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# Classification of group gradings on simple Lie algebras of types $A$ , $B$ , $C$ and $D$ <sup>☆</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

For a given abelian group  $G$ , we classify the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on the simple Lie algebras of types  $\mathcal{A}_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ),  $\mathcal{B}_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $\mathcal{C}_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) and  $\mathcal{D}_n$  ( $n > 4$ ), in terms of numerical and group-theoretical invariants. The ground field is assumed to be algebraically closed of characteristic different from 2.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $U$  be an algebra (not necessarily associative) over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $G$  be an abelian group, written multiplicatively.

**Definition 1.1.** A  $G$ -grading on  $U$  is a vector space decomposition

$$U = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U_g$$

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such that

$$U_g U_h \subset U_{gh} \quad \text{for all } g, h \in G.$$

$U_g$  is called the *homogeneous component* of degree  $g$ . The *support* of the  $G$ -grading is the set

$$\{g \in G \mid U_g \neq 0\}.$$

**Definition 1.2.** We say that two  $G$ -gradings,  $U = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U_g$  and  $U' = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U'_g$ , are *isomorphic* if there exists an algebra automorphism  $\psi : U \rightarrow U'$  such that

$$\psi(U_g) = U'_g \quad \text{for all } g \in G,$$

i.e.,  $U = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U_g$  and  $U' = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U'_g$  are isomorphic as  $G$ -graded algebras.

The purpose of this paper is to classify, for a given abelian group  $G$ , the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on the classical simple Lie algebras of types  $\mathcal{A}_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ),  $\mathcal{B}_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $\mathcal{C}_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) and  $\mathcal{D}_n$  ( $n > 4$ ), in terms of numerical and group-theoretical invariants. Descriptions of such gradings were obtained in [4,8,5,2,1], but the question of distinguishing non-isomorphic gradings was not addressed in those papers. Also, A. Elduque [13] has recently found a counterexample to [8, Proposition 6.4], which was used in the description of gradings on Lie algebras of type  $\mathcal{A}$ . The fine gradings (i.e., those that cannot be refined) on Lie algebras of types  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  (including  $\mathcal{D}_4$ ) have been classified, up to equivalence, in [13] over algebraically closed fields of characteristic zero. For a discussion of the difference between classification up to equivalence and classification up to isomorphism see [16]. The two kinds of classification cannot be easily obtained from each other.

We will assume throughout this paper that the ground field  $\mathbb{F}$  is algebraically closed. We will usually assume that  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$  and in one case also  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 3$ . We obtain a description of gradings in type  $\mathcal{A}$  without using [8, Proposition 6.4] and with methods simpler than those in [2,1]. We also obtain invariants that allow us to distinguish among non-isomorphic gradings in types  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ .

The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2 we recall the description of  $G$ -gradings on a matrix algebra  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  and determine when two such gradings are isomorphic (Theorem 2.6). We also obtain a canonical form for an anti-automorphism of  $R$  that preserves the grading and restricts to an involution on the identity component  $R_e$  (Theorem 2.10). In particular, this allows us to classify (up to isomorphism) the pairs  $(R, \varphi)$  where  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is  $G$ -graded and  $\varphi$  is an involution that preserves the grading (Corollary 2.15). In Section 3 we use affine group schemes to show how one can reduce the classification of  $G$ -gradings on classical simple Lie algebras to the classification of  $G$ -gradings on  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  and of the pairs  $(R, \varphi)$  where  $\varphi$  is an involution or an anti-automorphism satisfying certain properties. In Section 4 we obtain a classification of  $G$ -gradings on simple Lie algebras of type  $\mathcal{A}$ —see Theorem 4.9. Finally, in Section 5 we state a classification of  $G$ -gradings on simple Lie algebras of types  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  (except  $\mathcal{D}_4$ )—see Theorem 5.2, which is an immediate consequence of Corollary 2.15.

## 2. Gradings on matrix algebras

Let  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  where  $\mathbb{F}$  is an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Let  $G$  be an abelian group. A description of  $G$ -gradings on  $R$  was obtained in [3,7,6]. In this section we restate that description in a slightly different form and obtain invariants that allow us to distinguish among non-isomorphic gradings. Criteria for isomorphism of the so-called “elementary” gradings (see below) on matrix algebras  $M_n(\mathbb{F})$  and on the algebra of finitary matrices were obtained in [11] and [9], respectively.

We start with gradings  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  with the property  $\dim R_g \leq 1$  for all  $g \in G$ . As shown in the proof of [3, Theorem 5],  $R$  is then a graded division algebra, i.e., any nonzero homogeneous element is invertible in  $R$ . Consequently, the support  $T \subset G$  of the grading is a subgroup. Following [13], we will call such  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  a *division grading* (the terms used in [3,7,6] and in [14] are “fine gradings” and “Pauli gradings”, respectively). Note that since  $R \cong \mathbb{F}^\sigma T$  is semisimple,  $\text{char } \mathbb{F}$  does not divide  $n^2 = |T|$ .

For each  $t \in T$ , let  $X_t$  be a nonzero element in the component  $R_t$ . Then

$$X_u X_v = \sigma(u, v) X_{uv}$$

for some nonzero scalar  $\sigma(u, v)$ . Clearly, the function  $\sigma : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times$  is a 2-cocycle, and the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$  is isomorphic to the twisted group algebra  $\mathbb{F}^\sigma T$  (with its natural  $T$ -grading regarded as a  $G$ -grading). Rescaling the elements  $X_t$  corresponds to replacing  $\sigma$  with a cohomologous cocycle. Let

$$\beta_\sigma(u, v) := \frac{\sigma(u, v)}{\sigma(v, u)}.$$

Then  $\beta = \beta_\sigma$  depends only on the class of  $\sigma$  in  $H^2(T, \mathbb{F}^\times)$  and  $\beta : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times$  is an *alternating bicharacter*, i.e., it is multiplicative in each variable and has the property  $\beta(t, t) = 1$  for all  $t \in T$ .

Clearly,  $X_u X_v = \beta(u, v) X_v X_u$ . Since the centre  $Z(R)$  is spanned by the identity element,  $\beta$  is *nondegenerate* in the sense that  $\beta(u, t) = 1$  for all  $u \in T$  implies  $t = e$ . Conversely, if  $\sigma$  is a 2-cocycle such that  $\beta_\sigma$  is nondegenerate, then  $\mathbb{F}^\sigma T$  is a semisimple associative algebra whose centre is spanned by the identity element, so  $\mathbb{F}^\sigma T$  is isomorphic to  $R$ . Therefore, the isomorphism classes of division  $G$ -gradings on  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  with support  $T \subset G$  are in one-to-one correspondence with the classes  $[\sigma] \in H^2(T, \mathbb{F}^\times)$  such that  $\beta_\sigma$  is nondegenerate.

The classes  $[\sigma]$  and the corresponding gradings on  $R$  can be found explicitly as follows. As shown in the proof of [3, Theorem 5], there exists a decomposition of  $T$  into the direct product of cyclic subgroups:

$$T = H'_1 \times H''_1 \times \dots \times H'_r \times H''_r \tag{1}$$

such that  $H'_i \times H''_i$  and  $H'_j \times H''_j$  are  $\beta$ -orthogonal for  $i \neq j$ , and  $H'_i$  and  $H''_i$  are in duality by  $\beta$ . Denote by  $\ell_i$  the order of  $H'_i$  and  $H''_i$ . If we pick generators  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  for  $H'_i$  and  $H''_i$ , respectively, then  $\varepsilon_i := \beta(a_i, b_i)$  is a primitive  $\ell_i$ -th root of unity, and all other values of  $\beta$  on the elements  $a_1, b_1, \dots, a_r, b_r$  are 1. Pick elements  $X_{a_i} \in R_{a_i}$  and  $X_{b_i} \in R_{b_i}$  such that  $X_{a_i}^{\ell_i} = X_{b_i}^{\ell_i} = 1$ . Then we obtain an isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}^\sigma T \rightarrow M_{\ell_1}(\mathbb{F}) \otimes \dots \otimes M_{\ell_r}(\mathbb{F})$  defined by

$$X_{a_i} \mapsto I \otimes \dots \otimes I \otimes X_i \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I \quad \text{and} \quad X_{b_i} \mapsto I \otimes \dots \otimes I \otimes Y_i \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I, \tag{2}$$

where

$$X_i = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_i^{n-1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_i^{n-2} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \varepsilon_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

are in the  $i$ -th factor,  $M_{\ell_i}(\mathbb{F})$ .

It follows that the class  $[\sigma] \in H^2(T, \mathbb{F}^\times)$ , and hence the isomorphism class of the  $G$ -graded algebra  $\mathbb{F}^\sigma T$ , is uniquely determined by  $\beta = \beta_\sigma$ . Conversely, since the relation  $X_u X_v = \beta(u, v) X_v X_u$  does not change when we rescale  $X_u$  and  $X_v$ , the values of  $\beta$  are determined by the  $G$ -grading. We summarize our discussion in the following

**Proposition 2.1.** *There exist division  $G$ -gradings on  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  with support  $T \subset G$  if and only if  $\text{char } \mathbb{F}$  does not divide  $n$  and  $T \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\ell_1}^2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{\ell_r}^2$  where  $\ell_1 \cdots \ell_r = n$ . The isomorphism classes of division  $G$ -gradings with support  $T$  are in one-to-one correspondence with nondegenerate alternating bicharacters  $\beta : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times$ .*

We also note that taking

$$X_{(a_1^{i_1}, b_1^{j_1}, \dots, a_r^{i_r}, b_r^{j_r})} = X_{a_1}^{i_1} X_{b_1}^{j_1} \cdots X_{a_r}^{i_r} X_{b_r}^{j_r},$$

we obtain a representative of the cohomology class  $[\sigma]$  that is multiplicative in each variable, i.e., it is a bicharacter (not alternating unless  $T$  is the trivial subgroup). In what follows, we will always assume that  $\sigma$  is chosen in this way.

**Definition 2.2.** A concrete representative of the isomorphism class of division  $G$ -graded algebras with support  $T$  and bicharacter  $\beta$  can be obtained as follows. First decompose  $T$  as in (1) and pick generators  $a_1, b_1, \dots, a_r, b_r$ . Then define a grading on  $M_{\ell_i}(\mathbb{F})$  by declaring that  $X_i$  has degree  $a_i$  and  $Y_i$  has degree  $b_i$ , where  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  are given by (3) and  $\varepsilon_i = \beta(a_i, b_i)$ . Then  $M_{\ell_1}(\mathbb{F}) \otimes \cdots \otimes M_{\ell_r}(\mathbb{F})$  with tensor product grading is a representative of the desired class. We will call any representative obtained in this way a *standard realization*.

