

## On the Crypto-Automorphism of the Buchsteiner Loops

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**Abstract:** In this study, New identities of Buchsteiner loops were obtained via the principal isotopes. It was also shown that the middle inner mapping  $T_v^{-1}$  is a crypto-automorphism with companions  $v$  and  $v^\lambda$ . Our results which are new in a way, complement and extend existing results in literatures.

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### §1. Introduction

A binary system  $(Q, \cdot)$  is called a loop if  $a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a, \forall a \in Q$ , and if the equations  $ax = b$  and  $ya = b$  have respectively unique solutions  $x = a \backslash b$  and  $y = b / a, \forall a, b \in Q$ . The mappings  $R_x$  and  $L_x$  for each  $x \in Q$ , called respectively the right and left translation mappings, are defined as  $yx = yR_x$  and  $xy = yL_x, \forall y \in Q$ , they are one-to-one mapping of  $Q$  onto  $Q$ . It is important to know that the group generated by all these mappings are called multiplication group  $MlpQ$ , readers should please see [1,10].

Therefore, a loop  $(Q, \cdot)$  is called Buchsteiner loop, if  $\forall x, y, z \in Q$ , the identity

$$x \backslash (xy \cdot z) = (y \cdot zx) / x \quad (1.1)$$

is obeyed. This loop was first noticed by Buchsteiner [3] in 1976. Thereafter much is not heard of it until 2004, when Piroška Csögo, et al came up with a comprehensive study on this loop structure [5,6]. In fact, they presented for the first time, an example of Buchsteiner loop which is conjugacy closed.

A Buchsteiner loop is isomorphic to all its loops isotopes, hence it is a  $G$ -loop. It is not an inverse property loop, however it satisfies a kind of inverse known as *doubly weak inverse property*(WWIP) [5].

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A loop  $(Q, \cdot)$  is called *doubly weak inverse property* (WWIP) if the identity

$$(x \cdot y)J_\rho \cdot xJ_\rho^2 = yJ_\rho \quad (1.2)$$

holds  $\forall x, y \in Q$ . Buchsteiner loop is a class of  $G$ -loop which is defined concisely by an equation. This makes the study of Buchsteiner loop interesting since  $G$ -loop is not known to be described by a first order sentence [5].

These facts, provided the background to obtain some new identities for Buchsteiner loops. These identities, were in turn used to show that  $T_v^{-1}$  is a crypto-automorphism with companion  $v$  and  $v^\lambda$ .

**Definition 1.1** (1) An isotopism of loops  $(Q, \circ)$  and  $(Q, \cdot)$  with same underlying set, is a triple  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of permutation of  $Q$  satisfying

$$x\alpha \cdot y\beta = (x \circ y)\gamma, \forall x, y \in Q. \quad (1.3)$$

In this case  $(Q, \circ)$  and  $(Q, \cdot)$  are said to be isotopic.

(2) An isotopism  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is called principal if  $\gamma = Id_Q$ . In such a case  $1 \in Q$  is identity of  $(Q, \circ)$ , and if we set  $1\alpha = u$  and  $1\beta = v$ , then (1.3) becomes  $x \circ y = x/v \cdot u \backslash y = xR_v^{-1} \cdot yL_u^{-1}$ ,  $\forall x, y \in Q$ . Here  $\backslash$  and  $/$  are left and right division operation in  $(Q, \cdot)$ . Then the loop  $(Q, \circ)$  is called principal isotope of  $(Q, \cdot)$ .

(3) An isotopism  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of a loop  $(Q, \cdot)$  onto itself is called autotopism. The set  $Atp(Q)$  of all autotopisms of a loop  $Q$  is a group.

(4) A permutation  $\alpha$  of  $Q$  is an automorphism if  $\alpha \in Aut(Q)$  or if and only if  $(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha) \in Atp(Q)$ .

**Definition 1.2**([4]) Let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be any loop. A permutation  $C$  on symmetric group of  $Q$  is called crypto-automorphism of  $Q$  if there exist  $m, t$  in  $Q$ , such that for every  $x, y$  in  $Q$ , we have

$$(x \cdot m)C \cdot (t \cdot y)C = (x \cdot y)C. \quad (1.4)$$

## §2. Preliminaries

**Lemma 2.1**([5]) A loop  $Q$  satisfy the identity (1.1) if and only if

$$(L_x^{-1}, R_x, L_x^{-1}R_x) \quad (2.1)$$

is an autotopism  $\forall x \in Q$ .

