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**Summary.** It has been proved the following result<sup>1)</sup>: Any  $\Omega$ -algebra may be embedded in a semigroup. G. Čupona<sup>2)</sup> raised the problem: Is it possible to embed any *entropic* algebra in an *entropic* groupoid.

In this paper this problem is solved but not only for entropic algebra. Namely, we shall prove the following result:

*Any  $\Omega$ -algebra is embeddable in an entropic groupoid.*

The main role in the proof is played by the term  $xa*ay**$  which is unchangeable under the law

$$(E) \quad xy*zu** = xz*yu**.$$

Similarly, it may be proved that any  $\Omega$ -algebra may be embedded in a groupoid holding some law  $Z$  if there exists a term unchangeable under  $Z$ . For example, for the law  $xy*zu** = uy*zx**$ , a corresponding unchangeable term is  $ax*ya**$ .

I. Our main result is the following

**Theorem 1.** *If  $Q$  is an arbitrary  $\Omega$ -algebra<sup>1)</sup> there exists an entropic<sup>3)</sup> groupoid  $(G, o)$  having the following properties:*

1°  $Q$  is a subset of  $G$ ;

2° If  $\omega \in \Omega$  is an  $n$ -ary operation, then there exists in the set  $G$  an element  $\bar{\omega}$  such that

$$(1) \quad x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \omega = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \underbrace{\omega \omega \omega \cdots \omega}_{(n-1)\text{-times}} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

$$(2) \quad x \omega = x \bar{\omega} \omega \quad (n = 1)$$

$$(3) \quad \omega = \bar{\omega} \bar{\omega} \omega \quad (n = 0)$$

where

$$xy \omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \bar{\omega} \bar{\omega} y \omega \omega.$$

<sup>1</sup> С о н н Р. М., *Universal algebra*, Tokyo, 1965, 184—186.

<sup>2</sup> On some primitive classes of universal algebras, *Mat. vesnik*, 3(18) pp. 105—108, 1966.

<sup>3</sup> That means: the groupoid  $(G, o)$  holds:  $xyozu\omega\omega = xzoyu\omega\omega$ .

At first, we introduce some definitions and prove one lemma. Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be the *minimal set* satisfying the following two conditions:

The set  $X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} QU\Omega$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{G}$ ;

If  $u, v \in \mathbf{G}$  then  $uv \bullet \in \mathbf{G}$ .

It is clear that  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{o})$  is a groupoid, where  $uv \mathbf{o} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} uv \bullet$ .

In the set  $\mathbf{G}$  we consider the following *minimal subset*  $O$ :

$X$  is a subset of  $O$ ;

If  $u, v \in O$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$  then  $u\omega \bullet \omega v \bullet \bullet \in O$ .

Further, in the set  $O$ , we define some *operations* which are necessary in what follows. Let  $\omega \in \Omega(n)$ , then

$$(1') \quad u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n \omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n \underbrace{\omega \omega \omega \cdots \omega}_{(n-1)\text{-times}} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

$$(2') \quad u \omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u \omega \mathbf{o}_\omega \quad (n = 1)$$

$$(3') \quad \omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \omega \omega \mathbf{o}_\omega \quad (n = 0)$$

where

$$uv \mathbf{o}_\omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} u \omega \bullet \omega v \bullet \bullet.$$

Next, we introduce binary relations  $\vdash$  and  $\sim$ .

**Definition.** We say that  $t_1 \vdash t_2$  where  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbf{G}$  if and only if:

The term  $t_2$  may be obtained from the term  $t_1$  by substituting one subterm  $\alpha$  of  $t_1$  by the term  $\beta$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  may be:

I.  $\alpha$  is of the form  $uv \bullet u_1 v_1 \bullet \bullet$ , then  $\beta$  is  $uu_1 \bullet vv_1 \bullet \bullet$ ;

II.  $\alpha = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \omega$  ( $x_i \in Q$ ), then  $\beta = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \omega$  and  $\beta \in Q$ ;

III. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in Q$  and  $\alpha = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \omega$  ( $\alpha \in Q$ ), then  $\beta$  is the term (the word)  $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \omega$ .

