

# MULTIPERMUTATION SOLUTIONS AND FACTORIZATIONS OF SKEW LEFT BRACES

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A set-theoretic solution  $(X, r)$  is called

- ▶ left (resp. right) non-degenerate, if  $\lambda_x$  (resp.  $\rho_y$ ) is bijective,
- ▶ non-degenerate, if it is both left and right non-degenerate,
- ▶ involutive, if  $r^2 = \text{id}_{X \times X}$ ,

## APPLICATIONS OF THE YANG-BAXTER EQUATION

- ▶ Statistical Physics (work of Yang and Baxter),
- ▶ Construction of Hopf Algebras,
- ▶ Knot theory (Reidemeister III, colourings),
- ▶ Quadratic algebras.

## SOME EXAMPLES

### Example

*Let  $X$  be a set. Then, the twist  $r(a, b) = (b, a)$  on  $X \times X$  is an involutive non-degenerate solution. This is called the trivial solution.*

### Example (Lyubashenko)

*Let  $X$  be a set. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be maps. Then,  $r(a, b) = (f(b), g(a))$  is a set-theoretic solution if  $fg = gf$ . If  $g = f^{-1}$ , then this set-theoretic solution is called a permutation solution.*

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Denote for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\text{Ret}^n(X, r) = \text{Ret}(\text{Ret}^{n-1}(X, r))$ . If there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $|\text{Ret}^n(X, r)| = 1$ , then  $(X, r)$  is called a multipermutation solution

## THE STRUCTURE GROUP

### Definition

Let  $(X, r)$  be a set-theoretic solution of the Yang-Baxter equation. Then the group

$$G(X, r) = \langle x \in X \mid xy = \lambda_x(y)\rho_y(x) \rangle,$$

is called the structure group of  $(X, r)$ .

## RECOVERING SOLUTIONS

### Theorem (ESS, LYZ, S, GV)

*Let  $(X, r)$  be a bijective non-degenerate solution to YBE, then there exists a unique solution  $r_G$  on the group  $G(X, r)$  such that the associated solution  $r_G$  satisfies*

$$r_G(i \times i) = (i \times i)r,$$

*where  $i : X \rightarrow G(X, r)$  is the canonical map.*

## WHY ARE MULTIPERMUTATION SOLUTIONS INTERESTING

### Theorem (CJOBVAGI)

*Let  $(X, r)$  be a finite involutive non-degenerate set-theoretic solution. The following statements are equivalent,*

- ▶ *the solution  $(X, r)$  is a multipermutation solution,*
- ▶ *the group  $G(X, r)$  is left orderable,*
- ▶ *the group  $G(X, r)$  is diffuse,*
- ▶ *the group  $G(X, r)$  is poly- $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

## CREATING SOLUTIONS ON $G(X, R)$ (1)

### Definition (Rumo, CJO, GV)

Let  $(B, +)$  and  $(B, \circ)$  be groups on the same set  $B$  such that for any  $a, b, c \in B$  it holds that

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## CREATING SOLUTIONS ON $G(X, R)$ (2)

### Theorem

Let  $(B, +, \circ)$  be a skew left brace. Denote for any  $a, b \in B$ , the map  $r_B(a, b) = (\lambda_a(b), \overline{\bar{a} + b} \circ b)$ . Then  $(B, r_B)$  is a bijective non-degenerate solution. Moreover, if  $(B, +)$  is abelian, then  $(B, r_B)$  is involutive.

### Remark

Let  $(X, r)$  be a bijective non-degenerate set-theoretic solution. Then,  $G(X, r)$  is a skew left brace.

## STRUCTURE OF SKEW LEFT BRACES

### Definition

Let  $(B, +, \circ)$  be a skew left brace. Denote for any  $a, b \in B$  the operation  $a * b = \lambda_a(b) - b$  and denote for any positive integer  $n > 1$ , the set  $B^{(n)} = B^{(n-1)} * B$ . If there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $B^{(n)} = 1$ , we say that  $B$  is right nilpotent. If  $B^{(2)} = 1$ , we say that  $B$  is trivial.

### Theorem (GIC)

*Let  $(X, r)$  be an involutive non-degenerate set-theoretic solution. If the natural left brace  $G(X, r)$  is right nilpotent, then the solutions  $(G(X, r), r_G)$  and  $(X, r)$  are multipermutation solutions.*

## LEFT IDEALS AND IDEALS

### Definition

Let  $(B, +, \circ)$  be a skew left brace. Then, a (normal) subgroup  $I$  of  $(B, +)$  such that  $B * I \subseteq I$  is called a (strong) left ideal. Furthermore, if  $I$  is in addition a normal subgroup of  $(B, \circ)$  then  $I$  is called an ideal of  $B$ .

### Definition

Let  $(B, +, \circ)$  be a skew left brace. If there exist left ideals  $I, J$  of  $B$  such that  $I + J = B = J + I$ , then  $B$  is called factorizable by  $I$  and  $J$ .

## INTUITION: FACTORIZATIONS IN GROUPS

### Theorem (Ito's Theorem)

*Let  $G = A + B$  be a factorized group. If  $A$  and  $B$  are both abelian, then  $G$  is metabelian (i.e. there exists an abelian normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $G/N$  is abelian).*

### Theorem

*Let  $G = A + B$  be a factorized group, where  $A$  and  $B$  are abelian. Then there exists a normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  contained in  $A$  or  $B$ .*

### Theorem (Kegel-Wielandt)

*Let  $G = A + B$  be a factorized group, where  $A$  and  $B$  are nilpotent. Then,  $G$  is solvable.*

## SURPRISING RESULTS

### Theorem

*Let  $B = I + J$  be a factorized skew left brace. If  $I$  is a strong left ideal and both  $I$  and  $J$  are trivial skew left braces, then  $B$  is right nilpotent of class at most 4. If both are strong left ideals, then  $B$  is right nilpotent of class at most 3.*

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## EXTENDING IS NOT POSSIBLE

### Example (No Kegel-Wielandt)

There exists a simple (no non-trivial ideals) left brace of size 72, which is hence not solvable. By standard techniques one sees that this is factorizable by the additive Sylow subgroups.

### Example (No relaxing conditions)

There exists a skew left brace of size 18 that is factorizable by 2 left ideals, both not strong left ideals. However, there is no ideal of the skew left brace contained in either of the left ideals.

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