

## ON A SYSTEM OF FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS ON QUASIGROUPS

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In [5] the following problem was posed:

Find all solutions of the system of functional equations

$$(1) \quad X_1(X_2(a_1^n), a_{n+1}^q) = X_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, X_{2j}(a_1^{j+n-1}), a_{n+j}^q),$$

$$j \in \{2, 3, \dots, n+d\}$$

where  $n$  is an integer greater than 1;  $d$  nonnegative integer;

$$X_{2j-1}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n+d,$$

infinitary quasigroups of type  $\omega$  (introduced in [1]) or finitary quasigroups of arities greater than  $2n+d-2$  (that is  $q \in (N \setminus \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+d-2\}) \cup \{\infty\}$ );  $X_{2j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n+d$ , are  $n$ -ary quasigroups; and all quasigroups are defined on the same nonempty set  $Q$ .

The system (1) for  $q = 2n+d-1$  and  $d=0$  was considered in [3], and for  $q = 2n+d-1$  and  $d \in N$  in [4].

**Theorem 1.** *If quasigroups  $A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2(n+d)$ , defined on the same nonempty set  $Q$ , satisfy the system*

$$(1') \quad A_1(A_2(a_1^n), a_{n+1}^q) = A_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, A_{2j}(a_1^{j+n-1}), a_{n+j}^q),$$

$$j \in \{2, 3, \dots, n+d\}$$

where  $n \in N \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $d \in N \cup \{0\}$ ,  $q \in (N \setminus \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+d-2\}) \cup \{\infty\}$ , then there exist 1-loop  $(C$  infinitary of type  $\omega$  if  $q = \infty$ , finitary of arity  $q-2n-d+2$  if  $q \neq \infty$ ) and a binary group  $B$ , both defined on  $Q$ , such that for every  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+d\}$

$$A_{2j}(a_1^n) = T_{2j-1}^{(j)-1} B (T_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(1)} a_1, \dots, T_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} a_{n-j+1},$$

$$T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(n)} a_{n-j+2}, \dots, T_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(n)} a_n),$$

$$A_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) = C ( B (T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, \dots,$$

$$\dots, T_{2(j-1)-1}^{(j-1)} T_{2(j-1)}^{(1)} a_{j-1}, T_{2j-1}^{(j)} a_j, T_{2(j+1)-1}^{(j+1)} T_{2(j+1)}^{(n)} a_{j+1}, \dots,$$

$$\dots, T_{2(n+d)-1}^{(n+d)} T_{2(n+d)}^{(n)} a_{n+d}), a_{2n+d}^q),$$

where the translations  $T_i^{(t)}$  are defined by

$$T_i^{(t)} x = A_i(\underbrace{k, k, \dots, k}_{i-1}, x, k, \dots), \quad k \text{ fixed element from } Q, \text{ and}$$

$$B(a_1^n) = B(B(\dots B(Ba_1, a_2), a_3), \dots), a_n).$$

Proof. From

$$j \in \{2, 3, \dots, n+d\} \quad A_1 A_2(a_1^n), a_{n+1}^q = A_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, A_{2j}(a_j^{j+n-1}), a_{n+j}^q)$$

putting instead of each of the variables  $a_{2n+d}^q$  one fixed element  $k \in Q$ , we get the system

$$(2) \quad j \in \{3, 3, \dots, n+d\} \quad \bar{A}_1(A_2(a_1^n), a_{n+1}^{2n+d-1}) = \bar{A}_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1},$$

$$A_{2j}(a_j^{j+n-1}) a_{n+j}^{2n+d-1}),$$

where quasigroups  $\bar{A}_{2j-1}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n+d$ , are defined by

$$\bar{A}_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}) = A_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}, k, k, \dots).$$

In [4] the general solution of the system (2) was given. By the Theorem 1 from that paper it follows

$$(3) \quad A_{2j}(a_1^n) = \bar{T}_{2j-1}^{(j)-1} B^{n-1}(\bar{T}_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(1)} a_1, \dots, \bar{T}_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} a_{n-j+1},$$

$$\bar{T}_3^{(2)} T_4^{(n)} a_{n-j+2}, \dots, \bar{T}_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(n)} a_n),$$

for every  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+d\}$ , where  $B$  is a binary group defined on  $Q$ , and translations  $T_s^{(i)}$  and  $\bar{T}_s^{(i)}$  are defined by

$$T_s^{(i)} x = A_s(\underbrace{k, k, \dots, k}_{i-1}, x, k, \dots), \quad \bar{T}_s^{(i)} x = \bar{A}_s(\underbrace{k, k, \dots, k}_{i-1}, x, k, \dots).$$

Since  $\bar{T}_{2j-1}^{(i)} = T_{2j-1}^{(i)}$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+d\}$ , in the sequel we shall write  $T_{2j-1}^{(i)}$  instead of  $\bar{T}_{2j-1}^{(i)}$ .

