

On Lie algebras in which every subalgebra is a subideal

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Introduction

Heineken and Mohamed [4] have constructed a Fitting, metabelian group with trivial centre in which every subgroup is subnormal. In Lie theory, Unsin [10] has constructed a Fitting, metabelian Lie algebra with trivial centre in which every subalgebra is a subideal. As in group theory, the class \mathfrak{D} of Lie algebras in which every subalgebra is a subideal is one of the typical classes of generalized nilpotent Lie algebras.

Recently Brookes [2] has proved that a hyperabelian group in which no non-trivial section is perfect and in which every subgroup is subnormal, is soluble ([2, Theorem A]), and he has concluded that a hypercentral group in which every subgroup is subnormal, is soluble ([2, Corollary A]). Subsequently, generalizing [2, Theorem A], Casolo [3] has proved that a group in which no non-trivial section is perfect and in which every subgroup is subnormal, is soluble ([3, Theorem]). The purpose of this paper is to present the Lie-theoretic analogues of [2, Theorem A and Corollary A] and [3, Theorem].

We shall first prove that $\mathfrak{D} \cap \hat{(\triangleleft)} \mathfrak{A} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{A}})^{\mathcal{Q}} \subseteq \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{A}$ (Corollary 1), where $\hat{(\triangleleft)} \mathfrak{A}$ is the class of hyperabelian Lie algebras, $(\hat{\mathfrak{A}})^{\mathcal{Q}}$ is the largest \mathcal{Q} -closed subclass of the class of hypoabelian Lie algebras and $\mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{A}$ is the class of soluble Lie algebras. The group-theoretic analogue of this result is also true and is a slight generalization of [2, Theorem A]. We shall secondly prove that over any field \mathfrak{f} of characteristic zero $\mathfrak{D} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{A}})^{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{S}} \subseteq \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{A}$ (Theorem 2), where $(\hat{\mathfrak{A}})^{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{S}}$ is the largest \mathcal{Q} -, \mathcal{S} -closed subclass of the class of hypoabelian Lie algebras and is equal to the class of Lie algebras in which no non-trivial section is perfect.

1.

Throughout this paper we always consider not necessarily finite-dimensional Lie algebras over a field \mathfrak{f} of arbitrary characteristic unless otherwise specified. Notations and terminology are based on [1]. But for the sake of convenience we list the terms that we use here.

Let L be a Lie algebra over a field \mathfrak{f} and n be a non-negative integer. By $H \leq L$ (resp. $H \triangleleft L$, $H \text{ ch } L$, $H \triangleleft^n L$, $H \text{ si } L$), we mean that H is a subalgebra (resp. an ideal,

a characteristic ideal, an n -step subideal, a subideal) of L . If $H \triangleleft L$, then there exists the least integer n with respect to $H \triangleleft^n L$, which we denote by $si(L : H)$ in [5]. For $H \leq L$, H^L denotes the smallest ideal of L containing H . For a positive integer n , L^n denotes the n -th term of the lower central series of L . Angular brackets $\langle \rangle$ denote the subalgebra generated by their contents.

A class \mathfrak{X} is a collection of Lie algebras together with their isomorphic copies and the 0-dimensional Lie algebras. \mathfrak{A} (resp. $\mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$, \mathfrak{A}^n , $\mathfrak{RE}\mathfrak{A}$, \mathfrak{E} , \mathfrak{F} , $\mathfrak{F}t$, \mathfrak{N} , \mathfrak{N}_n , \mathfrak{Z}) is the class of Lie algebras which are abelian (resp. soluble, soluble of derived length $\leq n$, residually soluble, Engel, finite-dimensional, Fitting, nilpotent, nilpotent of class $\leq n$, hypercentral). \mathfrak{D} is the class of Lie algebras in which every subalgebra is a subideal. For a positive integer s , $\mathfrak{D}_{s,s}$ is the class of Lie algebras L such that $\langle x_1, \dots, x_s \rangle \triangleleft^s L$ for all $x_i \in L$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$).

Let \mathfrak{X} be a class of Lie algebras. L is called an \mathfrak{X} -algebra if $L \in \mathfrak{X}$. An ascending \mathfrak{X} -series $\{L_\alpha : \alpha \leq \rho\}$ of L is a family of subalgebras of L such that

- (a) $L_0 = \{0\}$ and $L_\rho = L$;
- (b) $L_\alpha \triangleleft L_{\alpha+1}$ and $L_{\alpha+1}/L_\alpha \in \mathfrak{X}$ for any ordinal $\alpha < \rho$;
- (c) $L_\mu = \bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} L_\alpha$ for any limit ordinal $\mu \leq \rho$.

