

AUTOMORPHISMS OF RINGS OF NONFINITARY
NILTRIANGULAR MATRICES

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Let K be an associative ring with identity, and let Γ be an arbitrary linearly ordered set (briefly, chain). Matrices $\alpha = \|a_{ij}\|$ over K with indices i and j from Γ with respect to linear operations always form a K -module $M(\Gamma, K)$. The matrix multiplication in $M(\Gamma, K)$ is generally not defined if Γ is an infinite chain. The finitary matrices in $M(\Gamma, K)$ form a known ring with matrix multiplication and addition. On the other hand, as proved in 2019, for the chain $\Gamma = \mathbb{N}$ of natural numbers, the submodule in $M(\Gamma, K)$ of all (lower) niltriangular matrices with matrix multiplication and addition gives a radical ring $NT(\Gamma, K)$. Its adjoint group is isomorphic to the limit unitriangular group. The automorphisms of the group $UT(\infty, K)$ over a field K of order greater than 2 were studied by R. Slowik. In the present paper, it is proved that any infinite chain Γ is isometric or anti-isometric to the chain \mathbb{N} or the chain of all integers if $NT(\Gamma, K)$ with matrix multiplication is a ring. When the ring of coefficients K has no divisors of zero, the main theorem shows that the automorphisms of $NT(\mathbb{N}, K)$ and of the associated Lie ring, as well as of the adjoint group, are standard.

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