

ON NORMED LIE ALGEBRAS WITH SUFFICIENTLY MANY SUBALGEBRAS OF CODIMENSION 1

by E. V. KISSIN

(Received 21st January 1985)

0. Introduction

Let H be a finite or infinite dimensional Lie algebra. Barnes [2] and Towers [5] considered the case when H is a finite-dimensional Lie algebra over an arbitrary field, and all maximal subalgebras of H have codimension 1. Barnes, using the cohomology theory of Lie algebras, investigated solvable algebras, and Towers extended Barnes's results to include all Lie algebras. In [4] complex finite-dimensional Lie algebras were considered for the case when all the maximal subalgebras of H are not necessarily of codimension 1 but when

$$\bigcap_{M \in S(H)} M = \{0\} \tag{1}$$

where $S(H)$ is the set of all Lie subalgebras in H of codimension 1. Amayo [1] investigated the finite-dimensional Lie algebras with core-free subalgebras of codimension 1 and also obtained some interesting results about the structure of infinite dimensional Lie algebras with subalgebras of codimension 1.

By \mathfrak{X} we shall denote the class of complex finite or infinite dimensional normed Lie algebras for which (1) holds. In Section 2 the results of Amayo will be applied in order to prove that for every complex normed Lie algebra H and for every subalgebra $M \in S(H)$ the largest Lie ideal $I(M)$ of H contained in M has codimension less or equal to 3. Using this result for the case when $H \in \mathfrak{X}$ we shall show that, if $S_k(H) = \{M \in S(H) : \text{codim } I(M) = k\}$, for $k=1, 2, 3$, then $L(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_1(H) \cup S_2(H)} I(M)$ is a semi-simple ideal in H and $R(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} I(M)$ is the radical of H . We shall also prove that $H_{(2)} \subseteq L(H)$, so that $R(H)_{(2)} = 0$. If H is finite-dimensional, then it was proved in [4] that $H = L(H) \dot{+} R(H)$ and that $L(H) = L_1 \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} L_n$, where all L_i are Lie ideals in H and isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$. If H is infinite dimensional, then this does not necessarily hold any longer. We shall consider an example of a normed Lie algebra H from \mathfrak{X} such that $R(H) = 0$ but $L(H) \neq H$. We shall also show that the property of belonging to \mathfrak{X} is inherited by all closed subalgebras of H and by all quotient algebras H/\mathcal{F}_S where S is any subset of $S(H)$ and where $\mathcal{F}_S = \bigcap_{M \in S} I(M)$. Finally, we shall consider the set T of all ideals $I(M)$ such that $\text{codim } I(M) = 3$ and shall introduce a Jacobson's topology on T .

In Section 3 the structure of solvable algebras from \mathfrak{X} is investigated. For every $R \in \mathfrak{X}$ we consider a special set Σ of functionals on R from $R_{(1)}^0$ ($R_{(1)}^0$ is the polar of $R_{(1)}$) and

the corresponding set of ideals $R_{(1)}^g = \{r' \in R: [r, r'] = g(r)r'\}$ for every $r \in R\}$ in $R_{(1)} (g \in \Sigma)$. If R is a finite-dimensional solvable Lie algebra from \mathfrak{X} , then it was shown in [4] that

- (T_1) the nil-radical N of R is commutative and a commutative subalgebra Γ of R exists such that $R = \Gamma \dot{+} N$,
- (T_2) $N = Z \dot{+} R_{(1)}$, where Z is the centre of R , and $R_{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{+} R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, where $g_i \in \Sigma$.

For the case when R is infinite dimensional but Σ is a finite set, we shall prove in Theorem 3.6 that (T_1) and (T_2) hold. (This is the main result of the section). If Σ is not finite, then the structure of R is more complicated. In particular, (T_1) and (T_2) may no longer hold. To illustrate this we shall consider a solvable algebra R such that $N = R_{(1)}$, that $\dim(R/R_{(1)}) = 2$ and therefore $\dim(R_{(1)}^0) = 2$, but Σ is infinite. We shall show that in this case (T_1) and (T_2) do not hold and that there is not even a commutative algebra Γ such that $\Gamma \cap N = 0$ and such that linear combinations of elements from Γ and N are dense in R . We shall also prove that $R_{(1)}^g = 0$ in this example for all $g \in \Sigma$.

Finally, I would like to thank the referee for the many helpful suggestions which have helped me to improve the article.

1. Preliminaries and notation

Let m and n be arbitrary integers. Then $\binom{m}{n}$ is the usual binomial coefficient with the understanding that $\binom{m}{n} = 0$ if $m < 0$ or $n < 0$ or $m < n$. But we take $\binom{m}{0} = 1$ if $m \geq -1$. As in [1] we define, for arbitrary integers,

$$\lambda_{ij} = \binom{i+j}{i+1} - \binom{i+j}{j+1}. \tag{2}$$

If a linear space B is the direct sum of its subspaces B_i , for $i = 1, \dots, n$ we shall denote it by

$$B = B_1 \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} B_n.$$

Let H be a complex Lie algebra of finite or infinite dimension and let there exist a subalgebra M of codimension 1. By $I(M)$ we denote the largest Lie ideal of H contained in M . Then $I(M)$ contains any Lie ideal of H contained in M . Now put $I_0 = M$ and let h_- be an element in H which does not belong to M . For every $i \geq 0$ let us define by induction

$$I_{i+1} = \{h \in H: [h, h_-] \in I_i\}. \tag{3}$$

If $h \in H$ by $\{h\}$ we shall denote the one-dimensional subspace generated by h .

Theorem 1.1. [1] (Amayo) *If M is a Lie subalgebra in H of codimension 1 then three possibilities exist:*

- (1) $I(M) = M$;

- (2) $\dim(H/I(M))=2$, $H/I(M)$ is solvable but not commutative and there exist elements h_- and h_0 in H such that

$$H = \{h_-\} \dot{+} M, M = \{h_0\} \dot{+} I(M)$$

and

$$[h_-, h_0] \equiv h_- \pmod{I(M)}; \tag{4}$$

- (3) (i) all I_i are Lie ideals of M , $I_{i+1} \subseteq I_i$ and

$$I(M) = \bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i,$$

- (ii) there exist elements h_i , possibly zero, such that

$$I_i = \{h_i\} \dot{+} I_{i+1} \text{ and } [h_i, h_j] \equiv \lambda_{ij} h_{i+j} \pmod{I_{i+j+1}},$$

- (iii) if $I_i = I_{i+1}$ for some i , then $I_j = I_{j+1}$ for all $j \geq 2$, $I(M) = I_2$ and there exist elements h_- , h_0 and h_+ in H such that

$$H = \{h_-\} \dot{+} M, M = \{h_0\} \dot{+} \{h_+\} \dot{+} I(M) \tag{5}$$

and

$$[h_-, h_0] \equiv 2h_- \pmod{I(M)}, [h_0, h_+] \equiv 2h_+ \pmod{I(M)},$$

$$[h_+, h_-] \equiv h_0 \pmod{I(M)}. \tag{6}$$

Now let a complex Lie algebra H be a Banach space. We shall call H a normed Lie algebra if a constant C exists such that

$$\|[h_1, h_2]\| \leq C \|h_1\| \|h_2\| \tag{7}$$

for every $h_1, h_2 \in H$. We say that a closed subalgebra M of a normed Lie algebra H has codimension 1 if there exists $h \in H$ such that $h \notin M$ and that $H = M \dot{+} \{h\}$. By $S(H)$ we denote the set of all closed Lie subalgebras of codimension 1 in H . We shall often make use of the following property of Lie algebras from \mathfrak{X} which follows easily from (1): for every $h \in H$ there exists $M \in S(H)$ such that $H = M \dot{+} \{h\}$.

By $H^2 = [H, H]$ we shall denote the closed Lie subalgebra of H spanned by all Lie products of pairs of elements of H . H^k , for $k > 1$, is the closed Lie subalgebra which is defined inductively by the rule $H^k = [H^{k-1}, H]$. H is said to be nilpotent if $H^k = 0$ for some k . The closed subalgebras $H_{(k)}$ are also defined by the inductive rule that $H_{(1)} = H^2$ and $H_{(k+1)} = [H_{(k)}, H_{(k)}]$ for $k \geq 1$. H is called solvable if $H_{(k)} = 0$ for some k . A solvable (nilpotent) ideal $R(N)$ is called the radical (nil-radical) of H if it contains every solvable (nilpotent) ideal of H . If $R = 0$, then H is called semisimple.

For every linear subspace G in H let \bar{G} be its closure. Using (7) one can easily prove that $[G_1, G_2] = [\bar{G}_1, \bar{G}_2]$ for all subspaces G_1 and G_2 in H and that, if G is a subalgebra of H , then \bar{G} is also a subalgebra of H . Therefore, if G is a solvable (nilpotent) subalgebra of H , then \bar{G} is also a solvable (nilpotent) subalgebra of H . Thus R and N are closed ideals of H .

