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Iwasawa Decomposition for Lie Superalgebras

Let \mathfrak{g} be a basic simple Lie superalgebra over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, and θ an involution of \mathfrak{g} preserving a nondegenerate invariant form. We prove that at least one of θ or $\delta \circ \theta$ admits an Iwasawa decomposition, where δ is the canonical grading automorphism $\delta(x) = (-1)^{\overline{w}}x$. The proof uses the notion of generalized root systems as developed by Serganova, and follows from a more general result on centralizers of certain tori coming from semisimple automorphisms of the Lie superalgebra \mathfrak{g} .

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