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**Lie algebras with a set grading**

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## Definition

Let  $L$  be an algebra and let  $(G, +)$  be an abelian group. It is said that  $L$  is **group-graded algebra** if we have

$$L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$$

where any  $L_g$  is a linear subspace of  $L$  and where

$$[L_g, L_h] \subset L_{g+h}$$

for any  $g, h \in G$ .

**BY WORKING ON THE SUPPORT OF THE GRADING  
IT IS POSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE  
THE STRUCTURE OF THE WHOLE ALGEBRA  
IN THE CASE OF **GROUP-GRADED LIE ALGEBRAS****

**OBJETIVE**



**EXTEND THE RESULTS ON GROUP-GRADED  
LIE ALGEBRAS TO LIE ALGEBRAS  
GRADED BY AN ARBITRARY SET**

## Definition

Let  $L$  be a Lie algebra and  $I$  an arbitrary (non-empty) set. It is said that  $L$  has a **set grading**, by means of  $I$ , if

$$L = \bigoplus_{i \in I} L_i$$

where any  $L_i$  is a linear subspace satisfying that for any  $j \in I$  either  $[L_i, L_j] = 0$  or  $0 \neq [L_i, L_j] \subset L_k$  for some (unique)  $k \in I$ .

We call **support** of the grading to the set  $\Sigma = \{i \in I : L_i \neq 0\}$ .

We can write

$$L = \bigoplus_{i \in \Sigma} L_i$$

## GENERAL PROCEDURE

Step 1. Define an **equivalence relation**  $\sim$  on  $\Sigma$  (*connection relation*). Consider the set  $\Sigma/\sim := \{[i] : i \in \Sigma\}$ .

Step 2. Associate an adequate **ideal**  $I_{[i]}$  to any  $[i] \in \Sigma/\sim$  satisfying  $[I_{[i]}, I_{[j]}] = 0$  if  $[i] \neq [j]$ .

Step 3. State that  $L = \bigoplus_{[i] \in \Sigma/\sim} I_{[i]}$ .

Step 4. Study when the **simplicity** of  $L$  can be characterized by the connectivity of  $\Sigma$  and show that the above decompositions is by means of the family of the minimal (simple) ideals of  $L$ .

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For each  $i \in \Sigma$ , a new variable  $\bar{i} \notin \Sigma$  is introduced and we denote by

$$\bar{\Sigma} := \{\bar{i} : i \in \Sigma\}$$

the set consisting of all these new symbols.

We will also denote by  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  the power set of a given set  $A$ .

Next, we consider the following operation,

$$\star : (\Sigma \dot{\cup} \overline{\Sigma}) \times (\Sigma \dot{\cup} \overline{\Sigma}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma),$$

given by

- For  $i, j \in \Sigma$ ,

$$i \star j = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & \text{if } [L_i, L_j] = 0; \\ \{k\}, & \text{if } 0 \neq [L_i, L_j] \subset L_k. \end{cases}$$

- For  $i \in \Sigma$  and  $\bar{j} \in \overline{\Sigma}$ ,

$$i \star \bar{j} = \bar{j} \star i = \{k \in \Sigma : 0 \neq [L_k, L_j] \subset L_i\}.$$

- For  $\bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \overline{\Sigma}$ ,

$$\bar{i} \star \bar{j} = \emptyset.$$

In this moment we have to note that sometimes it is interesting to distinguish one element  $o$  in the support of the grading, because the homogeneous space  $L_o$  has, in a sense, a special behavior than the remaining elements in the set of homogeneous spaces  $L_i, i \in \Sigma$ .

Hence, let us now fix an element  $o$  such that either  $o \in \Sigma$  satisfying the property  $o \star i \neq \{o\}$  for any  $i \in \Sigma \setminus \{o\}$ , or  $o = \emptyset$ .

Note that the possibility  $o = \emptyset$  holds for the case in which it is not wished to distinguish any element in  $\Sigma$ .

