

# Dihedral solutions of the set-theoretic Yang-Baxter equation

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# Summary

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# Other avenues

- Expand the notion of LBDS to  $(sr)^2 = 1$ , where  $s$  is any involutive solution, not just the trivial one.
- Non-Latin dihedral solutions



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