

## THE FOURTH DIMENSION SUBGROUPS AND POLYNOMIAL MAPS, II

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### § 1. Introduction

In our previous paper [3] we proved the following ([3, Theorem 16]):

**THEOREM A.** *Let  $G$  be a 2-group of class 3. Let  $G_2$  and  $G/G_2$  be direct products of cyclic groups  $\langle y_q \rangle$  of order  $\alpha_q$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ), and of cyclic groups  $\langle h_i \rangle$  of order  $\beta_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) with  $\beta_1 \geq \beta_2 \geq \dots \geq \beta_n$ , respectively. Let  $x_i$  be representatives of  $h_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), and put  $x_i^{e_i} = y_1^{e_{i1}} y_2^{e_{i2}} \dots y_m^{e_{im}}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ),  $[x_j, y_s] = y_1^{e_{js}^1} y_2^{e_{js}^2} \dots y_m^{e_{js}^m}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n, 1 \leq s \leq m$ ). Then a homomorphism  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$  can be extended to a polynomial map from  $G$  to  $T$  of degree  $\leq 4$  if and only if there exists an integral solution in the following linear equations of  $X_{iq}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ) with coefficients in  $T$ :*

$$\sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} e_q^{js} \frac{X_{iq}}{(\beta_i, \alpha_q)} = 0 \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n, 1 \leq s \leq m) \quad (\text{I})$$

$$2^{\delta_{ij}} \left[ \sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} c_{iq} \frac{X_{jq}}{(\beta_j, \alpha_q)} - \left( \frac{\beta_i}{\beta_j} \right) \sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} c_{jq} \left\{ \frac{X_{iq}}{(\beta_i, \alpha_q)} + \psi([x_i, y_q]) \right\} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{II})$$

$(1 \leq i < j \leq n),$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker symbol for  $\beta_i$ : i.e.  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  or  $0$  according to  $\beta_i = \beta_j$  or  $\beta_i > \beta_j$ , respectively.

As corollaries we had

**COROLLARY 1** ([3, Corollaries 18 and 21]). *If  $2 \leq n \leq 3$ : i.e. the rank of  $G/G_2$  is at most three, then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ .*

In this paper we discuss the problem in the case  $n \geq 4$ . We find out some sufficient conditions for  $D_4(G) = G_4$  in the general case  $n \geq 4$ , as the case such that the equations (I) and (II) in Theorem A have a

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normal solution.\*) We know only one counterexample to  $D_4(G) = G_4$  due to Rips [2]. But we show that there exist infinitely many counterexamples to  $D_4(G) = G_4$  in the case  $n = 4$ , containing Rips' one as the simplest case.

## § 2. General case $n \geq 4$

We determine some sufficient conditions for  $D_4(G) = G_4$  in this general case  $n \geq 4$ , as the case such that the equations (I) and (II) in Theorem A have a normal solution.

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\delta_{ij}}} = 1$  for  $i < j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ : e.g.  $\beta_{n-2} \geq \alpha_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m$ ), then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\delta_{ij}}} = 1$  and hence  $2^{\delta_{ij}}\psi([x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]) = 0$  ( $i < j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ ) for any homomorphism  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$ . Then it is easy to show by [3, Proposition 4] that  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{nq} = -(\beta_n, \alpha_q)\psi([x_n, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is an integral solution of the equations (I) and (II) in Theorem A, since  $2^{\delta_{n-1, n}}\psi([x_{n-1}, x_n^{\beta_{n-1}}]) = -2^{\delta_{n-1, n}}\psi([x_n, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-1}}])$ . Now if  $\beta_{n-2} \geq \alpha_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m$ ), then we have by [3, Proposition 4] for  $i < j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\delta_{ij}}\psi([x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]) &= 2^{\delta_{ij}}\left(\frac{\beta_i}{\beta_j}\right) \sum_{1 \leq r \leq m} \left( \sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} c_{jq} e_r^{iq} \right) \psi(y_r) \\ &= 2^{\delta_{ij}}\left(\frac{\beta_i}{\beta_j}\right) \sum_{1 \leq r \leq m} \left\{ \beta_j d_r^{ij} - \left(\frac{\beta_j}{2}\right) \sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} d_q^{ij} e_r^{jq} \right\} \psi(y_r) \\ &= 2^{\delta_{ij}} \beta_i \sum_{1 \leq q \leq m} d_r^{ij} \psi(y_r) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**COROLLARY 3.** *Assume that  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\delta_{ij}}} = 1$  for  $i < j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n - 3$ : e.g.  $\beta_{n-3} \geq \alpha_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m$ ). If any one of the following three conditions is satisfied, then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ :*

