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On simple Lie algebras of dimension seven over fields of characteristic 2

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1. Introduction

The problem of classification of the simple Lie algebras over a field of characteristic p > 7 was solved in the middle of the 90's by H. Strade, R. Block and R. L. Wilson (see [B], [BW1], [BW2], [SW], [S89.1], [S92], [S92.1], [Wi]). In the beginning of the 2000's, A. Premet and H. Strade proved the classification results for p = 5 and 7 in a series of papers [PS1], [PS2], [PS3], but for p = 2 and p = 3 the problem is still open. Throughout this paper all algebras are defined over a fixed algebraically closed field k of characteristic 2 containing the prime field $I\!F_2$. We start with some basic definitions and known facts.

Definition 1.1. A Lie algebra L over k is a Lie 2-algebra if there exists a map $L \to L$, $x \mapsto x^{[2]}$, called 2-map, such that

 $(x + \lambda y)^{[2]} = x^{[2]} + \lambda^2 y^{[2]} + \lambda [x, y], \text{ for all } x, y \in L, \lambda \in k.$

It is well known fact that for every algebra A over a field k of characteristic 2 the corresponding Lie algebra $Der_k A$ of k-derivations of A has the natural structure of 2-Lie algebra such that $d^{[2]}(a) = d^2(a) = d(d(a))$.

Definition 1.2. Let L be a Lie algebra such that Z(L) = 0, which is also called a **centerless** Lie algebra. The 2-closure of L in $Der_k(L)$,

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denoted by L_2 , is the smallest subalgebra of $Der_k(L)$ containing L and closed under the 2-map.

According to H. Strade [S89], the *toral rank* of L is the maximal dimension T(L) of the toral subalgebras of L. By definition, a toral subalgebra is an abelian subalgebra with a basis $\{t_1, \ldots, t_n\}$ such that $t_i^{[2]} = t_i, i = 1, \ldots, n$. The *absolute toral rank* TR(L) of a centerless Lie algebra L is $T(L_2)$ — toral rank of 2-closure of L defined above.

The first results for the classification problem in characteristic 2 are as follows.

Theorem 1.1 (S. Skryabin, [Sk]). Let L be a simple finite dimensional Lie k-algebra over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic 2. Then L has absolute toral rank greater or equal to 2.

In the case of absolute toral rank 2, A. Grichkov and A. Premet announced the following result:

Theorem 1.2 (A. Premet, A. Grichkov [GP]). Let L be a simple Lie k-algebra of finite dimension with k an algebraically closed field of characteristic 2. If the absolute toral rank of L is 2, then L is classical of dimension 3, 8, 14 or 26.

The toral rank 3 is a much more difficult case and it is still open. In this work we begin the study of the simple Lie algebras of dimension seven and absolute toral rank 3 over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic 2.

In the literature up to this date there appeared only three types of the simple Lie 2-algebras of dimension 7 and absolute toral rank 3: the Witt-Zassenhaus algebra $\overline{W(1;3)}$ [Ju], the Hamiltonian algebra H_2 [SF](p. 144) (this algebra corresponds to a non-standard 2-form) and a family $L(\varepsilon)$, called the Kostrikin-Dzhumadil'daev algebras, that depends on one parameter $\varepsilon \in k$ [K]. Here we calculate some features of these algebras such as their group of 2-automorphisms and their varieties of idempotent and nilpotent elements. We also present some Cartan decompositions for these algebras. The study of the algebras W and H_2 is motivated by the following conjecture.

Conjecture 1.1. Let L be a simple finite dimensional Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field of characteristic 2. If dim L > 3 then L contains a subalgebra W or H_2 .

In this paper we prove that all simple Kostrikin-Dszumadil'daev 7dimensional Lie algebras are isomorphic to the Hamiltonian algebra H_2 .

This is a reason why we sometimes use in this paper the notation K instead of H_2 for this algebra.

In a second paper we will prove that, for dimension 7 and absolute toral rank 3, a simple Lie 2-algebra is either isomorphic to a Witt-Zassenhaus or to a Hamiltonian algebra.

Definition 1.3. Let L be a Lie 2-algebra. A k-linear map $\varphi : L \to L$ is a 2-automorphism of L provided that $\varphi(x^{[2]}) = (\varphi(x))^{[2]}$ for all $x \in L$. Denote by $Aut_{k,2}(L)$ the group of all 2-automorphisms of L.

Note that by definition of Lie 2-algebras, every 2-automorphism of a Lie 2-algebra is an automorphism of L, but inverse is not true.

Throughout this paper we denote by \bar{a} the element a + 1, for $a \in k$, and $\langle M \rangle$ is the k-vector space spanned by the set M.

2. The Witt-Zassenhaus algebra

The simple Witt-Zassenhaus Lie algebra, denoted here by W = W(1; 3), can be constructed using different approaches as one can see in [Ju], [SF] or [K]. Here we consider a basis $\{y_i : -1 \leq i \leq 5\}$ for W and denote its 2-closure in $Der_k(W)$ by $W_2 = \langle \eta, \kappa, \kappa^{[2]}, y_i : -1 \leq i \leq 5 \rangle$. The Lie multiplication in W_2 is given by the table below. Note that the diagonal of this table exhibits the elements $x^{[2]}$, for each $x \in W_2$.

