



## On the structure of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras

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**Abstract.** We study the structure of a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $\mathcal{L}$  over an associative and commutative graded algebra  $A$ . For  $G$  an abelian group, we show that if  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a tight  $G$ -graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra, then  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$  decompose as  $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$  and  $A = \bigoplus_{j \in J} A_j$ , where any  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is a non-zero graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying  $[\mathcal{L}_{i_1}, \mathcal{L}_{i_2}, \mathcal{L}_{i_3}] = 0$  for any  $i_1, i_2, i_3 \in I$  different from each other, and any  $A_j$  is a non-zero graded ideal of  $A$  satisfying  $A_j A_l = 0$  for any  $l, j \in J$  such that  $j \neq l$ , and both decompositions satisfy that for any  $i \in I$  there exists a unique  $j \in J$  such that  $A_j \mathcal{L}_i \neq 0$ . Furthermore, any  $(\mathcal{L}_i, A_j)$  is a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. Also, under certain conditions, it is shown that the above decompositions of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$  are by means of the family of their, respectively, graded simple ideals.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of Lie-Rinehart algebra plays an important role in many branches of mathematics. They are algebraic analogs of Lie algebroids. The idea of this notion first introduced by Herz [14] as pseudo-Lie algebras, then studied by Palais [28] under the name "d-Lie ring". Lie-Rinehart structures have been the subject of extensive studies, such as in relation to differential geometry [30], differential Galois theory [19], symplectic geometry [25, 26], Poisson structures [29], various kinds of quantizations [15, 16], Lie groupoids and Lie algebroids [27, 31, 33]. For a very extensive survey of those topics, the reader can be found in [10, 12, 17, 18, 21, 32].

The study of gradings on Lie algebras begins in the 1933 by Jordan's work [20], with the purpose of formalizing Quantum Mechanics. Since then, many papers describing different physic models by means of graded Lie type structures have appeared, being remarkable the interest on these objects in the last years. It is worth mentioning that the so-called techniques of connection of roots had long been introduced by Calderon, Antonio J, on split Lie algebras with symmetric root systems in [5]. For instance, in reference [6] the author studied the structure of arbitrary graded Lie algebras, being extended to the framework of graded Lie superalgebras in [9] by the technique of connections of elements in the support of the grading. Recently, in [7, 8, 22], the structure of arbitrary graded commutative algebras, graded Lie triple systems and graded 3-Leibniz algebras have been determined by the connections of the support of the grading.

A 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra is a triple  $(\mathcal{L}, A, \rho)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a 3-Lie algebra,  $A$  is a commutative, associative algebra,  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $A$ -module,  $(A, \rho)$  is a  $\mathcal{L}$ -module in such a way that both structures are related in an appropriate way. Our goal in this work is to study the inner structure of arbitrary graded 3-Lie-Rinehart

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algebras by the developing technique of connections of elements in the supports of the grading of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$ . The finding of the present paper is an improvement and extension of the work on graded Lie-Rinehart algebras in [2].

The article is organized as follows; In Section 2, we recall the definition of 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras and introduced a class of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra by means of the abelian group  $G$ . In Section 3, as a second step, we extend the techniques of connections in the support of the grading for graded Lie algebras in [6] to the framework of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ . In Section 4, we get, as a third step, a decomposition of  $A$  as direct sum of adequate ideals. We also characterized the relation between the decomposition of  $\mathcal{L}$  which is obtained in section 3 and the given decomposition of  $A$ . Section 5 is devoted to show that, under mild conditions, the given decompositions of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$  are by means of the family of their, corresponding, graded simple ideals.

Throughout this paper, algebras and vector spaces are over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  of characterestic zero, and  $A$  denotes an associative and commutative algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$ . We also consider an abelian group  $G$  with unit element 1.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall definitions and some results on 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras and also introduced a class of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra by means of the abelian group  $G$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [13] *A 3-Lie algebra consists of a vector space  $\mathcal{L}$  together with a trilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot] : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}$  such that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) *skew symmetry:*  $[x_1, x_2, x_3] = -[x_2, x_1, x_3] = -[x_1, x_3, x_2]$ ;
- (ii) *fundamental identity:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 [[x_1, x_2, x_3], y_1, y_2] &= [[x_1, y_1, y_2], x_2, x_3] + [[x_2, y_1, y_2], x_3, x_1] \\
 &+ [[x_3, y_1, y_2], x_1, x_2],
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for all elements  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2 \in \mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [24] *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$  be a 3-Lie algebra,  $V$  be a vector space and  $\rho : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow gl(V)$  be a linear mapping. Then  $(V, \rho)$  is called a representation of  $\mathcal{L}$  or  $V$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -module if the following two conditions hold:*

- (i)  $[\rho(x_1, x_2), \rho(x_3, x_4)] = \rho([x_1, x_2, x_3], x_4) - \rho([x_1, x_2, x_4], x_3)$ ,
- (ii)  $\rho([x_1, x_2, x_3], x_4) = \rho(x_1, x_2)\rho(x_3, x_4) + \rho(x_2, x_3)\rho(x_1, x_4) + \rho(x_3, x_1)\rho(x_2, x_4)$ ,

for all elements  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Next, define

$$ad : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow gl(\mathcal{L}); \quad ad(x, y)z = [x, y, z], \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Tanks to fundamental identity,  $(\mathcal{L}, ad)$  is a representation of the 3-Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}$ , and it is called the adjoint representation of  $\mathcal{L}$ . One can see that  $ad(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L})$  is a Lie algebra which is called inner derivation algebra of  $\mathcal{L}$ . We also have by fundamental identity,

$$[ad(x_1, x_2), ad(y_1, y_2)] = ad([x_1, y_1, x_2], y_2) + ad(x_2, [x_1, y_1, y_2]).$$

**Definition 2.3.** [4] *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$  be a 3-Lie algebra,  $\mathcal{L}$  be an  $A$ -module and  $(A, \rho)$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -module. If  $\rho(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}) \subset Der(A)$  and,*

$$[x, y, az] = a[x, y, z] + \rho(x, y)az, \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{L}, \quad \forall a \in A, \tag{2}$$

$$\rho(ax, y) = \rho(x, ay) = a\rho(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{L}, \quad \forall a \in A, \tag{3}$$

then  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$  is called a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra.

**Remark 2.4.** (1) If  $\rho = 0$  then  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$  is a 3-Lie  $A$ -algebra.

(2) Let  $(G, [\cdot, \cdot])$  be a Lie algebra,  $G$  be an  $A$ -module and  $(A, \rho)$  be a  $G$ -module. If  $\rho(G) \subset \text{Der}(A)$  and

$$[x, ay] = a[x, y] + \rho(x)ay, \quad \rho(ax) = a\rho(x), \quad \forall x, y \in G, \forall a \in A,$$

then  $(G, [\cdot, \cdot], A, \rho)$  a Lie-Rinehart algebra (for detail see [4]).

**Example 2.5.** In the following we recall that a procedure to induce 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras from a Lie-Rinehart algebra. We begin by constructing 3-Lie algebras starting with a Lie algebra analogues of trace [1]. Let  $(\mathcal{L}, [\cdot, \cdot])$  be a Lie algebra we recall a linear map  $\tau : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is a  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ -tracee (or trace) if  $\tau([x, y]) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}$ . Now, for any  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathcal{L}$ , we define the 3-ary bracket by

$$[x_1, x_2, x_3]_\tau = \tau(x_1)[x_2, x_3] - \tau(x_2)[x_1, x_3] + \tau(x_3)[x_1, x_2]. \tag{4}$$

Then  $(\mathcal{L}, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]_\tau)$  is a 3-Lie algebra (see [1] for detail). Next, we begin by constructing 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras starting with a Lie-Rinehart algebras. Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$  be a Lie-Rinehart algebra and  $\tau$  be a trace. If the condition

$$\tau(ax)y = \tau(x)ay,$$

is satisfied for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}, a \in A$ , then  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]_\tau, \rho_\tau)$  is a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra, where  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]_\tau$  is defined as Eq.(4) and  $\rho_\tau$  is defined by

$$\rho_\tau : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \text{gl}(\mathcal{L}); \quad \rho_\tau(x, y) = \tau(x)\rho(y) - \tau(y)\rho(x), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{L}$$

(see Theorem 2.1 in [3] for superalgebras).

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$  be a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra.

