

Let  $\tau$  be a vector space automorphism of  $K^{n+1}$ . Then  $\tau$  is an isomorphism from  $V_1$  onto  $V_2$  if and only if

$$b_2(\tau[v_1, \dots, v_n]_1, \tau v_{n+1}) = b_2([\tau v_1, \dots, \tau v_n]_2, \tau v_{n+1}) \quad (1.11)$$

for all  $v_i \in V_1$ ,  $i \in \underline{n+1}$ . For the right side of the identity we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_2([\tau v_1, \dots, \tau v_n]_2, \tau v_{n+1}) &= f(\tau v_1, \dots, \tau v_{n+1}) \\ &= \det \tau \cdot f(v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}) \\ &= \det \tau \cdot b_1([v_1, \dots, v_n]_1, v_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (1.11) can be written as

$$b_2(\tau[v_1, \dots, v_n]_1, \tau v_{n+1}) = \det \tau \cdot b_1([v_1, \dots, v_n]_1, v_{n+1}).$$

Since  $V_1$  is simple by Proposition 1.1.2,  $[V_1, \dots, V_1]_1 = V_1$ . Thus  $\tau$  is an isomorphism from  $V_1$  onto  $V_2$  if and only if  $\tau$  satisfies the identity

$$b_2(\tau u, \tau v) = \det \tau \cdot b_1(u, v) \quad (1.12)$$

for all  $u, v \in K^{n+1}$ . Since for each bilinear form  $b$  there exists a base of  $K^{n+1}$  relative to which the associated matrix of  $b$  has diagonal form and each diagonal matrix multiplied by a scalar remains diagonal, any  $(n+1)$ -dimensional simple  $n$ -Lie algebra is isomorphic to one of the  $n$ -Lie algebras  $(K^{n+1}, b, f)$ , where  $b$  runs through the set of the bilinear forms whose associated matrix relative to the canonical base is  $\text{diag}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n+1})$ , where  $\alpha_i \in K$ ,  $i \in \underline{n+1}$  and  $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_{n+1} \neq 0$ .

If  $K$  is algebraically closed, there exists a vector space automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $K^{n+1}$  such that  $b_2(\sigma u, \sigma v) = b_1(u, v)$ . Set  $\tau := (\det \sigma)^{-\frac{1}{n-1}} \sigma$ . Then  $\tau$  is clearly also an automorphism of  $K^{n+1}$  and fulfills identity (1.12). Indeed, because of  $\det \tau = (\det \sigma)^{-\frac{n+1}{n-1}} \det \sigma = (\det \sigma)^{-\frac{2}{n-1}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_2(\tau u, \tau v) &= (\det \sigma)^{-\frac{2}{n-1}} \cdot b_2(\sigma u, \sigma v) \\ &= (\det \sigma)^{-\frac{2}{n-1}} \cdot b_1(u, v) \\ &= \det \tau \cdot b_1(u, v). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $V_1$  is isomorphic to  $V_2$  and we have shown

**Proposition 1.2.3:**  $(K^{n+1}, b_1, f)$  is isomorphic to  $(K^{n+1}, b_2, f)$  if and only if there exists an isomorphism  $\tau$  of  $K^{n+1}$  with property (1.12). If  $K$  is algebraically closed, then all  $n$ -Lie algebras of the form  $(K^{n+1}, b, f)$  are isomorphic to each other.