

① Remarks

(i) $I, J \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ideals $I+J := \{x+y \mid x \in I, y \in J\}$

$$[x+y, x'+y'] = \underbrace{[x, x']}_{\in I} + \underbrace{[x, y'] + [y, x']}_{\in I \cap J} + \underbrace{[y, y']}_{\in J} \quad (1)$$

$- \text{ad}_y(x) + \text{ad}_y(x')$

Hence it is a Lie sub-algebra.

In fact $[x+y, z] = \underbrace{[x, z]}_{\in I} + \underbrace{[y, z]}_{\in J}, \quad z \in I+J$

$$= [x, z] + [y, z] \in I + J$$

$I+J$ is still an ideal.

(ii) I an ideal J an sub-algebra

$$I+J = \{x+y \mid x \in I, y \in J\}$$

By (i) it is an algebra. Not an ideal.

Levi decomposition is $\mathfrak{g} = \underbrace{\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})}_{\text{solvable}} + \eta$ η is a sub-algebra
 $\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \cap \eta = \{0\}$.

As a linear space it is a direct sum.

But as Lie-algebras, it is so-called ^{as} semi-direct product

Since $\mathfrak{g}/\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \cong \eta$ as Lie algebra

& $\mathfrak{g}/\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})$ is semi-simple. (otherwise

$$\mathfrak{g} = \eta \oplus \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})$$

\uparrow Solvable
 \uparrow Semi-Simple

From $0 \rightarrow \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathfrak{g}/\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow 0$

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 \subset Abelian

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \phi^{-1}(c) \xrightarrow{\phi} c \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \phi^{-1}(c) \text{ is Solvable} \\ \cup \\ \text{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) \end{matrix}$$

Hence \mathfrak{h} in the Levi-decomposition is always semi-simple.

$$(iii) \quad B|_{\mathfrak{g}'} \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{tr}(\text{ad}_x \cdot \text{ad}_y) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}' = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \\ y \in \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right.$$

Since
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle \text{ad}_x \cdot \text{ad}_y(e_i), e_i^* \rangle$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \langle \text{ad}_x \cdot \text{ad}_y(e_i), e_i^* \rangle \right)_{(=RHS)} \quad \left\{ e_i \right\}_{i=1}^k \text{ a basis of } \mathfrak{g}'$$

extends into $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$B|_{\mathfrak{g}'} \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}' \\ RHS = 0. \end{array} \right\}$$

Hence it is a bit weaker than $\text{tr}(\text{ad}_x \cdot \text{ad}_y) = 0, \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}', y \in \mathfrak{g}$

However if $B|_{\mathfrak{g}'} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}'$ is solvable by Cartan's criterion [Not Ziller version]

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is solvable since $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{g}'$ is Abelian. Hence solvable.

Namely, Ziller's statement of Cartan's criterion is OK.

2 Examples

(i) $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C}) \quad A \quad \text{tr}(A) = 0$

Clearly $\bar{A}^t \in \mathfrak{g}$ as well, if $A \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$B(x, Y) = 2n \operatorname{tr}(XY) - \underline{2 \operatorname{tr}(X)} \cdot \underline{\operatorname{tr}(Y)} \quad \text{on } \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\Rightarrow B|_{\mathfrak{g}} = B|_{\mathfrak{g}} \Rightarrow \text{For } A, \bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$$B_{\mathfrak{g}}(A, \bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}}) = 2n \operatorname{tr}(A \bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}}) = 2n \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \bar{a}_{ij} > 0$$

$\in \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C}) = \{A \mid \operatorname{tr}(A) = 0\}$ is $A \neq 0$

Hence B is Not degenerate.

(ii) Similarly $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$ is semi-simple. $\rightarrow A \in \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$
 $A^{\operatorname{tr}} \in \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{R})$

$u(n) := \{ A \mid A + \bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}} = 0 \}$, $[A, B] \not\subseteq u(n)$

$u(n)$ is not semi-simple: $x = \operatorname{Fid} \in u(n)$ $\bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}} + \frac{\bar{A}^{\operatorname{tr}}}{A^{\operatorname{tr}}} = 0$

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$A \in u(n)$
 $B \in \mathfrak{gl}(n)$

\rightarrow Not an ideal of $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$
Needs its own calculation
 $n \geq 2$ it is

