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Title: Group algebras with almost minimal Lie nilpotency index

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Let K be a field of characteristic p > 0 and let G be an arbitrary non-abelian group. It is well known that if KG is Lie nilpotent, then its upper as well as lower Lie nilpotency index is at least p+1. Shalev investigated Lie nilpotent group algebras whose Lie nilpotency indices are next lower, namely 2p and 3p - 1 for $p \ge 5$ and obtained certain interesting results. The aim of this paper is to classify group algebras KG which are Lie nilpotent having Lie nilpotency indices 2p, 3p - 1 and 4p - 2. Our proofs are independent of Shalev and are valid for p = 2 and 3 as well.

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