

## ON THE GROUP OF AUTOMORPHISMS OF AFFINE ALGEBRAIC GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** We study the conservativeness property of affine algebraic groups over an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and of their group of automorphisms. We obtain a certain decomposition of affine algebraic groups, and this, together with the result of Hochschild and Mostow, becomes a major tool in our study of the conservativeness property of the group of automorphisms.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group over a field  $F$ , with Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}(G)$  of polynomial functions on  $G$ , in the sense of [2] and let  $W(G)$  denote the group of all affine algebraic group automorphisms of  $G$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(G)$  may be viewed as a right  $W(G)$ -module, with  $W(G)$  acting by composition  $f \rightarrow f \circ \alpha$  on  $\mathcal{A}(G)$ .

We recall, from [3], that  $G$  is said to be *conservative* if  $\mathcal{A}(G)$  is locally finite as a  $W(G)$ -module. As is shown in [3], the conservativeness of  $G$  characterizes the existence of a suitable affine algebraic group structure on  $W(G)$  and the obstruction to the conservativeness of a connected  $G$  is realized as the presence of certain central tori in  $G$ , when the base field  $F$  is algebraically closed and of characteristic 0.

In the present study of  $W(G)$ , we exploit the above results and technique of [3] and, accordingly, we refer to [2] and [3] for standard facts concerning affine algebraic groups and their automorphism group.

The following are brief descriptions of the contents appearing in each section: In §2, we examine reductive affine algebraic groups and their conservativeness and, in §3, we establish a certain  $W(G)$ -invariant decomposition of  $G$  when  $G$  is conservative. Finally, in §4, we use the result obtained in §3 to study the structure of  $W(G)$ .

The following notation is standard throughout: Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group. Then  $G_1$  denotes the connected component of the identity element of  $G$  and  $Z(G)$  the center of  $G$ . If  $x \in G$ , we use  $I_x$  to denote the inner automorphism of  $G$  that is induced by  $x$ , and, for a subset  $S$  of  $G$ ,

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$\text{Int}_G(S)$  denotes  $\{I_x: x \in S\}$ . In the case where  $S = G$ , we simply write  $\text{Int}(G)$  instead of  $\text{Int}_G(G)$ .

**2. Reductive groups and conservativeness.** For an affine algebraic group  $G$  over a field  $F$ , let  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  denote the Lie algebra of  $G$ , and for a morphism  $\rho: G \rightarrow H$  of affine algebraic groups,  $\mathcal{L}(\rho)$  denotes the Lie algebra homomorphism induced by  $\rho$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  consists of all  $F$ -linear maps  $X: \mathcal{Q}(G) \rightarrow F$  such that  $X(fg) = X(f)g(1) + f(1)X(g)$  for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}(G)$ , and the map  $\mathcal{L}(\rho): \mathcal{L}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(H)$  is given by  $\mathcal{L}(\rho)(X)(f) = X(f \circ \rho)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{Q}(G)$  and  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G)$ . For  $x \in G$  and  $f \in \mathcal{Q}(G)$ , we write  $x \cdot f$  for the left translate of  $f$  by  $x$ , which is given by  $(x \cdot f)(y) = f(yx)$  for  $y \in G$  and define  $x/f: W(G) \rightarrow F$  by  $(x/f)(\alpha) = f(\alpha(x))$ .

With this preparation, we prove the following characterization of conservative reductive affine algebraic groups.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $G$  be a reductive affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field  $F$  of characteristic 0. Then  $G$  is conservative if and only if  $\text{Int}(G)$  is of finite index in  $W(G)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\text{Int}(G)$  is of finite index in  $W(G)$ . Then the Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{Q}(G)$  is locally finite as an  $\text{Int}(G)$ -module. Since  $\text{Int}(G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $W(G)$ , it is then locally finite as a  $W(G)$ -module, proving that  $G$  is conservative.

Suppose, conversely, that  $G$  is conservative. Thus, by Theorem 2.1, [4],  $W(G)$  is an affine algebraic group and its  $F$ -algebra  $\mathcal{Q}(W(G))$  of polynomial functions on  $W(G)$  is generated by the functions  $x/f$ ,  $x \in G$  and  $f \in \mathcal{Q}(G)$ , and their antipodes.

