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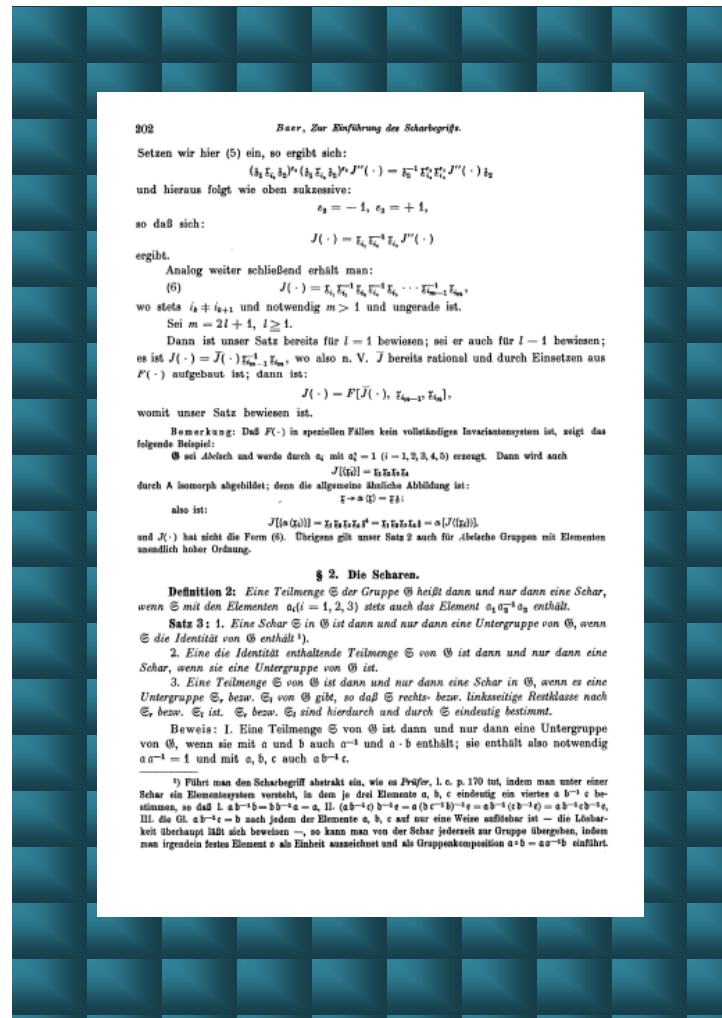
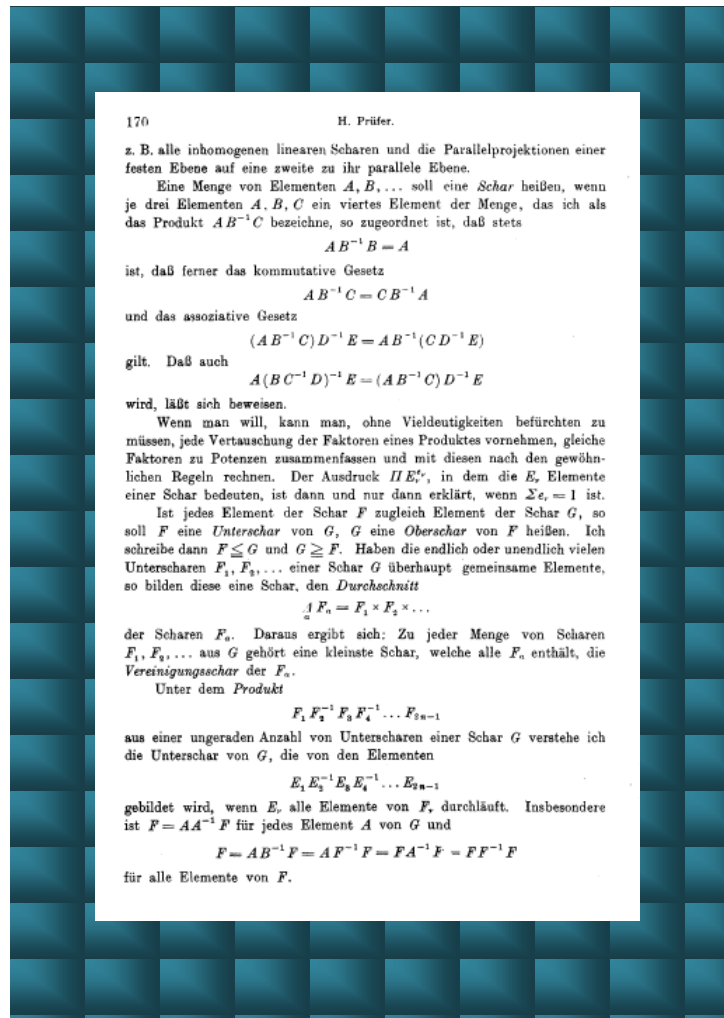
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A **heap** is an algebraic system $(H, [-, -, -])$ consisting of a nonempty set H , and a ternary operation

$$[-, -, -]: H \times H \times H \rightarrow H, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto [x, y, z]$$

satisfying

the heap associativity $[[x, y, z], t, u] = [x, y, [z, t, u]], \neq [x, [y, z, t], u]$

Mal'cev identities $[x, x, y] = y = [y, x, x], \neq [x, y, x]$

where $x, y, z, t, u \in H$. A heap $(H, [-, -, -])$ is **abelian**, if satisfies

the heap commutativity $[x, y, z] = [z, y, x],$

where $x, y, z \in H$.

