

# MATRIX CANONICAL REALIZATIONS OF THE LIE ALGEBRA $o(m, n)$ .

## II. CASIMIR OPERATORS

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The matrix canonical realizations of the Lie algebra of pseudo-orthogonal group  $O(m, n)$  described in the first part of this paper are further investigated. The explicit formulae for values of the Casimir operators (which are multiples of identity in these realizations) are obtained.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the first part of this paper [1] we expressed the generators of the Lie algebra of the pseudoorthogonal group  $O(m, n)$  by means of matrices, the elements of which were polynomials in the quantum canonical variables  $p^i$  and  $q_i$ . This is what we call the matrix canonical realization of the algebra  $o(m, n)$ <sup>1)</sup>. We proved among others that these realizations are Schur-realizations, i.e., that all Casimir operators are realized by multiples of the identity element. Now we are interested in their "eigenvalues".

In ref. [1] we described two sets of matrix canonical realizations of  $o(m, n)$ . Every realization from the first set was determined by a sequence of  $n$  real numbers and if  $m - n \geq 2$  by some finite-dimensional skew-hermitean irreducible representation of the compact Lie algebra  $o(m - n)$ . As any such representation is uniquely (up to equivalence) determined by its signature  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]})$ , i.e. by a certain sequence of integers or half-integers<sup>2)</sup> [2], we can say that every realization of  $o(m, n)$  from the first set is determined by the sequence  $\alpha_{m,n} = (n; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$ , where the first  $[\frac{1}{2}(m - n)]$  numbers correspond to the signature of the representation of  $o(m - n)$  and the remaining  $n$  numbers are the mentioned real parameters; we call this sequence the signature of realization.

The realizations of the second set are the usual canonical realizations, i.e., generators of  $o(m, n)$  in them are realized as polynomials in canonical variables only. They are similarly determined by the signature  $(d; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$ ,  $d = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , where now  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-d} = 0$  and the rest are real numbers.

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<sup>1)</sup> For the exact definitions of all the concepts used here and details we refer to ref. [1].

<sup>2)</sup> The only exception concerns the algebra  $o(2)$  when the number  $\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}, 2]}$  assumes any real value.

In this paper we shall give a simple formula for calculation of generating Casimir operators. They are expressed as the sum of matrix elements of powers of a certain matrix. The "exceptional" generating Casimir operator  $\check{I}^{(m,n)}$  in the case of  $o(m, n)$  with  $m + n$  even is given explicitly (theorem 1).

It will be shown that with the exception of  $\check{I}^{(m,n)}$  all generating Casimir operators are certain symmetric polynomials in variables  $(\beta_1)^2, \dots, (\beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n-2d)]})^2, (i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d)+1]})^2, \dots, (i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2$ , where  $\beta_s, s = 1, \dots, [\frac{1}{2}(m-n-2d)]$ , are linear functions of  $\alpha_s$ . Casimir operator  $\check{I}^{(m,n)}$  is also a symmetric polynomial, however, only in the first degrees of constants  $\beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$ . Due to this symmetry property there is a finite number of realizations in both the sets with the same "eigenvalues" of Casimir operators only. As order of numbers in the "subsignature"  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]})$  is fixed, the signatures of all these realizations differ, with the exception of some cases if  $m + n$  is even, either in the permutation of the last  $d$  components or in the signs  $d' \leq d$  of them.

In the last part of the paper the connection with our earlier results [3] is briefly discussed.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A. For  $o(m, n), m \geq n \geq 1$ , we conventionally use the metric tensor in the form  $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(g_{11}, \dots, g_{m+n-2, m+n-2}, -1, +1)$ . Together with the tensor basis  $L_{\mu\nu} = -L_{\nu\mu} (\mu, \nu = 1, 2, \dots, m+n)$ , the elements of which obey the commutation relations

$$(1) \quad [L_{\mu\nu}, L_{\rho\tau}] = g_{\nu\rho}L_{\mu\tau} - g_{\mu\rho}L_{\nu\tau} + g_{\nu\tau}L_{\rho\mu} - g_{\mu\tau}L_{\rho\nu}$$

we use also the following one:

$$L_{ij}, P_i = L_{i, m+n} + L_{i, m+n-1}, \quad Q_i = L_{i, m+n} - L_{i, m+n-1}, \quad R = L_{m+n-1, m+n}$$

$i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m+n-2$ ). As we said in the introduction, to every signature  $\alpha_{m,n} = (d; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$  there corresponds the Schur-realization  $\tau \equiv \tau(\alpha_{m,n})$  of  $o(m, n)$  in  $W_{2(m+n-2+N), M}^4$ . We obtain this realization using the recurrent formulae (see theorems 1, 3 of [1]):

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau(P_i) &= p_i, & \tau(L_{ij}) &= q_i p_j - q_j p_i + M_{ij}, \\ \tau(R) &= -(qp) - [\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2) - i\alpha] \mathbb{1}, & \alpha &\in \mathbb{R}, \\ \tau(Q_i) &= -q^2 p_i - 2q_i \tau(R) - 2q^k M_{ki}, \\ (\tau(q)) &= q^i p_i, & q^2 &= q_i q^i, \end{aligned}$$

<sup>3)</sup> Indices  $i, j, k, l$  will run always from 1 to  $m+n-2$ .

