

# Counterexamples to the Gel'fand-Kirillov Conjecture (d'après J. Alev, A. Ooms and M. Van den Bergh)

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These are notes of a talk in the UIA-algebra seminar on the paper "A class of counter examples to the Gel'fand-Kirillov conjecture" by Jacques Alev, Alfons Ooms and Michel Van den Bergh [1]. In order to outline the key ideas to ringtheorists, we restrict to the case of the non-special group  $PGL_n$  and the invariant-theoretic setting of generic matrices. Some effort was made to include proofs of basic facts on generic matrices.

## 1 The strategy

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  (resp.  $D(\mathfrak{g})$ ) its enveloping algebra (resp. the division ring of fractions).

**Gel'fand-Kirillov conjecture :** For a  $\mathbb{C}$ -Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $D(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq D_k(L)$  a Weyl-skewfield with center  $L$ , a purely transcendental field over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Definitie 1** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $F$  the center of the division ring of fractions  $D(\mathfrak{g})$ . A division algebra  $\Delta$ , finite dimensional over its center  $F$  is called  **$\mathfrak{g}$ -bad** iff there exists a field extension  $F \subset F'$  satisfying the following properties :*

1. *The extended algebra  $\Delta \otimes_F F'$  is not a domain.*
2. *There is an embedding  $F \subset F' \subset D(\mathfrak{g})$ .*

**Theorem 1** *If  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra admitting a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -bad division algebra, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a counterexample to the Gel'fand-Kirillov conjecture.*

### 1.1 A filtered argument

Let  $\mathbb{C} \subset F$  any field and consider the  $k$ -th Weyl algebra  $A_k(F)$  with center  $F$ . This is the algebra generated by  $x_i, y_j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  with commutation relations

$$[x_i, x_j] = [y_i, y_j] = 0 \text{ and } [x_i, y_j] = \delta_{ij}$$

If we put  $\deg(x_i) = \deg(y_j) = 1$ ,  $A_k(F)$  is a filtered algebra with associated graded ring

$$gr(A_k(F)) = F[x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k]$$

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For  $d \in A_k(F)_i - A_k(F)_{i-1}$  we denote its image in  $gr(A_k(F))_i$  by  $\sigma(d)$ . Because  $gr(A_k(F))$  is a domain,  $\sigma$  is multiplicative.

Let  $D_k(F)$  denote its quotient ring of fractions which is a division algebra with center  $F$ . We can extend the filtration on  $A_k(F)$  to a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -filtration on  $D_k(F)$  by defining the degree and symbol of a fraction  $deg(fg^{-1}) = deg(f) - deg(g)$  and  $\sigma(fg^{-1}) = \frac{\sigma(f)}{\sigma(g)}$ . Again, the fact that  $gr(A_k(F))$  is a commutative domain makes these definitions well-defined and shows that

$$gr(D_k(F)) = Q_{gr}(F[x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k])$$

the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring obtained by inverting all homogeneous elements of  $gr(A_k(F))$ . Its part of degree zero is a field  $L$ , in fact it is a purely transcendental field extension of  $F$  in  $2k - 1$  variables, for example  $\{\frac{x_2}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{x_1}, \frac{y_1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_k}{x_1}\}$ . Further, it is then clear that the part of degree  $i$  of this graded localization is then  $Lx_1^i$ . Hence,

$$gr(D_n(F)) = F\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_k}{x_1}\right)[x_1, x_1^{-1}]$$

**Lemma 1** *The filtration degree zero part of  $D_n(F)$ ,  $D_0$  is a discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal  $D_{-1}$  and residue field  $F\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_k}{x_1}\right)$ .*

**Proof :** (compare with [5, Prop. 3.1]) The filtration-degree allows us to define a function

$$v : D_k(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$$

by  $v(0) = \infty$  and  $v(d) = -deg(d)$  for all  $0 \neq d \in D_k(F)$ . Using the fact that  $gr(D_k(F))$  is a commutative domain one readily verifies that  $v(dd') = v(d) + v(d')$  and  $v(d + d') \geq \min(v(d), v(d'))$  for all  $d, d' \in D_k(F)$ . Hence,  $v$  is a discrete valuation, with valuation ring  $D_0$  and maximal ideal  $D_{-1}$  and residue field  $D_0/D_{-1} = gr(D_k(F))_0$  which is the required purely transcendental field.  $\square$