If  $R$  has a division grading, then its structure is quite rigid. Any automorphism of the graded algebra  $R$  must send  $X_t$  to a scalar multiple of itself, hence it is given by  $X_t \mapsto \lambda(t)X_t$  where  $\lambda : T \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times$  is a character of  $T$ . Since  $\beta$  is nondegenerate, it establishes an isomorphism between  $T$  and  $\widehat{T}$ . It follows that the automorphism of  $R$  corresponding to  $\lambda$  is given by  $X \mapsto X_t^{-1} X X_t$  where  $t \in T$  is determined by  $\beta(u, t) = \lambda(u)$  for all  $u \in T$ .

It follows from [8, Lemma 6.1] that the graded algebra  $R$  admits anti-automorphisms only when  $T$  is an elementary 2-group (and hence  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$  or  $T$  is trivial). In this case, we can regard  $T$  as a vector space over the field of order 2 and think of  $\sigma(u, v)$  as a bilinear form on  $T$  (recall that  $\sigma$  is chosen so that it is a bicharacter). Hence  $\sigma(t, t)$  is a quadratic form, and  $\beta(u, v)$  is the polar bilinear form for  $\sigma(t, t)$ . Note that  $\sigma(t, t)$  depends on the choice of  $\sigma$ , so it is not an invariant of the graded algebra  $R$ . In fact, any quadratic form with polar form  $\beta(u, v)$  can be achieved by changing generators  $a_i, b_i$  in the  $i$ -th copy of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2$ . However, once we fix a standard realization of  $R$ ,  $\sigma(t, t)$  is uniquely determined. Following the usual convention regarding quadratic forms, we will denote  $\sigma(t, t)$  by  $\beta(t)$  so that  $\beta(u, v) = \beta(uv)\beta(u)\beta(v)$ . Note that

$$X^\beta = \beta(u)X \quad \text{for all } X \in R_u, u \in T, \tag{4}$$

is an involution of the graded algebra  $R$ . Hence any anti-automorphism of the graded algebra  $R$  is given by  $X \mapsto X_t^{-1} X^\beta X_t$  for a suitable  $t \in T$ . In the standard realization of  $R$  as  $M_2(\mathbb{F})^{\otimes r}$ , the involution  $\beta$  is given by matrix transpose on each slot of the tensor power. We summarize the above discussion for future reference:

**Proposition 2.3.** *Suppose  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  has a division  $G$ -grading with support  $T \subset G$  and bicharacter  $\beta$ . Then the mapping that sends  $t \in T$  to the inner automorphism  $X \mapsto X_t^{-1} X X_t$  is an isomorphism between  $T$  and the group of automorphisms  $\text{Aut}_G(R)$  of the graded algebra  $R$ . The graded algebra  $R$  admits anti-automorphisms if and only if  $T$  is an elementary 2-group. If this is the case, then, in any standard realization of  $R$ , the mapping  $X \mapsto {}^t X$  is an involution of the graded algebra  $R$ . This involution can be written in the form (4), where  $\beta : T \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  is a quadratic form. The bicharacter  $\beta(u, v)$  is the polar bilinear form associated to  $\beta$ . The group  $\text{Aut}_G(R)$  of automorphisms and anti-automorphisms of the graded algebra  $R$  is equal to  $\text{Aut}_G(R) \times \langle \beta \rangle$ . In particular, any anti-automorphism of the graded algebra  $R$  is an involution, given by  $X \mapsto X_t^{-1} X^\beta X_t$  for a uniquely determined  $t \in T$ .*

We now turn to general  $G$ -gradings on  $R$ . As shown in [3,7,6], there exist graded unital subalgebras  $C$  and  $D$  in  $R$  such that  $D \cong M_\ell(\mathbb{F})$  has a division grading,  $C \cong M_k(\mathbb{F})$  has an elementary grading given by a  $k$ -tuple  $(g_1, \dots, g_k)$  of elements of  $G$ :

$$C_g = \text{Span}\{E_{ij} \mid g_i^{-1}g_j = g\} \quad \text{for all } g \in G,$$

where  $E_{ij}$  is a basis of matrix units in  $C$ , and we have an isomorphism  $C \otimes D \rightarrow R$  given by  $c \otimes d \mapsto cd$ . Moreover, the intersection of the support  $\{g_i^{-1}g_j\}$  of the grading on  $C$  and the support  $T$  of the grading on  $D$  is equal to  $\{e\}$ .

Without loss of generality, we may assume that the  $k$ -tuple has the form

$$(g_1^{(k_1)}, \dots, g_s^{(k_s)})$$

where the elements  $g_1, \dots, g_s$  are pairwise distinct and we write  $g^{(q)}$  for  $\underbrace{g, \dots, g}_{q \text{ times}}$ .

It is important to note that the subalgebras  $C$  and  $D$  are not uniquely determined. We are now going to obtain invariants of the graded algebra  $R$ . The partition  $k = k_1 + \dots + k_s$  gives a block decomposition of  $C$ . Let  $e_i$  be the block-diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(0, \dots, I_{k_i}, \dots, 0)$  where  $I_{k_i}$  is in the  $i$ -th position,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Consider the Peirce decomposition of  $C$  corresponding to the orthogonal idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_s$ :  $C_{ij} = e_i C e_j$ . We will write  $C_i$  instead of  $C_{ii}$  for brevity. Then the identity component is

$$R_e = C_1 \otimes I \oplus \dots \oplus C_s \otimes I.$$

It follows that the idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_s$  and the (non-unital) subalgebras  $C_1, \dots, C_s$  of  $R$  are uniquely determined (up to permutation). It is easy to verify that the centralizer of  $R_e$  in  $R$  is equal to  $e_1 \otimes D \oplus \dots \oplus e_s \otimes D$ . Hence the (non-unital) subalgebras  $D_i := e_i \otimes D$  of  $R$  are uniquely determined (up to permutation). All  $D_i$  are isomorphic to  $D$  as  $G$ -graded algebras, so the isomorphism class of  $D$  is uniquely determined. This gives us invariants  $T$  and  $\beta$  according to Proposition 2.1. However, there is no canonical way to choose the isomorphisms of  $D$  with  $D_i$ . According to Proposition 2.3, the possible choices are parameterized by  $t_i \in T$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . If we fix isomorphisms  $\eta_i : D \rightarrow D_i$ , then each Peirce component  $R_{ij} = e_i R e_j$  becomes a  $D$ -bimodule by setting  $d \cdot r = \eta_i(d)r$  and  $r \cdot d = r\eta_j(d)$  for all  $d \in D$  and  $r \in R_{ij}$ . Taking  $\eta_i(d) = e_i \otimes d$  for all  $d \in D$ , we recover the subspaces  $C_{ij}$  for  $i \neq j$  as the centres of these bimodules:

$$C_{ij} = \{r \in R_{ij} \mid d \cdot r = r \cdot d \text{ for all } d \in D\}.$$

Also, the subalgebra  $D$  of  $R$  can be identified:

$$D = \{\eta_1(d) + \dots + \eta_s(d) \mid d \in D\}.$$

If we replace  $\eta_i$  by  $\eta'_i(d) = \eta_i(X_{t_i}^{-1}dX_{t_i})$ , then we get  $C'_{ij} = \eta_i(X_{t_i}^{-1})C_{ij}\eta_j(X_{t_j})$ . Let  $C' = C_1 \oplus \dots \oplus C_s \oplus \bigoplus_{i \neq j} C'_{ij}$  and  $D' = \{\eta'_1(d) + \dots + \eta'_s(d) \mid d \in D\}$ . Then  $C'$  and  $D'$  are graded unital subalgebras of  $R$ . Let  $\Psi = e_1 \otimes X_{t_1} + \dots + e_s \otimes X_{t_s}$ . Then  $\Psi$  is an invertible matrix and the mapping  $\psi(X) = \Psi^{-1}X\Psi$  is an automorphism of the (ungraded) algebra  $R$  that sends  $C$  to  $C'$  and  $D$  to  $D'$ . The restriction of  $\psi$  to  $D$  preserves the grading, whereas the restriction of  $\psi$  to  $C$  sends homogeneous elements of degree  $g_i^{-1}g_j$  to homogeneous elements of degree  $t_i^{-1}g_i^{-1}g_jt_j$  (i.e., “shifts” the grading in the  $(i, j)$ -th Peirce components by  $t_i^{-1}t_j$ ). We conclude that the  $G$ -grading of  $R$  associated to the  $k$ -tuple  $(g_1^{(k_1)}, \dots, g_s^{(k_s)})$  is isomorphic to the  $G$ -grading associated to the  $k$ -tuple  $((g_1t_1)^{(k_1)}, \dots, (g_st_s)^{(k_s)})$ . Finally, we note that the cosets  $g_i^{-1}g_jT$  are uniquely determined by the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$ , because

they are the supports of the grading on the Peirce components  $R_{ij}$  ( $i \neq j$ ). We have obtained an irredundant classification of  $G$ -gradings on  $R$ .

To state the result precisely, we introduce some notation. Let

$$\kappa = (k_1, \dots, k_s) \quad \text{where } k_i \text{ are positive integers.}$$

We will write  $|\kappa|$  for  $k_1 + \dots + k_s$  and  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , for the orthogonal idempotents in  $M_{|\kappa|}(\mathbb{F})$  associated to the block decomposition determined by  $\kappa$ . Let

$$\gamma = (g_1, \dots, g_s) \quad \text{where } g_i \in G \text{ are such that } g_i^{-1}g_j \notin T \text{ for all } i \neq j.$$

**Definition 2.4.** We will write  $(\kappa, \gamma) \sim (\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma})$  if  $\kappa$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have the same number of components  $s$  and there exist an element  $g \in G$  and a permutation  $\pi$  of the symbols  $\{1, \dots, s\}$  such that  $\tilde{k}_i = k_{\pi(i)}$  and  $\tilde{g}_i \equiv g_{\pi(i)}g \pmod{T}$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $D$  be a standard realization of division  $G$ -graded algebra with support  $T \subset G$  and bicharacter  $\beta$ . Let  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  be as above. Let  $C = M_{|\kappa|}(\mathbb{F})$ . We endow the algebra  $M_{|\kappa|}(D) = C \otimes D$  with a  $G$ -grading by declaring the degree of  $U \otimes d$  to be  $g_i^{-1}tg_j$  for all  $U \in e_iCe_j$  and  $d \in D_t$ . We will denote this  $G$ -graded algebra by  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, D, \kappa, \gamma)$ . By abuse of notation, we will also write  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ , since the isomorphism class of  $D$  is uniquely determined by  $\beta$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Let  $G$  be an abelian group. Let  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  be a grading of the matrix algebra  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$ . Then the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$  is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  where  $T \subset G$  is a subgroup,  $\beta : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times$  is a nondegenerate alternating bicharacter,  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  are as above with  $|\kappa|\sqrt{|T|} = n$ . Two  $G$ -graded algebras  $\mathcal{M}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$  are isomorphic if and only if  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \sim (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ .

**Remark 2.7.** In fact, it follows from the above discussion that, for any permutation  $\pi$  as in Definition 2.4, there exists an isomorphism from  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma})$  to  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  that sends  $\tilde{e}_i$  to  $e_{\pi(i)}$ . We can construct such an isomorphism explicitly in the following way. Let  $P = P_\pi$  be the block matrix with  $I_{k_i}$  in the  $(i, \pi(i))$ -th positions and 0 elsewhere (i.e., the block-permutation matrix corresponding to  $\pi$ ). Pick  $t_i \in T$  such that  $\tilde{g}_i = g_{\pi(i)}t_{\pi(i)}g$  and let  $B$  be the block-diagonal matrix  $e_1 \otimes X_{t_1} + \dots + e_s \otimes X_{t_s}$ . Then the map  $X \mapsto (BP)X(BP)^{-1}$  has the desired properties. We will refer to isomorphisms of this type as *monomial*.

Let  $\text{Sym}(s)$  be the group of permutations on  $\{1, \dots, s\}$ . Let  $\text{Aut}(\kappa, \gamma)$  be the subgroup of  $\text{Sym}(s)$  that consists of all  $\pi$  such that, for some  $g \in G$ , we have  $k_i = k_{\pi(i)}$  and  $g_i \equiv g_{\pi(i)}g \pmod{T}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** The group of automorphisms  $\text{Aut}_G(R)$  of the graded algebra  $R = \mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  is an extension of  $\text{Aut}(\kappa, \gamma)$  by  $\text{PGL}_\kappa(\mathbb{F}) \times \text{Aut}_G(D)$  where

$$\text{PGL}_\kappa(\mathbb{F}) = (\text{GL}_{\kappa_1}(\mathbb{F}) \times \dots \times \text{GL}_{\kappa_s}(\mathbb{F})) / \mathbb{F}^\times,$$

where  $\mathbb{F}^\times$  is identified with nonzero scalar matrices.

**Proof.** Any  $\psi \in \text{Aut}_G(R)$  leaves the identity component  $R_e$  invariant and hence permutes the idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_s$ . This gives a homomorphism  $f : \text{Aut}_G(R) \rightarrow \text{Sym}(s)$ . Looking at the supports of the Peirce components, we see that  $f(\psi) \in \text{Aut}(\kappa, \gamma)$ . Conversely, any element of  $\text{Aut}(\kappa, \gamma)$  is in  $\text{im } f$  by Remark 2.7, since it comes from a monomial automorphism of the graded algebra  $R$ . Finally, any  $\psi \in \ker f$  leaves  $C_i$  and  $D_i$  invariant and hence is given by  $\psi(X) = \Psi^{-1}X\Psi$  where

$\Psi = B_1 \otimes Q_1 \oplus \dots \oplus B_s \otimes Q_s$  for some  $B_i \in \text{GL}_{k_i}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $Q_i \in D$ . In view of Proposition 2.3, we may assume that  $Q_i = X_{t_i}$  for some  $t_i \in T$ . It is easy to see that  $\psi$  preserves the grading if and only if  $t_1 = \dots = t_s$ . The result follows.  $\square$

In order to classify gradings on Lie algebras of types  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , we will need to study involutions on  $G$ -graded matrix algebras. A description of such involutions was given in [5]. Here we will slightly simplify that description and obtain invariants that will allow us to distinguish among isomorphism classes. We start with a more general situation, which we will need for the classification of gradings in type  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $G$  be an abelian group and let  $U = \bigoplus_{g \in G} U_g$  be a  $G$ -graded algebra. We will say that an anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $U$  is *compatible* with the grading if  $\varphi(U_g) = U_g$  for all  $g \in G$ . If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are  $G$ -graded algebras and  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are anti-automorphisms on  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ , respectively, compatible with the grading, then we will say that  $(U, \varphi_1)$  and  $(U, \varphi_2)$  are *isomorphic* if there exists an isomorphism  $\psi : U_1 \rightarrow U_2$  of  $G$ -graded algebras such that  $\varphi_1 = \psi^{-1}\varphi_2\psi$ .

Suppose  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is  $G$ -graded and there exists an anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  compatible with the grading and such that  $\varphi^2|_{R_e} = \text{id}$ . Then  $\varphi$  leaves some of the components of  $R_e$  invariant and swaps the remaining components in pairs. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $e_i$  are  $\varphi$ -invariant for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and not  $\varphi$ -invariant for  $i > m$ . It will be convenient to change the notation and write  $e'_{m+1}, e''_{m+1}, \dots, e'_k, e''_k$  so that  $\varphi$  swaps  $e'_i$  and  $e''_i$  for  $i > m$ . (Thus the total number of orthogonal idempotents in question is  $2k - m$ .) It will also be convenient to distinguish  $\varphi$ -invariant idempotents of even and odd rank. Thus we assume that  $e_1, \dots, e_\ell$  have odd rank and  $e_{\ell+1}, \dots, e_m$  have even rank. We will change the notation for  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  accordingly:

$$\kappa = (q_1, \dots, q_\ell, 2q_{\ell+1}, \dots, 2q_m, q_{m+1}, q_{m+1}, \dots, q_k, q_k) \tag{5}$$

where  $q_i$  are positive integers with  $q_1, \dots, q_\ell$  odd, and

$$\gamma = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, g_{\ell+1}, \dots, g_m, g'_{m+1}, g''_{m+1}, \dots, g'_k, g''_k) \tag{6}$$

where  $g_i \in G$  are such that  $g_i^{-1}g_j \notin T$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

As shown in [8,5], the existence of the anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  places strong restrictions on the  $G$ -grading. First of all, note that the centralizer of  $R_e$  in  $R$ , which is equal to  $D_1 \oplus \dots \oplus D_m \oplus D'_{m+1} \oplus D''_{m+1} \oplus \dots \oplus D'_k \oplus D''_k$ , is  $\varphi$ -invariant. Since  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  are  $\varphi$ -invariant and belong to  $D_1, \dots, D_m$ , respectively, we see that  $D_1, \dots, D_m$  are also  $\varphi$ -invariant. By a similar argument,  $\varphi$  swaps  $D'_i$  and  $D''_i$  for  $i > m$ . Each of the  $D_i, D'_i$  and  $D''_i$  is an isomorphic copy of  $D$ , so we see that  $D$  admits an anti-automorphism. By Proposition 2.3,  $T$  must be an elementary 2-group and we have a standard realization  $D \cong M_2(\mathbb{F})^{\otimes r}$ .

Since  $\varphi$  preserves the  $G$ -grading and  $\varphi(e_i R e_j) = e_j R e_i$  for  $i, j \leq m$ , the supports of these two Peirce components must be equal, which gives  $g_i^{-1}g_j \equiv g_j^{-1}g_i \pmod{T}$  for  $i, j \leq m$ . Similarly,  $\varphi(e'_i R e''_j) = e''_j R e'_i$  implies  $(g'_i)^{-1}g''_j \equiv (g''_j)^{-1}g'_i \pmod{T}$  for  $i, j > m$ . Also,  $\varphi(e_i R e'_j) = e'_j R e_i$  implies  $g_i^{-1}g'_j \equiv (g''_j)^{-1}g_i \pmod{T}$  for  $i \leq m$  and  $j > m$ . These conditions can be summarized as follows:

$$g_1^2 \equiv \dots \equiv g_m^2 \equiv g'_{m+1}g''_{m+1} \equiv \dots \equiv g'_k g''_k \pmod{T}. \tag{7}$$

If  $\gamma$  satisfies (7), then we have

$$g_1^2 t_1 = \dots = g_m^2 t_m = g'_{m+1} g''_{m+1} t_{m+1} = \dots = g'_k g''_k t_k$$

for some  $t_1, \dots, t_k \in T$ . We can replace the  $G$ -grading by an isomorphic one so that  $\gamma$  satisfies

$$g_1^2 t_1 = \dots = g_m^2 t_m = g'_{m+1} g''_{m+1} = \dots = g'_k g''_k. \tag{8}$$

Indeed, it suffices to replace  $g'_i$  by  $g'_i t_i$ ,  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$  (which does not change the cosets mod  $T$ ).

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an algebraically closed field,  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ . Let  $G$  be an abelian group. Let  $R = \mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ . Assume that  $R$  admits an anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  that is compatible with the grading and satisfies  $\varphi^2|_{R_e} = \text{id}$ . Write  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  in the form (5) and (6), respectively. Then  $T$  is an elementary 2-group and  $\gamma$  satisfies (7). Up to an isomorphism of the pair  $(R, \varphi)$ ,  $\gamma$  satisfies (8) for some  $t_1, \dots, t_m \in T$  and  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  for all  $X \in R$ , where matrix  $\Phi$  has the following block-diagonal form:*

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} I_{q_i} \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m S_i \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ \mu_i I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I \tag{9}$$

where, for  $i = \ell + 1, \dots, m$ , each  $S_i$  is either  $I_{2q_i}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ -I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mu_{m+1}, \dots, \mu_k$  are nonzero scalars.

**Proof.** There exists an invertible matrix  $\Phi$  such that  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  for all  $X \in R$ . Recall that conjugating  $\varphi$  by the automorphism  $\psi(X) = \Psi^{-1}X\Psi$  replaces matrix  $\Phi$  by  ${}^t \Psi \Phi \Psi$ , i.e.,  $\Phi$  is transformed as the matrix of a bilinear form.

Recall that we fixed the idempotents

$$e_1, \dots, e_{\ell}, e_{\ell+1}, \dots, e_m, e'_{m+1}, e''_{m+1}, \dots, e'_k, e''_k. \tag{10}$$

It is also convenient to introduce  $e_i = e'_i + e''_i$  for  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$ .

