# Lattices of Non-Compact Lie Groups

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#### 1 Introduction

Consider solvable Lie groups of type  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$   $(n \geq m)$ . Here  $\psi$  is a homomorphis from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $GL(n+1,\mathbb{R})$  and the group structure of H is given by

$$(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x})(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x} + \psi(\mathbf{t})(\mathbf{y})), \quad (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}).$$

We call Lie groups of this type 1-step solvable Lie groups. In this paper we study about the automorphisms groups of lattices (cocompact discrete subgroups ) of 1-step solvable Lie groups H.

The unimodularization of n products  $\operatorname{Aff}^+(\mathbb{R})^n$  of the affine group  $\operatorname{Aff}^+(\mathbb{R})$  is a 1-step solvable Lie group which takes the form of  $\mathbb{R}^n \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . In this case, the homomorphism  $\psi$  is injective and splits as a direct sum of non-equivariant real 1-dimensional representations. Conversely, if the homomorphism  $\psi$  of  $H = \mathbb{R}^n \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  has all of these properties, then H is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{Aff}^+(\mathbb{R})^n$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice of  $H = \mathbb{R}^n \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \cong \operatorname{Aff}^+(\mathbb{R})^n$ . In [2], we defined an algebraic number field  $k(\Gamma)$  of degree n+1 which is associated with a lattice  $\Gamma$ , and showed that the automorphism group  $\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma')$  of a lattice  $\Gamma'$  commensurable with  $\Gamma$  is essentially identified with a subgroup of the automorphism group  $\operatorname{Aut}(k(\Gamma)/\mathbb{Q})$ . More precisely, there is a surjection from the set  $\{\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma') \mid \Gamma' < H, \Gamma' \in \operatorname{Com}(\Gamma)\}$  to the set  $\{F \mid F < \operatorname{Aut}(k(\Gamma)/\mathbb{Q})\}$  (Theorem 1.2 in [2]). Here  $\operatorname{Com}(\Gamma)$  denotes the set of lattices  $\Gamma'$  which are commensurable with  $\Gamma$  (see §4). But, when n > m, we have quite different results from those in the case of n = m.

In the first half of this paper, we review basic facts about lattices of 1-step solvable Lie groups  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , and in §4 we state an interesting Theorem 1.2 in [2]. In the last two sections, we study the case of m < n, especially the case of n = m + 1.

From now on, let H denote 1-step solvable Lie groups of type  $\mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Moreover we assume that  $\psi$  is injective and splits as a direct sum of non-equivariant real 1-dimensional representations.

#### 2 Structure matrix of H

From the assumption that  $\psi$  splits as a direct sum of non-equivariant real 1-dimensional representations, for a basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{e}_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $A_j := \psi(\mathbf{e}_j)$   $(1 \le j \le m)$  are simultaneously conjugate to diagonal matrices diag  $(e^{\lambda_{1j}}, e^{\lambda_{2j}}, \cdots, e^{\lambda_{n+1,j}})$ . Put

$$\Lambda_{\psi} := \left( egin{array}{cccc} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} & \cdots & \lambda_{1m} \ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} & \cdots & \lambda_{2m} \ dots & dots & dots \ \lambda_{n+1,1} & \lambda_{n+1,2} & \cdots & \lambda_{n+1,m} \end{array} 
ight) = \left( egin{array}{c} \Lambda_1 \ \Lambda_2 \ dots \ \Lambda_{n+1} \end{array} 
ight),$$

and call  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  the *structure matrix* of  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Clearly H is determined by the structure matrix.

We note here some fundamental facts on  $\Lambda_{\psi}$ .

- 1. Changing bases of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the new structure matrix  $\Lambda'_{\psi}$  is written as  $\Lambda'_{\psi} = T\Lambda_{\psi}P$ , where T is a row exchanging matrix and P is an m-square non-singular matrix, that is  $P \in GL(m,\mathbb{R})$ . If  $\Lambda'_{\psi} = T\Lambda_{\psi}P$  holds, then we say  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  and  $\Lambda'_{\psi}$  to be *equivalent* and identify  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  with  $\Lambda'_{\psi}$ .
- 2. Let  $\Delta: G \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be the modular function of a Lie group G defined by  $\Delta(g) = |\det Ad_g|$ . For  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the modular function  $\Delta: H \to \mathbb{R}_+$  is given by  $\Delta(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = \exp(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Lambda_i \cdot \mathbf{t})$ .
- 3. If there exists a cocompact discrete subgroup (i.e. a lattice)  $\Gamma$  of H, then  $\Delta(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = 1 \text{ for } \forall (\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) \in H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}. \text{ This shows } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Lambda_i \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \quad (\forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^m),$  and thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Lambda_i = \mathbf{0}.$

In this paper, we study about lattices of H. Thus, from now on, we assume that the structure matrix  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Lambda_i = 0$ .

