



# The GAP Package LiePRing

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**Abstract.** A symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring defines a family of Lie rings with  $p^n$  elements for infinitely many different primes  $p$  and a fixed positive integer  $n$ . Symbolic Lie  $p$ -rings are used to describe the classification of isomorphism types of nilpotent Lie rings of order  $p^n$  for all primes  $p$  and all  $n \leq 7$ . This classification is available as the LiePRing package of the computer algebra system GAP. We give a brief description of this package, including an approach towards computing the automorphism group of a symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring.

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## 1 Introduction

A Lie ring is an additive abelian group with a multiplication, denoted by  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ , that is bilinear, alternating and satisfies the Jacobi identity. A Lie  $p$ -ring is a nilpotent Lie ring with  $p^n$  elements for some prime power  $p^n$ . Such a Lie  $p$ -ring of order  $p^n$  can be described by a presentation  $P(A)$  on  $n$  generators  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  with coefficients  $A = (a_{ijk}, a_{ik} \mid 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n)$ , so that  $a_{ijk}$  and  $a_{ik}$  are integers in the range  $\{0, \dots, p-1\}$  and the following relations hold:

$$[b_j, b_i] = \sum_{k=j+1}^n a_{ijk} b_k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i < j \leq n, \quad \text{and}$$
$$pb_i = \sum_{k=i+1}^n a_{ik} b_k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

We generalize this type of presentation so that it defines a family of Lie  $p$ -rings for various different primes. For this purpose let  $p$  be an indeterminate, let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[w, x_1, \dots, x_m]$  be a polynomial ring in  $m+1$  commuting variables and let  $a_{ijk}$  and  $a_{ik}$  in  $R$ . In some (rare) cases it is convenient to allow some of the coefficients  $a_{ijk}$  and  $a_{ik}$  to be rational functions over  $R$ ; note that we use this only for coefficients  $a_{ijk}$  or  $a_{ik}$  if  $pb_k = 0$  so that  $b_k$  is an element of order  $p$ .

If a fixed prime  $P$  and integers  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are given, then we *specify* the a polynomial  $a \in R$  at these values by choosing  $W$  to be the smallest primitive

root mod  $P$  and evaluating  $\bar{a} = a(W, X_1, \dots, X_m)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . We specify a rational function  $a/b$  with  $a, b \in R$  by specifying the polynomials  $a$  and  $b$  to  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and then we determine  $\bar{a} \bar{c}$  where  $\bar{c} \in \{1, \dots, P - 1\}$  satisfies  $\bar{c}\bar{b} \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ . Note that only choices of  $W, X_1, \dots, X_m$  with  $P \nmid \bar{b}$  are valid.

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be an infinite set of primes, let  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and for  $P \in \mathbb{P}$  let

$$\Sigma_P \subseteq \{(X_1, \dots, X_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m \mid 0 \leq X_i < P\}.$$

Then the presentation  $P(A)$  defines a *symbolic* Lie  $p$ -ring with respect to  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\Sigma_P$  if for each  $P \in \mathbb{P}$  and each  $(X_1, \dots, X_m) \in \Sigma_P$  the presentation  $P(A)$  specified at these points is a finite Lie  $p$ -ring of order  $P^n$ .

A symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring describes a family of finite Lie  $p$ -rings: for each  $P \in \mathbb{P}$  this contains  $|\Sigma_P| \leq P^m$  members. Symbolic Lie  $p$ -rings are used to describe the complete classification up to isomorphism of all Lie  $p$ -rings of order dividing  $p^7$  for  $p > 3$  as obtained by Newman, O'Brien and Vaughan-Lee [6, 7]. This is available in computational form in the LiePRing package [4] of the computer algebra system GAP [9]. The following exhibits an example.

*Example 1.* We consider the symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring  $\mathcal{L}$  with generators  $b_1, \dots, b_7$  and the (non-trivial) relations

$$\begin{aligned} [b_2, b_1] &= b_4, & pb_1 &= b_4 + b_6 + x_2b_7, \\ [b_3, b_1] &= b_5, & pb_3 &= x_1b_6. \\ [b_3, b_2] &= b_6, \\ [b_5, b_1] &= b_6, \\ [b_5, b_3] &= b_7, \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the set of all primes and let

$$\Sigma_P = \{(X_1, X_2) \mid 0 < X_1 < P, 0 \leq X_2 < P\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{L}$  defines a family of  $P(P - 1)$  Lie  $p$ -rings of order  $P^7$  for each  $P \in \mathbb{P}$ .

