

## ON THE FINITE SUBGROUPS OF $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$

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### Introduction

We should like to study three dimensional algebraic tori in the same way as Voskresenskii does in [14] and [15]. To do so, it is necessary to determine all finite subgroups of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  up to conjugacy.

We find in Serre [11] that the order of any finite subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is at most  $N(n)$ , where  $N(n)$  is the greatest common divisor of  $2^{n^2}(2^n-1)(2^n-2) \cdots (2^n-2^{n-1})$  and  $(p^n-1)(p^n-p) \cdots (p^n-p^{n-1})$  for every odd prime  $p$ . According to Serre himself<sup>\*</sup>, this estimate was first obtained by Minkowski [16]. This estimate, however, is not the best possible. For example, when  $n=2$ , the greatest of the orders of all finite subgroups is  $2^2 \cdot 3 = 12$  (cf. Serre, *ibid.*), while  $N(n) = 48$ . We refer the reader to a sharper estimate of the orders of all finite subgroups of  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  by Minkowski [17]. According to this, the greatest is not larger than  $2^4 \cdot 3 = 48$  when  $n=3$ . In this paper we show that this is the best possible, and further determine all the finite subgroups of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  (resp.  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ ) up to conjugacy.

First of all, we find all non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . By Vaidyanathaswamy [12] and [13], any element of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  has order 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 or  $\infty$ : namely  $\varphi(m) \leq 2$  only for  $m = 1, 2, 3, 4$  or 6, where  $\varphi(m)$  is Euler's function. Hence the order of any finite cyclic subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6. Reiner [10] determined all non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of order  $m$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  for prime numbers  $m = 2$  and 3. Therefore we must determine all non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of order  $m$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  for  $m = 4$  and 6.<sup>1)</sup>

Next we determine all non-conjugate non-cyclic subgroups of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Since each element of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  has order 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 or  $\infty$ , the order of any

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finite subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is of the form  $2^i \cdot 3^j$ . On the other hand, the structure of abstract groups of small orders are well-known up to isomorphism. By considering the structure of each of them, we show that  $i \leq 4$  and  $j \leq 1$ . More explicitly, there exists neither any abelian subgroup of order more than 6, nor any finite subgroup of order more than  $2^3 \cdot 3 = 24$  in  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , hence the order of any finite subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is at most  $2^4 \cdot 3 = 48$ . We list in a table below the number of non-conjugate classes of subgroups of a given order in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  and  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Finally as an application, we investigate groups of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of algebraic tori. Here a rational automorphism  $\phi$  of an algebraic torus is called fixed-point-free, when  $\phi(x) = x$  if and only if  $x$  is the identity element of the torus.

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order	$GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$			$SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$		
	abel.		non-ab.	abel.		non-ab.
	cyclic	non-cy.		cyclic	non-cy.	
1	1			1		
2	5			2		
3	2			2		
4	4	11		2	4	
6	4		6	1		3
8		6	8			2
12		1	10			4
16			2			
24			11			3
48			3			
sub-total	16	18	40	8	4	12
total	74			24		

## 0. Notation and conventions

0.0 As usual  $\mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are the domain of rational integers and the field of rational numbers. We use the following notation:

- $GL(n, \mathbf{Q})$ : the general linear group of degree  $n$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$   
 $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$ : the general linear group of degree  $n$  over  $\mathbf{Z}$   
 $SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$ : the special linear group of degree  $n$  over  $\mathbf{Z}$   
 $\{A, B, \dots, D\}$ : the group generated by elements  $A, B, \dots, D$   
 $\mathbf{Z}_m$ : the multiplicative cyclic group of order  $m$   
 ${}^tW$ : the subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  consisting of the transposed matrices of all matrices of a subgroup  $W$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$   
 $\det(X)$ : the determinant of a matrix  $X$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$   
 $E_n$ : the unit matrix in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$

**0.1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be matrices in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$ . Then  $A$  is called *conjugate to  $B$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$*  (resp.  *$SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$* ) if there exists a matrix  $M$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  (resp.  *$SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$* ) such that  $A = M^{-1}BM$ . A subgroup  $V$  of  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  is called *conjugate to another subgroup  $W$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$*  (resp.  *$SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$* ), if there exists a matrix  $M$  in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  (resp.  *$SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$* ) such that  $V = M^{-1}WM$ . We note that for any odd number  $n$ ,  $A$  (or  $V$ ) is conjugate to  $B$  (or  $W$ ) in  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  if and only if they are conjugate to each other in  $SL(n, \mathbf{Z})$ . In this case we merely say *they are conjugate to each other* and denote by  $A \sim B$  (or  $V \sim W$ ). Clearly, if  $V$  is conjugate to  $W$ ,  $V$  is isomorphic to  $W$ .

**0.2** According to Coxeter-Moser [1], p. 134, we list, up to isomorphism, all the non-abelian abstract groups of order not more than 24, each element of which has order 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6.

1) Group of order 6

$\mathfrak{S}_3 = \{S, T\}$ : the symmetric group of degree 3, i.e.

$$S^3 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = 1$$

2) Groups of order 8

$\mathfrak{Q} = \{i, j, k\}$ : the quaternion group, i.e.

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$$

$\mathfrak{D}_4 = \{S, T\}$ : the dihedral group with the following defining relations:

$$S^4 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = 1$$

## 3) Groups of order 12

$\mathfrak{D}_6 = \{S, T\} \cong \mathfrak{S}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the dihedral group with the following defining relations:

$$S^6 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = 1$$

$\mathfrak{A}_4 = \{S, T\}$ : the alternating group of degree 4, i.e.

$$S^3 = T^2 = (ST)^3 = 1$$

$\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle = \{S, T\}$ : the ZS-metacyclic group with the following defining relations:

$$S^3 = T^2 = (ST)^2$$

## 4) Groups of order 16

$\mathfrak{D}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the direct product of the groups  $\mathfrak{D}_4$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$

$\mathfrak{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the direct product of the groups  $\mathfrak{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$

