

$(\text{ad}_x)_s(H) = 0 = (\text{ad}_x)_n(H)$  but  $(\text{ad}_x)_s = \text{ad}_{x_s}$  and 1162  
 $(\text{ad}_x)_n = \text{ad}_{x_n}$  by results on abstract Jordan decomp,  
so  $x_s, x_n \in C$ .

Step ②: All s.s. elts of  $C$  are in  $H$ . If  $x$  is s.s.  
in  $C$  then  $H + Fx$  is an abel, toral subalg of  $L$   
(sum of commuting s.s. elts is s.s.). But  $H$  was max.  
toral subalg. so  $H + Fx = H$  so  $x \in H$ .

Step ③:  $K|_H: H \times H \rightarrow F$  is nondeg. Suppose  $K(h, H) = 0$   
for some  $h \in H$ . Show  $h = 0$ . If  $x \in C$  is nilp then  
for some  $h \in H$ . Show  $h = 0$ . If  $x \in C$  is nilp then  
 $[x, H] = 0$  and  $\text{ad}_x$  nilp. imply (by Lemma)  $\text{Tr}(\text{ad}_x \circ \text{ad}_y) =$   
 $0, \forall y \in H$ , so  $K(x, H) = 0$ . Now,  $\forall x \in C$ , by step ①,  
 $x_s, x_n \in C$  and by step ②  $x_s \in H$ , so  $K(h, x) = K(h, x_s) +$   
 $K(h, x_n) = 0$  so  $K(h, C) = 0$  so  $h = 0$  by Cor. above.

Step ④:  $C$  is nilp. If  $x \in C$  is s.s. then  $x \in H$  | 163  
by Step ② so  $\text{ad}_x: C \rightarrow C$  is the zero map is nilp.

If  $x \in C$  is nilp. then  $\text{ad}_x: C \rightarrow C$  is nilp.  
For any  $x \in C$  write  $x = x_s + x_n$  where  $x_s, x_n \in C$  by Step ①.  
 $\text{ad}_x = \text{ad}_{x_s} + \text{ad}_{x_n}: C \rightarrow C$  is sum of two commuting nilp.  
operators so  $\text{ad}_x$  is nilp. By Engel's Th,  $C$  is nilp.

Step ⑤:  $H \cap [C, C] = 0$ .  $\kappa(H, [C, C]) = \kappa([H, C], C) =$   
 $\kappa(0, C) = 0$  so  $\forall x \in H \cap [C, C], \kappa(H, x) = 0$  gives  $x = 0$  by  
Step ③.

Step ⑥:  $C$  is abelian: If not,  $[C, C] \neq 0$ , so  $C$  nilp.  
from Step ④ gives  $Z(C) \cap [C, C] \neq 0$  (Lemma on p. 13  
of Humphreys). Let  $0 \neq z \in Z(C) \cap [C, C]$ . If  $z$  were  
s.s. then by Step ②,  $z \in H$ , contradicting Step ⑤.  
So  $z = s + n$  with  $n \neq 0$  (nilp. part) and  $n \in C$  by Step ①.

By Jordan Decomp,  $\text{ad}_n$  is a poly in  $\text{ad}_z$ , but  $\text{ad}_z$  acts as 0 on  $C$  since  $z \in Z(C)$  so  $\text{ad}_n$  also acts as 0 on  $C$ , meaning  $n \in Z(C)$ . Apply the lemma to get  $K(n, C) = 0$ , a contradiction to  $K|_{C \times C}$  nondegen.

Step ③:  $C = H$ . If not  $\exists 0 \neq x \in C$ ,  $x$  nilp. from Steps ① and ②. By Lemma 2 and Step ③ we have  $\forall y \in C$ ,  $K(x, y) = \text{Tr}(\text{ad}_x \circ \text{ad}_y) = 0$  contradicts that  $K|_{C \times C}$  is non-deg.  $\square$

Cor:  $K|_{H \times H} : H \times H \rightarrow F$  is non-deg.

Note:  $K : H \times H \rightarrow F$  non-deg. means we have an isom between  $H$  and  $H^*$ .  $\forall \phi \in H^*$ ,  $\exists ! t_\phi \in H$  s.t.  $\phi(h) = K(t_\phi, h)$ ,  $\forall h \in H$ .  $\forall t \in H$ , define  $\phi_t \in H^*$  by  $\phi_t(h) = K(t, h)$ ,  $\forall h \in H$ .

# Orthogonality Properties:

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Prop. (a)  $\Phi$  spans  $H^*$  (b) If  $\alpha \in \Phi$  then  $-\alpha \in \Phi$

(c) Let  $\alpha \in \Phi$ ,  $x \in L_\alpha$ ,  $y \in L_{-\alpha}$ . Then  $[x, y] = K(x, y)t_\alpha$

(d) If  $\alpha \in \Phi$  then  $\dim([L_\alpha, L_{-\alpha}]) = 1$  with basis  $t_\alpha$ .

(e)  $\alpha(t_\alpha) = K(t_\alpha, t_\alpha) \neq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \Phi$ .

