

# Defining Quasigroups

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## COMBINATORIAL QUASIGROUPS

(Combinatorial) quasigroup  $(Q, \cdot)$ :

In  $\boxed{x \cdot y = z}$

specifying two of

$x, y, z$

specifies the third uniquely.

For  $q \in Q$ , **left multiplication**

$L(q) : Q \rightarrow Q; x \mapsto qx$  bijects.

**Right multiplication**

$R(q) : Q \rightarrow Q; x \mapsto xq$  bijects.

## EQUATIONAL QUASIGROUPS

**(Equational) quasigroup**  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash)$ :

$$(IL) \quad y \backslash (y \cdot x) = x; \quad \text{— injectivity of } L(y)$$

$$(IR) \quad x = (x \cdot y) / y; \quad \text{— injectivity of } R(y)$$

$$(SL) \quad y \cdot (y \backslash x) = x; \quad \text{— surjectivity of } L(y)$$

$$(SR) \quad x = (x / y) \cdot y; \quad \text{— surjectivity of } R(y)$$

The quasigroups  $(Q, \cdot)$ ,  $(Q, /)$ ,  $(Q, \backslash)$  and their opposites are the **conjugates** (or “parastrophes”) of  $(Q, \cdot)$ .

## REFLEXION - INVERSION SPACES

**Reflexion-inversion space**  $(G, \sigma, \tau)$ :

Set  $G$ ,

with involutory **reflexion**

$$\sigma : G \rightarrow G; g \mapsto \sigma g,$$

and involutory **inversion**

$$\tau : G \rightarrow G; g \mapsto \tau g.$$

**Involutory** means

$$\sigma\sigma g = g \quad \text{and} \quad \tau\tau g = g$$

for each point  $g$  of the space  $G$ .

**equivalently ...**

for the **infinite dihedral group**

$$D_\infty = \langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^2 = \tau^2 = 1 \rangle$$

— set of words in  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  without repeats in adjacent letters,

multiplication by juxtaposition and cancellation,

e.g.  $\tau\sigma \cdot \sigma\tau\sigma\tau = \sigma\tau,$

inversion reverses words —

reflexion-inversion spaces  $G$

are left  $D_\infty$ -sets,

with chosen involutions  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ .

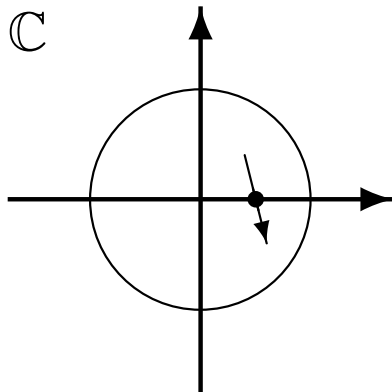
## EXAMPLE 1: FIELDS

For field  $F$ , take  $G = F \setminus \{0, 1\}$ ,

reflexion  $\sigma : G \rightarrow G; g \mapsto 1 - g$ ,

inversion  $\tau : G \rightarrow G; g \mapsto g^{-1}$ .

Inversion is always true inversion.



If  $F$  is not of characteristic 2, reflexion is true reflexion in the point  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## EXAMPLE 2: GROUPS

Group  $G$  with involutions  $\sigma, \tau$

forms a reflexion-inversion space

in which reflexion is left multiplication by  $\sigma$ ,

and inversion is left multiplication by  $\tau$ .



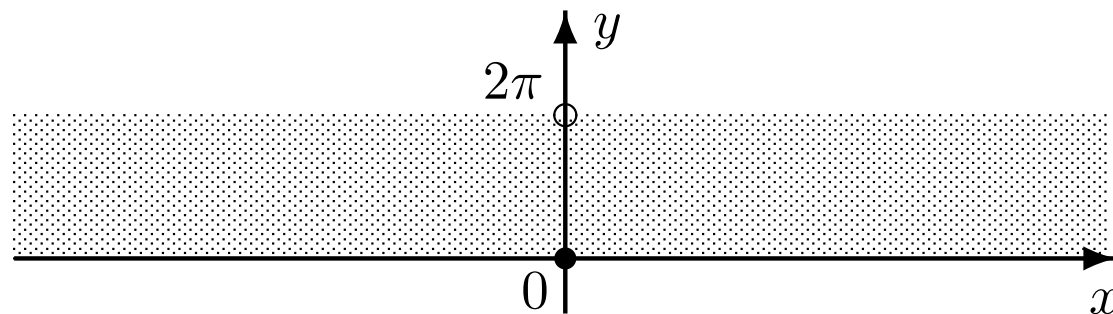
### EXAMPLE 3: THE SPACE $T^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$

Let  $\mathbb{C}/2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$  be the quotient of  $\mathbb{C}$

by the equivalence relation  $\{(z, z') \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid z - z' \in 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Representatives live in the fundamental domain

$\{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in [0, 2\pi) \subset \mathbb{R}\}$ .



