

# The Number of Embeddings of Quadratic $\mathbb{Z}$ -Lattices

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The number of inequivalent primitive embeddings of a quadratic lattice  $M$  into an indefinite even unimodular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice  $L$ , modulo the action of the orthogonal groups  $O(L)$ ,  $SO(L)$ , and  $O'(L)$ , are determined. © 1996 Academic Press, Inc.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $L$  be a unimodular lattice on an  $S$ -indefinite quadratic space  $V$  of finite dimension  $n \geq 3$  over an algebraic number field  $F$ . Denote by  $O(V)$  the orthogonal group of  $V$ , and by  $O(L)$  the subgroup of those isometries that leave  $L$  invariant. Let  $M$  be a second  $S$ -lattice on a non-degenerate quadratic space with dimension  $m < n$ . In [1] we studied primitive embeddings of  $M$  into  $L$ , and the number  $N(L, M)$  of inequivalent embedding modulo the action of  $O(L)$ ,  $SO(L)$  and the spinorial kernel  $O'(L) = O(L) \cap O(V)$ . These results were incomplete at dyadic primes and will now be completed when 2 is unramified and  $L$  is an even lattice. The notation and terminology in [1] will be continued.

We first determine the number  $e_2 = N'(L_2, M_2)$  of local dyadic embeddings modulo the action of  $O'(L_2)$  when  $m + m_2 = n$  (see Theorems 2.1 and 2.6). By studying the action of the quotient group  $O(L)/O'(L)$  on the local embeddings, all situations where there is a unique global embedding modulo the action of  $O(L)$  are then determined for even  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattices  $L$  (see Theorems 3.1 and 3.2). This extends the earlier work of Miranda and Morrison [2].

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## 2. UNRAMIFIED DYADIC EMBEDDINGS

Let  $q$  be the size of the residue class field  $\mathcal{O}_2/2\mathcal{O}_2$ . Theorems 2.1 and 2.6 evaluate  $e_2$  when  $m + m_2 = n$ . For  $q = 2$  the data is the same as for  $e_2$  in Table II of [2, 1986]. Let  $\wp$  denote the subgroup of integers in  $\mathcal{O}_2$  of the form  $\alpha(\alpha + 1)$ . Then  $\wp = 2\mathcal{O}_2$  when  $q = 2$ , and in general  $2\mathcal{O}_2 \subseteq \wp$  with the index  $[\mathcal{O}_2 : \wp] = 2$ . Let  $M_2 = \perp_{k \geq 0} J_k$  be a Jordan splitting with  $J_k$  the  $2^k$ -modular component. The component  $J_k$  is called *odd* if there exists  $z \in J_k$  with  $q(z) \in 2^{k-1}\mathcal{U}_2$ ; otherwise  $J_k$  is *even* (including  $J_k = 0$ ) and  $q(J_k) \subseteq 2^k\mathcal{O}_2$ . Then  $r_k = \text{rank } J_k$  and the parity of  $J_k$  are invariants of  $M_2$ . In the notation of [2, p. 31],  $r_k = 2s(k) + \text{rank } w(k)$ , and  $J_k$  is even when  $w(k) = 0$ .

There are several cases to consider when  $J_1$  is odd. As in [1], first reduce to  $M_2 = M_2(1)$  and  $n = 2m_2$  by cancelling the even unimodular component  $M_2(0) = J_0$  from  $M_2$  and  $L_2$ . Fix  $x \in J_1$  with  $q(x) = \lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ;  $\lambda$  corresponds to  $\varepsilon$  in Table II of [2].

*Case 1:*  $r_1 \geq 3$ , or  $r_1 = 2$  with  $J_2$  odd, or  $r_1 = 2$  with  $J_2$  even and the discriminant  $dJ_1 \in -4(1 + 4\mathcal{O}_2)\mathcal{U}_2^2$ .

