

On the Jacobson Radicals of Infinite Dimensional Lie Algebras

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Recently the infinite-dimensional Lie algebras have been investigated by several mathematicians. The purpose of this paper is to study the Jacobson radicals of infinite-dimensional Lie algebras.

We employ the notation and terminology in [1].

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We denote by L a not necessarily finite-dimensional Lie algebra over a field \mathbb{F} throughout the paper.

DEFINITION. The Jacobson radical of L is defined to be the intersection of all the maximal ideals of L , with the convention that this intersection is L if there are no maximal ideals. We denote the Jacobson radical of L by J_L .

LEMMA 1. $J_L \subseteq L^2$.

PROOF. Let $L \neq L^2$. If $x \in L^2$, take a subspace M of L which is complementary to $\langle x \rangle$ and contains L^2 . Then M is a maximal ideal of L . Hence $x \in J_L$. Therefore $J_L \subseteq L^2$.

We introduce the following class \mathfrak{R} : A Lie algebra L belongs to the class \mathfrak{R} if and only if

$$[L/N, L/N] \subseteq L/N$$

for every proper ideal N of L .

It is clear that $\mathfrak{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{R}$.

LEMMA 2. For an arbitrary ideal K of L belonging to \mathfrak{R} , $J_L \subseteq L^2 \cap K$.

PROOF. We may assume that $K \neq 0$. Suppose that there is a maximal ideal I of L such that

$$I \not\subseteq L^2 \cap K.$$

Then $I \not\subseteq L^2$ and $I \not\subseteq K$. Thus $L = I + K$. We see that