A **heap homomorphism** is a function $\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\tilde{H}, [-, -, -])$

respecting the heap operations

$$\varphi([x, y, z]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(z)],$$

where $x, y, z \in H$.

Theorem. Given a group $(G, \circ, 1)$, let

$$[-, -, -]_{\circ}: G \times G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad [x, y, z]_{\circ} := x \circ y^{-1} \circ z,$$

where $x, y, z \in G$. Then

(a) $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ is a heap.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z, t, u \in G$,

$$[[x, y, z]_{\circ}, t, u]_{\circ} = (x \circ y^{-1} \circ z) \circ t^{-1} \circ u = x \circ y^{-1} \circ (z \circ t^{-1} \circ u) = [x, y, [z, t, u]_{\circ}]_{\circ}$$

$$[x, x, y]_{\circ} = x \circ x^{-1} \circ y = y = y \circ x^{-1} \circ x = [y, x, x]_{\circ}.$$

(b) If $(G, \circ, 1)$ is an abelian group, then $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ is an abelian heap.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in G$,

$$[x, y, z]_{\circ} = x \circ y^{-1} \circ z = z \circ y^{-1} \circ x = [z, y, x]_{\circ}.$$

(c) Every group homomorphism $\varphi: (G, \circ, 1) \rightarrow (\tilde{G}, \circ, 1)$

is an associated heap homomorphism $\varphi: (G, [-, -, -]_{\circ}) \rightarrow (\tilde{G}, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in G$,

$$\varphi([x, y, z]_{\circ}) = \varphi(x \circ y^{-1} \circ z) = \varphi(x) \circ \varphi(y)^{-1} \circ \varphi(z) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(z)]_{\circ}.$$

□

Theorem. Given a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$ and $e \in H$, let

$$\circ_e: H \times H \rightarrow H, \quad x \circ_e y := [x, e, y],$$

where $x, y \in H$. Then

(a) (H, \circ_e, e) is a group, known as a retract of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in H$,

$$(x \circ_e y) \circ_e z = [[x, e, y], e, z] = [x, e, [y, e, z]] = x \circ_e (y \circ_e z)$$

$$e \circ_e x = [e, e, x] = x = [x, e, e] = x \circ_e e$$

$$\begin{aligned} [e, x, e] \circ_e x &= [[e, x, e], e, x] = [e, x, [e, e, x]] = [e, x, x] = e = \\ &= [x, x, e] = [[x, e, e], x, e] = [x, e, [e, x, e]] = x \circ_e [e, x, e], \end{aligned}$$

so $x^{-1} = [e, x, e]$.

(b) If $(H, [-, -, -])$ is an abelian heap, then (H, \circ_e, e) is an abelian group.

Indeed, for any $x, y \in H$,

$$x \circ_e y = [x, e, y] = [y, e, x] = y \circ_e x.$$



(c) If $\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, [-, -, -])$ is a heap homomorphism,

then for any $e \in H$, $\tilde{e} \in \widetilde{H}$, the functions

$$\widehat{\varphi}: (H, \circ_e, e) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, \circ_{\tilde{e}}, \tilde{e}), \quad x \mapsto [\varphi(x), \varphi(e), \tilde{e}]$$

$$\widehat{\varphi}^\circ: (H, \circ_e, e) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, \circ_{\tilde{e}}, \tilde{e}), \quad x \mapsto [\tilde{e}, \varphi(e), \varphi(x)]$$

are associated group homomorphisms.

Indeed, for any $x, y \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\varphi}(x \circ_e y) &= [\varphi(x \circ_e y), \varphi(e), \tilde{e}] = [\varphi([x, e, y]), \varphi(e), \tilde{e}] = \\ &= [[\varphi(x), \varphi(e), \varphi(y)], \varphi(e), \tilde{e}] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(e), [\varphi(y), \varphi(e), \tilde{e}]] = \\ &= [\varphi(x), \varphi(e), \widehat{\varphi}(y)] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(e), [\tilde{e}, \tilde{e}, \widehat{\varphi}(y)]] = \\ &= [[\varphi(x), \varphi(e), \tilde{e}], \tilde{e}, \widehat{\varphi}(y)] = [\widehat{\varphi}(x), \tilde{e}, \widehat{\varphi}(y)] = \widehat{\varphi}(x) \circ_{\tilde{e}} \widehat{\varphi}(y). \end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner, $\widehat{\varphi}^\circ(x \circ_e y) = \widehat{\varphi}^\circ(x) \circ_{\tilde{e}} \widehat{\varphi}^\circ(y)$. □



A group $(G, \circ, 1)$

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The heap $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ associated to the group $(G, \circ, 1)$,

where $[x, y, z]_{\circ} := x \circ y^{-1} \circ z$

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$\forall e \in G$, The group (G, \circ_e, e) associated to the heap $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$,

where $x \circ_e y := [x, e, y]_{\circ} = x \circ e^{-1} \circ y$



A heap $(H, [-, -, -])$

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$\forall e \in H$, The group (H, \circ_e, e) associated to the heap $(H, [-, -, -])$,

where $x \circ_e y := [x, e, y]$

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The heap $(H, [-, -, -]_{\circ_e})$ associated to the group (H, \circ_e, e) ,

where $[x, y, z]_{\circ_e} := x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e z = [[x, e, y^{-1}], e, z] = [[x, e, [e, y, e]], e, z]$



Theorem. Given a group $(G, \circ, 1)$ and $e \in G$,

let $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ be the heap associated to the group $(G, \circ, 1)$,

let (G, \circ_e, e) be the group associated to the heap $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$.