(1) If  $S$  is a 3-Lie subalgebra of  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying  $AS \subset S$  then

$$(S, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]|_{S \times S \times S}, \rho|_{S \times S})$$

(which is a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra) is called a subalgebra of the 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$ .

(2) If  $I$  is a 3-Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying  $\rho(I, I)(A)(\mathcal{L}) \subset I$  and

$$(I, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]|_{I \times I \times I}, \rho|_{I \times I})$$

(which is a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra) is called an ideal of the 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$ .

(3) We also say that  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$  is simple if  $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] \neq 0, AA \neq 0, A\mathcal{L} \neq 0$  and its only ideals are  $\{0\}, \mathcal{L}$  and  $\ker \rho := \{x \in \mathcal{L} : \rho(x, \mathcal{L}) = 0\}$ .

For a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$ , we denote

$$\text{Ann}(A) := \{a \in A : aA = 0\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{L}}(A) := \{a \in A : ax = 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{L}\},$$

the annihilator of  $A$  and the annihilator of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , respectively. We also denote

$$Z_\rho(\mathcal{L}) := \{x \in \mathcal{L} : [x, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] = 0, \text{ and } \rho(x, \mathcal{L}) = 0\},$$

the center of 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$ . Note that  $Z_\rho(\mathcal{L}) = \ker \rho \cap Z(\mathcal{L})$ , and by Theorem 2.3 in [4],  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{L}}(A)$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $Z_\rho(\mathcal{L})$  is an ideal of 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a 3-Lie algebra. It is said that  $\mathcal{L}$  is graded by means of an abelian group  $G$  if it decomposes as the direct sum of linear subspaces

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}_g,$$

where the homogeneous components satisfy  $[\mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k] \subset \mathcal{L}_{ghk}$  for any  $g, h, k \in G$  (denoting by juxtaposition the product and unit element 1 in  $G$ ).

Note that split 3-Lie algebras [11] and graded Lie triple systems [8] are examples of graded 3-Lie algebras.

**Definition 2.8.** We say that a 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot], \rho)$  is a graded algebra, by means of the abelian group  $G$ , if  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $G$ -graded 3-Lie algebra as in Definition 2.7 and the algebra  $A$  is a  $G$ -graded (commutative and associative) algebra in the sense that  $A$  decomposes as  $A = \bigoplus_{h \in G} A_h$ , with  $A_g A_h \subset A_{gh}$ , satisfying

$$A_h \mathcal{L}_g \subset \mathcal{L}_{hg} \tag{5}$$

$$\rho(\mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_{g'})(A_h) \subset A_{gg'h}, \tag{6}$$

for any  $g, g', h \in G$ .

Split 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra is an example of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. So this paper extends the results obtained in [23].

As it is usual in the theory of graded algebras, the regularity conditions will be understood in the graded sense compatible with the 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra structure. That is, a 3-Lie-Rinehart graded subalgebra (or graded ideal) of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a graded linear subspace  $S$  (or  $I$ ) as in Definition 2.6. More precisely,  $S$  (or  $I$ ) splits as  $S = \bigoplus_{g \in G} S_g$ ,  $S_g = S \cap \mathcal{L}_g$ , similarly for  $I$ . Also we will say that  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a graded-simple (for short gr-simple) 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra if  $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] \neq 0$  and its only graded ideals are  $\{0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\ker \rho$ .

We denote the  $G$ -support of the grading in  $\mathcal{L}$  and in  $A$  to the sets

$$\Sigma^1 = \{g \in G \setminus \{1\} : \mathcal{L}_g \neq 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^1 = \{h \in G \setminus \{1\} : A_h \neq 0\},$$

respectively. If  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra then we can rewrite

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_g \right) \quad \text{and} \quad A = A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{h \in \Lambda^1} A_h \right).$$

### 3. Connections in $\Sigma^1$ and decompositions

In this section, we begin by developing the techniques of connections in  $\Sigma^1$ . Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra, with the decomposition

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_g \right) \quad \text{and} \quad A = A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right),$$

and with the  $G$ -supports  $\Sigma^1$  and  $\Lambda^1$ , respectively.

We define

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \{g^{-1} : g \in \Sigma^1\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^{-1} = \{\lambda^{-1} : \lambda \in \Lambda^1\}.$$

Let us denote

$$\Sigma = \Sigma^1 \cup \Sigma^{-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda = \Lambda^1 \cup \Lambda^{-1}.$$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $g, h$  be two elements in  $\Sigma^1$ . We say that  $g$  is  $\Sigma^1$ -connected to  $h$  if there exists a family  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda \cup \{1\}$ , satisfying the following conditions;

- (1)  $g = g_1$ ,
- (2)  $\{g_1g_2g_3, g_1g_2g_3g_4g_5, \dots, g_1g_2g_3 \dots g_{2n-1}\} \subset \Sigma$ ,
- (3)  $g_1g_2g_3 \dots g_{2n+1} \in \{h, h^{-1}\}$ .

The family  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}\}$  is called a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $h$ .

The next result shows that the  $\Sigma^1$ -connection relation is an equivalence relation. Its proof is analogous to the one for graded Lie triple system in [2], Proposition 3.1.

**Proposition 3.2.** *The relation  $\sim_{\Sigma^1}$  in  $\Sigma^1$  defined by*

$$g \sim_{\Sigma^1} h \text{ if and only if } g \text{ is } \Sigma^1\text{-connected to } h,$$

*is an equivalence relation.*

By the Proposition 3.2, we can consider the equivalence relation in  $\Sigma^1$  by the connection relation  $\sim_{\Sigma^1}$ . So we denote by

$$\Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1} := \{[g] : g \in \Sigma^1\},$$

where  $[g]$  denotes the set of elements of  $\Sigma^1$  which are connected to  $g$ .

Clearly, if  $h \in [g]$ , then  $h^{-1} \in [g]$ .

**Remark 3.3.** *For  $g', g'' \in \Sigma \cup \Lambda \cup \{1\}$ , if  $h \in [g]$  and  $gg'g'' \in \Sigma^1$  then  $h \sim_{\Sigma^1} gg'g''$ . Indeed, the family  $\{g, g', g''\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $gg'g''$ . Now, taking into account  $g \sim_{\Sigma^1} h$  and Proposition 3.2, we get  $h \sim_{\Sigma^1} gg'g''$ .*

Our next goal is to associate an adequate ideal  $I_{[g]}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  to any  $[g]$ . For a fixed  $g \in \Sigma^1$ , we define

$$\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} := \left( \sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h \right) + \left( \sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] \right) \subset \mathcal{L}_1. \tag{1}$$

Next, we define

$$\mathcal{V}_{[g]} := \bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h. \tag{2}$$

Finally, we denote by  $I_{[g]}$  the direct sum of the two subspaces above, that is,

$$I_{[g]} := \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}. \tag{3}$$

**Proposition 3.4.** *For any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$ , the following assertions hold.*

- (1)  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}] \subset I_{[g]}$ .
- (2)  $AI_{[g]} \subset I_{[g]}$

**Proof.** (1) By Eq. (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}] &= [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] \\ &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] \\ &\quad + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] \\ &\quad + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}]. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Since  $\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \subset \mathcal{L}_1$  and by the skew symmetry of trilinear map, we clearly have

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}. \tag{5}$$

Consider now the summand  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}]$  in (4). By  $\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \subset \mathcal{L}_1$ , we have

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] \subset [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}]. \tag{6}$$

Suppose there exist  $g', g'' \in [g]$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{g''}] \neq 0$ . Then  $g' \in \Sigma^0$  and  $g'g'' \in \Sigma^1 \cup \{1\}$ . If  $g'' = g'^{-1}$ , clear that  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{g''}] = [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{g'^{-1}}] \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}$ . Otherwise, if  $g'' \neq g'^{-1}$ , and  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $h$ . Then  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}, 1, k\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $hk$  in case  $g_1g_2g_3\dots g_{2n+1} = h$  and  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}, 1, k^{-1}\}$  in case  $g_1g_2g_3\dots g_{2n+1} = h^{-1}$ . Hence,  $hk \in [g]$ . Taking into account Eq. (6), we get  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}$ . By the skew symmetry of trilinear map, we get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}. \tag{7}$$

