

A GENERATING SET OF THE AUTOMORPHISM GROUP  
OF FREE NILPOTENT LIE ALGEBRA  
OF CLASS 4 AND RANK 2

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**Abstract:** Let  $Aut(L_{2,4})$  be the automorphism group of free nilpotent Lie algebra of class 4 and rank 2. We find a generating set of this  $Aut(L_{2,4})$  group.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1990 Drensky and Gupta [7] studied a generating set of free nilpotent Lie algebra and free metabelian Lie algebra. Papistas [13] find a generating set of free nilpotent Lie algebra of rank  $n \geq 2$  and over rational field. Let  $F_n$ , be the free Lie algebra of rank  $n$  generated by  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) over a field  $K$  of characteristic zero. Cohn [6] proved that the automorphism group of  $F_n$  is generated by elementary automorphisms. This result is similar to the well-known result of Nielsen [11]. Bachmuth [3] is studied generators of automorphism group of free group and free metabelian group. Let  $F_{n,c}$  be the free nilpotent group of class  $c$  and rank  $n$ . Goryaga at [8] for  $n \geq 3 \cdot 2^{c-2} + c$  and  $c \geq 2$ , give a set of  $c$  generators for  $Aut(F_{n,c})$ . Andreadakis [2] obtained a simple set of  $Aut(F_{n,c})$  under the condition  $n \geq c \geq 2$ . Bryant and Gupta [4] gave a minimum set of generators for the  $Aut(F_{n,c})$  under the condition that

$n \geq c - 1 \geq 2$ . Drensky and Gupta [7] showed that the automorphism group of free nilpotent Lie algebra with the condition  $n \geq c \geq 2$  is generated by  $GL_n$  and

$$\delta : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + [x_1, x_2] \\ x_k \rightarrow x_k, \quad k \geq 2 \end{array}$$

In this study we give a generating set of free nilpotent Lie algebra of class 4 and rank 2.

## 2. A Generating Set of $\text{Aut}(L_{2,4})$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $F_n$  be the free Lie algebra generated by  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  over a constructive field  $K$  of characteristic zero. For any positive integer  $n, c$ , let  $L_{n,c} = F_n / \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$  where  $\gamma_{c+1}(F_n)$  is the  $(c + 1)$ th term of the lower central series of  $F_n$ . Then  $L_{n,c}$  is a free nilpotent-of-class- $c$  Lie algebra with rank  $n$ .

Since  $\gamma_{c+1}(F_n) \triangleleft \gamma_c(F_n)$  there is

$$(F_n / \gamma_c(F_n)) \cong (F_n / \gamma_{c+1}(F_n)) / (\gamma_c(F_n) / \gamma_{c+1}(F_n))$$

from this  $L_{n,c-1} \cong L_{n,c} / I$  where  $I = (\gamma_c(F_n) / \gamma_{c+1}(F_n))$ . So there is a natural homomorphism  $L_{n,c} \rightarrow L_{n,c-1}$ . So an automorphism of  $L_{n,c}$  determine one automorphism of  $L_{n,c-1}$ . Since algebra  $L_{n,c-1}$  is isomorphic to algebra  $L_{n,c} / \gamma_c(L_{n,c})$  there is a natural epimorphism  $\phi : \text{Aut}(L_{n,c}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L_{n,c-1})$ . The kernel of this epimorphism occurs special automorphisms.

By  $\ker \phi$  we denote the kernel of  $\phi$  homomorphism and we define the following automorphisms.

$$\zeta_{12} : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + [x_1, x_2] \\ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_{121} : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + [x_1, x_2, x_1] \\ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \end{array}$$

$$\zeta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + [x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}] \\ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \end{array}, \quad \text{where } i_1 \neq i_2 \text{ and } i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \{1, 2\}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** The kernel of homomorphism  $\phi : \text{Aut}(L_{n,c}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L_{n,c-1})$  consist of all central automorphisms of  $L_{n,c}$  and it is generated by all automorphisms of the form  $\varsigma^{-1} \zeta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_c} \varsigma$ , where  $\varsigma \in GL_n$  and

$$\zeta_{i_1 \dots i_c} : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + [x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_n}] \\ x_j \rightarrow x_j, \quad j \neq 1. \end{array}$$

*Proof.* See [12].

**Theorem 2.3.**  $Aut(L_{2,1}) = \langle GL_2 \rangle$ .

**Theorem 2.4.**  $Aut(L_{2,2}) = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* The proof is obtained by the result of [6].