The simple Lie algebra of complex matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$ is denoted by $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$. Set $h = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $h_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $h_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$[h_0, h_+] = 2h_+, [h_0, h_-] = -2h_-, [h_+, h_-] = h_0. \tag{8}$$

2. The structure of normed Lie algebras from \mathfrak{X}

Theorem 2.1. *Let H be a complex normed Lie algebra and let there exist a closed Lie subalgebra M of codimension 1. Then*

- (i) $I(M)$ is closed,
- (ii) if $\dim(H/I(M)) > 2$, then $\dim(H/I(M)) = 3$, $H/I(M)$ is isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ and there exist elements h_-, h_0 and h_+ in H such that formulae (5) and (6) hold.

Proof. Since $I(M)$ is the largest Lie ideal of H contained in M , the proof of (i) follows from the fact that, if G is a Lie ideal of H , then \bar{G} is also a Lie ideal of H .

If H is finite-dimensional, then the proof of (ii) follows immediately from Theorem 1.1 (3) (iii). Now let H be infinite dimensional. First we shall show by induction that all I_i are closed. $I_0 = M$ is closed. Suppose that I_k is closed. Let elements $h^{(p)}$ belong to I_{k+1} and converge to h . By (7),

$$\|[h, h_{-1}] - [h^{(p)}, h_{-1}]\| = \|[h - h^{(p)}, h_{-1}]\| \leq C \|h - h^{(p)}\| \|h_{-1}\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence the elements $[h^{(p)}, h_{-1}]$ converge to $[h, h_{-1}]$. By (3), $[h^{(p)}, h_{-1}]$ belong to I_k and, since I_k is closed, we have that $[h, h_{-1}]$ belongs to I_k . Therefore $h \in I_{k+1}$ and I_{k+1} is closed.

It follows from Theorem 1.1 (3) (ii) and from (2), that for $j \geq 0$

$$[h_0, h_j] = jh_j + a_{j+1}$$

where $a_{j+1} \in I_{j+1}$. Since, by Theorem 1.1 (3) (i), all I_i are ideals of M and since $h_0 \in M$, we have that $[h_0, h] \in I_{j+1}$ for every $h \in I_{j+1}$ and that

$$[h_0, h_j + h] = [h_0, h_j] + [h_0, h] = jh_j + h'$$

where $h' = a_{j+1} + [h_0, h]$ belongs to I_{j+1} . By (7),

$$\|jh_j + h'\| = \|[h_0, h_j + h]\| \leq C \|h_0\| \|h_j + h\|.$$

Dividing by j we get that for every $h \in I_{j+1}$ the element $f(h) = h'/j$ in I_{j+1} exists such

that

$$\|h_j + f(h)\| \leq C_1 \|h_j + h\| \tag{9}$$

where $C_1 = C \|h_0\|/j$. Let us choose an element $h^{(1)}$ in I_{j+1} and let us put by induction $h^{(k)} = f(h^{(k-1)})$. Then, by (9),

$$\begin{aligned} \|h_j + h^{(k)}\| &= \|h_j + f(h^{(k-1)})\| \leq C_1 \|h_j + h^{(k-1)}\| \\ &= C_1 \|h_j + f(h^{(k-2)})\| \leq C_1^2 \|h_j + h^{(k-2)}\| \leq \dots \leq C_1^{k-1} \|h_j + h^{(1)}\|. \end{aligned}$$

If j is large enough so that $C_1 < 1$, then we obtain that $\|h_j + h^{(k)}\| \rightarrow 0$. Since all $h^{(k)}$ belong to I_{j+1} and since I_{j+1} is closed, we have that $h_j \in I_{j+1}$. Hence, by Theorem 1.1 (3) (ii), $I_j = \{h_j\} + I_{j+1} = I_{j+1}$ and the proof of the theorem follows from Theorem 1.1 (3) (iii) and from formula (8).

For $k = 1, 2$ and 3 we put

$$S_k(H) = \{M \in S(H) : \text{codim } I(M) = k\}.$$

Then $S(H) = \bigcup_{k=1}^3 S_k(H)$. Now put

$$L(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_1(H) \cup S_2(H)} I(M) \quad \text{and} \quad R(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} I(M).$$

If $S_1(H) \cup S_2(H) = \emptyset$, then put $L(H) = H$. If $S_3(H) = \emptyset$, then put $R(H) = H$. If $H \in \mathfrak{X}$, then it follows from (1) that

$$L(H) \cap R(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S(H)} I(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S(H)} M = 0.$$

Since all $I(M)$ are closed, $L(H)$ and $R(H)$ are also closed.

Lemma 2.2. *If $H \in \mathfrak{X}$, then $H_{(2)} \subseteq L(H)$.*

Proof. Let $M \in S_1(H)$. Then $I(M) = M$ and an element h_- exists such that $H = \{h_-\} \dot{+} M$. Therefore $H_{(1)} = [H, H] \subseteq I(M)$. Since M is an arbitrary subalgebra in $S_1(H)$, we obtain that

$$H_{(2)} \subseteq H_{(1)} \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S_1(H)} I(M).$$

Now let $M \in S_2(H)$. Then, by Theorem 1.1 (2), the elements h_- and h_0 exist such that

$$H = \{h_-\} \dot{+} M, \quad M = \{h_0\} \dot{+} I(M)$$

and

$$[h_-, h_0] \equiv h_- \pmod{I(M)}.$$

Therefore $H_{(1)} \subseteq \{h_-\} \dot{+} I(M)$ and $H_{(2)} = [H_{(1)}, H_{(1)}] \subseteq I(M)$. Since M is an arbitrary subalgebra in $S_2(H)$, we obtain that

$$H_{(2)} \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S_2(H)} I(M).$$

Thus $H_{(2)} \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S_1(H) \cup S_2(H)} I(M) = L(H)$ which completes the proof.

For every closed subalgebra G of H set

$$S_G(H) = \{M \in S(H) : G \not\subseteq M\} \text{ and } S^G(H) = \{M \in S(H) : G \subseteq M\}.$$

Then $S(H) = S_G(H) \cup S^G(H)$. Now let S be a subset in $S(H)$. Set

$$\mathcal{I}_S = \bigcap_{M \in S} I(M).$$

Then \mathcal{I}_S is a closed ideal of H .

Theorem 2.3. *Let $H \in \mathfrak{X}$.*

- (i) *If G is a closed subalgebra of H , then $G \in \mathfrak{X}$.*
- (ii) *For every subset S in $S(H)$ the quotient algebra H/\mathcal{I}_S belongs to \mathfrak{X} .*

Proof. Let G be a closed subalgebra of H . For every $M \in S_G(H)$ set $M_G = G \cap M$. Then all M_G are closed subalgebras in G of codimension 1 and

$$\bigcap_{M' \in S(G)} M' \subseteq \bigcap_{M_G \in S(G)} M_G = G \cap \left(\bigcap_{M \in S_G(H)} M \right) = \bigcap_{M \in S(H)} M = 0.$$

Therefore $G \in \mathfrak{X}$ and (i) is proved.

Now let $S \subseteq S(H)$ and let f be the homomorphism of H onto H/\mathcal{I}_S . If $M \in S^{\mathcal{I}_S}(H)$, then $f(M)$ is a closed subalgebra of codimension 1 in H/\mathcal{I}_S . Therefore in order to prove (ii) it is sufficient to prove that

- (a) if $h \notin \mathcal{I}_S$, then there exists $M \in S^{\mathcal{I}_S}(H)$ such that $h \notin M$.

Since $h \notin \mathcal{I}_S$, there exists $M_0 \in S$ such that $h \notin I(M_0)$.

If $M_0 \in S_1(H)$, then $I(M_0) = M_0$ and therefore $h \notin M_0$. Since $M_0 \in S^{\mathcal{I}_S}(H)$, we obtain that (a) holds for h .

If $M_0 \in S_2(H)$, then there exist elements h_- and h_0 such that (4) holds. Therefore $h = ah_- + bh_0 + i$ where a and b are complex and where $i \in I(M_0)$. If $a \neq 0$, then $h \notin M_0$ and (a) holds for h . Let $a = 0$, that is, $h = bh_0 + i$ and $b \neq 0$. Then $h \in M_0$. Set $x = h_- + h_0$ and $M = I(M_0) \dot{+} \{x\}$. We have that M is a Lie subalgebra of H and that $h \notin M$. Since $I(M_0)$ is closed and since $\dim(H/I(M_0)) = 2$, we obtain easily that M is closed and that $\text{codim } M = 1$. Since $\mathcal{I}_S \subseteq I(M_0) \subset M$, (a) holds for h .

