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On the Lattice Isomorphisms of 2-Nilpotent W -Power Hall Groups and Lie Algebras

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ABSTRACT. The paper deals with lattice isomorphisms of 2-nilpotent Hall W -power groups and Lie algebras. Analogues of the fundamental theorem of projective geometry are proved. A corresponding example is constructed. © 2009 Bull. Georg. Natl. Acad. Sci.

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We investigate the lattice isomorphisms of W -power Hall groups and Lie algebras. The main definitions and notation are standard and can be found in [1-3] for W -power groups and in [4-6] for Lie algebras.

If G is a W -power group over the ring W , then it is obvious that the set of all W -subgroups forms a complete lattice $\mathcal{L}(G)$. Analogously, if a Lie algebra L is defined over the ring K , then $\mathcal{L}(L)$ denotes the complete lattice of all subalgebras. W -power groups G and (Lie algebras L and L_1) G_1 over the rings W and W_1 are lattice-isomorphic if there exists an isomorphism

$$f: \mathcal{L}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(G_1) \quad (f: \mathcal{L}(L) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(L_1)).$$

For the completeness of our exposition we give some necessary definitions and notation.

Definition 1. Let X and Y be W -power groups over the rings W_1 and W_2 , respectively. We say that the mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a semi-linear isomorphism with respect to the isomorphism $\sigma: W_1 \rightarrow W_2$. If the equality

$$f(x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2}) = f(x_1)^{\sigma(\alpha_1)} f(x_2)^{\sigma(\alpha_2)}$$

is fulfilled for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in W_1$.

Let us recall the standard notations:

$Z(X)$ is the center of a group X ; $N(A)$ is the normalizer of a subset $A \leq X$; $[A, B]$ is the set of all elements (commutators) of the form $[a, b]$, $a \in A$, $b \in B$; $f: L(X) \rightarrow L(Y)$ is a lattice isomorphism. For a subset $A \leq X$ we denote by $\langle A \rangle$ a W -subgroup generated by A .

The image of a W -subgroup $A \subseteq G$ (of a subalgebra $A \subseteq L$) under f is denoted by $f(A)$. We say that a W -group G is determined by the lattice of W -subgroups if the isomorphism f implies the existence of an isomorphism $\sigma: W \rightarrow W_1$ such that G and G_1 are semilinearly isomorphic with respect to σ . Analogously, a Lie algebra L is determined by a lattice of its subalgebras if the isomorphism f implies the existence of a semilinear isomorphism $\mu: L \rightarrow L_1$ with respect to $\sigma: K \rightarrow K_1$. If the lattice isomorphism f is induced by some semi-linear isomorphism $\mu: G \rightarrow G_1$ ($\mu: L \rightarrow L_1$), then we say that the fundamental theorem of projective geometry is valid for a W -group G (for Lie algebra L).

Remark that f is induced by a semilinear isomorphism μ if $f(A) = \mu(A)$ for any W -subgroup (subalgebra) A .

For the validity of the fundamental theorem of projective geometry for W -power Hall groups and Lie algebras see [7-9].

We call a lattice $L(0,1 \in L)$ torsion-free if none of the elements L cover 0. A W -power group G is called torsion-free if the condition $x^\alpha = 1, \alpha \in W, x \in G$, implies either $\alpha = 0$ or $x = 1$. We call a W -power group G proper if the lattice $L(G)$ is torsion-free. It is obvious that the lattice $L(G)$ is torsion-free not for every torsion-free group G , i.e. not every torsion-free group is proper. Indeed, if W is a field, then any W -group G over W is torsion-free and thus it is not proper: for any $x \in G$ the lattice $L(\langle x \rangle)$ has the form $\begin{matrix} \bullet \\ | \\ \bullet \end{matrix}$, i.e. it consists of two elements. An element $x \in G$ is called proper if the lattice $L(\langle x \rangle)$ is torsion-free, and it is torsion-free if the W -subgroup $\langle x \rangle$ is torsion-free.

Proposition. A 2-nilpotent W -group X generated by two torsion-free elements x_1, x_2 is a free nilpotent W -group if and only if the W -subgroup $\langle [x_1, x_2] \rangle$ is torsion-free.

A free 2-nilpotent W -group generated by two elements is denoted by Ω .

In the general case not every lattice isomorphism $f: L(X) \rightarrow L(Y)$ is induced by an isomorphism or implies an isomorphism. The following theorem is true.

Theorem 1. Let X and Y be torsion-free 2-nilpotent W -power groups over the rings W_1 and W_2 , respectively. If $X \neq \Omega$, then $W_1 \cong W_2$ and $X \cong Y$.

Remark 1. If we discard the condition $X \neq \Omega$, then the theorem is true provided that $W_1 \cong W_2$.

In the general theory of groups there is a long-standing problem: is a lattice isomorphism of a torsion-free nilpotent group induced by a group isomorphism? (this is an analogue of the fundamental theorem of projective geometry). This problem is positively solved for torsion-free groups [10] and for proper Lie algebras [7, 8]. In [9], the problem is solved under the restriction that the center of a nilpotent W -group has rank ≥ 2 .

Theorem 2 (fundamental theorem of projective geometry for W -power groups). Let X and Y be W -power groups defined over the principal ideal domains W_1 and W_2 , respectively; $f: L(X) \rightarrow L(Y)$ be a lattice isomorphism. If X is a proper 2-nilpotent W -power group, then there exist an isomorphism $\sigma: W_1 \rightarrow W_2$ and a σ -semilinear isomorphism $\mu: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $\mu(A) = f(A)$ holds for every subgroup $A \subseteq L(X)$.

Note that X being proper guarantees the fact that the ring W_1 (and therefore W_2) is not a field. Below we give an example showing that the theorem does not hold for the case of a field.

