

## ON $(k(n-1)+1)$ -SEMIGROUPS WITH $(n-2)$ -NEUTRAL OPERATIONS

Janez Ušan

### Abstract

In the present paper, we define [left, right]  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation  $E [ : Q^{n-2} \rightarrow Q ]$  of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -groupoid,  $(k, n) \in N \times (N \setminus \{1\})$ , so that (among others) for  $n = 2$   $E(\emptyset)[a_1^{n-2} = \emptyset]$  is a neutral element of the  $(k+1)$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$ . The main result of the paper is the following proposition. If a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , has a left [right]  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation  $E$ , then there is an  $n$ -semigroup  $(Q, B)$  with  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation  $[ : [5], 1.2.2 ]$ , such that for every  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$ ,  $A \left( x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \right) = {}^k B(x_1^{k(n-1)+1})$ . [E.g.:  ${}^2 B(x_1^{2n-1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B(B(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1})$ .] Moreover, if  $n \geq 3$  then  $(Q, A)$  is a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group.

### 1 Preliminaries.

#### 1.1. About the expression $\overline{a_p^{(i)_q}} \Big|_{i=t}^s$

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be arbitrary natural numbers such that  $p \leq q$ , and  $t$  and  $s$  arbitrary element of the sets  $N$  and  $N \cup \{\emptyset\}$ , respectively. Further on, let  $\overline{S}$  be the set of all sequence  $a_p^{(i)_q}$  over a set  $S(\emptyset \in S)$ , and let

$$\overline{a_p^{(i)_q}} \Big|_{i=t}^s \tag{1}$$

and

$$c_p^{p+(s-t+1)(q-p+1)-1} \tag{2}$$

be arbitrary sequence the sets  $\overline{S}$  and  $S$ , respectively. The sequence (1) is nonempty iff  $t \leq s$ . Moreover: the sequence (2) is nonempty iff  $t \leq s$ . [ $t \leq s \Leftrightarrow (s-t+1)(q-p+1) \geq 1$ ;  $q-p+1 \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow p \leq q$ ]. In addition, if  $t \leq s$  and

$$(\forall i \in \{t, \dots, s\})(\forall j \in \{p, \dots, q\})c_{(i-t)(q-p+1)+j} = a_j^{(i)}, \quad (3)$$

then to every sequence (1) over  $\overline{S}$  there corresponds exactly one sequence (2) over  $S$ , and conversely. Hence: if  $t \leq s$  and (3) holds [since

$\left. \begin{matrix} (i)_q \\ a_p \end{matrix} \right|_{i=t}^s = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow c_p^{p+(s-t+1)(q-p+1)-1} = \emptyset$ ], we use the following convention:

$$\left. \begin{matrix} (i)_q \\ a_p \end{matrix} \right|_{i=t}^s \text{ stands for } c_p^{p+(s-t+1)(q-p+1)-1}.$$

## 1.2. About $n$ -groups

**1.2.1. Definitions:** Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. Then:

(a) we say that  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup iff for every  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $i < j$ , the following law holds

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

[:  $\langle i, j \rangle$ -associative law]; (b) we say that  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -quasigroup iff for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and for every  $a_1^n \in Q$  is exactly one  $x_i \in Q$  such that the following equality holds

$$A(a_1^{i-1}, x_i, a_i^{n-1}) = a_n; \text{ and}$$

(c) we say that  $(Q, A)$  is a Dörnte  $n$ -group [briefly:  $n$ -group] iff  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup and an  $n$ -quasigroup as well.

A notion of an  $n$ -group was introduced by W. Dörnte in [1] as a generalization of the notion of a group.

**1.2.2. Definitions** [5]: Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. Further on, let  $e$  be an mapping of the set  $Q^{n-2}$  into the set  $Q$ . Let also On  $(k(n-1) + 1)$ -semigroups with  $(n-2)$ -neutral operations  $\{i, j\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $i < j$ . Then:  $e$  is an  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$  iff the following formula holds

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall a_i \in Q)_1^{n-2} (\forall x \in Q) (A(a_1^{i-1}, e(a_1^{n-2}), a_i^{j-2}, x, a_{j-1}^{n-2}) = x \\ \wedge A(a_1^{i-1}, x, a_i^{j-2}, e(a_1^{n-2}), a_{j-1}^{n-2}) = x). \end{aligned} \quad 1$$

**1.2.3. Proposition** [5]: Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\{i, j\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $i < j$ . Then in every  $n$ -groupoid there is at most one  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation.

