Milnor K-theory  $\text{K}_*^{M \text{ add}}(A)$  (resp. the cyclic homology  $\text{HC}_*(A)$ ) being replaced by the Milnor-type Hochschild homology  $\text{HH}_*^M(A)$  (resp. the classical Hochschild homology  $\text{HH}_*(A)$ ).

To this end, we introduce the notion of (*pre*)crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra as a simultaneous generalization of notions of representation and two-sided ideal of the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Given crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ , we equip the set  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  of biderivations with a structure of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. On the other hand, we construct a *non-abelian tensor product*  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  of Leibniz algebras with mutual actions on one another. When  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras, this tensor product has also a structure of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. It turns out that the functor  $- \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}$  is left adjoint to the functor  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, -)$ . Another characterization of this tensor product is the following. If the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is perfect (and free as a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module), then the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g}$  is the universal central extension of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (see [4]). We give also low-degrees (co)homological interpretations of these objects, which yield an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} A/[A, A] \otimes \text{HH}_1(A) \oplus \text{HH}_1(A) \otimes A/[A, A] &\rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(A, L(A)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(A, [A, A]) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \text{HH}_1(A) \rightarrow \text{HH}_1^M(A) \rightarrow [A, A]/[A, [A, A]] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $L(A)$  is the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $A \otimes A / \text{im}(b_3)$  equipped with a suitable Leibniz bracket (see section 1.2).

Throughout this paper the symbol  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes a commutative ring with a unit element and  $\otimes$  stands  $\otimes_{\mathbb{K}}$ .

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## 1. Prerequisites on Leibniz algebras

**1.1. Leibniz algebras.** A *Leibniz algebra* is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $\mathfrak{g}$  equipped with a bilinear map  $[-, -] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ , called *bracket* and satisfying only the *Leibniz identity*

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

for any  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . In the presence of the condition  $[x, x] = 0$ , the Leibniz identity is equivalent to the so-called *Jacobi identity*. Therefore Lie algebras are examples of Leibniz algebras.

A *morphism* of Leibniz algebras is a linear map  $f : \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2$  such that

$$f([x, y]) = [f(x), f(y)]$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ . It is clear that Leibniz algebras and their morphisms form a category that we denote by (**Leib**).

A *two-sided ideal* of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a submodule  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that  $[x, y] \in \mathfrak{h}$  and  $[y, x] \in \mathfrak{h}$  for any  $x \in \mathfrak{h}$  and any  $y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . For any two-sided ideal  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the quotient module  $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$  inherits a structure of Leibniz algebra induced by the bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . In particular, let  $([x, x])$  be the two-sided ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$  generated by all brackets  $[x, x]$ . The Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}/([x, x])$  is in fact a Lie algebra, said *canonically associated* to  $\mathfrak{g}$  and is denoted by  $\mathfrak{g}_{Lie}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra. Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}' := [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$  the submodule generated by all brackets  $[x, y]$ . The Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is said to be *perfect* if  $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{g}$ . It is clear that any submodule of  $\mathfrak{g}$  containing  $\mathfrak{g}'$  is a two-sided ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**1.2. Examples.** Let  $M$  be a representation of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  (the action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $M$  being denoted by  $m^g$  for  $m \in M$  and  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ ). For any  $\mathfrak{g}$ -equivariant map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ , the bracket given by  $[m, m'] := m^{\mu(m')}$  induces a structure of Leibniz (non-Lie) algebra on  $M$ . Observe that any Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  can be obtained in such a way by taking the canonical projection  $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{Lie}$  (which is obviously  $\mathfrak{g}_{Lie}$ -equivariant).

Let  $A$  be an associative algebra and let  $b_3 : A^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow A^{\otimes 2}$  be the Hochschild boundary that is, the linear map defined by

$$b_3(a \otimes b \otimes c) := ab \otimes c - a \otimes bc + ca \otimes b, \quad a, b, c \in A.$$

Then the bracket given by

$$[a \otimes b, c \otimes d] := (ab - ba) \otimes (cd - dc), \quad a, b, c, d \in A,$$

defines a structure of Leibniz algebra on the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $L(A) := A^{\otimes 2}/\text{im}(b_3)$ . Moreover, we have an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \text{HH}_1(A) \rightarrow L(A) \xrightarrow{b_2} A \rightarrow \text{HH}_0(A)$$

where  $\text{HH}_*(A)$  denotes the Hochschild homology groups and  $b_2(x, y) = [x, y] := xy - yx$  for any  $x, y \in A$ .

**1.3. Free Leibniz algebra.** Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module and let  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}(V) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} V^{\otimes n}$  be the reduced tensor module. The bracket defined inductively by

$$\begin{aligned} [x, v] &= x \otimes v, \quad \text{if } x \in \overline{\mathbb{T}}(V) \text{ and } v \in V \\ [x, y \otimes v] &= [x, y] \otimes v - [x \otimes v, y], \quad \text{if } x, y \in \overline{\mathbb{T}}(V) \text{ and } v \in V, \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the Leibniz identity. The Leibniz algebra so defined is the *free Leibniz algebra* over  $V$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(V)$  (see [8]). Observe that one has

$$v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n = [\cdots [[v_1, v_2], v_3] \cdots], \quad \forall v_1, \dots, v_n \in V.$$

Moreover, the *free Lie algebra* over  $V$  is nothing but the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{F}(V)_{Lie}$ .

## 2. Crossed Leibniz algebras

**2.1. Leibniz action.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  be Leibniz algebras. A *Leibniz action* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a couple of bilinear maps

$$\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}, (g, m) \mapsto {}^g m \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{M} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}, (m, g) \mapsto m^g$$

satisfying the axioms

- i)  $m^{[g, g']} = (m^g)^{g'} - (m^{g'})^g,$
- ii)  $[{}^g, {}^{g'}]m = ({}^g m)^{g'} - {}^g(m^{g'}),$
- iii)  ${}^g({}^{g'}m) = -{}^g(m^{g'}),$
- iv)  ${}^g[m, m'] = [{}^g m, m'] - [{}^g m', m],$
- v)  $[m, m']^g = [m^g, m'] + [m, m'^g],$
- vi)  $[m, {}^g m'] = -[m, m'^g]$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $g, g' \in \mathfrak{g}$ . We say that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a *Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra*. Observe that the axiom i) applied to the triples  $(m; g, g')$  and  $(m; g', g)$  yields the relation

$$m^{[g, g']} = -m^{[g', g]}.$$

**2.2. Examples.** Any two-sided ideal of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra, the action being given by the initial bracket.

A  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $M$  equipped with two operations of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  satisfying the axioms i), ii) and iii) is called a *representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$*  (see [8]). Therefore representations of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  are abelian Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.

**2.3. Crossed Leibniz algebras.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra. A *pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra* is a Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$  equipped with a morphism of Leibniz algebras  $\mu : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  such that

$$\mu({}^g m) = [g, \mu(m)] \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(m^g) = [\mu(m), g]$$

for any  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Moreover if the relations

$$\mu({}^{\mu(m)} m') = [m, m'] \quad \text{and} \quad m^{\mu(m')} = [m, m'], \quad \forall m, m' \in \mathfrak{M},$$

hold, then  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  is called a *crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra*.

**2.4. Examples.** Any Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , equipped with the identity map  $\text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra.

Any two-sided ideal  $\mathfrak{h}$  of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , equipped with the inclusion map  $\mathfrak{h} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ , is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra.

Let  $\alpha : \mathfrak{c} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  be a central extension of Leibniz algebras (i.e., a surjective morphism whose kernel is contained in the centre of  $\mathfrak{c}$ , see [4]). Define operations of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{c}$  by

$${}^g c := [\alpha^{-1}(g), c] \quad \text{and} \quad c^g := [c, \alpha^{-1}(g)]$$

where  $\alpha^{-1}(g)$  is any pre-image of  $g$  in  $\mathfrak{c}$ . Then  $(\mathfrak{c}, \alpha)$  is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra.