L is called a hyper \mathfrak{X} -algebra if L has an ascending \mathfrak{X} -series $\{L_\alpha : \alpha \leq \rho\}$ such that $L_\alpha \triangleleft L$ for all $\alpha \leq \rho$. The class of hyper \mathfrak{X} -algebras is denoted by $\acute{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{X}$. In particular, $\acute{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$ is the class of hyperabelian Lie algebras. For an ordinal α , $L^{(\alpha)}$ denotes the α -th term of the transfinite derived series of L . We use $L^{(*)}$ to denote the intersection of all the $L^{(\alpha)}$'s. L is said to be hypoabelian if $L^{(*)} = \{0\}$. $\acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A}$ is the class of hypoabelian Lie algebras. $L \in \mathfrak{RE}\mathfrak{A}$ iff $L^{(\omega)} = \{0\}$. It follows that $\mathfrak{RE}\mathfrak{A} \leq \acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A}$. \mathfrak{X} is s-closed (resp. Q-closed) if $H \in \mathfrak{X}$ (resp. $L/H \in \mathfrak{X}$) whenever $H \leq L$ (resp. $H \triangleleft L$) and $L \in \mathfrak{X}$. We use \mathfrak{X}^Q (resp. \mathfrak{X}^{QS}) to denote the largest Q-closed (resp. Q-, s-closed) subclass of \mathfrak{X} .

As in group theory, we say that H/K is a section of L if $K \triangleleft H \leq L$. L is said to be perfect if $L^2 = L$. Then we have

LEMMA 1. $L \in (\acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{QS}$ if and only if no non-trivial section of L is perfect.

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{X} be the class of Lie algebras in which no non-trivial section is perfect. Since perfect hypoabelian Lie algebras must be 0-dimensional, we have $(\acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{QS} \leq \mathfrak{X}$. Let $L \in \mathfrak{X}$ and suppose that $L^{(*)} \neq \{0\}$. Since $L^{(*)}$ is a non-trivial section of L , $L^{(*)} = (L^{(*)})^2 < L^{(*)}$, a contradiction. It follows that $\mathfrak{X} \leq \acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A}$. Since \mathfrak{X} is Q-, s-closed, we have $\mathfrak{X} \leq (\acute{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{QS}$.

2.

In this section we shall present the Lie-theoretic analogues of [2, Theorem A

and Corollary A].

We begin with the following

THEOREM 1. *Let $L \in \mathfrak{D}$. If L has an ascending \mathfrak{A} -series $\{L_\alpha: \alpha \leq \rho\}$ such that $L_\alpha \triangleleft L$ and $L/L_\alpha \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$ for all ordinals $\alpha \leq \rho$, then $L \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$.*

PROOF. Assume that $L \notin \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$. Then there is the least ordinal $\mu \leq \rho$ with respect to $L_\mu \notin \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$. Clearly $\mu > 0$. Since $L_\alpha \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$ for all $\alpha < \mu$, μ is a limit ordinal. The method of proof is essentially that used by Brookes in proving [2, Theorem A]. We aim to construct a sequence $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of subalgebras of L_μ , strictly ascending sequences $\{n(i)\}_{i=1}^\infty$ and $\{s(i)\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of positive integers and a sequence $\{\alpha(i)\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of ordinals $< \mu$, which satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) for each $i > 1$, H_i is a finitely generated subalgebra of $L_\mu^{(n(i-1))}$;
- (ii) for each $i > 1$, $s(i) = \text{si}(K_{i,n(i-1)}/K_{i,n(i)}: (H_i + K_{i,n(i)})/K_{i,n(i)})$, where $K_{i,j} = L_\mu^{(j)} + L_{\alpha(i-1)}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots$);
- (iii) for each $i \geq 1$, $\langle H_1, \dots, H_i \rangle \leq L_{\alpha(i)}$.

