

# Global-fixed-point property of gyrogroup actions

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**ABSTRACT.** The notion of a gyrogroup action generalizes that of a group action. This work, inspired by the Extended Cartan Fixed Point Theorem, is devoted to a fixed-point property of gyrogroup actions. In the case when a gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a non-empty set  $X$ ,  $X$  is said to have the global-fixed-point property if there exists an element  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $a \cdot x = x$  for all  $a \in G$ . In this paper, several conditions for  $X$  to have the global-fixed-point property are determined. A few examples regarding the results are also discussed.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A fixed-point property may be appropriately used in the investigation of the structure of a mathematical object such as groups, vector spaces, topological spaces, graphs, functions, and so on. For instance, the proof of Sylow's Theorems for finite groups in a modern approach makes use of a fixed-point property. More precisely, the proof that two Sylow subgroups  $P$  and  $Q$  of a finite group  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$  (known as the Second Sylow Theorem; see, for example, Section 4.5 of [2]) can be done by considering the action of  $Q$  on  $G/P = \{gP : g \in P\}$  by left multiplication and then proving that the set of fixed points of this action,  $\{X \in G/P : g \cdot X = X \text{ for all } g \in Q\}$ , is non-empty; that is, this action has a fixed-point property. Furthermore, the concept of fixed-points appears frequently in several important theorems, as discussed below, and becomes one of the most important branches in mathematics with applications in real-world problems. In this paper, we aim to study a fixed-point property of a gyrogroup action, which generalizes the notion of group actions.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Basic definitions and notations used in the paper can be found in [1–3,5,6,10,12,13]. In this section, we recall relevant definitions and notations for easy reference.

A pair  $(G, \oplus)$ , where  $G$  is a non-empty set and  $\oplus$  is a binary operation on  $G$ , is called a *gyrogroup* if (i) there is an element  $e$  in  $G$  such that  $e \oplus a = a$  for all  $a \in G$ ; (ii) for each  $b \in G$ , there is an element  $a \in G$  such that  $a \oplus b = e$ ; (iii) for all elements  $a, b \in G$ , there is a (unique) automorphism  $\text{gyr}[a, b]$  of  $(G, \oplus)$  such that  $a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus \text{gyr}[a, b](c)$  for all  $c \in G$  (called the *left gyroassociative law*); and (iv)  $\text{gyr}[a \oplus b, b] = \text{gyr}[a, b]$  for all  $a, b \in G$  (called the *left loop property*). In fact, the element  $e$  in (i) is the unique two-sided identity of  $G$ , and the element  $a$  in (ii) is the unique two-sided inverse of  $b$  in  $G$  denoted by  $\ominus b$ . The automorphism  $\text{gyr}[a, b]$  is called the *gyroautomorphism* generated by  $a$  and  $b$ .

Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup. A subset  $H$  of  $G$  is called a *subgyrogroup* of  $G$  if  $H$  forms a gyrogroup under the operation inherited from  $G$  and  $\text{gyr}[a, b](H) = H$  for all  $a, b \in H$ . A subgyrogroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called an *L-subgyrogroup* if  $\text{gyr}[a, h](H) = H$  for all  $a \in G, h \in H$ . Furthermore, for each  $a \in G$ , the set  $a \oplus H$  is defined as  $a \oplus H = \{a \oplus h : h \in H\}$ . The

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index of  $H$  in  $G$  is defined as the size of  $G/H = \{a \oplus H : a \in G\}$  and is denoted by  $[G : H]$ . For each  $a \in G$ , the *cyclic subgyrogroup* generated by  $a$  is given by  $\langle a \rangle = \{ma : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Recall that an action of a group  $\Gamma$  on a non-empty set  $X$  is a map  $\Gamma \times X \rightarrow X$ , written  $(g, x) \mapsto g \cdot x$ , such that  $1 \cdot x = x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $g \cdot (h \cdot x) = (gh) \cdot x$  for all  $g, h \in \Gamma, x \in X$ . It turns out that this notion can be generalized to the case of gyrogroups, which are non-associative algebraic structures having common properties with groups, as mentioned in [6]. In fact, a *gyrogroup action* of a gyrogroup  $G$  on a non-empty set  $X$  is a map  $G \times X \rightarrow X$ , written  $(a, x) \mapsto a \cdot x$ , such that  $e \cdot x = x$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $a \cdot (b \cdot x) = (a \oplus b) \cdot x$  for all  $a, b \in G, x \in X$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ . In this case,  $X$  is called a  $G$ -set. The gyrogroup action induces the equivalence relation on  $X$  given by  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $y = a \cdot x$  for some element  $a$  in  $G$ . The equivalence class containing a point  $x \in X$  is called the *orbit* of  $x$ , denoted by  $G \cdot x$ , given by the formula

