

## $(m, n)$ -rings as algebras with only one operation

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**Abstract.** *In this paper a class of  $(m, n)$ -rings with a left and right zero is described as a variety of algebras of type  $\langle 3m + n - 5, 0 \rangle$ .*

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### 1. Preliminaries

A notion of an  $n$ -group was introduced by W. Dörnte in [7] as a generalization of the notion of a group. See, also [3], [1], [10].

**Definition 1.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. We say that  $(Q, A)$  is a Dörnte  $n$ -group [briefly:  $n$ -group] iff it is an  $n$ -semigroup and an  $n$ -quasigroup as well.*

**Proposition 1.** (see [15]) *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -group;
- (ii) *there are mappings  $^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  of the sets  $Q^{n-1}$  and  $Q^{n-2}$ , respectively, into the set  $Q$  such that the following laws hold in the algebra  $(Q, \{A, ^{-1}, \mathbf{e}\})$  [of the type  $\langle n, n - 1, n - 2 \rangle$ ]*

$$(a) \quad A(x_1^{n-2}, A(x_{n-1}^{2n-2}), x_{2n-1}) = A(x_1^{n-1}, A(x_n^{2n-1})),$$

$$(b) \quad A(\mathbf{e}(a_1^{n-2}), a_1^{n-2}, x) = x \text{ and}$$

$$(c) \quad A((a_1^{n-2}, a)^{-1}, a_1^{n-2}, a) = \mathbf{e}(a_1^{n-2}); \text{ and}$$

- (iii) *there are mappings  $^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  of the sets  $Q^{n-1}$  and  $Q^{n-2}$ , respectively, into the set  $Q$  such that the following laws hold in the algebra  $(Q, \{A, ^{-1}, \mathbf{e}\})$  [of the type  $\langle n, n - 1, n - 2 \rangle$ ]*

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$$(\bar{a}) A(A(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1}) = A(x_1, A(x_2^{n+1}), x_{n+2}^{2n-1}),$$

$$(\bar{b}) A(x, a_1^{n-2}, \mathbf{e}(a_1^{n-2})) = x \text{ and}$$

$$(\bar{c}) A(a, a_1^{n-2}, (a_1^{n-2}, a)^{-1}) = \mathbf{e}(a_1^{n-2}).$$

**Remark 1.**  $\mathbf{e}$  is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation of an  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, A)$  iff algebra  $(Q, \{A, \mathbf{e}\})$  of type  $\langle n, n-2 \rangle$  satisfies the laws (b) and  $(\bar{b})$  from Proposition 1 (cf. [12]). The notion of  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation ( $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i < j$ ) of an  $n$ -groupoid is defined in a similar way (cf. [12]). Every  $n$ -groupoid has at most one  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation (cf. [12]). In every  $n$ -group,  $n \geq 2$ , there is a  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation (cf. [12]). There are  $n$ -groups without  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operations with  $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, n\}$  (cf. [14]). In [14],  $n$ -groups with  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operations, for  $\{i, j\} \neq \{1, n\}$  are described. Operation  $^{-1}$  from Proposition 1 is a generalization of the inversing operation in a group. In fact, if  $(Q, A)$  is an  $n$ -group,  $n \geq 2$ , then for every  $a \in Q$  and for every sequence  $a_1^{n-2}$  over  $Q$

$$(a_1^{n-2}, a)^{-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{E}(a_1^{n-2}, a, a_1^{n-2}),$$

where  $\mathbf{E}$  is a  $\{1, 2n-1\}$ -neutral operation of the  $(2n-1)$ -group  $(Q, \overset{2}{A})$ ;  $\overset{2}{A}(x_1^{2n-1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A(A(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1})$  (cf. [13]). (For  $n = 2$ ,  $a^{-1} = \mathbf{E}(a)$ ;  $a^{-1}$  is the inverse element of the element  $a$  with respect to the neutral element  $\mathbf{e}(\emptyset)$  of the group  $(Q, A)$ .)