- 1)  $[x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\delta_{n-2, n-1}}} = 1$
- 2)  $[x_{n-2}, x_n^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\delta_{n-2, n}}} = 1$
- 3)  $[x_{n-1}, x_n^{\beta_{n-1}}]^{2^{\delta_{n-1, n}}} = 1$

*Proof.* Assume that  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\delta_{ij}}} = 1$  and hence  $2^{\delta_{ij}}\psi([x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]) = 0$  ( $i < j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 3$ ) for any homomorphism  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$ . Then it is easy to show by [3, Proposition 4] that  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ) and

\* ) See its definition in [3, §6].

$X_{nq} = -(\beta_n, \alpha_q)\psi([x_n, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is an integral solution of (I) and (II) in the case 1). In the case 2)  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-3, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{n-2q} = -(\beta_{n-2}, \alpha_q)\psi([x_{n-2}, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{n-1q} = 0$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ) and  $X_{nq} = -(\beta_n, \alpha_q)\psi([x_n, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is their integral solution, and in the case 3)  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-3, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{n-2q} = -(\beta_{n-2}, \alpha_q)\psi([x_{n-2}, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{n-1q} = 0$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{nq} = -(\beta_n, \alpha_q)\psi([x_n, y_q])$  ( $1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is their integral solution. Now if  $\beta_{n-3} \geq \alpha_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m$ ), then we have by [3, Proposition 4] for  $i < j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n-3$ ,

$$[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\beta_{ij}}} = 1. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

We may prove the following by a similar method of Corollary 6 below.

**COROLLARY 4.** *Assume that  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\beta_{ij}}} = 1$  for  $i < j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n-4$ : e.g.  $\beta_{n-4} \geq \alpha_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq m$ ). If any one of the following seven conditions is satisfied, then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ .*

- 1)  $[x_{n-3}, x_{n-2}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-2}}} = [x_{n-1}, x_n^{\beta_{n-1}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-1, n}}} = 1$
- 2)  $[x_{n-3}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-1}}} = [x_{n-2}, x_n^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n}}} = 1$
- 3)  $[x_{n-3}, x_n^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n}}} = [x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n-1}}} = 1$
- 4)  $[x_{n-3}, x_{n-2}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-2}}} = [x_{n-3}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-1}}} = [x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n-1}}} = 1$
- 5)  $[x_{n-3}, x_{n-2}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-2}}} = [x_{n-3}, x_n^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n}}} = [x_{n-2}, x_n^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n}}} = 1$
- 6)  $[x_{n-3}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n-1}}} = [x_{n-3}, x_n^{\beta_{n-3}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-3, n}}} = [x_{n-1}, x_n^{\beta_{n-1}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-1, n}}} = 1$
- 7)  $[x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n-1}}} = [x_{n-2}, x_n^{\beta_{n-2}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-2, n}}} = [x_{n-1}, x_n^{\beta_{n-1}}]^{2^{\beta_{n-1, n}}} = 1.$

**COROLLARY 5.** *Let  $n = 2\ell$  or  $2\ell + 1$ . If  $[x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]^{2^{\beta_{ij}}} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq \ell$  and  $\ell + 1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$  be any homomorphism. Then by [3, Proposition 4] we have that  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \ell, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ) and  $X_{iq} = -(\beta_i, \alpha_q)\psi([x_i, y_q])$  ( $\ell + 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is an integral solution of (I) and (II) in Theorem A, since  $2^{\beta_{ij}}\psi([x_i, x_j^{\beta_i}]) = -2^{\beta_{ij}}\psi([x_j, x_i^{\beta_j}])$  for  $\ell + 1 \leq i \leq n$ .  
Q.E.D.