**Lemma 2.2**([5]) A loop  $(Q, \cdot)$  satisfies the Buchsteiner identity  $x \backslash (xy \cdot z) = (y \cdot zx)/x$ , if and only if  $(L_x^{-1}, R_x, L_x^{-1}R_x) \in Atp(Q)$ ,  $\forall x, y, z \in Q$ .

**Theorem 2.1**([5]) Let  $Q$  be a Buchsteiner loop. Then  $\forall x, y \in Q$ ,  $R_{(x,y)} = [L_x, R_y] = L_{(y,x)}^{-1}$ .

Note also that, the commutator  $[L_x, R_y]$ , is defined as  $L_x R_y = R_y L_x [L_x, R_y] \Rightarrow L_x^{-1} R_y^{-1} L_x R_y = [L_x, R_y] \Rightarrow L_x^{-1} L_y^{-1} L_{yx} = [L_x, R_y]$ , since from Lemma 2.2,  $R_y^{-1} L_x R_y = L_y^{-1} L_{yx}$ .

**Theorem 2.2**([2]) *Let  $(Q, \cdot, \backslash, /)$  be a quasigroup. If  $Q(a, b, \circ) \cong^\theta Q(c, d, *)$ , then  $Q(f, g, \Delta) \cong^\theta Q((f \cdot b)\theta/d, c \backslash (a \cdot g)\theta, \square)$ . If  $(Q, \cdot)$  is a loop, then  $(f \cdot b)\theta/d = [f \cdot (a \backslash c\theta^{-1})]\theta$  and  $c \backslash (a \cdot g)\theta = [(d\theta^{-1}/b) \cdot g]\theta$ , where  $a, b, c, d, f, g \in Q$ .*

### §3. Main Results

Our first main result reads:

**Theorem 3.1** *A loop  $(Q, \cdot, \backslash, /)$  is a Buchsteiner loop if and only if the identity*

$$u\{x \backslash [(xy)/v \cdot z]\} = \{[(uy)/v \cdot u \backslash \{(uz)/v \cdot u \backslash (xv)\}]/(u \backslash (xv))\}v \quad (3.1)$$

*holds  $\forall u, v, x, y, z \in Q$ .*

*Proof* Suppose  $(Q, \cdot, \backslash, /)$  is a Buchsteiner loop with any arbitrary principal isotope  $(Q, \circ)$  such that  $x \circ y = xR_v^{-1} \cdot yL_u^{-1} = x/v \cdot u \backslash y, \forall u, v \in Q$ . Buchsteiner loops are G-loops [5]. Now choose  $u, v \in Q$  such that  $(Q, \circ)$  is loop isotope of  $(Q, \cdot)$ . Therefore, we have  $x \backslash [(x \circ y) \circ z] = [y \circ (z \circ x)]/x \Rightarrow x \backslash [(xR_v^{-1} \cdot yL_u^{-1})R_v^{-1} \cdot zL_u^{-1}] = [yR_v^{-1} \cdot (zR_v^{-1} \cdot xL_u^{-1})L_u^{-1}]/x$ . Now choose  $p$  such that  $x \backslash [(xR_v^{-1} \cdot yL_u^{-1})R_v^{-1} \cdot zL_u^{-1}] = p = [yR_v^{-1} \cdot (zR_v^{-1} \cdot xL_u^{-1})L_u^{-1}]/x$ , then  $[(xR_v^{-1} \cdot yL_u^{-1})R_v^{-1} \cdot zL_u^{-1}] = x \circ p \Leftrightarrow [yR_v^{-1} \cdot (zR_v^{-1} \cdot xL_u^{-1})L_u^{-1}] = p \circ x$ . Solving these two separately and equating the answers give

$$u[(x/v) \backslash \{[(x/v) \cdot (u \backslash y)]/v \cdot (u \backslash z)\}] = [\{(y/v) \cdot (u \backslash [(z/v) \cdot (u \backslash x)])\}/(u \backslash x)]v$$