(f)  $\forall \alpha \in \Phi, \forall 0 \neq x_\alpha \in L_\alpha, \exists y_\alpha \in L_{-\alpha}$  s.t.  $\{x_\alpha, y_\alpha, h_\alpha = [x_\alpha, y_\alpha]\}$  is a basis of a simple subalg. of  $L$   
isom. to  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, F)$  by  $x_\alpha \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, y_\alpha \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, h_\alpha \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(g)  $h_\alpha = \frac{2t_\alpha}{K(t_\alpha, t_\alpha)}$  and  $h_{-\alpha} = -h_\alpha$ .

Pf. (a) If  $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq H^*$  then  $\exists 0 \neq h \in H$  s.t.  $\alpha(h) = 0, \forall \alpha \in \Phi$ , so  $[h, L_\alpha] = 0, \forall \alpha \in \Phi$ .  $L = H \oplus \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi} L_\alpha$  and  $[h, H] = 0$  so  $[h, L] = 0$  says  $h \in Z(L)$  contradicts  $L$  s.s.

(b) Let  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}$  but  $-\alpha \notin \mathfrak{H}$  so  $L_{-\alpha} = 0$ . Then  $\kappa(L_\alpha, L_\beta) = 0 \quad \underline{0/166}$   
 $\forall \beta \in \mathfrak{H}^*$  so  $\kappa(L_\alpha, L) = 0$  contradicts  $\kappa$  non-degen.

(c) Let  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $x \in L_\alpha$ ,  $y \in L_{-\alpha}$ ,  $h \in \mathfrak{H}$ . Then  
 $\kappa(h, [x, y]) = \kappa([h, x], y) = \alpha(h)\kappa(x, y) = \kappa(t_\alpha, h)\kappa(x, y)$   
 $= \kappa(\kappa(x, y)t_\alpha, h) = \kappa(h, \kappa(x, y)t_\alpha)$ . So  $[x, y] - \kappa(x, y)t_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}$   
is orthog to all of  $\mathfrak{H}$ .  $\kappa|_{\mathfrak{H} \times \mathfrak{H}}$  nondeg. implies it is 0.

(d) From (c),  $[L_\alpha, L_{-\alpha}] = \langle t_\alpha \rangle$  if it is  $\neq 0$ . For any  
 $0 \neq x \in L_\alpha$  if  $\kappa(x, L_{-\alpha}) = 0$  then  $\kappa(x, L) = 0$  contradicts  
 $\kappa$  nondeg., so  $\exists 0 \neq y \in L_{-\alpha}$  s.t.  $\kappa(x, y) \neq 0$ . From (c) get  
 $[x, y] = \kappa(x, y)t_\alpha \neq 0$ , so  $\dim([L_\alpha, L_{-\alpha}]) = 1$ .

(e) Suppose  $\alpha(t_\alpha) = 0$  so  $[t_\alpha, x] = 0 = [t_\alpha, y] \quad \forall x \in L_\alpha$ ,  
 $\forall y \in L_{-\alpha}$ . Can find some such  $x$  and  $y$  with  $\kappa(x, y) = 1$   
so  $[x, y] = t_\alpha$ . The subspace  $S = \langle x, y, t_\alpha \rangle$  is a 3-dim'l  
solvable Lie subalg. of  $L$ .

Under  $\text{ad}: L \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(L)$  (injective since  $L$  is s.s.) [167]  
 the image  $\text{ad}(S) \cong S$  and  $\forall \alpha \in [S, S] = \langle t_\alpha \rangle$  is  
 nilp. by Cor. to Lie's Thm. (Humphreys, p. 16). But  
 $t_\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}$  means  $\text{ad}_{t_\alpha}$  is s.s. as well as nilp, so  $\text{ad}_{t_\alpha} = 0$   
 $[t_\alpha, L] = 0$ ,  $t_\alpha \in Z(L) = 0$ , contradiction.

(f) For  $\alpha \in \Phi$  given  $0 \neq X_\alpha \in L_\alpha$ ,  $\exists Y_\alpha \in L_{-\alpha}$  s.t.

$$K(X_\alpha, Y_\alpha) = \frac{2}{K(t_\alpha, t_\alpha)} \quad \text{since (e) holds, and } K(X_\alpha, L_{-\alpha}) \neq 0$$

$$\text{Let } h_\alpha = \frac{2t_\alpha}{K(t_\alpha, t_\alpha)} \quad \text{so from (c), } [X_\alpha, Y_\alpha] = h_\alpha. \text{ Also,}$$

$$[h_\alpha, X_\alpha] = \alpha(h_\alpha) X_\alpha = \frac{2\alpha(t_\alpha)}{K(t_\alpha, t_\alpha)} X_\alpha = 2X_\alpha \text{ and}$$

$$[h_\alpha, Y_\alpha] = -2Y_\alpha. \text{ So } \langle X_\alpha, Y_\alpha, h_\alpha \rangle \cong \mathfrak{sl}(2, F)$$

(g)  $h_\alpha$  was defined in (f) so  $h_{-\alpha} = 2t_{-\alpha}/K(t_{-\alpha}, t_{-\alpha})$   
 but  $K(t_{-\alpha}, h) = -\alpha(h) = K(-t_\alpha, h)$  says  $t_{-\alpha} = -t_\alpha$ .  $\square$