**1.2.4. Proposition** [5]: In every  $n$ -group,  $n \geq 2$ , there is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For  $n = 2$ ,  $e(a_1^{n-2}) [= e(\emptyset) = e \in Q$  is a neutral element of the groupoid  $(Q, A)$ .

<sup>2</sup> There are  $n$ -groups without  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operations with  $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, n\}$  [:[6]]. In [6],  $n$ -groups with  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operations, for  $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, n\}$  are described.

**1.2.5. Proposition [5]:** Let  $n \geq 3$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -semigroup. Then:  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -group iff  $(Q, A)$  has a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation.<sup>3</sup>

**1.2.6. Remark:** In [8] showed that the condition "... $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup ..." can be weakened to the condition "... $(Q, A)$  is an  $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$ -associative  $n$ -groupoid ..." or to the condition "... $(Q, A)$  is an  $\langle n-1, n \rangle$ -associative  $n$ -groupoid ...".

**1.2.7. Proposition [4, 7]:** Let  $n \geq 3$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. Further on, let  $E$  be an mapping of the set  $Q^{n-2}$  into the set  $Q$ . Then the following propositions are equivalent:

- (i)  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -group;
- (ii) the laws  $A(A(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1}) = A(x_1, A(x_2^{n+1}), x_{n+2}^{2n-1})$ ,  $A(x, a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})) = x$  and  $A(b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2}), x) = x$  hold in algebra  $(Q, \{A, E\})$  of the type  $\langle n, n-2 \rangle$ ; and
- (iii) the laws  $A(x_1^{n-2}, A(x_{n-1}^{2n-1}), x_{2n-1}) = A(x_1^{n-1}, A(x_n^{2n-1}))$ ,  $A(E(a_1^{n-2}), a_1^{n-2}, x) = x$  and  $A(x, E(b_1^{n-2}), b_1^{n-2}) = x$  hold in algebra  $(Q, \{A, E\})$  of the type  $\langle n, n-2 \rangle$ .<sup>4, 5</sup>

### 1.3. On superpositions of an $n$ -semigroup operation

**1.3.1. Definition:** Let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid and  $n \geq 2$ . Then:

- 1)  $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B$ ; and
- 2) for every  $k \in N$  and for every  $x_1^{(k+1)(n-1)+1} \in Q$

$$B^{k+1}(x_1^{(k+1)(n-1)+1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B(B^k(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}), x_{k(n-1)+2}^{(k+1)(n-1)+1}),$$

**1.3.2. Proposition:** Let  $(Q, B)$  be an  $n$ -semigroup,  $n \geq 2$  and  $(i, j) \in N^2$ . Then, for every  $x_1^{(i+j)(n-1)+1} \in Q$  and for every  $t \in \{1, \dots, i(n-1)+1\}$ , the following equality holds

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

An immediate consequence of Proposition 1.3.2. is the following proposition:

**1.3.3. Proposition:** If  $(Q, B)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup [ $n$ -group], then  $(Q, B^k)$  is a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup [ $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group].

<sup>3</sup> This result has been commented from the particular point of view in the paper [8] [; Remark 5.2].

<sup>4</sup> See Corollary 5 in [4] and Theorem 2.6 in [7]. (The sketch of the proof of this proposition can be found in [9]).

<sup>5</sup> If  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -group, then  $E$  its  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation [; 1.2.7, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.4].

