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# Нормальна структура діагональної границі гіпероктаедральних груп з зануреннями дублювання

*Розглянуто групу, що є діагональною границею гіпероктаедральних груп з зануреннями дублювання. Ця група реалізується також як скрізь щільна підгрупа групи ізометрій  $2^\infty$ -періодичного простору Хемінга. Охарактеризовано її нормальну структуру.*

*Ключові слова:* гіпероктаедральна група, простір Хемінга, діагональна границя, вінецевий добуток, нормальний дільник.

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1. Consider the  $n$ -dimension Hamming space  $H_n$ , i.e. the space of all  $n$ -tuples  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , with the distance  $d_{H_n}$ . The distance  $d_{H_n}$  between points  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  is defined by the rule:

$$d_{H_n}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = |\{k : x_k \neq y_k, 1 \leq k \leq n\}|.$$

It easy to see that the isometry group  $IsomH_n$  of the  $n$ -dimension Hamming space  $H_n$  can be realized as the group of orthogonal matrices over the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, it is isomorphic to the wreath product  $W_n = Z_2 \wr S_n$ , where  $Z_2$  is the cyclic group of order 2 and  $S_n$  is the symmetric group of degree  $n$ . In other words, the isometry group  $IsomH_n$  decomposes into the semidirect product of its subgroup  $S_n$  and its normal subgroup

$$K_n = \underbrace{Z_2 \times \dots \times Z_2}_n.$$

In this case  $S_n$  acts on  $K_n$  by permutations of coordinates of vectors. We can write every element  $u \in W_n$  as a so-called table  $u = [\sigma; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$ , where  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,  $a_i \in Z_2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The group operation in  $W_n$  is defined by the rule:

$$[\sigma; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n][\eta; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n] =$$

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# The normal structure of the diagonal limit of hyperoctahedral groups with doubling embeddings

*The diagonal limit of hyperoctahedral groups with respect to doubling embeddings is considered. This group arises as an everywhere dense subgroup of the isometry group of the  $2^\infty$ -periodic Hamming space. We characterize its normal structure.*

*Key Words:* hyperoctahedral group, Hamming space, diagonal limit, wreath product, normal subgroup.

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$$= [\sigma\eta; a_1 + b_{1\sigma}, \dots, a_n + b_{n\sigma}], \quad (1)$$

where the symbol  $+$  denotes addition in  $Z_2$ . The table

$$[\sigma^{-1}; a_{1\sigma^{-1}}, \dots, a_{n\sigma^{-1}}]. \quad (2)$$

is the inverse element to the element  $[\sigma; a_1, \dots, a_n]$ . An element  $u = [\sigma; a_1, \dots, a_n]$  acts on a vector  $\bar{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in Z_2^n$  by the rule:

$$t^u = (t_{1\sigma} + a_1, \dots, t_{n\sigma} + a_n). \quad (3)$$

The isometry group  $(IsomH_n, H_n)$  of Hamming space  $H_n$  is isomorphic as a permutation group to the group  $(W_n, Z_2^n)$  defined by (1)-(3).

Let  $K_n^0$  be the set of all sequences  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in K_n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 0$ . Denote by  $W'_n$  the commutator subgroup of the group  $W_n$ . We will need the following

**Lema 1.** [1],[2] The commutator  $W'_n$  of the group  $W_n$  consists of all tables  $[\sigma; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$  such that  $\sigma \in A_n$  and  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in K_n^0$ .

2. The infinite sequence of positive integers  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is said to be *periodic* if there exists a natural number  $k$  (a *period* of the sequence  $\mathbf{a}$ ) such that the equality  $a_i = a_{i+k}$  holds for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . A periodic sequence  $\mathbf{a}$  is called  $2^\infty$ -periodic

if there exists a nonnegative integer  $l$  such that the minimal period of  $\mathbf{a}$  equals  $2^l$ .

Define a metric  $d_{H_{2^\infty}}$  on the set  $H_{2^\infty}$  of all  $2^\infty$ -periodic sequences by the rule:

$$d_{H_{2^\infty}}((x_1, x_2, \dots), (y_1, y_2, \dots)) = \frac{1}{k} d_{H_k}((x_1, \dots, x_k), (y_1, \dots, y_k)),$$

where  $k$  is a common period of sequences  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots)$  from  $H_{2^\infty}$ . The metric space  $(H_{2^\infty}, d_{H_{2^\infty}})$  is said to be  $2^\infty$ -periodic Hamming space. This space was studied in [3] as a generalization of finite Hamming spaces to the infinite dimensional case.