The LiePRing package allows symbolic computations with symbolic Lie  $p$ -rings  $\mathcal{L}$ . “Symbolic computations” means that it computes with  $\mathcal{L}$  as if computing with all Lie  $p$ -rings  $L$  in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$  simultaneously. For example, it allows us

- to compute series of ideals such as the lower central series of  $L$ ,
- to describe the automorphism group of  $L$ , and
- to determine the Schur multiplier of  $L$ , see [3].

Let  $P$  be a prime and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \leq P$ . The Lazard correspondence [5] associates to each Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  of order  $P^n$  a group  $G(L)$  of order  $P^n$ . This correspondence translates Lie ring isomorphisms to group isomorphisms and vice versa. Cicalo, de Graaf and Vaughan-Lee [2] determined an effective version of the Lazard correspondence and implemented this in the LieRing package [1] of GAP.

The following sections give a brief overview of some of the algorithms in the LiePRing package and they exhibit how the Lazard correspondence can be evaluated in GAP in this setting.

## 2 Elementary Computations

In this section we investigate computations with elements, subrings and ideals. Throughout, let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring with respect to  $\Sigma_P$ , let  $L$  be a finite Lie  $p$ -ring in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$  and let  $P$  be the prime of  $L$ . We write  $P(A)$  for the defining presentation in the finite and in the symbolic case. Thus depending on the context  $A$  is an integer matrix or a matrix over the ring  $Quot(R)$  of rational functions over the polynomial ring  $R$ .