$\langle 2, 2 | 4, 2 \rangle = \{S, T\}$ : the group with the following defining relations:

$$S^4 = T^4 = 1, \quad T^{-1}ST = S^3$$

$(4, 4 | 2, 2) = \{S, T\}$ : the group with the following defining relations:

$$S^4 = T^4 = (ST)^2 = (S^{-1}T)^2 = 1$$

$\mathfrak{R} = \{R, S, T\}$ : the group with the following defining relations:

$$R^2 = S^2 = T^2 = 1, \quad RST = STR = TRS$$

## 5) Groups of order 24

$\mathfrak{A}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the direct product of the groups  $\mathfrak{A}_4$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$

$\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the direct product of the groups  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$

$\mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ : the direct product of the groups  $\mathfrak{D}_6$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$

$\mathfrak{S}_4 = \{S, T\}$ : the symmetric group of degree 4, i.e.

$$S^4 = T^2 = (ST)^3 = 1$$

$\langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle = \{S, T\}$ : the group with the following defining relations:

$$S^3 = T^3 = (ST)^2$$

$(4, 6 | 2, 2) = \{S, T\}$ : the group with the following defining relations:

$$S^4 = T^6 = (ST)^2 = (S^{-1}T)^2 = 1$$

### 1. Finite subgroups of $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$

**1.0** First we wish to determine all non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . To do this we need the following well-known result:<sup>2)</sup>

**PROPOSITION 1.** *There exist only 6 non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of order 2, 3, 4 or 6 in  $GL(2, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

$$\mathbf{Z}_2: W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_3: W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_4: W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_6: W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

### 1.1 Groups of order 2

By virtue of Reiner's basic result ([2] Theorem 74.3, p. 508, ), it follows that

**PROPOSITION 2.** *There exist 5 non-conjugate subgroups of order 2 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_4 = \left\{ - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_5 = \left\{ - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

### 1.2 Groups of order 3

For the same reason as above, we have

**PROPOSITION 3.** *There exist 2 non-conjugate subgroups of order 3 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

<sup>2)</sup> See Voskresenskii [14], p. 192.

**Remark.** Without Reiner's basic result, we may prove Proposition 2 and 3 by elementary calculations.

### 1.3 Groups of order 4

We show the following:

**PROPOSITION 4.** *There exist 15 non-conjugate subgroups of order 4 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ : those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_4$*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, W_2 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$$W_4 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, W_6 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_7 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, W_8 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_9 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, W_{10} = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{11} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, W_{12} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{13} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, W_{14} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{15} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**COROLLARY.** *In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there exist only 2 non-conjugate cyclic and 4 non-conjugate non-cyclic subgroups of order 4:  $W_1, W_3$  and  $W_6, W_8, W_{12}, W_{14}$ .*

*Proof.* We first find all non-conjugate cyclic subgroups of order 4 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $Y \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  be of order 4. By Proposition 2 it follows that

$$1) \ Y^2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad 2) \ Y^2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Case 1) Assume that  $Y^2 = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . We

need an auxiliary result which will often be used later.

LEMMA 1. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . If  $X^2$  is equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X$  is of the form

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pm \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. Here  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$ .

The proof is straightforward.

Hence we have  $MYM^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$ . Since

$Y$  and hence the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$  have order 4, it follows by Proposition 1 that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and so  $\{Y\} \sim W_1$  or  $W_2$ .

Case 2) Assume now that  $Y^2 = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

LEMMA 2. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . If  $X^2$  is equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

or  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X$  is of the form

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b & -b \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1-a}{2} & \frac{1+a}{2} \\ \frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1+a}{2} & \frac{1-a}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1-a}{2} & -\frac{1+a}{2} \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & -\frac{1+a}{2} & \frac{1-a}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. Here  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a$  and  $\frac{1+a^2}{2b}$  are all odd integers.

The proof is easy.

By Lemma 2, we have  $MYM^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b & -b \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1-a}{2} & \frac{1+a}{2} \\ \frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1+a}{2} & \frac{1-a}{2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pm N.$

We claim that  $Y \sim \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . It is enough to show that  $N \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Easy calculations show that  $N \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  if there is a matrix  $Z$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$

such that

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} & z_{13} \\ -(1+a)z_{11} + \frac{1+a^2}{2b}(z_{12} - z_{13}) & -bz_{11} - \frac{1-a}{2}(z_{12} - z_{13}) & bz_{11} + \frac{1-a}{2}(z_{12} - z_{13}) \\ -(1-a)z_{11} - \frac{1+a^2}{2b}(z_{12} - z_{13}) & bz_{11} - \frac{1+a}{2}(z_{12} - z_{13}) & -bz_{11} + \frac{1+a}{2}(z_{12} - z_{13}) \end{pmatrix}$$



where  $\det(Z) = -(z_{12} + z_{13}) \left\{ 2bz_{11}^2 - 2az_{11}(z_{12} - z_{13}) + \frac{1+a^2}{2b}(z_{12} - z_{13})^2 \right\} = \pm 1$ ,  
 i.e.  $z_{12} + z_{13} = \pm 1$  and  $2bz_{11}^2 - 2az_{11}(z_{12} - z_{13}) + \frac{1+a^2}{2b}(z_{12} - z_{13})^2 = \pm 1$ . Hence

$N$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , if  $z_{11} \equiv x$  and  $2z_{12} + 1 \equiv y$  are integers satisfying the following diophantine equation

$$(2|b|x + ay)^2 + y^2 = 2|b|.$$

Theorem 7-4 ([6], p. 126) shows that the above equation has integral solutions.

Therefore  $N$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We can easily see that

$W_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

We next find all non-conjugate non-cyclic subgroups, i.e. those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be generators of  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , then  $S^2 = T^2 = E$  and  $TS = ST$  where  $E = E_3$  is the unit matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . By Proposition 2, our proof is divided into three cases.

Case 1) Suppose that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $TS = ST$ , we have  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . The following

easy lemma is useful for a characterization of  $MTM^{-1}$ .

LEMMA 3. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

then  $X$  is of the form

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ 0 & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x_{22}x_{33} - x_{23}x_{32} = 1$ .

Therefore we see that  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ 0 & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $x_{22}x_{33} - x_{23}x_{32} = 1$ .

