

Quotient groups of IA-automorphisms of free metabelian groups of finite rank

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For a positive integer n , with $n \geq 2$, let $G_n = F_n/F_n''$ be the free metabelian group of rank n . Furthermore, for a positive integer c , with $c \geq 2$, we write $G_{n,c} = G_n/\gamma_c(G_n)$, that is, a free metabelian and nilpotent group of rank n and class $c - 1$. The natural epimorphism from G_n onto $G_{n,c}$ induces a group homomorphism $\pi_{n,c}$ from $\text{Aut}(G_n)$ into $\text{Aut}(G_{n,c})$. Write $I_c A(G_n)$ for the kernel of $\pi_{n,c}$ and $\text{IA}(G_n) = I_2 A(G_n)$. The following descending normal series of $\text{Aut}(G_n)$

$$\text{IA}(G_n) = I_2 A(G_n) \supset I_3 A(G_n) \supset \cdots$$

is central. Since G_n is residually nilpotent, we have $\bigcap_{c \geq 2} I_c A(G_n) = \{1\}$. Hence, $\text{IA}(G_n)$ is residually nilpotent. For $c \geq 2$, we let $\mathcal{L}^c(\text{IA}(G_n)) = I_c A(G_n)/I_{c+1} A(G_n)$. Our aim in this talk is to discuss some problems on the quotient groups $\mathcal{L}^c(\text{IA}(G_n))$ for all $c \geq 2$.