### § 3. The case $n = 4$

In this case  $n = 4$  we show the following:

**COROLLARY 6.** *If any one of the following seven conditions is satisfied, then  $D_4(G) = G_4$ ;*

- 1)  $[x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{12}}} = [x_3, x_4^{\beta_3}]^{2^{\delta_{34}}} = 1$
- 2)  $[x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{13}}} = [x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{24}}} = 1$
- 3)  $[x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{14}}} = [x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{23}}} = 1$
- 4)  $[x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{12}}} = [x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{13}}} = [x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{23}}} = 1$
- 5)  $[x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{12}}} = [x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{14}}} = [x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{24}}} = 1$
- 6)  $[x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{13}}} = [x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{14}}} = [x_3, x_4^{\beta_3}]^{2^{\delta_{34}}} = 1$
- 7)  $[x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{23}}} = [x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]^{2^{\delta_{24}}} = [x_3, x_4^{\beta_3}]^{2^{\delta_{34}}} = 1$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $[x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]^{2^{\delta_{12}}} = [x_3, x_4^{\beta_3}]^{2^{\delta_{34}}} = 1$  and hence  $2^{\delta_{12}}\psi([x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]) = 2^{\delta_{34}}\psi([x_3, x_4^{\beta_3}]) = 0$  for any homomorphism  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$ . Then  $X_{iq} = -(\beta_i, \alpha_q)\psi([x_i, y_q])$  ( $i = 1, 2; 1 \leq q \leq m$ ),  $X_{iq} = 0$  ( $i = 3, 4; 1 \leq q \leq m$ ) is an integral solution of (I) and (II). In the remainder cases we list an integral solution corresponding in each case:

Case	$X_{1q}$	$X_{2q}$	$X_{3q}$	$X_{4q}$
2)	*	0	*	0
3)	*	0	0	*
4)	0	0	0	*
5)	0	0	*	0
6)	0	*	0	0
7)	*	0	0	0

where \* means  $-(\beta_i, \alpha_q)\psi([x_i, y_q])$ .

Q.E.D.

As a corollary of Corollary 6 we have

**COROLLARY 7.** *We have  $D_i(G) = G_4$  in each case of the following three:*

- 1)  $\beta_1 \geq \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4$
- 2)  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 > \beta_3 = \beta_4$
- 3)  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 > \beta_4$ .

*Proof.* Its proof is very similar in each case. For example we prove it in the case 2). We show that we may take  $\psi([x_1, x_2^{\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) = 0$  by a suitable base change of  $\{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}$ . Let  $\psi: G_3 \rightarrow T$  be any homomorphism. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$  put  $\psi([x_i, x_j^{\beta_j}]) = A_{ij}/2^{r_{ij}}$  with  $A_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(2, A_{ij}) = 1$ . Put  $h_1^* = h_1$ ,  $h_2^* = h_1^{a_{21}}h_2$ ,  $h_3^* = h_3^{a_{32}}h_4^{a_{34}}$  and  $h_4^* = h_3^{a_{43}}h_4^{a_{44}}$  for an odd integer  $a_{33}a_{44} - a_{34}a_{43}$ , and put  $x_i^* = \omega(h_i^*)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) &= a_{33}\psi([x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]) + a_{34}\psi([x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]) \\ \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) &= a_{21}\{a_{43}\psi([x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]) + a_{44}\psi([x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}])\} \\ &\quad + a_{43}\psi([x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]) + a_{44}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) .\end{aligned}$$

