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This thesis is concerned with the central extensions of nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras. The researcher has used the Skjelbred and Sund's method to construct all the 6-dimensional non-isomorphic Lie algebras over complex numbers.

Skjelbred and Sund have published in 1977 their method of constructing all nilpotent Lie algebras of dimension n introducing those algebras of dimension $< n$, and their automorphism groups. The deployed method in classifying nilpotent Lie algebras for dimension n is necessarily comprised of two main steps. For the first step, a plausibly redundant list of Lie algebras was confirmed which included all n -dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras. The next step is to discard the isomorphic copies generated from the list of Lie algebras.

By then, the n -dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras are confirmed as central extension of nilpotent Lie algebras for smaller dimensions. As the result, the



action of the automorphism group is deployed to drastically decrease the number of isomorphic Lie algebras which may appear in the final list. The maple program is by then deployed to discard the final isomorphic copies from the calculation. Based on the elaborated method, the researcher must find center of Lie algebras then derived algebras.

In order to locate a basis for second cohomology group of Lie algebras, the researcher must locate cocycles as well as coboundary. Further, there is the requirement to locate the most appropriate action for finding orbits. By then, every orbit will submit a representative that is illustrated by θ .

The following description illustrates the most significant part of the deployed method: Suppose g is an n -dimensional Lie algebra on complex number \mathbb{C} , where for every 2-cocycle in the space of second cohomology group, there is a central extension $g(\theta) = g \oplus V$ of g by V constituted the way it is explained. On the vector space $g \oplus V$, define a Lie product $[\cdot, \cdot]_\theta$ by $[(x, v), (y, w)]_\theta = ([x, y]_g, \theta(x, y))$ for all $x, y \in g$ and $v, w \in V$. Thus, for every located, constitute $g(\theta)$. Once done, the isomorphic constitutes must be removed.

The researcher has deployed this method for classification of nilpotent Leibniz algebras with minor modification. A detailed illustration of this method will be given in Chapter 2. The researcher has presented the most comprehensive description comprised of necessary details for the prospective researchers to pursue.



In the third Chapter, by using this method the researcher was able to classify nilpotent Lie algebras of dimensions 3, 4, and 5 over complex numbers which were all required to calculate the 6–dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras.

In the fourth Chapter the same procedure has been utilized to the classification of 6–dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras over complex numbers.

In the Chapter 5, the modified of Skjelbred and Sund’s method has been used for classifying filiform Leibniz algebras of dimension 5 over complex numbers.

In particular, some examples of classification of 5–dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras are provided.

For the final chapter, Chapter six, the researcher has presented a comparison of his constituted list with the list of Beck and Kolman. The researcher has provided recommendations and suggestions for further research at the end of chapter six for interested researchers.



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Tesis ini berkaitan dengan pengembangan berpusat aljabar Lie dan Leibniz nilpoten. Penyelidik menggunakan kaedah Skejelbred dan Sund untuk membina kesemua aljabar Lie berdimensi 6 dan tidak berisomorfisma terhadap nombor kompleks.

Skjelbred dan Sund telah menerbitkan pada 1977 kaedah mereka di dalam membina kesemua aljabar Lie nilpoten berdimensi n , memperkenalkan aljabar tersebut untuk dimensi $< n$, dan kumpulan automorfisma mereka. Kaedah yang digunapakai di dalam mengelaskan aljabar Lie nilpoten berdimensi n perlu mempunyai 2 langkah penting. Langkah pertama, satu senarai aljabar Lie nilpoten perlu disahkan yang mana ia mempunyai kesemua aljabar Lie nilpoten berdimensi n . Langkah seterusnya adalah untuk menyingkirkan salinan isomorfik yang dihasilkan daripada senarai aljabar Lie.



Dengan itu, aljabar Lie nilpoten berdimensi n akan disahkan sebagai pengembangan berpusat daripada aljabar Lie nilpoten berdimensi yang lebih kecil. Kesannya, gerak kerja kumpulan automorfisma digunapakai untuk mengurangkan jumlah aljabar Lie dengan cepat yang mana akan ditunjukkan di dalam bab terakhir. Di sini, pengaturcaraan MAPLE kemudiannya digunapakai untuk menyingkirkan salinan isomorfik terakhir daripada pengiraan. Berdasarkan kaedah yang panjang lebar, penyelidik perlu mencari pusat aljabar Lie dan kemudiannya menemui aljabar.

Untuk mengesan asas kumpulan kohomoloji kedua bagi aljabar Lie, penyelidik perlu mengesan cocycles (samakitaran) dan juga samasempadan. Seterusnya, terdapat keperluan untuk mengesan tindakan yang paling sesuai untuk mencari orbit. Selanjutnya, setiap orbit akan menyediakan sebuah wakil yang akan diterangkan oleh θ .