**Proposition 2.1.** *For any pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$ , the image  $\text{im}(\mu)$  (resp. the kernel  $\ker(\mu)$ ) is a two-sided ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{M}$ ). Moreover, if  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  is crossed, then  $\ker(\mu)$  is contained in the centre of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $m$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . For any  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have

$$[\mu(m), g] = \mu(m^g) \in \text{im}(\mu) \quad \text{and} \quad [g, \mu(m)] = \mu(gm) \in \text{im}(\mu).$$

Thus,  $\text{im}(\mu)$  is a two-sided ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Assume that  $m \in \ker(\mu)$ ; then for any  $m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ , we have

$$\mu([m, m']) = [\mu(m), \mu(m')] = 0 = [\mu(m'), \mu(m)] = \mu([m', m]).$$

Therefore  $\ker(\mu)$  is a two-sided ideal in  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Moreover if the Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{M}$  is crossed, then we have

$$[m, m'] = \mu^{(m)}m' = 0 = m'\mu^{(m)} = [m', m]$$

for any  $m \in \ker(\mu)$  and  $m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Thus  $\ker(\mu)$  is contained in the centre of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .  $\square$

**2.5. Morphism of pre-crossed Leibniz algebras.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra and let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. A *morphism* from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  is a Leibniz algebra morphism  $f : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  such that

$$f(gm) = g(f(m)), \quad f(m^g) = (f(m))^g \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = \nu f$$

for any  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . A *morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras* is the same as a morphism of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. It is clear that pre-crossed (resp. crossed) Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras and their morphisms form a category that we denote by **(pc-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ ))** (resp. **(c-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ ))**).

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $f : (\mathfrak{M}, \mu) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra morphism. Then  $(\mathfrak{M}, f)$  is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{N}$ -algebra via the Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{N}$  on  $\mathfrak{M}$  given by*

$${}^n m := \nu^{(n)}m \quad \text{and} \quad m^n := m^{\nu^{(n)}}, \quad \forall m \in \mathfrak{M}, n \in \mathfrak{N}.$$

**Proof.** One easily checks that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a Leibniz  $\mathfrak{N}$ -algebra. For any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f({}^n m) &= f(\nu^{(n)}m) = \nu^{(n)}f(m) = [n, f(m)], \\ f(m^n) &= f(m^{\nu^{(n)}}) = f(m)^{\nu^{(n)}} = [f(m), n]; \end{aligned}$$

thus  $(\mathfrak{M}, f)$  is a pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{N}$ -algebra. Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(m)m' &= \nu^{(f(m))}m' = \mu^{(m)}m' = [m, m'], \\ m^{f(m')} &= m^{\nu^{(f(m'))}} = m^{\mu^{(m')}} = [m, m']; \end{aligned}$$

thus  $(\mathfrak{M}, f)$  is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{N}$ -algebra.  $\square$

**2.6. Exact sequences.** We say that a sequence

$$(\mathfrak{L}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathfrak{M}, \mu) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$$

is *exact* in the category **(pc-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ ))** (resp. **(c-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ ))**) if the sequence

$$\mathfrak{L} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathfrak{M} \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathfrak{N}$$

is exact as sequence of Leibniz algebras.

**Proposition 2.3.** *If the sequence*

$$(\mathfrak{L}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathfrak{M}, \mu) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$$

*is exact in the category (pc-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ )) (resp. (c-Leib( $\mathfrak{g}$ ))), then the map  $\lambda$  is zero. Moreover if the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{L}, \lambda)$  is crossed, then the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is abelian.*

**Proof.** Indeed, since  $\beta\alpha = 0$ , we have  $\lambda = \nu\beta\alpha = 0$ . From whence  $\ker(\lambda) = \mathfrak{L}$ , and by Proposition 2.1, it is clear that the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{L}$  is abelian.  $\square$

### 3. Biderivations of Leibniz algebras

In this section, we fix a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**3.1. Derivations and anti-derivations.** Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. A *derivation* from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  is a linear map  $d : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  such that

$$d([m, m']) = d(m)^{\mu(m')} + \mu(m)d(m'), \quad \forall m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}.$$

An *anti-derivation* from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  is a linear map  $D : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  such that

$$D([m, m']) = D(m)^{\mu(m')} - D(m')^{\mu(m)}, \quad \forall m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}.$$

**3.2. Examples.** Let  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra and let  $n$  be any element of  $\mathfrak{N}$ . By the axiom iii) (resp. i)) of 2.1, the linear map

$$\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}, \quad g \mapsto {}^g n \quad (\text{resp. } \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}, \quad g \mapsto -n^g)$$

is a derivation (resp. an anti-derivation) from  $(\mathfrak{g}, \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}})$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ .

**3.3. Biderivations.** Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. We denote by  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  the free  $\mathbb{K}$ -module generated by the triples  $(d, D, g)$ , where  $d$  (resp.  $D$ ) is a derivation (resp. an anti-derivation) from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  and  $g$  is an element of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(d(m)) &= \mu(m^g), \quad \nu(D(m)) = -\mu({}^g m), \\ {}^h d(m) &= {}^h D(m), \quad D(m^h) = -D({}^h m) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $h \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *If the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  is crossed, then there is a Leibniz algebra structure on the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  for the bracket defined by*

$$[(d, D, g), (d', D', g')] := (\delta, \Delta, [g, g'])$$

where

$$\delta(m) := d'(m^g) - d(m^{g'}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta(m) = -D(m^{g'}) - d'({}^g m), \quad \forall m \in \mathfrak{M}.$$

**Proof.** Let us show that the maps  $\delta$  and  $\Delta$  are respectively a derivation and an anti-derivation. Indeed, for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta([m, m']) &= d'([m, m']^g) - d([m, m']^{g'}) \\ &= d'([m^g, m'] + d'([m, m']^g)) - d([m^{g'}, m']) - d([m, m']^{g'}) \\ &= d'(m^g)^{\mu(m')} + \mu(m^g)d'(m') + d'(m)^{\mu(m'^g)} + \mu(m)d'(m'^g) \\ &\quad - d(m^{g'})^{\mu(m')} - \mu(m^{g'})d(m') - d(m)^{\mu(m'^{g'})} - \mu(m)d(m'^{g'}) \\ &= (d'(m^g) - d(m^{g'}))^{\mu(m')} + \mu(m)(d'(m'^g) - d(m'^{g'})) + \nu({}^{d(m)}d'(m')) \\ &\quad + d'(m)^{\nu(d(m'))} - \nu({}^{d'(m)}d(m')) - d(m)^{\nu(d'(m'))} \\ &= \delta(m)^{\mu(m')} + \mu(m)\delta(m') + [d(m), d'(m')] \\ &\quad + [d'(m), d(m')] - [d'(m), d(m')] - [d(m), d'(m')] \\ &= \delta(m)^{\mu(m')} + \mu(m)\delta(m') \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta([m, m']) &= -D([m, m']^{g'}) - d'({}^g[m, m']) \\
&= -D([m^{g'}, m']) - D([m, m']^{g'}) - d'({}^g[m, m']) + d'({}^g m', m]) \\
&= -D(m^{g'})^{\mu(m')} + D(m')^{\mu(m^{g'})} - D(m)^{\mu(m'g')} + D(m'g')^{\mu(m)} \\
&\quad - d'({}^g m)^{\mu(m')} - \mu({}^g m) d'(m') + d'({}^g m')^{\mu(m)} + \mu({}^g m') d'(m) \\
&= (-D(m^{g'}) - d'({}^g m))^{\mu(m')} - (-D(m'g') - d'({}^g m'))^{\mu(m)} + D(m')^{\nu(d'(m))} \\
&\quad - D(m)^{\nu(d'(m'))} + \nu(D(m)) d'(m') - \nu(D(m')) d'(m) \\
&= \Delta(m)^{\mu(m')} - \Delta(m')^{\mu(m)} + [D(m'), d'(m)] \\
&\quad - [D(m), d'(m')] + [D(m), d'(m')] - [D(m'), d'(m)] \\
&= \Delta(m)^{\mu(m')} - \Delta(m')^{\mu(m)}.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\nu(\delta(m)) &= \nu(d'(m^g)) - \nu(d(m^{g'})) = \mu((m^g)^{g'}) - \mu((m^{g'})^g) = \mu(m^{[g, g']}), \\
\nu(\Delta(m)) &= -\nu(D(m^{g'})) - \nu(d'({}^g m)) = \mu({}^g(m^{g'})) - \mu(({}^g m)^{g'}) = -\mu({}^{[g, g']}m),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^h\delta(m) &= {}^h d'(m^g) - {}^h d(m^{g'}) = {}^h D'(m^g) - {}^h D(m^{g'}) \\
&= -{}^h D'({}^g m) - {}^h D(m^{g'}) = -{}^h d'({}^g m) - {}^h D(m^{g'}) \\
&= {}^h \Delta(m),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta({}^h m) &= -D(({}^h m)^{g'}) - d'({}^g({}^h m)) \\
&= -D({}^{[h, g']}m) - D({}^h(m^{g'})) + d'({}^g(m^h)) \\
&= D((m^h)^{g'}) + d'({}^g(m^h)) = -\Delta(m^h).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the triple  $(\delta, \Delta, [g, g'])$  is a biderivation from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ . Moreover, let  $(d, D, g)$ ,  $(d', D', g')$  and  $(d'', D'', g'')$  be biderivations from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ . We set

