

**Abstract.** Any operation (binary,  $n$ -ary or  $(n,m)$ -ary) on a set  $Q$  can be considered as a partial transformation of the free semigroup  $Q^+$  with a basis  $Q$ . Replacing  $Q^+$  by an arbitrary semigroup  $S=(S;\cdot)$  such that  $Q \subseteq S$ , one can consider  $(S;n,m)$ -groupoids on  $Q$ . The notions of subgroupoids and homomorphisms (and some related topics) are considered.

**1.  $(S;n,m)$ -groupoids.** Let  $S=(S;\cdot)$  be a semigroup,  $Q$  a non-empty subset of  $S$ , and  $p$  a positive integer. Denote by  $Q_p$  the set  $\{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_p \mid a_i \in Q\}$ . If  $n$  and  $m$  are two positive integers, and  $f:Q_n \rightarrow Q_m$  a mapping, then we say that  $f$  is an  $(S;n,m)$ -operation on  $Q$  (or an  $S$ -polyadic operation), and the pair  $(Q;f)$  will be called an  $(S;n,m)$ -groupoid.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $Q^+$  be the free semigroup with a basis  $Q$ , i.e.  $Q^+ = \bigcup \{Q^p \mid p \geq 1\}$ , where  $Q^p$  is the  $p$ -th cartesian power of  $Q$ , and the operation on  $Q^+$  is the usual concatenation of words. Then a  $(Q^+;n,m)$ -groupoid is the same as an  $(n,m)$ -groupoid ([2]).

**Example 1.2.** Let  $Q^\oplus$  be the free commutative semigroup with a basis  $Q$ , i.e.  $Q^\oplus = Q^+ / \approx$  where  $\approx$  is the least congruence on  $Q^+$  such that  $Q^+ / \approx$  is commutative. (Namely, if  $a_i, b_j \in Q$  then:

$$a_1 a_2 \dots a_r \approx b_1 b_2 \dots b_s$$

iff  $r=s$  and  $b_1 b_2 \dots b_r$  is a permutation of  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_r$ .) A  $(Q^\oplus;n,m)$ -groupoid is the same as a fully commutative  $(n,m)$ -groupoid ([3], [5]).

**Example 1.3.** If  $SL(Q)$  is a free semilattice with a basis  $Q$ , then an  $(SL(Q);n,m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$  will be called a semilattice  $(n,m)$ -groupoid.

Let us give a more convenient description of semilattice  $(n,m)$ -groupoids. Denote first by  $F(Q)$  the family of the finite nonempty subsets of  $Q$ , and if  $p \geq 1$ , then put  $F_p(Q) = \{X \in F(Q) \mid |X| \leq p\}$ . Then, if  $f:F_n(Q) \rightarrow F_m(Q)$  we obtain a semilattice  $(n,m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$ .

Let  $(Q;f)$  be an  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid. Then, there exists a unique homomorphism  $\pi:Q^+ \rightarrow \underline{S}$  such that  $\pi(b)=b$ , for every  $b \in Q$ , and moreover we have  $\pi(Q^p)=Q_p$ , for every  $p \geq 1$ , and thus  $\pi$  induces a surjective mapping  $\pi_p:Q^p \rightarrow Q_p$ .

Proposition 1.4. If  $g:Q^n \rightarrow Q^m$  is an  $(n,m)$ -operation on  $Q$ , then there exists at most one  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -operation  $\bar{g}:Q_n \rightarrow Q_m$  on  $Q$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q^n & \xrightarrow{g} & Q^m \\ \pi_n \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_m \\ Q_n & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & Q_m \end{array}$$

Such an operation  $\bar{g}$  do exists iff the following implication holds:

$$\pi_n(x) = \pi_n(y) \implies \pi_m(g(x)) = \pi_m(g(y)),$$

for every  $x, y \in Q^n$ .  $\times$

(We say that  $\bar{g}$  is induced by  $g$ .)

Proposition 1.5. If  $(Q;f)$  is an  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid then there exists an  $(n,m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;g)$  such that  $\bar{g}=f$ , and the above diagram is commutative.

Proof. Let  $x \in Q^n$ . Then  $f(\pi_n(x)) \in Q_m$ , and  $\pi_m^{-1}f(\pi_n(x)) \subseteq Q^m$ . Choose a  $y \in \pi_m^{-1}f(\pi_n(x))$  and put  $y=g(x)$ . Then,  $f\pi_n = \pi_m g$ .  $\times$

Remark 1.6. In the case when  $\underline{S}$  is a commutative semigroup (a semilattice), we can also state analogically propositions as in 1.4 and 1.5.

