

INVARIANT SUBMODULES OF UNIMODULAR HERMITIAN FORMS

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Let M be a unimodular lattice on an indefinite hermitian space over an algebraic number field. The submodules of M invariant under the action of the special unitary group of M are classified. Generators for the local unitary groups of M are also determined.

1. Introduction. Let F be an algebraic number field of finite degree and K a quadratic extension of F . Let V be an indefinite hermitian space over K of finite dimension $n \geq 3$ and $\Phi: V \times V \rightarrow K$ the associated nondegenerate hermitian form on V with respect to the nontrivial automorphism of K over F . Assume V supports a unimodular lattice M (in the sense of O'Meara [7; §82G] for quadratic spaces). Denote by $U(V)$ the unitary group of V and by $U(M)$ the subgroup of isometries in $U(V)$ that leave M invariant. We will classify the sublattices of M that are invariant under the action of the special unitary group $SU(M)$. The problem is first solved locally; the global result is then obtained by applying the approximation theorem of Shimura [8; 5.12].

We now consider localization (see also [2; §2] and [8]). Let \mathfrak{p} be a finite prime spot of F and $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ the corresponding local field. Put $K_{\mathfrak{p}} = K \otimes_F F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $V_{\mathfrak{p}} = V \otimes_F F_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Making the standard identifications, we have $K \subseteq K_{\mathfrak{p}}$, $F_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $V \subseteq V_{\mathfrak{p}}$. The hermitian form Φ on V extends naturally to an hermitian form on $V_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Let \mathfrak{o} be the ring of integers in F , $\mathfrak{o}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ the (topological) closure of \mathfrak{o} in $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $\mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ the integral closure of $\mathfrak{o}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ in $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Put $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}} M \subseteq V_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Locally, we must study the submodules of $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ invariant under the action of $SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$. Except when $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a ramified extension of a dyadic field $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$, the classification will be trivial. For ramified dyadic extensions, it is necessary to determine a set of generators of $U(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$ before the classification can be determined.

We now state the main results.

THEOREM A. *Let M be a unimodular lattice on an indefinite hermitian space of dimension $n \geq 3$ over an algebraic number field. Then a sublattice N of M is invariant under the action of the special unitary group $SU(M)$ if and only if for all finite prime spots \mathfrak{p} of F , the localization $N_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}} N$ is invariant under the ac-*

tion of $SU(M_p)$.

For x in V_p , define $2q(x) = \Phi(x, x)$, and let M_{p^*} be the sublattice of M_p generated by the x in M_p with $q(x)$ in \mathfrak{o}_p . Let

$$M_p^* = \{x \in V_p \mid \Phi(x, M_{p^*}) \subseteq \mathfrak{D}_p\}$$

be the dual lattice of M_{p^*} . Then $M_{p^*} \subseteq M_p \subseteq M_p^*$ and, except when K_p is a ramified extension of a dyadic local field F_p , we will show later that $M_{p^*} = M_p^*$. A sublattice N_p of M_p^* is called primitive if N_p is not contained in πM_p^* for any prime element $\pi \in \mathfrak{D}_p$. Clearly, if N_p is invariant under $SU(M_p)$, the lattice $\alpha_p N_p$ is also invariant for any fractional ideal α_p in \mathfrak{D}_p . It is therefore enough to classify locally the primitive invariant sublattices of M_p^* .

THEOREM B. *A primitive sublattice N_p of M_p^* is invariant under the action of $SU(M_p)$ if and only if $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$, except when the following three conditions all apply:*

- (i) K_p is a totally ramified extension of the 2-adic field \mathbf{Q}_2 ,
- (ii) K_p is a ramified prime extension of F_p ,
- (iii) $\dim V_p = 3$ or 4.

In particular, except when K_p is a ramified extension of a dyadic field F_p , the only primitive invariant lattice is M_p .

Theorem B will be proven for the various cases in §§ 2-4 and the exceptional 3 and 4 dimensional cases studied in § 5. Theorem A is established in the final section. The special case where F is the field of rational numbers is also studied in detail.

The approach here follows that given for quadratic spaces in [5] and [6].

2. Local isometries. In this and next three sections we are only concerned with local problems.

The structure of \mathfrak{D}_p over \mathfrak{o}_p depends on the prime p . If p splits in K , then $K_p = F_p \times F_p$ and $\mathfrak{D}_p = \mathfrak{o}_p \times \mathfrak{o}_p$. In this case the involution $*$ on K becomes $(\alpha, \beta)^* = (\beta, \alpha)$ on K_p . If p does not split in K , we may take $K_p = F_p(\zeta)$ where $\zeta^2 \in F_p$ and $\zeta^* = -\zeta$. Fix a prime π in K_p and p in F_p and let $e = \text{ord}_p 2$. If p is dyadic, there are now three possible types of extensions of K_p over F_p ; the details are an application of [7; 63.2, 63.3].

