

ON RIGHT AND LEFT 2_{\otimes} -ENGEL ELEMENTS OF DERIVATIVE OF GROUPS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we study some properties of 2_{\otimes} -Engel elements in derivative of groups. In particular, we prove that if G' is a derivative of the group G then $R_2^{\otimes}(G)$ is a characteristic subgroup of G .

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1. INTRODUCTION

For any group G , the nonabelian tensor square $G \otimes G$ is a group generated by the symbols $g \otimes h$, subject to the relations:

$$gg \otimes h = (g^g \otimes h^g)(g \otimes h) \text{ and } g \otimes hh = (g \otimes h)(g^h \otimes h^h), \text{ where } g, h \in G \text{ and } g^h = h^{-1}gh.$$

The more general concept of nonabelian tensor product of groups acting on each other in certain compatible way was introduced by R. Brown and J.-L. Loday in [5], following the ideas of R. K. Dennis [6]. Also, tensor analogues of right n -Engel elements have been defined. Recall that the set of right n -Engel elements of a group G is defined by $R_n(G) = \{a \in G : [a, nx] = 1, \text{ for all } x \in G\}$. Here $[a, nx]$ stands for the commutator $[\dots [a, x], x], \dots]$ with n copies of x . It is well-known that $R_1(G) = Z(G)$ and that $R_2(G)$ is a subgroup of G . The set of right n_{\otimes} -Engel elements of a group G is then defined as

$$R_n^{\otimes}(G) = \{a \in G : [a, n-1x] \otimes x = 1_{\otimes} \text{ for all } x \in G\}.$$

And for a group G we define the sets of right (left) 2_{\otimes} -Engel elements of G by

$$R_2^{\otimes}(G) = \{a \in G : [a, x] \otimes x = 1_{\otimes} \text{ for all } x \in G\}$$

$$L_2^{\otimes}(G) = \{a \in G : [x, a] \otimes a = 1_{\otimes} \text{ for all } x \in G\},$$

One of the results of D P. Biddel and L.C. Kappe shows that $R_2^{\otimes}(G)$ is always a characteristic subgroup of G containing $Z(G)$ and contained in $R_2(G)$. H. Khosravi, H. Golmakani and H. M. Mohammadinezhad proved that in any derivative of group G the inverse of right 2-Engel element is a left 2-Engel element. Thus $R_2(G) \subseteq L_2(G)$ and $R_2(G)$ is a characteristic subgroup of G .

2. RESULTS

Lemma 1: ([5]) Let $g, g', h, h' \in G$. The following relations hold in $G \otimes G$

- $(g^{-1} \otimes h)^g = (g \otimes h)^{-1} = (g \otimes h^{-1})^h.$
- $(g' \otimes h')^{g \otimes h} = (g' \otimes h')^{[g, h]}.$
- $[g, h] \otimes g' = (g \otimes h)^{-1}(g \otimes h)^{g'}.$
- $g' \otimes [g, h] = (g \otimes h)^{-g'}(g \otimes h).$
- $[g, h] \otimes [g', h'] = [g \otimes h, g' \otimes h'].$

Note here that G acts on $G \otimes G$ by $(g \otimes h)^{g'} = g^{g'} \otimes h^{g'}$. The next result is crucial in studying the analogy between commutators and tensors.

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Proposition1: ([4]) For a given group G there exists a homomorphism $k: G \otimes G \rightarrow G$ such that

$$k: g \otimes h \rightarrow [g, h]$$
 Moreover, $\ker k \leq Z(G \otimes G)$ and G acts trivially on $\ker k$.

Lemma 2: ([10]) Let G be any group.

- (a) $R_2^{\otimes}(G) \subseteq R_2(G)$, $L_2^{\otimes}(G) \subseteq L_2(G)$.
- (b) Every right $2\otimes$ -Engel element of G also belongs to $L_2^{\otimes}(G)$.
- (c) $L_2^{\otimes}(G) = \{a \in G: a^x \otimes a^y = a \otimes a \text{ for all } x, y \in G\}$.

Theorem 1: In any derivative of group G the inverse of right $2\otimes$ -Engel element is a left $2\otimes$ -Engel element. Thus, $R_2^{\otimes}(G') \subseteq L_2^{\otimes}(G')$.

Proof: Let $[x, y] \in R_2^{\otimes}(G')$, using the definition we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [[x, y], [z, t]] \otimes [z, t] &= 1_{\otimes}; [z, t] \in G \\ &= [[x, y] \otimes [z, t], z \otimes t] \text{ by using (e) in lemma 1} \\ &= [[x \otimes y, z \otimes t], z \otimes t] \text{ by using (e) and (c) in lemma 1} \\ &= [x \otimes y, z \otimes t, (x \otimes y)(z \otimes t)] \\ &= [[x \otimes y, z \otimes t], (x \otimes y)(z \otimes t)] \\ &= [x \otimes y, z \otimes t]^{-1}((x \otimes y)(z \otimes t))^{-1}[x \otimes y, z \otimes t](x \otimes y)(z \otimes t) \\ &= [x \otimes y, z \otimes t]^{-1}(z \otimes t)^{-1}(x \otimes y)^{-1}[x \otimes y, z \otimes t](x \otimes y)(z \otimes t) \\ &= (z \otimes t)^{-1}[x \otimes y, z \otimes t]^{-1}(x \otimes y)^{-1}[x \otimes y, z \otimes t](x \otimes y)(z \otimes t) \\ &= (z \otimes t)^{-1}[[x \otimes y, z \otimes t], x \otimes y](z \otimes t) \\ &= [x \otimes y, z \otimes t, x \otimes y]^{(z \otimes t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } [x \otimes y, z \otimes t, x \otimes y]^{(z \otimes t)} = 1_{\otimes}$$

$$\text{So, } [x \otimes y, z \otimes t, x \otimes y] = 1_{\otimes} = [z \otimes t, x \otimes y, x \otimes y] = [[z, t], [x, y]] \otimes [x, y]$$

$$\text{Thus } [x, y] \in L_2^{\otimes}(G'). \square$$

Theorem 2: Let G be a group and G' be a derivative of G . The set of elements of $R_2^{\otimes}(G')$ is a characteristic subgroup of G' .

Proof: Let $a \in \text{Aut}(G)$ be an arbitrary automorphism and $[x, y] \in R_2^{\otimes}(G')$. By definition we have:

$$\text{For any } [z, t] \in G', \text{ we have } [[x, y], [z, t]] \otimes [z, t] = 1_{\otimes}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } a([[x, y], [z, t]] \otimes [z, t]) &= 1_{\otimes} \\ &= [a([x, y]), a([z, t])] \otimes a([z, t]) = 1_{\otimes} \\ &= [[a(x), a(y)], [a(z), a(t)]] \otimes [a(z), a(t)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } a \in \text{Aut}(G), \text{ for any } z, t \text{ there exists } z', t' \text{ such that } a(z) = z' \text{ and } a(t) = t'$$

$$\text{Therefore } [a([x, y]), [z', t']] \otimes [z', t'] = 1_{\otimes}$$

$$\text{Thus } a([x, y]) \in R_2^{\otimes}(G'). \square$$

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