Consider now the summand  $[\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}]$  in (4). Suppose there exist  $h, k, l \in [g]$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_l] \neq 0$ . Then  $hk \in \Sigma^0 \cup \{1\}$  and  $hkl \in \Sigma^1 \cup \{1\}$ . If either  $h = k^{-1}$  or  $hkl = 1$ , then

$$[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_l] = \mathcal{L}_l \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]} \quad \text{or} \quad [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_l] \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}.$$

Otherwise, if  $hk \in \Sigma^0$  and  $hkl \in \Sigma^1$ , and  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $h$ . Then  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}, k, l\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $hkl$  in case  $g_1g_2g_3\dots g_{2n+1} = h$  and  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{2n+1}, k^{-1}, l^{-1}\}$  in case  $g_1g_2g_3\dots g_{2n+1} = h^{-1}$ . Hence,  $hkl \in [g]$  and so we get

$$[\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[g]}] \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}. \tag{8}$$

Finally, consider the first summand  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}]$  in (4). By Eq. 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] \subset & \sum_{h,k,l \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} [A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_k, A_{l^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_l] + \\ & \sum_{\substack{h,k \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1 \\ l', l'' \in [g]}} [A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_k, [\mathcal{L}_{l'} \mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \\ & + \sum_{\substack{h,l \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1 \\ k', k'' \in [g]}} [A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, [\mathcal{L}_{k'} \mathcal{L}_{k''}, \mathcal{L}_{(k'k'')^{-1}}], A_{l^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_l] \\ & + \sum_{\substack{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1 \\ k', k'', l', l'' \in [g]}} [A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, [\mathcal{L}_{k'} \mathcal{L}_{k''}, \mathcal{L}_{(k'k'')^{-1}}] \\ & \quad , [\mathcal{L}_{l'} \mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \\ & + \sum_{\substack{h', h'' \in [g] \\ k \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1}} [[\mathcal{L}_{h'} \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], A_{k^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_k, A_{l^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_l] \\ & + \sum_{\substack{h', h'', l', l'' \in [g] \\ k \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1}} [[\mathcal{L}_{h'} \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], A_{k^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_k \\ & \quad , [\mathcal{L}_{l'} \mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \\ & + \sum_{\substack{h', h'', k', k'' \in [g] \\ l \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1}} [[\mathcal{L}_{h'} \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], [\mathcal{L}_{k'} \mathcal{L}_{k''}, \mathcal{L}_{(k'k'')^{-1}}] \\ & \quad , A_{l^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_l] \\ & + \sum_{h', h'', k', k'', l', l'' \in [g]} [[\mathcal{L}_{h'} \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], [\mathcal{L}_{k'} \mathcal{L}_{k''}, \mathcal{L}_{(k'k'')^{-1}}], \\ & \quad [\mathcal{L}_{l'} \mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

For the first summand in (9), if there exist  $h, k, l \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1$  such that

$$[A_{h^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k, A_{l^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_l] \neq 0,$$

by Eqs. (2) and (5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [A_{h^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k, A_{l^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_l] &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{kk^{-1}}, A_{l^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_l] \\ &= A_{l^{-1}}[\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{kk^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_l] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{kk^{-1}})A_{l^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_l \\ &\subset A_{l^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_l \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}. \end{aligned}$$

For the second summand in (9), if there exist  $h, k \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1, l', l'' \in [g]$  such that

$$[A_{h^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k, [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \neq 0,$$

by Eqs. (2), (5) and skew symmetry we have

$$\begin{aligned} [A_{h^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_h, A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k, [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}], A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k] \\ &= A_{k^{-1}}[\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_k] \\ &\quad + \rho(\mathcal{L}_{hh^{-1}}, [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}])A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k \\ &\subset A_{k^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_k \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof for the rest of summands (except the last summand) in (9) are similar. For the last summand in (9), if there exist  $h', h'', k', k'', l', l'' \in [g]$  such that

$$[[\mathcal{L}_{h'}\mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], [\mathcal{L}_{k'}\mathcal{L}_{k''}, \mathcal{L}_{(k'k'')^{-1}}], [\mathcal{L}_{l'}\mathcal{L}_{l''}, \mathcal{L}_{(l'l'')^{-1}}]] \neq 0.$$

By applying identities in Defenition 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} [[\mathcal{L}_{h'}\mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] &\subset [[\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1], \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}] \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1], \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}] \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1], \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{h''}] \\ &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}] + [\mathcal{L}_{h''}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}] \\ &\quad + [\mathcal{L}_{(h'h'')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{h''}] \\ &\subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Thus, all summands in (9) contained in  $\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}$ . Therefore,

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}] \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}. \tag{11}$$

From Eqs. (5), (7), (8) and (11), we conclude that  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}] \subset I_{[g]}$ .

(2) Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} AI_{[g]} &= \left( A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \right) (I_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}) \\ &= \left( A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \right) \left( \sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_h \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h \right). \end{aligned}$$

We discuss it in six cases:

**Case 1.** For the item  $A_1(\sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h)$ , since  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $A$ -module, for  $h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1$  we have

$$A_1(A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h) = (A_1 A_{h^{-1}}) \mathcal{L}_h \subset A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}.$$

Therefore,

$$A_1\left(\sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

**Case 2.** Consider the item  $A_1\left(\sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]\right)$ . By Eq. (2), for any  $h, k \in [g]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, A_1 \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)(A_1) \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}} \\ &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] + A_{(hk)} \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

thanks to  $A_1 \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}} \subset \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}$  and  $\rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)(A_1) \subset A_{hk}$ . Now, if  $A_{hk} \neq 0$  (otherwise is trivial), then  $hk \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1$ . Thus  $[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] + A_{hk} \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}} \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}$ . Therefore,

$$A_1\left(\sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

**Case 3.** Let us consider the item  $A_1\left(\bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h\right)$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $A$ -module, for  $h \in [g]$  we have  $A_1 \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}$ . Therefore,

$$A_1\left(\bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

**Case 4.** For the item  $\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h\right)$ , suppose  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1, h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1$ , by associativity of  $A$  we have

$$A_\lambda(A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h) = (A_\lambda A_{h^{-1}}) \mathcal{L}_h \subset A_{\lambda h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h.$$

If  $\lambda h^{-1} \in \Sigma^1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda \neq 0$ , then the family  $\{h, \lambda h^{-1}, 1\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $h$  to  $\Lambda$ . That is  $\lambda \in [g]$ , so  $A_{\lambda h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{L}_\lambda \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}$ . Therefore

$$\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

**Case 5.** Consider the item  $\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]\right)$ . By Eq. (2), for  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1, h \in [g]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_\lambda[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)(A_\lambda) \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}} \\ &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{\lambda(hk)^{-1}}] + A_{\lambda(hk)} \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

As in previous case, if  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda(hk)^{-1}} \neq 0$  we get  $\lambda, \lambda(hk)^{-1} \in \Sigma^1$ , and by Remark 3.3 we have  $\lambda \in [g]$ . So  $[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{\lambda(hk)^{-1}}] + A_{\lambda(hk)} \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}} \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}$ . Therefore,

$$\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

**Case 6.** Finally, consider the item  $\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h\right)$ . For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1$  and  $h \in [g]$  we have  $A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{L}_{\lambda h}$ . Using Remark 3.3 as in previous case, we can prove  $\lambda h \in [g]$ . Hence,  $A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{V}_{[g]}$ . Therefore,

$$\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda\right)\left(\bigoplus_{h \in [g]} \mathcal{L}_h\right) \subset I_{[g]}.$$

Now, summarizing a discussion of above six cases, we get the result.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $[g], [h], [k] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  be different from each other, then

$$[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad [I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}] = 0.$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] &= [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] \\
 &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] \\
 &\quad + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] \\
 &\quad + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{12}$$

Let us consider the last item  $[\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}]$  in Eq. (12). Suppose that there exist  $g_1 \in [g], h_1 \in [h]$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] \neq 0$ . By definition of grading,  $g_1 h_1 k_1 \in \Sigma^1$ . Since  $g_1 \in [g]$  and  $g_1 h_1 k_1 \in \Sigma^1$ , we get  $g \sim_{\Sigma^1} g_1 h_1 k_1$ . Similarly, one can get  $h \sim_{\Sigma^1} g_1 h_1 k_1$ . Now, Proposition 3.2 implies that  $[g] = [h]$  a contradiction. Therefore,

$$[\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = 0. \tag{13}$$

Now, we consider the item  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}]$  in Eq. (12). We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] &= \left[ \left( \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) + \left( \sum_{h', k' \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}] \right), \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \bigoplus_{h_1 \in [h]} \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] \\
 &\subset \left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \bigoplus_{h_1 \in [h]} \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] \\
 &\quad + \left[ \sum_{h', k' \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}], \bigoplus_{h_1 \in [h]} \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{14}$$