We set $H_1 = \{0\}$, $n(1) = s(1) = 1$ and $\alpha(1) = 1$. Let $i > 1$ and suppose that those have been constructed up to the $(i-1)$ -th terms. For convenience sake, we set $n = n(i-1)$, $s = s(i-1)$ and $\alpha = \alpha(i-1)$. Clearly $K_{i,1} \geq K_{i,2} \geq \dots$. Suppose that $K_{i,j} = K_{i,j+1}$ for some $j \geq 1$. Then $(L_\mu/L_\alpha)^{(j)} = K_{i,j}/L_\alpha = K_{i,j+1}/L_\alpha = (L_\mu/L_\alpha)^{(j+1)}$. It follows that $(L_\mu/L_\alpha)^{(j)} = (L_\mu/L_\alpha)^{(*)} \leq (L/L_\alpha)^{(*)} = \{0\}$. Hence $L_\mu/L_\alpha \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$. Since $\alpha < \mu$, $L_\alpha \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$. Therefore we have $L_\mu \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$, a contradiction. Thus we obtain $K_{i,1} > K_{i,2} > \dots$.

By using [1, Theorem 7.2.5], we can find a positive integer m such that $\mathfrak{D}_{s,s} \leq \mathfrak{R}_m$. Define $n(i) = n + m + 1$. Let ψ_i denote the natural map $K_{i,n} \rightarrow K_{i,n}/K_{i,n(i)}$. Suppose that $\text{si}(\psi_i(K_{i,n}): \psi_i(X)) \leq s$ for all finitely generated subalgebras X of $L_\mu^{(n)}$. Then we have $\psi_i(L_\mu^{(n)}) = \psi_i(K_{i,n}) \in \mathfrak{D}_{s,s} \leq \mathfrak{R}_m$. Hence $\psi_i(K_{i,n(i)-1}) = \psi_i(L_\mu^{(n+m)}) = \psi_i(L_\mu^{(n)})^{(m)} \leq \psi_i(L_\mu^{(n)})^{m+1} = \{0\}$ and therefore $K_{i,n(i)-1} = K_{i,n(i)}$. This is a contradiction. Thus there exists a finitely generated subalgebra H_i of $L_\mu^{(n)}$ such that $\text{si}(\psi_i(K_{i,n}): \psi_i(H_i)) > s$. Define $s(i) = \text{si}(\psi_i(K_{i,n}): \psi_i(H_i))$. It is clear that $\langle H_1, \dots, H_i \rangle$ is a finitely generated subalgebra of L_μ . Since μ is a limit ordinal, there exists an ordinal $\alpha(i) < \mu$ such that $\langle H_1, \dots, H_i \rangle \leq L_{\alpha(i)}$. Therefore the i -th terms have been defined. Thus $\{H_i\}$, $\{n(i)\}$, $\{s(i)\}$ and $\{\alpha(i)\}$ can be inductively constructed.

We now set $H = \langle H_i: i = 1, 2, \dots \rangle$ and $r = \text{si}(L_\mu: H)$. Since the sequence $\{s(i)\}$ is strictly ascending, there is a positive integer t such that $r < s(t)$. Let ψ denote the natural map $L_\mu \rightarrow L_\mu/K_{t,n(t)}$. Then evidently $\psi|_{K_{t,n(t-1)}} = \psi_t$. Let i be a positive integer. If $i \leq t-1$, then $\psi(H_i) = \{0\}$ since $\langle H_1, \dots, H_i, \dots, H_{t-1} \rangle \leq L_{\alpha(t-1)} \leq K_{t,n(t)}$. If $i \geq t+1$, then $\psi(H_i) = \{0\}$ since $H_i \leq L_\mu^{(n(i-1))} \leq L_\mu^{(n(t))} \leq K_{t,n(t)}$. Hence we have $\psi(H) = \langle \psi(H_i): i = 1, 2, \dots \rangle = \psi_t(H_t) \leq \psi_t(K_{t,n(t-1)})$. Since $\psi(H) \triangleleft^r \psi(L_\mu)$, $\psi(H) = \psi_t(H_t) \triangleleft^r \psi_t(K_{t,n(t-1)})$. Thus $s(t) = \text{si}(\psi_t(K_{t,n(t-1)}): \psi_t(H_t)) \leq r < s(t)$. This is the final contradiction. Therefore we have $L \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$.

COROLLARY 1. $\mathfrak{D} \cap \acute{E}(\triangleleft) \mathfrak{A} \cap (\acute{E} \mathfrak{A})^{\circ} \leq \acute{E} \mathfrak{A}$.

