

reductive if and only if it is a direct sum of its centre and the semisimple subalgebra  $[V, \dots, V]$ .

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