<sup>4)</sup> Remember that  $W_{2N', M}$  (matrix Weyl-algebra) denotes the associative algebra generated by  $N'$  canonical pairs  $p^i, q_i, [p^i, q_j] = \delta_j^i \mathbb{1}$ , with complex  $M \times M$ -matrix coefficients;  $\tau$  is a homomorphism of  $o(m, n)$  into  $W_{2(m+n-2+N), M}$ .

where  $p_i = g_{ij}p^j$ ,  $q^i = g^{ij}q_j$  and  $M_{ij} = -M_{ji}$  is the realization of generators of  $o(m-1, n-1)$  in  $W_{2N, M}^5$ ). The difference between both the sets of realizations is that in the first case we continue the "reduction" to realization of the compact algebra  $o(m-n)$ , while in the second one ( $d < n$ ) we use the trivial realization of  $o(m-d, m-d)$ .

B. The number of generating Casimir operators of the algebra  $o(m, n)$  equals to  $[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$ . For  $m+n$  odd they can be all found among Casimir operators

$$I_r^{(m,n)} = L_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} L_{\mu_2}^{\mu_3} \dots L_{\mu_r}^{\mu_1}, \quad r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(we understand  $I_1^{(m,n)} = L_{\mu_1}^{\mu_1} = 0$  and define also  $I_0^{(m,n)} \equiv m+n$ ). For  $m+n$  even we must add to them the Casimir operator

$$\tilde{I}^{(m,n)} = \varepsilon^{\mu_1\nu_1 \dots \mu_{[1/2(m+n)]}\nu_{[1/2(m+n)]}} L_{\mu_1\nu_1} \dots L_{\mu_{[1/2(m+n)]}\nu_{[1/2(m+n)]}}$$

where  $\varepsilon^{\mu_1\nu_1 \dots}$  is the completely antisymmetric Levi-Cita tensor in  $m+n$  indices with normalization:  $\varepsilon^{12 \dots m+n} = 1$ .

C. The statements of the part B are, of course, valid also for compact algebra  $o(m, 0) \equiv o(m)$ . As we have reminded, every irreducible skew-hermitean representation of this algebra is uniquely (up to equivalence) determined by the signature  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}m]})$ . Values of the generating Casimir operators in this representation can be expressed explicitly by means of its signature [4, 5].

To this purpose we shall define special sort of symmetric polynomials in  $[\frac{1}{2}m]$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]}$ . Let us firstly define recurrently the  $m \times m$  - matrices  $S_m(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]})$ :

$$S_1 \equiv 0, \quad S_2(x_1) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(3) \quad S_m(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]} + \frac{1}{2}(m-2), & -e_{m-2}^+, & 0 \\ 0 & S_{m-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-2)]}) + E_{m-2}, & -e_{m-2} \\ 0 & 0 & -x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]} + \frac{1}{2}(m-2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here  $e_{m-2}^+ = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  ( $e_{m-2}$ ) is the  $(m-2)$ -dimensional row (column) consisting of unities and  $E_{m-2}$  is the identity  $(m-2) \times (m-2)$ -matrix. This recurrent relation is solved explicitly in [4] (see eq. (16) and Table 1). The polynomials  $\sigma_r^{(m)} \equiv$

<sup>5)</sup> For  $m+n = 2, 3$  we define  $M_{ij} = 0$ .

$\equiv \sigma_r^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]})$  are defined as follows

$$(4) \quad \sigma_r^{(m)} = \begin{cases} e_m^+ \cdot S_m^r(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}m]}) e_m, & r = 1, 2, \dots \\ m, & r = 0. \end{cases}$$

Note 1. The main important property of  $\sigma_r^{(m)}$  is that any  $\sigma_r^{(m)}$  is a polynomial function of Newton sums of even degree  $s_2, s_4, \dots, s_{2[\frac{1}{2}r]}$  where

$$s_r = \sum_{i=1}^{[m/2]} x_i^r$$

and on the contrary any Newton sum  $s_{2r}$  is a polynomial function of  $\sigma_1^{(m)}, \dots, \sigma_{2r}^{(m)}$  (see eq. (90) of [5]).

The value of the Casimir operator  $I_r^{(m,0)} \equiv I_r^{(m)}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ , in the representation characterized by signature  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}m]})$  is [4]<sup>6)</sup>

$$I_r^{(m)} = \sigma_r^{(m)}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}m]}), \quad r = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\beta_s = \alpha_s + \gamma_s, \quad \gamma_s = \frac{1}{2}m - s, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, [\frac{1}{2}m].$$

The value of Casimir operator  $\tilde{I}^{(m,0)} \equiv \tilde{I}^{(m)}$  (for  $m$  even) in this representation is the following:

$$\tilde{I}^{(m)} = (2i)^{\frac{1}{2}m} (\frac{1}{2}m)! \cdot \beta_1 \dots \beta_{\frac{1}{2}m}.$$

### 3. REALIZATIONS OF CASIMIR OPERATORS OF $o(m, n)$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $J_r^{(m,n)} = \sum_{s=0}^r \binom{r}{s} I_s^{(m,n)}$  and  $I_r^{(1,0)} \equiv \delta_{r0}$ . Then in the realization of  $o(m, n)$ ,  $m + n \geq 3$ , given recurrently by the formulae (2) the following formulae are valid:

