

*Jordan automorphisms and  
derivatives of symmetric cones*

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# SECTION 1

## *Motivation*

# MOTIVATION

**Theorem (Ito/Lourenço 2023).**

$$\text{Aut} \left( K_{p,e}^{(i)} \right) = \text{Aut} \left( K_{p,e} \right) \cap \text{Aut} \left( \mathbb{R}_+ e \right)$$

where

- $K_{p,e}$  is a hyperbolicity cone
- $K_{p,e}^{(i)}$  is its  $i$ th Renegar derivative
- some technical conditions have been omitted

# MOTIVATION

## Observation.

If  $G_e$  denotes a stabilizer subgroup of  $G$ , then

$$\text{Aut}(K_{p,e}) \cap \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}_+e) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{Aut}(K_{p,e})_e$$

and it follows that

$$\text{Aut}(K_{p,e}^{(i)}) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{Aut}(K_{p,e})_e$$

# MOTIVATION

**Lemma (Gowda, 2017).** If  $K$  is the cone of squares in a simple Euclidean Jordan algebra  $V$  and if  $1_V$  is its unit element,

$$\text{Aut}(K)_{1_V} = \text{JAut}(V)$$

Recall:

$$\text{Aut}(K_{p,e}^{(i)}) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{Aut}(K_{p,e})_e$$

# MOTIVATION

From this we are inspired to

1. Extend Gowda's result to a non-simple EJA
2. Make  $K_{p,e}$  be the cone of squares
3. Paste the previous two results together:

$$\text{Aut} \left( K_{p,e}^{(i)} \right) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{JAut} ( V )$$

4. Find  $\text{JAut} ( V )$  where possible

# SECTION 2

## *EJA Introduction*

# EJA INTRODUCTION

An EJA (call it  $V$ ) is an algebra:

- it's a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$
- it's finite-dimensional
- it has a commutative bilinear multiplication
- with a unit element  $1_V$
- and cone of squares  $K = \{x^2 \mid x \in V\}$
- the cone of squares is symmetric



# EJA INTRODUCTION

- every  $x \in V$  has a spectral decomposition,

$$x = \lambda_1(x) c_1 + \cdots + \lambda_r(x) c_r$$

- the cone of squares  $K$  is the set of elements  $x$  having all  $\lambda_i(x) \geq 0$
- there's a determinant,  $\det(x) := \prod_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(x)$
- $\text{Aut}(K)$  denotes linear automorphisms of  $K$
- $\text{JAut}(V)$  denotes invertible homomorphisms

# EJA INTRODUCTION

There are “five” simple EJAs,

1. The Jordan spin algebra  $\mathcal{L}^n$
2. Real Hermitian matrices  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R})$
3. Complex Hermitian matrices  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C})$
4. Quaternion Hermitian matrices  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H})$
5. Octonion  $3 \times 3$  Hermitian matrices  $\mathcal{H}^3(\mathbb{O})$

# EJA INTRODUCTION

We pretend all EJAs are of the form

$$V = V_1 \times V_2$$

where

- $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are simple
- $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are **not** isomorphic

# EJA INTRODUCTION

As a result, we pretend that

$$K = K_1 \times K_2$$

is the cone of squares, where

- $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are symmetric and irreducible
- $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are **not** isomorphic

# EJA INTRODUCTION

**Theorem (Jordan/von Neumann/Wigner 1934).**

This scenario is real life:

- Working up to Jordan isomorphism
- Suppressing repeated factors
- With  $N = 2$
- And if we don't care about  $V = \{0\}$

(The paper makes no such assumptions.)

# SECTION 3

## *Decomposing automorphisms*

# DECOMPOSING AUTOMORPHISMS

**Theorem (Horne 1978).**

$$\text{Aut}(K_1 \times K_2) = \text{Aut}(K_1) \times \text{Aut}(K_2)$$

and, consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(K_1 \times K_2)_{(e_1, e_2)} \\ = \\ \text{Aut}(K_1)_{e_1} \times \text{Aut}(K_2)_{e_2} \end{aligned}$$

# DECOMPOSING AUTOMORPHISMS

**Theorem.**

$$\text{JAut}(V) = \text{Aut}(K)_{1_V}$$

**Proof.**

$\text{JAut}(V)$  is contained in  $\text{Aut}(K)_{1_V}$  because squares and  $1_V$  are preserved when multiplication is.



