

# A Construction of Magmas and Related Representation

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# A simple construction

**Magma**  $\mathbf{G} = (G, \cdot)$  is an algebra of type (2).

**Biunary algebra**  $\mathbf{I} = (I, \lambda, \rho)$  is an algebra of type (1, 1).

Having  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{I}$ , we define a magma  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathbf{I}}$  via:

$$(x \cdot y)(i) := x(\lambda i) \cdot y(\rho i).$$

for any  $x, y \in G$  and  $i \in I$ .

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For instance, identity  $axyb = ayxb$  holds. So  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathbf{I}}$  is medial semigroup.

Moreover, the variety of all medial semigroups is generated by semigroups  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathbf{I}}$ , where  $\mathbf{G}$  is a commutative semigroup.

## More general questions

Given an arbitrary but fixed magma  $\mathbf{G}$  and biunary algebra  $\mathbf{I}$ , which identities are satisfied in  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathbf{I}}$ ?

Given an arbitrary but fixed variety of magmas  $\mathbf{M}$  and some ( $\iota$ -definable) variety  $\mathbf{I}$  of biunary algebras, what identities axiomatize  $V(\mathbf{G}^{\mathbf{I}} \mid \mathbf{G} \in \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbf{I})$ ?

From now on, let  $\text{Mag}$  and  $\text{BiUn}$  denote the categories of magmas and of binary algebras, respectively.

The construction of  $G^I$  behaves functorially with respect to morphisms, leading to the functors:

- $-^I$  is an endofunctor on  $\text{Mag}$
- $G^-$  is a contravariant functor from  $\text{BiUn}$  to  $\text{Mag}$

## Categorical background – another construction

Let  $\mathbf{I}$  be a  $\iota$ -definable variety of binary algebras and let  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  be magmas.

We define the binary algebra  $[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}] \in \mathbf{I}$  as follows.

The elements  $\Omega \in [\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}]$  are mappings  $\Omega: \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{I}}(\iota) \times \mathbf{G} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  satisfying

$$\Omega(t(\iota), x \cdot y) = \Omega(\lambda t(\iota), x) \cdot \Omega(\rho t(\iota), y)$$

for any  $x, y \in G$  and  $t(\iota) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{I}}(\iota)$ .

Further, for  $\alpha \in \{\lambda, \rho\}$ , we define

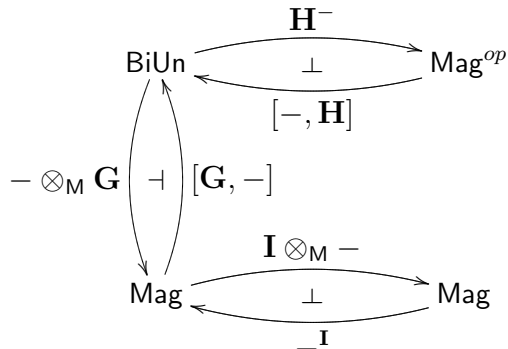
$$\alpha\Omega(t(\iota), x) = \Omega(t(\alpha\iota), x).$$

$[\mathbf{G}, -]$  is a functor from  $\mathbf{Mag}$  to the category  $\mathbf{I}$ .

$[-, \mathbf{H}]$  is a contravariant functor from  $\mathbf{Mag}$  to the category  $\mathbf{I}$ .



# Categorical background – adjoint pairs



$(\varepsilon, \eta): \mathbf{H}^- \dashv [-, \mathbf{H}]$ , where

$$\eta = (\eta_{\mathbf{G}}: \mathbf{G} \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}^{[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}]})_{\mathbf{G} \in \mathbf{Mag}},$$

$$(\eta_{\mathbf{G}}(x))(\Omega) = \Omega(\iota, x)$$

Let  $X^\bullet$  denote the set of all magma terms over the set  $X$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a magma and  $X$  be a set. Then the kernel of the homomorphism:

$$\eta_{X^\bullet}: X^\bullet \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}^{[X^\bullet, \mathbf{H}]}$$

is a fully invariant congruence.

# Linearisation of terms

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Further, for  $\bar{x} \in X^\bullet$ , the symbol  $s[\bar{x}]$  denotes a mapping  $\mathbb{N} \longrightarrow X$  telling which  $x \in X$  sits at position  $i$ .

For any term  $\bar{x} \in X^\bullet$ , it holds that  $\bar{x} = \ell[\bar{x}](s[\bar{x}](1), \dots, s[\bar{x}](m))$ .

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For instance, if  $\bar{x} = (x_1 \cdot x_1) \cdot x_2 \in G^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{BiUn}}(\iota)}$ , then

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For any  $\bar{y} \in \text{LIN}_n$  and  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we denote  $\iota$ -term corresponding to position  $i$  by  $[\bar{y}, i](\iota)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\bar{x}) &= (1 \cdot 2) \cdot 3, \\ [\ell(\bar{x}), 1](\iota) &= \lambda\lambda\iota, \quad [\ell(\bar{x}), 2](\iota) = \rho\lambda\iota, \quad [\ell(\bar{x}), 3](\iota) = \rho\iota. \end{aligned}$$

We use biunary  $\iota$ -terms to describe each individual position in the arbitrary magma term. (The linearization is just an auxiliary construction to make the formal description possible.)