In the cases I, II, III we write, respectively

$$t_1 \underset{\text{I}}{\vdash} t_2, \quad t_1 \underset{\text{II}}{\vdash} t_2, \quad t_1 \underset{\text{III}}{\vdash} t_2.$$

Let  $\sim$  be the minimal equivalence relation in the set  $\mathbf{G}$  which prolongs the relation  $\vdash$  (i. e.  $\vdash \subseteq \sim$ ).

The relation  $\sim$  is a congruence in the groupoid  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{o})$ .

**Lemma.** If  $u \vdash v$  and  $u \in O$ , then  $v \in O$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u \in O$ . We will distinguish three cases:

$$1. \underset{\text{I}}{u \vdash v}; \quad 2. \underset{\text{II}}{u \vdash v}; \quad 3. \underset{\text{III}}{u \vdash v},$$

and we will prove that in each of them  $v \in O$  holds.

Ad I. In this case, at first, we deduce:

**P.** If  $t$  is an element of  $O$ , then each of its subterm of the form  $uv \bullet u_1 v_1 \bullet \bullet$  is an element of the set  $O$  and consequently, satisfies  $v = u_1 = \omega$ , where  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

We prove that by induction on  $\sigma(t)$ , the length of the word  $t$ . For instance,  $\sigma(x) = 1$ ,  $\sigma(xy \bullet) = 3$ . **P.** is true if  $\sigma(t) = 1$ , since  $t$  has no subterm of the form  $uv \bullet u_1 v_1 \bullet \bullet$ .

Let

$$t = t_1 \omega \bullet \bullet t_2 \bullet \bullet, \quad \sigma(t) = n(n > 1)$$

and let  $\alpha = uv \bullet u_1 v_1 \bullet \bullet$  be a subterm of  $t$ . If  $\alpha$  is a subterm of  $t_1$  or of  $t_2$  we apply induction hypothesis. In the opposite case the term  $t$  must be of the form  $u \omega \bullet \omega v_1 \bullet \bullet$  where  $u, v_1$  are certain elements of the set  $O$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . That completes the inductive proof.

By the property **P.**, each subterm of  $t$  ( $t \in O$ ) of the form  $uv \bullet u_1 v_1 \bullet \bullet$  (t. i. the subterm which may be 'changend' under the law (E)) is an element of the set  $O$  and, consequently, is 'unchangeable' under (E). Accordingly, the following condition holds:

$$(4) \quad u \vdash_1 v \Rightarrow u = v \quad (u \in O)$$

By (4) we conclude if  $u \in O$  and  $u \vdash_1 v$  than  $v \in O$ .

The definitions of  $\vdash_{II}$ ,  $\vdash_{III}$  imply the proof in the cases 2. and 3.||

**2. Proof of the theorem.** At first, let us prove the following:

If  $x, y \in Q$  and  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$  then  $x = y$ , where  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}$  are the equivalence classes of  $x, y$  with respect to  $\sim$ .

Let  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$ . It means that there exists a natural number  $n$  and elements  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  ( $u_i \in G$ ) such that

$$u_1 \vdash u_2, u_2 \vdash u_3, \dots, u_{n-1} \vdash u_n; \quad x = u_1, y = u_n.$$

Because of  $x, y \in O$  we have (by Lemma)  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in O$ , too. Now we introduce the following *interpretation Int*:

$$Int(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \text{ if } x \in Q$$

$$Int(t_1 t_2 \dots t_k \omega) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Int(t_1) Int(t_2) \dots Int(t_k) \omega \quad (\omega \in \Omega(k))$$

Obviously, *Int* is a function which carries a subset of the set  $O$  into  $Q$  and the image of the sequence  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  is the following sequence of the algebra  $Q$ :

$$(5) \quad Int(u_1), Int(u_1), Int(u_2), \dots, Int(u_n).$$

If  $u_i \vdash_1 u_{i+1}$  then (4) implies  $u_i = u_{i+1}$  and, consequently,  $Int(u_i) = Int(u_{i+1})$ .