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta, \Delta, [g', g'']) &:= [(d', D', g'), (d'', D'', g'')], \\
(\delta_0, \Delta_0, g_0) &:= [(d, D, g), (\delta, \Delta, [g', g''])], \\
(\delta', \Delta', [g, g']) &:= [(d, D, g), (d', D', g')], \\
(\delta_1, \Delta_1, g_1) &:= [(\delta', \Delta', [g, g']), (d'', D'', g'')], \\
(\delta'', \Delta'', [g, g'']) &:= [(d, D, g), (d'', D'', g'')], \\
(\delta_2, \Delta_2, g_2) &:= [(\delta'', \Delta'', [g, g'']), (d', D', g')].
\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $g_0 = g_1 - g_2$ . For any  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta_1 - \delta_2)(m) &= d''(m^{[g, g'']}) - \delta'(m^{g''}) - d'(m^{[g, g'']}) + \delta''(m^{g'}) \\
&= d''((m^g)^{g'}) - d''((m^{g'})^g) - d'((m^{g''})^g) + d((m^{g''})^{g'}) \\
&\quad - d'((m^g)^{g''}) + d'((m^{g''})^g) + d''((m^{g'})^g) - d((m^{g'})^{g''}) \\
&= d''((m^g)^{g'}) - d'((m^g)^{g''}) - d(m^{[g', g'']}) \\
&= \delta(m^g) - d(m^{[g', g'']}) = \delta_0(m)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)(m) &= -\Delta'(m^{g''}) - d''([g, g']m) + \Delta''(m^{g'}) + d'([g, g'']m) \\
&= D((m^{g''})^{g'}) + d'({}^g(m^{g''})) - d''(({}^g m)^{g'}) + d''({}^g(m^{g'})) \\
&\quad - D((m^{g'})^{g''}) - d''({}^g(m^{g'})) + d'(({}^g m)^{g''}) - d'({}^g(m^{g''})) \\
&= -D(m^{[g', g'']}) - d''(({}^g m)^{g'}) + d'(({}^g m)^{g''}) \\
&= -D(m^{[g', g'']}) - \delta({}^g m) = \Delta_0(m).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  is a Leibniz algebra.  $\square$

Let us equip the set  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  with a Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  (resp.  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ ) be a pre-crossed (resp. crossed) Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. The set  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  is a pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra for the operations defined by*

$${}^h(d, D, g) := ({}^h d, {}^h D, [h, g]) \quad \text{and} \quad (d, D, g)^h := (d^h, D^h, [g, h])$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
({}^h d)(m) &= d(m^h) - d(m)^h, \quad ({}^h D)(m) := {}^h d(m) - d({}^h m), \\
(d^h)(m) &:= d(m)^h - d(m^h), \quad (D^h)(m) := D(m)^h - D(m^h).
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Everything can be smoothly checked and we merely give an example of these verifications. By definition we have

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^h[(d, D, g), (d', D', g')] &= ({}^h \delta, {}^h \Delta, [h, [g, g']]), \\
[{}^h(d, D, g), (d', D', g')] &= (\delta_1, \Delta_1, [[h, g], g']), \\
[{}^h(d', D', g'), (d, D, g)] &= (\delta_2, \Delta_2, [[h, g'], g]).
\end{aligned}$$

For any  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta_1 - \delta_2)(m) &= d'(m^{[h, g]}) - ({}^h d)(m^{g'}) - d(m^{[h, g']}) + ({}^h d')(m^g) \\
&= d'((m^h)^g) - d'((m^g)^h) - d((m^{g'})^h) + d(m^{g'})^h \\
&\quad - d((m^h)^{g'}) + d((m^{g'})^h) + d'((m^g)^h) - d'(m^g)^h \\
&= (d'((m^h)^g) - d((m^h)^{g'})) - (d'(m^g) - d(m^g))^h \\
&= \delta(m^h) - \delta(m)^h = ({}^h \delta)(m)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)(m) &= -({}^h D)(m^{g'}) - d'([{}^h, g]m) + ({}^h D')(m^g) + d'([{}^h, g']m) \\
&= -{}^h D(m^{g'}) + d({}^h(m^{g'})) - d'(({}^h m)^g) + d'({}^h(m^g)) \\
&\quad + {}^h D'(m^g) - d'({}^h(m^g)) + d(({}^h m)^{g'}) - d({}^h(m^{g'})) \\
&= {}^h(D'(m^g) - D(m^{g'})) - (d'(({}^h m)^g) - d(({}^h m)^{g'})) \\
&= {}^h \delta(m) - \delta({}^h m) = ({}^h \Delta)(m).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$${}^h[(d, D, g), (d', D', g')] = [{}^h(d, D, g), (d', D', g')] - [{}^h(d', D', g'), (d, D, g)]. \quad \square$$

Now we can state the fundamental result which is a consequence of Propositions 3.1 and 3.2.



**Theorem 3.3.** For any pre-crossed (resp. crossed) Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  (resp.  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ ), the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  is pre-crossed for the morphism

$$\rho : \text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}, \quad (d, D, g) \mapsto g. \quad \square$$

**3.4. Remarks.** For any element  $g$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the linear map  $\text{ad}_g : h \mapsto [h, g]$  (resp.  $\text{Ad}_g : h \mapsto -[g, h]$ ) is a derivation (resp. an anti-derivation) of the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . In the classical sense (i.e., without “crossing”, see [7]) the couple  $(\text{ad}_g, \text{Ad}_g)$  is called *inner biderivation* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Therefore the pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N})$  can be seen as the set of biderivations from  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  over inner biderivations of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

On the other hand, given a pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$ , one easily checks that the map  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{M}, -)$  is a functor from the category of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras to the category of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.

## 4. Non-abelian tensor product of Leibniz algebras

**4.1. Leibniz pairings.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be Leibniz algebras with mutual Leibniz actions on one another. A *Leibniz pairing* of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a triple  $(\mathfrak{P}, h_1, h_2)$  where  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a Leibniz algebra and  $h_1 : \mathfrak{M} \times \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}$  (resp.  $h_2 : \mathfrak{N} \times \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}$ ) is a bilinear map such that

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(m, [n, n']) &= h_1(m^n, n') - h_1(m^{n'}, n), \\ h_2(n, [m, m']) &= h_2(n^m, m') - h_2(n^{m'}, m), \\ h_1([m, m'], n) &= h_2({}^m n, m') - h_1(m, n^{m'}), \\ h_2([n, n'], m) &= h_1({}^n m, n') - h_2(n, m^{n'}), \\ h_1(m, {}^{m'} n) &= -h_1(m, n^{m'}), \quad h_2(n, {}^{n'} m) = -h_2(n, m^{n'}), \\ h_1(m^n, {}^{m'} n') &= [h_1(m, n), h_1(m', n')] = h_2({}^m n, m'^{n'}), \\ h_1({}^n m, n'^{m'}) &= [h_2(n, m), h_2(n', m')] = h_2(n^m, {}^{n'} m'), \\ h_1(m^n, n'^{m'}) &= [h_1(m, n), h_2(n', m')] = h_2({}^m n, {}^{n'} m'), \\ h_1({}^n m, m'^{n'}) &= [h_2(n, m), h_1(m', n')] = h_2(n^m, m'^{n'}) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ .

**4.2. Example.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be two-sided ideals of a same Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Take  $\mathfrak{P} := \mathfrak{M} \cap \mathfrak{N}$  and define

$$h_1(m, n) := [m, n] \quad \text{and} \quad h_2(n, m) := [n, m].$$

Then the triple  $(\mathfrak{P}, h_1, h_2)$  is a Leibniz pairing of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ .

**4.3. Non-abelian tensor product.** A Leibniz pairing  $(\mathfrak{P}, h_1, h_2)$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  is said to be *universal* if for any other Leibniz pairing  $(\mathfrak{P}', h'_1, h'_2)$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  there exists a unique Leibniz algebra morphism  $\theta : \mathfrak{P} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}'$  such that

$$\theta h_1 = h'_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta h_2 = h'_2.$$

It is clear that a universal pairing, when it exists, is unique up to a unique isomorphism. Here is a construction of the universal pairing as a *non-abelian tensor product*.

**Definition-Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be Leibniz algebras with mutual Leibniz actions on one another. Let  $V$  be the free  $\mathbb{K}$ -module generated by the symbols  $m * n$  and  $n * m$  where  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  be the Leibniz algebra quotient of the free Leibniz algebra generated by  $V$  by the two-sided ideal defined by the relations

- i)  $\lambda(m * n) = \lambda m * n = m * \lambda n$ ,  $\lambda(n * m) = \lambda n * m = n * \lambda m$ ,
- ii)  $(m + m') * n = m * n + m' * n$ ,  $(n + n') * m = n * m + n' * m$ ,  
 $m * (n + n') = m * n + m * n'$ ,  $n * (m + m') = n * m + n * m'$ ,
- iii)  $m * [n, n'] = m^n * n' - m^{n'} * n$ ,  $n * [m, m'] = n^m * m' - n^{m'} * m$ ,  
 $[m, m'] * n = {}^m n * m' - m * n^{m'}$ ,  $[n, n'] * m = {}^n m * n' - n * m^{n'}$ ,
- iv)  $m * {}^{m'} n = -m * n^{m'}$ ,  $n * {}^{n'} m = -n * m^{n'}$ ,
- v)  $m^n * {}^{m'} n' = [m * n, m' * n'] = {}^m n * m'^{n'}$ ,  
 $m^n * n'^{m'} = [m * n, n' * m'] = {}^m n * n'^{m'}$ ,  
 ${}^n m * n'^{m'} = [n * m, n' * m'] = n^m * n'^{m'}$ ,  
 ${}^n m * {}^{m'} n' = [n * m, m' * n'] = n^m * m'^{n'}$

for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Define maps

$$h_1 : \mathfrak{M} \times \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}, \quad h_1(m, n) := m * n$$

and

$$h_2 : \mathfrak{N} \times \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}, \quad h_2(n, m) := n * m.$$

Then the triple  $(\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}, h_1, h_2)$  is the universal Leibniz pairing of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  and called the non-abelian tensor product (or tensor product for short) of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ .

**Proof.** It is straightforward to see that the triple  $(\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}, h_1, h_2)$  so-defined is a Leibniz pairing of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ . For the universality, notice that if  $(\mathfrak{P}, h'_1, h'_2)$  is another Leibniz pairing of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ , then the map  $\theta$  is necessarily given on generators by

$$\theta(m * n) = h'_1(m, n) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta(n * m) = h'_2(n, m)$$

for any  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ . □

As an illustration of this construction, we give now a description of the non-abelian tensor product when the actions are trivial.

**Proposition 4.2.** If the Leibniz algebras  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  act trivially on each other, then there is an isomorphism of abelian Leibniz algebras

$$\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N} \cong \mathfrak{M}_{ab} \otimes \mathfrak{N}_{ab} \oplus \mathfrak{N}_{ab} \otimes \mathfrak{M}_{ab}$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}_{ab} := \mathfrak{M}/[\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{M}]$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{ab} := \mathfrak{N}/[\mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{N}]$ .

**Proof.** Recall that the underlying  $\mathbb{K}$ -module of the free Leibniz algebra generated by  $V$  is

$$\overline{\mathbb{T}}(V) = V \oplus V^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{\otimes n} \oplus \dots$$

Since the actions are trivial, the definition of the bracket on  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}(V)$  and the relations v) enable us to see that  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  is an abelian Leibniz algebra and that the summands  $V^{\otimes n}$  (for  $n \geq 2$ ) are killed. Relations i) and ii) of 4.1 say that the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  is the quotient of  $\mathfrak{M} \otimes \mathfrak{N} \oplus \mathfrak{N} \otimes \mathfrak{M}$  by the relations iii). These later imply that  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  is the abelian Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{M}_{ab} \otimes \mathfrak{N}_{ab} \oplus \mathfrak{N}_{ab} \otimes \mathfrak{M}_{ab}$ . □

**4.4. Compatible Leibniz actions.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be Leibniz algebras with mutual Leibniz actions on one another. We say that these actions are *compatible* if we have

$$\begin{aligned}({}^m n)_m' &= [m^n, m'], & ({}^n m)_n' &= [n^m, n'], \\({}^n m)_m' &= [n^m, m'], & ({}^m n)_n' &= [m^n, n'], \\m^{(m'n)} &= [m, m'^n], & n^{(n'm)} &= [n, n'^m], \\m^{(n^{m'})} &= [m, {}^n m'], & n^{(m^{n'})} &= [n, {}^m n']\end{aligned}$$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ .

**4.5. Examples.** If  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are two-sided ideals of a same Leibniz algebra, then the actions (given by the initial bracket) are compatible.

Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. Then one can define a Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{M}$  on  $\mathfrak{N}$  (resp. of  $\mathfrak{N}$  on  $\mathfrak{M}$ ) by setting

$$\begin{aligned}{}^m n &:= \mu^{(m)} n & \text{and} & & n^m &:= n^{\mu(m)} \\(\text{resp. } {}^n m &:= \nu^{(n)} m & \text{and} & & m^n &:= m^{\nu(n)}).\end{aligned}$$

If the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  are crossed, then these Leibniz actions are compatible.

**4.6. First crossed structure.** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be Leibniz algebras with mutual compatible actions on one another. Consider the operations of  $\mathfrak{M}$  on  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}{}^m(m' * n') &:= [m, m'] * n' - {}^m n' * m', & {}^m(n' * m') &:= {}^m n' * m' - [m, m'] * n', \\(m * n)^{m'} &:= [m, m'] * n + m * n^{m'}, & (n * m)^{m'} &:= n^{m'} * m + n * [m, m']\end{aligned}$$

and those of  $\mathfrak{N}$  on  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}{}^n(m' * n') &:= {}^n m' * n' - [n, n'] * m', & {}^n(n' * m') &:= [n, n'] * m' - {}^n m' * n', \\(m * n)^{n'} &:= m^{n'} * n + m * [n, n'], & (n * m)^{n'} &:= [n, n'] * m + n * m^{n'}\end{aligned}$$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Then we have

**Proposition 4.3.** *With the above operations, the map*

$$\begin{aligned}\mu : \mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{M}, & m * n &\mapsto m^n, & n * m &\mapsto {}^n m \\(\text{resp. } \nu : \mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{N}, & m * n &\mapsto {}^m n, & n * m &\mapsto n^m)\end{aligned}$$

*induces on  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  a structure of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{M}$ -algebra (resp.  $\mathfrak{N}$ -algebra).*

**Proof.** Once again everything can be readily checked thanks to the compatibility conditions. For example we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^{(m*n)}(m' * n') &= {}^m(m' * n') = [m^n, m'] * n' - ({}^m n')_n' * m' \\&= ({}^m n')_n' * m' - m^n * n'^{m'} - ({}^m n')_n' * m' \\&= m^n * m'^n = [m * n, m' * n']\end{aligned}$$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ . □

**4.7. Second crossed structure.** Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras, equipped with the mutual Leibniz actions given in Examples 4.5. One easily checks that the operations given by

$$\begin{aligned}{}^g(m * n) &:= {}^g m * n - {}^g n * m, & {}^g(n * m) &:= {}^g n * m - {}^g m * n, \\(m * n)^g &:= m^g * n + m * n^g, & (n * m)^g &:= n^g * m + n * m^g,\end{aligned}$$

define a Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. Then the map  $\eta : \mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  defined on generators by*

$$\eta(m * n) := [\mu(m), \nu(n)] \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(n * m) := [\nu(n), \mu(m)],$$