**Proposition 2.** (see [14]) Let  $n \geq 3$ , let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $n$ -group and  $\mathbf{e}$  its  $\{1, n\}$ -neutral operation. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $(Q, A)$  is a commutative  $n$ -group,
- (ii)  $\mathbf{e}$  is an  $\{i, j\}$ -neutral operation of the  $n$ -group  $(Q, A)$  for every  $\{i, j\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $i < j$ .

**Proposition 3.** (see [16]) Let  $(Q, A)$  be an  $m$ -group,  $^{-1}$  its inversing operation,  $\mathbf{e}$  its  $\{1, m\}$ -neutral operation and let  $m \geq 2$ . Also let

(o)  $^{-1}A(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) = z \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} A(z, a_1^{m-2}, y) = x$   
for  $x, y, z \in Q$  and for every sequence  $a_1^{m-2}$  over  $Q$ . Then, for all  $x, y, z \in Q$  and for every sequence  $a_1^{m-2}$  over  $Q$  the following equalities hold

- (1)  $^{-1}A(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) = A(x, a_1^{m-2}, (a_1^{m-2}, y)^{-1})$ ,
- (2)  $\mathbf{e}(a_1^{m-2}) = ^{-1}A(z, a_1^{m-2}, z)$ ,
- (3)  $(a_1^{m-2}, x)^{-1} = ^{-1}A(^{-1}A(z, a_1^{m-2}, z), a_1^{m-2}, x)$  and
- (4)  $A(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) = ^{-1}A(x, a_1^{m-2}, ^{-1}A(^{-1}A(z, a_1^{m-2}, z), a_1^{m-2}, y))$ .

**Proposition 4.** (see [16]) Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $(Q, B)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid. Let also the following laws

$B(B(x, z, b_1^{n-2}), B(y, a_1^{n-2}, z), a_1^{n-2}) = B(x, y, b_1^{n-2})$  and  
 $B(a, c_1^{n-2}, B(B(z, c_1^{n-2}, z), c_1^{n-2}, b), c_1^{n-2}, B(B(z, c_1^{n-2}, z), c_1^{n-2}, a))) = b$   
hold in the  $n$ -groupoid  $(Q, B)$ . Then, there is an  $n$ -group  $(Q, A)$  such that the following equality holds  $^{-1}A = B$ .

**Definition 2.** ( see [2],[5],[8] and [9]) Let  $(Q, A)$  be a commutative  $m$ -group and let  $m \geq 2$ . Let also  $(Q, M)$  be an  $n$ -groupoid ( $n$ -semigroup in [2],[4]) and let  $n \geq 2$ . We say that  $(Q, A, M)$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ring iff for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and for every  $a_1^{n-1}, b_1^m \in Q$  the following equality holds

$$M(a_1^{i-1}, A(b_1^m), a_i^{n-1}) = A(\overline{M(a_1^{i-1}, b_j, a_i^{n-1})}_{j=1}^m).$$

**Proposition 5.** Let  $(Q, A, M)$  be an  $(m, n)$ -ring. Then, there is at most one element  $o \in Q$  such that for every  $a^{n-1} \in Q$  the following equalities hold

$$M(o, a_1^{n-1}) = o \quad \text{and} \quad M(a_1^{n-1}, o) = o.$$

See [4].

**Proposition 6.** Let  $(Q, A, M)$  be an  $(m, n)$ -ring and  $\mathbf{O}$  the  $\{1, m\}$ -neutral operation of the  $m$ -group  $(Q, A)$ . Also, let  $o$  be the element of the set  $Q$  such that

$$(\hat{o}) \quad M(o, a_1^{n-1}) = M(a_1^{n-1}, o) = o$$

for all  $a_1^{n-1} \in Q$ . Then the following equality holds

$$\mathbf{O}(\overline{o}^{m-2}) = o.$$

See [4] [ $\mathbf{O}(\overline{o}^{m-2}) = \bar{o}$  for  $m > 2$ ;  $\bar{a}$  is skewed to  $a$  [7]].

