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## **Extending Structures for Lie Bialgebras**

Let  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot], \delta_{\mathfrak{g}})$  be a fixed Lie bialgebra and V be a vector space. In this paper, we introduce the notion of a unified bi-product of  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot], \delta_{\mathfrak{g}})$  by V and give a theoretical answer to the extending structures problem, i.e. how to classify all Lie bialgebraic structures on  $E = \mathfrak{g} \oplus V$  such that  $(\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot], \delta_{\mathfrak{g}})$  is a Lie subbialgebra up to an isomorphism of Lie bialgebras whose restriction on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the identity map. Moreover, several special unified bi-products are also introduced. In particular, the unified bi-products when dimV = 1 are investigated in detail.

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