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ROTA–BAXTER OPERATORS OF NONZERO WEIGHT ON A COMPLETE LINEAR LIE ALGEBRA OF ORDER TWO

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1. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Rota–Baxter operators for associative algebras appeared in Baxter’s paper [1] as part of the study of integral operators emerging in probability theory and mathematical statistics. Independently, in the early 1980s, Rota–Baxter operators on Lie algebras naturally appeared in [2] on the one hand and in [3] on the other hand, in exploring solutions for the Yang–Baxter equation, one of the most important in the moment equations in mathematical physics. In [4], it was stated that there is a relationship between Rota–Baxter operators of nonzero weight on Lie algebras and non-skew-symmetric solutions to the Yang–Baxter equation, whose symmetric part is *ad*-invariant. Furthermore, by that time it had been found out that Rota–Baxter operators have deep connections with number theory, operad theory, and, in particular, with pre- and post-algebras.

Definition. Let A be an arbitrary algebra over a field F , $R : A \rightarrow A$ be a linear mapping, and $\lambda \in F$ be a scalar. The mapping R is called a *Rota–Baxter operator of weight λ* if, for any $x, y \in A$,

$$R(x)R(y) = R(R(x)y + xR(y) + \lambda xy).$$

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Note that in the case $\lambda \neq 0$ we can consider operators of weight 1, since the operator αR is a Rota–Baxter operator of weight $\alpha\lambda$ for any $\alpha \neq 0$. Thus, if we multiply by a scalar we can obtain any nonzero weight. This comment reduces the study of Rota–Baxter operators to two different cases, one of zero weight and one of nonzero weight.

Below is a well-known assertion, which gives important examples of Rota–Baxter operators of nonzero weight on an arbitrary algebra A .

Assertion 1. Let A_1 and A_2 be subalgebras of A , $A_1 \cap A_2 = 0$, and $A = A_1 \oplus A_2$. Suppose also that R is a projection operator on A_1 parallel to A_2 , i.e., $R(a_1 + a_2) = a_1$ for any $a_1 \in A_1$ and $a_2 \in A_2$. Then R is a Rota–Baxter operator of weight -1 on the algebra A .

Rota–Baxter operators such as in Assertion 1 are said to be *splitting*.

An important problem in this area is describing Rota–Baxter operators on various algebras. In particular, the Rota–Baxter operators on the algebra $sl_2(\mathbb{C})$ were dealt with in [5-7], and those on the matrix algebra $M_2(\mathbb{C})$, in [8, 9]. The classification of Rota–Baxter operators of nonzero weight on $sl_3(\mathbb{C})$ is due to Sokolov [10]. Nonsplitting Rota–Baxter operators of nonzero weight on the matrix algebra $M_3(F)$, where F is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0, were taken up in [11].

Let A be an arbitrary algebra, and let $R : A \mapsto A$ be a Rota–Baxter operator of arbitrary weight λ and φ be an automorphism or antiautomorphism of the algebra A . Then the operator $\varphi \circ R \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is again a Rota–Baxter operator of the same weight λ on A . This means that Rota–Baxter operators on A can be described up to the action of a group generated by automorphisms and antiautomorphisms of A .

2. MAIN RESULT

In this paper, as a Lie algebra L we take a complete linear Lie algebra $gl_2(F) = (M_2(F), [\cdot, \cdot])$ over an algebraically closed field F with Lie multiplication

$$[x, y] = xy - yx.$$

The objective is to describe Rota–Baxter operators of weight 1 on $gl_2(F)$. Note that if the mapping φ is an antiautomorphism of a Lie algebra, then $-\varphi$ is an automorphism of the same algebra. Thus we will conduct our classification up to the action of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(gl_2(\mathbb{C}))$.

We use the following notation: $E \in gl_2(\mathbb{C})$ is the identity matrix, e_{ij} are the usual matrix units, and $h = e_{11} - e_{22}$. As a basis for the algebra $gl_2(\mathbb{C})$ we take the set E, h, e_{12}, e_{21} .

Note that if $R(E)_J$ is a Jordan form of the matrix $R(E)$, and T is a transition matrix, then the mapping $\varphi_T : gl_2(\mathbb{C}) \mapsto gl_2(\mathbb{C})$, which acts as

$$\varphi_T(A) = T^{-1}AT,$$

is an automorphism of the matrix algebra $gl_2(\mathbb{C})$. Also

$$\varphi_T \circ R \circ \varphi_{T^{-1}}(E) = T^{-1}R(TET^{-1})T = T^{-1}R(E)T = R(E)_J.$$

Consequently, up to the action of a group generated by automorphisms, we may assume that $R(E)$ is in Jordan form. For $R(E)_J$, we have the following options:

$R(E) = \lambda E + e_{12}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, is a Jordan box of size 2;

$R(E) = \lambda_1 e_{11} + \lambda_2 e_{22}$, $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, are two boxes corresponding to different eigenvalues;

$R(E) = \lambda E$, $\lambda \in E$, are two boxes corresponding to one eigenvalue.

The main results of the paper are two theorems below.

THEOREM 1. Let R be a Rota–Baxter operator of weight 1 on a complete linear Lie algebra $gl_2(\mathbb{C})$. Then, up to the action of the automorphism group, R equals one of the following operators:

$$R(E) = \lambda E + e_{12}, R(h) = R(e_{12}) = R(e_{21}) = 0; \quad (1)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E + e_{12}, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}, R(e_{21}) = -e_{21}, R(h) = -h; \quad (2)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E + h, R(h) = 0, R(e_{12}) = R(e_{21}) = 0; \quad (3)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E + h, R(h) = -h, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}, R(e_{21}) = -e_{21}; \quad (4)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E + h, R(h) = \alpha_1 E + \alpha_2 h, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}, R(e_{21}) = 0; \quad (5)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = R(e_{21}) = 0, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12} + th, t \in \{0, 1\}; \quad (6)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = R(e_{21}) = 0, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12} + th + E, t \in \{0, 1\}; \quad (7)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = E, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12} + h + \alpha E; R(e_{21}) = 0; \quad (8)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = E, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12} + E, R(e_{21}) = 0; \quad (9)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = th, R(e_{21}) = 0, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}, t \in \mathbb{C}^*; \quad (10)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = th + E, R(e_{21}) = 0, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}, t \in \mathbb{C}^*; \quad (11)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = -h + \alpha E, R(e_{21}) = E, R(e_{12}) = -e_{12}; \quad (12)$$

$$R(E) = \lambda E, R(h) = th, R(e_{12}) = te_{12}, R(e_{21}) = te_{21}, t \in \{0, -1\}. \quad (13)$$

Here $\lambda, \alpha, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$.

THEOREM 2. Operators (1)-(13) lie in different orbits under the action of the automorphism group of the algebra $gl_2(\mathbb{C})$.

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