INVOLUTIVE YANG-BAXTER GROUPS

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Abstract. In 1992 Drinfeld posed the question of finding the set-theoretic solutions of the Yang-Baxter equation. Recently, Gateva-Ivanova and Van den Bergh and Etingof, Schedler and Soloviev have shown a group-theoretical interpretation of involutive non-degenerate solutions. Namely, there is a one-to-one correspondence between involutive non-degenerate solutions on finite sets and groups of I-type. A group $G$ of I-type is a group isomorphic to a subgroup of $F_n \rtimes \text{Sym}_n$ so that the projection onto the first component is a bijective map, where $F_n$ is the free abelian group of rank $n$ and $\text{Sym}_n$ is the symmetric group of degree $n$. The projection of $G$ onto the second component $\text{Sym}_n$ we call an involutive Yang-Baxter group (IYB group). This suggests the following strategy to attack Drinfeld’s problem for involutive non-degenerate set-theoretic solutions. First classify the IYB groups and second, for a given IYB group $G$, classify the groups of I-type with $G$ as associated IYB group. It is known that every IYB group is solvable. In this paper some results supporting the converse of this property are obtained. More precisely, we show that some classes of groups are IYB groups. We also give a non-obvious method to construct infinitely many groups of I-type (and hence infinitely many involutive non-degenerate set-theoretic solutions of the Yang-Baxter equation) with a prescribed associated IYB group.

1. Introduction

In a paper on statistical mechanics by Yang [18], the quantum Yang-Baxter equation appeared. It turned out to be one of the basic equations in mathematical physics and it lies at the foundation of the theory of quantum groups. One of the important unsolved problems is to discover all the solutions $R$ of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation

\[ R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12} \]

(here $R : V \otimes V \to V \otimes V$, with $V$ a vector space, $R$ a linear map and $R_{ij}$ denotes the map $V \otimes V \otimes V \to V \otimes V \otimes V$ acting as $R$ on the $(i,j)$ tensor factor (in this order) and as the identity on the remaining factor). In recent years, many
solutions have been found and the related algebraic structures have been intensively studied (see for example [12]). Drinfeld, in [3], posed the question of finding the simplest solutions, that is, the solutions $R$ that are induced by a linear extension of a mapping $\mathcal{R} : X \times X \to X \times X$, where $X$ is a basis for $V$. In this case, one says that $\mathcal{R}$ is a set-theoretic solution of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation.

Let $\tau : X^2 \to X^2$ be the map defined by $\tau(x,y) = (y,x)$. Observe that $\mathcal{R}$ is a set-theoretic solution of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation if and only if the mapping $r = \tau \circ \mathcal{R}$ is a solution of the braided equation (or a solution of the Yang-Baxter equation, in the terminology used for example in [6, 7])

$$r_{12}r_{23}r_{12} = r_{23}r_{12}r_{23}.$$ 

Set-theoretic solutions $\mathcal{R} : X^2 \to X^2$ of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation (with $X$ a finite set) that are (left) non-degenerate and such that $r = \tau \circ \mathcal{R}$ is involutive (i.e., $r^2$ is the identity map on $X^2$) have recently received a lot of attention by Etingof, Schedler and Soloviev [5], Gateva-Ivanova and van den Bergh [4, 8], Lu, Yan and Zhu [13], Rump [16, 17], Jespers and Okniński [10, 11] and others. Recall that a bijective map

$$r : \quad X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$$

$$(x,y) \mapsto (f_x(y), g_y(x))$$

is said to be left (respectively, right) non-degenerate if each map $f_x$ (respectively, $g_y$) is bijective. Note that, since $X$ is finite, one can show that an involutive solution of the braided equation is right non-degenerate and the map $r_{23}r_{12}r_{23}$ is a set-theoretic solution of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation.

In [8] it is shown that these monoids $S$ have a presentation

$$S = \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \mid x_i x_j = x_k x_l \rangle,$$

with $(n)_2$ defining relations so that every word $x_i x_j$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ appears at most once in one of the relations. Such a presentation induces a bijective map

$$r : \quad X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$$

defined by

$$r(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} (x_k, x_l), & \text{if } x_i x_j = x_k x_l \text{ is a defining relation for } S; \\ (x_i, x_j), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, $r$ is an involutive right non-degenerate solution of the braided equation. Conversely, for every involutive right non-degenerate solution of the braided equation $r : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ and every bijection $v : \{u_1, \ldots, u_n\} \to X$ there is a unique left $I$-structure $v : \text{FaM}_n \to S$ extending $v$, where $S$ is the semigroup given by the following presentation: $S = \langle X \mid ab = cd, \text{ if } r(a,b) = (c,d) \rangle$ ([11, Theorem 8.1.4])]}. Furthermore, it is proved in [8] that a monoid of left $I$-type has a group of fractions, which is called a group of left $I$-type.

$^1$The set-theoretic solutions $\mathcal{R}$ such that $r$ is involutive are called unitary in [16], and in [5], one then says that $(X, r)$ is a symmetric set.
In [10], Jespers and Okniński proved that a monoid $S$ is of left $I$-type if and only if it is of right $I$-type and obtained an alternative description of monoids and groups of $I$-type. Namely, it is shown that a monoid is of $I$-type if and only if it is isomorphic to a submonoid $S$ of the semidirect product $\text{FaM}_n \rtimes \text{Sym}_n$, with the natural action of $\text{Sym}_n$ on $\text{FaM}_n$ (that is, $\sigma(u_i) = u_{\sigma(i)}$ for $\sigma \in \text{Sym}_n$), so that the projection onto the first component is a bijective map, that is,

$$S = \{(a, \phi(a)) \mid a \in \text{FaM}_n\},$$

for some map $\phi: \text{FaM}_n \to \text{Sym}_n$. In that case the map $\phi$ extends uniquely to a map $\phi: \text{Fa}_n \to \text{Sym}_n$, where $\text{Fa}_n$ is the free abelian group of rank $n$, and the corresponding group of $I$-type $SS^{-1}$ is isomorphic to a subgroup $G$ of the semidirect product $\text{Fa}_n \rtimes \text{Sym}_n$ so that the projection onto the first component is a bijective map, that is,

$$(1) \quad G = \{(a, \phi(a)) \mid a \in \text{Fa}_n\}.$$ 

Note that if we put $f_{ui} = \phi(u_i)$, then $S = \{(u_i, f_{ui}) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and one can easily obtain the associated involutive non-degenerate solution $r: X^2 \to X^2$ defining the monoid of $I$-type. Indeed, if we set $X = \{u_1, \ldots, u_n\}$, then $r(u_i, u_j) = (f_{ui}(u_j), f_{ui}^{-1}(u_i))$. Obviously, $\phi(\text{Fa}_n) = \langle \phi(a) \mid a \in \text{Fa}_n \rangle = \langle f_{ui} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\rangle$. Note that, because of Proposition 2.2 in [5], if $(x, y) \to (f_x(y), g_y(x))$ is an involutive non-degenerate solution of the braided equation, then $T^{-1}g_yT = f_x$, where $T: X \to X$ is the bijective map defined by $T(y) = g_y^{-1}(y)$. Hence $\langle f_x : x \in X \rangle$ is isomorphic with $(g_x : x \in X)$.