2. Subgroupoids. Let  $(Q;f)$  be an  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid, and  $P$  a nonempty subset of  $Q$ . We say that  $P$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$  iff  $f(P_n) \subseteq P_m$ . And,  $P$  is called a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$  iff for all  $a_i \in P$ ,  $b_j \in Q$

$$f(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = b_1 \cdot b_2 \cdot \dots \cdot b_m \implies b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \in P.$$

Proposition 2.1. Every strong subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$ .  $\times$

Proposition 2.2. If  $\{P_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a family of strong subgroupoids of  $(Q;f)$  and if  $P = \bigcap \{P_i \mid i \in I\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $P$  is a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$ .  $\times$

Example 2.3. Let  $Q = \{a, b, c\}$ , and let  $\underline{S}$  be the semigroup given by the following presentation  $\langle a, b, c; b^2 = c^2 \rangle$ . Define an  $(\underline{S}; 1, 2)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$  by:

$$f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = b^2 \quad (=c^2).$$

Then,  $B = \{a, b\}$  and  $C = \{a, c\}$  are subgroupoids of  $(Q;f)$ , but  $A = B \cap C = \{a\}$  is not a subgroupoid. (Thus, a nonempty intersection of subgroupoids is not necessarily a subgroupoid.)

Proposition 2.2 implies that every nonempty subset  $D$  of an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid generates a uniquely determined strong subgroupoid  $\langle D \rangle$ , and from Ex. 2.3 it follows that this is not true in the case of subgroupoids. (Namely, we have

$$\langle a \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle = \langle a, b, c \rangle = \{a, b, c\},$$

$$\langle b \rangle = \langle c \rangle = \langle b, c \rangle = \{b, c\},$$

if we consider strong subgroupoids, but there does not exist a (unique) subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$  generated by  $\{a\}$ .)

Remark 2.4. If  $(Q;f)$  is an  $(n, m)$ -groupoid (a fully commutative  $(n, m)$ -groupoid, a semilattice  $(n, m)$ -groupoid) then  $P \subseteq Q$  is a subgroupoid iff it is a strong subgroupoid.

Remark 2.5. When we say that a subset  $B$  of  $Q$  is a generating subset of  $(Q;f)$ , then we mean that if  $P$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q;f)$  such that  $B \subseteq P$ , then  $P = Q$ . And,  $B$  is called weakly generating subset of  $(Q;f)$  iff  $\langle B \rangle = Q$ , i.e. if  $B$  generates  $(Q;f)$  as a strong subgroupoid.

3. Homomorphisms. Consider an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$  and an  $(\underline{S}'; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q';f')$ . A mapping  $\phi: c \mapsto c'$  from  $Q$  into  $Q'$  is called a homomorphism from  $(Q;f)$  into  $(Q';f')$  iff for any  $a_i, b_j \in Q$  the following implication is true:

$$\begin{aligned} f(a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = b_1 \cdot \dots \cdot b_m &\implies f'(a'_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a'_n) = \\ &= b'_1 \cdot \dots \cdot b'_m. \end{aligned}$$



If, furthermore,  $\phi$  is bijective and  $\phi^{-1}$  is a homomorphism, then  $\phi$  is called an isomorphism.

Example 3.1. Let  $Q$  be a set with at least two distinct elements, and let  $n, m$  be two positive integers such that  $m \geq 2$ . Denote by  $\pi$  the canonical homomorphism from  $Q^+$  into  $Q^\oplus$ . Assume that  $g: Q^n \rightarrow Q^m$  is a  $(Q^+; n, m)$ -operation such that

$$x, y \in Q^n, \pi(x) = \pi(y) \implies g(x) = g(y)$$

and that there exist an  $x \in Q^n$  and  $a, b \in Q$ ,  $a \neq b$ , such that  $g(x) = aby$ , where  $y \in Q^{m-2}$ . (In the case  $m=2$ ,  $y$  is the "empty" symbol.) Then  $g$  induces a fully commutative  $(n, m)$ -operation  $\bar{g}$ , and the identity transformation  $c \mapsto c$  of  $G$  is a bijective homomorphism from  $(Q; g)$  into  $(Q; \bar{g})$ , but it is not an isomorphism.