	η	κ	$\kappa^{[2]}$	y_{-1}	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5
η	0	y_4	y_2	y_5	0	0	0	0	0	0
κ	y_4	$\kappa^{[2]}$	0	0	0	y_{-1}	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3
$\kappa^{[2]}$	y_2	0	0	0	0	0	0	y_{-1}	y_0	y_1
y_{-1}	y_5	0	0	κ	y_{-1}	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4
y_0	0	0	0	y_{-1}	y_0	y_1	0	y_3	0	y_5
y_1	0	y_{-1}	0	y_0	y_1	y_2	0	y_4	y_5	0
y_2	0	y_0	0	y_1	0	0	0	y_5	0	0
y_3	0	y_1	y_{-1}	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	η	0	0
y_4	0	y_2	y_0	y_3	0	y_5	0	0	0	0
y_5	0	y_3	y_1	y_4	y_5	0	0	0	0	0

The 2-closure W_2 of the Witt-Zassenhaus algebra W

2.1. The group of 2-automorphisms $G_1 = Aut_{k,2}(W_2)$.

Proposition 2.1. The group G_1 of 2-automorphisms of W_2 is defined on the basis elements of W_2 , for $\varphi = \varphi(\alpha_{-1}, \alpha_1, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) \in G_1$ and

Note that $\dim_k G_1 = 5$ for every field k of characteristic 2.

Proof. It is not difficult to prove that, for all $0 \neq \alpha_{-1}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5 \in k$, a map ϕ defined as in the proposition is a 2-automorphism of W_2 . In order to prove that every 2-automorphism of W_2 is defined exactly like this, we first construct some G_1 -invariant subspaces and subsets of W_2 . Construct some G_1 -invariant subspaces and subsets of W_2 .

It is clear that all subsets defined below are G_1 -invariant subsets. Note that $W = [W_2, W_2]$.

- 1. $V_1 = \{x \in W : x^{[2]} = 0\} = Span_k\{y_2, y_4, y_5\},\$
- 2. $V_2 = \{x \in W : [x, V_1] \subseteq V_1\} = Span_k\{y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5\},\$
- 3. $V_3 = [V_2, V_2] = Span_k \{y_1, y_3, y_4, y_5\},\$
- 4. $V_4 = [V_3, V_3] = Span_k \{y_4, y_5\},$
- 5. $V_5 = \{x \in V_3 : [x, V_3] = 0\} = ky_5,$
- 6. $V_6 = \{x \in V_1 : dim[x, W_2] = 3\} = ky_2.$

Let ψ be an arbitrary 2-automorphism of W_2 . Since V_5 is G_1 -invariant, we may suppose that $y_5^{\psi} = y_5$, $y_{-1}^{\psi} = \sum_{i=-1}^5 r_i y_i$. By $[y_{-1}, y_i] = y_{i-1}$, $i = 0, \ldots, 5$, we have

$$y_4^{\psi} = r_{-1}y_4, y_3^{\psi} = r_{-1}^2y_3 + r_{-1}r_1y_5, y_2^{\psi} = r_{-1}^3y_2 + r_{-1}^2r_0y_3 + r_{-1}(r_0r_1 + r_2r_{-1})y_5$$

Since $r_{-1} \neq 0$ and V_6 is G_1 -invariant, $r_0 = r_2 = 0$. Using some 2automorphism $\phi(\alpha_{-1}, \alpha_1, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5)$ we may suppose that $r_0 = r_1 = r_2 =$

 $r_3 = r_4 = r_5 = 0$. Hence,

$$y_{-1}^{\psi} = r_{-1}y_{-1}, \quad y_{4}^{\psi} = r_{-1}y_{4}, \quad y_{3}^{\psi} = r_{-1}^{2}y_{3},$$
$$y_{2}^{\psi} = r_{-1}^{3}y_{2}, \quad y_{1}^{\psi} = r_{-1}^{4}y_{1}, \quad y_{0}^{\psi} = r_{-1}^{5}y_{0}.$$

By $[y_0, y_5] = y_5$, we get $r_{-1}^5 = 1$. Then $\psi = \phi(r_{-1}, 0, 0, 0, 0)$.

At last, $\eta^{\psi} = (y_3^{\psi})^{[2]}, \, \kappa^{\psi} = (y_{-1}^{\psi})^{[2]}$, since ψ is an 2-automorphism. \Box

2.2. Idempotent and Nilpotent Elements of W_2 . The sets of nilpotent and idempotent elements of a Lie algebra are quite important features of the algebra structure as they allow us to construct different subalgebras and study the relations among them. In fact a method based on a study of the orbits of toral elements with respect to the automorphism group of the algebra and on an investigation of the centralizer of a toral element was already used in several papers describing the structure of tori and Cartan subalgebras of a Lie *p*-algebra, for a prime *p*, see [S92], [BW2] [R], [W].

Proposition 2.2. For the Lie 2-algebra W_2 , the variety of idempotent elements is given by $I(W) = \bigcup_{\delta=1}^3 I_W^{\delta}$, where

$$\begin{split} I^1_W &= & \{ a^4 \kappa^{[2]} + a^2 \kappa + b^2 \eta + a y_{-1} + c \, y_0 + (\bar{c} + b) \, y_1 + (\bar{c}^2 + b + d) \, y_2 + b \, y_3 \, + \, d \, y_4 + (\bar{c}b + d) \, y_5 : \, a \in k^*, b, c, d \in k \}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} I^2_W &= \{a^2 \eta + y_0 + b y_1 + b^2 y_2 + a y_3 + a b y_4 + c y_5 : a \in k^*, b, c \in k\}, \\ I^3_W &= \{y_0 + a y_1 + a^2 y_2 + b y_5 : a, b \in k\}. \end{split}$$

Moreover, $I_W^1 = \{\kappa^{[2]} + \kappa + y_{-1} + y_1 + y_2\}^{G_1}$; that is, all elements of I_W^1 belong to the same orbit under the G_1 -action.

