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# A NEW APPROACH TO ANTISYMMETRIC INFINITESIMAL BIALGEBRAS

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Abstract. We present a notion of an anti-covariant bialgebra extending the anti-symmetric infinitesimal bialgebra and also provide some equivalent characterizations of it. We also prove that an anti-associative Yang-Baxter pair can produce a special Rota-Baxter system.

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#### 1. Introduction

Infinitesimal bialgebras first appeared in the work of Joni and Rota (see [8]) to give an algebraic framework for the calculus of divided differences. The anti-symmetric version of infinitesimal bialgebras was introduced in [21] by Zhelyabin by using the name associative D-bialgebra as an associative analog of Lie bialgebra defined by Drinfeld in [6]. Later this structure was studied systematically by Bai under the name anti-symmetric infinitesimal (for short ASI) bialgebra in [3]. Infinitesimal bialgebras and ASI bialgebras were concerned by many researchers, see [1], [2], [4], [5], [7], [9]–[20], etc. Interestingly, the latter can be characterized by the well-known matched pair of associative algebras and a double construction of a Frobenius algebra, from which the anti-symmetry appears, see [3]. In [5], Brzeziński introduced the notion of covariant bialgebras generalizing the infinitesimal bialgebra, which is related to Rota-Baxter systems and dendriform algebras. So it is very natural to consider the anti-version of covariant bialgebras and as an expectation, it can cover the ASI bialgebra. In this note, we provide the positive answer to the above question.

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Throughout this paper, K will be a field, and all vector spaces, tensor products, and homomorphisms are over K. We denote by  $\mathrm{id}_M$  the identity map from M to M,  $\sigma \colon M \otimes M \to M \otimes M$  by the flip map. If A is an algebra, then L and R denote the left and right multiplication maps, respectively. Let C be a coalgebra, we use the Sweedler's notation for the comultiplication:  $\Delta(c) = c_1 \otimes c_2$  for any  $c \in C$ . An element  $r \in A \otimes A$  being anti-symmetric means  $r = -\sigma(r)$ . Given  $r = r^1 \otimes r^2 \in A \otimes A$ , we define  $r_{12} = r \otimes 1$ ,  $r_{13} = r^1 \otimes 1 \otimes r^2$ ,  $r_{23} = 1 \otimes r$ , where 1 means either the identity of A (if A is unital) or the identity in the extended unital algebra  $K \oplus A$  (if A is nonunital).

#### 2. Main definitions and results

Firstly, as a natural generalization of Zhelyabin's associative D-algebra or Bai's ASI bialgebra, we give the anti-version of Brzeziński's covariant bialgebra.

**Definition 2.1.** An anti-covariant (for short AC) bialgebra is a quadruple  $(A, \delta_1, \delta_2, \Delta)$  such that

- (a) A is an associative algebra.
- (b)  $(A, \Delta)$  is a coassociative coalgebra.
- (c) Let  $\delta_i$ :  $A \to A \otimes A$ , i = 1, 2 (write  $\delta_i(a) = a^i_{(1)} \otimes a^i_{(2)}$ ) be two anti-derivations, i.e.,  $\delta_i(ab) = a^i_{(1)}b \otimes a^i_{(2)} + b^i_{(1)} \otimes ab^i_{(2)}$ , i = 1, 2, and

$$a^{i}_{(1)} \otimes a^{i}_{(2)}b + b^{i}_{(2)}a \otimes b^{i}_{(1)} = ba^{i}_{(1)} \otimes a^{i}_{(2)} + b^{i}_{(2)} \otimes ab^{i}_{(1)}.$$

Here  $\Delta$  is an AC derivation with respect to  $(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ , which means

(2) 
$$\Delta(ab) = (R(b) \otimes \mathrm{id})\delta_2(a) + (\mathrm{id} \otimes L(a))\Delta(b) = a_{(1)}^2 b \otimes a_{(2)}^2 + b_1 \otimes ab_2,$$

$$(3) \qquad = (R(b) \otimes \mathrm{id})\Delta(a) + (\mathrm{id} \otimes L(a))\delta_1(b) = a_1b \otimes a_2 + b_{(1)}^1 \otimes ab_{(2)}^1$$

and

$$(4) a_1 \otimes a_2 b + b_2 a \otimes b_1 = ba_1 \otimes a_2 + b_2 \otimes ab_1.$$

If A has identity and  $\Delta(1) = \lambda \ 1 \otimes 1$ , where  $\lambda \in K$ , then we call the AC bialgebra  $(A, \delta_1, \delta_2, \Delta)$   $\lambda$ -unital.

