

ON THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUP OF A SIMPLE LIE GROUP

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Introduction

Let G be a simply connected simple Lie group and C the center of G , which is isomorphic with the fundamental group of the adjoint group of G . For an element c of C , an element x of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G is called a representative of c in \mathfrak{g} if $\exp x = c$. Sirota-Solodovnikov [7] found a complete set of representatives of the center C in \mathfrak{g} and studied the group structure of C , and using their results Goto-Kobayashi [1] classified subgroups of the center C with respect to automorphisms of G . The group structure of C was also studied in Takeuchi [8].

Sirota-Solodovnikov's complete representatives were obtained by calculating a free abelian group Z_* modulo a subgroup Z_0 for each simple group. But if G is compact, owing to the classical result of E. Cartan, they are obtained systematically as follows. Let \mathfrak{h} be a maximal abelian subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} , Δ the root system of the complexification \mathfrak{g}^c of \mathfrak{g} with respect to the complexification \mathfrak{h}^c of \mathfrak{h} and $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ a fundamental system of Δ . Let $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i \alpha_i$ be the highest root of Δ with respect to Π and A_i^* ($1 \leq i \leq l$) the dual basis of Π in $\sqrt{-1}\mathfrak{h}$ defined by the relations: $\alpha_i(A_j^*) = \delta_{ij}$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq l$). Then the set $\{0\} \cup \{2\pi\sqrt{-1} A_i^*; 1 \leq i \leq l, n_i = 1\}$ give a complete set of representatives of the center C in \mathfrak{g} . Thus it is quite easy to see how an automorphism of G acts on C .

Moreover, by an unpublished result of Murakami (Theorem 2), if G is compact, C is isomorphic with a subgroup of the group of automorphisms of the extended fundamental system Π^* , where Π^* is defined from Π by adding $-\mu$ to it.

In this note we shall generalize the above results to general G (not necessarily compact). A complete set of representatives of the center C in

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\mathfrak{g} is obtained by seeing the fundamental system and the highest root of \mathfrak{g} and those of simple components of a maximal compact subalgebra \mathfrak{k} of \mathfrak{g} , in terms of the dual basis of fundamental systems. The group structure of the center C is described by means of a group of automorphisms of the "extended fundamental system" of \mathfrak{k} . Thus it is immediate to find the action of automorphisms of G on C .

§ 1. Fundamental group of a semi-simple group

Let G be a connected semi-simple Lie group and \mathfrak{g} its Lie algebra. Let \mathfrak{k} be a maximal compact subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} , \mathfrak{k}' the derived algebra of \mathfrak{k} and K (resp. K') the connected subgroup of G generated by \mathfrak{k} (resp. \mathfrak{k}'). Then we have $\pi_1(K) \cong \pi_1(G)$ since G is diffeomorphic with the product of K and a Euclidean space (Helgason [22], p. 214). We take a Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h}_1 of \mathfrak{k} . Then \mathfrak{h}_1 contains a regular element of \mathfrak{g} (Murakami [5]) so that \mathfrak{h}_1 can be extended uniquely to a Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} of \mathfrak{g} . Let \mathfrak{g}^c (resp. $\mathfrak{k}^c, \mathfrak{k}'^c, \mathfrak{h}^c$) denote the complexification of \mathfrak{g} (resp. $\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{k}', \mathfrak{h}$) and let $\mathfrak{h}_\pm^c = \mathfrak{h}^c \cap \mathfrak{k}^c$, $\mathfrak{h}'^c = \mathfrak{h}^c \cap \mathfrak{k}'^c$. Then \mathfrak{h}^c (resp. $\mathfrak{h}_\pm^c, \mathfrak{h}'^c$) is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g}^c (resp. $\mathfrak{k}^c, \mathfrak{k}'^c$). Let \mathfrak{h}_0 be the real part of \mathfrak{h}^c and put $\mathfrak{h}_+ = \mathfrak{h}_0 \cap \mathfrak{h}_\pm^c$, $\mathfrak{h}' = \mathfrak{h}_0 \cap \mathfrak{h}'^c$, \mathfrak{c} = the orthogonal complement of \mathfrak{h}' in \mathfrak{h}_+ with respect to the Killing form $(\ , \)$ of \mathfrak{g}^c . Then the Weyl group W (resp. W') of \mathfrak{k}^c (resp. \mathfrak{k}'^c) on \mathfrak{h}_\pm^c (resp. \mathfrak{h}'^c) is considered as a group of orthogonal transformations of \mathfrak{h}_+ (resp. \mathfrak{h}') with respect to the Killing form of \mathfrak{g}^c and W acts trivially on \mathfrak{c} and coincides with W' on \mathfrak{h}' . In the following we shall identify the dual space of \mathfrak{h}_0 with \mathfrak{h}_0 by means of the Killing form of \mathfrak{g}^c , so that the root system Δ (resp. Δ') of \mathfrak{g}^c (resp. \mathfrak{k}'^c) with respect to \mathfrak{h}^c (resp. \mathfrak{h}'^c) is contained in \mathfrak{h}_0 (resp. \mathfrak{h}'). Let $\Pi' = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l'}\}$ be a fundamental system of Δ' and $>$ the lexicographic order of Δ' associated with Π' . Now we put

$$Z = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \text{kernel} \{ \exp: \sqrt{-1}\mathfrak{h}_+ \longrightarrow K \}$$

and let $t(z)$ denote the translation $h \longmapsto h + z$ of \mathfrak{h}_+ by an element z of Z . Then $W \cap t(Z) = \{1\}$ and W normalizes $t(Z)$ since W leaves Z invariant and $wt(z)w^{-1} = t(wz)$ for $w \in W$ and $z \in Z$. Thus we have a group \tilde{W} of isometries of the Euclidean space \mathfrak{h}_+ defining that

$$\tilde{W} = t(Z)W.$$

The groups Z and \tilde{W} for the universal covering group of G or the adjoint

group of G will be denoted by Z_0 and \tilde{W}_0 or Z_* and \tilde{W}_* . Then we have

$$Z_* = \{h \in \mathfrak{h}_+; (\alpha, h) \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ for any root } \alpha \text{ of } \mathcal{A}\},$$

$$Z_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu'} \mathbf{Z} \beta_i^*, \text{ where } \beta_i^* = (2/(\beta_i, \beta_i)) \beta_i.$$

