

PRIMITIVE LIFTING IN
FREE NILPOTENT LIE ALGEBRAS

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Abstract: Let F_n be the free nilpotent Lie algebra of rank n and $L_{n,k}$ be the free n generator nilpotent Lie algebra of class k . We show that, for $1 \leq m \leq n$, every IA-system of m elements of $L_{n,k}$ can be lifted to a primitive system of m elements of $L_{n,k}$. In particular we establish primitive lifting in $L_{n,k}$ of a single element of $L_{n,k}$ modulo $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$. We also present an automorphism of $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$ which cannot be lifted to an automorphisms of $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)'$.

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1. Introduction

Let F_n be a free Lie algebra with free generating set $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ over the field K of characteristic 0. Let $L = L_{n,k} = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle = F_n/\gamma_k(F_n)$ be the free nilpotent Lie algebras of rank $n \geq 2$, where $\gamma_k(F_n)$ is the k -th term of the lower central series of F_n . Denote by F_n' the commutator subalgebra $[F_n, F_n]$ of F_n . Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$, $m \leq n$ be a set in F_n . The set W is said to be primitive system if it can be included in some free generating set of F_n . Primitivity of a given system W can be algorithmically decided. Such an algorithm for free groups is due to Whitehead [3]. For free Lie algebras there is also a criteria which characterizes primitivity related to Jacobian matrices [6]. The similar criteria was shown for free color Lie superalgebras by A.A. Mikhalev and A.A. Zolotky [4]. The primitivity criteria for free nilpotent and free polynilpotent Lie

algebras was investigated by V. Shpilrain and Umirbaev. An automorphism of $L_{n,k}$ is called tame if it can be induced by an automorphism of F_n ; one can also say that a generating system of $L_{n,k}$ can be lifted to a generating system of F_n . The question of lifting automorphism (generating systems) is naturally related to the problem of finding appropriate necessary and/or sufficient condition(s) for an endomorphism of the free Lie algebra F_n to be an automorphism. In Section 3 we investigate the sets which can be lifted to a primitive systems of $L_{n,k}$. In Section 4, first we give an automorphism of a free Lie algebra $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$ which cannot be lifted an automorphism of a free Lie algebra $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)'$. Then we show that also there are automorphisms of the Lie algebra $F_n/\gamma_2(F_n')$ of rank 3, which cannot be lifted to an automorphism of $F_n/\gamma_2(F_n'')$ of rank 3.

2. Preliminaries

Let $U(F_n)$ denote the universal enveloping algebra for F_n . Following [2] we denote by $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}$ the right Fox derivative of g for $g \in U(F_n)$. Let $\varepsilon : U(F_n) \rightarrow K$ be the augmentation map, Δ be the kernel of this augmentation map Δ is $U(F_n)$ -module freely generated by the set X and every element $u \in \Delta$ is uniquely expressible in the form $u = \sum \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} x_i$.

Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$, $m \leq n$. Jacobian matrix of the set W is defined as $J(W) = \left(\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$ over $U(F_n)$.

Theorem 2.1. (see [6]) *Let R be an ideal of F_n , and $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ be a set of elements of F_n . Then the Lie algebra F_n/R' is generated by images of $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ if and only if the Jacobian matrix $J(Y)$ has an inverse over $U(F_n)$.*

Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subset F_n$, $m \leq n$. We say that $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ is primitive mod $\gamma_c(F_n)$ if for some choice of $v_1, \dots, v_m \in \gamma_c(F_n)$, the corresponding set $\{w_1 + v_1, \dots, w_m + v_m\}$ is primitive, or equivalently the set $\{w_1 + \gamma_c(F_n), \dots, w_m + \gamma_c(F_n)\}$ of cosets can be extended to some free generating set for $F_n/\gamma_c(F_n)$. Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\} \subset F_n$, $m \leq n$. We say that $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ can be lifted (via $\gamma_c(F_n)$) to a primitive system mod $\gamma_k(F_n)$ for $k > c$ if and only if there exists $v_1, \dots, v_m \in \gamma_c(F_n)$ such that the corresponding set $\{w_1 + v_1, \dots, w_m + v_m\}$ is primitive mod $\gamma_c(F_n)$. A set of the form $\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m\}$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$ will be called an IA-system. We say that an IA-system $\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m\}$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$, $m \leq n$ is IA-primitive system if it can be extended to an IA-primitive system of $L_{n,k}$ of the form

$\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m, x_{m+1} + u_{m+1}, \dots, x_n + u_n\}$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$.