## 1.2 The proof of the theorem

**Proof :** (compare with [1, Prop. 3.1]) Assume that the statement of the conjecture holds for  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then there would be a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$D(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq D_k(F)$$

Assume there is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -bad division algebra  $\Delta$  with center  $F$  and let  $F \subset F'$  be the corresponding field extension. Consider the discrete valuation  $v$  on  $D_k(F)$  considered above and restrict it to the commutative subfield  $F'$ . Then either of the following two cases occurs :

1. **the induced valuation is trivial.** Then going to the residue field gives the inclusions

$$F \subset F' \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k-1})$$

2. **the induced valuation is non-trivial.** Then, there is a discrete valuation ring  $R$  with field of fractions  $F'$  and residue field  $R/m$  with inclusions

$$F \subset R/m \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k-1})$$

In the first case we are done. For, consider the division algebra  $\Delta$  with center  $F$  and tensor it with the purely transcendental field-extension  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k-1})$ . We obtain

$$\Delta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2k-1})$$

which is still a division algebra, contradicting the fact that for the intermediate algebra we have that  $\Delta \otimes_F F'$  is not a domain.

For the second case we can repeat the above argument provided we can show that  $\Delta \otimes_F R/m$  is not a division algebra. Choose  $0 \neq f \in \Delta \otimes_F F'$  with  $f^2 = 0$ . As  $R$  is a discrete valuation ring of  $F'$  with uniformizing parameter say  $\pi$  there is a natural number  $m$  such that  $\pi^m f \in \Delta \otimes R$ . Let  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  minimal with this property then  $\pi^l f \neq 0$  in  $\Delta \otimes R/m$  but still has square zero, finishing the proof.  $\square$

## 2 The counter example

### 2.1 Linear algebra and invariant theory

With  $X_n$  we will denote the affine space of  $n \times n$  matrix couples

$$X_n = M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{C})$$

The group  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  acts on this space by simultaneous conjugation

$$g.(A, B) = (gAg^{-1}, gBg^{-1})$$

Clearly, the action of the center  $\mathbb{C}^*.I_n \subset GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  is trivial, so we really have a  $PGL_n(\mathbb{C})$ -action.

**Lemma 2** *The set  $U_n$  of couples  $(A, B)$  which generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra is a Zariski-open  $PGL_n$ -invariant set in  $X_n$ . Moreover, the  $PGL_n$ -stabilizer of any point in  $U_n$  is trivial.*

**Proof :** (compare with [8, 6.1 and 6.2]) If  $A$  and  $B$  do not generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , then the dimension of the space spanned by successive powers of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $\leq n^2 - 1$  which can be expressed by the vanishing of  $n^2 \times n^2$ -minors involving polynomials in the coefficients of  $A$  and  $B$ . Hence this set is closed and it suffices to show that the complement is non-empty.

Let  $A$  be a diagonal matrix with distinct eigenvalues and let  $C_1, \dots, C_d \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  which generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  as an algebra. Let  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  the list of subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  which are left invariant by  $A$  (this list is finite since the eigenvalues are distinct). The  $C_i$  do not have a subspace which is simultaneously invariant (as they generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ).

For every  $j$  we can therefore find an  $i$  such that  $C_i$  does not send  $S_j$  into itself and so there is a non-empty Zariski-open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^k$

$$V_j = \{(a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{C}^k \mid (a_1 C_1 + \dots + a_k C_k)S_j \not\subset S_j\}$$

(observe that sending  $S_j$  into itself is a closed condition). Take a point  $(c_1, \dots, c_k) \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k V_j$ , then  $A$  and  $B = c_1 C_1 + \dots + c_k C_k$  do not have a common invariant subspace and hence they generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  as an algebra.