 $I_W^2 = \bigcup_{b \in k/\mathbb{Z}_3} \{\eta + y_0 + by_1 + b^2y_2 + y_3 + by_4\}^{G_1}, \text{ where } \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{1, \delta, \delta^2 = 1 + \delta\}.$

 $I_W^3 = y_0^{G_1} \cup \{y_0 + y_1 + y_2\}^{G_1}.$

Proof. Let $t^{[2]} = t = b_1 \kappa^{[2]} + b_2 \kappa + b_3 \eta + a y_{-1} + a_0 y_0 + a_1 y_1 + a_2 y_2 + a_3 y_3 + a_4 y_4 + a_5 y_5$. Comparing the coefficients at $k^{[2]}, \ldots, y_5$, by Table I we get:

$$b_1 = b_2^2, \, b_2 = a^2, \, b_3 = a_3^2,$$
 (1)

$$a = a^4 a_3 + b_2 a_1 + a a_0, (2)$$

$$a_0 = a_0^2 + b_1 a_4 + a_2 b_2 + a a_1, (3)$$

$$a_1 = b_1 a_5 + b_2 a_3 + a a_2 + a_0 a_1, \tag{4}$$

$$a_2 = b_1 b_3 + b_2 a_4 + a a_3 + a_1^2, (5)$$

$$a_3 = b_2 a_5 + a a_4 + a_0 a_3, \tag{6}$$

$$a_4 = b_2 b_3 + a a_5 + a_3 a_1, \tag{7}$$

$$a_5 = ab_3 + a_1a_4 + a_2a_3 + a_0a_5, \tag{8}$$

Note that $0 \neq t$ is an idempotent if and only if we have all equalities (1)-(8). By (1), we have $b_1 = a^4$. Suppose that $a \neq 0$. Using (2) we get

$$a_0 = 1 + aa_1 + a^3 a_3. \tag{9}$$

By (5) we get

$$a_2 = a^4 a_3^2 + a^2 a_4 + a_1^2 + a a_3.$$
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By (7) we have

$$a_4 = aa_5 + a_3a_1 + a^2a_3^2, a_2 = a^3a_5 + a^2a_3a_1 + a_1^2 + aa_3;$$
 (11)

then $t = a^4 \kappa^{[2]} + a^2 + \kappa + a_3^2 \eta + ay_{-1} + (1 + aa_1 + a^3 a_3)y_0 + a_1 y_1 + (a^3 a_5 + a_3)y_0 + a_1 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_1 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_2 + a_3 y_3 + a_3$ $a^{2}a_{3}a_{1} + a_{1}^{2} + aa_{3}y_{2} + a_{3}y_{3} + (aa_{5} + a_{3}a_{1} + a^{2}a_{3}^{2})y_{4} + a_{5}y_{5}$ is an idempotent. In the case a = 0 the calculations are analogous but more easy.

All statements about the conjugation of idempotents are easy to prove. For example, consider the set I_W^2 . If b = 0 then $t = a^2\eta + y_0 + ay_3 + cy_5 =$ $(\eta + y_0 + y_3)^{\phi}$, where $\phi = \phi(x, y, 0, 0, 0)$, $x^3 = 1/a$, y = xc/a. Suppose that $b \neq 0$. In this case $t = a^2 \eta + y_0 + b y_1 + b^2 y_2 + a y_3 + ab y_4 + c y_5$ is conjugated with $t(b_1) = \eta + y_0 + b_1 y_1 + b_1^2 y_2 + y_3 + b_1 y_4$. Suppose that $t(b_1)$ is conjugated with $t(b_2) = \eta + y_0 + b_2 y_1 + b_2^2 y_2 + y_3 + b_2 y_4$, then $t(b_1)^{\phi} = t(b_2), \phi = \phi(x, y, z, p, q)$. Hence, $x^3 = 1$ and $b_1 x = b_2$.

Proposition 2.3. The variety N(W) of 2-nilpotent elements is given by
$$\begin{split} N(W) &= \{x \in W_2 : x^{[2]} = 0\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^3 N_W^i, \text{ where} \\ N_W^1 &= \{a\eta + by_2 + cy_4 + dy_5 : a \in k^*, b, c, d \in k\} \\ N_W^2 &= \{a\kappa^{[2]} + \frac{b^2}{a}\eta + cy_0 + by_1 + dy_2 + \frac{c^2}{a}y_4 + \frac{bc}{a}y_5 : a \in k^*, b, c, d \in k\} \\ N_W^3 &= \{ay_2 + by_4 + cy_5 : a, b, c \in k\} \subseteq W. \end{split}$$

Moreover.

i) $N_W^1 = \{a\eta + y_2 + cy_4 + dy_5 : 0 \neq a, d, c \in k\}^{G_1} \cup \{a\eta + y_4 + dy_5 : 0 \neq a, d \in k, \}^{G_1} \cup \{\eta + dy_5 : d \in k/\mathbb{Z}_3\}^{G_1}$, here k/\mathbb{Z}_3 is the set of orbits of the following \mathbb{Z}_3 -action on $k : x \to \delta x, \delta^3 = 1$.

- ii) $N_W^2 = \{\kappa^{[2]}\}^{G_1}$ forms one orbit under the G_1 -action.
- *iii*) $N_W^3 = \{y_2 + by_4 + cy_5 : b, c \in k\}^{G_1} \cup \{y_4 + cy_5 : c \in k\}^{G_1} \cup y_5^{G_1}.$

We note also that the G_1 -stabilizers of the elements in N_W^3 have dimension 4, but they may be defined over different fields.

Proof. The set N(W) we can describe as the set I(W) but more easy. Consider the set of G_1 -orbits of the natural G_1 -action on N(W). It is easy to see that $(N_W^1)^{G_1} = N_W^1$. Let $n = a\eta + by_2 + cy_4 + dy_5 \in N_W^1$

and $b \neq 0$. Then we can find a diagonal automorphism $\phi = \phi(\alpha, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ such that $n^{\phi} = a_1\eta + y_2 + c_1y_4 + d_1y_5$. Note that for all $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \in k$ we have $n^{\phi} = n^{\phi(\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4)}$. If $n^{\phi} = (a_2\eta + y_2 + c_2y_4 + d_2y_5)^{\phi(\beta, 0, 0, 0, 0)}$, then $\beta^2 = 1$ and $\phi(\beta, 0, 0, 0, 0) = 1$. It means that $a_1\eta + y_2 + c_1y_4 + d_1y_5$ is the unique representative of its G_1 -orbit.