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of the definitions

Lemma 2.2. *Let J be an ideal of $U(F_n)$ and $u \in \Delta$. Then $u \in J\Delta$ if and only if $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in J$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.*

Now we need the following technical lemmas.

Lemma 2.3. *Let R be an ideal of F_n and $u \in \Delta$. Then $u \in \Delta_R\Delta$ if and only if $u \in \gamma_2(R)$.*

Lemma 2.4. *Let R be an ideal of F_n and $u \in \Delta$. Then $u \in \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$ if and only if $u \in \Delta_R\Delta^c$.*

Corollary 2.5. *Let $u \in \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$, then $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^{c-1}$.*

Proof. If $u \in \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$ by Lemma 2.4 $u \in \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^c$ and by Lemma 2.2 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^{c-1}$. □

Remark 2.6. If $w \in \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$, then $w \in \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^c$. $\Delta_{F_n}\Delta^c = \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^{c-1}\Delta$, then $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_i} \in \Delta_{F_n}\Delta^{c-1}$

3. Primitive Lifting in Free Nilpotent Lie Algebras

Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ be an arbitrary primitive system in $L_{n,k}$. Then it consists of elements of the form $w_i = \sum \alpha_i x_i + u_i$, $\alpha_i \in K$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$. It is clear that there exists an automorphism α of $L_{n,k}$ such that $\alpha(W) = \{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m\}$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$. Thus primitive lifting of systems reduces to primitive lifting of IA-systems.

Theorem 3.1. *If an IA-system $\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m\}$, $m \leq n$, $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$ is primitive in $L_{n,k}$ then it is IA-primitive.*

Proof. Let $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z_{m+1}, \dots, z_n\}$ be free generating set of $L_{n,k}$, where $y_i = x_i + u_i$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, $z_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{jk} x_k + v_j$, $j = m + 1, \dots, n$, $\alpha_{jk} \in K$, $v_j \in L'_{n,k}$. Let ϕ be an automorphism of $L_{n,k}$ such that

$$\phi : \{z_j \rightarrow z_j - \sum \alpha_{jk} y_k, j = m + 1, \dots, n, y_j \rightarrow y_j, n \leq j \leq m\}.$$

Using ϕ the free generating set $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z_{m+1}, \dots, z_n\}$ transformed to a free generating set of the form $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z'_{m+1}, \dots, z'_n\}$, where z'_j are of the new

form given by $z'_j = \sum_{k=m+1}^n \alpha_{jk}x_k + v'_j$. Since every z'_j is primitive elements $\alpha_{jj} \neq 0$. Let us define the automorphism θ_k such that

$$\theta_k : \{z_{m+1} \rightarrow z_{m+1} - \alpha_{(m+1)k} \cdot \alpha_{(m+2)k}^{-1} \cdot z'_{m+2}, \alpha_{(m+2)k} \neq 0, z_j \rightarrow z_j\},$$

where $k = m + 2, \dots, n$ and $j \geq m + 1$. Applying θ_k to the free generating set $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z'_{m+1}, \dots, z'_n\}$ successively it can be transformed to a free generating system $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z''_{m+1}, z'_{m+2}, \dots, z'_n\}$, where $z''_{m+1} = \beta_{m+1}x_{m+1} + v'_{m+1}$, $\beta_{m+1} \in K, v'_{m+1} \in L_{n,k}$. Similarly the generators z'_{m+1}, \dots, z'_n can be transformed to generators of the form $z''_j = \beta_jx_j + v'_j$, $\beta_j \in K, v'_j \in L_{n,k}$. So we obtain $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z''_{m+1}, z''_{m+2}, \dots, z''_n\}$. Let φ be automorphism such that

$$\varphi : \{z''_j \rightarrow \beta_j^{-1}z''_j, j = m + 1, \dots, n, y_i \rightarrow y_i, i = 1, \dots, m\},$$

where $\beta_j^{-1} \in K$. Applying φ to the set $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z''_{m+1}, z''_{m+2}, \dots, z''_n\}$ completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.2. *Every automorphisms of $L_{n,k-1}$ can be extended to an automorphism of $L_{n,k}$.*

