

Lie solvability in matrix algebras

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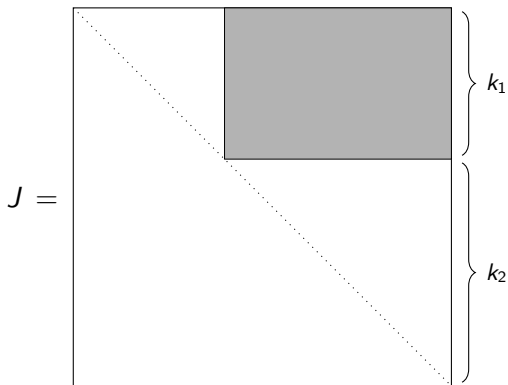
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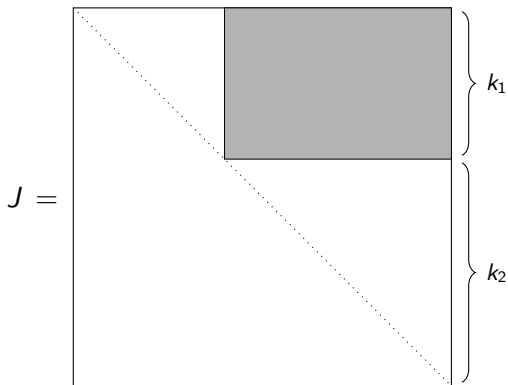
Based on a joint works with J. van den Berg, J. Szigeti
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- Commutativity:

$$\forall r, s \in R, [r, s] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} rs - sr.$$

Define inductively the Lie central and Lie derived series of a ring R as follows:

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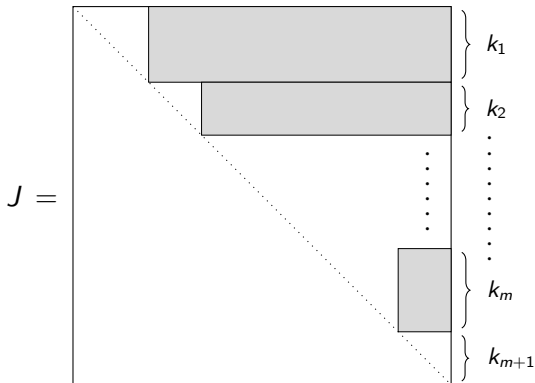
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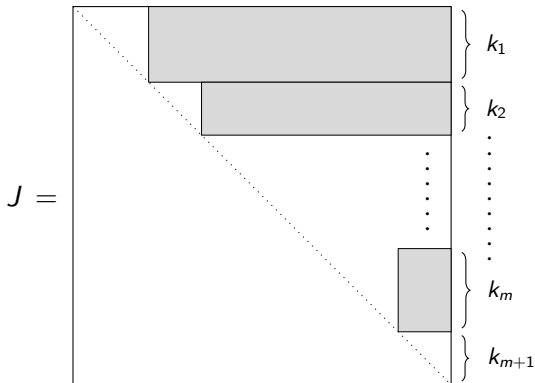
We say that R is Lie nilpotent (respectively, Lie solvable) of index q (for short, R is Ln_q ; respectively, R is Ls_q) if $\mathfrak{C}^q(R) = 0$ (respectively, $\mathfrak{D}^q(R) = 0$).

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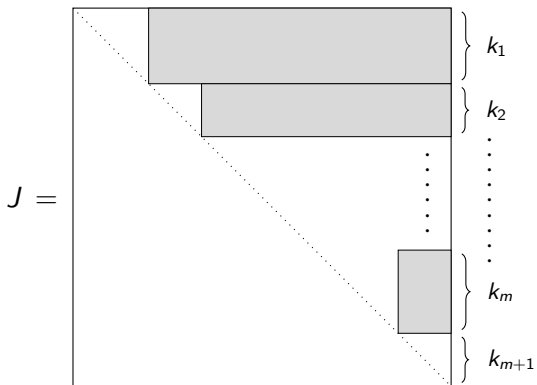
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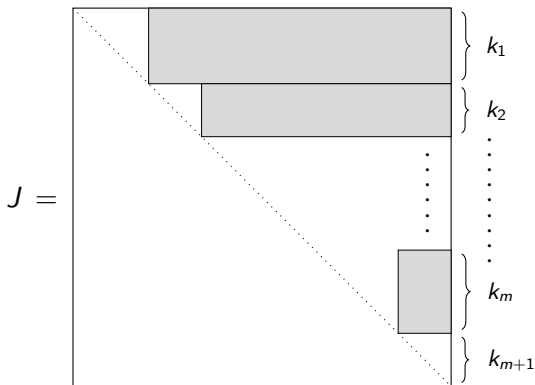


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$$\begin{aligned} \dim_F R &= k_1(n - k_1) + k_2(n - k_1 - k_2) + \dots \\ &\quad + k_m(n - k_1 - k_2 - \dots - k_m) + 1 \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1, i < j}^{m+1} k_i k_j + 1. \end{aligned}$$

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- We get $M(\ell, n)$ for the sequence $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{\ell}) \in \mathbb{N}_0^{\ell}$ defined in the following way:

$$k_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{\ell} \right\rfloor, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \ell - r \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{\ell} \right\rfloor + 1, & \text{for } \ell - r < i \leq \ell. \end{cases}$$

- **Conjecture.** (*J. Szigeti, L. van Wyk*) Let F be any field, m and n positive integers, and R an F -subalgebra of $\mathbb{M}_n(F)$ with Lie nilpotence index m . Then

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- Unfortunately, we do not have good “typical example”.

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$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & D_{(1,2)} & \cdots & D_{(1,q)} \\ 0 & D_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & D_{(q-1,q)} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & D_q \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Each D_i is a commutative F -subalgebra of $M_{n_i}(F)$ for every i , and $D_{(j,k)} = M_{n_j \times n_k}(F)$ for all j and k such that $1 \leq j < k \leq q$. \mathcal{D} satisfies (3).

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- (Meyer, Szigeti, van Wyk) For any commutative ring R , the subring $U_3^*(U_3^*(R))$ of $U_9^*(R)$ is Ls_2 , but it is neither Ln_2 nor D_2 , and so we have, in general,

$$Ls_2 \not\cong Ln_2 \text{ or } D_2. \quad (7)$$

Problem 2

Construct an example of Ls_2 subalgebra of $M_n(F)$ with dimension bigger than $2 + \left\lfloor \frac{3n^2}{8} \right\rfloor$.

Theorem 3

If A is an Ls_{m+1} (for some $m \geq 1$) structural matrix subring of $U_n(R)$, R a commutative ring and $n \geq 1$, then A is D_{2^m} .

Let k be a positive integer and $n = 2k + 1$. Consider

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Theorem 4

If A is a D_2 subalgebra of $U_n(F)$ with maximum possible dimension for D_2 , such that A_1 , A_2 and B are independent, then A_1 and A_2 are commutative.



Thank you for your attention!