Analogously we proceed in the case $b = 0, c \neq 0$. Suppose that b = c = 0. As above we can find a diagonal automorphism ϕ such that $(a\eta + dy_5)^{\phi} = \eta + d_1y_5$. Let $\psi = \phi(\beta, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ and $(\eta + d_1y_5)^{\phi} = \eta + d_2y_5$. Therefore, $\beta^6 = 1$ and $\beta^{-5}d_1 = d_2$. Then $\beta = \delta \in k, \ \delta^3 = 1, \ \beta^{-5} = \delta$, and d_1, d_2 are contained in the same \mathbf{Z}_3 -orbit.

The other cases may be considered analogously.

3. The Kostrikin-Dzhumadil'daev algebras

The Kostrikin-Dzhumadil'daev Lie algebras $L(\varepsilon)$ (or KD-algebras, for brevity) of dimension 7 form a family depending on one parameter $\varepsilon \in k$ (see Example 7.2 of [K]). The multiplication table of basis elements in $L(\varepsilon)$ is as follows:

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	$\parallel L(\varepsilon$	$()_{-1}$	$L(\epsilon$	$\varepsilon)_0$	$L(\epsilon$	$L(\varepsilon)_2$	
	u_0	u_1	e_0	e_1	f_0	f_1	g
u_0	•	0	εu_0	$\bar{\varepsilon} u_1$	e_0	e_1	f_1
u_1	0	•	$\bar{\varepsilon} u_1$	εu_0	e_1	e_0	f_0
e_0	εu_0	$\bar{\varepsilon} u_1$	•	e_1	εf_0	$\bar{\varepsilon} f_1$	g
e_1	$\bar{\varepsilon} u_1$	εu_0	e_1	•	εf_1	$\bar{\varepsilon} f_0$	0
f_0	e_0	e_1	εf_0	εf_1	•	g	0
f_1	e_1	e_0	$\bar{\varepsilon} f_1$	$\bar{\varepsilon} f_0$	g	•	0
g	f_1	f_0	g	0	0	0	•

A KD-algebra $L(\varepsilon)$

Firstly note that for $\varepsilon = 0$ or $\varepsilon = 1$ the algebra $L(\varepsilon)$ is semi-simple but not simple. It is an easy exercise to prove that L_0 and L_1 are isomorphic. For $\varepsilon \notin \{0, 1\}$, the following theorem holds.

Theorem 3.1. Given $\varepsilon \notin \{0,1\}$, the corresponding simple KD-algebra $L(\varepsilon)$ is isomorphic to the Hamiltonian algebra $H_2 = H((2,1),\omega)$.

Proof. For $\varepsilon \in k \setminus \{0,1\}$, consider the Lie algebra $L(\varepsilon)$ as given above and apply the following changing of basis: $V_0 = \sqrt{\varepsilon \overline{\varepsilon}}(u_0 + u_1), V_1 =$ $\varepsilon u_0 + \overline{\varepsilon} u_1, F_0 = f_0 + f_1, F_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \overline{\varepsilon}}}(\overline{\varepsilon} f_0 + \varepsilon f_1), E_1 = \frac{e_1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \overline{\varepsilon}}}, E_0 =$

 $e_0 + e_1$, $G = \frac{g}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \overline{\varepsilon}}}$. Hence, $L(\varepsilon)$ is isomorphic to the Lie algebra $K = \langle V_0, V_1, E_0, E_1, F_0, F_1, G \rangle$ given by the Lie multiplication table below. It is easy to see that a basis of the 2-closure K_2 may be chosen as follows: $\{t, m, n, V_0, V_1, E_0, E_1, F_0, F_1, G\}$ and the multiplication table in K_2 is the following:

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	t	m	n	V_0	V_1	E_1	E_0	F_1	F_0	G
t	t	0	0	V_0	V_1	0	0	F_1	F_0	0
m	0	0	E_0	0	0	0	0	V_1	V_0	E_1
n	0	E_0	0	0	F_1	G	0	0	0	0
V_0	V_0	0	0	0	0	V_1	0	0	E_0	F_1
V_1	V_1	0	F_1	0	m	V_0	V_1	E_0	E_1	F_0
E_1	0	0	G	V_1	V_0	t	E_1	F_0	F_1	0
E_0	0	0	0	0	V_1	E_1	E_0	F_1	0	G
F_1	F_1	V_1	0	0	E_0	F_0	F_1	n	G	0
F_0	F_0	V_0	0	E_0	E_1	F_1	0	G	n	0
G	0	E_1	0	F_1	F_0	0	G	0	0	0

The 2-closure K_2 of the KD-algebra K

Note that K has a Cartan subalgebra $C = k\{E_0, F_0, V_0\}$ of toral rank one (but the absolute toral rank of C is equal to two!) Recall that Skryabin's Theorem 6.2 [Sk] asserts (in particular) that every finite dimensional simple Lie algebra L over a field of characteristic 2 with a Cartan subalgebra C of toral rank one is isomorphic to a Hamiltonian algebra if $dimL/L_0 =$ 2, where L_0 is a maximal subalgebra that contains C. In our case $K_0 =$ $Span_k\{E_0, F_0, V_0, G, F_1\}$ and $dimK/K_0 = 2$. Hence K is a Hamiltonian algebra by Skryabin's Theorem. On the other hand there exists a unique 7-dimensional Hamiltonian algebra $H_2 = H((2, 1), \omega)$, where $\omega = (1 + x_1^{(3)}x_2)dx_1 \wedge dx_2$ is a non-standard 2-form. \Box

From now on we will denote a KD-algebra $L(\varepsilon)$, for $\varepsilon \notin \{0, 1\}$, simply by K and its 2-closure by K_2 , as in the theorem above.