Finally, let $M_0 \in S_3(H)$. Then there exist elements h_-, h_0 and h_+ such that (5) and (6) hold. Therefore $h = ah_- + bh_0 + ch_+ + i$ where a, b and c are complex and where $i \in I(M_0)$. If $a \neq 0$, then $h \notin M_0$ and (a) holds for h . Let $a = 0$, that is, $h = bh_0 + ch_+ + i$ and $|b| + |c| \neq 0$. Then $h \in M_0$. If $c \neq 0$, then set $M = I(M_0) \dot{+} \{h_-\} \dot{+} \{h_0\}$. Since $I(M_0)$ is closed and since $\dim(H/I(M_0)) = 3$, we obtain easily that M is closed. It follows from (5) and (6) that M is a Lie subalgebra of H , that $h \notin M$ and that $\text{codim } M = 1$. Since $\mathcal{T}_S \subseteq I(M_0) \subset M$, (a) holds for h . Now let $c = 0$, so that $h = bh_0 + i$ and $b \neq 0$. Set

$$x = h_- + h_0, y = h_- + 2h_0 - 4h_+ \text{ and } M = I(M_0) \dot{+} \{x\} \dot{+} \{y\}.$$

It follows from (6) that $[x, y] = 2y \text{ mod } I(M_0)$. Therefore M is a closed Lie subalgebra of codimension 1 in H and h does not belong to M . Thus (a) holds for h and the proof of (ii) is complete.

From Lemma 2.2 and from Theorem 2.3 we obtain immediately the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. *If $H \in \mathfrak{X}$ and if $H' = H/L(H)$, then H' is solvable, $H'_{(2)} = 0$ and $L(H)$ and H' belong to \mathfrak{X} .*

Lemma 2.5. *Let $M \in S_3(H)$.*

- (i) *The elements h_-, h_0 and h_+ in formulae (5) and (6) can be chosen from $L(H)$.*
- (ii) *Subalgebra $M_L = M \cap L(H)$ has codimension 1 in $L(H)$, $I(M_L) = L(H) \cap I(M)$ and $M_L \in S_3(L(H))$.*

Proof. Let $M \in S_3(H)$. By Theorem 1.1 (3) (iii), the elements h'_-, h'_0 and h'_+ exist in H such that $H = \{h'_-\} \dot{+} M$, $M = \{h'_0\} \dot{+} \{h'_+\} \dot{+} I(M)$ and elements g_-, g_0 and g_+ exist in $I(M)$ such that

$$[h'_-, h'_0] = 2h'_- + g_-, [h'_0, h'_+] = 2h'_+ + g_+, [h'_+, h'_-] = h'_0 + g_0. \tag{10}$$

Put $h_0 = [[h'_0, h'_+], [h'_-, h'_0]]/4$, $h_- = [[h'_-, h'_0], [h'_+, h'_-]]/4$ and $h_+ = [[h'_+, h'_-], [h'_0, h'_+]]/4$. By Lemma 2.2, h_0, h_- and h_+ belong to $L(H)$. It follows from (10) that

$$h_0 = [2h'_+ + g_+, 2h'_- + g_-]/4 \equiv [h'_+, h'_-] \text{ mod } I(M) \equiv h'_0 \text{ mod } I(M).$$

In the same way we can show that

$$h_- \equiv h'_- \text{ mod } I(M)$$

and that

$$h_+ \equiv h'_+ \text{ mod } I(M).$$

from which the rest of the proof of (i) follows immediately.

Let $M_L = M \cap L(H)$. Since $h_- \in L(H)$ and $h_- \notin M$ and since $\text{codim } M = 1$, M_L is a closed subalgebra of codimension 1 in $L(H)$. Let $I = L(H) \cap I(M)$. Then I is a closed ideal of $L(H)$ contained in M_L and, by (i) and by Theorem 1.1 (3) (iii),

$$L(H) = \{h_-\} \dot{+} M_L$$

and

$$M_L = \{h_0\} \dot{+} \{h_+\} + I.$$

Since h_- , h_0 and h_+ belong to $L(H)$, all identities in (6) hold *modulo* I . Therefore the quotient algebra $L(H)/I$ is isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$. From this it follows easily that I is the maximal ideal of $L(H)$ contained in M_L , that is, $I = I(M_L)$. Thus $M_L \in S_3(L(H))$ and the proof is complete.

Theorem 2.6. (i) $R(H)$ is the radical of H and $R(H)_{(2)} = 0$. (ii) $L(H)$ is semisimple.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2.2 that $R(H)_{(2)} \subseteq L(H)$. Since $R(H)$ is a Lie ideal of H , we have that $R(H)_{(2)} \subseteq R(H)$. But $L(H) \cap R(H) = 0$. Hence $R(H)_{(2)} = 0$. Therefore $R(H)$ is a solvable ideal in H .

Now suppose that R is another closed solvable ideal in H . Let $M \in S_3(H)$ and let f be the homomorphism of H onto $H/I(M)$. Then $f(R)$ is a solvable Lie ideal in $H/I(M)$. But, by Theorem 2.1 $H/I(M)$ is isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ which is simple, Therefore every solvable ideal in $H/I(M)$ is trivial. Hence $R \subseteq I(M)$. Since M is an arbitrary subalgebra in $S_3(H)$, we obtain that

$$R \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} I(M) = R(H)$$

and (i) is proved.

It follows from the definition of the radical and from Lemma 2.5 (ii) that

$$R(L(H)) = \bigcap_{M' \in S_3(L(H))} M' \subseteq \bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} M_L = L(H) \cap \left(\bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} M \right) = L(H) \cap R(H) = 0.$$

Therefore $L(H)$ is semisimple.

Remark. If H is finite-dimensional, then it was proved in [4] that $H = L(H) \dot{+} R(H)$ and that $L(H) = L_1 \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} L_k$ where all L_i are Lie ideals of H and isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$.

Now we shall consider an example of a normed infinite dimensional Lie algebra H from \mathfrak{X} such that $R(H) = 0$ but $L(H) \neq H$.

Example 1. Let $H = \{A = \{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty : \text{(i) } A_n \in sl(2, \mathbb{C}), \text{ (ii) there exists a matrix } A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a & \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} \text{ such that } \lim A_n = A_0\}$.

Set $\|A\| = \sup_n \|A_n\|$ and set $[A, B] = \{[A_n, B_n]\}_{n=1}^\infty$. Then H is a normed Lie algebra.

It is well-known that $sl(2, \mathbb{C}) \in \mathfrak{X}$ and that $S(sl(2, \mathbb{C})) = S_3(sl(2, \mathbb{C}))$. For every subalgebra \mathcal{M} of codimension 1 in $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ and for every positive integer k let

$$M_k = \{A = \{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in H : A_k \in \mathcal{M}\}.$$

Then M_k are subalgebras of codimension 1 in H and

$$\bigcap_{M \in S(H)} M \subseteq \bigcap_{k=1}^\infty M_k = 0. \\ \mathcal{M} \in S(sl(2, \mathbb{C}))$$

Thus $H \in \mathfrak{X}$. Let $I_k = \{A \in H : A_k = 0\}$. Then I_k are ideals of H and $I(M_k) = I_k$ for every subalgebra $\mathcal{M} \in S(sl(2, \mathbb{C}))$. Every ideal I_k has codimension 3 in H and H/I_k is isomorphic to $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$. Therefore all M_k belong to $S_3(H)$. Then we have that

$$R(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_3(H)} I(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{k=1}^\infty I_k = 0.$$

Now let $I_\infty = \{A \in H : \lim A_n = 0\}$. By G we shall denote the two-dimensional solvable Lie algebra of all complex matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix}$. Then $G \in \mathfrak{X}$ and $S(G) = S_1(G) \cup S_2(G)$. For every $\mathcal{M} \in S(G)$ let $M_\infty = \{A \in H : \lim A_n \in \mathcal{M}\}$. Then M_∞ are subalgebras of codimension 1 in H and $I_\infty \subset M_\infty$. If $I(M_\infty)$ is the corresponding maximal ideal of H in M_∞ then $I_\infty \subseteq I(M_\infty)$. Since $\text{codim } I_\infty = 2$ we have that $\text{codim } I(M_\infty) \leq 2$. Hence $M_\infty \in S_1(H) \cup S_2(H)$. Therefore

$$L(H) = \bigcap_{M \in S_1(H) \cup S_2(H)} I(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{M} \in G} I(M_\infty) = I_\infty.$$

In fact one can easily prove that $L(H) = I_\infty$. Thus $L(H) \neq H$, $R(H) = 0$ and $H/L(H)$ is isomorphic to G . It can also be proved easily that $H_{(2)} = L(H)$ and that $L(H)_{(1)} = L(H)$.

Remark. If H is a finite-dimensional semisimple Lie algebra, then $H_{(1)} = H$. In the example above H is infinite dimensional and, although it is semisimple, we have that $H_{(1)} \neq H$. But we also have that $L(H)_{(1)} = L(H)$. The question arises as to whether $L(H)_{(1)} = L(H)$ for every $H \in \mathfrak{X}$.