REMARK. The proof of Theorem 1 can carry over in group theory without difficulties. Therefore the group-theoretic analogues of Theorem 1 and Corollary 1, which are slight generalizations of [2, Theorem A], are also true.

COROLLARY 2. *Let \mathfrak{X} be a class of Lie algebras. If $\mathfrak{Z} \leq \mathfrak{X} \leq \acute{E}(\triangleleft) \mathfrak{X}$, then $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{X} \leq \acute{E} \mathfrak{A}$.*

PROOF. By [1, Lemma 8.1.1] we have $\mathfrak{Z} \leq (\acute{E} \mathfrak{A})^{\circ}$. It follows from Corollary 1 that $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \leq \acute{E} \mathfrak{A}$. Since $\mathfrak{D} \leq \mathfrak{E}$, by [6, Theorem 8] we have $\mathfrak{D} \cap \acute{E}(\triangleleft) \mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{E} \cap \acute{E}(\triangleleft) \mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z}$.

In Theorem 1 the assumption that $L \in \mathfrak{D}$ is essential. In fact, the following proposition shows that in Theorem 1 we cannot replace the assumption that $L \in \mathfrak{D}$ by the assumption that $L \in \mathfrak{F}t$.

PROPOSITION 1. *Over any field \mathfrak{k} , there exists a non-soluble, Fitting Lie algebra L having an ascending \mathfrak{A} -series $\{L_n : n \leq \omega\}$ such that $L_n \triangleleft L$ and $L/L_n \in \text{RE} \mathfrak{A}$ for all $n \leq \omega$.*

PROOF. We here consider the McLain Lie algebra $L = \mathcal{L}_t(N)$ over \mathfrak{k} (cf. [1, p. 111]), where N is the set of positive integers with natural ordering. Then L has basis $\{a_{ij} : i, j \in N, i < j\}$ with multiplications $[a_{ij}, a_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} a_{il} - \delta_{il} a_{kj}$. It is well known (cf. [1, p.119]) that $L \in \mathfrak{F}t$. We can easily verify that $L^{(n)} = \langle a_{ij} : j - i \geq 2^n \rangle \neq \{0\}$ ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) and $L^{(\omega)} = \bigcap_{n < \omega} L^{(n)} = \{0\}$. Therefore $L \in \text{RE} \mathfrak{A} \setminus \acute{E} \mathfrak{A}$. For each positive integer n , we set $L_n = \langle a_{ij} : i \leq n \rangle$ and $K_n = \langle a_{ij} : j < i \rangle$. Then it is not hard to see that $L_n \triangleleft L = L_n + K_n$ and $L_n \cap K_n = \{0\}$. Set $L_0 = \{0\}$ and $L_{\omega} = L$. For any positive integer n , we have $L_n/L_{n-1} = \langle a_{nj} + L_{n-1} : n < j \rangle \in \mathfrak{A}$. Since $L = \bigcup_{n < \omega} L_n$, $\{L_n : n \leq \omega\}$ is an ascending \mathfrak{A} -series of ideals of L . Furthermore, it can be easily seen that for any positive integer n , $L/L_n \cong K_n \cong L \in \text{RE} \mathfrak{A}$.

3.

In this section we shall consider \mathfrak{D} -algebras over a field \mathfrak{k} of characteristic zero and present the Lie-theoretic analogue of [3, Theorem]. The method of proof is essentially that used by Casolo in proving [3, Theorem].

We need the following

LEMMA 2. *Let L be a Lie algebra over a field \mathfrak{k} of characteristic zero. If $\{0\} \neq L \in \mathfrak{D} \cap (\acute{E} \mathfrak{A})^{\text{QS}}$, then L has a non-trivial abelian ideal.*

PROOF. We denote by $n(L)$ a minimal member of $\{\text{si}(L : \langle x \rangle) : 0 \neq x \in L\}$ and show the result by using induction on $n(L)$. If $n(L) = 0$, then L is 1-dimensional and