Now, take  $g \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $g$  fixes  $(A, B) \in U_n$ , that is,  $g$  commutes with both  $A$  and  $B$  and hence with all of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , so  $g$  is central. Hence, the  $PGL_n$ -stabilizer of  $(A, B)$  is trivial.  $\square$

The coordinate ring  $\mathbb{C}[X_n]$  is a polynomial ring in  $2n^2$  variables

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & \cdots & y_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_{n1} & \cdots & y_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The action of  $PGL_n$  on  $X_n$  induces an action by automorphisms on  $\mathbb{C}[X_n]$ . For example, if  $g \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $g.x_{ij}$  is the  $(i, j)$ -entry of the matrix  $gXg^{-1}$  in

$M_n(\mathbb{C}[X_n])$ . This action of  $PGL_n$  extends to the functionfield  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ . We would like to have a concrete description of the fixed field under this action  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$ .

We need to recall a standard result in invariant-theory known as Rosenlicht's theorem, see [4, p. 143] or [9, §IV.2] for a proof. In our case it asserts that there is a Zariski-open  $PGL_n$ -stable subset  $U \subset X_n$  such that  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  is the subfield which separates orbits in  $U$ . Moreover, the transcendence degree of  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  is then  $\dim(X_n) - \max_{u \in U}(\dim PGL_n.u)$ . For a slightly stronger result see [4, §II.3.4].

Define the ring  $\mathbb{G}_n$  of generic matrices as the subring of  $M_n(\mathbb{C}[X_n])$  generated by the two matrices  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Lemma 3** *The fixed field  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  is the subfield of  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$  generated by the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of elements in  $\mathbb{G}_n$ . Moreover,  $\text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}) = n^2 + 1$ .*

**Proof :** (compare with [2, p. 560-61]) In view of the action of  $PGL_n$  on  $\mathbb{C}[X_n]$  it is clear that these coefficients are invariant functions, that is they are contained in  $\mathbb{C}[X_n]^{PGL_n}$  and hence in the fixed field. In order to show that they generate  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  it suffices by Rosenlicht's result to show that they separate distinct orbits in  $U_n$ .

So, let  $(A, B)$  and  $(A', B')$  be in  $U_n$  such that for all coefficients of characteristic polynomials  $c_s(X, Y)$  of elements  $s \in \mathbb{G}_n$  we have  $c_s(A, B) = c_s(A', B')$ . Then, we claim that these points belong to the same orbit.

Take an element  $z(X, Y) \in \mathbb{G}_n$  such that  $z = z(A, B)$  (and hence also  $z' = z(A', B')$ ) is an  $n \times n$  matrix with distinct eigenvalues. Then we can diagonalize  $z$  and  $z'$ . Hence, replacing  $(A, B)$  and  $(A', B')$  by points in their orbits we may assume that  $z = z'$  a diagonal matrix with distinct eigenvalues (this operation already fixes a flag of subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). Suitable polynomials  $z_{11}, \dots, z_{nn}$  of  $z$  can then be found such that

$$z_{ii}(A, B) = z_{ii}(A', B') = e_{ii}$$

where  $e_{ij}$  is the matrix with 1 at place  $(i, j)$  and zeroes elsewhere.

Further, there are elements  $h_{ij} \in \mathbb{G}_n$  such that  $h_{ij}(A, B) = e_{ij}$  (because  $A$  and  $B$  generate  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ) and define  $z_{ij} = z_{ii}h_{ij}z_{jj}$  then  $z_{ij}(A, B) = e_{ij}$  and  $z_{ij}(A', B')$  has at most one non-zero entry namely the  $(i, j)$  one. Because  $1 = \text{tr}(z_{ij}z_{ji}(A, B)) = \text{tr}(z_{ij}z_{ji}(A', B'))$  we know that this  $z_{ij}(A', B') \neq 0$ .

Conjugating  $(A', B')$  by a diagonal matrix (and so going to another point in the orbit, if necessary) we may assume that  $z_{1j}(A', B') = e_{1j}$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  (this operation fixes a basis in the flag).

But then it is easy to deduce that for all  $i, j$  we have  $z_{ij}(A', B') = e_{ij}$ . From this we can deduce that  $(A, B) = (A', B')$ . For example

$$A_{ij} = \text{tr}(z_{ii}Xz_{ji}(A, B)) = \text{tr}(z_{ii}Xz_{ji}(A', B')) = A'_{ij}$$

finishing the proof of the claim and the lemma.  $\square$

Because  $PGL_n$  acts as automorphisms on  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ , its Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$  acts by derivations on  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ . Recall that  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  is the  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ -vectorspace of all  $\mathbb{C}$ -derivations of  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$  and has dimension  $2n^2$ .