<sup>6)</sup> In the paper [4] the Casimir operators  $C_r$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $C'_{\frac{1}{2}m}$ ,  $m$  - even, of the Lie algebra  $o(m)$  are defined. The definitions of operators  $C_r$  and  $C'_{\frac{1}{2}m}$  are formally the same as the definitions of our  $I_r^{(m)}$  and  $\tilde{I}^{(m)}$ , however, another (two-indexed) basis is used. The connection between these two bases has the usual tensorial character so that, as  $C_r$  behave as scalars,  $I_r^{(m)} \equiv C_r$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ . On the other hand, Casimir operator  $C'_{\frac{1}{2}m}$  is a pseudoscalar and therefore the connection with  $\tilde{I}^{(m)}$  has the form

$$\tilde{I}^{(m)} = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}m(m-2)} (i)^{\frac{1}{2}m} C'_{\frac{1}{2}m},$$

where  $(i)^{\frac{1}{2}m}$  is the determinant of the linear transformation (eq. (3) in [4]) inducing the mentioned tensorial transformation of bases. The sign factor  $(-1)^{\frac{1}{2}m(m-2)}$  arises due to distinct normalization of the Levi-Civita tensor.

$$(5) \quad I_r^{(m,n)} = \beta^r + \bar{\beta}^r - \sum_{s=0}^{r-2} \left( \beta^{r-s-1} + \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} + \frac{\beta^{r-s-1} - \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}} \right) \times \\ \times J_s^{(m-1,n-1)} - 2J_{r-1}^{(m-1,n-1)} + J_r^{(m-1,n-1)}, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots$$

where  $\beta = i\alpha + \frac{1}{2}(m + n - 2)$  and in the case when  $m + n$  is even

$$(6) \quad \tilde{I}^{(m,n)} = i\alpha(m + n) \tilde{I}^{(m-1,n-1)}.$$

Proof: Any element  $\mathcal{P} \in W_{2(m+n-2+N),M}$  can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{P} = \sum_{r,s} \alpha_{rs} \cdot q^r \cdot p^s$$

$$(\alpha_{rs} \cdot q^r \cdot p^s \equiv \alpha_{r_1 \dots r_{m+n-2s_1 \dots s_{m+n-2}} \cdot q_1^{r_1} \dots q_{m+n-2}^{r_{m+n-2}} \cdot p_1^{s_1} \dots p_{m+n-2}^{s_{m+n-2}},$$

where  $\alpha_{rs} \in W_{2N,M} \subset W_{2(m+n-2+N),M}$ ).

Let us introduce the "projection" operator "abs" in  $W_{2(m+n-2+N),M}$  by the relation

$$\text{abs } \mathcal{P} = \alpha_{00}.$$

Directly from the definition we see that

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{abs } q_i \mathcal{P} &= \text{abs } \mathcal{P} p_i = 0 \\ \text{abs } M_{ij} \mathcal{P} &= M_{ij} \text{abs } \mathcal{P}, \\ \text{abs } (\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P}') &= \text{abs } \mathcal{P} + \text{abs } \mathcal{P}', \\ \text{abs } (p_1 q_1) &= \text{abs } (q_1 p_1 + 1) = 1, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

As we proved in ref. [1] (see proof of theorem 1), the realization  $\tau(z)$  of any Casimir operator  $z$  of  $o(m, n)$  in the realization (2) does not depend on canonical variables  $q_i, p_i$ . We can write therefore for  $\tau(I_r^{(m,n)})$  the relation

$$\tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) = \text{abs } \tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) = g^{\mu\nu} \text{abs } \tau(T_{\mu\nu}^{(r)}).$$

Here  $T_{\mu\nu}^{(r)}$  is defined recurrently:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(r)} = L_\mu^e T_{\nu}^{(r-1)}, \quad T_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = g_{\mu\nu}.$$

As the proof of formula (5) for  $r = 0$  is trivial we can assume  $r \geq 1$  and further write:

$$\tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) = \text{abs } \tau \{ R(T_{m+n-1,m+n}^{(r-1)} - T_{m+n,m+n-1}^{(r-1)}) + \frac{1}{2}(P^i + Q^i)(T_{m+n,i}^{(r-1)} - T_{i,m+n}^{(r-1)}) + \\ + \frac{1}{2}(P^i - Q^i)(T_{i,m+n-1}^{(r-1)} - T_{m+n-1,i}^{(r-1)}) + (M^{ij} + q^i p^j - q^j p^i) T_{ji}^{(r-1)} \}.$$

This expression can be, due to the special form of realization of the basis elements (2),

simplified by means of the relations (7) to

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) &= -\bar{\beta} \text{abs } \tau(T_{m+n-1,m+n}^{(r-1)} - T_{m+n,m+n-1}^{(r-1)}) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \text{abs } \tau([P^i, T_{m+n,i}^{(r-1)} - T_{i,m+n}^{(r-1)} + T_{i,m+n-1}^{(r-1)} - T_{m+n-1,i}^{(r-1)}]) + M^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ji}^{(r-1)}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{abs } R = -\beta = i\alpha - \frac{1}{2}(m+n-2)$ . Using the commutation relations

$$[L_{\rho\sigma}, T_{\mu\nu}^{(r)}] = g_{\tau\mu} T_{\rho\nu}^{(r)} - g_{\rho\mu} T_{\tau\nu}^{(r)} + g_{\tau\nu} T_{\mu\rho}^{(r)} - g_{\rho\nu} T_{\mu\tau}^{(r)}$$

we further obtain

$$\tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) = \beta \text{abs } \tau(T_{m+n-1,m+n}^{(r-1)} - T_{m+n,m+n-1}^{(r-1)}) + M^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ji}^{(r-1)}).$$

In order to prove the formula (5) we need to express the right-hand side of the last equation in terms of Casimir operators of  $o(m-1, n-1)$ . Let us define

$$A_r = \text{abs } \tau(T_{m+n-1,m+n}^{(r)} - T_{m+n,m+n-1}^{(r)}),$$

$$B_r = \text{abs } \tau(T_{m+n,m+n}^{(r)} - T_{m+n-1,m+n-1}^{(r)}).$$

Using the same calculation as above we derive easily the recurrent relations for these quantities:

$$A_r = i\alpha B_{r-1} + \frac{1}{2}(m+n-2) A_{r-1} - g^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r-1)}),$$

$$B_r = i\alpha A_{r-1} + \frac{1}{2}(m+n-2) B_{r-1} - g^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r-1)}).$$