Keterangan seterusnya menerangkan bahagian yang paling penting di dalam kaedah yang digunapakai. Jika g adalah satu aljabar Lie berdimensi n terhadap nombor kompleks, di mana untuk setiap samakitaran 2 di dalam ruang kumpulan kohomoloji kedua, terdapat satu pengembangan berpusat $g(\theta) = g \oplus V$ bagi θ oleh V yang dibentuk sebagaimana ia diterangkan. Untuk ruang vektor $g \oplus V$, ditakrifkan hasil darab Lie $[\cdot, \cdot]_\theta$ sebagai $[(x, v), (y, w)]_\theta = ([x, y]_g, \theta(x, y))$ bagi semua $x, y \in g$ dan $v, w \in V$. Oleh itu, untuk sebarang $g(\theta)$ yang dikesan dan dibentuk. Apabila selesa, isomorfik perlu dibuang.

Penyelidik menggunakan kaedah ini untuk pengelasan aljabar Lie nilpoten



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Chapter Outline

In this chapter we introduce some basic definitions and notations from the theory of Lie algebras that are used throughout the thesis. Most of them can be found in any standard books on Lie algebras for example [12], [20], [22] and [31].

1.2 Basic Definitions and Knowledge

We begin with the definitions of vector space V , algebra and derivation of algebra.

Definition 1.2.1. *A vector space is a set V on which two operations $+$ and \cdot are defined, called vector addition and scalar multiplication. The operation $+$ (vector addition) must satisfy the following conditions:*

Closure: *If u and v are any vectors in V , then the sum $u + v \in V$.*

Commutative law: *For all vectors u and v in V , $u + v = v + u$.*

Associative law: *For all vectors u, v, w , in V , $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$.*

Additive identity: *The set V contains an additive identity elements, denoted by 0 , such that for any vector v in V , $0 + v = v$ and $v + 0 = v$.*

Additive inverses: *For each vector v in V , the equations $v + x = 0$*



and $x + v = 0$ have a solution x in V , called an additive inverse of v , and denoted by $-v$.

The operation (scalar multiplication) is defined between complex numbers (or scalar) and vectors, must satisfy the following conditions:

Closure: If v is any vector in V , and c is any complex number, then the product $c \cdot v$ belong to V .

Distributive law: For all complex numbers c and vectors u, v in V ,

$$c \cdot (u + v) = c \cdot u + c \cdot v.$$

Distributive law: For all complex numbers c, d and vector v in V ,

$$(c + d) \cdot v = c \cdot v + d \cdot v.$$

Associative law: For all complex number c, d and all vectors v in V ,

$$c \cdot (d \cdot v) = (c \cdot d) \cdot v.$$

Unitary law: For all vectors v in V , $1 \cdot v = v$.

Definition 1.2.2. A is called an algebra over the field \mathbb{C} if A is a vector space over \mathbb{C} , such that $f : A \times A \longrightarrow A$ and

$$f(\alpha a + \beta b, c) = \alpha f(a, c) + \beta f(b, c)$$

$$f(a, \gamma b + \delta c) = \gamma f(a, b) + \delta f(a, c)$$

for $a, b, c \in A$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$.



Definition 1.2.3. Let A be any algebra over a field F ($F = \mathbb{C}$), and define a derivation of A as a linear operator D on A satisfying

$$(xy)D = (xD)y + x(yD), \forall x, y \in A.$$

Definition 1.2.4. Let G be a group and let X be a set. A left group action is a function $\cdot : G \times X \longrightarrow X$ such that:

$$1_G \cdot x = x \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

$$(g_1g_2) \cdot x = g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot x) \text{ for } g_1, g_2 \in G \text{ and } x \in X.$$

A right group action is a function $\cdot : X \times G \longrightarrow X$ such that

$$x \cdot 1_G = x \text{ for all } x \in X,$$

$$x \cdot (g_1g_2) = (x \cdot g_1) \cdot g_2 \text{ for } g_1, g_2 \in G \text{ and } x \in X.$$

1.3 Introduction and Methodology

This thesis is concerned with the classification of 6–dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras. Some examples of classification of 5–dimensional nilpotent Leibniz algebras are also provided.

Skjelbred and Sund [45] published in 1977 their method of constructing all nilpotent Lie algebras of dimension n given those algebras of dimension $< n$, and their automorphism group.

For the purpose of classification and comparison across our lists, Maple version 12 is an efficient instrument. Using Maple provides the researcher with a reliable instrument in order to compute algebraic systems. In the current research, the software was used to compute: (1) the Jacobi identities; (2) the cocycles; (3) the isomorphism between two algebras, particularly, as a special



case, the automorphism groups; and (4) solving all kinds of equations. Further, the researcher has used Maple 12 for various calculations and computations across the current research.