### 2.1 Ring Invariants

The definition of  $\Sigma_P$  can often be used for computations with  $\mathcal{L}$ . For example, if  $\Sigma_P = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{Z}_P^3 \mid x_1 \neq 1, x_3 = \pm 1\}$ , then  $(x_1 - 1)$  specifies to an invertible element in  $L$  and  $(x_3 - 1)(x_3 + 1) = (x_3^2 - 1)$  specifies to 0. Hence we can treat  $(x_1 - 1)$  as a unit and  $(x_3^2 - 1)$  as zero. The following example illustrates this for  $\Sigma_P = \{(x, y) \mid x \neq 0, y \in \{1, w\}\}$ .

```
gap> L := LiePRingsByLibrary(7) [3195];
<LiePRing of dimension 7 over prime p with parameters [ x, y ]>
gap> ViewPCPresentation(L);
p*12 = x*17, p*13 = 15 + y*17, p*14 = 16,
[12,11] = 15, [13,11] = 16, [14,11] = 17
gap> RingInvariants(L);
rec( units := [ x, y ], zeros := [ w*y-y^2-w+y ] )
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### 2.2 The Word Problem

Consider the case of a finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  and let  $a$  be an arbitrary word in the generators of  $P(A)$ . Then the relations in  $P(A)$  readily allow us to rewrite  $a$  to a *unique equivalent normal form*

$$c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n \quad \text{with} \quad c_i \in \{0, \dots, P-1\} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Now consider the case of a symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring  $\mathcal{L}$  and let  $a$  be a word in the generators of  $P(A)$ . Then the relations and the zeros of  $\mathcal{L}$  allow us to translate this to an equivalent *reduced form*; that is, a linear combination of the form

$$c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n \quad \text{with} \quad c_i \in R \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in R$  are reduced modulo the polynomials in *zeros*; that is, the polynomial division algorithm dividing  $c_i$  by the polynomials in *zeros* yields only trivial quotients. If  $c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$  and  $c_{k+1} \neq 0$ , then  $k+1$  is the *depth* of this reduced form and  $c_{k+1}$  is its *leading coefficient*. We say that  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  *represents* the element  $a$ .

*Example 2.* We continue Example 1.

- (1) Consider the element  $a = pb_1 - [b_2, b_1] - [b_3, b_2] - [[b_3, b_1], b_3]$ . Using the relations of  $\mathcal{L}$  this reduces to  $a = b_4 + b_6 + x_2b_7 - b_4 - b_6 - [b_5, b_3] = x_2b_7 - b_7 = (x_2 - 1)b_7$ . Note that  $a$  can be zero and non-zero in the Lie  $p$ -rings in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ , depending on the choice of  $x_2$ .
- (2) Consider the element  $a = pb_3$ . Then  $a = x_1b_6$  and hence, since  $x_1 \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , it follows that  $a$  is a non-zero element in each Lie  $p$ -ring in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ .

### 2.3 Subrings, Ideals and Series

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring, let  $w_1, \dots, w_k$  be words in the generators  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  of  $P(A)$  and let  $U$  be the subring of  $\mathcal{L}$  generated by these words. Our aim is to determine an *echelon generating set* for  $U$ ; that is, a generating set  $v_1, \dots, v_l$  so that each  $v_i$  is a reduced form in the generators with leading coefficient 1, the depths satisfy  $d(v_1) < \dots < d(v_l)$  and each element in  $U$  is a linear combination in  $v_1, \dots, v_l$  with coefficients in  $\text{Quot}(R)$ . This may require the distinction of finitely many cases, as the following example indicates.

*Example 3.* We continue Example 1.

- (1) Let  $U = \langle [b_3, b_1], pb_3 \rangle$ . As  $[b_3, b_1] = b_5$  and  $pb_3 = x_1b_6$  with  $x_1 \neq 0$ , it follows that  $U = \langle b_5, b_6 \rangle$  in each Lie ring in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- (2) Let  $U = \langle pb_1 - b_4 - b_6, [b_3, b_2] \rangle$ . Then using the relations of  $\mathcal{L}$  it follows that  $U = \langle x_2b_7, b_6 \rangle$ . Hence  $U = \langle b_6, b_7 \rangle$  if  $x_2 \neq 0$  and  $U = \langle b_6 \rangle$  otherwise. Thus a case distinction is necessary to determine an echelon generating set for  $U$ .

Ideals are subrings that are closed under multiplication and hence they can also be described via echelon generating sets (subject to a case distinction). In turn, this then allows us to determine series such as the lower central series and the derived series of  $\mathcal{L}$ . The following example illustrates the handling of case distinctions in GAP.

```
gap> L := LiePRingsByLibrary(6)[267];
<LiePRing of dimension 6 over prime p with parameters [x,y,z,t]>
gap> ViewPCPresentation(L);
p*11 = t*15 + x*16, p*12 = y*15 + z*16,
[12,11] = 14, [13,11] = 16, [14,11] = 15,
[13,12] = w*15, [14,12] = 16
gap> RingInvariants(L);
rec( units := [ -x*y+z*t ], zeros := [ ] )
gap> S := LieRecSubring(L, [p*b[1]]);
[<LiePRing of dimension 1 over prime p with parameters [x,y,z,t]>,
<LiePRing of dimension 1 over prime p with parameters [x,y,z,t]>]
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Here the LiePRING package returns two new symbolic Lie  $p$ -rings  $S[1]$  and  $S[2]$ . These have different ring invariants and different bases:

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gap> RingInvariants(S[1]);
rec( units := [ y, x ], zeros := [ t ] )
gap> BasisOfLieP Ring(S[1]);
[ 16 ]
gap> RingInvariants(S[2]);
rec( units := [ -x*y+z*t, t ], zeros := [ ] )
gap> BasisOfLieP Ring(S[2]);
[ 15 + x/t*16 ]

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In particular, in  $S[2]$  the polynomial  $t$  is a unit and the rational function  $x/t$  turns up as coefficient for the basis element  $l_6$ .

### 3 Automorphism Groups

Given a symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring  $\mathcal{L}$ , we show how to determine a generic description for  $\text{Aut}(L)$  for each finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ . The following gives a first illustration.

*Example 4.* We continue Example 1.

