

## $f$ -MULTIPLICATION OF BINARY OPERATIONS AND DECOMPOSITIONAL GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. The  $b$ -parts of real numbers were introduced and studied in [4], and  $b$ -addition of real numbers in [3]. The  $b$ -parts have many interesting number theoretic explanations, analytic and algebraic properties and the  $b$ -addition is  $b$ -decimal part of ordinary addition of two real numbers and is denoted  $+_b$ . It was shown that  $(\mathbb{R}, +_b)$  is a semigroup (equivalently the  $b$ -decimal part function  $(\ )_b$  satisfies the associative functional equation:  $f(x + f(y + z)) = f(f(x + y) + z)$ ) and  $\mathbb{R}_b = b[0, 1)$  is its largest subgroup. As a generalization of this topic, decomposer and associative functions on binary systems (magmas), semigroups and groups are introduced and studied in [2]. If  $(X, \cdot)$  is a binary system and  $f$  an arbitrary function from  $X$  to  $X$ , then another binary operation (in  $X$ ) is defined by  $x \cdot_f y = f(xy)$ . The binary system  $(X, \cdot_f)$  is a semigroup if and only if  $f$  is associative in  $(X, \cdot)$ . In [2] we solved associative equations in arbitrary groups and proved that the associative equation dose not have any non-trivial solutions in the simple groups. In this way all associative binary operations  $\cdot_f$  for a group  $(G, \cdot)$  are charaterized.

In this talk I discuss about the  $f$ -multiplication and the semigroup  $(G, \cdot_f)$ , where  $f : G \rightarrow G$  is associative, and show that  $(f(G), \cdot_f)$  is a group, namely  $f$ -decompositional group, and it is the largest subgroup of the semigroup  $(G, \cdot_f)$ . Also some other properties of  $f$ -decompositional groups will be considered.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

For any real number  $a$  denote by  $[a]$  the largest integer not exceeding  $a$  and put  $(a) = a - [a]$  (the decimal part of  $a$ ). Now let  $b$  be a nonzero constant real number. For all real numbers  $a$  set

$$[a]_b = b \left[ \frac{a}{b} \right] , \quad (a)_b = b \left( \frac{a}{b} \right).$$

We call the notation  $[a]_b$   $b$ -integer part of  $a$  and  $(a)_b$   $b$ -decimal part of  $a$ . Also  $[a]_b$  and  $(a)_b$  are called  $b$ -parts of  $a$ .

Now let  $a, b$  are positive integers. By the division algorithm we have  $a = bq + r$

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where  $q, r$  are integers and  $0 \leq r < b$ , so  $(a)_b = (bq + r)_b = (r)_b = r$ . It means that  $(a)_b$  is the same remainder of the division of  $a$  by  $b$ . This is an important fact that leads us to several properties of  $b$ -parts.

The functions  $(\ )_b$  and  $[\ ]_b$  are idempotent, their compositions are zero, and  $(\ )_b$  satisfies the following functional equations

$$f(f(x)+y-f(y)) = f(x), \quad f(x+y-f(y)) = f(x), \quad f(x+f(y+z)) = f(f(x+y)+z).$$

Recall that  $\bar{\mathbb{Z}}_n = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]\} = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is the group of integers modulo  $n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n-1\}$  is the group of the least nonnegative residues modulo  $n$ . As we know  $\bar{\mathbb{Z}}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ . It is interest to know that the addition of  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  is the same  $(x+y)_n = x+_n y$ . This fact together with the generalized division algorithm and  $b$ -decimal part function lead us to a new binary operation on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $b$ -bounded groups. Fix a real number  $b \neq 0$ . Put  $(R)_b = \{(r)_b | r \in R\}$  and  $[R]_b = \{[r]_b | r \in R\}$  for every subset  $R$  of real numbers. For every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we set

$$x+_b y = (x+y)_b$$

and call it  $x$   $b$ -addition  $y$ . We have

$$(x+_b y)+_b z = (x+y+z)_b = x+_b (y+_b z),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore  $(\mathbb{R}, +_b)$  is a semigroup but it is not a monoid. Because if  $x+_b e = x$ , then  $x = (x+e)_b \in b[0, 1)$ . In fact a sub-semigroup  $S$  of  $(\mathbb{R}, +_b)$  is a monoid if and only if  $0 \in S \subseteq \mathbb{R}_b := (\mathbb{R})_b = b[0, 1)$ . Therefore a necessary condition for a subset of real numbers to be a group with the  $b$ -addition is to be  $b$ -bounded set (subset of  $\mathbb{R}_b$ ). Since  $x+_b (b-x) = (b-x)+_b x = 0$ , then  $(\mathbb{R}_b, +_b)$  is the largest sub-semigroup of the semigroup  $(\mathbb{R}, +_b)$  that is a group. So we call it *the reference  $b$ -bounded group*.