*confers to  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  a structure of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. Moreover, if one of the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{M}$  or  $\mathfrak{N}$  is crossed, then the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  is crossed.*

**Proof.** It is immediate to check that the map  $\eta$  passes to the quotient and defines a Leibniz algebra morphism. Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta({}^g(m * n)) &= [\mu({}^g m), \nu(n)] - [\nu({}^g n), \mu(m)] \\ &= [[g, \mu(m)], \nu(n)] - [[g, \nu(n)], \mu(m)] \\ &= [g, [\mu(m), \nu(n)]] = [g, \eta(m * n)]; \\ \eta({}^g(n * m)) &= -\eta({}^g(m * n)) = -[g, \eta(m * n)] \\ &= -[g, [\mu(m), \nu(n)]] = [g, [\nu(n), \mu(m)]] = [g, \eta(n * m)]; \\ \eta((m * n)^g) &= [\mu(m^g), \nu(n)] + [\mu(m), \nu(n^g)] \\ &= [[\mu(m), g], \nu(n)] + [\mu(m), [\nu(n), g]] \\ &= [[\mu(m), \nu(n)], g] = [\eta(m * n), g]; \\ \eta((n * m)^g) &= [\nu(n^g), \mu(m)] + [\nu(n), \mu(m^g)] \\ &= [[\nu(n), g], \mu(m)] + [\nu(n), [\mu(m), g]] \\ &= [[\nu(n), \mu(m)], g] = [\eta(n * m), g]; \end{aligned}$$

thus  $(\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}, \eta)$  is a pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. Assume that, for instance, the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$  is crossed. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{(m * n)}(m' * n') &= [\mu(m'), \nu(n)](m' * n') = \mu^{(m' \nu(n))}(m' * n') \\ &= \mu^{(m' \nu(n))} m' * n' - \mu^{(m' \nu(n))} n' * m' \\ &= [m' \nu(n), m'] * n' - \mu^{(m' \nu(n))} n' * m' \\ &= \mu^{(m' \nu(n))} n' * m' - m' \nu(n) * n' \mu^{(m')} - \mu^{(m' \nu(n))} n' * m' \\ &= m' \nu(n) * \mu^{(m')} n' = [m * n, m' * n'] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (m * n)^{\eta(m' * n')} &= (m * n)^{[\mu(m'), \nu(n')]} = (m * n)^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} \\ &= m^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} * n + m * n^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} \\ &= [m, m' \nu(n')] * n + m * n^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} \\ &= \mu^{(m)} n * m' \nu(n') - m * n^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} + m * n^{\mu(m' \nu(n'))} \\ &= [m * n, m' * n']. \end{aligned}$$

By the same way, one easily gets

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{(m * n)}(n' * m') &= [m * n, n' * m'], \quad (m * n)^{\eta(n' * m')} = [m * n, n' * m'], \\ \eta^{(n * m)}(n' * m') &= [n * m, n' * m'], \quad (n * m)^{\eta(n' * m')} = [n * m, n' * m'], \\ \eta^{(n * m)}(m' * n') &= [n * m, m' * n'], \quad (n * m)^{\eta(m' * n')} = [n * m, m' * n']. \end{aligned}$$

So we have proved that the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  is crossed.  $\square$

**4.8. Remark.** It is clear that if  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  (resp.  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ ) is a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra, then the map  $\mathfrak{M} \star -$  (resp.  $- \star \mathfrak{N}$ ) is a functor from the category of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras to the category of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. The functor  $F(-) := - \star \mathfrak{N}$  is a right exact functor from the category of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras to the category of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.*

**Proof.** Taking into account Proposition 2.3, let

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathfrak{P}, 0) \xrightarrow{f} (\mathfrak{Q}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{g} (\mathfrak{R}, \gamma) \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. Consider the sequence of Leibniz algebras

$$F(\mathfrak{P}) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(\mathfrak{Q}) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(\mathfrak{R}) \rightarrow 0.$$

It is clear that the morphism  $F(g)$  is surjective. Since the map  $F(f)$  is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras, by Proposition 2.2,  $(F(\mathfrak{P}), F(f))$  is a crossed Leibniz  $F(\mathfrak{Q})$ -algebra; and by Proposition 2.1, the image  $\text{im}F(f)$  is a two-sided ideal in  $F(\mathfrak{Q})$ . By composition we have  $F(g)F(f) = F(gf) = 0$ , which yields a factorisation

$$\overline{F(g)} : F(\mathfrak{Q})/\text{im}F(f) \rightarrow F(\mathfrak{R}).$$

In fact, the morphism  $\overline{F(g)}$  is an isomorphism. To see it, let us consider the map

$$\Gamma : F(\mathfrak{R}) \rightarrow F(\mathfrak{Q})/\text{im}F(f)$$

given on generators by

$$\Gamma(r * n) := g^{-1}(r) * n \text{ mod } \text{im}F(f) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(n * r) := n * g^{-1}(r) \text{ mod } \text{im}F(f)$$

where  $g^{-1}(r)$  is any pre-image of  $r$  in  $\mathfrak{Q}$ . Indeed, if  $q$  and  $q'$  are two pre-images of  $r$ , then  $q - q' = f(p)$  for some  $p$  in  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} q * m - q' * n &= (q - q') * n = f(p) * n = F(f)(p * n) \in \text{im}F(f), \\ n * q - n * q' &= n * (q - q') = n * f(p) = F(f)(n * p) \in \text{im}F(f); \end{aligned}$$

thus the map  $\Gamma$  is well-defined. One easily checks that  $\Gamma$  is a morphism of Leibniz algebras and inverse to  $\overline{F(g)}$ .  $\square$

## 5. Adjunction theorem

In this section we show that, for any crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$ , the functor  $- \star \mathfrak{N}$  is left adjoint to the functor  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, -)$ . For technical reasons, we assume that the relations

$$iv) \quad m * \mu(m')n = -m * n^{\mu(m')}, \quad n * \nu(n')m = -n * m^{\nu(n')}$$

defining the tensor product  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  are extended to the relations

$$iv)' \quad m * {}^g n = -m * n^g, \quad n * {}^g m = -n * m^g$$

for any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$  and  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . To avoid confusion, we denote this later tensor product by  $\mathfrak{M} \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}$ . For instance, the Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{M} \star \mathfrak{N}$  and  $\mathfrak{M} \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}$  coincide if the maps  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are surjective.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  be a pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra and let  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  and  $(\mathfrak{P}, \lambda)$  be crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. There is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules*

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{(\mathbf{pc}\text{-Leib}(\mathfrak{g}))}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathrm{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P})) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{(\mathbf{c}\text{-Leib}(\mathfrak{g}))}(\mathfrak{M} \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P}).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\phi \in \mathrm{Hom}_{(\mathbf{pc}\text{-Leib}(\mathfrak{g}))}(\mathfrak{M}, \mathrm{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P}))$  and put  $(d_m, D_m, g_m) := \phi(m)$  for  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Notice that we have  $g_m = \mu(m)$  thanks to the relation  $\rho\phi = \mu$ , where  $\rho : \mathrm{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is the crossing morphism. We associate to  $\phi$  the map  $\Phi : \mathfrak{M} \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}$  defined on generators by

$$\Phi(m * n) := -D_m(n) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(n * m) := d_m(n), \quad \forall m \in \mathfrak{M}, n \in \mathfrak{N}.$$

**Lemma 5.2.** *The map  $\Phi$  is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.*

Conversely, given an element  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Hom}_{(\mathbf{c}\text{-Leib}(\mathfrak{g}))}(\mathfrak{M} \star_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P})$ , we associate the map  $\Sigma : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{P})$  defined by

$$\Sigma(m) := (\delta_m, \Delta_m, \mu(m)), \quad \forall m \in \mathfrak{M},$$

where

$$\delta_m(n) := \sigma(n * m) \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_m(n) := -\sigma(m * n), \quad \forall n \in \mathfrak{N}.$$