Since  $T$  and so the matrix  $T_1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix}$  have order 2, Proposition 1 implies that  $T_1$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_5, \quad \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_6,$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_7, \quad \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_8,$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_9, \text{ or } \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{10}.$$

(Here both  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

are conjugate to  $W_7$ , and  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is conjugate to  $W_{10}$ .)

Classifying all elements of  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 10$ ) of five types of Proposition 2, we easily see that  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 10$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case 2) Suppose now that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in$

$GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

$TS = ST$  implies that  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . The

proof of the following is straightforward.

LEMMA 4. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

then  $X$  is of the form

$$X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & -x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ -x_{21} & x_{23} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $(x_{22} + x_{23})\{x_{11}(x_{22} - x_{23}) - 2x_{12}x_{21}\} = 1$ . Furthermore,

$$(1) \text{ if } X \text{ has order 2, then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$-\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -1 \\ -a & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & -1 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & -a \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & -a \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -(1+2a) & b & -b \\ c & a & -(1+a) \\ -c & -(1+a) & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } a, b \text{ and } c \text{ are all integers, and in the}$$

last case they satisfy the equation  $2a^2 + 2a + bc = 0$ ,

(2) there is no such matrix  $X$  of order 3.

$$\text{First assume that } T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M, \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M,$$

$$\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M \text{ or } -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M. \text{ Then } \{S, T\} \text{ is conjugate to } W_8,$$

$$W_9, W_{10} \text{ or } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\equiv W_{11}. \left( \text{Here } \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is conjugate to } W_{10}. \right) \text{ Clearly,}$$

$W_{11}$  is not conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 10$ ).

$$\text{Next assume that } T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -1 \\ -a & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M, \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & -1 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M,$$

$$\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & a & -a \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M \text{ or } \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & -a \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M. \text{ If } S \text{ is equal to } M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M,$$

$$\text{then } \{S, T\} \text{ is conjugate to } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -1 \\ -a & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W, \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$$\left. -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -1 \\ -a & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W', \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & -1 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = W'', \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$-\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & -1 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv W''', {}^tW, {}^tW', {}^tW'' \text{ or } {}^tW'''.$  When  $a$  is even, we put

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{a(x_{22} - x_{23})}{2} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ -\frac{a(x_{22} - x_{23})}{2} & x_{23} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x_{22}^2 - x_{23}^2 = \pm 1$ . Then  $W = N^{-1}W_8N$  and hence  $W', W'', W''', {}^tW, {}^tW', {}^tW''$  and  ${}^tW'''$  are conjugate to  $W_8, W_{10}, W_8, W_{10}, W_{10}, W_8$  and  $W_{10}$ , respectively. When  $a$  is odd, we consider two non-conjugate subgroups  $W_{12}, W_{13}$  isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ :

$$W_{12} \equiv \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{13} \equiv \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Here  $W_{12}$  and so  $W_{13}$  are not conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 11$ ). Using Lemma 4 with easy calculations we see that  $W = N^{-1}W_{12}N$ , where

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{a(x_{22} - x_{23}) - x_{11}}{2} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ -\frac{a(x_{22} - x_{23}) - x_{11}}{2} & x_{23} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z}).$$

Hence  $W', W'', W''', {}^tW, {}^tW', {}^tW''$  and  ${}^tW'''$  are conjugate to  $W_{13}, W_{12}, W_{13}, {}^tW_{12} \equiv W_{14}, {}^tW_{13} \equiv W_{15}, W_{14}$  and  $W_{15}$ , respectively. By calculating one by one, we know that  $W_{12}$  is not conjugate to  $W_{14}$  and hence  $W_{13}$  is not conjugate to  $W_{15}$ . Thus  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 15$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

If  $S$  is equal to  $-M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , we see, by replacing  $S$  by  $-S$  in

the above consideration, that  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $W_8, W_9, W_{13}, W_{15}$ .

Finally assume that  $T = \pm M^{-1}LM$ , where

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} -(1+2a) & b & -b \\ c & a & -(1+a) \\ -c & -(1+a) & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } 2a^2 + 2a + bc = 0.$$

We need the following three lemmas.

LEMMA 5. Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be integers which satisfy an equation

$$2a^2 + 2a + bc = 0.$$

Then  $b$  is odd if and only if  $c = \pm 2(a, c)(a + 1, c)$ , and so  $b$  is even if and only if  $c = \pm (a, c)(a + 1, c)$  where  $(a, c)$  is the greatest common divisor of two integers  $a$  and  $c$ , and so on.

*Proof.* Put  $c = 2^k c'$  where  $k$  is a non-negative integer and  $(2, c') = 1$ . Let  $p$  be a prime number and suppose  $p^n$  divides  $c'$ . Since  $2a(a+1) = -bc$ ,  $p^n$  divides  $(a, c')(a + 1, c')$ . On the other hand  $(a, c')(a + 1, c')$  divides  $c'$  since  $(a, a + 1) = 1$ . Therefore  $c' = \pm (a, c')(a + 1, c')$ . By comparing the exponents of the prime number 2 in these integers  $a$ ,  $a + 1$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , we easily get the result. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 6.  $L$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  if and only if  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is odd,

even and even integers, respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $X = (x_{ij})$  be in  $GL(3, \mathbb{Q})$  and assume that  $L = X^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X$ .

Then  $XL = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X$  and so we obtain

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \frac{(1+a)}{c}x_{11} & -\frac{(1+a)}{c}x_{11} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{22} - \frac{2a}{c}x_{21} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{32} - \frac{2a}{c}x_{31} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\det(X) = \frac{2x_{11}}{c}(x_{22}x_{31} - x_{21}x_{32})$ . Thus  $L$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  if

and only if  $\frac{2c^2}{(a+1, c)(2a, c)}$  divides  $c$ . Assume that  $\frac{2c^2}{(a+1, c)(2a, c)}$  divides  $c$ .