## 3 Lattices and algebraic number fields

In this section, we define the algebraic number field  $k(\Gamma)$  associated with a lattice  $\Gamma$  of H. Let  $H_0 := [H, H]$  and  $H_1 := H/H_0$ . Then  $H_0 \cong \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $H_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1} = H_1 \ltimes_{\psi} H_0$  holds. The following is a known result.

**Lemma 3.1** ( [3, Lemma 2.3]) Let  $\Gamma < H$  be a lattice. Put  $\Gamma_0 := \Gamma \cap H_0 = \Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and  $\Gamma_1 := \Gamma/\Gamma_0$ . Then  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1$  are lattices of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively.

From Lemma 3.1, we can see  $\Gamma_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  and  $\Gamma_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$ . Moreover we have the exact sequences

In general,  $\Gamma$  is not a semi-direct product group. But the restriction  $\psi_{|\Gamma_1}$  becomes a homomorphism from  $\Gamma_1$  to  $Aut(\Gamma_0)$ , and hence,  $\psi(\mathbf{t}) \in SL(n+1,\mathbb{Z})$  ( $\mathbf{t} \in \Gamma_1$ ). Thus we may assume that, in the structure matrix

$$\Lambda_{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} & \cdots & \lambda_{1m} \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} & \cdots & \lambda_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda_{n+1,1} & \lambda_{n+1,2} & \cdots & \lambda_{n+1,m} \end{pmatrix},$$

the numbers  $e^{\lambda_{1j}}, e^{\lambda_{2j}}, \cdots, e^{\lambda_{n+1,j}}$  are eigenvalues of an integer matrix  $A_j = \psi(\mathbf{t}_j) \in SL(n+1,\mathbb{Z})$ , that is, those numbers are algebraic integers. Here  $\{\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{t}_m\}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\Gamma_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$ .

We suppose the following condtions on  $\Lambda_{\psi}$ .

# Assumtion A on $\psi$ ( i.e. on $\Lambda_{\psi}$ )

- 1.  $\psi$  is injective.
- 2. There exists  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \Gamma_1$  such that each eigenvalue  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n+1}$  of  $\psi(\mathbf{t}_0) = A$  is an algebraic integer of degree n+1. Here  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n+1}$  are each other conjugate elements.

#### Remark 3.1.

- (1) When n = m, the assumption 2 is automatically derived from the assumption 1.
- (2) For each  $\mathbf{t} \in \Gamma_1$ , the matrix  $\psi(\mathbf{t})$  can be described as g(A) ( $g[X] \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ ) because  $\psi(\mathbf{t})$  and  $\psi(\mathbf{t}_0) = A$  are commutative ([2, Corollary 3.2]).

Under Assumption A, we can assign a totally real algebraic number field  $k(\Gamma) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  of degree n+1 to a lattice  $\Gamma < H$ , where  $\alpha = \alpha_1$  in the above assumption 2. Call  $k(\Gamma)$  the algebraic number field associated with  $\Gamma$ . We note that, from Remark 3.1-(2),  $k(\Gamma)$  does not depends on the choice of  $\mathbf{t}_0$ .

Lattices  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are called to be *commensurable* and denoted by  $\Gamma \stackrel{com}{\sim} \Gamma'$  if  $|\Gamma : \Gamma \cap \Gamma'| < \infty$  and  $|\Gamma' : \Gamma \cap \Gamma'| < \infty$ . From Remark 3.1-(2), it follows

that  $k(\Gamma) = k(\Gamma')$  if  $\Gamma \stackrel{com}{\sim} \Gamma'$ . Furthermore we say that  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are weakly commensurable if there exists  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(H)$  such that  $\varphi(\Gamma) \stackrel{com}{\sim} \Gamma'$ . When n = m,  $k(\Gamma') = \varphi_*(k(\Gamma))$  holds ([2, Lemma 3.3]). From those facts, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** Suppose n = m. Then the map

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{the set of all weakly} \\ \text{commensurable classes} \\ \text{of lattices of } H \end{array}\right\} \to \left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{the set of all isomorphism} \\ \text{classes of totally real algebraic} \\ \text{number fields of degree } n+1 \end{array}\right\}$$

induced from the map  $\Gamma \to k(\Gamma)$  is bijective.

