

# Appendix

## The use of Mathematica<sup>®</sup>

We are going to illustrate the use of Mathematica<sup>®</sup> with a concrete example of the construction of a 4–dimensional AB–group. We will execute all the computations needed in case number 3 in the table of section 7.2.

### A.1 Choose a crystallographic group $Q$

The group  $E$  to be constructed fits in a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 1$$

where  $Q$  is the 3–dimensional crystallographic group listed in [10] on page 62 as follows (the numbering of the lines is added):

```
1  FAMILY II: ...
2  CRYSTAL SYSTEM 2: ...
3  Q-CLASS 2/1: ORDER 2; ISOM TYPE 2.1; 2 Z-CLASSES ...
4  REL: A2=I
5  Z-CLASS 2/1/1: Z(P2); ...
6  GEN:      A -1  0  0
7           0  1  0
8           0  0 -1
9  SPGR: 01 A [0,0,0]      IT 3; OBT 1
10 FF 02 A [0,1,0]/2      IT 4; OBT 1
```

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11      Z-CLASS ...

We extract the information we need in the following way:

- On line 3 we see that the holonomy group  $F$  of  $Q$  is of order 2 and so  $F$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  (= Isomorphism Type 2.1 in [10, Table 6B]).
- Line 4 describes the holonomy group  $F$ . There is one generator  $A$  and one relation  $A^2 = 1$ . We will use  $\alpha$  (or **alfa**) to denote this generator in the sequel.
- The group  $Q$  has an affine representation (seen in  $GL(4, \mathbb{R})$ ) as follows:

First there are the three translations, which are always the same and which we denote by  $a, b, c$ :

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Further, the affine transformation corresponding to  $\alpha$  is indicated in lines 6,7,8 (the rotational part) and in line 9 (the translational part). So

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

- A presentation for  $Q$  can be written down now very easily following section 5.2. One should keep in mind that the action of  $F$  on  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  is given by the rotational part of  $\alpha$ . For this group, we can see, since the translational part of  $\alpha$  equals zero, that  $Q = \mathbb{Z}^3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ . For other groups, one will have to use the matrix representation of  $Q$  to complete its presentation. Conclusion:

$$Q = \langle a, b, c, \alpha \mid \begin{array}{ll} [b, a] = 1 & [c, a] = 1 \\ [c, b] = 1 & \alpha^2 = 1 \\ \alpha a = a^{-1}\alpha & \alpha b = b\alpha \\ \alpha c = c^{-1}\alpha & \end{array} \rangle.$$

- Line 10 denotes the next crystallographic group (number 4) and the symbol **FF** in front of it, indicates that this group is torsion free. (Fixedpoint Free space group).

Continuing as in section 5.2 we now describe any extension of  $Q$  by  $\mathbb{Z}$  compatible with the trivial action of  $Q$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  (which factors through  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ). (Since  $\alpha^2 = 1$ , we cannot hope that extensions compatible with the non trivial action, will be torsion free). Such a group  $E$  has a presentation as follows:

$$E : \langle a, b, c, d, \alpha \mid \begin{array}{ll} [b, a] = d^{l_1} & [d, a] = 1 \\ [c, a] = d^{l_2} & [d, b] = 1 \\ [c, b] = d^{l_3} & [d, c] = 1 \\ \alpha a = a^{-1} \alpha d^{l_4} & \alpha^2 = d^{l_7} \\ \alpha b = b \alpha d^{l_5} & \alpha d = d \alpha \\ \alpha c = c^{-1} \alpha d^{l_6} & \end{array} \rangle .$$

for some integers  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_7$ . We use Mathematica<sup>®</sup> to find the computational consistent ones, which is described in the following section.

## A.2 Determination of computational consistent presentations

The following little program contains a function “matrixmacht” which computes formal powers of a unitriangular matrix, based on lemma 4.4.5. This program is runned automatically each time we start a Mathematica<sup>®</sup> session.

```
(* Personal Commands Used in the Infra-nil computations *)
(* ----- *)

(* Remark: All variables are written with 3 identical symbols to *)
(* prevent confusion with variables used within a *)
(* Mathematica session. *)

(* Definition of the binomial coefficients *)
(* xxx : is a formal parameter *)
(* nnn : is an integer *)

bin[xxx_,nnn_] :=(xxx-nnn+1)/nnn bin[xxx,nnn-1]
bin[xxx_,0] :=1
```

```
(* matrixmacht : Power of an uppertriangular matrix "aaa" with *)
(*      formal power "xxx". *)
(*      Based on the formula: *)
(*       $A^x = ((A-I)+I)^x = \sum_x \binom{x}{l} (A-I)^x$  *)

matrixmacht[aaa_ , xxx_ ]:=Sum[ (bin[xxx , lll]*
      MatrixPower[aaa-IdentityMatrix[ Length[aaa]],lll]),
      {lll,0,Length[aaa]}]

(* Some convenient abbreviations *)

mat[aaa_]:=TableForm[Expand[aaa]]
com[aaa_,bbb_]:=Expand[Inverse[aaa].Inverse[bbb].aaa.bbb]
```