(iii) $\mathfrak{g} := \operatorname{Span}\{X, Y\}$ $[X, Y] = Y$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Rad}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g}$$

$$B(X, X) = \langle \operatorname{ad}_X \operatorname{ad}_X(Y), Y^* \rangle = 1$$

$$B(X, Y) = \langle \operatorname{ad}_X \operatorname{ad}_Y(X), X^* \rangle + \langle \operatorname{ad}_X \operatorname{ad}_Y(Y), Y^* \rangle = 0$$

$$B(Y, Y) = \langle \operatorname{ad}_Y \operatorname{ad}_Y(X), X^* \rangle + \langle \operatorname{ad}_Y \operatorname{ad}_Y(Y), Y^* \rangle$$

$$\operatorname{Rad}(B) = \operatorname{Span}\{Y\}$$

$$\operatorname{Rad}(B) \neq \operatorname{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})$$

Is $\operatorname{Rad}(B) \subset \operatorname{Rad}(\mathfrak{g})$?

Yes. ~~Kevin Dao will show us.~~ Homework

3) Structure theorem for \mathfrak{g} - a semi-simple Lie algebra

(a) $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_k$

each \mathfrak{g}_i is simple

(b) $\forall \mathfrak{a}$ an ideal of \mathfrak{g} $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{g}_{i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{i_s}$

(c) $\mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] = \mathfrak{g}'$

(d) $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g}) / \text{Int}(\mathfrak{g})$ is discrete.

Def. $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ an ideal is called simple, if

- (i) \mathfrak{a} is not abelian namely $[\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{a}] \neq 0$
- (ii) \mathfrak{a} contains no nontrivial ideal, (except 0, & \mathfrak{a}).

$\Rightarrow [\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{a}] = \mathfrak{a}$ if \mathfrak{a} is simple.

Simple ideal is semi-simple. Since $\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = \{0\}$.
 \uparrow
is an ideal.

(A)

Key lemma, $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is an ideal β - invariant bilinear form.

$\beta|_{\mathfrak{a}}$ is non-degenerate. $\mathfrak{a}^{\perp} := \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \beta(x, y) = 0, \forall y \in \mathfrak{a}\}$

Then \mathfrak{a}^{\perp} is an ideal, & $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{a}^{\perp}$ is Abelian.

Pf. (i) $x \in \mathfrak{a}^{\perp}, y \in \mathfrak{g}, z \in \mathfrak{a}$

$\beta([x, y], z) = \beta(x, \underbrace{[y, z]}_{\in \mathfrak{a}}) = 0 \Rightarrow [x, y] \in \mathfrak{a}^{\perp}$

(ii) $\forall x, y \in \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{a}^{\perp} (\subset \mathfrak{a})$

$\beta([x, y], z) = \beta(x, \underbrace{[y, z]}_{\in \mathfrak{a}}) = 0 \Rightarrow [x, y] = 0.$

The same argument shows if β is non-degenerate on \mathfrak{a} , $[x, y] = 0$ as well.

(B) $\dim(\mathfrak{a}) + \dim(\mathfrak{a}^\perp) = \dim(\mathfrak{g})$. Let $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^k$ basis of \mathfrak{a} .

$$x = \sum x^i e_i \quad x \in \mathfrak{a}^\perp$$

$$x^i \sum_{j=1}^n \beta(e_i, e_j) = 0 \quad \forall \quad 1 \leq i \leq k \quad (*)$$

β_{ij}

$(\beta_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}}$ has rank k

Other wise $\exists \lambda^j$ such that $\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{ij} \lambda^j = 0$
 $(\lambda^1 \dots \lambda^k) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(e_i, \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda^j e_j) = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda^j e_j \in \text{Rad}(\beta)$$

Linear algebra $\Rightarrow \dim(\mathfrak{a}^\perp) = \dim(\text{Solution space of } (*))$
 $= n - k. \quad \square$

Then (A)+(B), if $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{a}^\perp = \{0\}$, which is the case

if β is non-degenerate (\mathfrak{g} is semi-simple, and Abelian)
 ideal must be zero

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{a}^\perp \quad (\mathfrak{a} \times \mathfrak{a}^\perp)$$

Applying the procedure repeatedly \Rightarrow

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_k$$

Note also, when $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{a}^\perp$, $B_{\mathfrak{g}} = B_{\mathfrak{a}} + B_{\mathfrak{a}^\perp}$

$$B_{\mathfrak{g}}(x, y) = B(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) = B(x_1, y_1) + B(x_2, y_2) \\ \Rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{a}} \text{ is non-degenerate} \quad = B_{\mathfrak{a}}(x_1, y_1) + B_{\mathfrak{a}^\perp}(x_2, y_2).$$

This proves (a). $\forall y \in \mathfrak{a} \Rightarrow B(x, y) = 0$ since $B(x, y) = 0$ if $x \in \mathfrak{a}$ & $y \in \mathfrak{a}^\perp$.
 $\forall z \in \mathfrak{a}^\perp \Rightarrow B(x, z) = 0$ since $B(x, y) = 0$ if $x \in \mathfrak{a}$ & $y \in \mathfrak{a}^\perp$.

