

## Sharply 2-transitive permutation groups. 1

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### Abstract

In this article a sharply 2-transitive permutation groups on some set  $E$  (finite or infinite) are studied.

Sharply 2-transitive permutation groups were described by Zassenhaus in [1,2]. He proved (see [3] too), for example, that sharply 2-transitive permutation group  $G$  on a finite set of symbols  $E$  is a group  $G^*$  of linear transformations of some near-field  $\langle E, +, \bullet \rangle$ :

$$G^* = \{ \alpha_{ab} \mid \alpha_{ab}(t) = a \cdot t + b, a \neq 0, a, b, t \in E \}.$$

In the case when the set  $E$  is infinite, the problem of description of sharply 2-transitive permutation groups on  $E$  is opened. Some investigations in this direction were pursued in [4,5,6,7]. The same problem was formulated by Mazurov in [8, № 11.52].

In this work we try to describe some new approach to problem mentioned above by means of transversals in groups. Necessary definitions and propositions may be found in [9] and in the author's article [13] in this issue too.

## §1. Preliminary lemmas and a partition on cases

Let  $G$  be a sharply 2-transitive permutation group on an arbitrary set  $E$ .

**Lemma 1.** *All elements of order 2 from  $G$  are in one and the same class of conjugate elements.*

**Proof** was given in [3]. □

Since  $G$  is a sharply 2-transitive permutation group, then only the identity permutation  $\text{id}$  fixes more than one symbol from  $E$ . So we obtain the following two cases:

**Case 1.** *Every element of order 2 from  $G$  is a fixed-point-free permutation on  $E$ .*

**Case 2.** *Every element of order 2 from  $G$  has exactly one fixed point from  $E$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be distinct elements of order 2 from  $G$ . Then the permutation  $\gamma = \alpha\beta$  is a fixed-point-free permutation on  $E$ .*

**Proof** was given in [3]. □

Let 0 and 1 be some distinguished distinct elements from  $E$ . Denote

$$H_0 = St_0(G).$$

## §2. A loop transversal in group $G$ and its properties

**Lemma 3.** *In both of cases 1 and 2 there exists a left transversal  $T$  in  $G$  to  $H_0$ , which consists from **id** and elements of order 2.*

**Proof.** By the definition (see [9,10]) a complete system  $T$  of representatives of the left (right) cosets in  $G$  to  $H_0$  is called a *left (right) transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$* .

If case 1 takes place, then we define the following set of permutations from  $G$

$$T = \{t_j\}_{j \in E};$$

$$t_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & j & \dots \\ j & 0 & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } j \neq 0; \quad (1)$$

$$t_0 = \text{id}.$$

Then  $T$  is a left transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$  and for any  $j \neq 1$

$$t_j^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & j & \dots \\ 0 & j & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \text{id},$$

since only the identity permutation **id** fixes more than one symbol from  $E$ . So all nonidentity elements from  $T$  have order 2.

Let the case 2 takes place. Note (see proof in [3]), that for any given  $i_0 \in E$  there exists an unique element  $\alpha \in G$  of order 2 such that  $\alpha(i_0) = i_0$ . So there exists an unique element  $\alpha_0 \in G$  of order 2 such that  $\alpha_0(0) = 0$ ; moreover,  $\alpha_0 \in H_0$ . Then define the following set

$$T = \{t_j\}_{j \in E};$$

$$t_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & j & \dots \\ j & 0 & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } j \neq 0; \quad (2)$$

$$t_0 = \alpha_0.$$

Then  $T$  is a left transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$  and further proof is analogous to the same in case 1.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Transversal  $T$  is a normal (invariant) subset in the group  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Let case 1 takes place. We have for any  $j \in E$  and  $\pi \in G$

$$\pi t_j \pi^{-1} = t_k h, \quad (3)$$

where  $k \in E, h \in H_0$  (since  $T$  is a left transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$ ). If  $j=0$ , then

$$\pi t_0 \pi^{-1} = \pi \cdot \text{id} \cdot \pi^{-1} = \text{id} = t_0.$$

If  $j \neq 0$ , then we have from (3)

$$h = t_k^{-1} \cdot (\pi t_j \pi^{-1}). \quad (4)$$

By means of **Lemma 2** we obtain: product in the right part of (4) has to be equal to **id**. Then we obtain

$$h = t_k^{-1} \cdot (\pi t_j \pi^{-1}) = \text{id},$$

since  $h \in H_0$ . Then for any  $j \in E$  and  $\pi \in G$  we have from (3)

$$\pi t_j \pi^{-1} = t_k,$$

i.e.

$$\pi T \pi^{-1} \subseteq T.$$

From the last equality we have

$$T \subseteq \pi^{-1} T \pi = \pi' T \pi'^{-1},$$

where  $\pi' = \pi^{-1} \in G$ . So, for any  $\pi \in G$  we have

$$T \subseteq \pi T \pi^{-1},$$

i.e.

$$T = \pi T \pi^{-1}.$$

Then  $T$  is a normal subset in  $G$ .