(i) K_p is an unramified extension of F_p . Then $\zeta^2 = 1 + 4\delta$ with δ a unit in F_p and \mathfrak{D}_p consists of all the elements $(\alpha + \zeta\beta)/2$ with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{o}_p$ and $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{2\mathfrak{o}_p}$.

(ii) K_p is a ramified extension of F_p and ζ is a prime in K_p —the ramified prime case. Now we may assume $\pi = \zeta$, $p = \pi\pi^*$ and \mathfrak{O}_p is generated over \mathfrak{o}_p by 1 and π .

(iii) K_p is a ramified extension of F_p and ζ is a unit in K_p —the ramified unit case. We now have $\zeta^2 = 1 + p^{2h+1}\delta$ for some unit δ in F_p and some rational integer h with $0 \leq h < e$. Put $\pi = (1 + \zeta)p^{-h}$ so that $\pi\pi^* = -p\delta$. Here \mathfrak{O}_p consists of the elements $(\alpha + \zeta\beta)p^{-h}$ with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{o}_p$ and $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{p^h\mathfrak{o}_p}$.

In the nondyadic (nonsplit) case \mathfrak{O}_p is generated over \mathfrak{o}_p by 1 and ζ provided we choose ζ to be a prime or a unit according as the extension is ramified or not.

Thus if K_p/F_p is a quadratic extension of fields, \mathfrak{O}_p consists of the elements $(\alpha + \zeta\beta)p^{-h}$ with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{o}_p$ and $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{p^h\mathfrak{o}_p}$, where we define $h = 0$ in the nondyadic and ramified prime dyadic cases, and $h = e$ in the unramified dyadic case.

Since M_p is a unimodular \mathfrak{O}_p -lattice with rank at least three, it is split by a hyperbolic plane (if \mathfrak{p} splits in K this can be easily verified, otherwise see [4; 7.1, 8.1a, 10.3]). Hence $M_p = H_p \perp L_p$ where $H_p = \mathfrak{O}_p u + \mathfrak{O}_p v$ is a hyperbolic plane with $q(u) = q(v) = 0$ and $\Phi(u, v) = 1$. This choice of u and v will be fixed throughout the local discussion.

We now describe the standard isometries in the unitary group $U(M_p)$ that are needed. The norm and trace mappings from K_p to F_p are denoted by \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{T} , respectively, and our convention for the hermitian form Φ on V_p is $\Phi(\alpha x, \beta y) = \alpha^* \Phi(x, y) \beta$.

Let λ in \mathfrak{O}_p have $\mathcal{T}(\lambda) = 0$. The transvection $T_\lambda(u)$ is defined by

$$T_\lambda(u)(z) = z + \lambda \Phi(u, z)u, \quad z \in M_p.$$

Then $\det T_\lambda(u) = 1$ so that $T_\lambda(u)$ is in $SU(M_p)$. Similarly, $T_\lambda(v) \in SU(M_p)$.

Let λ in K_p satisfy $\mathcal{T}(\lambda) = 2\mathcal{N}(\lambda)$. For x in M_p with $\lambda q(x)^{-1}$ in \mathfrak{O}_p , define the symmetry $\Psi_\lambda(x)$ by

$$\Psi_\lambda(x)(z) = z - \lambda \Phi(x, z)q(x)^{-1}x, \quad z \in M_p.$$

Then $\det \Psi_\lambda(x) = 1 - 2\lambda$ and $\Psi_\lambda(x) \in U(M_p)$.

Recall that M_{p^*} is the sublattice of M_p generated by those x in M_p with $q(x) \in \mathfrak{o}_{p^*}$. Since $2q(x) = \Phi(x, x)$, in the nondyadic case $M_{p^*} = M_p$. This is also true when \mathfrak{p} splits in K ; for the involution on $K_p = F_p \times F_p$ is given by $(\alpha, \beta)^* = (\beta, \alpha)$, so that for x in M_p ,

$$q((1, 0)x) = \mathcal{N}(1, 0)q(x) = 0.$$

Thus $(1, 0)x \in M_{p^*}$ and $x = (1, 1)x$ is in M_{p^*} .