$$(2.1) \quad G \cdot x = \{y \in X : y \sim x\} = \{a \cdot x : a \in G\}.$$

Moreover, the action of  $G$  on  $X$  induces the permutation  $\sigma_a, a \in G$ , of  $X$  defined by  $\sigma_a(x) = a \cdot x$  for all  $x \in X$  so that we can consider the set of fixed points of  $\sigma_a$ , denoted by  $X_a$  (instead of  $\text{Fix}(\sigma_a)$  for simplicity), is given by the formula

$$(2.2) \quad X_a = \{x \in X : a \cdot x = x\}.$$

The set of common fixed-points of  $\sigma_a$ , where  $a \in G$ , denoted by  $X_G$ , is defined as  $X_G = \bigcap_{a \in G} X_a$ . Therefore,

$$(2.3) \quad X_G = \{x \in X : a \cdot x = x \text{ for all } a \in G\}.$$

An element of  $X_G$  (if any) is called a *global fixed-point* of the action of  $G$  on  $X$ . A duality of a fixed-point set is a stabilizer subgyrogroup of  $G$ , which is defined as

$$(2.4) \quad G_x = \{a \in G : a \cdot x = x\}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Also, a duality of  $X_G$  is the kernel of the action given by  $G_X = \bigcap_{x \in X} G_x$ .

Therefore,

$$(2.5) \quad G_X = \{a \in G : a \cdot x = x \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

It is clear by definition that if  $x \in X$ , then the orbit of  $x$  is a singleton set if and only if  $x$  is a global fixed-point; that is,  $G \cdot x = \{x\}$  if and only if  $x \in X_G$ . Recall that a gyrogroup  $G$  acts *isometrically* or *acts by isometry* on a metric space  $X$  if the induced permutation  $\sigma_a$  is a surjective isometry of  $X$  for all  $a \in G$ .

Suppose that a gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a non-empty set  $X$ . Then  $G_x$  is a subgyrogroup invariant under all the gyroautomorphisms of  $G$ . In particular, if  $c \in G$  and  $c \cdot x = x$ , then  $\text{gyr}[a, b](c) \cdot x = x$ . This implies that  $G_x$  forms an L-subgyrogroup of  $G$  so that the index formula holds:  $|G| = [G : G_x]|G_x|$  whenever  $G$  is finite. Hence, if  $G$  is finite, then the order of  $G_x$  divides the order of  $G$  for all  $x \in X$ . The following proposition lists basic properties of fixed-point sets and stabilizer subgyrogroups.

**Proposition 2.1** (Proposition 3.26, [9]). *Suppose that a gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a non-empty set  $X$ , let  $x \in X$ , and let  $a \in G$ .*

- (1) *Then  $a \in G_X$  if and only if  $X_a = X$ .*
- (2) *Then  $X_a = X_{\ominus a}$ .*
- (3) *If  $b \in \langle a \rangle$ , then  $X_a \subseteq X_b$ .*
- (4) *Then  $a \in G_x$  if and only if  $x \in X_a$ .*

The following theorem, called the Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem for Gyrogroup Actions, states that the product of  $|G \cdot x|$  and  $|G_x|$  is constant no matter what  $x$  is.

**Theorem 2.1** (Theorem 3.9, [6]). *Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup acting on a non-empty set  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$ , there exists a bijection from the orbit of  $x$  to the set  $G/G_x$  of left cosets of the stabilizer of  $x$ . In particular, if  $G$  is finite, then*

$$(2.6) \quad |G| = |G \cdot x| |G_x|.$$

The previous theorem is applied to establish the following theorem, which yields a numerical formula relating the size of  $X$ , the number of global fixed-points, and the sum of indices of stabilizer subgyrogroups, referred to as the Orbit Decomposition Theorem for Gyrogroup Actions.