Setting  $x' = x/v \Rightarrow x'v = x$ ,  $y' = u \backslash y \Rightarrow uy' = y$  and  $z' = u \backslash z \Rightarrow uz' = z$  in the last expression gives

$$u\{x' \backslash [(x'y')/v \cdot z']\} = \{[(uy')/v \cdot u \backslash \{(uz')/v \cdot u \backslash (x'v)\}]/(u \backslash (x'v))\}v$$

which is the required identity if  $x', y'$  and  $z'$  are respectively replaced by  $x, y$  and  $z$ . Conversely, let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be a loop which obeys equation (3.1), working upward the process of the proof of necessary condition, we obtain the Buchsteiner identity relation for any arbitrary  $u, v$ -principal isotope  $(Q, \circ)$  of  $(Q, \cdot)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be a loop. Then*

(1)  *$Q$  is a Buchsteiner loop if and only if,  $\forall x, u, v \in Q$ , the triple*

$$(R_v L_x^{-1} L_u R_v^{-1}, L_u R_v^{-1} R_{\{u \backslash (xv)\}} L_u^{-1}, L_x^{-1} L_u R_v^{-1} R_{\{u \backslash (xv)\}}) \in \text{Atp}(Q). \quad (3.2)$$

(2) *In particular,  $Q$  is a Buchsteiner loop if  $\forall u, v \in Q$ , the triple*

$$(R_v L_u R_v^{-1}, L_u R_v^{-1} R_{(u \backslash v)} L_u^{-1}, L_u R_v^{-1} R_{(u \backslash v)}) \in \text{Atp}(Q). \quad (3.3)$$

*Proof* (1) Suppose the  $Q$  is a Buchsteiner loop, then equation (3.1) of Theorem 3.1 holds in  $(Q, \cdot)$ . Expressing the equation in term of autotopism gives (3.2). Conversely, suppose the

autotopism (3.2) holds in  $Q$ ,  $\forall u, v \in Q$ , taking any  $y, z \in Q$  it implies that,  $yR_vL_x^{-1}L_uR_v^{-1} \cdot zL_uR_v^{-1}R_{\{u \setminus (xv)\}}L_u^{-1} = (yz)L_x^{-1}L_uR_v^{-1}R_{\{u \setminus (xv)\}}$ , the rest is simple.

(2) Suppose the  $Q$  is a Buchsteiner loop, then equation (3.1) of Theorem 3.1 holds in  $(Q, \cdot)$ , hence the autotopism (3.2) holds in  $Q$ . The required result is obtained if we set  $x = 1$  in this autotopism.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be a loop,  $(Q, \circ)$  an arbitrary principal isotope of  $(Q, \cdot)$  and  $(Q, *)$  some isotopes of  $(Q, \cdot)$ . Then  $(Q, \cdot)$  is a Buchsteiner loop if and only if the commutative diagram*

$$(Q, \cdot) \xrightarrow[\text{left principal isotopism}]{(R_v, I, I)} (Q, *) \xrightarrow[\text{isomorphism}]{(\eta, \eta, \eta)} (Q, \circ) \xrightarrow[\text{principal isotopism}]{(R_{(u \setminus v)}^{-1}, L_u^{-1}, I)} (Q, \cdot)$$

holds, where  $\eta = L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}$ ,  $\forall u, v \in Q$ .

*Proof* Suppose  $(Q, \cdot)$  is a Buchsteiner loop, by Lemma 3.1(2) the autotopism (3.3) holds in  $(Q, \cdot)$ . Thus,  $(R_vL_uR_v^{-1}, L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}L_u^{-1}, L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}) = (R_v, I, I)(\eta, \eta, \eta)(R_{(u \setminus v)}^{-1}, L_u^{-1}, I)$ , where  $\eta = L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}$ . Expressing this in terms of composition supplies the prove of the necessity. Conversely, suppose the commutative diagram holds in  $Q$ , we only need to show that the autotopism (3.3) holds in  $(Q, \cdot)$ . This is obtained by component multiplication of the compositions of the commutative diagram.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** *A Buchsteiner loop  $(Q, \cdot, \setminus, /)$  obeys the identities:  $((uz)/v) \cdot (u \setminus v) = u\{(u[(u \setminus v)/v \cdot z])/v \cdot (u \setminus v)\}$  and  $u\{[u(yv)]/v\} = \{(y \cdot u \setminus [(u/v) \cdot (u \setminus v)])/(u \setminus v)\}v$ .*

