

On (i, j) -commutativity in Menger algebras of n -place functions

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Abstract. We present an abstract characterization of Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroups of n -place functions containing the operation $\pi_{ij}: f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n) \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$.

1. Introduction

On the set $\mathcal{F}(A^n, A)$ of all partial n -place functions $f: A^n \rightarrow A$ ($n \geq 2$) one can consider the following operations:

- the $(n + 1)$ -ary *Menger's superposition* $\mathcal{O}: (f, g_1, \dots, g_n) \mapsto f[g_1 \dots g_n]$ such that

$$f[g_1 \dots g_n](a_1^n) = f(g_1(a_1^n), g_2(a_1^n), \dots, g_n(a_1^n)),$$

- the binary *Mann's superpositions* $\oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n$ defined by

$$(f \oplus_i g)(a_1^n) = f(a_1^{i-1}, g(a_1^n), a_{i+1}^n),$$

where a_i^j denotes the sequence $a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{j-1}, a_j$ if $i \leq j$, and the empty symbol if $i > j$.

Let Φ be a nonempty subset of $\mathcal{F}(A^n, A)$. If Φ is closed with respect to the Menger superposition, then the algebra (Φ, \mathcal{O}) is called a *Menger algebra of n -place functions*. Since each Mann's superposition is an associative operation, the algebra $(\Phi, \oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n)$ is called a *$(2, n)$ -semigroup of n -place functions*. Consequently, the algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n)$ is called a *Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup of n -place functions*.

One can prove (cf. [3] or [8]) that an abstract $(n + 1)$ -ary algebra (G, o) is isomorphic to some algebra (Φ, \mathcal{O}) of n -place functions if and only if it satisfies the *superassociative law*:

$$x[y_1 \dots y_n][z_1 \dots z_n] = x[y_1[z_1 \dots z_n] \dots y_n[z_1 \dots z_n]], \tag{1}$$

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where $x[y_1 \dots y_n]$ denotes $o(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$. An $(n + 1)$ -ary algebra (G, o) satisfying this law is called a *Menger algebra of rank n* . An algebra $(G, \oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n)$ with n binary associative operations $\oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n$ is called a $(2, n)$ -semigroup. A $(2, n)$ -semigroup closed with respect to an $(n + 1)$ -ary operation o satisfying (1) is called a *Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup* and is denoted by $(G, o, \oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n)$.

For simplicity, all expressions of the form $(\dots((x \oplus_{i_1} y_1) \oplus_{i_2} y_2) \dots) \oplus_{i_k} y_k$ will be denoted by $x \oplus_{i_1}^{i_k} y_1^k$. In the case when $i = i_k$ and $i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}\}$ for some $k \in \{1, \dots, s\}$, the expression $x_k \oplus_{i_{k+1}}^{i_s} x_{k+1}^s$ will be written in the form $\mu_i(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s)$. In any other case $\mu_i(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s)$ is the empty symbol. For example, $\mu_1(\oplus_2 x \oplus_1 y \oplus_3 z) = y \oplus_3 z$, $\mu_2(\oplus_2 x \oplus_1 y \oplus_3 z) = x \oplus_1 y \oplus_3 z$, $\mu_3(\oplus_2 x \oplus_1 y \oplus_3 z) = z$. The symbol $\mu_4(\oplus_2 x \oplus_1 y \oplus_3 z)$ is empty.

