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**Abstract.** The generalized presentation of a Bieberbach group with cyclic point group of order two can be obtained from the fact that any Bieberbach group of dimension  $n$  is a direct product of the group of the smallest dimension with a free abelian group. In this paper, by using the group presentation, the homological functor of a Bieberbach group with cyclic point group of order two of dimension  $n$  is found.

**Keywords:** Homological functor, Bieberbach group, point group.

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## INTRODUCTION

A Bieberbach group is defined as a torsion free crystallographic group whereas a crystallographic group is a discrete subgroup  $G$  of the set of isometries of Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^n$ , where the quotient space  $\mathbb{E}^n/G$  is compact. Previous researches on crystallographic groups as well as Bieberbach groups can be found in [1- 4]. Rohaidah in [5] computed the nonabelian tensor squares for some Bieberbach groups with cyclic point group of order two,  $C_2$ , found in Crystallographic, Algorithms and Tables (CARAT) package [6]. This computer package handles enumeration, construction, recognition, and comparison problems for crystallographic groups up to dimension 6. In [5], the first Bieberbach group with point group  $C_2$  of dimension  $n$  is defined as the following:

**Definition 1 [5]** The groups

$$B_1(n) = B_1(2) \times F_{n-2}^{ab} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

are Bieberbach groups with point group  $C_2$  of dimension  $n$ , where  $B_1(2) = \langle a, l_1, l_2 \mid a^2 = l_2, {}^a l_1 = l_1^{-1}, {}^a l_2 = l_2, {}^l l_2 = l_2 \rangle$  and  $F_m^{ab}$  is the free abelian group of rank  $m$ .

The notation  $B_i(j)$  denotes the  $i$ th Bieberbach group with point group  $C_2$  of dimension  $j$ . The group  $B_1(2)$  has been shown to be polycyclic in [5].

By taking Definition 1 as the basis, the exterior square of  $B_1(n)$  is computed in this paper. The exterior square of a group is one of the homological functors, which were originated from homotopy theory. The exterior square of a group  $G$  is the factor group  $(G \otimes G) / \nabla(G)$  where  $G \otimes G$  is the nonabelian tensor square of  $G$  while  $\nabla(G)$  is the central subgroup of  $G \otimes G$  generated by  $g \otimes g$ , for all  $g \in G$ .

Some important results from previous researches that are used in the computations of the exterior squares of  $B_1(n)$  are presented next.

**Definition 2 [7]** Let  $G$  be a group with presentation  $\langle G|R \rangle$  and let  $G^\varphi$  be an isomorphic copy of  $G$  via the mapping  $\varphi: g \rightarrow g^\varphi$  for all  $g \in G$ . The group  $\nu(G)$  is defined to be

$$\nu(G) = \langle G, G^\varphi | R, R^\varphi, {}^x[g, h^\varphi] = [{}^xg, ({}^xh)^\varphi] = {}^{x^\varphi}[g, h^\varphi], \forall x, g, h \in G \rangle.$$

**Proposition 1 [8]** If  $G$  is polycyclic, then  $\nu(G)$  is polycyclic.

**Theorem 1 [9]** Let  $G$  be a group. The map  $\sigma: G \otimes G \rightarrow [G, G^\varphi] \triangleleft \nu(G)$  defined by  $\sigma(g \otimes h) = [g, h^\varphi]$  for all  $g$  and  $h$  in  $G$  is an isomorphism.

**Definition 3 [8]** Let  $G$  be any group. Then  $\tau(G)$  is defined to be the quotient group  $\nu(G) / \sigma(\nabla(G))$ , where  $\sigma: G \otimes G \rightarrow [G, G^\varphi]$  is as defined in Theorem 1.

**Proposition 2 [8]** Let  $G$  be any group. The map

$$\hat{\sigma}: G \wedge G \rightarrow [G, G^\varphi]_{\tau(G)} \triangleleft \tau(G)$$

defined by  $\sigma(g \wedge h) = [g, h^\varphi]_{\tau(G)}$  is an isomorphism.