We first show that the  $F$ -space  $\mathcal{L}(W(G))$  may be identified with an  $F$ -subspace of the space  $Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$  of all nonhomogeneous rational 1-cocycles of  $G$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  relative to the adjoint action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{L}(G)$ . To do this, we let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}(W(G))$  and, for each  $x \in G$ , we define

$$\sigma_x: \mathcal{Q}(G) \rightarrow F$$

by

$$\sigma_x(f) = \sigma(x/x^{-1} \cdot f), \quad f \in \mathcal{Q}(G).$$

Then we see easily that  $\sigma_x \in \mathcal{L}(G)$  for all  $x \in G$ , and we also have

$$(1) \quad \sigma_{xy} = \sigma_x + \text{Ad}(x)(\sigma_y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

To see this, let  $\gamma: \mathcal{Q}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(G) \otimes \mathcal{Q}(G)$  be the comultiplication of the Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{Q}(G)$ . For each  $f \in \mathcal{Q}(G)$ , we write

$$(2) \quad \gamma(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \otimes g_i, \quad f_i, g_i \in \mathcal{Q}(G).$$

Then we have

$$(3) \quad f(xy) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) g_i(y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G.$$

Now let  $\alpha \in W(G)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (xy / (xy)^{-1} \cdot f)(\alpha) &= f(\alpha(x)\alpha(y)y^{-1}x^{-1}) \\ &= f(\alpha(x)x^{-1} \cdot I_x(\alpha(y)y^{-1})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\alpha(x)x^{-1}) g_i(I_x(\alpha(y)y^{-1})) \quad (\text{by (3)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x/x^{-1} \cdot f_i)(\alpha)(y/y^{-1} \cdot (g_i \circ I_x))(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

That is, we have

$$(4) \quad xy / (xy)^{-1} \cdot f = \sum_{i=1}^n (x/x^{-1} \cdot f_i) \cdot (y/y^{-1}(g_i \circ I_x)).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xy}(f) &= \sigma(xy / (xy)^{-1} \cdot f) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x/x^{-1} \cdot f_i) \cdot (y/y^{-1}(g_i \circ I_x))\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma(x/x^{-1} \cdot f_i) g_i(1) + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(1) \sigma(y/y^{-1} \cdot (g_i \circ I_x)). \end{aligned}$$

However, we have (using (3))

$$\begin{aligned} x/x^{-1} \cdot f &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x/x^{-1} \cdot f_i) g_i(1), \quad \text{and} \\ y/y^{-1} \cdot (f \circ I_x) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y/y^{-1} \cdot (g_i \circ I_x)) f_i(1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xy}(f) &= \sigma(x/x^{-1} \cdot f) + \sigma(y/y^{-1} \cdot (f \circ I_x)) = \sigma_x(f) + \sigma_y(f \circ I_x) \\ &= (\sigma_x + \text{Ad}(x)(\sigma_y))(f), \end{aligned}$$

proving (1).

For each  $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}(W(G))$ , define  $\sigma': G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(G)$  by  $\sigma'(x) = \sigma_x$ ,  $x \in G$ . Then we easily see that  $\sigma' \in Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$ . Since the functions  $x/f$ , together with their antipodes, generate  $\mathcal{Q}(W(G))$  as an  $F$ -algebra, it follows that the  $F$ -linear map  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma'$  is injective, under which we identify  $\mathcal{L}(W(G))$  with an  $F$ -subspace of  $Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$ .

We next consider the morphism of affine algebraic groups  $\nu: G \rightarrow W(G)$ , which is given by  $\nu(x) = I_x$ ,  $x \in G$ .

We compute the image of  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  under the  $F$ -linear map  $\mathcal{L}(\nu): \mathcal{L}(G) \rightarrow$

$\mathcal{L}(W(G)), \mathcal{L}(W(G))$  being identified with an  $F$ -subspace of  $Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$ .