Then $(G, \circ, 1) \cong (G, \circ_e, e)$ as groups.

In particular, $\circ = \circ_1$.

Indeed, let $\varphi: (G, \circ, 1) \rightarrow (G, \circ_e, e)$, $x \mapsto x \circ e$. Then for any $x, y \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x \circ y) &= (x \circ y) \circ e = (x \circ e) \circ e^{-1} \circ (y \circ e) = \\ &= \varphi(x) \circ e^{-1} \circ \varphi(y) = [\varphi(x), e, \varphi(y)]_{\circ} = \varphi(x) \circ_e \varphi(y).\end{aligned}$$

Hence φ is a group isomorphism with the inverse $\varphi^{-1}: (G, \circ_e, e) \rightarrow (G, \circ, 1)$, $x \mapsto x \circ e^{-1}$.

$$x \circ y = x \circ 1^{-1} \circ y = [x, 1, y]_{\circ} = x \circ_1 y.$$

□



Theorem. Given a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$ and $e \in H$,

let (H, \circ_e, e) be the group associated to the heap $(H, [-, -, -])$,

let $(H, [-, -, -]_{\circ_e})$ be the heap associated to the group (H, \circ_e, e) .

Then $[-, -, -] = [-, -, -]_{\circ_e}$.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} [x, y, z] &= [x, y, [e, e, z]] = [[x, y, e], e, z] = \\ &= [[[x, e, e], y, e], e, z] = [[x, e, [e, y, e]], e, z] = \\ &= [[x, e, y^{-1}], e, z] = x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e z = [x, y, z]_{\circ_e}. \end{aligned}$$

□



Theorem. Let $(H, [-, -, -])$ be a heap.

(a) For any $e, x, y \in H$, if $[e, x, y] = e$ or $[x, y, e] = e$, then $x = y$.

Indeed, since

$$e = [e, x, y] = [e, x, y]_{o_e} = e \circ_e x^{-1} \circ_e y = x^{-1} \circ_e y \text{ or}$$

$$e = [x, y, e] = [x, y, e]_{o_e} = x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e e = x \circ_e y^{-1},$$

it follows that $x = y$.

(b) For any $x, y, z, t, u \in H$,

$$[x, [y, z, t], u] = [x, t, [z, y, u]].$$

Indeed, for any $e \in H$,

$$[x, [y, z, t], u] = [x, [y, z, t]_{o_e}, u]_{o_e} = x \circ_e (y \circ_e z^{-1} \circ_e t)^{-1} \circ_e u =$$

$$= x \circ_e t^{-1} \circ_e z \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e u = [x, t, [z, y, u]_{o_e}]_{o_e} = [x, t, [z, y, u]].$$



(c) For any $x, y, z \in H$,

$$[x, y, [y, x, z]] = [x, [y, z, x], y] = [[z, x, y], y, x] = z.$$

Indeed, for any $e \in H$,

$$[x, y, [y, x, z]] = [x, y, [y, x, z]_{\circ_e}]_{\circ_e} = x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e y \circ_e x^{-1} \circ_e z = z$$

$$[x, [y, z, x], y] = [x, x, [z, y, y]] = [x, x, z] = z$$

$$[[z, x, y], y, x] = [[z, x, y]_{\circ_e}, y, x]_{\circ_e} = z \circ_e x^{-1} \circ_e y \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e x = z.$$

(d) If $(H, [-, -, -])$ is an abelian heap, then for any $x_1, x_2, \dots, z_3 \in H$,

$$[[x_1, x_2, x_3], [y_1, y_2, y_3], [z_1, z_2, z_3]] = [[x_1, y_1, z_1], [x_2, y_2, z_2], [x_3, y_3, z_3]].$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} [[x_1, x_2, x_3], [y_1, y_2, y_3], [z_1, z_2, z_3]] &= [[x_1, x_2, x_3]_{\circ_e}, [y_1, y_2, y_3]_{\circ_e}, [z_1, z_2, z_3]_{\circ_e}]_{\circ_e} = \\ &= x_1 \circ_e x_2^{-1} \circ_e x_3 \circ_e (y_1 \circ_e y_2^{-1} \circ_e y_3)^{-1} \circ_e z_1 \circ_e z_2^{-1} \circ_e z_3 = \\ &= x_1 \circ_e y_1^{-1} \circ_e z_1 \circ_e (x_2 \circ_e y_2^{-1} \circ_e z_2)^{-1} \circ_e x_3 \circ_e y_3^{-1} \circ_e z_3 = \\ &= [[x_1, y_1, z_1]_{\circ_e}, [x_2, y_2, z_2]_{\circ_e}, [x_3, y_3, z_3]_{\circ_e}]_{\circ_e} = [[x_1, y_1, z_1], [x_2, y_2, z_2], [x_3, y_3, z_3]]. \end{aligned}$$

□

Example. Let $(G, \circ, 1)$ be a group.

Assume that G has more than one element.

Let $H \neq G$ be a subgroup of $(G, \circ, 1)$, and let $x \in G \setminus H$.

Let $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ be the heap associated to the group $(G, \circ, 1)$.

Although the left coset xH is not a subgroup of $(G, \circ, 1)$,

it is a subheap $(xH, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$ of $(G, [-, -, -]_{\circ})$.

