

# Simple completable contractions of nilpotent Lie algebras

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## Abstract

We study a certain class of non-maximal rank contractions of the nilpotent Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  and show that these contractions are completable Lie algebras. As a consequence a family of solvable complete Lie algebras of non-maximal rank is given in arbitrary dimension. .

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## 1 Generalities

The notion of contraction of a Lie algebra ( also called degeneration by some authors) was originally introduced by physicists ( Segal) as a tool to relate classical and quatum mechanics. Inonu and Wigner used contractions attending to a particularization, namely, that a subalgebra remains fixed through the contraction. This concept, quite restrictive for some purposes, was later generalized by Saletan [13] and Levi-Nahas. The relation between contractions and deformation theory is an important, but not fully exploited question [7]. Orbit closures of Lie algebras, where contractions play a central role, is not an easy problem, and it constitutes an essential tool in the analysis of the componets of the varieties  $\mathfrak{L}^n$  and  $\mathfrak{N}^n$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{L}^n$  be the set of complex Lie algebra laws in dimension  $n$ . We identify each law with its structure constants  $C_{ij}^k$  on a fixed basis  $\{X_i\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . The Jacobi identities

$$\sum_{l=1}^n C_{ij}^k C_{kl}^s + C_{jk}^l C_{il}^s + C_{ki}^l C_{jl}^s = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq j < k \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq n$  show that  $\mathfrak{L}^n$  is an algebraic variety. The nilpotent Lie algebra laws  $\mathfrak{N}^n$  are a closed subset in  $\mathfrak{L}^n$ . The

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linear group  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  acts on  $\mathfrak{L}^n$  via changes of basis, i.e.,  $(g * \mu)(x, y) = g(\mu(g^{-1}(x), g^{-1}(y)))$  for  $g \in GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$  denote the orbit of the law  $\mu$  by this action, consisting of all structures in a single isomorphism class.

**Definition.** A Lie algebra  $\lambda$  is a contraction of a law  $\mu$  if  $\lambda \in \overline{\mathcal{O}(\mu)}$ .

Here the topology on the variety is either the metric topology or the Zariski topology. Both topologies lead to the same contractions. A contraction will be denoted by  $\mu \rightsquigarrow \lambda$ . It follows that the entire orbit  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$  lies in the Zariski-closure of  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$ . In particular, the following condition implies  $\mu \rightsquigarrow \lambda$ :

$$\exists g_t \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}(t)) \text{ such that } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} g_t * \mu = \lambda$$

Contractions are also transitive, i.e., if  $\lambda \rightsquigarrow \mu$  and  $\mu \rightsquigarrow \psi$ , then  $\lambda \rightsquigarrow \psi$ . Thus not any existing contraction must be shown directly.

For a Lie algebra  $\lambda$  to be a contraction of  $\mu$ , the following conditions are necessary:

**Lemma.** Let  $\mu \rightsquigarrow \lambda$ . Then

1.  $\dim \text{Der}(\mu) < \dim \text{Der}(\lambda)$
2.  $\dim [\lambda, \lambda] \leq \dim [\mu, \mu]$
3.  $\dim Z(\lambda) \geq \dim Z(\mu)$
4.  $\text{rank}(\lambda) \geq \text{rank}(\mu)$

where  $\text{Der}(\mu)$  denotes the algebra of derivations,  $Z(\mu)$  the center of the algebra  $\mu$  and  $\text{rank}(\mu)$  is the dimension of a maximal toral subalgebra of  $\mu$ .

Proofs of the assertions can be found in [5], [7] and [14].

For a nilpotent Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we denote the ideals of the central descending sequence by  $C^i(\mathfrak{g})$ , i.e.,  $C^i(\mathfrak{g}) = [\mathfrak{g}, C^{i-1}(\mathfrak{g})]$  for  $i \geq 1$  and  $C^0(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g}$ . If the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  contracts to an algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ , it follows from the lemma above that  $\dim(C^i(\mathfrak{g})) \geq \dim(C^i(\mathfrak{h}))$ . Therefore, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  has nilindex  $p$ , then the nilindex of  $\mathfrak{h}$  is  $\leq p$ .

