

## A PRESENTATION FOR EXTENDED AFFINE LIE ALGEBRAS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

For a complex finite dimensional simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  and a field  $\mathbb{K}$ , one can define a Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{K}) := \mathcal{G}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{K}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  where  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is the *Chevalley  $\mathbb{Z}$ -form* of  $\mathcal{G}$  with respect to a given *Chevalley basis* of  $\mathcal{G}$ . In the case that the rank of  $\mathcal{G}$  is greater than 1 and  $\text{ch}(\mathbb{K}) \neq 2, 3$ , Stienberg [St] proves that  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{K})$  is centrally closed and gives a presentation of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{K})$  by generators and relations. Kassel [K] generalizes this concept by considering a unital commutative algebra  $A$  over a commutative ring  $R$  in place of the field  $\mathbb{K}$  and defines the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}(A) := \mathcal{G}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$  over  $R$ . He proves that the universal covering algebra of  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  is  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(A) := \mathcal{G}(A) \oplus C$  where  $C$  is linearly isomorphic to  $\Omega_A^1/dA$ , the module of *Kähler differentials* of  $A$  modulo *exact forms*. He also gives a presentation of  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(A)$  by generators and relations. When  $R = \mathbb{C}$  and  $A$  is the algebra of Laurent polynomials in  $n$ -variables, the algebra  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(A)$  is called, by Moody, Rao and Yokonuma [MRY], an  $n$ -toroidal Lie algebra. They give an abstract infinite presentation of a 2-toroidal Lie algebra in terms of generators and relations involving the extended Cartan matrix of  $\mathcal{G}$ . They use their presentation to construct a great number of representations of  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, t_2^{\pm 1}])$  for a simply laced algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . Saito and Yoshii [SaY] introduce a class of Lie algebras whose cores are 2-toroidal Lie algebras. They call their class *elliptic* Lie algebras as they are used in the study of *elliptic singularities*. They give a Serre-type presentation of a simply laced elliptic Lie algebra in term of the elliptic *Dynkin diagram*  $(R, G)$  attached to its *elliptic root system*  $R$  (an extended affine root system of nullity 2) with *marking*  $G$  which is a rank 1 subspace of the radical of the semi-positive symmetric bilinear form defining  $R$ . Yamane [Ya] extends the presentation given by Saito and Yoshii to elliptic Lie algebras in general. More precisely, he gives a Serre-type theorem for the elliptic Lie algebras associated to the (reduced marked) elliptic root systems with rank greater than 2. A toroidal Lie algebra is centrally isogenous to the centerless core of an *extended affine Lie algebra* which is in turn a Lie torus. Now the question is whether one could find a (finite) presentation of the universal covering algebra of a Lie torus for a given nullity and type. In this work we give an affirmative answer to this question.

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## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *The universal covering algebra of a Lie torus of type  $X \neq A_1, C$ , is a finitely presented Lie algebra.*

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