We note that  $\mathcal{L}$  is generated by  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ . This allows us to describe each automorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  via its images of  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  and the same holds for each finite Lie  $p$ -ring in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ . Write  $g_r$  for the image of  $b_r$ . Then  $g_r = g_{r1}b_1 + \dots + g_{r7}b_7$  for certain integers  $g_{rs}$ . We say that the automorphism is represented by the  $3 \times 7$  matrix  $(g_{rs})$ . Note that different matrices may represent the same automorphism for a finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$ ; for example, if  $P$  is the prime of  $L$ , then  $b_7$  has order  $P$  and  $g_{37}$  and  $g_{37} + P$  give the same automorphism. We expand on this below.

Our algorithm determines that each automorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponds to a matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & 0 & g_{14} & g_{15} & g_{16} & g_{17} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & g_{24} & 0 & g_{26} & g_{27} \\ 0 & g_{32} & g_{31} & g_{34} & g_{35} & g_{36} & g_{37} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $g_{11} = \pm 1$  and  $g_{rs}$  arbitrary otherwise. If  $P$  is prime and  $L$  is a finite Lie  $p$ -ring over  $P$ , then we can choose  $g_{rs} \in \{0, \dots, P-1\}$  for  $(r, s) \neq (1, 1)$  and thus  $\text{Aut}(L)$  has order  $2P^{13}$ .

Given a finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  with prime  $P$ , we define its radical  $R(L)$  as the ideal of  $L$  generated by  $\{[b_j, b_i], Pb_k \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . The additive group of  $L/R(L)$  is an elementary abelian group of order  $P^d$ , say, and the Lie ring multiplication of  $L/R(L)$  is trivial. Burnside's Basis theorem (for example, see [8, page 140]) for finite  $p$ -groups translates readily to the following.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $L$  be a finite Lie  $p$ -ring and let  $\varphi : L \rightarrow L/R(L)$  the natural ring homomorphism.*

(a)  $R(L)$  is the intersection of all maximal Lie subrings of  $L$ .

- (b) Each minimal generating set of  $L$  has  $d$  elements and maps under  $\varphi$  onto a minimal generating set of  $L/R(L)$ .
- (c) Each list of preimages under  $\varphi$  of a minimal generating set of  $L/R(L)$  is a minimal generating set of  $L$ .

Next, let  $P(A)$  be the presentation for the finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  with generators  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  so that  $R(L) = \langle b_{d+1}, \dots, b_n \rangle$ . Then  $b_1, \dots, b_d$  is a minimal generating set of  $L$ . Thus each automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $L$  is defined by its images on  $b_1, \dots, b_d$ . These have the general form

$$\alpha(b_r) = g_{r1}b_1 + \dots + g_{rn}b_n \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq d,$$

with integer coefficients  $g_{rs}$ . For  $k > d$  we note that  $b_k \in R(L)$ . This allows us to write  $b_k$  as a word in the ideal generators  $[b_j, b_i]$  and  $Pb_i$  of  $R(L)$  and that, in turn, allows us to determine the image  $\alpha(b_k)$  in the form

$$\alpha(b_k) = w_{k1}b_1 + \dots + w_{kn}b_n,$$

where  $w_{kj}$  is a word in  $\{g_{rs}\}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *The matrix  $(g_{rs})_{1 \leq r \leq d, 1 \leq s \leq n}$  defines an automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $L$  if and only if*

- (a)  $\det(G) \not\equiv 0 \pmod P$ , where  $G = (g_{rs})_{1 \leq r, s \leq d}$ , and
- (b) the images  $\alpha(b_1), \dots, \alpha(b_n)$  satisfy the relations of  $L$ .

*Proof.* First recall that a map  $b_i \mapsto v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  with  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in L$  extends to a Lie ring homomorphism  $L \rightarrow L$  if and only if  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  satisfy the defining relations of  $L$ . This is von Dyck’s theorem (for example, see [8, page 51]) in the case of finitely presented groups and it translates readily to other algebraic objects such as Lie rings.

