

ON SOME EXTREME PROPERTIES OF A CLASS OF  
 SIMPLE GROUPOIDS

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**Abstract** We introduce an easy method of constructing a simple groupoid which contains a given groupoid as subgroupoid, and show that the resulting simple groupoid admits only discrete topology and trivial partially ordered relation.

In [2], J. Ježek has constructed a full embedding of the category of monomorphisms of groupoids into the category of homomorphisms of simple groupoids without idempotents. In a crucial step of his construction, he has shown that every groupoid can be embedded into a simple groupoid (i.e. groupoid which has only two trivial congruences). The simple groupoid constructed by Ježek is quite complicated. Even for a finite groupoid, the resulting simple groupoid contains infinitely many elements.

In [3], we have shown that every groupoid has at least countably infinite ways of embedding into a simple groupoid. The simplest way is given as follows:

Let  $\langle G, \circ \rangle$  be a given groupoid. To each  $a \in G$ , we associate an element  $\bar{a}$  and let  $\bar{G} = \{\bar{a} \mid a \in G\}$ . Assuming that  $G \cap \bar{G} = \emptyset$ , we set  $\tilde{G} = G \cup \bar{G} \cup \{0\}$  where  $0 \notin \bar{G} \cup G$ . Define a multiplication on  $\tilde{G}$  as follows:

- (1)  $0 \cdot 0 = 0$
- (2)  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a}$  for every  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$ .
- (3)  $0 \cdot a = a \cdot 0 = \bar{a}$  for every  $a \in G$ .
- (4)  $0 \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a} \cdot 0 = a$  for every  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$ .
- (5)  $a \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a} \cdot a = 0$  for every  $a \in G$ .
- (6)  $a \cdot b = a \circ b$  for every  $a, b \in G$ .
- (7)  $\bar{a} \cdot b = b \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a} = 0$  for every  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \bar{G}, \bar{a} \neq \bar{b}$ ,  
and for every  $b \in G$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $\langle \tilde{G}, \circ \rangle$  is a simple groupoid containing  $G$  as a subgroupoid.

Proof. Let  $\theta$  be a non-trivial congruence of  $\tilde{G}$ . Then there exist  $x, y \in \tilde{G}$ ,  $x \neq y$  such that  $x \theta y$ . Consider the following possible cases:

case 1  $x=0$  and  $y=a$  for some  $a \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \theta y &\Rightarrow 0 \theta a \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot 0 \theta 0 \cdot a \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \theta \bar{a} \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot b \theta \bar{a} \cdot b \text{ for every } b \in G. \\
 &\Rightarrow \bar{b} \theta 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot \bar{b} \theta 0 \cdot 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow b \theta 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \theta = \tilde{G} \times \tilde{G}.
 \end{aligned}$$

case 2  $x=0$  and  $y=\bar{a}$  for some  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$ .

By the same argument,  $\theta = \tilde{G} \times \bar{G}$ .

case 3  $x=a$  and  $y=\bar{b}$  for some  $a \in G$ ,  $\bar{b} \in \bar{G}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \theta y &\Rightarrow a \theta \bar{b} \\
 &\Rightarrow a \cdot \bar{b} \theta \bar{b} \cdot \bar{b} \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \theta \bar{b} \text{ which reduces to case 2.}
 \end{aligned}$$

case 4  $x=\bar{a}$  and  $y=\bar{b}$  for some  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \bar{G}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \theta y &\Rightarrow \bar{a} \theta \bar{b} \\
 &\Rightarrow \bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} \theta \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \\
 &\Rightarrow \bar{a} \theta 0 \text{ which also reduces to case 2.}
 \end{aligned}$$

case 5  $x=a$  and  $y=b$  for some  $a, b \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \theta y &\Rightarrow a \theta b \\
 &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot a \theta 0 \cdot b \\
 &\Rightarrow \bar{a} \theta \bar{b} \text{ which reduces to case 4.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle \tilde{G}, \cdot \rangle$  is a simple groupoid which contains  $G$  as a subgroupoid.