Proposition 3.2. Let  $(Q; f)$  be an  $(S; n, m)$ -groupoid,  $(Q'; f')$  be an  $(S'; n, m)$ -groupoid, and  $\phi: Q \rightarrow Q'$  be a homomorphism.

(i) If  $P$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q; f)$ , then  $\phi(P)$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q'; f')$ .

(ii) If  $P'$  is a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q'; f')$  and if  $\phi^{-1}(P') \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(P')$  is a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q; f)$ .

Proof. (i) Let  $a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n \in P'$ . Then there exist  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in P$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \in P$  such that  $a'_1 = \phi(a_1)$ ,  $f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m$ . From the second equality it follows  $f(a'_1 \dots a'_n) = b'_1 \dots b'_m$ , where  $b'_j = \phi(b_j)$ .

(ii) Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \phi^{-1}(P')$ ,  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m \in Q$  are such that  $f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m$ . Then we have  $f'(a'_1 \dots a'_n) = b'_1 \dots b'_m$ , where  $\phi(a_i) = a'_i \in P'$ , and this implies that  $b'_1, \dots, b'_m \in P'$ , where  $\phi(b_i) = b'_i$ , i.e.  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \phi^{-1}(P')$ .  $\times$

Example 3.3. Let  $Q = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Q' = \{\alpha, \beta\}$  and let  $V$  be the variety of commutative semigroups, satisfying the identity  $x^2 = y^2$ . Let  $\underline{S}$  ( $\underline{S}'$ ) be a free semigroup in  $V$  with a basis  $Q$  ( $Q'$ ). Then we have:

$$Q_2 = \{ab, ac, bc, a^2 = b^2 = c^2\}$$

$$Q_4 = \{a^4 = b^4 = c^4 = a^2 b^2 = a^2 c^2 = b^2 c^2, a^2 bc = b^3 c = bc^3, ab^2 c = a^3 c = ac^3, abc^2 = ab^3 = a^3 b\}$$

$$Q'_2 = \{\alpha^2 = \beta^2, \alpha\beta\}, \quad Q'_4 = \{\alpha^4 = \beta^4 = \alpha^2 \beta^2, \alpha^3 \beta = \alpha \beta^3\}.$$

Define an  $(\underline{S}; 4, 2)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f)$  by  $f(u) = bc$ , for all  $u \in Q_4$ , and an  $(\underline{S}'; 4, 2)$ -groupoid  $(Q'; g)$  by  $f'(u') = \alpha^2$ , for all  $u' \in Q'_4$ . Then, the mapping  $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ \alpha & \beta & \beta \end{pmatrix}$  is a homomorphism from  $(Q; f)$  into  $(Q'; f')$ ,  $A' = \{\alpha\}$  is a subgroupoid of  $(Q'; f')$ , but  $A = \{a\} = \phi^{-1}(A')$  is not a subgroupoid of  $(Q; f)$ . On the other hand,  $\{b, c\} = D$  is a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q; f)$ , but  $\phi(D) = D' = \{\beta\}$  is not a strong subgroupoid of  $(Q'; f')$ .

4. Equivalences. It is natural to ask the question when we should say that an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f)$  is equal to an  $(\underline{S}'; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q'; f')$ . Certainly, we have the following two trivial answers:

- a)  $S = S', Q = Q', f = f'$ ;
- b)  $(Q; f)$  and  $(Q'; f')$  are isomorphic.

But, the first condition is too strong, and the second one is too "abstract". We chose the following "meadley way".

We say that an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f)$  is equivalent to an  $(\underline{S}'; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q'; f')$  iff  $Q = Q'$  and the identity transformation of  $Q$  is an isomorphism from  $(Q; f)$  into  $(Q'; f')$ . Then, we write  $(Q; f) \equiv (Q'; f')$ . In other words:

$$(Q; f) \equiv (Q'; f') \text{ iff } Q = Q'$$

and, for any  $a_i, b_j \in Q$ ,

$$f(a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = b_1 \cdot \dots \cdot b_m \iff$$

$$f(a_1 * \dots * a_n) = b_1 * \dots * b_m,$$

where  $\underline{S} = (S; \cdot)$ ,  $\underline{S}' = (S'; *)$ .

