

## P.I. ENVELOPES OF CLASSICAL SIMPLE LIE SUPERALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a classical simple Lie superalgebra. We describe the prime ideals  $P$  in the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  such that  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P$  satisfies a polynomial identity. If the factor algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P$  is not artinian, then it is an order in a matrix algebra over  $K(z)$ .

Throughout this paper we work over an algebraically closed field  $K$  of characteristic zero. All unadorned tensor products are taken over  $K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional classical simple Lie superalgebra over  $K$ . A factor algebra of the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  satisfying a polynomial identity is called a *P.I. envelope* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Our aim is to describe all prime P.I. envelopes of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . If  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a nonartinian prime P.I. envelope it is not hard to show that the center of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  must be nonzero (Lemma 1.3). Thus by the classification theorem in [K1],  $\mathfrak{g} = sl(m, n)$  with  $m > n \geq 1$  or  $\mathfrak{g} = osp(2, 2n)$ .

It was shown by Bahturin and Montgomery that when  $\mathfrak{g} = sl(m, n)$  with  $m > n \geq 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}$  has a nonartinian P.I. envelope. In fact the proof of [BM, Theorem 4.2] shows that this is true also when  $\mathfrak{g} = osp(2, 2n)$  although these algebras are omitted from the statement of [BM, Theorems 1.5 and 4.2]. If  $\mathfrak{g} = sl(m, n)$  with  $m > n \geq 1$  or  $\mathfrak{g} = osp(2, 2n)$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \oplus Kz$  where  $z$  is central in  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Furthermore as a  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module via the adjoint action,  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \mathfrak{g}_1^+ \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1^-$ , a direct sum of two simple submodules. If  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1^+$ , then  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  is a homomorphic image of  $U(\mathfrak{p})$  and thus any  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ -module can be regarded as a  $U(\mathfrak{p})$ -module. Choose a Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a system of simple roots for  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ . Let  $P^+$  denote the corresponding set of dominant integral weights. If  $\lambda \in P^+$  let  $L_\lambda$  be the finite dimensional simple  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda$  and set

$$V(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} (L_\lambda \otimes K[z]).$$

Our main result is as follows.

**Main Theorem.** *Set  $P_\lambda = \text{ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})} V(\lambda)$ ,  $n = \dim_K L_\lambda$  and  $N = n2^{\dim \mathfrak{g}_1^-}$ . Then  $P_\lambda$  is a prime ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  such that  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P_\lambda$  is a subring of the matrix algebra  $M_N(K[z])$  with Goldie quotient ring  $M_N(K(z))$ . In particular  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P_\lambda$  is a prime P.I. algebra.*

*Conversely, if  $P$  is a prime ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  such that  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P$  satisfies a polynomial identity, then  $P = P_\lambda$  for a unique  $\lambda \in P^+$ .*

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If  $\mathcal{C} = K[z] \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is an Ore set of regular elements in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ . A key step in the proof that  $P_\lambda$  is prime is to show that the localized module  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is in a natural way a  $U(\mathfrak{g}) - F$  bimodule where  $F = K(z)$ , and then a simple Kac module over  $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes F$ . For the converse we use some results of E.S. Letzter concerning prime ideals in finite extensions of Noetherian rings.

**1.1.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be prime Noetherian rings. An  $R - S$  bimodule  $M$  is a *bond* from  $R$  to  $S$  if  $M$  is finitely generated and torsionfree both as a left  $R$ -module and as a right  $S$ -module.

**Lemma.** *Suppose  $M$  is a bond from  $R$  to  $S$ . Then:*

- (a)  *$R$  is artinian if and only if  $S$  is artinian.*
- (b)  *$R$  is a P.I. ring if and only if  $S$  is a P.I. ring.*

*Proof.* (a) This is [J, Theorem 5.2.9].

(b) This is Remark (2) after [BS, Prop. 2.5]. We give some details for the convenience of the reader. Let  $D = \text{Fract } R$  and  $E = \text{Fract } S$ . By [BS, Prop. 2.5] there exists an integer  $t$  such that  $D$  embeds in the ring of  $t \times t$  matrices  $M_t(E)$  and  $E$  embeds in  $M_t(D)$ . Thus if  $S$  is P.I., then  $R$  embeds in  $M_t(E)$  which is a central simple algebra by Posner's Theorem [McR, Theorem 13.6.5], so  $R$  is P.I. by the Amitsur-Levitzki Theorem [McR, Corollary 13.3.5]. Similarly if  $R$  is P.I. so is  $S$ .