The latter equality follows from the fact that the righthand side is the dual group of the group of weights of \mathfrak{k}'^c . It is clear that $Z_0 \subset Z \subset Z_*$ and $\tilde{W}_0 \subset \tilde{W} \subset \tilde{W}_*$. If we denote by K_0 the simply connected subgroup of the universal covering group G_0 of G generated by \mathfrak{k} and by φ the covering homomorphism of K_0 onto K , then the map $\gamma: Z/Z_0 \rightarrow G_0$ defined by $z \bmod Z_0 \mapsto \exp_{G_0} 2\pi\sqrt{-1} z$ induces the isomorphism of Z/Z_0 onto the kernel of φ , which is isomorphic with $\pi_1(K) \cong \pi_1(G)$. Thus

$$Z/Z_0 \cong \pi_1(G).$$

LEMMA 1. $wz \equiv z \pmod{Z_0}$ for $w \in W$ and $z \in Z$.

Proof. There exists an element k of the normalizer in K_0 of \mathfrak{h}_+ such that $\text{Ad } k$ restricted to \mathfrak{h}_+ coincides with w . Since the kernel of the above covering homomorphism φ is contained in the center of K_0 , the element k centralizes the kernel of φ , which yields Lemma. q.e.d.

Note that $(z, \beta) \in \mathbf{Z}$ for $z \in Z$ and $\beta \in \mathcal{A}'$, since β is obtained as the orthogonal projection to \mathfrak{h}_+ of some root of \mathcal{A} and $Z \subset Z_*$. This fact will be used sometimes in the following.

The subset

$$D = \{h \in \mathfrak{h}_+; (h, \beta) \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ for some root } \beta \text{ of } \mathcal{A}'\}$$

of \mathfrak{h}_+ is called the *diagram* of \mathfrak{k} on \mathfrak{h}_+ and a connected component of $\mathfrak{h}_+ - D$ is called a *cell* of \mathfrak{k} on \mathfrak{h}_+ . Then \tilde{W} leaves D invariant since $W(\mathcal{A}') \subset \mathcal{A}'$ and $(Z, \mathcal{A}') \subset \mathbf{Z}$. It follows that \tilde{W} acts on the set of cells of \mathfrak{k} on \mathfrak{h}_+ . A classical theorem of E. Cartan (cf. Helgason [2], p. 265) says that \tilde{W}_0 acts simply transitively on the set of cells. (An algebraic proof of this theorem is seen in Iwahori-Matsumoto [3].) Let \mathcal{C}' be the positive Weyl chamber of \mathfrak{k}' on \mathfrak{h}' with respect to Π' , that is, $\mathcal{C}' = \{h \in \mathfrak{h}'; (h, \beta_i) > 0 \text{ for any root } \beta_i \text{ of } \Pi'\}$, and S the unique cell of \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{h}_+ such that the closure \bar{S} of S contains 0 and $S \cap \mathcal{C}' \neq \phi$. We put

$$\tilde{W}(S) = \{\tau \in \tilde{W}; \tau S = S\}.$$

THEOREM 1. *The group $\tilde{W}(S)$ is isomorphic with the fundamental group $\pi_1(G)$ of G .*

Proof. Let us consider the map of \tilde{W} to Z/Z_0 defined by $t(z)w \mapsto z \bmod Z_0$ for $z \in Z$ and $w \in W$. Since we have $(t(z_1)w_1)(t(z_2)w_2) = t(z_1 + w_1 z_2)(w_1 w_2)$, the map is a homomorphism in view of Lemma 1. The kernel of this homomorphism is just the group \tilde{W}_0 . It follows that \tilde{W}_0 is a normal subgroup of \tilde{W} and $\tilde{W}/\tilde{W}_0 \cong Z/Z_0 \cong \pi_1(G)$. On the other hand, the theorem of E. Cartan yields that \tilde{W} is the semi-direct product of $\tilde{W}(S)$ and \tilde{W}_0 . It follows that $\tilde{W}(S) \cong \tilde{W}/\tilde{W}_0 \cong \pi_1(G)$. q.e.d.

COROLLARY. *The corresponding group $\tilde{W}_*(S)$ for centerless group G is isomorphic with the center C of the universal covering group of G .*

Proof. Obvious since $\pi_1(G)$ is isomorphic with C . An explicit isomorphism is given by $\tilde{W}_*(S) \cong Z_*/Z_0 \stackrel{\tau}{\cong} C$. q.e.d.

REMARK. The group $\tilde{W}(S)$ may be described in terms of covering transformations of the universal covering space of an open submanifold of K (cf. Takeuchi [8], Helgason [2]).