Now we are ready to start the program used to determine the computational consistent presentations for  $E$ . The program is stored in a file with the name `groep.3` and looks like

```
(* Determining the computational consistent presentations and affine *)
(* representations for this class of AC-groups. *)

(* A general canonical type representation built up from the data *)
(* in the book of Neubueser e.a. *)

a={{1,A1,A2,A3,A4},
   {0,1,0,0,1},
   {0,0,1,0,0},
   {0,0,0,1,0},
   {0,0,0,0,1}}

b={{1,B1,B2,B3,B4},
   {0,1,0,0,0},
   {0,0,1,0,1},
   {0,0,0,1,0},
   {0,0,0,0,1}}

c={{1,C1,C2,C3,C4},
   {0,1,0,0,0},
   {0,0,1,0,0},
   {0,0,0,1,1},
   {0,0,0,0,1}}

d={{1,0,0,0,1},
   {0,1,0,0,0},
   {0,0,1,0,0},
```

```

{0,0,0,1,0},
{0,0,0,0,1}}

alfa={{1,alf1,alf2,alf3,alf4},(* The "1" on this line indicates that we*)
      {0,-1, 0, 0, 0},          (* are dealing with a trivial action of *)
      {0, 0, 1, 0, 0},          (* alfa on d *)
      {0, 0, 0,-1, 0},
      {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}

(*The conditions, which should be satisfied by the unknowns A1,...,alf4*)
(*And the conditions on l1,l2,...,l7 for computational consistency. *)
(*All matrices printed should be zero. *)

Print[ Expand[ com[b,a]-matrixmacht[d,l1] ]]
Print[ Expand[ com[c,a]-matrixmacht[d,l2] ]]
Print[ Expand[ com[c,b]-matrixmacht[d,l3] ]]
Print[ Expand[ alfa.a-Inverse[a].alfa.matrixmacht[d,l4] ]]
Print[ Expand[ alfa.b-b.alfa.matrixmacht[d,l5] ]]
Print[ Expand[ alfa.c-Inverse[c].alfa.matrixmacht[d,l6] ]]
Print[ Expand[ alfa.alfa-matrixmacht[d,l7] ]]

```

We now list a recorded version of a Mathematica<sup>®</sup> session to show how we use this program:

```

euler% math
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In[1]:= <<groep3.1
{{0, 0, 0, 0, -A2 + B1 - 11}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, -A3 + C1 - 12}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, -B3 + C2 - 13}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 2 A2, 0,alf1 - A1 + 2 A4 - 14}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 2 B1, 0, 2 B3, alf2 - 15}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 2 C2, 0,alf3 - C3 + 2 C4 - 16}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}

```

```

{{0, 0, 2 alf2, 0, 2 alf4 - 17}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}

In[2]:= A2=B1-11;A3=C1-12;B3=C2-13;alf2=15;alf4=17/2;

In[3]:= <<groep3.1
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 2 B1 - 2 11, 0, alf1 - A1 + 2 A4 - 14}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 2 B1, 0, 2 C2 - 2 13, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 2 C2, 0,alf3 - C3 + 2 C4 - 16}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 2 15, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}

In[4]:= B1=0;11=0;C2=0;13=0;15=0;alf1=A1-2 A4 + 14;

In[5]:= <<groep3.1
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0,alf3 - C3 + 2 C4 - 16}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},

```

```
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
```

```
In[6]:= alf3=C3 -2 C4 + 16;
```

```
In[7]:= <<groep3.1
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
{{0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
> {0, 0, 0, 0, 0}}
```

```
In[8]:= Print[l1," ",l2," ",l3," ",l4," ",l5," ",l6," ",l7]
0 12 0 14 0 16 17
```

```
In[9]:= l2=k1;l4=k2;l6=k3;l7=k4;
```

```
In[10]:= mat[a]
```

```
Out[10]//TableForm= 1   A1   0   C1 - k1   A4
                     0   1   0   0           1
                     0   0   1   0           0
                     0   0   0   1           0
                     0   0   0   0           1
```

```
In[11]:= A1=0;C1=k1/2;A4=0;
```

