

A criterion of unbalance of some simple groups of Lie type

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A finite simple nonabelian group K is called locally balanced (locally 1-balanced) with respect to a prime p if $O_{p'}(C_G(x))=1$ for any element x of order p from $G = \text{Aut}(K)$. The locally unbalanced finite simple nonabelian groups were determined in Theorem 7.7.1 from [1]. However, the item (d) of this theorem is wrong. This mistake is removed by the following theorem.

Theorem. *Let G be a finite almost simple group, $K = \text{Soc}(G)$ be a group of Lie type over a field of characteristic r , and $x \in G \setminus \text{Inndiag}(K)$ be an element of a prime order $p \neq r$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) $O_{p'}(C_G(x)) \neq 1$;
- (2) x induces a field automorphism on K and $(|C_K(x)|, p) = 1$.

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