If we put $S' = \mathfrak{h}' \cap S$, we have $S = \mathfrak{c} \times S'$. Now we define certain groups on \mathfrak{h}' similarly to those on \mathfrak{h}_+ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} Z'_* &= \{h \in \mathfrak{h}'; (h, \beta) \in Z \text{ for any root } \beta \text{ of } \mathfrak{A}'\}, \\ \tilde{W}'_* &= t'(Z'_*)W', \text{ where } t'(z')h' = z' + h' \text{ for } h' \in \mathfrak{h}'. \end{aligned}$$

Then Z'_* contains $Z \cap \mathfrak{h}'$ and \tilde{W}'_* leaves $D' = \mathfrak{h}' \cap D$ invariant so that \tilde{W}'_* acts on connected components of $\mathfrak{h}' - D'$, which are called *cells* of \mathfrak{k}' on \mathfrak{h}' . S' is the unique cell of \mathfrak{k}' on \mathfrak{h}' such that \bar{S}' contains 0 and $S' \cap \mathcal{C}' \neq \phi$. Put

$$\tilde{W}'_*(S') = \{\tau' \in \tilde{W}'_*; \tau'S' = S'\}.$$

The same argument as above shows that $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ is isomorphic with the fundamental group of the adjoint group of \mathfrak{k}' and with the center of the universal covering group of K' .

LEMMA 2. 1) *Let Z'' be the image of $\bar{S} \cap Z$ by the orthogonal projection of \mathfrak{h}_+ onto \mathfrak{c} . Then $\bar{S} \cap Z \subset Z'' \times (\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*)$.*

2) *Let $\xi(\tau) = \tau(0)$ for $\tau \in \tilde{W}(S)$. Then the map ξ gives a bijection of $\tilde{W}(S)$*

onto $\bar{S} \cap Z$. The set $2\pi\sqrt{-1}(\bar{S} \cap Z_*)$ is a complete set of representatives in \mathfrak{g} of the center C of the universal covering group of G .

3) Let $\xi'(\tau') = \tau'(0)$ for $\tau' \in \tilde{W}'_*(S')$. Then the map ξ' gives a bijection of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ onto $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. The set $2\pi\sqrt{-1}(\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*)$ is a complete set of representatives in \mathfrak{k}' of the center of the universal covering group of K' .

Proof. 1) Let $z = (z'', z')$ be an element of $\bar{S} \cap Z = (\mathfrak{c} \times \bar{S}') \cap Z$, where $z'' \in Z''$ and $z' \in \bar{S}'$. Then for any root β of \mathcal{A}' we have $(z', \beta) = (z, \beta) - (z'', \beta) = (z, \beta) \in Z$ so that $z' \in \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$.

2) For any element $\tau = t(z)w$ of $\tilde{W}(S)$, where $z \in Z$ and $w \in W$, we have $\xi(\tau) = \tau(0) = z \in Z$. It follows that $\xi(\tau) \in \bar{S} \cap Z$ since $0 \in \bar{S}$. We shall show first that ξ is surjective. In view of 1), any element z of $\bar{S} \cap Z$ can be written as $z = z'' + z'$, where $z'' \in Z''$ and $z' \in \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. Then $t(z)^{-1}S = \mathfrak{c} \times t(z')^{-1}S'$ and $t(z')^{-1}S'$ is a cell of \mathfrak{k}' on \mathfrak{h}' such that its closure contains 0. Since W' acts transitively on Weyl chambers of \mathfrak{k}' on \mathfrak{h}' , we have an element w of W such that $w^{-1}t(z')^{-1}S' = S'$. It follows that $w^{-1}t(z)^{-1}S = \mathfrak{c} \times S' = S$ so that $\tau = t(z)w \in \tilde{W}(S)$ and $\xi(\tau) = z$. We shall show next that ξ is injective. Let $\tau_i = t(z_i)w_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) be elements of $\tilde{W}(S)$ such that $\xi(\tau_1) = \xi(\tau_2)$. Then we have $z_1 = z_2$ and $\tau_2^{-1}\tau_1 = w_2^{-1}w_1 \in W \cap \tilde{W}(S) \subset \tilde{W}_0 \cap \tilde{W}(S)$. But since $\tilde{W}_0 \cap \tilde{W}(S) = \{1\}$ by the theorem of E. Cartan, we have $\tau_1 = \tau_2$. The second statement follows from the first statement and Corollary of Theorem 1.

3) is proved similarly to the above.

q.e.d.

LEMMA 3. 1) Z'' is a subgroup of \mathfrak{c} . The corresponding group Z''_* for centerless group G is a lattice of \mathfrak{c} .

2) Let F be the subset of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ corresponding to $\bar{S}' \cap Z$ under the bijection $\xi': \tilde{W}'_*(S') \longrightarrow \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$ and let $\pi''(\tau) = z''$ for an element $\tau = t(z'' + z')w$ of $\tilde{W}(S)$, where $z'' \in Z''$, $z' \in \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$ and $w \in W$. Then F is a subgroup of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ and the map $\pi'': \tilde{W}(S) \longrightarrow Z''$ is a homomorphism. Moreover we have a split exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow \tilde{W}(S) \xrightarrow{\pi''} Z'' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Thus we have an isomorphism: $\tilde{W}(S) \cong Z'' \times F$.

Proof. For elements $\tau_i = t(z''_i + z'_i)w_i$ of $\tilde{W}(S)$ ($i = 1, 2$), we have $\tau_1\tau_2 = t((z''_1 + z''_2) + (z'_1 + w_1z'_2))(w_1w_2)$ so that π'' is a homomorphism of $\tilde{W}(S)$ into \mathfrak{c} . Since $\pi''\tilde{W} = Z''$ in view of Lemma 2, Z'' is a subgroup of \mathfrak{c} .

If $\pi''(\tau) = 0$ for an element $\tau = t(z)w$ of $\tilde{W}(S)$, then $z \in \mathfrak{h}' \cap Z \subset Z'_*$. It follows that τ is identity on \mathfrak{c} , its restriction τ' to \mathfrak{h}' belongs to $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ and $\xi'(\tau') \in \bar{S}' \cap Z$. Conversely if τ' is an element of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ with $\xi'(\tau') \in \bar{S}' \cap Z$, then the trivial extension τ of τ' to \mathfrak{h}_+ satisfies $\tau \in \tilde{W}(S)$ and $\tilde{w}''(\tau) = 0$. It follows that F is a subgroup of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ and isomorphic with the kernel of π'' . So we have the desired exact sequence, which splits because Z'' is free.

