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Lie triple systems

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(related to Lie triple systems)  
and Lie algebras

$$\#1 \quad \delta_{[a,b]}(x) = [[a,b],x] \quad \begin{matrix} \underbrace{a,b}_{\text{fixed}} & \underbrace{x}_{\text{variable}} \end{matrix} \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta[x,y,z] = [\delta x, y, z] + [x, \delta y, z] + [x, y, \delta z]$$

where  $[a,b,c] = [[a,b],c]$   
 $= (ab - ba)c - c(ab - ba)$

#3  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a Lie triple system under  
triple bracket multiplication  $[a,b,c] = [[a,b],c]$

i.e.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet [a,a,b] = 0 \\ \bullet [a,b,c] + [b,c,a] + [c,a,b] = 0 \\ \bullet [d,e,[a,b,c]] = [[d,e,a],b,c] + [a,[d,e,b],c] \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad + [a,b,[d,e,c]] \end{array} \right.$$

#8 A Lie algebra, with product  $[a,b]$

is a Lie triple system under  $[a,b,c] = [[a,b],c]$

Assumption  $[a,a] = 0$  &  $[[a,b],c] + [[b,c],a] + [[c,a],b] = 0$

Conclusion The three bullets in #3

