

ON THE CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC GROUP OF $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group Π of the 4-dimensional solvable Lie group $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ that the translation subgroup of Π , $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$, is generated by the particular elements.

1. Introduction

Let X be a complete connected, simply connected Riemannian manifold, and let G be a group of isometries of X . A pair (X, G) is called a *geometry* in the sense of Thurston [6, 7] if G acts transitively on X and G contains a discrete subgroup Γ with the coset space $\Gamma \backslash X$ of finite volume. According to Filipkiewicz [3, 9], there are 20 types of geometries in dimension 4: $S^4, \mathbb{H}^4, P^2(\mathbb{C}), \widetilde{H^2}(\mathbb{C}), S^2 \times S^2, S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2, S^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2, S^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{H}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \widetilde{\text{PSL}}(2, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Nil}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Sol}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \text{Nil}^4, \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4, \text{Sol}_0^4, \text{Sol}_1^4$ and F^4 .

Let G be a connected, simply connected solvable Lie group and let C be any maximal compact subgroup of $\text{Aff}(G)$. A discrete cocompact subgroup Π of $G \rtimes C$ is called a *crystallographic group* of G . The coset space $\Pi \backslash G$ is an *infra-solvmanifold* of G , when Π is a *Bieberbach group* (i.e., a torsion-free crystallographic group) of G . The maximal compact subgroup C can be chosen so that $G \rtimes C$ is equal to $\text{Isom}(G)$. Therefore, the Bieberbach groups of G are exactly the fundamental groups of compact infra-solvmanifolds of G . Consequently, a closed manifold has a (X, G) -geometry if and only if it is an infra-solvmanifold of G . The crystallographic groups of Sol^3 and Sol_1^4 are classified in [2] and [4], respectively. All the closed four-manifolds with Sol_1^4 -geometry were

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studied in [8]. Utilizing the ideas in [2, 4, 8], the aim of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group of the solvable Lie group $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we show that a compact subgroup of the group of automorphisms of the Lie group Sol_λ^4 has at most 8 elements. There are an infinite but countable number of the Lie groups Sol_λ^4 that admit a lattice. Such Lie groups are denoted by $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. In Section 3, we review a family of Lie groups $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. In Section 4, we study the structure of the crystallographic group Π of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ that the translation subgroup of Π , $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$, is generated by the particular elements.

2. The Lie group Sol_λ^4 and its automorphism group

The Lie group Sol_λ^4 is a 4-dimensional connected, simply connected and unimodular solvable Lie group $\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$ of type (R) where

$$\varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\lambda > 1).$$

This can be embedded in $\text{Aff}(4)$ as

$$\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \varphi(s) & 0 & \mathbf{x} \\ 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \text{Aff}(4) \subset \text{GL}(5, \mathbb{R}),$$

where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a column vector. The Lie algebra \mathfrak{sol}_λ^4 of Sol_λ^4 is

$$\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \tau(s) & 0 & \mathbf{a} \\ 0 & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

where

$$\tau(s) = \log \varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1+\lambda)s \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now let us first find the group of automorphisms $\text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_\lambda^4)$ of Sol_λ^4 . Because Sol_λ^4 is simply connected, it suffices to find the group of Lie algebra automorphisms of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{sol}_λ^4 . For this purpose, we

choose a linear basis $\{\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{F}\}$ of \mathfrak{sol}_λ^4 as follows:

$$\mathbf{E}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \tau(0) & 0 & \mathbf{e}_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau(1) & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ is the set of standard basis vectors of \mathbb{R}^3 . Then the nontrivial Lie brackets between them are

$$(2-1) \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_1] = \lambda \mathbf{E}_1, \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_2] = \mathbf{E}_2, \quad [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}_3] = -(1 + \lambda) \mathbf{E}_3.$$

A Lie algebra automorphism of \mathfrak{sol}_λ^4 is a nonsingular linear transformation of the linear space \mathfrak{sol}_λ^4 preserving the nontrivial Lie brackets (2-1) together with all trivial Lie brackets. It is now easy to observe that:

PROPOSITION 2.1. *The Lie group $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$ is, with respect to the linear basis $\{\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{F}\}$, the following matrix group*

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & b & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & c & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid abc \neq 0 \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}^3 \times \text{GD}(3),$$

where $\text{GD}(3)$ is the group of all invertible 3×3 -diagonal matrices and it acts on \mathbb{R}^3 by matrix multiplication.