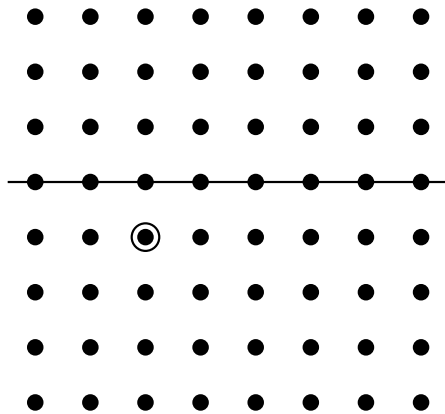
Take  $G = (\mathbb{C}/2\pi i\mathbb{Z})^2$ ,

with  $\sigma : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (b, a)$

and  $\tau : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (i\pi + a - b, -b)$ .

## EXAMPLE 4: THE EVEN GRID

Let  $n$  be an even number, and let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$ .



Define  $\sigma : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (b, a)$

and  $\tau : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (a - b + n/2, -b)$ .

## EXAMPLE 5: ABELIAN GROUPS

Let  $A$  be an abelian group, and let  $G = A^2$ .

Define  $\sigma : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (b, a)$

and  $\tau : G \rightarrow G; (a, b) \mapsto (a - b, -b)$ .

Here, reflexion and inversion are linear.

## HYPERQUASIGROUPS

A **hyperquasigroup**  $(Q, G)$

consists of a set  $Q$  and a reflexion-inversion space  $G$ ,

together with a binary action

$$Q^2 \times G \rightarrow Q; (x, y, g) \mapsto xy \underline{g}$$

satisfying the **hypercommutative law**

$$xy \underline{\sigma g} = yx \underline{g}$$

and the **hypercancellation law**

$$x (xy \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} = y.$$

## HYPERCANCELLATIVITY

**PROPOSITION:** For a point  $g$  in the space  $G$  of a hyperquasigroup  $(Q, G)$ , define  $\widehat{g} : Q^2 \rightarrow Q^2; (x, y) \mapsto (x, xy \underline{g})$ .

Then in the monoid of all self-maps on  $Q^2$ ,

the element  $\widehat{\tau g}$  is the inverse of  $\widehat{g}$ .

**Proof:**  $(x, y) \xrightarrow{\widehat{g}} (x, xy \underline{g}) \xrightarrow{\widehat{\tau g}} (x, x (xy \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g}) = (x, y)$

and  $(x, y) \xrightarrow{\widehat{\tau g}} (x, xy \underline{\tau g}) \xrightarrow{\widehat{g}} (x, x (xy \underline{\tau g}) \underline{g}) = (x, y)$ .

## EXAMPLE 1: FIELDS

Field  $F$ ,  
 $G = F \setminus \{0, 1\}$ ,  
 $\sigma : G \rightarrow G$ ;  
 $g \mapsto 1 - g$ , and  
 $\tau : G \rightarrow G$ ;  
 $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ .

Vector space  $Q$  over  $F$  gives hyperquasigroup  $(Q, G)$ :

$$xy \underline{g} = x(1 - g) + yg$$

for  $x, y$  in  $Q$  and  $g$  in  $G$ .

Hypercommutativity:

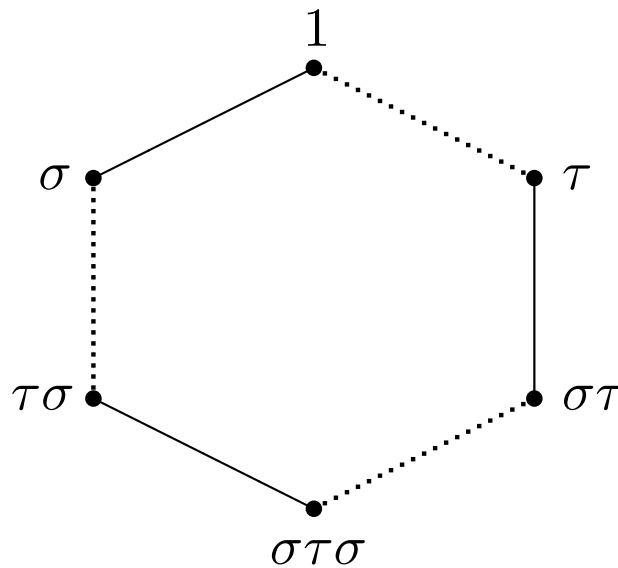
$$xy \underline{\sigma g} = x(1 - (1 - g)) + y(1 - g) = yx \underline{g}$$

Hypercancellativity:

$$\begin{aligned} & x (xy \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} \\ &= x(1 - g^{-1}) + (x(1 - g) + yg)g^{-1} = y \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE 2: (QUASI)GROUPS

Group  $G = S_3$ , transpositions  $\sigma = (1\ 2)$  and  $\tau = (2\ 3)$ .



