### Lie powers and Lie modules

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- $\bullet$  *p* is a prime number.
- G is a finite group.
- $\mathfrak{S}_n$  is the symmetric group acting on the set  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ .
- K is a field, preferably of infinite order.
- All modules are 'left' and have finite dimensional over the defining field *K*.

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In the case V is a KG-module,  $V^{\otimes n}$  is naturally a KG-module via the diagonal action and  $L^n(V)$  is a submodule of  $V^{\otimes n}$ .

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$$\operatorname{Lie}(n) := f_n(L^n(E)).$$

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Let  $r, s \ge 1$  be arbitrary positive integers and V be an object of  $M_K(m,r)$  such that  $m \ge rs$ . Then

$$f_{rs}L^{s}(V) \cong \operatorname{Ind}_{\mathfrak{S}_{r}\wr\mathfrak{S}_{s}}^{\mathfrak{S}_{rs}}((f_{r}V)^{\otimes s} \otimes_{K} \operatorname{Lie}(s))$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}_r \wr \mathfrak{S}_s$  acts on  $(f_r V)^{\otimes s}$  in the obvious way and  $(\mathfrak{S}_r)^s$  acts trivially on  $\operatorname{Lie}(s)$ .

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From now on, we suppose that K has characteristic p>0 and denote it by  $k. \label{eq:k}$ 

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#### Corollary

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