Indeed, for any $a, b, c \in H$,

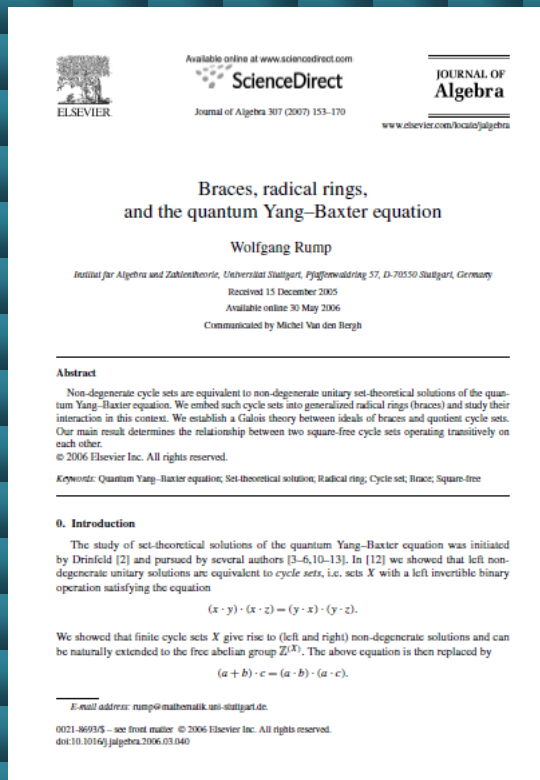
$$[x \circ a, x \circ b, x \circ c] = x \circ a \circ (x \circ b)^{-1} \circ x \circ c = x \circ a \circ b^{-1} \circ c \in xH.$$

□



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A **truss** is an algebraic system $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ consisting of a nonempty set T ,
a ternary operation

$$[-, -, -]: T \times T \times T \rightarrow T, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto [x, y, z],$$

and a binary operation

$$\cdot: T \times T \rightarrow T, \quad (x, y) \mapsto x \cdot y$$

such that

$(T, [-, -, -])$ is an abelian heap,

(T, \cdot) is a semigroup,

the truss distributivity $x \cdot [y, z, t] = [x \cdot y, x \cdot z, x \cdot t],$

$$[x, y, z] \cdot t = [x \cdot t, y \cdot t, z \cdot t] \text{ holds,}$$

where $x, y, z, t \in T$.

A truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is **commutative**, if the semigroup (T, \cdot) is commutative.

A truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot, 1)$ is **unital**, if the semigroup $(T, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid.

A **truss homomorphism** is a function $\varphi: (T, [-, -, -], \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, [-, -, -], \cdot)$

such that

$\varphi: (T, [-, -, -], \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is a heap homomorphism,

$\varphi: (T, \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, \cdot)$ is a semigroup homomorphism.



A brace is an algebraic system $(B, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ consisting of a nonempty set B , and binary operations

$$+ : B \times B \rightarrow B, \quad (x, y) \mapsto x + y,$$

$$\cdot : B \times B \rightarrow B, \quad (x, y) \mapsto x \cdot y$$

such that

$(B, +, 0)$ is an abelian group,

$(B, \cdot, 1)$ is a group,

the brace distributivity $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$,

$$(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z \text{ holds,}$$

where $x, y, z \in B$.

Theorem. In a brace $(B, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$, $0 = 1$.

This element will be denoted by θ .

Indeed, from the fact that 0 is the additive identity element and that 1 is the multiplicative identity element, it follows that $1 + 0 = 1$ and $0 \cdot 1 = 0$.

Hence

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0 \cdot (1 + 0) = 0 \cdot 1 - 0 + 0 \cdot 0 = 0 - 0 + 0 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot 0,$$

and since \cdot is a group operation,

it follows that $1 = 0$. □



Theorem. Given a brace $(B, +, \cdot, \theta)$,

let $(B, [-, -, -]_+)$ be the abelian heap associated to the abelian group $(B, +, \theta)$.

Then $(B, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot, \theta)$ is a unital truss.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z, t \in B$, since

$$x = x \cdot \theta = x \cdot (z - z) = x \cdot z - x + x \cdot (-z),$$

it follows that

$$x \cdot (-z) = x - x \cdot z + x,$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot [y, z, t]_+ &= x \cdot (y - z + t) = x \cdot y - x + x \cdot (-z) - x + x \cdot t = \\ &= x \cdot y - x + (x - x \cdot z + x) - x + x \cdot t = \\ &= x \cdot y - x \cdot z + x \cdot t = [x \cdot y, x \cdot z, x \cdot t]_+. \end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner, $[x, y, z]_+ \cdot t = [x \cdot t, y \cdot t, z \cdot t]_+$. □



Theorem. Given a ring $(R, +, \cdot, 0)$,

let $(R, [-, -, -]_+)$ be the abelian heap associated to the abelian group $(R, +, 0)$.

Then $(R, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot, 0)$ is a truss.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z, t \in R$,

$$x \cdot [y, z, t]_+ = x \cdot (y - z + t) = x \cdot y - x \cdot z + x \cdot t = [x \cdot y, x \cdot z, x \cdot t]_+.$$

In a similar manner, $[x, y, z]_+ \cdot t = [x \cdot t, y \cdot t, z \cdot t]_+.$

□



Theorem. Given a truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ and $e \in T$,

let $(T, +_e, e)$ be the abelian group associated to the abelian heap $(T, [-, -, -])$.

Then $(T, +_e, \cdot, e)$ is a ring iff

$$e \cdot x = e = x \cdot e \quad \text{for any } x \in T.$$

An element $e \in T$ with this property is called an absorber.