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let F_p be a dyadic local field with p not split in K . Then*

$$M_{p^*} = \{x \in M_p \mid p^h q(x) \in \mathfrak{o}_p\}.$$

In particular, $M_{p^} = M_p$ when K_p is an unramified extension of F_p .*

Proof. Let S be the set of all elements x in M_p with $p^h q(x)$ in \mathfrak{o}_p . Since $\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{D}_p) \subseteq 2p^{-h}\mathfrak{o}_p$ and

$$q(x + y) = q(x) + q(y) + \mathcal{S}(\Phi(x, y))/2,$$

it follows that S is an \mathfrak{D}_p -module. Hence $M_{p^*} \subseteq S$. We now prove the converse inclusion. For x in S , let $x = y + z$ with $y \in H_p$ and $z \in L_p$. Clearly, u, v and consequently y are in S . Therefore, $z = x - y$ is in S and $p^h q(z) \in \mathfrak{o}_p$. Let $w = u - \alpha v + z$ where $\alpha = q(z)(1 + \zeta)$ is in \mathfrak{D}_p . Then $q(w) = 0$ and $w \in M_{p^*}$. Hence $z \in M_{p^*}$ and $S \subseteq M_{p^*}$, proving the proposition.

Fix μ in \mathfrak{D}_p such that $\mathcal{S}(\mu) = 2$. For x in L_p with $\mu q(x)$ in \mathfrak{D}_p , define the Siegel transformation $E(u, x)$ by

$$E(u, x)(z) = z - \Phi(u, z)x + \Phi(x, z)u - \mu q(x)\Phi(u, z)u.$$

Then $\det E(u, x) = 1$ and $E(u, x)$ is in $SU(M_p)$. Similarly, define $E(v, x)$. Fix $\mu = 1$ except when F_p is dyadic and K_p is either an unramified or a ramified unit extension of F_p . In these exceptional cases fix $\mu = 1 + \zeta \in p^h \mathfrak{D}_p$. Except for the split dyadic case, it is now sufficient to choose x in $L_p \cap M_{p^*}$ for $E(u, x)$ to be an integral isometry. Let \mathcal{E} be the subgroup of $SU(M_p)$ generated by the Siegel transformations.

In the following three sections we classify locally the primitive sublattices of M_p^* invariant under the action of the special unitary group $SU(M_p)$. We conclude this section with three observations. Assume that p does not split in K .

2.2. *Any lattice N_p satisfying $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p \subseteq M_p^*$ is invariant under the action of \mathcal{E} .*

Proof. Let $z \in N_p$ and $x \in L_p \cap M_{p^*}$. Then $\Phi(x, z) \in \mathfrak{D}_p$ and

$$E(u, x)(z) \equiv z \pmod{M_{p^*}}.$$

Hence $E(u, x)(z)$ and, likewise, $E(v, x)(z)$ lies in N_p . The result follows.

2.3. *If N_p is invariant under $SU(M_p)$ and $u \in N_p$ or $v \in N_p$, then $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$.*

Proof. For any x in L_p with $q(x)^{-1}$ in \mathfrak{D}_p , we have $\Psi_1(u - v)\Psi_1(x)$

is in $SU(M_p)$. This isometry interchanges u and v , so that $H_p \subseteq N_p$. Let $y \in L_p \cap M_p^*$. Then $E(u, y)(v)$ is in N_p and hence $y \in N_p$. Thus $M_p^* \subseteq N_p$.

2.4. Assume either K_p is an unramified extension of F_p or F_p is a nondyadic field. Then M_p is the unique primitive sublattice invariant under the action of $SU(M_p)$.

Proof. Let N_p be a primitive invariant sublattice. It suffices by 2.3 to show that $u \in N_p$, since under our assumptions $M_p^* = M_p$. Since $N_p \not\subseteq \pi M_p$, there exists z in N_p with $z \notin \pi M_p$. Let $z = \alpha u + \beta v + t$ where $t \in L_p$. If α and β are nonunits, there exists r in L_p such that $\Phi(r, t) = 1$ (since $z \notin \pi M_p^*$). The coefficient of v in $E(v, r)(z) \in N_p$ is now a unit. Assume, therefore, $\beta = 1$ (or symmetrically, $\alpha = 1$). If $K_p = F_p(\zeta)$ is an unramified extension of F_p , ζ is a unit. Then $T_\zeta(u)(z) = z + \zeta u$ is in N_p . Hence $u \in N_p$ and the result follows. Now assume F_p is a nondyadic field. Then $E(u, t)(z) = \gamma u + v$ is in N_p for some γ in \mathfrak{O}_p . Let $w \in L_p$ have $q(w)$ a unit. Applying $E(u, \rho w)$ to $\gamma u + v \in N_p$ with $\rho = 1, -1$ gives $\rho w + q(w)u$ is in N_p . Since 2 is now a unit, it follows that u is in N_p and hence $N_p = M_p$.