**1.2.** Until the end of section 1.4 suppose that  $R \subseteq S$  is an extension of Noetherian  $K$ -algebras of finite Gel'fand-Kirillov dimension. Assume that  $S$  is finitely generated and free as a right  $R$ -module. The following definitions are due to Letzter [L2], [L3].

i) Suppose  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $S$  and set  $B = \text{Fract}(S/P)$ . Let  $V_P$  be the set of prime ideals of  $R$  which are right annihilators of simple  $B - R$  factor bimodules of  $B$ .

ii) Suppose  $Q$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  and set  $A = \text{Fract}(R/Q)$ . Let  $W_Q$  be the set of prime ideals of  $S$  which are left annihilators of simple  $S - A$  factor bimodules of  $S \otimes_R A$ .

In addition set  $J_Q = \ell - \text{ann}(S/SQ)$  and

$$X_Q = \{P \in \text{Spec } R \mid P \text{ is minimal over } J_Q\}.$$

These definitions are related by the following results.

**Theorem.** (a) *If  $Q \in \text{Spec } R$  and  $P \in \text{Spec } S$ , then*

$$Q \in V_P \text{ if and only if } P \in W_Q.$$

*Furthermore if this condition holds there is a bond from  $S/P$  to  $R/Q$ .*

(b)  $W_Q \subseteq X_Q$ .

*Proof.* (a) follows from [L2, Lemma 3.2] and [L1, Lemma 1.1], while (b) follows from the proof of [L2, Proposition 4.2].

**1.3. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a classical simple Lie superalgebra such that there is a prime ideal  $P$  in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  with  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P$  a nonartinian P.I. algebra. Then the center of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  is nonzero.*

*Proof.* We apply the results of the two previous subsections, with  $R = U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  and  $S = U(\mathfrak{g})$ . Choose  $Q \in V_P$ . Then there is a bond from  $S/P$  to  $R/Q$  by Theorem 1.2. Hence by Lemma 1.1,  $R/Q$  is a non-artinian P.I. algebra. The result follows from a result of Bahturin; see [BM, page 2837].

**1.4.** If the equivalent conditions of Theorem 1.2(a) hold we say that  $P$  lies directly over  $Q$ . Recall that a module over a prime Noetherian ring is *fully faithful* if every nonzero submodule is faithful. We require another result of Letzter [L3, Lemma 2.6 (iv)].

**Lemma.** *Suppose that  $P$  lies directly over  $Q$  and that  $M$  is a fully faithful  $S/P$ -module. Then there exists an  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $Q = \text{ann}_R N$  and  $N$  is a fully faithful  $R/Q$ -module.*

**1.5.** Again suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is classical simple. We often write  $U$  for  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ . The simple artinian factor rings of  $U$  correspond to the finite dimensional simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules and these have been classified [K1, Theorem 8].

For the remainder of this paper we assume therefore that  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $U$ , such that  $U/P$  is a nonartinian P.I. algebra. By Lemma 1.3 this means that  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  has a nonzero center.

As noted in the introduction we have  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0] \oplus Kz$ , and we can choose  $z$  in such a way that  $[z, x] = \pm x$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}^\pm$ . Set  $\mathfrak{h}' = \mathfrak{h} \oplus Kz$ , so that  $\mathfrak{h}'$  is a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Fix a non-degenerate invariant bilinear form  $(, )$  on  $(\mathfrak{h}')^*$ . For  $\alpha \in (\mathfrak{h}')^*$ , we write  $\mathfrak{g}^\alpha$  for the corresponding root space. There is a unique  $h_\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}'$  such that  $(\mu, \alpha) = \mu(h_\alpha)$  for all  $\mu \in (\mathfrak{h}')^*$ . Let  $\Delta_1^+$  be the set of roots of  $\mathfrak{g}_1^+$ . For  $\alpha \in \Delta_1^+$ , choose  $e_{\pm\alpha}$  such that  $\mathfrak{g}_1^{\pm\alpha} = Ke_{\pm\alpha}$  and  $h_\alpha = [e_\alpha, e_{-\alpha}]$ .