Let  $\overline{x}$  be a term in  $n$  variables and let  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  be elements of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Then we use the following labeling:

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An arbitrary mapping  $\Omega: \mathcal{F}_1(\iota) \times X \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  induces  $\bar{\Omega} \in [X^\bullet, \mathbf{H}]$  by the stipulation

$$\bar{\Omega}(t(\iota), \bar{x}) = \ell[\bar{x}]_{i=1}^n(\Omega([\ell[\bar{x}], i](t(\iota)), s[\bar{x}](i))).$$

Moreover, any element  $\bar{\Omega} \in [X^\bullet, \mathbf{H}]$  is uniquely determined by its restriction  $\Omega = \bar{\Omega} \upharpoonright (\mathcal{F}_1(\iota) \times X)$ .

$$\bar{\Omega}(\iota, \bar{x}) = \ell[\bar{x}]_{i=1}^n(\Omega(\iota\text{-term for position } i, x \in X \text{ sitting at } i)).$$



## Towards the main theorem

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- (1) Let  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}$ . We know that for  $\eta_{X^\bullet}: X^\bullet \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}^{[X^\bullet, \mathbf{H}]}$ , the kernel  $\text{Ker}(\eta_{X^\bullet})$  is fully invariant, meaning that the algebra  $X^\bullet/(\text{Ker}(\eta_{X^\bullet}))$  is a free algebra of some variety.

At this point, we only conjecture that this variety is  $V(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{I}} \mid \mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbf{I})$ .

- (2) Let  $(\bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x_i), \bar{y}_{i=1}^n(y_i)) \in \text{Ker}(\eta_{X^\bullet})$  and let  $\Omega: \mathcal{F}_1(\iota) \times X \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}$  be an arbitrary mapping.

There is a unique  $\bar{\Omega} \in [X^\bullet, \mathbf{H}]$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{x}^{\mathbf{H}})_{i=1}^m(\Omega([\bar{x}, i]_\iota, x_i)) &= \bar{\Omega}(\iota, \bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x_i)) = (\eta_{X^\bullet}(\bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x_i)))(\bar{\Omega}) \\ &= (\eta_{X^\bullet}(\bar{y}_{i=1}^m(y_i)))(\bar{\Omega}) = (\bar{y}^{\mathbf{H}})_{i=1}^m(\Omega([\bar{y}, i]_\iota, y_i)).\end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$(\bar{x}^{\mathbf{H}})_{i=1}^m (\Omega(\underbrace{[\bar{x}, i]_{\iota}}_{\iota\text{-term for position of } x_i}, x_i)) = (\bar{y}^{\mathbf{H}})_{i=1}^m (\Omega(\underbrace{[\bar{y}, i]_{\iota}}_{\iota\text{-term for position of } y_i}, y_i))$$

holding for any  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}$  yields existence of an identity  $\bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x'_i) \approx \bar{y}_{i=1}^n(y'_i)$  satisfying:

- (i)  $\mathbf{M} \models \bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x'_i) \approx \bar{y}_{i=1}^n(y'_i)$ ,
- (ii)  $x'_i = x'_j$  if and only if  $(x_i = x_j \text{ and } [\bar{x}, i](\iota) \approx [\bar{x}, j](\iota))$ ,
- (iii)  $x'_i = y'_j$  if and only if  $(x_i = y_j \text{ and } [\bar{x}, i](\iota) \approx [\bar{y}, j](\iota))$ ,
- (iv)  $y'_i = y'_j$  if and only if  $(y_i = y_j \text{ and } [\bar{y}, i](\iota) \approx [\bar{y}, j](\iota))$ .

Identities holding in  $\mathbf{M}$  are “restricted” via identities holding in  $\mathbf{I}$ .

## Main theorem

For every variety  $\mathbf{M}$  of magmas and every  $\iota$ -definable variety  $\mathbf{I}$  of binary algebras, the variety  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{I}} \mid \mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbf{I})$  is axiomatized by the identities

$$\bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x_i) \approx \bar{y}_{i=1}^n(y_i),$$

where  $\bar{x} \in LIN_m$  and  $\bar{y} \in LIN_n$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mathbf{M} \models \bar{x}_{i=1}^m(x_i) \approx \bar{y}_{i=1}^n(y_i)$ ,
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## Theorem

$$V(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{I}} \mid \mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbf{I}) = V(\mathbf{H}^{\mathcal{F}_1(\iota)} \mid \mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}).$$

# Examples

Let  $V = V(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{I}} \mid \mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbf{I})$ .

M	I	V satisfies	V belongs to
commutative semigroups	$\lambda \approx \lambda\rho$	$x(yz) \approx y(xz)$	left permutable grupoids
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idempotent magmas	$\lambda \approx \lambda\lambda$ $\lambda \approx \rho\lambda$	$(xx)y \approx xy$	left idempotent grupoids

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