If G is centerless, then K is compact so that $Z_* \cap \mathfrak{c}$ is a lattice of \mathfrak{c} . Since Z''_* contains $Z_* \cap \mathfrak{c}$, Z''_* is also a lattice of \mathfrak{c} . q.e.d.

Now we want to describe the structure of the group F . Let $\mathfrak{k}' = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{k}'_i$ be the decomposition of \mathfrak{k}' into simple factors. Then $\mathfrak{h}', \mathcal{A}', \Pi', Z'_*, S', \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$, W', \tilde{W}'_* and $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ are the direct products of corresponding objects for simple factors \mathfrak{k}_i , which will be denoted by the same symbol with the suffix i . Let μ'_i be the highest root of \mathcal{A}'_i and $\Pi'^*_i = \Pi'_i \cup \{-\mu'_i\}$. Let $\text{Aut}(\Pi'^*_i)$ denote the group of orthogonal transformations of \mathfrak{h}'_i preserving Π'^*_i and let

$$\Pi'^* = \bigcup_{i=1}^r \Pi'^*_i,$$

$$\text{Aut}(\Pi'^*) = \prod_{i=1}^r \text{Aut}(\Pi'^*_i).$$

THEOREM 2. 1) Let $\pi'(\tau') = w'$ for an element $\tau' = t'(z')w'$ of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$, where $z' \in Z'_*$ and $w' \in W'$. Then $\pi'(\tau') \in \text{Aut}(\Pi'^*)$ for any element τ' of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ and the map $\pi' : \tilde{W}'_*(S') \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\Pi'^*)$ is an injective homomorphism. The image $\pi'\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ of π' will be denoted by $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{k}')$, which is isomorphic with the fundamental group of the adjoint group of \mathfrak{k}' .

2) If \mathfrak{k}' is simple, the group $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{k}')$ is obtained as follows. Let $M_i^* \in \mathfrak{h}'$ ($1 \leq i \leq l'$) be the dual basis of Π' , that is, $(M_i^*, \beta_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq l'$) and $P_i = (1/m_i) M_i^*$ ($1 \leq i \leq l'$), where m_i is the i -th coefficient of the highest root $\mu' = \sum_{i=1}^{l'} m_i \beta_i$ of \mathcal{A}' . We put $\beta_0 = -\mu'$, $M_0^* = P_0 = 0$ and $m_0 = 1$. Then

a) $\{P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{l'}\}$ is the set of vertices of \bar{S}' .

b) $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_* = \{M_i^*; 0 \leq i \leq l', m_i = 1\}$ and the set $\{2\pi\sqrt{-1} M_i^*; 0 \leq i \leq l', m_i = 1\}$ is a complete set of representatives of the center of the simply connected Lie group with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{k}' .

c) Let τ'_i be the element of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ with $\xi'(\tau'_i) = M_i^*$ and π_i the element of the symmetric group of $(l' + 1)$ letters $\{0, 1, \dots, l'\}$ defined by $\tau'_i P_j = P_{\pi_i(j)}$ ($0 \leq j \leq l'$). Then $\pi'(\tau'_i) \beta_j = \beta_{\pi_i(j)}$ ($0 \leq j \leq l'$).

d) $\pi'(\tau'_i)$ is characterized by the property:

$$\{\beta \in \Delta'; \beta > 0, \pi'(\tau'_i)^{-1}\beta < 0\} = \{\beta \in \Delta'; (\beta, M_i^*) > 0\}.$$

Proof. They were proved in a more general situation in Takeuchi [8] except 2), d) and the last statement was contained together with the other in Iwahori-Matsumoto [3], but we prove them again here for the sake of completeness.

Since we have $\tau'_1\tau'_2 = t'(z'_1 + w'_1z'_2)(w'_1w'_2)$ for $\tau'_i = t'(z'_i)w'_i \in \tilde{W}'_*(S')$ ($i = 1, 2$), π' is a homomorphism of $\tilde{W}'_*(S')$ to W' . To prove the statements that $\pi'\tilde{W}'_*(S) \subset \text{Aut}(\Pi'^*)$ and π' is injective, we may assume that \mathfrak{f}' is simple. But in this case they are true in view of 2), c).

2) a) follows from

$$S' = \{h' \in \mathfrak{H}'; (h', \beta_i) > 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq l'), (h', \mu') < 1\},$$

$$\bar{S}' = \{h' \in \mathfrak{H}'; (h', \beta_i) \geq 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq l'), (h', \mu') \leq 1\}.$$

b) The first statement follows from a) and that $Z'_* = \sum_{i=1}^{l'} \mathbf{Z}M_i^*$. The second follows from Lemma 2, 3).

c) We shall show first that $m_j = m_{\pi_i(j)}$ ($0 \leq j \leq l'$). Since $\pi'(\tau'_i) = t'(\xi'(\tau'_i))^{-1}\tau'_i$, we have $\pi'(\tau'_i)P_j = P_{\pi_i(j)} - \xi'(\tau'_i) = (1/m_{\pi_i(j)})M_{\pi_i(j)}^* - \xi'(\tau'_i)$ and therefore

$$(*) \quad \pi'(\tau'_i)M_j^* = (m_j/m_{\pi_i(j)})M_{\pi_i(j)}^* - m_j\xi'(\tau'_i).$$

Hence $(m_j/m_{\pi_i(j)})M_{\pi_i(j)}^* \in Z'_*$. It follows from the equality: $Z'_* = \sum_{k=1}^{l'} \mathbf{Z}M_k^*$ that $m_j/m_{\pi_i(j)} \geq 1$. The same argument for τ_i^{-1} shows that $m_{\pi_i(j)}/m_j \geq 1$. Thus we have $m_j = m_{\pi_i(j)}$.