Proof. Let $\phi \in \text{Aut } L_{n,k-1}$ such that $\phi(x_i) = \sum \alpha_{ij}x_j + u_i$, where $u_i \in L'_{n,k-1}$. Consider the mapping $\psi : L_{n,k} \rightarrow L_{n,k}$ which is defined as $\psi(x_i) = \sum \alpha_{ij}x_j + u_i + w_i$, where $w_i \in \gamma_{k-1}(F_n)/\gamma_k(F_n)$. Since the linear part of $\psi(x_i)$ is invertible, then ψ is an automorphism and $\phi(x_i \equiv \psi(x_i) \text{ modulo } \gamma_{k-1}(L_{n,k}))$. Let $u \in L_{n,k}$ and $u = u_1 + \dots + u_{k-2} + u_{k-1} + \gamma_k(F_n)$, where u_i is of length i . Since for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 2$ $\phi(u_i) = \psi(u_i)$, ψ is an extension of ϕ . \square

Lemma 3.3. *Let $1 \leq m \leq n$ be fixed. For each $c \geq 2$ ($2 \leq c < k - 1$) every IA-system of the form $\{x_1 + v_1, \dots, x_m + v_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $v_i \in \gamma_c(L_{n,k})$ can be lifted to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$ of the form $\{x_1 + v_1 + w_1, \dots, x_m + v_m + w_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $w_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$.*

Proof. Define an automorphism $\psi \in \text{Aut}(L_{n,k}/\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k}))$ such that

$$\psi : \{x_i \rightarrow x_i + v_i, i = 1, \dots, m, x_j \rightarrow x_j, j = m + 1, \dots, t\}.$$

ψ can be extended an automorphism $\psi' \in \text{Aut}(L_{n,k}/\gamma_{c+2}(L_{n,k}))$ by the Lemma 3.2. If we define ψ' such that

$$\psi' : \{x_i \rightarrow \psi(x_i) + w_i, i = 1, \dots, m, x_j \rightarrow \psi(x_j), j = m + 1, \dots, t\},$$

then we complete the proof. \square

Lemma 3.4. For $1 \leq m \leq n$, $c \geq 2$ every IA-system $\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$ can be lifted to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$ of the form $\{x_1 + u_1 + w_1, \dots, x_m + u_m + w_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $w_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$.

Proof. We will prove the lemma by induction on $c \geq 2$. It is clear for $c = 2$. For the inductive step let $\{x_1 + u_1, \dots, x_m + u_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $u_i \in L'_{n,k}$ be already transformed to $\{x_1 + u_1 + u_{1,c}, \dots, x_m + u_m + u_{m,c}, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $u_{i,c} \in \gamma_c(L_{n,k})$. In this case the system can be lifted to $\{x_1 + u_1 + u_{1,c} + u_{1,c+1}, \dots, x_m + u_m + u_{m,c} + u_{m,c+1}, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$ with $u_{i,c+1} \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$. Put $g_i = x_i + u_i + u_{i,c} + u_{i,c+1}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, $g_i = x_i$, $j = m + 1, \dots, t$. Thus there exist $\alpha \in \text{Aut } L_{n,k}$ such that

$$\alpha : \{x_i + u_i \rightarrow g_i, i = 1, \dots, m, x_j \rightarrow x_j, j = m + 1, \dots, t\}.$$