Proof in case 2 is analogous to that in case 1. □

**Lemma 5.** *Set  $T$  is:*

*a loop transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$  in case 1;*

*a stable transversal [10] in  $G$  to  $H_0$  in case 2.*

**Proof.** As we can see from Lemma 4,

$$T = \pi T \pi^{-1}$$

for any  $\pi \in G$ . Then for any  $\pi \in G$  the set  $T^\pi = \pi T \pi^{-1} = T$  is a left transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$ . So by means of [10, theorem 2.1] we obtain that  $T$  is a loop (correspondingly, stable) transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$ . □

We can correctly introduce (see [9,10]) the following operation on the set  $E$ :

$$i \cdot j = k \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} t_i t_j = t_k h, \quad h \in H_0.$$

Then we obtain from Lemma 5 (see [9,10] too) that the system  $\langle E, \cdot, 0 \rangle$  is:

a loop with the identity element 0 in case 1;

a quasigroup with the right identity element 0 in case 2.

**Lemma 6.** *Let's define the following permutation representation*

$\hat{G}$  *of a group  $G$  by the left cosets to  $H_0$  with the help of a left transversal in  $G$  to  $H_0$ :*

$$\hat{g}(x) = y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} g t_x H_0 = t_y H_0$$

Then we have

$$\hat{G} \cong G \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{g}(x) = g(x)$$

for any  $x \in E$ .

**Proof.** Let all conditions of the **Lemma** hold. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(u) &= v, \\ gt_u H_0 &= t_v H_0, \\ gt_u &= t_v h, \quad h \in H_0, \\ gt_u(0) &= t_v h(0) = t_v(0), \\ g(u) &= v, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\hat{g}(u) = g(u)$  for any  $u \in E$ . So the reflection  $\varphi: \hat{g} \rightarrow g$  is an isomorphism between groups  $\hat{G}$  and  $G$ . □

**Lemma 7.** *The following identities hold on  $\langle E, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ :*

1.  $x \cdot x = 0$ ;
2.  $x \cdot (x \cdot y) = y$ ;
3.  $x/y = y/x$ ;
4.  $x \cdot (y \cdot (x \cdot z)) = (x \cdot (y \cdot x)) \cdot z$ ; (*left Bol identity*)
5. *System  $\langle E, \cdot, 0 \rangle$  is a left  $G$ -quasigroup.*

**Proof.** All definitions see in [11].

1. We have for any  $x \in E$

$$t_0 = \text{id} = t_x^2 = t_x t_x = t_{x \cdot x} h, \quad h \in H_0,$$

i.e.  $x \cdot x = 0$ .

2. We have for any  $x, y \in E$

$$t_x t_y = t_{x \cdot y} h, \quad h \in H_0;$$

$$t_y = t_x^{-1} t_{x \cdot y} h = t_x t_{x \cdot y} h = t_{x \cdot (x \cdot y)} h', \quad h' \in H_0;$$

ie.  $x \cdot (x \cdot y) = y$ .

3. We have

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

Since system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  is a quasigroup (in both of cases 1 and 2) then we can replace:  $x = z/y$ . Then we obtain for any  $y, z \in E$

$$\begin{aligned} (z/y) \cdot z &= y; \\ z/y &= y/z; \end{aligned}$$

4. Let us denote

$$h_{x,y} \stackrel{def}{=} t_{x \cdot y}^{-1} t_x t_y = t_{x \cdot y} t_x t_y.$$

Therefore

$$h_{x,y}^{-1} = (t_{x \cdot y} t_x t_y)^{-1} = t_y^{-1} t_x^{-1} t_{x \cdot y}^{-1} = t_y t_x t_{x \cdot y}.$$