It further gives

$$(8) \quad A_r - B_r = \bar{\beta}(A_{r-1} - B_{r-1})$$

from which

$$B_r = A_r + 2\bar{\beta}^r.$$

Substituting it into the above relations for  $A_r, B_r$ , we obtain the single relation

$$\begin{aligned} A_r &= \beta A_{r-1} + 2i\alpha \cdot \bar{\beta}^{r-1} - g^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r-1)}) = \\ &= \beta A_{r-1} + (\beta - \bar{\beta}) \bar{\beta}^{r-1} - g^{ij} \text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Using once more the above calculation and eq. (8) we derive easily the recurrent relation for  $\text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r)})$ :

$$\text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r)}) = \tilde{M}_i^k \text{abs } \tau(T_{kj}^{(r-1)}) - g_{ij} \bar{\beta}^{r-1},$$

where

$$\tilde{M}_{ij} = M_{ij} + g_{ij}.$$

One can solve this relation as follows

$$\text{abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r)}) = \tilde{M}_{ij}^{(r)} - \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} \tilde{M}_{ij}^{(s)},$$

where

$$\tilde{M}_{ij}^{(r)} = \begin{cases} g_{ij} + rM_{ij}, & r = 0, 1 \\ \tilde{M}_i^{s_1} \tilde{M}_{s_1}^{s_2} \dots \tilde{M}_{s_{r-1}}^{s_r}, & r > 1. \end{cases}$$

Using it we obtain

$$C_r \equiv g^{ij} \text{ abs } \tau(T_{ij}^{(r)}) = \tilde{M}^{(r)} - \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} \tilde{M}^{(s)},$$

where  $\tilde{M}^{(r)} = \tilde{M}_{ij}^r \cdot g^{ij}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} M^{ij} \text{ abs } \tau(T_{ji}^{(r)}) &= \tilde{M}^{(r+1)} - 2\tilde{M}^{(r)} + (1 - \bar{\beta}) \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} \tilde{M}^{(s)} + (m + n - 2) \bar{\beta}^{r-1} = \\ &= \tilde{M}^{(r+1)} - 2\tilde{M}^{(r)} + (1 - \bar{\beta}) \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} \tilde{M}^{(s)} + (m + n - 2) \bar{\beta}^r. \end{aligned}$$

The relation for  $A_r$  we shall now write in the form

$$A_r = \beta A_{r-1} + (\beta - \bar{\beta}) \bar{\beta}^{r-1} - C_{r-1}$$

which is solved by

$$A_r = \beta^r - \bar{\beta}^r - \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} \beta^{r-s-1} C_s.$$

Substituting now for  $M^{ij} \text{ abs } \tau(T_{ji}^{(r-1)})$  and  $A_r$  into the equation

$$\tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) = \beta A_{r-1} + M^{ij} \text{ abs } \tau(T_{ji}^{(r-1)})$$

we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(I_r^{(m,n)}) &= \beta^r + \bar{\beta}^r - \sum_{s=0}^{r-2} \left[ \beta^{r-s-1} + \bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} + \frac{\bar{\beta}^{r-s-1} - \beta^{r-s-1}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}} \right] \tilde{M}^{(s)} + \\ &+ \tilde{M}^{(r)} - 2\tilde{M}^{(r-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

From the definitions of  $\tilde{M}_{ij}$ ,  $\tilde{M}^{(r)}$  we obtain directly

$$\tilde{M}^{(r)} = \sum_{s=0}^r \binom{r}{s} M^{(s)},$$

where

$$M^{(r)} = \begin{cases} (m + n - 2) (1 - r), & r = 0, 1 \\ M_{s_r}^{s_1} M_{s_1}^{s_2} \dots M_{s_{r-1}}^{s_r}, & r > 1. \end{cases}$$

As the elements  $M_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m + n - 2$ , generate a given realization of  $o(m - 1, n - 1)$ , the quantities  $M^{(r)}$  are just the Casimir operators (more exactly: their realizations) of  $o(m - 1, n - 1)$ , i.e.

$$M^{(r)} = I_r^{(m-1, n-1)} \Rightarrow \tilde{M}^{(r)} = J_r^{(m-1, n-1)}$$

and formula (5) is proved.

As to the formula (6), the realization of generating Casimir operator  $\check{I}^{(m,n)}$  does not depend also on canonical variables and we can write

$$\tau(\check{I}^{(m,n)}) = \text{abs } \tau(e^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \dots \mu_{1/2(m+n)} \nu_{1/2(m+n)}} L_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \dots L_{\mu_{1/2(m+n)} \nu_{1/2(m+n)}}).$$