Theorem B has now been established except when either \mathfrak{p} splits in K , or K_p is a ramified extension of a dyadic field F_p .

3. Split extensions. Assume \mathfrak{p} splits in K so that $K_p = F_p \times F_p$ and $\mathfrak{O}_p = \mathfrak{o}_p \times \mathfrak{o}_p$. Let N_p be a primitive invariant sublattice of $M_p^* = M_p = H_p \perp L_p$. We wish to prove $N_p = M_p$. Since $N_p \not\subseteq \pi M_p$ for any prime element π in \mathfrak{O}_p , there exists $x \in N_p$ with $x \notin \pi M_p$. Let $x = \alpha u + \beta v + t$ with $t \in L_p$. If β (or α) is a unit in \mathfrak{O}_p , we may assume $\beta = 1$. Then, since $\mathcal{J}(1, -1) = 0$, it follows that

$$T_{(1, -1)}(u)(x) = x + (1, -1)u$$

is in N_p . Thus $(1, -1)u$ and u are in N_p . As in 2.3, we now have $H_p \subseteq N_p$. Let $y \in L_p$. Then $E(u, (1, 0)y)(v)$ is in N_p . Hence $(1, 0)y$, and likewise $(0, 1)y$, are in N_p . Consequently, $y \in N_p$ and $N_p = M_p$.

Now assume that neither $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ nor $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ is a unit. If α_1 is a unit in \mathfrak{o}_p , replacing x by $T_{(1, -1)}(v)(x)$ if necessary, we may assume β_1 is also a unit. Hence, unless both α_1 and β_1 are nonunits, or both α_2 and β_2 are nonunits, we arrange that β becomes a unit in \mathfrak{O}_p and we are finished. Assume, therefore, $\alpha_1, \beta_1 \in \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{o}_p$. Since $x \notin \pi M_p$, there exists y in M_p such that $\Phi(x, y) = (1, 1)$. Hence, there exists $r \in L_p$ such that $\Phi(t, r) = (?, 1)$. In $E(u, (0, 1)r)(x)$ the new coefficient of u has first component a unit. The second component is unchanged. We can thus arrange that β becomes a unit in \mathfrak{O}_p , and consequently $N_p = M_p$.

4. **Ramified dyadic extensions.** Now let K_v be a ramified extension of the dyadic field F_v . Before classifying the primitive invariant sublattices in this case it is necessary to determine a set of generators for $U(M_v)$. Special cases have already appeared in the work of Baeza [1] and Hayakawa [3], but it appears better to modify the approach in [5].

By [4; 10.3], we can split hyperbolic planes and write

$$M_v = H_v \perp J_v \perp B_v$$

where J_v is an orthogonal sum of hyperbolic planes and $\text{rank } B_v \leq 2$. Then J_v has dual bases w_1, \dots, w_m and z_1, \dots, z_m such that $\Phi(w_i, z_j) = \delta_{ij}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq m$. Recall that \mathcal{E} is the subgroup of $SU(M_v)$ generated by the Siegel transformations defined in § 2.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *$U(M_v)$ is generated by \mathcal{E} and $U(H_v \perp B_v)$.*

Proof. Let $\varphi \in U(M_v)$. We reduce φ to the identity using the given isometries. Let w_1, \dots, w_m and z_1, \dots, z_m be dual bases of J_v , as above, and assume for some $k \leq m$ that $\varphi(w_j) = w_j$, $1 \leq j \leq k-1$ (at worst, $k=1$). Let

$$\varphi(u + w_k) = \varepsilon u + \beta v + t$$

where $t \in J_v \perp B_v$. We want ε to be a unit. Assume ε is not a unit. If β is a unit, use the isometry in $U(H_v)$ which interchanges u and v . If β is not a unit, let $\varphi(z_k)$ have component r in $J_v \perp B_v$. Then $\Phi(t, r)$ is a unit. Since $z_k \in M_{v^*}$, it follows that $r \in M_{v^*}$. Also, $\Phi(r, w_j) = \Phi(\varphi(z_k), \varphi(w_j)) = 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq k-1$. Now replace φ by $E(u, r)\varphi$ and the new coefficient of u is a unit.