So, in order to describe all involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation (equivalently the non-degenerate unitary set-theoretic solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation) one needs to characterize the groups of $I$-type. An important first step in this direction is to classify the finite groups that are of $I$-type. This has been generalized by Ben David and Ginosar [11] to more general extensions $H$ of $A$ by $G$ with a 1-cocycle from $G$ to $A$. This construction of Etingof and Gelaki and of Ben David and Ginosar gives rise to a group of central type in the sense of [11], i.e. a finite group $H$ with a 2-cocycle $c \in Z^2(H, C^*)$ such that the twisted group algebra $C^cH$ is isomorphic to a full matrix algebra over the complex numbers, or equivalently $H = K/Z(K)$ for a finite group $K$ with an irreducible character of degree $\sqrt{|K : Z(K)|}$. This provides a nice connection between IYB groups and
groups of central type that should be investigated. The authors thank Eli Aljadeff for pointing out this connection.

It is worth mentioning that the semigroup algebra \( FS \) of a monoid of \( I \)-type \( S \) over an arbitrary field \( F \) shares many properties with the polynomial algebra in finitely many commuting variables. For example, in \([5]\), it is shown that \( FS \) is a domain that satisfies a polynomial identity and that it is a maximal order in its classical ring of quotients. In particular, the group of \( I \)-type \( S S^{-1} \) is finitely generated abelian-by-finite and torsion free, i.e., it is a Bieberbach group \([8\, \text{Theorem}\, 1.7]\); see also \([10\, \text{Corollary}\, 8.27]\). The homological properties for \( FS \) were the main reasons for studying monoids of \( I \)-type in \([8]\), and it was inspired by earlier work of Tate and Van den Bergh on Sklyanin algebras.

In this paper we investigate group-theoretical properties of IYB groups. The content of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we collect several characterizations of IYB groups that can be found in the literature \([5, 16, 17]\). These allow us in Section 3 to prove that the class of IYB groups includes the following: finite abelian-by-cyclic groups, finite nilpotent groups of class 2, direct products and wreath products of IYB groups, semidirect products \( A \rtimes H \) with \( A \) a finite abelian group and \( H \) an IYB group, Hall subgroups of IYB groups, Sylow subgroups of symmetric groups \( \text{Sym}_n \). These results imply that any finite solvable group is isomorphic to a subgroup of an IYB group, and any finite nilpotent group is a subgroup of an IYB nilpotent group. It is unclear whether the class of IYB groups is closed for taking subgroups. As a consequence, we do not even know whether the class of IYB groups contains all finite nilpotent groups. At this point it nevertheless is tempting to conjecture that the class of IYB groups coincides with that of all solvable finite groups. To prove this, one would like to be able to lift the IYB structure from subgroups \( H \) or quotient groups \( G \) of a given group \( G \) to \( G \). In Section 4 we give some examples of IYB groups of minimal order that are not covered by the general results of Section 3. The last example, a 3-group of class 3, shows that not every IYB homomorphism (see Section 2 for the definition) of a quotient of \( G \) can be lifted to an IYB homomorphism of \( G \). This indicates that there is no obvious inductive process to prove that nilpotent finite groups are IYB. In Section 5 we consider the connection between set-theoretic solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation and IYB groups from a different perspective. If \( r(x_1, x_2) = (f_{x_1}(x_2), g_{x_2}(x_1)) \) is an involutive non-degenerate solution on a finite set \( X \) of the braided equation, then it is easy to produce, in an obvious manner, infinitely many solutions with the same associated IYB group, namely for every set \( Y \) let \( r_Y : (X \cup Y)^2 \to (X \cup Y)^2 \) be given by \( r_Y((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = ((f_{x_1}(x_2), y_1), (g_{x_2}(x_1), y_2)) \). We show an alternative way of obtaining another involutive non-degenerate solution on \( X \times X \) of the braided equation with the same associated IYB group, hence providing, in a non-obvious fashion, infinitely many set-theoretic solutions of the Yang-Baxter equation for the same IYB group.

### 2. A characterization of IYB groups

In this section we collect several characterizations of IYB groups that can be found in the literature \([5, 16, 17]\).

In \([16]\), Rump introduces cycle sets. A cycle set is a set \( X \) with a binary operation \( X^2 \to X \), denoted by \( (x, y) \mapsto x \cdot y \), such that the left multiplication \( y \mapsto x \cdot y \) is
bijective for all \( x \in X \), and the equation

\[
(x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z) = (y \cdot x) \cdot (y \cdot z)
\]

holds for all \( x, y, z \in X \). By [10] Proposition 4 and Theorem 2, there is a bijective correspondence between finite cycle sets and non-degenerate unitary set-theoretic solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation. Indeed, for a finite cycle set \( X \) the corresponding involutive non-degenerate solution of the braided equation is

\[
r : X^2 \to X^2 \text{ defined by } r(x, y) = (f_x(y), g_y(x)),
\]

where \( g_x^{-1}(y) = x \cdot y \) and \( f_y(x) = g_x(y) \cdot x \) for all \( x, y \in X \).

A cycle set \( A \) with an abelian group structure is called linear if \( a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \) and \( (a + b) \cdot c = (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot c) \) for every \( a, b, c \in A \).

In [14], Rump introduced a new entity, called a brace. Recall that this is an abelian (additive) group \( A \) with a multiplication \( A \times A \to A \) such that for all \( a, b, c \in A \),

1. \( (a + b)c = ac + bc \),
2. \( a(bc + b + c) = (ab)c + ab + ac \),
3. the map \( x \mapsto xa + x \) is bijective.

Let \( A \) be a brace. The circle operation on \( A \) is defined by

\[
a \circ a = ab + a + b.
\]

By [14] Proposition 4, \( A \) is a group with respect to the circle operation, denoted by \( A^\circ \), and it is called the adjoint group of the brace \( A \). The neutral element of the adjoint group \( A^\circ \) is 0, the same as the neutral element of the abelian group \( A \). The inverse of \( a \in A^\circ \) is denoted by \( a^\prime \).

**Theorem 2.1.** The following conditions are equivalent for a finite group \( G \).

1. \( G \cong \langle f_x : x \in X \rangle \) (equivalently \( G \cong \langle g_x : x \in X \rangle \)), for \( (x, y) \in X^2 \mapsto (f_x(y), g_y(x)) \) a non-degenerate involutive solution of the braided equation.
2. \( G \cong \varphi(Fa_n) \) for a subgroup \{ \( \varphi(a) : a \in Fa_n \) \} of \( Fa_n \times Sym_n \).
3. There is an abelian group \( A \), an action of \( G \) on \( A \) and a bijective 1-cocycle \( G \to A \).
4. There is a finite cycle set \( X \) such that \( G \cong \langle \sigma(X) \rangle \), where \( \sigma : X \to Sym_X \) is the map defined by \( \sigma(x)(y) = x \cdot y \).
5. There is a finite linear cycle set \( A \) such that \( G \cong \langle A, \circ \rangle \), where \( \circ \) is the operation defined by \( a \circ b = \sigma(b)^{-1}(a) + b \) and \( \sigma : A \to Sym_A \) is the map defined by \( \sigma(x)(y) = x \cdot y \).
6. There is a brace \( A \) such that \( G \cong A^\circ \).
7. There exists a group homomorphism \( \eta : G \to Sym_Z \) satisfying
   \[
   \eta(x)(y)x = \eta(y)(x)y,
   \]
   for all \( x, y \in G \).
8. There exist a generating subset \( Z \) of \( G \) and a group homomorphism \( \eta : G \to Sym_Z \) satisfying \( \eta(x)(y)x = \eta(y)(x)y \) for all \( x, y \in Z \).