**Definition 1.1.** We call each subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}_b, +_b)$   $b$ -bounded group. Every 1-bounded group is called a *decimal group*.

**Example 1.2.** If  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $(\mathbb{Z})_n$  is a  $n$ -bounded group and it is the same  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , if  $n > 0$ . For every positive integer  $n \geq 2$  put  $\mathbb{D}_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}\}$ , then  $\mathbb{D}_n$  is a decimal group (we call it  $n$ -decimal group). It has many interesting number theoretic and algebraic properties.

In this talk we consider  $X$  as a set with the binary operation "  $\cdot$  " (the binary system  $(X, \cdot)$  or magma) where the product of  $x, y \in X$  is denoted by  $xy$ ,  $(S, \cdot)$  as a semigroup and also  $(G, \cdot)$  as a group. If the multiplication "  $\cdot$  " is commutative ( $\cdot(x, y) = \cdot(y, x)$  for every  $x, y \in X$ ), then it is denoted by  $+$  and is called addition. The two sided unit element of  $X$  and  $S$  (if exists) is denoted by 1 and for  $G$  by  $e$ .

If  $f : G \longrightarrow G$ , then we define the function  $f^-$  by  $f^-(x) = [f(x)]^{-1}$ , for every  $x \in G$ , and put  $f^* = \iota_G \cdot f^-$ ,  $f_* = f^- \cdot \iota_G$  ( $\iota_G$  is the identity function on  $G$ ). A function  $f$  from  $X$  to  $X$  is called associative if  $f(xf(yz)) = f(f(xy)z)$ , for every  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**1.1. Direct product of subsets.** As we know if  $\Delta, \Omega$  are subsets of  $X$ , then  $\Delta\Omega = \cdot(\Delta \times \Omega)$ . Now we call the product direct and denote by  $\Delta \cdot \Omega$  ( $\Delta \dot{+} \Omega$ , for additive notation) if  $\cdot|_{\Delta \times \Omega}$  is injective. Note that  $Y = \Delta \cdot \Omega$  means  $Y = \Delta\Omega$  and the product  $\Delta\Omega$  is direct. We call  $Y = \Delta \cdot \Omega$  a factorization of  $Y$  by  $\Delta$

and  $\Omega$  and call  $\Delta [\Omega]$  a left [right] factor of  $Y$ . If  $\Delta\Omega = \Delta \cdot \Omega$  [ $\Delta + \Omega = \Delta \dot{+} \Omega$ ] and  $\Delta \cap \Omega = \{1\}$ , then we use the notation  $\Delta : \Omega$  [ $\Delta \ddot{+} \Omega$ ] and call it *standard direct product [addition]* of  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$ .

If  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$  are finite subsets of  $X$ , then

$$\Delta\Omega = \Delta \cdot \Omega \Leftrightarrow |\Delta\Omega| = |\Delta||\Omega|.$$

If  $\Delta\Omega = \Delta \cdot \Omega$  and  $\Delta \cap \Omega$  has an element such that commutes with every elements of  $\Delta \cap \Omega$ , then  $|\Delta \cap \Omega| = 1$ . Especially if  $\Delta\Omega = \Delta \cdot \Omega$  and  $1 \in \Delta \cap \Omega$ , then  $\Delta\Omega = \Delta : \Omega$ .

It is easy to see that if  $S$  is monoid and  $\emptyset \neq \Delta, \Omega \subseteq S$  and  $\Delta^{-1}, \Omega^{-1}$  exist, then

$$\Delta\Omega = \Delta \cdot \Omega \Leftrightarrow \Delta^{-1}\Delta \cap \Omega\Omega^{-1} = \{1\}.$$

**Example 1.3.** The set  $\mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{Z}^+ [\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{0\}]$  is not a factor of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , because if  $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{N}^* \dot{+} \Omega$ , then  $\Omega - \Omega = (\mathbb{N}^* - \mathbb{N}^*) \cap (\Omega - \Omega) = \{0\}$  that is impossible. But  $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_e \ddot{+} \{0, 1\} = \mathbb{Z}_o \ddot{+} \{0, 1\}$ . Also  $S_3 = \langle \sigma \rangle : \langle \tau \rangle$  (where  $\sigma^3 = \tau^2 = 1$ ) but we do not have any (nontrivial) representation  $S_3 = A \times B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are normal subgroups of  $S_3$ . Also we have  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}_b \ddot{+} \langle b \rangle$ .

