## homework

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**Proposition 0.1.** Let  $\varphi_r \in N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  be a unipotent automorphism of  $\mathcal{L}_{n,p}$  such that the matrix upper blocks  $M_{1s}$ , for all s < r, are zero matrices. Consider the  $(n-1) \times (n-r)$  matrix  $M_{1r} = (a_{ij})$ . Then,

- 1. Let  $2 \le r < n-2$ . If  $a_{ij} \ne 0$ , then either i = j or i = j+r-1, and we have the relation  $a_{i+r,i+1} = -a_{ii}$ .
- 2. Let r = n 2. If  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ , then either i = j or i = j + r 1 or  $(i, j) \in \{(1, 2), (n 1, 1)\}$ , with the same relation as above.

*Proof.* From the relation  $[\varphi_r(e_{k,k+1}), \varphi_r(e_{l,l+1})] = 0$  where l > k+1, we deduce that  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  only if either i = j or i = j+r-1 or  $(i,j) \in \{(r+1,1), (r+2,1), (n-r-2,n-r), (n-r-1,n-r)\}$ . If r < n-2 then it follows from the conditions

$$\begin{split} [\varphi_r(e_{n-r-2,n-r-1}),\varphi_r(e_{n-r-2,n-r})] &= 0 \\ [\varphi_r(e_{n-r-1,n-r}),\varphi_r(e_{n-r-2,n-r})] &= 0 \\ [\varphi_r(e_{r+1,r+2}),\varphi_r(e_{r+1,r+3})] &= 0 \\ [\varphi_r(e_{r+2,r+3}),\varphi_r(e_{r+1,r+3})] &= 0 \end{split}$$

that the four exceptional cases cannot occur. When r = n - 2, we have that (n - r - 2, n - r) = (0, 2) and (r + 2, 1) = (n, 1) so these cases do not exist, but so are the four conditions above, which means that the two remaining cases, (r+1, 1) = (n-1, 1) and (n-r-1, n-r) = (1, 2), do not necessarily vanish.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 0.2.** Denote by  $N_r := \{ \varphi_r : 2 \le r \le n-2 \} \subset N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  the set of all automorphisms of the form described in 0.1, then  $N_r \le N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Note that  $N_2 = N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

**Proposition 0.3.** Let  $2 \le r \le n-2$ , and let  $0 \le k \le n-r$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ . We extend our notation of basis elements to include  $e_{01} = e_{n,n+1} = 0$ .

1. There is an automorphism  $\varphi_{r,k}(a) \in N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  determined by

$$\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{i,i+1}) := \begin{cases} e_{k,k+1} + ae_{k,k+r} & : i = k \\ e_{k+r,k+r+1} - ae_{k+1,k+r+1} & : i = k+r \\ e_{i,i+1} & : i \notin \{k,k+r\} \end{cases}$$

2. Suppose that r = n - 2, let  $(k,l) \in \{(1,2), (n-1,1)\}$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ . There is an automorphism  $\varphi_{n-2,k,l}(a) \in G_n^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  determined by

$$\varphi_{n-2,k,l}(a)(e_{i,i+1}) := \begin{cases} e_{k,k+1} + ae_{l,l+r} & : i = k \\ e_{i,i+1} & : i \neq k \end{cases}$$

We denote  $\varphi'_{n-2}(a) := \varphi_{n-2,1,2}(a)$  and  $\varphi''_{n-2}(a) := \varphi_{n-2,n-1,1}(a)$ .

*Proof.* We need to verify that for all  $1 \le i < j \le n$  and  $1 \le l < m \le n$  we have the following relations

$$[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{lm})] = \begin{cases} \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{im}) & : j = l \\ -\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{lj}) & : i = m \\ 0 & : \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We can verify explicitly for n = 4 that these relations are true. Alternatively, Berman did this in [?, §3.3.7]. For n > 4, let m = n, then

$$[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{lm})] = [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ln})].$$

If i > 1, then we consider the inclusion  $\iota : \mathcal{L}_{n-1,p} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n,p}$ , mapping each  $e_{i,i+1} \in \mathcal{L}_{n-1,p}$  to  $e_{i+1,i+2} \in \mathcal{L}_{n,p}$  for all  $1 \le i \le n-2$ . By the assumption on  $\mathcal{L}_{n-1,p}$ , we have that

$$(\iota \circ \iota^{-1})([\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ln})]) = \iota([\iota^{-1}(\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij})), \iota^{-1}(\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ln}))]) =$$

$$= \iota([\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{i-1,j-1}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{l-1,n-1})]) =$$

$$= \begin{cases} \iota(\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{i-1,n-1})) = \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{in}) & : j = l \\ 0 & : j \neq l \end{cases}$$