It is known (cf. [7] or [8]) that *an algebra $(G, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ with n binary operations is isomorphic to some algebra $(\Phi, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ of n -place functions if and only if for all $g, x_i, y_j \in G, i = 1, \dots, s, j = 1, \dots, k$, it satisfies the implication*

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \left(\mu_i(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s) = \mu_i(\oplus_{j_1}^{j_k} y_1^k) \right) \longrightarrow g \oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s = g \oplus_{j_1}^{j_k} y_1^k, \tag{2}$$

where $i_1, \dots, i_s, j_1, \dots, j_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Note that the condition (2) implies the associativity of all binary operations $\oplus_1, \oplus_2, \dots, \oplus_n$. Indeed, for two expressions $\oplus_i y \oplus_i z$ and $\oplus_i (y \oplus_i z)$, where $y, z \in G$, we have $\mu_i(\oplus_i y \oplus_i z) = y \oplus_i z = \mu_i(\oplus_i (y \oplus_i z))$. For $k \neq i$ the symbols $\mu_k(\oplus_i y \oplus_i z)$ and $\mu_k(\oplus_i (y \oplus_i z))$ are empty. So, the premise of (2) is satisfied. Therefore for all $x \in G$ we have $x \oplus_i y \oplus_i z = x \oplus_i (y \oplus_i z)$, i.e., $(x \oplus_i y) \oplus_i z = x \oplus_i (y \oplus_i z)$.

An abstract characterization of Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup of n -place functions is more difficult. For such characterization we need to use the implication (2) and several identities. Namely, as it is proved in [6] (cf. also [8]), *an algebra $(G, o, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ of type $(n+1, 2, \dots, 2)$ is isomorphic to some algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ of n -place functions if and only if it satisfies (1), (2) and*

$$(x \oplus_i y)[z_1 \dots z_n] = x[z_1 \dots z_{i-1} y[z_1 \dots z_n] z_{i+1}, \dots, z_n], \tag{3}$$

$$x[y_1 \dots y_n] \oplus_i z = x[(y_1 \oplus_i z) \dots (y_n \oplus_i z)], \tag{4}$$

$$x \oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s = x[\mu_1(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s) \dots \mu_n(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)], \tag{5}$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

2. Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroups

Algebras with one n -ary operation allowing certain permutations of variables were investigated by various authors (cf. for example [2, 9, 10, 12, 13]). Such n -ary algebras also are used to study the properties of some affine geometries (cf. [11]).

In this section we describe algebras on n -place functions allowing an exchange of variables at two fixed places. Namely, on the set $\mathcal{F}(A^n, A)$ we will consider the unary operation π_{ij} defined in the following way:

$$(\pi_{ij}f)(a_1^n) = f(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n),$$

where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ are fixed and the left and right hand sides are defined or not defined simultaneously. The operation π_{ij} is called the *operation of (i, j) -commutativity*. Functions with the property $\pi_{ij}f = f$ are called *(i, j) -commutative*; functions with the property $\pi_{1n}f = f$ – *semicommutative*. Some n -ary algebras (G, f) in which the operation f is semicommutative are strongly connected with medial (entropic) algebras (cf. [4], [9]) and abelian groups (cf. [1] and [5]).

Let $(G, o, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ be an arbitrary algebra of type $(n + 1, \overbrace{2, \dots, 2}^n, 1)$, where, for simplicity, the unary operation is denoted by π_{ij} .

Theorem 1. *An algebra $(G, o, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of type $(n + 1, 2, \dots, 2, 1)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of partial n -place functions if and only if $(G, o, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ is a Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup satisfying the following identities:*

$$(\pi_{ij}x)[y_1 \dots y_n] = x[y_1^{i-1} y_j y_{i+1}^{j-1} y_i y_{j+1}^n], \tag{6}$$

$$\pi_{ij}(x[y_1 \dots y_n]) = x[\pi_{ij}y_1 \dots \pi_{ij}y_n], \tag{7}$$

$$\pi_{ij}(x \oplus_k y) = \begin{cases} (\pi_{ij}x) \oplus_k (\pi_{ij}y), & \text{if } k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}, \\ (\pi_{ij}x) \oplus_j (\pi_{ij}y), & \text{if } k = i, \\ (\pi_{ij}x) \oplus_i (\pi_{ij}y), & \text{if } k = j, \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