**Proof:** The equivalence of (i)-(iii) is proved in [14] (see Proposition 2.2, Theorems 2.9 and 2.10 and Proposition 2.11 of [3], noting that for every bijective cocycle datum \((G, A, \rho, \pi)\), there exists a faithful generating set structure \((X, \rho', \phi)\)). The equivalence of (i) and (iv) follows from Proposition 1 in [14]. More precisely, if \( (x, y) \mapsto (f_x(y), g_y(x)) \) is an involutive solution of the braided equation, then \( x \cdot y = \)
$g_x^{-1}(y)$ makes $X$ into a cycle set. Conversely, if $x \cdot y = \sigma(x)(y)$ endows $X$ with a cycle set structure, then $(x,y) \mapsto (f_x(y),g_x(x))$ is an involutive solution of the braided equation, where $g_x(y) = \sigma(x)^{-1}(y)$, and $f_x(y) = g_y(x) \cdot y$ for every $x,y \in X$. The equivalence of (iii), (v) and (vi) follows from Propositions 2, 3 and 5 and Remark 2 of [17].

(vi) implies (vii). Let $A$ be a brace and assume that $G = A^\circ$. Then $\eta(a)(b) = ba + b$ defines a group homomorphism $\eta : G \to \text{Sym}_G$ and we have $\eta(a)(b) \circ a = (ba+b)a+ba+b+a = (ba')a+ba+ba+b+a = b(a'a+a')+b+a = b0+b+a = b+a$. Hence $\eta(a)(b) \circ a = \eta(b)(a) \circ b$.

(vii) implies (viii) is obvious.

(viii) implies (iv). Let $\eta : G = \langle Z \rangle \to \text{Sym}_Z$ be a map satisfying condition [2]. Let $\alpha : G \to \text{Sym}_Y$ be a group monomorphism, for some finite set $Y$ such that $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$. Let $X = Y \cup Z$. We define

$$y \cdot x = x, \quad z \cdot y = \alpha(z)(y) \quad \text{and} \quad z \cdot z' = \eta(z)(z'),$$

for all $x \in X$, $y \in Y$ and $z,z' \in Z$. Let $\sigma : X \to \text{Sym}_X$ be the map defined by $\sigma(x)(t) = x \cdot t$. Since $\alpha$ and $\eta$ are group homomorphisms, the restriction of $\sigma$ to $Z$, $\sigma|_Z : Z \to \text{Sym}_Z$, extends to a group homomorphism $f : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ which is injective, because so is $\alpha$. Thus $G \cong f(G) = \langle \sigma(X) \rangle$. Furthermore, if $x \in Y$ and $t,w \in X$, we have

$$(x \cdot t) \cdot (x \cdot w) = t \cdot w = (t \cdot x) \cdot (t \cdot w),$$

since $t \cdot x \in Y$. If $x,t \in Z$ and $w \in X$, then

$$(x \cdot t) \cdot (x \cdot w) = \eta(x)(t) \cdot \sigma(x)(w) = \sigma(\eta(x)(t))(\sigma(x)(w)) = f(\eta(x)(t))(\sigma(x)(w)) = f(\eta(x)(t))(\sigma(t)(w)) = \eta(t)(x) \cdot \sigma(t)(w) = (t \cdot x) \cdot (t \cdot w).$$

It follows that $(X,\cdot)$ is a cycle set. \qed

Let $G$ be a finite group. Suppose that there exist a generating subset $Z$ of $G$ and a group homomorphism $\eta : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ such that $\eta(x)(y)x = \eta(y)(x)y$ for all $x,y \in Z$. Note that if $G^{\text{op}}$ denotes the opposite group of $G$, then the map $\mu : G^{\text{op}} \to \text{Sym}_Z$ defined by $\mu(x) = \eta(x)^{-1}$ is a group homomorphism and in $G^{\text{op}}$ we have

$$x\mu(x)^{-1}(y) = y\mu(y)^{-1}(x)$$

for all $x,y \in Z$. Since $G \cong G^{\text{op}}$, it follows from Theorem [21] that a finite group $G$ is IYB if and only if there exist a generating subset $Z$ of $G$ and a group homomorphism $\mu : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ satisfying (3) for all $x,y \in Z$. In that case, there exists a group homomorphism $\mu : G \to \text{Sym}_G$ satisfying condition (3). Such a group homomorphism we call an IYB morphism of $G$.

3. The class of IYB groups

In this section we prove that some classes of groups consist of IYB groups and that the class of IYB groups is closed under some constructions. We start with some easy consequences of the characterization of IYB groups in terms of 1-cocycles.

Recall from the introduction that every group of $I$-type is solvable, and henceforth so is every IYB group. For the sake of completeness, we include a proof, which is essentially the proof of [5, Theorem 2.15]. Indeed, if $\pi : G \to A$ is a bijective
1-cocycle, then the 1-cocycle condition implies that if $B$ is a characteristic subgroup of $A$, then $\pi^{-1}(B)$ is a subgroup of $G$. In particular, if $p$ is a prime and $P$ is the Hall $p'$-subgroup of $A$, then $\pi^{-1}(P)$ is a Hall $p'$-subgroup of $G$. By a theorem of P. Hall [15, 9.1.8], $G$ is solvable.

**Corollary 3.1.** If $G$ is an IYB group, then its Hall subgroups are also IYB.

**Proof.** Assume that $G$ is an IYB group. By Theorem 2.1 there is a bijective 1-cocycle $\pi : G \to A$, for some abelian group $A$. If $B$ is a Hall subgroup of $A$, then $B$ is invariant under the action of $G$ and hence $H = \pi^{-1}(B)$ is a subgroup of $G$ of the same order as $B$. Then the restriction of $\pi$ to $H$, $\pi|_H : H \to B$, is a bijective 1-cocycle, with respect to the action of $H$ restricted to $B$. \qed

**Corollary 3.2.** The class of IYB groups is closed under direct products.

**Proof.** Let $G_1$ and $G_2$ be IYB groups. By Theorem 2.1 there are bijective 1-cocycles $\pi_i : G_i \to A_i$ with respect to some action of $G_i$ on an abelian group $A_i$ ($i = 1, 2$). Then $\pi_1 \times \pi_2 : G_1 \times G_2 \to A_1 \times A_2$ is a bijective 1-cocycle with respect to the obvious action of $G_1 \times G_2$ on $A_1 \times A_2$, namely $(g_1, g_2)(a_1, a_2) = (g_1(a_1), g_2(a_2))$. \qed

The next two results provide more closure properties of the class of IYB groups.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let $G$ be a finite group such that $G = AH$, where $A$ is an abelian normal subgroup of $G$ and $H$ is an IYB subgroup of $G$. Suppose that there is a bijective 1-cocycle $\pi : H \to B$, with respect to an action of $H$ on the abelian group $B$ such that $H \cap A$ acts trivially on $B$. Then $G$ is an IYB group.

In particular, every semidirect product $A \rtimes H$ of a finite abelian group $A$ by an IYB group $H$ is IYB.

**Proof.** Let $N = \{(h^{-1}, \pi(h)) \in H \times B \mid h \in H \cap A\}$. Since $H \cap A$ acts trivially on $B$, $\pi(ah) = \pi(a)\pi(h)$ for every $a \in A \cap H$ and $h \in H$. It follows that $N$ is a subgroup of $A \times B$.

