



Correction to “Infinite Dimensional DeWitt Supergroups and Their Bodies”

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Abstract. We provide a correction to Theorem 3.5 in the article entitled “Infinite Dimensional DeWitt Supergroups and their Bodies” (Canad. Math. Bull. 57(2014), no. 2, 283–288).

This note provides a correction to Theorem 3.5 in [1]. Only part (iii) of that theorem requires a correction, as the original proof failed to separate the proof of (ii) from the proof of (iii). The proof of [1, Theorem 3.5(ii)] was complete once it was established that ad_a is quasi-nilpotent for each a , since it follows from this that K is quasi-nilpotent. The proof of (iii) was not complete as stated in the original article. The correction consists of a revised part (iii), along with its proof, in the following version.

Theorem 3.5 *Let G be a DeWitt super Lie group such that there is an induced group structure on BG . Let $\beta: G \rightarrow BG$ denote the induced group homomorphism and let K be its kernel.*

- (i) *K is a Banach Lie group whose Lie algebra κ is a freely finitely generated Λ^0 left module.*
- (ii) *The Lie module κ is quasi-nilpotent, and consequently the Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff formula holds globally on it.*
- (iii) *There is a group operation \diamond on κ relative to which κ is a simply connected, global, Banach Lie group such that $\exp(a)\exp(b) = \exp(a \diamond b)$ for all $a, b \in \kappa$. Moreover K is simply connected and consequently is diffeomorphic to the Banach space κ and is isomorphic as a Banach Lie group to (κ, \diamond) .*

Proof of (iii) By a Theorem of Wojtynski [2], the global Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff formula holds for κ . Moreover, it has long been known that there is a local Lie group operation \diamond on κ such that $\exp(a)\exp(b) = \exp(a \diamond b)$ for all $a, b \in \kappa$. Wojtynski’s important contribution was to show that when κ is quasi-nilpotent, this operation is globally defined on κ , and that κ is, in fact, a global Banach Lie group relative to \diamond . We show that \exp is a bijection. Note that $I = \exp(\kappa)$ is a subgroup of κ . It is an open subgroup, since \exp is a local diffeomorphism that takes 0 to the identity of K . Also, I is connected as is K . An open connected subgroup of a connected group must be the entire group, so $\exp(\kappa) = K$. Since \exp is a surjective homomorphism, K is isomorphic to κ modulo a discrete subgroup. Since there is a global chart from K

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onto $\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^{p|q}}$, K is simply connected. But both \mathcal{K} and κ are simply connected, and so the kernel of \exp must be trivial. Thus, κ and K are diffeomorphic and isomorphic. ■

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