For simplicity, since  $\tau(G)$  is a subgroup of  $\nu(G)$ , after this we only denote  $[g, h^\varphi]_{\tau(G)}$  as  $[g, h^\varphi]$ .

**Proposition 3 [8]** Let  $G$  be a polycyclic group with a polycyclic generating sequence  $g_1, \dots, g_k$ . Then,  $[G, G^\varphi]_{\tau(G)}$ , a subgroup of  $\tau(G)$ , is generated by

$$[G, G^\varphi]_{\tau(G)} = \langle [g_i^\delta, (g_j^\varepsilon)], [g_j^\delta, (g_i^\varepsilon)] \rangle$$

for  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ , where

$$\varepsilon = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |g_j| < \infty; \\ \pm 1 & \text{if } |g_j| = \infty \end{cases} \text{ and } \delta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |g_i| < \infty; \\ \pm 1 & \text{if } |g_i| = \infty. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1 [10]** Let  $G$  be a group such that  $G^{ab}$  is finitely generated. Assume that  $G^{ab}$  is the direct product of the cyclic groups  $\langle x_i G' \rangle$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Then,  $\nabla(G)$  is generated by the elements of the set  $\{[x_i, x_i^\varphi], [x_i, x_j^\varphi], [x_j, x_i^\varphi] | 1 \leq i < j \leq s\}$ .

A list of commutator calculus that is used in the computations of the exterior square of  $B_1(n)$  is given as follows:

$$[x, yz] = [x, y]^y [x, z]; \tag{1}$$

$$[x, y^{-1}] = {}^{y^{-1}}[x, y]^{-1} = [y^{-1}, [x, y]^{-1}] [x, y]^{-1}; \tag{2}$$

$${}^z[x, y] = [{}^z x, {}^z y]. \tag{3}$$

The following lemmas record some basic identities related to the group

**Lemma 2 [8, 11]** Let  $G$  be a group. Then the following hold in  $\nu(G)$ :

- (i)  $[g, g^\rho]$  is central in  $\nu(G)$  for all  $g$  in  $G$ ;
- (ii)  $[g_1, g_2^\rho][g_2, g_1^\rho]$  is central in  $\nu(G)$  for all  $g_1, g_2$  in  $G$ ;
- (iii)  $[g, g^\rho] = 1$  for all  $g$  in  $G'$ ;
- (iv)  $[g_1^n, g_2^\rho][g_2, (g_1^n)^\rho] = [g_1, (g_2^n)^\rho][g_2^n, g_1^\rho] = ([g_1, g_2^\rho][g_2, g_1^\rho])^n$  for all  $g_1, g_2$  in  $G$  and integer  $n$ .

**Corollary 1 [10]** Let  $G$  be any group. Then  $[Z(G), (G')^\rho] = 1$ .

**Lemma 3 [5, 8]** Let  $g$  and  $h$  be elements of  $G$  such that  $[g, h] = 1$ . Then in  $\nu(G)$ ,

- (i)  $[g^n, h^\rho] = [g, h^\rho]^n = [g, (h^\rho)^n]$  for all integers  $n$ ;
- (ii)  $[g^n, (h^m)^\rho][h^m, (g^n)^\rho] = ([g, h^\rho][h, g^\rho])^{nm}$ ;
- (iii)  $[g, h^\rho]$  is in the center of  $\nu(G)$ .

**Lemma 4 [5]** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups and let  $g \in G$ . Suppose  $\phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  onto  $H$ . If  $\phi(g)$  has a finite order then  $|\phi(g)|$  divides  $|g|$ . Otherwise the order of  $\phi(g)$  equals the order of  $g$ .

**Lemma 5 [12]** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be abelian groups. Consider the ordinary tensor product of two abelian groups. Then,

- (i)  $C_0 \otimes A \cong A$ ,
- (ii)  $C_0 \otimes C_0 \cong C_0$ ,
- (iii)  $C_n \otimes C_m \cong C_{\gcd(n,m)}$ , for  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and
- (iv)  $A \otimes (B \times C) = (A \otimes B) \times (A \otimes C)$ ,

where  $C_0$  is the infinite cyclic group.

