COMMUTATOR SUBGROUPS OF SOME GENERALIZED BRAID GROUPS

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Abstract of the thesis

Commutator subgroups of Artin's braid groups B_n are well studied by Gorin and Lin in their 1969 paper, where they obtained finite presentation for B'_n for each n. Later, in 1993, Savushkina gave a simpler presentation for B'_n .

The goal of this thesis is to understand the structure of the commutator subgroups of some of the generalizations of Artin's braid groups B_n , namely the welded braid groups WB_n , the generalized virtual braid groups GVB_n , the flat welded braid groups FWB_n , the flat virtual braid groups FVB_n , and the twin groups TW_n . As consequences of the above investigations we prove several algebraic and geometric properties of the above groups.

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