Let $C = (A \times B)/N$ and let $[(a, b)]$ denote the class of $(a, b) \in A \times B$ modulo $N$. Note that $|G| = |C|$. Define the following action of $G$ on $C$:

$$g(a, b) = (gag^{-1}, h(b)),$$

for all $a \in A$, $b \in B$ and $g = a' h \in G$, with $a' \in A$ and $h \in H$. We shall see that this is well defined and it indeed is an action. Let $a, a' \in A$ and $b, b' \in B$ such that $(a, b) = (a', b')$. We have $h^{-1} = a^{-1} a' \in H \cap A$ and $\pi(h) = b^{-1} b'$. Let $g = a_1 h_1 = a_2 h_2 \in G$, with $a_1, a_2 \in A$ and $h_1, h_2 \in H$. Since $A$ is an abelian normal subgroup of $G$, we have

$$(gag^{-1}^{-1} ga' g^{-1} = h_1 a^{-1} a' h_1^{-1} = h_1 h_1^{-1} h_1 h_1^{-1} \in H \cap A)$$

and

$$h_2^{-1} h_1 = h_2^{-1} (h_1 h_2^{-1} h_2 = h_2^{-1} (a_1^{-1} a_2 h_2) h_2 \in H \cap A).$$

Since $h, h_2^{-1} h_1 \in H \cap A$ and $H \cap A$ acts trivially on $B$, we have

$$\pi((gag^{-1}^{-1} ga' g^{-1}^{-1}) = \pi(h_1 h h_1^{-1}) = \pi(h_1) h_1 (\pi(h h_1^{-1}))$$

$$= \pi(h_1) h_1 (\pi(h) \pi(h_1^{-1})) = \pi(h_1) h_1 (\pi(h)) h_1 (\pi(h_1^{-1}))$$

$$= \pi(h_1) h_1 (\pi(h_1^{-1})) h_1 (\pi(h)) = \pi(h_1 h_1^{-1}) h_1 (\pi(h))$$

$$= h_1 (\pi(h)) = h_1 (b^{-1} b')$$

$$= h_1 (b^{-1} h_1 (b')) = h_2 (b^{-1} h_1 (b')).$$
Hence \((ga^{-1}h_2(b)) = (ga'g^{-1}, h_1(b'))\). Furthermore, if \(g, g' \in G\), \(g = bh\) and \(g' = b'h'\), with \(b, b' \in A\) and \(h, h' \in H\), then we have \(gg' = (bb'h^{-1})hh'\) and
\[(gg')(a,b) = ((gg')a(1)(1)^{-1}, (hh')((b))) = (g(g'a)(1)^{-1}g^{-1}, h(h'(b))) = g(g(a,b)).\]
Therefore we have a well-defined action of \(G\) on \(C\).

We define \(\tilde{\pi}: G \to C\) by
\[
\tilde{\pi}(g) = (a, \pi(h))
\]
for all \(g \in G\) with \(g = ah\), where \(a \in A\) and \(h \in H\). Note that if \(g = ah = a'h'\) with \(a, a' \in A\) and \(h, h' \in H\), then \(a^{-1}a' = hh'^{-1} \in H \cap A\), \(h^{-1}h' = h'^{-1}(hh'^{-1})^{-1}h' \in H \cap A\) and hence
\[
\pi((a^{-1}a')^{-1}) = \pi(h'h^{-1}) = \pi(h'h')(\pi(h^{-1}))
\]
\[
= \pi(h'h'h'^{-1})(\pi(h^{-1})) = \pi(h')h(\pi(h^{-1}))
\]
\[
= \pi(h')\pi(h)^{-1},
\]
because \(H \cap A\) acts trivially on \(B\). Hence \(\tilde{\pi}\) is well defined. Let \(g_1 = a_1h_1\) and \(g_2 = a_2h_2\), with \(a_1, a_2 \in A\) and \(h_1, h_2 \in H\). We have
\[
\tilde{\pi}(g_1g_2) = \tilde{\pi}((a_1h_1a_2h_1^{-1})h_1h_2) = \tilde{\pi}(a_1a_2, h_1h_2) = (a_1, \pi(h_1))(a_2, \pi(h_2)) = (a_1, \pi(h_1))g_1(a_2, \pi(h_2)) = \tilde{\pi}(g_1)g_2(\tilde{\pi}(g_2)).
\]
Hence \(\tilde{\pi}\) is a bijective 1-cocycle and we conclude that \(G\) is an IYB group, by Theorem 2.1.

Note that in the framework of braces, Theorem 3.3 can be rephrased as follows. Let \(G\) be a finite group so that \(G = AH\) with \(A\) an abelian normal subgroup and assume that the subgroup \(H\) is the adjoint group of a brace \(B\) such that \(H \cap A\) acts trivially on \(B\) (i.e., \(bh + b = b\) for every \(b \in B\) and \(h \in H \cap A\)). Then \(G\) is IYB. The proof in this context however is not shorter.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let \(N\) and \(H\) be IYB groups and let \(\pi_N : N \to A\) be a bijective 1-cocycle with respect to an action of \(N\) on an abelian group \(A\). If \(\gamma : H \to \text{Aut}(N)\) and \(\delta : H \to \text{Aut}(A)\) are actions of \(H\) on \(N\) and \(A\) respectively such that \(\delta(h)\pi_N = \pi_N\gamma(h)\) for every \(h \in H\), then the semidirect product \(N \rtimes H\), with respect to the action \(\gamma\), is an IYB group.

**Proof.** Let \(\alpha : N \to \text{Aut}(A)\) be an action of \(N\) on the abelian group \(A\) such that \(\pi_N : N \to A\) is a bijective 1-cocycle. Let \(\pi_H : H \to B\) be a bijective 1-cocycle with respect to the action \(\beta : H \to \text{Aut}(B)\). We are going to denote by \(\alpha_n, \beta_h, \gamma_h\) and \(\delta_h\) the images of \(n \in N\) or \(h \in H\) under the respective maps \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma\) and \(\delta\).

If \(h \in H\) and \(n_1, n_2 \in N\), then
\[
\delta_h\pi_N(n_1) \delta_h\alpha_{n_1}(\pi_N(n_2)) = \delta_h(\pi_N(n_1) \alpha_{n_1}(\pi_N(n_2))) = \delta_h\pi_N(n_1n_2)
\]
\[
= \pi_N\gamma_h(n_1n_2) = \pi_N(\gamma_h(n_1)\gamma_h(n_2))
\]
\[
= \pi_N\gamma_h(n_1)\alpha_{\gamma_h(n_1)}(\pi_N\gamma_h(n_2))
\]
\[
= \delta_h\pi_N(n_1)\alpha_{\gamma_h(n_1)}\delta_h(\pi_N(n_2)).
\]
This shows that
\[
(4) \quad \delta_h\alpha_n = \alpha_{\gamma_h(n)}\delta_h
\]
for every \(h \in H\) and \(n \in N\).
Corollary 3.5. Let $G$ and the map $\overline{\cdot}$ be a group homomorphism. Let $\overline{\alpha}$ be a subgroup of $(\overline{\cdot})$. Furthermore the map $\overline{\cdot}$ on $G$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of an IYB group, by Corollary 3.5.

Since finite abelian groups are IYB groups, the result follows by Corollary 3.5. Thus $\sigma$ is an action of $G$ on $A \times B$.

Let $\pi : G \to A \times B$ be given by $\pi(nh) = (\pi_N(n), \pi_H(h))$. Since both $\pi_N : N \to A$ and $\pi_H : H \to B$ are bijective, so is $\pi$. Moreover

$$\pi(n_1h_1n_2h_2) = \pi(n_1\gamma_{h_1}(n_2)h_1h_2) = (\pi_N(n_1\gamma_{h_1}(n_2)), \pi_H(h_1h_2)) = (\pi_N(n_1)\alpha_{n_1}\gamma_{h_1}(n_2), \pi_H(h_1)\delta_{h_1}(\pi_H(h_2))) = (\pi_N(n_1)\alpha_{n_1}\gamma_{h_1}(n_2)) = (\pi_N(n_1))$$

for all $n_1, n_2 \in N$ and $h_1, h_2 \in H$. Thus $\pi$ is a bijective 1-cocycle and we conclude that $G$ is an IYB group.

