

## SKEW OPERATION ON $(n, m)$ -GROUPS

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**Abstract.** In this paper a skew operation of  $(n, m)$ -groups is defined as a generalization of the notion of a skew operation of  $n$ -groups.

### 1. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 1.1.** [1] Let  $n \geq m + 1$  and  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid  $(A : Q^n \rightarrow Q^m)$ . We say that  $(Q; A)$  is an  $(n, m)$ -group iff the following statements hold:

(I) For every  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n - m + 1\}$ ,  $i < j$ , the following law holds

$$A(x_1^{i-1}, A(x_i^{i+n-1}), x_{i+n}^{2n-m}) = A(x_1^{j-1}, A(x_j^{j+n-1}), x_{j+n}^{2n-m})$$

[ :  $\langle i, j \rangle$  -associative law ]<sup>1</sup>; and

(II) For every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n - m + 1\}$  and for every  $a_1^n \in Q$  there is exactly one  $x_1^m \in Q^m$  such that the following equality holds

$$A(a_1^{i-1}, x_1^m, a_i^{n-m}) = a_{n-m+1}^n.$$

Remark. For  $m = 1$   $(Q; A)$  is an  $n$ -group [3]. Cf. Chapter I in [11].

**Definition 1.2.** [6]: Let  $n \geq 2m$  and let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid. Also, let  $e$  be a mapping of the set  $Q^{n-2m}$  into the set  $Q^m$ . Then, we say that  $e$  is a  $\{1, n - m + 1\}$ -neutral operation of the  $(n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; A)$  iff for every sequence  $a_1^{n-2m}$  over  $Q$  and for every  $x_1^m \in Q^m$  the following equalities hold

$$A(x_1^m, a_1^{n-2m}, e(a_1^{n-2m})) = x_1^m \text{ and } A(e(a_1^{n-2m}), a_1^{n-2m}, x_1^m) = x_1^m.$$

Remark. For  $m = 1$   $e$  is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q; A)$  [5]. Cf. Chapter II in [11].

**Proposition 1.3.** [6]: Let  $n \geq 2m$  and let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid. Then there is at most one  $\{1, n - m + 1\}$ -neutral operation of  $(Q; A)$ .

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<sup>1</sup> $(Q; A)$  is an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup.

**Proposition 1.4.** [6]: Every  $(n, m)$ -group ( $n \geq 2m$ ) has a  $\{1, n-m+1\}$ -neutral operation.

See, also [10].

Remark. The paper [2] is mainly a survey on the known results for vector valued groupoids, semigroups and groups (up to 1988).

## 2. AUXILIARY PART

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid;  $n > m$ . Then:

( $\alpha$ )  $A \stackrel{1}{\text{def}} A$ ; and

( $\beta$ ) For every  $s \in N$  and for every  $x_1^{(s+1)(n-m)+m} \in Q$

$$A^{s+1}(x_1^{(s+1)(n-m)+m}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(A^s(x_1^{s(n-m)+m}), x_{s(n-m)+m+1}^{(s+1)(n-m)+m}).$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup and  $s \in N$ . Then, for every  $x_1^{(s+1)(n-m)+m} \in Q$  and for every  $t \in \{1, \dots, s(n-m)+1\}$  the following equality holds

$$A^{s+1}(x_1^{(s+1)(n-m)+m}) = A^s(x_1^{t-1}, A(x_t^{t+n-1}), x_{t+n}^{(s+1)(n-m)+m}).$$

**Proposition 2.3.** [1]: Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -semigroup and  $(i, j) \in N^2$ . Then, for every  $x_1^{(i+j)(n-m)+m} \in Q$  and for all  $t \in \{1, \dots, i(n-m)+1\}$  the following equality holds

$$A^{i+j}(x_1^{(i+j)(n-m)+m}) = A^i(x_1^{t-1}, A^j(x_t^{t+j(n-m)+m-1}), x_{t+j(n-m)+m}^{(i+j)(n-m)+m}).$$

**Proposition 2.4.** [1] Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group,  $n \geq 2m$  and let  $s \in N$ . Then,  $(Q; \overset{s}{A})$  is an  $(s(n-m)+m, m)$ -group.

