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Then $h = \exp v$ for some $v \in B(0, r/2)$.

Now $0 < \|v\| < r/2$ and hence there is

$n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ with $\frac{r}{2} < n\|v\| < r$.

But then $\exp(nv) \in \exp(B(0, r)) \setminus U$

$\exp(v)^n$

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a contradiction. \square

II.5. Cartan's theorem on closed subgroups.

Thm. II.5⁴ Let G be a Lie group and $H < G$ a closed subgroup. Then H is a regular submanifold and hence a Lie group.

Lemma II.5.4 Let $\mathfrak{g} = V \oplus W$ be a direct sum decomposition of vector space and π_V, π_W the canonical projections on V, W .

Then $\varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}$

$$\xi \mapsto \exp_{\mathfrak{G}}^{\pi_V}(\xi) \exp_{\mathfrak{G}}^{\pi_W}(\xi)$$

satisfies $D_0 \varphi = \text{Id}_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

Proof: Write φ as the composition of the following

maps:

$$L: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}, \quad \exp_{\mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G}}: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G}$$

$$\xi \mapsto (\pi_A(\xi), \pi_B(\xi)) \quad (x, y) \mapsto (\exp_{\mathfrak{G}}(x), \exp_{\mathfrak{G}}(y))$$

and $m: \mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}$
 $(g, h) \mapsto gh$.

We have $D_0 L = L$, $D_{(0,0)} \exp_{\mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G}} = \text{Id}_{\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}}$

and $D_{(0,0)} m(x, y) = x + y$. Thus:

$$D_0 \varphi(\xi) = \pi_A(\xi) + \pi_B(\xi) = \xi. \quad \square$$

Proof of Thm II.53 :

$\exp_G^{-1}(H)$ is a closed subset of \mathfrak{g} over

we consider its "tangent $\hat{\alpha}_H$ " at 0 :

fix a norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathfrak{g} and let $\pi: \mathfrak{g} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow S$ be

~~$W = \{0\} \cup \left\{ \xi \in \mathfrak{g} \setminus \{0\} : \right.$~~

the projection on the unit sphere S .

$$W = \{0\} \cup \left\{ \xi \in \mathfrak{g} \setminus \{0\} : \begin{array}{l} \text{there exists a} \\ \text{sequence } (v_n)_{n \geq 1} \text{ in } \exp_G^{-1}(H) \setminus \{0\} \\ \text{with } \lim v_n = 0 \text{ and } \lim_n \pi(v_n) \\ = \pi(\xi) \end{array} \right\}$$

[Picture] Observe that $\forall \xi \in W, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, t\xi \in W$.

(1) $\exp_G(W) \subset H$: $\exp_G(0) = e \in H$.

Let $\xi \in W, \xi \neq 0$; ~~observe that~~ and

let $(v_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be as in the definition of W :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_n}{\|v_n\|} = \frac{\xi}{\|\xi\|} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim v_n = 0.$$

That is $\xi = \lim_n \frac{\|\xi\|}{\|v_n\|} v_n$

Let $a_n = \left[\frac{\|\xi\|}{\|v_n\|} \right]$ be the integer part

of $\frac{\|\xi\|}{\|v_n\|}$. We claim:

$$\xi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n v_n.$$

Indeed: $\left\| \frac{\|\xi\|}{\|v_n\|} v_n - a_n v_n \right\| = \left\| \left(\frac{\|\xi\|}{\|v_n\|} - a_n \right) v_n \right\|$

$$\leq \|v_n\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus $\exp_c(\xi) = \lim \exp_c(a_n v_n)$
 $= \lim \underbrace{(\exp_c(v_n))^{a_n}}_{\in H}$

is in H since H is closed.

(2) W is a vector subspace of \mathfrak{g} :

Let $\xi \neq 0, \eta \neq 0, \xi + \eta \neq 0$ (WLOG).

