

Claim There exists some function  $J$  so that whenever  $D$  is a derivation on a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we have for all  $y \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$e^{yD}(e^y) = J(\text{ad } y)Dy$$

What's  $J$ ? Take  $D = \text{ad } z$ :

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-y}D(e^y) &= e^{-y}(ze^y - e^yz) = e^{-y}ze^y - z \\ &= e^{-\text{ad } y}z - z = \left(\frac{e^{-\text{ad } y} - 1}{-\text{ad } y}\right)(z) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\text{ad } y} - 1}{-\text{ad } y}(-\text{ad } z(y)) = \frac{1 - e^{-\text{ad } y}}{\text{ad } y}(\text{ad } z(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow J(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{x}$$

$$ze^y = e^y e^{-\text{ad } y} z$$

$$yz = (\text{ad } y)z + zy$$

$$e^y z = e^{\text{ad } y}(z) e^y$$

$$ze^{-y} = e^{-y} e^{\text{ad } y}(z)$$

Claim  $e^{A+EB} \stackrel{?}{=} e^A \left( 1 + E \frac{1 - e^{-\text{ad } A}}{\text{ad } A} B \right)$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{ad } A(e^{A+EB}) &\stackrel{?}{=} e^A \left( E(1 - e^{-\text{ad } A}) B \right) \\ \text{ad } A(e^{A+EB}) &\stackrel{!}{=} e^A (e^{\text{ad } A} B - B e^{\text{ad } A}) \\ &\checkmark \text{ by telescopic summation} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Works ignoring terms in  $\ker \text{ad } A$