

MATH 3550 (ALGEBRAIC GROUPS) – HOMEWORK 2

$k$  denotes an algebraically closed field.

1. Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group,  $H \leq G$  a closed subgroup, and  $I = \mathcal{I}(H) \trianglelefteq k[G]$ . Show that  $H = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot I = I\}$ . (The action of  $G$  on  $k[G]$  can be either the left regular, or the right regular action.)

2. Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow H$  algebraic group morphism and  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Show that

$$\pi_*(X) : k[H] \rightarrow k[H], \quad \pi_*(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_{*,e} X_e) \circ m_H^*.$$

3. Compute the following Lie algebras

(a)  $\text{Lie}(D_n(k)), \text{Lie}(U_n(k)), \text{Lie}(B_n(k));$

(b)  $\text{Lie}(O_n(k)); O_n(k) = \{g \in \text{GL}_n(k) \mid g^t \cdot g = I_n\};$

(c)  $\text{Lie}(\text{Sp}_{2n}(k)); \text{Sp}_{2n}(k) = \{g \in \text{GL}_{2n}(k) \mid g^t \cdot J_{2n} \cdot g = J_{2n}\}, J_{2n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

4. Consider  $\text{Ad} : \text{SL}_n(k) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)(k)$  and define  $\text{PSL}_n = \text{Ad}(\text{SL}_n)$ . Show that

(a) As abstract group  $\ker(\text{Ad}) = Z(\text{SL}_n(k)) = \text{SL}_n(k) \cap (k \cdot I_n);$

(b) Compute the Lie algebra of  $\text{PSL}_n(k);$

(c) If  $\text{char } k = p$  divides  $n$ , then  $Z(\text{SL}_p(k)) = \{I_p\}$ , but  $\text{SL}_p(k)$  and  $\text{PSL}_p(k)$  are not isomorphic as algebraic groups.

5. Let  $\text{char } k = p > 0$  and let  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^p & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a \neq 0 \right\} \leq \text{GL}_3(k).$

(a) Compute  $\text{Lie}(G);$

(b) Show that  $\{e\} \subsetneq Z(G) \subsetneq \ker \text{Ad} \subsetneq G.$

6. Let  $A$  be a commutative  $k$ -algebra,  $m : A \otimes_k A \rightarrow A$  the multiplication map, and  $I = \ker m$ . Show that

(a)  $\text{Der}(A, -) : A\text{-mod} \rightarrow k\text{-mod}, \quad M \mapsto \text{Der}_k(A, M), \quad f \mapsto f \circ -,$  is a functor;

(b)  $I$  is generated by  $\{a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a \mid a \in A\}$  as  $A \otimes A$ -module;

(c)  $\Omega_{A/k} := I/I^2$  is an  $A$ -module, and  $d : A \rightarrow \Omega_{A/k}, d(a) = a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a + I^2$  is a derivation.

$\Omega_{A/k}$  is called the module of Kahler differentials.

7. Let  $A$  be a commutative  $k$ -algebra. Show that the functors  $\text{Der}(A, -)$  and  $\text{Hom}(\Omega_{A/k}, -)$  are equivalent.

8. Show that  $U_n(k)$  is nilpotent and  $B_n(k)$  is solvable.

9. Describe all algebraic actions of the group  $\mathbb{G}_a$  on the affine variety  $\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$ .

10. Give an example of a closed subgroup of  $\text{GL}_n(k)$  which consists of only semisimple elements but which is not conjugate to a subgroup of  $D_n(k)$ .