In the case  $u_i \vdash_{II} u_{i+1}$  or  $u_i \vdash_{III} u_{i+1}$ , by the definitions of the relations  $\vdash_{II}$  and  $\vdash_{III}$ , we also obtain  $Int(u_i) = Int(u_{i+1})$ . That implies the following property of (5):

$$(6) \quad Int(u_1) = Int(u_2) = \dots = Int(u_n).$$

By definition of *Int* it follows

$$(7) \quad Int(u_1) = x, \quad Int(u_n) = y,$$

because of  $x = u_1$  and  $y = u_n$ . The equalities (6) and (7) imply  $x = y$ , as asserted.

In order to conclude the proof of the theorem we *introduce*

$$(8) \quad G \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{G}_{/\sim}; \quad \overline{xy\mathbf{o}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{xy\mathbf{o}}.$$

By definition of the relation  $\sim$  (t. i.  $\vdash$ ) it is easily seen that  $(G, \circ)$  is an entropic groupoid.

Further, in the set

$$\tilde{Q} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\overline{x} / x \in Q\}$$

for each  $\omega \in \Omega(n)$ , we define a *binary operation*  $\mathbf{o}_\omega$  and *n-ary operation*  $\tilde{\omega}$  as follows

$$(9) \quad \overline{xy\mathbf{o}_\omega} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{xy\mathbf{o}_\omega}; \quad \overline{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \tilde{\omega}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \omega}$$

By (8) and (9), and by definition of the operation  $\omega$  we obtain the following equalities

$$(1'') \quad \overline{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \tilde{\omega}} = \overline{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \underbrace{\mathbf{o}_\omega \mathbf{o}_\omega \dots \mathbf{o}_\omega}_{(n-1)\text{-times}}} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

$$(2'') \quad \overline{x \tilde{\omega}} = \overline{x \mathbf{o}_\omega} \quad (n = 1)$$

$$(3'') \quad \tilde{\omega} = \overline{\omega \mathbf{o}_\omega} \quad (n = 0)$$

It is clear that  $\tilde{Q}$  is an  $\Omega$ -algebra ( $\tilde{\omega}$  is corresponding to  $\omega$ ).

By the first part of that proof it follows that  $Q$  and  $\tilde{Q}$  are isomorphic algebras (an isomorphism is  $f: x \rightarrow \overline{x}$ ). That completes the proof of the theorem. ||

3. The proof of the Theorem 1. suggests the following

**Theorem 2.** *If the groupoid law*

$$(Z) \quad F_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x, y) = F_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x, y)$$

has the following property:

**C.** *The term  $F_1(a, a, \dots, a, x, y)$  ( $a$  is a constant) is unchangeable under (Z), that means that the terms  $F_1(a, a, \dots, a, x, y)$  and  $F_2(a, a, \dots, a, x, y)$  coincide;*

*then for each  $\Omega$ -algebra  $Q$  there exists a groupoid  $(G, \circ)$  holding the law (Z) and satisfying the following two conditions:*

1°  $Q$  is a subset of  $G$ ;

2° *If  $\omega \in \Omega(n)$  then there exists an element  $\overline{\omega} \in G$  such that (I) — (3) holds, where  $xy\mathbf{o}_\omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F_1(\overline{\omega}, \overline{\omega}, \dots, \overline{\omega}, x, y)$ .*

The proof is analogous as in the Theorem 1. ||

For example, the law  $xy*zu** = uy*zx**$  satisfies the condition C. and thus the operation  $\mathbf{o}_\omega$  is defined as follows:  $xy\mathbf{o}_\omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\omega} x * y \overline{\omega} **$ .