$\Rightarrow$ : Suppose that the coefficients  $g_{rs}$  define an automorphism  $\alpha$ . Then  $\alpha$  induces an automorphism  $\beta : L/R(L) \rightarrow L/R(L)$ . As  $L/R(L) \cong \mathbb{Z}_P^d$  with trivial multiplication, it follows that  $\text{Aut}(L/R(L)) \cong GL(d, \mathbb{Z}_P)$ . Hence  $\det(G) \not\equiv 0 \pmod P$  so (a) follows. (b) follows from von Dyck’s theorem.

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose that (a) and (b) hold. As (b) holds, von Dyck’s theorem asserts that  $\alpha$  is a Lie ring homomorphism. As  $P \nmid \det(G)$ , it follows that the images of  $b_1, \dots, b_d$  generate  $L$  as Lie ring. Hence  $\alpha$  is surjective. Since  $L$  is finite, it follows that  $\alpha$  is also injective and hence an automorphism.

This allows us to determine a generic description for  $\text{Aut}(L)$ . Suppose that we have an automorphism given by indeterminates  $\{g_{rs} \mid 1 \leq r \leq d, 1 \leq s \leq n\}$  and write  $g_i = g_{i1}b_1 + \dots + g_{in}b_n$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d$ . For  $k > d$  write  $b_k$  as a word  $w_k$  in the generators  $b_1, \dots, b_d$  and use this to determine  $g_k = w_k(g_1, \dots, g_d)$ . Evaluate the defining relations  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  of  $L$  in  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ . For each relation  $R_i$  this leads to an expression

$$\overline{R}_i = R_i(g_1, \dots, g_n) = w_{id+1}b_{d+1} + \dots + w_{in}b_n,$$

with  $w_{ij}$  a polynomial in the indeterminates  $\{g_{rs} \mid 1 \leq r \leq d, 1 \leq s \leq n\}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $P$  be a prime and  $k$  minimal with  $P^k b_i = 0$  for  $d < i \leq n$ . If  $w_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{P^k}$  for all  $i, j$  and if  $\det(G) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ , then the matrix  $(g_{rs})_{1 \leq r \leq d, 1 \leq s \leq n}$  defines an automorphism.*

*Proof.* The generators that appear in the relations  $\overline{R}_i = 0$  all lie in the radical, and so  $w_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{P^k}$  ensures that  $w_{ij} b_j = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Hence the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied and the matrix  $(g_{rs})_{1 \leq r \leq d, 1 \leq s \leq n}$  defines an automorphism.

The integer  $P^k$  in Lemma 2 is called the characteristic of  $R(L)$ . If  $k = 1$ , then the conditions in Lemma 2 clearly determine all automorphisms of  $L$ . If  $k > 1$ , then the conditions in Lemma 2 may miss some automorphisms and there are examples where

$$\overline{R}_i = w_{i, d+1} b_{d+1} + \dots + w_{i, n} b_n = 0,$$

but some of the summands  $w_{ij} b_j$  are non-zero. So it seems possible that restricting our search to integer matrices  $(g_{rs})$  which satisfy the equations  $w_{ij} = 0 \pmod{P^k}$  could miss some automorphisms in some cases. In practice, we have not found a case where this happens.

*Example 5.* We continue Example 1 for a specific prime  $P$ .

Since the radical has characteristic  $P$  our method shows that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

gives an automorphism if and only if  $g_{11}^2 = 1 \pmod{P}$ . Let  $P = 5$ . Then

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

gives an automorphism. There was no need in this case to look for solutions to  $g_{11}^2 = 1 \pmod{P^2}$ , but it is easy to “lift”  $B$  to a matrix  $C = (h_{rs})$  which gives the same automorphism as  $B$ , but where  $h_{11}^2 = 1 \pmod{25}$ . The first row of the matrix  $B$  represents the element  $4b_1$ . Now  $5b_1 = b_4 + b_6 + x_2 b_7$  and so the vector  $(-1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, x_2)$  also represents  $4b_1$ . Similarly the vector  $(0, 0, -1, 0, 0, x_1, 0)$  represents the same element of  $L$  as the third row of  $B$ . So

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & x_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

gives the same automorphism as  $B$ , but the  $(1, 1)$  entry in  $C$  satisfies the equation  $x^2 = 1 \pmod{25}$ . Note that  $B$  gives an automorphism, but does not have the form specified in Example 4, whereas  $C$  gives the same automorphism as  $B$ , but does have the form specified.