The metric space  $H_{2^\infty}$  admits another description using diagonal limits. A mapping

$$f_k : \frac{1}{k} H_k \rightarrow \frac{1}{2k} H_{2k}$$

is said to be *doubling* if it is determined as

$$f_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = (x_1, x_1, \dots, x_k, x_k). \quad (4)$$

The direct spectrum  $\Phi = \langle \frac{1}{2^n} H_{2^n}, f_{2^n} \rangle$  of scaled Hamming spaces  $\frac{1}{2^n} H_{2^n}$  is isometric to the space  $H_{2^\infty}$ .

Recall that an embedding  $\theta$  of a permutation group  $(G, X)$  into a permutation group  $(H, Y)$  is said to be strictly diagonal, if the restriction  $\theta(G)$  on any orbit on the set  $Y$  is isomorphic to the group  $(G, X)$  (see [4]). The doubling defined by (4) induces a diagonal embedding  $\varphi_k$  of the isometry group  $Isom H_{2^n}$  into the group  $Isom H_{2^{n+1}}$ . Then we obtain an embedding of  $Z_2 \wr S_{2^n}$  into  $Z_2 \wr S_{2^{n+1}}$  where  $K_{2^n}$  embeds into  $K_{2^{n+1}}$  as we defined in (4) and  $S_{2^n}$  embeds into  $S_{2^{n+1}}$  diagonally in sense of [4]. Denote by  $W_{2^\infty}$  the diagonal limit of  $W_n$ . Note that

$$W_{2^\infty} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} W_n. \quad (5)$$

The group  $W_{2^\infty}$  is an everywhere dense subgroup of the isometry group  $Isom H_{2^\infty}$  of the  $2^\infty$ -periodic Hamming space (see [5]).

The subgroup  $W_{2^\infty}$  admits a natural description using wreath products of group.

Denote by  $S(\mathbb{N})$  be the symmetric group on the set positive integers. Let  $r$  be a positive integer. A permutation  $\pi \in S(\mathbb{N})$  is said to be  $r$ -periodic if  $\pi$  acts on a positive integer  $n$  by the rule:

$$n^\pi = t^\pi + qr,$$

where  $n = q \cdot r + t$ ,  $0 \leq t < r$ . All  $r$ -periodic permutations form a subgroup  $S(r)$  of the group  $S(\mathbb{N})$ . This subgroup is isomorphic to the symmetric group  $S_r$ . The set of all  $2^\infty$ -periodic permutations form a subgroup  $S_{2^\infty}$  in  $S(\mathbb{N})$ . This subgroup decomposes as a union of the increasing chain of subgroups  $S(2) \subset S(4) \subset \dots$ , i.e.

$$S_{2^\infty} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} S(2^i).$$

Similarly define the subgroup  $A_{2^\infty}$ . Let  $A(r)$  be the subgroup of the group  $S(r)$  isomorphic to the alternating group  $A_r$ . Then  $A_{2^\infty}$  is a union of the increasing chain of subgroups  $A(2) \subset A(4) \subset \dots$ , in other words

$$A_{2^\infty} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A(2^i).$$

Sequences of the form

$$[\pi, a_1, a_2, \dots], \quad \pi \in S_{2^\infty}, \quad a_i \in Z_2, \quad (i \geq 1)$$

are elements of the wreath product  $W = Z_2 \wr S_{2^\infty}$  of the permutation group  $(S_{2^\infty}, \mathbb{N})$  with the cyclic group of order 2. The operations of multiplication and taking inverses are defined analogously to (1) and (2). An element  $u \in W$  acts on a sequence  $\bar{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots) \in Z_2^\infty$  in a similar to (1) way.

Now consider the set  $\widehat{W}$  of all elements  $[\pi, a_1, a_2, \dots] \in Z_2 \wr S_{2^\infty}$  such that  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is a  $2^\infty$ -periodic sequence. The set  $\widehat{W}$  is a subgroup of the wreath product  $Z_2 \wr S_{2^\infty}$ . We call the group  $\widehat{W}$  the  $2^\infty$ -wreath product of groups  $S_{2^\infty}$  and  $Z_2$ .