Then we obtain by **Lemma 6** and [9]:

$$h_{x,y}(u) = t_{x \cdot y} t_x t_y(u) = (x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot (y \cdot u)), \quad (5)$$

$$h_{x,y}^{-1}(u) = t_y t_x t_{x \cdot y}(u) = y \cdot (x \cdot ((x \cdot y) \cdot u)) \quad (6)$$

for any  $u \in E$ . From **Lemma 4** we obtain for any  $x, y \in E$

$$t_x t_y t_x = t_x t_y t_x^{-1} = t_z,$$

where

$$z = t_z(0) = t_x t_y t_x(0) = x \cdot (y \cdot x)$$

Now we have

$$t_{x \cdot (y \cdot x)} = t_x t_y t_x = t_x t_{y \cdot x} h_{y,x} = t_{x \cdot (y \cdot x)} h_{x \cdot y \cdot x} h_{y,x}.$$

So

$$h_{x \cdot y \cdot x} = h_{y,x}^{-1}. \quad (7)$$

From (5)-(7) it follows that for any  $x, y, u \in E$

$$(x \cdot (y \cdot x)) \cdot (x \cdot ((y \cdot x) \cdot u)) = x \cdot (y \cdot ((y \cdot x) \cdot u)).$$

Since system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  is a quasigroup (in both of cases 1 and 2) then we can replace:  $w = (y \cdot x) \cdot u$ . Then we obtain

$$(x \cdot (y \cdot x)) \cdot (x \cdot w) = x \cdot (y \cdot w).$$

Finally, we can replace:  $z = x \cdot w$ . Then we have for any  $x, y, z \in E$

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

since

$$x \cdot z = x \cdot (x \cdot w) = w,$$

(see 2.). We proved that the system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  is:

left Bol loop in case 1;

left Bol quasigroup in case 2;

(see definitions in [11, 12]).

5. We have for any  $a \in E$

$$l_x l_y = l_{x \cdot y} h, \quad h \in H_0;$$

$$l_a l_x l_y l_a^{-1} = l_a l_{x \cdot y} h l_a^{-1}, \quad h \in H_0;$$

$$l_a l_x l_a^{-1} \cdot l_a l_y l_a^{-1} = l_a l_{x \cdot y} l_a^{-1} \cdot l_a h l_a^{-1}, \quad h \in H_0,$$

$$l_{a \cdot (x \cdot a)} l_{a \cdot (y \cdot a)} l_a = l_{a \cdot ((x \cdot y) \cdot a)} l_a h, \quad h \in H_0;$$

$$\varphi_a(x) \cdot R_a(\varphi_a(y)) = R_a(\varphi_a(x \cdot y)),$$

where

$$\varphi_a(u) = a \cdot (u \cdot a) \tag{*}$$

is a permutation on  $E$ . Then  $\varphi_a$  is a left pseudoautomorphism with the companion  $a$ . Moreover, any element  $a \in E$  is a companion of the left pseudoautomorphism  $\varphi_a$  of the form (\*); i.e. system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  is a left  $G$ -quasigroup [11]. □

Let us return to the subgroup  $H_0$  of the group  $G$ . Any nonidentity element  $h \in H_0$  is a fixed-point-free permutation on the set  $E - \{0\}$ . Moreover, since  $G$  is a sharply 2-transitive permutation group on  $E$ , then  $H_0$  is a sharply transitive permutation group on



$E - \{0\}$ . So for a distinguished element  $1 \in E$  ( $1 \neq 0$ ) and for any  $j \in E - \{0\}$  there exists a unique element  $h_j \in H_0$  such that  $h_j(1) = j$ . Then we can define correctly the following operation on  $E$ :

$$\begin{aligned} i * j &= k \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} h_i(j) = k, \quad \text{if } i \neq 0; \\ 0 * j &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 8.** *The following statements are true:*

1.  $x * 0 = 0, \quad x * 1 = 1 * x = x;$
2.  $\langle E - \{0\}, *, 1 \rangle \cong H_0;$
3.  $x * (y \cdot z) = (x * y) \cdot (x * z);$
4. *The system  $\langle E, *, 0 \rangle$  is a left special quasigroup.*

**Proof.** Necessary definitions are in [11].

1. We have for any  $x \in E - \{0\}$

$$x * 0 = u \Leftrightarrow u = h_x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x * 0 = 0,$$

$$x * 1 = v \Leftrightarrow v = h_x(1) = x \Rightarrow x * 1 = x;$$

$$1 * x = w \Leftrightarrow w = h_1(x);$$

But  $h_1(1) = 1$ , since  $h_1 \equiv \text{id}$ . So we obtain

$$w = h_1(x) = x,$$

ie.  $1 * x = x$ .

