

# Modules over linear spaces admitting a multiplicative basis

Antonio J. Calderón Martín\*, Francisco J. Navarro Izquierdo, and José M. Sánchez Delgado

Department of Mathematics  
Faculty of Sciences, University of Cádiz  
Campus de Puerto Real, 11510, Puerto Real, Cádiz, Spain.  
ajesus.calderon@uca.es; javi.navarroiz@uca.es; txema.sanchez@uca.es

**Abstract.** We study the structure of certain modules  $V$  over linear spaces  $W$  with restrictions neither on the dimensions nor on the base field  $\mathbb{F}$ . A basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $V$  is called multiplicative respect to the basis  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{w_j\}_{j \in J}$  of  $W$  if for any  $i \in I, j \in J$  we have either  $v_i w_j = 0$  or  $0 \neq v_i w_j \in \mathbb{F} v_k$  for some  $k \in I$ . We show that if  $V$  admits a multiplicative basis then it decomposes as the direct sum  $V = \bigoplus_k V_k$  of well-described submodules admitting each one a multiplicative basis. Also the minimality of  $V$  is characterized in terms of the multiplicative basis and it is shown that the above direct sum is by means of the family of its minimal submodules, admitting each one a multiplicative basis.

*Keywords:* Multiplicative basis, infinite dimensional linear space, module over an algebra, representation theory, structure theory.

## 1 Introduction and previous definitions

We begin by noting that throughout this paper linear spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are considered of arbitrary dimensions and over an arbitrary base field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and also the increasing interest in the study of modules over different classes of algebras, and so over linear spaces, specially motivated by their relation with mathematical physics (see [6], [7], [8], [9], [11], [12], [13]).

**Definition 1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over an arbitrary base field  $\mathbb{F}$ . It is said that  $V$  is *moduled by a linear space*  $W$  (over same base field  $\mathbb{F}$ ), or just that  $V$  is a *module* over  $W$  if it is endowed with a bilinear map  $V \times W \rightarrow V$ ,  $(v, w) \mapsto vw$ .

Any kind of algebra is an example of a module over itself. Since the even part  $L^0$  of the standard embedding of a Lie triple system  $T$  is a Lie algebra, the natural action of  $L^0$  over  $T$  makes of  $T$  a (Lie) module over  $L^0$ . Hence the present paper extend the results in [5].

---

\* The first and the third authors are supported by the PCI of the UCA 'Teoría de Lie y Teoría de Espacios de Banach', by the PAI with project numbers FQM298, FQM7156 and by the project of the Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia MTM2010-15223. Third author acknowledges the University of Cadiz for the contract research.

**Definition 2.** Let  $V$  be a module over the linear space  $W$ . Given a basis  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{w_j\}_{j \in J}$  of  $W$  we say that a basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $V$  is *multiplicative* respect  $\mathfrak{B}'$  if for any  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$  we have either  $v_i w_j = 0$  or  $0 \neq v_i w_j \in \mathbb{F}v_k$  for some (unique)  $k \in I$ .

To construct examples of modules over linear spaces admitting a multiplicative basis, we just have to fix two non-empty sets  $I, J$  and two arbitrary mappings  $\alpha : I \times J \rightarrow I$  and  $\beta : I \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ . Then the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space  $V$  with basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a module respect to the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space  $W$  with basis  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{w_j\}_{j \in J}$ , under the action induced by  $v_i w_j := \beta(i, j)v_{\alpha(i, j)}$ , admitting  $\mathfrak{B}$  as multiplicative basis respect to  $\mathfrak{B}'$ .

*Remark 1.* Definition 2 agree with the one for arbitrary algebras given in [5], and it is a little bit more general than the usual one in the literature ([1–4, 10]).

## 2 Connections in the set of indexes. Decompositions

From now on and throughout the paper,  $V$  denotes a module over the linear space  $W$ , both endowed with respective basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{w_j\}_{j \in J}$ , and being  $\mathfrak{B}$  multiplicative respect to  $\mathfrak{B}'$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  the power set of  $I$ .

We begin this section by developing connection techniques among the elements in the set of indexes  $I$  as the main tool in our study. For each  $j \in J$ , a new variable  $\bar{j} \notin J$  is introduced and we denote by  $\bar{J} := \{\bar{j} : j \in J\}$  the set of all these new symbols. We will also write  $\overline{(j)} := j \in J$ .

