

Lie algebra

Proposition. $H = U(L)$, L is a Lie algebra. Suppose $\text{char } k = 0$. We claim that all the Hopf subalgebras of H are $U(P)$, P is a Lie subalgebra of L .

Proof: Suppose H' is Hopf subalgebra of H and $H' \cap L = P$. Then obviously P is a Lie subalgebra of L and $U(P) \subset H'$. Note that

$$\Delta(x_{\alpha_1} \dots x_{\alpha_n}) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq n, \\ \sigma(1) < \sigma(2) < \dots < \sigma(i), \\ \sigma(i+1) < \sigma(i+2) < \dots < \sigma(n)}} x_{\alpha_{\sigma(1)}} \dots x_{\alpha_{\sigma(i)}} \otimes x_{\alpha_{\sigma(i+1)}} \dots x_{\alpha_{\sigma(n)}}$$

$\forall h = \sum_{i(1), n_i} x_{i(1)} x_{i(2)} \dots x_{i(n_i)} \in H', i(1) \leq i(2) \leq \dots i(n_i)$, we prove that it is in $U(P)$ by induction on the degree (the highest degree of the monomials) and the biggest x_α that appears in the highest-degree terms. Consider $\deg = n > 1$, and assume a highest-degree term with the biggest x_α in h is $x_{j(1)} \dots x_{j(n_j)}$.

Let $x_{j(n_j)}^*$ be the linear function on H such that $\langle x_{j(n_j)}^*, x_{j(n_j)} \rangle = 1$ and 0 on the other elements in the standard basis. Then $x_{j(n_j)}^* \rightharpoonup h \in H'$ has $\deg < n$. So $f = x_{j(n_j)}^* \rightharpoonup h \in U(P)$ by induction. Choose a linear function $f^*, \langle f^*, f \rangle = 1$. Then $h \leftarrow f^* \in H'$ has the monomial $x_{j(n_j)}$ and $\deg(h \leftarrow f^*) < n$. Thus, $h \leftarrow f^* \in U(P)$. But we can find $d \in k, h - df(h \leftarrow f^*) \in H'$ has smaller biggest x_α in some highest-degree terms, and is in $U(P)$ by induction. Therefore, $h \in U(P)$.

One example of my idea : suppose $h = x_{\alpha_7} + (x_{\alpha_1}x_{\alpha_2} + x_{\alpha_3}x_{\alpha_4})(x_{\alpha_5} + x_{\alpha_6}) \in H'$. Then $f = x_{\alpha_1}x_{\alpha_2} + x_{\alpha_3}x_{\alpha_4}$. $h \leftarrow f^* = x_{\alpha_5} + x_{\alpha_6}$. $h - f(h \leftarrow f^*) = x_{\alpha_7}$.

Therefore, $H' = U(P)$. \square