We may now assume ε is a unit. Let $s = t - w_k$. Then

$$\Phi(s, w_j) = \Phi(\varphi(u + w_k) - w_k, w_j) = 0$$

for $1 \leq j \leq k-1$. Also, since $q(t) \equiv q(w_k) \pmod{p^{-h}\mathfrak{o}_v}$, we have $s \in M_{v^*}$. Put

$$\psi = E(u, -\varepsilon^* z_k) T_\lambda(v) E(v, \varepsilon^{-1} s) \varphi E(u, z_k)$$

where $\lambda \in \mathfrak{O}_v$ is to be chosen subject to the restraint $\mathcal{J}(\lambda) = 0$. Then $\psi(w_j) = w_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq k-1$. Choose λ such that

$$E(v, \varepsilon^{-1} s) \varphi E(u, z_k)(w_k) = \varepsilon(u - \lambda v) + w_k.$$

Then $\mathcal{J}(\lambda) = 0$ and $\psi(w_k) = w_k$. If ψ is generated by the given isometries, so is φ . The result now follows by induction on k .

This proposition reduces the question of generators for $U(M_v)$ to

the cases $\text{rank } M_p = 3, 4$. It can be easily verified that $U(H_p)$ is generated by symmetries and transvections. Also, if $\text{rank } B_p = 2$ the basis w, z of B_p can be chosen such that $\Phi(w, z) = 1$ and $z \in M_{p^*}$ (see [4; 9.2]).

THEOREM 4.2. $U(M_p)$ is generated by \mathcal{E} , $U(H_p)$ and symmetries on B_p .

Proof. We need only consider $\text{rank } M_p = 3, 4$.

(i) Let $\text{rank } M_p = 4$ and $M_p = H_p \perp B_p$ with B_p having a basis as above. We reduce φ in $U(M_p)$ to the identity using the given isometries. From the proof of Proposition 4.1, we may assume $\varphi(w) = w$. In fact, if $w \in M_{p^*}$, the proposition proves the theorem. Now assume $w \notin M_{p^*}$. Put $r = w - 2q(w)z$ so that $\Phi(r, w) = 0$. Then

$$\varphi(z) = \alpha u + \beta v + z + \gamma r$$

for some α, β in \mathfrak{O}_p and γ in $\pi\mathfrak{O}_p$ ($\gamma r \in M_{p^*}$). Let

$$\mathcal{M}_z = \{x \in M \mid \Phi(x, z) = 1\} = w + H_p \perp \mathfrak{O}_p(z - 2q(z)w)$$

be the characteristic set of z (cf. [5; p. 429]). Then

$$q(\mathcal{M}_{\varphi(z)}) = q(\mathcal{M}_z) \equiv q(w) \pmod{p^{-h}\mathfrak{o}_p}.$$

Since $(1 - \alpha^*)w + v$ is in $\mathcal{M}_{\varphi(z)}$, it follows that $q(\alpha w) \in p^{-h}\mathfrak{o}_p$ and hence $\alpha w \in M_{p^*}$. Similarly, $\beta w \in M_{p^*}$. Interchanging u and v if necessary, we have $\beta = \alpha\lambda$ with $\lambda = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2\zeta)p^{-h}$ in \mathfrak{O}_p and $\lambda_1 \equiv \lambda_2 \pmod{p^h}$. Using a transvection, we can then arrange that $\lambda \in \mathfrak{o}_p$ in the ramified prime case and $\lambda \in \pi\mathfrak{o}_p$ in the ramified unit case. In the ramified prime case the proof can be completed by modifying the argument in [5; 2.4]; the symmetry on B_p needed is $\Psi_\delta(r)$ with $\delta \in \mathcal{O}_p$. In the ramified unit case we proceed as follows. The coefficient of v in $E(v, \xi r)\varphi(z)$ is zero if

$$\alpha\lambda + \xi^*\Phi(r, z + \gamma r) = \mu q(\xi r)\alpha.$$

Here $\mu = 1 + \zeta = \pi p^h$ and $\varepsilon = \Phi(r, z + \gamma r)$ is a unit. By Hensel's lemma there exists a root ξ of the form $\xi = \varepsilon\pi^*\alpha^*\rho$ with ρ in \mathfrak{o}_p . Similarly, the coefficient of u can be made zero and we may assume $\varphi(z) = z + \gamma r$. Put $\delta = \gamma q(w) = -\gamma q(r)\Phi(z, r)^{-1}$. Then $\mathcal{F}(\delta) = 2\mathcal{N}(\delta)$ and $\Psi_\delta(r)^{-1}\varphi$ acts as the identity on both w and z . This completes the proof in this case.