$$\pi_{ij}^2 x = x. \tag{9}$$

Proof. Let $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ be an arbitrary algebra of partial n -place functions $f: A^n \rightarrow A$. Then obviously $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n)$ is a Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup. To prove that π_{ij} satisfies the conditions (6) – (9) consider $f, g_1, \dots, g_n \in \Phi$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(\pi_{ij}f)[g_1 \dots g_n](a_1^n) &= (\pi_{ij}f)(g_1(a_1^n), \dots, g_n(a_1^n)) \\
&= f(g_1(a_1^n), \dots, g_{i-1}(a_1^n), g_j(a_1^n), g_{i+1}(a_1^n), \dots, g_{j-1}(a_1^n), g_i(a_1^n), g_{j+1}(a_1^n), \dots, g_n(a_1^n)) \\
&= f[g_1 \dots g_{i-1} g_j g_{i+1} \dots g_{j-1} g_i g_{j+1} \dots g_n](a_1^n) = f[g_1^{i-1} g_j g_{i+1}^{j-1} g_i g_{j+1}^n](a_1^n),
\end{aligned}$$

which proves (6).

Similarly, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{ij}(f[g_1 \dots g_n])(a_1^n) &= f[g_1 \dots g_n](a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n) \\
&= f(g_1(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n), \dots, g_n(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n)) \\
&= f(\pi_{ij}g_1(a_1^n), \dots, \pi_{ij}g_n(a_1^n)) = f[\pi_{ij}g_1 \dots \pi_{ij}g_n](a_1^n).
\end{aligned}$$

This proves (7).

To prove (8) we must consider three cases: $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}$, $k = i$ and $k = j$. In the first case we have three subcases:

$$1 \leq k < i < j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq i < k < j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n.$$

In the first subcase:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{ij}(f \oplus_k g)(a_1^n) &= f \oplus_k g(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n) \\
&= f(a_1^{k-1}, g(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n), a_{k+1}^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n) \\
&= \pi_{ij}f(a_1^{k-1}, \pi_{ij}g(a_1^n), a_{k+1}^n) = (\pi_{ij}f) \oplus_k (\pi_{ij}g)(a_1^n).
\end{aligned}$$

The remaining two subcases can be verified analogously.

In the case $k = i$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{ij}(f \oplus_i g)(a_1^n) &= f \oplus_i g(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n) \\
&= f(a_1^{i-1}, g(a_1^{i-1}, a_j, a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n), a_{i+1}^{j-1}, a_i, a_{j+1}^n) \\
&= \pi_{ij}f(a_1^{j-1}, \pi_{ij}g(a_1^n), a_{j+1}^n) = (\pi_{ij}f) \oplus_j (\pi_{ij}g)(a_1^n).
\end{aligned}$$

In a similar way we can verify the case $k = j$.

So the condition (8) is valid.

The condition (9) is obvious.

So, the algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ satisfies all the conditions mentioned in the theorem.

Conversely, let $(G, o, \oplus_1, \dots, \oplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ be an arbitrary Menger $(2, n)$ -semigroup with the unary operation π_{ij} satisfying the conditions (6) – (9). We will show that there exists an algebra of n -place functions λ_g and the mapping $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$ such that $P: G \rightarrow \Phi = \{\lambda_g : g \in G\}$ is an isomorphism.

Consider the set $G^* = G \cup \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$, where e_1, \dots, e_n are different elements not belonging to G . For every $g \in G$ we define on G^* an n -place function λ_g putting

$$\lambda_g(x_1^n) = \begin{cases} g[x_1 \dots x_n], & \text{if } x_1, \dots, x_n \in G, \\ g, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n), \\ \pi_{ij}g, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), \\ g \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, & \text{if } x_i = \mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ & \text{for some } y_1, \dots, y_s \in G, \quad \{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ (\pi_{ij}g) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, & \text{if } x_i = \mu_j^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_j = \mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, \\ & x_k = \mu_k^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}, \\ & y_1, \dots, y_s \in G \text{ and } \{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}, \end{cases}$$

where by $\mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s$ we denote the element of G^* such that

$$\mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s = \begin{cases} \mu_i \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} x_1^s & \text{if } i \in \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}, \\ e_i & \text{if } i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}. \end{cases}$$

In other cases $\lambda_g(x_1^n)$ is not defined.