Then $\exp t\xi \exp t\eta \in H$ and we consider

$$u(t) := \exp_c^{-1}(\exp t\xi \exp t\eta) \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Since $D_0 \exp_G = \text{Id}$ we have:

$$u'(0) = \xi + \eta.$$

Thus: $\xi + \eta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u(1/n)}{1/n}$, and ~~$\exp_G^{-1}(u(1/n))$~~

~~$u(1/n) \in W$~~ . This shows $u(1/n) \in \exp_G^{-1}(H) \setminus \{0\}$.

This shows $\xi + \eta \in W$.

~~Let~~

(3). There is $U \ni 0$ open subset of \mathfrak{g} and a diffeo $\Phi: U \rightarrow \Phi(U) \subset G$ onto an open subset of G s.t. $\Phi(U \cap W) = \Phi(U) \cap H$.

Let W' be a complement of W :

$$\mathfrak{g} = W + W'$$

and let $V \ni 0$ be open such that

$$\Phi: V \rightarrow G$$

$$\xi \mapsto \exp_W^{-1}(\xi) \exp_{W'}^{-1}(\xi)$$

is a diffeo onto an open subset of G .

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Observe that $\overline{\Phi}(V \cap W) \subset H \cap \overline{\Phi}(V)$.

Assume by contradiction that there is a decreasing sequence $o \in U_n \subset U_{n-1} \subset V$ of open subsets such that

$$(1) \overline{\Phi}(U_n \cap W) \not\subset \overline{\Phi}(U_n) \cap H$$

$$(2) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n = \{o\}.$$

Thus there is $u_n = v_n + v'_n \in U_n$ with

$v_n \in W$, $v'_n \in W'$ ~~and~~ $v'_n \neq 0$ and

$$\exp_{p_0}(v_n) \exp_{p_0}(v'_n) \in H.$$

Thus $\exp_{p_0}(v'_n) \in H \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

Clearly $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v'_n = 0$ and we may assume

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi(v'_n) = \xi.$$

But then $\xi \in W \cap W' = \{0\}$ and $\xi \neq 0$

a contradiction.

(4) Thus we get a local chart at o and hence everywhere. \square

Here is a Corollary:

Cor. II.56 Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ be a continuous homomorphism of Lie groups. Then φ is smooth.

Proof: Graph $\varphi = \{ (g, \varphi(g)) : g \in G \}$ is a closed subgroup of $G \times H$ hence a smooth submanifold. The projection $p_G: G \times H \rightarrow G$ induces a smooth bijective homom.

$$p_G \Big|_{\text{Graph}(\varphi)} \longrightarrow G \quad (*)$$

Observe that if $\psi: L \rightarrow G$ is a smooth hom., it follows from $\psi(\exp_L t x) = \exp_G(t D\psi(x))$ that if ψ is injective, $D_x \psi$ is as well. This implies that L has a smooth inverse and hence ψ is smooth as the composition of:

$$G \xrightarrow{(p_G|_{\text{Graph}(\varphi)})^{-1}} \text{Graph}(\varphi) \xrightarrow{p_H} H \quad \square$$

The exponential map was an essential tool to show that closed subgroups of Lie groups are Lie groups. It is a tool as well in the following:

Thm II.57. Let $G \subset \mathbb{C} \subset$ Lie group and $H \subset G$ a closed subgroup. Then G/H admits the structure of a smooth manifold such that the action $G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$ is smooth and the projection $\pi: G \rightarrow G/H$ is a fibration.

The idea of proof is: choose a complement $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g}$, $\text{Lie } H = \mathfrak{h}$ and show that $\exists V \ni 0$ open, $V \subset \mathfrak{g}$ s.t.

$$\pi \circ \exp|_V : V \rightarrow G/H$$

is a homeomorphism on an open neighborhood of $e \in G/H$ and

$$\begin{aligned} V \times H &\longrightarrow \pi^{-1}(\pi(\exp V)) \\ (x, h) &\longmapsto \exp(x)h \end{aligned}$$

is a diffeo.

II.6. The adjoint representation.

Let G be a Lie group; $k = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$.

Def. II.58 A representation of G is a continuous hom. $\pi: G \rightarrow GL(n, k)$.