**Lemma 4** *The natural map*

$$\mathbb{C}(X_n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{sl}_n \rightarrow \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$$

*is injective.*

**Proof :** (compare with [1, (2.3)]) Let  $x = (A, B)$  be a point in  $U_n$ , then the orbit-map  $\mu : PGL_n \rightarrow X_n$  determined by sending  $g$  to  $g.x$  is injective. Hence so is the differential of the orbit-map

$$(d\mu)_e : T_e(PGL_n) = Lie(PGL_n) = \mathfrak{sl}_n \rightarrow T_x(X_n)$$

see for example [4, lemma p. 75]. This can also be seen directly as this map sends  $h$  to  $([h, A], [h, B])$  using the natural identification  $T_x(X_n) \simeq X_n$ .

Now, assume  $\sum_j f_j \otimes h_j$  is in the kernel of the natural map with all  $h_j$   $\mathbb{C}$ -linearly independent elements of  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$  and the  $f_j$  rational functions on  $X_n$ . By definition there is a Zariski-open set in  $X_n$  where all  $f_i$  are determined. So, we can choose a point  $x \in U_n$  such that all  $f_j$  are defined in  $x$  and at least one  $f_j(x) \neq 0$ . But then the Lie-element  $\sum_j f_j(x)h_j$  maps to zero in  $T_x(X_n)$  a contradiction.  $\square$

## 2.2 Two division algebras with center $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$

**Lemma 5** *The ring of generic matrices  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is a domain.*

**Proof :** (compare with [3, Th. 22] and [7, Th. III.1.3]) First we claim that  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is a prime ring. This follows if we can show that  $\mathbb{G}_n \mathbb{C}(X_n) = M_n(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  which is prime and a central extension of  $\mathbb{G}_n$  (which implies that the intersection of a prime ideal with  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is prime). In fact, we show that the  $n^2$  elements  $X^i Y^j$  ( $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ ) span  $M_n(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  as a  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ -vectorspace. This follows if we can show that

$$\det(\text{tr}((X^i Y^j)(X^l Y^m))) \neq 0$$

(use the non-degeneracy of the trace). Now, consider the Ore-extension  $\Lambda = \mathbb{C}(u)(v, \sigma)$  where  $\sigma(u) = \zeta_n u$  with  $\zeta_n$  a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity.  $\Lambda$  is a division algebra with of dimension  $n^2$  over its center  $\mathbb{C}(u^n, v^n)$  and a basis is given by the elements  $u^i v^j$  for  $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ , so

$$\det(\text{Tr}((u^i v^j)(u^l v^m))) \neq 0$$

In view of the map  $\mathbb{G}_n \rightarrow \Lambda$  sending  $X$  to  $u$  and  $Y$  to  $v$  the above determinant cannot vanish and hence  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is prime.

Now, assume that  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is not a domain, then there are  $a, b \in \mathbb{G}_n$  such that  $ab = 0$ . As  $\mathbb{G}_n$  is prime there is an  $r \in \mathbb{G}_n$  such that  $f(X, Y) = bra \neq 0$  but  $f^2 = brabra = 0$ .

Since  $f(X, Y) \neq 0$  the induced regular map  $f : M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is not the zero-map but then the same holds for extended maps  $f \otimes L$  for any field-extension  $\mathbb{C} \subset L$ . However, since  $f(X, Y)f(X, Y) = 0$  and  $\Lambda$  is a division algebra we have  $f(x, y) = 0$  for all elements  $x, y \in \Lambda$ , but then  $f \otimes \mathbb{C}(u, v) = 0$  as  $\Lambda \otimes_{\mathbb{C}(u^n, v^n)} \mathbb{C}(u, v) \simeq M_n(\mathbb{C}(u, v))$ , a contradiction finishing the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 6** *There is a division algebra  $\Delta_n$  with center  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  such that*

$$\Delta_n \otimes_{\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}} \mathbb{C}(X_n) \simeq M_n(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$$

