# FREE GRUPOIDS WITH $x^2x^2 = x^3x^3$

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Abstract. A description of free objects in the variety  $\mathcal V$  of groupoids defined by the identity  $x^2x^2=x^3x^3$  is obtained. The following method is used: one of the sides of the identity is considered as "suitable" and the other as "unsuitable" one. First, the left-hand side  $x^2x^2$  is chosen as "suitable" and the set of elements of F ( $\mathbf F$  being an absolutely free groupoid with a basis B) containing no parts that have the form  $x^3x^3$  is taken as a "candidate" for the carrier of the desired free object in  $\mathcal V$ . Continuing this procedure, a  $\mathcal V$ -free object is obtained. Another construction of  $\mathcal V$ -free object is obtained by choosing the right-hand side  $x^3x^3$  as "suitable" one.

### 0. Introduction

First, we introduce some notations.

Throughout the paper,  $F = (F, \cdot)$  will denote a given absolutely free groupoid<sup>2)</sup> (i.e. groupoid free in the class of all groupoids) with the basis B. The following two properties characterize F([1]; L.1.5):

- a) **F** is injective (i.e.  $ab = cd \Rightarrow a = c, b = d$ );
- b) The set B of primes<sup>3)</sup> is nonempty and generates  $\mathbf{F}$ .

For every  $w \in F$ , a set P(w) (called the *set of parts* of w) and the *length* |w| of w are defined by:

$$P(b) = \{b\}, \ P(uv) = \{uv\} \cup P(u) \cup P(v), \ |b| = 1, \ |uv| = |u| + |v|,$$

for every  $b \in B$  and  $u, v \in F$ .

The subject of this paper is a construction of free groupoids in the variety  $\mathcal V$  of groupoids defined by the identity

$$x^2x^2 = x^3x^3.$$
 (0.1)

In order to construct V-free objects (i.e. free objects in the variety V) we will recall the corresponding procedure given in [2] for the variety  $V_1$  of groupoids defined by the identity

$$xx^2 = x^2x^2 \tag{0.2}$$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Notions as: groupoid, free groupoid, homomorphism . . . have the usual meanings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>In a groupoid  $G = (G, \cdot)$ ,  $a \in G$  is prime iff  $a \neq xy$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Here,  $x^n$  is defined by:  $x^1 = x$ ,  $x^{k+1} = x^k x$ .

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Namely, choose first  $x^2x^2$  as the "suitable" (i.e.  $xx^2$  as the "unsuitable") side of (0.2). As a "candidate" for the carrier of a  $\mathcal{V}_1$ -free groupoid, define the set

$$R = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ \alpha \alpha^2 \notin P(t) \},\$$

and then define an operation \* on R by

$$t, u \in R \Rightarrow \{t * u = tu \text{ if } tu \in R \& t * u = (t^2)^2 \text{ if } u = t^2\}.$$

The obtained groupoid  $\mathbf{R} = (R, *)$  is a  $\mathcal{V}_1$ -free groupoid with the basis B.

Next, we choose  $xx^2$  as the "suitable" (i.e.  $x^2x^2$  as the "unsuitable") side and define a "candidate" for the carrier of a  $\mathcal{V}_1$ -free groupoid to be the set

$$F_1 = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ (\alpha^2)^2 \notin P(t) \},\$$

and then an operation  $*_1$  on  $F_1$  by

$$t, u \in F_1 \Rightarrow \{t *_1 u = tu \text{ if } tu \in F_1 \& t *_1 u = \alpha \alpha^2 \text{ if } t = u = \alpha^2 \}.$$

Then  $F_1 = (F_1, *_1)$  is a groupoid that is not in  $\mathcal{V}_1$ . As a consequence of the identity  $xx^2 = x^2x^2$ , we come to a new identity  $\alpha^2(\alpha\alpha^2) = (\alpha\alpha^2)^2$ . This suggests a definition of a new "candidate"  $F_2 = (F_2, *_2)$ :

$$F_2 = \{ t \in F_1 : (\forall \alpha \in F_1)(\alpha \alpha^2)^2 \notin P(t) \},$$