(ii) Let $\text{rank } M_p = 3$ and $M_p = H_p \perp \mathfrak{O}_p w$ where $2q(w)$ is a unit. Again, we can reduce φ in $U(M_p)$ to the identity by the isometries. Let

$$\varphi(w) = \alpha(u + \lambda v) + \eta w$$

where η is a unit. Moreover, as in the previous case, we may assume λ is in $\pi\mathfrak{o}_p$ (resp. \mathfrak{o}_p) in the ramified unit (resp. prime) case. Since

$$q(\mathfrak{D}_p\varphi(w)^\perp) = q(\mathfrak{D}_pw^\perp) = q(H_p) \subseteq p^{-h}\mathfrak{o}_p,$$

it follows that $\alpha w \in M_{p^*}$. Using Siegel transformations we can reduce to the case $\varphi(w) = \varepsilon w$, although in the ramified prime case it is necessary to use the fact that $\mathcal{N}(\eta) \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and hence $\mathcal{N}(\eta)$ is a square. Finally, since $\mathcal{N}(\varepsilon) = 1$, putting $\delta = (1 - \varepsilon)/2$ gives $\mathcal{T}(\delta) = 2\mathcal{N}(\delta)$ and $\Psi_\delta(w)^{-1}\varphi$ fixes w . This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 4.3. *Except in the ramified unit case with the rank of M_p even, all lattices N_p satisfying*

$$M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p \subseteq M_p^*$$

are invariant under the action of $U(M_p)$.

Proof. This follows from 2.2 and the easily verified fact that $U(H_p)$ and the symmetries used in the proof of the theorem preserve such N_p .

COROLLARY 4.4. *In the ramified unit case with rank M_p even, all lattices between M_{p^*} and M_p^* are $SU(M_p)$ -invariant.*

Proof. Symmetries Ψ_δ in $U(H_p)$ have $p^h\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_p$ and $\det \Psi_\delta \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^{-h}}$. Hence, for φ in $SU(M_p)$ in the proof of Theorem 2.2, the only symmetries $\Psi_\delta(r)$ on B_p needed will also have $p^h\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_p$. These symmetries leave invariant lattices between M_{p^*} and M_p^* .

We now investigate the converse. Let N_p be a primitive $SU(M_p)$ -invariant sublattice of M_p^* . As in 2.4, there exists $x = \alpha u + v + t$ in N_p with $t \in L_p^*$ (letting $M_p^* = H_p \perp L_p^*$). In the ramified unit case ζ is a unit and $\mathcal{T}(\zeta) = 0$. Since $T_\zeta(u)(x) \in N_p$, it follows that $\zeta u \in N_p$. By 2.3, $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$, completing the proof of Theorem B in this case. Finally, the ramified prime case. If $\dim V_p \geq 5$, then L_p is split by a hyperbolic plane $H'_p = \mathfrak{D}_pu' + \mathfrak{D}_pv'$. Applying $E(u, u')$ to x , we obtain $u' - \Phi(u', t)u$ is in N_p . Applying $E(u, v')$ now gives $u \in N_p$ and hence $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$. Assume, therefore, the rank of M_p is 3 or 4 and that the residue class field of F_p has at least four elements. Let ε be a unit in F_p with $\varepsilon^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. The proof of Theorem B is now easily completed by using the isometry $u \mapsto \varepsilon u$, $v \mapsto \varepsilon^{-1}v$ on x to obtain $v \in N_p$. The exceptional case is studied in the next section.

5. Exceptional invariant lattices. In this section F_p is a totally ramified extension of the 2-adic field \mathbb{Q}_2 and K_p is a ramified prime

extension of F_p . Thus the residue class fields of both F_p and K_p have only two elements.

We consider first the case with $\dim V_p = 3$ so that $M_p = H_p \perp \mathfrak{D}_p w$. Then $M_{p^*} = H_p \perp \mathfrak{D}_p \pi^e w$ and $M_p^* = H_p \perp \mathfrak{D}_p \pi^{-e} w$ where $e = \text{ord}_p 2$. There are now two new invariant lattices

$$E_p = \pi M_p^* + \mathfrak{D}_p(u + v + \pi^{-e} w)$$

and its dual E_p^* . It can be easily verified using the generators in Theorem 4.2 that E_p is a $SU(M_p)$ -invariant lattice; it follows that the dual E_p^* is also invariant.