Since $\xi'(\tau'_i) = \tau'_i(0) = \tau'_iP_0 = P_{\pi_i(0)} = (1/m_{\pi_i(0)})M_{\pi_i(0)}^* = (1/m_0)M_{\pi_i(0)}^* = M_{\pi_i(0)}^*$, we have from (*) that $\pi'(\tau'_i)M_j^* = M_{\pi_i(j)}^* - m_jM_{\pi_i(0)}^*$. Replacing τ_i by τ_i^{-1} we have

$$\pi'(\tau'_i)^{-1}M_j^* = M_{\pi_i^{-1}(j)}^* - m_jM_{\pi_i^{-1}(0)}^* \quad (0 \leq j \leq l').$$

Now it is easy to derive $\pi'(\tau'_i)\beta_j = \beta_{\pi_i(j)}$ using $m_j = m_{\pi_i(j)}$ and the above equalities: If $j \neq 0$, $\pi_i^{-1}(0)$, then for $1 \leq k \leq l'$ we have $(\pi'(\tau'_i)\beta_j, M_k^*) = (\beta_j, \pi'(\tau'_i)^{-1}M_k^*) = (\beta_j, M_{\pi_i^{-1}(k)}^* - m_kM_{\pi_i^{-1}(0)}^*) = (\beta_j, M_{\pi_i^{-1}(k)}^*) = \delta_{\pi_i(j), k} = (\beta_{\pi_i(j)}, M_k^*)$, so that $\pi'(\tau'_i)\beta_j = \beta_{\pi_i(j)}$. We can similarly confirm the same equality for $j = 0$ or $\pi_i^{-1}(0)$.

d) Since the existence and the uniqueness of an element w' of W' such that

$$\{\beta \in \mathcal{A}'; \beta > 0, w'^{-1}\beta < 0\} = \{\beta \in \mathcal{A}'; (\beta, M_i^*) > 0\}$$

is known (Kostant [4]), it suffices to show that $\tau' = t'(M_i^*)w'$, with w' as above and $m_i = 1$, leaves S' invariant. We may assume that $i \neq 0$. Take an element h' of S' . Let $1 \leq j \leq l'$, then $(\tau'h', \beta_j) = (w'h' + M_i^*, \beta_j) = (h', w'^{-1}\beta_j) + (M_i^*, \beta_j)$. If $w'^{-1}\beta_j > 0$, then $(h', w'^{-1}\beta_j) > 0$ since $h' \in S'$. If $w'^{-1}\beta_j < 0$, then $(M_i^*, \beta_j) = 1$ from the assumption for w' and $(h', w'^{-1}\beta_j) > -1$ since $h' \in S'$. Thus in both cases we have $(\tau'h', \beta_j) > 0$. Furthermore we have $(\tau'h', \mu') = (w'h' + M_i^*, \mu') = (h', w'^{-1}\mu') + 1$. If $w'^{-1}\mu' < 0$, then $(h', w'^{-1}\mu') < 0$ since $h' \in S'$, so that $(\tau'h', \mu') < 1$. If $w'^{-1}\mu' > 0$, then from the assumption for w' we have $(\mu', M_i^*) \leq 0$, which is a contradiction. Thus we have $(\tau'h', \mu') < 1$. It follows that $\tau'h'$ is also an element of S' . q.e.d.

THEOREM 3. Let $\mathcal{F} = \pi'F \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{f}')$, that is, \mathcal{F} is the image of $\bar{S}' \cap Z$ by the injection $\pi'\xi'^{-1} : \bar{S}' \cap Z'_* \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\Pi'^*)$, and let Z'' be the free abelian group defined in Lemma 2. Then

$$\pi_1(G) \cong Z'' \times \mathcal{F}.$$

If G has no center, then the rank of $Z'' = Z''_*$ is the same as the dimension of the center of the maximal compact subgroup K of G . The set $2\pi\sqrt{-1}(\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*)$ is a complete set of representatives of the torsion part of the center C of the universal covering group of G .

Proof. $\pi_1(G)$ is isomorphic with $Z'' \times F$ by Theorem 1 and Lemma 3, 2) and F is isomorphic with \mathcal{F} by Theorem 2. It follows that $\pi_1(G)$ is isomorphic with $Z'' \times \mathcal{F}$. The second statement follows from Lemma 3, 1). The last follows from Lemma 2, 2). q.e.d.

§ 2. Center of a simply connected simple group

Let \mathfrak{g}_u be a compact simple Lie algebra.

(A) Let \mathfrak{h}_u be a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g}_u . Then the complexification \mathfrak{h}^c of \mathfrak{h}_u is a Cartan subalgebra of the complexification \mathfrak{g}^c of \mathfrak{g}_u . The real part \mathfrak{h}_0 of \mathfrak{h}^c is identified with the dual space of \mathfrak{h}_0 as in Section 1 by means of the Killing form $(\ , \)$ of \mathfrak{g}^c , so that the root system \mathcal{A} of \mathfrak{g}^c with respect to \mathfrak{h}^c is a subset of \mathfrak{h}_0 . Choose a set $\{e_\alpha; \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$ of root vectors

of $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{C}}$ with respect to $\mathfrak{h}^{\mathbf{C}}$ such that $[e_{\alpha}, e_{-\alpha}] = -\alpha$ ($\alpha \in \Delta$) and $[e_{\alpha}, e_{\beta}] = N_{\alpha, \beta} e_{\alpha+\beta}$ ($\alpha, \beta, \alpha + \beta \in \Delta$) where $N_{\alpha, \beta} \neq 0$, $N_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathbf{R}$. Let $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ be a fundamental system of Δ and $>$ the lexicographic order of Δ associated with Π . Let $\Lambda_i^* \in \mathfrak{h}_0$ ($1 \leq i \leq l$) be the dual basis of Π , that is, $(\Lambda_i^*, \alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq l$) and put $\Lambda_j^* = 0$, $\alpha_0 = -\mu$, where μ is the highest root of Δ . Take an involutive transformation ρ of \mathfrak{h}_0 with $\rho\Delta = \Delta$ and $\rho\Pi = \Pi$, and put