From Proposition 2.1, it is immediate that a maximal compact subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$ is

$$\text{O}(1) \times \text{O}(1) \times \text{O}(1) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$$

which is a maximal compact subgroup of $\text{GD}(3)$.

Remark that the Lie group Sol_λ^4 is of type (R) and hence is of type (E), that is, the exponential map $\exp : \text{Sol}_\lambda^4 \rightarrow \mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4$ is a diffeomorphism. Us-

ing this diffeomorphism, we can observe that $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & b & 0 & q \\ 0 & 0 & c & r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sol}_\lambda^4)$

is an automorphism of Sol_λ^4 given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & e^s & 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 & 0 & ax + sp \frac{e^{\lambda s} - 1}{e^s - 1} \\ 0 & e^s & 0 & 0 & by + sq \frac{e^s - 1}{e^s - 1} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} & 0 & cz + sr \frac{e^{-(1+\lambda)s} - 1}{-(1+\lambda)s} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular, $\text{GD}(3)$ ($p = q = r = 0$) acts on $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$ as matrix multiplication on its nilradical \mathbb{R}^3 . Consequently,

$$(2-2) \quad \text{Sol}_\lambda^4 \rtimes \text{GD}(3) = (\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}) \rtimes \text{GD}(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_{\varphi'} (\mathbb{R} \times \text{GD}(3))$$

where $\varphi'(s, X) = \varphi(s) \cdot X = X \cdot \varphi(s)$.

3. The Lie group $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

In this section, we will briefly review a family of Lie groups $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. A good reference is [5] or [9]. Let Γ be a lattice (i.e., a discrete cocompact subgroup) of $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$. Then $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3$ is a lattice of \mathbb{R}^3 and $\Gamma/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3)$ is a lattice of $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4/\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}$, so that $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3 \cong \mathbb{Z}^3$ and $\Gamma/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, and the following diagram of short exact sequences is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

The rightmost map is injective. We may assume this injective map is an inclusion $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$. Choose a generator $s > 0$ of the group \mathbb{Z} . Then \mathbb{Z}^3 is a $\varphi(s)$ -invariant lattice of \mathbb{R}^3 , namely, $\varphi(s)$ can be regarded as an automorphism on \mathbb{Z}^3 . Choose a basis $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$ of \mathbb{Z}^3 . Then we must have that

$$(3-1) \quad \varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}_i) = \ell_{1i}\mathbf{x}_1 + \ell_{2i}\mathbf{x}_2 + \ell_{3i}\mathbf{x}_3, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

for some integers ℓ_{ij} . Thus the lattice Γ is a subgroup of Sol_λ^4 generated by the following elements

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (\mathbf{x}_1, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = (\mathbf{x}_2, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = (\mathbf{x}_3, 0), \quad s = (\mathbf{0}, s)$$

of $\text{Sol}_\lambda^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_\varphi \mathbb{R}$. We shall denote such a lattice by

(3-2)

$$\Gamma = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, s \mid [\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j] = 1, \varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}_i) = \ell_{1i}\mathbf{x}_1 + \ell_{2i}\mathbf{x}_2 + \ell_{3i}\mathbf{x}_3 \rangle.$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & \ell_{12} & \ell_{13} \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \ell_{23} \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & \ell_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_A \mathbb{Z}$.

Now we form the matrix P with columns $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ and \mathbf{x}_3 . Then (3-1) is equivalent to

$$(3-3) \quad PAP^{-1} = \varphi(s) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda s} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-(1+\lambda)s} \end{bmatrix}.$$

This implies that $A \in \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$ and the columns of P^{-1} are eigenvectors of A with corresponding eigenvalues $e^{\lambda s}, e^s$ and $e^{-(1+\lambda)s}$, respectively.

For another basis $\{\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2, \mathbf{x}'_3\}$ of \mathbb{Z}^3 , we let P' be the matrix with columns $\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2$ and \mathbf{x}'_3 . Then we have that

$$\varphi(s)(\mathbf{x}'_i) = \ell'_{1i}\mathbf{x}'_1 + \ell'_{2i}\mathbf{x}'_2 + \ell'_{3i}\mathbf{x}'_3, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

for some integers ℓ'_{ij} . If

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} \ell'_{11} & \ell'_{12} & \ell'_{13} \\ \ell'_{21} & \ell'_{22} & \ell'_{23} \\ \ell'_{31} & \ell'_{32} & \ell'_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

then we have

$$\varphi(s) = P'A'P'^{-1}.$$

Therefore, $A' = P'^{-1}PAP^{-1}P'$, i.e., A and A' are conjugate by an element of $\text{GL}(3, \mathbb{R})$. Clearly, $\mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_A \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_{A'} \mathbb{Z}$.

