

IDENTITIES INVOLVING THE LIE BRACKET

Recall that, for two  $n \times n$  matrices  $X$  and  $Y$ , we put  $[X, Y] = XY - YX$ .

**Problem 29.** We define  $\text{ad}_X$  to be the linear map  $Y \mapsto [X, Y]$ . So, if we were going to write this as a matrix, it would be an  $n^2 \times n^2$  matrix. Show that

$$e^X Y e^{-X} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{ad}_X^n(Y)}{n!}.$$

We recall the formula

$$(D \exp)_X(Y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{X^j Y X^{n-1-j}}{n!}.$$

**Problem 30.** Let  $X$  be the diagonal matrix with entries  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Let  $i \neq j$  and let  $Y$  be the matrix with 1 in position  $(i, j)$  and 0 everywhere else. Show that

$$(D \exp)_X(Y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\text{ad}_X^n(Y)}{(n+1)!} e^X = e^X \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \text{ad}_X^n(Y)}{(n+1)!}.$$