Then  $c$  is even and hence  $\frac{c^2}{(a+1, c)\left(a, \frac{c}{2}\right)}$  divides  $c$ . Therefore  $a$  is odd

and  $\frac{c^2}{(a+1, c)(a, c)}$  divides  $c$ , hence  $c = \pm (a+1, c)(a, c)$ . By Lemma 5,  $b$  is even. Conversely we suppose that  $a, b$  and  $c$  is odd, even, and even, respectively. By Lemma 5,  $c = \pm (a+1, c)(a, c)$  and  $\frac{2c^2}{(a+1, c)(2a, c)} = \pm (a+1, c)(a, c)$  divides  $c$ . Thus  $L$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , Q.E.D.

Put  $L' \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} L$ . In the same way as above, we have

LEMMA 7.  $L'$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  if and only if  $a, b$  and  $c$  are all even integers.

By Lemmas 6 and 7, we have to consider the following four cases:

- Case i)  $a, b$  and  $c$  is odd, even and even, respectively,
- Case ii)  $c$  is odd,
- Case iii)  $a, b$  and  $c$  are all even,
- Case iv)  $b$  is odd.

We now show that if  $S = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$  and  $T = M^{-1} L M$ ,  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $W_8, W_{12}, W_8$  and  $W_{14}$  in Case i), ii), iii) and iv), respectively, and so  $\{S, -T\}, \{-S, T\}, \{-S, -T\}$  are conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $9 \leq i \leq 15, i \neq 11$ ). For example, we show that  $W = \{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $W_{14}$  in Case iv). The proof is similar in other cases. In Case iv), by Lemmas 6 and

7, both  $L$  and  $L'$  are conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $X = (x_{ij})$  be in

$GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  and assume that  $X^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then Lemma 4

implies that

$$X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & -x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ -x_{21} & x_{23} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\det(X) = (x_{22} + x_{23})\{x_{11}(x_{22} - x_{23}) - 2x_{12}x_{21}\}$ . Furthermore assume that

$$X^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X = L. \quad \text{Then we have}$$

$$X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & -x_{12} \\ (1+a)x_{11} - cx_{12} & x_{22} & bx_{11} + 2ax_{12} + x_{22} \\ -(1+a)x_{11} + cx_{12} & bx_{11} + 2ax_{12} + x_{22} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

which satisfy  $X^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X = L'$  and  $\det(X) = (bx_{11} + 2ax_{12} + 2x_{22})$

$\times \{-bx_{11}^2 - 2(1+2a)x_{11}x_{12} + 2cx_{12}^2\}$ . Therefore  $W$  is conjugate to  $W_{14}$  if and only if two diophantine equations

$$\begin{cases} bx_{11} + 2ax_{12} + 2x_{22} = \pm 1 & (1) \\ bx_{11}^2 + 2(1+2a)x_{11}x_{12} - 2cx_{12}^2 = \pm 1 & (2) \end{cases}$$

have at least one integral solution simultaneously. Since  $b$  is an odd integer, if the equation (2) has an integral solution, the equation (1) has an integral one. Since  $2a(a+1) = -bc$ , (2) can be arranged as follows:

$$\frac{\{bx_{11} + 2(1+a)x_{12}\} \{bx_{11} + 2ax_{12}\}}{b} = \pm 1$$

$b$  being odd, i.e.  $c = \pm 2(a, c)(a+1, c)$ , we have  $a(a+1) = \pm b(a, c)(a+1, c)$ . Hence we may put  $b = b_1 b_2$  where  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  divide  $a$  and  $a+1$ , respectively. The equation

$$\left\{ b_1 x_{11} + \frac{2(1+a)}{b_2} x_{12} \right\} \left\{ b_2 x_{11} + \frac{2a}{b_1} x_{12} \right\} = \pm 1$$

has an integral solution  $x_{11} = \frac{1+a}{b_2} - \frac{a}{b_1}$ ,  $x_{12} = \frac{b_2 - b_1}{2}$ . Thus  $W$  is conjugate to  $W_{14}$  and hence  $\{S, -T\}$ ,  $\{-S, T\}$  and  $\{-S, -T\}$  are all conjugate to  $W_{15}$ .

Case 3) Suppose that  $S = -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where

$M \in GL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then clearly  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $W_8$  or  $W_{11}$ .

Thus we complete the proof of Proposition 4, Q.E.D.

### 1.4 Groups of order 6

There are two non-isomorphic abstract groups of order 6, i.e.  $\mathbf{Z}_6$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ .

we obtain the following:

**PROPOSITION 5.** *There exist 10 non-conjugate subgroups of order 6 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

*those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_6$*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_3 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_4 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}_3$*

$$W_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_6 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_7 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_8 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_9 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{10} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**COROLLARY.** *In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there exist only 4 non-conjugate subgroups of order 6:  $W_1, W_5, W_7, W_9$ .*

*Proof.* For cyclic subgroups, we refer the reader to Matuljauskas's result [7].<sup>3)</sup> We determine all non-conjugate ones isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ .<sup>4)</sup> Let  $S$  and  $T$  be generators of such a subgroup  $W$ . Then  $S^3 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = E$ . By Proposition 3, it follows that

<sup>3)</sup> It is not hard to find all of them by our method.

<sup>4)</sup> See Nazarova-Roiter [9].



$$1) S \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad 2) S \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Case 1) Assume that  $S = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Since

$$TS = S^2T, \text{ we get } MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}. \quad \text{The following}$$

lemma can be proved immediately.

LEMMA 8. *Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

(1) *Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X$ . Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,*

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or}$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ all of which have order 2.}$$

(2) *If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,*

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_5, \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_6,$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_7 \text{ or } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_8.$$

Using Lemma 8, we see that  $W_5$  is not conjugate

to  $W_7$  and so  $W_6$  is not to  $W_8$ .

Case 2) Assume now that  $S = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $TS = S^2T$ ,  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ .  $MTM^{-1}$  is characterized by the easy lemma:

LEMMA 9. *Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

(1) *Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X$ . Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , all of which have order 2.*

(2) *If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .*

Lemma 9 states that  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_9$ ,

or  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{10}$ . Clearly  $W_9$  is not conjugate to any one of  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 8$ ) and so  $W_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 10$ ) are not conjugate to each other, Q.E.D.

### 1.5 Groups of order 8

By Vaidyanathaswamy [12] and [13], there is no cyclic subgroup of order 8 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , and clearly there is no quaternion subgroup in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Hence any subgroup of order 8 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is isomorphic to I)  $\mathbf{Z}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , II)  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  or III)  $\mathfrak{D}_4$ .