Here we give a brief outline of the method that we use for classifying nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras of dimension n . For more details, the readers are referred to Chapter 2. It essentially consists of two steps. In the first step a possibly redundant list of Lie and Leibniz algebras is constructed for all n -dimensional nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras. Secondly we remove the isomorphic copies from the list.

For the first step we follow the method of Skjelbred and Sund [46] for Lie case and for Leibniz algebras with adjustments in some steps of method, that is, we construct nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras as central extensions of nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras of smaller dimension.

Let g be a nilpotent Lie or Leibniz algebra of dimension $m < n$, and V a vector space of dimension $n - m$. Let θ be a cocycle in $H^2(g, V)$ (or $HL^2(g, V)$). Then θ defines a Lie and Leibniz algebras structure on $g \oplus V$, which is called the central extension of g by θ (for Lie case θ is Lie cocycle and for Leibniz algebra θ is Leibniz cocycle).

By this construction we get all nilpotent Lie and Leibniz algebras of dimension n . The main problem is that different cocycles may yield isomorphic Lie or Leibniz algebras. Now the automorphism group of g , denoted $\text{Aut}(g)$, acts on $H^2(g, V)$. The orbits of this group correspond exactly to the isomorphism classes of the central extensions of g . So all that is left is to compute the orbits

of $\text{Aut}(g)$ on $H^2(g, V)$ (or $HL^2(g, V)$).

However, if the dimension of the field is infinite then this last space is an infinite set. Literature review reveals that there is no algorithm devised for computing the orbits in this method. Therefore we use the action of the automorphism group in hand calculations to get a list of orbit representatives that is as small as we can possibly make it. We then construct the corresponding Lie and Leibniz algebras, and obtain a list that usually contains some isomorphisms. In order to get rid of the isomorphisms, we use a Maple 12 program.

We can illustrate the inclusion of various types of Lie and Leibniz algebras in the following figures:

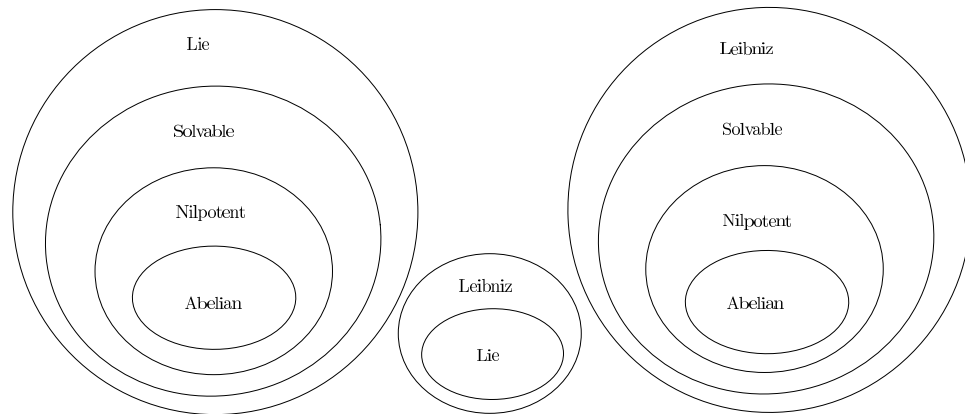


Figure 1.1. The Inclusions of Various Types of Lie and Leibniz Algebras

To any Lie algebras we can associate the following sequence:

$$D^0g = g \supset D^1g = [g, g] \supset \dots \supset D^k g = [D^{k-1}g, D^{k-1}g] \supset \dots,$$

and called a derived sequence of g . We say that g is solvable if there exists an integer $k \geq 1$ such that $D^k g = \{0\}$.

1.4 Literature Review

Let us consider Lie case first:

The classification of finite-dimensional Lie algebras are divided into three parts:

(1) classification of nilpotent Lie algebras; (2) description of solvable Lie algebras with given nilradical; (3) description of Lie algebras with given radical.

The third problem reduces to the description of semisimple subalgebras in the algebra of derivations of a given solvable algebra [28].

The second problem reduces to the description of orbits of certain unipotent linear groups [29]. According to a theorem of Levi [22], in characteristic zero a finite -dimensional Lie algebra can be written as the direct sum of the a semisimple subalgebra and its unique maximal solvable ideal. If the field is algebraically closed, all semisimple Lie algebras and their modules are classified [20]. In 1945, Malcev [29] reduced the classification of complex solvable Lie algebras to several invariants plus the classification of nilpotent Lie algebras. Quite recently, W. de Graaf [9] listed at most all 4-dimensional solvable Lie algebras over arbitrary fields.

The first problem is the most complicated and many attempts have been made on this topic, and a number of lists have been published. To mention just a few: the first non-trivial classification of some classes of low-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras are due to Umlauf [47] in dimensions ≤ 6 over complex field, Umlauf present the list of nilpotent Lie algebras of dimension $m \leq 6$. Umlauf