Let us denote  $h = \frac{1}{2}(m+n)$  and notice that since the only non-zero terms are those having all the indices  $\mu_1, \nu_1, \dots, \mu_h, \nu_h$  mutually different, we are absolutely free in interchanging  $L'_{\mu\nu}$  s (see the commutation relations (1)) so that we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\check{I}^{(m,n)}) &= 2h \text{ abs } \tau(e^{i_2 j_2 \dots i_h j_h} L_{m+n-1, m+n} L_{i_2 j_2} \dots L_{i_h j_h}) + \\ &+ \left[ 2 \binom{2h}{2} - 2h \right] \text{ abs } \tau(e^{i_1, m+n-1, j, m+n, i_3, j_3, \dots, i_h j_h} L_{i, m+n-1} L_{j, m+n} L_{i_3 j_3} \dots L_{i_h j_h}) \end{aligned}$$

where the latin indices run from 1 to  $2h - 2$ . Further with the help of eqs. (1) (2), (7) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\check{I}^{(m,n)}) &= e^{i_2 j_2 \dots i_h j_h} [-2h\bar{\beta} \text{ abs } \tau(L_{i_2 j_2} \dots L_{i_h j_h}) - \\ &- h(h-1) \text{ abs } \tau([P_{i_2}, Q_{j_2}] L_{i_3 j_3} \dots L_{i_h j_h}) = \\ &= 2h(-\bar{\beta} + h-1) e^{i_2 j_2 \dots i_h j_h} \text{ abs } \tau[(M_{i_2 j_2} + q_{i_2} p_{j_2} - q_{j_2} p_{i_2}) L_{i_3 j_3} \dots L_{i_h j_h}] = \\ &= 2h(-\bar{\beta} + h-1) e^{i_2 j_2 \dots i_h j_h} M_{i_2 j_2} \dots M_{i_h j_h}. \end{aligned}$$

But since  $M_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 2h - 1$ , generate the realization of  $o(m-1, n-1)$ , the last equation one can write in the form

$$\tau(\check{I}^{(m,n)}) = [-2h\bar{\beta} + 2h(h-1)] \check{I}^{(m-1, n-1)}.$$

According to the definition

$$-\bar{\beta} + h - 1 = i\alpha - \frac{1}{2}(m+n-2) + \frac{1}{2}(m+n) - 1 = i\alpha, \quad 2h = m+n$$

and the validity of the formula (6) is proved. ■

**Lemma 2:** Let a realization of  $o(m, n)$ ,  $m+n \geq 3$ , of the type (2) be given. If the corresponding Schur-realization of  $o(m-1, n-1)$  is such that the values of the Casimir operators can be expressed as

$$I_r^{(m-1, n-1)} = \sigma_r^{(N)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}), \quad N = m+n-2, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots$$

for some complex numbers  $(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]})$ , then the values of Casimir operators in the realization of  $o(m, n)$  are

$$I_r^{(m,n)} = \sigma_r^{(N+2)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}, i\alpha).$$

*Proof.* From the definition (3) one can prove easily by induction the relation between  $r$ -th powers of the matrices  $S_N(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}) \equiv S_N$  and  $S_{N+2}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]}) \equiv S_{N+2}$ :

$$S_{N+2}^r = \begin{pmatrix} y^r, & -e_N^+ \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} y^{r-s-1} (S_N + E_N)^s, & e_N^+ \sum_{s=0}^{r-2} \frac{y^{r-s-1} - z^{r-s-1}}{y - z} (S_N + E_N)^s e_N \\ 0, & (S_N + E_N)^r, & -\sum_{s=0}^{r-1} z^{r-s-1} (S_N + E_N)^s e_N \\ 0, & 0, & z^r \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $y = x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]} + \frac{1}{2}N$ ,  $z = -x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]} + \frac{1}{2}N$ .

Using the definition (4) of the polynomials  $\sigma_r^{(N)}$  we obtain the relation between  $\sigma_r^{(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}N]})$  and  $\sigma_r^{(N+2)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]})$ :

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sigma_r^{(N+2)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]}) = \\ & = y^r + z^r - \sum_{s=0}^{r-2} \left( y^{r-s-1} + z^{r-s-1} + \frac{y^{r-s-1} - z^{r-s-1}}{z - y} \right) \omega_s^{(N)} - 2\omega_{r-1}^{(N)} + \omega_r^{(N)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_r^{(N)} & \equiv \omega_r^{(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}) = e_N^+ (S_N + E_N)^r e_N = \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^r \binom{r}{s} \sigma_s^{(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}), \quad r = 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the relation (10)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 = \delta_1, \dots, x_{[\frac{1}{2}N]} = \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}, \quad N = n + m - 2, \\ x_{[\frac{1}{2}(N+2)]} = i\alpha \Rightarrow y = \beta, \quad z = \bar{\beta}, \\ I_r^{(m-1, n-1)} = \sigma_r^{(N)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}), \quad J_r^{(m-1, n-1)} = \omega_r^{(N)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}N]}) \end{aligned}$$

we obtain with the help of formula (5)

$$I_r^{(m, n)} = \sigma_r^{(m+n)}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2)]}, i\alpha)$$

which just proves the lemma. ■

Now we are in the position to prove our main result.

**Theorem 1:** Let  $\alpha_{m, n} = (d; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$  be signature of the realization (2) of Lie algebra  $o(m, n)$ ,  $m \geq n \geq 1$ . Then the values of Casimir operators are

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} (i) \quad I_r^{(m, n)} & = \sigma_r^{(m+n)}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d)]}, i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d)+1]}, \dots, i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}), \\ & \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\beta_s = \alpha_s + \gamma_s, \quad \gamma_s = \frac{m + n - 2d}{2} - s, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, \left[ \frac{m + n - 2d}{2} \right],$$

(ii) for  $m + n$  even

$$(12) \quad \check{I}^{(m,n)} = \delta_{dn} \cdot (2i)^{\frac{1}{2}(m+n)} \left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)! \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{\frac{1}{2}(m-n)} \alpha_{\frac{1}{2}(m-n+2)}, \dots, \alpha_{\frac{1}{2}(m+n)}.$$