Although we will not make explicit use of the characteristic sequence, it is convenient to recall this invariant: Consider a complex nilpotent Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = (\mathbb{C}^n, \mu)$ . For each  $X \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we denote  $c(X)$  the ordered sequence of dimensions of Jordan blocks of the adjoint operator  $ad_\mu(X)$ .

**Definition.** The characteristic sequence of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an isomorphism invariant  $c(\mathfrak{g})$  defined as

$$c(\mathfrak{g}) = \sup_{X \in \mathfrak{g} - C^1\mathfrak{g}} \{c(X)\}$$

where  $C^1\mathfrak{g}$  denotes the derived subalgebra.

A characteristic sequence is called linear if there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $c(\mathfrak{g}) = (n, 1, \dots, 1)$ .

## 2 The algebras $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$

In this section we analyze some families of nilpotent Lie algebras for which certain classes of contractions will be determined.

For  $m \geq 4$  let  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  be the Lie algebra whose structural equations are

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &= d\omega_2 = 0 \\ d\omega_j &= \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{j-1}, \quad 3 \leq j \leq 2m \\ d\omega_{2m+1} &= \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j \omega_j \wedge \omega_{2m+1-j} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2m+1}\}$  is a basis of  $(\mathbb{C}^{2m+1})^*$ .

**Proposition.** *For any  $m \geq 4$  the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  is naturally graded of characteristic sequence  $(2m-1, 1, 1)$  satisfying the following property*

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathfrak{g}_m}(C^m(\mathfrak{g}_m)) &\supset C^m(\mathfrak{g}_m) \\ C_{\mathfrak{g}_m}(C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{g}_m)) &\not\supset C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{g}_m) \end{aligned}$$

This algebra, which has been analyzed in [3], can be characterized as follows:

**Theorem.** *For  $m \geq 4$  any naturally graded, central extension  $\mathfrak{g}$  of the filiform model Lie algebra  $L_{2m}$  whose nilindex is  $(2m-1)$  and satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathfrak{g}}(C^m(\mathfrak{g})) &\supset C^m(\mathfrak{g}) \\ C_{\mathfrak{g}}(C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{g})) &\not\supset C^{m-1}(\mathfrak{g}) \end{aligned}$$

*is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{g}_m$ .*

Algebras satisfying the preceding "centralizer condition" arise from the analysis of gradations of nilradicals of Borel subalgebras of complex simple Lie algebras, and are defined by a modification of the graded structure of these algebras [3]. In particular, the deformations and extensions of  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  have been studied in [4].

Let  $m \geq 4$ . For any sequence  $3 \leq q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_k \leq m+1$  let  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  be the  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional Lie algebra whose Maurer-Cartan equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &= d\omega_2 = 0 \\ d\omega_{q_i} &= d\omega_{2m+2-q_i} = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k \\ d\omega_j &= \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{j-1}, \quad 3 \leq j \leq 2m, \quad j \notin \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \\ d\omega_{2m+1} &= \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j \omega_j \wedge \omega_{2m+1-j} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2m+1}\}$  is a basis of  $(\mathbb{C}^{2m+1})^*$ .

**Lemma.** For  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$  the Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  are nonsplit nilpotent of nonlinear characteristic sequence.

**Remark.** In general, the algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  will not be naturally graded. In particular this happens whenever we have  $q, q'$  such that  $q' = 1 + q$ . In fact, the differential form  $d\omega_{2m+1}$  determines the gradation in some sense [3]. These algebras are also interesting for the study of solvable rigid Lie algebras whose nilradical has linear characteristic sequence [2].

