

$$= \alpha_i \beta_{j_0} e_i + (-1)^{j_0-i-1} \alpha_{j_0} \beta_i e_{j_0}.$$

Let  $i_0 \leq k$  such that  $i_0 \neq i$ ,  $i_0 \neq j_0$ . Then

$$[e_1, \dots, \widehat{e_{i_0}}, \dots, e_{i-1}, \alpha_i \beta_{j_0} e_i + (-1)^{j_0-i-1} \alpha_{j_0} \beta_i e_{j_0}, e_{i+1}, \dots, e_{n+1}] = \alpha_{i_0} \alpha_i \beta_{j_0} e_{i_0}.$$

Therefore  $e_{i_0} \in J$ . This forces  $e_i \in J$  for all  $i \leq k$ . Hence  $I \subseteq J$ .

Since  $I$  is not  $(k-1)$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ ,  $V$  possesses no nonzero  $(k-1)$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  if  $k \geq 3$ .

In the following proposition we give some properties of  $k$ -solvable ideals.

**Proposition 2.2:** *Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -Lie algebra and  $k \in \underline{n}$ .*

- 1) *If  $V$  is  $k$ -solvable, then all subalgebras of  $V$  are  $k$ -solvable and all ideals of  $V$  are  $k$ -solvable ideals of  $V$ .*
- 2) *Let  $\psi : V \rightarrow V_1$  be a surjective  $n$ -Lie algebra homomorphism and  $I$  a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ , then  $\psi I$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V_1$ .*
- 3) *Let  $I, J$  be ideals of  $V$ ,  $J \subseteq I$ . If  $J$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  and  $I/J$  a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V/J$ , then  $I$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ . In particular, if  $J$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  such that  $V/J$  is a  $k$ -solvable  $n$ -Lie algebra, then  $V$  itself is  $k$ -solvable.*
- 4) *If  $I$  and  $J$  are  $k$ -solvable ideals of  $V$ , so is  $I + J$ .*

*Proof:* 1) If  $U$  is a subalgebra of  $V$ , then  $U^{(s,k)} \subseteq V^{(s,k)}$ . This implies the first assertion. If  $I$  is an ideal of  $V$ , then  $I^{(s,k)} \subseteq V^{(s,k)}$ . From it the second assertion follows.

2) It can be shown inductively that  $\psi(I)^{(s,k)} = \psi(I^{(s,k)})$ . This implies the assertion.

3) Denote the canonical homomorphism  $V \rightarrow V/J$  by  $\pi$ . Since  $I/J$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V/J$ , we have  $\pi(I^{(s,k)}) = \pi(I)^{(s,k)} = (I/J)^{(s,k)} = \{0\}$  for some  $s$ , hence  $I^{(s,k)} \subseteq J$ . But  $J^{(s',k)} = \{0\}$  for some  $s' \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $I^{(s+s',k)} = (I^{(s,k)})^{(s',k)} \subseteq J^{(s',k)} = \{0\}$ . Therefore  $I$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ .

4) We consider the canonical homomorphism  $\pi : V \rightarrow V/J$ . Since  $I$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ , so  $I/J = \pi(I)$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V/J$  in view of 2). But  $\pi^{-1}(I/J) = I + J$ , so  $I + J$  is a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  in view of 3).  $\square$

From now on we assume that  $V$  is finite dimensional over  $K$ . Let  $I$  be a maximal  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  and  $J$  an arbitrary  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$ . According to Proposition 2.2 4)  $I + J$  is also a  $k$ -solvable ideal of  $V$  which in turn implies