## 4 $\mathbf{Aut}(\Gamma)$

Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice of H, and take  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ . Then the following hold.

- 1.  $\varphi$  naturally induces automorphisms  $\varphi_1:\Gamma_1\to\Gamma_1$  and  $\varphi_0:\Gamma_0\to\Gamma_0$ .
- 2.  $\psi(\varphi_1(\mathbf{t})) = \varphi_0 \psi(\mathbf{t}) \varphi_0^{-1} \quad (\forall \mathbf{t} \in \Gamma_1 = \mathbb{Z}^m)$ .

The equality 2 follows from that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. We call this equality in 2 the *compatibility condition* for  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_0)$ .

Remark 4.1. It is known that  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$  is uniquely extended to  $\tilde{\varphi} \in \operatorname{Aut}(H)$  (e.g. [1][2]). Clearly the compatibility condition holds for  $(\tilde{\varphi}_1, \tilde{\varphi}_0)$ .

Using 1 and 2 above, we can define a homomorphism

$$A_{\Gamma}: \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(k(\Gamma)/\mathbb{Q})$$

by

$$A_{\Gamma}(\varphi)(\psi(\mathbf{t}_0)) = \psi(\varphi_1(\mathbf{t}_0)) = \varphi_0\psi(\mathbf{t}_0)\varphi_0^{-1}.$$

From the definition, the map  $A_{\Gamma}(\varphi)$  induces a permutation of the set  $\{\alpha = \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_{n+1}\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1** Suppose m = n. Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice of H. Then, for each subgroup  $F < Aut(k(\Gamma)/\mathbb{Q})$ , there exists a lattice  $\Gamma' < H$  such that

- (1)  $\Gamma'$  is commensurable with  $\Gamma$ .
- (2)  $A_{\Gamma'}(Aut(\Gamma')) = F$ .

Outline of the proof. Let k be a totally real algebraic number field of degree n+1 and let  $\{f^{(1)}, f^{(2)}, \dots, f^{(n+1)}\}$  be the set of all imbeddings of k into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}(k)$  be the subring of algebraic integers in k. The ring  $\mathcal{O}(k)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  as additive groups. Denote by  $\mathcal{E}(k)$  the unit group of  $\mathcal{O}(k)$  and put

$$\mathcal{E}^+(k) := \{ \varepsilon \in \mathcal{E}(k) \mid f^{(i)}(\varepsilon) > 0 \ (1 \le i \le n+1) \}.$$

Define an injective map  $\ell_k : \mathcal{E}^+(k) \to \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  by

$$\ell_k(\varepsilon) = \left(\log\left(f^{(1)}(\varepsilon)\right), \log\left(f^{(2)}(\varepsilon)\right), \cdots, \log\left(f^{(n+1)}(\varepsilon)\right)\right)$$

The Dirichlet's unit theorem asserts that  $\ell_k(\mathcal{E}^+(k))$  is a lattice of  $V = \{(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i = 0 \}$ . Put

$$\Gamma_k = \ell_k(\mathcal{E}^+(k)) \ltimes_{\psi_k} \mathcal{O}(k), \quad H_k = (\ell_k(\mathcal{E}^+(k)) \otimes \mathbb{R}) \ltimes_{\tilde{\psi_k}} (\mathcal{O}(k) \otimes \mathbb{R}).$$

The homomorphism  $\psi_k : \ell_k(\mathcal{E}^+(k)) \to \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{O}(k))$  is given by  $\psi_k \circ \ell_k = \iota_k$ , where  $\iota_k$  is the tautological map defined by  $\iota_k(\varepsilon)(\gamma) = \varepsilon \gamma$   $(\gamma \in k)$ . The homomorphism  $\tilde{\psi}_k$  is the naural extension of  $\psi_k$ .