If an absorber exists, then it is unique.

Indeed, if $(T, +_e, \cdot, e)$ is a ring, then since e is the zero element, it follows that $e \cdot x = e = x \cdot e$ for any $x \in T$.

If e is an absorber in the truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$, then for any $x, y, z \in T$,
 $x \cdot (y +_e z) = x \cdot [y, e, z] = [z \cdot y, x \cdot e, x \cdot z] = [z \cdot y, e, x \cdot z] = x \cdot y +_e x \cdot z$.

In a similar manner, $(x +_e y) \cdot z = x \cdot z +_e y \cdot z$.

If e, f are absorbers in the truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$, then $e = e \cdot f = f$. □



Example. Let $(H, [-, -, -])$ be an abelian heap.

Assume that H has more than one element. Let

$$\cdot : H \times H \rightarrow H, \quad x \cdot y := x,$$

where $x, y \in H$. Then

(a) $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is a noncommutative truss.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z, t \in H$,

$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = x = x \cdot z = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$$

$$x \cdot [y, z, t] = x = [x, x, x] = [x \cdot y, x \cdot z, x \cdot t]$$

$$[x, y, z] \cdot t = [x, y, z] = [x \cdot t, y \cdot t, z \cdot t]$$

$$x \cdot y = x \neq y = y \cdot x \quad \text{as long as } x \neq y.$$



(b) $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is nonunital,

and hence $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is not arising from any brace.

Indeed, if the truss $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ was unital,

the operation \cdot would need to have the identity element, say 1.

But for any $x \in H$, if $x \neq 1$ then $1 \cdot x = 1 \neq x$.

Thus 1 cannot be the identity element.

(c) $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ has no absorbers,

and hence $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ is not arising from any ring.

Indeed, if the truss $(H, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ was arising from a ring,

it would need to have the absorber, say 0.

But for any $x \in H$, if $x \neq 0$ then $x \cdot 0 = x \neq 0$.

Thus 0 cannot be the absorber. □



Example. Let $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ be the ring of integer numbers,

and let $(\mathbb{Z}, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot)$ be the truss associated to the ring $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$.

Although the set of odd integer numbers $2\mathbb{Z} + 1$ is not a subring of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$,

it is a subtruss $(2\mathbb{Z} + 1, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot)$ of $(\mathbb{Z}, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot)$.



Theorem. Let $(H, [-, -, -])$ be a heap, and let $S \subseteq H$ be a nonempty subset.

Then the following statements are equivalent

(a) S is a subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

(b) For every $e \in S$,

S is a subgroup (S, \circ_e, e) of the associated group (H, \circ_e, e) .

Indeed, for (a) \Rightarrow (b), let $s, t \in S$. Then

$$s \circ_e t^{-1} = [s, e, [e, t, e]] = [[s, e, e], t, e] = [s, t, e] \in S.$$

(c) For some $e \in S$,

S is a subgroup (S, \circ_e, e) of the associated group (H, \circ_e, e) .

Indeed, for (c) \Rightarrow (a), let $s, t, u \in S$. Then

$$[s, t, u] = [s, t, u]_{\circ_e} = s \circ_e t^{-1} \circ_e u \in S.$$

□



A subheap S of a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$ is **normal**, if

$$\exists e \in S \forall s \in S \forall x \in H \exists t \in S, [x, e, s] = [t, e, x].$$

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Then the following statements are equivalent

(a) S is a normal subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

(b) $\forall e, s \in S \forall x \in H \exists t \in S, [x, e, s] = [t, e, x]$.

Indeed, for (a) \Rightarrow (b), let $e \in S$ be such that

$$\forall s \in S \forall x \in H \exists t \in S, [x, e, s] = [t, e, x].$$

Then for any $f, s \in S, x \in H$ and for some $u \in S$, since $[x, e, [e, f, s]] = [u, e, x]$,

it follows that $[[x, e, e], f, s] = [u, e, [f, f, x]]$,

and thus $[x, f, s] = [[u, e, f], f, x]$, where $[u, e, f] \in S$.



(c) $\forall e, s \in S \forall x \in H, [[x, e, s], x, e] \in S.$

Indeed, for (b) \Rightarrow (c), let $e, s \in S, x \in H,$

and let $t \in S$ be such that $[x, e, s] = [t, e, x].$ Then

$[[x, e, s], x, e] = [[t, e, x], x, e] = [t, e, [x, x, e]] = [t, e, e] = t \in S.$

For (c) \Rightarrow (a), let $e, s \in S, x \in H,$

and let $t \in S$ be such that $[[x, e, s], x, e] = t.$

Then since $[[[x, e, s], x, e], e, x] = [t, e, x],$

it follows that $[x, e, s] = [t, e, x].$

(d) For every $e \in S,$

S is a normal subgroup (S, \circ_e, e) of the associated group $(H, \circ_e, e).$

Indeed, for (b) \Rightarrow (d), let $e, s \in S, x \in H,$

and let $t \in S$ be such that $[x, e, s] = [t, e, x].$

Then since $x \circ_e s = t \circ_e x,$

it follows that $x \circ_e s \circ_e x^{-1} = t \in S.$



(e) For some $e \in S$,

S is a normal subgroup (S, \circ_e, e) of the associated group (H, \circ_e, e) .

Indeed, for (e) \Rightarrow (a), let $s \in S$, $x \in H$,

and let $t \in S$ be such that $x \circ_e s \circ_e x^{-1} = t$.

