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3.1

L is a Lie algebra.

derived series : $L^{(0)} = L, L^{(1)} = [L, L], \dots, L^{(i)} = [L^{(i-1)}, L^{(i-1)}]$

$$\dots L^{(i)} = [L^{(i-1)}, L^{(i-1)}]$$

L is solvable if $L^{(n)} = 0$ for some n

examples

1. abelian (are solvable)

2. simple (are not solvable)

3. $L = \vec{n}(n, F)$ is solvable

[step 1 $\vec{n}(n, F) \subset [L, L]$

step 2 $\vec{n}(n, F) = [L, L]$

step 3 $L^{(i)} = 0$ if $2^{i-1} > n-1$.

fill in the proofs

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Proposition 3.1 If L is a Lie algebra, then

(a) if L is solvable, so are its subalgebras and homomorphic images

(b) if I is a solvable ideal of L , and L/I is solvable, then L is solvable.

(c) If I and J are solvable ideals of L , so is $I+J$.

fill in the proofs, either from p. 11 or 199A - see

Meyberg notes p. 5-6 (lemma 1, lemma 2, Theorem 2 (i))

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radical of L : $\text{Rad } L$ is ~~the~~ the unique
maximal solvable ideal of L

L is semi-simple if $\text{Rad } L = 0$.

examples

1. a simple algebra is semi-simple
2. $L = 0$ is semi-simple
3. $L/\text{Rad } L$ is semi-simple

see

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notes: Meyberg pages ~~5-6~~ ⁵⁻⁶ ~~7~~)

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[3.2]

 L is a Lie algebra

descending central series : $L^0 = L$, $L^1 = [L, L]$,
 (= lower central series)

$$L^i = [L, L^{i-1}]$$

L is nilpotent if $L^n = 0$ for some n .

examples

1. abelian (are nilpotent)
2. nilpotent $\Rightarrow$ solvable ($L^{(i)} \subset L^i$)
3. solvable $\not\Rightarrow$ nilpotent
 ($\vec{e}(n, F)$ is solvable but not nilpotent)
 proof on top of p. 12
4. $\vec{n}(n, F)$ is nilpotent.

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Proposition 3.2 If L is a Lie algebra

(a) L nilpotent $\Rightarrow$ so are subalgebras and homomorphic images

(b) If $L/Z(L)$ is nilpotent, so is L nilpotent.

(c) If L is nilpotent and $L \neq 0$, then $Z(L) \neq 0$.

fill in the proof, either from p. 12 or 199A — see

Third Meeting, October 14, 2016, Nilradical (Informal notes:
Meyberg pages 6-7)

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definition: In a Lie algebra L an element $x \in L$ is called ad-nilpotent if $\text{ad}x$ is a nilpotent endomorphism.

NOTE: In a nilpotent Lie algebra, every element is ad-nilpotent. Conversely,

Theorem (Engel) If all elements of L are ad-nilpotent, then L is nilpotent.

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Application of Engel's theorem: $\bar{n}^{\rightarrow}(n, F)$ is nilpotent
(this was already shown to be nilpotent by
calculating the descending central series (on p. 12))

This uses the following ~~lemma~~ lemma.

LEMMA If $x \in \mathfrak{gl}(V)$ is nilpotent, then $\text{ad } x$ ~~is nilpotent in~~
is nilpotent in $\text{End}(\mathfrak{gl}(V))$ ($\mathfrak{gl}(V) = \text{End}(V)$!)

fill in the proof of the lemma.

Engel's Theorem ~~follows~~ ^{will follow} from the following theorem

Theorem 3.3 If L is a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$, V finite
dimensional, $V \neq 0$, and if L consists of
nilpotent endomorphisms, then $\exists$ a non-zero
vector $v \in V$ for which $L(v) = 0$, i.e.
$$Tv = 0 \quad \forall T \in L.$$

fill in the proofs of this theorem^{3.3} and of Engel's theorem.

A corollary and an application of Theorem 3.3

Corollary Same hypotheses as in theorem 3.3: L is a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$, $V \neq 0$, finite dimensional, and L consists only of nilpotent endomorphisms.

Then there exists a basis of V relative to which the matrices of L are in $\overline{n}^1(n, F)$.

Lemma (application) If L is nilpotent, K an ideal in L , $K \neq 0$, then $K \cap Z(L) \neq 0$.