Then

$$\alpha^{-1} : \{g_i \rightarrow x_i + u_i, i = 1, \dots, m, x_j \rightarrow x_j, j = m + 1, \dots, t\}$$

and for $i = 1, \dots, m$

$$\alpha^{-1}(x_i + u_i + u_{i,c}) = \alpha^{-1}(g_i - u_{i,c+1}) = x_i + u_i + \alpha^{-1}(-u_{i,c+1}) = x_i + u_i + v_i$$

for some $v_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$, and

$$\alpha^{-1}(x_k) = x_k.$$

Then the system transforms to the primitive system of the form $\{x_1 + u_1 + v_1 + u_{1,c+1}, \dots, x_m + u_m + v_m + u_{m,c+1}, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$. Put $w_i = v_i + u_{i,c+1}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Thus we obtain the primitive system of the form $\{x_1 + u_1 + w_1, \dots, x_m + u_m + w_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_t\}$. This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

Lemma 3.5. For $1 \leq m \leq n$, $c \geq 2$ every IA-system $\{x_1 + v_1, \dots, x_m + v_m\}$ with $v_i \in \gamma_2(L_{n,k})$ can be lifted (via $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$) to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$.

Proof. For $m = 1$ there is nothing to prove. By the induction hypothesis $\{x_2 + v_2, \dots, x_m + v_m\}$ can be lifted to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$, so by the above theorem it can be lifted to a primitive IA-system. Thus there is an IA-automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L_{n,k})$ such that

$$\alpha : \{x_i + v_i + w_i \rightarrow x_i, x_1 + v_1 \rightarrow x_1 + u_1\},$$

where $i = 2, \dots, m$, $w_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$ and $u_1 \in \gamma_2(L_{n,k})$. Thus α transforms the system $\{x_2 + v_2, \dots, x_m + v_m\}$ to $\{x_1 + u_1, x_2 + w'_2, \dots, x_m + w'_m\}$, $w'_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$. Thus the problem reduces to lifting (via $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$) of a system of the form $\{x_1 + v'_1, \dots, x_m\}$, $v'_1 \in \gamma_2(L_{n,k})$, to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$ by the above lemma, is the case. \square

As a corollary to Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5 we obtain the following important lemma.

Lemma 3.6. *For $1 \leq m \leq n$, $c \geq 2$ every IA-system $\{x_1 + v_1, \dots, x_m + v_m\}$ with $v_i \in \gamma_c(L_{n,k})$ can be lifted (via $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$) to a primitive system of $L_{n,k}$.*

Now we consider primitive lifting of a single element of $L_{n,k}$.

Theorem 3.7. *Let $g \in L_{n,k}$ and let g be primitive mod $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$, $n \geq 3$, $c \geq 2$. Then g can be lifted (via $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$) to a primitive element of $L_{n,k}$.*

Proof. We may assume that $g = x_1 + u$, $u \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$. Since g is primitive mod $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$, g can be completed to the free generating set of $L_{n,k}$ of the form $\{x_1 + u, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$. Let α define such that

$$\alpha : \{x_1 + u \rightarrow x_1 + u, y_i \rightarrow x_i\}.$$

By Lemma 3.5 the set of $\{x_1 + u, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ can be lifted (via $\gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$) to the primitive system of $L_{n,k}$ of the form $\{x_1 + u + w, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ with $w \in \gamma_{c+1}(L_{n,k})$. Then $x_1 + u + w$ is a primitive element of $L_{n,k}$. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

4. Non-Tame Automorphisms

In this section, we are going to give some non-tame automorphisms of $L_{n,k}$ for the special cases of n and k . Let R be an ideal of F_n . By Δ_R we denote the ideal of $U(F_n)$ generated by R . It is the kernel of the natural homomorphism $U(F_n) \rightarrow U(F_n/R)$.

Denote $R = \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$. Note that invertible elements of $U(F_n)/\Delta_R$ are of the form $\alpha + \Delta_R$, where $\alpha \in K$.

Lemma 4.1. (see Bryant and Drensky [8]) *Let $s \geq 2$ and let ψ be an endomorphism of $U(F_n)$ such that*

$$\psi(x_1) \equiv x_1 + f(\text{modulo } \Delta^{s+1})$$

$$\psi(x_i) \equiv x_i(\text{modulo } \Delta^{s+1}),$$

where f is a homogenous polynomial of total degree s . If ψ is an automorphism of $U(F_n)$ then $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$ is balanced.