Now take groups H and  $\Gamma$  in the theorem. Then we can construct an isomorphism  $\Psi_{\Gamma}$  from H to  $H_k$  such that  $\varphi_k(\Psi_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)) \stackrel{com}{\sim} \Gamma_k$  for  $\varphi_k \in \operatorname{Aut}(H_k)$  ([2, Lemma 3.6]). From this, to prove the theorem, we may assume  $\Gamma = \Gamma_k \subset H_k = H$ .

Suppose  $H = H_k$ ,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_k$ . From the definition,  $A_{\Gamma_k}(\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma_k)) = \operatorname{Aut}(k/\mathbb{Q})$  holds. Take a subgroup  $\mathcal{E}_1 < \mathcal{E}^+(k)$  with  $|\mathcal{E}^+(k) : \mathcal{E}_1| < \infty$ , and put  $\Gamma' := \ell_k(\mathcal{E}_1) \ltimes_{\psi_k} \mathcal{O}(k)$ . Clearly  $\Gamma_k$  and  $\Gamma'$  are commensurable. Moreover it is seen that

$$Ad(\iota_k^{-1})A_{\Gamma'}(\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma')) = \{ \sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(k/\mathbb{Q}) \mid \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1) = \mathcal{E}_1 \}.$$

Thus, for a given  $F < \operatorname{Aut}(k/\mathbb{Q})$ , we only have to construct  $\mathcal{E}_1$  such that

$$F = \{ \sigma \in \operatorname{Aut}(k/\mathbb{Q}) \mid \sigma(\mathcal{E}_1) = \mathcal{E}_1 \}.$$

Such an  $\mathcal{E}_1$  can be constructed by using Artin's theorem on relative fundamental units (e.g., [2, Theorem 4.1]).

When n = m, we showed that if  $\varphi \in Ker A_{\Gamma}$ , then  $\varphi^2 = Ad(h_0)$  for some  $h_0 \in H$  ( [2, Corollary 3.11]).

### 5 Aut( $\Gamma$ ) when n > m

In the rest of paper, we treat the case where n > m, that is,  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1} (n > m)$ . We add one more assumption on the structure matrix  $\Lambda_{\psi}$ .

#### Assumption B on $\Lambda_{\psi}$

Every m row vectors  $\Lambda_{i_1}, \Lambda_{i_2}, \cdots, \Lambda_{i_m}$  of  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Remark 5.1. When n=m, Assumption B is automatically derived from the injectivity of  $\psi$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice of H, and take  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ . Then, from the compatibility condition  $\psi(\varphi_1(\mathbf{t})) = \varphi_0 \psi(\mathbf{t}) \varphi_0^{-1}$ , the map  $A_{\Gamma}(\varphi) \in \operatorname{Aut}(k(\Gamma)/\mathbb{Q})$  induces a permutation  $\sigma \in S_{n+1}$ . Moreover  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$  acts on the strucure matrix  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  as follows.

$$T_{\sigma}\Lambda_{\psi} = T_{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{1} \\ \Lambda_{2} \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{1} \\ \Lambda_{2} \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} P_{\sigma}$$
 (5.1)

where  $T_{\sigma}$  is the row exchanging matrix corresponding to  $\sigma$  and  $P_{\sigma} \in GL(m, \mathbb{Z})$ . Let

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 \\ \Lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_m \\ c_{11}, c_{12}, \cdots, c_{1m} \\ \cdots \\ c_{p1}, c_{p2}, \cdots, c_{pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 \\ \Lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

where p = n + 1 - m.

Putting  $P'_{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 \\ \Lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_m \end{pmatrix} P_{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 \\ \Lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_m \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ , the above relation (5.1) is re-written as

$$T_{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} I_{m} \\ c_{11}, c_{12}, \cdots, c_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ c_{p1}, c_{p2}, \cdots, c_{pm} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{m} \\ c_{11}, c_{12}, \cdots, c_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ c_{p1}, c_{p2}, \cdots, c_{pm} \end{pmatrix} P'_{\sigma}.$$
 (5.2)

From the condition  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Lambda_i = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^{p} c_{ij} = 0 \quad (1 \le j \le m). \tag{5.3}$$

Remark 5.2. When n=m, for every permutation  $\sigma \in S_{n+1}$ , the conditions (5.1)(5.2) are satisfied.

