

# Modules over semisymmetric quasigroups

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# Motivation: Group Modules

- A right  $G$ -module  $M$  is an abelian group equipped with homomorphism

$$\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M).$$

- Split extension  $G \ltimes_{\rho} M$  built up on  $G \times M$  by

$$(g, a)(h, b) = (gh, a \cdot h + b).$$

- The projection  $\pi : G \ltimes_{\rho} M \rightarrow G$  is an abelian group object in  $\mathbf{Gp}/G$ .

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# Semisymmetry

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# Semisymmetric Quasigroups

A semisymmetric quasigroup  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash)$  satisfies the following equivalent identities

$$(yx)y = x;$$

$$y(xy) = x;$$

$$y \backslash x = xy;$$

$$y/x = xy.$$

- The divisions  $/$  and  $\backslash$  coincide and are the opposite of multiplication.
- The class of semisymmetric quasigroups forms a variety **P**.

# Semisymmetry: A Combinatorial Application

- Mendelsohn (cyclic) triple systems  $\longleftrightarrow$  semisymmetric, idempotent quasigroups

## Theorem: Mendelsohn (1971)

An MTS exists for all  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , except for  $n = 1$  and  $n = 6$ .

## Corollary

Let  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  be a positive integer. If  $n \neq 6$ , then there is a semisymmetric, idempotent quasigroup of order  $n$ .

- Given a quasigroup  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash)$ , we can define a semisymmetric quasigroup on  $Q^3$  by

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3)(y_1, y_2, y_3) = (y_3/x_2, y_1 \backslash x_3, x_1 \cdot y_2).$$

- This yields an adjunction  $\mathbf{P} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{Qtp}$  (Smith, 1997).

# **Multiplication Groups: Combinatorial and Universal**

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# Relative Multiplication Groups

- Let  $\text{Mlt}(Q) \leq Q!$  denote the combinatorial multiplication group, or the group of permutations of  $Q$  generated by the set of left and right multiplications  $\{L(q), R(q) \mid q \in Q\}$ .

## Definition: Relative Multiplication Group

Given a subquasigroup  $P$  of  $Q$ , the group of permutations of  $Q$  generated by

$$\{L(p), R(p) \mid p \in P\},$$

denoted  $\text{Mlt}_Q(P)$ , is the relative multiplication group of  $P$  in  $Q$ .

# Universal Multiplication Groups

- Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a variety of quasigroups.
- Let  $Q[X]$  be the coproduct in  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $Q$  with the free  $\mathbf{V}$ -quasigroup on the singleton  $\{X\}$ .
- As a quasigroup,  $Q[X]$  is isomorphic to the free  $\mathbf{V}$ -extension of the partial Latin square furnished by the multiplication table of  $Q$ .

## Definition: Universal Multiplication Group

The universal multiplication group  $U(Q; \mathbf{V}) := \text{Mlt}_{Q[X]}(Q)$ , also denoted  $\tilde{G}$ , of  $Q$  in  $\mathbf{V}$  is the relative multiplication group of  $Q$  in  $Q[X]$ .

- This establishes a functor  $U(\ ; \mathbf{V}) : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{Gp}$ .
- In  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\tilde{G}$  is free on the disjoint union  $\{\tilde{L}(q) \mid q \in Q\} + \{\tilde{R}(q) \mid q \in Q\}$  of two copies of  $Q$  (Smith 1986).

# The Semisymmetric Case

## Proposition

Let  $Q$  be a semisymmetric quasigroup. Then  $U(Q; \mathbf{P})$  is the free group on the set  $\{\tilde{R}(q) \mid q \in Q\}$ .

Proof Sketch:

- Map  $R : QG \rightarrow \tilde{G}; q_1^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots q_n^{\varepsilon_n} \mapsto \tilde{R}(q_1)^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots \tilde{R}(q_n)^{\varepsilon_n}$ .
- Showing  $R$  is injective comes down to showing that  $X\tilde{R}(q_1)^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots \tilde{R}(q_n)^{\varepsilon_n}$  is an irreducible word in  $Q[X]$ .

# Universal Stabilizers

- Notice that  $\tilde{G}$  acts transitively on the set  $Q$ ; for example,

$$x^{\tilde{R}(q)} = xR(q) = x \cdot q.$$

## Definition: Universal Stabilizer

Let  $\tilde{G} = U(Q; \mathbf{V})$  be the universal multiplication group of a quasigroup containing the element  $e \in Q$ . Then the stabilizer of  $e$  under the action of  $\tilde{G}$  on  $Q$ , denoted  $\tilde{G}_e$ , is called the universal stabilizer of  $Q$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ .

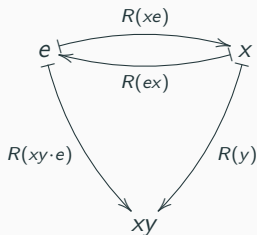
- In  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\tilde{G}_e$  is free on

$$\{\tilde{R}(e \setminus q)\tilde{L}(q/e)^{-1}, \tilde{R}(e \setminus q)\tilde{R}(r)(e \setminus qr)^{-1}, \tilde{L}(q/e)\tilde{L}(r)\tilde{L}(rq/e)^{-1} \mid q, r \in Q\}$$

(Smith 1986).

# The Semisymmetric Case

Let's take a graphical/topological approach to  $\tilde{G}_e$  in  $\mathbf{P}$ :



- **Theorem:** In  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\tilde{G}_e$  is free on

$$\{R(e^2), R(xe)R(ex), R(xe)R(y)R(xy \cdot e)^{-1} \mid (x, y) \in Q - \{e\} \times Q, y \neq xe\}.$$

# Modules over General Quasigroups

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# The Fundamental Theorem/Definition

## Definition: Quasigroup Module (Smith, 1986)

Let  $Q$  be a nonempty quasigroup (containing some point  $e$ ) in the variety  $\mathbf{Q}$  with universal multiplication group  $\tilde{G} = U(Q; \mathbf{Q})$ . We define  $Q$ -modules to be modules, in the group theoretic sense, over the universal stabilizer  $\tilde{G}_e$ .

- $Q$ -modules are just  $\mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e$ -modules.

# Quasigroup Structure on $\tilde{G}_e$ -modules

- Let  $Q$  be a quasigroup in  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and let  $M$  be a  $\tilde{G}_e$ -module.
- In the spirit of split extensions, let  $E = M \times Q$ , and  $\pi : E \rightarrow Q$  be the projection onto  $Q$ .
  - Now  $\tilde{G}_e$  acts on  $\pi^{-1}\{e\}$ , a local copy of  $M$  in  $E$  over  $e \in Q$ .
- Moreover,

$$\begin{cases} a \cdot b = a\tilde{R}(b^\pi) + b\tilde{L}(a^\pi), \\ a/b = (a - b\tilde{L}(a^\pi/b^\pi))\tilde{R}(b^\pi)^{-1}, \\ a \setminus b = (b - a\tilde{R}(a^\pi \setminus b^\pi))\tilde{L}(a^\pi)^{-1}, \end{cases}$$

furnishes  $E$  with a quasigroup structure.



# Modules over Semisymmetric Quasigroups

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- How can we describe modules over quasigroups in  $\mathbf{P}$ ?
- We want to take  $\mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e$ , and modulo out by an ideal which accounts for the identity  $(yx)y = x$ .

## Example: Semisymmetric Modules over $\{e\}$

- Note  $\mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e \cong \mathbb{Z}[X, X^{-1}]$ .
- Define  $x \cdot y = x\tilde{R}(y^\pi) + y\tilde{R}(x^\pi)^{-1} = x\tilde{R}(e) + y\tilde{R}(e)^{-1}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e$ .
- Then  $x = (yx)y \implies$

$$x = y\tilde{R}(e)\tilde{R}(e) + x\tilde{R}(e)^{-1}\tilde{R}(e) + y\tilde{R}(e)^{-1}.$$

- Set  $x = 0$ , and we find  $0 = y\tilde{R}(e)^2 + y\tilde{R}(e)^{-1} \iff$

$$0 = y\tilde{R}(e)^3 + y$$

for all  $y \in \mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e$ .

- Semisymmetric quasigroup modules over  $\{e\}$  are modules over  $\mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e/(\tilde{R}(e)^3 + 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}[X, X^{-1}]/(X^3 + 1)$

# General Semisymmetric Modules

## Theorem

Let  $Q$  be a quasigroup in the variety  $\mathbf{P}$  of semisymmetric quasigroups. The category of  $Q$ -modules in  $\mathbf{P}/Q$  is equivalent to the category of modules over  $\mathbb{Z}\tilde{G}_e/J$ , where  $J$  is the two-sided ideal generated by

$$\{\tilde{R}(ye)(\tilde{R}(x)\tilde{R}(y) + \tilde{R}(yx)^{-1})\tilde{R}(xe)^{-1} \mid x, y \in Q\}.$$

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