Note that, according to (2), in the above definition the value of $g \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s$ does not depends on $y_1, \dots, y_s \in G$.

We shall prove that algebras $(G, o, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ and $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$, where $\Phi = \{\lambda_g \mid g \in G\}$, are isomorphic. For this consider the map $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$.

• First we check that such defined P is a homomorphism of (G, o) onto (Φ, \mathcal{O}) , i.e., $P(g[g_1 \dots g_n]) = P(g)[P(g_1) \dots P(g_n)]$, or equivalently,

$$\lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(x_1^n) = \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](x_1^n)$$

for all $g, g_1, \dots, g_n \in G$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G^*$.

1) Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$. Then, in view of (3), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(x_1^n) &= g[g_1 \dots g_n][x_1 \dots x_n] = g[g_1[x_1 \dots x_n] \dots g_n[x_1 \dots x_n]] \\ &= \lambda_g(g_1[x_1 \dots x_n], \dots, g_n[x_1 \dots x_n]) = \lambda_g(\lambda_{g_1}(x_1^n), \dots, \lambda_{g_n}(x_1^n)) \\ &= \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](x_1^n). \end{aligned}$$

2) For $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(e_1^n) &= g[g_1 \dots g_n] = \lambda_g(g_1^n) \\ &= \lambda_g(\lambda_{g_1}(e_1^n), \dots, \lambda_{g_n}(e_1^n)) = \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](e_1^n). \end{aligned}$$

3) If $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) &= \pi_{ij}(g[g_1 \dots g_n]) = g[\pi_{ij}g_1 \dots \pi_{ij}g_n] \\ &= \lambda_g(\lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), \dots, \lambda_{g_n}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n)) \\ &= \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n). \end{aligned}$$

4) Now let $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\mu_1^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)$. If $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} = \{1, \dots, n\}$, then, according to (5), this case is reduced to the case when $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$. For $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \neq \{1, \dots, n\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(x_1^n) &= g[g_1 \dots g_n] \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s = g[g_1 \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \dots g_n \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s] \\ &= \lambda_g(\lambda_{g_1}(x_1^n), \dots, \lambda_{g_n}(x_1^n)) = \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](x_1^n). \end{aligned}$$

5) In the case $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{j+1}^n)$, where $x_k = \mu_k^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s$ and $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g[g_1 \dots g_n]}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{j+1}^n) &= \pi_{ij}(g[g_1 \dots g_n]) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \\ &\stackrel{(7)}{=} g[\pi_{ij}g_1 \dots \pi_{ij}g_n] \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s = g[(\pi_{ij}g_1) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \dots (\pi_{ij}g_n) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s] \\ &= \lambda_g(\lambda_{g_1}(x_1^n), \dots, \lambda_{g_n}(x_1^n)) \\ &= \lambda_g[\lambda_{g_1} \dots \lambda_{g_n}](x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^* \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{j+1}^n). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof that P is a homomorphism of (G, o) onto (Φ, \mathcal{O}) .

• Now we check that P a homomorphism of a $(2, n)$ -semigroup $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ onto a $(2, n)$ -semigroup $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$, i.e., $P(g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2) = P(g_1) \bigoplus_i P(g_2)$, or equivalently,

$$\lambda_{g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2}(x_1^n) = \lambda_{g_1} \bigoplus_i \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n)$$

for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $g_1, g_2 \in G$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G^*$. Similarly as in previous case we must verify several cases.

