

**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  $G \otimes G$*

- a)  $(g^{-1} \otimes h)^g = (g \otimes h)^{-1} = (g \otimes h^{-1})^h$ .
- b)  $(g' \otimes h')^{g \otimes h} = (g' \otimes h')^{[g, h]}$ .
- c)  $[g, h] \otimes g' = (g \otimes h)^{-1}(g \otimes h)^{g'}$ .
- d)  $g' \otimes [g, h] = (g \otimes h)^{-g'}(g \otimes h)$ .
- e)  $[g, h] \otimes [g', h'] = [g \otimes h, g' \otimes h']$ .

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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**Proposition 1:** ([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:

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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