*Proof* From Theorem 3.2, observed that  $(Q, \circ)$  and  $(Q, *)$  are principal and left principal isotopes of  $(Q, \cdot)$  respectively and  $\eta = L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}$  is an isomorphism. Therefore  $(Q, 1, v, \circ) \stackrel{\eta}{\cong} (Q, u, u \setminus v, *)$ . Let  $(Q, y, z, \Delta)$  be an arbitrary principal isotope of  $(Q, \cdot)$ , comparing these with the statement of Theorem 2.2, we have  $a = 1, b = v, c = u, d = u \setminus v, f = y, g = z$  and  $\theta = \eta = L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)}$ . Using these we can compute:  $c \setminus (a \cdot g)\theta = u \setminus (1 \cdot z)L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)} = u \setminus \{((uz)/v) \cdot (u \setminus v)\}$  and  $[(d\theta^{-1}/b) \cdot g]\theta = \{[(u \setminus v)(L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)})^{-1}]/v \cdot z\}L_uR_v^{-1}R_{(u \setminus v)} = \{(u[(u \setminus v)/v \cdot z])/v\}(u \setminus v)$ . Hence  $c \setminus (a \cdot g)\theta = [(d\theta^{-1}/b) \cdot g]\theta \Leftrightarrow u \setminus \{((uz)/v) \cdot (u \setminus v)\} = \{(u[(u \setminus v)/v \cdot z])/v\}(u \setminus v) \Leftrightarrow ((uz)/v) \cdot (u \setminus v) = u\{(u[(u \setminus v)/v \cdot z])/v \cdot (u \setminus v)\}$ , which proved the first identity. The second is similarly obtained, using appropriate arrangement.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be a Buchsteiner loop. Then the identities  $(vz)/v = v[(v \cdot v^\lambda z)/v]$  and  $v\{(v \setminus (yv))/v\} = yv^\rho \cdot v$  hold  $\forall v, y, z \in Q$ .*

*Proof* All of these identities are obtained respectively by identities of Theorem 3.3 by setting  $u = v$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2** *If  $(Q, \cdot)$  is a Buchsteiner loop, then*

- (1)  $(vz)/v = v[(v \cdot v^\lambda z)/v]$  if and only if  $L_v^{-1} = T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}$ ,  $\forall v, z \in Q$ ;
- (2)  $v\{(v \setminus (yv))/v\} = yv^\rho \cdot v$  if and only if  $R_v = T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v$ ,  $\forall v, y \in Q$ .

*Proof* Setting  $u = v$  in the identities of Theorem 3.3, we obtained  $(vz)/v = v[(v \cdot v^\lambda z)/v] \Rightarrow L_v^{-1} = T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}$  from the first one. Conversely, suppose  $L_v^{-1} = T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}$

holds in  $Q$ , now for any  $z \in Q$   $zL_v^{-1} = zT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1} \Leftrightarrow v \setminus z = \{v[v^\lambda(v \setminus (zv))]\}/v$ , now set  $z = v \setminus (zv)$  and the first identity is obtained. The second assertion is similarly obtained.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3** *Let  $Q$  be a Buchsteiner loop, then  $(T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}, T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v, T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v) \in \text{Atp}(Q), \forall v \in Q$ .*

*Proof* This is obtained by substituting the assertion of Corollary 3.2 into the autotopism (2.1).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** *A permutation  $C$  on symmetric group of a loop  $Q$  is called crypto-automorphism, if and only if  $(R_mC, L_tC, C) \in \text{Atp}(Q)$ , where  $m, t \in Q$ .*

*Proof* Suppose  $C$  is a crypto-automorphism, then by Definition 1.2 equation (1.4) holds in  $Q$ , ie  $(x \cdot m)C \cdot (t \cdot y)C = (x \cdot y)C \Leftrightarrow xR_mC \cdot yL_tC = (xy)C \Leftrightarrow (R_mC, L_tC, C) \in \text{Atp}(Q)$ . Thus the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $(Q, \cdot)$  be a Buchsteiner loop. Then*

- (1)  $T_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}$  is a crypto-automorphism with companions  $v \setminus (v^\rho v)$  and  $v$ .
- (2)  $T_v$  is a crypto-automorphism with companions  $v \setminus (v^\rho v)$  and  $v$ .

