

# Fixed Points of Automorphisms Permuting the Generators Cyclically in Free solvable Lie algebras

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**Abstract:** We investigate fixed points of an automorphism of a free solvable Lie algebra which permutes the generators cyclically. Let  $\Theta$  be a cyclic permutation of order  $n$  which belongs to the  $n$ th symmetric group  $S_n$ . We give form of the fixed points of an automorphism of a free solvable Lie algebra which is induced by the permutation  $\Theta$ .

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $F$  be the free Lie algebra freely generated by a set  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , over a field  $K$ . The derived series of  $F$  is defined as the following:

$$\delta^0(F) = F, \delta^1(F) = F' = [F, F] \text{ and for } m > 1 \text{ we define} \\ \delta^m(F) = [\delta^{m-1}(F), \delta^{m-1}(F)].$$

Fixed points subalgebras of free Lie algebras are studied by Bryant[1] and Drensky [3]. In [2] Bryant and Papistas have obtained some results about fixed point subalgebras of relatively free Lie algebras. Later, Ekici and Sönmez [4] have given a criterion detecting nontrivial fixed points of IA- automorphisms of a free metabelian Lie algebra.

Fixed point subalgebras of automorphisms preserving the length of words of free solvable groups are described by Tomaszewski [5]. In this work we obtained corresponding results for free solvable Lie algebras.

By  $L_m$  we denote the free solvable Lie algebra  $F/\delta^m(F)$  of rank  $n$  and solvability class  $m$ .

Let  $\theta$  be an automorphism of  $F$  of order  $k$  induced by a permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ , where  $S_n$  is the  $n$ th symmetric group. The automorphism  $\theta$  induces an automorphism  $\bar{\theta}: L_m \rightarrow L_m$  which is defined as  $\bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}) = \theta(\omega) + \delta^m(F)$ , where  $\omega \in F$ ,  $\bar{\omega} = \omega + \delta^m(F)$ . For an element  $\bar{\omega}$  of  $L_m$  if  $\bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}) = \bar{\omega}$  then  $\bar{\omega}$  is called a fixed point of  $L$ .

It can be easily seen that if  $\theta$  has order  $k$  then every element of the form

$$\bar{\omega} + \bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}) + \bar{\theta}^2(\bar{\omega}) + \dots + \bar{\theta}^{k-1}(\bar{\omega}) \tag{1}$$

is a fixed point for  $\bar{\theta}$ , where  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \in F/\delta^m(F)$ .

It is not obvious that only such elements are the fixed points. In this work we prove that every fixed point of  $\bar{\theta}$  has the form (1).

## II. MAIN RESULT

Assume that  $\sigma \in S_n$  is a product of disjoint cycles  $\sigma_i$  of length  $r_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Let  $G = F/F'$ .

Lemma

Assume that  $\theta$  is an automorphism of  $F$  which is induced by  $\sigma$ . If  $\hat{\theta}$  is an automorphism of  $G$ , induced by  $\theta$  then every fixed points of  $\hat{\theta}$  has the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^s (\hat{\omega}_i + \hat{\theta}(\hat{\omega}_i) + \hat{\theta}^2(\hat{\omega}_i) + \dots + \hat{\theta}^{r_i-1}(\hat{\omega}_i)),$$

where  $\hat{\omega}_i = \beta_i \hat{x}_{i_1}$ ,  $\beta_i \in K$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

Proof

Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be an automorphism of  $G$ , induced by  $\theta$ . If  $\hat{v} \in G$  is a fixed point of  $\hat{\theta}$  then  $\hat{\theta}(\hat{v}) = \hat{v}$ . The element  $\hat{v}$  can be uniquely written as

$$\hat{v} = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \hat{x}_j, \quad c_j \in K$$

By taking into account the cycles of  $\sigma$  we arrange the generators which we see in  $\hat{v}$  as  $\hat{v} = \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{t=1}^{r_i} c_{i_t} \hat{x}_{i_t}$ .

Using the equality  $\hat{\theta}(\hat{v}) = \hat{v}$  we get

$$c_{i_t} = c_{i_l} = \beta_i, \quad 1 \leq t, l \leq r_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s.$$

Therefore  $\hat{v} = \sum_{i=1}^s \beta_i (\sum_{t=1}^{r_i} \hat{x}_{i_t})$ . Since  $\hat{\theta}(\hat{x}_{i_1}) = x_{i_2}, \dots, \hat{\theta}(\hat{x}_{i_{r_i}}) = \hat{x}_{i_1}$  then

$$\sum_{t=1}^{r_i} \hat{x}_{i_t} = (I + \hat{\theta} + \hat{\theta}^2 + \dots + \hat{\theta}^{r_i-1})(\hat{x}_{i_1})$$

and so  $\hat{v} = \sum_{i=1}^s (I + \hat{\theta} + \hat{\theta}^2 + \dots + \hat{\theta}^{r_i-1})(\beta_i \hat{x}_{i_1})$ . ■

By the above Lemma it is clear that if  $\sigma$  is a cycle of order  $n$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  is an automorphism of  $G$  induced by  $\theta$  then every fixed point of  $\hat{\theta}$  has the form

$$\hat{\omega} + \hat{\theta}(\hat{\omega}) + \hat{\theta}^2(\hat{\omega}) + \dots + \hat{\theta}^{n-1}(\hat{\omega}),$$

where  $\hat{\omega} = \beta \hat{x}_k$ ,  $\beta \in K$ ,  $x_k \in X$ .