**Sketch of the proof.**

a)  $M(A(\overline{o}^m), a_1^{n-1}) = A(\overline{M(o, a_1^{n-1})}^m) = A(\overline{o}^m),$

$M(a_1^{n-1}, A(\overline{o}^m)) = A(\overline{M(a_1^{n-1}, o)}^m) = A(\overline{o}^m)$  [ : Definition 2.,  $(\hat{o})$  ].

b) By a) and Proposition 5., we conclude that the following equality holds  $A(\overline{o}^m) = o.$

c)  $A(\mathbf{O}(\overline{o}^{m-2}), \overline{o}^{m-2}, o) = o, A(o, \overline{o}^{m-2}, o) = o$  [ : Proposition 1., Remark 1., b) ].

d) By c), Definition 1., Proposition 1. and Remark 1., we conclude that the following equality holds  $\mathbf{O}(\overline{o}^{m-2}) = o.$  (For  $m = 2 : \overline{o}^{m-2} = \emptyset.$ )

**Remark 2.**

(a) Note that element  $o$  determined in Proposition 5. (Proposition 6.) is called a left and right zero, respectively, or a two-side zero.

(b) An element  $z \in Q$  is called zero of  $(Q, A, M)$  iff for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and for every  $a_1^{n-1} \in Q$  the following equality holds  $M(a_1^{i-1}, z, a_i^{n-1}) = z.$

(c) Let  $(Q, A, M)$  be an  $(m, n)$ -ring,  $o$  its two-side zero and  $m > 2$ . Then, by Proposition 1., Proposition 6. and Definition 2., we conclude that for each  $x \in Q$  and for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  the following equality holds  $A(\overline{o}^{i-1}, x, \overline{o}^{m-i}) = x.$  Whence, we conclude that there is a group  $(Q, +)$  such that for every  $x_1^m \in Q$  the following equality holds  $A(x_1^m) = x_1 + \dots + x_m$  (cf. [6]).

## 2. Results

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(Q, T, o)$  be an algebra of the type  $\langle 3m + n - 5, 0 \rangle$ , and let  $m, n \geq 2$ . Also let*

$$(a) \quad \alpha(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T\left(x, T\left(T\left({}^{2m-1}o, a_1^{m-2n-2}, {}^{n-2}o\right), y, {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o\right), {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o\right),$$

$$(b) \quad \beta(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T\left(x, y, {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o\right) \text{ and}$$

$$(c) \quad \gamma(x, b_1^{n-2}, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T\left(T(x, o, y, {}^{3m-6}o, b_1^{n-2}), x, {}^{3m+n-7}o\right)$$

for every  $x, y, a_1^{m-2}, b_1^{n-2} \in Q$ .

Furthermore, let the following laws

$$(i) \quad \beta(\beta(x, z, b_1^{m-2}), \beta(y, a_1^{m-2}, z), a_1^{m-2}) = \beta(x, y, b_1^{m-2}),$$

$$(ii) \quad \beta(a, c_1^{m-2}, \beta(\beta(\beta(z, c_1^{m-2}, z), c_1^{m-2}, b), c_1^{m-2}, \beta(\beta(z, c_1^{m-2}, z), c_1^{m-2}, a)))) = b,$$

$$(iii) \quad \alpha(x_{\varphi(1)}, \dots, x_{\varphi(m)}) = \alpha(x_1^m) \text{ for all permutations } \varphi \text{ on } \{1, \dots, m\},$$

$$(iv) \quad \gamma(x_1^{i-1}, \beta(y_1^m), x_i^{n-1}) = \overline{\beta(\gamma(x_1^{i-1}, y_j, x_i^{n-1}))}_{j=1}^m \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

$$(v) \quad T(x, {}^{3m-4}o, b_1^{n-2}) = x,$$

$$(vi) \quad T(o, o, y, {}^{3m-6}o, b_1^{n-2}) = o \text{ and}$$

$$(vii) \quad T(x, x, {}^{3m+n-7}o) = o$$

hold in the algebra  $(Q, T, o)$  of the type  $\langle 3m + n - 5, 0 \rangle$ . Then  $(Q, \alpha, \gamma)$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ring and  $o$  is its two-side zero.

### Proof.

1) By (b), (i), (ii) and Proposition 4., we conclude that there is an  $m$ -group  $(Q, A)$  such that the following equality holds  ${}^{-1}A = \beta$ .