2. Let us define the following reflection

$$\varphi: E - \{0\} \rightarrow H_0,$$

$$\varphi(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h_x.$$

It is easy to see that  $\varphi$  is a bijection; moreover

$$\varphi(x)\varphi(y) = h_x h_y = h_z = \varphi(z).$$

where

$$z = h_z(1) = h_x h_y(1) = h_x(y) = x * y,$$

i.e.

$$\varphi(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi(x * y),$$

and  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.

3. Since  $T$  is a normal subset in  $G$  (see Lemma 4) then for any  $i \in E$  and  $h_u \in H_0$  we obtain

$$h_u t_i h_u^{-1} = t_k,$$

where

$$k = t_k(0) = h_u t_i h_u^{-1}(0) = h_u t_i(0) = h_u(i) = u * i.$$

So, for any  $i \in E$  and  $u \in E - \{0\}$  we obtain

$$h_u t_i h_u^{-1} = t_{u * i}. \quad (9)$$

Then we have for any  $u \in E - \{0\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} t_x t_y &= t_{x \cdot y} h, \quad h \in H_0, \\ h_u t_x t_y h_u^{-1} &= h_u t_{x \cdot y} h h_u^{-1}, \quad h \in H_0, \\ h_u t_x h_u^{-1} h_u t_y h_u^{-1} &= h_u t_{x \cdot y} h_u^{-1} h_u h h_u^{-1}, \quad h \in H_0, \\ t_{u * x} t_{u * y} &= t_{u * (x \cdot y)} h', \quad h' \in H_0, \\ (u * x) \cdot (u * y) &= u * (x \cdot y). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Finally,

$$(0 * x) \cdot (0 * y) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 * (x \cdot y).$$

4. We can write the equality (10) in the following form

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

for any  $u, x, y \in E$ . So, any permutation  $h_u \in H_0$  is an automorphism of the system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$ . Then the permutation  $h_{x,y}$  (see (2)) is an automorphism of the system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  for any  $x, y \in E$ . Since

$$h_{x,y} \equiv L_{x,y}^{-1} L_x L_y,$$

then system  $\langle E, ;, 0 \rangle$  is a left special quasigroup.  $\square$

**Lemma 9.**

$$G = \{ \alpha_{a,b} \mid \alpha_{a,b}(x) = a \cdot ((a \cdot b) * x), a \neq b, a, b \in E \}.$$

**Proof.** Since  $T$  is a left loop transversal (in case 1) or a stable transversal (in case 2) in  $G$  to  $H_0$ , then we can represent any element  $g \in G$  in the form

$$g = t_a h_c = t_a h_{a \cdot b},$$

where  $t_a \in T$ ,  $h_{a \cdot b} \in H_0$ ,  $a \neq b$ . So we obtain for any  $x \in E$

$$g(x) = t_a h_{a \cdot b}(x) = t_a((a \cdot b) * x) = a \cdot ((a \cdot b) * x) \equiv \alpha_{a,b}(x);$$

moreover,

$$g(0) = a \cdot 0 = a, \quad g(1) = a \cdot (a \cdot b) = b,$$

i.e.

$$g(x) = \alpha_{g(0),g(1)}(x). \tag{11}$$

□

Let us define the following two operations on  $E$ :

$$(x, a, y) \stackrel{def}{=} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = \alpha_{x,y}(a), \tag{12}$$

$$(x, \infty, y) \stackrel{def}{=} x \cdot y. \tag{13}$$

**Definition.** [11] Two operations  $\langle E, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle E, \bullet \rangle$  are called *orthogonal*, if the system

$$\begin{cases} x \cdot y = a, \\ x \bullet y = b \end{cases}$$

has an unique solution in  $E \times E$  for any given  $a, b \in E$ .

**Lemma 10.** *The following statements are true:*

- 1).  $(x,0,y) = x; (x,1,y) = y;$   
 $(x,t,x) = x; (0,t,1) = t;$   
 $(x,\infty,0) = x; (x,\infty,x) = 0;$
- 2). *The operations  $(x,a,y)$  and  $(x,\infty,y)$  are orthogonal for any  $a \in E;$*
- 3). *The operations  $(x,a,y)$  and  $(x,b,y)$  are orthogonal for any given  $a,b \in E, a \neq b.$*

**Proof.** 1). We have

$$\begin{aligned} (x,0,y) &= x \cdot 0 = x; \\ (x,1,y) &= x \cdot (x \cdot y) = y; \\ (x,\infty,0) &= x \cdot 0 = x; \\ (x,t,x) &= x \cdot (0 * t) = x \cdot 0 = x; \\ (x,\infty,x) &= x \cdot x = 0; \\ (0,t,1) &= 0 \cdot ((0 \cdot 1) * t) = \alpha_{0,1}(t). \end{aligned}$$