A representation is hence smooth and gives rise to a Lie algebra hom.

$$D_e \pi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow gl(n, k).$$

We have then:

Lemma II.59 (1) For every $v \in V$,

$$\mathcal{I}_v = \{ g \in G : \pi(g)v = v \} \text{ is a closed}$$

subgroup and

$$\text{Lie}(\mathcal{I}_v) = \{ X \in \mathfrak{g} : d\pi(X)v = 0 \}.$$

(2) Given a subspace $W \subset V$

$$\mathcal{I}_W = \{ g \in G : \pi(g)W \subset W \} \text{ is a closed subgr.}$$

$$\text{with Lie algebra: } = \{ X \in \mathfrak{g} : d\pi(X)W \subset W \}.$$

Proof: (1) $\text{Lie } \Gamma_0 = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} : \exp t x \in \Gamma_0 \ \forall t\}$

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathfrak{g} : \underbrace{\pi(\exp t x)}_v = v \right. \\ \left. \text{Exp}(t d\pi(x)) v = v \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ v \in \mathfrak{g} : d\pi(x) v = 0 \right\}.$$

(2) Analogous.

□

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Recall that every $g \in G$ gives a smooth auto.:

$$\text{int}(g) : G \rightarrow G \\ h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$$

Since $\text{int}(g)(e) = e$, $D_e \text{int}(g) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is

a Lie algebra automorphism, and since

$$\text{int}(gh) = \text{int}(g) \text{int}(h)$$

the chain rule implies that $g \mapsto D_e \text{int}(g)$

defines a representation $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(\mathfrak{g})$.

Def. II.60(1) The adjoint representation of

the Lie group G is $\text{Ad}(g) := D_e \text{int}(g)$.

(2) The adjoint representation of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is $\text{ad}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$ given by $\text{ad} = D_e \text{Ad}$.

By Cor. II.48 we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{\text{int}_{\mathcal{G}}(\cdot)} & \mathcal{G} \\
 \uparrow \exp_c & & \uparrow \exp_c \\
 \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(\cdot)} & \mathfrak{g}
 \end{array}$$

~~$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{G} & \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}} & \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g}) \\
 \uparrow \exp_c & & \uparrow \text{Exp} \\
 \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} & \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})
 \end{array}$$~~

Remark II.61: $G < GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ closed subgroup
 $\mathfrak{g} = \text{its Lie algebra}$.

Then $\text{Ad}(\mathfrak{g})X = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^{-1}$ $X \in \mathfrak{g}, g \in G$.

Indeed: $M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{n,n}(\mathbb{R})$
 $h \mapsto g h g^{-1}$

is a linear map.

Prop. II.62: If G is a Lie group with Lie

Algebra \mathfrak{g} : $\text{ad}(x)(Y) = [x, Y]$, $x, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$.

Proof:

We have

$$\text{Exp } t \text{ad}(x) = I + t \text{ad}(x) + \frac{t^2}{2!} (\text{ad}(x))^2 + \dots$$

~~Here $\text{ad}(x) =$~~
 $= \text{Ad}(\text{exp } t x)$

So $\{ \text{Ad}(\text{exp } t x)(Y) \}^L(f)$

$$= Y^L(f) + t (\text{ad}(x)(Y))^L(f) + O(t^2)$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ad}(x)(Y))^L(f)(0) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \{ \text{Ad}(\text{exp } t x)(Y) \}^L(f)(0) \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} f(\text{exp } s \cdot \text{Ad}(\text{exp } t x)(Y)) \end{aligned}$$

\implies

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$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} f(g \exp tX \exp sY \exp(-tX))$$

$$= \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f(g \exp tX \exp sY)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} f(g \exp sY \exp tX)$$

$$= (X^L Y^L)(f)(g) - (Y^L X^L)(f)(g)$$

$$= [X, Y]^L(f)(g). \quad \square$$

Corollary II.63 Let G be a Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Then \mathfrak{g} is abelian $\iff G^0$ is abelian.