*Case 2:*  $r_1 = 2$  with  $J_2$  even and  $dJ_1 \notin -4(1 + 4\mathcal{O}_2)\mathcal{U}_2^2$ . When  $q = 2$ ,  $\lambda \pmod{4}$  is an invariant of  $m_2$ .

*Case 3:*  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $J_2$  is odd, and  $r_2 \geq 2$  or  $J_3$  odd.

*Case 4:*  $r_1 = r_2 = 0$  and  $J_3$  is even. Choose  $x$  with  $\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $J_1 = \mathcal{O}_2x$  and normalize  $J_2 = \mathcal{O}_2z$  with  $q(z) = 2\eta \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . The cosets  $\lambda + 4\wp$  and  $\eta + 4\wp$  are then invariants of  $M_2$  (since  $J_3$  is even);  $\eta$  is the same as in Table II of [2].

*Case 5:*  $r_1 = 1$ , and  $r_2 \geq 2$  with  $J_2$  even, or  $r_2 = 0$  with  $J_3$  odd. The coset  $\lambda + 4\mathcal{O}_2$  is now an invariant of  $M_2$ .

*Case 6:*  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $r_2 = 0$  and  $J_3$  is even. The coset  $\lambda + 4\wp$  is an invariant of  $M_2$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Assume 2 prime, the even lattice  $L_2$  primitively represents  $M_2$  with  $m + m_2 = n$ , and  $J_1$  odd. Then:*

1.  $e_2 = 1$  for Cases 1 and 3.
2.  $e_2 = 2$  for Cases 2 and 4.
3.  $e_2 = q$  for Case 5.
4.  $e_2 = 2q$  for Case 6.

If  $L_2$  is not a sum of hyperbolic planes, replace  $L_2$  by  $L_2 \perp B$  and  $M_2$  by  $M_2 \perp B$ , and extend the embedding by the identity on  $B$ . Since  $B \perp B = H \perp H$  and  $B \perp \mathcal{O}_2 x = H \perp \mathcal{O}_2 x'$  with  $\lambda = q(x) \equiv q(x') \pmod{4}$ , after cancelling  $H$ , we have  $L_2 = H_1 \perp \cdots \perp H_m$ , preserving  $\lambda \pmod{4}$ . However,  $\lambda \mathcal{U}_2^2$  changes. It was shown in Proposition 3.6 of [1] that any embedding of  $M_2$  into the even lattice  $L_2$ , with  $m + m_2 = n$ , is locally spinor equivalent to a canonical embedding (after cancelling the unimodular component  $M_2(0)$ ). Hence it suffices to concentrate on canonical embeddings. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  be a basis for  $M_2$ , viewed as a primitive sublattice of  $L_2$ , with  $x_m = x$  and

$$x_i = u_i + v_i + \sum_{j < i} a_{ij} v_j, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

where  $a_{ij} = f(x_i, x_j) \in \mathcal{S}_p$ ,  $a_i = q(x_i) \in \mathcal{O}_p$  and  $2a_i \in \mathcal{S}_p$  (as in [1, 3.4]). Let  $\psi: M_2 \rightarrow L_2$  be a canonical embedding with  $\psi(x_i) = x_i$  for  $i < m$ , and  $\varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$  the component of  $\psi(x_m)$  in  $H_m$ . The value of  $e_2$  depends on how much control there is of the unit  $\varepsilon$ . First get  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  by using  $\Phi(\xi^2) \in O'(H_m)$  with  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}_2$ , so that  $e_2 \leq 2q = [\mathcal{U}_2 : \mathcal{U}_2^2]$ , since interchanging  $u_m$  and  $v_m$  gives no new inequivalent embedding with  $\lambda = \varepsilon \delta$  a unit. When  $m = m_2 = 1$  there are exactly  $2q$  inequivalent embeddings since  $O'(H_m)$  is the group of isometries  $\Phi(\xi^2)$ . Assume, therefore,  $m \geq 2$ .