Finally, we need to introduce the following map:

$$\phi : \mathcal{P}((\Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}) \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}, \bar{\mathfrak{o}}\}) \times (\Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}((\Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}) \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}, \bar{\mathfrak{o}}\}),$$

as

- $\phi(\emptyset, \Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}) = \emptyset$ ,
- For any  $\emptyset \neq \mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{P}((\Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}) \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}, \bar{\mathfrak{o}}\})$  and  $a \in \Sigma \dot{\cup} \bar{\Sigma}$ ,

$$\phi(\mathfrak{A}, a) = ((\bigcup_{x \in \mathfrak{A}} (x \star a)) \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\}) \cup \overline{((\bigcup_{x \in \mathfrak{A}} (x \star a)) \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\})}.$$

## Definition

Let  $i$  and  $j$  be two elements in  $\Sigma \setminus \{\circ\}$ . We say that  $i$  is *connected* to  $j$  if either  $i = j$  or there exists a family

$$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n\} \subset \Sigma \dot{\cup} \overline{\Sigma}$$

satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $a_1 \in \{i, \bar{i}\}$ .
2.  $\phi(\{a_1\}, a_2) \neq \emptyset$ ,  
 $\phi(\phi(\{a_1\}, a_2), a_3) \neq \emptyset$ ,  
 $\phi(\phi(\phi(\{a_1\}, a_2), a_3), a_4) \neq \emptyset$ ,  
 $\dots \dots \dots$   
 $\phi(\phi(\dots (\phi(\{a_1\}, a_2), \dots), a_{n-2}), a_{n-1}) \neq \emptyset$ .
3.  $j \in \phi(\phi(\dots (\phi(\{a_1\}, a_2), \dots), a_{n-1}), a_n)$ .

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Step 2. Associate an adequate **ideal**  $I_{[i]}$  to any  $[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\})/\sim$  satisfying  $[I_{[i]}, I_{[j]}] = 0$  if  $[i] \neq [j]$ .

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- $L_{\mathbf{o},[i]} \subset L_{\mathbf{o}}$  as follows

$$L_{\mathbf{o},[i]} := \left( \sum_{j,k \in [i]} [L_j, L_k] \right) \cap L_{\mathbf{o}},$$

where  $L_{\mathbf{o}} := \{0\}$  whence  $\mathbf{o} = \emptyset$ .

Next, we define

$$V_{[i]} := \bigoplus_{j \in [i]} L_j$$

Finally, we denote by  $I_{[i]}$  the direct sum of the two subspaces above, that is,

$$I_{[i]} := L_{\mathbf{o},[i]} \oplus V_{[i]}.$$

## **Theorem.**

*The following assertions hold.*

1. ***Proposition.***

*For any  $i \in \Sigma \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , the graded linear subspace  $I_{[i]}$  is an ideal of  $L$ .*

2. ***Corollary.***

*If  $L$  is simple, then there exists a connection between any two elements of  $\Sigma \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .*

Step 3. State that  $L = \bigoplus_{[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\})/\sim} I_{[i]}$ .

■ **Theorem.**

A set-graded Lie algebra  $L$  decomposes as

$$L = \mathfrak{u} \oplus \left( \sum_{[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\circ\})/\sim} I_{[i]} \right),$$

where  $\mathfrak{u}$  is a linear complement of  $\sum_{[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\circ\})/\sim} L_{\circ, [i]}$  in  $L_{\circ}$  and any  $I_{[i]}$  is one of the ideals given above. Furthermore

$$[I_{[i]}, I_{[j]}] = 0$$

whenever  $[i] \neq [j]$ .

■ **Corollary.**

If  $\mathbf{o} = \emptyset$ , then

$$L = \bigoplus_{[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\mathbf{o}\}) / \sim} I_{[i]},$$

where any  $I_{[i]}$  is one of the ideals given above.

■ **Corollary.**

Suppose  $L$  is centerless and  $L_{\mathbf{o}}$  is tight, then the set-graded Lie algebra  $L$  decomposes as the direct sum of the ideals given above,

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### Definitions

- We say that  $L$  is of *maximal length* if  $\dim L_i = 1$  for any  $i \in \Sigma \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\}$ .
- We say that  $L$  is  $\Sigma$ -multiplicative if given  $i, j \in \Sigma \setminus \{\mathfrak{o}\}$  such that and  $i \in j \star a$  for some  $a \in \Sigma \dot{\cup} \overline{\Sigma}$  then  $L_i \subset [L_j, L_a + L_{\overline{a}}]$ .

**Theorem.**

- *Let  $L$  be a centerless  $\Sigma$ -multiplicative Lie algebra with a set grading of maximal length and with  $L_0$  tight. Then  $L$  is simple if and only if it has all of the elements in  $\Sigma \setminus \{0\}$  connected.*

**Theorem.**

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**Theorem.**

- Let  $L$  be a centerless  $\Sigma$ -multiplicative Lie algebra with a set grading of maximal length and with  $L_0$  tight. Then  $L$  is the direct sum of the family of its minimal ideals,

$$L = \bigoplus_{[i] \in (\Sigma \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}) / \sim} I_{[i]},$$

each one being a simple Lie algebra with a set grading having all of the elements different to  $\mathbf{0}$  in its support connected.

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