~~Proof: (\implies) \mathfrak{g} abelian: then $\text{ad}(X) = 0 \quad \forall X$~~

~~hence $\text{Exp } t \text{ad}(X) = \text{Id} \quad \forall t, \forall X$~~

~~$\text{Ad}(\exp tX)$~~

~~So $\text{Ad}(\exp X)(Y) = Y \quad \forall Y$~~

~~$\implies \text{Int}(\exp X)(\exp Y) = \exp Y \quad \forall X, \forall Y$~~

Apply Lemma I.55 (1) to the adjoint rep.:

If for $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ we set

$$Z_c(x) = \{ g \in \mathfrak{g} : \text{Ad}(g)x = x \}$$

$$Z_{\mathfrak{g}}(x) = \{ Y \in \mathfrak{g} : [Y, x] = 0 \}.$$

Then $\text{Lie } Z_c(x) = Z_{\mathfrak{g}}(x)$.

Thus \mathfrak{g} is abelian $\Leftrightarrow \text{Lie } Z_c(x) = \mathfrak{g} \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$\Leftrightarrow Z_c(x) = \mathfrak{g} \quad \forall x.$$

But now: if $\text{Ad}(g)x = x$, we have

$$g(\exp x)g^{-1} = \exp x.$$

Thus $Z_c(x) = \mathfrak{g} \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is abelian. \square

Next:

Def. A subalgebra $\mathfrak{n} < \mathfrak{g}$ is an ideal, denoted $\mathfrak{n} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$, if $\text{ad}(x)(\mathfrak{n}) \subset \mathfrak{n} \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$.

Corollaire II.64 Let N be a Lie subgroup of G with Lie algebra \mathfrak{n} . Then

$$\mathfrak{n} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g} \iff N^\circ \text{ is a normal subgroup of } G^\circ.$$

Proof: May assume G and N connected.

$$\text{Then } S_{\mathfrak{n}} = \{ g \in G : \text{Ad}(g)(\mathfrak{n}) \subset \mathfrak{n} \}$$

is a closed subgroup with Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{n}} = \{ x \in \mathfrak{g} : \text{ad}(x)(\mathfrak{n}) \subset \mathfrak{n} \}.$$

~~Then~~

$$\text{Then: } \mathfrak{n} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g} \iff (S_{\mathfrak{n}})^\circ = G$$

Now: $\text{Ad}(g)(x) \in \mathfrak{n}$ means that

$$\exp(t \text{Ad}(g)x) \in N \quad \forall t$$

$$\iff g(\exp tx)g^{-1} \in N \quad \forall t.$$

Thus $(S_{\mathfrak{n}})^\circ = G \iff N = G$ since N is connected. \square

In Lie algebras ideals play a role analogous to the one played in group theory by normal sub.

Namely:

(1) If $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ is a Lie algebra hom.

then $\text{Ker } \rho$ is an ideal in \mathfrak{g} .

(2) If $\mathfrak{R} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$ is an ideal, then on

the quotient vector space $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{R}$ there is a Lie algebra structure such that the can-

proj. $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{R}$

is a Lie algebra hom.

The structure is given by:

$$[X + \mathfrak{R}, Y + \mathfrak{R}] = [X, Y] + \mathfrak{R} \quad (*)$$

The fact that \mathfrak{R} is an ideal makes (*) well defined.

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Coroll. II. 65. In the situation of Cor. II. 64
if $N \triangleleft G$ is closed, G/N has a Lie group
structure with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{n}$.

Chapter III Structure Theory.

III.1. Solvable Lie algebras and Lie groups.

Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra.

Def. III.1 A derivation of \mathfrak{g} is an endomorphism $D \in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$ such that

$$D([X, Y]) = [DX, Y] + [X, DY] \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

Denoting $\text{Der } \mathfrak{g}$ the vector space of derivations one verifies:

Lemma III.2 (1) $\text{Der } \mathfrak{g}$ is a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{g})$ for the bracket $[D_1, D_2] = D_1 D_2 - D_2 D_1$.

(2) $\forall X \in \mathfrak{g} : \text{ad}(X) \in \text{Der } \mathfrak{g}$.

The first is a direct verification and the second is a restatement of the Jacobi identity.