**Remark:** More about superpositions of an  $n$ -semigroup operation [with different notations] can be found in [3].

## 2. Results

**2.1. Definition:** Let  $(k, n) \in N \times (N \setminus \{1\})$ , let  $A$  be a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -ary operation in  $Q$  and  $E$  a mapping of the set  $Q^{n-2}$  into the set  $Q$ . Then:

1) we say that  $E$  is a **left  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation** of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -**groupoid**. On  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroups with  $(n-2)$ -neutral operations  $(Q, A)$  iff the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall a_t \in Q)_1^{n-2} \dots (\forall a_t \in Q)_1^{n-2} \\ & \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k A(E(a_1^{n-2}), a_1^{n-2} \Big|_{j=1}^i x, E(a_1^{n-2}) a_1^{n-2} \Big|_{j=i+1}^k) = x \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

holds;

2) we say that  $E$  is a **right  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation** of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -**groupoid**  $(Q, A)$  iff the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall a_t \in Q)_1^{n-2} \dots (\forall a_t \in Q)_1^{n-2} \\ & \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k A((a_1^{n-2}), E(a_1^{n-2}) \Big|_{j=1}^{i-1} x, a_1^{n-2} E(a_1^{n-2}) \Big|_{j=i}^k) = x \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

holds; and

3) we say that  $E$  is a  **$(n-2)$ -neutral operation** of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -**groupoid**  $(Q, A)$  iff  $E$  is a **left  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation** of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -**groupoid**  $(Q, A)$  and a **right  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation** of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -**groupoid**  $(Q, A)$ .

**2.2. Remark:** For  $n = 2$  the formula (1) and the formula (2) [from 2.1] reduces, respectively, to the following formulas

$$(\forall x \in Q) \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k A(e^i, x, e^{k-1}) = x \right) \quad (\hat{1})$$

and

$$(\forall x \in Q) \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k A(e^{i-1}, x, e^{k-i+1}) = x \right); \quad (\hat{2})$$

$e = E(\emptyset)$ . Further on, the conjunction of the statements  $(\hat{1})$  and  $(\hat{2})$  is equivalent with the statement

$$(\forall x \in Q) \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k+1} A(e^{i-1}, x, e^{k-i+1}) = x \right). \quad (e)$$

Finally:  $e \in Q$  is a **neutral element** of the  $(k+1)$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$ ,  $k \in N$ , iff the formula (e) holds.  $\square$

By Definition 2.1, and also by the definition of an  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of  $n$ -groupoid [1.2.2], by Proposition 1.2.3 and finally by Remark 2.2, we conclude that the following proposition holds:

**2.3. Proposition:** Let be a  $(Q, A)(k(n-1)+1)$ -groupoid,  $E$  its  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation and  $(k, n) \in N \times (N \setminus \{1\})$ . Then:

1) If  $k = 1$ , then

- $E$  is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$ ,
- for  $n = 2E(\emptyset)$  is a neutral element of the groupoid  $(Q, A)$ , and
- $E$  is uniquely determined for every  $n \geq 2$ ; and

2) If  $k \in N$  and  $n = 2$ . then  $E(\emptyset)$  is a neutral element of a  $(k+1)$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$ .  $\square$

By 1.2.5, 1.2.7, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 2:2 and 2.3, we conclude that the following proposition holds:

**2.4. Proposition:** Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, B)$  be an  $n$ -semigroup with a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation  $e$  [1.2.2]. Further on, let  $k \geq 2$ . Then the following statements hold: a)  $e$  is an  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, B^k)$ ; and b) if  $n \geq 3$ , then  $(Q, B^k)(k(n-1)+1)$ -group.

**2.5. Theorem:** Let  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup. Further on, let  $E$  be a left  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$  or a right  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$ . Then there exists an  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, B)$  such that the following statements hold: (i)  $(Q, B)$  is an  $n$ -semigroup; (ii)  $A = B^k$ ; and (iii)  $E$  is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, B)$ . Moreover, if  $n \geq 3$  then  $(Q, A)$  is  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group.<sup>6</sup>

**Proof.** 1) Let  $E$  is a right  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation of a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$ ;  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . We prove respectively that in that case the following statements hold.