For the first summand in (14), suppose there exist  $g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1, h_1 \in [h]$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$  such that  $[A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] \neq 0$ . By Eq. (2),

$$[A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] = A_{g'^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}.$$

Taking into account Eq.(13), we get  $[\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] = 0$ . If  $\rho(\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \neq 0$ , then  $A_{h_1 k_1 g'^{-1}} \neq 0$  and  $h_1 k_1 g'^{-1} \in \Lambda^1$ . We take the family  $\{g', k_1^{-1}, h_1 k_1 g'^{-1}\}$  as a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g'$  to  $h_1$ , and so  $[g] = [h]$  which is a contradiction. That is  $\rho(\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} = 0$ . Hence,

$$[A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] = 0, \tag{15}$$

and so

$$\left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \bigoplus_{h_1 \in [h]} \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{16}$$

Next, consider the second summand in (14). For  $h', k' \in [g], h_1 \in [h]$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$ , by fundamental identity and Eq. (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 [[\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] &\subset [[\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}], \mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}] \\
 &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}], \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}] \\
 &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}], \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k'}] \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\left[ \sum_{h', k' \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k'}, \mathcal{L}_{(h'k')^{-1}}], \bigoplus_{h_1 \in [h]} \mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{17}$$

From Eqs. (16) and (17), we have  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = 0$ . By the skew symmetry of trilinear map, we also get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] = 0. \tag{18}$$

Next, we consider the summand  $[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}]$  in Eq. (12). We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] &= \left( \left( \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) + \left( \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1 g_2)^{-1}}] \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left( \sum_{h' \in [h] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'} \right) + \left( \sum_{h_1, h_2 \in [h]} [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}] \right), \\ &\quad \left. \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

The above statement includes four items which we consider in the following. First, consider the item  $[\sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \sum_{h' \in [h] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1}]$  in (19). For  $g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1, h' \in [h] \cap \Lambda^1$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$ , by using Eqs. (13) and (15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] &= [\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \\ &= A_{g'^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \\ &= A_{g'^{-1}} (A_{h'^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}) A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}) \\ &\quad + A_{h'^{-1}} \rho(\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \\ &= A_{g'^{-1}} A_{h'^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] + A_{g'^{-1}} \rho(\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}) A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'} \\ &\quad + A_{h'^{-1}} \rho(\mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h'}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \sum_{h' \in [h] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{20}$$

Second, consider the item

$$\left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \sum_{h_1, h_2 \in [h]} [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right],$$

in Eq. (19). For  $g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1, h_1, h_2 \in [h]$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$ , again by using Eqs. (13) and (15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] &= [[\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{k_1}, A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \\ &= A_{g'^{-1}} [[\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{k_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \\ &\quad + \rho([\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{k_1}) A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \sum_{h_1, h_2 \in [h]} [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1 h_2)^{-1}}], \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{21}$$

By skew symmetry, we also have

$$\left[ \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1 g_2)^{-1}}], \sum_{h' \in [h] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{h'}, \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{22}$$

Now, consider the forth item in Eq. (19). For  $g_1, g_2 \in [g], h_1, h_2 \in [h]$  and  $k_1 \in [k]$ , using Eq. (13) we have

$$\text{big}[[\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}], [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1h_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{k_1}] \subset [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = 0.$$

So we get

$$\left[ \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}], \sum_{h_1, h_2 \in [h]} [\mathcal{L}_{h_1}, \mathcal{L}_{h_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(h_1h_2)^{-1}}], \bigoplus_{k_1 \in [k]} \mathcal{L}_{k_1} \right] = 0. \tag{23}$$

Now, from Eqs. (20)-(23), we get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = 0. \tag{24}$$

By skew symmetry, we also get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{V}_{[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] = [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] = [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{V}_{[k]}] = 0. \tag{25}$$

Finally, consider the first item in Eq. (12). We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] &= \left[ \left( \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) + \left( \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}] \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]} \right] \\ &\subset \left[ \sum_{g' \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g'^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]} \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

By a similar argument as in Eq. (22), the first summand in (26) is zero. For the second summand (26), suppose  $g_1, g_2 \in [g]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} [[\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] &\subset [[\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}], \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}] \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}], \mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{g_1}] \\ &\quad + [[\mathcal{L}_{(g_1g_2)^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}], \mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}]. \end{aligned}$$

All of the above three summands are zero, thanks to Eq. (25). Therefore,

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[h]}, \mathcal{L}_{1,[k]}] = 0. \tag{27}$$

From Eqs. (13), (18), (25) and (27), we get

$$[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] = 0.$$

By a similar argument as above, one can prove  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}] = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *The following assertions hold*

(1) For any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$ , the linear space

$$I_{[g]} = \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]},$$

associated to  $[g]$  is a graded ideal of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ .

(2) If  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is gr-simple, then there exists a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g$  to  $h$  for any  $g, h \in \Sigma^1$ , and

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h, k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}].$$

**Proof.** (1) We are going to check  $[I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] \subset I_{[g]}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] &= [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus (\bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h), \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus (\bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k)] \\
 &\subset [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k] + [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1] \\
 &+ [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k] \\
 &+ [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1] + [\mathcal{V}_{[g]}, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k].
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Let us consider the first summand in Eq. (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] &= \left[ \sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h + \sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1 \right] \\
 &\subset \left[ \sum_{h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1} A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1 \right] + \left[ \sum_{h,k \in [g]} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1 \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Suppose  $h \in [g] \cap \Lambda^1$ , by Eq. (2),

$$[A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] = A_{h^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1) A_{h^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_h \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}.$$

Now, if  $h, k \in [g]$  then  $[[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}], \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}$ , thanks to Eq. (10). Taking into account Eq. (29), we get

$$[\mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1] \subset \mathcal{L}_{1,[g]}.$$

Next, by Proposition 3.4(1), for the rest of all summands in Eq. (29), we get  $[I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] \subset I_{[g]}$ . So  $I_{[g]}$  is a 3-Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ . By Proposition 3.4(2), we also have  $AI_{[g]} \subset I_{[g]}$ , that is  $I_{[g]}$  is an  $A$ -module. Finally, by Eq. (2) we have

$$\rho(I_{[g]}, I_{[g]})(A)\mathcal{L} \subset [I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, A\mathcal{L}] + A[I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}] \subset [I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}] + I_{[g]} \subset I_{[g]}.$$

By construction of  $I_{[g]}$ , it is a graded ideal of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ .

(2) The gr-simplicity of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  implies that  $0 \neq I_{[g]} \in \{\mathcal{L}, \ker \rho\}$  for any  $g \in \Sigma^1$ . If  $I_{[g]} = \mathcal{L}$  for some  $g \in \Sigma^1$ , then  $[g] = \Sigma^1$ . Otherwise, if  $I_{[g]} = \ker \rho$  for all  $g \in \Sigma^1$  we have  $[g] = [h]$  for any  $h \in \Sigma^1$  and again  $\Sigma^1 = [g]$ . We conclude that all the elements of the  $G$ -support  $\Sigma^1$  are  $\Sigma^1$ -connected. Moreover, clearly

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}].$$

□

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. For a vector space complement  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]$ , in  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , we have

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{U} \oplus \sum_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]},$$

where any  $I_{[g]}$  is one of the graded ideals of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  described in Theorem 3.6-(1). Furthermore,  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] = 0$  where  $[g], [h], [k] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  be different from each other.

**Proof.** Each  $I_{[g]}$  is well defined and by Theorem 3.6-(1), a graded ideal of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ . It is clear that

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus (\bigoplus_{g \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_g) = \mathcal{U} \oplus \sum_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]},$$

where  $\mathcal{U}$  is a linear space complement of

$$\sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}],$$

in  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . By Proposition 3.5, we also have  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] = 0$ , where  $[g], [h], [k] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  be different from each other.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** *If  $Z_\rho(\mathcal{L}) = \{0\}$  and*

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}],$$

then  $\mathcal{L}$  is the direct sum of the graded ideals given in Theorem 3.6-(1),

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]},$$

Moreover,  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}, I_{[k]}] = 0$  where  $[g], [h], [k] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  be different from each other.