*Proof of Upper Bounds.* In Case 1, except for  $r_1 = 3$  and  $J_1$  anisotropic, there exists  $y \in M_2$  with  $f(x, y) = 2$  and  $q(y) \in 4\mathcal{O}_2$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_2 x + \mathcal{O}_2 y$  orthogonally splits  $M_2$ , a basis exists with  $x_{m-1} = y = u_{m-1} + q(y) v_{m-1}$ ,  $x_m = x = 2v_{m-1} + u_m + \lambda v_m$  and  $\psi(x) = 2v_{m-1} + \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$  with  $\varepsilon \delta = \lambda$ . The Eichler transformations  $E(v_m, -\delta cr) E(u_m, cr)$  with  $r = u_{m-1} - q(y) v_{m-1}$  and  $\varepsilon + 2c + c^2 q(y) \delta = 1$ , which fixes  $x_{m-1}$ , changes  $\varepsilon$  to 1. Hence  $e_2 = 1$ . In Case 2 a similar argument with  $q(y) \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$  gives the bound  $e_2 \leq 2$ , since  $\varepsilon$  can be additively changed by  $2\wp$ . In the remaining part of Case 1 where  $r_1 = 3$ , take  $x_{m-2} = u_{m-2} + 2v_{m-2}$ ,  $x_{m-1} = 2v_{m-2} + u_{m-1} + \mu v_{m-1}$  with  $\mu$  a unit, and  $\psi(x_m) = \psi(u_m + \lambda v_m) = \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$ . Now reduce  $\varepsilon$  to 1 by using  $E(v_m, dt) E(u_m, ct)$  twice, first with  $t = u_{m-2} - 2v_{m-2} - 2v_{m-1}$  to get  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and then with  $t = u_{m-1} - \mu v_{m-1}$ .

For Cases 3 and 4, use a modified argument with  $x_{m-1} = y \in J_2$ ,  $q(y) \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$  and  $\psi(x) = \psi(u_m + \lambda v_m) = \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$ , to get  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  so that  $e_2 \leq 2$ . When  $J_3$  is odd in Case 3, take  $x_{m-2} = u_{m-2} + \zeta v_{m-2} \in J_3$  with  $\zeta \in 4\mathcal{U}_2$ , and use  $E(u_m, c(u_{m-2} - \zeta v_{m-2}))$  to get  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ; thus  $e_2 = 1$ . This can be modified when  $r_2 \geq 2$  with suitable  $x_{m-2} \in J_2$ , (similar to  $r_1 = 3$  above, possibly changing the choice of  $x$ ). For Case 5,  $e_2 \leq q$  since  $\varepsilon$  can be additively changed by  $4\mathcal{O}_2$ . ■

The corresponding lower bounds will be obtained by modifying Lemma 3.8 in [1].