3.1. The group of 2-automorphisms $G_2 = Aut_{k,2}(K_2)$.

Proposition 3.1. The group of 2-automorphisms G_2 of the Lie 2-algebra K_2 is defined on its basis elements, for $\varphi = \varphi(a, b, c) \in G_2$ and $a \neq 0$, by:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \varphi: & E_{0} & \longmapsto & E_{0} + a^{-2} \, b^{2} \, G \\ & G & \longmapsto & a^{2} \, G \\ & F_{0} & \longmapsto & a \, F_{0} \\ & F_{1} & \longmapsto & a \, F_{1} + b \, G \\ & E_{1} & \longmapsto & E_{1} + a^{-1} \, b \, F_{1} + c \, G \\ & V_{0} & \longmapsto & a^{-1} \, V_{0} + a^{-2} \, b \, E_{0} + a^{-3} \, b^{2} \, F_{1} + a^{-3} \, b^{2} \, F_{0} + a^{-4} \, b^{3} \, G \\ & V_{1} & \longmapsto & a^{-1} \, V_{1} + a^{-2} \, b \, E_{1} + a^{-1} \, c \, F_{1} + a^{-3} \, b^{2} \, F_{0} + (a^{-2} \, b \, c + a^{-4} \, b^{3}) \, G \\ & n & \longmapsto & a^{2} \, n \\ & t & \longmapsto & t + a^{-2} \, b^{2} \, n + a^{-1} \, b \, F_{0} \\ & m & \longmapsto & a^{-2} \, m + a^{-4} \, b^{2} \, t + (a^{-2} \, c^{2} + a^{-6} \, b^{4}) \, n + a^{-3} \, b \, V_{0} + a^{-4} \, b^{2} \, E_{1} + a^{-2} \, c \, E_{0} + a^{-5} \, b^{3} \, F_{1} + a^{-5} \, b^{3} \, F_{0} + a^{-4} \, b^{2} \, c \, G. \end{array}$$

Note that $\dim_k G_2 = 3$ for every field k of characteristic 2.

Proof. Let ϕ be an automorphism of K_2 . Then $\{x \in K : x^{[2]} = x\}^{\phi} = \{x \in K : x^{[2]} = x\} = \{E_0 + aG : a \in k\}$; in particular, $E_0^{\phi} = E_0 + aG$.

For all $a_1, a_2 \in k$, the map $E_0 + a_2G \to E_0 + a_1G$ may be extended to an automorphism $\psi = \psi_{a_1,a_2}$. Hence, $E_0^{\phi\psi_{0,a}} = E_0$ and we may assume that $E_0^{\phi} = E_0$. Let $S = Ann_K E_0 = Span_k\{V_0, E_0, F_0\}$. Then $S^{\phi} = S$ and $V_0^{\phi} = aV_0, 0 \neq a \in k$, since $kV_0 = \{x \in S : x^{[2]} = 0\}$. It is easy to see that the map $\tau : E_0 \to E_0, V_0 \to a^{-1}V_0, V_1 \to a^{-1}V_1, F_1 \to aF_1, F_0 \to aF_0,$ $G \to a^2G$ is an automorphism. Therefore, $V_0^{\phi\tau} = V_0$ and we may suppose that $E_0^{\phi} = E_0, V_0^{\phi} = V_0$. Since $\{x \in S : x^{[4]} = 0\}^{\phi} = \{x \in S : x^{[4]} = 0\} =$ $kV_0 \cup kF_0$, we have $F_0^{\phi} = F_0$. Analogously, if $T = \{x \in K : [x, E_0] = x\}$ then $Ann_TF_0 = kG$ and $G^{\phi} = G$. We have $E_1^{\phi} = E_1 + aF_1 + bG$, then

 $[E_1^{\phi}, F_0^{\phi}] = [E_1, F_0]^{\phi} = F_1^{\phi} = F_1 = [E_1 + aF_1 + bG, F_0] = F_1 + aG,$ and a = 0. Furthermore,

$$V_1^{\phi} = [E_1, V_0]^{\phi} = [E_1^{\phi}, V_0^{\phi}] = [E_1 + bG, V_0] = V_1 + bF_1.$$

It is easy to see that ϕ is an automorphism. Hence, $dimG_2 = 3$.

3.2. Idempotent and Nilpotent Elements of K_2 .

Proposition 3.2. For the 2-closure K_2 of the KD-algebra, the variety of idempotent elements $I(K) = \{x \in k_2 : 0 \neq x^{[2]} = x\}$ is given by