1) If $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$, then, applying (3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2}(x_1^n) &= (g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2)[x_1 \dots x_n] = g_1[x_1 \dots x_{i-1} g_2[x_1 \dots x_n] x_{i+1} \dots x_n] \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n), x_{i+1}^n) = \lambda_{g_1} \bigoplus_i \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n). \end{aligned}$$

2) For $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ we have $\lambda_{g_1 \oplus_i g_2}(e_1^n) = g_1 \oplus_i g_2$. Consequently,

$$\lambda_{g_1 \oplus_i g_2}(e_1^n) = \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{i-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^n), e_{i+1}^n) = \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{i-1}, g_2, e_{i+1}^n) = g_1 \oplus_i g_2,$$

because $\mu_i^*(\oplus_i g_2) = g_2$ and $\mu_k^*(\oplus_i g_2) = e_k$ for $k \neq i, k = 1, \dots, n$.

Thus, $\lambda_{g_1 \oplus_i g_2}(e_1^n) = \lambda_{g_1} \oplus_i \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^n)$.

3) In the case $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n)$, for $k = 1, \dots, n$, according to (8), we have

$$\lambda_{g_1 \oplus_k g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) = \pi_{ij}(g_1 \oplus_k g_2) = \begin{cases} (\pi_{ij}g_1) \oplus_k (\pi_{ij}g_2), & \text{if } k \notin \{i, j\}, \\ (\pi_{ij}g_1) \oplus_j (\pi_{ij}g_2), & \text{if } k = i, \\ (\pi_{ij}g_1) \oplus_i (\pi_{ij}g_2), & \text{if } k = j. \end{cases}$$

For $k \notin \{i, j\}$ we have three possibilities:

$$1 \leq k < i < j \leq n \text{ or } 1 \leq i < k < j \leq n \text{ or } 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n.$$

In the case $1 \leq k < i < j \leq n$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g_1 \oplus_k g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) &= \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{k-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), e_{k+1}^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{k-1}, \pi_{ij}g_2, e_{k+1}^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) = (\pi_{ij}g_1) \oplus_k (\pi_{ij}g_2) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1} \oplus_k \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), \end{aligned}$$

since $\mu_k^*(\oplus_k \pi_{ij}g_2) = \pi_{ij}g_2$ and $\mu_s^*(\oplus_k \pi_{ij}g_2) = e_s$ for $s \neq k, s = 1, \dots, n$.

In the remaining two cases the proof is analogous.

If $k = i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{g_1 \oplus_i g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) &= \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{i-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(e_1^{i-1}, \pi_{ij}g_2, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) = (\pi_{ij}g_1) \oplus_j (\pi_{ij}g_2) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1} \oplus_i \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), \end{aligned}$$

since $\mu_j^*(\oplus_j \pi_{ij}g_2) = \pi_{ij}g_2$ and $\mu_s^*(\oplus_j \pi_{ij}g_2) = e_s$ for $s \neq j, s = 1, \dots, n$.

In the same manner we can verify the case $k = j$.

4) Now let $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\mu_1^*(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s))$. Then, according to the definition, $\lambda_{g_1 \oplus_i g_2}(x_1^n) = g_1 \oplus_i g_2 \oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s$. On the other side, we have $\mu_i^*(\oplus_i g_2 \oplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s) =$

$g_2 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s = \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n)$ and $\mu_k^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i g_2 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s) = \mu_k^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s) = x_k$ for all $k \neq i$, $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Hence

$$\lambda_{g_1} \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n) = \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^n), x_{i+1}^n) = g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i g_2 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s.$$

Thus $\lambda_{g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i g_2}(\mu_1^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s)) = \lambda_{g_1} \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i \lambda_{g_2}(\mu_1^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s))$.

5) In the case when $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n)$, where $x_k = \mu_k^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s)$ for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda_{g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \pi_{ij}(g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s = \begin{cases} (\pi_{ij} g_1) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s, & \text{if } k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}, \\ (\pi_{ij} g_1) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_j (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s, & \text{if } k = i, \\ (\pi_{ij} g_1) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s, & \text{if } k = j. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}$ we get three cases:

$$1 \leq k < i < j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq i < k < j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n.$$

We verify only the last case. Other cases can be verified analogously.