**Proof.** Since  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]$ , we get

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]},$$

where  $I_{[g]}$  is one of the graded ideals of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  described in Theorem 3.6-(1) satisfying in Proposition 3.5. For the direct character, suppose there exists  $x \in I_{[g]} \cap \sum_{[h] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[h]}$  such that  $[g] \neq [h]$ . The fact  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}] = 0$  with  $[g] \neq [h]$  and  $x \in I_{[g]}$ , implies that

$$[x, \sum_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}] = 0.$$

We also have  $[x, I_{[g]}, \mathcal{L}] = 0$ , thanks to  $x \in \sum_{[h] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[h]}$  with  $[g] \neq [h]$  and the same above fact. Therefore,  $[x, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] = 0$ . Next, by Eq. (2), we have  $\rho(x, \mathcal{L}) = 0$ . Thus, we get  $x \in Z_\rho(\mathcal{L}) = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Connections in $\Lambda^1$ and decomposition of $A$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a  $G$ -graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra (see Definition 2.8). In this section we begin by introducing the so called connection among of the elements in the  $G$ -support  $\Lambda^1$  for an associative and commutative algebra  $A$  associated to  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ . Recall that  $A$  admits a  $G$ -grading as

$$A = A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right),$$

where  $\Lambda^1 = \{\lambda \in G \setminus \{1\} : A_\lambda \neq 0\}$ , is the  $G$ -support of grading. We will consider the sets  $\Sigma^\pm$  and  $\Lambda^\pm$  as in Section 3. Note that, the proof of some results in this section are similar to the one for graded Lie-Rinehart algebra (see [2]), we will omit them.

**Definition 4.1.** *Let  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda^1$ , we say that  $\lambda$  is  $\Lambda^1$ -connected to  $\mu$  and denoted by  $\lambda \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu$ , if there exists a family  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda \cup \{1\}$ , such that the following conditions are satisfied;*

- (1)  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$ .
- (2)  $\lambda_1\lambda_2 \in \Lambda$ ,  
 $\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 \in \Lambda$ ,  
 $\dots$   
 $\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\dots + \lambda_{n-1} \in \Lambda$ .
- (3)  $\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\dots\lambda_n \in \{\mu, \mu^{-1}\}$ .

The family  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  is called a  $\Lambda^1$ -connection from  $\lambda$  to  $\mu$ .

The next result shows that the  $\Lambda^1$ -connection relation is an equivalence relation (see Proposition 3.2 in [2]).

**Proposition 4.2.** *The relation  $\approx_{\Lambda^1}$  in  $\Lambda^1$  defined by*

$$\lambda \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu \text{ if and only if } \lambda \text{ is } \Lambda^1\text{-connected to } \mu,$$

*is an equivalence relation.*

**Remark 4.3.** *Let  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda^1$  such that  $\lambda \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu$ . If  $\lambda\eta \in \Lambda^1$ , for  $\eta \in \Sigma \cup \Lambda$  then  $\lambda \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu\eta$ . Considering the connection  $\{\mu, \eta\}$  we get  $\mu \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu\eta$  and by transitivity  $\lambda \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu\eta$ .*

By the Proposition 4.2, we can consider the equivalence relation in  $\Lambda^1$  by the  $\Lambda^1$ -connection relation  $\approx_{\Lambda^1}$  in  $\Lambda^1$ . So we denote by

$$\Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1} := \{[\lambda] : \lambda \in \Lambda^1\},$$

where  $[\lambda]$  denotes the set of elements of  $\Lambda^1$ , which are  $\Lambda^1$ -connected to  $\lambda$ .

Our next goal in this section is to associate an adequate graded ideal  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  of  $A$  to any  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$ . For a fixed  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1$ , we define

$$A_{1,[\lambda]} := \left( \sum_{\mu \in [\lambda]} A_{\mu^{-1}}A_{\mu} \right) + \left( \sum_{h,k \in [\lambda] \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)A_{(hk)^{-1}} \right) \subset A_1. \tag{1}$$

Next, we define

$$A_{[\lambda]} := \bigoplus_{\mu \in [\lambda]} A_{\mu}. \tag{2}$$

Finally, we denote by  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  the direct sum of the two graded subspaces above, that is,

$$\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} := A_{1,[\lambda]} \oplus A_{[\lambda]}. \tag{3}$$

The detail proofs of the following properties of  $A$  can be found in [2];

**Proposition 4.4.** *For any  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} \subset \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$ .*

**Proposition 4.5.** *For any  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda^1$ , if  $[\lambda] \neq [\mu]$  then  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}\mathcal{A}_{[\mu]} = 0$ .*

We recall that a  $G$ -graded subspace  $I$  of a commutative and associative algebra  $A$  is called an ideal of  $A$  if  $AI \subset I$ . We say that  $A$  is gr-simple if  $AA \neq 0$  and it contains no proper ideals.

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. Then the following assertions hold.*

- (1) *For any  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$ , the linear subspace*

$$\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} = A_{1,[\lambda]} \oplus A_{[\lambda]},$$

*of algebra  $A$  associated to  $[\lambda]$  is a graded ideal of  $A$ .*

(2) If  $A$  is gr-simple then all elements of  $\Lambda^1$  are  $\Lambda^1$ -connected. Furthermore,

$$A_1 = \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}}A_{\mu} + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)A_{(hk)^{-1}}.$$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the one in [2], Theorem 3.6 for a graded Lie-Rinehart algebra.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. Then

$$A = \mathcal{V} + \sum_{[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}} \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]},$$

where  $\mathcal{V}$  is a linear complement of

$$\sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}}A_{\mu} + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)A_{(hk)^{-1}},$$

in  $A_1$  and any  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  is one of the graded ideals of  $A$  described in Theorem 4.6-(1). Furthermore  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}\mathcal{A}_{[\mu]} = 0$ , when  $[\lambda] \neq [\mu]$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the one in [2], Theorem 3.7 for a graded Lie-Rinehart algebra.  $\square$

Recall that, denote by

$$Ann(A) := \{a \in A : aA = 0\}, \quad \text{and} \quad Ann_{\mathcal{L}}(A) := \{x \in \mathcal{L} : Ax = 0\},$$

the annihilator of the commutative and associative algebra  $A$  and the annihilator of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Corollary 4.8.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. If  $Ann(A) = 0$  and

$$A_1 = \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}}A_{\mu} + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)A_{(hk)^{-1}},$$

then  $A$  is the direct sum of the graded ideals given in Theorem 4.6-(1),

$$A = \bigoplus_{[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}} \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}.$$

Furthermore,  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}\mathcal{A}_{[\mu]} = 0$ , when  $[\lambda] \neq [\mu]$ .

**Proof.** This can be proved analogously to Corollary 3.8 in [2].  $\square$

In the following, we will discuss the relation between the decompositions of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$  of a graded 3-Lie Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ .

**Definition 4.9.** A graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is tight if  $Z_{\rho}(\mathcal{L}) = 0$ ,  $Ann(A) = 0 = Ann_{\mathcal{L}}(A)$ ,  $AA = A$ ,  $A\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1 &= \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}], \\ A_1 &= \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}}A_{\mu} + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k)A_{(hk)^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.10.** If  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra then it follows from Corollaries 3.8 and 4.8 that

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]}, \quad A = \bigoplus_{[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}} \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]},$$

with any  $I_{[g]}$  a graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying  $[I_{[g]}, I_{[h]}] = 0$  if  $[g] \neq [h]$  and any  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  a graded ideal of  $A$  satisfying  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}\mathcal{A}_{[\mu]} = 0$ , when  $[\lambda] \neq [\mu]$ .

**Proposition 4.11.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. Then for any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  there exists a unique  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}I_{[g]} \neq 0$ .

**Proof.** At first, we are going to prove the existence. We claim  $AI_{[g]} \neq 0$  for any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$ . Indeed, if  $AI_{[g]} = 0$  for some  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$ , then by the fact  $I_{[g]}$  is a graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  we have

$$[I_{[g]}, A\mathcal{L}, A\mathcal{L}] = [I_{[g]}, \bigoplus_{[h] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} AI_{[h]}, \bigoplus_{[k] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} AI_{[k]}] = [I_{[g]}, AI_{[g]}, AI_{[g]}] = 0.$$

Taking into account  $A\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}$ , we get  $I_{[g]} \subset Z(\mathcal{L}) = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Now, by  $A = \bigoplus_{[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}} \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$ , there exists  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}I_{[g]} \neq 0$ .