Following the proof of [5, Lemma 6 and Proposition 1], we see that, up to an automorphism of the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$ ,  $\Phi$  has the following block-diagonal form—in agreement with the idempotents given by (10):

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} S_i Y_i \otimes Q_i \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m S_i Y_i \otimes Q_i \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k S_i Y_i \otimes Q_i.$$

(This is formula (20) of just cited paper, rewritten according to our present notation.) For  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , the matrix  $Y_i$  is in the centralizer of the simple algebra  $C_i$ , i.e., has the form  $Y_i = \xi_i I_{q_i}$ . For  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$ , the matrix  $Y_i$  is in the centralizer of the semisimple algebra  $C'_i \oplus C''_i$ , i.e., has the form  $Y_i = \text{diag}(\eta_i I_{q_i}, \xi_i I_{q_i})$ . Each  $Q_i$  is in  $D_i$ , and the map  $X \mapsto Q_i^{-1}({}^t X)Q_i$  is an anti-automorphism of  $D$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.3, each  $Q_i$  is, up to a scalar multiple, of the form  $X_{t_i}$ , for an appropriate choice of  $t_i \in T$ . The scalar can be absorbed in  $Y_i$ . Finally, the matrix  $S_i$  is  $I_{q_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, \ell$ , either  $I_{2q_i}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ -I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $i = \ell + 1, \dots, m$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$ . This allows us to rewrite the above formula as follows:

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \xi_i I_{q_i} \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m \xi_i S_i \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi_i I_{q_i} \\ \eta_i I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes X_{t_i}.$$

Here  $\xi_i, \eta_i$  are some nonzero scalars. If we now apply the inner automorphism of the graded algebra  $R$  given by the matrix  $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_1}} e_1 \otimes I + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_k}} e_k \otimes I$ , then  $\varphi$  is transformed to the anti-automorphism



given by the following matrix (which we again denote by  $\Phi$ ):

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} I_{q_i} \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m S_i \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ \mu_i I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes X_{t_i},$$

for an appropriate set of nonzero scalars  $\mu_{m+1}, \dots, \mu_k$ . It can be easily verified (and is shown in the proof of [5, Theorem 3]) that  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  satisfy the following condition:  $g_1^2 t_1 = \dots = g_m^2 t_m = g'_{m+1} g''_{m+1} t_{m+1} = \dots = g'_s g''_s t_s$ .

Finally, the inner automorphism  $\psi(X) = \Psi^{-1} X \Psi$  of  $R$  where

$$\Psi^{-1} = e_1 \otimes I + \dots + e_m \otimes I + e'_{m+1} \otimes I + e''_{m+1} \otimes X_{t_{m+1}} + \dots + e'_k \otimes I + e''_k \otimes X_{t_k}$$

sends the  $G$ -grading to the one given by

$$(g_1, \dots, g_m, g'_{m+1}, g''_{m+1} t_{m+1}, \dots, g'_k, g''_k t_k)$$

and transforms  $\varphi$  to the anti-automorphism given by a matrix of form (9).  $\square$

If  $\varphi$  is an involution  $\sum R$ , then one can get rid of the parameters  $\mu_{m+1}, \dots, \mu_s$ , and the selection of  $S_{\ell+1}, \dots, S_m$  is uniquely determined. Indeed, the matrix  $\Phi$  is then either symmetric or skew-symmetric. In the first case,  $\varphi$  is called an *orthogonal* (or *transpose*) involution. In the second case,  $\varphi$  is called a *symplectic* involution. Set  $\text{sgn}(\varphi) = 1$  if  $\varphi$  is orthogonal and  $\text{sgn}(\varphi) = -1$  if  $\varphi$  is symplectic. Similarly, set  $\text{sgn}(S_i) = 1$  if  ${}^t S_i = S_i$  and  $\text{sgn}(S_i) = -1$  if  ${}^t S_i = -S_i$ . We restate the main result of [5] in our notation (and setting  $t_{m+1} = \dots = t_k = e$ ):

**Theorem 2.11.** (See [5, Theorem 3].) *Under the conditions of Theorem 2.10, assume that  $\varphi^2 = \text{id}$ . Then, up to an isomorphism of the pair  $(R, \varphi)$ ,  $\gamma$  satisfies (8) for some  $t_1, \dots, t_m \in T$  and  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1} ({}^t X) \Phi$  for all  $X \in R$ , where matrix  $\Phi$  has the following block-diagonal form:*

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} I_{q_i} \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m S_i \otimes X_{t_i} \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k S_i \otimes I \tag{11}$$

where

- for  $i = \ell + 1, \dots, m$ , each  $S_i$  is either  $I_{2q_i}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ -I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and
- for  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$ , all  $S_i$  are either  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ -I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

such that the following condition is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sgn}(\varphi) &= \beta(t_1) = \dots = \beta(t_\ell) \\ &= \beta(t_{\ell+1}) \text{sgn}(S_{\ell+1}) = \dots = \beta(t_m) \text{sgn}(S_m) \\ &= \text{sgn}(S_{m+1}) = \dots = \text{sgn}(S_k). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Conversely, if  $\gamma$  satisfies (8) and condition (12) holds, then  $\Phi$  defines an involution of the type indicated by  $\text{sgn}(\varphi)$  on the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$ .

It is convenient to introduce the following notation (for  $m > 0$ ):

$$\tau = (t_1, \dots, t_m). \tag{13}$$

Note that for the elements  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  in (8), the ratios  $t_i^{-1}t_j$  are uniquely determined by the cosets of  $g_1, \dots, g_m \pmod T$ , so it is sufficient to specify only one  $t_i$  to find  $\tau$ .

**Definition 2.12.** We will say that  $\gamma$  is *\*-admissible* if it satisfies (7) and, for some  $t_1, \dots, t_\ell \in T$ , we have  $g_1^2 t_1 = \dots = g_\ell^2 t_\ell$  and

$$\beta(t_1) = \dots = \beta(t_\ell). \tag{14}$$

(If  $\ell \leq 1$ , then condition (14) is automatically satisfied.)

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $T \subset G$  be an elementary 2-group (of even rank) with a nondegenerate alternating bicharacter  $\beta$ . Suppose  $\gamma$  is *\*-admissible*, and  $\gamma$  and  $\tau$  satisfy (8) and (14). If  $\ell > 0$ , let  $\delta$  be the common value of  $\beta(t_1), \dots, \beta(t_\ell)$ . If  $\ell = 0$ , select  $\delta \in \{\pm 1\}$  arbitrarily. Consider  $R = \mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ . Let  $\Phi$  be the matrix given by (11) where the matrices  $S_i$  are selected so that Eq. (12) holds with  $\text{sgn}(\varphi) = \delta$ . Then, by Theorem 2.11,  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  is an involution on  $R$  that is compatible with the grading. We will denote  $(R, \varphi)$  defined in this way by  $\mathcal{M}^*(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta)$ . (Here  $\tau$  is empty if  $m = 0$ .)

**Definition 2.14.** Referring to Definition 2.13, we will write  $(\kappa, \gamma, \tau) \approx (\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\tau})$  if  $\kappa$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have the same number of components of each type, i.e., the same values of  $\ell, m$  and  $k$ , and there exist an element  $g \in G$  and a permutation  $\pi$  of the symbols  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  preserving the sets  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}, \{\ell + 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\{m + 1, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\tilde{q}_i = q_{\pi(i)}$  for all  $i$ ,  $\tilde{g}_i \equiv g_{\pi(i)}g \pmod T$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $\{\tilde{g}'_i, \tilde{g}''_i\} \equiv \{g'_{\pi(i)}g, g''_{\pi(i)}g\} \pmod T$  for all  $i = m + 1, \dots, k$ , and

- if  $m > 0$ , then  $\tilde{t}_i = t_{\pi(i)}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ;
- if  $m = 0$ , then  $\tilde{g}'_i \tilde{g}''_i = g'_{\pi(i)} g''_{\pi(i)} g^2$  for some (and hence all)  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

In the case  $m = 0$ ,  $\tau$  is empty, so we may write  $(\kappa, \gamma) \approx (\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma})$ .

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$  and  $R = \mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ . Then the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R$  admits an involution if and only if  $T$  is an elementary 2-group and  $\gamma$  is *\*-admissible*. If  $\varphi$  is an involution on  $R$ , then  $(R, \varphi)$  is isomorphic to some  $\mathcal{M}^*(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta)$  where  $\delta = \text{sgn}(\varphi)$ . Two  $G$ -graded algebras with involution,  $\mathcal{M}^*(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1, \delta_1)$  and  $\mathcal{M}^*(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2, \delta_2)$ , are isomorphic if and only if  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ ,  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$  and  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ .

**Proof.** The first two statements are a combination of Theorems 2.10 and 2.11. It remains to prove the last statement.

Let  $R_1 = \mathcal{M}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1)$ ,  $R_2 = \mathcal{M}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$  and let  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  be the corresponding involutions. Suppose  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ , and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$ . Then, by Theorem 2.6, there exists an isomorphism of  $G$ -graded algebras  $\psi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ . By Remark 2.7,  $\psi$  can be chosen to be a monomial isomorphism associated to the permutation  $\pi$  in Definition 2.14. The matrix of the involution  $\psi^{-1}\varphi_2\psi$  on  $R_1$  is then obtained from the matrix of  $\varphi_2$  by permuting the blocks on the diagonal so that they align with the corresponding blocks of  $\varphi_1$  and possibly multiplying some of the blocks by  $-1$  (the extra condition for the case  $m = 0$  in Definition 2.14 guarantees that the second tensor factor in each block remains  $I$ ). If  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ , then  $\psi^{-1}\varphi_2\psi$  can be transformed to  $\varphi_1$  by an automorphism of the  $G$ -graded algebra  $R_1$  (see the proof of Theorem 2.10).