Let N_p be a primitive invariant sublattice of M_p^* . As in the proof of 2.4, there exists an element $x = \alpha u + v + \beta w$ in N_p with α and $\pi^e \beta$ in \mathfrak{D}_p . Since $\pi = \zeta$, $T_\pi(u)(x)$ is in N_p . Hence $\pi M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$. Assume first that $\pi^e \beta$ is a unit. Then $\pi x \in N_p$ forces $\pi^{1-e} w \in N_p$ and $\pi M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. If α is not a unit, then the image of $v + \pi^{-e} w$ under $E(v, \pi^e w)$ is in N_p . Hence $v \in N_p$ and $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$. Assume, therefore, $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$. We have now shown, when $\pi^e \beta$ is a unit, $E_p \subseteq N_p$. Moreover, $E_p \neq N_p$ forces $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$. Now assume $\pi^e \beta$ is not a unit and apply $E(u, \pi^e w)$ to x . This gives $u + \pi^e w$ is in N_p . The isometry $u \mapsto v$, $v \mapsto u$, $w \mapsto -w$ is in $SU(M_p)$. Hence both $v - \pi^e w$ and $u + v$ are in N_p . Define

$$G_p = \pi M_{p^*} + \mathfrak{D}_p(u + v) + \mathfrak{D}_p(v + \pi^e w).$$

Then $\pi^{-1} G_p = E_p^*$, the dual lattice of E_p . Now, if $\pi^e \beta$ is not a unit, $G_p \subseteq N_p$ and if $G_p \neq N_p$, necessarily $M_{p^*} \subseteq N_p$. In summary,

5.1. *The only exceptional three dimensional invariant lattices are of the form $\mathfrak{a}_p E_p$ and $\mathfrak{a}_p E_p^*$, with \mathfrak{a}_p a fractional ideal in K_p .*

Now consider the more complicated situation when $\dim V = 4$ and $M_p = H_p \perp B_p$ with w, z a basis of B_p having $\Phi(w, z) = 1$ and $z \in M_{p^*}$. Let f be the minimal integer such that $\pi^f w$ is in M_{p^*} . Then

$$M_{p^*} = H_p \perp (\mathfrak{D}_p \pi^f w + \mathfrak{D}_p z).$$

If $f = 0$, then $M_{p^*} = M_p$ and it is easily verified that M_p is the only primitive invariant lattice. Assume, therefore, $1 \leq f \leq e$. Now z can be chosen with $q(z)$ in \mathfrak{p}_p . For $1 \leq g \leq f$, define

$$E(g)_p = \pi M_{p^*} + \mathfrak{D}_p \pi^g w + \mathfrak{D}_p(u + v + \pi^{-f} z)$$

and

$$G(g)_p = \pi M_{p^*} + \mathfrak{D}_p(u + v) + \mathfrak{D}_p \pi^{1-g} z + \mathfrak{D}_p(u + \pi^f w).$$

Then $G(g)_p = \pi^{-1} E(g)_p^*$ and using Theorem 4.2 we can check that these

lattices are all $SU(M_p)$ -invariant. However, except when $f=1$, these are not the only new invariant lattices that arise. We shall only consider $f=1$ in detail; this includes the case where 2 is prime in F_p .

Let N_p be a primitive $SU(M_p)$ -invariant sublattice of M_p^* . Again N_p contains an element $x = \alpha u + v + \beta w + \gamma z$ with α, β and $\pi^f \gamma$ in \mathfrak{O}_p . Applying $T_\pi(u)$ to x gives $\pi u \in N_p$ and hence $\pi M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. Since $E(u, z)(x)$ is in N_p , we can conclude that β is in $\pi \mathfrak{O}_p$ and z is in N_p , for otherwise $M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. Assume first that γ is in $\pi^{1-f} \mathfrak{O}_p$. Then $E(u, \pi^f w)(x) \in N_p$ gives $u + \pi^f w$ and $u + v$ are both in N_p . Hence $G(1)_p \subseteq N_p$. If $f=1$ and $G(1)_p \neq N_p$, necessarily $M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. Now assume $\pi^f \gamma$ is a unit. Then $E(u, \pi^f w)(x) \in N_p$ gives $\pi^f w \in N_p$. If α is a nonunit, applying $E(v, \pi^f w)$ to x leads to $M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. Hence $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$ and now $u + v + \beta w + \pi^{-f} z$ is in N_p with $\beta \in \pi \mathfrak{O}_p$. Again, if $f=1$, this gives $E(1)_p \subseteq N_p$ and, if $E(1)_p \neq N_p$, necessarily $M_p^* \subseteq N_p$. Hence,

5.2. *For $f=1$ the only exceptional four dimensional invariant lattices are of the form $\mathfrak{a}_p E(1)_p$ and $\mathfrak{a}_p E(1)_p^*$, with \mathfrak{a}_p a fractional ideal in K_p .*

For $f \geq 2$, the analysis of the exceptional lattices is more complicated, but could be carried out in the above manner.