*Proof for Cases 5 and 6.* For Case 6,  $J_1 = \mathcal{O}_2 x_m$  with  $x_m = u_m + \lambda v_m$ , while  $x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}$  span  $\perp_{k \geq 3} J_k$ . Let  $\theta \in O'(L_2)$  satisfy  $\theta(x_i) = x_i$  for  $i < m$ , and  $\theta(x_m) = \varepsilon u_m + w$  with  $\varepsilon$  a unit and  $f(w, v_m) = 0$ . If we prove  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{U}_2^2$  it then follows that the canonical embeddings  $\psi_c$  with  $\varepsilon_c$  ranging over  $\mathcal{U}_2/\mathcal{U}_2^2$  are spinor inequivalent, and  $e_2 \geq 2q$ . The map  $\Phi(\varepsilon^{-1})\theta$  fixes  $x_i$  for  $i < m$ , while  $\Phi(\varepsilon^{-1})\theta(x_m) = u_m + \delta v_m + t$  with  $t \in H_m^\perp$ . Take  $x_i, v_j$  as a base for  $L_2$  and let  $v_i, s_j = u_j - a_j v_j - \sum_{k > j} a_{jk} v_k$  be the dual base. Then  $s_1, \dots, s_m$  span the orthogonal complement of  $M_2$  in  $L_2$ ; this is isometric to  $-M_2$ . Let  $t = \sum_{i < m} (c_i x_i + d_i v_i)$ . The map  $\phi = E(v_m, \sum_{i < m} c_i s_i) \Phi(\varepsilon^{-1})\theta$  fixes all  $x_j$ . Put  $s = s_m = u_m - \lambda v_m \equiv x_m \pmod{2L_2}$ . Then  $\phi(s) = as + 2 \sum_{i < m} b_i s_i$  since  $f(s, x_j) = 0$ . Thus  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$ , using  $f(s, s_i) = -a_{im} = 0$  and  $q(s_i) = -a_i \in 8\mathcal{O}_2$  for  $i < m$ . If  $a \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\Psi(\phi(s) - s)\phi$  lies in  $O(L_2)$  and fixes  $s$  and all  $x_i$ ; consequently (using [1, 3.8] on  $x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}$ ) this map lies in  $O'(L_2) O(8L_2) = O'(L_2)$ , where  $O(8L_2)$  is the congruence subgroup modulo 8, giving the contradiction  $\det \phi = -1$ . Hence  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ . Then  $\Psi(s)\Psi(\phi(s) + s)\phi$  fixes  $s$  and all  $x_i$ , and so is in  $O'(L_2)$ . It follows from spinor norms that  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{U}_2^2$ , and hence  $e_2 \geq 2q$ .

A minor variation of this argument, with weaker congruences, gives  $\varepsilon \in (1 + 4\mathcal{O}_2)\mathcal{U}_2^2$ , and hence  $e_2 \geq 2q$  for Case 5.

*Proof for Case 4.* Modify Case 6. Let  $\theta$  be as above with  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . If we prove  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{U}_2^2$ , it follows that  $e_2 \geq 2$ . Let  $x_{m-1} = u_{m-1} + 2\eta v_{m-1} \in J_2$ , where  $\eta \in \mathcal{U}_2$ , and  $r = s_{m-1} = u_{m-1} - 2\eta v_{m-1}$ . Then, with  $\phi, x_m$  and  $s$  as above,  $\phi(s) = as + 2br + 2 \sum_{i < m-1} b_i s_i$ . Since  $\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $J_3$  is even, it follows that  $a^2 + 8\eta b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$ . Then either  $\Psi(\phi(s) - s)\phi$  when  $a - 1 \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$ , or  $\tau = \Psi(s)\Psi(\phi(s) + s)\phi$  when  $a + 1 \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$ , is integral and fixes  $s$  and all  $x_i$ , and so by [1, 3.8] lies in  $O'(L_2) O(4L_2)$ . The first possibility violates  $\det \phi = 1$ . For the second, by spinor norms,  $\varepsilon q(s)q(\phi(s) + s)$  is in  $(1 + 4\mathcal{O}_2)F_2^2$ . Hence  $(1 + a)/2 \equiv \alpha^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . Then  $a^2 + 8\eta b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$  shows that  $b$  is even and  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ . Since  $r \equiv x_{m-1} \pmod{4L_2}$ , it follows that  $\tau(r) = cr + 4 \sum_{i < m-1} d_i s_i$  with  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$ . Now  $\Psi(r)\Psi(\tau(r) + r)\tau$  fixes  $s, r$  and all  $x_i$  and so is in  $O'(L_2) O(8L_2) = O'(L_2)$ . The product  $\Psi(r)\Psi(\tau(r) + r)$  is integral, although the individual symmetries are not (check the images of  $r, v_{m-1}$  and  $t \in H_1 \perp \dots \perp H_{m-2}$ ). Finally, by spinor norms,  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{U}_2^2$ , and  $e_2 \geq 2$ .