In[12]:= mat[b]

```
Out[12]//TableForm= 1  0  B2  0  B4
                     0  1  0  0  0
                     0  0  1  0  1
                     0  0  0  1  0
                     0  0  0  0  1
```

In[13]:= B2=0;B4=0;

In[14]:= mat[c]

```
Out[14]//TableForm=   k1
                     --
                     1  2  0  C3  C4
                     0  1  0  0  0
                     0  0  1  0  0
                     0  0  0  1  1
                     0  0  0  0  1
```

In[15]:= C3=0;C4=0;

In[16]:= mat[alfa]

```
Out[16]//TableForm=           k4
                           --
                           1  k2  0  k3  2
                           0  -1  0  0  0
                           0  0  1  0  0
                           0  0  0  -1  0
                           0  0  0  0  1
```

In[17]:= mat[a]

```
Out[17]//TableForm=           -k1
                           ----
                           1  0  0  2  0
```



```

0  1  0  0  1
0  0  1  0  0
0  0  0  1  0
0  0  0  0  1

```

```
In[18]:= mat[b]
```

```

Out[18]//TableForm= 1  0  0  0  0
                     0  1  0  0  0
                     0  0  1  0  1
                     0  0  0  1  0
                     0  0  0  0  1

```

```
In[19]:= mat[c]
```

```

Out[19]//TableForm=   k1
                     --
1  2  0  0  0
0  1  0  0  0
0  0  1  0  0
0  0  0  1  1
0  0  0  0  1

```

```
In[20]:= Save["representatie3.1",a,b,c,d,alfa]
```

```
In[21]:= Quit
euler%
```

The program specifies the computational consistent groups  $E$ , which

can all be presented by means of the four parameters  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$ :

$$E : \langle a, b, c, d, \alpha \mid \begin{array}{ll} [b, a] = 1 & [d, a] = 1 \\ [c, a] = d^{k_1} & [d, b] = 1 \\ [c, b] = 1 & [d, c] = 1 \\ \alpha a = a^{-1} \alpha d^{k_2} & \alpha^2 = d^{k_4} \\ \alpha b = b \alpha & \alpha d = d \alpha \\ \alpha c = c^{-1} \alpha d^{k_3} \end{array} \rangle .$$

### A.3 Computation of $H^2(Q, \mathbb{Z})$

The previous section also shows that the set of standard cocycles

$$SZ_\varphi^2(Q, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^4$$

and that a canonical representation for each group  $E$  is saved in a file with the name `representatie 3.1`.

The following step in the process is to determine which standard cocycles are cohomologous to zero. This is done with a program having the name `cocyk3.1`:

```
(* Which standard cocycles are cohomologous to zero? *)
(* By theorem 5.2.2 we may suppose that *)
k1=0
<<representatie3.1

(* The action of alfa on d can be read of as the first entry of the *)
(* matrix which represents alfa *)
actalfa=alfa[[1,1]]

For[kk=0, kk<=1, kk++,
  For[mn=0, mn<=1, mn++,
    {product=matrixmacht[a,x1].matrixmacht[b,x2].
      matrixmacht[c,x3].MatrixPower[alfa,kk].
      matrixmacht[a,y1].matrixmacht[b,y2].
      matrixmacht[c,y3].MatrixPower[alfa,mn],
      (* Product is a general product of two elements. *)
      (* Product can be written in the form: *)
      (* a^acoef b^bcoef c^ccoef d^f(x,y) alfa^alfacoef *)
      (* The following commands determine all these *)
      (* coefficients. *)
      alfacoeff=Mod[kk+mn,2], (* Computation in Z-modulo 2 *)
      product=product.MatrixPower[alfa,-alfacoef],
      acoef=product[[2,5]], (* This is a direct consequence *)
```

```

      bcoef=product[[3,5]], (* of the canonical type      *)
      ccoef=product[[4,5]], (* representation          *)
product=matrixmacht[c,-ccoef].matrixmacht[b,-bcoef].
      matrixmacht[a,-acoef].product,
      (* The power of d equals the cocycle *)
      f=Simplify[product[[1,5]]],
      (* A check for exactness of the program: *)
product[[1,5]]=0,
If[product==IdentityMatrix[5],Print[],Print["Something's wrong!"]],
      Print["Cocykel:"],
Print[f],
term=(actalfa)^(kk), (* term= the action of x on d *)
      (* The general form of delta gamma for x and y *)
deltagamma=( (term y1 + x1 -acoef) gammaa +
              (term y2 + x2 -bcoef) gammab +
              (term y3 + x3 -ccoef) gammac +
              (term mm + kk -alfacoef)gammaalfa ),
difference=Expand[f-deltagamma],
Print[],
Print["f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):"],
Print[difference],
Print["-----",
      "-----"],
} ]]
Print["=====",
      "====="]