**Theorem 2.2** (Theorem 3.10, [6]). *Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup acting on a finite non-empty set  $X$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be representatives for the distinct non-singleton orbits in  $X$  (if any). Then*

$$(2.7) \quad |X| = |X_G| + \sum_{i=1}^n |G : G_{x_i}|.$$

Finally, we quote a theorem that emphasizes the importance of fixed-point sets, referred to as the Orbit Counting Theorem for Gyrogroup Actions. This theorem shows that the number of distinct orbits of  $G$  is related to the number of fixed-points in  $X$  in a fascinating way.

**Theorem 2.3** (Theorem 3.11, [6]). *Let  $G$  be a finite gyrogroup acting on a finite non-empty set  $X$ . Then the number of distinct orbits in  $X$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{a \in G} |X_a|$ .*

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

As noted in the introduction, the concept of fixed points is crucial, and the set of global fixed-points can be used to examine the structure of a finite group whenever it is not empty. Therefore, in this section, we focus on the problem of determining whether the set of global fixed-points in  $X$  is empty for a given  $G$ -set  $X$ , where  $G$  is a gyrogroup. In some cases, the set of global fixed-points is non-empty, and in some cases, it is empty. This motivates the following definition.

**Definition 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup, and let  $X$  be a  $G$ -set. We say that  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property (with respect to  $G$ ) if the set of global fixed-points in  $X$  is not empty, that is, if  $X_G \neq \emptyset$ .*

**Example 3.1.** *Here is a concrete example showing that a  $G$ -set may have no the global-fixed-point property. Let  $(\mathbb{B}, \oplus_E)$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Einstein gyrogroup (see [11]). Let  $d_e$  be the gyronorm metric induced by the Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{B}$  (see [8, p. 534]), given by the formula  $d_e(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} \oplus_E \mathbf{v}\|$  for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{B}$ . Define  $\widehat{\mathbb{B}} = \{L_{\mathbf{v}} : \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{B}\}$ , where  $L_{\mathbf{v}}$  is the left gyrotranslation by  $\mathbf{v}$  defined by  $L_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} \oplus_E \mathbf{w}$ , let  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})$  be the set of permutations of  $\mathbb{B}$ , and let  $\text{Iso}(\mathbb{B})$  be the set of isometries of  $(\mathbb{B}, d_e)$ . Also, define  $\text{Sym}_{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbb{B}) = \{\rho \in \text{Sym}(\mathbb{B}) : \rho(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}\}$ . Then  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})$  forms a gyrogroup under the operation defined by the formula*

$$(3.8) \quad (L_{\mathbf{a}} \circ \alpha) \oplus (L_{\mathbf{b}} \circ \beta) = L_{\mathbf{a} \oplus_E \mathbf{b}} \circ (\alpha \circ \beta)$$

for all  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{B}, \alpha, \beta \in \text{Sym}_{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbb{B})$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Iso}(\mathbb{B})$  is a subgyrogroup of  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})$ . As a consequence of the results in Section 5.2 of [6],  $\text{Iso}(\mathbb{B})$  acts on  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})/\widehat{\mathbb{B}}$  by the formula

$$(3.9) \quad \sigma \cdot (\tau \oplus \widehat{\mathbb{B}}) = (\sigma \oplus \tau) \oplus \widehat{\mathbb{B}}$$

for all  $\sigma \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{B}), \tau \in \text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})$ . As shown in [4], the set of global fixed-points of  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})/\widehat{\mathbb{B}}$  is empty. Hence,  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{B})/\widehat{\mathbb{B}}$  has no the global-fixed-point property.