Therefore if  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{23} \geq \gamma_{24}$ , or  $\gamma_{13} = \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{23} \neq \gamma_{24}$ , or  $\gamma_{13} > \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{23} \leq \gamma_{24}$ , then we may choose  $a_{21}, a_{33}, a_{34}, a_{43}$  and  $a_{44}$  such that  $\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) = 0$ ,  $a_{21} = 0$  and  $a_{33}a_{44} - a_{34}a_{43}$  is odd. If  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{14} \geq \gamma_{24}$ , or  $\gamma_{13} = \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{14} \leq \gamma_{24}$ , or  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{14}$  and  $\gamma_{13} \geq \gamma_{23}$ , then we may choose  $a_{21}, a_{33}, a_{34}, a_{43}$  and  $a_{44}$  such that  $\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) = 0$  and  $a_{33}a_{44} - a_{34}a_{43}$  is odd. Thus we may suppose that a)  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{14}, \gamma_{23} < \gamma_{24}$  and  $\gamma_{14} < \gamma_{24}$ : or b)  $\gamma_{13} = \gamma_{14}, \gamma_{23} = \gamma_{24}$  and  $\gamma_{14} < \gamma_{24}$ : or c)  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{14}, \gamma_{23} > \gamma_{24}$  and  $\gamma_{13} < \gamma_{23}$ . In the case a) put  $h_1^* = h_1^{a_{11}}h_2^{a_{12}}, h_2^* = h_2, h_3^* = h_4$  and  $h_4^* = h_3^{a_{33}}h_4^{a_{34}}$  for odd integers  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{43}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) &= -a_{11}\psi([x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]) - a_{12}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) \\ \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) &= a_{43}\psi([x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]) + a_{44}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) .\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we may choose  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{43}$  and  $a_{44}$  such that  $\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) = 0$  and  $a_{11}, a_{43}$  are odd. In the case b) put  $h_1^* = h_2, h_2^* = h_1^{a_{21}}h_2^{a_{22}}, h_3^* = h_3^{a_{33}}h_4^{a_{34}}$  and  $h_4^* = h_4$  for odd integers  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{33}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) &= -a_{33}\psi([x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]) - a_{34}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) \\ \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) &= a_{21}\psi([x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]) + a_{22}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) ,\end{aligned}$$

and hence we may choose  $a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{33}$  and  $a_{34}$  such that  $\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) = 0$ ,  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{33}$  are odd. In the case c) put  $h_1^* = h_2, h_2^* = h_1^{a_{21}}h_2^{a_{22}}, h_3^* = h_3^{a_{33}}h_4^{a_{34}}$  and  $h_4^* = h_3$  for odd integers  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{34}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) &= -a_{33}\psi([x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]) - a_{34}\psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) \\ \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) &= a_{21}\psi([x_1, x_4^{\beta_1}]) + a_{22}\psi([x_2, x_3^{\beta_2}]) ,\end{aligned}$$

and hence we may choose  $a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{33}$  and  $a_{34}$  such that  $\psi([x_1^*, x_3^{*\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2^*, x_4^{*\beta_2}]) = 0$ ,  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{34}$  are odd. Thus we may assume that  $\psi([x_1, x_3^{\beta_1}]) = \psi([x_2, x_4^{\beta_2}]) = 0$ , and hence  $D_4(G) = G_4$ . Q.E.D.

*Remark.* Although in the case  $\beta_1 > \beta_2 > \beta_3 = \beta_4$ , if  $\beta_1 = 2\beta_2$  or  $\beta_2 = 2\beta_3$ , then we may show that  $D_4(G) = G_4$ . Similarly in the case  $\beta_1 > \beta_2 = \beta_3 > \beta_4$ , if  $\beta_1 = 2\beta_2$  or  $\beta_3 = 2\beta_4$ , then we may show that  $D_4(G) = G_4$ . Thus we conjecture that  $D_4(G) = G_4$  in the both cases  $\beta_1 > \beta_2 > \beta_3 = \beta_4$

and  $\beta_1 > \beta_2 = \beta_3 > \beta_4$ .