```

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```

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```

```

In[1]:= <<cocyk3.1
Cocykel:
0
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
0

```

```

-----
Cocykel:
0
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
0

```

```

-----
Cocykel:
k2 y1 + k3 y3
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):

```

```
-2 gammaa y1 + k2 y1 - 2 gammac y3 + k3 y3
```

```
-----
Cocykel:
```

```
k4 + k2 y1 + k3 y3
```

```
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
```

```
-2 gammaalfa + k4 - 2 gammaa y1 + k2 y1 - 2 gammac y3 + k3 y3
```

```
=====
In[2]:= gammaa=k2/2;gammac=k3/2;gammaalfa=k4/2;
```

```
In[3]:= <<cocyk3.1
```

```
Cocykel:
```

```
0
```

```
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
```

```
0
```

```
-----
Cocykel:
```

```
0
```

```
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
```

```
0
```

```
-----
Cocykel:
```

```
k2 y1 + k3 y3
```

```
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
```

```
0
```

```
-----
Cocykel:
```

```
k4 + k2 y1 + k3 y3
```

```
f(x,y)-deltagamma(x,y):
```

```
0
```

```
-----
In[4]:= Quit
```

```
euler%
```

This shows that a cocycle  $f$  depending on the four variables  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$  is cohomologous to 0 if and only if

$$k_1 = 0, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in 2\mathbb{Z}$$

This allows us to conclude that

$$H_\varphi^2(Q, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$$

## A.4 Investigation of the torsion

The following problem is to discover in which groups  $E$  there is torsion. To achieve this, we first look for all torsion elements in the crystallographic group  $Q$ . Since the order of the holonomy group is 2, the order of a torsion element will also be equal to two. The program used to find torsion in  $Q$  is called `torsion` and is the following:

```
(* Searching the torsion elements of the crystallographic group Q *)

(* Loading the representation for E and so for Q *)
<<representatie3.1

(* order= The order of a possible torsion element *)
order=2

Print[" "]
(* A general element having a possible finite order *)
test=matrixmacht[a,m1].matrixmacht[b,m2].matrixmacht[c,m3].alfa

(* testelement to the power=order *)
testpower=MatrixPower[test,order]

(* Looking at the element in Q rather than in E *)
testcutoff=IdentityMatrix[4]
For[i=1,i<=4,i++,
  For[j=1,j<=4,j++,
    testcutoff[[i,j]]=testpower[[i+1,j+1]] ]]

(* What are the possible torsions? *)
Print[mat[testcutoff]]
Print[" "]
Print[Solve[testcutoff==IdentityMatrix[4],{m1,m2,m3}] ]
Print[" "]
```

The result of this program is:

```
euler% math
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```

```
In[1]:= <<torsion

1  0  0  0
0  1  0  2 m2
```

```
0 0 1 0
```

```
0 0 0 1
```

```
{m2 -> 0}}
```

```
In[2]:= Quit
euler%
```

Before we continue, we have to notice that the file `representatie3.1` is in a dangerous form, since it contains a lot of redundancy, which may cause errors. Therefore we do the following:

```
euler% cat representatie3.1
```

```
a = {{1, A1, 0, C1 - l2, A4}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0},
      {0, 0, 0, 1, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

```
A1 = 0
```

```
C1 = k1/2
```

```
l2 = k1
```

```
A4 = 0
```

```
b = {{1, 0, B2, 0, B4}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
      {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

```
B2 = 0
```

```
B4 = 0
```

```
c = {{1, C1, 0, C3, C4}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 1},
      {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

```
C3 = 0
```

```
C4 = 0
```

```
d = {{1, 0, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
      {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