To do this, we first note that  $X(f') = -X(f)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{O}(G)$  and  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G)$ . This may be seen as follows: Write  $\gamma(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \otimes g_i$  as in (2). Then, by (3),

$$f(1) = f(xx^{-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) g'_i(x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g'_i \right)(x),$$

which implies that  $\sum_{i=1}^n f_i g'_i$  is constant.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g'_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n X(f_i) g'_i(1) + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(1) X(g'_i) \\ &= X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g_i(1) \right) + X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(1) g'_i \right) \\ &= X(f) + X(f') \end{aligned}$$

and  $X(f') = -X(f)$  follows.

For  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G), x \in G,$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(G),$  we have

$$\mathcal{L}(\nu)(X)(x)(f) = \mathcal{L}(\nu)(X)(x/x^{-1} \cdot f) = X((x/x^{-1} f) \cdot \nu).$$

But  $(x/x^{-1} \cdot f) \cdot \nu = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot (g_i \cdot \nu(x))'$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\nu)(X)(x)(f) &= X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \cdot (g_i \cdot \nu(x))' \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n X(f_i)(g_i \cdot \nu(x))'(1) + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(1) X(g_i \cdot \nu(x))' \\ &= X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i g_i(1) \right) - X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(1)(g_i \cdot \nu(x)) \right) \\ &= X(f) - X(f \cdot \nu(x)) = (X - \text{Ad}(x)(X))(f). \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\mathcal{L}(\nu)(X)(x) = X - \text{Ad}(x)(X),$  and we see that  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{L}(\nu))$  is equal to the subspace  $B^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$  of  $Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G))$  consisting of all 1-coboundaries of  $G$ .

Since  $G$  is reductive,  $H^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G)) = 0.$  Hence  $\text{Im}(\mathcal{L}(\nu)) = B^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G)) = Z^1(G, \mathcal{L}(G)).$  Since  $F$  is algebraically closed, the surjectivity of  $\mathcal{L}(\nu)$  implies that  $\text{Im}(\nu) = \text{Int}(G)$  is open in  $W(G)$  and hence  $\text{Int}(G)$  is of finite index in  $W(G).$

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed*

field  $F$  of characteristic 0. Then  $G$  is conservative if a maximal reductive subgroup of  $G$  is conservative.

PROOF. Let  $G_u$  denote the unipotent radical of  $G$ , and let  $P$  be a maximal reductive subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $F$  is of characteristic 0, a theorem of Mostow (see [2, Theorem 14.2]) assures that we have a semidirect product decomposition  $G = G_u \cdot P$ . By the conjugacy of maximal reductive subgroups, we may assume that  $P$  is conservative, and we have  $W(G) = \text{Int}(G) \cdot \mathcal{A}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the subgroup of  $W(G)$  consisting of all  $\alpha \in W(G)$  leaving  $P$  invariant.

Let  $\mathcal{A}_P$  denote the restriction image of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $W(P)$ . Then  $\text{Int}(P) < \mathcal{A}_P$ , and, since  $P$  is conservative,  $W(P)/\text{Int}(P)$  is finite by Theorem 2.1. It follows that  $\mathcal{A}_P/\text{Int}(P)$  is also finite.

From this point on, we can copy the argument used in [3, p. 539] for the proof of conservativeness of  $G$  when  $P$  is a connected semi-simple algebraic subgroup and conclude that  $G$  is conservative. This establishes Theorem 2.2.

**3.  $W(G)$ -invariant decomposition of  $G$ .** For a subset  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $W(G)$ , let  $G^{\mathcal{A}}$  denote the set consisting of all  $x \in G$  such that  $\alpha(x) = x$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We prove the following result which will then be used in §4 for our study of  $W(G)$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a connected conservative affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field  $F$  of characteristic 0, and let  $T$  be the maximal central torus of  $W(G)_1$ . Then there exists a  $W(G)$ -invariant algebraic vector subgroup  $Z$  of  $G$  such that  $G = Z \times G^T$ .*

PROOF. If  $T$  is trivial, then the assertion holds trivially. Thus we assume that  $T$  is of dimension  $> 1$ .