By T we shall denote the set of all ideals $I(M)$ such that $\text{codim } I(M) = 3$. Let τ be any subset in T . Put $I(\tau) = \bigcap_{I(M) \in \tau} I(M)$ and put $\bar{\tau} = \{I(M) \in T : I(\tau) \subseteq I(M)\}$. Now suppose that \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 are Lie ideals such that $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq I(M)$ where $I(M) \in T$. Let f be the homomorphism of H onto $H/I(M)$. Then $f(\mathcal{T}_1)$ and $f(\mathcal{T}_2)$ are Lie ideals in $H/I(M)$. But since $H/I(M)$ is simple, we have that $f(\mathcal{T}_1)$ and $f(\mathcal{T}_2)$ are either trivial ideals or coincide with $H/I(M)$. Taking into account that $[h_1, h_2] \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq I(M)$ for every $h_1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ and for every $h_2 \in \mathcal{T}_2$ we obtain that $[f(h_1), f(h_2)] = f([h_1, h_2]) = 0$. Since $H/I(M)$ is not commutative we obtain that at least one of these ideals is trivial. Thus if \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 are ideals such that $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq I(M) \in T$ then either $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq I(M)$ or $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq I(M)$.

Using this argument and repeating the proof of Lemma 3.1.1 [3] we can easily prove the following lemma:

Lemma 2.7.

- (i) $\bar{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ and $\tau \subseteq \bar{\tau}$ for every $\tau \subset T$
- (ii) $\overline{\bar{\tau}} = \bar{\tau}$ for every $\tau \subset T$ and $\overline{\tau_1 \cup \tau_2} = \bar{\tau}_1 \cup \bar{\tau}_2$ if $\tau_1, \tau_2 \subset T$.

From Lemma 2.7. it follows that there exists a unique topology (Jacobson's topology) on T such that for every $\tau \subset T$ the set $\bar{\tau}$ is its closure in this topology. Since every $I(M)$ in T is maximal we have that it is closed.

3. The structure of normed solvable algebras from \mathfrak{X}

We shall start the section with a well-known lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *Let N be a normed nilpotent algebra from \mathfrak{X} . Then N is commutative.*

Let R be a normed solvable algebra from \mathfrak{X} and let N be its nil-radical. It follows from Theorem 2.6 that $R_{(2)} = 0$. Hence $R_{(1)}$ is a commutative ideal of R . Therefore $R_{(1)} \subseteq N$. By Theorem 2.3 (i), N belongs to \mathfrak{X} and hence, by Lemma 3.1, N is commutative.

By R^* we shall denote the dual space of R which consists of all bounded functionals on R . For every $r \in R$ we denote by A_r the operator on R^* which is defined by the formula

$$(A_r f)(r_1) = f([r, r_1]). \tag{11}$$

Then A_r is a linear operator and it is bounded since

$$\|A_r f\| = \sup_{\|r_1\|=1} |(A_r f)(r_1)| \leq \|f\| \sup_{\|r_1\|=1} \|[r, r_1]\| \leq C \|f\| \|r\|.$$

By $R_{(1)}^0$ we denote the polar of $R_{(1)}$ which consists of all functionals f in R^* such that $f|_{R_{(1)}} = 0$.

Lemma 3.2.

- (i) $A_r f = 0$ for every $r \in R$ if and only if $f \in R_{(1)}^0$.
- (ii) If $A_r f = g(r)f$ for every $r \in R$, where g is a functional on R , then $f \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $g(r) \equiv 0$.
- (iii) Every operator A_r is continuous in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology

Proof. If $f \in R_{(1)}^0$, then, by (11), $(A_r f)(r_1) = 0$ for all $r, r_1 \in R$. Hence $A_r f = 0$. If, on the other hand, we have that $A_r f = 0$ for all $r \in R$, then, by (11), $f([r, r_1]) = 0$ for every $r_1 \in R$. Hence $R_{(1)} \subseteq \text{Ker } f$ and therefore $f \in R_{(1)}^0$. Thus (i) is proved.

Now let $A_r f = g(r)f$ for every $r \in R$ and let $r_1 \in \text{Ker } f$. Then

$$f([r, r_1]) = (A_r f)(r_1) = g(r)f(r_1) = 0.$$

Hence $[r, r_1] \in \text{Ker } f$. Therefore $\text{Ker } f$ is an ideal in R . Let $r_0 \in R$ be such that $R = \{r_0\} + \text{Ker } f$ and that $f(r_0) = 1$. Then for every $r \in R$ there exists a complex t such that $r = tr_0 + r_1$ where $r_1 \in \text{Ker } f$. Then

$$(A_r f)(r_0) = g(r)f(r_0) = f([r, r_0]) = f([r_1, r_0]) = 0,$$

since $[r_1, r] \in \text{Ker } f$. Hence $g(r) = 0$ for all $r \in R$. Therefore it follows from (i) that $f \in R_{(1)}$ and (ii) is proved.

Let $r \in R$ and let (f_α) be a directed set of elements in R^* converging to 0 in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology. For every finite set $(r_i)_{i=1}^n$ put $r'_i = [r, r_i]$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and let us choose α_0 such that $|f_\alpha(r'_i)| < \varepsilon$ for all i and for $\alpha > \alpha_0$. Then

$$|A_r f_\alpha(r_i)| = |f_\alpha([r, r_i])| < \varepsilon$$

and $(A_r f_\alpha)$ converges to 0 in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology. Hence (iii) is proved.

Lemma 3.3. *Let $r_- \in R_{(1)}$ and let $M \in S(R)$ be a subalgebra such that $r_- \notin M$. Then $M \in S_2(R)$ and there exist $r_0 \in M$ and functionals $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $f \notin R_{(1)}^0$ such that $r_0 \notin R_{(1)}$, $g(r_0) \neq 0$, $f(r_-) \neq 0$, $[r_0, r_-] \equiv r_- \pmod{I(M)}$ and for every $r \in R$*

$$A_r f = g(r)f - f(r)g.$$

Proof. Since $R \in \mathfrak{X}$, there exists a subalgebra $M \in S(R)$ such that $r_- \notin M$. If M is an ideal in R , then $R_{(1)} \subseteq M$ which contradicts the fact that r_- does not belong to M . Hence $M \notin S_1(R)$. Since R is solvable, we have that $S_3(R) = \emptyset$. Hence $M \in S_2(H)$. By Theorem 1.1(2), an element $r_0 \in M$ exists such that $M = \{r_0\} + I(M)$ and that $[r_0, r_-] \equiv r_- \pmod{I(M)}$. Therefore $R_{(1)} \subseteq \{r_0\} + I(M)$. Hence r_0 does not belong to $R_{(1)}$.

Since M is closed and $\text{codim}(M) = 1$, there exists a functional f such that $\text{Ker } f = M$. Hence $f(r_-) \neq 0$ and therefore $f \notin R_{(1)}^0$. The subspace $\{r_0\} + I(M)$ is closed and has codimension 1 in R . Therefore a functional f_1 exists such that $\text{Ker } f_1 = \{r_0\} + I(M)$. Hence $f_1(r_0) \neq 0$. Since $R_{(1)} \subseteq \{r_0\} + I(M)$, we have that $f_1 \in R_{(1)}^0$.

Let $I^0(M) = \{f \in R^* : f|_{I(M)} = 0\}$ be the polar of $I(M)$ in R^* . Since $\text{codim } I(M) = 2$, we have that $\dim I^0(M) = 2$. The functionals f and f_1 belong to $I^0(M)$ and, since $f(r_-) \neq 0$ and $f_1(r_-) = 0$, they are linearly independent. Hence f and f_1 form a basis in $I^0(M)$. Since $I(M)$ is an ideal in R , it follows from (11) that $I^0(M)$ is invariant under all operators $A_r, r \in R$. Hence

$$A_r f = g(r)f + h(r)f_1$$

where g and h are linear bounded functionals on R . Then, since $f(r_0) = 0$ and since $f_1(r_-) = 0$, we have that

$$(A_r f)(r_0) = f([r, r_0]) = g(r)f(r_0) + h(r)f_1(r_0) = h(r)f_1(r_0), \tag{12}$$

$$(A_r f)(r_-) = f([r, r_-]) = g(r)f(r_-) + h(r)f_1(r_-) = g(r)f(r_-). \tag{13}$$

If $r \in I(M)$, then $[r, r_0] \in I(M)$ and $f([r, r_0]) = 0$. Since $f_1(r_0) \neq 0$, we get from (12) that $I(M) \subseteq \text{Ker } h$. If $r = r_0$, then, by (12), $h(r_0) = 0$. Hence $M = \{r_0\} \dot{+} I(M) = \text{Ker } f \subseteq \text{Ker } h$. Therefore $h = af$ where a is a complex number. If $r = r_-$ then $[r_-, r_0] \equiv -r_- \pmod{I(M)}$ and, by (12),

$$-f(r_-) = af(r_-)f_1(r_0).$$

Hence $a = -1/f_1(r_0)$.