We consider the operation  $\star : I \times (J \dot{\cup} \bar{J}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(I)$  given by:

– If  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ ,

$$i \star j := \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } 0 = v_i w_j \\ \{k\} & \text{if } 0 \neq v_i w_j \in \mathbb{F}v_k \end{cases}$$

– If  $i \in I$  and  $\bar{j} \in \bar{J}$ ,

$$i \star \bar{j} := \{k : 0 \neq v_k w_j \in \mathbb{F}v_i\}$$

Now, we also consider the mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{P}(I) \times (J \dot{\cup} \bar{J}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(I)$  defined as  $\phi(U, j) := \bigcup_{i \in U} (i \star j)$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $a, b \in I$  be. Given  $j \in J \dot{\cup} \bar{J}$  we have that  $a \in b \star j$  if and only if  $b \in a \star \bar{j}$ .

*Proof.* Let us suppose that  $a \in b \star j$ . If  $j \in J$  then  $v_b w_j \in \mathbb{F}v_a$ , and if  $j \in \bar{J}$  we have  $v_a w_{\bar{j}} \in \mathbb{F}v_b$ . In any case  $b \in a \star \bar{j}$ . To prove the converse we can argue in a similar way.

**Lemma 2.** Given  $j \in J \dot{\cup} \bar{J}$  and  $U \subset \mathcal{P}(I)$  then  $i \in \phi(U, j)$  if and only if  $\phi(\{i\}, \bar{j}) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let us suppose that  $i \in \phi(U, j)$ . Then there exists  $k \in U$  such that  $i \in k \star j$ . By Lemma 1 we have  $k \in i \star \bar{j} = \phi(\{i\}, \bar{j})$ . So  $k \in \phi(\{i\}, \bar{j}) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . By arguing in a similar way the converse can be proven.

**Definition 3.** Let  $i, k \in I$  be with  $i \neq k$ . We say that  $i$  is *connected* to  $k$  if there exists a subset  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\} \subset J \dot{\cup} \bar{J}$ , such that the following conditions hold:

1.  $\phi(\{i\}, j_1) \neq \emptyset, \phi(\phi(\{i\}, j_1), j_2) \neq \emptyset, \dots, \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i\}, j_2) \dots), j_{n-1}) \neq \emptyset$ .
2.  $k \in \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i\}, j_1) \dots), j_n)$ .

We say that  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\}$  is a *connection* from  $i$  to  $k$  and we accept  $i$  is connected to itself.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-1}, j_n\}$  be any connection from some  $i$  to some  $k$  where  $i, k \in I$  with  $i \neq k$ . Then the set  $\{\bar{j}_n, \bar{j}_{n-1}, \dots, \bar{j}_2, \bar{j}_1\}$  is a connection from  $k$  to  $i$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove it by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$  we have that  $k \in \phi(\{i\}, j_1)$ . It means that  $k \in i \star j_1$  and so, by Lemma 1,  $i \in k \star \bar{j}_1 = \phi(\{k\}, \bar{j}_1)$ . Hence  $\{\bar{j}_1\}$  is a connection from  $k$  to  $i$ .

Let us suppose that the assertion holds for any connection with  $n \geq 1$ , elements and let us show this assertion also holds for any connection  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n, j_{n+1}\}$ .

By denoting the set  $U := \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i\}, j_1) \dots), j_n)$  and taking into the account the second condition of Definition 3 we have that  $k \in \phi(U, j_{n+1})$ . Then, by Lemma 2,  $\phi(\{k\}, \bar{j}_{n+1}) \cap U \neq \emptyset$  and so we can take  $h \in U$  such that

$$h \in \phi(\{k\}, \bar{j}_{n+1}). \quad (1)$$

Since  $h \in U$  we have that  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{n-1}, j_n\}$  is a connection from  $i$  to  $h$ . Hence  $\{\bar{j}_n, \bar{j}_{n-1}, \dots, \bar{j}_2, \bar{j}_1\}$  connects  $h$  with  $i$ . From here and by Equation (1) we obtain  $i \in \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\phi(\{k\}, \bar{j}_{n+1}), \bar{j}_n) \dots), \bar{j}_1)$ . So  $\{\bar{j}_{n+1}, \dots, \bar{j}_2, \bar{j}_1\}$  connects  $k$  with  $i$ .

**Proposition 1.** The relation  $\sim$  in  $I$ , defined by  $i \sim k$  if and only if  $i$  is connected to  $k$ , is an equivalence relation.

*Proof.* The reflexive and symmetric character is given by Definition 3 and Lemma 3.

If we consider the connections  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  and  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  from  $a$  to  $b$  and from  $b$  to  $c$  respectively, then is easy to prove that  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  is a connection from  $a$  to  $c$ . So  $\sim$  is transitive and consequently an equivalence relation.

