

Bonus Exercise on Linear Groups

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Claim: The automorphism group of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ is isomorphic to $GL(3, 2)$.

Proof. For readability, call $G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$. The group G is generated by $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$, which, when treated as vectors in \mathbb{Z}_2^3 , form a basis. The set of non-singular matrices in $GL(3, 2)$ are closed under multiplication, and due to their non-singularity are closed under inverses. Their kernel is the zero vector $(0, 0, 0)$, which is the identity element in G . The composition of non-singular matrices in $GL(3, 2)$ with a vector with entries in \mathbb{Z}_2 span the vector space \mathbb{Z}_2^3 , so $GL(3, 2)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Aut}(G)$. \square