2)  $A = \alpha$ . The sketch of the proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) &= T(x, T(T({}^{2m-1}o, a_1^{m-2n-2}, {}^{n-2}o), y, {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o), {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o) \\ &= T(x, T(\beta(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), y, {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o), {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o) \\ &= T(x, \beta(\beta(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, y), {}^{2m-3}o, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{n-2}o) \\ &= \beta(x, a_1^{m-2}, \beta(\beta(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, y)) \\ &= {}^{-1}A(x, a_1^{m-2}, {}^{-1}A({}^{-1}A(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, y)) = A(x, a_1^{m-2}, y) \end{aligned}$$

[ : (a), (b), 1), Proposition 3. ].

3) By 1), 2), (iii), (iv) and Definition 2, we conclude that  $(Q, \alpha, \gamma)$  is an  $(m, n)$ -ring.

4) For all  $a_1^{n-1} \in Q$  the following equalities hold

$$\gamma(o, a_1^{n-1}) = o \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma(a_1^{n-1}, o) = o.$$

The sketch of the proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(o, b_1^{n-2}, y) &= T(T(o, o, y, \frac{3m-6}{o}, b_1^{n-2}), o, \frac{3m+n-7}{o}) \\ &= T(o, o, \frac{3m+n-7}{o}) = o; \\ \gamma(x, b_1^{n-2}, o) &= T(T(x, o, o, \frac{3m-6}{o}, b_1^{n-2}), x, \frac{3m+n-7}{o}) \\ &= T(x, x, \frac{3m+n-7}{o}) = o; \end{aligned}$$

[ : (c),(v),(vi),(vii) ]. □

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(Q, A, M)$  be an  $(m, n)$ -ring,  $\mathbf{O}$  be the  $\{1, m\}$ -neutral operation of the  $m$ -group  $(Q, A)$ , and  $-$  the inversing operation of the  $m$ -group  $(Q, A)$ . Also, let  $o$  be the element of the set  $Q$  such that

(a)  $M(o, a_1^{n-1}) = M(a_1^{n-1}, o) = o$  for all  $a_1^{n-1} \in Q$  (i.e., let  $o$  be a two-side zero).

(o)  $T(x, y, z, a_1^{m-2}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{m-2}, d_1^{n-2}) \stackrel{def}{=} A(-^1A(M(x, d_1^{m-2}, z), a_1^{m-2}, M(y, d_1^{m-2}, z)), b_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, c_1^{m-2}, y)).^1$   
for each  $x, y, z, a_1^{m-2}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{m-2}, d_1^{n-2} \in Q$

Then, the following identities hold:

- (1)  $\mathbf{O}(b_1^{m-2}) = T(x, x, y, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2});$
- (2)  $- (b_1^{m-2}, x) = T(T(\frac{2}{u}, v, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2}), x, o, \frac{2}{d_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, e_1^{n-2});$
- (3)  $-^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y) = T(x, y, o, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2});$
- (4)  $A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y) = T(x, T(T(\frac{2}{u}, v, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2}), y, o, \frac{2}{d_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, e_1^{n-2}), o, \frac{2}{p_1^{m-2}}, b_1^{m-2}, q_1^{n-2});$
- (5)  $M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y) = T(T(x, o, y, \frac{m-2}{o}, a_1^{m-2}, \frac{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}), x, o, \frac{2}{c_1^{m-2}}, a_1^{m-2}, d_1^{n-2});$
- (6)  $T(x, \frac{2}{o}, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \frac{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) = x;$
- (7)  $T(\frac{2}{o}, x, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \frac{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) = o;$  and
- (8)  $T(\frac{2}{x}, y, \frac{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \frac{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) = o.$

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<sup>1</sup>cf. [11]/(7) or [10]/10/(11)

