

# Relative Rota-Baxter Operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti Algebras

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**Abstract** In this paper, we first introduce the notion of relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras and give some characteristics of relative Rota-Baxter operators in terms of Nijenhuis operators and graphs. Then, the cohomology theory of relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras is proposed. Finally, the deformation of the relative Rota-Baxter operator is explored by applying the cohomological approach.

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## 1. Introduction

Baxter [1] introduced the notion of Rota-Baxter operators on associative algebras when studying fluctuation problems in probability. Then Kupershmidt [2] introduced the notion of relative Rota-Baxter operator (also called  $\mathcal{O}$ -operator) on Lie algebra, which is a generalization of the Rota-Baxter operator, by finding that the relative Rota-Baxter operator is a solution in the classical Yang-Baxter equation. Further research on relative Rota-Baxter operators could be found in [3–8] and references cited therein.

In recent years, Hom-type algebras have been studied by many scholars. The first examples coming from  $q$ -deformations of Witt and Virasoro algebras are Hom-Lie algebras in [9]. The concept of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra was introduced in [10]. It is a Hom-type generalization of a Lie-Yamaguti algebra of [11–15]. Recently, in [16], Ma and Chen studied one-parameter formal deformations of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. In [17], Zhang and Li studied representations and cohomologies of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. In [18], Dong and Ma studied linear deformations of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra and introduced the notions of a Nijenhuis operator, a product structure and a complex structure on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. This paper aims to study the

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cohomology theory and deformations of relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras based on some work in [3, 4, 16–18].

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some basic definitions of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. Section 3 introduces the notions of  $s$ -Rota-Baxter operators and Relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras. Moreover, we give some characterisation of relative Rota-Baxter operators in terms of Nijenhuis operators and graphs. Section 4 introduces the cohomology of a relative Rota-Baxter operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. In Section 5, we use the cohomological approach to study deformations of relative Rota-Baxter operators.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we work on an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{K}$  of characteristics different from 2 and 3. We recall some basic definitions of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra from [10] and [17].

**Definition 2.1** ([10]) *A Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra is a 4-tuple  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  in which  $L$  is a vector space together with a linear map  $\alpha : L \rightarrow L$ , a binary operation  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  and a ternary operation  $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$  on  $L$  such that*

- (HLY01)  $\alpha([x, y]) = [\alpha(x), \alpha(y)],$
- (HLY02)  $\alpha(\{x, y, z\}) = \{\alpha(x), \alpha(y), \alpha(z)\},$
- (HLY03)  $[x, y] = -[y, x],$
- (HLY04)  $\{x, y, z\} = -\{y, x, z\},$
- (HLY05)  $([[x, y], \alpha(z)] + \{x, y, z\}) + c.p. = 0,$
- (HLY06)  $\{[x, y], \alpha(z), \alpha(a)\} + \{[z, x], \alpha(y), \alpha(a)\} + \{[y, z], \alpha(x), \alpha(a)\} = 0,$
- (HLY07)  $\{\alpha(a), \alpha(b), [x, y]\} = \{\{a, b, x\}, \alpha^2(y)\} + [\alpha^2(x), \{a, b, y\}],$
- (HLY08)  $\{\alpha^2(a), \alpha^2(b), \{x, y, z\}\} = \{\{a, b, x\}, \alpha^2(y), \alpha^2(z)\} + \{\alpha^2(x), \{a, b, y\}, \alpha^2(z)\} + \{\alpha^2(x), \alpha^2(y), \{a, b, z\}\},$

for all  $x, y, z, a, b \in L$  and where  $c.p.$  denotes the sum over cyclic permutation of  $x, y, z$ , that is  $([[x, y], \alpha(z)] + \{x, y, z\}) + c.p. = ([[x, y], \alpha(z)] + \{x, y, z\}) + ([[z, x], \alpha(y)] + \{z, x, y\}) + ([[y, z], \alpha(x)] + \{y, z, x\})$ . In particular, the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is said to be regular (reps., involutive), if  $\alpha$  is nondegenerate (resp.,  $\alpha^2 = Id_L$ ).

A homomorphism between two Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  and  $(L', [\cdot, \cdot]', \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}', \alpha')$  is a linear map  $\varphi : L \rightarrow L'$  satisfying  $\varphi \circ \alpha = \alpha' \circ \varphi$  and

$$\varphi([x, y]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)]', \quad \varphi(\{x, y, z\}) = \{\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(z)\}', \quad \forall x, y, z \in L.$$

In particular, if  $\varphi$  is nondegenerate, then  $\varphi$  is called an isomorphism from  $L$  to  $L'$ .

**Example 2.2** Given a Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\})$  with a Lie-Yamaguti algebra homomorphism  $\alpha : L \rightarrow L$ , we can define a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra as the 4-tuple  $(L, \alpha \circ [\cdot, \cdot], \alpha \circ \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\})$ .

$\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha$ .

**Example 2.3** Let  $L$  be a 3-dimensional Lie-Yamaguti algebra with a basis  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  defined by  $[u_1, u_3] = -u_1$ ,  $[u_2, u_3] = 2u_2$  and  $\{u_3, u_2, u_3\} = u_2$ . The linear transformation  $\alpha$  on  $L$  is defined by  $\alpha(u_1) = u_1$ ,  $\alpha(u_2) = u_2$  and  $\alpha(u_3) = u_2 + u_3$ . Then  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra.

**Example 2.4** Let  $L$  be a 4-dimensional Lie-Yamaguti algebra with a basis  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  and  $u_4$  defined by  $[u_1, u_2] = 2u_4$  and  $\{u_1, u_2, u_1\} = u_4$ . The linear transformation  $\alpha$  on  $L$  is defined by  $\alpha(u_1) = u_1$ ,  $\alpha(u_2) = ku_2$ ,  $\alpha(u_3) = k_1u_1 + k_2u_2 + k_3u_3 + k_4u_4$  and  $\alpha(u_4) = ku_4$  for all  $k, k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \mathbb{K}$ . Then  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra.

