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NONASSOCIATIVE ENVELOPING ALGEBRAS OF CHEVALLEY ALGEBRAS

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An algebra R is said to be an *exact enveloping algebra* for a Lie algebra L if L is isomorphic to the algebra $R^{(-)}$ obtained by replacing the multiplication in R by the commutation: a * b := ab - ba. We study exact enveloping algebras of certain subalgebras of a Chevalley algebra over a field K associated with an indecomposable root system Φ . The structure constants of the Chevalley basis of this algebra are chosen with a certain arbitrariness for the *niltriangular* subalgebra $N\Phi(K)$ with the basis $\{e_r \mid r \in \Phi^+\}$. The exact enveloping algebra is introduced. For the type A_{n-1} , one of the exact enveloping algebras R is the algebra NT(n, K) of all niltriangular $n \times n$ matrices over K. The theorem of R. Dubish and S. Perlis on the ideals of NT(n, K) states that R is standard in this case. We prove that an associative exact enveloping algebra R of a Lie algebra NT(n, K) of type A_{n-1} (n > 3) is unique and isomorphic to NT(n, K) up to passing to the opposite algebra $R^{(op)}$. Standard enveloping algebras R are described. The existence of a standard enveloping algebra is proved for the Lie algebras $N\Phi(K)$ of all types excepting D_n $(n \ge 4)$ and E_n (n = 6, 7, 8).

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