

By 2) this identity can be reformulated as

$$(\mu + \alpha\nu)[v_1, \dots, v_n] = [(\mu + \alpha\nu)v_1, \dots, (\mu + \alpha\nu)v_n],$$

this means that  $\mu + \alpha\nu$  is an  $n$ -Lie algebra homomorphism from  $\bar{V}$  to  $V$ . Since  $\pi \circ (\mu + \alpha\nu) = id_{\bar{V}}$ , the image of  $\mu + \alpha\nu$  gives a Levi subalgebra of  $V$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2:** *Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -Lie algebra over  $K$ . If  $V_0$  is a Levi subalgebra of  $V$ , then  $V_0$  is also a Levi subalgebra of  $V^{(1,n)}$  ( $= [V, \dots, V]$ ) and  $V^{(1,n)} = [V, \dots, V, Rad(V)] + V_0$  is a Levi decomposition of  $V^{(1,n)}$ .*

*Proof:* Since  $V = Rad(V) + V_0$  and  $[V_0, \dots, V_0] = V_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V^{(1,n)} &= [Rad(V) + V_0, \dots, Rad(V) + V_0] \\ &= [V, \dots, V, Rad(V)] + [V_0, \dots, V_0] \\ &= [V, \dots, V, Rad(V)] + V_0 \end{aligned}$$

From  $[V, \dots, V, Rad(V)] \cap V_0 \subseteq Rad(V) \cap V_0 = \{0\}$ , we obtain  $Rad V^{(1,n)} = [V, \dots, V, Rad(V)]$  and the assertion.  $\square$