**Theorem.** For any  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$  the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  is a contraction of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $k$ -tuple  $(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  let  $S(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$  be the following linear system

$$a_1 + a_{j-1} = a_j, \quad 3 \leq j \leq 2m, \quad j \notin \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \quad (1)$$

$$a_1 + a_{j-1} - a_{j-1} = -1, \quad j \in \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \quad (2)$$

$$a_j + a_{2m+1-j} = a_{j+1} + a_{2m-j}, \quad 2 \leq j \leq m-1 \quad (3)$$

and let  $S'(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$  be the system given by (1) and (2). We claim that any solution of  $S'(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$  is also a solution of  $S(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$ . In fact, if  $j \notin \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$  then  $2m+2-q_i \neq 2m+1-j$  for all  $i$ , and therefore we have

$$a_j + a_{2m+1-j} = a_{j+1} + a_{2m-j} = a_1 + a_j + a_{2m-j}$$

thus

$$a_{2m+1-j} = a_1 + a_{2m-j}$$

If  $j \in \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$  then  $2m+2-q_i = 2m+1-j$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Then

$$a_j + a_{2m+1-j} = a_{j+1} + a_{2m-j} = 1 + a_1 + a_j + a_{2m-j}$$

and simplifying

$$a_{2m+1-j} = 1 + a_1 + a_{2m-j}$$

This shows that the equations (3) are superfluous. Now, the system  $S'(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$  clearly has integer solutions, depending on the parameters  $a_2 = N_1$  and  $a_3 = N_2$ . Let  $(a_1, \dots, a_{2m})$  be the solution corresponding to the values  $N_1 = N_2 = 1$  and  $T_{2m+1}(\mathbb{C}(t))$  denote the Borel subgroup of  $GL(2m+1, \mathbb{C})$  consisting of lower triangular matrices. Define  $f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t} \in T_{2m+1}(\mathbb{C}(t))$  by

$$\begin{cases} f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t}(X_i) = t^{a_i} X_i, & i \neq 2m+1 \\ f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t}(X_{2m+1}) = t^{1+a_{2m-1}} \end{cases}$$

and consider the Lie algebra  $f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t}^{-1} * \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is the Lie algebra law associated to  $\mathfrak{g}_m$ . Then the structural equations of  $f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t}^{-1} * \mu$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &= d\omega_2 = 0 \\ d\omega_j &= t^{a_1 + a_{j-1} - a_j} \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{j-1}, \quad j \in \{q_i, 2m+2 - q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \\ d\omega_j &= \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{j-1}, \quad 3 \leq j \leq 2m, \quad j \notin \{q_i, 2m+2 - q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \\ d\omega_{2m+1} &= \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j \omega_j \wedge \omega_{2m+1-j} \end{aligned}$$

Now, as  $a_1 + a_{j-1} - a_j = -1$  for  $j \in \{q_i, 2m+2 - q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$  by the system  $S'(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$  (therefore by  $S(m, q_1, \dots, q_k)$ ), it follows easily that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f_{(q_1, \dots, q_k), t}^{-1} * \mu = \mu(q_1, \dots, q_k)$$

where  $\mu(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  is the law associated to  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** For  $m \geq 4$

$$\mu(q_1, \dots, q_k) \in O(\mu(q'_1, \dots, q'_k))$$

if and only if  $\{q_1, \dots, q_k\} = \{q'_1, \dots, q'_k\}$ .

**Corollary.** For  $m \geq 4$  the algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  (included  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) are nontrivial deformations of the algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_{m-1} \oplus \mathbb{C}^2$ , where  $\mathfrak{h}_{m-1}$  is the  $(2m-1)$ -dimensional Heisenberg Lie algebra.

*Proof.* Let  $f_t \in T_{2m+1}(\mathbb{C}(t))$  be defined by

$$f_t(X_i) = t^{a_i} X_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2m+1$$

where the  $a_i$  satisfy the system  $S'(m, q_1, \dots, q_m)$  and the additional equation

$$a_1 + a_{2m-1} = a_{2m} - 1$$

Then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f_t^{-1} * \mu \in O(\mathfrak{h}_{m-1} \oplus \mathbb{C}^2)$ .