## 3. MAIN PART

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group and  $n \geq 2m+1$ . Further on, let  $-$  be a mapping of the set  $Q$  into the set  $Q^m$ . Then, we shall say that mapping  $-$  is a skew operation of the  $(n, m)$ -group  $(Q; A)$  iff for each  $a \in Q$  there is (exactly one)  $\bar{a} \in Q^m$  such that the following equality holds

$$(0) \quad A(\overset{n-m}{a}, \bar{a}) = \overset{m}{\bar{a}}$$

Remark. For  $m=1$  skew operation is introduced in [3].

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group and  $n \geq 2m+1$ . Then for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-m+1\}$  and for every  $a \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$A(\overset{i-1}{a}, \bar{a}, \overset{n-(i-1+m)}{a}) = \overset{m}{\bar{a}}.$$

**Sketch of the proof.**

$$A(\overset{n-m}{a}, \bar{a}) \stackrel{(0)}{=} \bar{a} \Rightarrow$$

$$A(\overset{i-1}{a}, A(\overset{n-m}{a}, \bar{a}), \overset{n-(i-1+m)}{a}) = A(\overset{i-1}{a}, \overset{m}{\bar{a}}, \overset{n-(i-1+m)}{a}) \Rightarrow$$

$$A(\overset{i-1}{a}, A(\overset{n-m}{a}, \bar{a}), \overset{n-(i-1+m)}{a}) = A(\bar{a}) \stackrel{1.1(l)}{\implies}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\bar{a}^{i-1}, \bar{a}^{n-(i-1+m)}, A(\bar{a}^{i-1}, \bar{a}^{n-(i-1+m)})) &= A(\bar{a}^n) \Rightarrow \\ A(\bar{a}^{n-m}, A(\bar{a}^{i-1}, \bar{a}^{n-(i-1+m)})) &= A(\bar{a}^{n-m}, \bar{a}) \xrightarrow{1.1(|)} \\ A(\bar{a}^{i-1}, \bar{a}^{n-(i-1+m)}) &= \bar{a}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group and  $n \geq 2m + 1$ . Then for all  $a, x_1^m \in Q$  the equality*

$$A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}) = x_1^m$$

holds.

**Sketch of the proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}) &= y_1^m \Rightarrow \\ A(A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}), \bar{a}^{n-m}) &= A(y_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-m}) \xrightarrow{1.1(|)} \\ A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, A(\bar{a}, \bar{a}^{n-m})) &= A(y_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-m}) \xrightarrow{3.2, i=1} \\ A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}) &= A(y_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-m}) \Rightarrow \\ A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-m}) &= A(y_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-m}) \xrightarrow{1.1(|)} x_1^m = y_1^m. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $n \geq 2m + 1$ ,  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group,  $e$  its  $\{1, n - m + 1\}$ -neutral operation and  $\bar{\phantom{a}}$  its skew operation. Then for all  $a \in Q$  the following equality holds*

$$\bar{a} = e(\bar{a}^{n-2m}).$$

**Sketch of the proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}) &\stackrel{3.3}{=} x_1^m \wedge A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, e(\bar{a}^{n-2m})) \stackrel{1.4}{=} x_1^m \Rightarrow \\ A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, \bar{a}) &= A(x_1^m, \bar{a}^{n-2m}, e(\bar{a}^{n-2m})) \xrightarrow{1.1(|)} \bar{a} = e(\bar{a}^{n-2m}). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $(n, m)$ -group,  $e$  its  $\{1, n - m + 1\}$ -neutral operation,  $\bar{\phantom{a}}$  its skew operation and  $n > 3m$ . Then for every sequence  $a_1^{n-m+1}$  over  $Q$  the following equality holds*

$$E(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_{n-m+1}) = A(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \bar{a}_{n-m+1}, \dots, \bar{a}_1, a_1^{n-3m})^2,$$

where  $E$  is the  $\{1, m(n - m) + 1\}$ -neutral operation of  $(m(n - m) + m, m)$ -group  $(Q; A)$ .