Corollary 3.6. Let $G$ be an IYB group and $H$ an IYB subgroup of $\text{Sym}_n$. Then the wreath product $G \wr H$ of $G$ and $H$ is an IYB group.

Proof. Recall that $W = G \wr H$ is the semidirect product $G^n \rtimes H$, where the action of $H$ on $G^n$ is given by $\gamma(h)(g_1, \ldots, g_n) = (g_i(h), \ldots, g_n(h))$. Since $G$ is an IYB group, there is an action on an abelian group $A$ which admits a bijective 1-cocycle $\pi : G \to A$. This action, applied componentwise, induces an action $\alpha$ of $G^n$ on $A^n$ and the map $\tilde{\pi} : G^n \to A^n$, which acts as $\pi$ componentwise, is a bijective 1-cocycle (see the proof of Corollary 3.2). Furthermore the map $\delta : H \to \text{Aut}(A^n)$, given by $\delta_h(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = (a_{h(1)}, \ldots, a_{h(n)})$, for all $h \in H$ and $(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in A^n$, is an action of $H$ on $A^n$ such that $\delta_h \tilde{\pi} = \tilde{\pi} \gamma_h$ for every $h \in H$. Thus $W$ is an IYB group, by Theorem 3.4.

Corollary 3.7. Any finite solvable group is isomorphic to a subgroup of an IYB group.

Proof. Let $G$ be a finite solvable group. By [9] Satz I.15.9, it is easy to see that $G$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $(\ldots((A_1 \wr A_2) \wr A_3) \ldots) \wr A_n$, where

$$(1) = G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq G_n = G$$

is a subnormal series for $G$ with abelian quotients $A_i = G_i/G_{i-1}$, for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Since finite abelian groups are IYB groups, the result follows by Corollary 3.5.

Corollary 3.7. Let $n$ be a positive integer. Then the Sylow subgroups of $\text{Sym}_n$ are IYB groups.
Proof. It is known that the Sylow $p$-subgroups of $\text{Sym}_n$ are isomorphic to a group of the form $G_1 \times G_2$ or $G_1 \wr C_p$, where $G_1, G_2, G_3$ are Sylow $p$-subgroup of $\text{Sym}_{m_1}$, $\text{Sym}_{m_2}$, $\text{Sym}_{m_3}$, respectively, for some $m_1, m_2, m_3 < n$. [14] pages 10,11]. Since $C_p$ is an IYB group, the result follows from Corollaries 3.2 and 3.3 by induction on $n$. \qed

As a consequence of this result and Corollary 3.2, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.8.** Any finite nilpotent group is isomorphic to a subgroup of an IYB nilpotent group.

The next result yields many examples of IYB groups.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let $G$ be a finite group having a normal sequence

$$1 = G_0 \vartriangleleft G_1 \vartriangleleft \cdots \vartriangleleft G_{n-1} \vartriangleleft G_n = G$$

satisfying the following conditions:

(i) For every $1 \leq i \leq n$, $G_i = G_{i-1}A_i$ for some abelian subgroup $A_i$.

(ii) $(G_{i-1} \cap (A_i \cdots A_n), G_{i-1}) = 1.$

(iii) $A_i$ is normalized by $A_j$ for every $i < j$.

Then $G$ is an IYB group.

Proof. Assumption (iii) implies that for every $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, either $A_i$ normalizes $A_j$ or $A_j$ normalizes $A_i$. Thus $A_iA_j$ is a subgroup of $G$ and $A_iA_j = A_jA_i$. Furthermore $G_i = A_1 \cdots A_i$ and, in particular, $Z = A_1 \cap \cdots \cap A_n$ is a generating subset of $G$. We set $H_i = A_{i+1} \cdots A_n$ for every $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then $A_i$ normalizes $G_j$ and $H_i$ normalizes $A_j$ for every $j \leq i$. In particular, $G_i \trianglelefteq G$ for every $i$. Every $g \in G$ can be written, in a non-necessarily unique way, as $g = g_{i_1}g_{i_2}$ with $g_{i_1} \in G_i$ and $g_{i_2} \in H_i$.

Define $\mu : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ by

$$\mu(g)(a) = g_{i(i-1)}2ag_{(i-1)2}^{-1},$$

for every $g \in G$ and $a \in A_i$, with $i \geq 1$. We need to show that the map $\mu$ is well defined. So let $g = a_1 \cdots a_n = b_1 \cdots b_n$, with $a_j, b_j \in A_j$, for every $j = 1, \ldots, n$ and let $a \in A_i$. We can take $g_{i_1} = a_1 \cdots a_i \in G_i$ and $g_{i_2} = a_{i+1} \cdots a_n \in H_i$, or we can take $\bar{g}_{i_1} = b_1 \cdots b_i \in G_i$ and $\bar{g}_{i_2} = b_{i+1} \cdots b_n \in H_i$. Since $G_i \trianglelefteq G$ and $g_{i_1}g_{i_2} = \bar{g}_{i_1}\bar{g}_{i_2}$,

$$\bar{g}_{i_2}^{-1}g_{i_2} = \bar{g}_{i_2}^{-1}g_{i_1}^{-1}\bar{g}_{i_1}\bar{g}_{i_2}^{-1} \in G_i \cap H_i.$$  

Hence, by condition (ii), $\bar{g}_{i_1}^{-1}g_{i_2}ag_{i_2}^{-1}\bar{g}_{i_2} = a$. Thus

$$g_{i_2}ag_{i_2}^{-1} = \bar{g}_{i_2}^{-1}\bar{g}_{i_2}^{-1} \in A_i.$$  

Since $A_i$ is abelian, conjugating by $a_i$ on the left side of the previous equality and by $b_i$ on the right side we have

$$g_{i(i-1)2} = \bar{g}_{i(i-1)2}.$$  

Suppose that $a \in A_i \cap A_{i'}$ with $i' < i$. Since $H_i$ normalizes both $A_i$ and $A_{i'}$ and $A_i$ is abelian we have

$$g_{i(i-1)2}ag_{i(i-1)2}^{-1}a_i^{-1}g_{i(i-1)2}^{-1} \in A_{i'} \cap A_i \subseteq G_{i-1} \cap A_i.$$  

Therefore, $G_{i(i-1)2}$ is abelian. Since $G_i$ and $G_{i(i-1)2}$ are abelian, conjugating by $a_i$ on the left side of the previous equality and by $b_i$ on the right side we have

$$g_{i(i-1)2}ag_{i(i-1)2}^{-1} = a_{i'}g_{i(i-1)2}^{-1}a_i^{-1}g_{i(i-1)2}^{-1} \in A_{i'} \cap A_i \subseteq G_{i-1} \cap A_i.$$  

Therefore, $G_{i(i-1)2}$ is abelian.
Since \( g_{i' - 1}^{-1}g_{i - 1}^{-1} = a_i a_{i' + 1} \cdots a_{i - 1} \in G_{i - 1} \), by (ii),
\[
g_{i' - 1}^{-1}g_{i - 1}^{-1} = g_{i' - 1}^{-1}g_{i - 1}^{-1}.
\]
Therefore \( \mu \) is well defined.

Let \( g, h \in G \) and \( a \in A_i \). Then, with the above notation,
\[
\mu(gh)(a) = \mu(g_i g_2 h_1 h_2)(a) = \mu(g_i g_2 h_1 g_2^{-1})(g_2 h_2)(a)
= \mu(g_i 2 h_2)(a) = g_2 h_2 a h_1^{-1} = \mu(g) \mu(h)(a).
\]
Hence \( \mu \) is a group homomorphism.