PROPOSITION 6. *There exist 6 non-conjugate abelian and 8 non-conjugate non-abelian subgroups of order 8 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

*those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_4 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_6 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{D}_4$*

$$W_7 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_8 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_9 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{10} = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{11} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{12} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{13} = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{14} = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

COROLLARY. *In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there exist only 2 non-conjugate dihedral subgroups of order 8:  $W_7$ ,  $W_{11}$ , and there is no abelian subgroup of order 8.*

*Proof.* Case I) Let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be an abelian subgroup of the type  $\mathbf{Z}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  i.e.  $S^4 = T^2 = E$ ,  $ST = TS$ .

Case I-1) Suppose that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $TS = ST$ ,  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . The following lemma can be easily obtained.

LEMMA 10. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

(1) If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(2) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X$ . Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , all of which have

order 2.

$T$  having order 2, by Lemma 10,  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ,

$$-\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_1.$$

Case I-2) Suppose now that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in$

$GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Similarly we have  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ .

LEMMA 11. Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

$$(1) \text{ If } X \text{ commutes with } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ all of which have}$$

order 2.

Thus  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_2$ . Clearly

$W_1$  is not conjugate to  $W_2$ .

Case II) Let  $W = \{S, T, R\}$  be an abelian subgroup of the type  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , i.e.  $S^2 = T^2 = R^2 = E$ ,  $ST = TS$ ,  $SR = RS$  and  $TR = RT$ . Put  $V = \{S, T\}$ . By Proposition 4,  $V$  is conjugate to one of  $W_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq 15$ ) in the notation of Proposition 4. Using Lemmas 3 and 4, two equalities  $SR = RS$  and  $TR = RT$  determine  $R$  and so  $W$  is conjugate to one of subgroups  $W_i$  ( $3 \leq i \leq 6$ ) in the notation of Proposition 6. Here  $W_i$  ( $3 \leq i \leq 6$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case III) We determine all non-conjugate dihedral subgroups of order 8,  $\mathfrak{D}_4 = \{S, T\}$ , i.e.  $S^4 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = E$ .

Case III-1) Assume that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $TS = S^3T$ ,  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By Lemma 10,

$\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_7, \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$-\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv W_8, \quad \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_9 \text{ or } \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$$\left. -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{10}. \quad \text{Clearly } W_i \ (7 \leq i \leq 10) \text{ are not conjugate to each other.}$$

Case III-2) Assume now that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Similarly we have  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By Lemma 11,

we see that  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{11}, \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$

$\left. -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{12}, \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{13} \text{ or } \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \right.$

$\left. -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{14}$ . Here  $W_i \ (11 \leq i \leq 14)$  and hence  $W_i \ (7 \leq i \leq 14)$  are

not conjugate to each other. Thus the proof of Proposition 6 is complete, Q.E.D.

Using Lemmas 8 and 9, we know that there exists no subgroup of order 9 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Hence the order of any finite subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  is of the form  $2^i \cdot 3^j$  and  $j \leq 1$ . From now on, we have only to consider finite subgroups of order  $2^i$  or  $2^i 3$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

### 1.6 Groups of order 12

Any abstract groups of order 12, all of whose elements have order 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6, is isomorphic to I)  $\mathbf{Z}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2 = \mathbf{Z}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , II)  $\mathfrak{D}_6 = \mathfrak{S}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , III)  $\mathfrak{A}_4$  or IV)  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$ .

**PROPOSITION 7.** *There exist 11 non-conjugate subgroups of order 12 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ : those isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{D}_6$

$$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_4 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_5 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_6 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_7 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_8 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_4$

$$W_9 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_{10} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{11} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**COROLLARY.** *In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there exist only 4 non-conjugate subgroups of order 12:  $W_2, W_9, W_{10}, W_{11}$ , and there is no abelian subgroup of order 12.<sup>5)</sup>*

*Proof.* Case I) Let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be an abelian subgroup of the type  $\mathbf{Z}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  i.e.  $S^6 = T^2 = E$  and  $ST = TS$ . Denote by  $V$  the subgroup generated by  $S$ . By Proposition 5,  $V$  is conjugate to  $W_1, W_2, W_3$  or  $W_4$  in the notation of Proposition 5.

Case I-1) Assume that  $V = M^{-1} \left\{ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

<sup>5)</sup> See Dade [3] Theorem 3, p. 27.

Since  $W$  is commutative,  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . The

proof of the following is immediate.

LEMMA 12. *Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

(1) *If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,*

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2) *Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X$ . Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,*

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or}$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ all of which have order 2.}$$

By the above lemma,  $W$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_1$ .

Case I-2) Assume now that  $V = M^{-1} \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} M$ , where  $M \in$

$GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Similarly we have  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By

Lemma 8,  $W$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \sim W_1$ .

Case I-3) Assume that  $V = M^{-1} \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .



Then  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By Lemma 9, there is no such subgroup  $W$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Case II) We determine all non-conjugate dihedral subgroups of the type  $\mathfrak{D}_6$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be generators of such a subgroup. Then  $S^6 = T^2 = (ST)^2 = E$ .

Case II-1) Assume that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $TS = S^5T$ , it follows that  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By

Lemma 12,  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_2$ ,

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_3$ ,  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_4$  or

$\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_5$ . Clearly  $W_3$  is not conjugate to  $W_4$  or

$W_5$ , and using Lemma 12, we can show that  $W_4$  is not conjugate to  $W_5$  and hence  $W_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq 5$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case II-2) Assume that  $S = -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Similarly  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By Lemma 8,  $\{S, T\}$  is

conjugate to  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_6$ ,  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_7$ .

Using Lemma 8, we see that  $W_6$  is not conjugate to  $W_7$ .

Case II-3) Assume that  $S = -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Then we have  $MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1}$ . By Lemma 9,  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_8$ . Here  $W_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq 8$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case III) There are 3 non-conjugate subgroups  $W_9$ ,  $W_{10}$  and  $W_{11}$  isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_4$ . We refer the reader to Nazarova [8].