To prove this case let $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_s \in G^*$ and $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda_{g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k \lambda_{g_2}}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^{k-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n), x_{k+1}^n) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^{k-1}, (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s, x_{k+1}^n) \\ &= (\pi_{ij} g_1) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s, \end{aligned}$$

since $\mu_k^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s) = (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s$ and $\mu_s^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k (\pi_{ij} g_2) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s) = \mu_s^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s)$ for $s \neq k$, $s = 1, \dots, n$. Thus,

$$\lambda_{g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) = \lambda_{g_1} \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n).$$

So in this case $P(g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k g_2) = P(g_1) \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_k P(g_2)$.

In the case $k = i$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda_{g_1 \overset{i_s}{\oplus}_i \lambda_{g_2}}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\overset{i_s}{\oplus}_{i_1} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lambda_{g_1}(x_1^{i-1}, (\pi_{ij}g_2) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) = (\pi_{ij}g_1) \bigoplus_j (\pi_{ij}g_2) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s,$$

since $\mu_j^*(\bigoplus_j (\pi_{ij}g_2) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s) = (\pi_{ij}g_2) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s$ and $\mu_s^*(\bigoplus_j (\pi_{ij}g_2) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s) = \mu_s^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)$ for $s \neq j$, $s = 1, \dots, n$. Thus,

$$\lambda_{g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) = \lambda_{g_1} \bigoplus_i \lambda_{g_2}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n).$$

So, $P(g_1 \bigoplus_i g_2) = P(g_1) \bigoplus_i P(g_2)$.

For $k = j$ the proof is very similar.

In this way we have proved that P a homomorphism of a $(2, n)$ -semigroup $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ onto a $(2, n)$ -semigroup $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$.

• This homomorphism also saves the operation π_{ij} , i.e., $P(\pi_{ij}g) = \pi_{ij}P(g)$ or, in other words, $\lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(x_1^n) = \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(x_1^n)$ for all $g \in G$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G^*$.

1) If $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(x_1^n) &= (\pi_{ij}g)[x_1 \dots x_n] \stackrel{(6)}{=} g[x_1^{i-1}x_jx_{i+1}^{j-1}x_i x_{j+1}^n] \\ &= \lambda_g(x_1^{i-1}, x_j, x_{i+1}^{j-1}, x_i, x_{j+1}^n) = \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(x_1^n). \end{aligned}$$

2) For $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ we have

$$\lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(e_1^n) = \pi_{ij}g = \lambda_g(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) = \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(e_1^n).$$

3) In the case $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n) &= \pi_{ij}(\pi_{ij}g) = \pi_{ij}^2g \stackrel{(9)}{=} g \\ &= \lambda_g(e_1^n) = \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n). \end{aligned}$$

4) Now, if $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\mu_1^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(\mu_1^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)) &= (\pi_{ij}g) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \\ &= \lambda_g(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) \\ &= \pi_{ij}\lambda_g(\mu_1^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)). \end{aligned}$$

5) In the last case when $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n)$,

where $x_k = \mu_k^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)$ and $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\pi_{ij}g}(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n) &= (\pi_{ij}^2 g) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s = g \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \\ &= \lambda_g(\mu_1^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), \dots, \mu_n^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s)) = \pi_{ij} \lambda_g(x_1^{i-1}, \mu_j^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{i+1}^{j-1}, \mu_i^*(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s), x_{j+1}^n). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof that $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$ is an epimorphism of $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ onto $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$. Since $P(g_1) = P(g_2)$ implies $\lambda_{g_1}(e_1^n) = \lambda_{g_2}(e_1^n)$, which gives $g_1 = g_2$, we see that $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$ is an isomorphism. \square

From the above theorem we can deduce the following two corollaries.