We obtain that  $F_2 \notin \mathcal{V}_1$  and come to a new identity in  $\mathcal{V}_1$ :

$$(\alpha \alpha^2)(\alpha^2(\alpha \alpha^2)) = ((\alpha^2(\alpha \alpha^2))^2.$$

Continuing this procedure, we see regularity in the consequences of (0.2) that suggests introducing a special kind of groupoid powers  $x \mapsto x^{< n>}$  defined by:

$$x^{<0>} = x, \quad x^{<1>} = x^2, \quad x^{< k+2>} = x^{< k>} x^{< k+1>}.$$
 (0.3)

Using this, we have:  $(\alpha^2)^2 = (\alpha^{<1>})^2$ ,  $(\alpha\alpha^2)^2 = (\alpha^{<2>})^2$  etc. and a sequence of groupoids  $F_n = (F_n, *_n)$ ,  $n \ge 0$ , defined by:  $F_0 = F = (F, \cdot)$ ,

$$F_1 = \{ t \in F_0 : (\forall \alpha \in F_0) (\alpha^{<1>})^2 \notin P(t) \},$$
  
$$F_n = \{ t \in F_{n-1} : (\forall \alpha \in F_n) (\alpha^{})^2 \notin P(t) \},$$

$$t, u \in F_n \Rightarrow \{t *_n u = t *_{n-1} u \text{ if } t *_{n-1} u \in F_n \& t *_n u = \alpha^{< n+1 >} \text{ if } t = u = \alpha^{< n >} \}$$

The groupoids  $F_n$  are not in  $\mathcal{V}_1$ . However, the fact that  $F \supseteq F_1 \cdots \supseteq F_n \supseteq \ldots$  and that  $F_n$  is "better" than  $F_{n-1}$  enables us to define a carrier R' of a free object in  $\mathcal{V}_1$  by:

$$R' = \{t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F, \ k \ge 1) \ (\alpha^{< k >})^2 \notin P(t)\} \ (= \bigcap \{F_n : n \ge 1\})$$

and an operation \*' on R' by:

$$t, u \in R' \Rightarrow \{t *' u = tu \text{ if } tu \in R' \text{ \& } t *' u = \alpha^{< k+1>} \text{ if } t = u = \alpha^{< k>}, \ k \ge 1\}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{R}' = (R', *')$  is a  $\mathcal{V}_1$ -free groupoid with the basis B and it is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{R}$ .

We use below the same method for constructing free objects in the variety  $\mathcal V$  of groupoids with  $x^2x^2=x^3x^3$  .

1. Construction of  $\mathcal{V}$ -free objects by choosing  $x^2x^2$  as the "suitable side"

Choosing the left-hand side of (0.1) as "suitable", we define the first "candidate" for the carrier of a V-free groupoid by:

$$F_1 = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ (\alpha^3)^2 \notin P(t) \}$$
 (1.1)

By (1.1) we obtain:

- 1)  $t, u \in F_1 \Rightarrow \{tu \notin F_1 \Leftrightarrow t = u \text{ is a cube }^5\}$
- 2)  $t, u \in F_1 \Rightarrow \{tu \in F_1 \Leftrightarrow [t \neq u \text{ or } (t = u \text{ is not a cube}]\}$
- 3)  $t^2 \in F_1 \Leftrightarrow \{t \in F_1 \& t \text{ is not a cube}\}$
- 4)  $t^3 \in F_1 \Leftrightarrow t^2 \in F_1$

Define an operation  $*_1$  on  $F_1$  by:

$$t, u \in F_1 \Rightarrow t *_1 u = \begin{cases} tu, & \text{if } tu \in F_1 \\ (\alpha^2)^2, & \text{if } t = u = \alpha^3. \end{cases}$$