Let \( a \in A_i \) and \( b \in A_j \) with \( i \leq j \). Then
\[
a \mu(a)^{-1}(b) = ab = bh^{-1}ab = b \mu(b)^{-1}(a).
\]
By Theorem 2.1 \( G \) is an IYB group. \( \square \)

**Corollary 3.10.** Let \( G \) be a finite group. If \( G = NA \), where \( N \) and \( A \) are two abelian subgroups of \( G \) and \( N \) is normal in \( G \), then \( G \) is an IYB group.

In particular, every abelian-by-cyclic finite group is IYB.

**Corollary 3.11.** Every finite nilpotent group of class 2 is IYB.

**Proof.** Let \( G \) be a finite nilpotent group of class 2. Then there exist \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \in G \) such that \( G/Z(G) \) is the inner direct product of \( \langle x_1 \rangle, \ldots, \langle x_n \rangle \), where \( x \) denotes the class of \( x \in G \) modulo its center \( Z(G) \). Let \( A_i = \langle \{ x_i \} \cup Z(G) \rangle \), for all \( i = 1, \ldots, n \). Let \( G_i = A_1 \cdots A_i \), for all \( i = 1, \ldots, n \). It is easy to check that the group \( G \) and the subgroups \( A_i \) and \( G_i \) satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 3.9. Hence \( G \) is an IYB group. \( \square \)

### 4. Examples

In Section 8 we have given some sufficient conditions for a finite group to be IYB. In this section we present some examples of IYB that are not covered by these results.

**Example 4.1.** A group of smallest order not satisfying the conditions of Theorem 3.9 is
\[
G = Q_8 \ltimes C_3 = \langle x, y, a \mid x^4 = x^2 y^2 = a^3 = 1, x^9 = x^{-1}, a x a^{-1} = y, a y a^{-1} = x y \rangle.
\]
One may try to show that \( G \) is IYB by using Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.10. However, the straightforward approach does not work. Nevertheless, we can still show that \( G \) is IYB as follows.

Let \( Z = \{ x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}, x y, y x, a \} \) and define \( \mu : Z \to \text{Sym}_Z \) by
\[
\mu(x) = \mu(x^{-1}) = (x, x^{-1})(y, y^{-1}), \quad \mu(y) = \mu(y^{-1}) = (y, y^{-1})(x y, y x),
\]
\[
\mu(x y) = \mu(y x) = (x, x^{-1})(y x, y x), \quad \mu(a) = (x, y, x y)(x^{-1}, y^{-1}, y x).
\]
Note that \( \mu(x) \mu(y) = \mu(x y) \), \( \mu(x)^4 = \mu(x)^2 \mu(y)^2 = \mu(a)^3 \) is id, \( \mu(x)^a(y) = \mu(x^{-1}), \mu(a) \mu(x) \mu(a)^{-1} = \mu(y), \mu(a) \mu(y) \mu(a)^{-1} = \mu(x) \mu(y) \). Hence \( \mu \) extends to a homomorphism \( \mu : Q_8 \ltimes C_3 \to \text{Sym}_Z \). It is easy to check that
\[
\mu(u^{-1})(v) = v \mu(v)^{-1}(u)
\]
for all \( u, v \in Z \). Therefore, \( Q_8 \ltimes C_3 \) is an IYB group, by Theorem 2.1. \( \square \)
Example 4.2. By Corollary 3.10 every abelian-by-cyclic group is IYB. However it is not clear whether every cyclic-by-abelian group is IYB. In this example we show that some class of cyclic-by-abelian groups consists of IYB groups. It includes all cyclic-by-two generated abelian p-groups.

Consider the following cyclic-by-abelian group of order $nq_1q_2$:

$$G = \langle a, b, c \mid a^n = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{s_1}, cac^{-1} = a^{s_2}, b^{q_1} = a^{s_3}, c^{q_2} = a^{s_4}, b^{c}c^{-1} = a^{t}b \rangle.$$  

Then the following conditions hold, where $o_n(r)$ denotes the multiplicative order of $r$ modulo $n$ (for $(r, n) = 1$):

$$o_n(r_i)|q_i \quad \text{(because } (a, b_i^{q_i}) = 1),$$

$$s_i(r_i - 1) \equiv 0 \mod n \quad \text{(because } (a^{s_1}, b = 1 = (a^{s_2}, c)),$$

$$t \sum_{j=0}^{q_1-1} r_1^j \equiv s_1(r_2 - 1) \mod n \quad \text{(because } (a^{b_1}b^{q_1}) = ca^{s_1}c^{-1}),$$

$$-t \sum_{j=0}^{q_2-1} r_2^j \equiv s_2(r_1 - 1) \mod n \quad \text{(because } (a^{-1}c)^{q_2} = ba^{s_2}b^{-1}).$$

We also assume that there is an integer $u$ such that

$$r_1 - 1 \equiv u(r_2 - 1) \mod n.$$

Let $A = \langle a \rangle$. Set $Z = \{a, a^2, \ldots, a^{n-1}, b, ab, \ldots, a^{n-1}b, c\}$, a generating subset of $G$, and let $f, g \in \text{Sym}_Z$ be given by

$$f : \begin{cases} a^i \mapsto a^{ir_1} & (1 \leq i < n), \\
    a^j b \mapsto a^{tu + r_1j}b & (0 \leq j < n), \\
    c \mapsto c,
\end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = cxc^{-1}, \text{ for each } x \in Z.$$  

We claim that

$$f^{q_1} = g^{q_1} = (f, g) = 1. \quad \text{(6)}$$

Since $c^{q_2} = a^{s_2}$ and $s_2(r_2 - 1) \equiv 0 \mod n$ and $s_2(r_1 - 1) \equiv us_2(r_2 - 1) \equiv 0 \mod n$, one has that $c^{q_2} \in Z(G)$ and so $g^{q_2} = 1$. Notice that $f(a^i) = ba^ib^{-1}$ for each $i$.

Since $b^{q_1} \in \langle a \rangle$, one has $f^{q_1}(a^i) = a^i$. On the other hand,

$$tu(1 + r_1 + r_1^2 + \cdots + r_1^{q_1-1}) \equiv us_1(r_1 - 1) \equiv s_1(r_1 - 1) \equiv 0 \mod n.$$

Using this and that $o_n(r_1)|q_1$, one has

$$f^{q_1}(a^i b) = a^{tu(1 + r_1 + r_1^2 + \cdots + r_1^{q_1-1}) + r_1^{q_1}j}b = a^{i}b.$$

This shows that $f^{q_1} = 1$. Now we check that $gf = fg$. Since the actions of $f$ and $g$ on the powers of $a$ are by conjugation by $b$ and $c$, respectively, the action of $(f, g)$ on these powers is by conjugation by $(b, c) = a^t$ and so $(f, g)(a^i) = a^i$. Finally

$$gf(a^j b) = g(a^{tu + r_1j}b) = a^{(tu + r_1j)r_2 + t}b = a^{tu(r_2 - 1) + tu + r_1r_2j + t}b$$

$$= a^{(r_1 - 1)tu + r_1r_2j + t}b = a^{(r_1 + r_2)j + t}b = f(a^{r_2j + t}b) = f(a^{r_2j + t}b).$$

This proves the claim.