Def. III.3. A subspace $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is a characteristic ideal if $\mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \mathfrak{h} \quad \forall \mathfrak{D} \in \mathfrak{D} \mathfrak{g}$.

It follows from lemma III.2.(2) that a characteristic ideal is an ideal. A fundamental example of characteristic ideal is given by:

$$[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] := \text{linear span of the set } \left\{ [X, Y] : \begin{array}{l} X, Y \in \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\}$$

of all brackets of elements of \mathfrak{g} . Since for any derivation \mathfrak{D} : $\mathfrak{D}([X, Y]) = [\mathfrak{D}X, Y] + [X, \mathfrak{D}Y]$,

it follows that $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$ is a characteristic ideal of \mathfrak{g} . We define then inductively:

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}], \quad \mathfrak{g}^{(2)} = [\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(1)}], \dots$$

~~Def. III.4 $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(2)}, \dots$~~

One shows easily by recurrence that $\mathfrak{g}^{(i)}$ is a characteristic ideal in \mathfrak{g} .

A fundamental property of $[g, g]$ is:

Lemma III.4 (1) The quotient algebra $g/[g, g]$ is abelian.

(2) For any Lie algebra hom.

$\varphi: g \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ with \mathfrak{A} abelian, we have

$\text{Ker } \varphi \supset [g, g]$.

Proof: (1) $[x + [g, g], y + [g, g]] = [x, y] + [g, g]$
 $= 0 + [g, g]$.

(2) Since $\varphi([x, y]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] = 0$

$\forall x, y \in g$, we get $[g, g] \subset \text{Ker } \varphi$. \square

Def. III.5 (1) $g^{(0)} \supset g^{(1)} \supset \dots$ is the derived series of g .

(2) g is solvable if $g^{(k)} = 0$

for some $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

The following is a convenient criterion for solvability:

Prop. III. 6 A Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is solvable iff there exists a descending chain of subalgs.

$$\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \mathfrak{g}_2 \supset \dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_n = 0$$

such that

$$(1) \mathfrak{g}_{i+1} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}_i \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

$$(2) \mathfrak{g}_i / \mathfrak{g}_{i+1} \text{ is abelian.}$$

Proof: (\Rightarrow) The derived series does the job.

(\Leftarrow) We have ~~$[\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_i] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{i+1}$~~

$$[\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_i] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{i+1} .$$

Starting with $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \subset \mathfrak{g}_1$ one

concludes by recurrence that $\mathfrak{g}^{(i)} \subset \mathfrak{g}_i$

and hence $\mathfrak{g}^{(n+1)} = 0$. \square

We deduce that subalgebras and quotients of solvable algebras are solvable.

Cor. II. 7 Let (1) \mathfrak{g} subalg. of \mathfrak{g} . Then \mathfrak{g} solv. implies \mathfrak{g} solvable.

(2) Let $\mathfrak{n} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$. Then \mathfrak{g} is solvable $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{n}$ and $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{n}$ are.

Proof: (1) By recurrence $\mathfrak{g}^{(i)} \subset \mathfrak{g}^{(i-1)}$.

(2) (\Rightarrow) clear.

(\Leftarrow) Let $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{n} \supset \mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \mathfrak{g}_2 \supset \dots \supset \mathfrak{g}_r = \{0\}$

be a chain of successive ideals $\mathfrak{g}_{i+1} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}_i$ with

$\mathfrak{g}_i/\mathfrak{g}_{i+1}$ abelian. Let

$$p: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{n}$$

and $\mathfrak{g}_i := p^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}_i)$. Then $\mathfrak{g}_{i+1} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}_i$

and $\mathfrak{g}_i/\mathfrak{g}_{i+1} \cong \mathfrak{g}_i/\mathfrak{g}_{i+1}$ which is abelian.