If i=1, then

$$[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ln})] = [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1j}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ln})] =$$

$$= [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1j}), [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{l,n-1}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{n-1,n})]].$$

By the Jacobi identity, we have that

$$[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1j}), [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{l,n-1}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{n-1,n})]] =$$

$$= -[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{n-1,n}), [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1j}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{l,n-1})]].$$

Now we use the inclusion  $\iota': \mathcal{L}_{n-1,p} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n,p}$ , where  $\iota'(e_{i,i+1}) = e_{i,i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , to obtain, same as above, that

$$[\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{n-1,n}), [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1j}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{l,n-1})]] = [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{n-1,n}), [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{1,n-1})]].$$

To continue, we need to prove the following fact: For any i < j such that j - i > 1, we have  $\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}) = e_{ij}$ . It is easy to see that this is true for

h = j - i = 2. For h > 2,  $\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{ij}) = [\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{i,j-1}), \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{j-1,j})]$ . By the assumption,  $[e_{i,j-1}, \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{j-1,j})]$ . If j - 1 = k then  $\varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{j-1,j}) = e_{k,k+1} + ae_{k,k+r} \Rightarrow [e_{i,j-1}, \varphi_{r,k}(a)(e_{j-1,j})] = [e_{i,j-1}, e_{k,k+1} + ae_{k,k+r}] = e_{ij}$ , so our induction step for j - 1 = k holds, and it is easy to check that it holds also for j - 1 = k + r and  $j \notin \{k + 1, k + r + 1\}$ .

Fix the two parameters  $2 \le r \le n-2$  and  $0 \le k \le n-r$ , and denote by  $N_{r,k} := \{\varphi_{r,k}(a) : a \in \mathbb{Q}_p\} \subset G_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  the set of all automorphisms of this form. Also denote  $N'_{n-2} := \{\varphi'_{n-2}(a) : a \in \mathbb{Q}_p\}$  and  $N''_{n-2} := \{\varphi''_{n-2}(a) : a \in \mathbb{Q}_p\}$ .

**Proposition 0.0.1.** Let  $N_{r,k}$ ,  $N'_{n-2}$  and  $N''_{n-2}$  be the subsets defined above, then

- 1.  $N_{r,k}, N'_{n-2}, N''_{n-2} \leq G_n^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .
- 2.  $N_{r,k}, N'_{n-2}, N''_{n-2} \cong \mathbb{Q}_p$ .

*Proof.* A simple check shows that these subsets are subgroups of  $G_n^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Define  $\tau_{r,k}: \mathbb{Q}_p \to N_{r,k}$ . For every  $a,b \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ , it is easy to see that the image of the sum,  $\tau_{r,k}(a+b) = \tau_{r,k}(a) \cdot \tau_{r,k}(b)$ , is the product of the images of a and b, and that  $\tau_{r,k}^{-1}(I) = \{0\}$ .

The following proposition follows from a simple computation.

**Proposition 0.4.** Consider  $\varphi_r \in N_r$ .

1. If r < n-2, denote by  $\psi_r$  the automorphism

$$\psi_r := \varphi_r \circ \varphi_{r,n-r}(-a_{n-r,n-r}) \circ \cdots \circ \varphi_{r,1}(-a_{11}) \circ \varphi_{r,0}(-a_{r+1,1}).$$

Then  $\psi_r \in N_{r+1}$ .

2. If r = n - 2, denote by  $\psi_{n-2}$  the automorphism

$$\psi_{n-2} := \varphi_r \circ \varphi'_{n-2}(-a_{12}) \circ \varphi''_{n-2}(-a_{n-1,1}) \circ$$

$$\circ \varphi_{n-2,2}(-a_{n-2,2}) \circ \varphi_{n-2,1}(-a_{n-2,1}) \circ \varphi_{n-2,0}(-a_{n-2,0}).$$

Then  $\psi_{n-2} \in N_{n-1}$ .

**Corollary 0.5.** We have the following decompositions:

1. For all  $2 \le r < n-2$ , we have

$$N_r = N_{r+1} \rtimes (N_{r,0} \rtimes (\cdots (N_{r,n-r-1} \rtimes N_{r,n-r})\cdots)).$$

2. For r = n - 2, we have

$$N_{n-2} = N_{n-1} \rtimes (N_{n-2,0} \rtimes (N_{n-2,1} \rtimes (N_{n-2,2} \rtimes (N_{n-2}'' \rtimes N_{n-2}')))).$$

This is immediate from Proposition 0.4.