**Theorem 2.5.**  $Aut(L_{2,3}) = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* See [12].

**Theorem 2.6.**  $Aut(L_{2,4}) = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \zeta_{1212} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi : Aut(L_{2,4}) \rightarrow Aut(L_{2,3})$  be the natural epimorphism. Note that  $\phi(GL_2) = GL_2$  and  $\phi(\zeta) = \bar{\zeta}$ , where  $\bar{\zeta}$  is defined for  $L_{2,3}$  in the same way as  $\zeta$  is defined for  $L_{2,4}$ . Thus  $Aut(L_{2,4})$  is generated by  $GL_2$  and  $\ker \phi$ . Let  $H = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \zeta_{1212} \rangle$ . We shall prove that  $\ker \phi \subseteq H$

Let  $\alpha \in Aut(L_{2,4})$ . Then it is of the form

$$\alpha : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow ax_1 + bx_2 + c[x_1, x_2] + d[[x_1, x_2], x_{i_3}] + e[[x_1, x_2], x_1, x_1] \\ &\quad + f[[x_1, x_2], x_1, x_2] + g[[x_1, x_2], x_2, x_1] + h[[x_1, x_2], x_2, x_2] \\ x_2 &\rightarrow a'x_1 + b'x_2 + c'[x_1, x_2] + d'[[x_1, x_2], x_{i_3}] + e'[[x_1, x_2], x_1, x_1] \\ &\quad + f'[[x_1, x_2], x_1, x_2] + g'[[x_1, x_2], x_2, x_1] + h'[[x_1, x_2], x_2, x_2] \end{aligned}$$

where  $i_3, i_4 \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, a', b', c', d', e', f', g', h' \in K$  with  $ab' - ba' \neq 0$ .

If  $\alpha \in \ker \phi$  then  $a' = c' = d' = 0, b = c = d = 0, a = b' = 1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha : x_1 &\rightarrow ax_1 + \sum_{i_3, i_4=1,2} e_{i_3, i_4} [[[x_1, x_2], x_{i_3}], x_{i_4}] x_2 \\ &\rightarrow a'x_1 + \sum_{i_3, i_4=1,2} e'_{i_3, i_4} [[[x_1, x_2], x_{i_3}], x_{i_4}], \end{aligned}$$

where  $e_{i_3, i_4}, e'_{i_3, i_4} \in K$ . Now we show  $\alpha \in H$ . From Lemma 2.1, it is obvious that  $\alpha$  can be written by the automorphisms of the form  $\delta^{-1} \zeta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \delta$ , where and  $\delta \in GL_2$ . It is enough to show that the automorphisms

$$\zeta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \text{ and } \zeta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{-1} : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 - [x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}] \\ x_2 &\rightarrow x_2 \end{aligned}$$

can be written by  $\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \zeta_{1212}$  and automorphisms from  $GL_2$ . For

$$\omega : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 \\ x_2 &\rightarrow x_2 + x_1 \end{aligned}, \psi : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 \\ x_2 &\rightarrow -x_2 \end{aligned}, \tau : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 &\rightarrow x_1 \end{aligned}, \nu : \begin{aligned} x_1 &\rightarrow x_2 \\ x_2 &\rightarrow x_1 \end{aligned},$$

$$\mu_{-1} : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow -x_1 \\ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \end{array}, \quad v : \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \end{array}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{1212}^{-1} &= \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1212} \mu_{-1}, & \zeta_{1222} &= [\zeta_{1212}, v^{-1}], \\ \zeta_{1221} &= \zeta_{1212}, & \zeta_{1221}^{-1} &= \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1221} \mu_{-1} = \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1212} \mu_{-1}, \\ \zeta_{1211} &= [\omega^{-1}, \zeta_{1221}^{-1}] = [\omega^{-1}, \zeta_{1212}^{-1}] & \zeta_{2112} &= \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1212} \mu_{-1}, \\ \zeta_{2112} &= \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1221} \mu_{-1} = \mu_{-1} \zeta_{1212} \mu_{-1}, & \zeta_{2122} &= \zeta_{1222}^{-1} = v^{-1} \zeta_{1212} v \zeta_{1212}^{-1}, \\ \zeta_{1211}^{-1} &= \psi \zeta_{1211} \psi = \psi [\omega^{-1}, \zeta_{1212}^{-1}] \psi, & \zeta_{2111} &= \psi \zeta_{1211} \psi = \psi [\omega^{-1}, \zeta_{1212}^{-1}] \psi. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\alpha \in H$ . Thus  $\ker \phi \subseteq H$ . From here

$$\text{Aut}(L_{2,4}) = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \ker \phi \rangle \subseteq \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \zeta_{1212} \rangle$$

and

$$\text{Aut}(L_{2,4}) = \langle GL_2, \zeta_{12}, \zeta_{121}, \zeta_{1212} \rangle.$$

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