

Structure of Levi extensions of nilpotent and solvable Lie algebras

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- its maximal nilpotent ideal – **nilradical** \mathfrak{n} .

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Turkowski's general theorems

Namely,

- if the representation $\text{ad}(\mathfrak{p})|_{\mathfrak{r}}$ of \mathfrak{p} is **irreducible** then \mathfrak{r} is **Abelian**.
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- One particular immediate consequence: **no nilpotent algebra** \mathfrak{n} such that

- 1 $\dim \mathfrak{n} - \dim \mathfrak{n}^2 = 2$ and

- 2 $j \in \mathbb{N}$ exists such that

- $$\dim \mathfrak{n}^j - \dim \mathfrak{n}^{j+1} = \dim \mathfrak{n}^{j+1} - \dim \mathfrak{n}^{j+2} = 1$$

can be a nilradical of a Levi decomposable algebra

(generalization of a known result for nilpotent algebras of maximal degree of nilpotency).

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