*Proof for Case 2.* Modify Case 4. Let  $x_{m-1} = u_{m-1} + \mu v_{m-1} \in J_1$ , where  $\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $-\lambda\mu \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $r = s_{m-1} = u_{m-1} - \mu v_{m-1}$ . For  $\theta, \phi, x_m$  and  $s$  as above,  $\phi(s) = as + 2br + 2 \sum_{i < m-1} b_i s_i$ , and  $a^2 + 4\lambda\mu b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ . Either  $\sigma = \Psi(\phi(s) - s)\phi$  when  $a - 1 \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$ , or  $\tau = \Psi(s)\Psi(\phi(s) + s)\phi$  when  $a + 1 \in 2\mathcal{U}_2$ , is integral and fixes  $s$  and all  $x_i$ . Repeat this for  $r$  where now  $\sigma(r)$ , or  $\tau(r)$ , equals  $cr + 2 \sum_{i < m-1} d_i s_i$  so that  $c^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ . Then either  $\Psi(\sigma(r) - r)\sigma$  or  $\Psi(r)\Psi(\tau(r) + r)\tau$  fixes all  $x_i, s$  and  $r$ , and so is in  $O'(L_2) O(4L_2)$  (the other possibilities violate  $\det \phi = 1$ ). For the first map,

by spinor norms,  $\varepsilon q(\sigma(r) - r) q(\phi(s) - s)$  lies in  $(1 + 4\mathcal{O}_2)F_2^2$ . Therefore,  $\varepsilon(1 - a)/2 \equiv \lambda\mu\alpha^2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $a^2 + 4\lambda\mu b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$  then gives  $\varepsilon \equiv \lambda\mu\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \pmod{4}$ . Let  $-\lambda\mu = 1 + 2\zeta$  where  $\zeta$  is a unit since  $-\lambda\mu \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . If  $\varepsilon = 1 + 2\zeta^{-1}\rho$  with  $\rho \notin \wp$ , the congruence has no solutions for  $\alpha, \beta$ . Hence  $e_2 \geq 2$ . The second map is similar.

*Observation.* Let  $L_2 = H_1 \perp \cdots \perp H_m$  and  $\psi: M_2(1) \rightarrow L_2$  be a local canonical embedding with  $\psi(x_i) = x_i$  for  $i < m$ , and the  $H_m$ -component of  $\psi(x_m)$  equal to  $\varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$  with  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  in Case 4. The above arguments have shown that the spinor orbit of a local canonical embedding is uniquely determined by the group coset  $\varepsilon + 2\wp$  in Case 2, by  $\varepsilon + 4\wp$  in Cases 4 and 6, and by  $\varepsilon + 4\mathcal{O}_2$  in Case 5. We use this to study the action of  $\Phi = \Phi(-1)$  and  $\Psi = \Psi(u_m - v_m)$  on the spinor orbits of local embeddings. This will later help determine  $N(L, M)$ .

**COROLLARY 2.2** *Assume the conditions of Theorem 2.1. Then  $\Phi$  interchanges the local spinor orbits in pairs in Cases 5 and 6, and  $\Phi$  interchanges the two local spinor orbits in Case 2 except when  $\varepsilon \in \wp$ .*

*Proof.* In a local embedding,  $\Phi$  changes  $\varepsilon$  to  $-\varepsilon$ .

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *In Case 4 let  $J_1 \perp J_2 = \mathcal{O}_2 x \perp \mathcal{O}_2 z$  with  $\lambda = q(x) \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $2\eta = q(z) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $\Phi$  leaves the two local spinor orbits invariant if and only if  $\eta + 1 \in 2\wp$ .*

*Proof.* As in the proof 2.1, take  $x_m = x = u_m + \lambda v_m$  and  $x_{m-1} = z = u_{m-1} + 2\eta v_{m-1}$ . Then the orbit of the canonical embedding  $\psi$  is determined by  $\varepsilon + 4\wp$ , where  $\psi(x_m) = \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$  (with  $\varepsilon \equiv \delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ). Then  $\Phi$  changes  $\varepsilon$  to  $-\varepsilon \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  in  $\psi(x_m)$ . Since  $E(u_m, u_{m-1} - 2\eta v_{m-1})$  fixes  $x_{m-1}$  and changes  $-\varepsilon$  to  $-\varepsilon - 2\eta\delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  in  $\Phi\psi(x_m)$ ,  $\Phi$  leaves the orbits invariant if and only if  $\varepsilon + 4\wp = -\varepsilon - 2\eta\delta + 4\wp$ , or  $\eta + 1 \in 2\wp$ .