**Lemma 5.3.** *The map  $\Sigma$  is a morphism of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.*

It is clear that the maps  $\phi \mapsto \Phi$  and  $\sigma \mapsto \Sigma$  are inverse to each other, which proves the adjunction theorem.  $\square$

**Proof of Lemma 5.2.** There is a lot of things to check in order to show that the map  $\Phi$  is well-defined. Let us give some examples of these verifications. For any  $m, m' \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$  and  $h \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi({}^n m * n' - n * m^{n'}) &= -D_{\nu({}^n m)}(n') - d_{m^{\nu(n')}}(n) \\ &= -({}^{\nu(n)} D_m)(n') - ((d_m)^{\nu(n')})(n) \\ &= -{}^{\nu(n)} D_m(n') + d_m({}^{\nu(n)} n') - d_m(n)^{\nu(n')} + d_m(n^{\nu(n')}) \\ &= -{}^{\nu(n)} d_m(n') + d_m([n, n']) - d_m(n)^{\nu(n')} + d_m([n, n']) \\ &= d_m([n, n']) = \Phi([n, n'] * m). \end{aligned}$$

We also compute

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(m * {}^h n) &= -D_m({}^h n) = D_m(n^h) = -\Phi(m * n^h), \\ \Phi(n * {}^h m) &= d_{{}^h m}(n) = ({}^h d_m)(n) = -((d_m)^h)(n) = -d_{m^h}(n) = -\Phi(n * m^h) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(m^n * m'^{n'}) &= -D_{m^{\nu(n)}}({}^{\mu(m')} n') = -((D_m)^{\nu(n)})({}^{\mu(m')} n') \\ &= -D_m({}^{\mu(m')} n')^{\nu(n)} + D_m(({}^{\mu(m')} n')^{\nu(n)}) \\ &= -D_m({}^{\mu(m')} n')^{\nu(n)} + D_m([{}^{\mu(m')} n', n]) \\ &= -D_m(n)^{\nu({}^{\mu(m')} n')} = D_m(n)^{\lambda(D_{m'}(n'))} \\ &= [D_m(n), D_{m'}(n')] = [\Phi(m * n), \Phi(m' * n')] = \Phi([m * n, m' * n']). \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$  and  $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ . One has successively

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi({}^g(m * n)) &= \Phi({}^g m * n) - \Phi({}^g n * m) = -D_{g m}(n) - d_m({}^g n) \\ &= ({}^g D_m)(n) - d_m({}^g n) = -{}^g D_m(n) = {}^g \Phi(m * n), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi({}^g(n * m)) = -\Phi({}^g(m * n)) = -{}^g\Phi(m * n) = {}^gD_m(n) = {}^gd_m(n) = {}^g\Phi(n * m),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi((m * n)^g) &= \Phi(m^g * n) + \Phi(m * n^g) = -D_{m^g}(n) - D_m(n^g) \\ &= -((D_m)^g)(n) - D_m(n^g) = -D_m(n)^g = \Phi(m * n)^g,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi((n * m)^g) &= \Phi(n^g * m) + \Phi(n * m^g) = d_m(n^g) + d_{m^g}(n) \\ &= d_m(n^g) + ((d_m)^g)(n) = d_m(n)^g = \Phi(n * m)^g;\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda\Phi(m * n) = -\lambda(D_m(n)) = \nu(\mu^{(m)}n) = [\mu(m), \nu(n)] = \eta(m * n),$$

$$\lambda\Phi(n * m) = \lambda(d_m(n)) = \nu(n\mu^{(m)}) = [\nu(n), \mu(m)] = \eta(n * m).$$

Therefore the map  $\Phi$  is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.  $\square$

**Proof of Lemma 5.3.** Let us first show that  $\Sigma(m)$  is a well-defined biderivation. For any  $n, n' \in \mathfrak{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}& \delta_m(n)^{\nu(n')} + \nu(n)\delta_m(n') \\ &= \sigma(n * m)^{\nu(n')} + \nu(n)\sigma(n' * m) = \sigma((n * m)^{\nu(n')}) + \sigma(\nu(n)(n' * m)) \\ &= \sigma(n^{\nu(n')} * m) + \sigma(n * m^{\nu(n')}) + \sigma(\nu(n)n' * m) - \sigma(\nu(n')m * n') \\ &= 2\sigma([n, n'] * m) - \sigma(\nu(n)m * n' - n * m^{\nu(n')}) \\ &= 2\sigma([n, n'] * m) - \sigma([n, n'] * m) = \sigma([n, n'] * m) = \delta_m([n, n']),\end{aligned}$$

thus  $\delta_m$  is a derivation. Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}& \Delta_m(n)^{\nu(n')} - \Delta_m(n')^{\nu(n)} \\ &= -\sigma(m * n)^{\nu(n')} + \sigma(m * n')^{\nu(n)} = \sigma((m * n')^{\nu(n)}) - \sigma((m * n)^{\nu(n')}) \\ &= \sigma(m^{\nu(n)} * n') + \sigma(m * n'^{\nu(n)}) - \sigma(m^{\nu(n')} * n) - \sigma(m * n^{\nu(n')}) \\ &= \sigma(m^{\nu(n)} * n' - m^{\nu(n')} * n) - \sigma(m * \nu(n)n') - \sigma(m * n^{\nu(n')}) \\ &= \sigma(m * [n, n']) - \sigma(m * [n, n']) - \sigma(m * [n, n']) \\ &= -\sigma(m * [n, n']) = \Delta_m([n, n']),\end{aligned}$$

thus  $\Delta_m$  is an anti-derivation. We have also

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\delta_m(n)) &= \lambda(\sigma(n * m)) = \eta(n * m) = [\nu(n), \mu(m)] = \nu(n\mu^{(m)}), \\ \lambda(\Delta_m(n)) &= -\lambda(\sigma(m * n)) = -\eta(m * n) = -[\mu(m), \nu(n)] = -\nu(\mu^{(m)}n), \\ {}^h\delta_m(n) &= {}^h\sigma(n * m) = \sigma({}^h(n * m)) = -\sigma({}^h(m * n)) = -{}^h\sigma(m * n) = -{}^h\Delta_m(n), \\ \Delta_m({}^hn) &= -\sigma(m * {}^hn) = \sigma(m * n^h) = -\Delta_m(n^h).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\Sigma(m) = (\delta_m, \Delta_m, \mu(m))$  is a biderivation from  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  to  $(\mathfrak{F}, \lambda)$ .

For any  $h \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}({}^h(\delta_m))(n) &= \delta_m(n^h) - \delta_m(n)^h = \sigma(n^h * m) - \sigma(n * m)^h \\ &= -\sigma(n * m^h) = \sigma(n * {}^hm) = \delta_{{}^hm}(n),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}({}^h(\Delta_m))(n) &= {}^h\Delta_m(n) - \delta_m({}^hn) = {}^h\sigma(m * n) - \sigma({}^hn * m) \\ &= \sigma({}^hm * n) = \Delta_{{}^hm}(n);\end{aligned}$$

and obviously  $[h, \mu(m)] = \mu({}^h m)$ , thus we have  $\Sigma({}^h m) = {}^h \Sigma(m)$ . On the other side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((\delta_m)^h)(n) &= \delta_m(n)^h - \delta_m(n^h) = \sigma(n * m)^h - \sigma(n^h * m) \\ &= \sigma(n * m^h) = \delta_{m^h}(n) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((\Delta_m)^h)(n) &= \Delta_m(n)^h - \delta_m(n^h) = -\sigma(m * n)^h + \sigma(m * n^h) \\ &= -\sigma(m^h * n) = \Delta_{m^h}(n). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[\mu(m), h] = \mu(m^h)$ , we get  $\Sigma(m^h) = \Sigma(m)^h$ . By definition of the map  $\Sigma$ , we have  $\rho\Sigma(m) = \mu(m)$ . Therefore the map  $\Sigma$  is a morphism of pre-crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.  $\square$

## 6. Cohomological characterizations

**6.1. Non-abelian Leibniz cohomology.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra viewed as the crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}})$ , and let  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$  be a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra. Given an element  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ , we denote by  $d_m$  (resp.  $D_m$ ) the derivation (resp. anti-derivation)  $g \mapsto {}^g m$  (resp.  $g \mapsto -m^g$ ) from  $(\mathfrak{g}, \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}})$  to  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$ , and by  $\overline{\mu(m)} := \mu(m) \bmod Z(\mathfrak{g})$ , where  $Z(\mathfrak{g})$  is the centre of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . One easily checks that the triple  $(d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)})$  is a well-defined element of  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$ .