$$\mathfrak{h}_+ = \{h \in \mathfrak{h}_0; \rho h = h\}.$$

Changing indices of the α_i if necessary, we may assume that $\rho\alpha_i = \alpha_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq p$), $\rho\alpha_{p+i} = \alpha_{l_0+i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq l_0 - p$) and $\rho\alpha_{l_0+i} = \alpha_{p+i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq l_0 - p$). Then we have $\Lambda_i^* \in \mathfrak{h}_+$ if $0 \leq i \leq p$. Let θ_{ρ} be the involutive automorphism of \mathfrak{g}_u leaving \mathfrak{h}_u invariant, which is characterized by property that its \mathbf{C} -linear extension θ_{ρ} to $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{C}}$ satisfies $\theta_{\rho} = \rho$ on \mathfrak{h}_0 and $\theta_{\rho} e_{\alpha_i} = e_{\rho\alpha_i}$ for any root α_i of Π . Let $\bar{\alpha}$ denote the image of a root α of Δ by the orthogonal projection of \mathfrak{h}_0 onto \mathfrak{h}_+ . Then

$$\Delta_0 = \{\bar{\alpha}; \alpha \in \Delta\}$$

is the root system of a complex simple Lie algebra of rank l_0 and

$$\Pi_0 = \{\bar{\alpha}_i; \alpha_i \in \Pi\} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \bar{\alpha}_{p+1}, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_{l_0}\}$$

is a fundamental system of Δ_0 (Murakami [6], p. 301, p. 302). The lexicographic order $>$ of Δ_0 associated with Π_0 is nothing but the one induced by the order $>$ of Δ . Let $\mu_0 = n_1\alpha_1 + \dots + n_p\alpha_p + n_{p+1}\bar{\alpha}_{p+1} + \dots + n_{l_0}\bar{\alpha}_{l_0}$ be the highest root of Δ_0 and put $n_0 = 1$. Then

$$\theta = \theta_{\rho} \exp \pi\sqrt{-1} \operatorname{ad} \Lambda_{i_0}^* \quad (0 \leq i_0 \leq p, \ n_{i_0} = 1 \text{ or } 2)$$

is an involutive automorphism of \mathfrak{g}_u . We put

$$\mathfrak{k} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_u; \theta x = x\}, \quad \mathfrak{p}_u = \{x \in \mathfrak{g}_u; \theta x = -x\},$$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{p}_u.$$

Then \mathfrak{g} is a real simple Lie algebra, which is a real form of $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbf{C}}$, and \mathfrak{k} is a maximal compact subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . Let $\mathfrak{h}' = \mathfrak{h}_+ \cap \sqrt{-1} \mathfrak{k}'$, where \mathfrak{k}' is the derived algebra of \mathfrak{k} , and \mathfrak{c} the orthogonal complement of \mathfrak{h}' in \mathfrak{h}_+ . Then \mathfrak{h}_+ , \mathfrak{h}' and \mathfrak{c} play the same roles as those in Section 1. So we shall use the same notation as there.

(B) Let \mathfrak{g} be the scalar restriction to \mathbf{R} of the complexification $(\mathfrak{g}_u)^{\mathbf{C}}$ of \mathfrak{g}_u . Then \mathfrak{g} is a real simple Lie algebra, whose maximal compact subalgebra is isomorphic with \mathfrak{g}_u .

THEOREM. (Murakami [6], p. 295, p. 303) *Any real simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is obtained from a compact simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_u by the construction (A) or (B). In case (A), a fundamental system Π' of the root system Δ' of $\mathfrak{k}'^{\mathbf{C}}$ with respect to $\mathfrak{h}'^{\mathbf{C}}$ and \mathfrak{c} are obtained as follows.*

- 1) $\rho = 1, i_0 = 0 \quad \Pi' = \Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}, \mathfrak{c} = \{0\}.$
- 2) $\rho = 1, 1 \leq i_0 \leq l, n_{i_0} = 2 \quad \Pi' = (\Pi - \{\alpha_{i_0}\}) \cup \{\alpha_0\}, \mathfrak{c} = \{0\}.$
- 3) $\rho = 1, 1 \leq i_0 \leq l, n_{i_0} = 1 \quad \Pi' = \Pi - \{\alpha_{i_0}\}, \mathfrak{c} = \mathbf{R}\alpha_{i_0}^*.$
- 4) $\rho \neq 1, i_0 = 0 \quad \Pi' = \Pi_0, \mathfrak{c} = \{0\}.$
- 5) $\rho \neq 1, 1 \leq i_0 \leq p, n_{i_0} = 1 \text{ or } 2 \quad \Pi' = (\Pi_0 - \{\alpha_{i_0}\}) \cup \{\bar{\xi}\}, \mathfrak{c} = \{0\},$

where $\bar{\xi} = \alpha_{i_0} + \alpha_{i_1} + \alpha_{i_2} + \dots + \alpha_{i_t} + \alpha_k,$

$1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_t \leq p, p+1 \leq k \leq l,$

$\langle \alpha_{i_0}, \alpha_{i_1} \rangle, \langle \alpha_{i_1}, \alpha_{i_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle \alpha_{i_{t-1}}, \alpha_{i_t} \rangle, \langle \alpha_{i_t}, \alpha_k \rangle$ are all negative.