For equational quasigroup  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash)$ ,

$(Q, G)$  becomes a hyperquasigroup with

$$xy \underline{1} = x \cdot y, \quad xy \underline{\sigma\tau\sigma} = x/y, \quad xy \underline{\tau} = x \backslash y,$$

$$xy \underline{\sigma} = y \cdot x, \quad xy \underline{\tau\sigma} = y/x, \quad xy \underline{\sigma\tau} = y \backslash x.$$

### EXAMPLES 3 – 5

$\sigma : (a, b) \mapsto (b, a)$	$xy \underline{(a, b)} = xe^a + ye^b$
<b>(3)</b> $G = (\mathbb{C}/2\pi i\mathbb{Z})^2,$ $\tau : (a, b) \mapsto (i\pi + a - b, -b)$	Complex vector space $Q$
<b>(4)</b> $G = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2,$ even $n,$ $\tau : (a, b) \mapsto (a - b + n/2, -b)$	Unital ring $R,$ root $e$ of $X^{n/2} + 1$ in $R,$ unital right $R$ -module $Q$
<b>(5)</b> $G = \mathbb{Z}^2,$ $\tau : (a, b) \mapsto (a - b, -b)$	Invertible $e$ in ring $R$ of characteristic 2, unital right $R$ -module $Q$



## FROM HYPERQUASIGROUPS TO QUASIGROUPS

**THEOREM:** Let  $(Q, G)$  be a hyperquasigroup.

Then for each point  $g$  in the space  $G$ ,

have equational quasigroup  $(Q, \underline{\sigma g}, \underline{\sigma\tau g}, \underline{\tau\sigma g})$ .

**COROLLARY:** Let  $(Q, G)$  be a hyperquasigroup.

Then for each point  $g$  in the space  $G$ ,

have combinatorial quasigroup  $(Q, \underline{g})$ .

## PROOF OF THE THEOREM

(IL) for  $(Q, \underline{\sigma g}, \underline{\sigma \tau g}, \underline{\tau \sigma g})$  is  $y = x (xy \underline{\sigma g}) \underline{\tau \sigma g}$ ,

which is hypercancellativity with  $\sigma g$  replacing  $g$ .

(IR) is  $y = (yx \underline{\sigma g}) x \underline{\sigma \tau g}$ , which follows from

the hypercancellativity  $y = x (xy \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g}$ , using hypercommutativity.

(SL) is  $y = x (xy \underline{\tau \sigma g}) \underline{\sigma g}$ ,

which is hypercancellativity with  $\sigma g$  replacing  $g$ .

(SR) is  $y = (yx \underline{\sigma \tau g}) x \underline{\sigma g}$ , a rewrite via hypercommutativity

of hypercancellativity  $y = x (xy \underline{\tau g}) \underline{g}$  (with  $\tau g$  replacing  $g$ ).

## EXAMPLES

**EXAMPLE 1:** For a finite field  $F$  of order  $q$ ,

$$G = F \setminus \{0, 1\}, \text{ and } Q = F,$$

corollary gives  $q - 2$  mutually orthogonal idempotent quasigroups.

**EXAMPLE 2:** For a quasigroup  $(Q, \cdot)$ ,

$$\text{and } G = S_3,$$

corollary gives the full set of 6 conjugates of  $(Q, \cdot)$ .

## $S_3$ -ACTIONS

**PROPOSITION:** Let  $(Q, G)$  be a hyperquasigroup.

Then for all  $x, y$  in  $Q$  and  $g$  in  $G$ ,

$$xy \underline{\sigma\tau\sigma}g = xy \underline{\tau\sigma\tau}g.$$

**THEOREM:** Each hyperquasigroup  $(Q, G)$

yields an algebra structure  $(Q, \underline{G})$  consisting of the union

$$\underline{G} = \bigcup_{g \in G} \underline{S_3g}$$

of mutually disjoint sets of conjugate quasigroup operations.

## **$n$ -ARY QUASIGROUPS**

Binary hyperquasigroup:

$$x_2 x_1 \underline{\sigma g} = x_1 x_2 \underline{g} , \quad x_1 (x_1 x_2 \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} = x_2$$

Ternary hyperquasigroup:

$$x_2 x_3 x_1 \underline{\sigma g} = x_1 x_2 x_3 \underline{g} , \quad x_1 x_2 (x_1 x_2 x_3 \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} = x_3$$

$n$ -ary hyperquasigroup:

$$x_2 \dots x_n x_1 \underline{\sigma g} = x_1 \dots x_n \underline{g} , \quad x_1 \dots x_{n-1} (x_1 \dots x_n \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} = x_n$$

Unary hyperquasigroup:

$$x_1 \underline{\sigma g} = x_1 \underline{g} , \quad (x_1 \underline{g}) \underline{\tau g} = x_1$$

## CORRESPONDING SPACES

Unary case:

Cyclic group  $\langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^1 = \tau^2 = 1 \rangle$

Binary case:

Infinite dihedral group  $\langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^2 = \tau^2 = 1 \rangle$

Ternary case:

Modular group  $\langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^3 = \tau^2 = 1 \rangle$