Then since $x \circ_e s = t \circ_e x$,

it follows that $[x, e, s] = [t, e, x]$. □



Given a subheap S of a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$,

let the subheap relation \sim_S on H be defined as

$$x \sim_S y \quad :\Leftrightarrow \quad \text{for some } s \in S, [x, y, s] \in S.$$

In the associated group (H, \circ_s, s) , this means that

$$x \circ_s y^{-1} = x \circ_s y^{-1} \circ_s s = [x, y, s]_{\circ_s} = [x, y, s] \in S.$$

Theorem. Let S be a subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$. Then

$$(a) \quad x \sim_S y \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{for every } s \in S, [x, y, s] \in S.$$

Indeed, let $x \sim_S y$, and let $s \in S$ be such that $[x, y, s] \in S$.

Then for any $t \in S$,

$$[x, y, t] = [x, y, [s, s, t]] = [[x, y, s], s, t] \in S.$$



(b) \sim_S is an equivalence relation on $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in H$, $s \in S$,

since $[x, x, s] = s \in S$, it follows that $x \sim_S x$.

If $x \sim_S y$, then since $[x, y, s] \in S$, it follows that $[y, x, [x, y, s]] = s \in S$, and thus $y \sim_S x$.

If $x \sim_S y$ and $y \sim_S z$, then since $[x, y, S] \subseteq S$ and $[y, z, s] \in S$, it follows that

$[x, z, s] = [[x, y, y], z, s] = [x, y, [y, z, s]] \in S$, and thus $x \sim_S z$.

The equivalence class with respect to the subheap relation \sim_S will be denoted by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &:= \{x' \in H \mid \text{for some } s \in S, [x', x, s] \in S\} = \\ &= \{x' \in H \mid \text{for every } s \in S, [x', x, s] \in S\}.\end{aligned}$$

(c) For every $s \in S$, $\bar{s} = S$.

Indeed, for any $x \in H$, from the fact that $[x, s, s] = x$,

it follows that $x \in \bar{s}$ if and only if $x \in S$.



(d) For every $x \in H$, \bar{x} is a subheap $(\bar{x}, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, for any $y, z, t \in \bar{x}$, $s \in S$, since $y \in \bar{x}$,

it follows that $[[y, z, t], x, s] = [y, z, [t, x, s]] \in S$,

and thus $[y, z, t] \in \bar{x}$.

(e) For any $x, y \in H$, the function

$$\tau_y^x : (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (H, [-, -, -]), \quad \tau_y^x(z) := [z, y, x]$$

is a heap automorphism with the inverse $(\tau_y^x)^{-1} = \tau_x^y$.

Indeed, for any $z, t, u \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} [\tau_y^x(z), \tau_y^x(t), \tau_y^x(u)] &= [[z, y, x], \tau_y^x(t), \tau_y^x(u)] = [z, y, [x, [t, y, x], \tau_y^x(u)]] = \\ &= [z, y, [x, x, [y, t, \tau_y^x(u)]]] = [z, y, [y, t, \tau_y^x(u)]] = \\ &= [[z, y, y], t, \tau_y^x(u)] = [z, t, [u, y, x]] = [[z, t, u], y, x] = \tau_x^y([z, t, u]). \end{aligned}$$



(f) For any $x, y \in H$, $\bar{x} = \tau_y^x(\bar{y})$.

Indeed, if $x' \in \bar{x}$, then since

$$x' = (\tau_y^x \circ \tau_x^y)(x') = \tau_y^x([x', x, y]),$$

and since for any $s \in S$,

$$[[x', x, y], y, s] = [x', x, [y, y, s]] = [x', x, s] \in S,$$

it follows that $x' = \tau_y^x([x', x, y]) \in \tau_y^x(\bar{y})$.

If $y' \in \bar{y}$, then for any $s \in S$,

$$[\tau_y^x(y'), x, s] = [[y', y, x]x, s] = [y', y, [x, x, s]] = [y', y, s] \in S,$$

and thus $\tau_y^x(\bar{y}) \in \bar{x}$.

(g) For any $x, y \in H$, $(\bar{x}, [-, -, -]) \cong (\bar{y}, [-, -, -])$ as heaps. □



Theorem. Let S be a normal subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of a heap $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Then

(a) \sim_S is a congruence in $(H, [-, -, -])$, that is,

\sim_S is an equivalence relation on $(H, [-, -, -])$ and

$x \sim_S x', y \sim_S y', z \sim_S x'$ imply that $[x, y, z] \sim_S [x', y', z']$,

where $x, x', \dots, z' \in H$.

Indeed, if $x \sim_S x', y \sim_S y', z \sim_S x'$, then for any $e \in S$,

$$x' \in \bar{x} = \tau_e^x(\bar{e}) = \tau_e^x(S)$$

$$y' \in \bar{y} = \tau_e^y(\bar{e}) = \tau_e^y(S)$$

$$z' \in \bar{z} = \tau_e^z(\bar{e}) = \tau_e^z(S).$$

In the associated group (H, \circ_e, e) , this means that

$$\bar{x} = \tau_e^x(s) = [s, e, x] = s \circ_e x$$

$$\bar{y} = \tau_e^y(t) = [t, e, y] = t \circ_e y$$

$$\bar{z} = \tau_e^z(u) = [u, e, z] = z \circ_e z$$

for some $s, t, u \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
[x', y', z'] &= [s \circ_e x, t \circ_e y, u \circ_e z]_{\circ_e} = s \circ_e x \circ_e (t \circ_e y)^{-1} \circ_e u \circ_e z = \\
&= s \circ_e x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e t^{-1} \circ_e u \circ_e y \circ_e x^{-1} \circ_e x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e z = \\
&= v \circ_e [x, y, z]_{\circ_e} = [v, e, [x, y, z]],
\end{aligned}$$

where $v = s \circ_e x \circ_e y^{-1} \circ_e t^{-1} \circ_e u \circ_e y \circ_e x^{-1}$.