Case IV) We show that there is no subgroup of the type  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $W$  be such a subgroup and let  $S, T$  be generators of this subgroup. Then  $S^3 = T^2 = (ST)^2$  and so  $S^6 = T^4 = E$ . Hence by Proposition

5,  $S = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Since  $TS = S^5T$ , this implies

that

$$MTM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MTM^{-1},$$

Then by Lemma 12, there is no such matrix  $T$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . This establishes the proof of this proposition, Q.E.D.

### 1.7 Groups of order 16

By Corollary to Proposition 6, there is no abelian subgroup of order 16 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . We now show that there exists no non-abelian subgroup of order 16 in  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

An abstract non-abelian group of order 16, all of whose elements are of order 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6, is isomorphic to I)  $\mathfrak{D}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , II)  $\mathfrak{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , III)  $\langle 2, 2|4, 2 \rangle$ , IV)  $(4, 4|2, 2)$  or V)  $\mathfrak{R}$ . We have the following:

**PROPOSITION 8.** *There exist 2 non-conjugate subgroups of order 16 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , which are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{D}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ .*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

COROLLARY. In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there is no subgroup of order 16.

*Proof.* Case I) Let  $W$  be a subgroup of the type  $\mathfrak{D}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ . By Proposition 6,  $\mathfrak{D}_4$  is conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 14$ ) in the notation of Proposition 6. Let  $T$  be a generator of  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ . Suppose  $\mathfrak{D}_4 = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 10$ ), where

$M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Then  $MTM^{-1}$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

By Lemmas 4 and 10,  $W$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ,

$-\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_1$ . Suppose

$\mathfrak{D}_4 = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $11 \leq i \leq 14$ ), where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Similarly using Lemma 11, we

see that  $W$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_2$ .

Here  $W_2$  is not conjugate to  $W_1$ .

Case II) Since there is no quaternion subgroup of order 8 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , there exists no subgroup of the type  $\mathfrak{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

Case III) Let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be a subgroup of the type  $\langle 2, 2|4, 2 \rangle$ , then

$S^4 = T^4 = E$  and  $T^{-1}ST = S^3$ . First assume that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,

where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .  $T^{-1}ST = S^3$  implies that  $MT^{-1}M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MT^{-1}M^{-1}$ . By Lemma 10, these matrices have all order 2 and

so there is no such matrix  $T$ . Secondly assume that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,

where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Similarly there is no such matrix  $T$  that  $S$  and  $T$  generate this subgroup. Thus there exists no subgroup of the type  $\langle 2, 2 | 4, 2 \rangle$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Case IV) Let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be a subgroup of the type  $(4, 4 | 2, 2)$ , then  $S^4 = T^4 = (ST)^2 = (S^{-1}T)^2 = E$ .

Case IV-1) Assume that  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $S^2T^3 = T^3S^2$ , it follows that  $MS^2M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MS^2M^{-1}$ .

By Lemma 10,  $(MSM^{-1})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  since  $S^4 = E$ . Further by Lemma 1,

$S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$ . On the other hand,

$ST = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & -a \\ 0 & -a & -c \end{pmatrix} M$  has order 2 and so  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$  or

$\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ . Thus such a subgroup  $\{S, T\}$  does not have order 16.

Case IV-2) Assume that  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

In the same way as above,  $MS^2M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MS^2M^{-1}$ .

By Lemma 11,  $(MSM^{-1})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . By easy calculations  $(ST)^2 = E$

implies  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ . Hence  $\{S, T\}$  does not have order 16.

Thus there exists no subgroup of the type  $(4, 4 | 2, 2)$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Case V) Let  $W = \{R, S, T\}$  be a subgroup of the type  $\mathfrak{R}$ , i.e.  $R^2 = S^2 = T^2 = E$  and  $RST = STR = TRS$ .

Case V-1) Assume that  $R = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Since  $(ST)R = R(ST)$ , it follows that

$$M(ST)M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M(ST)M^{-1}.$$

By Lemma 1,

$$M(ST)M^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ 0 & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x_{22}x_{33} - x_{23}x_{32} = 1$ . Since  $ST$  has order 4,  $x_{33} = -x_{22}$ .  $RST = TRS$  implies that

$$MSM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_{22} & -x_{23} \\ 0 & -x_{32} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_{22} & -x_{23} \\ 0 & -x_{32} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} MSM^{-1}.$$

On the other hand  $T^2 = E$  implies that

$$MSM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ 0 & x_{32} & -x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_{22} & -x_{23} \\ 0 & -x_{32} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} MSM^{-1},$$

which is a contradiction.

Case V-2) Assume that  $R = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Similarly using Lemma 2 we have a contradiction.

Thus there is no subgroup of this type in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . We complete the proof of Proposition 8 and its Corollary, Q.E.D.

By Corollary to Proposition 8, the order of any finite subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  (resp.  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ ) is of the form  $2^i \cdot 3^j$  and  $j \leq 1$  and  $i \leq 4$  (resp.  $i \leq 3$ ).

### 1.8 Groups of order 24

By Corollary to Proposition 6 and Corollary to Proposition 7, there is no abelian subgroup of order 24 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . A non-abelian abstract group of order 24, all of whose elements are of order 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6, is isomorphic

to I)  $\mathfrak{A}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , II)  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , III)  $\mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , IV)  $\mathfrak{S}_4$ , V)  $\langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$  or VI)  $(4, 6|2, 2)$ . We have

**PROPOSITION 9.** *There exist 11 non-conjugate subgroups of order 24 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , all of which are non-abelian:*

*those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$*

$$W_4 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

*those isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}_4$*

$$W_6 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, W_7 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_8 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, W_9 = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_{10} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, W_{11} = \left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**COROLLARY.** *In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there are only 3 non-conjugate subgroups  $W_6$ ,  $W_8$  and  $W_{10}$ , all of which are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}_4$ .*