More generally, in every case of Lie  $p$ -rings from our database that we have examined, we can show that if  $B$  is an integer matrix which gives an automorphism of  $L$  for some prime  $P$ , and if  $k$  is any positive integer, then  $B$  can be “lifted” to an integer matrix  $C = (h_{rs})$  which gives the same automorphism as  $B$  but where the entries  $h_{rs}$  satisfy all the equations  $w_{ij} = 0 \pmod{P^k}$ . So in every case that we have examined our method finds the full automorphism group.

We do not have a proof that our method always finds the full automorphism group. But there are several general criteria (such as the radical having characteristic  $P$ ) which imply that our method does not miss any automorphisms. So in most cases our program is able to issue a “certificate of correctness”. In some cases it may be necessary to examine the output from our program to prove that it has found the full automorphism group.

*Example 6.* We consider the symbolic Lie  $p$ -ring  $\mathcal{L}$  on 7 generators with the non-trivial relations

$$\begin{aligned} [b_2, b_1] &= b_3, & pb_1 &= b_5 + xb_7, \\ [b_3, b_1] &= b_4, & pb_2 &= w^2b_6 + yb_7, \\ [b_3, b_2] &= b_5, & pb_3 &= w^2b_7. \\ [b_4, b_1] &= b_6, \\ [b_5, b_2] &= -w^2b_7, \\ [b_6, b_1] &= b_7, \end{aligned}$$

Then  $R(\mathcal{L}) = \langle b_3, \dots, b_7 \rangle$  and each Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  in the family of  $\mathcal{L}$  is generated by  $\{b_1, b_2\}$ . We define

$$g_1 = g_{11}b_1 + \dots + g_{17}b_7 \quad \text{and} \quad g_2 = g_{21}b_1 + \dots + g_{27}b_7.$$

Next, we write  $b_3, \dots, b_7$  as words in  $\{b_1, b_2\}$ . It can be read off from the defining relations that  $b_3 = [b_2, b_1], b_4 = [b_3, b_1], b_5 = [b_3, b_2], b_6 = [b_4, b_1], b_7 = [b_6, b_1]$ . Using this, we expand the mapping defined by  $\{g_{rs}\}$  to the remaining generators  $b_3, \dots, b_7$ . For example, for  $b_3$  this yields

$$\begin{aligned} g_3 &= [g_2, g_1] \\ &= (g_{11}g_{22} - g_{12}g_{21})b_3 + (g_{11}g_{23} - g_{13}g_{21})b_4 + (g_{12}g_{23} - g_{13}g_{22})b_5 \\ &\quad + (g_{11}g_{24} - g_{14}g_{21})b_6 + (-g_{12}g_{25}w^2 + g_{15}g_{22}w^2 + g_{11}g_{26} - g_{16}g_{21})b_7. \end{aligned}$$

We now evaluate the defining relations of  $\mathcal{L}$  in  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ . For example  $pb_1 = b_5 + xb_7$  evaluates to

$$\begin{aligned} pg_1 - g_5 - xg_7 &= 0b_1 + 0b_2 + 0b_3 \\ &\quad + (-g_{11}g_{21}g_{22} + g_{12}g_{21}^2)b_4 \\ &\quad + (-g_{11}g_{22}^2 + g_{12}g_{21}g_{22} + g_{11})b_5 \\ &\quad + (-g_{11}g_{21}g_{23} + g_{12}w^2 + g_{13}g_{21}^2)b_6 \\ &\quad + (-g_{11}^4g_{22}x + g_{11}^3g_{12}g_{21}x + g_{12}g_{22}g_{23}w^2 - g_{13}g_{22}^2w^2 - g_{11}g_{21}g_{24} \\ &\quad + g_{13}w^2 + g_{14}g_{21}^2 + g_{11}x + g_{12}y)b_7 \end{aligned}$$



Note that the coefficient of  $b_3$  in this relation is zero. More generally, if  $R_i$  is any of the relations then

$$\bar{R}_i = w_{i4}b_4 + \dots + w_{i7}b_7 = 0,$$

and  $b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7$  all have order  $p$ . So we obtain an automorphism at the prime  $P$  if and only if  $w_{ij} = 0 \pmod P$  ( $j = 4, 5, 6, 7$ ) for all relations  $R_i$ .