**Definition-Proposition 6.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{J}$  be the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module freely generated by the biderivations  $(d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)})$ ,  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a two-sided ideal of  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$ . The Leibniz algebra  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})/\mathfrak{J}$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{L}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $m \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $(d, D, g) \in \text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$ , we have

$$[(d, D, g), (d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)})] = (\delta_m, \Delta_m, [g, \overline{\mu(m)}])$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_m(x) &= d_m([x, g]) - d([x, \overline{\mu(m)}]) = [{}^{x,g}m - d([x, \mu(m)])] \\ &= \mu({}^{d(x)}m) - d(x)\mu(m) - {}^x d(\mu(m)) \\ &= [d(x), m] - [d(x), m] - {}^x D(\mu(m)) \\ &= d_{m_1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_1 := -D(\mu(m))$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_m(x) &= -D([x, \overline{\mu(m)}]) - d_m([g, x]) = -D([x, \mu(m)]) - [{}^{g,x}m] \\ &= -D(x)\mu(m) - D(\mu(m))^x + \mu({}^{D(x)}m) \\ &= -[D(x), m] + D(\mu(m))^x + [D(x), m] \\ &= D_{m_1}(x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu(m_1) = -\mu(D(\mu(m))) = [g, \mu(m)] = [g, \overline{\mu(m)}];$$

thus we have  $[(d, D, g), (d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)})] \in \mathfrak{J}$ . On the other side, we have

$$[(d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)}), (d, D, g)] = (\delta'_m, \Delta'_m, [\overline{\mu(m)}, g])$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta'_m(x) &= d([x, \overline{\mu(m)}]) - d_m([x, g]) = d([x, \mu(m)]) - [{}^{x,g}m] \\ &= d(x)\mu(m) + {}^x d(\mu(m)) - \mu({}^{d(x)}m) \\ &= [d(x), m] + {}^x d(\mu(m)) - [d(x), m] \\ &= d_{m_2}(x) \end{aligned}$$



where  $m_2 := d(\mu(m))$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta'_m(x) &= -D_m([x, g]) - d([\overline{\mu(m)}, x]) = m^{[x, g]} - d([\mu(m), x]) \\ &= m^{\mu(d(x))} - d(\mu(m))^x - \mu(m)d(x) \\ &= [m, d(x)] - d(\mu(m))^x - [m, d(x)] \\ &= D_{m_2}(x), \\ \mu(m_2) &= \mu(d(\mu(m))) = [\mu(m), g] = \overline{[\mu(m), g]};\end{aligned}$$

thus we have  $[(d_m, D_m, \overline{\mu(m)}), (d, D, g)] \in \mathfrak{J}$ . Therefore the set  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a two-sided ideal of  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$ .  $\square$

Similarly, given a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mu)$ , one defines

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M}) := \{m \in \mathfrak{M} : {}^g m = m^g = 0, \forall g \in \mathfrak{g}\}$$

that is, the set of invariant elements of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . From the relations

$$[m, m'] = m^{\mu(m')} = 0 = \mu(m')m = [m', m], \quad m \in \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M}), \quad m' \in \mathfrak{M},$$

it is clear that  $\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{M})$  is contained in the centre of the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

**Proposition 6.2.** *For any exact sequence of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras*

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}, 0) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathfrak{B}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\mathfrak{C}, \mu) \rightarrow 0,$$

*there exists an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{B}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{C}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{B}) \xrightarrow{\beta^1} \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{C})$$

*where  $\beta^1$  is a Leibniz algebra morphism.*

**Proof.** Everything goes smoothly except the definition of the connecting homomorphism  $\partial$ . Given an element  $c \in \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{C})$ , let  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$  be any pre-image of  $c$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$ . For any  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have

$$\beta({}^x b) = {}^x c = 0 = c^x = \beta(b^x).$$

Thus the element  ${}^x b$  (resp.  $b^x$ ) is in  $\ker(\beta) = \text{im}(\alpha)$ . Since the morphism  $\alpha$  is injective, the map  $d^c : x \mapsto \alpha^{-1}({}^x b)$  (resp.  $D^c : x \mapsto \alpha^{-1}(b^x)$ ) is a derivation (resp. an anti-derivation) from  $(\mathfrak{g}, \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}})$  to  $(\mathfrak{A}, 0)$ . One easily checks that the triple  $(d^c, D^c, 0)$  is a well-defined element of  $\text{Bider}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A})$  whose class in  $\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A})$  does not depend on the choice of the pre-image  $b$ . We put

$$\partial(c) := \text{class}(d^c, D^c, 0). \quad \square$$

**6.2. Non-abelian Leibniz homology.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra viewed as the crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, \text{id}_{\mathfrak{g}})$ , and let  $(\mathfrak{N}, \nu)$  be a crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebra.

**Definition-Proposition 6.3.** *The map  $\Psi_{\mathfrak{N}} : \mathfrak{N} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  given on generators by*

$$\Psi_{\mathfrak{N}}(n * g) := n^g \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_{\mathfrak{N}}(g * n) := {}^g n, \quad g \in \mathfrak{g}, \quad n \in \mathfrak{N},$$

*is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras. We define the low-degrees non-abelian homology of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with coefficients in  $\mathfrak{N}$  to be*

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{N}) := \text{coker} \Psi_{\mathfrak{N}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{N}) := \ker \Psi_{\mathfrak{N}}.$$

**Proof.** To see that the map  $\Psi_{\mathfrak{N}}$  is a Leibniz algebra morphism is equivalent to the fact that the Leibniz action of  $\mathfrak{N}$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is well-defined. The definition of the crossing homomorphism  $\eta_{\mathfrak{N}} : \mathfrak{N} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  implies that  $\Psi_{\mathfrak{N}}$  is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.4.** *For any exact sequence of crossed Leibniz  $\mathfrak{g}$ -algebras*

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}, 0) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\mathfrak{B}, \lambda) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\mathfrak{C}, \mu) \rightarrow 0,$$

*there exists an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules*

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{B}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{C}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{B}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{C}) \rightarrow 0.$$

**Proof.** We know that the functor  $-\star\mathfrak{g}$  is right exact (Proposition 4.5). Therefore Proposition 6.4 is nothing but the “snake-lemma” applied to diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathfrak{A} \star \mathfrak{g} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{B} \star \mathfrak{g} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{C} \star \mathfrak{g} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \Psi_{\mathfrak{A}} & & \downarrow \Psi_{\mathfrak{B}} & & \downarrow \Psi_{\mathfrak{C}} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{C} \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

which is obviously commutative.  $\square$

**6.3. Universal central extension.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Leibniz algebra and let  $\Psi := \Psi_{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the morphism defining the homology  $\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_*(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g})$ . From the relations  $v$  of Definition-Theorem 4.1, it is clear that  $\Psi : \mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$  is a central extension of Leibniz algebras (see [4]).