Conversely, suppose there exists an isomorphism  $\psi : (R_1, \varphi_1) \rightarrow (R_2, \varphi_2)$ . First of all,  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are determined by the type of involution (orthogonal or symplectic), so  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ . By Theorem 2.6, we also

have  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ ,  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \sim (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ . The partitions of  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  according to  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}$ ,  $\{\ell + 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\{m + 1, \dots, k\}$  are determined by  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ , hence they must correspond under  $\psi$ . At the same time, for some  $g \in G$ , the cosets of  $\gamma_1 g T$  and  $\gamma_2 T$  must correspond under  $\psi$  up to switching  $g'_i$  with  $g''_i$  ( $i > m$ ). In the case  $m > 0$ , by Proposition 2.3,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are uniquely determined by the restrictions of  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  to  $D_1, \dots, D_m$  and hence must match under the permutation determined by  $\psi$ . Therefore, in this case  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$ . It remains to consider the case  $m = 0$ . Looking at the description of the automorphism group given by Proposition 2.8, we see that  $\psi = \psi_0 \alpha$  where  $\psi_0$  is a monomial isomorphism and  $\alpha$  is in  $\text{PGL}_{\kappa_1}(\mathbb{F}) \times \text{Aut}_G(D)$ . The action of  $\psi_0$  on  $\varphi_2$  leads to the permutation of blocks and the replacement of the second tensor factor  $I$  by  $X_{t_0}$  for some  $t_0 \in T$ . Then  $\alpha$  must transform  $\psi_0^{-1} \varphi_2 \psi_0$  to  $\varphi_1$ . The effect of  $\alpha$  on one block is the following (we omit subscripts to simplify notation):

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} {}^t A & 0 \\ 0 & {}^t B \end{pmatrix} \otimes {}^t X_u \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ \varepsilon I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes X_{t_0} \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \otimes X_u \right) = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & {}^t AB \\ \varepsilon {}^t BA & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes X_{t_0}.$$

We see that  $\alpha$  cannot change  $t_0$ . It follows that  $t_0 = e$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ .  $\square$

### 3. Correspondence between Lie gradings and associative gradings

Let  $U$  be an algebra and let  $G$  be a group. Then a  $G$ -grading on  $U$  is equivalent to a structure of an  $\mathbb{F}G$ -comodule algebra (see e.g. [17] for background). If we assume that  $U$  is finite-dimensional and  $G$  is abelian and finitely generated, then the comodule structure can be regarded as a morphism of (affine) algebraic group schemes  $G^D \rightarrow \mathbf{Aut}(U)$  where  $G^D$  is the Cartier dual of  $G$  and  $\mathbf{Aut}(G)$  is the automorphism group scheme of  $U$  (see e.g. [19] for background). Two  $G$ -gradings are isomorphic if and only if the corresponding morphisms  $G^D \rightarrow \mathbf{Aut}(U)$  are conjugate by an automorphism of  $U$ . Note also that, if  $U$  is finite-dimensional, then we may always assume without loss of generality that  $G$  is finitely generated (just replace  $G$  by the subgroup generated by the support of the grading).

If  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$ , then  $G^D = \widehat{G}$ , the algebraic group of characters on  $G$ , and  $\mathbf{Aut}(G) = \text{Aut}(G)$ , the algebraic group of automorphisms. If  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p > 0$ , then we can write  $G = G_0 \times G_1$  where  $G_0$  has no  $p$ -torsion and  $G_1$  is a  $p$ -group. Hence  $G^D = \widehat{G}_0 \times G_1^D$ , where  $\widehat{G}_0$  is smooth and  $G_1^D$  is finite and connected. The algebraic group  $\widehat{G}_0$  (which is equal to  $\widehat{G}$ ) acts on  $U$  as follows:

$$\chi * X = \chi(g)X \quad \text{for all } X \in U_g \text{ and } g \in G.$$

The group scheme  $\mathbf{Aut}(U)$  contains the group  $\text{Aut}(U)$  as the largest smooth subgroup scheme. The tangent Lie algebra of  $\mathbf{Aut}(U)$  is  $\text{Der}(U)$ , so  $\mathbf{Aut}(U)$  is smooth if and only if  $\text{Der}(U)$  equals the tangent Lie algebra of the group  $\text{Aut}(U)$ .

We will be interested in the following algebras:  $M_n(\mathbb{F})$ ,  $\mathfrak{psl}_n(\mathbb{F})$ ,  $\mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathfrak{sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , where  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ . In all these cases the automorphism group scheme is smooth, i.e., coincides with the algebraic group of automorphisms (regarded as a group scheme). Indeed, for the associative algebra  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , it is well known that  $\text{Aut}(R) = \text{PGL}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\text{Der}(R) = \mathfrak{pgl}_n(\mathbb{F})$ . For the Lie algebra  $L = \mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{F})$  ( $n \geq 5$ ,  $n \neq 8$ ) or  $\mathfrak{sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$  ( $n \geq 4$ ), it is known that every automorphism of  $L$  is the conjugation by an element of  $\text{O}_n(\mathbb{F})$  or  $\text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , respectively—see [15] for the case  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$  and [18] for the case  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$  ( $p \neq 2$ ). In particular, every automorphism of  $L$  is the restriction of an automorphism of  $R$ . Similarly, every derivation of  $L$  is the restriction of a derivation of  $R$  (see e.g. [10]).

Let  $\varphi$  be the involution of  $R$  such that  $L = \mathcal{K}(R, \varphi)$ , the space of skew-symmetric elements with respect to  $\varphi$ . Then the projectivizations of the groups  $\text{O}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$  are equal to  $\text{Aut}(R, \varphi)$ , and their tangent algebras are equal to  $\text{Der}(R, \varphi)$ . Hence the restriction map  $\theta : \text{Aut}(R, \varphi) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  is a surjective homomorphism of algebraic groups such that  $d\theta : \text{Der}(R, \varphi) \rightarrow \text{Der}(L)$  is also surjective. It follows that  $\mathbf{Aut}(L)$  is smooth. Since  $L$  generates  $R$  as an associative algebra, both  $\theta$  and  $d\theta$  are also injective. Hence  $\theta : \text{Aut}(R, \varphi) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  is an isomorphism of algebraic groups. For  $G$ -gradings this means the following. Clearly, if  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  is a grading that is compatible with  $\varphi$ , then the restriction  $L_g = R_g \cap L$  is a grading of  $L$ . Since  $\theta : \text{Aut}(R, \varphi) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  is an isomorphism and the

automorphism groups are equal to the automorphism group schemes, the restriction map gives a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on  $L$  and the  $\text{Aut}(R, \varphi)$ -orbits on the set of  $\varphi$ -compatible  $G$ -gradings on  $R$ . The orbits correspond to isomorphism classes of pairs  $(R, \varphi)$  where  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is  $G$ -graded and  $\varphi$  is an involution on  $R$  that is compatible with the grading.

The case of  $L = \text{psl}_n(\mathbb{F})$  is more complicated. We have a homomorphism of algebraic groups  $\theta : \text{Aut}(R) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  given by restriction and passing to cosets modulo the centre. It is well known that this homomorphism is not surjective for  $n \geq 3$ , because the map  $X \mapsto -{}^tX$  is not an automorphism of the associative algebra  $R$ , but it is an automorphism of the Lie algebra  $R^{(-)}$  and hence induces an automorphism of  $L$ . Let  $\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$  be the group of automorphisms and anti-automorphisms of  $R$ . Then we can extend  $\theta$  to a homomorphism  $\overline{\text{Aut}}(R) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  by sending an anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $R$  to the map induced on  $L$  by  $-\varphi$ . This extended  $\theta$  is surjective for any  $n \geq 3$  if  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2, 3$  (see [18]) and for any  $n > 3$  if  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 3$  (see [10]). It is easy to verify that  $\theta$  and  $d\theta$  are injective and hence  $\theta$  is an isomorphism of algebraic groups (see e.g. [1, Lemma 5.3]). It is shown in [10] that, under the same assumptions on  $\text{char } \mathbb{F}$ , every derivation of  $L$  is induced by a derivation of  $R$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{Aut}(L)$  is smooth, i.e.,  $\mathbf{Aut}(L) = \text{Aut}(L)$ .

Now let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a  $G$ -grading and let  $\alpha : G^D \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  be the corresponding morphism. Then we have a morphism  $\tilde{\alpha} := \theta^{-1} \alpha : G^D \rightarrow \overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$ , which gives a  $G$ -grading  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  on the Lie algebra  $R^{(-)}$ . The two gradings are related in the following way:  $L_g = (R_g \cap [R, R]) \text{ mod } Z(R)$ .

Set  $\Lambda = \tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(\text{Aut}(R))$ . Then  $\Lambda$  is a subgroupscheme of  $G^D$  of index at most 2. Moreover, since  $G_1^D$  is connected, it is mapped by  $\tilde{\alpha}$  to  $\text{Aut}(R)$  and hence is contained in  $\Lambda$ . We have two possibilities: either  $\Lambda = G^D$  or  $\Lambda$  has index 2. Following [8], we will say that the  $G$ -grading on  $L$  has *Type I* in the first case and has *Type II* in the second case. In Type I, the  $G$ -grading corresponding to  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is a grading of  $R$  as an associative algebra. In Type II, we consider  $\Lambda^\perp$ , which is a subgroup of order 2 in  $G$ . Let  $h$  be the generator of this subgroup. Note that, since  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ , the element  $h$  is in  $G_0$ .

**Remark 3.1.** For the readers more familiar with the language of Hopf algebras, there is an alternative way to define the element  $h$ . The Hopf algebra  $\mathbb{F}[\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)]$  of regular functions on the algebraic group  $\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$  has a group-like element  $f$  defined by  $f(\psi) = 1$  if  $\psi$  is an automorphism and  $f(\psi) = -1$  if  $\psi$  is an anti-automorphism. The morphism of group schemes  $\tilde{\alpha} : G^D \rightarrow \overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$  corresponds to a homomorphism of Hopf algebras  $\mathbb{F}[\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}G$ . The element  $h$  is the image of  $f$  under this homomorphism.

Let  $\overline{G} = G/\langle h \rangle$ . Then the restriction  $\tilde{\alpha} : \Lambda \rightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$  corresponds to the coarsening of the  $G$ -grading on  $R$  given by the quotient map  $G \rightarrow \overline{G}$ :

$$R = \bigoplus_{\overline{g} \in \overline{G}} R_{\overline{g}} \quad \text{where } R_{\overline{g}} = R_g \oplus R_{gh}.$$

This  $\overline{G}$ -grading is a grading of  $R$  as an associative algebra. The  $G$ -grading on  $R^{(-)}$  can be recovered as follows. Fix  $\chi \in \widehat{G}_0 = \widehat{G}$  such that  $\chi(h) = -1$ . Then  $\chi$  acts on  $R$  as  $-\varphi$  where  $\varphi$  is an anti-automorphism preserving the  $\overline{G}$ -grading. Then we have

$$R_g = \{X \in R_{\overline{g}} \mid -\varphi(X) = \chi(g)X\} = \{-\varphi(X) + \chi(g)X \mid X \in R_{\overline{g}}\}.$$

Thus we obtain (1) a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on  $L$  of Type I and the  $\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$ -orbits on the set of  $G$ -gradings on  $R$  and (2) a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on  $L$  of Type II and  $\overline{\text{Aut}}(R)$ -orbits on the set of pairs  $(R, \varphi)$  where  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is  $\overline{G}$ -graded and  $\varphi$  is an anti-automorphism on  $R$  that is compatible with the  $\overline{G}$ -grading and has the property  $\varphi^2(X) = \chi^2 * X$  for all  $X \in R$ .

