

# Groups Acting On Restricted Lie Algebras and Centers of Deformations

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PBW Property

Example of an algebra that doesn't satisfy PBW

Connection Between PBW and Lie Algebras

$$v^p - v^{[p]} \in Z(A)$$

Smashing Restricted Lie Algebra with a Group

# Poincare-Birkhoff-Witt (PBW Property)

Let  $V = \mathbb{F} - \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \cong \mathbb{F}^n$  vector space.

Let  $\mathbb{F} \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$  be the Free Algebra on  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .

$A = \mathbb{F} \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle / \text{relations of the form } vw-wv=\text{something in } V$

A satisfies PBW means  $\{v_1^{k_1} \dots v_n^{k_n} : k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -basis for A as  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space (ie every  $a \in A$  can be written UNIQUELY as finite sum of form  $a = \sum \alpha v_1^{k_1} \dots v_n^{k_n}$ )

# Example that Does Not Satisfy PBW

$$A = \mathbb{F} \langle x, y, z \rangle / \text{relations}$$

$$\text{Relations : } yx = xy + x, \quad zy = yz + y, \quad zx = xz + x$$

$$\begin{aligned}zyx &= (zy)x = (yz + y)x = yzx + yx = y(xz + x) + (xy + x) = \\&yxz + yx + xy + x = (xy + x)z + (xy + x) + xy + x = \\&xyz + xz + xy + x + xy + x = xyz + xz + 2xy + 2x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}zyx &= z(yx) = z(xy + x) = zxy + zx = (xz + x)y + (xz + x) = \\&xzy + xy + xz + x = x(yz + y) + xy + xz + x = \\&xyz + xy + xy + xz + x = xyz + xz + 2xy + x\end{aligned}$$

Not Unique Canonical Form

# Example that Does Not Satisfy PBW - continued

Not Coming from a Lie Algebra!

If it were  $[y, x] = x$ ,  $[z, x] = x$ ,  $[z, y] = y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] &= [x, -y] + [y, x] + [z, -x] \\ &= x + x + -x \\ &= x \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Fails Jacobi Identity

Note: Smashing with a Group won't help.

## Theorem

*An algebra that satisfies PBW is isomorphic to a deformation of a commutative polynomial ring. And the PBW property turns out to be equivalent to the commutator defining a Lie Bracket on a vector space  $V$ .*

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*For  $L = \text{Lie Algebra}$*

$$U = \mathbb{F} \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle / \langle vw - wv - [v, w] \rangle .$$

*$U$  satisfies PBW.*

# Lie Algebra Definition

A Lie Algebra is a vector space  $V$  together with a multiplication (usually termed Lie Bracket) and denoted by  $[x, y]$  such that

1.  $[x, y]$  depends linearly on  $x$  and  $y$ .
2.  $[x, x] = 0 \quad \forall x \in V$ .
3.  $[x, [y, z]] + [y, [z, x]] + [z, [x, y]] = 0 \quad \forall x, y, z$ .

Properties 1 and 2 imply that  $[y, x] = -[x, y] \quad \forall x, y \in V$ . Two elements  $x$  and  $y$  are said to commute if  $[x, y] = 0$ .

## Theorem

If algebra  $A$  is coming from restricted Lie Algebra (in the sense that the commutator is the same as the Lie Bracket), then  $v^p - v^{[p]} \in Z(A)$ .

## Proof:

We'll look at the case  $p = 3$ , and the general case follows similarly.

So let  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 3$ .

WTS  $v^3 - v^{[3]}$  commutes with all  $a \in A$ .

Take  $a \in A$ .

Note:  $av = va - [v, a]$

WTS  $(v^3 - v^{[3]})a = a(v^3 - v^{[3]})$

$$v^3 a - v^{[3]} a = a v^3 - a v^{[3]}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= (va - [v, a])v^2 - (v^{[3]}a - [v^{[3]}, a]) \\
&= vav^2 - [v, a]v^2 - (v^{[3]}a - [v^{[3]}, a]) \\
&= v(va - [v, a])v - [v, a]v^2 - (v^{[3]}a - [v^{[3]}, a]) \\
&\quad \dots \\
&= v^3a - 3v^2[v, a] + 3v[v^{[2]}, a] - v^{[3]}a \\
&\quad = v^3a - v^{[3]}a
\end{aligned}$$

In general, we will get coefficients of the form  $\binom{p}{r}$  choose  $r$ , which corresponds to Pascal's triangle. When  $p$  is prime, all coefficients except the first and last are divisible by  $p$  - and so in char  $p$ , they become 0. We are left with only the first and last terms. Thus  $v^p - v^{[p]} \in Z(A)$  over char  $p$ . QED.

$\mathbb{F} \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \rtimes G$ , is the  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra generated by  $v \in V$  together with  $g$  in  $G$  such that

1.  $\mathbb{F}[G]$  is subalgebra and
2.  $gv = {}^g v g \quad \forall v \in V, g \in G.$

# Skew Group Algebra Example $p \geq 3$

$R = \mathbb{F} \langle x, y, z \rangle \# G/\text{relations}$

$$yx=xy+z \quad zy=yz+x$$

Relations:  $zx=xz-y \quad gx=yg \quad g^3 = 1$

$$gy=zg \quad gz=xg$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G=g \text{ acts on } V=\mathbb{F}\text{-span}\{x, y, z\}.$$

So  $g^3 = \text{identity matrix}$ .

This example is an algebra coming from a Restricted Lie Algebra.  $a \mapsto a^{[p]}$  is given by  $a^{[p]} = (-1)^{(p-1)/2} a$  for  $a = x, y, z$ .  $Z(R)$  is generated by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $a^p - a^{[p]}$ .

The center of an unsmashed algebra may contribute to the center of the corresponding smashed algebra.

# Skew Group Algebra Example continued

Since  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  is  $g$ -invariant it lies in the center of the smashed algebra.

Also  $z^p + x^p + y^p - z^{[p]} - x^{[p]} - y^{[p]}$  is  $g$ -invariant.

Also  $g^3 = \text{identity}$  is in the center of the smashed algebra.

In characteristic 3, this can be checked by hand.

# Thank You

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