Now if $r \in I(M)$, then $[r, r_-] \in I(M)$ and $f([r, r_-]) = 0$. Since $f(r_-) \neq 0$, we get from (13) that $I(M) \subseteq \text{Ker } g$. If $r = r_-$, then, by (13), $g(r_-) = 0$. Hence $\{r_-\} \dot{+} I(M) = \text{Ker } f_1 \subseteq \text{Ker } g$. Therefore $g = bf_1 \in R_{(1)}^0$, where b is a complex number. If $r = r_0$, then $[r_0, r_-] = r_- \pmod{I(M)}$ and, by (13),

$$f(r_-) = bf_1(r_0)f(r_-).$$

Hence $b = 1/f_1(r_0) = -a$. Therefore

$$h(r)f_1 = af(r)f_1 = -bf(r)f_1 = -f(r)g.$$

Hence $A_r f = g(r)f - f(r)g$ which concludes the proof of the lemma.

Let $g \in R_{(1)}^0$. By T_g we shall denote the set of all functionals f such that for every $r \in R$

$$A_r f = g(r)f - f(r)g. \tag{14}$$

Then $\lambda g \in T_g$, where λ is complex, since, by Lemma 3.2,

$$A_r g = 0 = g(r)\lambda g - \lambda g(r)g.$$

For some $g \in R_{(1)}^0$, $T_g = \{g\}$ where $\{g\}$ is one-dimensional subspace generated by g .

Let

$$T = \bigcup_{g \in R_{(1)}^0} T_g$$

and let

$$\Sigma = \{g \in R_{(1)}^0; T_g \neq \{g\}\}.$$

We shall denote by $[T]$ the linear span of T closed in the norm topology and by $[T]_*$ the linear span of T closed in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology.

Lemma 3.4.

- (i) T_g is a $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed linear subspace in R^* , and $T_g \cap R_{(1)}^0 = \{g\}$.
- (ii) $T_g \cap T_{\lambda g} = \{g\}$, and $T_{g_1} \cap T_{g_2} = 0$ if $g_2 \notin \{g_1\}$.

- (iii) If $g \in \Sigma$, then $g \in N^0$ where N^0 is the polar of N in R^* .
- (iv) The quotient subspaces $T_g/\{g\}$, for $g \in \Sigma$, are linearly independent in the quotient space $R^*/R_{(1)}^0$.

Proof. Let (f_α) be a directed set of elements in T_g converging to $f \in R^*$ in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology. Since, by Lemma 3.2 (iii), A_r is continuous in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology, we have that $A_r f_\alpha \rightarrow A_r f$. But, by (14),

$$A_r f_\alpha = g(r)f_\alpha - f_\alpha(r)g$$

converges to $g(r)f - f(r)g$. Hence $A_r f = g(r)f - f(r)g$, so that $f \in T_g$. If $f \in T_g \cap R_{(1)}^0$, then, by (11) and by (14), for every $r, r_1 \in R$

$$(A_r f)(r_1) = f([r, r_1]) = 0 = g(r)f(r_1) - f(r)g(r_1),$$

since $[r, r_1] \in R_{(1)}$. Hence $\text{Ker } f = \text{Ker } g$ and therefore $f = tg$ where t is complex. Thus (i) is proved.

If $f \in T_{g_1} \cap T_{g_2}$, then for every $r \in R$

$$A_r f = g_1(r)f - f(r)g_1 = g_2(r)f - f(r)g_2.$$

Hence $g(r)f - f(r)g = 0$ where $g = g_1 - g_2$. Hence $\text{Ker } f = \text{Ker } g$ and therefore $f = tg \in R_{(1)}^0$, where t is complex. By (i), there exist complex λ_1 and λ_2 such that $f = \lambda_1 g_1 = \lambda_2 g_2$. Hence $g_2 = (\lambda_1/\lambda_2)g_1$. Thus if $g_2 \notin \{g_1\}$, then $T_{g_1} \cap T_{g_2} = 0$. If $g_2 = \lambda g_1$, then $T_{g_1} \cap T_{g_2} = \{g_1\}$ and (ii) is proved.

Since $R_{(1)} \subseteq N$, we have that $N^0 \subseteq R_{(1)}^0$. Now suppose that $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ but $g \notin N^0$. Then there exists $n \in N$ such that $g(n) \neq 0$. By (14), for every $f \in T_g$ and for every $r \in R_{(1)}$ we have

$$(A_r f)(n) = f([r, n]) = 0 = g(r)f(n) - f(r)g(n) = -f(r)g(n).$$

Hence $f(r) = 0$ and $f \in R_{(1)}^0$. By (i), $f = tg$. Hence $T_g = \{g\}$ and $g \notin \Sigma$ so (iii) is proved.

Let $f \in T_g$, for $g \in \Sigma$, and let \tilde{f} be its image in the quotient space $R^*/R_{(1)}^0$. Then, by (14), for every $r \in R$ we have that $(A_r \tilde{f}) = g(r)\tilde{f}$ and the rest of the proof of (iv) is obvious.

Let $g \in R_{(1)}^0$. Put

$$T_g^\perp = T \setminus T_g = \bigcup_{g' \in R_{(1)}^0 \setminus g} T_{g'}.$$

Let $(T_g^\perp)^0$ be the polar of T_g^\perp in R . Put $R_{(1)}^g = (T_g^\perp)^0$. By $[T_g^\perp]_\sigma$ we shall denote the $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed span of T_g^\perp in R^* .

Theorem 3.5.

- (i) A solvable normed Lie algebra R belongs to \mathfrak{X} if and only if $[T]_\sigma = R^*$.
- (ii) Let $R \in \mathfrak{X}$. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) *there exists a closed commutative subalgebra G in R such that $G \cap R_{(1)} = 0$ and that linear combinations of elements from G and $R_{(1)}$ are dense in R ,*
- (b) *there exists a $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed linear subspace S in R^* such that $S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$ and that $S \cap T_g$ has codimension 1 in T_g for every $g \in \Sigma$.*
- (iii) *$R_{(1)}^g \neq 0$ if and only if $[T_g^\perp]_\sigma \neq R^*$; $R_{(1)}^g$ is a closed ideal in $R_{(1)}$ such that for every $r' \in R_{(1)}^g$ and for every $r \in R$*

$$[r, r'] = g(r)r'.$$

$$R_{(1)}^{g_1} \cap R_{(1)}^{g_2} = 0 \text{ if } g_1 \neq g_2, \text{ and if } g \notin \Sigma, \text{ then } R_{(1)}^g = 0.$$

Proof. We shall consider R^* in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology. Then R is the dual space of R^* . Let $R \in \mathfrak{X}$. By definition we have that $R_{(1)}^0 \subseteq T$. Let T^0 be the polar of T in R which consists of all $r \in R$ such that $f(r) = 0$, for all $f \in T$. It follows from Lemma 3.3 that, if $r \in R_{(1)}$, then there exist $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $f \in T_g$ such that $f(r) \neq 0$. Hence $T^0 \cap R_{(1)} = 0$. Now let $r \notin R_{(1)}$. Then there exists $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ such that $g(r) \neq 0$. Hence $r \notin T^0$. Thus $T^0 = 0$. If T^{00} is the bipolar of T in R^* , then $T^{00} = R^*$. But $T^{00} = [T]_\sigma$. Hence $[T]_\sigma = R^*$.

Now suppose that R is solvable and that $[T]_\sigma = R^*$. Let $f \in T_g$. If $r, r' \in \text{Ker } f$ then, by (14),

$$f([r, r']) = g(r)f(r') - f(r)g(r') = 0.$$

Hence $[r, r'] \in \text{Ker } f$. Thus we obtain that $\text{Ker } f$ is a subalgebra and hence $\text{Ker } f \in \mathcal{S}(R)$. Let $r \in \bigcap_{f \in T} \text{Ker } f$. Since $[T]_\sigma = R^*$, we obtain that $f(r) = 0$ for every $f \in R^*$. Hence $r = 0$. Therefore

$$\bigcap_{M \in \mathcal{S}(R)} M \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in T} \text{Ker } f = 0.$$

Hence $R \in \mathfrak{X}$ and (i) is proved.

Now let us prove that (b) follows from (a). Put $S = G^0$. Then S is a $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed linear subspace in R^* . If $f \in S \cap R_{(1)}^0$, then $f|_G = 0$ and $f|_{R_{(1)}} = 0$. Hence $f = 0$. Thus $S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$. If $g \in \Sigma$, then $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ and hence $g \notin S$. Now let $f \in T_g$. Since $g \notin S$, there exists $r \in G$ such that $g(r) \neq 0$. Then, by (14),

$$g(r)f = f(r)g + A_r f. \tag{15}$$

But, by (11), $(A_r f)(r') = f([r, r']) = 0$ for every $r' \in G$, since G is commutative. Hence $A_r f \in S$. Since $g(r) \neq 0$, it follows from (15) that $f \equiv tg \pmod{S}$ where $t = f(r)/g(r)$. Hence $S \cap T_g$ has codimension 1 in T_g .