Second, we will prove the uniqueness. Suppose that there exist  $[\lambda], [\mu] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}I_{[g]} \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{[\mu]}I_{[g]} \neq 0$  for any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$ . From here, we can take  $\lambda_1 \in [\lambda], \mu_2 \in [\mu]$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in [g]$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda_1}I_{g_1} \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu_2}I_{g_2} \neq 0$ . Since  $g_1, g_2 \in [g]$ , we can consider the  $\Sigma^1$ -connection  $\{g_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_{2n+1}\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda \cup \{1\}$  from  $g_1$  to  $g_2$ . We continue the proof in four cases;

**Case 1.** If  $\lambda_1 g_1 \neq 1$  and  $\mu_2 g_2 \neq 1$ , then  $\lambda_1 g_1, \mu_2 g_2 \in \Lambda^1$ . We can consider a  $\Lambda^1$ -connection

$$\{\lambda_1, g_1, \lambda_1^{-1}, h_2, \dots, h_{2n+1}, \mu_2, g_2^{-1}\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda,$$

from  $\lambda_1$  to  $\mu_2$  in the case  $g_1 h_2 \dots h_{2n+1} = g_2$ , and in case  $g_1 h_2 \dots h_{2n+1} = g_2^{-1}$  is

$$\{\lambda_1, g_1, \lambda_1^{-1}, h_2, \dots, h_{2n+1}, \mu_2^{-1}, g_2\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda.$$

Then  $\lambda_1 \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu_2$  and so  $[\lambda] = [\mu]$ .

**Case 2.** If  $\lambda_1 g_1 = 1$  and  $\mu_2 g_2 \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda_1 = g_1^{-1}$  and  $\mu_2 g_2 \in \Sigma^1$ . So we have a  $\Lambda^1$ -connection

$$\{g_1^{-1}, h_2^{-1}, \dots, h_{2n+1}^{-1}, \mu_2^{-1}, g_2\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda,$$

from  $\lambda_1$  to  $\mu_2$  in the case  $g_1 h_2 \dots h_n = g_2$ . In the case  $g_1 h_2 \dots h_n = g_2^{-1}$  the  $\Lambda^1$ -connection is

$$\{g_1^{-1}, h_2^{-1}, \dots, h_{2n+1}^{-1}, \mu_2, g_2^{-1}\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda.$$

Then  $\lambda_1 \approx_{\Lambda^1} \mu_2$ , and so  $[\lambda] = [\mu]$ .

**Case 3.** If  $\lambda_1 g_1 \neq 1$  and  $\mu_2 g_2 = 1$ , then by a similar argumen as the second case we get  $[\lambda] = [\mu]$ .

**Case 4.** If  $\lambda_1 g_1 = 1$  and  $\mu_2 g_2 = 1$ , then  $\lambda_1 = g_1^{-1}$  and  $\mu_2 = g_2^{-1}$ . So we have a  $\Lambda^1$ -connection

$$\{g_1^{-1}, h_2^{-1}, \dots, h_{2n+1}^{-1}\} \subset \Sigma \cup \Lambda.$$

from  $\lambda_1$  to  $\mu_2$ , and so  $[\lambda] = [\mu]$ .

Therefore, we conclude that for any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  there exists a unique  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}I_{[g]} \neq 0$ .  $\square$

It could be remarked that Proposition 4.11 shows that  $I_{[g]}$  is an  $A_{[\lambda]}$ -module. Hence we can assert the following result.

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra. Then

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i, \quad A = \bigoplus_{j \in J} A_j,$$

where any  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is a non-zero graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying  $[\mathcal{L}_i, \mathcal{L}_k] = 0$ , when  $i \neq k$ , and any  $A_j$  is a non-zero graded ideal of  $A$  such that  $A_j A_l = 0$  when  $j \neq l$ . Moreover, both decompositions satisfy that for any  $i \in I$  there exists a unique  $j \in J$  such that

$$A_j \mathcal{L}_i \neq 0.$$

Furthermore, any  $(\mathcal{L}_i, A_j)$  is a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra.

### 5. the simple components of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebras

In this section we focus on the simplicity of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  by centering our attention in those of maximal length. From now on, we will suppose  $\Sigma^1$  is symmetric, that is, if  $g \in \Sigma^1$  then  $g^{-1} \in \Sigma^1$  and also that  $\Lambda^1$  is symmetric in the same sense.

Let us introduce the concepts of root-multiplicativity and maximal length in the framework of graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra, in a similar way to the ones for split Lie-Rinehart algebra in [22].

**Definition 5.1.** A graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is called  $G$ -multiplicative if for any  $g, h, k \in \Sigma^1$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda^1$  the following conditions hold

- If  $ghk \in \Sigma^1$  then  $[\mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k] \neq 0$ .
- If  $\lambda g \in \Sigma^1$  then  $A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_g \neq 0$ .
- If  $\lambda \mu \in \Lambda^1$  then  $A_\lambda A_\mu \neq 0$ .

**Definition 5.2.** A graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is called of maximal length if for any  $g \in \Sigma^1$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1$  we have  $\dim \mathcal{L}_g = 1 = \dim A_\lambda$ .

**Remark 5.3.** If  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra such that  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$  are ge-simple algebras then  $Z(\mathcal{L}) = \{0\} = \text{Ann}(A)$  and  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{L}}(A) = \{0\}$ . Also as consequence of Theorem 3.7-(2) and Theorem 4.6-(2) we get that all of the non-zero elements in  $\Sigma^1$  are connected, that all of the non-zero elements in  $\Lambda^1$  are also connected and that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1 &= \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h, k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}], \\ A_1 &= \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}} A_\mu + \sum_{h, k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k) A_{(hk)^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

From here, the conditions for  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  of being tight together with the ones of having  $\Sigma^1$  and  $\Lambda^1$  all of their elements connected, are necessary conditions to get a characterization of the gr-simplicity of the algebras  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $A$ . Actually, we are going to show that under the hypothesis of being  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  of maximal length and  $G$ -multiplicative, these are also sufficient conditions.

**Lemma 5.4.** Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra of maximal length and  $G$ -multiplicative. If  $I$  is a graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $I \subset \mathcal{L}_1$ , then  $I = \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose there exists a non-zero graded ideal  $I$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $I \subset \mathcal{L}_1$ . We are going to show that  $I \subset \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{L}}(A)$ .

If  $g, h \in \Sigma^1$  with  $gh \neq 1$ , we have

$$[I, \mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_h] \subset \mathcal{L}_{gh} \cap \mathcal{L}_1 = 0. \tag{1}$$

Otherwise, if  $h = g^{-1}$  and  $[I, \mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}}] \neq 0$  for some  $g \in \Sigma^1$ , then there exist  $x \in \mathcal{L}_g, x' \in \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}}$  and  $i \in I$  such that  $[i, x, x'] \neq 0$ . By the  $G$ -multiplicativity (consider  $1, g, 1 \in \Sigma^1 \cup \{1\}$ ) and the maximal length of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  there exist  $x_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $0 \neq [i, x, x_1] \in I$  a contradiction. Hence,

$$[I, \mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}}] = 0, \quad \forall g \in \Sigma^1. \tag{2}$$

By Eqs. (1) and (2), we get  $[I, \mathcal{L}_g, \mathcal{L}_h] = 0$  for all  $g, h \in \Sigma^1$ . therefore,

$$[I, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}] = 0. \tag{3}$$

Next, we show that  $AI = 0$ . Note that

$$AI = \left( A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \right) I \subset A_1 I + \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda I. \tag{4}$$

For the second summand in (4), since  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  is a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra, we have

$$\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda I \subset \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_\lambda \cap \mathcal{L}_1 = 0. \tag{5}$$

Now, consider the first summand in (4), since

$$A_1 = \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} A_{\mu^{-1}} A_\mu + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k) A_{(hk)^{-1}},$$

we have

$$A_1 I \subset \sum_{\mu \in \Lambda^1} (A_{\mu^{-1}} A_\mu) I + \sum_{h,k \in \Lambda^1 \cap \Sigma^1} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k) (A_{(hk)^{-1}}) I. \tag{6}$$