**Example 3.2.** This example gives a family of gyrogroup actions whose corresponding  $G$ -sets have the global-fixed-point property. Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup, and let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Define

$$\mathcal{L}(G, X) = \{f : f \text{ is a function from } G \text{ to } X\}.$$

A function  $f$  in  $\mathcal{L}(G, X)$  is said to be gyro-invariant if  $f(a \oplus \text{gyr}[x, y](z)) = f(a \oplus z)$  for all  $a, x, y, z \in G$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  be the set of gyro-invariant functions in  $\mathcal{L}(G, X)$ , that is,

$$(3.10) \quad \mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X) = \{f \in \mathcal{L}(G, X) : f \text{ is gyro-invariant}\}.$$

Then, as in Section 4 of [7],  $G$  acts on  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  by the formula

$$(3.11) \quad a \cdot f = f \circ L_{\ominus a}$$

for all  $a \in G, f \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$ , called the left standard action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$ . For each  $\alpha \in X$ , define  $f_\alpha$  by the formula  $f_\alpha(x) = \alpha$  for all  $x \in G$ , called a constant function in  $\mathcal{L}(G, X)$ . As in the proof of Theorem 4.6 of [7], one can show that the set of global fixed-points in  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  is indeed

$$(3.12) \quad \mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)_G = \{f_\alpha : \alpha \in X\}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)_G \neq \emptyset$ , and so  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  has the global-fixed-point property.

In light of Example 3.2, we obtain an interesting consequence of the fact that  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  has the global-fixed-point property: the action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G, X)$  is neither transitive nor free (and hence is not regular) whenever  $X$  has at least two distinct elements. In contrast to Example 3.1, we obtain a characterization of the global-fixed-point property in the case when a gyrogroup acts isometrically on a complete CAT(0) space as a consequence of the Extended Cartan Fixed Point Theorem (see Theorem 3.4 of [4]).

**Theorem 3.4** (Proposition 3.7, [4]). *Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup acting on a complete CAT(0) space  $X$  by isometry. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property.
- (ii) Each orbit of  $G$  is bounded.
- (iii)  $G$  has a bounded orbit.

In Section 4 of [6], the author gives a sufficient and necessary condition for an arbitrary gyrogroup  $G$  to act on its left coset space  $G/H = \{a \oplus H : a \in G\}$  by left gyroaddition:  $a \cdot (x \oplus H) = (a \oplus x) \oplus H$ . Here, we show that this action induces a  $G$ -set that has no the global-fixed-point property, in general. In fact, we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a gyrogroup, and let  $H$  be a subgyrogroup of  $G$  satisfying the property that  $\text{gyr}[a, b](x \oplus H) \subseteq x \oplus H$  for all  $a, b, x \in G$ . Then  $G$  acts on  $G/H$  by left gyroaddition, and  $G/H$  has the global-fixed-point property if and only if  $H = G$ .*

*Proof.* That  $G$  acts on  $G/H$  by left gyroaddition was proved in Theorem 4.3 of [6]. Suppose that  $H \neq G$ . Then  $G/H = \{e \oplus H\}$ . Let  $a \in G$ . Then

$$a \cdot (e \oplus H) = (a \oplus e) \oplus H = a \oplus H = e \oplus H$$

since  $a \in G = H$  implies  $a \oplus H = e \oplus H$ . This shows that  $G/H_G = \{e \oplus H\} \neq \emptyset$ , and so  $G/H$  has the global-fixed-point property. To prove the converse, suppose that  $H \neq G$ . Hence, there is an element in  $G \setminus H$ , say  $y \in G \setminus H$ . Thus,  $e \oplus H \neq y \oplus H$ . Let  $X \in G/H$ . Then  $X = x \oplus H$  for some  $x \in G$ . In the case when  $x \in H$ , we obtain that  $X = e \oplus H$ . Hence,  $y \cdot X = y \cdot (e \oplus H) = (y \oplus e) \oplus H = y \oplus H \neq X$ . In the case when  $x \notin H$ , we obtain that  $X \neq e \oplus H$ . Note that  $\ominus x \cdot X = \ominus x \cdot (x \oplus H) = (\ominus x \oplus x) \oplus H = e \oplus H \neq X$ . This shows that  $G/H_G = \emptyset$ , and so  $G/H$  has no the global-fixed-point property.  $\square$

The next proposition shows that a free action induces a  $G$ -set that has no the global-fixed-point property. Recall that a gyrogroup action of  $G$  on  $X$  is *free* if  $G_x = \{e\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *Suppose that a non-trivial gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a non-empty set  $X$ . If the action of  $G$  on  $X$  is free, then  $X$  has no the global-fixed-point property.*