Since $G/A \cong C_{q_1} \times C_{q_2}$, there is a group homomorphism $\mu : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ such that $\mu(a) = \text{id}$, $\mu(b) = f$ and $\mu(c) = g$. Now we check (3) for all $x, y, Z$. If $x \in \langle a \rangle$, then $\mu(x) = \text{id}$ and $\mu(y)(x) = xxy^{-1}$. Thus $x\mu(x)^{-1}(y) = xy = y(x^{-1}y)$ as wanted. If $x = c$, then $\mu(y)(x) = x$ and $\mu(x)(y) = xy^{-1}$. Again $x\mu(x)^{-1}(y) = xx^{-1}yx = yx = y\mu(y)^{-1}(x)$. By symmetry, (3) also holds if $y \in \langle a \rangle \cup \{c\}$. If $v$ is
an inverse of $r_1$ modulo $n$, then $f^{-1}(a^ib) = a^{v(j-tw)}b$. Thus, for $x = a^ib, y = a^jb$, one has

$$x\mu(x)^{-1}(y) = x f^{-1}(y) = a^ib a^{v(j-tw)}b = a^{i+r_1v(j-tw)}b = a^{i+j-tw}b^2$$

$$= a^{i+r_1v(i-tw)}b = a^ib a^{v(i-tw)}b = y f^{-1}(x) = y\mu(y)^{-1}(x).$$

We conclude that if condition (5) holds, then, by Theorem 2.1, $G$ is an IYB group. Notice that if $n$ is a prime power, then, by interchanging the roles of $b$ and $c$, if needed, one may assume that condition (5) holds because the lattice of additive subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is linearly ordered. So if $G$ has a normal cyclic $p$-subgroup $A$ such that $G/A$ is 2-generated and abelian, then $G$ is IYB. \hfill $\Box$

**Example 4.3.** By Corollaries 3.10 and 3.11 every nilpotent group of class at most 2 is IYB and every group which is a product of two abelian subgroups, one of them normal, is IYB. In this example we consider a 3-group of minimal order not satisfying any of these properties. Namely let $G$ be the group given by the following presentation:

$$G = \langle a, b, c, d, e \mid a, b \in Z(G), \, dc = acd, \, ec = bce, \, ed = cde, \, a^3 = b^3 = c^3 = d^3 = e^3 = 1 \rangle.$$ 

If $i_1, i_2 \in \{0, 1, 2\}, j_1, j_2 \in \{0, 1\}$, then

$$d^{i_1}e^{j_1}d^{i_2}e^{j_2} = a^{2i_2(i_2-1)j_1+j_1i_2j_2}d^{i_1+i_2}e^{j_1+j_2}.$$ 

Let $H = \langle G', d \rangle$ and $Z = H \cup He$. Let $D, E \in \text{Sym}_Z$ be given by

$$D(n^d e^j) = d^{n}a^{i+2ij}b^{2i}c^{2j}d^i e^j \quad \text{and} \quad E(n^d e^j) = e^{n}a^{i+2ij}b^{2i}c^{2j}d^i e^j$$

for all $n \in G'$, $i = 0, 1, 2$; $j = 0, 1$.

If $n \in G'$, $i = 0, 1, 2$ and $j = 0, 1$, then

$$D^k(n^d e^j) = D^k(n) D^k(d^i) D^k(e^j) = d^{kn}a^{k(i+2ij)}+k(k-1)j b^{2ik} c^{2kj} d^i e^j$$

and

$$E^k(n^d e^j) = E^k(n) E^k(d^i) E^k(e^j) = e^{kn}a^{k(i+2ij)}+k(k-1)j b^{2ik} c^{2kj} d^i e^j$$

for all positive integer $k$. Moreover,

$$ED(n^d e^j) = E(d^{n}a^{i+2ij}b^{2i}c^{2j}d^i e^j) = e^{n}a^{i+2ij}b^{2(i+j)} c^{2j} d^{i+j} e^j$$

$$= c^{(dne^{-1}d^{-1})e^{-1}a^{i+2ij}b^{2(i+j)} c^{2j} d^{i+j} e^j}$$

$$= d^{ne^{-1}d^{-1}a^{i+2ij}b^{2(i+j)} c^{2j} d^{i+j} e^j}$$

$$= D(e^{n}a^{i+2ij}b^{2(i+j)} c^{2j} d^{i+j} e^j) = DE(n^d e^j).$$

Thus $ED = DE$ and $D^3 = E^3 = 1$ and therefore there is a unique group homomorphism $\mu : G \to \text{Sym}_Z$ such that $\mu(G') = 1$, $\mu(d) = D$ and $\mu(e) = E$. We will check (3) for all $x, y \in Z$. Let $x = m_1d^{i_1}e^{j_1}$ and $y = m_2d^{i_2}e^{j_2}$, with $m_1, m_2 \in G'$,
Let \( \mu \) be an IYB morphism of \( G \). We prove the following equality:

\[
\mu(x)(yz) = \mu(x)(y) \cdot \mu(y)(-1(x))^{-1}(z)
\]

Indeed

\[
\mu(x)(yz) = xx^{-1} \mu(x^{-1})^{-1}(yz) = xyz \mu(yz)^{-1}(x^{-1})
\]

\[
= xyz \mu(z)^{-1}(\mu(y)^{-1}(x^{-1}))
\]

\[
= xyz \mu(y)^{-1}(x^{-1}) \mu(y)^{-1}(x)^{-1}(z)
\]

\[
= xx^{-1} \mu(x^{-1})^{-1}(y) \mu(y)^{-1}(x)^{-1}(z)
\]

\[
= \mu(x)(y) \mu(y)^{-1}(x)^{-1}(z).
\]

Note that \( \ker(\mu) \) is abelian. If \( x \in G \) and \( k \in \ker(\mu) \), then

\[
\mu(x)(k) = xx^{-1} \mu(x^{-1})^{-1}(k) = xk \mu(k)(x^{-1}) = xk x^{-1}.
\]

This implies, by (10), that if \( N \) is a normal subgroup of \( G \) contained in \( \ker(\mu) \), then \( \mu(x)(Ny) = Ny \mu(x)(y) \) and therefore (with the usual bar notation) the map \( \overline{\mu} : \overline{G} = G/N \rightarrow S_{\overline{G}} \) given by

\[
\overline{\mu}(\overline{x})(\overline{y}) = \overline{\mu(x)(y)}
\]

is well defined and it is easy to show that \( \overline{\mu} \) is an IYB morphism of \( \overline{G} \). We say that \( \mu \) is a lifting of \( \overline{\mu} \).

It is somehow natural to try to prove that every solvable group is IYB with the following induction strategy: Let \( G \) be a non-trivial solvable group. Take a non-trivial abelian normal subgroup \( N \) of \( G \). Assume, by induction, that \( \overline{G} = G/N \)
has an IYB morphism \( \lambda \) and prove that \( \lambda \) admits a lifting to \( G \), i.e. \( \lambda = \overline{\mu} \) for some IYB morphism \( \mu \) of \( G \). Notice that if this strategy works, then every non-trivial solvable group should have a non-injective IYB morphism. This is the case for all the examples of IYB groups \( G \) that we have computed. This leads us to the following natural question: Does every IYB group admit a non-injective IYB morphism? Equivalently, in the framework of braces [17]: if \( A \) is a finite brace, does there then exist a brace \( B \) with non-zero socle so that the adjoint groups of \( A \) and \( B \) are isomorphic? Note that in [17] an example is given of a finite brace with trivial solvable group should have a non-injective IYB morphism. This is the case for all the examples we have computed. This leads us to the impression that every IYB morphism of \( G/N \), for an abelian normal subgroup \( N \) of \( G \), can be lifted to a IYB morphism of \( G \). However this is false as the following example shows.