By a direct verification we obtain that  $F_1 = (F_1, *_1)$  is a groupoid. However, the equality (0.1), which has the form here

$$(t *1 t) *1 (t *1 t) = ((t *1 t) *1 t) *1 ((t *1 t) *1 t)$$
(1.2)

is not satisfied in  $F_1$ . Namely, for  $t=\alpha^3$ , the left-hand side of (1.2) is  $((\alpha^2)^2)^2$  and the right-hand side is  $((\alpha^2)^2\alpha^3)^2$ . Thus,  $F_1\notin\mathcal{V}$ . Therefore, as a consequence of (1.2), we obtain that:  $((\alpha^2)^2)^2=((\alpha^2)^2\alpha^3)^2$  is an identity in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

This suggests a definition of a new "candidate"  $F_2 = (F_2, *_2)$ :

$$F_{2} = \{ t \in F_{1} : (\forall \alpha \in F_{1}) \ ((\alpha^{2})^{2} \alpha^{3})^{2} \notin P(t) \},$$

$$t, u \in F_{2} \Rightarrow t *_{2} u = \begin{cases} t *_{1} u, & \text{if } t *_{1} u \in F_{2} \\ ((\alpha^{2})^{2})^{2}, & \text{if } t = u = (\alpha^{2})^{2} \alpha^{3}. \end{cases}$$

Checking (1.2) (when  $*_1$  is substituted by  $*_2$ ), we obtain that  $F_2 \in \mathcal{V}$  and one more identity in  $\mathcal{V}$ :  $(((\alpha^2)^2)^2)^2 = (((\alpha^2)^2)^2((\alpha^2)^2\alpha^3))^2$ . Continuing this procedure, we can see "regularity" in the consequences of the identity (1.2). This suggests introducing the following notations:

$$x^{(0)} = x, \quad x^{(k+1)} = (x^{(k)})^2;$$
  
 $x^{[0]} = x, \quad x^{[k+1]} = x^{(k+1)}x^{[k]}.$  (1.3)

It is easily seen, by induction on n, that:

 $<sup>{}^5</sup>a\in G$  is a *cube* in a grupoid  $\mathbf{G}=(G,\cdot)$  iff  $(\exists \alpha\in G)a=\alpha^3;$  if  $\mathbf{G}$  is injective then  $\alpha$  is unique.

**Proposition 1.1.** If  $G = (G, \cdot)$  is any groupoid, then for each  $x \in G$  and  $m, n \geq 0$ :

$$x^{(m+n)} = \left(x^{(m)}\right)^{(n)}.$$

By induction on p, one can show the following propositions:

**Proposition 1.2.** If  $x, y \in F$  and  $p, q \ge 0$ , then:

a) 
$$|x^{(p)}| = 2^p |x|$$
; b)  $|x^{[p]}| = (2^{p+1} - 1)|x|$ 

c) 
$$x^{(p)} = y^{(p)} \Leftrightarrow x = y$$
; d)  $x^{(p)} = y^{(p+q)} \Leftrightarrow x = y^{(q)}$ ;

e) 
$$(\forall x \in F)$$
  $(\exists !(y,p) \in F \times \mathbb{N}_0)[x = y^{(p)} \& (\forall z \in F)y \notin z^2]^{-6})$ 

$$f) x^{[p+1]} = y^{[q+1]} \Rightarrow p = q, x = y.$$

**Proposition 1.3.** If  $G = (G, \cdot) \in V$ , then for each  $x \in G$  and  $p, q \ge 0$ :

$$(x^{[p]})^2 = (x^{(p)})^2.$$

More generally:  $(x^{[p]})^{(r)} = x^{(p+r)}$ , for any  $r \ge 1$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the above equality holds for p = 0. Suppose that it is true for p = k. Then, considering the identity (0.1) and the inductive hypothesis, we have:

$$(x^{[k+1]})^2 = (x^{(k+1)}x^{[k]})^2 = ((x^{(k)})^2x^{[k]})^2 = ((x^{[k]})^2x^{[k]})^2 = ((x^{[k]})^3)^2 = ((x^{[k]})^2)^2 = ((x^{(k)})^2)^2 = (x^{(k+1)})^2.$$