Consider the binary system  $(X, \cdot)$  and a function  $f$  from  $X$  to  $X$ . We get another binary operation in  $X$  by defining  $x \cdot_f y = f(xy)$ . In fact  $\cdot_f = f \circ \cdot$ , hence we call it  *$f$ -multiplication of " $\cdot$ "*. Clearly  $(X, \cdot_f)$  is a semigroup if and only if  $f$  is associative (e.g. if  $f$  is constant function). Also it is clear that  $Z(X, \cdot) \subseteq Z(X, \cdot_f)$ . But in general  $Z(X, \cdot_f) \not\subseteq Z(X, \cdot)$ , for if  $X = G$  is a group with the center  $\{e\}$  and  $f$  is a non-standard associative function on  $X$  (i.e.  $f(e) \neq e$ ), then  $\{e, f(e)\} \subseteq Z(X, \cdot_f)$ . Now we want to generalize the conception  $b$ -addition and also  $b$ -bounded groups from real numbers system to arbitrary groups and state their fundamental theorem.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f : G \rightarrow G$  is associative, then  $(f(G), \cdot_f)$  is a group with the identity element  $f(f(e)^{-2})$  and it is the largest subgroup of the semigroup  $(G, \cdot_f)$ . Furthermore if  $f(e) = e$  (the standard case), then  $f^*(G) = f_*(G) \trianglelefteq G$  and*

$$G = f^*(G) : f(G) = f(G) : f^*(G) \ , \ \frac{G}{f^*(G)} \cong (f(G), \cdot_f).$$

Therefore we call  $(f(G), \cdot_f)$   *$f$ -decompositional group of  $G$* .

**Theorem 2.2.** *(Unique representation of subgroups by standard decomposer functions). Let  $f : G \rightarrow G$  be a function and  $\Omega_f = f(G)$  and  $\Delta_f = f^*(G)$ .*

(a) *If  $G = \Delta_f : \Omega_f$ , then every subgroup  $H$  containing  $\Delta_f$  [ $\Omega_f$ ] has the unique representation  $H = \Delta_f : \Omega'$  [ $H = \Delta' : \Omega_f$ ], where  $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega_f$  and  $\Delta' \subseteq \Delta_f$ .*

(b) *If  $G = \langle g \rangle : \Omega_g$  ( $\Omega_g = \Omega_f$ ) then every subgroup  $H$  containing (the fix element)  $g$  has the unique representation  $H = \langle g \rangle : \Omega'$ , where  $\Omega' \subseteq \Omega_f$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $f$  is standard associative, then*

i) *Every subgroup  $H$  containing  $\Delta_f$  has the unique representation  $H = \Delta_f : \Omega'$ , where  $\Omega'$  is decompositional group.*

ii) *All subgroups of  $G$  containing  $\Delta_f$  and all  $f$ -decompositional groups can be*

put in 1 – 1 correspondence.

iii) If  $\Delta_f \subseteq H \leq G$ , then  $(\Delta_f \trianglelefteq H \text{ and}) \frac{H}{\Delta_f} = \frac{H}{f^*(H)} \cong f(H) = \Omega_H = \Omega_f \cap H$ .

**Example 2.4.** (i) If  $R$  is an additive sub-group of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $(R)_b = R \cap \mathbb{R}_b$ , and  $\frac{R}{\langle b \rangle}$  is isomorphic to a decimal group  $D^b$  and

$$\frac{R}{\langle b \rangle} = \frac{R}{[R]_b} \cong (R)_b = R \cap \mathbb{R}_b \cong \frac{1}{b}(R)_b = D^b.$$

Specially if  $1 \in R$ , then  $\frac{R}{\mathbb{Z}} \cong (R)_1 = R \cap [0, 1)$ , so  $\frac{\mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{Z}} \cong ([0, 1), +_1)$ .

(ii) If  $D$  is a decimal group, then

$$\frac{b\mathbb{Z} + bD}{b\mathbb{Z}} \cong D.$$

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