By the above Proposition we can introduce the quotient set  $I / \sim := \{[i] : i \in I\}$ , becoming  $[i]$  the set of elements in  $I$  which are connected to  $i$ .

Recall that a *submodule*  $Y$  of a module  $V$  (respect to the linear space  $W$ ) is a linear subspace of  $V$  such that  $YW \subset Y$ . Our next aim is to associate an (adequate) submodule to each  $[i] \in I / \sim$ . We define the linear subspace  $V_{[i]} := \bigoplus_{j \in [i]} \mathbb{F}v_j$ .

**Proposition 2.** For any  $i \in I / \sim$  we have that  $V_{[i]}$  is a submodule of  $V$ .

*Proof.* We need to check  $V_{[i]}W \subset V_{[i]}$ . Suppose there exist  $i_1 \in [i], j_1 \in [j]$  such that  $0 \neq v_{i_1} w_{j_1} \in v_n$ , for some  $n \in I$ . Therefore  $n \in \phi(\{i_1\}, j_1)$ . Considering the connection  $\{j_1\}$  we get  $i_1 \sim n$ , and by transitivity  $n \in [i]$ .

**Definition 4.** We say that a submodule  $Y \subset V$  admits a multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B}_Y$  inherited from  $\mathfrak{B}$  if  $\mathfrak{B}_Y \subset \mathfrak{B}$ .

Observe that any submodule  $V_{[i]} \subset V$  admits an inherited basis  $\mathfrak{B}_{[i]} := \{v_j : j \in [i]\}$ . So we can assert

**Theorem 1.** Let  $V$  be a module admitting a multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  respect to a fixed basis of  $W$ . Then

$$V = \bigoplus_{[i] \in I/\sim} V_{[i]},$$

being any  $V_{[i]} \subset V$  a submodule admitting a multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B}_{[i]}$  inherited from  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

We recall that a module  $V$  is *simple* if its only submodules are  $\{0\}$  and  $V$ .

**Corollary 1.** If  $V$  is simple then any couple of elements of  $I$  are connected.

*Proof.* The simplicity of  $V$  applies to get that  $V_{[i]} = V$  for some  $[i] \in I/\sim$ . Hence  $[i] = I$  and so any couple of elements in  $I$  are connected.

### 3 The minimal components

In this section we show that, under mild conditions, the decomposition of  $V$  of Theorem 1 can be given by means of the family of its minimal submodules. We begin by introducing a concept of minimality for  $V$  that agree with the one for algebras in [5].

**Definition 5.** A module  $V$ , (over a linear space  $W$ ), admitting a multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  respect to fixed basis of  $W$ , is said to be *minimal* if its unique nonzero submodule admitting a multiplicative basis inherited from  $\mathfrak{B}$  is  $V$ .

Let us also introduce the concept of  $\star$ -multiplicativity in the framework of modules over linear spaces in a similar way to the analogous one for arbitrary algebras (see [5] for these notions and examples).

**Definition 6.** We say that a module  $V$  respect  $W$  admits a  $\star$ -multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  respect to a fixed basis  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{l_j\}_{j \in J}$  of  $W$ , if it is multiplicative and given  $a, b \in I$  such that  $b \in a \star j$  for some  $j \in J \cup \bar{J}$  then  $v_b \in v_a W$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $V$  be a module respect  $W$  admitting a  $\star$ -multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  respect to the basis  $\mathfrak{B}' = \{w_j\}_{j \in J}$  of  $W$ . Then  $V$  is minimal if and only if the set of indexes  $I$  has all of its elements connected.

*Proof.* The first implication is similar to Corollary 1. To prove the converse, consider a nonzero submodule  $Y \subset V$  admitting a multiplicative basis inherited from  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then, for a certain  $\emptyset \neq I_Y \subset I$ , we can write  $Y = \bigoplus_{i \in I_Y} \mathbb{F}v_i$ . Fix some  $i_0 \in I_Y$  being then

$$0 \neq v_{i_0} \in Y. \tag{2}$$

Let us show by induction on  $n$  that if  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\}$  is any connection from  $i_0$  to some  $k \in I$  then for any  $h \in \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i_0\}, j_1) \dots), j_n)$  we have that  $0 \neq v_h \in Y$ .

In case  $n = 1$ , we get  $h \in \phi(\{i_0\}, j_1)$ . Hence  $h \in i_0 \star j_1$ , then, taking into account that  $Y$  is a submodule of  $V$ , by  $\star$ -multiplicativity of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and Equation (2) we obtain  $v_h \in v_{i_0}W \subset Y$ .