**1.6.** We construct a functor  $T$  between categories of left modules:

$$T : U(\mathfrak{g}_0)\text{-mod} \longrightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})\text{-mod}.$$

First set  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1^+$  and  $J = U(\mathfrak{p})\mathfrak{g}_1^+$ . Then  $J$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{p})$  with  $U(\mathfrak{p})/J \cong U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ . Thus we can regard  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)\text{-mod}$  as a subcategory of  $U(\mathfrak{p})\text{-mod}$  and define  $T(\_ ) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} (\_ )$ .

We use the functor  $T$  to construct some examples of P.I. envelopes of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . If  $M$  is any  $K[z]$ -module and  $\lambda \in P^+$  we regard  $L(\lambda, M) = L_\lambda \otimes M$  as a  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ -module by allowing  $[\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$  (resp.  $Kz$ ) to act on the first (resp. second) factor of the tensor product. For  $a \in K$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_a = K[z]/(z - a)$  and set

$$L(\lambda) = L(\lambda, K[z]), \quad L(\lambda, a) = L(\lambda, \mathcal{O}_a),$$

$$V(\lambda) = T(L(\lambda)), \quad V(\lambda, a) = T(L(\lambda, a)).$$

The natural map  $K[z] \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_a$  induces an epimorphism of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules

$$V(\lambda) \longrightarrow V(\lambda, a).$$

The pair  $\lambda' = (\lambda, a)$  can be viewed as the element of  $(\mathfrak{h}')^*$  with  $\lambda'|_{\mathfrak{h}} = \lambda$  and  $\lambda(z) = a$ . The module  $V(\lambda, a)$  is called the Kac module with highest weight  $\lambda'$ . By [K2, Proposition 2.9]  $V(\lambda, a)$  is a simple  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -module if and only if  $\lambda' = (\lambda, a)$  satisfies  $(\lambda' + \rho, \alpha) \neq 0$  for all odd positive roots  $\alpha$ . Here  $\rho = \rho_0 - \rho_1$ , where  $\rho_0$  (resp.  $\rho_1$ ) is the half-sum of the positive even (resp. odd) roots. Since  $V(\lambda)$  maps onto any Kac module of the form  $V(\lambda, a)$  we call  $V(\lambda)$  the universal Kac-module with highest weight  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ .

**1.7.** The enveloping algebra  $U$  has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading,  $U = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} U(n)$  extending the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $\mathfrak{g}$  given by  $\deg \mathfrak{g}_0 = 0$ ,  $\deg \mathfrak{g}_1^\pm = \pm 1$ . Henceforth the adjective “graded” refers to this grading. We use this grading to construct a useful localization of  $U$ .

Suppose that  $M = \bigoplus M(n)$  is a graded  $U$ -module which is torsionfree as a  $K[z]$ -module. We can make  $M$  into a  $U - K[z]$ -bimodule via the rule

$$(1) \quad mf(z) = f(z - n)m$$

for  $m \in M(n)$ ,  $f(z) \in K[z]$ . Let  $F = K(z)$  and give  $M^F = M \otimes_{K[z]} F$  the right  $F$ -module structure obtained by localization. In particular  $U^F$  becomes a  $U - F$ -bimodule in this way and we can extend the algebra structure on  $U$  to  $U^F$  by

$$(u \otimes f_1(z))(v \otimes f_2(z)) = uv \otimes f_1(z + n)f_2(z)$$

for  $u \in U$ ,  $v \in U(n)$  and  $f_1, f_2 \in F$ . It is now easy to verify the following:

**Lemma.** *The multiplicative set  $\mathcal{C} = K[z] \setminus \{0\}$  is Ore in  $U$  and  $U_{\mathcal{C}} \cong U^F$  with the above algebra structure. If  $M$  is a graded left  $U$ -module which is torsionfree as a  $K[z]$ -module, then  $M_{\mathcal{C}} \cong M \otimes_{K[z]} F$  as a  $U - F$  bimodule via the map*

$$f^{-1}(z)m \longrightarrow m \otimes f^{-1}(z + n)$$

for  $m \in M(n)$ ,  $f(z) \in K[z]$ . In addition if  $N$  is any graded  $U$ -submodule of  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ , then  $N$  is a  $U_{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule if and only if it is a  $U - F$  sub-bimodule of  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

**1.8.** If  $V$  is a vector space over  $K$  we write  $V_F$  for  $V \otimes F$ . If  $A$  is a  $K$ -algebra and  $M$  is a left  $A$ -module, then  $A_F$  is an  $F$ -algebra and  $M_F$  an  $A_F$ -module by extension of scalars.