Let

$$\chi_A(x) = x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1$$

be the characteristic polynomial of A (so $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$). Since A and $\varphi(s)$ are conjugate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m &= e^{\lambda s} + e^s + e^{-(1+\lambda)s} = \text{tr}(A) \\ n &= e^{-\lambda s} + e^{-s} + e^{(1+\lambda)s} = \text{tr}(A^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $m > 3$. [It can be seen that the function $f(x) = e^{\lambda x} + e^x + e^{-(1+\lambda)x}$ has the global minimum value 3 at $x = 0$.] Similarly, $n > 3$. We call such Sol_λ^4 as $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$.

By choosing $-s$ as another generator of the group $\mathbb{Z}(\subset \mathbb{R})$, we see that $\text{Sol}_{n,m}^4 \cong \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. Note also that e^s cannot be 1, that is, 1 cannot be a root of $\chi_A(x)$, which happens when and only when $m = n$. Remark

that $\text{Sol}_{m,m}^4 \cong \text{Sol}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$. Thus in what follows we shall assume that $m > n > 3$.

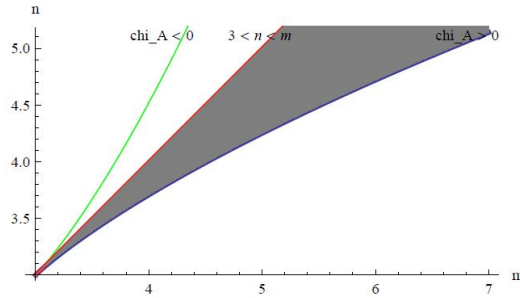
Since $m > n > 3$, we have $m^2 - 3n > 0$. So, the characteristic polynomial $\chi_A(x)$ of A has two positive critical values

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \left(m \pm \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right).$$

Then $\chi_A(x)$ has 3 distinct positive real roots if and only if

$$(3-4) \quad \begin{aligned} & m > n > 3, \\ & \chi_A \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(m - \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right) \right) > 0, \\ & \chi_A \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(m + \sqrt{m^2 - 3n} \right) \right) < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, if the group Sol_χ^4 has a lattice, then there exists a pair of integers (m, n) satisfying the conditions (3-4), or equivalently, lying in the shaded region.



Conversely, suppose (m, n) is a pair of integers satisfying the conditions (3-4). Then the equation $x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1 = 0$ has 3 distinct positive real roots, say $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \alpha_3 > 0$. This equation has the companion matrix

$$A_{m,n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -n \\ 0 & 1 & m \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let P be the Vandermonde matrix corresponding $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_1^2 \\ 1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_2^2 \\ 1 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_3^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$P \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -n \\ 0 & 1 & m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix} P.$$

Moreover,

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = 1$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = m$$

$$\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1} + \alpha_3^{-1} = \alpha_2 \alpha_3 + \alpha_3 \alpha_1 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = n$$

Consequently, if $A \in \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$ has characteristic polynomial $\chi_A(x) = x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1$ then it is conjugate to $A_{m,n}$.

Let

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln \alpha_1}{\ln \alpha_2}, \quad s = \ln \alpha_2.$$

A direct computation shows that $Q = P^{-1}$ is, up to a nonzero constant,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & -\alpha_3 \alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & -\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & (\alpha_3 + \alpha_1)(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ -(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & -(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1) & -(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence the vectors

$$(3-5) \quad \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \\ -(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \alpha_1 \\ -(\alpha_3 + \alpha_1) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \\ -(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are eigenvectors of $A_{m,n}$ with eigenvalues $\alpha_1 = e^{\lambda s}$, $\alpha_2 = e^s$ and $\alpha_3 = e^{-(1+\lambda)s}$, respectively. This proves that the abstract group $\mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes_{A_{m,n}} \mathbb{Z}$ is isomorphic to the lattice of $\text{Sol}_{\lambda}^4 = \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ generated by $(\mathbf{x}_1, 0)$, $(\mathbf{x}_2, 0)$, $(\mathbf{x}_3, 0)$ and $(\mathbf{0}, s)$, see (3-2).

