

IRREDUCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS OF LIE ALGEBRA EXTENSIONS

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This note announces three density theorems involving representations of Lie algebras and associative algebras. The first theorem describes the irreducible (possibly infinite dimensional) representations ρ of a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with an ideal \mathfrak{k} such that the restriction of ρ to \mathfrak{k} has some absolutely irreducible quotient representation. The second result is an embedding theorem for the irreducible representations of the Weyl algebras $A_{n,C}$ over C ($A_{n,C} \cong C[t_1, \dots, t_n, \partial/\partial t_1, \dots, \partial/\partial t_n]$, the associative algebra of partial differential operators on n variables with coefficients in the polynomial ring $C[t_1, \dots, t_n]$). Our result is a sort of algebraic analogue of the uniqueness of the Heisenberg commutation relations, and has an application to irreducible representations of nilpotent Lie algebras via Dixmier's theory [5]. The third theorem describes the differentially simple algebras having a maximal ideal. This result unifies the author's theorem [3] on differentially simple rings with a minimal ideal, and Guillemin's theorem [7], [2] on the structure of a nonabelian minimal closed ideal of a linearly compact Lie algebra.

1. In what follows, all algebras, tensor products etc., will be over an arbitrary given field Φ , unless otherwise stated. If the characteristic is prime, the Lie algebras considered will always be assumed restricted (=Lie p -algebra), and the same for their homomorphisms, ideals, etc. Also U will denote the universal enveloping algebra functor at characteristic 0, and the restricted universal enveloping algebra functor at prime characteristic. We shall take \mathfrak{g} to be a given Lie algebra, and \mathfrak{k} an ideal of \mathfrak{g} .

Recall that if V is a \mathfrak{k} -module with corresponding representation σ , then the stabilizer $\text{St}(V, \mathfrak{g})$ of V in \mathfrak{g} is defined [1], [6] by

$$\text{St}(V, \mathfrak{g}) = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \exists \eta \in \text{Hom}(V, V) \ni \sigma[x, y] = [\eta, \sigma y] \forall y \in \mathfrak{k}\}.$$

This is a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} containing \mathfrak{k} , and gives the analogue of the concept of stabilizer for group representations.

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