A similar reasoning shows that  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}_{m-1} \oplus \mathbb{C}^2$ . The result follows from the fact that a contraction defines a nontrivial deformation [7].  $\square$

### 3 Applications to complete Lie algebras

Recall that a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called complete if it is centerless and any derivation is inner [8]. In recent years, a general theory of complete solvable Lie algebras whose nilradical is of maximal rank has been developed ([9], [10], [12]), and the existence of non-maximal rank algebras has been pointed out. In this section we will see how to obtain families of non-maximal rank completable Lie algebras considering the contractions above.

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a nilpotent Lie algebra and  $Der(\mathfrak{g})$  its Lie algebra of derivations. A torus  $\mathfrak{t}$  over  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $Der(\mathfrak{g})$  consisting of semisimple derivations. The torus  $\mathfrak{t}$  induces a natural representation on  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{g} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{t}^*} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$$

where  $\mathfrak{t}^* = Hom(\mathfrak{t}, \mathbb{C})$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [t, X] = \alpha(t)X, \forall t \in \mathfrak{t}\}$ . If  $\mathfrak{t}$  is maximal for the inclusion relation, by the conjugation theorems of Morozov, its common dimension is a numerical invariant called the rank of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , denoted  $rank(\mathfrak{g})$ . An algebra is called of maximal rank if  $rank(\mathfrak{g}) = b_1 = \dim H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C})$ . Following Favre [6], a weight system of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by

$$P\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{t}) = \{(\alpha, d\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathfrak{t}^* \text{ such that } \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \neq 0, d\alpha = \dim \mathfrak{g}_\alpha\}$$

We also recall the following results:

**Proposition.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be of maximal rank and  $\mathfrak{t}$  a maximal torus. Then the semidirect product  $\mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$  is complete solvable.*

**Definition.** *The algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called completable if  $\mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$  is complete for a maximal torus  $\mathfrak{t}$ , and simple completable if it is not the direct sum of nontrivial completable Lie algebras.*

The main result we will use is a slight modification of the next

**Theorem.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{h}$  a Cartan subalgebra. Assume that following conditions are satisfied:*

1.  $\mathfrak{h}$  is abelian
2.  $\mathfrak{g} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  with  $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{h}^* - \{0\}$
3. there is a basis  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}^* \cap \Delta$  such that  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_{\pm\alpha_j} \leq 1$  for  $1 \leq j \leq l$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_j}, \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha_j}] \neq 0$  if  $-\alpha_j \in \Delta$
4.  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $\{\mathfrak{g}_{\pm\alpha_j}, 1 \leq j \leq l\}$  generate  $\mathfrak{g}$

Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a complete Lie algebra.

The last conditions can be replaced by by more general statements [11]

- 3' there is a generating system  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}^* \cap \Delta$  such that  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_j} = 1$  for all  $j$  and  $\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_l}$  generate  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- 4' Let  $0 \neq x_j \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_j}$  and a basis  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . For  $r+1 \leq s \leq l$ ,

$$\alpha_s = \sum_{i=1}^t k_{is} \alpha_{j_i} - \sum_{i=1+t}^r k_{is} \alpha_{j_i}$$

where  $k_{is} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $(j_1, \dots, j_r)$  is a permutation of  $(1, \dots, r)$ , and there is a formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \underbrace{x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_1}}_{k_{1s}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{j_t}, \dots, x_{j_t}}_{k_{ts}}, \dots, x_{k_m} \right] \\ = & \left[ \underbrace{x_{j_{t+1}}, \dots, x_{j_{t+1}}}_{k_{t+1s}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{j_r}, \dots, x_{j_r}}_{k_{rs}}, x_s, x_{k_1}, \dots, x_{k_m} \right] \end{aligned}$$

without regard to the order or the way of bracketing, where  $m \neq 0$  if  $t = r$ .