$$\begin{split} I_K^1 &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{i} I_K^i \,, \, where \\ I_K^1 &= \{\alpha^2 t + \xi^{-2} \, m + \xi^2 (b + \bar{\alpha}\bar{a})^2 \, n + a\xi^{-1} \, V_0 + \xi^{-1} \, V_1 + \alpha \bar{\alpha} \, E_1 + b \, E_0 + \xi(b + \bar{\alpha}(\alpha \, a + \bar{\alpha}))F_1 + \xi \bar{\alpha}(\alpha \, a + a + \alpha) \, F_0 + \xi^2 \bar{\alpha}(b\alpha + \alpha \, a + a) \, G \, : \, \alpha, a, b \in k, \xi \in k^* \} \\ I_K^2 &= \{t + \xi^2 (b^2 + b + c)^2 \, n + \xi^{-1} \, V_0 + b \, E_0 + c\xi \, F_1 + \xi(b^2 + b) \, F_0 + \xi^2 \, b \, c \, G \, : \\ \xi, b, c \in k \} \\ I_K^3 &= \{t + \xi^{-1} c^2 \, n + E_0 + c \, \xi \, F_0 + \xi^2 \, d \, G \, : \, \xi, c, d \in k \} \\ I_K^4 &= \{t + \xi^2 (c_0 + c_1)^2 \, n + \xi \, c_1 \, F_1 + c_0 \, \xi \, F_0 + \xi^2 \, c_0 \, c_1 \, G \, : \, \xi, c_0, c_1 \in k \} \\ I_K^5 &= \{\delta t + \delta a^2 n + a(\delta F_0 + F_1) + E_1 + E_0 + d \, G \, : \, \delta^2 + \delta + 1 = 0, \, a, d \in k \} . \end{split}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Proposition 3.3. The variety of nilpotent elements } N(K) = \{x \in K_2: x^{[2]} = 0\} \text{ is described as follows: } N(K) = \bigcup_{i=1}^6 N_K^i, \text{ where} \\ N_K^1 = \{t + \beta \, m + (c^2 + \beta \, d^2) \, n + \beta \, c \, V_0 + E_1 + \beta \, d \, E_0 + c(F_1 + F_0) + d \, G : \beta, d, c \in k\} \\ N_K^2 = \{t + c^2 \, n + E_1 + c \, (F_0 + F_1) + d \, G : d, c \in k\} \\ N_K^3 = \{n + d \, G : d \in k\}, \qquad N_K^4 = \{n + a \, V_0 : a \in k\} \\ N_K^5 = \{n + b^3 \, V_0 + d \, b^2 \, E_0 + b \, d^2(F_0 + F_1) + d^3 \, G : d, b \in k\} \\ N_K^6 = \{\alpha^3 V_0 + \alpha^2 \gamma \, E_0 + \alpha \gamma^2 \, (F_0 + F_1) + \gamma^3 \, G : \alpha, \gamma \in k\}. \end{array}$

Proofs of Propositions 3.2 and 3.3 are analogous to the proof of Proposition 2.2. \Box

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Proposition 3.4. The } G_2 \text{-}orbits \ of \ the \ variety \ I(K) = \bigcup_{i=1}^7 \ OI_K^i \ are \\ I_K^1 = OI_K^1 = \cup_{\lambda \in k} OI_{K,\lambda}^1, \ OI_{K,\lambda}^1 = \{ t + m + \lambda V_0 + V_1 \}^{G_2} \\ I_K^2 = OI_K^2 = \cup_{b \in k} OI_{K,b}^2, \ OI_{K,b}^2 = \{ t + V_0 + b E_0 + b \bar{b} (F_1 + F_0) + b^2 \bar{b} G \}^{G_2} \\ I_K^3 = OI_K^3 = \cup_{d \in k} OI_{K,d}^3, \ OI_{K,d}^3 = \{ t + E_0 + d G \}^{G_2} \\ I_K^4 = OI_K^4 \cup OI_K^5, \ OI_K^4 = \{ t \}^{G_2} OI_K^5 = \{ t + F_1 + F_0 + G \}^{G_2} \\ I_K^5 = OI_K^6 = \{ \delta t + E_1 + E_0 : \delta^2 + \delta + 1 = 0 \}^{G_2} \\ I_K^6 = OI_K^7 = \{ E_0 \}^{G_2}. \end{array}$

Proof. Show that $I_K^1 = \bigcup_{\lambda \in k} OI_{K,\lambda}^1$. Denote by $\phi(a, b, c)$ an automorphism from Proposition 3.1. Let $a_1 = \xi$, $b_1 = \xi^2(1 + \alpha)$, $c_1 = \xi(\xi^{-3}b^2 + \xi(b + \bar{a}\bar{\alpha}))$, $\lambda = a_1(a\xi^{-1} + a_1^{-3}b_1)$. Then by direct calculation we get $(t + m + \lambda V_0 + V_1)^{\phi(a_1,b_1,c_1)} = \alpha^2 t + \xi^{-2} m + \xi^2(b + \bar{\alpha}\bar{a})^2 n + a\xi^{-1} V_0 + \xi^{-1} V_1 + \alpha \bar{\alpha} E_1 + b E_0 + \xi(b + \bar{\alpha}(\alpha a + \bar{\alpha}))F_1 + \xi \bar{\alpha}(\alpha a + a + \alpha) F_0 + \xi^2 \bar{\alpha}(b\alpha + a + \alpha)F_0$

 $\alpha a + a) G \in I^1_{K,\lambda}.$

The other cases may be considered analogously. For example,

 $I_{K}^{6} \,=\, \{\,\delta\,t\,+\,E_{1}\,+\,E_{0}\,:\,\delta^{2}\,+\,\delta\,+\,1=0,\,\}^{G_{2}},$

since $(\delta t + E_1 + E_0)^{\phi(1,a,d+a^2)} = \delta t + \delta a^2 n + a(\delta F_0 + F_1) + E_1 + E_0 + dG.$

Note that $N_K^5 \subset K$. We have the following result on the varieties of nilpotent and idempotent elements.

Theorem 3.2. The varieties I(A) and N(A), for $A \in \{W, K\}$, are irreducible.

Proof. We write a detailed proof for the variety I(K) and leave the other cases to the reader. It suffices to prove that the first orbit includes in its closure (in the Zariski topology) all the other orbits. Observe that a generic element of the orbit orb(1), in projective coordinates, is written as: $f(\lambda, \xi, \alpha, b, a) = \lambda^4 \xi^2 \alpha^2 t + \lambda^8 m + \xi^4 (b^2 \lambda^2 + (\lambda + \alpha)^2 (\lambda + a)^2) n + \lambda^6 a \xi V_0 + \lambda^7 \xi V_1 + \lambda^4 \xi^2 \alpha (\lambda + \alpha) E_1 + \lambda^5 \xi^2 b E_0 + \lambda^2 \xi^3 (b \lambda^2 + (\lambda + \alpha) (\alpha a + \lambda^2 + \alpha \lambda)) F_1 + \lambda^2 \xi^3 (\lambda + \alpha) (\lambda \alpha + a \alpha + a \lambda) F_0 + \lambda \xi^4 (\lambda + \alpha) (b \alpha + a \alpha + a \lambda) G.$