Suppose now the assertion holds for any connection  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\}$  from  $i_0$  to any  $r \in I$  and consider some arbitrary connection  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n, j_{n+1}\}$  from  $i_0$  to any  $k \in I$ . We know that for  $x \in U$ , where  $U := \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i_0\}, j_1) \dots), j_n)$ , the element

$$0 \neq v_x \in Y. \tag{3}$$

Taking into account that the fact  $h \in \phi(\phi(\dots \phi(\{i_0\}, j_1) \dots), j_{n+1})$  means  $h \in \phi(U, j_{n+1})$ , we have that  $h \in x \star j_{n+1}$  for some  $x \in U$ . From here, the  $\star$ -multiplicativity of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and Equation (3) allow us to get  $v_h \in v_xW \subset Y$  as desired.

Since given any  $k \in I$  we know that  $i_0$  is connected to  $k$ , we can assert by the above observation that  $\mathbb{F}v_k \subset Y$ . We have shown  $V = \bigoplus_{k \in I} \mathbb{F}v_k \subset Y$  and so  $Y = V$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $V$  be a module, over the linear space  $W$ , admitting a  $\star$ -multiplicative basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  respect to a fixed basis of  $W$ . Then  $V = \bigoplus_k V_k$  is the direct sum of the family of its minimal submodules, each one admitting a  $\star$ -multiplicative basis inherited from  $\mathfrak{B}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1 we have  $V = \bigoplus_{[i] \in I/\sim} V_{[i]}$  is the direct sum of the submodules  $V_{[i]}$ .

Now for any  $V_{[i]}$  we have that  $\mathfrak{B}_{[i]}$  is a  $\star$ -multiplicative basis where all of the elements of  $[i]$  are connected. Applying Theorem 2 to any  $V_{[i]}$  we have that the decomposition  $V = \bigoplus_{[i] \in I/\sim} V_{[i]}$  satisfies the assertions of the theorem.

## References

1. Bautista, R., Gabriel, P., Roiter, A.V. and Salmeron, L.: Representation-finite algebras and multiplicative basis. *Invent. math.* 81 (1985), 217–285.
2. Bovdi, V.: On a filtered multiplicative bases of group algebras. II. *Algebr. Represent. Theory* 6 (2003), no. 3, 353–368.
3. Bovdi, V., Grishkov, A. and Siciliano, S.: Filtered multiplicative bases of restricted enveloping algebras. *Algebr. Represent. Theory* 14 (2011), no. 4, 601–608.
4. Bovdi, V., Grishkov, A. and Siciliano, S.: On filtered multiplicative bases of some associative algebras. *Algebr. Represent. Theory*. DOI 10.1007/s10468-014-9494-7.
5. Calderón, A.J. and Navarro, F.J.: Arbitrary algebras with a multiplicative basis. *Linear Algebra and its Applications*. In press.
6. Chu, Y.J., Huang, F., Zheng, Z.J.: A commutant of  $\beta\gamma$ -system associated to the highest weight module  $V_4$  of  $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ . *J. Math. Phys.* 51(9), 092301, 32 pp, (2010).
7. Dimitrov, I., Futorny, V., Penkov, I.: A reduction theorem for highest weight modules over toroidal Lie algebras. *Comm. Math. Phys.* 250(1), 47–63, (2004).
8. Grantcharov, D., Jung, J.H., Kang, S.J., Kim, M.: Highest weight modules over quantum queer superalgebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{q}(n))$ . *Comm. Math. Phys.* 296(3), 827-860, (2010).

9. Iohara, K.: Unitarizable highest weight modules of the  $N = 2$  super Virasoro algebras: untwisted sectors. *Lett. Math. Phys.* 91(3), 289-305, (2010).
10. Kupisch, H. and Waschbusch, J.: On multiplicative basis in quasi-Frobenius algebras. *Math. Z.* 186, (1984), 401-405.
11. Liu, D., Gao, S., Zhu, L.: Classification of irreducible weight modules over  $W$ -algebra  $W(2, 2)$ . *J. Math. Phys.* 49(1), 113503, 6 pp, (2008).
12. Takemura, K.: The decomposition of level-1 irreducible highest-weight modules with respect to the level-0 actions of the quantum affine algebra. *J. Phys. A* 31, n. 5., 1467-1485, (1998).
13. Zapletal, A.: Difference equations and highest-weight modules of  $U_q[\mathfrak{sl}(n)]$ . *J. Phys. A* 31, n. 47, 9593-9600, (1998).