Corollary 0.5 provides a recursive decomposition of the unipotent radical  $N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  as an iterated semidirect product of  $N_{n-1}$  and subgroups isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

As we saw earlier, the calculation of  $\zeta_{L_{n,p}}^{\wedge}(s)$  requires understanding  $G_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  and  $G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  first. As  $G_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  is a group, its structure is easily deduced from the above.

**Proposition 0.6.** For all  $n \geq 4$  the group  $G_n^0(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  has the decomposition  $G_n^0(\mathbb{Z}_p) = N(\mathbb{Z}_p) \rtimes H(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , where

$$N(\mathbb{Z}_p) := M_{\binom{n}{2}}(\mathbb{Z}_p) \cap N(\mathbb{Q}_p),$$

$$H(\mathbb{Z}_p) := \{ \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, ) : \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \}.$$

Moreover,  $N(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  itself has the decomposition:

$$N(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \tilde{N}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \tilde{N}_{n-1} \rtimes (\tilde{N}_{n-2,0} \rtimes (\tilde{N}_{n-2,1} \rtimes (\tilde{N}_{n-2,2} \rtimes (\tilde{N}''_{n-2} \rtimes \tilde{N}'_{n-2})))) \rtimes \cdots$$

$$\cdots \rtimes (\tilde{N}_{2,0} \rtimes (\cdots (\tilde{N}_{2,n-3} \rtimes \tilde{N}_{2,n-2})\cdots)),$$

where 
$$\tilde{N}_r = N_r \cap N(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$
 and  $\tilde{N}_{r,k} = \{\varphi_{r,k}(a) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}.$ 

By contrast, describing the structure of the monoid  $G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is expected to be a substantial challenge.

By applying Fubini's theorem for semidirect products of topological groups [?, Proposition 28], we have that

$$\zeta_{L_{n,p}}^{\wedge}(s) = \int_{G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)} |\det \varphi|_p^s d\mu_{G_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)\varphi} = \int_{H^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \left( \int_{N_h^+} |\det uh|_p^s d\mu_{N(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \right) d\mu_{H(\mathbb{Q}_p)},$$

where

$$H^{+}(\mathbb{Q}_{p}) := \{ \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_{1}, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}, \lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}, \dots, \lambda_{1}\lambda_{2} \dots \lambda_{n-2}\lambda_{n-1}) : \lambda_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}_{p} \setminus \{0\} \},$$

that is,  $H^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  consists of all  $h \in H(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  that appear in the decomposition  $\varphi = uh$  for some  $\varphi \in G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , and, for a given  $h \in H^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , we set  $N_h^+ := \{u \in N(\mathbb{Q}_p) : uh \in G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)\}$ . The integrand is constant on  $N_h^+$ , so computing the inner integral amounts to finding the measure of  $N_h^+$ , which is complicated, but using the decomposition from Corollary 0.5, we can simplify  $N_h^+$  at the price of replacing a single integral by multiple integrals.

Let  $\mathcal{N}_1, \mathcal{N}_2, \dots, \mathcal{N}_m$ , where  $m = \binom{n}{2}$ , be an enumeration of the subgroups

$$N_{2,n-2}, N_{2,n-3}, \dots, N_{2,0}, N_{3,n-3}, \dots, N_{3,0}, \dots$$

$$\dots, N_{n-2,2}, N_{n-2,1}, N_{n-2,0}, N'_{n-2}, N''_{n-2}, N_{n-1}.$$

Every  $\varphi \in G_n^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  can be written uniquely as  $\varphi = u_m \cdots u_1 h$ , where  $u_i \in \mathcal{N}_i$ . Thus, by Fubini

$$\zeta_{L_{n,p}}^{\wedge}(s) = \int_{H^{+}} \int_{\mathcal{N}_{1}^{+}(h)} \int_{\mathcal{N}_{2}^{+}(h,u_{1})} \cdots \int_{\mathcal{N}_{m}^{+}(h,u_{1},\dots,u_{m-1})} |\det h|_{p}^{s} d\mu_{H} d\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{1}} \cdots d\mu_{\mathcal{N}_{m}},$$

where each  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}_i}$  is Haar measure on  $\mathcal{N}_i(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  normalized so that  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}_i}(\mathcal{N}_i(\mathbb{Z}_p))=1$ , and

 $\mathcal{N}_i^+(h,u_1,\ldots,u_{i-1}):=\{u_i\in\mathcal{N}_i:\exists u_{i+1},\ldots,u_m \text{ such that } u_m\cdots u_1h\in G_n^+(\mathbb{Q}_p)\}.$