**Example 4.4.** Let \( G \) be the group of Example 4.3. We claim that the trivial IYB morphism of \( G/G' \) does not lift to an IYB morphism of \( G \). Indeed, assume that \( \mu \) is an IYB morphism of \( G \) which lifts the trivial IYB morphism of \( G/G' \). Then, clearly, \( \mu(d) \) and \( \mu(e) \) commute. Furthermore, by (11), \( \mu(g)(n) = gng^{-1} \) for every \( g \in G \) and \( n \in G' \) and there are \( x_j \in G' \) for \( j = 1, 2, 3 \), with

\[
\mu(d)(d) = x_1 d, \quad \mu(e)(d) = x_2 d, \quad \mu(e)(e) = x_3 e.
\]

Then, by (10),

\[
dx_2 d^{-1} x_1 d = \mu(d)(x_2 d) = \mu(d)\mu(e)(d) = \mu(e)\mu(d)(d) = \mu(e)(x_1 d) = ex_1 e^{-1} x_2 d.
\]

Therefore \( (e, x_1) = (d, x_2) \in \langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{1\} \) and hence \( x_1, x_2 \in Z(G) \). This implies, by (10) and (11), that \( \mu(d^j)(d^k) = x_1^j d^k \) and \( \mu(e^j)(d^k) = x_2^j d^k \) for every \( j, k \).

Then \( \mu(d)(e) = d d^{-1} \mu(d^{-1}) \mu(e^{-1})(e) = d \mu(e^{-1})(d^{-1}) = dx_2 d^2 = x_2 e^2 e \). Thus

\[
\mu(e)\mu(d)(e) = \mu(e)(x_2 e^2 e) = x_2 b^2 c^2 x_3 e
\]

and

\[
\mu(d)\mu(e)(e) = \mu(d)(x_3 e) = dx_3 d^{-1} x_2 e^2 e.
\]

Therefore \( b^2 x_3 = dx_3 d^{-1} \) and so \( b^2 = (d, x_3) \in \langle a \rangle \), a contradiction. \( \square \)

5. **Solutions to the Yang-Baxter equation associated to one IYB group**

Let \( X \) be a finite set. We have seen in Section 2 that if \( X \) is a cycle set, then the map

\[
r: X \times X \longrightarrow X \times X
\]

defined by \( r(x, y) = (f_x(y), g_y(x)) \), where \( g_x^{-1}(y) = x \cdot y \) and \( f_y(x) = g_x(y) \cdot x \) for all \( x, y \in X \), is an involutive non-degenerate solution of the braided equation. We also know, by Theorem 2.1, that \( (f_x : x \in X) \) is an IYB group. One can ask how many involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation are associated to
the same IYB group. Note that for any finite set \( X \), the cycle set structure given by \( x \cdot y = y \), for all \( x, y \in X \), is associated to the trivial group. Note also that if \( X_i \) is a finite cycle set associated to the IYB group \( G_i \), for \( i = 1, \ldots, n \), then it is easy to see that if \( X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} X_i \) is a disjoint union, then \( X \) is a cycle set with the binary operation defined by

\[
x * y = \begin{cases} 
  x \cdot y & \text{if there exists } i \text{ such that } x, y \in X_i, \\
  y & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

associated to the direct product \( \prod_{i=1}^{n} G_i \). Notice that this also gives another proof for Corollary 3.2. Hence, since \( \langle 1 \rangle \times G \cong G \), one can associate with each IYB group, in an obvious way, infinitely many involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation. Now we give a non-obvious construction of an infinite family of involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation associated to a fixed IYB group.

**Lemma 5.1.** Let \( X \) be a set and let \( \sigma : X \to \text{Sym}_X \) be a map. Let \( \psi : \text{Sym}_X \to \text{Sym}_{X^2} \) be the map defined by \( \psi(\tau)(x, y) = (\tau(x), \sigma(\tau(x)) \tau \sigma(x)^{-1}(y)) \) for all \( \tau \in \text{Sym}_X \) and \( x, y \in X \). Then \( \psi \) is a monomorphism.

**Proof.** Let \( \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \text{Sym}_X \) and \( x, y \in X \). We have:

\[
\psi(\tau_1 \tau_2)(x, y) = (\tau_1 \tau_2(x), \sigma(\tau_2(x)) \tau_2 \sigma(x)^{-1}(y)) = (\tau_1(\tau_2(x)), \sigma(\tau_1(\tau_2(x))) \tau_1 \sigma(\tau_2(x))^{-1}(\sigma(\tau_2(x)) \tau_2 \sigma(x)^{-1}(y))) = \psi(\tau_1)(\tau_2(x), \sigma(\tau_2(x)) \tau_2 \sigma(x)^{-1}(y)) = \psi(\tau_1) \psi(\tau_2)(x, y).
\]

Hence \( \psi \) is a homomorphism. It is easy to see that it is injective. \( \square \)

**Lemma 5.2.** Let \( X \) be a cycle set. Let \( \sigma : X \to \text{Sym}_X \) be the map defined by \( \sigma(x)(y) = x \cdot y \). Let \( \mu : X^2 \to \text{Sym}_X \) be the map defined by \( \mu(x, y) = \sigma(y) \sigma(x) \) for all \( x, y \in X \). Let \( \sigma_2 : X^2 \to \text{Sym}_{X^2} \) be the map defined by \( \sigma_2 = \psi \mu \), where \( \psi \) is as in Lemma 5.1. Then \( X^2 \) with the binary operation defined by \( (x, y) \cdot (z, t) = \sigma_2(x, y)(z, t) \) is cycle set.

**Proof.** We denote \( \sigma(x)^{-1}(y) = y^x \). Note that

\[
(x, y) \cdot (z, t) = \psi(\sigma(y) \sigma(x))(z, t) = (\sigma(y) \sigma(x)(z), \sigma(\sigma(y) \sigma(x)(z)) \sigma(y) \sigma(x)(z)^{-1}(t)) = (y \cdot (x \cdot z), (y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))),
\]

for all \( x, y, z, t \in X \).

We have

\[
((x, y) \cdot (z, t)) \cdot ((x, y) \cdot (u, v)) = (y \cdot (x \cdot z), (y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2))))
\]

\[
\cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot u), (y \cdot (x \cdot u)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (v^2)))) = (((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))) \cdot ((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot z))))
\]

\[
\cdot (((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))) \cdot ((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot u))))
\]

\[
\cdot (((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))) \cdot ((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (v^2))))))
\]
So, in order to prove the lemma, we need to show that
\[(y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2))) \cdot ((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot u)))
= ((t \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cdot (t \cdot (z \cdot (y^2))) \cdot ((t \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cdot (t \cdot (z \cdot u))).\]
(13)
Now we have
\[
(y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot (t^2))) = ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((x \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))
= ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot (t^2)))
= ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((x \cdot z) \cdot (z \cdot t)).
\]
Hence (13) is equivalent to
\[
(((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((x \cdot z) \cdot t)) \cdot ((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot u)))
= ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((x \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot (t^2)))
= ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot (t^2)))
= ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot t)).
\]
Since \((y \cdot (x \cdot z)) \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot u)) = ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((x \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot u)) = ((x \cdot z) \cdot y) \cdot ((z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot u))\) and \((t \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cdot (t \cdot (z \cdot u)) = ((z \cdot x) \cdot t) \cdot ((z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot u))\), we get that (14) is true and therefore the lemma is proved.

Note that, with the notation of Lemma 5.2 if \(1 \in \sigma(X)\), then \(\langle \sigma(X) \rangle \cong \langle \sigma_2(X^2) \rangle\).
Thus, in this way, we can construct infinitely many involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation associated to the IYB group \(\langle \sigma(X) \rangle\).
It seems a difficult problem to describe all the involutive non-degenerate solutions of the braided equation associated to a given IYB group.

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