

# Equivariant IYB-structures in finite groups<sup>1</sup>

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- F. Cedó, E. Jespers and Á. Del Río. "Involutive Yang-Baxter groups." Transactions of the American Mathematical Society 362.5 (2010): 2541-2558.

## Definition

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $r : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  is a map such that

$$r_{12}r_{23}r_{12} = r_{23}r_{12}r_{23},$$

where the maps  $r_{12}, r_{23} : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X \times X \times X$  are defined as  $r_{12} = r \times id_X$ ,  $r_{23} = id_X \times r$ . Then  $(X, r)$  is called a set-theoretic solution of the Yang-Baxter equation.

Let  $(X, r)$  be a set-theoretic solution of the Yang-Baxter equation. Set  $r(x, y) = (f_x(y), g_y(x))$ , where  $f_x, g_y : X \rightarrow X$  are two maps,  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, r)$  is called

- involutive if  $r^2 = id_{X \times X}$ ;
- non-degenerate if  $f_x, g_y$  are bijective maps for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Let  $(X, r)$  be an involutive, non-degenerate set-theoretic solution of the Yang-Baxter equation and set  $r(x, y) = (f_x(y), g_y(x))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . The permutation group of  $(X, r)$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{G}(X, r) = \langle f_x : x \in X \rangle \leq S_X.$$

### Definition

A group  $G$  is called an involutive Yang-Baxter group (for short, IYB-group) if  $G \cong \mathcal{G}(X, r)$  for  $(X, r)$  an involutive, non-degenerate set-theoretic solution of the Yang-Baxter equation.

## Theorem

Every finite IYB-group is soluble.

But the converse is not true.

## Theorem(D. Bachiller, 2016)

There exists a finite nilpotent ( $p$ -)group such that it is not an IYB-group.

- D. Bachiller, "Counterexample to a conjecture about braces." *Journal of Algebra* 453 (2016): 160-176.

## Question

Classify or characterize finite IYB-groups.

## Equivalent Statements

The following conditions are equivalent for a finite group  $G$ .

- $G$  is an IYB-group;
  - There is a  $G$ -module  $V$  and a bijective 1-cocycle  $\pi : G \rightarrow V$ .
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- $(V, \pi)$  is called an IYB-structure on  $G$ ;
  - 1-cocycle  $\pi$  of  $G$ -module  $V$  is a map from  $G$  to  $V$  such that  $\pi(gh) = \pi(g) + g\pi(h)$  for any  $g, h \in G$ .

## Some Known Results

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then  $G$  is an IYB-group if one of the following conditions holds.

- $G$  is nilpotent of class at most two;
- $G$  is abelian-by-cyclic;
- $G$  is a soluble  $A$ -group (that is, every Sylow subgroup is abelian);
- $G$  is the direct product of two IYB-groups.

## Question

What about the semidirect product of two IYB-groups?



In order to consider the semidirect product of two IYB-groups, F. Eisele introduce

### Definition

Let  $(V, \pi)$  be an IYB-structure on an IYB-group  $G$  and let a group  $A$  act on  $G$ .  $(V, \pi)$  is called  $A$ -equivariant if there exists an group action of  $A$  on  $V$  (denote by  $av, a \in A, v \in V$ ) such that

$$\pi({}^a g) = a\pi(g), \forall a \in A, g \in G.$$

In fact, since  $\pi$  is bijective, such action of  $A$  on  $V$  is uniquely determined by the action of  $A$  on  $G$  as follows:

$$A \times V \rightarrow V; (a, v) \rightarrow av \triangleq \pi({}^a \pi^{-1}(v)).$$

## Proposition

Let  $(V, \pi)$  be an IYB-structure on a group  $G$  and let a group  $A$  act on  $G$ . Write  $K = \text{Ker}(A \text{ on } G)$ , the kernel of the action of  $A$  on  $G$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- $(V, \pi)$  is an  $A$ -equivariant IYB-structure on  $G$ ;
  - $(V, \pi)$  is an  $A/K$ -equivariant IYB-structure on  $G$ .
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- Only focus on the faithful action of  $A$  on  $G$ .
  - An IYB-structure  $(V, \pi)$  on a group  $G$  is called *fully equivariant* if it is  $\text{Aut}(G)$ -equivariant.

### Example

Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group. Let  $V = (G, +)$  be a trivial  $G$ -module. Obviously  $(V, \text{Id}_G)$  is fully equivariant and  $G = \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } V)$ .

### Example

Let  $G$  be an odd order nilpotent group of class at most two. Then  $G$  is an abelian group under the following addition:

$$g_1 + g_2 \triangleq g_1 g_2 \sqrt{[g_2, g_1]},$$

and  $V = (G, +)$  can be regarded as a  $G$ -module:

$$g v \triangleq g v + g^{-1}.$$

Note that  $(V, \text{Id}_G)$  is fully equivariant and  $Z(G) = \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } V)$ .

