

On Central Automorphisms Of Free Center-By-Metabelian Lie Algebras

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Abstract: We study central automorphisms of free center-by metabelian Lie algebras. Our main result exhibits the form of such automorphisms.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let F be the free Lie algebra with two free generators x and y over a field K , and let L be the free center-by-metabelian Lie algebra $F/[F'', F]$. Clearly L is freely generated by the set $\{\bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$, where $\bar{x} = x + [F'', F]$, $\bar{y} = y + [F'', F]$. We write x, y instead of \bar{x}, \bar{y} . By $Aut(L)$ we denote the automorphism group of all automorphisms of L .

Definition

Let $\theta \in Aut(L)$. If θ induces the identity mapping on the algebra $L/Z(L)$ then it is called a central automorphism of L , where $Z(L)$ is the center of L . If θ is a central automorphism of L then for every $u \in L$ we have $\theta(u) - u \in Z(L)$. It can be easily seen that $Z(L) = F''/[F'', F]$. Hence form of any central automorphism of L is

$$\theta(x) = x + u, \theta(y) = y + v, \quad u, v \in L''$$

For any $g, h \in L$ we write

$$[g, h^n] = [g, \underbrace{h, \dots, h}_{n\text{-times}}].$$

A basis in L'' is formed by the elements

$$[[[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y]], \quad (n_1, n_2 \geq 0), \quad (1)$$

where $g \in L$ and the sum $n_1 + n_2$ is odd. (See [1], [7] and [8] for details).

Although there are many publications about central automorphisms of groups [2,3,4,5,6] the corresponding problems for relatively free Lie algebras are very rare. In [9], Ekici and Öztekin have given some characterizations of central automorphisms of free nilpotent Lie algebras.

In this work we prove that the following results.

Proposition

In the center-by-metabelian Lie algebra L every map $\varphi: L \rightarrow L$ defined by

$$\varphi: x \rightarrow x + \sum_{g \in L} \alpha_g [[g, y]x^{m_1}, y^{m_2}][x, y] \quad \alpha_g \in K, g \in L$$

$$x \rightarrow x + \sum \beta_h [[[h, y]x^{t_1}, y^{t_2}][x, y]] \quad \beta_h \in K, h \in L$$

is an automorphism.

Proof

It can be easily seen that the Jacobian matrix of φ is invertible over $U(L/L')$. Hence φ is an automorphism.

Theorem

Any central automorphism θ of L has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \alpha_g \left[g, \left[[[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1} \right], y \right], \\ y &\rightarrow y + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \beta_h \left[g, \left[[[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1} \right], y \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where, $g, h \in L'$, $\alpha_g, \beta_h \in K$, $n_1 + n_2, r_1 + r_2$ are odd.

Proof

Let θ be a central automorphism of L . Then it has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + u, \\ y &\rightarrow y + v, \end{aligned}$$

Where $u, v \in L''$. Then the Lie algebra L'' has a linear basis of the form (1). Thus, the elements u, v can be written as linear combinations of elements of the form (1). Therefore we define θ as

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2} c_g \left[[[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y] \right], \\ y &\rightarrow y + \sum_{r_1, r_2} d_h \left[[[h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2}], [x, y] \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $g, h \in L/L''$, $c_g, d_h \in K$.

Now let us apply the Jacobi identity to the elements

$$\left[[[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y] \right] \text{ and } \left[[[h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2}], [x, y] \right]$$

consecutively we obtain

$$u = \left[\left[[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2} \right], [x, y] \right] \\ = \left[g, \left[[[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1}, y \right] \right]$$

And

$$v = \left[\left[[h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2} \right], [x, y] \right] = \\ \left[h, \left[[[x, y], y^{r_2}], x^{r_1}, y \right] \right]$$

Since $u, v \in L''$ we see that the elements g and h have to belong L' . Therefore θ has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} \alpha_g \left[g, \left[[[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1}, y \right] \right], \\ y \rightarrow y + \sum_{r_1, r_2 \geq 0} \beta_h \left[h, \left[[[x, y], y^{r_2}], x^{r_1}, y \right] \right],$$

where $g, h \in L', \alpha_g, \beta_h \in K$.

Lemma

Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$. If $[\theta(\omega), \omega] = 0$ for all $w \in L$, then it is central.

Proof

Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$ such that $[\theta(\omega), \omega] = 0$ for all $\omega \in L$. We define θ as

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y + u, \\ y \rightarrow \gamma x + \delta y + v,$$

where $u, v \in L', \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in K$. By the assumption

$$[\theta(x), x] = \beta[y, x] + [u, x] = 0, \\ [\theta(y), y] = \gamma[x, y] + [v, y] = 0,$$

These equalities lead $\beta = \gamma = 0$. Hence θ has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + u, \\ y \rightarrow \delta y + v.$$

From the equality $[\theta(x + y), x + y] = 0$ we get

$$0 = [\alpha x + u + \delta y + v, x + y] \\ = \alpha[x, y] + [u, x] + [u, y] + \delta[y, x] + [v, x] + [v, y] \\ = (\alpha - \delta)[x, y] + [u, x + y] + [v, x + y].$$

Hence $(\alpha - \delta) = 0$. Thus θ has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + u, \\ y \rightarrow \alpha y + v,$$

where $\alpha \neq 0$.

Since $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$ then

$$[\theta(x), \theta(y)] \equiv \alpha^2[x, y] \pmod{[F'', F]}. \quad (3)$$

Let us calculate $[\theta(x), \theta(y)]$.

$$[\theta(x), \theta(y)] = [\alpha x + u, \alpha y + v] \\ = \alpha^2[x, y] + \alpha[x, v] + \alpha[u, y] + [u, v]$$

By (3) we get $\alpha([x, v] + [u, y]) + [u, v] \in [F'', F]$.

Hence $u, v \in F''$.

Now consider the element $\omega = x - [x, y]$.

$$0 = [\theta(\omega), \omega] \\ = [\theta(x) - [\theta(x), \theta(y)], \omega] \\ = [\alpha x + u - [\alpha x + u, \alpha y + v], \omega] \\ = [\alpha x + u - \alpha^2[x, y], x - [x, y]] \\ = -\alpha[x, [x, y]] - \alpha^2[[x, y], x] \\ = (\alpha - \alpha^2)[x, y, x]$$

Thus $\alpha = 1$. Therefore θ has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow x + u, \\ y \rightarrow y + v,$$

where $u, v \in L''$.

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