*Proof.* Case I) Suppose  $W = \mathfrak{A}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}_4$  is an alternating subgroup of degree 4 and  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \{R\}$  is a subgroup of order 2 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . By Proposition 7,  $\mathfrak{A}_4$  is conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $i = 9, 10, 11$ ) in the notation of Proposition 7. Then

$$MRM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} MRM^{-1},$$

where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . By Lemma 9,  $W = \mathfrak{A}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  is conjugate to  $\{W_9, -E\} \equiv W_1$ ,  $\{W_{10}, -E\} \equiv W_2$  or  $\{W_{11}, -E\} \equiv W_3$ . Clearly  $W_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case II) Since there is no subgroup isomorphic to  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  by Proposition 7, there is no subgroup isomorphic to  $\langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

Case III) Let  $W = \mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  be the direct product of a dihedral subgroup  $\mathfrak{D}_6$  of order 12 and a subgroup  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \{R\}$  in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . By Proposition 7,  $\mathfrak{D}_6$  is conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq 8$ ) in the notation of Proposition 7. First assume that  $\mathfrak{D}_6 = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $2 \leq i \leq 5$ ), where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Then it follows that

$$MRM^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} MRM^{-1}.$$

By Lemma 12,  $\mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  is conjugate to

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_4.$$

Next assume that  $\mathfrak{D}_6 = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $i = 6, 7$ ), where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Similarly we see that  $W = \mathfrak{D}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_5$ , and  $W_5$  is not conjugate to  $W_4$ . Finally assume that  $\mathfrak{D}_6 = M^{-1}W_8M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Using Lemma 9 we see that there is no such subgroup.

Case IV) Let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be a symmetric subgroup of degree 4, then  $S^4 = T^2 = (ST)^3 = E$ . Denote by  $V$  the subgroup generated by  $S^2T$  and  $T$ . Then  $V$  is a dihedral subgroup of order 8, and by Proposition 6,  $V$  is conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 14$ ) in the notation of Proposition 6. We show that

$W$  is conjugate to  $W_6, W_7$  or  $W_8, W_9, W_{10}, W_{11}$  in the notation of Proposition 9, according as  $V \sim W_i$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 10$ ) or  $W_i$  ( $11 \leq i \leq 14$ ). For example, we prove that if  $V$  is conjugate to  $W_i$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 10$ ),  $W$  is so to  $W_6, W_7$ . The other cases can be proved similarly. Suppose that  $V = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $7 \leq i \leq 10$ ). By the structure of these subgroups

$$S^2T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M \text{ or } \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M.$$

If  $S^2T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , it follows that  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  
 $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$  or  $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , hence  
 $S^2 = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  $M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  $M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$  or  
 $M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , respectively. By Lemmas 1 and 2,

$$S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1-a}{2} & -\frac{1+a}{2} \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & -\frac{1+a}{2} & \frac{1-a}{2} \end{pmatrix} M, \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & -b \\ -\frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1-a}{2} & \frac{1+a}{2} \\ \frac{1+a^2}{2b} & \frac{1+a}{2} & \frac{1-a}{2} \end{pmatrix} M,$$

$$\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 0 & -a \end{pmatrix} M \text{ or } \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M.$$

$(ST)^3 = E$  implies that  $S = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$  or  
 $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ ,  $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , only if  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$   
or  $\pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ . Thus  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .



$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv W_6$  or  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_7$ . If  $S^2T = M^{-1} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , similarly  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to  $W_6$  or  $W_7$ . Secondly Suppose

that  $V = M^{-1}W_iM$  ( $11 \leq i \leq 14$ ). In the same way as above,  $\{S, T\}$  is conjugate to

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_8, \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_9,$$

$$\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{10}$$
 or  $\left\{ -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \equiv W_{11}.$

Trivially,  $W_6$  is not conjugate to  $W_8$  and easy calculations show that  $W_8$  is not so to  $W_9$ . Hence  $W_i$  ( $6 \leq i \leq 11$ ) are not conjugate to each other.

Case V) We consider the fifth subgroup i.e. a subgroup of the type  $\langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$ . Denote by  $S, T$  generators of such a subgroup. Then  $S^3 = T^3 = (ST)^2$

and so  $S^6 = T^6 = (ST)^4 = E$ . By Proposition 5,  $T = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where

$M \in GL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ . Since  $T^3 = (ST)^2$ , Lemma 1 implies that  $M(ST)M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix}$ ,

where  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$  and so  $S = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a-b & a \\ 0 & a+c & c \end{pmatrix} M$ , which does not have

order 4. Thus there is no subgroup of the type  $\langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$  in  $GL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Case VI) Finally let  $W = \{S, T\}$  be a subgroup of the type  $(4, 6|2, 2)$ . Then  $S^4 = T^6 = (ST)^2 = (S^{-1}T)^2 = E$ . By Proposition 5, we have three cases.

Case VI-1) Assume that  $T = \pm M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Since  $S^2T^5 = T^5S^2$ ,  $MS^2M^{-1}$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and so by Lemma

12,  $MS^2M^{-1} = (MSM^{-1})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Moreover by Lemma 1,  $S = \pm M^{-1}$

$\times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$ . But for these  $S$ ,  $(ST)^2 \neq E$ .

Case VI-2) Assume that  $T = -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

In the same way as above,  $MS^2M^{-1}$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and so by

Lemma 8,  $(MSM^{-1})^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Lemma 1 implies that  $S = \pm M^{-1}$

$\times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & -a \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $a^2 + bc + 1 = 0$ . But for these,  $(ST)^2 \neq E$ .

Case VI-3) Assume that  $T = -M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Then  $MS^2M^{-1}$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and lemma 9 shows that  $S^2$  does

not have order 2. Hence there exists no subgroup of the type (4,6|2,2) in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Thus the proof of the proposition is complete, Q.E.D.

### 1.9 Groups of order 48

By Corollary to Proposition 8, there is no subgroup of order 48 in  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ . Hence a subgroup of  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  of order 48 is generated by a subgroup of order 24 in  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  and a matrix of determinant  $-1$ .