### Example(J. C. Ault and J. F. Watters, 1973)

Let  $G$  be a finite nilpotent group of class at most two. Set  $Z = Z(G)$  and write  $G/Z = \langle a_1Z \rangle \times \dots \times \langle a_nZ \rangle$ . Thus every element of  $G$  can be written in this form:  $a_1^{t_1} \dots a_n^{t_n} z$ , where  $z \in Z$ . Then  $G$  is an abelian group under the following addition:

$$a_1^{t_1} \dots a_n^{t_n} z + a_1^{s_1} \dots a_n^{s_n} z' = a_1^{t_1+s_1} \dots a_n^{t_n+s_n} zz'.$$

Let  $V = (G, +)$  be a  $G$ -module by law:

$$g \cdot v \triangleq gv - g = v \prod_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} [a_i, a_j]^{t_i s_j},$$

where  $g = a_1^{t_1} \dots a_n^{t_n} z \in G$  and  $v = a_1^{s_1} \dots a_n^{s_n} z' \in V$ . Then  $(V, \text{Id}_G)$  is an IYB-structure on  $G$  and  $Z(G) \subseteq \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } V)$ .

## Proposition

Let  $G$  be a nilpotent group of class at most two. Then  $G$  has an IYB-structure  $(V, \pi)$  such that

- $(V, \pi)$  is  $\text{Aut}_c(G)$ -equivariant;
  - $Z(G) \subseteq \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } V)$ .
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- A central automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $G$ :  $\alpha gg^{-1} \in Z(G)$  for all  $g \in G$ .
  - $\text{Aut}_c(G)$ : the set of all central automorphisms of  $G$ .

**Proposition(F. Cedó, E. Jespers and Á. Del Río, 2010;F. Eisele, 2013)**

Let a finite group  $G = [N]H$  be the semidirect product of two IYB-groups  $N$  and  $H$ . If  $N$  has an  $H$ -equivariant IYB-structure, then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

- F. Cedó, E. Jespers and Á. Del Río. "Involutive Yang-Baxter groups." Transactions of the American Mathematical Society 362.5 (2010): 2541-2558.
- F. Eisele. "On the IYB-property in some solvable groups." Archiv der Mathematik 101.4 (2013): 309-318.

For general products, an interesting result is the following.

Theorem(F. Cedó, E. Jespers and Á. Del Río, 2010)

Let  $G$  be a finite group such that  $G = NH$ , where  $N$  is an abelian normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  with an IYB-structure  $(V, \pi)$ . Suppose that

$$N \cap H \subseteq \text{Ker}(H \text{ on } V).$$

Then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

## Main Theorem

Let a group  $A$  act on a group  $G = NH$  such that  $N, H$  are  $A$ -invariant subgroups of  $G$  and  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Suppose that  $N, H$  have  $A$ -equivariant IYB-structures  $(U, \pi_N)$  and  $(V, \pi_H)$  respectively, which satisfy the following conditions:

- (C1)  $N \cap H \subseteq \text{Ker}(Z(N) \text{ on } U) \cap \text{Ker}(H \text{ on } V)$ ;
- (C2)  $(U, \pi_N)$  is  $H$ -equivariant under the conjugacy action of  $H$  on  $N$ :  ${}^h n = hnh^{-1}, n \in N, h \in H$ .

Then  $G$  has an  $A$ -equivariant IYB-structure  $(W, \pi)$  such that

$$\text{Ker}(N \text{ on } U) C_{\text{Ker}(H \text{ on } V)}(N) \subseteq \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } W).$$



## Corollary

Let a group  $A$  act on a group  $G = N \times H$ , the direct product of two  $A$ -invariant subgroups  $N$  and  $H$ . Suppose that  $N, H$  are IYB-groups with  $A$ -equivariant IYB-structures  $(U, \pi_N)$  and  $(V, \pi_H)$  respectively. Then  $G$  has an  $A$ -equivariant IYB-structures  $(W, \pi_G)$  such that

$$\text{Ker}(N \text{ on } U) \text{Ker}(H \text{ on } V) \subseteq \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } W).$$

With this, we can prove

## Corollary

Let  $G$  be a nilpotent group of class two with an abelian Sylow 2-subgroup. Then  $G$  has a fully equivariant IYB-structure  $(W, \pi_G)$  such that  $Z(G) \subseteq \text{Ker}(G \text{ on } W)$ .

## Corollary

Let a finite group  $G = NH$  such that  $N$  is a nilpotent normal subgroup of class at most two and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  with IYB-structure  $(V, \pi)$ . Assume that

- $N \cap H \subseteq Z(N)$ ;
- $[H, O_2(N)] \subseteq Z(N)$ ;
- $H \cap N \subseteq \text{Ker}(H \text{ on } V)$ .

Then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

- This is an extension of the case that  $N$  is abelian.

## Corollary

Let a finite group  $G = NH$  such that  $N, H$  are two nilpotent subgroups of class at most two and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ . If  $N \cap H \subseteq Z(G)$  and  $[H, O_2(N)] \subseteq Z(N)$ . Then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

The following corollary is a special case,

## Corollary(F. Cedó, E. Jespers and Á. Del Río, 2010)

Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G = NH$ , where  $N$  and  $H$  are two abelian subgroups of  $G$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

## Corollary

Let a finite group  $G = N_1 N_2 \dots N_s$  the product of subgroups  $N_1, \dots, N_s$ . Suppose that

- $N_i$  is a nilpotent group of class two with an abelian Sylow 2-subgroup,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ ;
- $N_i$  is normalised by  $N_j$ , for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq s$ ;
- $N_1 \dots N_i \cap N_{i+1} = Z(G)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s - 1$ .

Then  $G$  is an IYB-group.

Thanks for your attention!