We apply these remarks to the universal Kac module  $V(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} L(\lambda)$ . If  $\Lambda = \bigoplus \Lambda^n$  is the exterior algebra on  $\mathfrak{g}_1^-$ , then as a left  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ -module

$$V(\lambda) \cong \bigoplus \Lambda^n \otimes L(\lambda).$$

By definition  $L(\lambda) = L_\lambda \otimes K[z]$ , and so  $L(\lambda)$  and  $V(\lambda)$  are in an obvious way right  $K[z]$ -modules. Since  $\deg \mathfrak{g}_1^- = -1$  the gradings on  $\Lambda$  and  $U$  satisfy  $\Lambda^n \subseteq U(-n)$ . Observe that the  $K[z]$ -bimodule structure on  $V(\lambda)$  satisfies (1) in section 1.7.

Note also that  $V(\lambda)$  is torsionfree as a left (and right)  $K[z]$ -module. Thus  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a  $U - F$  bimodule or equivalently a left  $U_F$ -module and we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}} &\cong (U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} L(\lambda)) \otimes_{K[z]} F \\ &\cong U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})} (L(\lambda) \otimes_{K[z]} F) \\ &\cong U(\mathfrak{g})_F \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{p})_F} (L(\lambda) \otimes_{K[z]} F). \end{aligned}$$

Next we consider the  $U(\mathfrak{p})_F$ -module  $L(\lambda) \otimes F$ . This is annihilated by  $\mathfrak{g}_{1F}^+$  and so is a  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)_F$ -module. In fact it is the finite dimensional simple module over this algebra whose highest weight  $\lambda'$  is the unique  $F$ -linear map  $\mathfrak{h}'_F \rightarrow F$  such that  $\lambda'|_{\mathfrak{h}} = \lambda$  and  $\lambda'(z) = z$ . Thus  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a Kac module over  $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes F$ . In fact we have

**Proposition.** (a) *The module  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a simple Kac module with highest weight  $\lambda'$  module over the algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes F$ .*

(b) *The module  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a simple module over the algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})_{\mathcal{C}}$ .*

*Proof.* It remains to show simplicity in both cases.

(a) We extend  $(, )$  to a bilinear form  $(, )_F$  on  $(\mathfrak{h}')^*_F$ . It suffices to show that  $(\lambda' + \rho, \alpha) \neq 0$  for all odd positive roots  $\alpha$ . Since the highest exterior power of  $\mathfrak{g}_1^+$

is trivial as a  $\mathfrak{g}_0$ -module we have  $(\rho_1, \beta) = 0$  for all even roots  $\beta$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{h}^\perp = K\rho_1$ . If  $\alpha$  is an odd root, it follows that  $(\rho_1, \alpha) = \rho_1(h_\alpha) \neq 0$ . Hence  $h_\alpha \notin (K\rho_1)^\perp = \mathfrak{h}$ , so  $h_\alpha - bz \in \mathfrak{h}$  for some nonzero  $b \in K$ . Therefore

$$(\lambda' + \rho, \alpha)_F = \lambda'(h_\alpha - bz + bz)_F + (\rho, \alpha) = bz + \lambda(h_\alpha - bz) + (\rho, \alpha),$$

which is a linear polynomial in  $z$ .