6. **Global results.** We start by proving Theorem A; in fact, this result remains valid even if M is not unimodular.

First let N be a $SU(M)$ -invariant sublattice of M . We must prove $N_p = \mathfrak{O}_p N$ is $SU(M_p)$ -invariant at all finite prime spots p of F . Fix a finite prime spot q and an isometry ψ_q in $SU(M_q)$. By the approximation theorem of Shimura [8; 5.12], there exists a φ in $SU(V)$ with local extension φ_q close to ψ_q at the spot q and $\varphi_p(M_p) = M_p$ elsewhere. Since $\psi_q(M_q) = M_q$, we have $\varphi_q(M_q) = M_q$ if φ_q is sufficiently close to ψ_q and hence $\varphi(M) = M$. Thus φ is in $SU(M)$ and hence $\varphi(N) = N$. Therefore, $\varphi_q(N_q) = N_q$ and if φ_q is sufficiently close to ψ_q , necessarily N_q is invariant under ψ_q .

Conversely, let N be a lattice in M with $N_p = \mathfrak{O}_p N$ a $SU(M_p)$ -invariant lattice at all finite prime spots p . We must prove $\varphi(N) = N$ for all φ in $SU(M)$. Clearly, however, $\varphi_p \in SU(M_p)$ so that $\varphi(N)_p = \varphi_p(N_p) = N_p$. The result now follows as in O'Meara [7; §81E]. Notice that this half of the proof does not require that Φ be indefinite. This completes the proof of Theorem A.

We can also construct global invariant lattices from local ones as follows.

PROPOSITION 6.1. *At each finite spot p of F assume given a*

$SU(M_p)$ -invariant sublattice J_p of M_p with $J_p = M_p$ almost always. Then there exists a sublattice N of M such that for each spot p

$$N_p = \mathfrak{O}_p N = J_p .$$

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of [2; 2.4].

We conclude this paper by giving more explicitly the invariant lattices when F is the rational field \mathbb{Q} . Now $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ with m a square free integer. Let p be a rational prime. Then p splits in K if either $p = 2$ and $m \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, or p is odd and $(m/p) = 1$. Otherwise, for $p = 2$, we have an unramified extension if $m \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, a ramified unit extension with $h = 0$ if $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, and a ramified prime extension if m is even.

Let M be a unimodular lattice on an indefinite hermitian space V over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$. Except when $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{m})$ is a ramified extension of \mathbb{Q}_2 , the only primitive invariant sublattice is M_p . Hence, when $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, the $SU(M)$ -invariant lattices are the αM with α a fractional ideal in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$.

When $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ or m is even, $\mathbb{Q}_2(\sqrt{m})$ is a ramified extension of \mathbb{Q}_2 and M_2 can support other local invariant lattices. If the rank of M is odd, the invariant lattices are the αN with α a fractional ideal and N_2 one of the lattices M_{2*} , M_2 or M_2^* , together with E_2 and E_2^* when m is even and $\dim V = 3$.

Finally, when the rank of M is even there are a number of possibilities. If Φ is an even form, namely if $M_{2*} = M_2$, the only invariant sublattices are the αM with α a fractional ideal. If Φ is an odd form and $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ or m is even, there are five lattices N_2 lying between M_{2*} and M_2^* . If $M_2 = H_2 \perp J_2 \perp (\mathfrak{O}_2 w + \mathfrak{O}_2 z)$ with $\Phi(w, z) = 1$, $2q(w)$ a unit and $q(z) \in \mathfrak{o}_p$, these five lattices are M_2 , M_{2*} , M_2^* ,

$$H_2 \perp J_2 \perp (\mathfrak{O}_2 \pi w + \mathfrak{O}_2 \pi^{-1} z)$$

and

$$H_2 \perp J_2 \perp (\mathfrak{O}_2 \pi w + \mathfrak{O}_2 (w + \pi^{-1} z)) .$$

For $\dim V \geq 6$ and for $\dim V = 4$ when $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, the invariant lattices are the αN with α a fractional ideal, N_2 one of these five lattices and $N_p = M_p$ for p odd. When $\dim V = 4$ and m is even, N_2 can also be one of the dual pair of exceptional lattices $E(1)_2$ and $E(1)_2^*$ obtained in the previous section.

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