**Theorem 2 [13]** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups such that there is an epimorphism  $\varepsilon : G \rightarrow H$ . Then there exists an epimorphism  $\alpha : G \otimes G \rightarrow H \otimes H$  defined by  $\alpha(g \otimes h) = \varepsilon(g) \otimes \varepsilon(h)$ .

## THE COMPUTATIONS OF THE EXTERIOR SQUARE OF $B_1(n)$

Based on Definition 1, the consistent polycyclic presentation of  $B_1(n)$  is obtained and is given in the following lemma.

**Lemma 6** Let  $B_1(n)$  be a Bieberbach group with point group  $C_2$  of dimension  $n$ . Then,

$$B_1(n) = \langle a, l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n \mid a^2 = l_2, {}^a l_1 = l_1^{-1}, {}^a l_j = l_j, {}^l l_j = l_j \rangle$$

for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

**Proof.** By Definition 1,  $B_1(n) = B_1(2) \times F_{n-2}^{ab}$ . Therefore, all elements in  $F_{n-2}^{ab}$  commute with elements in  $B_1(2)$ . Since  $F_{n-2}^{ab}$  is the free abelian group of rank  $n-2$ , then it is generated by  $l_3, l_4, \dots, l_n$ . Therefore,  ${}^a l_j = l_j$ ,  ${}^l l_j = l_j$  and  ${}^l l_j = l_j$  for  $a, l_1, l_2 \in B_1(2)$  and  $j = 3, 4, \dots, n$ . Therefore, we have

$$B_1(n) = \langle a, l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n \mid a^2 = l_2, {}^a l_1 = l_1^{-1}, {}^a l_j = l_j, {}^{l_i} l_j = l_j \rangle$$

where  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Based on the properties of groups and polycyclic presentations, this presentation is consistent.

**Lemma 7** The group  $B_1(n)$  has a cyclic derived subgroup and its abelianisation is

$$B_1(n)^{ab} = \langle aB_1(n)', l_1B_1(n)', l_jB_1(n)' \rangle \cong C_0^{n-1} \times C_2$$

for  $3 \leq j \leq n$ .

**Proof.** Based on the relations of  $B_1(n)$ ,  $[a, l_1] = l_1^{-2} \neq 1$ ,  $[a, l_j] = 1$  and  $[l_i, l_j] = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

Therefore,  $B_1(n)' = \langle l_1^{-2} \rangle$ . Since  $B_1(n)$  is torsion free, then  $B_1(n)' \cong C_0$ .

The abelianisation of  $B_1(n)$ , denoted as  $B_1(n)^{ab}$ , is defined to be the quotient group  $B_1(n) / B_1(n)'$ . Thus, it is generated by  $aB_1(n)', l_1B_1(n)'$  and  $l_jB_1(n)'$  for all  $j = 3, 4, \dots, n$ . However,  $aB_1(n)' \cap l_2B_1(n)'$  is not trivial since  $a^2 = l_2$  by the relations of  $B_1(n)$ . Hence  $aB_1(n)' = l_2B_1(n)'$ . Since  $l_1^2 \in B_1(n)'$ , then the order of  $l_1B_1(n)'$  is two. Meanwhile, there is no power of  $a$  or  $l_j$  is in  $B_1(n)'$  and  $B_1(n)'$  is generated by elements of infinite order. Thus,  $aB_1(n)'$  and  $l_kB_1(n)'$  have infinite order. Therefore,

$$B_1(n)^{ab} = \langle aB_1(n)', l_1B_1(n)', l_jB_1(n)' \rangle \cong C_0 \times C_2 \times C_0^{n-2}.$$

**Theorem 3** The exterior square of  $B_1(n)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n) &= \langle a \wedge l_1, a \wedge l_i, a \wedge l_n, l_1 \wedge l_i, l_1 \wedge l_n, l_i \wedge l_j \rangle \\ &\cong C_0^{1 + \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2}} \times C_2^{n-2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 2,  $B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n)$  is isomorphic to  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ . Then, by referring to Proposition 3,

$$[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))} = \langle [a^{\pm 1}, l_i^{\pm \varphi}], [l_i^{\pm 1}, a^{\pm \varphi}], [a^{\pm 1}, l_n^{\pm \varphi}], [l_n^{\pm 1}, a^{\pm \varphi}], [l_i^{\pm 1}, l_j^{\pm \varphi}], [l_j^{\pm 1}, l_i^{\pm \varphi}] \rangle$$

where  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . By the definition of exterior square, all elements in  $\nabla(B_1(n))$  are trivial in  $B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n)$ .