Now let us prove that (a) follows from (b). Let S^0 be the polar of S in R . Put $G = S^0$. Then G is a linear subspace in R closed in the norm topology. Let $r_1, r_2 \in G$. Put $r_- = [r_1, r_2]$. Then $r_- \in R_{(1)}$. If $r_- \neq 0$, then, by Lemma 3.3, there exist functionals $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $f \in T_g$ such that $f(r_-) \neq 0$. Since $S \cap T_g$ has codimension 1 in T_g and since $g \notin S$, there exists a complex t such that $f_1 = f - tg \in S \cap T_g$. Then $f_1(r_1) = f_1(r_2) = 0$ and

$$f_1(r_-) = f(r_-) - tg(r_-) = f(r_-) \neq 0. \tag{16}$$

But, by (11) and by (14),

$$(A_{r_1} f_1)(r_2) = f_1([r_1, r_2]) = f_1(r_-) = g(r_1) f_1(r_2) - f_1(r_1) g(r_2) = 0$$

which contradicts (16). Hence $r_- = 0$ and G is commutative.

Now let $r \in G \cap R_{(1)}$. If $r \neq 0$, then repeating the argument which preceded (16) we obtain that there exist functionals $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $f_1 \in S \cap T_g$ such that $f_1(r) \neq 0$. But this contradicts the fact that $r \in G$ and that $f_1 \in S = G^0$. Hence $G \cap R_{(1)} = 0$.

Let L be the closed linear span of G and $R_{(1)}$, and let L^0 be the polar of L in R^* . Then $L^0 = G^0 \cap R_{(1)}^0$. Since G is the polar of S in R , we have that G^0 is the bipolar of S in R^* and hence $G^0 = [S]_\sigma = S$. Therefore $L^0 = S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$. Hence $L = R$ which concludes the proof of (ii).

Let $(R_{(1)}^g)^0$ be the polar of $R_{(1)}^g$ in R^* and let $(T_g^\perp)^{00}$ be the bipolar of T_g^\perp in R^* . Then

$$(R_{(1)}^g)^0 = (T_g^\perp)^{00} = [T_g^\perp]_\sigma.$$

If $R_{(1)}^g = 0$, then $(R_{(1)}^g)^0 = R^* = [T_g^\perp]_\sigma$. If, on the other hand, $[T_g^\perp]_\sigma = R^*$, then $(R_{(1)}^g)^0 = R^*$ and hence $R_{(1)}^g = 0$.

We have that $R_{(1)}^0 \subset T$. Since $T_g \cap R_{(1)}^0 = \{g\}$, we have that

$$R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\} \subset T \setminus T_g = T_g^\perp. \tag{17}$$

Hence $R_{(1)}^g = (T_g^\perp)^0 \subset (R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\})^0$. But since the closure of $R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\}$ in the norm topology is $R_{(1)}^0$, we obtain that

$$(R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\})^0 = (R_{(1)}^0)^0 = R_{(1)}.$$

Hence $R_{(1)}^g \subseteq R_{(1)}$.

Now let $R_{(1)}^g \neq 0$, let $r' \in R_{(1)}^g$ and let $r \in R$. Put

$$r_1 = [r, r'] - g(r)r'.$$

Then $r_1 \in R_{(1)}$ and hence $g'(r_1) = 0$ for every $g' \in R_{(1)}^0$. For every functional $f \in T_g$, by (14),

$$f(r_1) = f([r, r']) - g(r)f(r') = -f(r)g(r') = 0,$$

since $g(r') = 0$. Let $f \in T_g^\perp$, where $g' \in R_{(1)}^0$ and $g' \neq g$, and let $f \neq tg'$. Then $f \in T_g^\perp$ and hence $f(r') = 0$. Therefore, by (14),

$$f(r_1) = f([r, r']) - g(r)f(r') = f([r, r']) = g'(r)f(r') - f(r)g'(r) = 0,$$

since $g'(r') = 0$. Hence $f(r_1) = 0$ for every $f \in T$. Therefore, by (i), $r_1 = 0$ and

$$[r, r'] = g(r)r'. \tag{18}$$

If $g_1 \neq g_2$, then it follows from (18) that $R_{(1)}^{g_1} \cap R_{(1)}^{g_2} = 0$.

If $g \notin \Sigma$, then $T_g = \{g\}$. Since the closure of $R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\}$ in the $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology is $R_{(1)}^0$, we have, by (17), that

$$T_g = \{g\} \subseteq R_{(1)}^0 = [R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g\}]_\sigma \subseteq [T_g^\perp]_\sigma.$$

Since $T_g \subseteq [T_g^\perp]_\sigma$, we get that $[T_g^\perp]_\sigma = [T]_\sigma$. Hence, by (i), $[T_g^\perp]_\sigma = R^*$ and therefore $R_{(1)}^g = 0$ which concludes the proof of the theorem.

The case when $\dim R < \infty$ was considered in [4]. It was proved there that R is the direct sum of G and $R_{(1)}$, and that $R_{(1)}$ is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, where $\Sigma = \{g_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a finite set. We shall consider the case when $\dim R = \infty$ and Σ is a finite set later on but now we shall consider an example when $\dim R = \infty$ and Σ is an infinite set. We shall show that, although $\dim(R/R_{(1)}) = 2$ in the example, *there does not exist a commutative subalgebra G such that $G \cap R_{(1)} = 0$ and that linear combinations of elements from G and $R_{(1)}$ are dense in R . We shall also prove that $R_{(1)}^{g_i} = 0$ for all $g \in \Sigma$.*

Example. Let R be a Hilbert space with a basis $(e_i)_{i=-1}^\infty$, let N be the subspace generated by $(e_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ and let A be the bounded operator on R such that

$$Ae_{-1} = Ae_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Ae_i = a_i e_i + e_{i+1} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, \tag{19}$$

where a_i are complex numbers such that $a_i \neq a_j$, $a_i \neq 0$ and $\sup_i |a_i| < \frac{1}{2}$. Put

$$\begin{aligned} [x, y] &= 0, \text{ for } x, y \in N; [e_0, e_0] = [e_{-1}, e_{-1}] = 0; \\ [e_0, e_i] &= Ae_i, [e_{-1}, e_i] = A^2 e_i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

and $[e_{-1}, e_0] = e_1$.

It is easy to check that R is a Lie algebra and that

$$[x, y] = (x_{-1}y_0 - y_{-1}x_0)e_1 + x_{-1}A^2y - y_{-1}A^2x + x_0Ay - y_0Ax, \tag{21}$$

for $x = \sum_{i=-1}^\infty x_i e_i$ and $y = \sum_{i=-1}^\infty y_i e_i$. Then

$$\|[x, y]\| \leq 2(\|e_1\| + \|A^2\| + \|A\|)\|x\|\|y\|.$$

Hence R is a normed Lie algebra. By (20), N is a commutative ideal in R and $R_{(1)} \subseteq N$. Thus R is solvable, N is the nil-radical of R and $R_{(2)} = 0$. If $R_{(1)} \neq N$, then there exists an element $Z = \sum_{i=1}^\infty Z_i e_i$ in N such that for every $i \geq 0$

$$(Z, [e_0, e_i]) = (Z, [e_{-1}, e_i]) = 0.$$

Since $[e_0, e_i] = a_i e_i + e_{i+1}$, for $i \geq 1$, we obtain that $Z_i a_i + Z_{i+1} = 0$. Since $[e_{-1}, e_0] = e_1$, we obtain that $Z_1 = 0$ and hence all $Z_i = 0$, for $i \geq 1$. Thus $Z = 0$ and therefore $R_{(1)} = N$.

For every $f \in R^*$ there exists an element y_f in R such that $f(x) = (x, y_f)$ for every

$x \in R$. For $r \in R$ put $f_r = A_r f$. Then

$$(A_r f)(x) = f([r, x]) = ([r, x], y_f) = (x, y_f).$$

From (21) it follows that

$$([r, x], y_f) = (r_{-1}x_0 - x_{-1}r_0)(e_1, y_f) + r_{-1}(A^2x, y_f) - x_{-1}(A^2r, y_f) + r_0(Ax, y_f) - x_0(Ar, y_f).$$

Therefore from the two preceding formulae we obtain that

$$y_{f_r} = (\bar{r}_{-1}(A^*)^2 + \bar{r}_0 A^*)y_f - (y_f, r_0 e_1 + A^2 r)e_{-1} + (y_f, r_{-1} e_1 - Ar)e_0. \tag{22}$$

For every $g \in R_{(1)}^0$ we have that $y_g = \mu e_{-1} + \lambda e_0$. If $f \in T_g$, then, by (14), we have that

$$y_{f_r} = \overline{g(r)}y_f - \overline{f(r)}y_g = (y_g, r)y_f - (y_f, r)y_g. \tag{23}$$

Let $r \in N$. Then $r_{-1} = r_0 = 0$. From (22) and from (23) we get that

$$y_{f_r} = -(y_f, A^2 r)e_{-1} - (y_f, Ar)e_0 = -(y_f, r)(\mu e_{-1} + \lambda e_0),$$

since $(y_g, r) = 0$. Hence

$$(y_f, Ar) = \lambda(y_f, r) \quad \text{and} \quad (y_f, A^2 r) = \mu(y_f, r). \tag{24}$$

Let $y_f = y_{-1}e_{-1} + y_0e_0 + \hat{y}_f$ where $\hat{y}_f \in N$. Since N is invariant under A , we obtain from (24) that for every $r \in N$

$$(\hat{y}_f, Ar) = \lambda(\hat{y}_f, r) \quad \text{and} \quad (\hat{y}_f, A^2 r) = \mu(\hat{y}_f, r).$$

Since N is invariant under A^* , we get that $A^* \hat{y}_f = \lambda \hat{y}_f$ and that $(A^*)^2 \hat{y}_f = \mu \hat{y}_f$. Hence $\mu = \lambda^2$.