**Definition 2.5** ([17]) Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  be a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra and  $(V, \beta)$  be a Hom-vector space. A representation of  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  on  $(V, \beta)$  consists of a linear map  $\rho : L \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  and two bilinear maps  $D, \theta : L \times L \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (HR01) \quad & \rho(\alpha(x)) \circ \beta = \beta \circ \rho(x), \\ (HR02) \quad & D(\alpha(x), \alpha(y)) \circ \beta = \beta \circ D(x, y), \\ (HR03) \quad & \theta(\alpha(x), \alpha(y)) \circ \beta = \beta \circ \theta(x, y), \\ (HR04) \quad & D(x, y) - \theta(y, x) + \theta(x, y) + \rho([x, y]) \circ \beta - \rho(\alpha(x))\rho(y) + \rho(\alpha(y))\rho(x) = 0, \\ (HR05) \quad & D([x, y], \alpha(z)) + D([y, z], \alpha(x)) + D([z, x], \alpha(y)) = 0, \\ (HR06) \quad & \theta([x, y], \alpha(a)) \circ \beta = \theta(\alpha(x), \alpha(a))\rho(y) - \theta(\alpha(y), \alpha(a))\rho(x), \\ (HR07) \quad & D(\alpha(a), \alpha(b))\rho(x) = \rho(\alpha^2(x))D(a, b) + \rho(\{a, b, x\}) \circ \beta^2, \\ (HR08) \quad & \theta(\alpha(x), [a, b]) \circ \beta = \rho(\alpha^2(a))\theta(x, b) - \rho(\alpha^2(b))\theta(x, a), \\ (HR09) \quad & D(\alpha^2(a), \alpha^2(b))\theta(x, y) = \theta(\alpha^2(x), \alpha^2(y))D(a, b) + \theta(\{a, b, x\}, \alpha^2(y)) \circ \beta^2 + \\ & \theta(\alpha^2(x), \{a, b, y\}) \circ \beta^2, \\ (HR10) \quad & \theta(\alpha^2(a), \{x, y, z\}) \circ \beta^2 = \theta(\alpha^2(y), \alpha^2(z))\theta(a, x) - \theta(\alpha^2(x), \alpha^2(z))\theta(a, y) + \\ & D(\alpha^2(x), \alpha^2(y))\theta(a, z), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z, a, b \in L$ . In this case, we also call  $V$  a  $T$ -module.

It can be concluded from (HR09) that

$$\begin{aligned} (HR09)' \quad & D(\alpha^2(a), \alpha^2(b))D(x, y) = D(\alpha^2(x), \alpha^2(y))D(a, b) + D(\{a, b, x\}, \alpha^2(y)) \circ \beta^2 + \\ & D(\alpha^2(x), \{a, b, y\}) \circ \beta^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.6** For any integer  $s \geq 0$ , we can define the  $\alpha^s$ -adjoint representation of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  on  $L$  as follows

$$\text{ad}_s(x)(z) := [\alpha^s(x), z], \mathcal{L}_s(x, y)(z) := \{\alpha^s(x), \alpha^s(y), z\}, \mathcal{R}_s(x, y)(z) := \{z, \alpha^s(x), \alpha^s(y)\},$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Let us denote the  $\alpha^s$ -adjoint representation of the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  by the 5-tuple  $(L; \alpha, \text{ad}_s, \mathcal{L}_s, \mathcal{R}_s)$ . Also we denote  $\text{ad}_0(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0(x, y)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0(x, y)$  simply by  $\text{ad}(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(x, y)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(x, y)$  for  $x, y \in L$ .

**Proposition 2.7** ([17]) *Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  be a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra and  $(V, \beta)$  be a Hom-vector space. Assume that we have a map  $\rho$  from  $L$  to  $\text{End}(V)$  and maps  $D, \theta : L \times L \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  satisfying (HR01)-(HR10). Then  $(\rho, D, \theta)$  is a representation of  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  on  $(V, \beta)$  if and only if  $L \oplus V$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra under the following maps:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha + \beta)(x + u) &:= \alpha(x) + \beta(u), \\
 [x + u, y + v]_{\times} &:= [x, y] + \rho(x)(v) - \rho(y)(u), \\
 \{x + u, y + v, z + w\}_{\times} &:= \{x, y, z\} + D(x, y)(w) - \theta(x, z)(v) + \theta(y, z)(u),
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$  and  $u, v, w \in V$ . In the case, the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $L \oplus V$  is called a semidirect product of  $L$  and  $V$ , denoted by  $L \times V = (L \oplus V, [\cdot, \cdot]_{\times}, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_{\times}, \alpha + \beta)$ .

### 3. Relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras

In this section, we define the notions of  $s$ -Rota-Baxter operators and relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras. Moreover, we give some characteristics of the relative Rota-Baxter operator in terms of Nijenhuis operators and graphs.

**Definition 3.1** *Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  be a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra and  $s$  be a non-negative integer. Then, the linear operator  $R : L \rightarrow L$  is called an  $s$ -Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  if the following equations hold:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 R \circ \alpha &= \alpha \circ R, \\
 [Rx, Ry] &= R([\alpha^s R(x), y] + [x, \alpha^s R(y)]), \tag{3.1} \\
 \{Rx, Ry, Rz\} &= R(\{\alpha^s R(x), \alpha^s R(y), z\} + \{x, \alpha^s R(y), \alpha^s R(z)\} - \{y, \alpha^s R(x), \alpha^s R(z)\}), \tag{3.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

For  $\alpha = Id$ , Definition 3.1 coincides with the notion of Rota-Baxter operators on a Lie-Yamaguti algebra.

**Definition 3.2** *Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  be a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra and  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  be a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra representation. The linear operator  $R : V \rightarrow L$  is called a relative Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  if the following equations hold:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 R \circ \beta &= \alpha \circ R, \\
 [Ru, Rv] &= R(\rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u), \tag{3.3} \\
 \{Ru, Rv, Rv\} &= R(D(Ru, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, Rv)u - \theta(Ru, Rv)v), \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V$ .

**Remark 3.3** Let us recall from Example 2.6, the  $\alpha^s$ -adjoint representation  $(L; \alpha, \text{ad}_s, \mathcal{L}_s, \mathcal{R}_s)$  of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  for any integer  $s \geq 0$ . Then, the  $s$ -Rota-Baxter operator on the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator

on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(L; \alpha, \text{ad}_s, \mathcal{L}_s, \mathcal{R}_s)$ .

**Example 3.4** Let  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  be a 2-dimensional Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $L$  with the basis  $u_1, u_2$  defined by

$$[u_1, u_2] = u_1, \{u_1, u_2, u_2\} = u_1, \alpha(u_1) = k_1 u_1, \alpha(u_2) = u_2, k_1 \in \mathbb{K}.$$

Then the operator  $R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an  $s$ -Rota-Baxter operator on  $L$ .

The following proposition gives a characterization of a relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$  in terms of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti subalgebra structure on the graph of  $R$ .

**Proposition 3.5** *The linear operator  $R : V \rightarrow L$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  if and only if the graph of the operator  $R$*

$$Gr(R) = \{R(u) + u | u \in V\}$$

*is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti subalgebra of semi-direct product Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra*

$$L \ltimes V = (L \oplus V, [\cdot, \cdot]_{\ltimes}, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_{\ltimes}, \alpha + \beta).$$

**Proof** Let  $R : V \rightarrow L$  be a linear operator. Then, for all  $u, v, w \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta)(Ru + u) &= \alpha \circ R(u) + \beta(u), \\ [Ru + u, Rv + v]_{\ltimes} &= [Ru, Rv] + \rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u, \\ \{Ru + u, Rv + v, Rv + v\}_{\ltimes} &= \{Ru, Rv, Rv\} + D(Ru, Rv)w - \theta(Ru, Rv)v + \theta(Rv, Rv)u, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the graph  $Gr(R)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti subalgebra of  $L \ltimes V$  if and only if  $R$  satisfies Equations  $\alpha \circ R = R \circ \beta$ , (3.3) and (3.4), which means that  $R$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator.  $\square$

Since  $V$  and  $Gr(R)$  are isomorphic as vector spaces, we get the following result immediately.