Since  $l_i$  commutes with  $l_j$ , then by Lemma 3(i),  $[l_i, l_j^{-\varphi}], [l_i^{-1}, l_j^\varphi], [l_i^{-1}, l_j^{-\varphi}], [l_j, l_i^{-\varphi}], [l_j^{-1}, l_i^\varphi]$  and  $[l_i^{-1}, l_j^{-\varphi}]$  can be eliminated. The following three cases are now considered.

Case 1 :  $i = 1$ .

By invoking the relations of  $B_1(n)$  and the commutator calculus, we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} [a, l_1^{-\varphi}] &= [l_1^{-1}, [a, l_1]^{-\varphi}] [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} && \text{by (2)} \\ &= [l_1^{-1}, (l_1^{-2})^{-\varphi}] [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} && \text{by relations of } B_1(n) \\ &= [l_1, l_1^\varphi]^{-2} [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} && \text{by Lemma 3 (i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} \quad \text{since } [l_1, l_1^\varphi] \in \nabla(B_1(n)) \text{ by Lemma 1.}$$

Similarly, we obtain  $[a^{-1}, l_1^\varphi] = [a, l_1^\varphi]$  and  $[a^{-1}, l_1^{-\varphi}] = [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1}$ . Clearly,  $[l_1, a^\varphi] = [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} [a, l_1^\varphi] [l_1, a^\varphi]$ . By Lemma 1 and Lemma 7,  $[a, l_1^\varphi] [l_1, a^\varphi]$  is also in  $\nabla(B_1(n))$ , which implies that it is trivial in  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ . Therefore,  $[l_1, a^\varphi] = [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1}$ . Using similar arguments, it can be shown that  $[l_1, a^{-\varphi}]$ ,  $[l_1^{-1}, a^\varphi]$  and  $[l_1^{-1}, a^{-\varphi}]$  can be written in terms of  $[a, l_1^\varphi]$ . Besides, since  $a^2 = l_2$ , by applying the commutator calculus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [l_2, l_1^\varphi] &= [a^2, l_1^\varphi] \\ &= {}^a [a, l_1^\varphi] [a, l_1^\varphi] \\ &= [a, l_1^{-\varphi}] [a, l_1^\varphi] \\ &= [a, l_1^\varphi]^{-1} [a, l_1^\varphi] \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $j = 3, 4, \dots, n$ , since  $[l_1, l_j^\varphi] [l_j, l_1^\varphi] \in \nabla(B_1(n))$  is trivial in  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ , then  $[l_j, l_1^\varphi] = [l_1, l_j^\varphi]^{-1}$ .

Case 2 :  $i = 2$ .

Again, since  $a^2 = l_2$  and  $[a, a^\varphi] \in \nabla(B_1(n))$  is trivial in  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ , then  $[a^{\pm 1}, l_2^{\pm \varphi}]$  and  $[l_2^{\pm 1}, a^{\pm \varphi}]$  are also trivial in  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ . Then, since  $a$  commutes with  $l_j$  in  $B_1(n)$ ,  $[l_2, l_j^\varphi] = [a, l_j^\varphi]^2$  and  $[l_j, l_2^\varphi] = [a, l_j^\varphi]^{-2}$ .