Proposition 4.1. Let  $(Q; f)$  be an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid, and let  $\underline{T}$  be the subsemigroup of  $\underline{S}$  generated by  $Q$ . Define a  $(\underline{T}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f')$  by:

$$f'(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = f(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n),$$

for any  $a_i \in Q$ . Then:  $(Q; f) \equiv (Q'; f')$ .  $\times$

(So, we can always assume that  $Q$  is a generating subset of  $\underline{S}$ , whenever an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f)$  is considered.)

Example 4.2. Let  $(Q;f)$  be an  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid, and let  $p=\max\{m,n\}$ ,  $0 \notin S$ . Assume also that  $R=Q \cup Q_2 \cup \dots \cup Q_p \neq S$ . Define on operation  $*$  on  $T=R \cup \{0\}$  as follows:

$$x*y = \begin{cases} z, & \text{if } xy=z \text{ in } \underline{S} \text{ and } z \in R, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\underline{T}=(T;*)$  is a semigroup generated by  $Q$ , and if a  $(\underline{T};n,m)$ -operation  $f'$  is defined on  $Q$  by:

$$f'(a_1* \dots * a_n) = f(a_1 \dots a_n),$$

then we obtain that  $(Q;f) \equiv (Q;f')$ .  $\times$

Assume now that  $(Q;f)$  is an arbitrary  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid, and let  $\pi:Q^+ \rightarrow S$ ,  $\pi_n:Q^n \rightarrow Q_n$ ,  $\pi_m:Q^m \rightarrow Q_m$ , be defined as in part 1. If

$$\sigma_n:Q^n/\ker\pi_n \rightarrow Q_n, \quad \sigma_m:Q^m/\ker\pi_m \rightarrow Q_m$$

are corresponding canonical bijections, then we can define a mapping:

$$\bar{f}:Q^n/\ker\pi_n \rightarrow Q^m/\ker\pi_m,$$

as follows:

$$\bar{f} = \sigma_m^{-1} f \sigma_n.$$

Proposition 4.3. If  $(Q;f)$  is an  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid and  $(Q;f')$  is an  $(\underline{S}';n,m)$ -groupoid such that  $\bar{f}=\bar{f}'$ , then  $(Q;f) \equiv (Q;f')$ .

Proof. The equality  $\bar{f}=\bar{f}'$  implies

$$\sigma_m^{-1} f \sigma_n = \sigma_m'^{-1} f' \sigma_n'$$

where  $\pi':Q^+ \rightarrow S'$ . This means that  $Q^n/\ker\pi_n = Q^n/\ker\pi_n'$ , i.e.  $a_1 \dots a_n = a_1' \dots a_n'$  for every  $a_i \in Q$ . Now, let  $f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m$ , where  $a_i, b_j \in Q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a_1 * \dots * a_n) &= \sigma_m' \sigma_m'^{-1} f(a_1 \dots a_n) = \\ &= \sigma_m' \sigma_m'^{-1} (b_1 \dots b_m) = \sigma_m'((b_1, \dots, b_m)^{\ker\pi_n}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $(b_1, \dots, b_m) \in Q^m$ . It follows that

$$\pi_n(b_1, \dots, b_m) = \pi_m'(b_1, \dots, b_m) = b_1 * \dots * b_m, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$f'(a_1 * \dots * a_n) = b_1 * \dots * b_m. \quad \times$$



Example 4.4. Let  $Q = \{a, b\}$ ,  $0 \notin Q$ , and let  $S = \{a, b, (a, a), (a, b), (b, a), (b, b), 0\}$ ,  $S' = \{a, b, 0\}$ , and let the semigroups  $\underline{S} = (S; \cdot)$ ,  $\underline{S}' = (S'; *)$  be defined as follows:

$$x * y = 0 \text{ for any } x, y \in S';$$

$$x \cdot y = \begin{cases} (x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in Q \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define an  $(\underline{S}; 2, 3)$ -operation  $f$ , and an  $(\underline{S}'; 2, 3)$ -operation  $f'$  by

$$f(u) = 0, \quad f'(u') = 0$$

for every  $u \in Q_2 = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, a), (b, b)\}$ ,  $u' \in Q'_2 = \{0\}$ . Then we have:  $(Q; f) \equiv (Q; f')$ , but  $\bar{f} \neq \bar{f}'$ . (Namely,  $Q_2 = Q^2$ , and  $\pi_2$  is the identity mapping, which implies that:

$$\bar{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \{(a, a)\}, \{(a, b)\}, \{(b, a)\}, \{(b, b)\} \\ Q^3 & Q^3 & Q^3 & Q^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also have  $Q^2 / \ker \pi'_2 = Q^2$ , and thus  $\bar{f}' = \begin{pmatrix} Q^2 & Q^3 \\ Q^3 & \end{pmatrix}$ .)