A topological groupoid  $\langle G, \cdot, \tau \rangle$  is a system consisting of a set  $G$  on which a binary operation  $\cdot$  is defined, and a Hausdorff topology  $\tau$  such that the operation  $\cdot$  is continuous with respect to  $\tau$ .

**Theorem 2.**  $\langle \tilde{G}, \cdot \rangle$  admits only discrete topology.

**Proof.** Let  $\tau$  be a Hausdorff topology on  $\tilde{G}$  such that the multiplication  $\cdot$  is continuous.

Let  $a$  be any element of  $G$ . We have  $0 \cdot \bar{a} = a$ . Let  $W$  be an open neighbourhood of  $a$  which does not contain  $0$ . Then there exist open neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $0 \in U$ ,  $\bar{a} \in V$  and  $U \cdot V \subset W$ . By (5) and (7),  $0 \in U \subset \{0, \bar{a}\}$ , so that  $\{0\} = U - \{\bar{a}\}$  is open.

Again, for every  $\bar{a} \in \overline{G}$ , we have  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a}$ . Let  $W$  be an open neighbourhood of  $\bar{a}$  which does not contain  $0$ . Then there exist open neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $\bar{a}$  such that  $U \cdot V \subset W$ . By (5) and (7), we have  $\bar{a} \in U \subset \{0, \bar{a}\}$  so that  $\{\bar{a}\}$  is open.

Finally, we have  $0 \cdot a = \bar{a}$  for every  $a \in G$ . Take  $W = \{\bar{a}\}$  which we have already proved to be open. There exist open neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $0 \in U$ ,  $a \in V$  and  $U \cdot V \subset W$ . This implies that  $U = \{0\}$ ,  $V = \{a\}$  is that  $\{a\}$  is open.

Hence  $\tau$  is the discrete topology.

We recall that a system  $\langle G, \cdot, \leq \rangle$  consisting of a groupoid  $\langle G, \cdot \rangle$  and a partially ordered relation  $\leq$  is a partially ordered groupoid if for each  $a \in G$  and for  $b \leq c$  in  $G$ , we always have  $a \cdot b \leq a \cdot c$ ,  $b \cdot a \leq c \cdot a$ .

**Theorem. 3.**  $\langle \tilde{G}, \cdot \rangle$  admits only trivial partially ordered relation  $\leq = \{x, x \mid x \in \tilde{G}\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\leq$  be a partially ordered relation on  $\tilde{G}$ . Consider the following possible cases:

case (i) If  $0 \leq a$  for some  $a \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot \bar{a} &\leq a \cdot \bar{a} \\ \Rightarrow a &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= a \text{ which is a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

case (ii) Similarly, if  $0 \leq \bar{a}$  for some  $\bar{a} \in \overline{G}$ , we have  $\bar{a} = 0$  which is a contradiction.

case (iii) If  $\bar{a} \leq \bar{b}$  for some  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \overline{G}$ ,  $\bar{a} \neq \bar{b}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} &\leq \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \\ \Rightarrow \bar{a} &\leq 0 \text{ which reduces to case (ii).} \end{aligned}$$

case (iv) If  $a \leq b$  for some  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \neq b$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot a &\leq 0 \cdot b \\ \Rightarrow \bar{a} &\leq \bar{b} \text{ which reduces to case (iii).} \end{aligned}$$

case (v) If  $a \leq \bar{b}$  for some  $a, b \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot \bar{b} &\leq \bar{b} \cdot \bar{b} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &\leq \bar{b} \text{ which reduces to case (ii).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we conclude that  $\leq = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \tilde{G}\}$ .

**Corollary.** *Every groupoid can be embedded into a simple groupoid which admits only discrete topology and trivial partially ordered relation.*

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