From

$$A_1(A_2(a_1^n), a_{n+1}^q) = A_3(a_1, A_4(a_2^{n+1}), a_{n+2}^q),$$

putting  $a_3^{2n+d-1} = k$  we shall have

$$A_1(A_2(a_1^2, k), k, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_3(a_1, T_4^{(1)} a_2, k, a_{2n+d}^q),$$

and if in the preceding equation we replace  $A_2$  by the expression obtained in (3) we get

$$A_3(a_1, T_4^{(1)} a_2, k^{n+d-2}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, T_5^{(3)} T_6^{(1)} k, \dots, T_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} k), k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q).$$

Since  $T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(n)} k = T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(1)} k = e$ , for every  $i \in N$ ,

where  $e$  is the unity of the group  $B$  (which can be proved analogously as the Lemma 3 from [3] is proved), there follows

$$A_3(a_1, T_4^{(1)} a_2, k^{n+d-2}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2), k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q),$$

that is

$$(5) \quad A_3(a_1^2, k^{n+d-2}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} a_2), k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q).$$

If we continue this procedure, that is if we fix

$$a_{j+2}^{2n+d-1} = k^{2n+d-j-2} \text{ in}$$

$$A_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, A_{2j}(a_j^{j+n-1}), a_{n+j}^q) = A_{2j+1}(A_1^j, A_{2j+2}(a_{j+1}^{j+n}), a_{n+j+1}^q),$$

and put instead of  $A_{2j}$  the expression obtained in (3), we shall have

$$A_{2j+1}(a_1^j, T_{2j+2}^{(1)} a_{j+1}, k^{n+d-j-1}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, T_{2j-1}^{(j)-1} B(T_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(1)} a_j, T_{2j+1}^{(j+1)} T_{2j+2}^{(1)} a_{j+1}, T_{2j+3}^{(j+2)} T_{2j+4}^{(1)} k, \dots, T_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(n)} k), k^{n+d-j}, a_{2n+d}^q),$$

that is

$$(6) \quad A_{2j+1}(a_1^j, T_{2j+2}^{(1)} a_{j+1}, k^{n+d-j-1}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_{2j-1}(a_1^{j-1}, T_{2j-1}^{(j)-1} B(T_{2j-1}^{(j)} T_{2j}^{(1)} a_j, T_{2j+1}^{(j+1)} T_{2j+2}^{(1)} a_{j+1}), k^{n+d-j}, a_{2n+d}^q),$$

and (6) is valid for every  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n+d-1$ .

So we obtained the connection between the quasigroups  $A_{2j-1}$  and  $A_{2j+1}$  for every  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n+d-1$  (the equation (5) is the equation (6) for  $j=1$ ).

If we put in (6) for  $j=2$ , the expression for  $A_3$  from (5) we shall have the connection between  $A_1$  and  $A_5$ :

$$A_5(a_1^2, T_6^{(1)} a_3, k^{n+d-3}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_3(a_1, T_3^{(2)-1} B(T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2,$$

$$T_5^{(3)} T_6^{(1)} a_3), k^{n+d-2}, a_{2n+d}^q) = A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1,$$

$$B(T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, T_5^{(3)} T_6^{(1)} a_3)), k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q),$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} & A_5(a_1^2, k^{n+d-3}, a_{2n+d}^q) = \\ & = A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, T_5^{(3)} a_3, k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process (and using that

$$(7) \quad T_{2(1+p)-1}^{(1+p)} T_{2(1+p)}^{(n)} = T_{2(n+p)-1}^{(n+p)} T_{2(n+p)}^{(1)}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, d,$$

which follows from

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{2(1+p)-1}(a_1^p, A_{2(1+p)}(a_{p+1}^{p+n}), a_{n+p+1}^q) = \\ & = A_{2(p+n)-1}(a_1^{p+n-1}, A_{2(p+n)}(a_{p+n}^{p+2n-1}), a_{2n+p}^q), \end{aligned}$$

when we substitute by  $k$  all variables except  $a_{p+n}$  we finally get

$$\begin{aligned} A_{2(n+d)-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) &= A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, \dots \\ & \dots, T_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} a_n, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_{n+1}, \dots, T_{2d-1}^{(d)} T_{2d}^{(n)} a_{n+d-1}, \\ & T_{2(n+d)-1}^{(n+d)} a_{n+d}), k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q). \end{aligned}$$

Let us put

$$A_1(T_1^{(1)-1} a_1, k^{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q) = C(a_1, a_{2n+d}^q).$$

It is not difficult to see that  $C$  is an 1-loop with unity  $k$ .

