

ON THE JACOBSON RADICALS OF LIE TRIPLE SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction. The purpose of this paper is to study the Jacobson radical of a finite dimensional Lie triple system. Let T be a Lie triple system (L.t.s.) over a field of characteristic 0. For an ideal A of T , we put $A^{(1)} = [T A A]$ and $A^{(k)} = [T A^{(k-1)} A^{(k-1)}]$ ($k \geq 2$). An ideal A is to be called solvable if there is a positive integer k such that $A^{(k)} = 0$. If T is finite dimensional, then it contains the unique maximal solvable ideal $R(T)$, which is called the radical of T . On the other hand, the Jacobson radical $J_R(T)$ of T is defined by intersection of all maximal ideals of T . Then we have the following theorem.

Theorem A. $J_R(T) = [T T T] \cap R(T)$.

Next, let L be the standard imbedding Lie algebra of T , i.e. $L = L(T, T) \oplus T$, and let $\text{Rad } L$ (resp. $J_R(L)$) be the solvable radical (resp. Jacobson radical) of L . Then we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem B. $J_R(L) = L(T, R(T)) \oplus J_R(T)$.

2. Proof of Theorems.

Lemma. $J_R(T) \subseteq [T T T]$.

Proof. In the case $T = [T T T]$, this is trivial. So we may assume $T \not\subseteq [T T T]$. If $x \in [T T T]$, then there is a subspace M of T which is complementary to the subspace $\langle x \rangle$ spanned by x and contains $[T T T]$. Then M is a maximal ideal of T . Since $J_R(T) \subseteq M$, $x \in J_R(T)$. Therefore $J_R(T) \subseteq [T T T]$.

Proof of Theorem A. If I is a maximal ideal of T , then the factor triple system T/I is simple or $(T/I)^{(1)} = 0$. In the former case, since T/I is simple, I must contain $R(T)$. From [1. Theorem 2.21], T is decomposed to $T = B_0 \oplus R(T)$ (B_0 is a semi-simple subtriple system of T). Hence I is of the form $M + R(T)$, where M is a maximal ideal of B_0 . Since the semisimple subtriple system B_0 can be expressed as the direct sum of simple ideals [1. Theorem 2.9], the Jacobson radical of B_0 is 0. Hence the intersection of all such maximal ideals of T equals to $R(T)$. In the latter

case, since $(T/I)^{(1)}=0$, I must contain $T^{(1)}$. Hence the intersection of all such maximal ideals of T contains $T^{(1)}$. Considering two case, we have

$$T^{(1)} \cap R(T) \subseteq J_R(T) \subseteq R(T).$$

Since $J_R(T) \subseteq T^{(1)}$ by Lemma, we obtain

$$J_R(T) = [T T T] \cap R(T).$$

Corollary. *If T is a perfect (i.e. $T=[T T T]$) L.t.s., then $J_R(T)=R(T)$. In particular, if T is a semisimple, then $J_R(T)=0$.*

Corollary. *If T is a solvable L.t.s., then $J_R(T)=[T T T]$.*

Proof of Theorem B. In [2] and [3], it is proved that

$$\text{Rad } L = L(T, R(T)) \oplus R(T), \quad (1)$$

$$J_R(L) = [L, \text{Rad } L] = [L, L] \cap \text{Rad } L. \quad (2)$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_R(L) &= [L, \text{Rad } L] \\ &= [L(T, T) \oplus T, L(T, R(T)) \oplus R(T)] \\ &= ([L(T, T), L(T, R(T))] + L(T, R(T))) \\ &\quad \oplus (L(T, T)R(T) - L(T, R(T))T) \\ &\subseteq L(T, R(T)) \oplus ([T T T] \cap R(T)) \\ &= L(T, R(T)) \oplus J_R(T). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

On the other hand, from (1) and Theorem A, we have

$$(R(T) \cap [T T T]) \oplus L(T, R(T)) \subseteq \text{Rad } L$$

and

$$J_R(T) \oplus L(T, R(T)) \subseteq \text{Rad } L. \quad (4)$$

Since $L = L(T, T) \oplus T$,

$$\begin{aligned} [L, L] &= [L(T, T) \oplus T, L(T, T) \oplus T] \\ &= L(T, T) \oplus L(T, T)T \\ &\cong L(T, R(T)) \oplus (R(T) \cap [T T T]) \\ &= L(T, R(T)) \oplus J_R(T). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Therefore by (2), (4) and (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_R(L) &= \text{Rad } L \cap [L, L] \\ &\cong L(T, R(T)) \oplus J_R(T). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

From (3) and (6), the theorem is proved.

Corollary. *If T is a perfect L.t.s. and $J_R(T)=0$, then $J_R(L)=0$.*

Corollary. *If T is a perfect L.t.s., then $J_R(L)=\text{Rad } L$.*

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