

Wada's Representations of the Pure Braid Group of High Degree

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Abstract

We consider the representation obtained by composing the embedding map of the pure braid group $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ and Wada's representation of degree $n+k$ to get a linear representation

$$P_n \rightarrow GL_{n+k}(C[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_{n+k}^{\pm 1}]),$$

whose composition factors are to be determined. A similar work was done in a previous work in the case of the Gassner representation of P_n .

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1 Introduction

The braid group on n strands, denoted by B_n , is defined as an abstract group with generators $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$ and relations $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$, $|i-j| \geq 2$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n-1$; $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-2$.

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The pure braid group, P_n , is a normal subgroup of the braid group, B_n , on n strings. It has many linear representations. One of them is Wada's representation, which is an embedding $P_n \rightarrow \text{Aut}(F_n)$, the automorphism group of a free group on n generators.

In [1], Abdulrahim has constructed an embedding of the pure braid group $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ and composed it with the Gassner representation of P_{n+k} to get a linear representation $P_n \rightarrow GL_{n+k}(C[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_{n+k}^{\pm 1}])$, where the composition factors were completely determined. In our work, we consider Wada's representation instead of the Gassner representation, where σ_i , takes $x_i \rightarrow x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i$, $x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_i$; and fixes all other free generators. Our main theorem is similar to that obtained in [1], where the composition factors of the representation obtained by composing the embedding map and Wada's representation are to be determined. However, for the sake of our work, the embedding map $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ has to be defined in a different way, where a generator of P_n is mapped to another generator of P_{n+k} , rather than to a product of generators of P_{n+k} as in [1].

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. Let F_n be a free group of rank n , with free basis x_1, \dots, x_n . We define for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ the free derivatives on the group $\mathbb{Z}F_n$ by

$$(i) \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} = \delta_{i,j},$$

$$(ii) \frac{\partial x_i^{-1}}{\partial x_j} = -\delta_{i,j} x_i^{-1},$$

$$(iii) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(uv) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \epsilon(v) + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} \quad u, v \in \mathbb{Z}F.$$

Here $\delta_{i,j}$ is the Kronecker symbol. For simplicity, we denote $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ by d_j .

Definition 2.2. The pure braid group, P_n , is defined as the kernel of the homomorphism $B_n \rightarrow S_n$, defined by $\sigma_i \rightarrow (i, i+1)$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$. It has the following generators:

$$A_{i,j} = \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \dots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \dots \sigma_{j-2} \sigma_{j-1}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

Definition 2.3. *Wada's representation is defined as the representation of the automorphism corresponding to the braid generator σ_i , takes $x_i \rightarrow x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i$, $x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_i$ and fixes all other free generators.*

It is easy to see that the inverse σ_i^{-1} , takes $x_i \rightarrow x_{i+1}$, $x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i x_{i+1}^{-1}$; and fixes all other generators. For more details, see [3].

3 Main Results

We determine the action of the automorphisms $A_{i,j}$ on the generators of the free group F_n . We then define an embedding of the pure braid group $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ and compose the embedding map and Wada's representation of the pure braid group P_{n+k} .

3.1 Action of the automorphisms on the free group

Lemma 3.1. *As automorphisms of the free group F_n , the generators, $A_{i,j}$, act on the free group F_n as follows:*

- (i) $A_{i,j}(x_i) = x_i x_j^{-1} x_i x_j^{-1} x_i$
- (ii) $A_{i,j}(x_j) = x_i x_j^{-1} x_i$
- (iii) $A_{i,j}(x_r) = x_r$ if $1 \leq r < i$ or $j < r \leq n$
- (iv) $A_{i,j}(x_r) = (x_i x_j^{-1} x_i x_j) x_r^{-1} (x_j x_i x_j^{-1} x_i)$ if $i < r < j$

Proof. We have that

$$A_{i,j} = \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \dots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \dots \sigma_{j-2} \sigma_{j-1}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n.$$

We need to consider $A_{i,j}$ as left automorphisms acting on the generators of F_n from the left.