**Sketch of the proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} A(\bar{A}(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \bar{a}_{n-m+1}, \dots, \bar{a}_1, a_1^{n-3m}), a_1, \dots, a_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) &\stackrel{3.4}{=} \\ A(\bar{A}(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \bar{a}_{n-m+1}, \dots, \bar{a}_1, a_1^{n-3m}), a_1, \dots, a_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) &\stackrel{2.3}{=} \\ A(e(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}), \bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \dots, e(\bar{a}_1), a_1, a_1, \dots, a_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) &\stackrel{2.2}{=} \\ A(e(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}), \bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \dots, A(e(\bar{a}_1), a_1, a_1, a_2), a_3, \dots, a_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) &\stackrel{1.2}{=} \\ A(e(\bar{a}_{n-m-1}), \bar{a}_{n-m-1}, \dots, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) &= \end{aligned}$$

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$$2n > 3m \Rightarrow \bar{a}_i^{n-3m} \neq \emptyset \quad (i \in \{1, \dots, n - m - 1\}).$$

$$A(e(\overset{n-2m}{a}_{n-m-1}), \overset{n-3m}{a}_{n-m-1}, \overset{m}{a}_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) =$$

$$A(e(\overset{n-2m}{a}_{n-m-1}), \overset{n-2m}{a}_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) \stackrel{1,2}{=} x_1^m.$$

Hence, by Prop. 2.4 and Prop. 1.4, we conclude that for every sequence  $a_1^{n-m-1}$  over  $Q$  and for all  $x_1^m \in Q^m$  the following equality holds

$$\overset{m}{A}(\overset{n-2m-1}{A}(e(\overset{n-2m}{a}_{n-m-1}), \overset{n-3m}{a}_{n-m-1}, \dots, e(\overset{n-2m}{a_1}), \overset{n-3m}{a_1}), \overset{m}{a_1}, \dots, \overset{m}{a}_{n-m-1}, x_1^m) =$$

$$\overset{m}{A}(E(\overset{m}{a_1}, \dots, \overset{m}{a}_{n-m-1}), \overset{m}{a_1}, \dots, \overset{m}{a}_{n-m-1}, x_1^m),$$

where  $E$  is the  $\{1, m(n-m) + 1\}$ -neutral operation of  $(m(n-m) + m, m)$ -group  $(Q; \overset{m}{A})$ . Finally, whence, by Def. 1.1, we conclude that the proposition holds.

For  $m = 1$  Th. 3.5 is reduced to:

**Theorem 3.6.** [13] *Let  $(Q; A)$  be an  $n$ -group,  $e$  its  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation,  $\bar{\phantom{a}}$  its skew operation and  $n > 3$ . Then for every sequence  $a_1^{n-2}$  over  $Q$  the following equality holds*

$$e(a_1^{n-2}) = \overset{n-3}{A}(\bar{a}_{n-2}, \overset{n-3}{a}_{n-2}, \dots, \bar{a}_1, \overset{n-3}{a}_1).$$

Remark. See, also VIII-2.9 and Appendix 2 in [11].

**Remark 3.7.** *In [9] topological  $n$ -groups for  $n \geq 2$  are defined on  $n$ -groups as algebras  $(Q; A, \bar{\phantom{a}})$  of the type  $\langle n, n-1 \rangle$  [7], [8]; cf. Ch. III and Ch. IX in [11]]. In [12] topological  $n$ -groups for  $n \geq 3$  are considered on  $n$ -groups as algebras  $(Q; A, \bar{\phantom{a}})$  of the type  $\langle n, 1 \rangle$  [4]. In [9] it is proved that for  $n \geq 3$  these definitions are mutually equivalent. The key role in the proof had Theorem 3.6. About topological  $n$ -groups see, also, Chapter VIII in [11].*

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