*Proof* (1) Using the autotopism  $A = (T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}, T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v, T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v)$  in Corollary 3.3 such that for any  $y, z \in Q$ , we have

$$yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1} \cdot zT_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v = (yz)T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v.$$

If we set  $z = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}R_v &= yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v \\ &\Leftrightarrow yT_vL_{v^\lambda}L_v = yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v \\ &\Leftrightarrow yT_v(L_v^{-1}L_{v^\lambda}^{-1})^{-1} = yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v \\ &\Leftrightarrow yT_v(L_v^{-1}L_{v^\lambda}^{-1}L_{v^\lambda v})^{-1} = yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v. \end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 2.1, we have  $yT_vL_{(v, v^\lambda)} = yT_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v$ . Thus we substitute to get  $A = (T_vL_{v^\lambda}T_v^{-1}, T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}^{-1}T_v, T_vL_{(v, v^\lambda)})$ .

Furthermore,  $A^{-1} = (T_vL_{v^\lambda}^{-1}T_v^{-1}, T_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}T_v, L_{(v, v^\lambda)}^{-1}T_v^{-1})$ , thus for any  $y, z \in Q$ , applying  $A^{-1}$  we obtain,  $yT_vL_{v^\lambda}^{-1}T_v^{-1} \cdot zT_v^{-1}R_{v^\rho}T_v = (yz)L_{(v, v^\lambda)}^{-1}T_v^{-1}$ . Now by appropriate calculation, we can re-write  $A^{-1} = (L_{(v, v^\lambda)}^{-1}T_v^{-1}R_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}^{-1}, L_{(v^\lambda, v)}^{-1}T_v^{-1}L_v^{-1}, L_{(v^\lambda, v)}^{-1}T_v^{-1}) \Leftrightarrow A = (R_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}, L_vT_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}, T_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)})$ , which proved (1).

(2)  $L_{(v^\lambda, v)}$  has been observed to be an automorphism in  $Q$  ([5]). Thus taking any  $a, b \in Q$ , we can write from (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (R_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}, L_vT_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}, T_vL_{(v^\lambda, v)}) \\ &= (R_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_v, L_vT_v, T_v)(L_{(v^\lambda, v)}, L_{(v^\lambda, v)}, L_{(v^\lambda, v)}) \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $Q$  be a Buchsteiner loop, then  $T_v^{-1}$  is a crypto-automorphism with companions  $v$  and  $v^\lambda, \forall v \in Q$ .*

*Proof* From Theorem 3.4(2), we observed that  $T_v$  is a crypto-automorphism with companions  $(v \setminus (v^\rho v))$  and  $v$ , thus by definition it implies that, for any  $a$  and  $b$  in  $Q$ , we have  $aR_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_v \cdot bL_vT_v = (ab)T_v$ . Setting  $b = a^\rho$ , we obtain  $aR_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_v \cdot a^\rho L_vT_v = 1 \Rightarrow R_{(v \setminus (v^\rho v))}T_v = J_\rho L_vT_v J_\lambda$ , using the fact that  $Q$  is WWIP loop ([5]). This in terms of autotopism, implies  $B = (J_\rho L_vT_v J_\lambda, L_vT_v, T_v) \in Atp(Q)$ , finally by appropriate calculation we have  $J_\lambda L_vT_v J_\rho = T_v R_v^{-1}$ , and  $L_vT_v = T_v L_{v^\lambda}^{-1}$ , re-writing we have  $B = (T_v R_v^{-1}, T_v L_{v^\lambda}^{-1}, T_v) \in Atp(Q), \forall v \in Q$ . The result follows by taking the inverse of  $B$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4** *Any Buchsteiner loop  $Q$  is an  $A$ -loop.*

*Proof* It is straight forward from Corollary 5.4 in [5] and the preceding theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 3.1** Since all the inner mappings, i.e.  $L_{(u,v)}, R_{(u,v)}$  and  $T_v$  have been established to exhibit one form of automorphism or the other, then  $(Q, \cdot)$  is an  $A$ -loop.

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