Using (1.3), we can define the following infinite set of groupoids:

$$F_1 = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ (\alpha^{[1]})^2 \notin P(t) \},$$

$$t, u \in F_1 \Rightarrow t *_1 u = \begin{cases} tu, & \text{if } tu \in F_1 \\ \alpha^{(2)}, & \text{if } t = u = \alpha^{[1]}. \end{cases}$$

$$F_{n+1} = \{ t \in F_n : (\forall \alpha \in F_n) \ (\alpha^{[n+1]})^2 \notin P(t) \},$$

$$t, u \in F_{n+1} \Rightarrow t *_{n+1} u = \begin{cases} t *_n u, & \text{if } t *_n u \in F_{n+1} \\ \alpha^{(n+2)}, & \text{if } t = u = \alpha^{[n+1]}. \end{cases}$$

One can show that  $F_{n+1}$  is a groupoid and  $F_{n+1} \notin \mathcal{V}$ .

The fact that  $F \supseteq F_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq F_n \supseteq \cdots$  and that  $F_{n+1}$  is "better" than  $F_n$  suggests to define the carrier of a free groupoid in  $\mathcal{V}$  in the following way:

$$R = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F, k \ge 1) \ (\alpha^{[k]})^2 \notin P(t) \}. \tag{1.4}$$

(Note that it is not necessary to define the whole sequence, since the desired "good candidate" can be noticed after several steps.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>N<sub>0</sub> is the set of nonnegative integers.

By (1.4) we obtain:

- 0)  $B \subset R \subset F$
- i)  $t, u \in R \Rightarrow \{tu \notin R \Leftrightarrow (\exists \alpha \in F, k \ge 1) \ t = u = \alpha^{[k]}\}$
- ii)  $t, u \in R \Rightarrow \{tu \in R \Leftrightarrow [t \neq u \text{ or } (t = u \& (\forall \alpha \in R, k \geq 1) t \neq \alpha^{[k]})]\}$
- iii)  $t^{(p+1)} \in R \Leftrightarrow t \in R \& t \neq \alpha^{[k]}, k \geq 1.$

**Theorem 1.** Let R be defined by (1.4) and an operation \* on R by:

$$t, u \in R \Rightarrow \{t * u = tu \ if \ tu \in R \ \& \ t * u = \alpha^{(k+1)} \ if \ t = u = \alpha^{[k]}\}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{R} = (R, *)$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -free groupoid with the basis B.

*Proof.* It follows that, for every  $u \in F$ , there is at most one pair  $(\alpha, k) \in F \times \mathbb{N}_0$ , such that  $u = \alpha^{[k]}$ . By a direct verification of (0.1) we obtain that  $R \in \mathcal{V}$ . Furthermore, B is a generating set of R and for any groupoid  $G \in \mathcal{V}$  and a mapping  $\lambda : B \to G$  there is a homomorphism  $\varphi : R \to G$  that extends  $\lambda$ .

2. Construction of  $\mathcal{V}$ -free objects if  $x^3x^3$  is the "suitable side"

Now, choose the right-hand side of (0.1) as "suitable" and define:

$$F_1' = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ (\alpha^2)^2 \notin P(t) \}. \tag{2.1}$$

By (2.1) we obtain:

- 1')  $t, u \in F_1' \Rightarrow \{tu \notin F_1' \Leftrightarrow t = u \text{ is a square }\}^{7}$
- $2') \ t,u \in F_1' \Rightarrow \{tu \in F_1' \Leftrightarrow [t \neq u \ \text{ or } \ (t=u \ \text{ is not a square }]\}$
- $3') \ t^2 \in F_1' \Leftrightarrow \{t \in F_1' \ \& \ t \ \text{ is not a square}\}$
- 4')  $t^2 \in F_1' \Leftrightarrow t^n \in F_1', n \ge 3.$