**Theorem 6.5.** *If the Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is perfect and free as a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module, then the morphism  $\Psi : \mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] = \mathfrak{g}$  is the universal central extension of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Moreover, we have an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules*

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \cong \text{HL}_2(\mathfrak{g}).$$

**Proof.** It is enough to prove the universality of the central extension  $\Psi : \mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] = \mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\alpha : \mathfrak{C} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  be a central extension of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Since  $\ker(\alpha)$  is central in  $\mathfrak{C}$ , the quantity  $[\alpha^{-1}(x), \alpha^{-1}(y)]$  does not depend on the choice of the pre-images  $\alpha^{-1}(x)$  and  $\alpha^{-1}(y)$  where  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . One easily checks that the map  $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}$  given on generators by

$$\phi(x * y) := [\alpha^{-1}(x), \alpha^{-1}(y)]$$

is a well-defined Leibniz algebra morphism such that  $\alpha\phi = \Psi$ . The uniqueness of the map  $\phi$  follows from Lemma 2.4 of [4] since the perfectness of  $\mathfrak{g}$  implies that of  $\mathfrak{g} \star \mathfrak{g}$ :

$$x * y = \left( \sum_i [x_i, x'_i] \right) * \left( \sum_j [y_j, y'_j] \right) = \sum_{i,j} [x_i * x'_i, y_j * y'_j].$$

By definition we have  $\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) = \ker(\Psi)$ . After [4] the kernel of the universal central extension of a Leibniz algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\text{HL}_2(\mathfrak{g})$ . Therefore we have

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathcal{L}_1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}) \cong \text{HL}_2(\mathfrak{g}). \quad \square$$

## 7. The Milnor-type Hochschild homology

Let  $A$  be an associative algebra viewed as a Leibniz (in fact Lie) algebra for the bracket given by  $[a, b] := ab - ba, a, b \in A$ . Recall that the  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $L(A) := A^{\otimes 2}/\text{im}(b_3)$  is a Leibniz (non-Lie) algebra for the bracket defined by

$$[x \otimes y, x' \otimes y'] := (xy - yx) \otimes (x'y' - y'x'), \quad \forall x, y, x', y' \in A.$$

**Proposition 7.1.** *The operations given by*

$$\begin{aligned} A \times L(A) &\rightarrow L(A), \quad {}^a(x \otimes y) := [a, x] \otimes y - [a, y] \otimes x, \\ L(A) \times A &\rightarrow L(A), \quad (x \otimes y)^a := [x, a] \otimes y + x \otimes [y, a] \end{aligned}$$

confer to  $L(A)$  a structure of Leibniz  $A$ -algebra. Moreover the map

$$\mu_A : L(A) \rightarrow A, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto [x, y] = xy - yx$$

equips  $L(A)$  with a structure of crossed Leibniz  $A$ -algebra.

**Proof.** The operations are well-defined since we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^a(b_3(x \otimes y \otimes z)) &= b_3(ax \otimes y \otimes z - a \otimes z \otimes xy - za \otimes x \otimes y \\ &\quad + a \otimes yz \otimes x + a \otimes zx \otimes y - a \otimes y \otimes zx) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (b_3(x \otimes y \otimes z))^a &= b_3(-ax \otimes y \otimes z + xy \otimes a \otimes z + x \otimes y \otimes za \\ &\quad - x \otimes a \otimes yz - zx \otimes a \otimes y - zx \otimes y \otimes a). \end{aligned}$$

One easily checks that the couple  $(L(A), \mu_A)$  is a pre-crossed Leibniz  $A$ -algebra. Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x \otimes y)(x' \otimes y') - [x \otimes y, x' \otimes y'] &= b_3([x, y] \otimes x' \otimes y' - [x, y] \otimes y' \otimes x') \\ (x \otimes y)^{\mu_A(x \otimes y)} - [x \otimes y, x' \otimes y'] &= b_3(x \otimes [x', y'] \otimes y - x \otimes y \otimes [x', y']). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Leibniz  $A$ -algebra  $(L(A), \mu_A)$  is crossed.  $\square$

It is clear that the inclusion map  $[A, A] \hookrightarrow A$  induces a structure of crossed Leibniz  $A$ -algebra on the two-sided ideal  $[A, A]$ , and that the map  $\mu_A : L(A) \rightarrow [A, A]$  is a morphism of crossed Leibniz  $A$ -algebras. Moreover we have an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \rightarrow L(A) \xrightarrow{\mu_A} [A, A] \rightarrow 0.$$

**Lemma 7.2.** *The Leibniz algebra  $A$  acts trivially on  $\mathrm{HH}_1(A)$ .*

**Proof.** One easily checks that

$${}^a(x \otimes y) = a \otimes [x, y] + b_3(a \otimes x \otimes y - a \otimes y \otimes x) \equiv a \otimes [x, y] \text{ in } L(A)$$

and

$$(x \otimes y)^a = [x, y] \otimes a + b_3(x \otimes a \otimes y - x \otimes y \otimes a) \equiv [x, y] \otimes a \text{ in } L(A).$$

Therefore, if  $\omega = \sum \lambda_i(x_i \otimes y_i) \in \mathrm{HH}_1(A)$ , that is  $\sum \lambda_i[x_i, y_i] = 0$ , then we have

$${}^a\omega = \sum \lambda_i {}^a(x_i \otimes y_i) \equiv \sum \lambda_i(a \otimes [x_i, y_i]) \equiv a \otimes \sum \lambda_i[x_i, y_i] = 0$$

and

$$\omega^a = \sum \lambda_i(x_i \otimes y_i)^a \equiv \sum \lambda_i([x_i, y_i] \otimes a) \equiv \left(\sum \lambda_i[x_i, y_i]\right) \otimes a = 0$$

for any  $a \in A$ .  $\square$

As an immediate consequence, we get the following

**Corollary 7.3.** *The sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \rightarrow \mathrm{L}(A) \xrightarrow{\mu_A} [A, A] \rightarrow 0$$

*is an exact sequence of crossed Leibniz  $A$ -algebras.*  $\square$

We deduce from Proposition 6.4 an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{HL}_1(A, \mathrm{HH}_1(A)) &\rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_1(A, \mathrm{L}(A)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_1(A, [A, A]) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_0(A, \mathrm{HH}_1(A)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_0(A, \mathrm{L}(A)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_0(A, [A, A]) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  and  $\mathrm{HH}_1(A)$  act trivially on each other, we have

$$\mathfrak{HL}_0(A, \mathrm{HH}_1(A)) = \mathrm{HH}_1(A)$$

and

$$\mathfrak{HL}_1(A, \mathrm{HH}_1(A)) = A \star \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \cong A/[A, A] \otimes \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \oplus \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \otimes A/[A, A].$$

On the other hand, it is clear that

$$\mathfrak{HL}_1(A, [A, A]) \cong [A, A]/[A, [A, A]].$$

Therefore we can state

**Theorem 7.4.** *For any associative algebra  $A$  with unit, there exists an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules*

$$\begin{aligned} A/[A, A] \otimes \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \oplus \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \otimes A/[A, A] &\rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_1(A, \mathrm{L}(A)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{HL}_1(A, [A, A]) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \mathrm{HH}_1(A) \rightarrow \mathrm{HH}_1^M(A) \rightarrow [A, A]/[A, [A, A]] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathrm{HH}_1^M(A)$  denotes the Milnor-type Hochschild homology of  $A$ .

**Proof.** Recall that  $\mathrm{HH}_1^M(A)$  is defined to be the quotient of  $A \otimes A$  by the relations

$$a \otimes [b, c] = 0, [a, b] \otimes c = 0, b_3(a \otimes b \otimes c) = 0$$

for any  $a, b, c \in A$  (see [6, 10.6.19]). By definition  $\mathrm{L}(A) = A \otimes A/\mathrm{im}(b_3)$  and from the proof of Lemma 7.2, we get

$$\Psi_{\mathrm{L}(A)}(a * (x \otimes y)) = {}^a(x \otimes y) \equiv a \otimes [x, y]$$

and

$$\Psi_{\mathrm{L}(A)}((x \otimes y) * a) = (x \otimes y)^a \equiv [x, y] \otimes a.$$

Therefore it is clear that  $\mathfrak{HL}_0(A, \mathrm{L}(A)) = \mathrm{coker}(\Psi_{\mathrm{L}(A)})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathrm{HH}_1^M(A)$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** The  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules  $\mathrm{HH}_1(A)$  and  $\mathrm{HH}_1^M(A)$  coincide when the associative algebra  $A$  is *superperfect* as a Leibniz algebra that is,  $A = [A, A]$  and  $\mathrm{HL}_2(A) = 0$ . Also, if the associative algebra  $A$  is commutative, then we have

$$\mathrm{HH}_1(A) \cong \mathrm{HH}_1^M(A) \cong \Omega_{A|\mathbb{K}}^1.$$

Let us also mention that the Milnor-type Hochschild homology appears in the description of the obstruction to the stability

$$\mathrm{HL}_n(\mathfrak{gl}_{n-1}(A)) \rightarrow \mathrm{HL}_n(\mathfrak{gl}_n(A)) \rightarrow \mathrm{HH}_{n-1}^M(A) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\mathfrak{gl}_n(A)$  is the Lie algebra of matrices with entries in the associative algebra  $A$  (see [2], [6, 10.6.20]).

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