

# On Central Automorphisms Of Free Center-By-Metabelian Lie Algebras

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**Abstract:** We study central automorphisms of free center-by metabelian Lie algebras. Our main result exhibits the form of such automorphisms.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $F$  be the free Lie algebra with two free generators  $x$  and  $y$  over a field  $K$ , and let  $L$  be the free center-by-metabelian Lie algebra  $F/[F'', F]$ . Clearly  $L$  is freely generated by the set  $\{\bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$ , where  $\bar{x} = x + [F'', F]$ ,  $\bar{y} = y + [F'', F]$ . We write  $x, y$  instead of  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}$ . By  $Aut(L)$  we denote the automorphism group of all automorphisms of  $L$ .

**Definition**

Let  $\theta \in Aut(L)$ . If  $\theta$  induces the identity mapping on the algebra  $L/Z(L)$  then it is called a central automorphism of  $L$ , where  $Z(L)$  is the center of  $L$ . If  $\theta$  is a central automorphism of  $L$  then for every  $u \in L$  we have  $\theta(u) - u \in Z(L)$ . It can be easily seen that  $Z(L) = F''/[F'', F]$ . Hence form of any central automorphism of  $L$  is

$$\theta(x) = x + u, \theta(y) = y + v, \quad u, v \in L''$$

For any  $g, h \in L$  we write

$$[g, h^n] = [g, \underbrace{h, \dots, h}_{n\text{-times}}].$$

A basis in  $L''$  is formed by the elements

$$[[[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y]], \quad (n_1, n_2 \geq 0), \quad (1)$$

where  $g \in L$  and the sum  $n_1 + n_2$  is odd. (See [1], [7] and [8] for details).

Although there are many publications about central automorphisms of groups [2,3,4,5,6] the corresponding problems for relatively free Lie algebras are very rare. In [9], Ekici and Öztekin have given some characterizations of central automorphisms of free nilpotent Lie algebras.

In this work we prove that the following results.

**Proposition**

In the center-by-metabelian Lie algebra  $L$  every map  $\varphi: L \rightarrow L$  defined by

$$\varphi: x \rightarrow x + \sum_{g \in L} \alpha_g [[g, y]x^{m_1}, y^{m_2}][x, y] \quad \alpha_g \in K, g \in L$$

$$x \rightarrow x + \sum \beta_h [[[h, y]x^{t_1}, y^{t_2}][x, y]] \quad \beta_h \in K, h \in L$$

is an automorphism.

**Proof**

It can be easily seen that the Jacobian matrix of  $\varphi$  is invertible over  $U(L/L')$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is an automorphism.

**Theorem**

Any central automorphism  $\theta$  of  $L$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \alpha_g \left[ g, \left[ [[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1} \right], y \right], \\ y &\rightarrow y + \sum_{n_1, n_2} \beta_h \left[ g, \left[ [[x, y], y^{n_2}], x^{n_1} \right], y \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where,  $g, h \in L'$ ,  $\alpha_g, \beta_h \in K$ ,  $n_1 + n_2, r_1 + r_2$  are odd.

**Proof**

Let  $\theta$  be a central automorphism of  $L$ . Then it has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + u, \\ y &\rightarrow y + v, \end{aligned}$$

Where  $u, v \in L''$ . Then the Lie algebra  $L''$  has a linear basis of the form (1). Thus, the elements  $u, v$  can be written as linear combinations of elements of the form (1). Therefore we define  $\theta$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \theta: x &\rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2} c_g \left[ [[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y] \right], \\ y &\rightarrow y + \sum_{r_1, r_2} d_h \left[ [[h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2}], [x, y] \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $g, h \in L/L''$ ,  $c_g, d_h \in K$ .

Now let us apply the Jacobi identity to the elements

$$\left[ [[g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2}], [x, y] \right] \text{ and } \left[ [[h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2}], [x, y] \right]$$

consecutively we obtain

$$u = \left[ \left[ [g, y], x^{n_1}, y^{n_2} \right], [x, y] \right] \\ = \left[ g, \left[ \left[ [x, y], y^{n_2}, x^{n_1} \right], y \right] \right]$$

And

$$v = \left[ \left[ [h, y], x^{r_1}, y^{r_2} \right], [x, y] \right] = \\ \left[ h, \left[ \left[ [x, y], y^{r_2}, x^{r_1} \right], y \right] \right]$$

Since  $u, v \in L''$  we see that the elements  $g$  and  $h$  have to belong  $L'$ . Therefore  $\theta$  has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow x + \sum_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} \alpha_g \left[ g, \left[ \left[ [x, y], y^{n_2}, x^{n_1} \right], y \right] \right], \\ y \rightarrow y + \sum_{r_1, r_2 \geq 0} \beta_h \left[ h, \left[ \left[ [x, y], y^{r_2}, x^{r_1} \right], y \right] \right],$$

where  $g, h \in L', \alpha_g, \beta_h \in K$ .

Lemma

Let  $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$ . If  $[\theta(\omega), \omega] = 0$  for all  $w \in L$ , then it is central.

Proof

Let  $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$  such that  $[\theta(\omega), \omega] = 0$  for all  $\omega \in L$ . We define  $\theta$  as

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y + u, \\ y \rightarrow \gamma x + \delta y + v,$$

where  $u, v \in L', \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in K$ . By the assumption

$$[\theta(x), x] = \beta[y, x] + [u, x] = 0, \\ [\theta(y), y] = \gamma[x, y] + [v, y] = 0,$$

These equalities lead  $\beta = \gamma = 0$ . Hence  $\theta$  has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + u, \\ y \rightarrow \delta y + v.$$

From the equality  $[\theta(x + y), x + y] = 0$  we get

$$0 = [\alpha x + u + \delta y + v, x + y] \\ = \alpha[x, y] + [u, x] + [u, y] + \delta[y, x] + [v, x] + [v, y] \\ = (\alpha - \delta)[x, y] + [u, x + y] + [v, x + y].$$

Hence  $(\alpha - \delta) = 0$ . Thus  $\theta$  has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow \alpha x + u, \\ y \rightarrow \alpha y + v,$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

Since  $\theta \in \text{Aut}(L)$  then

$$[\theta(x), \theta(y)] \equiv \alpha^2[x, y] \pmod{[F'', F]}. \quad (3)$$

Let us calculate  $[\theta(x), \theta(y)]$ .

$$[\theta(x), \theta(y)] = [\alpha x + u, \alpha y + v] \\ = \alpha^2[x, y] + \alpha[x, v] + \alpha[u, y] + [u, v]$$

By (3) we get  $\alpha([x, v] + [u, y]) + [u, v] \in [F'', F]$ .

Hence  $u, v \in F''$ .

Now consider the element  $\omega = x - [x, y]$ .

$$0 = [\theta(\omega), \omega] \\ = [\theta(x) - [\theta(x), \theta(y)], \omega] \\ = [\alpha x + u - [\alpha x + u, \alpha y + v], \omega] \\ = [\alpha x + u - \alpha^2[x, y], x - [x, y]] \\ = -\alpha[x, [x, y]] - \alpha^2[[x, y], x] \\ = (\alpha - \alpha^2)[x, y, x]$$

Thus  $\alpha = 1$ . Therefore  $\theta$  has the form

$$\theta: x \rightarrow x + u, \\ y \rightarrow y + v,$$

where  $u, v \in L''$ .

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