Now complete the chain $\mathfrak{g} \supset \mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \dots \supset \mathfrak{g}_r = \mathfrak{n}$

by a chain for \mathfrak{n} as in the definition of solvability. \square

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Example III.8 Let k be any field and

$$\mathfrak{g} := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & * & \\ & 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & & * \end{pmatrix} : * \in k \right\} \subset M_{n,n}(k).$$

Then one verifies that

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(2)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 0 & * & \\ & 0 & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ etc.}$$

so that $\mathfrak{g}^{(n)} = 0$.

Def. III.8 Let G be a connected Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Then G is solvable if \mathfrak{g} is solvable.

Caution: There is a notion of solvability that is defined for all groups, e.g. for finite groups in the context of Galois theory. Fortunately both notions agree for connected Lie groups.

Prop. 11.9 Let G be a connected Lie group.

Then G is solvable iff there is a sequence of closed subgroups

$$G \supset G_1 \supset G_2 \dots \supset G_k = \{e\}$$

with (1) $G_{i+1} \triangleleft G_i$

(2) G_i / G_{i+1} is abelian.

Proof (\Leftarrow) (exercise)

For $g \neq 0$:
(\Rightarrow) Define $\rho(g) := k \geq 1$ s.t.

$$g^{(k-1)} \neq 0 \text{ and } g^{(k)} = 0.$$

We prove (\Rightarrow) by recurrence on $\rho(g)$.

If $\rho(g) = 1$, $[g, g] = 0$, i.e. g is abelian and so is G , since G is connected.

Assume $k = \rho(g) \geq 2$. Let G_{k-1} be the connected Lie subgroup corresponding to $g^{(k-1)}$.

Since $g^{(k-1)}$ is abelian so is G_{k-1} and

since $g^{(k-1)} \triangleleft g$ we have $G_{k-1} \triangleleft G$.

Thus $H := \overline{G_{n-1}}$ is abelian, normal, closed and its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h} \supset \mathfrak{g}^{(k-1)}$.

Then the connected Lie group G/H has Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}$ and since $\mathfrak{h} \supset \mathfrak{g}^{(k-1)}$ this implies $\dim(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}) \leq k-1$.

Thus there are $G/H \supset L_1 \supset \dots \supset L_j = \{e\}$

$j \leq k-1$, closed, $L_{i+1} \triangleleft L_i$ and L_i/L_{i+1}

abelian. ~~Now let~~ Define then

$$E_1 = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}(L_1), \dots, E_j = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}(L_j) = H \supset \mathfrak{E}_{j+1}$$



There are two fundamental thems of Lie on ~~the~~ solvability, one concerning Lie groups, the other concerning Lie algebras over fields of characteristic zero.

Thm III. 10

Let G be a (connected) solvable Lie group, and $\pi: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ a representation

where V is a finite dimensional \mathbb{C} -vector space. Then there is a basis in which $\pi(G)$ consists of upper triangular matrices.

The proof will use the fundamental concept of weight. Let $\pi: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ be a representation where V is a \mathbb{C} -v.s.

Def. III.11: A weight of π is a homomorphism $\chi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$

such that $V_\chi = \{v \in V : \pi(g)v = \chi(g)v, \forall g \in G\} \neq 0$.

The main step in Thm III.10 is:

Thm. III.12 Let G be a (conn.) solvable Lie group. Then every representation $\pi: G \rightarrow GL(V)$, $\dim V \geq 1$ admits a weight.

We will need the following consequence of ?

Corollary III.13 Every connected solvable Lie group L is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{S}^1{}^m$.

Proof: We saw that $\exp_L : \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow L$

induces an isom. $\mathfrak{L} / \Gamma \xrightarrow{\sim} L$

where $\Gamma = \ker \exp_L$ is a discrete subgroup of \mathfrak{L} . Now ~~there exists a basis~~

~~of \mathfrak{L} such that~~

~~either $\Gamma = \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{L} \cong \mathbb{R}^l$ or~~

either $\Gamma = \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{L} \cong \mathbb{R}^l$ or there is a basis e_1, \dots, e_l of \mathfrak{L} and

$1 \leq m \leq l$ with $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}e_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}e_m$. Then

$$\mathfrak{L} / \Gamma \cong \left(\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z} \right)^m \times \mathbb{R}^{l-m} \quad \square$$

Lemma III.14 Assume G connected solvable.