```
alfa = {{1, A1 - 2*A4 + l4, 0, C3 - 2*C4 + l6, l7/2}, {0, -1, 0, 0, 0},
         {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, -1, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

```
l4 = k2
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16 = k3
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17 = k4
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In[1]:= <<representatie3.1
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Out[1]= k4
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In[2]:= DeleteFile["representatie3.1"]
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In[3]:= a>>representatie3.1
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In[4]:= b>>>representatie3.1
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In[5]:= c>>>representatie3.1
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In[6]:= d>>>representatie3.1
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In[7]:= alfa>>>representatie3.1
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In[8]:= Quit
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euler% cat representatie3.1
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{1, 0, 0, -k1/2, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
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{1, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

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{1, k1/2, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 1},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

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{1, 0, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

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{1, k2, 0, k3, k4/2}, {0, -1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, -1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
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euler% vi representatie3.1
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(--> a little bit of file editing <--)
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euler% cat representatie3.1
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a={{1, 0, 0, -k1/2, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

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b={{1, 0, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
```

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c={{1, k1/2, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 1},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
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d={{1, 0, 0, 0, 1}, {0, 1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
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alfa={{1, k2, 0, k3, k4/2}, {0, -1, 0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 1, 0, 0},
  {0, 0, 0, -1, 0}, {0, 0, 0, 0, 1}}
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euler%
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Now we are really ready to start the computations concerning torsion. We know from corollary 6.1.2 that we only have to deal with  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $q = a^{m_1} b^{m_2} c^{m_3} \alpha$  be a torsion element in  $Q$  (of order 2), then for the lift  $\tilde{q} = a^{m_1} b^{m_2} c^{m_3} \alpha$  of  $q$  in  $E$  we have that

$$\tilde{q}^2 = (a^{m_1} b^{m_2} c^{m_3} \alpha)^2 = d^{P(m_1, m_2, m_3)}$$

where  $P(m_1, m_2, m_3)$  is some polynomial function in the variables  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3$ . If  $q$  acts non trivially on  $d$ , we know that  $\tilde{q}$  is indeed a torsion element. So suppose that the action of  $q$  on  $d$  is trivial. Now it's easy to see that there exists a lift  $\tilde{q}$  of  $q$  which is a torsion element of order 2 if and only if

$$P(m_1, m_2, m_3) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

To investigate this, the following lemma is very helpful:

**Lemma A.4.1** *Let  $P(x)$  be an integer valued polynomial function (i.e.  $P(z) \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) of total degree  $\leq M$ . Then*

$$\forall z, k, n \in \mathbb{Z} : P(z) \equiv P(z + kn(M!)) \pmod{n}.$$

Proof: Every integer valued polynomial in the variable  $x$  of degree  $\leq M$ , is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combination of polynomials of the form

$$\binom{x}{i}, \quad (0 \leq i \leq M).$$

We remark that  $\binom{x}{0}$  denotes the constant 1. For  $z, k, n \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 \leq i \leq M$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{z + kn(M!)}{i} &= \frac{(z + M!kn)((z - 1) + M!kn) \dots ((z - i + 1) + M!kn)}{1.2.3 \dots i} \\ &\equiv \frac{z(z - 1)(z - 2) \dots (z - i + 1)}{1.2.3 \dots i} \pmod{n}. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof. ■

The lemma tells us that in checking if  $P(m_1, m_2, m_3) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , we may restrict ourselves to  $m_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2(\text{degree of } P \text{ in } m_i)! - 1\}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . We used all of this in writing the following program (`torsion3.1`) to find the AB-groups:



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(* maxki= the maximum value of ki < the order of the torsion we are *)
(*      looking for. *)
maxk1=1
maxk2=1
maxk3=1
maxk4=1
order=2
For[k1=0,k1<=maxk1,k1++,
  For[k2=0,k2<=maxk2,k2++,
    For[k3=0,k3<=maxk3,k3++,
      For[k4=0,k4<=maxk4,k4++,
        {<<representatie3.1,
          (* A general torsionelement in Q, lifted to E *)
          torsionelement[m1_,m2_,m3_] := matrixmacht[a,m1]. (* Fill in the *)
                                matrixmacht[b, 0]. (* solutions *)
                                matrixmacht[c,m3]. (* found with *)
                                alfa, (* program torsion *)
          (* If a torsion element acts non trivially on Z, *)
          (* then any lift to E has torsion *)
          If[(torsionelement[m1,m2,m3])[1,1]==-1,
            Print["Ignore the rest, group has torsion!" ],
            Print["group: (k1=",k1,",k2=",k2,",k3=",k3,",k4=",k4,")"],
            (* We compute the power of d in torsionelement^order *)
            f[m1_,m2_,m3_] := (
              Expand[(MatrixPower[torsionelement[m1,m2,m3],order])[1,5]] ),
            test=f[x,y,z], (* test is a polynomial function in x,y,z *)
            maxm1=(Exponent[test,x]), (* The degree of f in m1 *)
            maxm2=(Exponent[test,y]), (* The degree of f in m2 *)
            maxm3=(Exponent[test,z]), (* The degree of f in m3 *)
            If[maxm1<=0,maxm1=1,maxm1=order (maxm1!)],
            If[maxm2<=0,maxm2=1,maxm2=order (maxm2!)],
            If[maxm3<=0,maxm3=1,maxm3=order (maxm3!)],
            torsion=0,
            For[l11=0,l11<maxm1,l11++,
              For[l12=0,l12<maxm2,l12++,
                For[l13=0,l13<maxm3,l13++,{
                  If[Mod[f[l11,l12,l13],order]==0,torsion=torsion+1]} ]],
            If[torsion>0,Print["torsion"],
              Print["These kind of elements have infinite order!"] ],
            Print[" "],
            m1=., (* Cleaning up *)
            m2=.,
            m3=.,
            f=.,
            a=.,
            b=.,
            c=.,
            d=.,
            alfa=.}

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The output with Mathematica<sup>®</sup> looks like:

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In[1]:= <<torsion3.1
group: (k1=0,k2=0,k3=0,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=0,k3=0,k4=1)
These kind of elements have infinite order!

group: (k1=0,k2=0,k3=1,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=0,k3=1,k4=1)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=1,k3=0,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=1,k3=0,k4=1)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=1,k3=1,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=0,k2=1,k3=1,k4=1)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=0,k3=0,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=0,k3=0,k4=1)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=0,k3=1,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=0,k3=1,k4=1)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=1,k3=0,k4=0)
torsion

group: (k1=1,k2=1,k3=0,k4=1)
torsion
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group: (k1=1,k2=1,k3=1,k4=0)
torsion
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group: (k1=1,k2=1,k3=1,k4=1)
torsion
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In[2]:= Quit
euler%
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We have to interpret this as follows. A group  $E$  determined by a 4-tuple  $(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$  is an AB-group if and only if

$$\begin{cases} k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ k_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ k_4 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

We denote (the cohomology class of) the group  $E$  (which is determined by  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$ ) as  $\langle (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) \rangle$ . Since  $\langle (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) \rangle \cong \langle (-k_1, -k_2, -k_3, -k_4) \rangle$ , we may always suppose that  $k_1$  is positive. (We exclude  $k_1 = 0$ , since in this case  $\text{Fitt}(E)$  would be abelian). Of course, the relations on the cohomology-level show that we may restrict ourselves to  $k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \{0, 1\}$ . All this allows us to conclude that for a fixed  $k_1$  (i.e. a fixed nilmanifold), there is at most one AB-group of this kind, namely if  $k_1$  is even, we may take  $E = \langle (k_1, 0, 0, 1) \rangle$ .

## A.5 Summary

The previous sections show that any extension of  $Q$  by  $Z$  has a presentation of the form

$$E : \langle a, b, c, d, \alpha \mid \begin{array}{ll} [b, a] = 1 & [d, a] = 1 \\ [c, a] = d^{k_1} & [d, b] = 1 \\ [c, b] = 1 & [d, c] = 1 \\ \alpha a = a^{-1} \alpha d^{k_2} & \alpha^2 = d^{k_4} \\ \alpha b = b \alpha & \alpha d = d \alpha \\ \alpha c = c^{-1} \alpha d^{k_3} & \end{array} \rangle .$$

A canonical type affine representation  $\lambda : E \rightarrow \text{Aff}(\mathbb{R}^4)$  for such an  $E$  is given by

$$\lambda(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-k_1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{k_1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\lambda(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k_2 & 0 & k_3 & \frac{k_4}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also showed that the group  $H^2(Q, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$ .

Finally, we indicated that for a fixed nilpotent group, there is maximal one  $AB$ -group of this kind, containing this nilpotent group as its maximal nilpotent normal subgroup. More precise, for  $k_1 > 0$  even, there is one  $AB$ -group, determined by the parameters  $(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = (k_1, 0, 0, 1)$ , containing

$$N : \langle a, b, c, d \mid [c, a] = d^{k_1} \rangle$$

as its maximal nilpotent normal subgroup.

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