#### Remark 2.2.

- (1) If  $\delta_i = \Delta$ , i = 1, 2 in Definition 2.1, then we obtain the ASI bialgebra  $(A, \Delta, \Delta, \Delta)$  introduced in [21] under the name "associative D-algebra" and studied in [3], [4].
- (2) Equation (4) is exactly the second identity in [21], Theorem 1 or [3], Theorem 2.2.3.

Now we give an equivalent characterization of AC bialgebras.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let A be a unital associative algebra,  $\delta_i \colon A \to A \otimes A$ , i = 1, 2 be two anti-derivations. There exists a coassociative AC derivation with respect to  $(\delta_1, \delta_2)$  if and only if there exists an element  $u = u^1 \otimes u^2 \in A \otimes A$  such that for all  $a, b \in A$ ,

(5) 
$$\delta_1(a) - \delta_2(a) = u^1 \otimes au^2 - u^1 a \otimes u^2,$$

(6) 
$$(\delta_1 \otimes id - id \otimes \delta_1)(u) = u_{23}u_{12} - u_{12}u_{13},$$

(7) 
$$(\delta_1 \otimes \mathrm{id} - \mathrm{id} \otimes \delta_1) \circ \delta_1(a) = -u_{12}\delta_1(a)_{13},$$

(8) 
$$u^1 a \otimes u^2 b + u^2 a \otimes u^1 b = b u^1 a \otimes u^2 + u^2 \otimes a u^1 b.$$

In this case,

(9) 
$$\Delta(a) = u^1 a \otimes u^2 + \delta_1(a) = u^1 \otimes au^2 + \delta_2(a).$$

Proof. By  $\Delta(a) = u^1 a \otimes u^2 + \delta_1(a)$  in (9) and (1) for i = 1, it is obvious that (8) is equivalent to (4).

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Assume that  $\Delta$  is a coassociative AC derivation, set  $u=\Delta(1)$ . Let b=1 in (2), we have  $\Delta(a)=a_{(1)}^2\otimes a_{(2)}^2+1_1\otimes a1_2$ . Similarly let a=1 in (3), we have  $\Delta(b)=1_1b\otimes 1_2+b_{(1)}^1\otimes b_{(2)}^1$ . So

$$\Delta(a) = 1_1 \otimes a1_2 + a_{(1)}^2 \otimes a_{(2)}^2 = 1_1 a \otimes 1_2 + a_{(1)}^1 \otimes a_{(2)}^1.$$

Then equations (9) and (5) hold.

By (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta) \Delta(a) &= 1_1 a \otimes \bar{1}_1 1_2 \otimes \bar{1}_2 + 1_1 a \otimes (1_2)_{(1)}^1 \otimes (1_2)_{(2)}^1 \\ &+ a_{(1)}^1 \otimes \bar{1}_1 a_{(2)}^1 \otimes \bar{1}_2 + a_{(1)}^1 \otimes (a_{(2)}^1)_{(1)}^1 \otimes (a_{(2)}^1)_{(2)}^1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\Delta \otimes \mathrm{id})\Delta(a) = \bar{1}_{1}1_{1}a \otimes \bar{1}_{2} \otimes 1_{2} + (1_{1})_{(1)}^{1}a \otimes (1_{1})_{(2)}^{1} \otimes 1_{2} + a_{(1)}^{1} \otimes 1_{1}a_{(2)}^{1} \otimes 1_{2} + 1_{1}a_{(1)}^{1} \otimes 1_{2} \otimes a_{(2)}^{1} + (a_{(1)}^{1})_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (a_{(1)}^{1})_{(2)}^{1} \otimes a_{(2)}^{1}.$$

Then by the coassociativity of  $\Delta$  at a=1, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{1}_{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{1} \mathbf{1}_{2} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{2} + \mathbf{1}_{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{2})_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{2})_{(2)}^{1} + \mathbf{1}_{(1)}^{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{1} \mathbf{1}_{(2)}^{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{2} + \mathbf{1}_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{(2)}^{1})_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{(2)}^{1})_{(2)}^{1} \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{1} \mathbf{1}_{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{2} + (\mathbf{1}_{1})_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{1})_{(2)}^{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{2} + \mathbf{1}_{(1)}^{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{1} \mathbf{1}_{(2)}^{1} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{2} \\ &+ \mathbf{1}_{1} \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{(1)}^{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{2} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{1}}_{(2)}^{1} + (\mathbf{1}_{(1)}^{1})_{(1)}^{1} \otimes (\mathbf{1}_{(1)}^{1})_{(2)}^{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{(2)}^{1}. \end{split}$$

Based on the properties of anti-derivations and AC derivations, we can get (6).