**Corollary 3.6** *Let  $R : V \rightarrow L$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra, called the descendent Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra of  $R$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} [u, v]_R &= \rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u, \\ \{u, v, w\}_R &= D(Ru, Rv)w - \theta(Ru, Rv)v + \theta(Rv, Rv)u, \end{aligned}$$

*for all  $u, v, w \in V$ . Moreover,  $R$  is a homomorphism  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$  from  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$ .*

The following proposition shows that the relative Rota-Baxter operator of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra is equivalent to the 0-Rota-Baxter operator of semi-direct product Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra.

**Proposition 3.7** *The linear operator  $R : V \rightarrow L$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  if and only if the operator*

$$R_{\ltimes} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : L \oplus V \longrightarrow L \oplus V$$

is a 0-Rota-Baxter operators of semi-direct product Hom-Lie -Yamaguti algebra

$$L \ltimes V = (L \oplus V, [\cdot, \cdot]_{\ltimes}, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_{\ltimes}, \alpha + \beta).$$

**Proof** Let us consider the following expressions, where we use definition of the map  $\alpha + \beta$ ,  $R_{\ltimes}$  and the brackets  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{\ltimes}, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_{\ltimes}$ .

$$(\alpha + \beta) \circ R_{\ltimes}(x + u) = (\alpha + \beta)(Ru + 0) = \alpha(Ru) + \beta(0) = \alpha \circ R(u), \tag{3.5}$$

$$R_{\ltimes} \circ (\alpha + \beta)(x + u) = R_{\ltimes}(\alpha(x) + \beta(u)) = R \circ \beta(u) \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & [R_{\ltimes}(x + u), R_{\ltimes}(y + v)]_{\ltimes} - R_{\ltimes}([\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(x + u), y + v]_{\ltimes} + [x + u, (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(y + v)]_{\ltimes} \\ &= [Ru + 0, Rv + 0]_{\ltimes} - R_{\ltimes}([R(u) + 0, y + v]_{\ltimes} + [x + u, R(v) + 0]_{\ltimes}) \\ &= [Ru, Rv] - R_{\ltimes}([Ru, y] + \rho(Ru)v + ([x, Rv] - \rho(Rv)u)) \\ &= [Ru, Rv] - R(\rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u), \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{R_{\ltimes}(x + u), R_{\ltimes}(y + v), R_{\ltimes}(z + w)\}_{\ltimes} - R_{\ltimes}(\{(\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(x + u), (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(y + v), z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \\ & \quad \{x + u, (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(y + v), (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(z + w)\}_{\ltimes} - \\ & \quad \{y + v, (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(x + u), (\alpha + \beta)^0 R_{\ltimes}(z + w)\}_{\ltimes}) \\ &= \{Ru + 0, Rv + 0, Rw + 0\}_{\ltimes} - R_{\ltimes}(\{Ru + 0, Rv + 0, z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{x + u, Rv + 0, Rw + 0\}_{\ltimes} - \\ & \quad \{y + v, Ru + 0, Rw + 0\}_{\ltimes}) \\ &= \{Ru, Rv, Rw\} - R_{\ltimes}(\{Ru, Rv, z\} + D(Ru, Rv)w + \{x, Rv, Rw\} + \theta(Rv, Rw)u - \\ & \quad \{y, Ru, Rw\} - \theta(Ru, Rw)v) \\ &= \{Ru, Rv, Rw\} - R(D(Ru, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, Rw)u - \theta(Ru, Rw)v), \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L, u, v, w \in V$ . By the above Equations (3.5) and (3.6), it is clear that

$$(\alpha + \beta) \circ R_{\ltimes} = R_{\ltimes} \circ (\alpha + \beta)$$

is equivalent to  $\alpha \circ R = R \circ \beta$ . By (3.7), Equation (3.1) is equivalent to the Equation (3.3), for  $s = 0$ . By (3.8), Eq. (3.2) is equivalent to the Eq. (3.4), for  $s = 0$ .  $\square$

In the sequel, we give the relationship between relative Rota-Baxter operators and Nijenhuis operators. Recall from [18] that the Nijenhuis operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is a linear map  $N : L \rightarrow L$ , satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} N \circ \alpha &= \alpha \circ N, \\ [Nx, Ny] &= N([Nx, y] + [x, Ny] - N[x, y]), \\ \{Nx, Ny, Nz\} &= N(\{Nx, Ny, z\} + \{Nx, y, Nz\} + \{x, Ny, Nz\}) - \\ & \quad N^2(\{Nx, y, z\} + \{x, Ny, z\} + \{x, y, Nz\}) + N^3\{x, y, z\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

**Corollary 3.8** *The linear operator  $R : V \rightarrow L$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$*

with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  if and only if the operator

$$N_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : L \oplus V \longrightarrow L \oplus V$$

is a Nijenhuis operator on a semi-direct product Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $L \ltimes V$ .

**Proof** From  $N_R^2 = 0$ , it follows that  $N_R$  is a Nijenhuis operator, which is equivalent to that it is a 0-Rota-Baxter operator.  $\square$

Now, we use the relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra to characterize the Nijenhuis operator.

**Definition 3.9** Two relative Rota-Baxter operators  $R_1, R_2 : V \rightarrow L$  on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  are said to be compatible if the sum  $a_1 R_1 + a_2 R_2$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator, for any  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{K}$ . Equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} [R_1 u, R_2 v] + [R_2 u, R_1 v] &= R_2(\rho(R_1 u)v - \rho(R_1 v)u) + R_1(\rho(R_2 u)v - \rho(R_2 v)u), \\ \{R_i u, R_i v, R_j w\} + \{R_i u, R_j v, R_i w\} + \{R_j u, R_i v, R_i w\} \\ &= R_i(D(R_i u, R_j v)w + \theta(R_i v, R_j w)u - \theta(R_i u, R_j w)v) + \\ &\quad R_i(D(R_j u, R_i v)w + \theta(R_j v, R_i w)u - \theta(R_j u, R_i w)v) + \\ &\quad R_j(D(R_i u, R_i v)w + \theta(R_i v, R_i w)u - \theta(R_i u, R_i w)v), \end{aligned}$$

where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $i \neq j$ , for all  $u, v, w \in V$ .

**Proposition 3.10** Let  $R_1, R_2 : V \rightarrow L$  be two compatible relative Rota-Baxter operators in which  $R_2$  (resp.,  $R_1$ ) is invertible. Then  $N = R_1 \circ R_2^{-1}$  (resp.,  $N = R_2 \circ R_1^{-1}$ ) is a Nijenhuis operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$ .