Proof. By induction: (i)

a) Let us firstly consider the realization of the type (2) of the algebra  $o(m, 1)$  with signature  $\alpha_{m,1} = (1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+1)]})$ ,  $m > 2$ . As it was pointed out in the part C of Preliminaries the Casimir operators  $I_r^{(m-1,0)}$  in the realization of  $o(m-1, 0) \equiv o(m-1)$  characterized by signature  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-1)]})$  have just the form (11) in variables  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-1)]}$  so that lemma 2 can be applied. In the case of  $o(2, 1)$  the assertion follows also from lemma 2 if we put  $I_r^{(1,0)} = \sigma_r^{(1)} = \delta_{r0}$  (see Footnote 5) and eq. (4) and for  $o(1, 1)$  it can be verified directly.

b) Suppose now that the assertion (i) is valid for  $o(m-1, n-1)$ ,  $m \geq n \geq 2$ , and let us take realization of  $o(m, n)$  corresponding to signature  $\alpha_{m,n} = (d; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$ . For  $d > 1$  the realization of  $o(m-1, n-1)$  from the formulae (2) corresponds to the signature

$$(d-1; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-1})$$

and because, by the induction assumption, Casimir operators have the desired form, the lemma 2 can be applied.

If signature  $\alpha_{m,n} = (1; 0, \dots, 0, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$ , the realization of  $o(m-1, n-1)$  used in eqs. (2) is trivial and we have to prove that Casimir operators  $I_r^{(m-1, n-1)} = 0$  can be expressed as the values of polynomials  $\sigma_k^{(m+n-2)}$  at the point  $(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2)]})$ . This fact is, however, proved in ref. [5] (see, e.g., relations (55)–(57)) so that lemma 2 again can be applied and the proof of assertion (i) is completed.

(ii) The proof is a simple consequence of eq. (6) and of the form of the Casimir operator  $\check{I}^{(m-n)}$  given in Preliminaries, part C. ■

Now we shall deal with the question how the values of Casimir operators differ for different signatures of realizations. We denote by  $\Omega_{m,n}$  the following subset of the set of all signatures with fixed  $m$  and  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{m,n} &= \{(d; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}) \mid 0 \leq \alpha_K + \delta_{mn}(|\alpha_K| - \alpha_K) \leq \\ &\leq \alpha_{K+1} \leq \dots \leq \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}, \quad K = [\frac{1}{2}(m-n)] + 1; \end{aligned}$$

if  $m-n$  is even then  $d \neq n-1$  and  $\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]} \geq 0$  <sup>7)</sup>.

**Theorem 2:** (i) For every signature  $\alpha_{m,n}$  there exists  $\alpha'_{m,n} \in \Omega_{m,n}$  such that the values of any Casimir operator in the corresponding realizations are the same.

(ii) The signature  $\alpha'_{m,n} \in \Omega_{m,n}$  is determined uniquely, i.e., for two different signatures from  $\Omega_{m,n}$  the corresponding realizations differ by the value of at least one Casimir operator.

<sup>7)</sup> This condition is automatically satisfied if either  $d < n$  or  $m = n$ .

Proof: (i) The assertion is a simple consequence of the symmetry of polynomials in the last  $d$  squared components of the signature  $\alpha_{m,n}$ . If  $m - n$  is even, the signatures  $(n - 1; 0, \dots, 0, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]+2}, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$  may be excluded from  $\Omega_{m,n}$  because they give the same values of Casimir operators as the signature  $(n; 1, \dots, 1, 0, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]+2}, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$  (see eqs. (11)–(12)). As to signature  $\alpha_{m,n} = (n; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$ ,  $m - n$  even,  $\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]+1+\delta_{mn}} \dots \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]} \neq 0$ , when also exceptional invariant  $\tilde{I}^{(m,n)}$  has to be considered, the signature  $\alpha'_{m,n} \in \Omega_{m,n}$  has the form

$$\alpha'_{m,n} = (n; \alpha_1, \dots, \varepsilon \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]+\delta_{mn}}, |\alpha_{s_1}|, \dots, |\alpha_{s_{n'}}|),$$

where  $\varepsilon = \text{sgn } \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]+1+\delta_{mn}} \dots \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$  and  $s_1, \dots, s_{n'}$ ,  $n' = n - \delta_{mn}$ , is such permutation of indices  $[\frac{1}{2}(m - n)] + 1 + \delta_{mn}, \dots, [\frac{1}{2}(m + n)]$  that  $|\alpha_{s_1}| \leq |\alpha_{s_2}| \dots \leq |\alpha_{s_{n'}}|$ .

(ii) As we pointed out in Preliminaries, any Newton's sum of even degree  $s_{2r} = \sum_{s=1}^N (x_s)^{2r}$  can be written as the polynomial in variables  $\sigma_s^{(N)} \equiv \sigma_s^{(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots, 2r$ . Even Newton's sum  $s_{2r}$  can be considered as the Newton's sum  $s_r$  in variables  $x'_s = x_s^2$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, N$ .

Consider now the so-called elementary symmetric polynomials  $\xi_r^{(N)}$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , in variables  $x'_i$  defined as follows:

$$\xi_r^{(N)} \equiv \xi_r^{(N)}(x'_1, \dots, x'_N) = \sum_{(s_1, \dots, s_r)} x'_{s_1}, \dots, x'_{s_r},$$

where summation runs over all sequences  $(s_1, \dots, s_r)$  with  $1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq N$ . It is known [6] that every symmetric polynomial  $\xi_r^{(N)}$  can be expressed by means of Newton's sums  $s_t = \sum_{s=1}^N (x'_s)^t$  and therefore any symmetric polynomial  $\xi_r^{(N)}$  can be expressed also by means of polynomials  $\sigma_s^{(N)}$ .