# DECOMPOSING AUTOMORPHISMS

**Proof (cont'd).**

In the other direction, Horne says that

$$\text{Aut}(K)_{1_V} = \text{Aut}(K_1)_{1_{V_1}} \times \text{Aut}(K_2)_{1_{V_2}}$$

Then from Gowda's simple EJA Lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(K)_{1_V} &= \text{JAut}(V_1) \times \text{JAut}(V_2) \\ &\subseteq \text{JAut}(V) \end{aligned}$$



# DECOMPOSING AUTOMORPHISMS

## Remark.

$$\mathrm{JAut}(V) = \mathrm{Aut}(K)_{1V}$$

- Stated without proof by Vinberg in 1965
- Given a proof by Chua 2008
- Appears in 2003 Alfsen and Shultz book

# DECOMPOSING AUTOMORPHISMS

**Corollary (Gowda/Jeong 2017).**

$$\mathrm{JAut}(V_1 \times V_2) = \mathrm{JAut}(V_1) \times \mathrm{JAut}(V_2)$$

**Proof.** The last line of the preceding proof has

$$\mathrm{Aut}(K)_{1_V} = \mathrm{JAut}(V_1) \times \mathrm{JAut}(V_2)$$

but now  $\mathrm{Aut}(K)_{1_V} = \mathrm{JAut}(V)$ . □

# SECTION 4

## *Cone automorphisms*

# CONE AUTOMORPHISMS

Recall: all EJAs have

$$\text{JAut}(V) = \text{JAut}(V_1) \times \text{JAut}(V_2)$$

$$\text{Aut}(K) = \text{Aut}(K_1) \times \text{Aut}(K_2)$$

and there are only five potential  $V_i$  and  $K_i$ .

**Question.** Can we find the five corresponding  $\text{JAut}(V_i)$  and  $\text{Aut}(K_i)$ ?

# CONE AUTOMORPHISMS

**Theorem.** If  $n \geq 1$ , then

$$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{L}_+^n) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_0^2 + \|\tilde{x}\|^2 & 2x_0\tilde{x}^T U \\ 2x_0\tilde{x} & 2\tilde{x}\tilde{x}^T U + (x_0^2 - \|\tilde{x}\|^2) U \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

where

$$x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$$

$$0 \leq \|\tilde{x}\| < x_0$$

$$U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

# CONE AUTOMORPHISMS

The proof is by direct computation of the EJA polar decomposition. The details are unimportant to us.

## **Remark.**

An equivalent description was found a few years ago by Roman Sznajder, but the polar decomposition provides a shortcut.

# CONE AUTOMORPHISMS

**Proposition.** In  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H})$  the cone of squares is the quaternion PSD cone.

**Proof.**

Same as over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  using Rodman's *Topics in Quaternion Linear Algebra* for the spectral theory: diagonalize to  $UDU^*$ , take  $\sqrt{D}$  which has nonnegative entries, etc. □



# CONE AUTOMORPHISMS

## Theorem.

$$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_+^n(\mathbb{R})) = \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_+^n(\mathbb{C})) &= \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})\} \\ &\cup \{X \mapsto U^* \bar{X} U \mid U \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_+^n(\mathbb{H})) = \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{H})\}$$

**Proof.** Direct consequence of Schneider/Rodman inertia theorems over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $\mathbb{H}$ . □

# SECTION 5

## *Jordan automorphisms*

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Theorem.

$$\text{JAut}(\mathcal{L}^n) = \{\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}} \times U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})\}$$

$$\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R})) = \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C})) &= \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{C}^n)\} \\ &\cup \{X \mapsto U^* \bar{X} U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{C}^n)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H})) = \{X \mapsto U^* X U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)\}$$

$$\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^3(\mathbb{O})) = \text{the exceptional Lie group } F_4$$

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Proof.

Gowda, Tao, and Sznajder found  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{L}^n)$  and  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R}))$  in 2004. Chevalley and Shafer found  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^3(\mathbb{O}))$  in 1950.

For the others, use  $\text{JAut}(V) = \text{Aut}(K)_{1_V}$  with  $1_V = I$  and the characterization of  $\text{Aut}(K)$ .  $\square$

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Remark.

If the automorphisms of  $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}\}$  are known, a 2008 theorem of Huang can be used for  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{A}))$  when  $n \geq 3$ .

Rodman's book contains the automorphisms of  $\mathbb{H}$ , and we get the same result either way.

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## **Remark.**

A 1947 result of Kalisch gives an isomorphic representation of  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{A}))$  for  $\mathbb{A} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{H}\}$ .

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Remark.

In  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C}))$ , the maps

$$\{X \mapsto U^* \bar{X} U \mid U \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{C}^n)\}$$

are **not** redundant. They cannot be written as  $X \mapsto V^* X V$  for  $V \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , without the conjugation.

