

VARIETIES OF A -LOOP WITH FINITENESS PROPERTIES

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Abstract: Some varieties of A -loops, such that all their loops satisfy the property to be residual finite (nilpotent, or solvable) are describes.

By *loop* we mean an algebra L with an operation of multiplication \cdot and two operations of division $/, \backslash$, where there is an element $e \in L$, that for any elements $x, y \in L$ the following equalities hold true

$$x(x \backslash y) = x \backslash (xy) = (y / x)x = (yx) / x = y,$$

$$ex = xe = x.$$

Let a be a certain element of the loop L . The *left* and *right translations* L_a and R_a are defined by the equalities

$$xL_a = ax, xR_a = xa; x \in L.$$

The group $M(L)$, generated by all translations of the form L_a and R_a , $a \in L$, is called *multiplicative group* of the loop L . The element $\alpha \in M(L)$ is called an *internal substitution*, if $e\alpha = e$, i.e. α applies the unit e of the loop L on itself. All internal substitutions of the loop L form a subgroup in $M(L)$, called the *group of internal substitutions* of the loop L , which will be denoted by $J(L)$. It is known (see [7]) that the group $J(L)$ is generated by all substitutions of the form

$$R_{x,y} = R_x R_y R_{xy}^{-1}, L_{x,y} = L_y L_x L_{xy}^{-1}, T_x = R_x L_x^{-1}$$

$$(x, y \in L).$$

The subloop H of the loop L is *normal* when and only when $H\alpha = H$ for any $\alpha \in J(L)$ (see [7]-[8]).

Let be L a loop and $x, y, z \in L$ any its elements.

The element

$$[x, y, z] = x \backslash ((xy \cdot z) / (yz))$$

is called the *right associator* of the elements $x, y, z \in L$.

The element

$$(x, y, z) = ((xy) \backslash (x \cdot yz)) / z$$

is called the *left associator* of the elements $x, y, z \in L$.

The element $[x, y] = x / (y / xy)$ is called the *commutator* of elements $x, y \in L$.

It is known that for any elements $x, y, z \in L$ the following equalities hold true

$$xR_{y,z} = x[x, y, z], zL_{y,x} = (x, y, z)z,$$

$$xT_y = x[x, y].$$

For any subset H of a loop L will note by $[H, L]$ the subloop L , generated by all its commutators, left and right associators of the form $[h, x, y], (x, y, h), (h, x)$, where $h \in H, x, y \in L$, and will called the *mutually associator-commutator* or the *mutually associator-commutator subloop* of H and L . In particular, $[L, L]$ is called the *associator-commutator*, or the *associator-commutator subloop*, or *derivate subloop* of L and it is denoted by L' .

Let be

$$L_0 \supseteq L_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq L_n \supseteq \dots$$

the lower central series of the loop L , i.e. $L_0 = L$, and for any $n > 0$ L_n / L_{n+1} is the subloop from the centre of the factor loop L / L_{n+1} . The loop L is called *nilpotent* (or *centrally nilpotent*) if there is such a natural number n that $L_n = \{e\}$. The least natural number n for which $L_n = \{e\}$ is called the *nilpotence class* of L .

Let be L a loop and

$$L = L^{(0)} \supseteq L' \supseteq L'' \supseteq \dots \supseteq L^{(n)} \supseteq \dots$$

the *derived series* of L , that is

$$L = L^{(0)}, L^{(n+1)} = [L^{(n)}, L^{(n)}], n \geq 1.$$

The loop L is called *solvable* (or *central solvable*) if there is such a natural number m for which $L^{(m)} = \{e\}$. The least natural number n for which $L^{(n)} = \{e\}$ is called the *solvable class* of L .

We say that the loop L is *finite residual* (*nilpotent* or *solvable*), if for any non-unite element $x \in L$ there is an homomorphism φ_x from L on a finite loop (nilpotent or solvable) such that $x\varphi_x \neq e$. A loop L is called *locally nilpotent* if any of its generated by a finite number of elements subloop is nilpotent.

If any internal substitution of a loop is automorphism, then it is called *A-loop*. As example of *A-loops* are commutative Moufang loops, i. e. loops whose elements verify equalities

$$xy = yx, \quad xy \cdot zx = x(yz) \cdot x.$$

Other terms and notions related to loops can be found in [1].

An important result from the theory of universal algebras is the classical theorem of Birkhoff [2, p.362]: *a variety of algebras is generated by all its finite algebras if and only if its free loops are residual finite.*

In [3] are shown the following statements.

Theorem 1. *Let be K a [quasi]variety of commutative Moufang loops. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *the class K consists only of residual-solvable loops;*
- (ii) *each loop of K is different from its associator;*

(iii) *for each loop $L \in K$ it takes place $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} L^{(i)} = \langle 1 \rangle$, where $L^{(i)}$ is the upper central series term.*

Theorem 2. *Let be K a [quasi]variety of commutative Moufang loops. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *the class K consists only of residual-solvable loops;*
- (ii) *each loop of K is different from its associator;*
- (iii) *for each loop $L \in K$ it takes place*

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} L_{(i)} = \langle 1 \rangle$, where $L_{(i)}$ is the lower central series term.