4. The structure of crystallographic group of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$

We recall that a closed 4-dimensional manifold M has $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ -geometry if and only if it is an infra-solvmanifold of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$, $M = \Pi \backslash \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. Therefore, Π is a torsion-free discrete cocompact subgroup of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4 \rtimes K \subset \text{Aff}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$ where $K = \text{O}(1)^3$ is a maximal compact subgroup of the group of automorphisms $\text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$ of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$.

Let Π be a crystallographic group of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. Since the Bieberbach theorems generalize to $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ [1], the translation subgroup of Π , $\Gamma := \Pi \cap \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$, is of finite index in Π , and is a lattice of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$. The maximal

compact subgroup K is very small, has only 8 elements. Therefore, all crystallographic groups of $\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4$ are extensions of a lattice by a subgroup Φ of the finite group K .

Given a pair of integers (m, n) satisfying the conditions (3-4), we denote by $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \alpha_3 > 0$ the 3 distinct positive real roots of the associated equation $x^3 - mx^2 + nx - 1 = 0$.

The purpose of this paper is to determine the structure of the crystallographic group Π of which the translation subgroup Γ is generated by $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, 0), (\mathbf{x}_2, 0), (\mathbf{x}_3, 0), (\mathbf{0}, s)\}$, where $s = \ln \alpha_2$ and $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ are given as in (3-5). With $\Phi := \Pi/\Gamma \subset K$ and $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi := \Pi/(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}^3)$, we obtain the commutative diagram below with exact rows and columns

$$(4-1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 1 & & 1 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathbb{Z}^3 & \xrightarrow{=} & \mathbb{Z}^3 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \Pi & \longrightarrow & \Phi \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow = \\ & & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_\Phi & \longrightarrow & \Phi \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & 1 & & 1 & & \end{array}$$

where $\mathbb{Z}^3 = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbb{Z} = \langle s \rangle$.

Remark also that $\Pi \subset \text{Sol}_{m,n}^4 \rtimes K = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes_{\varphi'} (\mathbb{R} \times K)$ and hence $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi \subset \mathbb{R} \times K$. In particular, \mathbb{Z}_Φ is abelian. Consequently, it makes easy to determine $\mathbb{Z}_\Phi \subset \mathbb{R} \times K$, which is an extension of $\mathbb{Z} = \langle s \rangle$ by Φ .

For any non-trivial element X of Φ , there exists a $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(t, X) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$. Since $(t, X)^2 = (2t, X^2) = (2t, I) \in \langle s \rangle$, we may assume that $t = 0$ or $t = \frac{s}{2}$. Hence the subgroup $\langle (s, I), (t, X) \rangle$ is either $\langle (s, I), (0, X) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ or $\langle (\frac{s}{2}, X) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $X, Y \in \Phi$ generate a subgroup of Φ isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_2^2 . Choose lifts $(t, X), (u, Y) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$ of X, Y where t, u are 0 or $\frac{s}{2}$. Therefore, the

subgroup $\langle (s, I), (t, X), (u, Y) \rangle$ of \mathbb{Z}_Φ is one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (s, I), (0, X), (0, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\Phi = K$ with generators X, Y, Z . Choose lifts $(t, X), (u, Y), (v, Z) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$ of X, Y, Z where t, u and v are 0 or $\frac{s}{2}$. Then it can be seen easily that the subgroup $\langle (s, I), (t, X), (u, Y), (v, Z) \rangle$ of \mathbb{Z}_Φ is one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (s, I), (0, X), (0, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (0, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (0, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (0, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (0, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \\ \langle (\frac{s}{2}, X), (\frac{s}{2}, Y), (\frac{s}{2}, Z) \rangle &\cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, we can see that \mathbb{Z}_Φ is isomorphic to one of the following

$$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3.$$

Moreover, if Φ has 2 or more generators, then $(0, X) \in \mathbb{Z}_\Phi$ for some nontrivial element X of Φ .

We know all the subgroups Φ of $K \subset \text{Aut}(\text{Sol}_{m,n}^4)$. The group $K = \text{O}(1)^3$ is generated by

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus the nontrivial subgroups Φ of $K = \{\pm I, \pm X, \pm Y, \pm Z\}$ are:

Φ	generator(s)
\mathbb{Z}_2	$\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle, \langle Z \rangle, \langle -X \rangle, \langle -Y \rangle, \langle -Z \rangle, \langle -I \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}_2^2	$\langle X, -X \rangle, \langle X, Y \rangle, \langle X, Z \rangle, \langle Y, -Y \rangle, \langle Y, Z \rangle, \langle Z, -Z \rangle, \langle -X, -Z \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}_2^3	$\langle X, Y, Z \rangle$

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