So, two signatures  $\alpha'_{m,n}$ ,  $\alpha''_{m,n}$  giving the same values of any Casimir operator give also the same values of  $\xi_r^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$  – polynomials:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_r &\equiv \xi_r^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}(\beta_1^2, \dots, (i\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)-2d']+1})^2, \dots, (i\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2) \equiv \\ &\equiv \xi_r^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}(\beta_1^2, \dots, (i\alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)-2d'']+1})^2, \dots, (i\alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2). \end{aligned}$$

It is, however, further known [6] that the set of all solutions of the  $[\frac{1}{2}(m + n)]$ -th order equation

$$y^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]} + \xi_1 y^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-1} + \dots + \xi_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-1} y + \xi_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]} = 0$$

equals just to

$$\{\beta_1^2, \dots, (i\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2\} \equiv \{\beta_1^2, \dots, (i\alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2\}.$$

As  $\alpha'_{m,n}, \alpha''_{m,n} \in \Omega_{m,n}$ , the elements of these sets are ordered<sup>8)</sup>:

$$\beta_1'^2 > \beta_2'^2 > \dots > \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d')] }'^2 \geq 0 \geq (i\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d')] + 1})^2 \geq \dots \geq (i\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2,$$

$$\beta_1''^2 > \beta_2''^2 > \dots > \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d'')] }''^2 \geq 0 \geq (i\alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d'')] + 1})^2 \geq \dots \geq (i\alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})^2,$$

For  $m + n$  odd  $\beta'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d')] } > 0$ ,  $\beta''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d'')] } > 0$  (see eq. (12)) and therefore  $d'' = d'$  and, consequently,  $\alpha'_{m,n} = \alpha''_{m,n}$ , i.e., assertion (ii) is proved. If, however,  $m - n$  is even, then beside the possibility  $d' = d''$  which implies again  $\alpha'_{m,n} = \alpha''_{m,n}$ <sup>9)</sup>, also  $\beta'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d')] } = 0 = \alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d'')] + 1}$  (or  $\beta''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d'')] } = 0 = \alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d')] + 1}$ ) could be allowed which implies  $d'' = d' - 1$  ( $d' = d'' - 1$ ). For  $d' < n$  it contradicts the equation  $\beta_1' \equiv \gamma_1' = \beta_1'' \equiv \gamma_1''$  so that  $d' = n$ ,  $d'' = n - 1$ . The signatures with  $d'' = n - 1$  are not, however, included in the set  $\Omega_{m,n}$  and uniqueness of  $\alpha'_{m,n}$  is proved in this last case too. ■

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In the first part of this paper we proved that two described realizations  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  of the Lie algebra  $o(m, n)$  characterized by different signatures are nonrelated, i.e., no endomorphism  $\theta$  of  $W_{2N,M}$ ,  $\theta(l) = l$ , exists such that either  $\theta \circ \tau = \tau'$  or  $\theta \circ \tau' = \tau$ . It may happen, of course, that by a proper embedding of  $W_{2N,M}$  in a larger structure (e.g., in the case of  $W_{2N}$  embedding in its quotient division ring) when more general endomorphisms are allowed, the non-related realizations appear as related in the generalized sense, (e.g., non-related realizations (2) of  $o(2, 1)$  in  $W_2$  with opposite  $\alpha$ 's are related in quotient division ring  $D_2 \supset W_2$ ; the endomorphism  $\theta$  has the form:  $\theta(p_1) = p_1$ ,  $\theta(q_1) = q_1 - i(2\alpha/p_1)$ ). This possibility is, however, excluded in the case of our realizations, the signatures of which lie in  $\Omega_{m,n}$ . The reason is that the element  $z$  from the centre of the enveloping algebra of  $o(m, n)$  exists such that  $\tau(z) = \alpha_z l$ ,  $\tau'(z) = \alpha'_z l$ ,  $\alpha_z, \alpha'_z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\alpha_z \neq \alpha'_z$  and therefore for no endomorphism  $\theta$ ,  $\theta(l) = l$  of any structure containing  $W_{2N,M}$  equation  $\theta \circ \tau(z) = \tau'(z)$  can be valid because it would imply immediately  $\alpha_z = \alpha'_z$ .

It means that as related realizations in the generalized sense the realizations with signatures differing only in permutation of the last  $n$  components and their signs (with the exception of some cases if  $m + n$  is even) can appear.

In our earlier paper [3], dealing with the minimal canonical realizations of the complexification  $o_{\mathbb{C}}(m, n)$  of the Lie algebra  $o(m, n)$ <sup>10)</sup>, we studied also the

<sup>8)</sup> See also eq. (12) and remember that for  $d = n$  and  $m - n \geq 2$  the components  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]}$  form the signature of an irreducible skew-hermitean representation of  $o(m - n)$  and they are ordered:  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]} \geq 0$  if  $m - n$  is odd and  $\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq |\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]}|$  if  $m - n$  is even.

<sup>9)</sup> The uncertainty  $\alpha'_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)] + \delta_{mn}} = \pm \alpha''_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)] + \delta_{mn}}$  which may arise for  $d' = d'' = n$  is excluded either by definition of  $\Omega_{m,n}(\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)] + 1} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]} \leq \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]} = 0)$  or by means of Casimir operator  $\tilde{I}^{(m,n)}$ .