(b) Fix an order on  $\Delta_1^+$  and for  $I \subseteq \Delta_1^+$  set

$$e_I = \prod_{\alpha \in I} e_{-\alpha}$$

where the product is taken with respect to this order. Let  $N$  be a nonzero  $U(\mathfrak{g})_{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule of  $V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$  and suppose

$$n = \sum_I e_I n_I$$

is nonzero with  $n_I \in L(\lambda) \otimes_{K[z]} F$  for all  $I$ . Choose  $m$  minimal such that  $n_I \neq 0$  for some subset  $I$  with  $|I| = m$ . Set  $I' = \Delta_1^+ \setminus I$ . Then

$$e_{I'} n = \pm e_{\Delta_1^+} n_I$$

is a nonzero homogeneous element of  $N$ , so generates a graded submodule. It follows from Lemma 1.7 that  $N = V(\lambda)_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

**Corollary.** (a) *If  $N$  is any nonzero  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -submodule of  $V(\lambda)$ , then  $N$  contains a submodule isomorphic to  $V(\lambda)$ .*

(b)  $P_\lambda = \text{ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g})} V(\lambda)$  is a prime ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ .

*Proof.* (a) By the Proposition  $N_{\mathcal{C}} = (V(\lambda))_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Hence  $(L_\lambda \otimes 1) \subseteq N_{\mathcal{C}}$  so  $L_\lambda \otimes (f) \subseteq N$  for some nonzero  $f$ . The submodule of  $V(\lambda)$  generated by  $L_\lambda \otimes (f)$  is isomorphic to  $T(L(\lambda, (f))) \cong V(\lambda)$ .

(b) This follows since any nonzero submodule of  $V(\lambda)$  has annihilator  $P_\lambda$ , by part (a).

**1.9. Lemma.** *Identify  $L(\lambda)$  with the  $U(\mathfrak{p})$ -submodule  $1 \otimes L(\lambda)$  of  $V(\lambda)$  and let  $J = U(\mathfrak{p})\mathfrak{g}_1^+$ . Then  $\text{ann}_{V(\lambda)} J = L(\lambda)$ .*

*Proof.* We use the same notation as in the proof of Proposition 1.8(b).

For  $0 \leq m \leq |\Delta_1^+|$  set

$$V(m) = \bigoplus_{|I|=m} e_I L(\lambda).$$

Then  $V(\lambda) = \bigoplus_m V(m)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1^+ V(m) \subseteq V(m-1)$ . Therefore it suffices to show that if  $m > 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_1^+(\sum_{|I|=m} e_I w_I) \neq 0$  provided the  $w_I \in L(\lambda)$  are not all zero. Now  $L(\lambda) = L_\lambda \otimes K[z]$  has a filtration given by setting  $\text{deg}(L_\lambda \otimes z^n) = n$ . Choose  $I$  so that  $w_I$  has maximum degree in this filtration, choose  $\alpha \in I$  and set  $H = I \setminus \{\alpha\}$ . Note that

$$\text{deg}(h_\alpha w_I) = \text{deg}(w_I) + 1.$$

Using the formula

$$[e_\alpha, ab] = [e_\alpha, a]b \pm a[e_\alpha, b]$$

for homogeneous  $a, b \in U(\mathfrak{g})$  we see that

$$e_\alpha e_I w_I = \pm e_H h_\alpha w_I$$

plus a sum of terms of smaller degree. The result follows easily from this.

**1.10.** The next result is an easy consequence of the Artin-Wedderburn theorem.

**Lemma.** *Let  $U$  be a  $K$ -algebra and  $L$  a finite dimensional simple  $U$ -module. Then for any field extension  $K'$  of  $K$  we have*

$$\text{End}_{U \otimes_K K'}(L \otimes_K K') = K'.$$

**1.11. Lemma.** *For any  $\lambda \in P^+$ ,*

$$\text{End}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(V(\lambda)) \cong K[z].$$

*Proof.* By the adjoint isomorphism  $f \in \text{End}_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(V(\lambda))$  is determined by

$$f_1 = f|_{L(\lambda)} \in \text{Hom}_{U(\mathfrak{p})}(L(\lambda), V(\lambda)).$$

If  $J$  is as in Lemma 1.9, then  $f_1(L(\lambda)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{V(\lambda)} J = L(\lambda)$ , and hence

$$f_1 \in \text{End}_{U(\mathfrak{p})}(L_\lambda \otimes K[z]) = \text{End}_{U(\mathfrak{g}_0)}(L_\lambda \otimes K[z]) \cong K[z],$$

using Lemma 1.10.