But by means of (11) we obtain

$$(0,t,1) = \alpha_{0,1}(t) = \text{id}(t) = t.$$

2). Let  $a$  be an arbitrary given element from  $E.$  Then we have for any given  $b,c \in E:$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} (x,a,y) = b; \\ (x,\infty,y) = c; \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = b; \\ x \cdot y = c; \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot (c * a) = b; \\ y = x \cdot c; \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = b / (c * a); \\ y = (b / (c * a)) \cdot c; \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. there exists an unique solution  $(x,y) = (b / (c * a), (b / (c * a)) \cdot c)$  of the initial system in  $E \times E.$

3). Let  $a,b (a \neq b)$  be an arbitrary given elements from  $E.$  Then we have for any given  $c,d \in E:$  if  $c \neq d,$  then

$$\begin{cases} (x,a,y) = c; \\ (x,b,y) = d; \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = c; \\ x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * b) = d; \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha_{x,y}(a) = c; \\ \alpha_{x,y}(b) = d; \end{cases}$$

Since  $G$  is a sharply 2-transitive permutation group on  $E$ , then by **Lemma 9** we obtain that there exists an unique such pair  $(x,y) \in E \times E$ .

If  $c = d$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} (x,a,y) = c; \\ (x,b,y) = c; \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = c; \\ x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * b) = c; \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (x \cdot y) * a = x \cdot c; \\ (x \cdot y) * b = x \cdot c; \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ &(x \cdot y) * a = (x \cdot y) * b \\ &((x \cdot y) * a) \cdot ((x \cdot y) * b) = 0 \\ &(x \cdot y) * (a \cdot b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a \neq b$ , then  $a \cdot b \neq 0$ . So we get

$$x \cdot y = 0,$$

i.e.  $x = y$ . Then pair  $(x,y) = (c,c)$  is an unique solution of the initial system. □

As we can see from **Lemma 10**, the system  $\langle E, (x,t,y), 0,1 \rangle$  is a *DK-ternar* [13] without the conditions 6a) and 6b) of **Definition 2** from [13], and the operation  $(x,\infty,y)$  is a supplemented operation to it.

**Lemma 11.** *The following statements are true:*

- 1). *The operation  $(x,a,y)$  is a quasigroup for any given  $a \neq 0,1$ ;*
- 2).  *$(x,(u,z,v),y) = ((x,u,y),z,(x,v,y))$ ;*
- 3). *The permutation  $\alpha_{a,b}$  is an automorphism of the operation  $(x,c,y)$  for any given  $a,b,c \in E, a \neq b$ ; i.e. any operation  $(x,c,y)$  admits the sharply 2-transitive automorphism group  $G$ .*

**Proof.** 1). It is proved in [13].

2). As we can see from **Lemma 9**,

$$G = \{ \alpha_{a,b} \mid \alpha_{a,b}(t) = (a, t, b), a \neq b, a, b \in E \}.$$

Then we have for any  $x, y, u, v, z \in E, x \neq y, u \neq v$ :

$$\alpha_{x,y} \cdot \alpha_{u,v}(z) = \alpha_{w,s}(z) \quad (14)$$

for some  $w, s \in E, w \neq s$ . We obtain from (14)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{x,y} \cdot \alpha_{u,v}(z) &= \alpha_{x,y}((u, z, v)) = (x, (u, z, v), y), \\ w = \alpha_{w,s}(0) &= \alpha_{x,y} \cdot \alpha_{u,v}(0) = \alpha_{x,y}(u) = (x, u, y), \\ s = \alpha_{w,s}(1) &= \alpha_{x,y} \cdot \alpha_{u,v}(1) = \alpha_{x,y}(v) = (x, v, y). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$(x, (u, z, v), y) = ((x, u, y), z, (x, v, y)).$$

When  $x = y$  or  $u = v$  the last identity is a trivial corollary of 1), **Lemma 10**.

3). Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary given elements from  $E, a \neq b$ . Then we have from 2)

$$\begin{aligned} (a, (x, c, y), b) &= ((a, x, b), c, (a, y, b)), \\ \alpha_{a,b}((x, c, y)) &= (\alpha_{a,b}(x), c, \alpha_{a,b}(y)), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the permutation  $\alpha_{a,b}$  is an automorphism of the operation  $(x, c, y)$ . □

**Lemma 12.** *The operations  $(x, a, y)$  and  $(x, \hat{\diamond}, y) = y \cdot x$  are orthogonal for any  $a \in E$ .*

**Proof.** We prove at first the following identity

$$((x \cdot y) \cdot x) * u^{-1} = ((x \cdot u) \cdot z) * (u \cdot (x \cdot z))^{-1}, \quad (15)$$

for any  $x, u, z \in E, u \neq 0, u \neq x \cdot z$ . Really, we have from (5) for any  $t \neq 0$

$$(x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot t)) = h_{x,u}(t) = h_{h_{x,u}(1)}(t) = h_{x,u}(1) * t = ((x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot 1))) * t,$$

$$(x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot 1)) = ((x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot t))) * t^{-1}. \quad (16)$$

If  $t = u$ , then we have from (16)

$$(x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot 1)) = ((x \cdot u) \cdot x) * u^{-1}. \quad (17)$$

If  $t = u \cdot (x \cdot z)$ , then we obtain from (16)

$$(x \cdot u) \cdot (x \cdot (u \cdot 1)) = ((x \cdot u) \cdot z) * (u \cdot (x \cdot z))^{-1}. \quad (18)$$

The identity (15) follows from (17)-(18).

Further on, we have for any given  $a, b, c \in E$

a). If  $c = 0$ , then

$$\begin{cases} (x, a, y) = b, \\ (x, \emptyset, y) = 0, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = b, \\ y \cdot x = 0, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = b,$$

i.e. the pair  $(x, y) = (b, b)$  is an unique solution of the initial system.

b). If  $a = 0$  then

$$\begin{cases} (x, a, y) = b, \\ (x, \emptyset, y) = c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = b, \\ y \cdot x = c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (b, c/b).$$

c). Let  $a \neq 0, c \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} (x, a, y) = b, \\ (x, \emptyset, y) = c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = b, \\ y \cdot x = c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot ((x \cdot y) * a) = b, \\ x = y \cdot c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (y \cdot c) \cdot (((y \cdot c) \cdot y) * a) = b, \\ x = y \cdot c, \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} ((y \cdot c) \cdot y) * a = (y \cdot c) \cdot b, \\ x = y \cdot c, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote:  $z = c^{-1} * y$ ,  $b' = c^{-1} * b$ . Then the last system is equivalent to the following system

$$\begin{cases} (z \cdot 1) \cdot z = ((z \cdot 1) \cdot b') * a^{-1}, \\ x = (c * z) \cdot c, \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

If  $u = 1$  then we obtain from (15)

$$(x \cdot 1) \cdot x = ((x \cdot 1) \cdot z) * (1 \cdot (x \cdot z))^{-1}, \quad (20)$$

for any  $x, z \in E, x \cdot z \neq 1$ . Using (20) in (19), we obtain the following system

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((z \cdot 1) \cdot b') * (1 \cdot (z \cdot b')) = ((z \cdot 1) \cdot b') * a ; \Leftrightarrow \\ x = (c * z) \cdot c; \end{array} \right. \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (z \cdot b') = a, \\ (z \cdot 1) \cdot b' = 0; \\ x = (c * z) \cdot c; \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (c * y) \cdot (c * b) = 1 \cdot a, \\ (c^{-1} * y) \cdot 1 = c^{-1} * b; \\ x = y \cdot c; \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y \cdot b = c * (1 \cdot a), \\ y \cdot c = b, \\ x = y \cdot c; \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{(c * (1 \cdot a))}{b} \cdot c, \\ y = \frac{(c * (1 \cdot a))}{b}; \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = b, \\ y = b/c; \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $(x, y) = (b, b/c)$ , then we obtain from the initial system:

$$\begin{aligned} b \cdot ((b \cdot (b/c)) * a) &= b, \\ (b \cdot (b/c)) * a &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} b \cdot (b/c) &= 0, \\ b/c &= b, \\ b &= c \cdot b, \\ c &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

But  $c \neq 0$  by the conditions of the case c). Then we obtain: the pair  $(x, y) = ((c * (1 \cdot a)) / b) \cdot c, (c * (1 \cdot a)) / b$  is an unique solution of the initial system in the case c). Proof is completed.  $\square$

**Remark.** Note that the collection  $P$  of operations  $(x, a, y), a \in E$  and  $(x, \infty, y)$  (or  $(x, \emptyset, y)$ ) is a complete system of orthogonal operations, i.e. there is no such an operation  $x \otimes y$  which is orthogonal to all operations from  $P$ .



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