(j)

1° Let  $a_1^{n-2}, j \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ , be arbitrary sequences over  $Q$ . Further On  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroups with  $(n-2)$ -neutral operations on, let for every  $x_1^n \in Q$

$$B(x_1^n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(x_1^n, \overline{a_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} |_{j=1}^{k-1}). \quad (a)$$

Then for every sequence of the sequences  $b_1^{n-2}, j \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and for every  $x_1^n \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$B(x_1^n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(x_1^n, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} |_{j=1}^{k-1}).$$

<sup>6</sup> The following proposition was proved in [2]. If  $(Q, A)$  is an  $m$ -semigroup,  $m \geq 3$  and  $(Q, A)$  has a neutral element  $e$ , then there is semigroup  $(Q, \cdot)$  with a neutral element such that, for every  $x_1^m \in Q$ ,  $A(x_1^m) = x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_m$ .

2° For every  $x_1^n \in Q$ , for every sequence of sequences  $B_1^{n-1}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  the following equality holds

$$B(x_1^n) = A(x_1^{i-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_i^n).$$

3°  $(Q, B)$ , where the  $n$ -ary operation  $B$  in  $Q$  is defined by (a) in 1°, is an  $n$ -semigroup.

4° For every  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$A(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) = \overline{B}^k(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}).$$

5° The right  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation  $E$  of the  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$  is an  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -semigroup  $(Q, B)$ . Moreover, if  $n \geq 3$  then  $(Q, A)$  is a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group.

The proof of the statement 1°:

For every  $x_1^n \in Q$ , for every sequence  $a_1^{n-2}$  over  $Q$  and for every

sequence of sequences  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\begin{aligned} B(x_1^n) &= A(\overline{B(x_1^n), a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(k)}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}) = \\ &= A(A(x_1^n, \overline{a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}), \overline{a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(k)}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, E(\overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1})) = \\ &= A(x_1^{n-1}, A(x_n, \overline{a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^k), \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}) = \\ &= A(x_1^n, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}) \quad [:(2) \text{ from 2.1, (a) from 1}^\circ, \text{(a) from 1.2.1}]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof statement 2°:

Let  $i$  be an arbitrary element of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Then for an ar-

bitrary sequence  $x_1^n$  over  $Q$ , an arbitrary sequence of sequences  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and for arbitrary sequence  $c_1^{n-2}$  over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\begin{aligned} &A(x_1^i, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_{i+1}^n) = \\ &= A(x_1^{i-1}, A(\overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_i, \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}), \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_{i+1}^n) = \\ &= A(x_1^{i-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, A(x_i, \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}), \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_{i+1}^n) = \\ &= A(x_1^{i-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})}_{j=1}^{(j)} |^{k-1}, x_i^n) \quad [:(2) \text{ from 2.1. (a) from 1.2.1}]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the statement 3°:

Let  $i$  be an arbitrary element of the set  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Then for every  $x_1^{2n-1} \in Q$ , for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x_1^{i-1}, A(x_1^{i+n-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1}, x_{i+n}^{2n-1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}, E(\overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}) \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1} = \\ & = A(x_1^i, A(x_{i+1}^{i+n-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1}, x_{i+n}^{2n-1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}, E(\overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}) \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

On  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroups with  $(n-2)$ -neutral operations [:(a) from 1.2.1], where, by 1° and 2°, we conclude that for every  $x_1^{2n-1} \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$B(x_1^{i-1}, B(x_{i+1}^{i+n-1}), x_{i+n+1}^{2n-1}) = B(x_1^i, B(x_{i+1}^{i+n}), x_{i+n+1}^{2n-1})$$

The proof of the statement 4°:

a) For every  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$ , for every sequence  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}}$  over  $Q$  and for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x_1^{(k-1)(n-1)}, B(x_{(k-1)(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}, E(\overline{b_1^{n-2}}))) = \\ & = A(x_1^{(k-1)(n-1)}, A(x_{(k-1)(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}, E(\overline{b_1^{n-2}})) = \\ & = A(x_1^{k(n-1)}, A(x_{k(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=1})^{k-1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}, E(\overline{b_1^{n-2}})) = \\ & = A(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) \text{ [ : 1°, (2) from 2.1].} \end{aligned}$$