**1.12.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{k}$  is a semisimple Lie algebra over  $K$  and  $C$  is a commutative  $K$ -algebra. We describe the prime ideals  $Q$  of  $R = U(\mathfrak{k}) \otimes C$  such that  $R/Q$  is P.I. Since  $C$  is central,  $q = Q \cap C$  is prime in  $C$  and by replacing  $R$  by the factor ring  $R/Rq$  we can assume that  $Q \cap C = 0$ . There is a one-one correspondence between prime ideals  $Q$  of  $R$  such that  $Q \cap C = 0$  and prime ideals of  $U(\mathfrak{k}) \otimes \text{Fract}(C)$ . Thus we may assume that  $C$  is a field extension of  $K$ . By the argument on page 2837 of [BM]  $Q$  is the annihilator of a finite dimensional simple module over  $U(\mathfrak{k}) \otimes C$ .

To apply this to our reductive algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_0$  with center  $Kz$  set  $\mathfrak{k} = [\mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_0]$ ,  $R = U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  and  $C = K[z]$ . If  $q \neq 0$ , then  $R/Rq \cong U(\mathfrak{k})$  and  $R/Q$  is artinian. Thus if  $R/Q$  is nonartinian, then  $q = 0$  and  $Q$  corresponds to the annihilator of a finite dimensional simple module over  $U(\mathfrak{k}) \otimes \text{Fract}(C)$ . This gives the following result.

**Lemma.** *Suppose  $Q$  is a prime ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)$  such that  $U(\mathfrak{g}_0)/Q$  is a nonartinian P.I. ring. Then for some uniquely determined  $\lambda \in P^+$ ,  $Q = \text{ann}_{U(\mathfrak{g}_0)} L(\lambda)$ .*

*Proof of the Main Theorem.* Suppose  $\lambda \in P^+$  and let  $n = \dim_K L_\lambda$ . By Corollary 1.8  $P_\lambda$  is a prime ideal in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ . Set  $U_\lambda = U(\mathfrak{g})/P_\lambda$ . Note that  $V(\lambda)$  is a torsionfree  $K[z]$ -module and thus  $U_\lambda$  embeds in  $(U_\lambda)_C$ . Since  $V(\lambda)$  is a  $U(\mathfrak{g}) - K[z]$ -bimodule which is free of rank  $N = n2^{\dim \mathfrak{g}_1}$  on the right,  $U_\lambda$  embeds in  $M_N(K[z])$ . This embedding induces an embedding of  $(U_\lambda)_C$  into  $M_N(F)$  which is surjective since  $V(\lambda)_C$  is a simple  $(U_\lambda)_C$ -module of dimension  $N$  over its endomorphism ring  $F$ .

Conversely suppose  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  with  $U(\mathfrak{g})/P$  a nonartinian P.I. ring. We apply the results in sections 1.1 and 1.2 with  $R = U(\mathfrak{p})$  and  $S = U(\mathfrak{g})$ . If  $Q \in V_P$  there is a bond from  $S/P$  to  $R/Q$ , so  $R/Q$  is a nonartinian P.I. ring, by Lemma 1.1. Lemma 1.12 implies that  $Q = Q_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in P^+$ . Since  $P \in X_Q$ ,  $P$  is minimal over  $\text{ann}_S(S/SQ)$  which equals  $\text{ann}_S V(\lambda) = P_\lambda$  by [BGR, Satz 10.4]. As  $P_\lambda$  is prime we get  $P = P_\lambda$ . To show that  $\lambda$  is uniquely determined by  $P$  it suffices to show that  $V_{P_\lambda} = \{Q_\lambda\}$ . However if  $Q' \in V_{P_\lambda}$ , then by Lemma 1.4  $Q' = \text{ann}_R N$  for some  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $V(\lambda)$  which is fully faithful as an  $R/Q'$ -submodule. Since  $J = U(\mathfrak{p})\mathfrak{g}_1^+$  is nilpotent  $J \subseteq Q'$ , so using Lemma 1.9  $N \subseteq \text{ann}_{V(\lambda)} J = L(\lambda)$ . However every nonzero submodule of  $L(\lambda)$  has annihilator  $Q_\lambda$ , so  $Q' = Q_\lambda$  as desired.

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