Apply  $R(a) \otimes id \otimes id$  to (6) and by the coassociativity for all  $a \in A$ , we have

$$a_{(1)}^1 \otimes (a_{(2)}^1)_{(1)}^1 \otimes (a_{(2)}^1)_{(2)}^1 = 1_1 a_{(1)}^1 \otimes 1_2 \otimes a_{(2)}^1 + (a_{(1)}^1)_{(1)}^1 \otimes (a_{(1)}^1)_{(2)}^1 \otimes a_{(2)}^1,$$

i.e.,  $(\delta_1 \otimes id - id \otimes \delta_1)\delta_1(a) = -1_1 a_{(1)}^1 \otimes 1_2 \otimes a_{(2)}^1 = -u_{12}\delta_1(a)_{13}$ . Thus, equation (7) holds.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  By (9) for all  $a, b \in A$  we have

$$a_{(1)}^{2}b \otimes a_{(2)}^{2} + b_{1} \otimes ab_{2} = a_{1}b \otimes a_{2} + b_{(1)}^{1} \otimes ab_{(2)}^{1},$$

$$\Delta(ab) \stackrel{(9)}{=} u^{1}ab \otimes u^{2} + \delta_{1}(ab) = u^{1}ab \otimes u^{2} + a_{(1)}^{1}b \otimes a_{(2)}^{1} + b_{(1)}^{1} \otimes ab_{(2)}^{1}$$

$$\stackrel{(9)}{=} a_{1}b \otimes a_{2} + b_{(1)}^{1} \otimes ab_{(2)}^{1}$$

and

$$\Delta(ab) \stackrel{(9)}{=} u^1 \otimes abu^2 + \delta_2(ab) = u^1 \otimes abu^2 + a_{(1)}^2 b \otimes a_{(2)}^2 + b_{(1)}^2 \otimes ab_{(2)}^2$$

$$\stackrel{(9)}{=} a_{(1)}^2 b \otimes a_{(2)}^2 + b_1 \otimes ab_2.$$

Then we can obtain equations (2) and (3). By (6) and (7) and the properties of anti-derivation, one can get the coassociativity of  $\Delta$ .

**Remark 2.4.** By  $\Delta(a) = u^1 \otimes au^2 + \delta_2(a)$  in (9) and (1) for i = 2, we also obtain that (4) is equivalent to

$$(10) bu^1 \otimes au^2 + bu^2 \otimes au^1 = u^1 \otimes au^2b + bu^2a \otimes u^1.$$

Corollary 2.5. Let A be a unital associative algebra and  $\Delta \colon A \to A \otimes A$  an anti-derivation. Then  $\Delta$  is coassociative if and only if

(11) 
$$(\Delta \otimes id - id \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta(a) = 0.$$

Proof. Let  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \Delta$  in Theorem 2.3, then by (9),  $u = \Delta(1) = 0$ . Thus, in this case, equations (5), (6) and (8) hold automatically, and (7) is exactly (11). The proof is finished.

**Remark 2.6.** Corollary 2.5 is just the characterization of ASI bialgebras.

Corollary 2.7. Let A be a unital associative algebra,  $\delta_i \colon A \to A \otimes A$ , i = 1, 2 be two anti-derivations. Then  $(A, \delta_1, \delta_2, \Delta)$  is a  $\lambda$ -unital AC bialgebra if and only if for all  $a, b \in A$ ,

(12) 
$$\delta_1(a) - \delta_2(a) = \lambda 1 \otimes a - \lambda a \otimes 1,$$

$$(13) \qquad (\delta_1 \otimes \mathrm{id} - \mathrm{id} \otimes \delta_1) \circ \delta_1(a) = -\lambda \delta_1(a)_{13},$$

$$(14) 2\lambda a \otimes b = \lambda ba \otimes 1 + \lambda 1 \otimes ab.$$

In this case,

(15) 
$$\Delta(a) = \lambda a \otimes 1 + \delta_1(a) = \lambda 1 \otimes a + \delta_2(a).$$

Proof. It can be proved by letting  $u = \Delta(1) = \lambda 1 \otimes 1$  in Theorem 2.3.