Now we want to calculate the center C of the simply connected Lie group with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} constructed in (A) or (B). The center C is isomorphic with the fundamental group $\pi_1(G)$ of the adjoint group G of \mathfrak{g} . In case (B), the problem is reduced to the one in case (A), 1), since $\pi_1(G) \cong \pi_1(G_u)$ where G_u is the adjoint group of \mathfrak{g}_u . In case (A), 1), we have $\pi_1(G) = \pi_1(G_u) \cong \mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{g}_u)$, which can be calculated by Theorem 2. So we shall restrict ourselves to find $\bar{S}' \cap Z_*$ in cases (A), 2) ~ 5) and a generator of the free part of $\pi_1(G)$ in case (A), 3). Let $\mathfrak{k}' = \sum_{k=1}^r \mathfrak{k}'_k$ be the decomposition of \mathfrak{k}' into simple factors and $\Pi'^* = \bigcup_{k=1}^r \Pi'_k{}^*$ and $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_* = \prod_{k=1}^r \bar{S}'_k \cap (Z'_*)_k$ be the corresponding decompositions. We can associate to any element γ of Π'^* a positive integer m_γ and an element M_γ^* of \mathfrak{h}' as in Theorem 2: If $\gamma \in \Pi'_k{}^*$, then m_γ is the coefficient of γ in the expression of the highest root of $\Pi'_k{}^*$ as the linear combination of fundamental roots. $\{M_\gamma^*; \gamma \in \Pi'^*\} \subset \mathfrak{h}'$ is the dual basis of Π' . If $\gamma \in \Pi'^* - \Pi'$, then $m_\gamma = 1$ and $M_\gamma^* = 0$. Then by Theo-

rem 2 any element z' of $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$ is of the form $z' = \sum_{k=1}^r M_{r_k}^*$, where $M_{r_k}^*$ is an element of $\bar{S}'_k \cap (Z'_*)_k$, that is, $r_k \in \Pi'^*$ and $m_{r_k} = 1$.

Case (A), 2). We have $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i \alpha_i$ since $\rho = 1$. We associate to any element r of Π'^* a non-negative integer n'_r as follows: $n'_r = n_i$ for $r = \alpha_i \in \Pi'$ and $n'_r = 0$ for $r \in \Pi'^* - \Pi'$. Let $z' = \sum_{k=1}^r M_{r_k}^*$ be an element of $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. Then for $i \neq i_0$, $1 \leq i \leq l$, we have $(\alpha_i, z') \in (\Pi', Z'_*) \subset \mathbf{Z}$ and $(\alpha_{i_0}, z') = -(1/2)(\alpha_0 + \sum_{\substack{i \neq i_0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq l}} n_i \alpha_i, z') = -(1/2)(\sum_{r \in \Pi'} n'_r r, \sum_k M_{r_k}^*) = -(1/2) \sum_k n'_{r_k}$. It follows that

$$\bar{S}' \cap Z_* = \{ \sum_k M_{r_k}^*; m_{r_k} = 1 \text{ for all } k, \sum_k n'_{r_k} \in 2\mathbf{Z} \}.$$

Case (A), 3). Let $a_{ij} = 2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)/(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq l$) be Cartan integers of Π and (b_{ij}) the inverse of the Cartan matrix (a_{ij}) . We associate to any element r of Π'^* a non-negative real number λ_r as follows: $\lambda_r = b_{i_0, i}/b_{i_0, i_0}$ for $r = \alpha_i \in \Pi'$ and $\lambda_r = 0$ for $r \in \Pi'^* - \Pi'$. We shall show first that \mathfrak{h}' -component of α_{i_0} is $-\sum_{r \in \Pi'} \lambda_r r$. Let $\alpha_{i_0} = \lambda A_{i_0}^* + \sum_{\alpha_i \in \Pi'} \lambda'_i \alpha_i$ ($\lambda, \lambda'_i \in \mathbf{R}$). From $1 = (\alpha_{i_0}, A_{i_0}^*) = \lambda(A_{i_0}^*, A_{i_0}^*)$, we have $\lambda = 1/(A_{i_0}^*, A_{i_0}^*)$. For $i \neq i_0$, $1 \leq i \leq l$, from $0 = (\alpha_{i_0}, A_i^*) = \lambda(A_{i_0}^*, A_i^*) + \lambda'_i$, we have $\lambda'_i = -\lambda(A_{i_0}^*, A_i^*) = -(A_{i_0}^*, A_i^*)/(A_{i_0}^*, A_{i_0}^*)$.

If we put $c_{ij} = c_{ji} = (A_i^*, A_j^*)$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq l$), we have $A_i^* = \sum_{j=1}^l c_{ij} \alpha_j$ and $\delta_{ki} = \delta_{ik} = (A_i^*, \alpha_k) = \sum_j c_{ij}(\alpha_j, \alpha_k) = \sum_j (c_{ij}(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)/2) (2(\alpha_j, \alpha_k)/(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)) = \sum_j a_{kj}((\alpha_j, \alpha_j)c_{ji}/2)$ ($1 \leq i, k \leq l$). It follows that $b_{ji} = (\alpha_j, \alpha_j)c_{ji}/2$ and $c_{ij} = (2/(\alpha_i, \alpha_i))b_{ij}$. Hence $\lambda'_i = -c_{i_0, i}/c_{i_0, i_0} = -b_{i_0, i}/b_{i_0, i_0} = -\lambda_{\alpha_i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq l$, $i \neq i_0$), as is desired.