We construct infinitely many counterexamples to  $D_4(G) = G_4$ , whose order is  $2^{8k+22+\ell}$  with  $k \geq 2$  and  $\ell \geq 0$  in the case  $\beta_1 \geq \beta_2 > \beta_3 > \beta_4$ . In particular take  $k = 2$  and  $\ell = 0$ , then this group is just the counterexample due to Rips [2].

Let  $G$  be a 2-group of order  $2^{8k+22+\ell}$  satisfying the following:

- 1)  $\alpha_1 = 2^{k+\ell}, \alpha_2 = 2^{k+4}, \alpha_3 = 2^{k+2}, \alpha_4 = 2^k$
- 2)  $\beta_1 = 2^{k+4+\ell}, \beta_2 = 2^{k+4}, \beta_3 = 2^{k+2}, \beta_4 = 2^k$
- 3)  $[x_1, x_2] = y_1^2 y_2, [x_1, x_3] = y_1^{-2^3} y_3, [x_1, x_4] = y_1^{2^5} y_4,$   
 $[x_2, x_3] = y_1, [x_2, x_4] = y_1^2, [x_3, x_4] = y_1^{-2^2},$   
 $[x_1, y_q] = 1 \ (1 \leq q \leq 4)$   
 $[x_2, y_1] = [x_2, y_3] = [x_2, y_4] = 1, [x_2, y_2] = y_1^{2^2}$   
 $[x_3, y_1] = [x_3, y_2] = [x_3, y_4] = 1, [x_3, y_3] = y_1^{-2^4}$   
 $[x_4, y_1] = [x_4, y_2] = [x_4, y_3] = 1, [x_4, y_4] = y_1^{2^8}$
- 4)  $x_1^{\beta_1} = y_2^{-2k+8+\ell}, x_2^{\beta_2} = y_3^{2k} y_4^{-2k-1}, x_3^{\beta_3} = y_2^{2k} y_4^{2k-2}, x_4^{\beta_4} = y_2^{2k-1} y_3^{2k-2}.$

Then we may easily show that  $G$  is a 2-group of class 3. In this case the equations (I) and (II) in Theorem A are the following:

$$2^2 \frac{X_{i1}}{\beta_i} = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq 4)$$

$$2^{\beta_{12}} \left\{ -\frac{X_{13}}{2^{2-\ell}} + \frac{X_{14}}{2^{1-\ell}} \right\} = 0, \quad \frac{X_{12}}{2^{2-\ell}} = 0$$

$$\frac{X_{33}}{4} - \frac{X_{34}}{2} - \frac{X_{22}}{4} - 2^{k+4} \psi(y_1) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-\frac{X_{44}}{2} - \frac{X_{22}}{2} - 2^{k+5} \psi(y_1) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{X_{44}}{4} - \frac{X_{32}}{2} - \frac{X_{33}}{4} + 2^{k+4} \psi(y_1) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Taking (1)  $\times$  2 + (2) + (3)  $\times$  2, we have

$$2^{k+5} \psi(y_1) = \psi(y_1^{2^{k+5}}) = 0,$$

and hence by [1, Proposition 4.1]

$$D_4(G) = \{1, y_1^{2^{k+5}}\} \neq G_4 = \{1\}.$$

Thus we constructed a 2-group of order  $2^{8k+22+\ell}$  such that  $D_4(G) = \{1, y_1^{2^{k+5}}\} \neq \{1\}$  and  $G_4 = \{1\}$ .

In particular take  $k = 2$  and  $\ell = 0$ , then this group is of order  $2^8$ , and we may show that this group is just equal to the counterexample due to Rips [2].

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