Corollary 1. *An algebra (G, o, π_{ij}) of type $(n+1, 1)$ is isomorphic to an algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \pi_{ij})$ of partial n -place functions if and only if it satisfies (1), (6), (7) and (9).*

Proof. From the first part of the proof of Theorem 1 it follows that $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \pi_{ij})$ is a Menger algebra with the operation π_{ij} satisfying the conditions (6), (7) and (9).

To prove the converse statement consider an arbitrary algebra (G, o, π_{ij}) of type $(n+1, 1)$ satisfying all the conditions mentioned in the corollary and define on the set $G^* = G \cup \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$, where e_1, \dots, e_n are different elements not belonging to G , the function λ_g putting:

$$\lambda_g(x_1^n) = \begin{cases} g[x_1 \dots x_n], & \text{if } x_1, \dots, x_n \in G, \\ g, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n), \\ \pi_{ij}g, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n). \end{cases}$$

In other cases $\lambda_g(x_1^n)$ is not defined.

Then in the same way as in the second part of the proof of Theorem 1, we can prove that the algebras (G, o, π_{ij}) and $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \pi_{ij})$, where $\Phi = \{\lambda_g \mid g \in G\}$, are isomorphic. This isomorphism has the form $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$. \square

Corollary 2. *An algebra $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of type $(2, \dots, 2, 1)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of partial n -place functions if and only if it satisfies the identities (8), (9), and the implication (2).*

Proof. Clearly, the algebra $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of partial n -place functions satisfies (2), (8) and (9).

Conversely, if an algebra $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ of type $(2, \dots, 2, 1)$ satisfies the conditions (2), (8) and (9), then for each element $g \in G$ we define on the set $G^* = G \cup \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$, where e_1, \dots, e_n are different elements not belonging to G , the n -place function $\lambda_g: (G^*)^n \rightarrow G^*$ putting

$$\lambda_g(x_1^n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g, \quad \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n), \\ \pi_{ij}g, \quad \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (e_1^{i-1}, e_j, e_{i+1}^{j-1}, e_i, e_{j+1}^n), \\ g \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, \quad \text{if } x_i = \mu_i^* \left(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ \quad \text{for some } y_1, \dots, y_s \in G, \\ \quad \{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ (\pi_{ij}g) \bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s, \quad \text{if } x_i = \mu_j^* \left(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \right), \quad x_j = \mu_i^* \left(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \right), \\ \quad x_k = \mu_k^* \left(\bigoplus_{i_1}^{i_s} y_1^s \right), \quad k \in \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i, j\}, \\ \quad \text{where } y_1, \dots, y_s \in G, \quad \{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}. \end{array} \right.$$

In other cases $\lambda_g(x_1^n)$ is not defined.

In the same way as in the second part of the proof of Theorem 1, we can see that $P: g \mapsto \lambda_g$ is an isomorphism between $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$ and $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n, \pi_{ij})$, where $\Phi = \{\lambda_g \mid g \in G\}$. □

From Theorem 1 we deduce the following characterizations of algebras of (i, j) -commutative functions.

Corollary 3. *An algebra $(G, o, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ of type $(n + 1, 2, \dots, 2)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ of partial (i, j) -commutative n -place functions if and only if it satisfies the condition (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and*

$$x[y_1 \dots y_n] = x[y_1^{i-1} y_j y_{i+1}^{j-1} y_i y_{j+1}^n], \tag{10}$$

$$x \bigoplus_k y = \begin{cases} x \bigoplus_j y, & \text{if } k = i, \\ x \bigoplus_i y, & \text{if } k = j. \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

Corollary 4. *An $(n + 1)$ -ary algebra (G, o) is isomorphic to the algebra (Φ, \mathcal{O}) of partial (i, j) -commutative n -place functions if and only if it satisfies the conditions (1) and (10).*

Corollary 5. *An algebra $(G, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ of type $(2, \dots, 2)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $(\Phi, \bigoplus_1, \dots, \bigoplus_n)$ of partial (i, j) -commutative n -place functions if and only if it satisfies the condition (11) and the implication (2).*

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