Define an operation  $*'_1$  on  $F'_1$  by:

$$t, u \in F_1' \Rightarrow t *_1' u = \begin{cases} tu, & \text{if } tu \in F_1' \\ (\alpha^3)^2, & \text{if } t = u = \alpha^2. \end{cases}$$

By a direct verification we obtain that  $F_1' = (F_1', *_1')$  is a groupoid. However, the equality

$$(t *'_1 t) *'_1 (t *'_1 t) = ((t *'_1 t) *'_1 t) *'_1 ((t *'_1 t) *'_1 t)$$
(2.2)

is not satisfied in  $F_1$ '. Namely, for  $t=\alpha^2$ , the left-hand side of (2.2) is  $((\alpha^3)^2\alpha^2)^2$  and the right-hand side is  $((\alpha^3)^3)^2$ . Thus,  $F_1$ '  $\notin \mathcal{V}$ . Therefore, as a consequence of (0.1), we obtain that:  $((\alpha^3)^2\alpha^2)^2=((\alpha^3)^3)^2$  is an identity in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

This suggests a definition of a new "candidate"  $F_2' = (F_2', *_2')$ :

$$F_2'=\{t\in F_1': (\forall \alpha\in F_1')\; ((\alpha^3)^2\alpha^2)^2\notin P(t)\}$$

 $<sup>{}^7</sup>a \in G$  is a square in a groupoid  $G = (G, \cdot)$  iff  $(\exists \alpha \in G)$   $a = \alpha^2$ ; if G is injective, then  $\alpha$  is unique.

$$t, u \in F_2' \Rightarrow t *_2' u = \begin{cases} t *_1' u, & \text{if } tu \in F_1' \\ ((\alpha^3)^3)^2, & \text{if } t = u = (\alpha^3)^2 \alpha^2. \end{cases}$$

Checking (2.2) (when  $*'_1$  is substituted by  $*'_2$ ), we obtain that  $F_2 \not\in \mathcal{V}$  and one more identity in  $\mathcal{V}$ :  $(((\alpha^3)^3)^2((\alpha^3)^2\alpha^2))^2 = (((\alpha^3)^3)^3)^2$ .

Continuing this procedure, we can see a "regularity" in the consequences of the identity (2.2). This suggests introducing the following notations:

$$x^{<0>} = x,$$
  $x^{< k+1>} = (x^{< k>})^3;$   $x^{< 0]} = x^2,$   $x^{< k+1]} = (x^{< k+1>})^2 x^{< k]}$  (2.3)

It is easily seen, by induction on n, that:

**Proposition 2.1.** If  $G = (G, \cdot)$  is any groupoid, then for each  $x \in G$  and  $m, n \geq 0$ :

 $x^{< m+n>} = (x^{< m>})^{< n>}.$ 

By induction on p, one can show the following propositions:

**Proposition 2.2.** If  $x, y \in F$  and  $p, q \ge 0$ , then:

- a)  $|x^{}| = 3^p |x|$
- b)  $x^{} = y^{< p+q>} \Leftrightarrow x = y^{< q>};$
- c)  $(\forall x \in F)(\exists !(y,p) \in F \times \mathbb{N}_0)[x = y^{} \& y \text{ is not a cube }].$

**Proposition 2.3.** If  $x, y \in F$  and  $p, q \ge 0$ , then:

- a)  $|x^{< p}| = (3^{p+1} 1)|x|$ ; b)  $|x^{< p}| < |x^{< p+1}|$ ; c)  $|x^{< p}| \neq |x^{< p+m}|$ ,  $|x^{< p}| \neq |x^{< p+m}|$
- d)  $x^{< p+1>} \neq y^{< q}, p \ge 0, q \ge 1;$  e)  $x^{< p} = y^{< q} \Rightarrow p = q, x = y.$

**Proposition 2.4.** If  $G = (G, \cdot) \in V$ , then for each  $x \in G$  and  $p, q \ge 0$ :

$$(x^{< p]})^2 = (x^{< p+1>})^2.$$

More generally:  $(x^{< p})^{< r>} = x^{< p+r>}$ , for any  $r \ge 1$ .