Let $z' = \sum_k M_{r_k}^*$ be an element of $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. For $i \neq i_0$, $1 \leq i \leq l$, we have $(\alpha_i, z') \in (\Pi', Z'_*) \subset \mathbf{Z}$ and $(\alpha_{i_0}, z') = (-\sum_{r \in \Pi'} \lambda_r r, \sum_k M_{r_k}^*) = -\sum_k \lambda_{r_k}$. It follows that

$$\bar{S}' \cap Z_* = \{ \sum_k M_{r_k}^*; m_{r_k} = 1 \text{ for all } k, \sum_k \lambda_{r_k} \in \mathbf{Z} \}.$$

Let again $z' = \sum_k M_{r_k}^*$ be an element of $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. If we put $z = \lambda'' A_{i_0}^* + z'$ ($\lambda'' \in \mathbf{R}$), then for $i \neq i_0$, $1 \leq i \leq l$, we have $(z, \alpha_i) = (z', \alpha_i) \in (Z'_*, \Pi') \subset \mathbf{Z}$ and $(z, \alpha_{i_0}) = \lambda'' - \sum_k \lambda_{r_k}$. It follows that $z \in \bar{S} \cap Z_*$ if and only if $\lambda'' - \sum_k \lambda_{r_k} \in \mathbf{Z}$. Let

$$\lambda_{z'} = \text{Min} \{ |\sum_k \lambda_{r_k} + m|; m \in \mathbf{Z}, \sum_k \lambda_{r_k} + m \neq 0 \},$$

$$\lambda_0 = \text{Min}_{z' \in \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*} \lambda_{z'}.$$

Let λ_0 be attained by $z'_0 = \sum_k M_{i_k}^* \in \bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$, that is, $\lambda_0 = \sum_k \lambda_{i_k} + m_0$ for some integer m_0 . Let $w'_0 = \pi' \xi'^{-1}(z'_0)$ and w_0 the trivial extension of w'_0 to \mathfrak{h}_+ . Then by Lemma 3 $z_0 = \lambda_0 A_{i_0}^* + z'_0$ gives a representative of a generator of the free part of C by multiplying $2\pi\sqrt{-1}$ and $\tau_0 = t(z_0)w_0$ is a generator of the free part of $\tilde{W}_*(S) \cong \pi_1(G)$.

Case (A), 4). Since $\Pi' = \Pi_0$, we have

$$\bar{S}' \cap Z_* = \bar{S}' \cap Z'_* \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{f}).$$

Case (A), 5). Let z' be an element of $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_*$. For $i \neq i_0$, $1 \leq i \leq l$, we have $(\alpha_i, z') = (\bar{\alpha}_i, z') \in \langle \Pi', Z'_* \rangle \subset Z$ and $(\alpha_{i_0}, z') = (\xi - \alpha_{i_1} - \cdots - \alpha_{i_l} - \alpha_k, z') = (\bar{\xi} - \alpha_{i_1} - \cdots - \alpha_{i_l} - \bar{\alpha}_k, z')$ is contained in the subgroup of Z generated by $\langle \Pi', Z'_* \rangle$. It follows again that

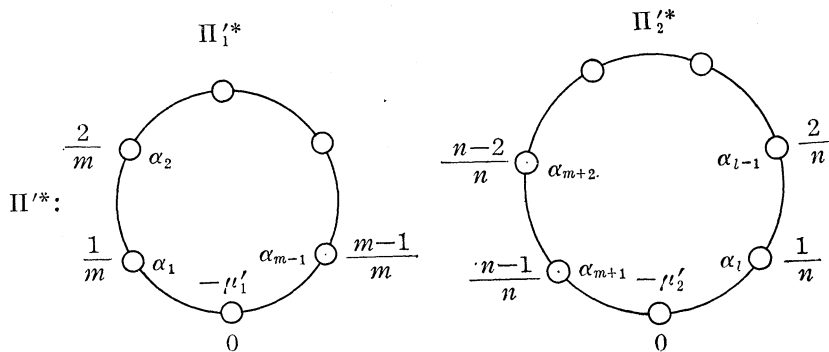
$$\bar{S}' \cap Z_* = \bar{S}' \cap Z'_* \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{f}).$$

EXAMPLE of Case (A), 3).

$$\mathfrak{g}_u = A_l \quad (l \geq 1).$$

$$\Pi: \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & & \alpha_{l-1} & \alpha_l \\ & \bigcirc & \bigcirc & \cdots & \bigcirc & \bigcirc \\ n_i = 1 & 1 & 1 & & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

Let $i_0 = m$, $1 \leq m \leq (l+1)/2$ and put $n = l+1-m$. Then $b_{m,i} = in/(m+n)$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$) and $b_{m,m+i} = (n-i)m/(m+n)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$).



We wrote the number λ_r at the vertex r . $m_r = 1$ for all root r of Π'^* . Let $\{M_i^*; 1 \leq i \leq l, i \neq m\} \subset \mathfrak{h}'$ be the dual basis of $\{\alpha_i; 1 \leq i \leq l, i \neq m\}$ and put $M_0^* = M_m^* = 0$. Then $\bar{S}' \cap Z'_* = \{M_i^* + M_{m+j}^*; 0 \leq i \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$. It follows that $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{f}')$ is the direct product of the groups of “rotations” of

$\Pi_1'^*$ and $\Pi_2'^*$ so that $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{f}') \cong \mathbf{Z}_m \times \mathbf{Z}_n$. Let $d = (m, n)$ and a and b the integers such that $0 \leq a \leq m-1$, $0 \leq b \leq n-1$ and $an + bm \equiv d \pmod{mn}$. Put $p = m/d$ and $q = n/d$. Then we have

$$\bar{S}' \cap Z_* = \{M_{pk}^* + M_{m+qk}^*; 0 \leq k \leq d-1\}$$

so that $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathbf{Z}_d$. We have $\lambda_0 = d/mn$ so that

$$z_0 = (d/mn) A_m^* + M_a^* + M_{m+n-b}^*$$

gives a representative of a generator of the free part of C by multiplying $2\pi\sqrt{-1}$.

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