From the fact that S is a normal subgroup (S, \circ_e, e) of (H, \circ_e, e) , it follows that $v \in S$.

Hence

$$[x', y', z'] = [v, e, [x, y, z]] = \tau_e^{[x, y, z]}(v) \in \tau_e^{[x, y, z]}(S) = \tau_e^{[x, y, z]}(\bar{e}) = \overline{[x, y, z]},$$

and thus $[x, y, z] \sim_S [x', y', z']$.

(b) the set of equivalence classes H / \sim_S is a heap with the ternary operation

$$[-, -, -]: H / \sim_S \times H / \sim_S \times H / \sim_S \rightarrow H / \sim_S, \quad [\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}] := \overline{[x, y, z]},$$

where $x, y, z \in H$.

Indeed, if $\bar{x} = \bar{x}'$, $\bar{y} = \bar{y}'$, $\bar{z} = \bar{z}'$, then since $x \sim_S x'$, $y \sim_S y'$, $z \sim_S z'$,

it follows that $[x, y, z] \sim_S [x', y', z']$, and thus $\overline{[x, y, z]} = \overline{[x', y', z']}$. □



Given a heap homomorphism $\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, [-, -, -])$,

let the kernel relation of φ on H be defined as

$$x \text{ Ker}\varphi y \quad :\Leftrightarrow \quad \varphi(x) = \varphi(y).$$

Theorem. Let $(H, [-, -, -])$ be a heap.

(a) For any heap homomorphism $\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, [-, -, -])$,

$\text{Ker}\varphi$ is a congruence in $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, if $x \text{ Ker}\varphi x'$, $y \text{ Ker}\varphi y'$, $z \text{ Ker}\varphi z'$,

then since $\varphi(x) = \varphi(x')$, $\varphi(y) = \varphi(y')$, $\varphi(z) = \varphi(z')$,

it follows that

$$\varphi([x, y, z]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(z)] = [\varphi(x'), \varphi(y'), \varphi(z')] = \varphi([x', y', z']),$$

and thus $[x, y, z] \text{ Ker}\varphi [x', y', z']$.



(b) If ρ is a congruence in $(H, [-, -, -])$, then

(i) the set of equivalence classes H/ρ is a heap with the ternary operation

$$[-, -, -]: H/\rho \times H/\rho \times H/\rho \rightarrow H/\rho, \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}] := \widehat{[x, y, z]},$$

where $x, y, z \in H$, and $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ mean the equivalence classes with respect to the relation ρ .

(ii) the function

$$\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\tilde{H}, [-, -, -]), \quad x \mapsto \hat{x}$$

is a heap homomorphism such that $\rho = \text{Ker}\varphi$.

Indeed, for any $x, y, z \in H$,

$$\varphi([x, y, z]) = \widehat{[x, y, z]} = [\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(z)]$$

$$x \rho y \Leftrightarrow \hat{x} = \hat{y} \Leftrightarrow \varphi(x) = \varphi(y) \Leftrightarrow x \text{ Ker}\varphi y. \quad \square$$



The equivalence class with respect to the kernel relation $\text{Ker}\varphi$ will be denoted by

$$\hat{x} := \{x' \in H \mid \varphi(x) = \varphi(x')\}.$$

Theorem. Under the above notations, for every $x \in H$,

\hat{x} is a normal subheap $(\hat{x}, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, for any $s, t, u \in \hat{x}$, $y \in H$, since

$$\varphi([s, t, u]) = [\varphi(s), \varphi(t), \varphi(u)] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(x), \varphi(x)] = \varphi(x),$$

it follows that $[s, t, u] \in \hat{x}$.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi([[y, s, t], ys]) &= [[\varphi(y), \varphi(s), \varphi(t)], \varphi(y), \varphi(s)] = \\ &= [[\varphi(y), \varphi(x), \varphi(x)], \varphi(y), \varphi(x)] = [\varphi(y), \varphi(y), \varphi(x)] = \varphi(x), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $[[y, s, t], y, s] \in \hat{x}$,

and thus \hat{x} is a normal subheap $(\hat{x}, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$. □



Given a heap homomorphism $\varphi: (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, [-, -, -])$, and $e \in \text{Im}\varphi$,

the e -kernel of φ is the subset of H defined as

$$\text{ker}_e\varphi := \{x \in H \mid \varphi(x) = e\}.$$

Theorem. Under the above notations,

(a) for every $e \in \text{Im}\varphi$,

$\text{ker}_e\varphi$ is a normal subheap $(\text{ker}_e\varphi, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Indeed, for any $x \in \text{ker}_e\varphi$, since

$$y \in \text{ker}_e\varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi(y) = e \Leftrightarrow \varphi(y) = \varphi(x) \Leftrightarrow x \text{ Ker}\varphi y \Leftrightarrow y \in \widehat{x},$$

it follows that

$\text{ker}_e\varphi = \widehat{x}$, the equivalence class with respect the kernel relation $\text{Ker}\varphi$.

Thus

$\text{ker}_e\varphi$ is a normal subheap $(\text{ker}_e\varphi, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$.