Now let  $L$  be a finite Lie  $p$ -ring in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$  and let  $P$  be its prime. If the integer coefficients  $g_{rs}$  define an automorphism of  $L$ , then  $\det(G)$  is coprime to  $P$ . Hence, examining the coefficient of  $b_4$  in the relation above we see that

$$-g_{11}g_{21}g_{22} + g_{12}g_{21}^2 = -g_{21}\det(G) \equiv 0 \pmod P$$

is equivalent to  $g_{21} \equiv 0 \pmod P$ . In turn, this can now be used to simplify the remaining coefficients. Using  $g_{21} \equiv 0 \pmod P$  now yields

$$-g_{11}g_{22}^2 + g_{12}g_{21}g_{22} + g_{11} = -g_{11}g_{22}^2 + g_{11} = -g_{11}(g_{22}^2 - 1)$$

As  $\det(G) \equiv g_{11}g_{22} \pmod P$  via  $g_{21} \equiv 0 \pmod P$ , it follows that  $g_{11}$  is coprime to  $P$  and  $g_{22}^2 = 1 \pmod P$ . We now iterate this approach. Introducing another indeterminate  $D$  with  $D\det(G) \equiv 1 \pmod P$  we finally obtain that

$$g_{21}, g_{12}, x(g_{22} - 1), g_{22}^2 - 1, y(g_{11} - 1), y(D - g_{22}), Dg_{22} - g_{11}^2, \\ Dg_{11} - g_{22}, D^2 - g_{11}, x(g_{11}^2 - D), g_{11}^2g_{22} - D, g_{11}^3 - 1$$

evaluate to 0 modulo  $P$ . We use this to eliminate indeterminates in the descriptions of  $g_1, g_2$ ; for example, we can replace  $g_{21}$  by 0. We obtain

$$g_1 = (D^2 \ 0 \ g_{13} \ g_{14} \ g_{15} \ g_{16} \ g_{17}) \\ g_2 = (0 \ D^3 \ g_{23} \ g_{24} \ g_{25} \ g_{26} \ g_{27}),$$

subject to the additional condition that the polynomials

$$(D - 1)xy, (D^2 - 1)y, (D^3 - 1)x, D^6 - 1$$

must evaluate to 0 mod  $P$ . This is the resulting description of the automorphism groups of the Lie  $p$ -rings  $L$  in the family defined by  $\mathcal{L}$ . It implies that  $|Aut(L)| = kP^{10}$ , where  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$ . The precise value of  $k$  depends on the two parameters  $x, y$ . When  $P \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ , if  $x = y = 0$  then  $k = 6$ ; if  $x = 0$  and  $y \neq 0$  then  $k = 2$ ; if  $x \neq 0$  and  $y = 0$  then  $k = 3$ ; finally if  $x, y \neq 0$  then  $k = 1$ . When  $P \equiv 2 \pmod 3$  then  $k = 1$  or 2.

## 4 The Lazard Correspondence

The final example of this abstract illustrates how the Lazard correspondent  $G(L)$  to a finite Lie  $p$ -ring  $L$  can be determined using the LieRing package [1].

```

gap> L := LiePRingsByLibrary(7)[300];
<LiePRing of dimension 7 over prime p with parameters [ x ]>
gap> NumberOfLiePRingsInFamily(L);
P
gap> LiePRingsInFamily(L, 7);
[ <LiePRing of dimension 7 over prime 7>,
...
gap> List(last, x -> PGroupByLiePRing(x));
[ <pc group of size 823543 with 7 generators>,
...
gap> List(last, x -> Size(AutomorphismGroup(x)));
[80707214,80707214,80707214,80707214,80707214,80707214,80707214]
gap> a := AutGroupDescription(L);
rec( auto := [ [ A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17 ],
               [ 0, 1, A23, 0, A25, A26, A27 ] ],
      eqns := [ A11^2-1, A12*w*x-A11*A26 ] )
gap> 2*7^9;
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