To prove (i):

$$\sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \dots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \dots \sigma_{j-2} \sigma_{j-1} (x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-2}(x_i) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i(\sigma_i(x_i)) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i(x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i x_i^{-1} x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+2}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+2}^{-1} x_i x_{i+2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+3}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+3}^{-1} x_i x_{i+3}^{-1} x_i) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-2}^{-1} x_i x_{j-2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-1}^{-1} x_i x_{j-1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= x_i x_j^{-1} x_i x_j^{-1} x_i
\end{aligned}$$

To prove (ii):

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-2} \sigma_{j-1}(x_j) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-2}(x_{j-1}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-3}(x_{j-2}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-4}(x_{j-3}) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1}(x_{i+2}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2(x_{i+1}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i(x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+2}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+3}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+3}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+4}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+4}^{-1} x_i) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= x_i x_j^{-1} x_i
\end{aligned}$$

To prove (iii):

Since $r > j$, that is, the smallest possible value of r is $j+1$, then $A_{i,j}(x_r) = x_r$ for $j < r \leq n$.

Now, since $r < i$, that is, the greatest possible value of r is $i-1$, then $A_{i,j}(x_r) = x_r$ for $1 \leq r < i$.

To prove (iv):

Since $i < r < j$, the largest index of x , namely r , is $j - 1$ and the smallest index of x , namely r , is $i - 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{j-2} \sigma_{j-1} (x_r) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{r-1} \sigma_r (x_r) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{r-1} (x_r x_{r+1}^{-1} x_r) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} \cdots \sigma_{r-2} (x_{r-1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{r-1}) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 \sigma_{i+1} (x_{i+2} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{i+2}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i^2 (x_{i+1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{i+1}) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} \sigma_i (x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+1}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i x_{i+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+2}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+2}^{-1} x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i x_{i+2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{i+3}^{-1} (x_i x_{i+3}^{-1} x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i x_{i+3}^{-1} x_i) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_r^{-1} (x_i x_r^{-1} x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i x_r^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{r+1}^{-1} (x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i x_{r+1} x_r^{-1} x_{r+1} x_i x_{r+1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{r+2}^{-1} (x_i x_{r+2}^{-1} x_i x_{r+2} x_r^{-1} x_{r+2} x_i x_{r+2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j-2}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-2}^{-1} x_i x_{j-2} x_r^{-1} x_{j-2} x_i x_{j-2}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= \sigma_{j-1}^{-1} (x_i x_{j-1}^{-1} x_i x_{j-1} x_r^{-1} x_{j-1} x_i x_{j-1}^{-1} x_i) \\
&= x_i x_j^{-1} x_i x_j x_r^{-1} x_j x_i x_j^{-1} x_i \\
&= (x_i x_j^{-1} x_i x_j) x_r^{-1} (x_j x_i x_j^{-1} x_i) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

3.2 The embedding $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$

In [1], the embedding of the pure braid group was defined in a way that the generators $A_{1,j}$ were mapped to a product of generators of P_{n+k} and other generators $A_{i,j}$ to $A_{i+k,j+k}$. Whereas in our work, we require that the generator of P_n is to be mapped to another generator of P_{n+k} . More precisely, we define the following map:

$$\Psi : P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$$

as

$$\Psi(A_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} A_{1,j+k}, & i = 1 \text{ and } 2 \leq j \leq n \\ A_{i+k,j+k}, & 2 \leq i < j \leq n, \end{cases}$$

where $\Psi(A_{i,j})$ is a generator of P_{n+k} , that is an automorphism of F_{n+k} whose action on the free generator $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_{n+k}$ is defined in Lemma 3.1. We compose the map above with the embedding $P_{n+k} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(F_{n+k})$. The image of the generators under this embedding is treated as left automorphisms of the free group F_{n+k} . As a basis for the free group F_{n+k} , we take the following generators:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 = x_1, \quad y_2 = x_{k+2}, \quad y_3 = x_{k+3}, \dots, y_n = x_{k+n}, \\ y_{n+1} = x_2, \quad y_{n+2} = x_3, \dots, y_{n+k} = x_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Using the action of the automorphism, σ_i , on the basis of F_{n+k} , we have the following lemmas about the images of the generators of P_n , namely $\Psi(A_{i,j})$ for $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.