<sup>10)</sup> Note that in Cartan classification of simple Lie algebra  $o_{\mathbb{C}}(m, n) \simeq D_{\frac{1}{2}(m+n)}$  if  $m + n$  is even and  $o_{\mathbb{C}}(m, n) \simeq B_{\frac{1}{2}(m+n-1)}$  if  $m + n$  is odd.

question of the mutual dependence of Casimir operators in canonical realization in  $W_{2(n+m-2)}$  (i.e., when generators of  $o(m, n)$  are expressed as polynomials in  $m + n - 2$  pairs of canonical variables). We showed that if  $m + n \geq 7$  in any such realization  $\tau$ , realization of any generating Casimir operator  $\tau(I_{2r}^{(m,n)})$  (and the square  $\tau(\tilde{I}^{(m,n)})^2$  if  $m + n$  is even) depends polynomially on  $\tau(I_2^{(m,n)})$ ; there are at most two types of these polynomials and they do not depend on realization  $\tau$ . The one-parametrical set of realizations with signatures  $(1; 0, \dots, 0, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$  lies in  $W_{2(m+n-2)}$  and we can easily see that the above assertion is valid in this case. The realizations  $\tau(I_{2r}^{(m,n)})$  are now symmetric polynomials in one variable  $\alpha^2$  only and  $\alpha^2$  is a linear function of  $\tau(I_2^{(m,n)})$ ; the fact that this polynomial dependence is really one of the two above-mentioned dependences needs, of course, a special proof. The realization of Casimir operator  $\tilde{I}^{(m,n)}$  equals zero.

Increasing  $d$ , the number of independent Casimir operators in realization also increases.

If  $d < n$ , then  $\tau(I_{2r}^{(m,n)})$ ,  $r > d$ , is the polynomial function in the variables  $\tau(I_2^{(m,n)})$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\tau(I_{2d}^{(m,n)})$ , which considered as the functions of the parameters  $\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-d+1}, \dots, \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$ , are mutually independent and  $\tau(\tilde{I}^{(m,n)}) = 0$  if  $m + n$  is even.

In accordance with note 1 and theorem 1 Newton's sums  $s_2, \dots, s_{2d}$  polynomially depend on  $\tau(I_{2s}^{(m,n)}) \equiv \sigma_{2s}^{(m,n)}$ ,  $s \leq d$ . The remaining Newton's sums  $s_{2(d+1)}, \dots$  depend on the first  $d$  even ones, as they are, following our assumption, functions of  $d$  variables only. Therefore all  $\tau(I_{2r}^{(m,n)})$  depend in this case on Newton's sums  $s_2, \dots, s_{2d}$  only, i.e., on  $\tau(I_2^{(m,n)}), \dots, (I_{2d}^{(m,n)})$ .

If  $d = n$  the realizations of all  $[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$  generating Casimir operators  $\tau(I_2^{(m,n)}), \dots, \tau(I_{2[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]-2}^{(m,n)})$  and  $\tau(I_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}^{(m,n)})$  (or  $\tau(\tilde{I}^{(m,n)})$  if  $m + n$  is even) are independent<sup>11</sup>). The proof is the same as in the preceding case; only if  $m + n$  is even the  $[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$ -th Casimir operator  $I_{2[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}^{(m,n)}$  can be substituted by  $\tilde{I}^{(m,n)}$ .

If  $m - n = 0, 1, 2$ , then no "right" matrix canonical realizations of  $o(m, n)$  exist in our set, i.e., the realization with any signature is a usual canonical one. In this case the maximal number  $[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$  of independent Casimir operators is achieved taking maximal  $d = n$ , i.e., considering the set of realizations with maximal number of canonical pairs  $N(n) = n(m-1)$ .

<sup>11</sup>) In the case  $d = n$  when part of the parameters can allow only discrete values we generalize the concept of independent polynomials in the following way:

a) Let subset  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  have the property: if a polynomial  $P(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$  then  $P(x) \equiv 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,

b) the set  $\{P_1^\Omega, \dots, P_M^\Omega\}$  of functions on  $\Omega$  which are restrictions of some polynomials  $P_1, \dots, P_M$  to  $\Omega$  are called independent if  $P_1, \dots, P_M$  are independent.

The condition (a) guarantees uniqueness of the extension  $P_i$  to any  $P_i^\Omega$ . It is clear that the condition (a) is respected by the set of all signatures  $(n; a_1, \dots, a_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]})$  considered as the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$ .

On the contrary if  $m - n > 2$  the canonical realizations form the proper subset in the described set which is characterized by the signature with  $d < n$  or  $d = n$  and  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m-n)]} = 0$ .

In this case at most  $n < [\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$  independent Casimir operators can be obtained in the set of canonical realizations with  $N(n) = n(m-1)$  canonical pairs.

So to reach the full number  $[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]$  of independent Casimir operators the use of right matrix canonical realizations is necessary.

Formulae for the eigenvalues of Casimir operators in matrix canonical realizations of noncompact Lie algebra  $o(m, n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  derived in this paper are closely related to formulae for the eigenvalues of Casimir operators in irreducible representations of compact Lie algebra  $o(m+n)$  derived by PERELOMOV and POPOV [4, 5]. Our formulae (11) and (12) arise, essentially from the formulae of PERELOMOV and POPOV (see Preliminaries part C) simply by substitution of  $\beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d)+1]}, \dots, \beta_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$  by  $i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n-2d)+1]}, \dots, i\alpha_{[\frac{1}{2}(m+n)]}$ . This interesting circumstance should indicate some sort of exceptionality of the matrix canonical realizations of  $o(m, n)$  described and investigated in our paper.

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