

Last time:

- Def of Lie algebras

- Jacobi identity, derivation and Leibniz rule.

$$[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] = 0$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$[x, [y, z]] = [[x, y], z] + [y, [x, z]]$$

- Examples of Lie algebras.

· associative algebras as Lie algebras,  $[\ ] = \text{commutator}$

$$\cdot \text{End}_k(V) = \mathfrak{gl}(V) = \mathfrak{gl}(k, n) \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{dim } V \\ = \mathfrak{gl}_n(k) \end{array} \right)$$

- Ado's Thm. If  $\text{char } k = 0$ , then all Lie algebras are isomorphic to some subalgebra of a  $\mathfrak{gl}_n(k)$ .

Today. (A) Def of Lie algebra isomorphisms and subalgebras.

(B) More examples of Lie algebras

(C) Def of Lie algebra representation.

A. Def. Let  $\mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2$  be Lie algebras. A Lie algebra homomorphism from  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  to  $\mathfrak{g}_2$  is a linear map  $\varphi: \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2$  s.t.

$$[\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] = \varphi([x, y]) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}_1.$$

A hom  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism if it's an isomorphism of v.s.

Def. A subalgebra of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a subspace  $\mathfrak{g}' \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$  s.t.  $[x, y] \in \mathfrak{g}'$   
 $\forall x, y \in \mathfrak{g}'$ .

B. More examples of Lie algebras.  
(linear)

(a). The special linear algebra  $sl_k(V)$

$$sl_k(V) = \{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) \mid \text{tr}(\varphi) = 0 \} = sl(n, k)$$

It's a subalgebra since  $\text{tr}(\varphi_1 \varphi_2 - \varphi_2 \varphi_1) = \text{tr}(\varphi_1 \varphi_2) - \text{tr}(\varphi_2 \varphi_1) = 0$

Important special case:  $sl_2 = \langle h, e, f \rangle$

A.  $\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$   $\rightarrow$  a basis.

Structure constants:  $[h, e] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2e$

...  $[h, f] = -2f$   $[e, f] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = h$

More generally, if  $\dim V = n$ , then  $\dim \mathfrak{sl}(V) = n^2 - 1$ .

You can easily find a linear basis for  $\mathfrak{sl}(V)$ .

The algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(V) \rightarrow$  also known as the classical/linear Lie algebra of type  $A$ .  $\mathfrak{sl}_k(l+1) \rightarrow A_l$

(bcd) The linear/classical Lie algebras of types B, c, D.

Each of these algebras will arise from a bilinear form and will be a subalgebra of a special linear algebra

We'll compute the symplectic algebra  $C_n$ .

$C_n.$   $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathfrak{gl}(V)$   $\dim V = 2n$

the bilinear form  $\overset{f}{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}$  on  $V$  is given by the Gram matrix

$$S_f = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I_n \\ \hline -I_n & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad S_{ij} = f(v_i, v_j)$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = 'sp(V)' = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) \mid f(\varphi(v), w) = -f(v, \varphi(w)) \forall v, w \in V \right\}$$

Ex: - Check that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is indeed a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$

$$\left( f((\varphi\psi - \psi\varphi)(v), w) = \dots = -f(v, (\varphi\psi - \psi\varphi)(w)) \right)$$

- check that  $\mathfrak{g}$  wouldn't be a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{gl}(V)$  if the  $\ominus$  is missing.

Want: Describe the matrix realization of  $sp(V)$  explicitly. find a basis and the dim.

Recall:  $f(v, w) = v^T S_f w$ .

$$\text{sp}(v) = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) \mid f(\varphi(v), w) = -f(v, \varphi(w)) \right\}$$

$\forall v, w \in V$

fix the basis

S uses

$$\equiv \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}_{2n}(k) \mid [\varphi(v)]^T S w = -[v]^T S [\varphi(w)] \quad \forall v, w \in V \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}_{2n}(k) \mid v^T [\varphi]^T S w = -v^T S [\varphi] w \quad \forall v, w \in W \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{gl}_{2n}(k) \mid [\varphi]^T S = -S [\varphi] \right\}$$

Say  $[\varphi] = \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{bmatrix}$ , then

so  $[\varphi]^T S = \begin{bmatrix} m^t & p^t \\ n^t & q^t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -p^t & m^t \\ -q^t & n^t \end{bmatrix}$

$[\varphi]^T = \begin{bmatrix} m^t & p^t \\ n^t & q^t \end{bmatrix}$  /  $-S [\varphi] = -\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ -m & -n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So } \mathfrak{sp}(V) = \left\{ [\varphi] = \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ p & q \end{bmatrix} \mid p = p^t, n = n^t, \underline{\underline{m^t = -q}} \right\}$$

Ex: Use 1x) to find a basis for  $\mathfrak{sp}(V)$ , then deduce  $\dim \mathfrak{sp}(V)$ .

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$$\text{tr}(\varphi) = 0$$

$$\text{so } \mathfrak{sp}(V) \subseteq \mathfrak{sl}(V)$$

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$$2\mathbb{C}^2 + \mathbb{C}$$

Rank: We could have given  $f$  via a different (conj) Gram matrix,

e.g.  $\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix} & 0 \end{array} \right]$ . This will lead to a different matrix

realization.

The bilinear form for types B and D are given by

$$B: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_e \\ 0 & I_e & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{--- one row} \\ \text{] blocks} \\ \text{one col} \end{array} \quad D: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_e \\ I_e & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

More linear Lie algebras (via matrices).

$$\mathfrak{t}(n, k) = \{ \text{upper triangular } n \times n \text{ matrices} \}$$

$$\eta(n, k) = \{ \text{strictly upper } \Delta \text{ } n \times n \text{ matrices} \} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

etc.

Rule: When dealing with matrices, we'll frequently use the simple fact that  $e_{ij} e_{kl} = \delta_{jk} e_{il}$ .