It is not difficult to verify

**Proposition 1.** *The groups  $W_{2^\infty}$  and  $\widehat{W}$  are isomorphic.*

**3.** The set  $H_{2^\infty}$  of all  $2^\infty$ -periodic sequences with coordinate-wise addition form a group. Denote it by  $K_{2^\infty}$ . This group is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $2^\infty$ -wreath product of groups  $S_{2^\infty}$  and  $Z_2$ . Denote by  $C$  the subgroup of  $K_{2^\infty}$  containing only sequences  $(0, 0, \dots)$  and  $(1, 1, \dots)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *The normal structure of the  $2^\infty$ -wreath product of group  $S_{2^\infty}$  and  $Z_2$  has the form*

$$E \triangleleft C \triangleleft K_{2^\infty} \triangleleft W'_{2^\infty} \triangleleft W_{2^\infty},$$

where  $W'_{2^\infty}$  is the commutator subgroup of the group  $W_{2^\infty}$ .

*Proof.* The proof of the theorem is divided into four parts.

1. We shall show that the equality

$$W'_{2^\infty} = A_{2^\infty} \cdot K_{2^\infty}$$

holds. Indeed, hyperoctahedral group  $W_n$  is a semidirect product of  $K_n$  and  $S_n$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that  $W'_n = A_n \cdot K_n^0$ . Using (5) we get that the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} W'_{2^\infty} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} W'_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \cdot K_n^0 = \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \cdot \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_n^0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

hold. But  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_n^0 = K_{2^\infty}$ . Hence, from (6) we have

$$W'_n = A_{2^\infty} \cdot K_{2^\infty}.$$

2. Let  $v = [e; b_1, b_2, \dots]$  be an element of  $W_{2^\infty}$  such that  $(b_1, b_2, \dots) \neq (0, 0, \dots)$ ,  $(b_1, b_2, \dots) \neq (1, 1, \dots)$ . We shall show that the normal closure  $L$  of the element  $v$  contains the subgroup  $K_{2^\infty}$ . Note, that elements  $[\eta; 0, 0, \dots]$ ,  $\eta \in S_{2^\infty}$  act on  $v$  as permutations of coordinates of the sequence  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$ . Assume that  $2^l$  is the minimal period of  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$ . As  $(b_1, b_2, \dots) \neq (0, 0, \dots)$  and  $(b_1, b_2, \dots) \neq (1, 1, \dots)$ , there exist  $b_i$  and  $b_j$  such that  $b_i \neq b_j$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq 2^l$ . Denote by  $(c_1, c_2, \dots)$  the sequence obtained from the sequence  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$  using the  $2^l$ -periodic permutation, which permutes  $i$ th and  $j$ th coordinates inside the minimal period. Define an element  $w = [\eta; 0, 0, \dots]$  such that

$$w^{-1}vw = [\tau; c_1, c_2, \dots].$$

Then the sequence  $v + w^{-1}vw$  has only two units inside the minimal period. But elements of these type generate  $K_{2^\infty}$ . Therefore,  $K_{2^\infty} \subseteq L$ .

3. Let  $u = [\sigma; a_1, a_2, \dots]$  be an element of  $W_{2^\infty}$  such that  $\sigma \neq e$ . We shall show that the

normal closure  $M$  of the element  $u$  contains the subgroup  $W'_{2^\infty}$ . Indeed, define an element  $v = [e; b_1, b_2, \dots] \in W_{2^\infty}$  such that  $(u, v) \neq [e; 0, 0, \dots]$ . Then  $(u, v) = [e; c_1, c_2, \dots]$ . So, from the second part of the proof it follows that  $K_{2^\infty} \subseteq M$ .

Now define a table  $w = [\nu; 0, 0, \dots] \in W_{2^\infty}$  such that  $(u, w) \neq [e; 0, 0, \dots]$ . Then  $(u, w) = [\eta; q_1, q_2, \dots]$ , where  $\eta \in A_{2^\infty}$  and  $(q_1, q_2, \dots) \in K_{2^\infty}$ . As  $K_{2^\infty} \subseteq M$ , we have  $A_{2^\infty} \subseteq M$ . Hence  $A_{2^\infty} \cdot K_{2^\infty} \subseteq M$  and from the first part of the proof we get  $W'_{2^\infty} \subseteq M$ .

4. The abelianization  $W_{2^\infty}/W'_{2^\infty}$  of the group  $W_{2^\infty}$  is a cyclic group of order 2. Hence  $W'_{2^\infty}$  is a maximal subgroup of the group  $W_{2^\infty}$ . From the second and third parts of the proof it follows that other nontrivial normal subgroup of  $W_{2^\infty}$  are  $C$  and  $K_{2^\infty}$  only.  $\square$

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