As in (1.4), we define the carrier of a free groupoid in V in the following way:

$$R' = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F, k \ge 0) \ (\alpha^{< k})^2 \notin P(t) \}.$$
 (2.4)

By (2.4) we obtain:

- 0')  $B \subset R' \subset F$
- $i') \ t,u \in R' \Rightarrow \{tu \notin R \Leftrightarrow (\exists \alpha \in F) \ t=u=\alpha^{< k]}, k \ge 0\}$
- ii')  $t, u \in R' \Rightarrow \{tu \in R' \Leftrightarrow [t \neq u \text{ or } (t = u \& (\forall \alpha \in F, k \ge 0) t \neq \alpha^{< k]})]\}$

**Theorem 2.** Let R' be defined by (2.4) and an operation \*' on R' by:

$$t, u \in R' \Rightarrow \{t *' u = tu \ if \ tu \in R' \& t *' u = (\alpha^{< k+1>})^2 \ if \ t = u = \alpha^{< k}]\}.$$
  
Then  $\mathbf{R}' = (R', *')$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -free groupoid with the basis  $B$ .

*Proof.* It follows that, for every  $u \in F$  there is at most one pair  $(\alpha, k) \in F \times \mathbb{N}_0$ , such that  $u = \alpha^{\langle k |}$ . By a direct verification of (0.1) we obtain that  $R' \in \mathcal{V}$ . Furthermore, B generates R' and, for any  $G \in \mathcal{V}$  and a mapping  $\lambda : B \to G$ , there is a homomorphism  $\varphi : R \to G$  that extends  $\lambda$ .

(Note that R and R' are isomorphic with the same basis B.)

## 3. Some remarks

**Remark 3.1:** The method used above is not applicable in some varieties of groupoids. Namely, consider the variety of groupoids with the identity  $x^2 = x^3$ . If we choose  $x^2$  as the "suitable side" of the identity and define

$$R = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ \alpha^3 \notin P(t) \},\$$

$$t, u \in R \Rightarrow \{t * u = tu \text{ if } tu \in R \& t * u = u^2 \text{ if } t = u^2\},$$

then we obtain that  $\mathbf{R} = (R, *)$  is a free object in this variety. However, if we choose the right-hand side as the "suitable" one, then by

$$R' = \{ t \in F : (\forall \alpha \in F) \ \alpha^2 \notin P(t) \},$$
  

$$t, u \in R' \Rightarrow \{ t *' u = tu \text{ if } tu \in R' \& t *' u = t^3 \text{ if } t = u \},$$

$$R' = (R', *')$$
 is not a groupoid. (Namely, if  $t = u$ , then  $t *' t = t^3 = t^2 t \notin P(t)$ !)

Thus, the procedure used for the variety  $\mathcal{V}$  is not applicable in one of the cases for the variety of groupoids with the identity  $x^2 = x^3$  and in any variety of groupoids with the identity such that one hand-side of the identity is a part of the other one.

Remark 3.2: It is natural to consider the "shorter" side of the identity  $x^2x^2 = x^3x^3$  as a "suitable" one (as we did in Section 1) and to expect a "shorter" (or a "less complicated") construction of a free groupoid in this variety. However, comparing the constructions in Section 1 and Section 2 we can see that they are nearly equal, although one can say that the groupoid powers (1.3) are a "little simpler" than (2.3). Moreover, the situation with the variety defined by  $xx^2 = x^2x^2$  is quite different. Namely, the choice of the "shorter" side  $xx^2$  as "suitable" leads to a longer and more complicated construction than the choice of the "larger" side  $x^2x^2$  (the construction in this case finishes at once, at the first step!). (Probably, the "symmetry" in  $x^2x^2$  plays a certain role.)