**Proof** We only prove the case in which  $R_2$  is invertible. Clearly, for any  $x, y, z \in L$ , there exist  $u, v, w \in V$ , such that  $R_2(u) = x, R_2(v) = y, R_2(w) = z$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} N \circ \alpha(x) &= (R_1 \circ R_2^{-1}) \circ \alpha(x) = R_1 \circ (R_2^{-1} \circ \alpha)(x) = R_1 \circ (\beta \circ R_2^{-1})(x) = R_1 \circ \beta(u), \\ \alpha \circ N(x) &= \alpha \circ (R_1 \circ R_2^{-1})(x) = (\alpha \circ R_1) \circ R_2^{-1}(x) = R_1 \circ \beta(u), \end{aligned}$$

thus  $N \circ \alpha = \alpha \circ N$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} N([Nx, y] + [x, Ny] - N[x, y]) &= N([R_1 u, R_2 v] + [R_2 u, R_1 v] - N[R_2 u, R_2 v]) \\ &= N(R_2(\rho(R_1 u)v - \rho(R_1 v)u) + R_1(\rho(R_2 u)v - \rho(R_2 v)u) - N R_2(\rho(R_2 u)v - \rho(R_2 v)u)) \\ &= R_1(\rho(R_1 u)v - \rho(R_1 v)u) = [R_1 u, R_1 v] = [Nx, Ny], \\ N(\{Nx, Ny, z\} + \{Nx, y, Nz\} + \{x, Ny, Nz\}) - N^2(\{Nx, y, z\} + \{x, Ny, z\} + \\ &\quad \{x, y, Nz\}) + N^3\{x, y, z\} \\ &= N(\{R_1 u, R_1 v, R_2 w\} + \{R_1 u, R_2 v, R_1 w\} + \{R_2 u, R_1 v, R_1 w\}) - \\ &\quad N^2(\{R_1 u, R_2 v, R_2 w\} + \{R_2 u, R_1 v, R_2 w\} + \{R_2 u, R_2 v, R_1 w\}) + N^3\{R_2 u, R_2 v, R_2 w\} \\ &= N(R_1(D(R_1 u, R_2 v)w + \theta(R_1 v, R_2 w)u - \theta(R_1 u, R_2 w)v) + R_1(D(R_2 u, R_1 v)w + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \theta(R_2v, R_1w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_1w)v + R_2(D(R_1u, R_1v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_1w)u - \\
 & \theta(R_1u, R_1w)v)) - N^2(R_1(D(R_2u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_2v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_2w)v) + \\
 & R_2(D(R_1u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_1u, R_2w)v) + R_2(D(R_2u, R_1v)w + \\
 & \theta(R_2v, R_1w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_1w)v)) + N^3(R_2(D(R_2u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_2v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_2w)v)) \\
 = & NR_1(D(R_1u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_1u, R_2w)v) + NR_1(D(R_2u, R_1v)w + \\
 & \theta(R_2v, R_1w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_1w)v) + R_1(D(R_1u, R_1v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_1w)u - \\
 & \theta(R_1u, R_1w)v) - N^2R_1(D(R_2u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_2v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_2w)v) - \\
 & NR_1(D(R_1u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_1u, R_2w)v) - NR_1(D(R_2u, R_1v)w + \\
 & \theta(R_2v, R_1w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_1w)v) + N^2R_1(D(R_2u, R_2v)w + \theta(R_2v, R_2w)u - \theta(R_2u, R_2w)v) \\
 = & R_1(D(R_1u, R_1v)w + \theta(R_1v, R_1w)u - \theta(R_1u, R_1w)v) \\
 = & \{R_1u, R_1v, R_1w\} = \{Nx, Ny, Nz\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have shown that  $N = R_1 \circ R_2^{-1}$  is a Nijenhuis operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$ .  $\square$

### 4. Cohomology theory

In this section, we define a cohomology of a relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$  on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with coefficients in a representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Later, we will use this cohomology to study deformation of  $R$ .

Let us recall Corollary 3.6: let  $R : V \rightarrow L$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra. So far, the representation space  $V$  has been endowed with a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra structure  $([\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$ . We will give a representation of  $V$  on  $L$  (it is viewed as a vector space) in the sequel.

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $R : V \rightarrow L$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then  $(L; \alpha, \varrho, \mathfrak{D}, \vartheta)$  is a representation of the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra structure  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$ , where  $\varrho : V \rightarrow \text{End}(L)$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}, \vartheta : V \times V \rightarrow \text{End}(L)$ , by*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varrho(u)x & := [Ru, x] + R(\rho(x)u), \\
 \mathfrak{D}(u, v)x & := \{Ru, Rv, x\} + R(\theta(Ru, x)v - \theta(Rv, x)u), \\
 \vartheta(u, v)x & := \{x, Ru, Rv\} + R(\theta(x, Rv)u - D(x, Ru)v),
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v \in V, x \in L$ .

**Proof** Let  $N : L \rightarrow L$  be a Nijenhuis operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$ . Then  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot]_N, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_N, \alpha)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra, where  $[\cdot, \cdot]_N, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_N$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x, y]_N & = [Nx, y] + [x, Ny] - N[x, y], \\
 \{x, y, z\}_N & = \{Nx, Ny, z\} + \{Nx, y, Nz\} + \{x, Ny, Nz\} - N(\{Nx, y, z\} + \{x, Ny, z\} +
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$



$$\{x, y, Nz\}) + N^2\{x, y, z\}, \quad (4.2)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . Let  $R : V \rightarrow L$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . By Corollary 3.8,  $N_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : L \oplus V \rightarrow L \oplus V$  is a Nijenhuis operator on the semi-direct product Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $L \ltimes V$  and  $N_R^2 = 0$ . Then by Eqs. (4.1) and (4.2), there is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra structure  $([\cdot, \cdot]_{N_R}, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_{N_R}, \beta + \alpha)$  on the vector space  $V \oplus L \cong L \oplus V$  by

$$\begin{aligned} [u + x, v + y]_{N_R} &= [x + u, y + v]_{N_R} \\ &= [N_R(x + u), y + v]_{\ltimes} + [x + u, N_R(y + v)]_{\ltimes} - N_R[x + u, y + v]_{\ltimes} \\ &= [Ru, y + v]_{\ltimes} + [x + u, Rv]_{\ltimes} - N_R[x + u, y + v]_{\ltimes} \\ &= [Ru, y] + \rho(Ru)v + [x, Rv] - \rho(Rv)u - N_R([x + y] + \rho(x)v - \rho(y)u) \\ &= [Ru, y] + \rho(Ru)v + [x, Rv] - \rho(Rv)u - R(\rho(x)v - \rho(y)u) \\ &= \rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u + [Ru, y] + R(\rho(y)u) - ([Rv, x] + R(\rho(x)v)) \\ &= [u, v]_R + \varrho(u)y - \varrho(v)x, \\ \{u + x, v + y, w + z\}_{N_R} &= \{x + u, y + v, z + w\}_{N_R} \\ &= \{N_R(x + u), N_R(y + v), z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{N_R(x + u), y + v, N_R(z + w)\}_{\ltimes} + \\ &\quad \{x + u, N_R(y + v), N_R(z + w)\}_{\ltimes} - N_R(\{N_R(x + u), y + v, z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \\ &\quad \{x + u, N_R(y + v), z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{x + w, y + v, N_R(z + w)\}_{\ltimes}) \\ &= \{Ru, Rv, z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{Ru, y + v, Rv\}_{\ltimes} + \{x + u, Rv, Rv\}_{\ltimes} - \\ &\quad N_R(\{Ru, y + v, z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{x + u, Rv, z + w\}_{\ltimes} + \{x + u, y + v, Rv\}_{\ltimes}) \\ &= \{Ru, Rv, z\} + D(Ru, Rv)w + \{Ru, y, Rv\} - \theta(Ru, Rv)v + \{x, Rv, Rv\} + \theta(Rv, Rv)u - \\ &\quad N_R(\{Ru, y, z\} + D(Ru, y)w - \theta(Ru, z)v + \{x, Rv, z\} + D(x, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, z)u + \\ &\quad \{x, y, Rv\} - \theta(x, Rv)v + \theta(y, Rv)u) \\ &= \{Ru, Rv, z\} + D(Ru, Rv)w + \{Ru, y, Rv\} - \theta(Ru, Rv)v + \{x, Rv, Rv\} + \theta(Rv, Rv)u - \\ &\quad R(D(Ru, y)w - \theta(Ru, z)v + D(x, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, z)u - \theta(x, Rv)v + \theta(y, Rv)u) \\ &= (D(Ru, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, Rv)u - \theta(Ru, Rv)v) + \{Ru, Rv, z\} + R(\theta(Ru, z)v - \theta(Rv, z)u) - \\ &\quad \{y, Ru, Rv\} - R(\theta(y, Rv)u - D(y, Ru)w) + \{x, Rv, Rv\} + R(\theta(x, Rv)v - D(x, Rv)w) \\ &= \{u, v, w\}_R + \mathfrak{D}(u, v)z - \vartheta(u, w)y + \vartheta(v, w)x, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V, x, y, z \in L$ . By Proposition 2.7, we deduce that  $(\varrho, \mathfrak{D}, \vartheta)$  is a representation of the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$  on  $(L, \alpha)$ .  $\square$