1) Now we make the following substitutions: $b = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $\xi = \frac{\lambda^3}{(1+\lambda)^3}$, $a = \frac{1}{\lambda(\lambda+1)}$, $\alpha = 1$ and $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda + 1$. Hence,

$$f(\lambda, \frac{\lambda^3}{\bar{\lambda}^3}, 1, \lambda^{-1}, \frac{1}{\lambda\bar{\lambda}}) = \frac{\lambda^{10}}{\bar{\lambda}^6} (t + n + E_0 + F_0) + \lambda^8 m + \frac{\lambda^8}{\bar{\lambda}^4} V_0 + \frac{\lambda^{10}}{\bar{\lambda}^3} V_1 + \frac{\lambda^{10}}{\bar{\lambda}^5} E_1 + \frac{\lambda^{10}}{\bar{\lambda}^6} F_1.$$

Let χ be the closure (in the Zariski topology) of the orbit OI_K^1 . Then we have $\lambda^{10}(t + n + E_0 + F_0) + \bar{\lambda}(\bar{\lambda}^5 \lambda^8 m + \bar{\lambda} \lambda^8 V_0 + \bar{\lambda}^2 \lambda^{10} V_1 + \bar{\lambda} \lambda^{10} E_1) + \lambda^{10} F_1 \in \chi$. Hence, for $\lambda = 1$, one gets $u = t + n + E_0 + F_0 \in \chi$. Applying the automorphism $\varphi(a, b, c)$ with $a^2 = b, c = 0$ to u we obtain $u^{\varphi} = t + E_0 + a^2 G \in \chi$. Therefore, OI_K^3 is contained in χ .

2) Putting
$$\xi = a$$
, $\lambda = \alpha$, $\alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha}{a}$, $b_1 = \frac{b}{\alpha}$, we have
 $f = f(\alpha, a, \alpha, b, a) = \alpha^6 a^2 t + \alpha^8 m + \alpha^2 b^2 a^4 n + \alpha^6 a^2 V_0 + \alpha^7 a V_1 + \alpha^5 a^2 b E_0 + \alpha^4 a^3 b F_1.$

Hence, $\frac{f}{\alpha^6 a^2} = (t + V_0) + \alpha_1^2 m + \alpha_1 V_1 + \left(\frac{b_1}{\alpha_1}\right)^2 n + b_1 E_0 + \frac{b_1}{\alpha_1} F_1 = \bar{f}(\alpha_1, b_1)$. Therefore, $\bar{f}(\alpha_1, \tau \alpha_1) = (t + V_0 + \tau^2 n + \tau F_1) + \alpha_1^2 m + \tau^2 n + \tau F_1$

 $\alpha_1 V_1 + \alpha_1 E_0$. Thus, for $\alpha = 0$, one gets $g = t + V_0 + \tau^2 n + \tau F_1 \in \chi$. Applying the automorphism $\varphi = \varphi(1, \tau, 0)$ to g, we obtain $g^{\varphi} = t + V_0 + \tau E_0 + \tau \overline{\tau} (F_0 + F_1) + \tau^2 \overline{\tau} G \in \chi$. Therefore, OI_K^2 is also contained in χ .

3) Now put b = 0 and $\lambda = a$ in f. Then $f = a^4 \xi^2 \alpha^2 t + a^8 m + a^7 \xi (V_0 + V_1) + a^4 \xi^2 \alpha (a + \alpha) E_1 + a^4 \xi^3 (a + \alpha)^2 (F_0 + F_1) + a^2 \xi^4 (a + \alpha)^2 G$.

Substituting $a_1 = \frac{a}{\xi}$, $a_2 = \frac{a}{\alpha}$ we have:

$$g = \frac{f}{a^4 \xi^2 \alpha^2} = t + a_1^2 a_2^2 m + (1 + a_2) E_1 + a_1 a_2^2 (V_0 + V_1) + \frac{(1 + a_2) a_2}{a_1} (F_0 + F_1) + \frac{(1 + a_2)^2}{a_1^2} G.$$

For $a_1 = a_2 + 1$ one gets $g = t + \bar{a_2}^2 a_2^2 m + \bar{a_2} E_1 + \bar{a_2} a_2^2 (V_0 + V_1) + a_2(F_0 + F_1) + G$. Hence, if $a_2 = 1$, then $g = t + F_0 + F_1 + G \in \chi$, that is, OI_K^4 is contained in χ .

4) Let $\lambda = \tau \alpha = b$, $a = \tau^2 \alpha$ and so, as $\tau^2 + \tau = 1$, we have $\alpha + \lambda = \tau^2 \alpha$. Hence,

 $f(\tau\alpha,\xi,\tau\alpha,\tau^{2}\alpha) = \tau\alpha^{6}\xi^{2}t + \alpha^{6}\xi^{2}(E_{0}+E_{1}) + \tau^{2}\alpha^{8}m + \tau^{2}\alpha^{7}\xi V_{0} + \alpha^{7}\xi V_{1}.$

By substituting $\rho = \frac{\alpha}{\xi}$, one gets $\frac{f}{\alpha^6 \xi^2} = (\tau t + E_0 + E_1) + \tau^2 \rho^2 m + \tau^2 \rho V_0 + \rho V_1$. For $\rho = 0$ we have $\tau t + E_0 + E_1 \in \chi$. Therefore, $OI_K^6 \subset \chi$.

5) Applying the automorphism $\varphi = \varphi(a, 0, 0)$ to $g = t + F_0 + F_1 + G$, we get $g^{\varphi} = t + a(F_0 + F_1) + a^2 G$. Hence, for a = 0, the orbit of t is also contained in χ .