Corollary 1. *There is 3-periodic commutative Moufang loops containing a subloop that coincide with its associator in given loop.*

We prove that the following is true:

Theorem 3. *Let be K a variety of locale nilpotent A -loops. Then all A -loops of a variety K are residual finite if and only if K is generated by a finite abelian group.*

First of all we will prove the following statement:

Lemma 1. *Any variety of a local nilpotent A -loop is generated by its finite loops.*

Proof. Indeed, let be K a variety referred to in the statement of Lemma and let be $F_{\omega} = F_{\omega}(K)$ a numerable rank K -free loop. We denote with N the subvariety of K generated by all K -finite loops. Let be H an arbitrary subloop of the F_{ω} loop, generated by a finite number of elements. So A -loop H is nilpotent and finitely generated. Then, by Theorem 1 [4], H is finite residual.

From here, according to the theorem 6 of [2], H is isomorphic included in a cartesian product $\prod_{i \in I} H_i$ of homomorfe images of finite loops H_i of the H .

As the loops $H_i, i \in I$ belong to the variety N , then H also belongs to N .

So we can conclude that every finitely generated

subloop of K -free loop F belongs to the variety N , i. e. in F is true all the identities that define N and so $F \in N$. Therefore we obtain $K = V(F) \subseteq N$, so $K = N$.

From Lemma 1 and cited above Birkhoff's theorem immediately follows

Corollary 2. *A free loop of any variety of local nilpotent A -loop is residual finite.*

Proof of Theorem 3. Sufficiency. Indeed, let be $K = V(L)$, where L is the finite abelian group and let be H a certain group of K . According to [5], the variety K coincides with quasivariety $Q(L)$ generated by abelian group L .

Then, by Theorem 8 [2, p 294], the group H is a subgroup of the cartesian product of groups isomorphic to L . But this also means that H is finite approximate.

Necessity. At the beginning we show that the variety K consists only of approximate finite A -loops, then each A -loop from K is abelian group. Suppose that some loops in K are nonassociative or noncommutative. Then, based on Lemma 1, a finite nonassociative, or noncommutative and nilpotent loop there exists in K . This means that variety K contains nonassociative or noncommutative A -loops with nilpotent class 2.

Let be F a free nilpotent of class 2 A -loop with strictly numerical rank of the variety formed by all K -loops with nilpotent class ≤ 2 and $x_i, i \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ are its free generators. And let be H a subloop generated in F by the union of the sets

$$\{[x_1, x_2, x_3] \cdot [x_i, x_j, x_k]^{-1} \mid 1 \leq i < j < k,$$

$$(i, j, k) \in N^3\}$$

and

$$\{[x_1, x_2] \cdot [x_i, x_j]^{-1} \mid 1 \leq j < k, (i, j) \in N^2\}.$$

Then equality relations

$$[x_1H, x_2H, x_3H] = [x_iH, x_jH, x_kH],$$

where $1 \leq i < j < k$ are true in the factor A -loop $L = F/H$, and $[x_1H, x_2H] = [x_iH, x_jH]$, where $1 \leq i < j$. From here and inequalities

$$[x_1H, x_2H, x_3H] \cdot [x_iH, x_jH, x_kH]^{-1} \neq 1H,$$

$$[x_1H, x_2H] \cdot [x_iH, x_jH]^{-1} \neq 1H$$

results

$$[x_1H, x_2H, x_3H] \neq 1H, [x_1H, x_2H] \neq 1H$$

and, so, factor A -loop F/H is nonassociative or noncommutative.

Now let be φ an homomorphism from A -loop L in some finite A -loop H . Then, there exist some $p < q < r$, such that the images of elements x_pH, x_qH and x_rH from L by homomorphism φ are the same. So we have

$$(x_pH)\varphi = (x_qH)\varphi = (x_rH)\varphi,$$

and obtain

$$([x_1H, x_2H, x_3H])\varphi = ([x_pH, x_qH, x_rH])\varphi =$$

$$= [(x_pH)\varphi, (x_qH)\varphi, (x_rH)\varphi] = 1$$

and

$$([x_1H, x_2H])\varphi = ([x_pH, x_qH])\varphi = 1.$$

From this and the relations of equality, indicated in factor-loop F/H , it follows equalities

$$[(x_iH)\varphi, (x_jH)\varphi, (x_kH)\varphi] = 1$$

and

$$[(x_iH)\varphi, (x_jH)\varphi] = 1$$

for any $1 \leq i < j < k$.

It results that the image of the associator-commutator L' by homomorphism φ is equal to the unity loop. Therefore, we conclude that for any homomorphism φ from A -loop L on a finite A -loop, the images of the elements of L' are equal to unity. But this means that A -loop L is not residual finite. On the other hand, $L = F/H \in K$ and, by definition, L is residual finitely, contradiction. Thus, all loops of a variety K are associative and commutative, so they are abelian groups.

Now we show that exponent of a variety K is finite. Let suppose it does not. Then in K is contained the infinite cyclic group Z , so, for a prime number p , a

variety K contains all cyclic p -groups Z_{p^n} , $n \in N$ as homomorphic images of the infinite cyclic group Z . From here, in view of G. Birkhoff's Theorem (on the structure of varieties), [6] it is easily to see that K contains quasicyclic group p^∞ . But this is not true, because the quasicyclic group p^∞ is not residual finite.

Therefore, the exponent of K variety, is a finite number m , that is, in each A -loop of K is true the identity $x^m = 1$. So, K contains a finite set of finite cyclic nonisomorphic groups, the product of which generates a variety K . The theorem is proved.

According to [5], a finitely generated nilpotent A -loop has a finite basis of identities if and only if it is a finite abelian group. Therefore, from Theorem 3 we obtain the following

Corollary 3. *All loops of a variety of local nilpotent A -loops are residual finite, if and only if its finite free loop of rank $r \geq 3$ has a finite basis of quasiidentities.*

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