Now, we describe the cohomology of a relative Rota-Baxter operator on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra in terms of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra cohomology [17].

Let  $(L; \alpha, \varrho, \mathfrak{D}, \vartheta)$  be a representation of Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(V, [\cdot, \cdot]_R, \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}_R, \beta)$ . We denote the set of  $p$ -cochains by  $C_R^p(V, L)$  ( $p \geq 1$ ), where if  $p \geq 2$ ,

$$C_R^p(V, L) = \{f \in \text{Hom}(V \times V \times \cdots \times V, L) \mid f(\beta(v_1), \dots, \beta(v_p)) = \alpha \circ f(v_1, \dots, v_p)\},$$

$$f(v_1, \dots, v_{2i-1}, v_{2i}, \dots, v_p) = 0 \text{ if } v_{2i-1} = v_{2i},$$

if  $p = 1$ ,  $C_R^1(V, L) = \{f \in \text{Hom}(V, L) \mid f(\beta(v_1)) = \alpha \circ f(v_1)\}$ .

For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $\delta_R : C_R^{2n}(V, L) \times C_R^{2n+1}(V, L) \rightarrow C_R^{2n+2}(V, L) \times C_R^{2n+3}(V, L)$ ,  $(f, g) \mapsto (\delta_R^I(f, g), \delta_R^{II}(f, g))$  be the corresponding coboundary operator of  $V$  with coefficient in  $L$  and it is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} &(\delta_R^I(f, g))(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n+2}) \\ &= [R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+1}), g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+2})] + R(\rho(g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+2})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+1}) - \\ &\quad [R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+2}), g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+1})] - R(\rho(g(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+1})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+2}) - \\ &\quad g(\beta(v_1), \beta(v_2), \dots, \beta(v_{2n}), \rho(Rv_{2n+1})v_{2n+2} - \rho(Rv_{2n+2})v_{2n+1}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n+k+1} \{ \beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k-1}), \beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k}), f(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+2}) \} + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n+k+1} R(\theta(R \circ \beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k-1}), f(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+2})))\beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k}) - \\ &\quad \theta(R \circ \beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k}), f(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+2})))\beta^{2n-1}(v_{2k-1}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=2k+1}^{2n+2} (-1)^{n+k} f(\beta^2(v_1), \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, D(Rv_{2k-1}, Rv_{2k})v_j + \theta(Rv_{2k}, Rv_j)v_{2k-1} - \\ &\quad \theta(Rv_{2k-1}, Rv_j)v_{2k}, \dots, \beta^2(v_{2n+2})), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\delta_R^{II}(f, g))(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n+3}) \\ &= \{g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n+1}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+2}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3})\} + \\ &\quad R(\theta(g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n+1}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+2}) - \\ &\quad D(g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n+1}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+2})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3}) - \\ &\quad \{g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+2}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+1}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3})\} - \\ &\quad R(\theta(g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+2}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+1}) - \\ &\quad D(g(v_1, \dots, v_{2n}, v_{2n+2}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2n+1})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2n+3}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n+k+1} \{ R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2k-1}), R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2k}), g(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+3}) \} + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n+k+1} R(\theta(R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2k-1}), g(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+3})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2k}) - \\ &\quad \theta(R \circ \beta^{2n}(v_{2k}), g(v_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, v_{2n+3})))\beta^{2n}(v_{2k-1}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \sum_{j=2k+1}^{2n+3} (-1)^{n+k} g(\beta^2(v_1), \dots, \widehat{v}_{2k-1}, \widehat{v}_{2k}, \dots, D(Rv_{2k-1}, Rv_{2k})v_j + \theta(Rv_{2k}, Rv_j)v_{2k-1} - \\ &\quad \theta(Rv_{2k-1}, Rv_j)v_{2k}, \dots, \beta^2(v_{2n+3})), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n+3} \in V$ .

For  $n \geq 1$ , denote the set of  $(2n, 2n+1)$ -cocycles and  $(2n, 2n+1)$ -coboundaries by  $Z_R^{2n \times 2n+1}(V, L)$

and  $B_R^{2n \times 2n+1}(V, L)$ , respectively. We define the set

$$H_R^{2n \times 2n+1}(V, L) = \frac{Z_R^{2n \times 2n+1}(V, L)}{B_R^{2n \times 2n+1}(V, L)}$$

as a  $(2n, 2n + 1)$ -th cohomology group for the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$  on the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ .

In particular, for  $n = 0$ , a linear map  $g \in C_R^1(V, L)$  is called  $(0, 1)$ -cocycle if

$$R(\rho(g(v_1))v_2 - \rho(g(v_2))v_1) = [g(v_1), Rv_2] + [Rv_1, g(v_2)] - g(\rho(Rv_1)v_2 - \rho(Rv_2)v_1), \tag{4.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & R(\theta(Rv_2, g(v_3))v_1 + \theta(g(v_2), Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, g(v_3))v_2 - \theta(g(v_1), Rv_3)v_2 + \\ & D(Rv_1, g(v_2))v_3 + D(g(v_1), Rv_2)v_3) \\ & = \{Rv_1, Rv_2, g(v_3)\} + \{Rv_1, g(v_2), Rv_3\} + \{g(v_1), Rv_2, Rv_3\} - \\ & g(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2), \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

for all  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$ . The space of  $(0, 1)$ -cocycles is denoted by  $Z_R^{0 \times 1}(V, L)$ .  $H_R^{0 \times 1}(V, L) = Z_R^{0 \times 1}(V, L)$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -th cohomology group for the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$ .