6) Finally, to prove that $OI_K^7 \subset \chi$, consider $\frac{1}{b}(t + V_0 + bE_0 + b\bar{b}(F_1 + F_0) + b^2\bar{b}G) = at + aV_0 + E_0 + \bar{b}(F_1 + F_0) + b\bar{b}G$, with $a \in k$. In this way, for a = 0, b = 1, in the Zariski topology, E_0 lies in the closure of OI_K^2 , which is contained in χ .

3.3. Cartan decompositions. An interesting and important problem for a Lie 2-algebra is the classification of its Cartan subalgebras up to automorphisms. Here we give some examples of Cartan subalgebras of K_2 and W_2 such that the corresponding Cartan decomposition is defined over a field \mathbf{F}_4 for W_2 and over \mathbf{F}_2 for the algebra K_2 .

Conjecture 3.1. A toral subalgebra of A_2 of dimension 3 always has an idempotent from I_A^1 , $A \in \{W, K\}$. Let T be a toral subalgebra of W_2 of dimension 3. Suppose that T is defined over a field \mathbf{F} , then $\mathbf{F}_4 \subseteq \mathbf{F}$.

A particular example of a toral Cartan subalgebra T of W_2 is generated by $\{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$ where $t_1 = \eta + y_0 + y_3$, $t_2 = \kappa^{[2]} + \kappa + y_{-1} + y_1 + y_2$, $t_3 = \delta^2(\kappa + y_1) + \delta(\kappa^{[2]} + y_{-1} + y_2)$, with $\delta^2 + \delta + 1 = 0$, $\delta^3 = 1$, $\delta \in k^*$.

Let $\mathcal{G} = \langle \alpha, \beta, \gamma \rangle$ be an elementary abelian group of order 8. A Cartan decomposition of W_2 with respect to T is given by

$$W_2 \,=\, T \oplus \sum_{\xi \in \mathcal{G}} \oplus L_{\xi},$$

where $L_{\xi} = \langle e_{\xi} \rangle$ and $e_{\alpha} = y_{-1} + y_2, e_{\beta} = \delta^2(y_0 + y_3) + (y_2 + y_5) + \delta y_2,$ $e_{\gamma} = y_0 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5, e_{\alpha+\beta} = y_{-1} + y_2 + y_5 + \delta(y_1 + y_4) + \delta^2 y_3,$ $e_{\alpha+\gamma} = y_{-1} + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5, e_{\beta+\gamma} = \delta(y_0 + y_3) + (y_2 + y_5) + \delta^2 y_4$ and $e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = y_{-1} + y_2 + y_5 + \delta y_3 + \delta^2 (y_1 + y_4).$

In the diagonal of the table below, we present the elements $e_{\xi}^{[2]}, \xi \in \mathcal{G}$ and $\tilde{t} = t_3 + \delta(t_1 + t_2), \ \check{t} = \delta^2 t_1 + \delta t_2 + t_3$. Note that this Cartan decomposition occurs over a field k with four elements.

	e_{α}	e_{β}	e_{γ}	$e_{\alpha+\beta}$	$e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	$e_{\beta+\gamma}$	$e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$
e_{α}	$t_3 + \delta t_2$	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha+\beta}$	$e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	$\delta^2 e_{\beta}$	e_{γ}	$\delta e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	$\delta e_{\beta+\gamma}$
e_{β}	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha+\beta}$	δt_1	0	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha}$	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	0	$e_{\alpha+\gamma}$
e_{γ}	$e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	0	t_1	$e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	e_{lpha}	0	$e_{\alpha+\beta}$
$e_{\alpha+\beta}$	$\delta^2 e_{\beta}$	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha}$	$e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	\tilde{t}	$\delta e_{\beta+\gamma}$	$\delta e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	e_{γ}
$e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	e_{γ}	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	e_{α}	$\delta e_{\beta+\gamma}$	$t_3 + t_1 + \delta t_2$	$\delta e_{\alpha+\beta}$	$\delta^2 e_\beta$
$e_{\beta+\gamma}$	$\delta e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	0	0	$\delta e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	$\delta e_{\alpha+\beta}$	$\delta^2 t_1$	δe_{α}
$e_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$	$\delta e_{\beta+\gamma}$	$\delta^2 e_{\alpha+\gamma}$	$e_{\alpha+\beta}$	e_{γ}	$\delta^2 e_{\beta}$	δe_{α}	ť

Consider the following elements of K_2 :

Let $T = \langle t_i : i = 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ with $t_i^{[2]} = t_i$. It is easy to verify that $[a_i, t_j] = \delta_{ij} a_i$, $I(K) = \{t \in K : t^{[2]} = t\} = \{\alpha a_1 + a_2 + \alpha a_3 + b_2 + b : \alpha \in k\}$. This gives a decomposition of K_2 on root spaces, and we have the following Lie multiplication table, where in the diagonal are written the elements $x^{[2]}$. Observe that this multiplication is defined over the prime field $I\!F_2$.

	t_1	t_2	t_3	a_1	a_2	b_1	a_3	b_2	b_3	b
t_1	t_1	0	0	a_1	0	b_1	0	b_2	0	b
t_2	0	t_2	0	0	a_2	b_1	0	0	b_3	b
t_3	0	0	t_3	0	0	0	a_3	b_2	b_3	b
a_1	a_1	0	0	t_2	b_1	a_2	0	a_3	b	b_3
a_2	0	a_2	0	b_1	t_1	a_1	b_3	b	0	b_2
b_1	b_1	b_1	0	a_2	a_1	$t_1 + t_2 + t_3$	b	0	b_2	a_3
a_3	0	0	a_3	0	b_3	b	t_2	a_1	a_2	b_1
b_2	b_2	0	b_2	a_3	b	0	a_1	$t_1 + t_2 + t_3$	0	a_2
b_3	0	b_3	b_3	b	0	b_2	a_2	0	0	0
b	b	b	b	b_3	b_2	a_3	b_1	a_2	0	$t_2 + t_3$

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