

INVARIANT SUBMODULES OF UNIMODULAR HERMITIAN FORMS

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

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

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

We now state the main results.

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

tion of $SU(M_p)$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$T_{\lambda}(u)(z) = z + \lambda\Phi(u, z)u, \quad z \in M_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

Then $\det T_{\lambda}(u) = 1$ so that $T_{\lambda}(u)$ is in $SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$. Similarly, $T_{\lambda}(v) \in SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$.

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

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

Then $\det \Psi_{\lambda}(x) = 1 - 2\lambda$ and $\Psi_{\lambda}(x) \in U(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$.

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

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

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

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ be a dyadic local field with \mathfrak{p} not split in K . Then*

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

In particular, $M_{\mathfrak{p}^} = M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ when $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is an unramified extension of $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$.*

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

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

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

Fix μ in $\mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ such that $\mathcal{T}(\mu) = 2$. For x in $L_{\mathfrak{p}}$ with $\mu q(x)$ in $\mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$, define the Siegel transformation $E(u, x)$ by

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

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

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

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

Proof. Let $z \in N_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $x \in L_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap M_{\mathfrak{p}^*}$. Then $\Phi(x, z) \in \mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and

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

Hence $E(u, x)(z)$ and, likewise, $E(v, x)(z)$ lies in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. The result follows.

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

Proof. For any x in $L_{\mathfrak{p}}$ with $q(x)^{-1}$ in $\mathfrak{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$, we have $\Psi_1(u - v)\Psi_1(x)$

is in $SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$. This isometry interchanges u and v , so that $H_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Let $y \in L_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap M_{\mathfrak{p}^{\infty}}$. Then $E(u, y)(v)$ is in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and hence $y \in N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Thus $M_{\mathfrak{p}^{\infty}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

2.4. *Assume either $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is an unramified extension of $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$, or $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a nondyadic field. Then $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the unique primitive sublattice invariant under the action of $SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$.*

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

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

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

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

is in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Thus $(1, -1)u$ and u are in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. As in 2.3, we now have $H_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Let $y \in L_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then $E(u, (1, 0)y)(v)$ is in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Hence $(1, 0)y$, and likewise $(0, 1)y$, are in $N_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Consequently, $y \in N_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $N_{\mathfrak{p}} = M_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

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

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

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

$$M_{\mathfrak{p}} = H_{\mathfrak{p}} \perp J_{\mathfrak{p}} \perp B_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

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

PROPOSITION 4.1. $U(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$ is generated by \mathcal{E} and $U(H_{\mathfrak{p}} \perp B_{\mathfrak{p}})$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This proposition reduces the question of generators for $U(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$ to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here $\mu = 1 + \zeta = \pi p^h$ and $\varepsilon = \Phi(r, z + \gamma r)$ is a unit. By Hensel's lemma there exists a root ξ of the form $\xi = \varepsilon\pi^*\alpha^*\rho$ with ρ in \mathfrak{o}_p . Similarly, the coefficient of u can be made zero and we may assume $\varphi(z) = z + \gamma r$. Put $\delta = \gamma q(w) = -\gamma q(r)\Phi(z, r)^{-1}$. Then $\mathcal{T}(\delta) = 2\mathcal{N}(\delta)$ and $\Psi_\delta(r)^{-1}\varphi$ acts as the identity on both w and z . This completes the proof in this case.

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

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

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

$$q(\mathfrak{D}_\mathfrak{p}\varphi(w)^\perp) = q(\mathfrak{D}_\mathfrak{p}w^\perp) = q(H_\mathfrak{p}) \subseteq p^{-h}\mathfrak{p}_\mathfrak{p},$$

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

COROLLARY 4.3. *Except in the ramified unit case with the rank of $M_\mathfrak{p}$ even, all lattices $N_\mathfrak{p}$ satisfying*

$$M_{\mathfrak{p}^2} \subseteq N_\mathfrak{p} \subseteq M_\mathfrak{p}^*$$

are invariant under the action of $U(M_\mathfrak{p})$.

Proof. This follows from 2.2 and the easily verified fact that $U(H_\mathfrak{p})$ and the symmetries used in the proof of the theorem preserve such $N_\mathfrak{p}$.

COROLLARY 4.4. *In the ramified unit case with rank $M_\mathfrak{p}$ even, all lattices between $M_{\mathfrak{p}^2}$ and $M_\mathfrak{p}^*$ are $SU(M_\mathfrak{p})$ -invariant.*

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

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

5. Exceptional invariant lattices. In this section $F_\mathfrak{p}$ is a totally ramified extension of the 2-adic field \mathbb{Q}_2 and $K_\mathfrak{p}$ is a ramified prime

extension of $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Thus the residue class fields of both $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$ have only two elements.

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

$$E_{\mathfrak{p}} = \pi M_{\mathfrak{p}^*} + \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{p}}(u + v + \pi^{-e} w)$$

and its dual $E_{\mathfrak{p}}^*$. It can be easily verified using the generators in Theorem 4.2 that $E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a $SU(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$ -invariant lattice; it follows that the dual $E_{\mathfrak{p}}^*$ is also invariant.

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

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

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

5.1. *The only exceptional three dimensional invariant lattices are of the form $a_{\mathfrak{p}} E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $a_{\mathfrak{p}} E_{\mathfrak{p}}^*$, with $a_{\mathfrak{p}}$ a fractional ideal in $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$.*

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$N_p = \mathcal{D}_p N = J_p.$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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