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Linear Maps Preserving Fibers

Let $G \subset \operatorname{GL}(V)$ be a complex reductive group where dim $V < \infty$, and let $\pi: V \to V/G$ be the categorical quotient. Let $\mathcal{N} := \pi^{-1}\pi(0)$ be the null cone of V, let H_0 be the subgroup of $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ which preserves the ideal \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{N} and let H be a Levi subgroup of H_0 containing G. We determine the identity component of H. In many cases we show that $H = H_0$. For adjoint representations we have $H = H_0$ and we determine H completely. We also investigate the subgroup G_F of $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ preserving a fiber F of π when V is an irreducible cofree G-module.

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