5. Regularity. An  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f)$  is said to be trivial iff  $Q_n \subseteq Q_m$ , and  $f(u) = u$ , for every  $u \in Q_n$ , i.e.  $f$  is the imbedding from  $Q_n$  into  $Q_m$ . And,  $(Q; f)$  is said to be regular iff there is a trivial  $(\underline{S}'; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q; f')$  such that  $(Q; f) \equiv (Q; f')$ .

In what follows we suppose that  $(Q; f)$  is an  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -groupoid, and  $Q^* = Q^+ \cup \{1\}$ ,  $(1 \notin S)$  is the free monoid with a basis  $Q$  (and 1 as its unit). If  $a_1, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{i+p} \in Q$  then  $a_i^{i+p}$  is the corresponding product of  $a_1, \dots, a_{i+p}$  in  $Q^+$ , and  $a_{i+1}^1 = 1$ .

Define a relation  $\approx$  on  $Q^+$  as follows.

If  $u, v \in Q^+$ , then:

$$u \vdash v \iff (\exists u', u'' \in Q^*, a_i, b_j \in Q) (u = u^i a_1^n u'', v = u' b_1^m u'', \\ f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m),$$

$$u \sim v \iff u \vdash v \text{ or } v \vdash u,$$

$$u \approx v \iff (\exists p \geq 0, u_0, \dots, u_p \in Q^+) u = u_0 \cdot u_1 \cdot \dots \cdot u_p = v.$$

(Thus,  $\sim$  is the symmetric closure of  $\vdash$ , and  $\approx$  is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\sim$ .)

Proposition 5.1. The relation  $\approx$  is a congruence on  $Q^+$ .  $\times$

Denote by  $\underline{Q}^\wedge$  the corresponding quotient semigroup  $Q^+/\approx$ . Note that  $\underline{Q}^\wedge$  is the semigroup given by the presentation

$$\langle Q; \{a_1 \dots a_n = b_1 \dots b_m \mid f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m\} \rangle \quad (5.1)$$

in the class of semigroups.

If  $u \in Q^+$ , then we will denote by  $\bar{u}$  the  $\approx$ -equivalence class containing  $u$ , i.e.  $\bar{u} = \{v \in Q^+ \mid u \approx v\}$ . In this sense the set  $\{\bar{a} \mid a \in Q\}$ , will be denoted by  $\bar{Q}$ . This implies that, for each  $p \geq 1$ , we have  $\bar{Q}_p = \{a_1^p \mid a_1, \dots, a_p \in Q\}$ , and that  $\bar{Q}$  is a generating subset of  $\underline{Q}^\wedge$ .

Proposition 5.2.  $\bar{Q}_n \subseteq \bar{Q}_m$ .

Proof. If  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in Q$ , and  $f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m$  then  $a_1^n \approx b_1^m$ , and thus  $a_1^n = b_1^m \in \bar{Q}_m$ .  $\times$

Thus, we can define a  $(\underline{Q}^\wedge; n, m)$ -operation  $\hat{f}$  on  $\bar{Q}$ , by:  $\hat{f}(u) = u$ , for every  $u \in \bar{Q}_n$ .

Proposition 5.3.  $(\bar{Q}; \hat{f})$  is a trivial  $(\underline{Q}^\wedge; n, m)$ -groupoid, and the mapping  $-: a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is a homomorphism from  $(Q; f)$  into  $(\bar{Q}; \hat{f})$ .  $\times$

We will show now that  $(\bar{Q}; \hat{f})$  admits a corresponding universal property.

Proposition 5.4. Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism from  $(Q; f)$  into a trivial  $(\underline{S}'; n, m)$ -groupoid  $(Q'; f')$ . Then, by  $\bar{\phi}(\bar{a}) = \phi(a)$  is defined a homomorphism  $\bar{\phi}$  from  $(\bar{Q}; \hat{f})$  into  $(Q'; f')$ .

