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The partial compactification of the universal centralizer

Let G be a semisimple algebraic group of adjoint type. The universal centralizer is the family of centralizers in G of regular elements in Lie(G), parametrized by their conjugacy classes. It has a natural symplectic structure, obtained by Hamiltonian reduction from the cotangent bundle T^*G. We consider a partial compactification of the universal centralizer, where each centralizer fiber is replaced by its closure inside the wonderful compactification of G. The symplectic structure extends to a log-symplectic Poisson structure on this partial compactification, whose fibers are isomorphic to regular Hessenberg varieties.