Theorem

Assume that  $\sigma \in S_n$  be a cycle of order  $n$  and  $\theta$  be an automorphism of  $F$  induced by  $\sigma$ .

If  $\bar{\theta}$  is an automorphism of  $L_m$  induced by  $\theta$  then every fixed point of  $\bar{\theta}$  has the form

$$\bar{\omega} + \bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}) + \bar{\theta}^2(\bar{\omega}) + \dots + \bar{\theta}^{n-1}(\bar{\omega}),$$

where  $\bar{\omega} = \alpha \bar{x}_k + h$ ,  $\alpha \in K$ ,  $x_k \in X$ ,  $h \in L'_m$ .

**Proof**

Let  $\bar{v} \in L_m$  be a fixed point of  $\bar{\theta}$ . We use induction on  $m$ . For  $m = 1$   $L_1 = F/F'$  is a free abelian Lie algebra. So by the Lemma the result is clear.

Suppose that the assertion is true for all positive integers less than  $m$ . Let  $\tilde{\theta}$  be an automorphism of  $L_{m-1}$  induced by  $\theta$ .

By induction hypothesis the fixed points of the automorphism  $\tilde{\theta}$  of the algebra  $L_{m-1} = F/\delta^{m-1}F$  are the elements of the form

$$\tilde{\omega}_1 + \tilde{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}_1) + \tilde{\theta}^2(\tilde{\omega}_1) + \dots + \tilde{\theta}^{n-1}(\tilde{\omega}_1),$$

where  $\tilde{\omega}_1 = \alpha \tilde{x}_k + h_1$ ,  $\alpha \in K$ ,  $x_k \in X$ ,  $h_1 \in L'_{m-1}$ .

Let  $\tilde{u}$  be a fixed point of  $\tilde{\theta}$  in  $L_{m-1}$ . Assume that  $\tilde{u} = \tilde{\Psi}(\tilde{\omega}_1)$ , where

$$\tilde{\Psi} = I + \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^2 + \dots + \tilde{\theta}^{n-1}.$$

Since

$$L_{n,m-1} = F/\delta^{m-1}F \cong (F/\delta^m F)/(\delta^{m-1}F/\delta^m F),$$

then the preimage of  $\tilde{u}$  in  $F/\delta^m F$  is of the form

$$a = \psi(\omega_1) + g + \delta^m F,$$

where  $g \in \delta^{m-1}F/\delta^m F$ . Then we have  $\bar{\theta}(\bar{g}) = \bar{g}$  in the algebra  $\delta^{m-1}F/\delta^m F$ . By the Lemma the element  $\bar{g}$  has the form

$$\bar{g} = \bar{\omega}_2 + \bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}_2) + \bar{\theta}^2(\bar{\omega}_2) + \dots + \bar{\theta}^{n-1}(\bar{\omega}_2), \tag{2}$$

where  $\bar{\omega}_2 = \beta \bar{b}$ ,  $\beta \in K$ ,  $\bar{b} \in \delta^{m-1}F/\delta^m F$ . Hence

$$a = \psi(\omega_1 + \omega_2) + \delta^m F \tag{3}$$

Now let  $\bar{v}$  be a fixed point of  $\bar{\theta}$  in  $L_m$ . The element  $\bar{v}$  can be written as  $\bar{v} = \bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2$ ,

where  $v_1 \in F(\text{mod } \delta^{m-1}F)$ ,  $v_2 \in \delta^{m-1}F$ . Since  $\bar{\theta}(\bar{v}) = \bar{v}$  we get  $\tilde{\theta}(\tilde{v}_1) = \tilde{v}_1$  and

$\bar{\theta}(\bar{v}_2) = \bar{v}_2$ . By (2) and (3) we see that  $\bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2$  has the form

$$\bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2 = \bar{\Psi}(\bar{\omega}_1 + \bar{\omega}_2), \text{ where } \bar{\omega}_1 = \alpha \bar{x}_k + h_1, \bar{\omega}_2 = \beta \bar{b}, \alpha, \beta \in K, h_1 \in L'_m, \bar{a} \in \delta^{m-1}F/\delta^m F.$$

It can be easily seen that every element of the form

$$\bar{\omega} + \bar{\theta}(\bar{\omega}) + \bar{\theta}^2(\bar{\omega}) + \dots + \bar{\theta}^{n-1}(\bar{\omega})$$

is a fixed point of  $\bar{\theta}$ .

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