

Primitive and measure-preserving system of elements on the varieties of metabelian and metabelian profinite groups

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Consider an ordered set (system) of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, in the free group F_r of rank r . Let G be a finite group. Define the verbal mapping $\varphi_{\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}}$ from G^r into G^l by assigning to each $\bar{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_r) \in G^r$ the element $(v_1(g_1, \dots, g_r), \dots, v_l(g_1, \dots, g_r))$ in G^l . A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$ *preserves measure on G* if every $\bar{g} \in G^l$ appears as an image under $\varphi_{\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}}$ with probability $|G|^{-l}$. A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, that preserves measure on every finite group G is called *measure-preserving*.

A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, in F_r is called *primitive* if it can be complemented to a basis for F_r .

The following conjecture by several authors about the connection between primitive elements and measure-preserving elements was formulated:

Conjecture 1. *A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, in a free group F_r is primitive if and only if the system preserves measure.*

The conjecture was confirmed for $l \geq r - 1$ and late, for $l = 1$.

Suppose that as finite groups G we consider only the groups in some variety \mathfrak{M} . Let $V = V(\mathfrak{M})$ be the verbal subgroup in F_r corresponding to this variety. As $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$ in the definition of systems of measure-preserving elements, we may consider elements in the free group $F_r(\mathfrak{M}) = F_r/V$ of \mathfrak{M} .

Replacing in the definition of systems of elements an arbitrary finite group G with an arbitrary finite group in \mathfrak{M} , and a free group F_r , with a relatively free group $F_r(\mathfrak{M})$, we arrive at the notation of systems of elements in $F_r(\mathfrak{M})$ that *preserve measure on \mathfrak{M}* .

By analogy with the definition of system of primitive elements in F_r , we can define *primitive systems of elements* in $F_r(\mathfrak{M})$ as system that can be included in some basis of $F_r(\mathfrak{M})$.

The above-formulated conjecture can be expressed for a group variety \mathfrak{M} :

Conjecture 2. *A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, in the free group $F_r(\mathfrak{M})$ is primitive if and only if the system preserves measure on \mathfrak{M} .*

We use the primitivity criterions for varieties of metabelian groups for proof the next theorems.

THEOREM 1. *Let S be a free metabelian group of rank $r \geq 2$. An element v preserves measure on the variety \mathfrak{A}^2 of all metabelian groups if and only if v is primitive.*

THEOREM 2. *Let S be a free metabelian group of rank $r \geq 2$. A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ preserve measure on the variety \mathfrak{A}^2 of all metabelian groups if and only if they form a basis for S .*

THEOREM 3. *A system of elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_l\}$, $1 \leq l \leq r$, in a free profinite \mathfrak{A}^2 - group \widehat{S}_r is primitive if and only if this system preserves measure on the variety of profinite \mathfrak{A}^2 - groups.*

THEOREM 4. *Suppose that v belongs to a free metabelian group S_r and \widehat{S}_r is the profinite completion of S_r . The element v is primitive in S_r if and only if v is primitive in \widehat{S}_r .*

THEOREM 5. *Let elements $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ be chosen in a free metabelian group S_r . They constitute a basis for S_r if and only if they are a basis for profinite completion \widehat{S}_r of S_r .*

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