**Theorem [11].** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra satisfying conditions (1), (2), (3') and (4'). Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a complete Lie algebra.*

We obtain one more consequence of the theorem in the preceding section

**Corollary.** *For  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$*

$$\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)) > 2$$

*Proof.* The fact follows from the linear system  $(S(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)))$  associated to the algebras [1] and the fact that  $b_1(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)) > b_1(\mathfrak{g}_m) = 2$ , where  $b_1(\mathfrak{g}) = \dim H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathbb{C})$ .  $\square$

**Proposition.** *Let  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$  a weight system of  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  is given by*

$$P\mathfrak{g}_m(\mathfrak{t}_m) = \left\{ (\alpha_i, d\alpha_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 2m+1} \right\}$$

where  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_i} = 1$  for all  $i$  and the weights  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2m+1}\}$  satisfy the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 + \alpha_{j-1} &= \alpha_j, & 3 \leq j \leq 2m, j \notin \{q_i, 2m+2-q_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \\ a_{2m-t} + -\alpha_{t+1} - \alpha_m &= \alpha_{m+1}, & 1 \leq t \leq m-2 \end{aligned} \quad (S_1)$$

In particular,  $\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)) \leq m+1$ .

*Proof.* The system  $(S_1)$  coincides with the linear system  $S(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k))$  associated to the nilpotent Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$ , thus the  $\alpha_i$  correspond to eigenvalues of semisimple derivations [1]. Therefore we can isolate  $\alpha_{j_1}, \dots, \alpha_{j_s}$  ( $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_s < 2+2k$ ) such that for any  $j \in \{1, \dots, 2m+1\} - \{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$  we have

$$\alpha_j = \sum_{t=1}^s a_j^t \alpha_{j_t}, \quad a_j^t \in \mathbb{C}$$

Now, using the standard techniques [1] it is routine to verify that for  $1 \leq t \leq s$  the derivations  $f_{j_t} \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k))$  given by

$$f_{j_t}(X_i) = a_i^t X_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2m+1$$

define a maximal torus  $\mathfrak{t}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$ . Thus the weight system is given as above.

Clearly any weight space  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_j}$  is at most one dimensional. For the last assertion, observe that for  $k = m + 1$  the system  $(S_1)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 + \alpha_{2m-1} &= \alpha_{2m} \\ \alpha_t + \alpha_{2m+1-t} &= \alpha_m + \alpha_{m+1}, \quad 2 \leq t \leq m-1\end{aligned}$$

and that the rank is the maximal possible, namely  $m + 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem.** *For  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$  the semidirect products*

$$\mathfrak{r}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k) = \mathfrak{t}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$$

*are solvable and complete.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that for any  $f \in \text{Der}(\mathfrak{r}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k))$  we have

$$f(\mathfrak{t}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)) \subset \mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$$

This is a direct consequence of the particular action of  $\mathfrak{t}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  over  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$ . If  $\mathfrak{t}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k) = \{h_1, \dots, h_s\}$ , then for any  $1 \leq t \leq s$  there exists a permutation  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_s$  such that  $f_{j_t} = \text{ad}(h_t)$ . The nilradical is clearly generated by  $\{X_1, X_2, X_{q_i}, X_{2m+2-q_i}\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$ , where  $\{X_1, \dots, X_{2m+1}\}$  is a dual basis to  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2m+1}\}$ . It follows that the algebra  $\mathfrak{r}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  satisfies the conditions of the preceding theorem, so that it is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma.** *If  $k = 1$  and  $q_1 \neq m + 1$  or  $k \geq 2$ , the  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  is not of maximal rank.*

*Proof.* The proof is an immediate consequence of the weight system. For  $k = 1$  and  $q_1 = m + 1$  we have  $\text{rank}(S_1) = b_1 = 3$ . Observe that this is the only case where  $q_i = 2m + 2 - q_i$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** *For any odd dimension  $n \geq 9$  there exist completable Lie algebras of non-maximal rank.*

Thus the contractions of the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_m$  (it is itself completable since it is of maximal rank) are completable of non-maximal rank, up to an exception. The families above expand the examples obtained in [10],[12] for non-maximal rank. In fact, since the algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  are nonsplit, we obtain even more:

**Corollary.** *For  $m \geq 4$  and  $k \geq 1$  the algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_m(q_1, \dots, q_k)$  are simple completable.*



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