**Proof :** Let  $\mathbb{T}_n$  be the subalgebra of  $M_n(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  obtained by adjoining to  $\mathbb{G}_n$  all coefficients of characteristic polynomials of its elements. The above argument can be repeated to give that  $\mathbb{T}_n$  is a domain (because the map  $\mathbb{G}_n \rightarrow \Lambda$  extends to  $\mathbb{T}_n \rightarrow \Lambda$ ). Now invert all these coefficients (which are central) then we claim that  $\Delta_n = \mathbb{T}_n \cdot \mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$  (use lemma 3) is a division algebra. If  $s \in \mathbb{G}_n$  with characteristic polynomial  $s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n$ , then  $s^{-1} = -a_n^{-1}(s^{n-1} + a_1 s^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1})$  belongs to  $\Delta_n$ . The final statement follows from the proof of the foregoing lemma.  $\square$

Next, define another division algebra which is of infinite dimension over its center  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  be the semi-direct product Lie algebra  $M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_n$ . The Lie-bracket is defined by the rule

$$[(A, B, h), (A', B', h')] = (hA' - A'h - h'A + Ah', hB' - B'h - h'B + Bh', hh' - h'h)$$

and consider the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g}_n)$ .

Clearly,  $M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus 0$  is a commutative sub-Lie algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  and we can invert all its elements to obtain an intermediate ring

$$U(\mathfrak{g}_n) \subset \mathbb{C}(X_n) \#_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{sl}_n) \subset D(\mathfrak{g}_n)$$

where  $D(\mathfrak{g}_n)$  is the division ring of fractions of the Noetherian domain  $U(\mathfrak{g}_n)$  and the intermediate algebra is the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector-space  $\mathbb{C}(X_n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$  with multiplication defined by

$$(f \# h)(f' \# h') = f(h.f') \# hh'$$

where  $h.f$  is the action by derivations of  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$  (and hence of its enveloping algebra) on  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ .

We now want to have another interpretation of this intermediate ring. Let  $\mathcal{D}_n$  be the ring of differential operators of the field-extension  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n} \subset \mathbb{C}(X_n)$ . That is,  $\mathcal{D}_n$  is the subalgebra of the endomorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$  generated by  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$  and the vector-space  $Der_{\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  of  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$ -derivations on  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ . Observe that this is a finite dimensional vector-space of dimension

$$trdeg_{\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n)) = trdeg_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n)) - trdeg_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}) = n^2 - 1$$

For more details on differential operators we refer to [6, Ch. 15].

**Lemma 7** *There is a canonical isomorphism*

$$\mathbb{C}(X_n) \#_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{sl}_n) \simeq \mathcal{D}_n$$

*In particular,  $D(\mathfrak{g}_n)$  is a division algebra with center  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$ .*

**Proof :** (compare with [1, Prop. 2.1] ) Since  $PGL_n$  is a connected group, we have that

$$\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{\mathfrak{sl}_n} = \mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}$$

where the first field is the subfield of  $f \in \mathbb{C}(X_n)$  such that  $h.f = 0$  for all  $h$  in the Lie-algebra of derivations. so the last statement follows from the first.

There is a canonical morphism

$$\mathbb{C}(X_n) \#_{\mathbb{C}} U(\mathfrak{sl}_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_n$$

Both sides can be filtered, the left-hand by the Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt filtration on  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ , the right-hand by the order of differential operators. The canonical map is filtration preserving and induces an algebra-morphism between the associated graded rings defined by the map on the degree one parts which is

$$\mathbb{C}(X_n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{sl}_n \rightarrow Der_{\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$$

The first statement will follow if we show that this map is an isomorphism. Both sides are  $\mathbb{C}(X_n)$ -vector-spaces of dimension  $n^2 - 1$  so it suffices to show injectivity which follows by composing with the canonical inclusion  $Der_{\mathbb{C}(X_n)^{PGL_n}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n)) \subset Der_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(X_n))$  and lemma 4.  $\square$

Summarizing, we have shown :

**Theorem 2**  $\Delta_n$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}_n$ -bad division algebra. Consequently, the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  is a counter example to the Gel'fand-Kirillov conjecture.

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