so the result is true. Let $n(L) \geq 1$. There is a non-zero element x of L such that $n(L) = \text{si}(L: \langle x \rangle)$. Set $H = \langle x \rangle^L$. Then $\{0\} \neq H \in \mathfrak{D} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{OS}}$. Since $\text{si}(H: \langle x \rangle) = n(L) - 1$, we have $n(H) = n(L) - 1$. By inductive hypothesis, H has a non-trivial abelian ideal A . Let F be the Fitting radical of H . Since $A \leq F, F \neq \{0\}$. By [1, Corollary 6.3.2] we have $F \text{ ch } H \triangleleft L$, so that $F \triangleleft L$. As in the proof of [9, Lemma 4.2], we can show that $F \in \hat{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$. It follows from Corollary 1 that $F \in \mathfrak{D} \cap \hat{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{O}} \leq \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$. Since $\{0\} \neq F \in \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$, there is a positive integer m such that $F^{(m-1)} \neq \{0\}$ and $F^{(m)} = \{0\}$. Since $F^{(m-1)} \text{ ch } F \triangleleft L, F^{(m-1)}$ is a non-trivial abelian ideal of L .

THEOREM 2. *Over any field \mathfrak{f} of characteristic zero, $\mathfrak{D} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{OS}} \leq \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$.*

PROOF. Let $L \in \mathfrak{D} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{OS}}$ and let M be any non-zero homomorphic image of L . Since $\{0\} \neq M \in \mathfrak{D} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{OS}}$, by Lemma 2 M has a non-trivial abelian ideal. Owing to [7, Lemma 1.1], we have $L \in \hat{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$. Thus by Corollary 1 we obtain $L \in \mathfrak{D} \cap \hat{\mathfrak{E}}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A} \cap (\hat{\mathfrak{E}}\mathfrak{A})^{\text{O}} \leq \mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{A}$.

It can be easily deduced from Theorem 2 and Lemma 1 that over any field \mathfrak{f} of characteristic zero, if no non-trivial \mathfrak{D} -algebra is perfect, then every \mathfrak{D} -algebra is soluble.

4.

In group theory Smith [8] has constructed a non-nilpotent, hypercentral, metabelian group in which every subgroup is subnormal. In Lie theory, however, it is still an open question whether every hypercentral \mathfrak{D} -algebra is nilpotent. In this section we shall show that in order to give the answer to this question it is sufficient to consider whether every hypercentral, Fitting, metabelian \mathfrak{D} -algebra is nilpotent.

LEMMA 3. *Let $L \in \mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{A}^2$ and $H, K \leq L$. Then:*

- (1) *If $H \in \mathfrak{N}$, then $H^L \in \mathfrak{N}$.*
- (2) *If $H, K \in \mathfrak{N}$, then $\langle H, K \rangle \in \mathfrak{N}$.*

PROOF. (1) Since $L \in \mathfrak{D}, H \text{ si } L$. There are non-negative integers r and s such that $H^{r+1} = \{0\}$ and $H \triangleleft^s L$. Set $n = r + s$. Then it is clear that $[L, {}_n H] = H^{n+1} = \{0\}$. Set $A = L^2$. Since $H \leq H + A \triangleleft L$, we have $H^L \leq H + A$. By modular law $H^L = H + (H^L \cap A)$. Since A is an abelian ideal of L , by using induction on k we can easily see that for all non-negative integers $k, (H^L)^{k+1} = H^{k+1} + [H^L \cap A, {}_k H]$. It follows that $(H^L)^{n+1} \leq H^{n+1} + [L, {}_n H] = \{0\}$. Hence $H^L \in \mathfrak{N}$.

(2) By (1) $H^L, K^L \in \mathfrak{N}$. Therefore by Fitting's theorem (cf. [1, Theorem 1.2.5]) we have $H^L + K^L \in \mathfrak{N}$. Since $\langle H, K \rangle \leq H^L + K^L, \langle H, K \rangle \in \mathfrak{N}$.

PROPOSITION 2. $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{A}^2 \leq \mathfrak{N}$ if and only if $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \leq \mathfrak{N}$.

PROOF. Assume that $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{A}^2 \leq \mathfrak{N}$ and let $L \in \mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{A}^2$. Then by

Lemma 3 (1) we have $L = \sum_{x \in L} \langle x \rangle^L \in \mathfrak{F}$. Therefore $L \in \mathfrak{N}$. It follows that $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{A}^2 \leq \mathfrak{N}$. Since the class $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z}$ is s-, q-closed, by using [1, Proposition 7.1.1 (d)] we see that $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{A}^n \leq \mathfrak{N}$ for all positive integers n . Hence $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \cap \mathfrak{A} \leq \mathfrak{N}$. Therefore, by using Corollary 2, we have $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{Z} \leq \mathfrak{N}$. The converse is trivial.

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