Example 1. Let $\Omega = \langle a, b \rangle$ be a free 2-nilpotent W -power group generated by two elements a and b . Assume that the principal ring W is a field. Let us consider an automorphism φ of the lattice $L(\Omega)$, $\varphi \in \text{Aut}[L(\Omega)]$, which preserves all 2-generated subgroups and maps the singly generated subgroups arbitrarily but identically with respect to the modulus of the commutant $z = [a, b]$, i.e.

$$\varphi(\langle x \rangle) = \langle x \cdot z \rangle.$$

It is easy to see that the lattice automorphism φ is generated by none of the isomorphisms Ω (by none of the semilinear automorphisms).

Remark 2. If μ is the semilinear isomorphism from the Theorem 2, then the mapping μ^{-1} defined by $\mu^{-1}(x) = [\mu(x)]^{-1}$ is a semilinear anti-isomorphism, i.e.

$$\mu(x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2}) = \mu(x_2)^{\sigma(\alpha_2)} f(x_1)^{\sigma(\alpha_1)}$$

for any $x_1, x_2 \in X, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in W$.

Remark 3. Let $\Omega \subset W$ be a group of invertible elements of a ring W . Then for every $\varepsilon \in \Omega$ the mapping $\mu_\varepsilon = \mu^\varepsilon$ ($\mu^\varepsilon = \mu(x)^\varepsilon$) is either a semilinear isomorphism or a semi-linear anti-isomorphism with respect to the same $\sigma: W \rightarrow W_1$.

In [7], the Theorem 2 is proved when a 2-nilpotent W -group G contains a proper non-abelian W -subgroup. There naturally arises the following question: is a lattice isomorphism of n -nilpotent ($n \geq 3$) W -group G induced by a semilinear isomorphism if G contains a proper n -nilpotent subgroup?

Below we give an example of a nilpotent W -group of class $n \geq 3$, with a proper n -nilpotent W -subgroup, the lattice isomorphism of which is not induced by a semilinear automorphism.

Example 1. Let G be W -power group; W be a principal ideal domain which is not a field.

Assume that

$$G = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-2}, n \geq 3 \rangle$$

has the defining relations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 x_2 x_1^{-1} = x_2 x_3, & x_1 x_i x_1^{-1} = x_i x_{i+1}, & i = 2, 3, \dots, n, \\ x_2 x_3 x_2^{-1} = x_3 k, & x_2 k_i x_2^{-1} = k_i k_{i+1}, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n-3, \\ \exp(k_i) = id(p), & p \in W \text{ is a prime element, } \exp(x_j) = id(1), & i = 1, \dots, n-2, j = 1, \dots, n+1. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that G has two generators x_1 and x_2 and $G_p = \langle x_1, x_2^p \rangle$ is a proper n -nilpotent subgroup. Every element $g \in G$ can be written uniquely in the form

$$g = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} b, \quad b \in [G, G].$$

Let us define the mapping $\varphi: G \rightarrow G$ as follows:

$$\varphi(g) = \begin{cases} g, & \text{if } \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \in id(p), \\ g k_{n-2}^s, & \text{if } \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \notin id(p), \quad s + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in id(p). \end{cases}$$

It can be shown that φ transforms every W -subgroup to a W -subgroup, i.e. defines a lattice isomorphism. However, it is obvious that φ is not a semilinear automorphism.

The following theorem is true in the case of Lie algebras.

Theorem 3. Let L and L_1 be 2-nilpotent Lie algebras over the rings K and K_1 , respectively. If $\mathcal{L}(L) \cong \mathcal{L}(L_1)$ and $\dim L > 3$, then L and L_1 are semilinearly isomorphic with respect to the isomorphism of $\sigma: K \rightarrow K_1$.

Remark 4. If the algebras L and L_1 are defined over the same ring K , then the restrictive condition $\dim L > 3$ can be discarded since if $\dim L = 3$, then L and L_1 are free nilpotent Lie algebras of class 2 and therefore $L \cong L_1$. The case $\dim L = 2$ is trivial.

In connection with the theorem from [7], for Lie algebras there arises an analogous question: is a lattice isomorphism of n -nilpotent Lie algebras ($n \geq 3$) induced by a semilinear isomorphism if the algebra contains a proper n -nilpotent subalgebra?

We will give an analogous example providing a negative answer to this question.

Example 2. Let a Lie algebra L over the principal ideal domain K be defined as follows:

$$L = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-2} \rangle,$$

$$[x_2, x_3] = x_3, [x_i, x_1] = x_{i+1}, [x_3, x_2] = y_1, [y_i, x_2] = y_{i+1},$$

$$\text{Ann}(y_i) = id(p), \quad 2 \neq p, \text{ is a prime element } K,$$

$$\text{Ann}(x_1) = \text{Ann}(x_2) = \dots = \text{Ann}(x_i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-3.$$

It is not difficult to see that L really exists, is nilpotent of class $n \geq 3$ and contains a proper subalgebra.

Moreover, $L = \langle x_j \rangle \cup \langle x_2 \rangle$ and the subalgebra $L_0 = \langle x_1 \rangle \cup \langle p x_2 \rangle$ is proper and n -nilpotent. Every element $l \in L$ has a unique representation of the form

$$L = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + y, \quad y \in [L, L], \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K.$$

Let us define the one-to-one mapping as follows

$$f(l) = \begin{cases} l & \text{if } \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \in id(p), \\ l + sy & \text{if } \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \notin id(p), \quad s + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in id(p), \quad s \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

It can be shown that the mapping f defines a lattice isomorphism and that it is induced neither by a semilinear automorphism nor by a semilinear antiautomorphism.

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