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Assume the conditions of Theorem 2.1 and  $q = 2$ . Then  $\Psi$  (resp.  $\Psi(u_m + v_m)$ ) leaves the spinor orbits invariant for Cases 2 and 5 if and only if  $\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  (resp.  $\lambda \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ ), and for Cases 4 and 6 (assuming  $L_2 = H_1 \perp \cdots \perp H_m$ ) if and only if  $\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  (resp.  $\lambda \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$ ).*

*Proof.* In Cases 2 and 5,  $\lambda \pmod{4}$  is an invariant of  $M_2$ , and the spinor orbit of the embedding  $\psi$  is determined by the value of  $\varepsilon \pmod{4}$  in  $\psi(x_m) = \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$ ; thus  $\Psi$  leaves the orbit invariant if and only if  $\varepsilon \equiv \delta \pmod{4}$ , that is  $\lambda = \varepsilon\delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . For Cases 4 and 6,  $\lambda \pmod{8}$  is an invariant of  $M_2$ , and the orbit is determined by  $\varepsilon \pmod{8}$ ; note  $\lambda$  changes to  $\lambda + 4$  if modifications to  $M_2$  and  $L_2$  are needed for the exceptional situation in Theorem 3.1(iii) of [1].

**COROLLARY 2.5.** *Assume the conditions of Theorem 2.1. Then  $\Psi$  leaves all  $SO(L_2)$ -orbits invariant.*

*Proof.* The symmetry  $\Psi(s)$  with  $s = \varepsilon u_m - \delta v_m$  leaves invariant the canonical embedding  $\psi_c$  involving  $x_c = \varepsilon u_m + \delta v_m$ , with  $\varepsilon\delta = \lambda$  a unit. Since  $\Psi\Psi(s) \in SO(H_m)$ , it follows that  $\Psi$  leaves the  $SO(L_2)$ -orbits invariant.

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Assume 2 is prime, the even lattice  $L_2$  primitively represents  $M_2$  with  $n - m = m_2 \geq 2$ , and  $J_1$  is even. Then:*

1.  $e_2 = 2$  when  $r_1 > 0$ .
2.  $e_2 = 2q$  when  $r_1 = 0$  and  $r_2 > 1$ .
3.  $e_2 = 4q$  when  $r_1 = 0$  and  $r_2 \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 3.7 in [1] when  $M_2$  is strongly even. It remains to consider  $\mathcal{S}_2 = 4\mathcal{O}_2$  and  $J_2$  odd. Then  $J_1 = 0$ , and either  $J_2$  is split by  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 4 \\ 4 & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\alpha \in 8\mathcal{O}_2$  and  $\delta \in 4\mathcal{W}_2$ , or  $r_2 = 1$ . The first case gives  $e_2 = 2q$  by an argument similar to that used for strongly even lattices in [1]. In the remaining case with  $r_2 = 1$ , Proposition 3.6(i) in [1] gives  $e_2 \leq 4q$ , while  $e_2 \geq 4q$  follows by an argument similar to that used in the proof of Theorem 2.1(4).

**COROLLARY 2.7.** *Assume the conditions of Theorem 2.6. Then  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  independently interchange the local spinor orbits in pairs, except for  $\Phi$  when  $r_1 > 0$ .*

### 3. GLOBAL ORBITS UNDER $O(L)$ AND $SO(L)$

Assume  $L$  is an even unimodular isotropic  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice. The quotient group  $O(L)/O'(L)$  is then the Klein 4-group generated by  $\Phi(-1)$  and  $\Psi(u-v)$  (viewed acting on a hyperbolic plane  $H_m$  common to all the local splittings of  $L_p$  used in the canonical embeddings).