For (b), it is clearly $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{g}_i$ is either $= \mathfrak{g}_i$ or 0 .
 (\mathfrak{g}_i is simple).

Hence $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{g}_{i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{i_s}$

For (c), simply note for \mathfrak{g}_i $[\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_i] = \mathfrak{g}_i$ due to \mathfrak{g}_i is simple.

For (d): $A \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g}) \Rightarrow A([X, Y]) = [AX, Y] + [X, AY]$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \text{ad}_X = \text{ad}_{AX} + \text{ad}_X A$$

Namely $A \cdot \text{ad}_X - \text{ad}_X A = \text{ad}_{AX}$

$$\begin{cases} \text{int}(\mathfrak{g}) \\ := \text{ad}_{\mathfrak{g}} \end{cases}$$

[Which shows $\text{int}(\mathfrak{g}) := \text{ad}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is an ideal]

$\boxed{\text{Int}(\mathfrak{g})}$
 = Lie group
 with Lie algebra $\text{int}(\mathfrak{g})$.

$\text{ad}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{int}(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$ is an isomorphism

since $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g}) = \{0\}$.

$\Rightarrow \text{int}(\mathfrak{g})$ is semi-simple

$$\Rightarrow \text{int}(\mathfrak{g}) \cap \text{int}(\mathfrak{g})^\perp = \{0\} \text{ in } \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

by the key lemma it is Abelian $= 0$ due to $\text{int}(\mathfrak{g})$ is semi-simple.

\Rightarrow If $A \in \text{int}(\mathfrak{g})^\perp$

$$[A, \text{ad}_x] = \text{ad}_{Ax} = 0$$

(On $\text{int}(\mathfrak{g})$) B is non degenerate.

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 $Ax \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g})$ by $\in \text{int}(\mathfrak{g}) \cap \text{int}(\mathfrak{g})^\perp$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0 \quad \forall x \quad \Rightarrow A = 0.$$

\square .

④ Further remarks.

(i) $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ we mean it is both as Lie algebra & as vector space

$$[(u, v), (u', v')] = ([u, u'], [v, v'])$$

In general $[u+v, u'+v'] = [u, u'] + [v, v'] + \underbrace{[u, v'] + [v, u']}_{\in \mathfrak{g}_1 \cap \mathfrak{g}_2 = \{0\}}$

(ii) \mathfrak{g}_i is simple \Rightarrow

$\phi(\mathfrak{g}_i)$ contains no non trivial ideals.

$$0 \rightarrow \ker(\phi) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{\phi} \phi(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow 0$$

$0 \neq \mathfrak{a} \subsetneq \phi(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{a}) \subsetneq \mathfrak{g}$.
 Hence if $x \in \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{a}), y \in \mathfrak{g}$
 $\phi([x, y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)] \in \mathfrak{a}$
 $\Rightarrow [x, y] \in \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{a})$. if \mathfrak{a} is an ideal of $\phi(\mathfrak{g})$

Hence image of a simple algebra has no nontrivial ideals

If $\phi(\mathfrak{g})$ is 1-dimensional, or $[\phi(\mathfrak{g}), \phi(\mathfrak{g})] = 0$

$\Rightarrow \phi(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$. Hence if $\phi(\mathfrak{g}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \phi(\mathfrak{g})$ is simple. \mathfrak{g}

Hence we have $\phi(\mathfrak{g})$ is simple.

Then if $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_k$

$\phi(\mathfrak{g}) = \phi(\mathfrak{g}_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \phi(\mathfrak{g}_k)$ is semi-simple by below.

Namely the image of semi-simple Lie algebra is semi-simple.

Claim if $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_k$ \mathfrak{g}_i simple

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is semi-simple.

w. L.G we consider it over \mathbb{C} .

$$\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{B}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{B}_k$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{B}(x, y) = 0 \\ \mathfrak{B}(x_i, y_i) = 0 \quad \forall y_i \in \mathfrak{g}_i \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$\forall y \Rightarrow \Rightarrow x_i = 0$$

$$x = \sum x_i$$

$$y = \sum y_i$$