For each  $x \in G$ , the inner automorphism  $I_x$  induced by  $x$  commutes with every element of  $T$ . Hence, for  $\alpha \in T$  and  $x \in G$ , we have  $x^{-1}\alpha(x) \in Z(G)$ .

We define, for each  $\alpha \in T$ ,  $\eta_\alpha: G \rightarrow Z(G)$  by  $\eta_\alpha(x) = x^{-1}\alpha(x)$ ,  $x \in G$ .

Then  $\eta_\alpha$  is a morphism of affine algebraic groups. Since  $G$  is connected, it follows that  $\eta_\alpha(x) \in Z(G)_1$  for all  $x \in G$ . Now we choose a maximal reductive subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  so that  $G = G_u \cdot P$  (semidirect). We first show that every element of  $P$  is  $T$ -fixed. To do this, we choose a maximal torus  $D$  of  $P$ . Then  $P = D \cdot P'$ , where  $P'$  denotes the commutator subgroup of  $P$ , and  $P' < \text{Ker } \eta_\alpha$  implies that every element of  $P'$  is  $T$ -fixed. Hence it is enough to show that every element of  $D$  is  $T$ -fixed. Let  $K$  be the maximal torus of  $Z(G)$ . Then the torus  $\eta_\alpha(D)$  is contained in  $K$ , and hence we see that every element  $\alpha$  of  $T$  leaves  $D$  invariant. Consider the polynomial map

$$\phi: T \times D \rightarrow D,$$

given by  $\phi(\alpha, x) = \alpha(x)$ , and define, for each  $x \in D$ ,  $\phi_x: T \rightarrow D$  by  $\phi_x(\alpha) = \alpha(x)$ . Then clearly  $\phi_x$  is a polynomial map. Let  $x \in D$  be of order  $m < \infty$ .

Then  $\phi_x(\alpha)$  is also of order  $m$  for all  $\alpha \in T$ . Since  $D$  contains only a finite number of elements of order  $m$ , it follows from the connectedness of  $T$  that  $\text{Im } \phi_x = \{x\}$ . That is,  $\alpha(x) = x$  for all  $\alpha \in T$ . Since the elements in  $D$  of finite order form a dense subset of  $D$ , it follows that  $T$  leaves every element of  $D$  fixed.

Next we show that if  $U$  denotes the unipotent radical of  $Z(G)$ , then  $G = U \cdot G^T$ . The morphism  $\eta_\alpha: G \rightarrow Z(G)$  for  $\alpha \in T$  maps  $G_u$  into  $U$ . Hence  $\eta_\alpha$  induces a morphism  $\mu_\alpha: G_u \rightarrow U$  of affine algebraic groups. Let  $\mu_\alpha^0$  denote  $\mathcal{L}(\mu_\alpha): \mathcal{L}(G_u) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(U)$ . The natural action of  $T$  on  $U$  determines a  $T$ -module structure on the  $F$ -space  $\mathcal{L}(U)$ , and this in turn defines a  $T$ -module structure on the  $F$ -space  $\text{Hom}_F(\mathcal{L}(G_u), \mathcal{L}(U))$ .

We then have

$$(1) \quad \mu_\beta^0 = \mu_\beta^0 + \alpha \cdot \mu_\beta^0, \quad \alpha, \beta \in T.$$

To prove (1), we note that  $\exp_U \cdot \mu_\alpha^0 = \mu_\alpha \cdot \exp_{G_u}$ , where  $\exp_U, \exp_{G_u}$  denote the exponential maps for  $U, G_u$ , respectively. Hence for  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G_u)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \mu_{\alpha\beta}^0(X) &= \mu_{\alpha\beta}(\exp X) = (\exp X)^{-1} \alpha \beta (\exp X) \\ &= (\exp X)^{-1} \alpha (\exp X) \alpha ((\exp X)^{-1} \beta (\exp X)) \\ &= \mu_\alpha(\exp X) \alpha(\mu_\beta(\exp X)) = \exp \mu_\alpha^0(X) \alpha(\exp \mu_\beta^0(X)) \\ &= \exp \mu_\alpha^0(X) \exp(\mathcal{L}(\alpha)(\mu_\beta^0(X))) = \exp(\mu_\alpha^0(X) + \alpha \cdot \mu_\beta^0(X)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that  $\mu_{\alpha\beta}^0(X) = \mu_\alpha^0(X) + \alpha \cdot \mu_\beta^0(X)$ , proving (1).