## Proposition 2.8.

- (1) 0-unital AC bialgebra is exactly the ASI bialgebra  $(A, \Delta, \Delta, \Delta)$ .
- (2) If char(K)=0, then  $\lambda$ -unital (for  $\lambda \neq 0$ ) AC bialgebra is trivial, that is to say, it is one dimensional.

Proof. If  $(A, \delta_1, \delta_2, \Delta)$  is a  $\lambda$ -unital AC bialgebra, then (8) and (10) hold. So we have

$$(16) 2\lambda(a\otimes b - b\otimes a) = 0.$$

Thus, if  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $\Delta(1) = 0$ . So by Corollary 2.5, we get the first conclusion. If  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{char}(K) = 0$ , then by (16), we have  $a \otimes b = b \otimes a$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . So in this case, A is trivial. We finish the proof.

#### Remark 2.9.

- (1) Corollary 2.7 is different from Corollary 3.11 of [5] even if  $\lambda = 1$  since here 1-unital AC bialgebra is trivial when  $\operatorname{char}(K) \neq 2$ .
- (2) By Corollary 3.11 of [5] one gets that a 1-unital covariant bialgebra  $(A, \Delta, \delta, \delta)$  is trivial.

The following characterization of AC bialgebras induces the notion of associative Yang-Baxter equation.

**Proposition 2.10.** Let A be an algebra and  $r, s \in A \otimes A$  two anti-symmetric elements. Define the linear maps

(17) 
$$\delta_r \colon A \to A \otimes A, \quad \delta_r(a) = r^1 \otimes ar^2 - r^1 a \otimes r^2,$$

(18) 
$$\delta_s \colon A \to A \otimes A, \quad \delta_s(a) = s^1 \otimes as^2 - s^1 a \otimes s^2,$$

(19) 
$$\Delta \colon A \to A \otimes A, \quad \Delta(a) = r^1 \otimes ar^2 - s^1 a \otimes s^2.$$

Then  $(A, \delta_r, \delta_s, \Delta)$  is an AC bialgebra if and only if for all  $a \in A$ ,

$$(20) (R(a) \otimes \operatorname{id} \otimes \operatorname{id})(s_{13}r_{23} - s_{23}s_{12} + s_{12}s_{13}) = (\operatorname{id} \otimes \operatorname{id} \otimes L(a))(s_{12}r_{13} - r_{23}r_{12} + r_{13}r_{23})$$

and

(21) 
$$(\mathrm{id} \otimes L(a) \circ R(b) - L(b) \circ R(a) \otimes \mathrm{id})(r-s) = 0.$$

Proof. The functions  $\delta_r$ ,  $\delta_s$  are anti-derivations: For all  $a, b \in A$ ,

$$\begin{split} a^r_{(1)}b \otimes a^r_{(2)} + b^r_{(1)} \otimes ab^r_{(2)} &= r^1b \otimes ar^2 - r^1ab \otimes r^2 + r^1 \otimes abr^2 - r^1b \otimes ar^2 \\ &= r^1 \otimes abr^2 - r^1ab \otimes r^2 = \delta_r(ab), \\ a^r_{(1)} \otimes a^r_{(2)}b + b^r_{(2)}a \otimes b^r_{(1)} &= r^1 \otimes ar^2b - r^1a \otimes r^2b + br^2a \otimes r^1 - r^2a \otimes r^1b \\ &= -r^2 \otimes ar^1b + r^2a \otimes r^1b - br^1a \otimes r^2 - r^2a \otimes r^1b \\ &= -r^2 \otimes ar^1b - br^1a \otimes r^2 \\ &= -br^2 \otimes ar^1 - br^1a \otimes r^2 + br^2 \otimes ar^1 - r^2 \otimes ar^1b \\ &= br^1 \otimes ar^2 - br^1a \otimes r^2 + br^2 \otimes ar^1 - r^2 \otimes ar^1b \\ &= ba^r_{(1)} \otimes a^r_{(2)} + b^r_{(2)} \otimes ab^r_{(1)}. \end{split}$$

The proof for  $\delta_s$  is similar.

