

# RESTRICTED LIE ALGEBRAS OF BOUNDED TYPE

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**Introduction.** It is known [13] that a Lie algebra over a modular field has indecomposable representations of arbitrarily high dimensionalities. If, however, the Lie algebra and its representations are required to be restricted (see [6, Chapter 5] for definitions), this need no longer be the case.

A restricted Lie algebra for which the degrees of its (restricted) indecomposable representations are bounded by some constant is said to be of *bounded type*; one for which this is not the case is said to be of *unbounded type*.

**1. The simple three-dimensional Lie algebra,  $A_1$ .** Let  $A_1$  be the split simple three-dimensional Lie algebra over the field  $K$  of characteristic  $p > 3$ . Then  $A_1$  has a basis  $e, f, h$  with  $[e, f] = h$ ,  $[e, h] = 2e$ ,  $[f, h] = -2f$  and with  $p$ -power mapping given by  $e^p = f^p = 0$ ,  $h^p = h$ . There are  $p$  inequivalent irreducible (restricted) modules for  $A_1$ , classified by their highest weight. Let  $M_\lambda$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq p-1$ , be the irreducible  $A_1$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda$ , so that  $[M_\lambda: K] = \lambda + 1$  [5].

Let  $U$  be the  $u$ -algebra [6] of  $A_1$  and  $U = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} U_j$  its decomposition into its principal indecomposable modules (p.i.m.). Since  $U$  is a symmetric algebra [9] each  $U_j$  has a unique top and bottom composition factor, these are isomorphic, and each  $M_\lambda$  is isomorphic to the top composition factor of some  $U_j$  [2].

If  $M$  is an  $A_1$ -module, denote by  $M \sim M_{\lambda_1}, M_{\lambda_2}, \dots, M_{\lambda_r}$  the fact that the  $M_{\lambda_j}$ , in the given order, are the composition factors of some composition series for  $M$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $U(\lambda)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq p-1$ , be a p.i.m. of  $U$  whose top composition factor is isomorphic to  $M_\lambda$ . Then

- (i)  $U(p-1) \cong M_{p-1}$  and  $[U(p-1): K] = p$ .
- (ii) If  $\lambda \neq p-1$ , then  $U(\lambda) \sim M_\lambda, M_\gamma, M_\gamma, M_\lambda$ , where  $\lambda + \gamma = p-2$ , and  $[U(\lambda): K] = 2p$ .

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