Whence, besides, we conclude that 4° for  $k=2$  holds [ : 1°, 1.3.2, (2) from 2.1].

b) Let  $k > 2$ . Further on, let  $i$  be an arbitrary integer such that  $i \leq k-2$  [ $\Leftrightarrow k-(i+1) \geq 1$ ]. Then for every  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$ , for every

sequence of sequences  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(t)}$ ,  $t \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x_1^{i(n-1)}, B(x_{i(n-1)+1}^{k(i+1)(n-1)+1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=i})^{k-i}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(t)} \Big|_{j=i})^{k-1} = \\ & = A(x_1^{i(n-1)}, B(x_{i(n-1)+1}^{(i+1)(n-1)}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}}^{(j)} \Big|_{j=i})^{k-(i+1)}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}}^{(t)} \Big|_{j=i})^{k-1} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= A(x_1^{i(n-1)}, A(x_{i(n-1)+1}^{(i+1)(n-1)}, B^{k-(i+1)} \times \\
&\times (x_{(i+1)(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{t=1}^{(t) \quad (t) \quad |^{k-1}} \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=i}^{(j) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}) = \\
&= A(x_1^{(i+1)(n-1)}, A(\overline{B^{k-(i+1)} (x_{(i+1)(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{t=1}^{(t) \quad (t) \quad |^{k-1}})} \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=i}^{(i) \quad (i) \quad |^{k-1}}) \\
&\times (\overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=i+1}^{(i) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}) = \\
&= A(x_1^{(i+1)(n-1)}, B^{k-(i+1)}(x_{(i+1)(n-1)+1}^{k(n-1)+1}, \overline{b_1^{n-2}, E(b_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=i+1}^{(j) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}) \text{ [ : 1.3.2, } 1^\circ, (2) \\
&\text{from 2.1]}.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof of the statement 5°:

By (2) from 2.1, we conclude that for every  $x \in Q$ , for every sequence  $a_1^{n-2}$  over  $Q$  and for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{c_1^{n-2}, j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}}$ , over  $Q$  the following series of equalities holds

$$\text{and } A(x, a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2}), \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=1}^{(j) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}) = x$$

$$A(a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2}), x, \overline{c_1^{n-2}, E(c_1^{n-2})} \Big|_{j=1}^{(j) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}) = x,$$

whence, by 1°, we conclude that the following formula is satisfied

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\forall a_i \in Q) \overline{a_1^{n-2}} (\forall x \in Q) (B(x, a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2})) = \\
&= x \wedge B(a_1^{n-2}, E(a_1^{n-2}), x) = x).
\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 2$  this formula reduces to the formula

$$(\forall x \in Q) (B(x, E(\emptyset)) = x \wedge B(E(\emptyset), x) = x)$$

[ : 1.2.2, foot-note 1)], and for  $n \geq 3$ , by Proposition 1.2.7, Proposition 1.2.4 and 1.2.1, we conclude the following statement holds:  $E$  is an  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -semigroups  $(Q, B)$ . Whence, by 1.3.3 (and by 1.2.5), we conclude that  $(Q, A)$  is a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group for  $n \geq 3$ .

2) Let  $E$  be a left  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation of the  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$ ;  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then by a simple imitation of the proof of statements 1°-5° it is possible to prove that following statements hold.

°1 Let  $\overline{a_1^{n-2}, j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}}$ , be arbitrary sequences over  $Q$ . Further on, let for every  $x_1^n \in Q$

$$(\overline{a}) \overline{B}(x_1^n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(\overline{E(a_1^{n-2}), a_1^{n-2}} \Big|_{j=1}^{(j) \quad (j) \quad |^{k-1}}, x_1^n).$$

On  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroups with  $(n-2)$ -neutral operations.