The identity (1) defines a rational  $T$ -module structure on the  $F$ -space  $F \oplus \text{Hom}_F(\mathcal{L}(G_u), U)$ , if we define the  $T$ -action by  $\alpha \cdot (r, \phi) = (r, r\mu_\alpha^0 + \alpha \cdot \phi)$  for  $\alpha \in T, r \in F$  and  $\phi \in \text{Hom}_F(\mathcal{L}(G_u), \mathcal{L}(U))$ . Since  $T$  is reductive, the  $T$ -submodule  $\text{Hom}_F(\mathcal{L}(G_u), \mathcal{L}(U))$  has a 1-dimensional  $T$ -invariant complement in  $F \oplus \text{Hom}_F(\mathcal{L}(G_u), \mathcal{L}(U))$ . This complement contains exactly one element of the form  $(1, \phi)$ .

Hence  $(1, \phi) = \alpha \cdot (1, \phi) = (1, \mu_\alpha^0 + \alpha \cdot \phi)$  for all  $\alpha \in T$  and this implies that  $\mu_\alpha^0 = \phi - \alpha \cdot \phi, \alpha \in T$ .

For each  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G_u)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \phi(X) &= \exp(\mu_\alpha^0(X) + \alpha \cdot \phi(X)) \\ &= \exp(\mu_\alpha^0(X)) \exp(\mathcal{L}(\alpha)(\phi(X))) \\ &= (\exp X)^{-1} \alpha (\exp X) \alpha (\exp \phi(X)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\exp_{G_u} X \cdot \exp_U \phi(X) \in G^T$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{L}(G_u)$ . Since  $\exp_{G_u}(\mathcal{L}(G_u)) = G_u$ , it follows that  $G_u < U \cdot G^T$ , and  $p < G^T$  implies  $G = U \cdot G^T$ .

Now we consider the rational  $T$ -module  $\mathcal{L}(U)$ . Since  $T$  is a torus over an algebraically closed field, we may decompose the  $F$ -space  $\mathcal{L}(U)$  as

$$\mathfrak{L}(U) = \sum_{\chi \neq 1} L_\chi + \mathfrak{L}(U)^T,$$

where  $L_\chi$  is the weight space  $\{X \in \mathfrak{L}(U): \alpha \cdot X = \chi(\alpha)X \text{ for all } \alpha \in T\}$  corresponding to the weight  $\chi: T \rightarrow F^*$ , and  $\mathfrak{L}(U)^T$  is the  $T$ -fixed part of  $\mathfrak{L}(U)$ .

Since  $T$  is a normal subgroup of  $W(G)$ ,  $W(G)$  permutes the weights of  $T$  in  $\mathfrak{L}(U)$ . Hence the  $F$ -subspace  $Z = \sum_{\chi=1} L_\chi$  is  $W(G)$ -invariant. Let  $Z = \exp_U Z$ . Then  $U = Z \times U^T$  and this implies that  $G = Z \times G^T$  follows. Clearly  $Z$  is  $W(G)$ -invariant and the theorem is proved.

REMARK. Since  $T$  is a normal subgroup of  $W(G)$ , it follows that  $G^T$  is also  $W(G)$ -invariant. As we will see in §4,  $T$  is central in  $W(G)$  and, in fact, a direct factor of  $W(G)$ .

**4. Decomposition and conservativeness of  $W(G)$ .**

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $G$  be a conservative connected affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field  $F$  of characteristic 0. Then the maximal central torus of  $W(G)_1$  is of dimension  $\leq 1$  and is a direct factor of  $W(G)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $T$  be the maximal central torus of  $W(G)_1$ , and assume that  $T$  is nontrivial. Then we have a  $W(G)$ -invariant decomposition  $G = Z \times G^T$  (Theorem 3.1). Hence we have  $W(G) \simeq W(Z) \times W(G^T)$  as affine algebraic groups and the restriction map  $T \rightarrow W(Z)$  is injective.