Remark 3.3: The free groupoids R and R' obtained in Theorems 1 and 2 are  $\mathcal{V}$ -canonical groupoids. (A groupoid H=(H,\*) is said to be  $\mathcal{V}$ -canonical groupoid in a given variety  $\mathcal{V}([3])$  iff:

$$(c_0)$$
  $B \subset H \subset F$   $(c_1)$   $tu \in H \Rightarrow t, u \in H \& tu = t * u;$   $(c_2)$   $H$  is  $V$ -free

(i.e.  $H \in \mathcal{V}$ ; B generates H; for any  $G \in \mathcal{V}$  and any mapping  $\lambda : B \to G$ , there is a homomorphism  $\varphi$  from F into G such that  $\varphi_B = \lambda$ ).

For a given variety V of groupoids, a set R is said to be *representative* for V ([4]) iff the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(j_0)$$
  $R \subseteq F$ ;

- $(j_1)$  for every  $w \in F$  there is exactly one  $u \in F$  such that  $u \in R$  and the equation (w, u) is satisfied in  $\mathcal{V}$ ;
- $(j_2)$  if  $t \in R$ , then  $P(t) \subseteq R$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** The carrier of any V-canonical groupoid is a representative set for V.

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of groupoids and R = (R, \*) be a  $\mathcal{V}$ - canonical groupoid (with a basis B). If F is an absolutely free groupoid with a basis B, then there is a unique homomorphism  $\varphi$  from F into R such that  $\varphi(b) = b$ , for any  $b \in B$ . Therefore, for every  $w \in F$ ,  $\varphi(w)$  is a uniquely determined element of R and clearly the equation  $(w, \varphi(w))$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Thus,  $(j_1)$  holds. The condition  $(j_2)$  can be shown by induction on length of t. Namely, if |t| = 1, i.e.  $t \in B$ , then  $P(t) = \{t\} \subseteq R$ . Suppose that  $P(t) \subseteq R$  for every  $t \in R$  with  $|t| \le k$ . Let  $t \in R$  be such that |t| = k+1. Then t = uv,  $|u| \le k$ ,  $|v| \le k$  and since  $\{uv\}$ , P(u),  $P(v) \subseteq R$ , it follows that  $P(t) \subseteq R$ .

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# СЛОБОДНИ ГРУПОИДИ СО $x^2x^2 = x^3x^3$

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### Резиме

Во работава е даден опис на слободните објекти во многуобразието  $\mathcal V$  од групоиди дефинирано со идентитетот  $x^2x^2=x^3x^3$ . Користена е следнава постапка: едната од двете страни на идентитетот ја сметаме за "соодветна", а другата за "несоодветна". Разгледани се двата можни случаи. Прво, левата страна  $x^2x^2$  е земена за "соодветна". Во тој случај, множеството елементи од F (каде што F е апсолутно слободен групоид со база B) коишто не содржат дел од обликот  $x^3x^3$ , земено е како "кандидат" за носител на слободен објект во  $\mathcal V$ . Продолжувајќи ја таа постапка, добиен е  $\mathcal V$ -слободен групоид. Друг  $\mathcal V$ -слободен групоид е конструиран со земање на десната страна  $x^3x^3$  како "соодветна". (Добиените  $\mathcal V$ -слободни групоиди се изоморфни.) Меѓутоа, оваа постапка не е применлива во некои многуобразија групоиди, како на пример во многуобразието дефинирано со идентитетот  $x^2=x^3$ , а и во секое многуобразие групоиди со идентитет во кој едната страна е дел од другата

(Remark 3.1). Добиените V-слободни групоиди R и R' (Theorem 1 и Theorem 2) се V-канонични. Се покажува (Proposition 3.1) дека носителот на V-каноничен групоид е репрезентативно множество за V (Remark 3.3)

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