Proof. Denote the operation of  $\underline{S}'$  by  $*$ . If  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \in Q$  are such that  $f(a_1 \dots a_n) = b_1 \dots b_m$  in  $(Q; f)$ , then we have:

$$\phi(a_1) * \dots * \phi(a_n) = f'(\phi(a_1) * \dots * \phi(a_n)) = \phi(b_1) * \dots * \phi(b_m),$$

because  $\phi$  is a homomorphism, and  $(Q'; f')$  is trivial. This, and the fact that  $\underline{Q}^\wedge$  has a presentation (5.1), implies that there exists a unique homomorphism  $\hat{\phi}: \underline{Q}^\wedge \rightarrow \underline{S}'$  such that  $(\forall a \in Q) \hat{\phi}(a) = \phi(a)$ .

The restriction  $\bar{\phi}$  of  $\hat{\phi}$  on  $\bar{Q}$  is a homomorphism from  $(\bar{Q}; \hat{f})$  into  $(Q'; f')$  defined by  $(\forall a \in Q) \bar{\phi}(a) = \phi(a)$ .  $\times$



Proposition 5.5.  $(Q;f)$  is regular iff  $\bar{\cdot}:a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is an isomorphism from  $(Q;f)$  into  $(\bar{Q};\hat{f})$ .

Proof. Let  $(Q;f)$  be regular, i.e. there exists a trivial  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f')$  such that  $l=1_a:a \mapsto a$  is an isomorphism. By Pr. 4.4,  $\bar{\cdot}:a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is a homomorphism from  $(\bar{Q};\hat{f})$  into  $(Q;f')$ . This implies that  $\bar{\cdot}$  is bijective, and therefore  $\bar{\cdot}:a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is a bijective homomorphism. Moreover, we have that  $\bar{a} \xrightarrow{1} a \xrightarrow{1} a$ , and this implies that  $\bar{\cdot}:a \mapsto \bar{a}$  is an isomorphism from  $(Q;f)$  into  $(\bar{Q};\hat{f})$ . Conversely, let  $\bar{\cdot}:a \mapsto \bar{a}$  be an isomorphism from  $(Q;f)$  onto  $(\bar{Q};\hat{f})$ . Then, we can assume that  $Q=\bar{Q} \subseteq Q^+$ , and thus  $(Q;f) \equiv (Q;f)$ .  $\times$

Proposition 5.6.  $(Q;f)$  is regular iff the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(i) (\forall a, b \in Q) (a \cdot b \Rightarrow a = b);$$

$$(ii) (\forall a_i, b_j \in Q) (a_1^n \cdot \dots \cdot a_n^m \Rightarrow f(a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = b_1 \cdot \dots \cdot b_m)). \times$$

Although Pr. 5.5 and Pr. 5.6 give complete descriptions of regular  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -groupoids, these descriptions are not satisfactory enough. In the case when  $\underline{S}=Q^+$  and  $n > m$  we have a convenient answers, and namely the following statement holds:

Proposition 5.7. ([4]) If  $n > m$ , then a  $(Q^+;n,m)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$  is regular iff it is an  $(n,m)$ -semigroup.  $\times$

This result suggests to define the notion of  $(\underline{S};n,m)$ -semigroup, for arbitrary semigroup  $\underline{S}$  and positive integers  $n, m$ , such that  $n > m$ . In the paper [4] it is also given a satisfactory description of regular  $(Q^+;1,m)$ -groupoids, but until now we do not have a convenient result in the case  $1 < n < m$ .

The answer in the case  $n = m$  is quite clear. Namely, we have the following

Proposition 5.8. An  $(\underline{S};n,n)$ -groupoid  $(Q;f)$  is regular iff it is trivial.

Proof. If  $(Q;f)$  is regular, then by Pr. 5.6 (ii) we have:

$$a_1^n = a_1^n \implies f(a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n) = a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n,$$

i.e.  $(Q; f)$  is trivial.  $\times$

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#### ПОЛИАДИЧНИ ОПЕРАЦИИ ИНДУЦИРАНИ ОД ПОЛУГРУПИ

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Секоја операција (бинарна,  $n$ -арна или  $(n,m)$ -арна) на множество  $Q$  може да се разгледува како делумна трансформација на слободна полугрупа  $Q^+$  со база  $Q$ . Заменувајќи ја  $Q^+$  со произволна полугрупа  $\underline{S}=(S; \cdot)$  таква што  $Q \subseteq S$ , се доаѓа до поимот  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -групоид над  $Q$ . Во овој труд се разгледуваат поимите подгрупоиди и хомоморфизми на  $(\underline{S}; n, m)$ -групоиди.