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PRACTICE SESSION 9

1. a) Let  $L$  be a Lie algebra and  $K \leq L$  a subalgebra. Prove that the **normalizer**  $N_L(K) := \{x \in L \mid [x, K] \subseteq K\}$  is a subalgebra in  $L$ .

b) Prove that  $K \triangleleft N_L(K)$ , and  $N_L(K)$  is the biggest subalgebra in  $L$ , where  $K$  is an ideal.

2.a) Prove that the **centralizer**  $C_L(X) := \{a \in L \mid [a, X] = 0\}$  of a subset  $X$  of the Lie algebra  $L$  is a subalgebra in  $L$ .

b) Prove that  $C_L(L) = Z(L)$ .

c) Prove that if  $K \leq L$ ,  $C_L(K) \triangleleft N_L(K)$ .

3.a) Let  $ad : L \rightarrow gl(L)$  be the adjoint representation of the Lie algebra  $L$ . Prove that  $Ker(ad) = Z(L)$ .

b) Prove that if  $L$  is simple then  $ad$  is injective, hence every simple Lie algebra is isomorphic to a linear Lie algebra.

4. Prove that if  $\delta : L \rightarrow L$  is a derivation then  $\delta^n([x, y]) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [\delta^i(x), \delta^{n-i}y]$ .

5.a) Prove that the automorphisms  $Aut(L)$  of a Lie algebra is a group.

b)(HW) Prove that if  $\psi \in Aut(L)$  then  $\psi(ad^i x)\psi^{-1} = ad^i(\psi(x))$

c) Prove that the subgroup of inner automorphisms  $Int(L)$ , namely the subgroup generated by those automorphisms of  $L$  which have the form  $\delta = exp(adx)$ , where  $adx : L \rightarrow L$  is a nilpotent linear transformation, is a normal subgroup in  $Aut(L)$ .

6. Prove that if  $L^i$  is the  $i$ th member of the lower central series of the Lie algebra  $L$  then  $[L^i, L^j] \leq L^{i+j}$ .

7. Prove that  $t(n, F)$  is a solvable Lie algebra, but it is not nilpotent.

8. Prove that  $L^{(i)} \leq L^i$ .

9. Prove that  $n(n, F)$  is a nilpotent Lie algebra.

10.(HW) Prove that the normalizer of  $t(n, F)$  in  $gl(n, F)$  is  $t(n, F)$ , the normalizer of  $d(n, F)$  in  $gl(n, F)$  is  $d(n, F)$  and the normalizer of  $n(n, F)$  in  $gl(n, F)$  is  $t(n, F)$ .

11. Prove that if  $char F = 2$ , then  $sl(2, F)$  is nilpotent.