*Proof.* We prove the contrapositive: if  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property, then the action of  $G$  on  $X$  is not free. Suppose that  $X_G \neq \emptyset$ , say  $x \in X_G$ . Let  $a$  be a non-identity element of  $G$ . Then  $a \neq e$  and  $a \cdot x = x$ . Thus,  $a \in G_x$ , and so  $G_x \neq \{e\}$ . This shows that the action of  $G$  on  $X$  is not free.  $\square$

Fortunately, any action of a non-degenerate gyrogroup (which is a gyrogroup having a non-identity gyroautomorphism) is never free, as proved in Theorem 3.1 of [9]. Moreover, the converse of Proposition 3.3 is not generally true. In fact, let  $\Gamma$  be a non-trivial group, and suppose that  $\Xi$  is a proper non-trivial subgroup of  $\Gamma$  (for example, let  $\Gamma$  be the symmetric group  $S_3$ , and let  $\Xi$  be the subgroup of  $S_3$  generated by  $(1\ 2\ 3)$ ). Then, by Proposition 3.2,  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\Gamma/\Xi$  by the formula  $g \cdot (x\Xi) = (gx)\Xi$  such that  $\Gamma/\Xi$  has no the global-fixed-point property. This action is not free because  $\Gamma_{x\Xi} = x\Xi x^{-1} \neq \{1\}$  for all  $x \in \Gamma$ .

Next, we give a characterization of the global-fixed-point property via the notion of Schreier graphs and Schreier digraphs (see [9] for relevant definitions). This provides visualization of the global-fixed-point property. Recall that any gyrogroup action gives rise to a digraph as well as a graph. In fact, if  $G$  is a gyrogroup and if  $X$  is a finite  $G$ -set, then for each subset  $A$  of  $G$ , the *Schreier digraph*  $\vec{\Gamma}(X, A)$  is defined to be a digraph consisting of the vertex set  $X$  and the arc set  $E = \{(x, a \cdot x) : x \in X, a \in A\}$ . The Schreier graph  $\Gamma(X, A)$  may be defined as the underlying graph of  $\vec{\Gamma}(X, A)$ . We are now in a position to state the aforementioned characterization in the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Suppose that a gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a finite non-empty set  $X$ , and let  $A$  be a left generating set for  $G$ . Then  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property if and only if the Schreier digraph  $\vec{\Gamma}(X, A)$  (or the Schreier graph  $\Gamma(X, A)$ ) contains a bouquet (which is a connected component with one vertex whose arc is a self-loop).*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property. Hence,  $X_G \neq \emptyset$ , say  $x \in X_G$ . Hence,  $a \cdot x = x$  for all  $a \in A$ . This implies that the connected component of  $\vec{\Gamma}(X, A)$  containing the vertex  $x$  is a bouquet. Conversely, suppose that the Schreier digraph  $\vec{\Gamma}(X, A)$  contains a bouquet whose vertex is  $x$ . Therefore,  $a \cdot x = x$  for all  $a \in A$ . Let  $g \in G$ . By assumption, there exist elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  in  $A$  such that

$$g = a_n \oplus (a_{n-1} \oplus (\dots \oplus (a_2 \oplus a_1) \dots)).$$

It follows that

$$g \cdot x = a_n \oplus (a_{n-1} \oplus (\dots \oplus (a_2 \oplus a_1) \dots)) \cdot x = a_n \cdot (a_{n-1} \cdot (\dots (a_1 \cdot x))) = x.$$

This shows that  $x \in X_G$ , and so  $X_G \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property.  $\square$

**Example 3.3.** *In Example 1 of [5], the gyrogroup  $G_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  is given. Its gyro-addition and gyration tables are given in Tables 3 and 4 of [5], respectively. We have by inspection that  $A = \{1, 6\}$  is a left generating set for  $G_8$ , similar to Example 3.10 of [9]. Let  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$  be the field of two elements. Identifying a function from  $G_8$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2$  with an 8-tuple, we obtain that*

$$(3.13) \quad \mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2) = \{(\alpha, \beta, \beta, \alpha, \gamma, \delta, \gamma, \delta) : \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{F}_2\}.$$