From the previous results it follows

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad A_{2(n+d)-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) &= C(B(T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, \dots \\ & \dots, T_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} a_n, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_{n+1}, \dots, T_{2d-1}^{(d)} T_{2d}^{(n)} a_{n+d-1}, T_{2(n+d)-1}^{(n+d)} a_{n+d}), a_{2n+d}^q). \end{aligned}$$

From

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{2(n+d)-1}(a_1^{n+d-1}, A_{2(n+d)}(a_{n+d}^{2n+d-1}), a_{2n+d}^q) = \\ & = A_{2(n+d)-3}(a_1^{n+d-2}, A_{2(n+d)-2}(a_{n+d-1}^{2n+d-2}), a_{2n+d-1}^q), \end{aligned}$$

fixing each of the variables  $a_{n+d}^{2n+d-2}$  by  $k$  we obtain that the quasigroups  $A_{2(n+d)-1}$  and  $A_{2(n+d)-3}$  are isotopic:

$$(9) \quad A_{2(n+d)-1}(a_1^{n+d-1}, T_{2(n+d)}^n a_{2n+d-1}, a_{2n+d}^q) = \\ = A_{2(n+d)-3}(a_1^{n+d-2}, T_{2(n+d)-2}^{(1)} a_{n+d-1}, a_{2n+d-1}^q),$$

and from (8) and (9)

$$A_{2(n+d)-3}(a_1^{n+d}, (a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) = C ( \begin{matrix} & & n+d-1 \\ & B & (T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, \dots \\ \dots, T_{2n-1}^{(n)} T_{2n}^{(1)} a_n, T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(n)} a_{n+1}, \dots, T_{2(n+d-1)}^{(n+d-1)} a_{n+d-1}, T_{2(n+d)-1}^{(n+d)} T_{2(n+d)}^{(1)} a_{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q. \end{matrix} )$$

In a similar way it can be proved that the quasigroups  $A_{2j-1}$  and  $A_{2j-3}$  are isotopic for every  $j=2, \dots, n+d$  and from these isotopies it follows

$$(10) \quad A_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) = C ( \begin{matrix} & & n+d-1 \\ & B & (T_1^{(1)} T_2^{(1)} a_1, \\ T_3^{(2)} T_4^{(1)} a_2, \dots, T_{2(j-1)-1}^{(j-1)} T_{2(j-1)}^{(1)} a_{j-1}, \\ T_{2j-1}^{(j)} a_j, T_{2(j+1)-1}^{(j+1)} T_{2(j+1)}^{(n)} a_{j+1}, \dots, T_{2(n+d)-1}^{(n+d)} T_{2(n+d)}^{(1)} a_{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q, \end{matrix} )$$

for every  $j=1, 2, \dots, n+d$ .

So the theorem is proved.

Considering (7) we get that (3) and (10) for every  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+d\}$  can be written in the form

$$(3') \quad A_{2j}(a_1^n) = T_{2j-1}^{(j)-1} B (\{T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(1)} a_{i-j+1}\}_{i=j}^n, \{T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(n)} a_{n+(i-j)}\}_{i=2}^j),$$

$$(10') \quad A_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{2n+d}^q) = \\ = C ( \begin{matrix} & & n+d-1 \\ & B & (\{T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(1)} a_i\}_{i=1}^{j-1}, T_{2j-1}^{(j)} a_j, \{T_{2i-1}^{(i)} T_{2i}^{(n)} a_i\}_{i=j+1}^{n+d}), a_{2n+d}^q. \end{matrix} )$$

From the theorem 1 and by a simple check we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** All solutions of the system (1) are given by

$$(11) \quad X_{2j}(a_1^n) = \beta_j^{-1} B (\{\alpha_i a_{i-j+1}\} a_{i=j}^{j+n-1}),$$

$$(12) \quad X_{2j-1}(a_1^{n+d}, a_{n+d+1}^q) = \\ = C ( \begin{matrix} & & n+d-1 \\ & B & (\{\alpha_i a_i\}_{i=1}^{j-1}, \beta_j a_j, \{\alpha_{i+n} a_{i+n}\}_{i=j}^{n+d}), a_{2n+d+1}^q, \end{matrix} )$$

$j \in \{1, \dots, n+d\}$ , where  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  are arbitrary permutations of the set  $Q$ ,  $B$  arbitrary binary group defined on  $Q$ ,  $C$  arbitrary 1-loop (of arity  $q-2n-d+2$  if  $q \neq \infty$ , infinitary of type  $\omega$  if  $q = \infty$ ) defined on  $Q$ .

As in [5] we find that the following theorem is valid.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $X_{2j-1}$  and  $X_{2j}$  be expressed by  $B, C$  and  $\bar{B}, \bar{C}$  by formulae (11) and (12). Then the groups  $B$  and  $\bar{B}$  are isomorphic and  $\bar{C}(x_{x_1}^{q_1}) = C(\varphi x_1, x_2^{q_1})$ , ( $q_1 = q - 2n + d - 1$  if  $q \neq \infty$ ,  $q_1 = \infty$  if  $q = \infty$ ),  $\varphi$  a permutation of  $Q$ .

If  $X_{2j-1}$  and  $X_{2j}$  are expressed by  $B, C, \alpha_i, \beta_j$  and  $\bar{B}, C, \bar{\alpha}_i, \bar{\beta}_j$  by formulae (11) and (12) then  $\bar{B}$  is any of the groups principally isotopic to  $B$ , and  $\alpha_i \sim_B \bar{\alpha}_i, \beta_j \sim_B \bar{\beta}_j$  where  $\sim_B$  is defined by

$$\alpha \sim_B \beta \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} (\exists a \in Q) (\exists b \in Q) (\alpha(x) = B(a, B(\beta(x), b))).$$

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