

Queen's Algebraic Geometry — Seminar —

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Abstract

One of the algebraic structures that has emerged recently in the study of the operator product expansions of chiral fields in conformal field theory is that of a Lie conformal algebra. A Lie pseudoalgebra is a “higher-dimensional” generalization of the notion of a Lie conformal algebra. On the other hand, Lie pseudoalgebras can be viewed as Lie algebras in certain pseudo-tensor categories.

I will start with a short introduction to vertex algebras and conformal algebras. Then I will introduce Lie pseudoalgebras and will discuss their relationship to the classical Yang-Baxter equation and to the Lie-Cartan algebras of vector fields. Our main result is the classification of finite simple Lie pseudoalgebras.

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