Lemma 3.2. *For $1 < j \leq n$, the action of the images of the generators, $A_{1,j}$ on the basis of F_{n+k} is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \Psi(A_{1,j})(y_1) = y_1(y_j^{-1}y_1y_j^{-1}y_1), \\ (ii) \quad & \Psi(A_{1,j})(y_j) = y_1y_j^{-1}y_1, \\ (iii) \quad & \Psi(A_{1,j})(y_r) = y_r \quad \text{for } j < r \leq n, \\ (iv) \quad & \Psi(A_{1,j})(y_r) = (y_1y_j^{-1}y_1y_j)y_r^{-1}(y_jy_1y_j^{-1}y_1) \quad \text{for } 1 < r < j, \\ (v) \quad & \Psi(A_{1,j})(y_{n+r}) = (y_1y_j^{-1}y_1y_j)y_{n+r}^{-1}(y_jy_1y_j^{-1}y_1) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq k. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since the image of $A_{1,j}$ under Ψ is a generator of P_{n+k} namely $A_{1,j+k}$, it suffices only to prove (v). We have that

$$\Psi(A_{1,j}) = A_{1,j+k} = \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1}\sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1}\dots\sigma_3^{-1}\sigma_2^{-1}\sigma_1^2\sigma_2\sigma_3\dots\sigma_k\sigma_{k+1}\sigma_{k+2}\dots\sigma_{j+k-1}.$$

To prove (v): Let $y_{n+r} = x_{r+1}$, for $1 \leq r \leq k$. Then $1 \leq r < j+k-1$ and we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1}\sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1}\dots\sigma_3^{-1}\sigma_2^{-1}\sigma_1^2\sigma_2\sigma_3\dots\sigma_k\sigma_{k+1}\sigma_{k+2}\dots\sigma_{j+k-1}(x_{r+1}) \\ & = \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1}\sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1}\dots\sigma_3^{-1}\sigma_2^{-1}\sigma_1^2\sigma_2\sigma_3\dots\sigma_k\sigma_{k+1}\sigma_{k+2}\dots\sigma_r\sigma_{r+1}(x_{r+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdots \sigma_k \sigma_{k+1} \sigma_{k+2} \cdots \sigma_r (x_{r+1} x_{r+2}^{-1} x_{r+1}) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdots \sigma_k \sigma_{k+1} \sigma_{k+2} \cdots \sigma_{r-1} (x_r x_{r+2}^{-1} x_r) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \cdots \sigma_k \sigma_{k+1} \sigma_{k+2} \cdots \sigma_{r-2} (x_{r-1} x_{r+2}^{-1} x_{r-1}) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_1^2 (x_2 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_2) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} \sigma_1 (x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1} (x_1 x_2^{-1} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1 x_2^{-1} x_1) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_3^{-1} (x_1 x_3^{-1} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1 x_3^{-1} x_1) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_4^{-1} (x_1 x_4^{-1} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1 x_4^{-1} x_1) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{r+2}^{-1} \sigma_{r+1}^{-1} (x_1 x_{r+1}^{-1} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1 x_{r+1}^{-1} x_1) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{r+2}^{-1} (x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{r+2} x_1 x_{r+2}^{-1} x_1) \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} \sigma_{j+k-2}^{-1} \cdots \sigma_{r+3}^{-1} (x_1 x_{r+3}^{-1} x_1 x_{r+3}^{-1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{r+3} x_1 x_{r+3}^{-1} x_1) \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sigma_{j+k-1}^{-1} (x_1 x_{j+k-1}^{-1} x_1 x_{j+k-1}^{-1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{j+k-1} x_1 x_{j+k-1}^{-1} x_1) \\
&= x_1 x_{j+k}^{-1} x_1 x_{j+k}^{-1} x_{r+1}^{-1} x_{j+k} x_1 x_{j+k}^{-1} x_1 \\
&= (y_1 y_j^{-1} y_1 y_j) y_{n+r}^{-1} (y_j y_1 y_j^{-1} y_1) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

For $1 < i < j \leq n$, we have that $\Psi(A_{i,j}) = A_{i+k,j+k}$. Acting on the generators of F_{n+k} , namely, x_1, \dots, x_{n+k} subject to the rules stated in Lemma 3.1, we easily verify the following lemma.