**Remark 3.2.** If  $n = 2$ , then  $\theta : \text{Aut}(R) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L)$  is an isomorphism, so there are no gradings of Type II.

### 4. Gradings on Lie algebras of type $\mathcal{A}$

Let  $L = \mathfrak{psl}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $R = M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , where  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$  and, for  $n = 3$ , also  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 3$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a grading of  $L$  by an abelian group  $G$ . As discussed in the previous section, this grading belongs to one of two types. Gradings of Type I are induced from  $G$ -gradings on the associative algebra  $R$ , which have been classified in Theorem 2.6.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $R = \mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  and let  $L_g = (R_g \cap [R, R]) \bmod Z(R)$ . We will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  obtained in this way as  $\mathcal{A}^{(l)}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ .

Now assume that we have a grading of Type II. Then there is a distinguished element  $h \in G$  of order 2. Let  $\bar{G} = G/\langle h \rangle$ . Then the  $G$ -grading on  $L$  is induced from a  $\bar{G}$ -grading on the Lie algebra  $R^{(-)}$  that is obtained by refining a  $\bar{G}$ -grading  $R = \bigoplus_{\bar{g} \in \bar{G}} R_{\bar{g}}$  on the associative algebra  $R$ . Let  $R = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  as a  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebra. The refinement is obtained using the action of any character  $\chi \in \widehat{\bar{G}}$  with  $\chi(h) = -1$ , and the result does not depend on the choice of  $\chi$ . So we fix  $\chi \in \widehat{\bar{G}}$  such that  $\chi(h) = -1$ .

Set  $\varphi(X) = -\chi * X$  for all  $X \in R$ . Then  $\varphi$  is an anti-automorphism of the  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebra  $R$ . Moreover,  $\varphi^2(X) = \chi^2 * X$ . Since  $\chi^2(h) = 1$ , we can regard  $\chi^2$  as a character on  $\bar{G}$  and hence its action on  $X \in R_{\bar{g}}$  is given by  $\chi^2 * X = \chi^2(\bar{g})X$ . In particular,  $\varphi^2|_{R_{\bar{g}}} = id$ . By Theorem 2.10,  $\bar{T}$  is an elementary 2-group,  $\kappa$  is given by (5) and  $\gamma$  is given by (6) with bars over the  $g$ 's. We may also assume that  $\gamma$  satisfies

$$\bar{g}_1^2 \bar{t}_1 = \dots = \bar{g}_m^2 \bar{t}_m = \bar{g}'_{m+1} \bar{g}''_{m+1} = \dots = \bar{g}'_s \bar{g}''_s \tag{15}$$

for some  $\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_m \in \bar{T}$ , and  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  where

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} I_{q_i} \otimes X_{\bar{t}_i} \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m S_i \otimes X_{\bar{t}_i} \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{q_i} \\ \mu_i I_{q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I, \tag{16}$$

where  $\mu_i$  are nonzero scalars. We will use the notation  $\tau$  introduced in (13).

Our goal now is to determine the parameters  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{F}^\times$  that appear in the above formula. On the one hand, the automorphism  $\varphi^2$  is the conjugation by matrix  ${}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi$  given by

$${}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta(\bar{t}_i) I_{q_i} \otimes I \oplus \sum_{i=\ell+1}^m \beta(\bar{t}_i) \text{sgn}(S_i) I_{2q_i} \otimes I \oplus \sum_{i=m+1}^k \begin{pmatrix} \mu_i I_{q_i} & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_i^{-1} I_{q_i} \end{pmatrix} \otimes I.$$

On the other hand,  $\varphi^2$  acts as  $\chi^2$ . We now derive the conditions that are necessary and sufficient for  $\chi^2 * X = ({}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi)^{-1} X ({}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi)$  to hold for all  $X \in R$ .

Recall the idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_k \in C$  defined earlier (where  $e_i = e'_i + e''_i$  for  $i > m$ ). We denote by  $U_{ij}$  any matrix in the Peirce component  $e_i C e_j$ . Then, for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ , we have, for all  $\bar{t} \in \bar{T}$ ,

$$\chi^2 * (U_{ij} \otimes X_{\bar{t}}) = \chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1} \bar{g}_j \bar{t}) U_{ij} \otimes X_{\bar{t}}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^2(U_{ij} \otimes X_{\bar{t}}) &= ({}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi)^{-1} (U_{ij} \otimes X_{\bar{t}}) ({}^t \Phi^{-1} \Phi) \\ &= \beta(\bar{t}_i) \text{sgn}(S_i) \beta(\bar{t}_j) \text{sgn}(S_j) (U_{ij} \otimes X_{\bar{t}}). \end{aligned}$$

For  $m + 1 \leq i, j \leq k$ , we write  $U_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  according to the decompositions  $e_i = e'_i + e''_i$  and  $e_j = e'_j + e''_j$ . Then, for all  $\tilde{t} \in \bar{T}$ ,

$$\chi^2 * (U_{ij} \otimes X_{\tilde{t}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^2((\bar{g}'_i)^{-1} \bar{g}'_j \tilde{t})A & \chi^2((\bar{g}'_i)^{-1} \bar{g}''_j \tilde{t})B \\ \chi^2((\bar{g}'_i)^{-1} \bar{g}'_j \tilde{t})C & \chi^2((\bar{g}'_i)^{-1} \bar{g}''_j \tilde{t})D \end{pmatrix},$$

while

$$\varphi^2(U_{ij} \otimes X_{\tilde{t}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_i^{-1} \mu_j A & \mu_i^{-1} \mu_j^{-1} B \\ \mu_i \mu_j C & \mu_i \mu_j^{-1} D \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $m + 1 \leq j \leq k$ , we write  $U_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \end{pmatrix}$  according to the decomposition  $e_j = e'_j + e''_j$ . Then, for all  $\tilde{t} \in \bar{T}$ ,

$$\chi^2 * (U_{ij} \otimes X_{\tilde{t}}) = (\chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1} \bar{g}'_j \tilde{t})A \quad \chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1} \bar{g}''_j \tilde{t})B),$$

while

$$\varphi^2(U_{ij} \otimes X_{\tilde{t}}) = \beta(\tilde{t}_i) \operatorname{sgn}(S_i) (\mu_j A \quad \mu_j^{-1} B).$$

For  $m + 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , we have a similar calculation.

By way of comparison, we derive  $\chi^2(\tilde{t}) = \text{const}$  for all  $\tilde{t} \in \bar{T}$ , and so  $\chi^2(\bar{T}) = 1$ . Hence the natural epimorphism  $\pi : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$  splits over  $\bar{T}$ , i.e.,  $\pi^{-1}(\bar{T}) = T \times \langle h \rangle$ , where  $T = \pi^{-1}(\bar{T}) \cap \ker \chi$ . So we may identify  $T$  with  $\bar{T}$  and write  $t_i$  for the representative of the coset  $\tilde{t}_i$  in  $T$ . Conversely, if  $\pi : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$  splits over  $\bar{T}$ , then  $\chi^2(\bar{T}) = 1$ .

In the case  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ , our relations are equivalent to  $\beta(t_i) \operatorname{sgn}(S_i) \chi^2(\bar{g}_i) = \beta(t_j) \operatorname{sgn}(S_j) \chi^2(\bar{g}_j)$ . Therefore, we have a fixed  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}^\times$  such that

$$\beta(t_i) \operatorname{sgn}(S_i) \chi^2(\bar{g}_i) = \lambda \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, m. \tag{17}$$

In the case  $m + 1 \leq i, j \leq k$ , our relations are equivalent to

$$\mu_i^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_i) = \mu_j^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_j)$$

and

$$\mu_i^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_i) = \mu_j \chi^2(\bar{g}''_j).$$

Therefore, we have a fixed  $\mu \in \mathbb{F}^\times$  such that

$$\mu_i^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_i) = \mu_i \chi^2(\bar{g}''_i) = \mu \quad \text{for all } i = m + 1, \dots, k. \tag{18}$$

In the case  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $m + 1 \leq j \leq k$ , our relations are equivalent to

$$\mu_j^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_j) = \beta(t_i) \operatorname{sgn}(S_i) \chi^2(\bar{g}_i) = \mu_j \chi^2(\bar{g}''_j). \tag{19}$$

If both (17) and (18) are present (i.e.,  $m \neq 0, k$ ), then (19) is equivalent to  $\mu = \lambda$ . We have proved that if the  $\bar{G}$ -grading on  $R$  is the coarsening a  $G$ -grading on  $R^{(\leftarrow)}$  induced by  $\pi : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ , and  $\chi$  acts on  $R$  as  $-\varphi$ , then  $\pi^{-1}(\bar{T})$  splits and conditions (17) and (18) hold with  $\lambda = \mu$ . Conversely, if

$R = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  is such that  $\pi^{-1}(\bar{T})$  splits, and an anti-automorphism  $\varphi$  is given by matrix (16) such that (17) and (18) hold with  $\lambda = \mu$ , then  $\varphi^2$  acts as  $\chi^2$  on  $R$  and hence  $-\varphi$  defines a refinement of the  $\bar{G}$ -grading on  $R$  to a  $G$ -grading (as a vector space). The latter is automatically a grading of the Lie algebra  $R^{(-)}$ , since  $-\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $R^{(-)}$ .