**Proposition 4.2** *Let  $R$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . If  $\alpha^2 = Id_L, \beta^2 = Id_V$  and there exist two elements  $a, b \in L$  such that  $\alpha(a) = a, \alpha(b) = b$ , we define  $\delta(a, b) : V \rightarrow L$  by*

$$\delta(a, b)v = R(D(a, b)v) - \{a, b, Rv\},$$

for any  $v \in V$ . Then  $\delta(a, b)$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -cocycle for the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$ .

**Proof** Just verify that  $\delta(a, b)$  meets Eqs. (4.3) and (4.4). For any  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [\delta(a, b)(v_1), Rv_2] + [Rv_1, \delta(a, b)(v_2)] - \delta(a, b)(\rho(Rv_1)v_2 - \rho(Rv_2)v_1) \\ & = [R(D(a, b)v_1) - \{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2] + [Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2) - \{a, b, Rv_2\}] - \\ & R(D(a, b)(\rho(Rv_1)v_2 - \rho(Rv_2)v_1)) + \{a, b, R(\rho(Rv_1)v_2 - \rho(Rv_2)v_1)\} \\ & = [R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2] - [\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2] + [Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2)] - [Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_2\}] - \\ & R(D(a, b)(\rho(Rv_1)v_2)) + R(D(a, b)(\rho(Rv_2)v_1)) + \{a, b, [Rv_1, Rv_2]\} \\ & = R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_1)v_2)) - R(\rho(Rv_2)(D(a, b)v_1)) + R(\rho(Rv_1)D(a, b)v_2) - \\ & R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_2))v_1) - R(D(a, b)(\rho(Rv_1)v_2)) + R(D(a, b)(\rho(Rv_2)v_1)) \\ & = R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_1))v_2) - R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_2))v_1) + R(D(a, b)\rho(Rv_2)v_1) - \\ & \rho(Rv_2)D(a, b)v_1 - R(D(a, b)\rho(Rv_1)v_2 - \rho(Rv_1)D(a, b)v_2) \\ & = R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_1))v_2) - R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_2))v_1) + R(\rho(\{a, b, Rv_2\})v_1) - R(\rho(\{a, b, Rv_1\})v_2) \\ & = R(\rho(R(D(a, b)v_1) - \{a, b, Rv_1\})v_2 - \rho(R(D(a, b)v_2) - \{a, b, Rv_2\})v_1) \\ & = R(\rho(\delta(a, b)v_1)v_2 - \rho(\delta(a, b)v_2)v_1), \\ & \{Rv_1, Rv_2, \delta(a, b)(v_3)\} + \{Rv_1, \delta(a, b)(v_2), Rv_3\} + \{\delta(a, b)(v_1), Rv_2, Rv_3\} - \\ & \delta(a, b)(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{Rv_1, Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3) - \{a, b, Rv_3\}\} + \{Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2) - \{a, b, Rv_2\}, Rv_3\} + \\
&\quad \{R(D(a, b)v_1) - \{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2, Rv_3\} - R(D(a, b)(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 - \\
&\quad \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2)) + \{a, b, R(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2)\} \\
&= \{Rv_1, Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3)\} - \{Rv_1, Rv_2, \{a, b, Rv_3\}\} + \{Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3\} - \\
&\quad \{Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_2\}, Rv_3\} + \{R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2, Rv_3\} - \{\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2, Rv_3\} - \\
&\quad R(D(a, b)(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3) - R(D(a, b)(\theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1) + R(D(a, b)(\theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2))) + \\
&\quad \{a, b, \{Rv_1, Rv_2, Rv_3\}\} \\
&= \{Rv_1, Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3)\} + \{Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3\} + \{R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2, Rv_3\} - \\
&\quad R(D(a, b)D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3) - R(D(a, b)\theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1) + R(D(a, b)\theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2) \\
&= R(D(Rv_1, Rv_2)D(a, b)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_2 + \\
&\quad D(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2))v_3 + \theta(R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)D(a, b)v_2 + \\
&\quad D(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)D(a, b)v_1 - \theta(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_3)v_2 - \\
&\quad D(a, b)D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 - D(a, b)\theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 + D(a, b)\theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2) \\
&= R(\theta(Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_2 - D(a, b)D(Rv_1, Rv_2)v_3 + \\
&\quad D(Rv_1, Rv_2)D(a, b)v_3 + D(a, b)\theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)v_2 - \theta(Rv_1, Rv_3)D(a, b)v_2 - \\
&\quad D(a, b)\theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)v_1 + \theta(Rv_2, Rv_3)D(a, b)v_1 - \theta(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_3)v_2 + \\
&\quad D(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3)v_1 + D(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2))v_3) \\
&= R(\theta(Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_2 - D(Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_2\})v_3 - \\
&\quad D(\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_2 + \theta(\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_3)v_2 - \\
&\quad \theta(Rv_2, \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_1 - \theta(\{a, b, Rv_2\}, Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_3)v_2 + \\
&\quad D(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2)v_3 + \theta(R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3)v_1 + D(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2))v_3) \\
&= R(\theta(Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_1 - \theta(Rv_2, \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_3))v_2 + \\
&\quad \theta(Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_2 + \theta(R(D(a, b)v_2), Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(\{a, b, Rv_2\}, Rv_3)v_1 - \\
&\quad \theta(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_3)v_2 + \theta(\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_3)v_2 + D(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2))v_3 - \\
&\quad D(Rv_1, \{a, b, Rv_2\})v_3 + D(R(D(a, b)v_1), Rv_2)v_3 - D(\{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2)v_3) \\
&= R(\theta(Rv_2, R(D(a, b)v_3) - \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_3) - \{a, b, Rv_3\})v_2 + \\
&\quad \theta(R(D(a, b)v_2) - \{a, b, Rv_2\}, Rv_3)v_1 - \theta(R(D(a, b)v_1) - \{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_3)v_2 + \\
&\quad D(Rv_1, R(D(a, b)v_2) - \{a, b, Rv_2\})v_3 + D(R(D(a, b)v_1) - \{a, b, Rv_1\}, Rv_2)v_3) \\
&= R(\theta(Rv_2, \delta(a, b)(v_3))v_1 - \theta(Rv_1, \delta(a, b)(v_3))v_2 + \theta(\delta(a, b)(v_2), Rv_3)v_1 - \\
&\quad \theta(\delta(a, b)(v_1), Rv_3)v_2 + D(Rv_1, \delta(a, b)(v_2))v_3 + D(\delta(a, b)(v_1), Rv_2)v_3).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 5. Deformation theory

In this section, we will use the cohomology theory constructed in the former section to characterize deformations of relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras.

**Definition 5.1** Let  $R$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ , and let  $\mathfrak{J} : V \rightarrow L$  be a linear map. If  $R_t = R + t\mathfrak{J}$  is still a relative Rota-Baxter operator on  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to a representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  for all  $t$ , we say that  $\mathfrak{J}$  generates a linear deformation of the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$ .