Equations (2) and (3) can be checked as follows. For all  $a, b \in A$ , we have

$$a_1b \otimes a_2 + b_{(1)}^r \otimes ab_{(2)}^r = r^1b \otimes ar^2 - s^1ab \otimes s^2 + r^1 \otimes abr^2 - r^1b \otimes ar^2$$
$$= r^1 \otimes abr^2 - s^1ab \otimes s^2 = \Delta(ab)$$

and

$$a_{(1)}^s b \otimes a_{(2)}^s + b_1 \otimes ab_2 = s^1 b \otimes as^2 - s^1 ab \otimes s^2 + r^1 \otimes abr^2 - s^1 b \otimes as^2$$
$$= r^1 \otimes abr^2 - s^1 ab \otimes s^2 = \Delta(ab).$$

By the anti-symmetry of r and s, (4) is equivalent to (21).

For all  $a \in A$  and r = R, s = S, one can compute

$$(\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta(a) = r^1 \otimes \Delta(ar^2) - s^1 a \otimes \Delta(s^2)$$

$$= r^1 \otimes (R^1 \otimes ar^2 R^2 - s^1 ar^2 \otimes s^2) - s^1 a \otimes (r^1 \otimes s^2 r^2 - S^1 s^2 \otimes S^2)$$

$$= r^1 \otimes R^1 \otimes ar^2 R^2 - r^1 \otimes s^1 ar^2 \otimes s^2 - s^1 a \otimes r^1 \otimes s^2 r^2$$

$$+ s^1 a \otimes S^1 s^2 \otimes S^2$$

and

$$\begin{split} (\Delta \otimes \operatorname{id}) \circ \Delta(a) &= \Delta(r^1) \otimes ar^2 - \Delta(s^1a) \otimes s^2 \\ &= (R^1 \otimes r^1 R^2 - s^1 r^1 \otimes s^2) \otimes ar^2 - (r^1 \otimes s^1 ar^2 - S^1 s^1 a \otimes S^2) \otimes s^2 \\ &= R^1 \otimes r^1 R^2 \otimes ar^2 - s^1 r^1 \otimes s^2 \otimes ar^2 - r^1 \otimes s^1 ar^2 \otimes s^2 \\ &+ S^1 s^1 a \otimes S^2 \otimes s^2. \end{split}$$

Then  $\Delta$  is coassociative if and only if

$$\begin{split} s^1a\otimes r^1\otimes s^2r^2 - s^1a\otimes S^1s^2\otimes S^2 + S^1s^1a\otimes S^2\otimes s^2 \\ &= s^1r^1\otimes s^2\otimes ar^2 - R^1\otimes r^1R^2\otimes ar^2 + r^1\otimes R^1\otimes ar^2R^2. \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$(R(a) \otimes \operatorname{id} \otimes \operatorname{id})(s^{1} \otimes r^{1} \otimes s^{2}r^{2} - s^{1} \otimes S^{1}s^{2} \otimes S^{2} + S^{1}s^{1} \otimes S^{2} \otimes s^{2})$$

$$= (\operatorname{id} \otimes \operatorname{id} \otimes \operatorname{L}(a))(s^{1}r^{1} \otimes s^{2} \otimes r^{2} - R^{1} \otimes r^{1}R^{2} \otimes r^{2} + r^{1} \otimes R^{1} \otimes r^{2}R^{2}),$$

i.e.,

$$(R(a) \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \mathrm{id})(s_{13}r_{23} - s_{23}s_{12} + s_{12}s_{13}) = (\mathrm{id} \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes L(a))(s_{12}r_{13} - r_{23}r_{12} + r_{13}r_{23}),$$

finishing the proof.

**Definition 2.11.** An anti-associative Yang-Baxter pair in A is a pair of elements  $r, s \in A \otimes A$  satisfying

$$(22) r_{13}r_{23} - r_{23}r_{12} + s_{12}r_{13} = 0,$$

$$(23) s_{13}r_{23} - s_{23}s_{12} + s_{12}s_{13} = 0$$

and equation (21).

Specially, if r = s, then we call

$$r_{13}r_{23} - r_{23}r_{12} + r_{12}r_{13} = 0$$

the anti-associative Yang-Baxter equation in A.

**Remark 2.12.** The anti-associative Yang-Baxter pair in Definition 2.11 is exactly the associative Yang-Baxter pair in  $A^{\text{op}}$  (the opposite algebra) in [11] satisfying (21).

