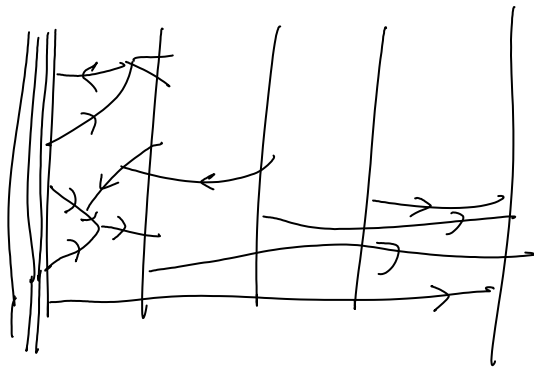


# Drinfel'd's Lemma

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**LEMMA.** If  $\sum_{i=1}^m [Y_i, P_i] = 0$ , where the  $P_i$  are Lie polynomials in  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$ , then there exists exactly one  $f \in \mathcal{F}(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$  such that  $\partial f / \partial Y_i = P_i$  for all  $i$ .

**PROOF.** The usual connection between polynomials and symmetric multilinear functions allows us to restrict ourselves to the case that  $P_1$  does not contain  $Y_1$ , while  $P_2, \dots, P_m$  and  $f$  are linear in  $Y_1$ . In this case, if  $f$  exists, then  $f = (Y_1, P_1)$ . Conversely, if  $f = (Y_1, P_1)$ , then  $\partial f / \partial Y_i = P_i$  for all  $i$ . Indeed, put  $Q_i = P_i - \partial f / \partial Y_i$ . Then  $Q_1 = 0$  and  $\sum_i [Y_i, Q_i] = 0$ . For  $i > 1$  write  $Q_i$  in the form  $R_i(\text{ad } Y_2, \dots, \text{ad } Y_m)Y_1$ , where  $R_i$  is an associative polynomial. Then  $\sum_{i=2}^m u_i R_i(u_2, \dots, u_m) = 0$ , and therefore  $R_2 = \dots = R_m = 0$ . •



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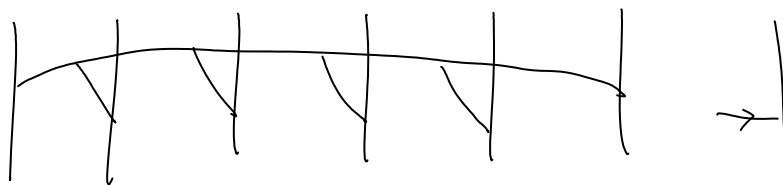
$$0 \rightarrow A_n^p \xrightarrow{\alpha} A_n^{wp} \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{Lie}_n \rightarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$  exact  
 $\swarrow$   $D \mapsto D(\bar{x}_i)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & A_n^p & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A_n^{wp} & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \text{Lie}_n \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \Delta_1 & & \downarrow \Delta_1 & & \downarrow \Delta_1 \\
 0 & \rightarrow & A_{n+1}^p & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A_{n+1}^{wp} & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \text{Lie}_{n+1} \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

merge colours  
No commutativity

Following Drinfel'd, let's do the degree  $(1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$  case first:



claim if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \\ \dots \end{array} \right] = 0$$

for  $\deg T = (1, \dots, 1)$ , then  $T = 0$

$$T \in \vec{A}_{(1, \dots, 1)}^{WP}$$

$T$ 's head not on  $x_1$

question  $T_i \in \text{Lie}(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$   $\deg_{x_i} T_j = (-\delta_{ij})$   
 $\deg_y T_i = 1$

$$\sum [x_i, T_i] = 0 \Rightarrow \forall_i T_i = 0. \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

claim The map  $\text{ASS}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \text{Lie}(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$

via

$$x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} \mapsto \text{ad}_{x_{i_1}}(\text{ad}_{x_{i_2}}(\dots \text{ad}_{x_{i_k}}(y)))$$

is injective.

proof Further compose with the inclusion of  $\text{Lie}(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$  into  $\text{ASS}(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ . The result is the map

$a = (T x_{i_k}) \mapsto a' y s(a)$ . Now  $a$  can be read to the left of the  $y$  in the term in which there's nothing to the right of the  $y$ .