Lemma 3.3. *For $1 < i < j \leq n$, the action of the images of the generators $A_{i,j}$ on the basis of F_{n+k} is as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned}
&(i) \Psi(A_{i,j})(y_i) = y_i (y_j^{-1} y_i y_j^{-1} y_i) \\
&(ii) \Psi(A_{i,j})(y_j) = y_i y_j^{-1} y_i \\
&(iii) \Psi(A_{i,j})(y_r) = y_r \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r < i \text{ or } \\
&\quad j < r \leq n \\
&(iv) \Psi(A_{i,j})(y_r) = (y_i y_j^{-1} y_i y_j) y_r^{-1} (y_j y_i y_j^{-1} y_i) \quad \text{for } i < r < j \\
&(v) \Psi(A_{i,j})(y_{n+r}) = y_{n+r} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq k
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. As in Lemma 3.2, we only need to prove (v): Let $y_{n+r} = x_{r+1}$, for $1 \leq r \leq k$. Since $r \leq k$, that is, the greatest possible value of $r+1$ is $k+1$, it follows that $\Psi(A_{i,j})(y_{n+r}) = \Psi(A_{i,j})(x_{r+1}) = A_{i+k,j+k}(x_{r+1}) = x_{r+1} = y_{n+r}$. \square

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from F_{n+k} to $(\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+k}$ defined by $\phi(y_i) = t_i$, for $1 \leq i \leq n+k$. Let $D_i = \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$. Our objective now is to determine the Jacobian matrix of the image of the generator $A_{i,j}$ under the map, namely the automorphism $\Psi(A_{i,j})$ on the free group F_{n+k} defined in Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3, so that we can find the linear representation obtained by composing the map $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ with Wada's representation. By intuition, the order of the generators of F_{n+k} is:

$$y_1, \dots, y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots, y_{n+k}$$

Consider $\Psi(A_{i,j})$, the image of $A_{i,j}$ under the map $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$, and call it $A_{i,j}$ for simplicity. Then we define the jacobian matrix as follows:

$$J(A_{i,j}) = \begin{bmatrix} D_1(A_{i,j}(y_1)) & \dots & D_{n+k}(A_{i,j}(y_1)) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ D_1(A_{i,j}(y_{n+k})) & \dots & D_{n+k}(A_{i,j}(y_{n+k})) \end{bmatrix}$$

The construction used here is the Magnus representation of P_{n+k} [2, p.115-119].

We now prove our main theorem.

Theorem 3.4. *By composing the embedding $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ with Wada's representation of P_{n+k} , we get a linear representation of degree $n+k$ whose one of the composition factors is isomorphic to Wada's representation of P_n and the other is a diagonal representation. The matrix that corresponds to the image of $A_{i,j}$ has the following form:*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma(A_{i,j}) & 0 \\ * & M_k \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\gamma(A_{i,j})$ is the image of $A_{i,j}$ under Wada's representation of degree n and M_k is a diagonal representation whose diagonal entries are all ones in the case $1 < i \leq n$ and $-t_1^2 t_{n+r}^{-1}$ when $i = 1$ and $1 \leq r \leq k$.

Proof. From Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3, we easily verify that statements (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) coincide with the definition of the image of $A_{i,j}$ under the

Wada's representation of P_n specified by the basis $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ (See Lemma 3.1). Furthermore, statement (v) in Lemma 3.2 asserts that

$$\Psi(A_{1,j})(y_{n+r}) = (y_1 y_j^{-1} y_1 y_j) y_{n+r}^{-1} (y_j y_1 y_j^{-1} y_1),$$

for any $1 \leq r \leq k$, which in turn implies that

$$D_{n+r}(\Psi(A_{1,j})(y_{n+r})) = -t_1^2 t_{n+r}^{-1}.$$

Statement (v) in Lemma 3.3 asserts that for $1 < i < j \leq n$, we have that $\Psi(A_{i,j})(y_{n+r}) = y_{n+r}$ for $1 \leq r \leq k$, which implies that

$$D_{n+r}(\Psi(A_{i,j})(y_{n+r})) = 1.$$

This completes the proof. □

4 Conclusion

In our work, we have completely determined the composition factors of the representation obtained by composing the embedding map $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+k}$ and Wada's representation of the pure braid group P_{n+k} .

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