Suppose  $\mathfrak{J}$  generates a linear deformation of the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_t \circ \beta &= \alpha \circ R_t, \\ [R_t u, R_t v] &= R_t(\rho(R_t u)v - \rho(R_t v)u), \\ \{R_t u, R_t v, R_t w\} &= R_t(D(R_t u, R_t v)w + \theta(R_t v, R_t w)u - \theta(R_t u, R_t w)v), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V$ . This is equivalent to the following conditions

$$\mathfrak{J} \circ \beta = \alpha \circ \mathfrak{J}, \tag{5.1}$$

$$[Ru, \mathfrak{J}v] + [\mathfrak{J}u, Rv] = \mathfrak{J}(\rho(Ru)v - \rho(Rv)u) + R(\rho(\mathfrak{J}u)v - \rho(\mathfrak{J}v)u), \tag{5.2}$$

$$[\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}v] = \mathfrak{J}(\rho(\mathfrak{J}u)v - \rho(\mathfrak{J}v)u), \tag{5.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{Ru, Rv, \mathfrak{J}w\} + \{Ru, \mathfrak{J}v, Rv\} + \{\mathfrak{J}u, Rv, Rv\} \\ = R(D(Ru, \mathfrak{J}v)w + \theta(Rv, \mathfrak{J}w)u - \theta(Ru, \mathfrak{J}w)v) + R(D(\mathfrak{J}u, Rv)w + \theta(\mathfrak{J}v, Rv)u - \\ \theta(\mathfrak{J}u, Rv)v) + \mathfrak{J}(D(Ru, Rv)w + \theta(Rv, Rv)u - \theta(Ru, Rv)v), \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}v, Rv\} + \{\mathfrak{J}u, Rv, \mathfrak{J}w\} + \{Ru, \mathfrak{J}v, \mathfrak{J}w\} \\ = \mathfrak{J}(D(\mathfrak{J}u, Rv)w + \theta(\mathfrak{J}v, Rv)u - \theta(\mathfrak{J}u, Rv)v) + \mathfrak{J}(D(Ru, \mathfrak{J}v)w + \theta(Rv, \mathfrak{J}w)u - \\ \theta(Ru, \mathfrak{J}w)v) + R(D(\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}v)w + \theta(\mathfrak{J}v, \mathfrak{J}w)u - \theta(\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}w)v), \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

$$\{\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}v, \mathfrak{J}w\} = \mathfrak{J}(D(\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}v)w + \theta(\mathfrak{J}v, \mathfrak{J}w)u - \theta(\mathfrak{J}u, \mathfrak{J}w)v), \tag{5.6}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V$ . Thus,  $R_t$  is a linear deformation of  $R$  if and only if Eqs. (5.1)–(5.6) hold. From (5.1), (5.3) and (5.6) it follows that the map  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a relative Rota-Baxter operator on the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ .

**Proposition 5.2** Let  $R_t = R + t\mathfrak{J}$  be a linear deformation of a relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$  on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{J} \in C_R^1(V, L)$  is a  $(0,1)$ -cocycle of the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $R$ . Moreover, the  $(0,1)$ -cocycle  $\mathfrak{J}$  is called the infinitesimal of the linear deformation  $R_t$  of  $R$ .

**Proof** Observe that Eqs. (5.1), (5.2) and (5.4) imply that  $\mathfrak{J} \in C_R^1(V, L)$  is a  $(0,1)$ -cocycle.  $\square$

**Definition 5.3** Let  $R$  and  $R'$  be two relative Rota-Baxter operators on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti

algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . A homomorphism from  $R'$  to  $R$  is a pair  $(\varphi_L, \varphi_V)$ , where  $\varphi_L : L \rightarrow L$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra homomorphism and  $\varphi_V : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear map satisfying

$$R \circ \varphi_V = \varphi_L \circ R', \quad \beta \circ \varphi_V = \varphi_V \circ \beta, \quad \varphi_V(\rho(x)v) = \rho(\varphi_L(x))\varphi_V(v),$$

$$\varphi_V(D(x, y)v) = D(\varphi_L(x), \varphi_L(y))\varphi_V(v), \quad \varphi_V(\theta(x, y)v) = \theta(\varphi_L(x), \varphi_L(y))\varphi_V(v),$$

for all  $x, y \in L, v \in V$ . In particular, if  $\varphi_L$  and  $\varphi_V$  are invertible, then  $(\varphi_L, \varphi_V)$  is called an isomorphism from  $R'$  to  $R$ .

**Definition 5.4** Let  $R$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on an involutive Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Two linear deformations  $R_t^1 = R + t\mathfrak{J}_1$  and  $R_t^2 = R + t\mathfrak{J}_2$  are said to be equivalent if there exist two elements  $a, b \in L$  such that  $\alpha(a) = a, \alpha(b) = b$  and the pair  $(Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b), Id_V + tD(a, b))$  is a homomorphism from  $R_t^2$  to  $R_t^1$ .

Let  $(Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b), Id_V + tD(a, b))$  be a homomorphism from  $R_t^2$  to  $R_t^1$ . Then  $Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b)$  is an endomorphism of  $L$ , we have

$$[\{a, b, x\}, \{a, b, y\}] = 0,$$

$$\{\{a, b, x\}, \{a, b, y\}, z\} + \{\{a, b, x\}, y, \{a, b, z\}\} + \{x, \{a, b, y\}, \{a, b, z\}\} = 0,$$

$$\{\{a, b, x\}, \{a, b, y\}, \{a, b, z\}\} = 0,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

By  $R_t^1(Id_V + tD(a, b))v = (Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))R_t^2(v)$ , we have

$$(\mathfrak{J}_2 - \mathfrak{J}_1)(v) = R(D(a, b)v) - \{a, b, Rv\}, \tag{5.7}$$

$$\mathfrak{J}_1(D(a, b)v) = \{a, b, \mathfrak{J}_2(v)\}.$$

By  $\beta \circ (Id_V + tD(a, b)) = (Id_V + tD(a, b)) \circ \beta$ , we have  $\beta \circ D(a, b) = D(a, b) \circ \beta$ .

By  $(Id_V + tD(a, b))(\rho(x)v) = \rho((Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))(x))(Id_V + tD(a, b))v$ , we have

$$\rho(\{a, b, x\})D(a, b) = 0, \quad \beta^2 = Id_V.$$

By  $(Id_V + tD(a, b))(D(z, w)v) = D((Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))z, (Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))w)(Id_V + tD(a, b))v$ , we have

$$D(z, \{a, b, w\})D(a, b) + D(\{a, b, z\}, w)D(a, b) + D(\{a, b, z\}, \{a, b, w\}) = 0,$$

$$D(\{a, b, z\}, \{a, b, w\})D(a, b) = 0.$$

By  $(Id_V + tD(a, b))(\theta(z, w)v) = \theta((Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))z, (Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b))w)(Id_V + tD(a, b))v$ , we have

$$\theta(z, \{a, b, w\})D(a, b) + \theta(\{a, b, z\}, w)D(a, b) + \theta(\{a, b, z\}, \{a, b, w\}) = 0,$$

$$\theta(\{a, b, z\}, \{a, b, w\})D(a, b) = 0.$$

Note that Eq. (5.7) means that  $\mathfrak{J}_2 - \mathfrak{J}_1 = \delta(a, b)$ . By Proposition 4.2, we have the following result.