Divide each permutation  $\sigma \in S_{n+1}$  into a product of distinct cyclic permutations,  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_k$ . We say cyclic permutations  $\sigma_i = (i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_\ell)$  and

 $\sigma_j = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k)$  to be distinct if  $i_s \neq j_t$   $(i \neq j)$   $(1 \leq s \leq \ell, 1 \leq t \leq k)$ , and define the length of  $\sigma_i = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_\ell)$  to be  $\ell$ . For example, (123) and (4567) are distinct cyclic permutations, and (123) and (3456) are not distinct.

The following propositions are given by simple calculations (see [5] for the details). In the propositions and corollaries below, we suppose Assumption B.

**Proposition 5.1** ([5]) Let  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_k \in S_{n+1}$  ( $\sigma \neq trivial$ ) be the product of distinct cyclic permutations. Suppose that, for the  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_k$ , there exists  $P'_{\sigma}$  satisfying the conditions (5.2)(5.3). Then all  $\sigma_i$  have the same length, or the length of  $\sigma_1$  is 1 and the other  $\sigma_i$ 's have the same length.

When each non-trivial cyclic permutation  $\sigma_i$  of  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_k$  has the same length, we also say the length to be the *size* of  $\sigma$ . For example, the size of  $\sigma = (123)(456)(789)$  is 3.

**Proposition 5.2** ([5]) If (n + 1) - m = s is even, then the size of  $\sigma$  satisfying the conditions (5.2) (5.3) is not larger than s.

Corollary 5.3 ([5]) Suppose that n + 1 is even and (n + 1) - m = 2. Then a permutation  $\sigma$  satisfying the conditions (5.2)(5.3) is one of

(1) 
$$trivial$$
, (2)  $\sigma = (12)(34) \cdots (m+1, m+2)$ ,

by renumbering row vectors  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \dots, \Lambda_{n+1}$  of  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  if necessary. Moreover, in the case of (2), the structure matrix  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  is equivalent to the form

$$\begin{pmatrix}
I_m \\
a_1 & b_1 & a_2 & b_2 & \cdots & a_k & b_k \\
b_1 & a_1 & b_2 & a_2 & \cdots & b_k & a_k
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
\Lambda_1 \\
\Lambda_2 \\
\vdots \\
\Lambda_m
\end{pmatrix}.$$
(S)

We say  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  to be type (S) if it is equivalent to the above form (S). Corolally 5.3 implies that  $\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$  in the case n > m is quite different from that in the case n = m.

Corollary 5.4 ([5]) Let  $\Gamma$  be a lattice of  $H = \mathbb{R}^m \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Suppose that n+1 is even and (n+1)-m=2. Then

$$|A_{\Gamma}(Aut(\Gamma))| \leq 2.$$

# 6 Case of $H = \mathbb{R}^2 \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^4$

In this section we treat  $H = \mathbb{R}^2 \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^4$ , and give two examples of  $\Gamma$  such that  $|A_{\Gamma}(\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma))| = 2$  and  $|A_{\Gamma}(\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma))| = 1$ . See [4] for another examples.

Let  $A_j$   $(1 \le j \le 3)$  be the  $4 \times 4$  integer matrices given by

$$A_{1} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{2} := \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -12 & -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 & -12 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{3} := \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -104 & -575 & -2742 \\ 69 & 719 & 3921 & 18619 \\ -153 & -1283 & -6756 & -31725 \\ 104 & 575 & 2742 & 12438 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can see the following.

- 1.  $\det A_j = 1 \ (j = 1, 2, 3)$ , that is,  $A_j \in SL(4, \mathbb{Z})$ .
- 2. Let  $f_2(x) = -x^3 + 7x^2 12x + 5$ ,  $f_3(x) = 104x^3 153x^2 + 69x 9$ . Then  $A_2 = f_2(A_1)$ ,  $A_3 = f_3(A_1)$ .
- 3. Let  $g_j(x)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A_j$ . Each  $g_j(x)$  is given as

$$g_1(x) = x^4 - 7x^3 + 13x^2 - 7x + 1,$$
  

$$g_2(x) = (x^2 - 3x + 1)^2,$$
  

$$g_3(x) = x^4 - 6392x^2 + 1515658x^2 - 11717x + 1,$$

and thus all of the eigenvalues of the matrices  $A_j$  ( $1 \le j \le 3$ ) are positive real numbers.