Case 3 :  $3 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

By the relations of  $B_1(n)$ ,  $l_i$  and  $l_j$  are in the center of  $B_1(n)$  for all  $3 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Hence, by Lemma 3 (i),  $[a, l_i^{-\varphi}] = [a^{-1}, l_i^\varphi] = [a, l_i^\varphi]^{-1}$ ,  $[a^{-1}, l_i^{-\varphi}] = [a, l_i^\varphi]$ ,  $[l_i, a^{-\varphi}] = [l_i^{-1}, a^\varphi] = [l_i, a^\varphi]^{-1}$  and  $[l_i^{-1}, a^{-\varphi}] = [l_i, a^\varphi]$ . Next, since  $[a, l_i^\varphi] [l_i, a^\varphi] \in \nabla(B_1(n))$  is trivial in  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$ , then  $[l_i, a^\varphi] = [a, l_i^\varphi]^{-1}$ . Similarly, all generators  $[a^{\pm 1}, l_n^{\pm \varphi}]$  and  $[l_n^{\pm 1}, a^{\pm \varphi}]$  can be written in terms of  $[a, l_n^\varphi]$ . Furthermore,  $[l_i^{\pm 1}, l_j^{\pm \varphi}]$  and  $[l_j^{\pm 1}, l_i^{\pm \varphi}]$  can be simplified to be  $[l_i, l_j^\varphi]$ .

Therefore, the remaining generators of  $[B_1(n), B_1(n)^\varphi]_{\tau(B_1(n))}$  are  $[a, l_1^\varphi]$ ,  $[a, l_i^\varphi]$ ,  $[a, l_n^\varphi]$ ,  $[l_1, l_i^\varphi]$ ,  $[l_1, l_n^\varphi]$  and  $[l_i, l_j^\varphi]$ , for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Then, by Proposition 2,  $B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n)$  is generated by  $a \wedge l_1$ ,  $a \wedge l_i$ ,  $a \wedge l_n$ ,  $l_1 \wedge l_i$ ,  $l_1 \wedge l_n$  and  $l_i \wedge l_j$  for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Next, the order of each generators are computed. The mapping  $\kappa': B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n) \rightarrow B_1(n)'$  gives  $\kappa'(a \wedge l_1) = [a, l_1]$ . Since  $[a, l_1] = l_1^{-2}$  in  $B_1(n)'$  has infinite order, then by Lemma 4, the order of  $a \wedge l_1$  is infinity. Next, we show that the order of  $a \wedge l_i$  is also infinite. The following conditions would lead the order of  $[a, l_i^\varphi]$  to be finite. Since  $a$  and  $l_i$  commute with each other in  $B_1(n)$ , then by Lemma 3(i),  $[a^r, (l_i^s)^\varphi] = [a, l_i^\varphi]^{rs}$  for any integer  $r, s$ . However, since  $B_1(n)$  is torsion free, then both  $a$  and  $l_i$

has infinite order. Next, one power of  $[a, l_i^\varphi]$  will give an element in  $Z(B_1(n))$  while the other one in the derived subgroup of  $B_1(n)$  by Corollary 1. However, this is not true since there is no power of either  $a$  or  $l_i$  is in  $B_1(n)'$ . Therefore,  $a \wedge l_i$  has infinite order. Using similar arguments, the order of  $a \wedge l_n$  and  $l_i \wedge l_j$  are also infinite.

Since  $l_i^2 \in B_1(n)'$  and  $l_i, l_j \in Z(B_1(n))$ , then by Corollary 1 and Lemma 3(i),  $[l_i, l_i^\varphi]^2 = [l_i^2, l_i^\varphi] = 1$ . Thus, without loss of generality,  $[l_i, l_i^\varphi]$  has order two, which implies that the order of  $l_1 \wedge l_2$  is two by Proposition 2. Similarly, the order of  $l_1 \wedge l_n$  is also two. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n) &= \langle a \wedge l_1, a \wedge l_i, a \wedge l_n, l_1 \wedge l_i, l_1 \wedge l_n, l_i \wedge l_j \rangle \\ &\cong C_0 \times C_0^{n-3} \times C_0 \times C_2^{n-3} \times C_2 \times C_0^{\frac{(n-3)(n-2)}{2}} \\ &\cong C_0^{1 + \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2}} \times C_2^{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, the exterior square of a Bieberbach group of dimension  $n$ , namely  $B_1(n)$  is computed. Firstly, the polycyclic presentation of this group is computed and then using the method for computing the exterior square of polycyclic groups, the results of  $B_1(n) \wedge B_1(n)$  is obtained.

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