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $L$  be an even unimodular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice with  $n - m \geq 3$  and the Witt index  $i_\infty(L \perp -M) > m$ . Then*

$$2N^+(L, M) = N'(L, M) = \prod_p e_p$$

*if and only if either:*

1. *There exists a prime  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  with  $m + m_p \geq n - 1$ , or*
2.  *$m + m_2 = n$ ,  $e_2 \geq 2$ , either  $J_1 = 0$  or  $J_1$  is odd, and if  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$  with  $J_3$  even then  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .*

*Otherwise,  $N^+(L, M) = N'(L, M)$ .*

*Proof.* The conditions given are exactly those needed so that  $\Phi(-1)$  does not act trivially on the local spinor orbits. See Theorem 4.1 in [1] for the first part. The rest uses Corollaries from the previous section. ■

This result is essentially in [2] although expressed differently, and with the notation  $e_{+++} = N'(L, M)$ ,  $e_{+-} = N^+(L, M)$  and  $e = N(L, M)$ . Finally, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for  $N(L, M) = 1$ . Let  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  be the odd primes where  $m + m_{p_j} \geq n - 1$ , and let  $P$  be the two rowed matrix over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  where the  $(1, j)$ -entry is 1 if and only if  $p_j \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and the  $(2, j)$ -entry is 1 if and only if  $m + m_{p_j} = n - 1$  and  $2dM_{p_j}(0) \neq (-1)^{n-m} dL_{p_j}$ . This last condition corresponds to  $(2\Delta/p_j) = -1$  in [2], where  $\Delta \equiv -\lambda \pmod{8}$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $L$  be an even unimodular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice primitively representing  $M$  with  $n - m \geq 3$  and  $i_\infty(L \perp -M) > m$ . Then  $N(L, M) = 1$  if and only if  $e_2 \leq 4$  and one of the three following situations occur:*

1. *If  $e_2 = 1$  and an odd prime  $p$  exists with  $m + m_p = n$ , then  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and  $m + m_p \leq n - 2$  for all other odd primes. At most two primes with  $m + m_p = n - 1$  exist, with  $\text{rank } P = 1$  when only one exists, and  $\text{rank } P = 2$  when two exist.*

2. *If  $e_2 = 2$ , then  $m + m_p \leq n - 1$  for all odd primes. At most one  $p$  with  $m + m_p = n - 1$  exists, with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  when  $J_1$  is even, and  $2dM_p(0) \neq (-1)^{n-m} dL_p$ , with  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  in Case 4, when  $J_1$  is odd.*

3. *If  $e_2 = 4$ , then  $m + m_p \leq n - 2$  for all odd primes,  $r_1 = 0$  and  $r_2 > 1$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $\prod_p e_p = N'(L, M) \leq 4$  is necessary; Theorem 3.7 in [1] then forces the given restrictions on  $m + m_p$  at odd primes. When  $e_2 = 1$ , the result follows from 3.1 above and Theorem 4.2 (and the remarks following it) in [1]. When  $e_2 = 4$ , Case 6 cannot occur by 2.5. Thus only 2.6(2) applies, and  $\Phi(-1)$  and  $\Psi(u-v)$  then act independently on the dyadic spinor orbits. Finally, let  $e_2 = 2$ . If  $r_1 > 0$  with  $J_1$  even,  $\Phi(-1)$  acts invariantly on dyadic spinor orbits, so that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  is necessary when  $p$  exists with  $m + m_p = n - 1$ . If  $J_1$  is odd, then  $\Psi(u-v)$  acts invariantly on  $SO(L_2)$ -orbits by 2.5, and also invariantly on  $O'(L_p)$ -orbits unless  $2dM_p(0) \neq (-1)^{n-m} dL_p$  (see [1]), so this condition is now necessary.

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