To summarize, we state the following

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $h \in G$  be an element of order 2 and let  $\pi : G \rightarrow \bar{G} = G/\langle h \rangle$  be the quotient map. Fix  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$  with  $\chi(h) = -1$ . Let  $R = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  and let  $\varphi$  be the anti-automorphism of the  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebra  $R$  given by  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^tX)\Phi$  with  $\Phi$  as in (16). Set  $H = \pi^{-1}(\bar{T})$ . Then*

$$R_g = \{X \in R_{\bar{g}} \mid -\varphi(X) = \chi(g)X\} \quad \text{for all } g \in G$$

defines a  $G$ -grading on  $R^{(-)}$  if and only if  $H$  splits as  $T \times \langle h \rangle$  with  $T = H \cap \ker \chi$  and the following condition holds (identifying  $\bar{T}$  with  $T$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(t_1)\chi^2(\bar{g}_1) &= \dots = \beta(t_\ell)\chi^2(\bar{g}_\ell) \\ &= \beta(t_{\ell+1})\operatorname{sgn}(S_{\ell+1})\chi^2(\bar{g}_{\ell+1}) = \dots = \beta(t_m)\operatorname{sgn}(S_m)\chi^2(\bar{g}_m) \\ &= \mu_{m+1}^{-1}\chi^2(\bar{g}'_{m+1}) = \mu_{m+1}\chi^2(\bar{g}''_{m+1}) = \dots = \mu_k^{-1}\chi^2(\bar{g}'_k) = \mu_k\chi^2(\bar{g}''_k). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

It is convenient to distinguish the following three cases for a grading of Type II on  $L$ :

- The case with  $\ell > 0$  will be referred to as Type II<sub>1</sub>;
- The case with  $\ell = 0$  but  $m > 0$ , will be referred to as Type II<sub>2</sub>;
- The case with  $m = 0$  will be referred to as Type II<sub>3</sub>.

**Definition 4.3.** We will say that  $\gamma$  is *admissible* if it satisfies

$$\bar{g}_1^2 \equiv \dots \equiv \bar{g}_m^2 \equiv \bar{g}'_{m+1}\bar{g}''_{m+1} \equiv \dots \equiv \bar{g}'_k\bar{g}''_k \pmod{\bar{T}} \quad (21)$$

and, for some  $\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_\ell \in \bar{T}$ , we have  $\bar{g}_1^2\bar{t}_1 = \dots = \bar{g}_\ell^2\bar{t}_\ell$  and

$$\beta(\bar{t}_1)\chi^2(\bar{g}_1) = \dots = \beta(\bar{t}_\ell)\chi^2(\bar{g}_\ell). \quad (22)$$

(If  $\ell \leq 1$ , then condition (22) is automatically satisfied.)

Note that the above definition does not depend on the choice of  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$  with  $\chi(h) = -1$ . Indeed, if we replace  $\chi$  by  $\tilde{\chi} = \chi\psi$  where  $\psi \in \widehat{G}$  satisfies  $\psi(h) = 1$ , then  $\psi$  can be regarded as a character on  $\bar{G}$  and we can compute:

$$\tilde{\chi}^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1}\bar{g}_j) = \chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1}\bar{g}_j)\psi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1}\bar{g}_j) = \chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1}\bar{g}_j)\psi(\bar{g}_i^{-2}\bar{g}_j^2) = \chi^2(\bar{g}_i^{-1}\bar{g}_j)\psi(\bar{t}_i\bar{t}_j)$$

for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq \ell$ . On the other hand, for  $\bar{t} \in \bar{T}$ , we have

$$\beta(\bar{t}\bar{t}_i)\beta(\bar{t}\bar{t}_j) = \beta(\bar{t})\beta(\bar{t}_i)\beta(\bar{t}, \bar{t}_i)\beta(\bar{t})\beta(\bar{t}_j)\beta(\bar{t}, \bar{t}_j) = \beta(\bar{t}_i)\beta(\bar{t}_j)\beta(\bar{t}, \bar{t}_i\bar{t}_j).$$

Therefore, if condition (22) holds for  $\chi$  and  $\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_\ell$ , then it holds for  $\tilde{\chi}$  and  $\bar{t}\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}\bar{t}_\ell$  where  $\bar{t}$  is the unique element of  $\bar{T}$  such that  $\beta(\bar{t}, \bar{u}) = \psi(\bar{u})$  for all  $\bar{u} \in \bar{T}$ .

As pointed out earlier, for  $\gamma$  satisfying (21), we can replace  $\bar{g}_i''$ ,  $i > m$ , within their cosets mod  $\bar{T}$  so that  $\gamma$  satisfies (15).

We now give our standard realizations for gradings of Type II. Let  $H \subset G$  be an elementary 2-group of odd rank containing  $h$ . Let  $\beta$  be a nondegenerate alternating bicharacter on  $\bar{T} = H/\langle h \rangle$ . Fix  $\kappa$ . Choose  $\gamma$  formed from elements of  $\bar{G} = G/\langle h \rangle$  and  $\tau$  formed from elements of  $\bar{T} = H/\langle h \rangle$  so that they satisfy (15). Let  $R = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$ . Fix  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$  with  $\chi(h) = -1$  and identify  $\bar{T}$  with  $T = H \cap \ker \chi$ .

**Definition 4.4.** Suppose  $\ell > 0$  and  $\gamma$  is admissible. Let  $\Phi$  be the matrix given by (16) where the scalars  $\mu_i$  and matrices  $S_i$  are determined by Eq. (20). Then, by Proposition 4.2, the anti-automorphism  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  defines a refinement of the  $\bar{G}$ -grading on the associative algebra  $R$  to a  $G$ -grading  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  as a Lie algebra. Set  $L_g = (R_g \cap [R, R]) \bmod Z(R)$ . We will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  obtained in this way as  $\mathcal{A}^{(1)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau)$ .

**Definition 4.5.** Suppose  $\ell = 0$  and  $m > 0$ . Choose  $\delta = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) \in \{\pm 1\}^m$  so that

$$\beta(t_1)\chi^2(\bar{g}_1)\delta_1 = \dots = \beta(t_m)\chi^2(\bar{g}_m)\delta_m.$$

(Note that there are exactly two such choices.) Let  $\Phi$  be the matrix given by (16) where the matrices  $S_i$  are selected by the rule  $\text{sgn}(S_i) = \delta_i$  and the scalars  $\mu_i$  are determined by Eq. (20). Then, by Proposition 4.2, the anti-automorphism  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  defines a refinement of the  $\bar{G}$ -grading on the associative algebra  $R$  to a  $G$ -grading  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  as a Lie algebra. Set  $L_g = (R_g \cap [R, R]) \bmod Z(R)$ . We will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  obtained in this way as  $\mathcal{A}^{(12)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta)$ .

**Definition 4.6.** Suppose  $m = 0$ . Then we have

$$\chi^2(\bar{g}'_1 \bar{g}''_1) = \dots = \chi^2(\bar{g}'_k \bar{g}''_k).$$

Let  $\mu$  be a scalar such that  $\mu^2$  is equal to the common value of  $\chi^2(\bar{g}'_i \bar{g}''_i)$ . (There are two choices.) Let  $\Phi$  be the matrix given by (16) where the scalars  $\mu_i$  are determined by equation

$$\mu^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_1) = \mu_1 \chi^2(\bar{g}''_1) = \dots = \mu_k^{-1} \chi^2(\bar{g}'_k) = \mu_k \chi^2(\bar{g}''_k) = \mu.$$

Then, by Proposition 4.2, the anti-automorphism  $\varphi(X) = \Phi^{-1}({}^t X)\Phi$  defines a refinement of the  $\bar{G}$ -grading on the associative algebra  $R$  to a  $G$ -grading  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  as a Lie algebra. Set  $L_g = (R_g \cap [R, R]) \bmod Z(R)$ . We will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  obtained in this way as  $\mathcal{A}^{(13)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \mu)$ .

**Definition 4.7.** Referring to Definition 4.5, we will write  $(\kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta) \approx (\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\tau}, \tilde{\delta})$  if  $\kappa$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have the same number of components of each type, i.e., the same values of  $m$  and  $k$ , and there exist an element  $\bar{g} \in \bar{G}$  and a permutation  $\pi$  of the symbols  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  preserving the sets  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\{m+1, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\tilde{q}_i = q_{\pi(i)}$  for all  $i$ ,  $\tilde{t}_i = t_{\pi(i)}$ ,  $\tilde{g}_i \equiv \bar{g}_{\pi(i)} \bar{g} \pmod{\bar{T}}$  and  $\tilde{\delta}_i = \delta_{\pi(i)}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $\{\tilde{g}'_i, \tilde{g}''_i\} \equiv \{\bar{g}'_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}, \bar{g}''_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}\} \pmod{\bar{T}}$  for all  $i = m+1, \dots, k$ .

**Definition 4.8.** Referring to Definition 4.6, we will write  $(\kappa, \gamma, \mu) \approx (\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\mu})$  if  $\kappa$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}$  have the same number of components  $k$  and there exist an element  $\bar{g} \in \bar{G}$  and a permutation  $\pi$  of the symbols  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\tilde{q}_i = q_{\pi(i)}$ ,  $\{\tilde{g}'_i, \tilde{g}''_i\} \equiv \{\bar{g}'_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}, \bar{g}''_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}\} \pmod{\bar{T}}$  and  $\tilde{g}'_i \tilde{g}''_i \equiv \bar{g}'_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}''_{\pi(i)} \bar{g}^2$  for all  $i$ , and, finally,  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu \chi^2(\bar{g})$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an algebraically closed field,  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ . Let  $G$  be an abelian group. Let  $L = \text{psl}_n(\mathbb{F})$  where  $n \geq 3$ . If  $n = 3$ , assume also that  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 3$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a  $G$ -grading. Then the graded algebra  $L$  is isomorphic to one of the following:



- $\mathcal{A}^{(I)}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma),$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_1)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau),$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_2)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta),$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_3)}(G, H, h, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \mu),$

as in Definitions 4.1, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, with  $|\kappa|\sqrt{|T|} = n$  in Type I and  $|\kappa|\sqrt{|H|/2} = n$  in Type II. Graded algebras belonging to different types listed above are not isomorphic. Within each type, we have the following:

- $\mathcal{A}^{(I)}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1) \cong \mathcal{A}^{(I)}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$  if and only if  $T_1 = T_2, \beta_1 = \beta_2,$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \sim (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$  or  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \sim (\kappa_2, \gamma_2^{-1});$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_1)}(G, H_1, h_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \cong \mathcal{A}^{(II_1)}(G, H_2, h_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$  if and only if  $H_1 = H_2, h_1 = h_2, \beta_1 = \beta_2,$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$  or  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2^{-1}, \tau_2);$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_2)}(G, H_1, h_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1, \delta_1) \cong \mathcal{A}^{(II_2)}(G, H_2, h_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2, \delta_2)$  if and only if  $H_1 = H_2, h_1 = h_2, \beta_1 = \beta_2,$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1, \delta_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2, \delta_2)$  or  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1, \delta_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2^{-1}, \tau_2, \delta_2);$
- $\mathcal{A}^{(II_3)}(G, H_1, h_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \cong \mathcal{A}^{(II_3)}(G, H_2, h_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \mu_2)$  if and only if  $H_1 = H_2, h_1 = h_2, \beta_1 = \beta_2,$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \mu_2)$  or  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2^{-1}, \mu_2^{-1}).$

**Proof.** The first statement is a combination of Theorem 2.10 and Proposition 4.2. The non-isomorphism of graded algebras belonging to different types is clear.