For the first item in (6), by the fact that  $I$  is an  $A$ -module and Eq. (5), we get

$$(A_{\mu^{-1}} A_\mu) I = A_{\mu^{-1}} (A_\mu I) = 0. \tag{7}$$

Consider the second item in (6), by Eq. (2), the fact that  $I$  is an  $A$ -module and Eq. (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k) (A_{(hk)^{-1}}) I &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, A_{(hk)^{-1}} I] + A_{(hk)^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, I] \\ &\subset [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, I] + A_{(hk)^{-1}} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, I] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Eqs. (7) and (8), give us

$$A_1 I = 0. \tag{9}$$

Now, Eqs. (5) and (9), implies that  $AI = 0$ , taking into account Eq. (3) we obtain  $I \subset \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{L}}(A) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra of maximal length and  $G$ -multiplicative. If all the elements in  $\Sigma^1$  are  $\Sigma^1$ -connected, then either  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $gr$ -simple or  $\mathcal{L} = I \oplus I'$  where  $I$  and  $I'$  are graded simple ideals of  $\mathcal{L}$ .*

**Proof.** Consider  $I$  a nonzero graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ . By Lemma 5.4, we have  $I \not\subseteq \mathcal{L}_1$  and the maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$  gives us

$$I = (I \cap \mathcal{L}_1) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g \in \Sigma^1} (I \cap \mathcal{L}_g) \right),$$

with  $(I \cap \mathcal{L}_g) \neq 0$  for some  $g \in \Sigma^1$ . Denote by  $I_g := I \cap \mathcal{L}_g$  and by  $\Sigma_I^1 := \{g \in \Sigma^1 : I_g \neq 0\} = \{g \in \Sigma^1 : I \subset \mathcal{L}_g\}$ . Then we can rewrite

$$I = (I \cap \mathcal{L}_1) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g \in \Sigma_I^1} I_g \right),$$

with  $\Sigma_I^1 \neq \emptyset$ . Let us distinguish two cases.

**Case 1.** Suppose there exists  $g_0 \in \Sigma_I^1$  such that  $g_0^{-1} \in \Sigma_I^1$ . Then  $0 \neq I_{g_0} \subset I$  and by the maximal length of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  we have

$$0 \neq \mathcal{L}_{g_0} \subset I. \tag{10}$$

Now, let us take some  $h \in \Sigma^1$  satisfying  $h \notin \{g_0, g_0^{-1}\}$ . By the assumption,  $g_0$  is  $\Sigma^1$ -connected to  $h$ , then we have a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{2n+1}\} \subset \Sigma^1 \cup \Lambda^1 \cup \{1\}$ .

Consider  $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in \Sigma^1 \cup \Lambda^1 \cup \{1\}$  and if  $g_1 g_2 g_3 \in \Sigma$  (respectively,  $g_1 g_2 \in \Lambda$ ), since  $g_0 = g_1 \in \Sigma_I^1$  we have  $\mathcal{L}_{g_1} \neq 0$ . From here, the  $G$ -multiplicativity and maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$  allow us to get

$$0 \neq [\mathcal{L}_{g_1}, \mathcal{L}_{g_2}, \mathcal{L}_{g_3}] = \mathcal{L}_{g_1 g_2 g_3} \quad (\text{respectively, } 0 \neq A_{g_1} \mathcal{L}_{g_2} = \mathcal{L}_{g_1 g_2}).$$

Since  $0 \neq \mathcal{L}_{g_1} \subset I$  as consequence of Eq. (10), we have

$$0 \neq \mathcal{L}_{g_1 g_2 g_3} \subset I \quad (\text{respectively, } \mathcal{L}_{g_1 g_2} \subset I).$$

We can follow this process with the connection  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{2n+1}\}$  and obtain that

$$0 \neq \mathcal{L}_{g_1 g_2 g_3 \dots g_{2n+1}} \subset I.$$

Thus we have shown that

$$\text{for any } h \in \Sigma^1, \text{ we have that } 0 \neq \mathcal{L}_k \subset I \text{ for some } k \in \{h, h^{-1}\}. \tag{11}$$

Since  $g_0^{-1} \in \Sigma_I^1$ , we have  $\{g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1}, \dots, g_{2n+1}^{-1}\}$  is a  $\Sigma^1$ -connection from  $g_0^{-1}$  to  $h$  satisfying

$$g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_3^{-1} \dots g_{2n+1}^{-1} = k^{-1}.$$

By arguing as above we get,

$$0 \neq \mathcal{L}_{k^{-1}} \subset I, \tag{12}$$

and so  $\Sigma_I^1 = \Sigma^1$ . The fact  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_g \mathcal{L}_g + \sum_{h, k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}]$ , implies that

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \subset I. \tag{13}$$

From Eqs. (10)-(13), we obtain  $\mathcal{L} \subset I$ , and so  $\mathcal{L}$  is gr-simple.

**Case 2.** In the second case, suppose that for any  $g_0 \in \Sigma_I^1$  we have that  $g_0^{-1} \notin \Sigma_I^1$ . Observe that by arguing as in the case 1, we can write

$$\Sigma^1 = \Sigma_I^1 \cup \Sigma_I^c, \tag{14}$$

where  $\Sigma_I^c = \{g^{-1} : g \in \Sigma_I^1\}$ . Denote by

$$I' := \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_I^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_I^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right).$$

We are going to show that  $I'$  is a graded ideal of 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ . By construction  $I'$  is  $G$ -graded. First, we will show that  $I'$  is a 3-Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Taking into account Eq. (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}, I'] &= \left[ \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h \right), \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k \right), \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) \right] \\
 &\subset \left[ \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \right] + \left[ \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \\
 &+ \left[ \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \right] + \left[ \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \\
 &+ \left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \right] + \left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \\
 &+ \left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k, \sum_{\substack{g \in \Lambda^1 \\ g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c}} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \right] + \left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{15}$$

For the first summand in (15), if there exist  $g \in \Lambda^1$  and  $g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \neq 0$ , by Eq.(2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] &= A_g [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1) A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \\
 &\subset A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} \subset I'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset I'.
 \tag{16}$$

For the second summand in (15), it is clear that

$$[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \subset I'.
 \tag{17}$$

Consider the third summand in (15), if  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \neq 0$  for some  $g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c$  and  $h \in \Sigma^1$ . Then in case  $h = g^{-1}$  clearly  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset \mathcal{L}_h \subset I'$ , and in case  $h = g$ , the maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$  and the fact  $I$  is a graded ideal give us

$$\mathcal{L}_h = [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset I \cap I' = \{0\},$$

which is a contradiction with  $g \in \Sigma_i^1$ . Now, if  $h \notin \{g, g^{-1}\}$ , we then have

$$0 \neq [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset A_g [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] + \rho(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h) A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}.$$

By the maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$ ,

$$\text{either } 0 \neq A_g [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] = \mathcal{L}_h \text{ or } 0 \neq \rho(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_h) A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1} = \mathcal{L}_h.$$

In both cases, by  $G$ -multiplicativity, we have that  $\mathcal{L}_{h^{-1}} \subset I$  and therefore  $h^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^1$ , this implies that  $h \in \Sigma_i^c$  and then  $\mathcal{L}_h \subset I'$ . Hence,

$$[\mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset I'.
 \tag{18}$$

By the skew symmetry,

$$[\bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \sum_{g \in \Lambda^1, g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g-1}] \subset I'.
 \tag{19}$$

A similar argument as above for the seventh summand in (15), one can show that

$$\left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k, \sum_{\substack{g \in \Lambda^1 \\ g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c}} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}} \right] \subset I'. \tag{20}$$

Next, consider the fourth summand in (15), suppose there exist  $k \in \Sigma^1$  and  $g' \in \Sigma_i^c$  such that  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \neq 0$ . In case  $k = g'^{-1}$ , we have  $0 \neq [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \subset I$ . Now, since  $I$  is a graded ideal and  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $G$ -multiplicative, we have

$$\mathcal{L}_{g'} = [[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}], \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \subset I,$$

and so  $g' \in \Sigma_i^1$  a contradiction with  $g' \in \Sigma_i^c$ . In case  $k \neq g'^{-1}$ , the  $G$ -multiplicativity gives us  $\mathcal{L}_{k^{-1}g'^{-1}} = [\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_{k^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{g'^{-1}}] \subset I$ . From here  $k^{-1}g'^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^1$  and so  $kg' \in \Sigma_i^c$ . Thus, we get  $[\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] = \mathcal{L}_{kg'} \subset I'$ . Therefore,

$$\left[ \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{k \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_k, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \subset I'. \tag{21}$$