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## **Proposition.**

The right-eigenvalues of a matrix in  $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H})$  are the same as its Jordan-algebraic eigenvalues.

## **Proof.**

EJA/matrix diagonalization produces EJA/matrix eigenvalues. The form of  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H}))$  shows that they're the same process. □



# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Theorem.

1.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{L}^n)$  is path-connected if  $n \in \{0, 1\}$  and disconnected otherwise
2.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R}))$  is path-connected if  $n$  is odd and disconnected otherwise
3.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C}))$  is disconnected
4.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H}))$  is path-connected
5.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^3(\mathbb{O}))$  is path-connected

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## **Proof.**

Two are easy:

- $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{L}^n) \cong \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$  has two components for  $n \geq 2$
- $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^3(\mathbb{O}))$  is simply connected (Yokota's book)

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

**Proof (cont'd).**

$\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H}))$  is also not bad:

- $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)$  is path-connected (Tapp's book).

Define,

$$\varphi_U := X \mapsto U^* X U$$

The path from  $U$  to  $V$  in  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^n)$  induces a path from  $\varphi_U$  to  $\varphi_V$  in  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H}))$ .

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

## Proof (cont'd).

In  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C}))$  we saw that  $\varphi_U := X \mapsto U^* X U$  and  $\psi_V := X \mapsto V^* \overline{X} V$  cannot be equal.

1.  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C}))$  is a disjoint union...
2. ...of continuous images of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{C}^n)$
3. Closed disjoint sets are separated

# JORDAN AUTOMORPHISMS

**Proof (cont'd).** For  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R}))$ :

- EJAs are real vector spaces
- $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R}))$  preserves the trace norm
- So  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{R})) \cong \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^k)$  for some  $k$
- A priori, two components
- $\det(-\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}} \times I) = -1$  for even  $n$
- otherwise  $\varphi_U = \varphi_{-U}$  and  $\det(-U) = \det(U)$  lets you make a path between  $\varphi_U, \varphi_V$  □

# SECTION 6

## *Hyperbolicity cones*

# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

**Definition.** The polynomial

$$p \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$$

is hyperbolic along  $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if,

- $p$  is homogeneous
- $p(e) > 0$
- all roots of  $\lambda \mapsto p(\lambda e - x)$  are real

# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

The roots of  $\lambda \mapsto p(\lambda e - x)$  are called the eigenvalues of  $x$ .

The *hyperbolicity cone* of  $p$  along  $e$  is

$$K_{p,e} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid p(\lambda e - x) \neq 0 \text{ for all } \lambda < 0\}$$

and is the set where all eigenvalues are nonnegative.



# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

## Example.

In a Euclidean Jordan algebra:

- The determinant is a homogeneous polynomial
- All eigenvalues are real
- The determinant is hyperbolic along  $1_V$
- $K_{\det, 1_V}$  is the cone of squares

# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

Renegar 2006:

- Take the derivative of  $p$  along  $e$
- Get a new hyperbolicity cone  $K_{p,e}^{(1)}$
- $K_{p,e}^{(1)}$  is a relaxation of  $K_{p,e}$
- Repeat:

$$K_{p,e} \subseteq K_{p,e}^{(1)} \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_{p,e}^{(i)}$$

# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

Recall:

**Theorem (Ito/Lourenço 2023).**

Subject to some technical conditions,

$$\text{Aut} \left( K_{p,e}^{(i)} \right) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{Aut} \left( K_{p,e} \right)_e$$

# HYPERBOLICITY CONES

**Theorem.** Let  $V$  be an EJA of rank  $r \geq 4$  and  $1 \leq i \leq r - 3$ . Then in coordinates,

$$\text{Aut} \left( K_{\det, 1_V}^{(i)} \right) = \mathbb{R}_{++} \text{JAut} (V)$$

**Proof.** Substitute into the Ito/Lourenço result:

$$p = \det$$

$$e = 1_V$$

$$\text{JAut} (V) = \text{Aut} (K)_{1_V}$$



# SECTION 7

## *Summary*

# SUMMARY

- New proof of  $\text{JAut}(V) = \text{Aut}(K)_{1_V}$
- New proof of

$$\text{JAut}(V_1 \times V_2) = \text{JAut}(V_1) \times \text{JAut}(V_2)$$

- New description of  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{L}_+^n)$
- Found  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_+^n(\mathbb{H}))$
- Found  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{C}))$  and  $\text{JAut}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{H}))$
- Path-connectedness of  $\text{JAut}(V)$
- Found  $\text{Aut}(K_{\det, 1_V}^{(i)})$  in an EJA

# SECTION 8

*The end*