As in Example 3.2,  $G_8$  acts on  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)$  by formula (3.11). To depict the Schreier digraph  $\vec{\Gamma}(\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2), \{1, 6\})$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), & x_2 &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1), \\ x_3 &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0), & x_4 &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1), \\ x_5 &= (0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), & x_6 &= (0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1), \\ x_7 &= (0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0), & x_8 &= (0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1), \\ x_9 &= (1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0), & x_{10} &= (1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1), \\ x_{11} &= (1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0), & x_{12} &= (1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), \\ x_{13} &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0), & x_{14} &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1), \\ x_{15} &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0), & x_{16} &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

The Schreier digraph  $\vec{\Gamma}(\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2), \{1, 6\})$  is represented pictorially in Figure 1. According to Proposition 3.4,  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)$  has the global-fixed-point property for the corresponding Schreier digraph has a bouquet. In fact, we also know that the set of global fixed-points in  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)$  is  $\{x_1, x_{16}\}$ .

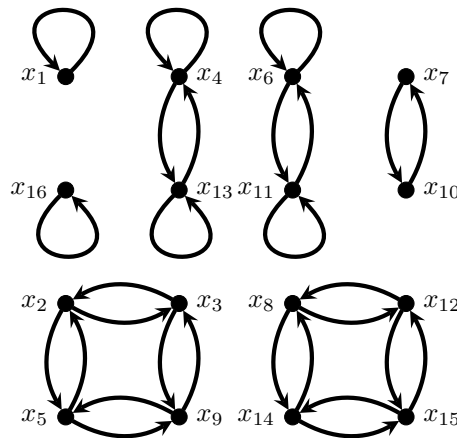


FIGURE 1. The Schreier digraph  $\vec{\Gamma}(\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2), \{1, 6\})$ .

We close this section with the following proposition, which is a nice application of the Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem, together with the Orbit Decomposition Theorem. This result is motivated by the proof of the Third Sylow Theorem for finite groups. Let  $p$  be a prime. We say that a finite gyrogroup is a  $p$ -gyrogroup if its order is a power of  $p$  (that is, its order is of the form  $p^n$  for some non-negative integer  $n$ ).

**Proposition 3.5.** *Suppose that a finite non-trivial gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a finite non-empty set  $X$ . If  $G$  is a  $p$ -gyrogroup, then*

$$(3.14) \quad |X| \equiv |X_G| \pmod{p}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $|G| = |G \cdot x| |G_x|$ , and so  $[G : G_x] = |G \cdot x|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$ . Hence, if  $x$  is a representative for a non-singleton orbit in  $X$ , that is, if  $|G \cdot x| > 1$ , then  $[G : G_x]$  is of the form  $p^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . In the case when there is no non-singleton orbit,

$|X| = |X_G|$ . Otherwise, we obtain from Theorem 2.2 that  $|X| - |X_G| = \sum_{i=1}^n [G : G_{x_i}]$ , where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are representatives for the distinct non-singleton orbits in  $X$ . As above,  $p$  divides  $\sum_{i=1}^n [G : G_{x_i}]$ . Thus,  $|X| \equiv |X_G| \pmod{p}$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

We immediately obtain a sufficient condition for a finite  $G$ -set, where  $G$  is a finite  $p$ -gyrogroup, to have the global-fixed-point property.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Suppose that a non-trivial  $p$ -gyrogroup  $G$  acts on a finite non-empty set  $X$ . If  $p$  is not a divisor of  $|X|$ , then  $X$  has the global-fixed-point property.*

*Proof.* We prove the contrapositive. Suppose that  $X_G = \emptyset$ . Then, by Proposition 3.5,  $|X| \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , and so  $p$  divides  $|X|$ .  $\square$

We remark that the converse of Corollary 3.1 is not generally true. In fact, as in Example 3.3,  $G_8$  is a 2-gyrogroup that acts on  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)$  by formula (3.11), and  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)$  has the global-fixed-point property (see Example 3.2). However, 2 divides  $|\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)|$  because  $|\mathcal{L}^{\text{gyr}}(G_8, \mathbb{F}_2)| = 16$ .

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