Now we are going to give examples of non-tame automorphisms.

Theorem 4.2. For any $c \geq 3$ and $n \geq 2$, the following automorphism ϕ of the free Lie algebra $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$ defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + [[x_1x_2]x_2], \\ x_i &\rightarrow x_i, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n, \end{aligned}$$

cannot be lifted to an automorphism of $F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)'$.

Proof. Assume that ϕ can be lifted to an automorphism $\bar{\phi} : F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)' \rightarrow F_n/\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)'$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\phi} : x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + [x_1x_2x_2] + u_1, \\ x_i &\rightarrow x_i + u_i, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n, \end{aligned}$$

with $u_i \in \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$. $\bar{\phi}$ can be extended to an automorphism ψ of $U(F_n)$ such that $\psi(x_i) = \bar{\phi}(x_i)$. We know that $\gamma_{c+1}(F_n) \subset \Delta^{c+1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + [[x_1x_2]x_2] \pmod{\Delta^{c+1}}, \\ x_i &\rightarrow x_i \pmod{\Delta^{c+1}}, \quad c \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.1, $[[x_1x_2]x_2]$ will be balanced. But $\frac{\partial[[x_1x_2]x_2]}{\partial x_1} = x_2x_2$ is not balanced, which is a contradiction. \square

Theorem 4.3. The automorphism φ of the Lie algebra $L_{n,2} = F_n/\gamma_2(F_n')$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + [[[x_3, x_2], x_1], x_1], \\ x_i &\rightarrow x_i, \quad i \neq 1, \end{aligned}$$

cannot be lifted to an automorphism of the Lie algebra $F_n/\gamma_2(F_n'')$.

Proof. Assume that φ can be lifted to an automorphism ψ of $F_n/\gamma_2(F_n'')$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + [[[x_3, x_2], x_1], x_1] + w_1, \\ x_i &\rightarrow x_i + w_i, \quad i \neq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $w_i \in \gamma_2(F_n')$. Then the jacobian matrix $J(\psi)$ of ψ is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + [[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1[x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} & x_1x_1x_3 + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_2} & -x_1x_1x_2 + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_3} & \cdot & \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_1} & 1 + \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_3} & \cdot & \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_2} & 1 + \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_3} & \cdot & \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x_3} & \cdot & 1 + \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$U(F_n)/\Delta_{F_n''}$ is an ore domain. So we can reduce $J(\psi)$ to a diagonal form by applying elementary transformations to its rows. Let us say $\overline{J(\psi)}$ to this new matrix. In the end we get an element of the following form in the upper left corner:

$$a_{11} = a(1 + [[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1}).$$

The Jacobian matrix $J(\psi)$ is invertible. So $\overline{J(\psi)}$ is also invertible over $U(F_n)/\Delta_{F_n''}$. Then the elements on the diagonal of $\overline{J(\psi)}$ are invertible. Therefore there exists an element α of the field K such that

$$a([[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1}) = \alpha - 1.$$

Hence if $\alpha \neq 1$ then $\alpha - 1$ must be contained in $\Delta_{F_n''}$, which is impossible. If $\alpha = 1$ then

$$a([[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1}) = 0.$$

Since $U(F_n)/\Delta_{F_n''}$ is an integral domain $a \in \Delta_{F_n''}$ or $[[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} \in \Delta_{F_n''}$. We know that $a \in U(F_n)/\Delta_{F_n''}$. Then $[[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2] + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} \in \Delta_{F_n''}$. We are only interested in monomials of weight 4 from F_n'' . We have to consider the following possibilities:

$$w_1 = [[x_i x_1][x_j x_1]], \quad i, j \neq 1,$$

and

$$w_1 = [[x_i x_j][x_k x_1]], \quad i, j, k \neq 1.$$

Compute $\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1}$ for each case:

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} = [x_i x_1]x_j - [x_j x_1]x_i$$

and

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} = [x_i x_j]x_k \neq [[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2].$$

It is clear that in both cases $\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1}$ cannot be equal to $[[x_3, x_2], x_1] - x_1 \cdot [x_3, x_2]$. So this contradiction completes the proof. \square

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