(b) For any $e, f \in \text{Im}\varphi$, $(\ker_e\varphi, [-, -, -]) \cong (\ker_f\varphi, [-, -, -])$ as heaps.

Indeed, let $x \in \ker_e\varphi$, $y \in \ker_f\varphi$.

It suffices to prove that $\ker_e\varphi = \tau_y^x(\ker_f\varphi)$.

If $z \in \ker_e\varphi$, then since

$$z = (\tau_y^x \circ \tau_x^y)(z) = \tau_y^x([z, x, y]),$$

and since

$$\varphi([z, x, y]) = [\varphi(z), \varphi(x), \varphi(y)] = [e, e, f] = f,$$

it follows that

$$z = \tau_y^x([z, x, y]) \in \tau_y^x(\ker_e\varphi).$$

If $z \in \ker_f\varphi$, then

$$\varphi(\tau_y^x(z)) = \varphi([z, y, x]) = [\varphi(z), \varphi(y), \varphi(x)] = [f, f, e] = e,$$

and thus $\tau_y^x(z) \in \ker_e\varphi$.



(c) For any $e \in \text{Im}\varphi$, $\sim_{\text{ker}_e\varphi} = \text{Ker}\varphi$.

Indeed, if $x \sim_{\text{ker}_e\varphi} y$, then for any $s \in \text{ker}_e\varphi$,

$[x, y, s] \in \text{ker}_e\varphi$ by the definition of the subheap relation $\sim_{\text{ker}_e\varphi}$.

From this it follows that

$$e = \varphi([y, x, s]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(s)] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), e],$$

which means that $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y)$, and thus

$x \text{ Ker}\varphi y$ by the definition of the kernel relation $\text{Ker}\varphi$.

If $x \text{ Ker}\varphi y$, then since $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y)$,

it follows that for any $s \in \text{ker}_e\varphi$,

$$\varphi([x, y, s]) = [\varphi(x), \varphi(y), \varphi(s)] = [\varphi(x), \varphi(x), e] = e,$$

which means that $[x, y, s] \in \text{ker}_e\varphi$,

and thus $x \sim_{\text{ker}_e\varphi} y$. □



Corollary. Let $(H, [-, -, -])$ be a heap,
and let ρ be an equivalence relation on $(H, [-, -, -])$.

Then the following statements are equivalent

(a) ρ is a congruence in $(H, [-, -, -])$.

(b) There exists a heap homomorphism $\varphi : (H, [-, -, -]) \rightarrow (\widetilde{H}, [-, -, -])$
such that $\rho = \text{Ker}\varphi$.

(c) There exists a normal subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of $(H, [-, -, -])$
such that $\rho = \sim_S$. □



Let $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ be a truss.

A subheap $(S, [-, -, -])$ of the heap $(T, [-, -, -])$

is an ideal of the truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$, if

$$s \cdot x \in S, \quad x \cdot s \in S,$$

where $s \in S, x \in T$.

Theorem. Let S be an ideal of a truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$. Then

\sim_S is a congruence in the truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$, that is,

\sim_S is a congruence in the heap $(T, [-, -, -])$,

$x \sim_S x', y \sim_S y'$ imply that $x \cdot y \sim_S x' \cdot y'$,

where $x, x', y, y' \in H$. □



Theorem. Let $\varphi: (T, [-, -, -], \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ be a truss homomorphism, and let $e \in \text{Im}\varphi$. Then

- (a) For any $s \in \ker_e \varphi$, $x \in T$, $s \cdot x \in \ker_e \varphi \iff$ for any $y \in \text{Im}\varphi$, $e \cdot y = e$.
- (b) For any $s \in \ker_e \varphi$, $x \in T$, $x \cdot s \in \ker_e \varphi \iff$ for any $y \in \text{Im}\varphi$, $y \cdot e = e$.



Theorem. Let $\varphi: (T, [-, -, -], \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ be a truss homomorphism,

and let $e \in \text{Im}\varphi$. Then for any $p, q \in \ker_e\varphi$, $x \in T$,

$$[x \cdot p, x \cdot q, q] \in \ker_e\varphi, \quad [p \cdot x, q \cdot x, q] \in \ker_e\varphi.$$



Let $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ be a truss.

A subheap $(P, [-, -, -])$ of the heap $(T, [-, -, -])$

is a **paragon** of the truss $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$, if

$$[x \cdot p, x \cdot q, q] \in P, \quad [p \cdot x, q \cdot x, q] \in P,$$

where $p, q \in P$, $x \in T$.



Example. Let $(R, +, \cdot, 0)$ be a ring.

Assume that R has more than one element.

Let $I \neq R$ be an ideal of $(R, +, \cdot, 0)$, and let $x \in T \setminus I$.

Let $(R, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot)$ be the trass associated to the ring $(R, +, \cdot, 0)$.

Although the coset $x + I$ is not an ideal of $(R, +, \cdot, 0)$,

it is a paragon of $(R, [-, -, -]_+, \cdot)$.



Theorem. Let $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$ be a truss,

and let ρ be an equivalence relation on $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$.

Then the following statements are equivalent

(a) ρ is a congruence in $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$.

(b) There exists a truss homomorphism $\varphi : (T, [-, -, -], \cdot) \rightarrow (\tilde{T}, [-, -, -], \cdot)$

such that $\rho = \text{Ker}\varphi$.

(c) There exists a paragon P of $(T, [-, -, -], \cdot)$

such that $\rho = \sim_P$. □



Thank you very much for your attention!

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