Let  $\mathfrak{z}$  denote the Lie algebra of  $Z$ . Then the affine algebraic group  $W(Z)$  may be identified with the affine algebraic group  $GL(\mathfrak{z})$  of all  $F$ -linear automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{z}$ . Since  $F$  is algebraically closed, the center of  $W(Z)$  is a 1-dimensional torus and is a direct factor of  $W(Z)$ . Since every element of  $W(Z)$  can be extended to an element of  $W(G)$ , we see easily that the restriction map sends  $T$  isomorphically onto the center of  $W(Z)$ . Hence our assertion follows.

In [2], Hochschild proved that, if  $G$  is a nonabelian unipotent affine algebraic group, then the maximal central torus of  $W(G)_1$  is trivial and hence that  $W(G)_1$  is conservative. The assertion does not hold for arbitrary solvable affine algebraic groups (see the example in [2, p. 111]).

The following theorem characterizes those nonabelian solvable groups  $G$  for which  $W(G)_1$  is conservative.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be a connected conservative solvable nonabelian affine algebraic group over an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $W(G)_1$  is conservative.
- (ii) The connected component of the center of  $W(G)_1$  is unipotent (i.e.  $T = 1$ ).

(iii)  $G$  cannot be a product  $G = Z \times H$  of a nontrivial algebraic vector subgroup  $Z$  and an algebraic subgroup  $H$ , both of which are invariant under  $W(G)$ .

PROOF. (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) follows from Theorem 3.1 and the subsequent remark.

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) holds because of the decomposition  $W(G) = W(Z) \times W(H)$ .

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) follows from Theorem 3.2 of [4].

It remains to show (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii).

Let  $K$  be a maximal torus of  $G$  so that  $G = G_u \cdot K$  (semidirect).

If  $K$  is trivial, then  $G$  is unipotent and nonabelian, and hence (ii) holds (see [2, p. 110]).

(1) Suppose  $\dim K \geq 2$ . Then the maximal central torus of  $G$  is trivial by Theorem 3.2 [4] and this implies that the torus  $\text{Int}_G(K) \simeq KZ(G)/Z(G)$  is of dimension  $\geq 1$ . Since  $\text{Int}(G)$  is a normal algebraic subgroup of  $W(G)$ , it follows that the algebraic torus  $\text{Int}_G(K)$  is contained in the radical of  $W(G)_1$  and hence is central in a maximal reductive group containing it. Since  $W(G)_1$  is conservative, (ii) follows from Theorem 3.2 of [3].

(2) Suppose  $\dim K = 1$ . If  $K$  is central in  $G$ , then  $G = G_u \times K$ , and hence  $W(G) \simeq W(G_u) \times Z_2$ . Since  $G_u$  is nonabelian, (ii) follows immediately.

Therefore we may assume that the identity component of the center of  $G$  is unipotent. Then  $\text{Int}_G(K)$  is a 1-dimensional torus. Assume that (ii) does not hold, and let  $T$  be the maximal central torus of  $W(G)_1$ . Then  $T \cap \text{Int}_G(K) = \{1\}$ , for if  $\alpha \in T$  is of the form  $\alpha = I_x$  for some  $x \in K$ , then the decomposition  $G = Z \times G^T$  in Theorem 3.1 implies that  $\alpha = 1$ .

Since  $T$  centralizes  $\text{Int}_G(K)$ , it follows that  $T' = T \cdot \text{Int}_G(K)$  (direct) is an algebraic torus of dimension 2.

Since  $T'$  is contained in the radical of  $W(G)_1$ , it follows that  $T'$  is central in a maximal reductive subgroup containing  $T'$ . (See [1, Chapter III].) Hence again by Theorem 3.2 of [3],  $W(G)_1$  cannot be conservative, contradicting (i). Therefore  $T = \{1\}$  and (ii) is proved.

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