

Home Work 7

The exercises are all from Humphreys's book on Lie algebras.

1. Let $u \in \text{End}(V)$, where $\dim V < \infty$ and $u = s + n$ be its decomposition into semi-simple and nilpotent parts. Show that $ad_u = ad_s + ad_n$ is the decomposition of ad_u considered as operators in $\text{End}(\text{End}(V))$.
2. Let \mathfrak{U} is a finite dimensional algebra over a field k . Show that $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{U}) \subset \text{End}(\mathfrak{U})$ contains the semi-simple and nilpotent parts of all its elements
3. Using Cartan's criterion, show that a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} such that $\text{Tr}(ad_x ad_y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ is solvable.
4. Let k be a field of prime characteristic $p > 0$. Consider the $p \times p$ matrix A such that $A_{p,1} = 1$ and $A_{i,i+1} = 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ and rest of the entries 0 and $B = \text{diag}(0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1)$. Check that A and B span a two dimensional solvable Lie subalgebra $\mathfrak{gl}(p, k)$. Verify that A and B have no common eigen vector.
5. Let k be a field of characteristic $p \neq 0$. Show that \mathfrak{g} is semi-simple if its Killing form is non-degenerate. Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(3, k)$ and $\text{char}(k) = 3$. Show that the converse fail for $\mathfrak{g}/Z(\mathfrak{g})$
6. Show that (ρ, V) is a representation of a semisimple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , then $\rho(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \mathfrak{sl}(V)$. In particular any one dimensional \mathfrak{g} -module has trivial action.
7. Let $\beta(x, y)$ and $\alpha(x, y)$ be two symmetric associative bilinear forms on a simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . If β and α are non-degenerate, then β and α are proportional.
For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$, then show that $\kappa(x, y) = 2n \text{Tr}(xy)$, for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ where κ is the Cartan-Killing form.
8. Define a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} to be reductive if $Z(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{rad}(\mathfrak{g})$. Show that a representation V of \mathfrak{g} is completely reducible if $Z(\mathfrak{g})$ acts on V by semi-simple endomorphisms.
9. (Preservation of Jordan Decomposition, Humphreys Section 6.4) It was proved in class that derivations of a semi-simple Lie algebra $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g} \subset \text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$ via the adjoint action.
Show using Problem 2, that for any $x \in \mathfrak{g}$, there exists $n, s \in \mathfrak{g}$ such that $ad_x = ad_s + ad_n$ is the decomposition into semi-simple and nilpotent parts in $\text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$.
10. Define an abstract Jordan decomposition of $x = s + n$ where x, s, n as in Problem 9. However if \mathfrak{g} is a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$ for some V , this presents an ambiguity. We will now show that there is no ambiguity in the next steps.
 - (a) Let $\mathfrak{g} \subset \text{End}(V)$ be a semisimple Lie algebra and consider $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ and consider the usual Jordan decomposition $x = s + n$. Then show that $s, n \in N_{\mathfrak{gl}(V)}(\mathfrak{g})$, where N denotes the normalizer.
 - (b) Show that $\mathfrak{g} \subsetneq N_{\mathfrak{gl}(V)}(\mathfrak{g})$.
 - (c) Let W be a \mathfrak{g} submodule of V and define

$$\mathfrak{g}_W := \{y \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) \mid y(W) \subset W \text{ and } \text{Tr}(y|_W) = 0\}.$$
 Show that $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{g}_W$.
 - (d) Define $\mathfrak{g}' := N_{\mathfrak{gl}(V)}(\mathfrak{g}) \cap (\bigcap_W \mathfrak{g}_W)$, where the intersection is taken over all irreducible subrepresentations of W of V . Show that $s, n \in \mathfrak{g}'$.
 - (e) Now using complete reducibility show that $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{g}$.
 - (f) Use this to show that the abstract and the usual Jordan decomposition coincide.
11. Let $\phi : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$ be a representation of a semi-simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . If $x = s + n$ is the abstract Jordan decomposition, then show that $\phi(x) = \phi(s) + \phi(n)$ is the usual Jordan decomposition of $\phi(x)$.