

1 The computation of $G_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$

1.1 The computation of the first block M_{11}

Proposition 1.1.1. *Let $x = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda_i e_{i,i+1}$, where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ not all zero. Then $\dim \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_3}(x) = l + m$, where l is the number of sequences of non-zero coefficients of the form $\lambda_j, \lambda_{j+1}, \dots, \lambda_{j+k-1}, \lambda_{j+k}$ and $\lambda_{j-1} = \lambda_{j+k+1} = 0^1$, and m is the number of zero coefficients $\lambda_j = 0$, such that also $\lambda_{j-1} = \lambda_{j+1} = 0$.*

Proof. Let $y = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mu_i e_{i,i+1} \in \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_3}(x)$, where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Q}_p$. For every $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, denote by c_i the constraint equation $[\lambda_i e_{i,i+1}, \mu_{i+1} e_{i+1,i+2}] - [\lambda_{i+1} e_{i+1,i+2}, \mu_i e_{i,i+1}] = (\lambda_i \mu_{i+1} - \lambda_{i+1} \mu_i) e_{i,i+2} = 0$. Let $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ and $1 \leq k \leq n-1-j$ be two indices, such that $\lambda_{j-1} = \lambda_{j+k+1} = 0$, and $\lambda_j, \lambda_{j+1}, \dots, \lambda_{j+k-1}, \lambda_{j+k}$ are all non-zero, then by constraints $c_j, c_{j+1}, \dots, c_{m-1}$, we have that $\mu_m = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_{m-1}} \mu_{m-1} = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_{m-1}} \frac{\lambda_{m-1}}{\lambda_{m-2}} \mu_{m-2} = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_{m-2}} \mu_{m-2} = \dots = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_j} \mu_j$, for every $j+1 \leq m \leq j+k-1$, which means that all μ coefficients of y , with indices from $j+1$ to $j+k$, depend on the first coefficient, namely μ_j . We denote the free choice of μ_j by $\mu_j = *$. One easily checks that we can choose freely any coefficient μ_m from $j+1$ to $j+k$, instead of μ_j , and all other coefficients in that range will depend on our choice of μ_m . By constraint c_{j-1} , we have that $\lambda_{j-1} \mu_j - \lambda_j \mu_{j-1} = 0$, but $\lambda_{j-1} = 0$, hence $\lambda_j \mu_{j-1}$ must vanish, but $\lambda_j \neq 0$, which obviously means that $\mu_{j-1} = 0$. Similarly, we have that $\mu_{j+k+1} = 0$, due to constraint c_{j+k} . By constraint c_{j+k+1} , we have that $\lambda_{j+k+1} \mu_{j+k+2} - \lambda_{j+k+2} \mu_{j+k+1} = 0$, but $\lambda_{j+k+1} = \mu_{j+k+1} = 0$, hence, $\lambda_{j+k+1} \mu_{j+k+2}$ must vanish, but $\lambda_{j+k+1} = 0$, which means that we need to look at constraint c_{j+k+2} , that is, $\lambda_{j+k+2} \mu_{j+k+3} - \lambda_{j+k+3} \mu_{j+k+2} = 0$. We check the different options. If $\lambda_{j+k+2} = 0$, then $\lambda_{j+k+3} \mu_{j+k+2}$ must vanish. Therefore, if $\lambda_{j+k+3} \neq 0$, then $\mu_{j+k+2} = 0$, but if $\lambda_{j+k+3} = 0$, then $\mu_{j+k+2} = *$. If $\lambda_{j+k+2} \neq 0$, then again $\mu_{j+k+2} = *$. If $\lambda_{j+k+2} \neq 0$, then $\mu_{j+k+2} = *$, and we continue the same way as for λ_j and its following coefficients. \square

Corollary 1.1.2. *Let $\mathcal{L}_{n,p}$ be the \mathbb{Q}_p -Lie algebra associated with $\mathcal{U}_n(\mathbb{Z})$. If $n \geq 5$, then $\dim \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_3}(x) = \dim \gamma_1/\gamma_3 - 1$ if and only if $x \in \{\lambda e_{12} + \gamma_2 \mathcal{L}_{n,p}\}$ or $x \in \{\lambda e_{n-1,n} + \gamma_2 \mathcal{L}_{n,p}\}$, for a non-zero scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_p$. If $n = 4$, then $\dim \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_3}(x) = \dim \gamma_1/\gamma_3 - 1$ if and only if $x \in \{\lambda e_{12} + \mu e_{34} + \gamma_2 \mathcal{L}_{n,p}\}$, for $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ not both zero.*

¹We extend our notation of indices, to include also the case where $j = 1$ or $j+k = n-1$, and define that $\lambda_{j-1} = \lambda_0 = 0$ or $\lambda_{j+k+1} = \lambda_n = 0$, respectively

Proof. Let $z = \lambda_{j,j+2}e_{j,j+2}$, where $1 \leq j \leq n-2$ and $\lambda_{j,j+2} \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, then for every $w \in \gamma_1/\gamma_3$, either z commutes with w or $[z, w] \in \gamma_3\mathcal{L}_{n,p}$, which means that $\lambda_{j,j+2}e_{j,j+2} \in \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_3}$, for every $1 \leq j \leq n-2$. Hence, $\gamma_2/\gamma_3 = \langle e_{13}, e_{24}, \dots, e_{n-2,n} \rangle \subset \mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_3}(x)$. Therefore, we only need to discuss elements of the quotient γ_1/γ_2 , for the purpose of this proof. Suppose that $x = \lambda_1 e_{12} + z$, where $z \in \gamma_2\mathcal{L}_{n,p}$, then we have one sequence of non-zero coefficients, namely λ_1 , and we have $n-2$ zero coefficients $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_{n-1} = 0$, from which $n-3$ are between two other zeros. Hence, by 1.1.1, we have that $\mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_2}(x) = 1 + (n-3) = n-2 = (n-1) - 1 = \dim \gamma_1/\gamma_2 - 1$. Similarly, the same goes also for $x = \lambda_{n-1}e_{n-1,n} + z$. Suppose that $\dim \gamma_1/\gamma_3 = 1$, but $x = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda_i e_{i,i+1}$, such that there exists a sequence of non-zero coefficients $\lambda_j, \lambda_{j+1}, \dots, \lambda_{j+k}$, where $2 \leq j \leq n-2$ and $1 \leq k \leq n-1-j$. Clearly, the number of zero coefficients in x is less or equal to $n-1-(k+1) = n-k-2$, but at least two of them have a neighboring non-zero coefficient, so the number of zeros that lie between two other zeros is less or equal to $n-k-4$. To show that the total dimension of $\mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_2}(x)$ is less than $n-2$, we shall use induction on l the number of sequences of consecutive non-zero coefficients. For $l = 1$, we have just shown that. Let $x = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda_i e_{i,i+1}$, such that $\lambda_j = \lambda_{j+1} = \dots = \lambda_{j+k} = 0$. By proposition 1.1.1, $\mathcal{C}_{\gamma_1/\gamma_2}(x) = l + m$. Replace all the zeros from j to $j+k$ by a sequence of non-zero coefficients, then obviously $\lambda_{j-1} = \lambda_{j+k+1} = 0$. If either λ_{j-1} or λ_{j+k+1} were originally between two other zero coefficients, then \square