

LIE GROUPS, HOME ASSIGNMENT 3

1. Describe the Lie algebra of the linear group $U \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ of upper-triangular matrices with the units at the diagonal. And for the group B of all invertible upper-triangular matrices?
2. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra (or a commutative algebra, or an associative algebra...) A linear endomorphism $d : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is called a derivation if it satisfies the Leibniz rule

$$d([x, y]) = [d(x), y] + [x, d(y)].$$

The space of derivations of \mathfrak{g} is denoted by $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$. Verify that $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$ a Lie algebra with respect to the operation $[f, g] = f \circ g - g \circ f$. (Note that the composition of two derivations is usually not a derivation).

3. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra. Prove that the map $\text{ad} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$ carrying $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ to $\text{ad}_x : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, $\text{ad}_x(y) := [x, y]$, defines a homomorphism of Lie algebras $\text{ad} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$.
4. Prove that $\text{ad} : \mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Der}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is an isomorphism.
5. Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra. Prove that the group of automorphisms of \mathfrak{g} is a linear Lie group. Prove that the Lie algebra of this group is the Lie algebra $\text{Der}(\mathfrak{g})$ of derivations.