Then for every sequence of sequences  $\overline{b_1^{n-2}, j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}}$ , over  $Q$  and for every  $x_1^n \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$\overline{B}(x_1^n) = A(\overline{E}(b_1^{n-2}), b_1^{n-2} \Big|_{j=1}^{k-1}, x_1^n).$$

°2 For every  $x_1^n \in Q$ , for every sequence of sequences  $b_1^{n-2}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ , over  $Q$  and for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  the following equality holds

$$\overline{B}(x_1^n) = A(x_1^i, \overline{E}(b_1^{n-2}), b_1^{n-2} \Big|_{j=1}^{k-1}, x_{x+1}^n).$$

°3  $(Q, \overline{B})$  is an  $n$ -semigroup, where  $\overline{B}$  is an  $n$ -ary operation in  $Q$  defined by  $(\overline{a})$  in °1.

°4 For every  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$A(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) = \overline{B}(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}).$$

°5 A left  $(n-2)$ -neutral operation  $E$  of the  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -semigroup  $(Q, A)$  is an  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -semigroup  $(Q, \overline{B})$ . Moreover, if  $n \geq 3$ , then  $(Q, A)$  is a  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -group.

## References

- [1] Dörnte W.: *Untersuchungen über einen verallgemeinerten Gruppenbegriff*, Math. Z., **29**, 1-19, 1928.
- [2] Čupona Ć. and Trpenovski B.: *Finitary associative operations with neutral elements*, Bilt. Društ. mat. fiz. Maked. **12**, 15-24, 1961.
- [3] Čupona Ć.: *Finitary associative operations*, Matem. bibl. **39**, 135-149, 1969. (In Serbo-Croatian).
- [4] Dudek W. A., Glazek K. and Gleichgewicht B.: *A note on the axioms of  $n$ -groups*, Coll. Math. Soc. J. Bolyai, **29**. Universal Algebra, Esztergom (Hungary), 195-202, 1977.
- [5] Ušan J.: *Neutral operations of  $n$ -groupoids*, Rev. of Research, Fac. of Sci. Univ. of Novi Sad. Math. Ser., **18-2**, 117-126, 1988. (In Russian)
- [6] Ušan J.: *On  $n$ -groups with  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation for  $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, n\}$* , Rev. of Research, Fac. of Sci. Univ. of Novi Sad. Math. Ser., **25-2**, 167-178, 1995.
- [7] Dudek W.: *Varieties of polyadic groups*, Filomat **9**, No.3. 657-674, 1995.
- [8] Ušan J.:  *$n$ -groups,  $n \geq 2$ , as varieties of type  $(n, n-1, n-2)$* , Algebra and Model Theory, Collection of papers edited by A. G. Pinus and K. N. Ponomaryov, Novosibirsk, 182-208, 1997.
- [9] Ušan J.:  *$n$ -groups,  $n \geq 3$ , as varieties of type  $\langle n, n-2, 1 \rangle$* , preprint 1997.

## ЗА $(k(n-1)+1)$ -ПОЛУГРУПИ СО $(n-2)$ -НЕУТРАЛНИ ОПЕРАЦИИ

Јанез Ушан

### Резиме

Во трудов дефинираме (лева, десна)  $(n-2)$ -неутрална операција  $E: Q^{n-2} \rightarrow Q$  на еден  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -групоид,  $(k, n) \in N \times (N \setminus \{1\})$ , така што за  $n=2$   $E(\emptyset)[a_1^{n-2} = \emptyset]$  е неутрален елемент на  $(k+1)$  групоидот  $(Q, A)$ . Главниот резултат е следниов: Ако  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -полугрупата  $(Q, A)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , има лева (десна)  $(n-2)$ -неутрална операција  $E$ , тогаш постои  $n$ -полугрупата  $(Q, B)$  со  $\{1, n\}$ -неутрална операција  $[\cdot]$  [5], 1.2.2], така што за секои  $x_1^{k(n-1)+1} \in Q$ ,  $A(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) = {}^k B(x_1^{k(n-1)+1})$ . [E.g.:  ${}^2 B(x_1^{2n-1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B(B(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1})$ ]. Уште повеќе, ако  $n \geq 3$ , тогаш  $(Q, A)$  е  $(k(n-1)+1)$ -група.

University of Novi Sad

Institute of Mathematics, Trg Dositeja Obradovića 4,

21000 Novi Sad

Yugoslavia