**Proposition 2.13.** If (r, s) is an anti-symmetric solution of the anti-associative Yang-Baxter pair in A,  $\delta_r$ ,  $\delta_s$ ,  $\Delta$  are defined by (17)–(19). Then  $(A, \delta_r, \delta_s, \Delta)$  is an AC bialgebra. In this case  $(A, \delta_r, \delta_s, \Delta)$  is called an anti-quasitriangular AC bialgebra.

**Theorem 2.14.** Let A be an associative algebra,  $r, s \in A \otimes A$  anti-symmetric satisfying (21) and  $\delta_r$ ,  $\delta_s$ ,  $\Delta$  are defined by (17)–(19). Then  $(A, \delta_r, \delta_s, \Delta)$  is an anti-quasitriangular AC bialgebra if and only if

$$(id \otimes \Delta)(r) = r_{23}r_{12} - s_{12}r_{13} - s_{23}r_{12},$$

(25) 
$$(\Delta \otimes id)(s) = s_{23}r_{12} + s_{13}r_{23} - s_{23}s_{12}.$$

Proof. One easily checks that

$$(id \otimes \Delta)(r) = r^{1} \otimes (R^{1} \otimes r^{2}R^{2} - s^{1}r^{2} \otimes s^{2}) = r^{1} \otimes R^{1} \otimes r^{2}R^{2} - r^{1} \otimes s^{1}r^{2} \otimes s^{2}$$
$$= r_{13}r_{23} - s_{23}r_{12}, (\Delta \otimes id)(s) = (r^{1} \otimes s^{1}r^{2} - S^{1}s^{1} \otimes S^{2}) \otimes s^{2}$$
$$= r^{1} \otimes s^{1}r^{2} \otimes s^{2} - S^{1}s^{1} \otimes S^{2} \otimes s^{2} = s_{23}r_{12} - s_{12}s_{13},$$

and the rest is direct.

Corollary 2.15. Let A be a unital associative algebra,  $r \in A \otimes A$  anti-symmetric. Then a 0-unital anti-quasitriangular AC bialgebra  $(A, \Delta, \Delta, \Delta)$  is exactly a quasitriangular ASI bialgebra studied in [3], Corollary 2.4.1. In this case,  $\Delta(a) = r^1 \otimes ar^2 - r^1 a \otimes r^2$ .

Proof. Let a=1 in (19), we have  $\Delta(1)=r^1\otimes r^2-s^1\otimes s^2$ . An anti-quasitriangular AC bialgebra  $(A,\delta_r,\delta_s,\Delta)$  is  $\lambda$ -unital if and only if  $r^1\otimes r^2-s^1\otimes s^2=\lambda 1\otimes 1$ . Since  $\lambda=0$ , r=s. The rest is obvious.

**Remark 2.16.** By Proposition 2.10, a  $\lambda$ -unital (for  $\lambda \neq 0$ ) anti-quasitriangular AC bialgebra over a field K (char(K) = 0) is trivial, which coincides with Part (2) in Proposition 2.8.

Let us recall that a *Rota-Baxter system* is a triple (A, P, Q), where A is an associative algebra,  $P, Q: A \to A$  are two linear maps such that for all  $a, b \in A$ ,

(26) 
$$P(a)P(b) = P(P(a)b + aQ(b)),$$

(27) 
$$Q(a)Q(b) = Q(P(a)b + aQ(b)).$$

**Definition 2.17.** A special Rota-Baxter system is a Rota-Baxter system satisfying the following condition:

(28) 
$$aP(b) + Q(b)a = P(b)a + aQ(b) \quad \forall a, b \in A.$$

**Proposition 2.18.** Let A be an associative algebra,  $r, s \in A \otimes A$  such that (r, s) is an anti-associative Yang-Baxter pair. For all  $a \in A$ , define

$$P(a):=r^2ar^1,\quad Q(a):=s^2as^1.$$

Then (A, P, Q) is a special Rota-Baxter system.

Proof. Similarly to [5], Proposition 3.4, we can check that (26) and (27) hold and (28) can be proved by (21).  $\Box$ 

## Remark 2.19.

- (1) If P = Q, then (28) holds automatically. So in this case, a special Rota-Baxter system and a Rota-Baxter system coincide, both turn to be a Rota-Baxter algebra (A, P = Q) of weight 0.
- (2) A special Rota-Baxter system over a commutative associative algebra is just an usual Rota-Baxter system.

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