4. The eigenvalues of  $A_1$  are

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{7 - \sqrt{5}}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{19 - 7\sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{7 - \sqrt{5}}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{19 - 7\sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{7 - \sqrt{5}}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{19 + 7\sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{7 + \sqrt{5}}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{19 + 7\sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

Clearly the eigenvalues of  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  are  $f_2(\alpha_i)$  and  $f_3(\alpha_i)$   $(1 \le i \le 4)$ . The numerical values of  $\alpha_i$  are

$$\alpha_1 \doteq 0.544113$$
 $\alpha_2 \doteq 1.8378528$ 
 $\alpha_3 \doteq 0.227777$ 
 $\alpha_4 \doteq 4.390257$ 

5. Let  $\Lambda$  be the  $4 \times 2$  matrix whose (ij) entry is  $\log (f_j(\alpha_i))$   $(1 \le i \le 4, 1 \le j \le 2)$ . (We put  $f_1(x) := x$ ). Then the numerical value of  $\Lambda$  is the following:

$$\Lambda \doteqdot \begin{pmatrix} -0.608598 & -0.962424 \\ 0.608598 & -0.962424 \\ -1.47939 & 0.962424 \\ 1.47939 & 0.9692424 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Let  $\Lambda_u$  be the "upper half" of  $\Lambda$ . That is, let  $\Lambda_u$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose (ij) entry is  $\log(f_j(\alpha_i))$   $(1 \le i \le 2, 1 \le j \le 2)$ . Then we have

$$\Lambda(\Lambda_u)^{-1} \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0.71541 & -1.71541 \\ -1.71541 & 0.71541 \end{pmatrix}.$$

7. Let  $\Lambda'$  be the  $4 \times 2$  matrix whose (i1) entry is  $\log \alpha_i$  and (i2) entry is  $\log f_3(\alpha_i)$  ( $1 \le i \le 4$ ). Then the numerical value of  $\Lambda'$  is the following:

$$\Lambda' \doteq \begin{pmatrix} -0.608598 & -9.35757 \\ 0.608598 & 5.50787 \\ -1.47939 & -4.87376 \\ 1.47939 & 8.72346 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Lemma 6.1** (1)  $\Lambda$  in 5 is of type (S), (2)  $\Lambda'$  in 7 is not of type (S).

Proof It is seen that

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \mu_1 \\ -\lambda_1 & \mu_1 \\ \lambda_2 & \mu_2 \\ -\lambda_2 & \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\mu_1 + \mu_2 = 0).$$

Thus

$$\Lambda(\Lambda_u)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \mu_1 \\ -\lambda_1 & \mu_1 \\ \lambda_2 & \mu_2 \\ -\lambda_2 & \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\lambda_1\mu_1} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & -\mu_1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{\lambda_1\mu_2 + \lambda_2\mu_1}{2\lambda_1\mu_1} & \frac{\lambda_1\mu_2 - \lambda_2\mu_1}{2\lambda_1\mu_1} \\ \frac{\lambda_1\mu_2 - \lambda_2\mu_1}{2\lambda_1\mu_1} & \frac{\lambda_1\mu_2 + \lambda_2\mu_1}{2\lambda_1\mu_1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We omit the proof of (2).

**Proposition 6.2** Let  $H = \mathbb{R}^2 \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{R}^4$  be a 1-step solvable Lie group such that the structure matrix  $\Lambda_{\psi}$  is  $\Lambda$  (resp.  $\Lambda'$ ) in Lemma 6.1. Let  $\Gamma$  be the lattice of H given by  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \ltimes_{\psi} \mathbb{Z}^4$ . Then  $|A_{\Gamma}(Aut(\Gamma))| = 2$  (resp.  $|A_{\Gamma}(Aut(\Gamma))| = 1$ ).

Proof Let  $\Lambda_{\psi} = \Lambda$ , and let  $\sigma = (12)(34)$ . Then the homomorphism  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$  given by  $\varphi_0 = T_{\sigma}$ ,  $\varphi_1 = P_{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  clearly satisfies the relation  $T_{\sigma}\Lambda = \Lambda P_{\sigma}$ , and thus  $A_{\Gamma}(\varphi) = \sigma$ . Let  $\Lambda_{\psi} = \Lambda'$ . Then Corollary 5.3 and Lemma 6.1 show  $|A_{\Gamma}(\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma))| = 1$ .

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