For Type I, let  $R_1 = \mathcal{M}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $R_2 = \mathcal{M}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ . By Theorem 2.6,  $R_1 \cong R_2$  if and only if  $T_1 = T_2, \beta_1 = \beta_2,$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \sim (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ . It remains to observe that the outer automorphism  $X \mapsto -{}^tX$  transforms  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  to  $\mathcal{M}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma^{-1})$ .

For Type II, the element  $h$ , the subgroup  $H$ , and the bicharacter  $\beta$  on  $\bar{T} = H/\langle h \rangle$  are uniquely determined by the grading, so we may assume  $H_1 = H_2, h_1 = h_2,$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ . Let  $R_1 = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $R_2 = \mathcal{M}(\bar{G}, \bar{T}, \beta, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ . Fix  $\chi \in \bar{G}$  with  $\chi(h) = -1$ . Let  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  be the corresponding anti-automorphisms. We have to check that  $(R_1, \varphi_1) \cong (R_2, \varphi_2)$  if and only if

- II<sub>1</sub>)  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2),$
- II<sub>2</sub>)  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1, \delta_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2, \delta_2),$
- II<sub>3</sub>)  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \mu_2).$

For Type II<sub>1</sub>, the “only if” part is clear, since  $(\kappa, \gamma, \tau)$  is an invariant of  $(R, \varphi)$  (up to transformations indicated in the definition of the equivalence relation  $\approx$ ). Indeed,  $(\kappa, \gamma)$  is an invariant of the  $\bar{G}$ -grading, and  $\tau$  corresponds to the restrictions of  $\varphi$  to  $D_1, \dots, D_m$  by Proposition 2.3. To prove the “if” part, assume  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$ . Then, by Theorem 2.6, there exists an isomorphism of  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebras  $\psi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ . By Remark 2.7, we can take for  $\psi$  a monomial isomorphism associated to the permutation  $\pi$  in Definition 2.14. The matrix of the anti-automorphism  $\psi^{-1}\varphi_2\psi$  on  $R_1$  is then obtained from the matrix of  $\varphi_2$  by permuting the blocks on the diagonal so that they align with the corresponding blocks of  $\varphi_1$ , and possibly multiplying some of the blocks by  $-1$ . Hence, by Theorem 2.10,  $\psi^{-1}\varphi_2\psi$  can be transformed to  $\varphi_1$  by an automorphism of the  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebra  $R_1$ .

For Type II<sub>2</sub>, the proof is similar, since  $\delta$  corresponds to the restrictions of  $\varphi$  to  $C_1, \dots, C_m$  and thus is an invariant of  $(R, \varphi)$ .

For Type II<sub>3</sub>, we show in the same manner that if  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \mu_2)$ , then  $(R_1, \varphi_1) \cong (R_2, \varphi_2)$ . Namely, we take a monomial isomorphism of  $\bar{G}$ -graded algebras  $\psi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  associated to the permutation  $\pi$  in Definition 4.8. The effect of  $\psi$  on  $\Phi_2$  is just the permutation of blocks. The factor  $\chi^2(\bar{g})$  in Definition 4.8 makes sure that the block with  $\mu_i = \mu^{-1}\chi^2(\bar{g}'_i)$  in  $\Phi_2$  matches up with the block with  $\mu_{\pi(i)} = \mu^{-1}\chi^2(\bar{g}'_{\pi(i)})$  in  $\Phi_1$ . Conversely, suppose there exists an isomorphism  $\psi : (R_1, \varphi_1) \rightarrow (R_2, \varphi_2)$ . As in the proof of Corollary 2.15, we write  $\psi = \psi_0\alpha$  where  $\psi_0$  is a monomial isomorphism and  $\alpha$  is in  $\text{PGL}_{\kappa_1}(\mathbb{F}) \times \text{Aut}_{\bar{G}}(D)$ . The action of  $\psi_0$  on  $\varphi_2$  permutes the blocks and replaces the second tensor factor  $I$  by  $X_{t_0}$  for some  $t_0 \in T$ . The action of  $\alpha$  on  $\psi_0^{-1}\varphi_2\psi_0$  cannot change  $t_0$  or the values of the scalars. We conclude that  $t_0 = e$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \mu_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \mu_2)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.10.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $G$  be as in Theorem 4.9. Let  $L = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{F})$ . If  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  is a  $G$ -grading, then the graded algebra  $L$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}^{(1)}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma)$  where  $|\kappa| \sqrt{|T|} = 2$ . This, of course, gives two possibilities: either  $T = \{e\}$  or  $T \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ . In the first case the  $G$ -grading is induced from a Cartan decomposition by a homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ . The isomorphism classes of such gradings are in one-to-one correspondence with unordered pairs of the form  $\{g, g^{-1}\}$ ,  $g \in G$ . In the second case the  $G$ -grading is given by Pauli matrices. The isomorphism classes of such gradings are in one-to-one correspondence with subgroups  $T \subset G$  such that  $T \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ .

**Remark 4.11.** The remaining case  $L = \mathfrak{psl}_3(\mathbb{F})$  where  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 3$  can be handled using octonions. Let  $\mathbb{O}$  be the algebra of octonions over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then the subspace  $\mathbb{O}'$  of zero trace octonions is a Malcev algebra with respect to the commutator  $[x, y] = xy - yx$ . If  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 3$ , then  $\mathbb{O}'$  is a Lie algebra isomorphic to  $L$ . Assuming  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ , we have  $xy = \frac{1}{2}([x, y] - n(x, y)1)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{O}'$ , where  $n$  is the norm of  $\mathbb{O}$ . We also have  $(\text{ad } x)^3 = -4n(x)(\text{ad } x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{O}'$ . It follows that if  $\psi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{O}'$ , then  $\psi$  preserves  $n$  and, setting  $\psi(1) = 1$ , we obtain an automorphism of  $\mathbb{O}$ . Hence the restriction map  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{O}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{O}')$  is an isomorphism of algebraic groups. Similarly, one shows that the restriction map  $\text{Der}(\mathbb{O}) \rightarrow \text{Der}(\mathbb{O}')$  is an isomorphism of Lie algebras.<sup>1</sup> It follows that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{O}')$  is smooth and can be identified with the algebraic group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{O})$ . In particular, this means that the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on  $\mathbb{O}$  are in one-to-one correspondence (via restriction) with the isomorphism classes of  $G$ -gradings on  $\mathbb{O}'$  (cf. [12, Theorem 9]).

All gradings on  $\mathbb{O}$  (in any characteristic) were described in [12]. For  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ , they are of two types:

- “elementary” gradings obtained by choosing  $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$  with  $g_1 g_2 g_3 = e$  and assigning degree  $e$  to  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , degree  $g_i$  to  $u_i$  and degree  $g_i^{-1}$  to  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $\{e_1, e_2, u_1, u_2, u_3, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a canonical basis for  $\mathbb{O}$ ;
- “division” gradings by  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$  obtained by iterating the Cayley–Dickson doubling process three times.

It is easy to see when two  $G$ -gradings on  $\mathbb{O}$  are isomorphic. The isomorphism classes of “elementary” gradings are in one-to-one correspondence with unordered pairs of the form  $\{S, S^{-1}\}$  where  $S$  is an unordered triple  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3\}$ ,  $g_i \in G$  with  $g_1 g_2 g_3 = e$ . The isomorphism classes of “division” gradings are in one-to-one correspondence with subgroups  $T \subset G$  such that  $T \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^3$ . An “elementary” grading is not isomorphic to a “division” grading.

If  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 3$ , then the above is also the classification of  $G$ -gradings on  $L = \mathfrak{psl}_3(\mathbb{F})$ . As shown in [16], up to isomorphism, any grading on  $L$  is induced from the matrix algebra  $M_3(\mathbb{F})$ . Namely, any “elementary” grading on  $L$  can be obtained as a Type I grading, and any “division” grading on  $L$  is isomorphic to a Type II gradings. The only difference with the case of  $\mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{F})$  where  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 3$  is that there are fewer isomorphism classes of gradings in characteristic 3 (in particular, some “Type II” gradings are isomorphic to “Type I” gradings).

### 5. Gradings on Lie algebras of types $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$

The classification of gradings for Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $\mathfrak{sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$  follows immediately from Corollary 2.15. We state the results here for completeness. Recall  $\mathcal{M}^*(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau, \delta)$  from Definition 2.13. Let  $L = \mathcal{K}(R, \varphi) = \{X \in R \mid \varphi(X) = -X\}$ . Then  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  where  $L_g = R_g \cap L$ .

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $n = |\kappa| \sqrt{|T|}$ .

- If  $\delta = 1$  and  $n$  is odd, then necessarily  $T = \{e\}$ . We will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  by  $\mathcal{B}(G, \kappa, \gamma)$ .

<sup>1</sup> This argument was communicated to us by A. Elduque.

- If  $\delta = -1$  (hence  $n$  is even), then we will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  by  $\mathcal{C}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau)$ .
- If  $\delta = 1$  and  $n$  is even, then we will denote the  $G$ -graded algebra  $L$  by  $\mathcal{D}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an algebraically closed field,  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$ . Let  $G$  be an abelian group.

- Let  $L = \mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , with odd  $n \geq 5$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a  $G$ -grading. Then the graded algebra  $L$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{B}(G, \kappa, \gamma)$ ,
- Let  $L = \mathfrak{sp}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , with even  $n \geq 6$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a  $G$ -grading. Then the graded algebra  $L$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{C}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau)$ ,
- Let  $L = \mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{F})$ , with even  $n \geq 10$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g$  be a  $G$ -grading. Then the graded algebra  $L$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{D}(G, T, \beta, \kappa, \gamma, \tau)$ ,

as in Definition 5.1. Also, under the above restrictions on  $n$ , we have the following:

- $\mathcal{B}(G, \kappa_1, \gamma_1) \cong \mathcal{B}(G, \kappa_2, \gamma_2)$  if and only if  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2)$ ;
- $\mathcal{C}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \cong \mathcal{C}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$  if and only if  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$ ;
- $\mathcal{D}(G, T_1, \beta_1, \kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \cong \mathcal{D}(G, T_2, \beta_2, \kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$  if and only if  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$  and  $(\kappa_1, \gamma_1, \tau_1) \approx (\kappa_2, \gamma_2, \tau_2)$ .

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