Then there is $H \triangleleft G$, ^{closed} connected, solvable,

with $\dim H = \dim G - 1$.

Proof: Take $G_1 \triangleleft G$ as in proposition

III.9. Then by Coroll. III.13

$$G/G_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times (S^1)^m$$

Let L be the inverse image in G of $\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times (S^1)^m$ or $\mathbb{R}^n \times (S^1)^{m-1}$. Then

$L \triangleleft G$, is closed, solvable, with $\dim L = \dim G - 1$. Now set $\mathfrak{h} := L^\circ$. □

Lemma III.15 $\pi: G \rightarrow G/L(V)$ a repr.

with derivative $d\pi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

For $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, v is eigenvector of $d\pi(X)$
with e.v. $\lambda \iff v$ is eigenvector of $\exp tX$
with e.v. $e^{t\lambda} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: Exercise. □

Proof of Thm III. 12

By recurrence on $\dim G$.

If $\dim G = 1$, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{R} \cdot X$. Now pick $v \neq 0$ eigenvector of $d\pi(X)$ and conclude by Lemma III. 15.

Assume $\dim G \geq 2$, and pick $H \in G$ as in Lemma III. 14. By recurrence, let

$$\chi: \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$$

be a weight of $\mathfrak{g}|_{\mathfrak{h}}$. We claim that

$$V_\chi = \left\{ v \in V : \pi(h)v = \chi(h)v \quad \forall h \in \mathfrak{h} \right\}$$

is G -invariant. We have for $g \in G$, $h \in \mathfrak{h}$,

$$v \in V_\chi:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(h) \pi(g)v &= \pi(g) \underbrace{\pi(\bar{g}^{-1}hg)}_{\chi(\bar{g}^{-1}hg)} v \\ &= \chi(\bar{g}^{-1}hg) \pi(g)v. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for h fixed, $G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^x$
 $g \mapsto \chi(\bar{g}^{-1}hg)$

takes values in $\text{Spec}(\pi(h)) \subset \mathbb{C}^x$, finite subset. Since G is connected we have

$$\chi(\bar{g}^{-1}hg) = \chi(h), \quad \forall g, \forall h.$$

Thus V_x is $\pi(G)$ -invariant. Now write

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{R}x + \mathfrak{h}$$

and let $v_0 \in V_x$, $v_0 \neq 0$ be an eigenvector for $d\pi(x)$ of eigenvalue λ_0 .

Observe that $\forall H \in \mathfrak{h}$,

$$d\pi(H)v_0 = d\chi(H)v_0.$$

~~This is an eigenvector $\forall H \in \mathfrak{h}$.~~

$$\text{Setting } \lambda(a x + H) = a\lambda_0 + d\chi(H)$$

We have $\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}^* = \text{Lin}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C})$

and $\forall \Gamma \in \mathfrak{g}$, $\chi(\exp t\Gamma)v_0 = e^{t\lambda(\Gamma)}v_0$

which since G is connected shows that $\pi(G) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \cdot 1 = \mathbb{C} \cdot \mathbb{1}$, which shows that π has a weight. \square

Thm III.10 Proof :

By recurrence on $\dim V$.

If $\dim V = 1$ the assertion is clear.

Assume $\dim V \geq 2$ and let $\chi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ be a weight of π with weight space $V_\chi \neq 0$.

Let $e_1 \in V_\chi$, $e_1 \neq 0$. Then $\mathbb{C}e_1$

is an invariant line and on $V/\mathbb{C}e_1$ we

can define $\pi_1(g)(v + \mathbb{C}e_1) = \pi(g)v + \mathbb{C}e_1$.

This gives a well defined representation of G

in $V/\mathbb{C}e_1$. Let then e_2, \dots, e_n be vectors in

V such that $e_2 + \mathbb{C}e_1, \dots, e_n + \mathbb{C}e_1$ is a basis

of $V/\mathbb{C}e_1$ wrt π_1 is upper triangular.

But then π is upper triangular in the
basis e_1, \dots, e_n . □