

3.1 L is a Lie algebra.

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

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

$L^{(i)}$ is an ideal
see p. ① of §3 Revisited

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

- examples
1. abelian (are solvable) $L^{(1)} = 0$
 2. simple (are not solvable)
(see p. ① of §3 Revisited)
 3. $L = \vec{n}(n, F)$ is solvable

- [step 1 $\vec{n}(n, F) \subset [L, L]$ see p. ① of §3 Revisited
- step 2 $\vec{n}(n, F) = [L, L]$ see p. ② of §3 Revisited
- step 3 $L^{(i)} = 0$ if $2^{i-1} > n-1$. see pp. ②-④ of §3 Revisited

full in the proofs

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 $I+J$.

(not done by me on §3 Revisited)

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

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

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[www.math.uci.edu/~nbrusso/~~ch~~meybergch1ex4-6sol.pdf](http://www.math.uci.edu/~nbrusso/meybergch1ex4-6sol.pdf)

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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
(see p. 5 of §3 Revisited)
2. $L = 0$ is semi-simple (really?)
3. $L/\text{Rad } L$ is semi-simple see p. 5 of §3 Revisited

see

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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 $\iff L^n = 0$ for some n .

examples

1. abelian (are nilpotent)

$$L^1 = 0$$

2. nilpotent \implies solvable ($L^{(i)} \subset L^i$)

3. solvable $\not\implies$ nilpotent

($\vec{t}(n, F)$ is solvable but not nilpotent)

proof on top of p. 12 } see p. 6 of § 3 Revisited

4. $\vec{n}(n, F)$ is nilpotent }

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.
(see p. 8 of §3 Revisited)

(c) If L is nilpotent and $L \neq 0$, then $Z(L) \neq 0$.
See p. 8 of §3 Revisited

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

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Meyberg pages 6-7)
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definition: In a Lie algebra L an element $x \in L$ is called ad-nilpotent if adx 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: $\vec{n}(n, F)$ is nilpotent see p. 9 of §3 Revised
(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 $\text{ad } x$ ~~$\in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{gl}(V))$~~
is nilpotent in $\text{End}(\mathfrak{gl}(V))$ ($\mathfrak{gl}(V) = \text{End}(V)$!)

fill in the proof of the lemma. (see p. 9 of §3 Revised)

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.
$$Tv = 0 \quad \forall T \in L.$$

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fill in the proofs of this theorem^{3,3} and of Engel's theorem.

see p. 14 of § 3 Revisited

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see pp 10-13 of § 3 Revisited

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A corollary and an application of Theorem 3.3

Corollary Same hypotheses as in theorem 3.3: L is a subalgebra of $gl(V)$, $V \neq 0$, 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 $\overline{M}^n(n, F)$.

proof Th. 3.3 tells us that $\exists v \neq 0, v \in V$ $x(v) = 0 \forall x \in L$.
see the proof in § 3 revisited p. 15

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{ad } L : K \rightarrow K \quad y \rightarrow [x, y] \quad \begin{array}{l} x \in L \\ y \in K \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

is a Lie subalg of $gl(K)$ consisting of only nilpotent elements. So by Th 3.3

$$\exists x_0 \neq 0, x_0 \in K \text{ s.t. } [L, x_0] = 0$$

i.e. $\exists x_0 \in K \cap Z(L)$ ~~III~~ 