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If \mathfrak{g} is a semi-simple Lie algebra, then we say that a representation V has highest weight λ , if there is a vector $v \in V_\lambda$, the weight space of λ , such that $Xv = 0$ for X in any positive root space, and v is called a *highest vector*, or *vector of highest weight*.

There is a unique (up to isomorphism) irreducible finite dimensional representation of \mathfrak{g} with highest weight λ for any dominant weight $\lambda \in \Lambda_W$, where Λ_W is the weight lattice of \mathfrak{g} , and every irreducible representation of \mathfrak{g} is of this type.