PROPOSITION 10. *There exist 3 non-conjugate subgroups of order 48 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ :*

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

And there is no subgroup of order more than 48 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

**COROLLARY.** In  $SL(3, \mathbf{Z})$  there is no subgroup of order 48 or more.

*Proof.* Let  $W$  be a subgroup of order 48 in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , and let  $V$  be the subgroup consisting of all elements with determinant 1. By Corollary to Proposition 9,  $V$  is conjugate to  $W_6$ ,  $W_8$  or  $W_{10}$  in the notation of Proposition 9. We see that  $W$  is conjugate to  $\{W_6, -E\} \equiv W_1$ ,  $\{W_8, -E\} \equiv W_2$  and  $\{W_{10}, -E\} \equiv W_3$  according as  $V$  is so to  $W_6$ ,  $W_8$  and  $W_{10}$ . For example, we show that, if  $V$  is conjugate to  $W_6$ , then  $W$  is so to  $W_1$ . Assume that  $V = M^{-1}W_6M$ , where  $M \in GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ , and denote by  $R$  such an element that generate  $W$  together with  $V$ . Suppose that  $R(M^{-1}SM) = (M^{-1}S'M)R$ , where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } S' \in W_6. \text{ Then } (MRM^{-1})S = S'(MRM^{-1}). \text{ By the}$$

structure of the subgroup  $W_6$ ,  $S' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $MRM^{-1}$  is determined by the fol-

lowing easy lemma:

**LEMMA 13.** Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .

- (1) If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

$$(2) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(3) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(4) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(5) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(6) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence by the above lemma, in all case  $R$  is contained in  $V$  and so  $W \sim \{W_6, -E\} \equiv W_1$ . For  $W_8$  and  $W_{10}$ , we need the following two lemmas:

LEMMA 14. *Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

- (1) If  $X$  commutes with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$
- (2) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X.$  Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$
- (3) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X.$  Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$
- (4) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X.$  Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$
- (5) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X.$  Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$
- (6) Assume that  $X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X.$  Then  $X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

LEMMA 15. *Let  $X$  be a matrix in  $GL(3, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

$$(1) \text{ If } X \text{ commutes with } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(3) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(4) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(5) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(6) \text{ Assume that } X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X. \text{ Then } X = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The rest of the statement was already shown at the end of 1.7.

### Appendix: Groups of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of algebraic tori

Let  $K$  be a field with the characteristic exponent  $p$  and  $T$  be an  $n$ -dimensional algebraic torus defined over  $K$ . A rational automorphism  $\phi$  of  $T$  is said to be *fixed-point-free* if the only element of  $T$  left fixed by  $\phi$  is the identity element.

Hertzig [5] has shown that if  $H$  is a group of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of  $T$ , then  $H$  is a finite  $p$ -group and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ .

We determine all groups of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of algebraic tori in the special cases  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ , and in general, when  $n$  is odd.

A rational automorphism  $\phi$  over the algebraic closure  $\bar{K}$  of  $K$  can be identified with an element  $(\phi_{i,j})$  of  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$  via  $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , where  $y_i = \prod_{1 \leq j \leq n} x_j^{\phi_{ij}}$ . Thus we may speak of the characteristic polynomial  $\chi_\phi(X)$  of  $\phi$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $\phi$  be a rational automorphism of  $T$ . Then  $\phi$  is fixed-point-free if and only if  $\chi_\phi(1)$  is a power of  $p$ .*

*Proof.* A fixed-point of  $\phi$  is a solution of the equations

$$x_1^{-\phi_{1,1}} \cdots x_{i-1}^{-\phi_{i-1,i-1}} x_i^{-\phi_{i,i}} x_{i+1}^{-\phi_{i+1,i+1}} \cdots x_n^{-\phi_{n,n}} = 1 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

By elimination, these reduce to

$$x_i^\delta = 1$$

where  $\delta = \det(E_n - \phi) = \chi_\phi(1)$ , Q.E.D.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $\phi$  and  $\Psi$  be two rational automorphisms of  $T$ . Assume that  $\phi$  is conjugate to  $\Psi$ . Then  $\phi$  is fixed-point-free if and only if  $\Psi$  is so.*

In the case  $n = 2$ , there exist 2-subgroups of order 2, 4 or 8, and 3-subgroups of order 3 in  $GL(2, \mathbf{Z})$ . But considering all non-conjugate 2-subgroups and 3-subgroup, we have immediately

PROPOSITION 1. *There exist the following groups of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of a 2-dimensional algebraic torus defined over  $K$ :*

- (1) *the subgroup  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  only if  $p = 2$*
- (2) *all groups of order 3 only if  $p = 3$*
- (3) *all cyclic groups of order 4 only if  $p = 2$ .*

In the case  $n = 3$ , and in general, when  $n$  is odd, we have

PROPOSITION 2. *Let  $n$  be odd and  $H$  a non-trivial group of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of an  $n$ -dimensional algebraic torus defined over  $K$ . Then the characteristic exponent of  $K$  is 2, and  $H$  is the cyclic group of order 2 generated by  $-E_n$ , where  $E_n$  is the unit matrix of  $GL(n, \mathbf{Z})$ .*

*Proof.* By Herzig (Theorem 1, p. 1041, [5]),  $H$  is a finite  $p$ -group and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ . Hence  $p = 2$ . To prove this proposition it is sufficient to show that fixed-point-free rational automorphism of order 2 is only  $-E_n$  and  $H$  does not contain any subgroup of order 4. Let  $\phi$  be a rational automorphism of order 2 and  $\phi \neq -E_n$ . Then the characteristic polynomial of  $\phi$  is  $(X+1)^k(X-1)^m$  where  $m \geq 1$  and  $k+m = n$ . Hence  $\phi$  is not fixed-point-free. Next let  $\psi$  be automorphism of order 4 in  $H$ . Then  $\psi^2$  is automorphism of order 2 and  $\psi^2 \neq -E_n$ . Therefore  $\{\psi\}$  is not a subgroup of fixed-point-free of rational automorphisms, Q.E.D.

In the case  $n = 4$  and  $p = 2$ , we guess that groups of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of  $T$  have all order 8 at most and are all cyclic. (In fact there is a cyclic group of order 8 of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of  $T$ ). More generally, the following natural question arises; Let  $H$  be a group of fixed-point-free rational automorphisms of  $T$ , then how is the order of the finite  $p$ -group  $H$  related to the dimension  $n$  of  $T$ ? By Proposition 2, the question is open only if  $n$  is even.

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