By the skew symmetry,

$$\left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \subset I'. \tag{22}$$

Finally, for the last summand in (15). Suppose  $0 \neq [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}]$  for some  $h, k \in \Sigma^1$  and  $g' \in \Sigma_i^c$ . If  $hk = 1$ , clearly  $[\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] = \mathcal{L}_{g'} \subset I'$ . Now, if  $g' \neq h^{-1}$  and  $g' \neq k^{-1}$ , the  $G$ -multiplicativity and maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$  allow us to get  $\mathcal{L}_{g'} = [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \subset I$ , a contradiction. In case  $g' \neq h^{-1}$ , we have  $(hk)^{-1}$  and so  $\mathcal{L}_{g'} = [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{g'}] \subset I$ . Therefore,

$$\left[ \bigoplus_{h \in \Sigma^1} \mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_1, \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right] \subset I'. \tag{23}$$

From Eqs. (16)-(23), we conclude that  $I'$  is a 3-Lie ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Second, we will check  $AI' \subset I'$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} AI' &= \left( A_1 \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \right) \left( \sum_{\substack{g \in \Lambda^1, \\ g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c}} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) \right) \\ &\subset I' + \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \left( \sum_{\substack{g \in \Lambda^1, \\ g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c}} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}} \right) + \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \left( \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Consider the third summand in (24) and suppose that  $A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_{g'} \neq 0$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda^1$ ,  $g' \in \Sigma_i^c$ . If  $\lambda g' \in \Sigma_i^1$ , so  $\lambda^{-1}g'^{-1} \in \Sigma^1$  then by the  $G$ -multiplicativity of  $\mathcal{L}$  we get  $A_{\lambda^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'^{-1}} \neq 0$ . Now by the maximal length of  $\mathcal{L}$  and the fact  $g'^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^1$ , we conclude that  $A_{\lambda^{-1}} \mathcal{L}_{g'^{-1}} = \mathcal{L}_{\lambda^{-1}g'^{-1}} \subset I$ . Therefore  $\lambda^{-1}g'^{-1} = (\lambda g')^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^1$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $\lambda g' \in \Sigma_i^c$ , and so  $A_\lambda \mathcal{L}_{g'} \subset I'$ . Therefore,

$$\left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \left( \bigoplus_{g' \in \Sigma_i^c} \mathcal{L}_{g'} \right) \subset I'. \tag{25}$$

We can argue as above with the second summand in (24), so as to conclude that

$$\left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^1} A_\lambda \right) \left( \sum_{\substack{g \in \Lambda^1, \\ g^{-1} \in \Sigma_i^c}} A_g \mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}} \right) \subset I'. \tag{26}$$

From Eqs. (25) and (26) we get  $AI' \subset I'$ .

Finally, let us check  $\rho(I', I')(A)\mathcal{L} \subset I'$ . In fact by Eq. (2) we have

$$\rho(I', I')(A)\mathcal{L} \subset [I', I', A\mathcal{L}] + A[I', I', \mathcal{L}]$$

Tanks to  $I'$  is a 3-Lie ideal we get the result.

Summarizing a discussion of above, we conclude that  $I'$  is a graded ideal of the graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ .

Next, by Eq. (14) we get  $\sum_{h,k \in \Sigma^1} [\mathcal{L}_h, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{(hk)^{-1}}] = 0$ , so by hypothesis we must have

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{g \in \Sigma^1 \cap \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_g = \sum_{g \in \Sigma_1^1, g^{-1} \in \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_g \oplus \sum_{g^{-1} \in \Sigma_1^1, g \in \Lambda^1} A_g\mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}}.$$

For direct character, take

$$0 \neq x \in \sum_{g \in \Sigma_1^1, g^{-1} \in \Lambda^1} A_{g^{-1}}\mathcal{L}_g \cap \sum_{g^{-1} \in \Sigma_1^1, g \in \Lambda^1} A_g\mathcal{L}_{g^{-1}}.$$

Taking into account  $Z_\rho(\mathcal{L}) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is graded, there exist  $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{L}_h, 0 \neq z \in \mathcal{L}_k$  for some  $h, k \in \Sigma^1$  such that  $[x, y, z] \neq 0$ , being then  $\mathcal{L}_h \in I \cap I' = \{0\}$ , a contradiction. Hence the sum is direct. Taking into account the above observation and Eq. (14) we have

$$\mathcal{L} = I \oplus I'.$$

Note that, one can proceed with  $I$  and  $I'$  as we did for  $\mathcal{L}$  in the first case of the proof to conclude that  $I$  and  $I'$  are graded simple ideals of  $\mathcal{L}$ , which completes the proof of the proposition.  $\square$

In a similar way to Proposition 5.5, one can prove the next result;

**Proposition 5.6.** *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra of maximal length and  $G$ -multiplicative. If all the elements in  $\Lambda^1$  are  $\Lambda^1$ -connected, then either  $A$  is gr-simple or  $A = J \oplus J'$  where  $J$  and  $J'$  are graded simple ideals of  $A$ .  $\square$*

Now, we are ready to state our main result;

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  be a tight graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra of maximal length,  $G$ -multiplicative, with symmetric  $G$ -supports  $\Sigma^1$  and  $\Lambda^1$  in such a way that  $\Sigma^1$  and  $\Lambda^1$  have all their elements  $\Sigma^1$ -connected and  $\Lambda^1$ -connected, respectively. Then*

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i, \quad \text{and} \quad A = \bigoplus_{j \in J} A_j,$$

where any  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is a graded simple ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$  having all of its elements in  $G$ -support  $\Sigma^1$ -connected and such that  $[\mathcal{L}_{i_1}, \mathcal{L}_{i_2}, \mathcal{L}_{i_3}] = 0$  for any  $i_1, i_2, i_3 \in I$  different from each other, and any  $A_j$  is a graded simple ideal of  $A$  satisfying  $A_j A_l = 0$  for any  $l \in J$  such that  $j \neq l$ . Moreover, both decompositions satisfy that for any  $r \in I$  there exists a unique  $\bar{r} \in J$  such that

$$A_{\bar{r}}\mathcal{L}_r \neq 0.$$

Forthermore, any  $(\mathcal{L}_r, A_{\bar{r}}, \rho|_{\mathcal{L}_i \times \mathcal{L}_i})$  is a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra.

**Proof.** By Theorem 4.12 we can write

$$\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_{[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}} I_{[g]},$$

with any  $I_{[g]}$  a graded ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ , being each  $I_{[g]}$  a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra having as  $G$ -support  $[g]$ . Also we can write  $A$  as the direct sum of the graded ideals

$$A = \bigoplus_{[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}} \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]},$$

in such a way that any  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  has as  $G$ -support  $[\lambda]$ , for any  $[g] \in \Sigma^1 / \sim_{\Sigma^1}$  there exists a unique  $[\lambda] \in \Lambda^1 / \approx_{\Lambda^1}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} I_{[g]} \neq 0$  and being  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$  a graded 3-Lie-Rinehart algebra.

Now, by applying Proposition 5.5 and Proposition 5.6 to each  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$ , in a similar manner to observe that the  $\Sigma^1$ -multiplicativity of  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$ , that is,  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$  is  $\Sigma^1$ -multiplicative as consequence of the  $\Sigma^1$ -multiplicativity of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$ . Clearly  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$  is of maximal length. We also have  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$  is tight, as consequence of tightness of  $(\mathcal{L}, A)$  (see Proposition 5.5 and Proposition 5.6).

Next, we can apply Proposition 5.5 and Proposition 5.6 to each  $(I_{[g]}, \mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]})$  so as to conclude that any  $I_{[g]}$  is either graded simple or the direct sum of graded simple ideals  $I_{[g]} = P \oplus Q$ , and that any  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]}$  is either graded simple or the direct sum of graded simple ideals  $\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} = R \oplus S$ . From here, it is clear that by writing  $\mathcal{L}_i = P \oplus Q$  and  $\mathcal{A}_j = R \oplus S$  if  $\mathcal{L}_i$  or  $\mathcal{A}_j$  are not graded simple. Then Theorem 4.12 allows us to assert that the resulting decomposition satisfies the assertions of the theorem.  $\square$

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