It follows from (19) that

$$A^* e_1 = \bar{a}_1 e_1 \quad \text{and} \quad A^* e_i = \bar{a}_i e_i + e_{i-1}, \quad \text{for } i \geq 2.$$

If $\hat{y}_f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i e_i$, then, since $A^* \hat{y}_f = \lambda \hat{y}_f$, we get that

$$(\bar{a}_i - \lambda)y_i + y_{i+1} = 0,$$

for $i \geq 1$. Hence we obtain that for $i \geq 2$

$$y_i = y_1 \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (\lambda - \bar{a}_j). \tag{25}$$

Now let $r_- \neq 0$ and $r_0 \neq 0$ in (22) and in (23). Then after some calculations we obtain from (22) and from (23) that

$$\lambda(\lambda y_0 - y_{-1}) = (\hat{y}_f, e_1) = y_1. \tag{26}$$

But the element y_f , of which coordinates y_i satisfy (25) and (26), belongs to R if and only if

$$\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} |y_i|^2 = |y_1|^2 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} |\lambda - \bar{a}_j|^2 \right) < \infty. \tag{27}$$

From all these considerations it follows that

- (i) $\Sigma = \{g(\lambda) \in R_{(1)}^0 : y_{g(\lambda)} = \lambda^2 e_{-1} + \lambda e_0, \text{ where } \lambda \neq 0 \text{ and satisfies (27)}\}$,
- (ii) any functional f such that $y_f = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} y_i e_i$, where y_i satisfy (25) and (26), belongs to $T_{g(\lambda)}$.

It follows from (i) and (ii) that $\dim T_{g(\lambda)} = 2$. Since $\sup_i |a_i| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, then (27) uniformly converges for all $|\lambda| \leq q < \frac{1}{2}$. Now suppose that there exists a $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed subspace S in R^* such that $S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$ and that $S \cap T_{g(\lambda)}$ has codimension 1 in $T_{g(\lambda)}$ for every $g(\lambda) \in \Sigma$. Then S is a Hilbert subspace in R^* and, for every $g(\lambda) \in \Sigma$, there exists a unique element $y(\lambda) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} y_i(\lambda) e_i$ such that $y(\lambda) \in S \cap T_{g(\lambda)}$, that $y_1(\lambda) = 1$ and that $y_i(\lambda)$ satisfy (25) and (26). Then, by (26),

$$1/\lambda = \lambda y_0(\lambda) - y_{-1}(\lambda). \tag{28}$$

Now let S^\perp be the subspace orthogonal to S . Since $S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$, it is easy to see that $\dim S^\perp \geq 2$. Suppose that $S^\perp \cap N \neq 0$ and let $Z \in S^\perp \cap N$. For every $\lambda = \bar{a}_j$ the series (27) converges and it follows from (25) that the coordinates $y_i(\bar{a}_j)$ of the corresponding elements $y(\bar{a}_j)$ satisfy the following conditions:

$$y_i(\bar{a}_j) \neq 0, \text{ if } 1 \leq i \leq j, \text{ and } y_i(\bar{a}_j) = 0, \text{ if } j < i. \tag{29}$$

Since $(Z, y(\bar{a}_j)) = 0$ for every \bar{a}_j , we obtain easily that $Z = 0$. Hence $S^\perp \cap N = 0$. Then there exist elements Z^1 and Z^2 in S^\perp such that

$$Z^1 = e_{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_i^1 e_i, \quad Z^2 = e_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_i^2 e_i.$$

Since $(y(\lambda), Z^K) = 0$ for $K = 1, 2$, we get that

$$y_{-1}(\lambda) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \bar{Z}_i^1 y_i(\lambda), \quad y_0(\lambda) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \bar{Z}_i^2 y_i(\lambda)$$

for all $y(\lambda) \in S$. By (28),

$$|1/\lambda| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z}_i^1 - \lambda \bar{Z}_i^2) y_i(\lambda) \right| \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\bar{Z}_i^1 - \lambda \bar{Z}_i^2|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i(\lambda)|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Earlier we observed that for all $|\lambda| \leq q < \frac{1}{2}$ (27) converges uniformly. Hence the expression on the right-hand side of the inequality above is bounded for all $|\lambda| < q$. But $1/\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. This contradiction shows that S does not exist. Hence, by Theorem 3.5(ii), there does not exist a commutative subalgebra G such that $G \cap R_{(1)} = 0$ and that linear combinations of elements from G and $R_{(1)}$ are dense in R .

Now we shall prove that $R_{(1)}^g = 0$ for all $g \in \Sigma$. Let $g(\lambda_0) \in \Sigma$. By definition,

$$T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp = \bigcup_{\substack{g(\lambda) \in \Sigma \\ g(\lambda) \neq g(\lambda_0)}} T_g.$$

It follows from (17) that $R_{(1)}^0 \subset [T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma$. Hence $[T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma$ contains e_{-1} , e_0 and all $y \in T_{g(\lambda)}$, for $\lambda \neq \lambda_0$. Suppose that $[T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma \neq R^*$. Then there exists $Z \in R^*$ which is orthogonal to $[T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma$. Since e_{-1} and e_0 belong to $[T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma$, we have that $Z_{-1} = Z_0 = 0$, so that $Z \in N$.

Let $\lambda_0 \neq \bar{a}_j$. Then, since all $g(\bar{a}_j) \in \Sigma$, we get that $(Z, y(\bar{a}_j)) = 0$ for every a_j . Using (29) as above we obtain that $Z = 0$ and, hence, that $[T_{g(\lambda_0)}^\perp]_\sigma = R^*$. Hence, by Theorem 3.5(iii), $R_{(1)}^{g(\lambda_0)} = 0$.

Now let $\lambda_0 = \bar{a}_j$. Then $(Z, y(\bar{a}_i)) = 0$ for every $a_i \neq a_j$. Using (29) we obtained by induction that

$$Z_i = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, j-1; \text{ and that } Z_i = Z_j \prod_{k=j+1}^i (a_j - a_k)^{-1}, \text{ for } i \geq j+1.$$

Taking into account that $\sup_i |a_i| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ we get that $|a_j - a_k| \leq 1$ and therefore $|Z_i| \geq |Z_j|$. Hence the element Z does not belong to N . Therefore $[T_{g(\bar{a}_j)}^\perp]_\sigma = R^*$ and, by Theorem 3.5(iii), $R_{(1)}^{g(\bar{a}_j)} = 0$.

Thus in the example $R_{(1)}^g = 0$, for every $g \in \Sigma$, and, although $\dim(R/R_{(1)}) = 2$, Σ is infinite as was shown in (i). In the theorem below we shall consider the case when Σ is finite.

Theorem 3.6. *Let $R \in \mathfrak{X}$ and let $\Sigma = \{g_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be a finite set. Then*

- (i) *there exists a finite-dimensional commutative subalgebra Γ in R such that $\dim \Gamma \leq n$ and that R is the direct sum of Γ and the nil-radical N ;*
- (ii) *N is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}$ and the centre Z , and $R_{(1)}$ is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.*

Proof. Let S_{g_i} , for $i = 1, \dots, n$, be $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed subspaces in T_{g_i} of codimension 1 such that $T_{g_i} = S_{g_i} + \{g_i\}$. First we shall prove that if a directed set $f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}$, where $g^{(\alpha)} \in R_{(1)}^0$, $f^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i^{(\alpha)}$ and $f_i^{(\alpha)} \in S_{g_i}$, converges to an element from R^* in $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -topology, then the directed set $g^{(\alpha)}$ and all directed sets $(f_i^{(\alpha)})_{i=1}^n$ converge to some elements from R^* .