**Theorem 5.5** *Let  $R$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on an involutive Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . If two linear deformations  $R_t^1 = R + t\mathfrak{J}_1$  and  $R_t^2 = R + t\mathfrak{J}_2$  of  $R$  are equivalent, then  $\mathfrak{J}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{J}_2$  define the same cohomology class in  $H_R^{0 \times 1}(V, L)$ .*

Next, we deal with the formal deformations of relative Rota-Baxter operators on Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebras. Let  $\mathbb{K}[[t]]$  be a ring of power series of one variable  $t$ , and let  $L[[t]]$  be the set of formal power series over  $L$ . If  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra, then there is a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra structure over the ring  $\mathbb{K}[[t]]$  on  $L[[t]]$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_t &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i t^i, \alpha_i \in \text{End}(L), \alpha_0 = \alpha, \\ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^i, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} y_j t^j \right] &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i+j=s} [x_i, y_j] t^s, \\ \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^i, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} y_j t^j, \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z_k t^k \right\} &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i+j+k=s} \{x_i, y_j, z_k\} t^s. \end{aligned}$$

For any representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$  of a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$ , there is a nature representation of the Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $L[[t]]$  on the  $\mathbb{K}[[t]]$ -module  $V[[t]]$ , which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_t &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i t^i, \beta_i \in \text{End}(V), \beta_0 = \beta, \rho \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^i \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_j t^j \right) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i+j=s} \rho(x_i) v_j t^s, \\ D \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^i, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} y_j t^j \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k t^k \right) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i+j+k=s} D(x_i, y_j) v_k t^s, \\ \theta \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^i, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} y_j t^j \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k t^k \right) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i+j+k=s} \theta(x_i, y_j) v_k t^s. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 5.6** *Let  $T$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . If  $T_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i t^i$ ,  $I_i \in \text{Hom}(V, L)$ , where  $I_0 = T$ , satisfies*

$$T_t(\beta(u)) = \alpha(T_t(u)), \tag{5.8}$$

$$[T_t u, T_t v] = T_t(\rho(T_t u)v - \rho(T_t v)u), \tag{5.9}$$

$$\{T_t u, T_t v, T_t w\} = T_t(D(T_t u, T_t v)w + \theta(T_t v, T_t w)u - \theta(T_t u, T_t w)v), \tag{5.10}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V$ . We say that  $T_t$  is a formal deformation of  $T$ .

For  $n \geq 0$ , if we compare the coefficients of  $t^n$  from both sides of Eqs. (5.8)–(5.10), then we obtain the following system of equations:

$$I_n(\beta(u)) = \alpha(I_n(u)), \tag{5.11}$$

$$\sum_{i+j=n} [I_i u, I_j v] - I_i(\rho(I_j u)v - \rho(I_j v)u) = 0, \tag{5.12}$$

$$\sum_{i+j+k=n} \{I_i u, I_j v, I_k w\} - I_i(D(I_j u, I_k v)w + \theta(I_j v, I_k w)u - \theta(I_j u, I_k w)v) = 0, \tag{5.13}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in V$ .

**Proposition 5.7** Let  $T_t = \sum_{i=0}^\infty I_i t^i$  be a formal deformation of a relative Rota-Baxter operator  $T$  on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then  $I_1 \in C_T^1(V, L)$  is a  $(0,1)$ -cocycle of the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $T$ .

**Proof** When  $n = 1$ , by (5.11), we have  $I_1 \in C_T^1(V, L)$ , and Eqs (5.12) and (5.13) are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & [Tu, I_1 v] + [I_1 u, Tv] - T(\rho(I_1 u)v - \rho(I_1 v)u) - I_1(\rho(Tu)v - \rho(Tv)u) = 0, \\ & \{I_1 u, Tv, Tw\} + \{Tu, I_1 v, Tw\} + \{Tu, Tv, I_1 w\} \\ & = I_1(D(Tu, Tv)w + \theta(Tv, Tw)u - \theta(Tu, Tw)v) + T(D(I_1 u, Tv)w + \theta(I_1 v, Tw)u - \\ & \quad \theta(I_1 u, Tw)v) + T(D(Tu, I_1 v)w + \theta(Tv, I_1 w)u - \theta(Tu, I_1 w)v). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Eqs. (4.3) and (4.4) are satisfied, i.e.,  $I_1$  is a  $(0,1)$ -cocycle of the relative Rota-Baxter operator  $T$ .  $\square$

**Definition 5.8** Let  $T$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on a Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Then the  $(0, 1)$ -cocycle  $I_1$  is called the infinitesimal of the formal deformation  $T_t$  of  $T$ .

**Definition 5.9** Let  $T$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on an involutive Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Two formal deformations  $T'_t = \sum_{i=0}^\infty I'_i t^i$  and  $T_t = \sum_{i=0}^\infty I_i t^i$  are said to be equivalent if there exist two elements  $a, b \in L$  satisfying  $\alpha(a) = a$  and  $\alpha(b) = b$  such that two linear maps

$$\phi_t = Id_L + t\mathcal{L}(a, b) + \sum_{i=2}^\infty \phi_i t^i, \quad \phi_i \in \text{End}(L), \tag{5.14}$$

$$\varphi_t = Id_V + tD(a, b) + \sum_{i=2}^\infty \varphi_i t^i, \quad \varphi_i \in \text{End}(V), \tag{5.15}$$

meet the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_t[x, y] = [\phi_t(x), \phi_t(y)], \quad \phi_t\{x, y, z\} = \{\phi_t(x), \phi_t(y), \phi_t(z)\}, \\ & \varphi_t(D(x, y)v) = D(\phi_t(x), \phi_t(y))\varphi_t(v), \quad \varphi_t(\theta(x, y)v) = \theta(\phi_t(x), \phi_t(y))\varphi_t(v), \\ & \beta(\varphi_t(v)) = \varphi_t(\beta(v)), \quad \alpha(\phi_t(x)) = \phi_t(\alpha(x)), \\ & \varphi_t(\rho(x)v) = \rho(\phi_t(x))\varphi_t(v), \end{aligned} \tag{5.16}$$

$$T_t(\varphi_t(v)) = \phi_t(T'_t(v)), \tag{5.17}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in L, v \in V$ .

**Theorem 5.10** Let  $T$  be a relative Rota-Baxter operator on an involutive Hom-Lie-Yamaguti algebra  $(L, [\cdot, \cdot], \{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}, \alpha)$  with respect to the representation  $(V; \beta, \rho, D, \theta)$ . Two formal defor-



mations  $T'_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I'_i t^i$  and  $T_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i t^i$  of  $T$  are equivalent, then their infinitesimals are in the same cohomology class.

**Proof** Let  $\phi_t$  and  $\varphi_t$  be two linear maps defined in Eqs. (5.14) and (5.15) such that two deformations  $T'_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I'_i t^i$  and  $T_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i t^i$  are equivalent. By Eqs. (5.16) and (5.17), we have  $\beta^2 = Id_V$  and  $I'_1(v) - I_1(v) = T(D(a, b)v) - \{a, b, Tv\}$ . From Proposition 4.2, we can get  $I'_1(v) - I_1(v) = \delta(a, b)v$ , which implies that  $I'_1$  and  $I_1$  are in the same cohomology class.  $\square$

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