

LEFT SEMI-BRACES AND SOLUTIONS TO THE YANG-BAXTER EQUATION

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

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

BRACES AND GENERALIZATIONS

Definition (Rump(1), CJO, GV (2))

A triple $(A, \cdot, \circ)$ is called a skew left brace, if $(A, \cdot)$ is a group and $(A, \circ)$ is a group such that for any $a, b, c \in A$,

$$a \circ (b \cdot c) = (a \circ b) \cdot a^{-1} \cdot (a \circ c),$$

where a^{-1} denotes the inverse of a in $(A, \cdot)$. In particular, if $(A, \cdot)$ is an abelian group, then $(A, \cdot, \circ)$ is called a left brace.

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A group $(A, \cdot)$ with additional group structure $(A, \circ)$ such that

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A triple $(B, \cdot, \circ)$ is called a left cancellative left semi-brace, if $(B, \cdot)$ is a left cancellative semi-group and $(B, \circ)$ is a group such that for any $a, b, c \in B$,

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$$r_G|_{X \times X} = r.$$

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Moreover, if $(B, \cdot)$ is left cancellative, then $(B, \cdot, \circ)$ is called a left cancellative left semi-brace. This is a left semi-brace in the sense of Catino, Colazzo and Stefanelli.

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Let G be a group, I, J sets and $P = (p_{ji})$ a $|J| \times |I|$ -matrix with entries in G . Then

$$\mathcal{M}(G, I, J, P) = \{(g, i, j) \mid g \in G, i \in I, j \in J\},$$

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Theorem

Let S be a finite semi-group such that S has no non-trivial ideals and every idempotent of S is primitive (i.e. S is completely simple), then S is isomorphic to a Rees matrix semi-group. Conversely, every finite Rees matrix semi-group satisfies these conditions.

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THE ρ -CONDITION AND SOLUTIONS

Proposition

Let $(B, \cdot, \circ)$ be a left semi-brace. If $\rho : (B, \circ) \rightarrow \text{Map}(B, B)$ is a semi-group anti-morphism, then $r_B(a, b) = (\lambda_a(b), \rho_b(a))$ is a set-theoretic solution to YB.

Not every left semi-brace satisfies this condition. However, is ρ -condition necessary?

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Moreover, in these cases, the idempotents $E(B)$ form a left subsemi-brace as well as the idempotents $E(B1_\circ)$ of the left subsemi-brace $B1_\circ$.

THE CONDITION IN STRUCTURE

Theorem

Let $(B, \cdot, \circ)$ be a left semi-brace. The following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. ρ is an anti-homomorphism,*
- 2. $B \cong (1_\circ B 1_\circ \rtimes E(B 1_\circ)) \rtimes E(1_\circ B)$ and $E(B)$ is a left subsemi-brace of B .*

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Theorem

Let $(B, \cdot, \circ)$ be a finite left semi-brace such that ρ is an anti-homomorphism. Then, $KM(B)$ is a Noetherian, PI-algebra of finite Gelfand-Kirillov dimension equal to that of $KM(1_\circ B 1_\circ)$. In particular, this dimension is at most $|1_\circ B 1_\circ|$ and it is precisely equal to $|1_\circ B 1_\circ|$ if B is a left brace.

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