Suppose that there exist directed sets $f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}$ which converge to elements from R^* but such that at least one of the corresponding directed sets $f_i^{(\alpha)}$ does not converge. For every such set let $p(f^{(\alpha)}, g^{(\alpha)})$ be the number of the sets $f_i^{(\alpha)}$ which do not converge and let p be the smallest of all $p(f^{(\alpha)}, g^{(\alpha)})$. Then $1 \leq p \leq n$. Suppose that $p > 1$. Let us choose

one of the directed sets $f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}$ which converges to h with exactly p sets $(f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)})_{j=1}^p$ which do not converge. Then for every $r \in R$, by Lemma 3.2 and by (14),

$$A_r(f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}) = A_r f^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{j=1}^p (g_{i_j}(r) f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)} - f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}(r) g_{i_j})$$

converges to $A_r h$. Hence the directed set

$$g_{i_p}(r)(f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}) - A_r(f^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}) = g_{i_p}(r)g^{(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^p f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}(r)g_{i_j} + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} (g_{i_p}(r) - g_{i_j}(r))f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}$$

converges to $g_{i_p}(r)h - A_r h$. Put $\tilde{f}^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \tilde{f}_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}$ and

$$\tilde{g}^{(\alpha)} = g_{i_p}(r)g^{(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^p f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}(r)g_{i_j},$$

where $\tilde{f}_{i_j}^{(\alpha)} = (g_{i_p}(r) - g_{i_j}(r))f_{i_j}^{(\alpha)}$. Then $\tilde{g}^{(\alpha)} \in R_{(1)}^0$ and the directed set $\tilde{f}^{(\alpha)} + \tilde{g}^{(\alpha)}$ converges to $g_{i_p}(r)h - A_r h$. Since all functionals $(g_{i_j})_{j=1}^p$ are different, we can choose such r that $g_{i_p}(r) - g_{i_1}(r) \neq 0$. Then at least the directed set $\tilde{f}_{i_1}^{(\alpha)}$ does not converge. Hence $1 \leq p(\tilde{f}^{(\alpha)}, \tilde{g}^{(\alpha)}) \leq p - 1$ which contradicts the assumption that $p > 1$ is the smallest of such numbers.

Now suppose that $p = 1$. Then there exist directed sets $f_i^{(\alpha)} \in S_{g_i}$ and $g^{(\alpha)} \in R_{(1)}^0$ such that the directed set $f_i^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}$ converges to an element $h \in R^*$ and that the directed set $f_i^{(\alpha)}$ does not converge. Since S_{g_i} is $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed in R^* and since $g_i \notin S_{g_i}$, there exists $r \in R$ such that $g_i(r) = 1$ and that $f(r) = 0$ for all $f \in S_{g_i}$. Then, since all $f_i^{(\alpha)} \in S_{g_i}$, we obtain from Lemma 3.2 and from (14) that the directed set

$$A_r(f_i^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}) = A_r f_i^{(\alpha)} = g_i(r) f_i^{(\alpha)} - f_i^{(\alpha)}(r) g_i = f_i^{(\alpha)}$$

converges to $A_r h$. This contradiction shows that $p \neq 1$.

Thus from all these considerations we obtain that, if a directed set $\sum_{i=1}^n f_i^{(\alpha)} + g^{(\alpha)}$, where $f_i^{(\alpha)} \in S_{g_i}$ and $g^{(\alpha)} \in R_{(1)}^0$, converges to an element h in R^* , then all the directed sets $f_i^{(\alpha)}$ converge to elements $h_i \in S_{g_i}$ and, hence, the directed set $g^{(\alpha)}$ converges to an element g in $R_{(1)}^0$.

From this fact, from Lemma 3.4 and from Theorem 3.5(i) it follows that R^* is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}^0$ and S_{g_i} , for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Put $S = S_{g_1} \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} S_{g_n}$. Then S is $\sigma(R^*, R)$ -closed, $S \cap R_{(1)}^0 = 0$ and $S \cap T_{g_i} = S_{g_i}$ has codimension 1 in T_{g_i} . Hence, by Theorem 3.5(ii), $G = S^0$ is a commutative subalgebra of R such that $G \cap R_{(1)} = 0$ and that linear combinations of elements from G and $R_{(1)}$ are dense in R .

For every $i = 1, \dots, n$ we have that

$$T_{g_i}^\perp = R_{(1)}^0 \setminus \{g_i\} \dot{+} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n \dot{+} S_{g_k}.$$

Hence

$$[T_{g_i}^\perp]_\sigma = R_{(1)}^0 \dot{+} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n \dot{+} S_{g_k} \neq R^*. \tag{30}$$

Hence, by Theorem 3.5(iii), $R_{(1)}^{g_i} \neq 0$. Let L be the closed linear span of all $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and let L^0 be its polar in R^* . Since $R_{(1)}^{g_i} = (T_{g_i}^\perp)^0$, we have that

$$L^0 = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (R_{(1)}^{g_i})^0 = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (T_{g_i}^\perp)^{00} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n [T_{g_i}^\perp]_\sigma.$$

It follows from (30) that $L^0 = R_{(1)}^0$. Hence $L = R_{(1)}$. Thus $R_{(1)}$ is the closed linear span of $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Now suppose that there exist sequences $r^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^{(k)} + s^{(k)}$, where $r_i^{(k)} \in R_{(1)}^{g_i}$ and $s^{(k)} \in G$, which converge to elements from R but some of the sequences $r_i^{(k)}$ do not converge. For every such sequence let $p(r^{(k)})$ be the number of the sequences $r_i^{(k)}$ which do not converge and let p be the smallest of all $p(r^{(k)})$.

Suppose $p > 1$. Then there exists a sequence $r^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^p r_j^{(k)} + s^{(k)}$, where $r_j^{(k)} \in R_{(1)}^{g_j}$ and $s^{(k)} \in G$, which converges to an element r and none of the sequences $r_j^{(k)}$, for $j = 1, \dots, p$, converge. Then, by (18), for every $r' \in G$ the sequence

$$[r', r^{(k)}] = \sum_{j=1}^p g_{i_j}(r') r_j^{(k)}$$

converges to $[r', r] \in R_{(1)}$. Hence the sequence

$$\tilde{r}^{(k)} = [r', r^{(k)}] - g_{i_p}(r') r^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} (g_{i_j}(r') - g_{i_p}(r')) r_j^{(k)} - g_{i_p}(r') s^{(k)}$$

converges to $[r', r] - g_{i_p}(r') r$. Since all functionals g_{i_j} are different, there exists $r' \in G$ such that at least $g_{i_1}(r') - g_{i_p}(r') \neq 0$. Hence $1 \leq p(\tilde{r}^{(k)}) \leq p - 1$ which contradicts the assumption that $p > 1$ is the smallest of such numbers.

Let $p = 1$ and let a sequence $r^{(k)} = r_i^{(k)} + s^{(k)}$, where $r_i^{(k)} \in R_{(1)}^{g_i}$ and $s^{(k)} \in G$, converges to $r \in R$ and let the sequence $r_i^{(k)}$ not converge. Then, by (18), for every $r' \in G$ the sequence

$$[r', r^{(k)}] = [r', r_i^{(k)}] = g_i(r') r_i^{(k)}$$

converges to $[r', r]$. Choosing r' such that $g_i(r') \neq 0$ we get that $r_i^{(k)}$ converges which contradicts the assumption that $r_i^{(k)}$ does not converge.

Therefore we obtain that, if a sequence $r^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^{(k)} + s^{(k)}$, where $r_i^{(k)} \in R_{(1)}^{g_i}$ and $s^{(k)} \in G$, converges, then all sequences $r_i^{(k)}$ converge to elements in $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$ and, hence, $s^{(k)}$ converges to an element in G . Hence R is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}$ and G , and $R_{(1)}$ is the direct sum of $R_{(1)}^{g_i}$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Now let $Z = (\bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{Ker } g_i) \cap G$. If $r = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i$, where $r_i \in R_{(1)}^i$, then for every $z \in Z$, by (18),

$$[z, r] = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(z)r_i = 0.$$

Since $Z \subset G$ and since G is commutative, we obtain that Z is the centre of R . Z is closed and has finite codimension in G . Therefore there exists a finite commutative subalgebra Γ in G such that $G = \Gamma + Z$ and that $\dim \Gamma \leq n$. It is easy to see that $Z + R_{(1)}$ is the nil-radical in R which concludes the proof of the theorem.

REFERENCES

1. R. K. AMAYO, Quasi-ideals of Lie algebras II, *Proc. London Math. Soc.* (3) **33** (1976), 37–64.
2. D. W. BARNES, On the cohomology of soluble algebras, *Math. Z.* **101** (1967), 343–349.
3. J. DIXMIER, *Les C*-algebras et leurs representations* (Gauthier-Villars Editeur, Paris, 1969).
4. E. V. KISSIN, On some reflexive algebras of operators and the operator Lie algebras of their derivations, *Proc. London Math. Soc.* (3) **49** (1984), 1–35.
5. D. TOWERS, Lie algebras all of whose maximal subalgebras have codimension one, *Proc. Edinburgh Math. Soc.* **24** (1981), 217–219.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS STATISTICS AND COMPUTING
THE POLYTECHNIC OF NORTH LONDON
HOLLOWAY,
LONDON N7 8DB