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**Title:** GK-dimension of  $2 \times 2$  generic Lie matrices

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Recently Machado and Koshlukov have computed the Gelfand–Kirillov dimension of the relatively free algebra  $F_m = F_m(\text{var}(sl_2(K)))$  of rank  $m$  in the variety of algebras generated by the three-dimensional simple Lie algebra  $sl_2(K)$  over an infinite field  $K$  of characteristic different from 2. They have shown that  $\text{GKdim}(F_m) = 3(m - 1)$ . The algebra  $F_m$  is isomorphic to the Lie algebra generated by  $m$  generic  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Now we give a new proof for  $\text{GKdim}(F_m)$  using classical results of Procesi and Razmyslov combined with the observation that the commutator ideal of  $F_m$  is a module of the center of the associative algebra generated by  $m$  generic traceless  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

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