**Sketch of the proof.**

- 1)  $T(x, x, y, \overline{a_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2})$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(x, c_1^{n-2}, y), a_1^{m-2}, M(x, c_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, a_1^{m-2}, x))$   
 $= A(\mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, a_1^{m-2}, x)) = -^1A(x, a_1^{m-2}, x) = \mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2})$   
 $[\text{: (o), Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1. }].$
- 2)  $T(T(\overline{u}^2, v, \overline{a_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2}), x, o, \overline{d_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, e_1^{n-2})$   
 $= T(\mathbf{O}(b_1^{m-2}), x, o, \overline{d_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, e_1^{n-2})$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(\mathbf{O}(b_1^{m-2}), c_1^{n-2}, o), d_1^{m-2}, M(x, e_1^{n-2}, o)), d_1^{m-2}, A(\mathbf{O}(b_1^{m-2}), b_1^{m-2}, x))$   
 $= A(-^1A(o, d_1^{m-2}, o), d_1^{m-2}, A(\mathbf{O}(b_1^{m-2}), b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, x)))$   
 $= A(\mathbf{O}(d_1^{m-2}), d_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, x)) = - (b_1^{m-2}, x)$   
 $[\text{: (o), 1), (a), Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1. }].$
- 3)  $T(x, y, o, \overline{a_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2})$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(x, c_1^{n-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, M(y, c_1^{n-2}, o)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y))$   
 $= A(-^1A(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y))$   
 $= A(\mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y))$   
 $= -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y)$   
 $[\text{: (o), (a), Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1. }].$
- 4)  $T(x, T(T(\overline{u}^2, v, \overline{a_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, c_1^{n-2}), y, o, \overline{d_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, e_1^{n-2}), o, \overline{p_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, q_1^{n-2})$   
 $= T(x, - (b_1^{m-2}, y), o, \overline{p_1^{m-2}}^2, b_1^{m-2}, q_1^{n-2})$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(x, q_1^{n-2}, o), p_1^{m-2}, M(- (b_1^{m-2}, y), q_1^{n-2}, o)), p_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, y)))$   
 $= A(-^1A(o, p_1^{m-2}, o), p_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, y)))$   
 $= A(\mathbf{O}(p_1^{m-2}), p_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, y)))$   
 $= -^1A(x, b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, y)) = A(x, b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, - (b_1^{m-2}, y)))$   
 $= A(x, b_1^{m-2}, y)$   
 $[\text{: (o), 2), (a), 3., Definition 1., Remark 1. }].$
- 5<sub>1</sub>)  $M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y) = -^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overline{o}^{m-2}, \mathbf{O}(\overline{o}^{m-2}))$   
 $= -^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overline{o}^{m-2}, o) = -^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overline{o}^{m-2}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y))$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overline{o}^{m-2}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, \mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}))$   
 $= A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overline{o}^{m-2}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, A(x, a_1^{m-2}, - (a_1^{m-2}, x)))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= A(A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overset{m-2}{o}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, x), a_1^{m-2}, -(a_1^{m-2}, x)) \\
&= A(A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overset{m-2}{o}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2-1}A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)), a_1^{m-2} - (a_1^{m-2}x)) \\
&= -^1A(A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), \overset{m-2}{o}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)), a_1^{m-2}, x) \\
&= -^1A(T(x, o, y, \overset{m-2}{o}, a_1^{m-2}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}), a_1^{m-2}, x) \\
&\quad [ : \text{Proposition 1., Remark 1., Proposition 6., (a), (o)} ].
\end{aligned}$$

$$5_2) X \stackrel{def}{=} T(x, o, y, \overset{m-2}{o}, a_1^{m-2}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
5_3) M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y) &= -^1A(X, a_1^{m-2}, x) = A(\mathbf{O}(c_1^{m-2}), c_1^{m-2}, -^1A(X, a_1^{m-2}, x)) \\
&= A(-^1A(o, c_1^{m-2}, o), c_1^{m-2}, -^1A(X, a_1^{m-2}, x)) \\
&= A(-^1A(M(X, d_1^{n-2}, o), c_1^{m-2}, M(x, d_1^{n-2}, o)), c_1^{m-2}, -^1A(X, a_1^{m-2}, x)) \\
&= T(X, x, o, \overset{2}{c_1^{m-2}}, a_1^{m-2}, d_1^{n-2}) \\
&= T(T(x, o, y, \overset{m-2}{o}, a_1^{m-2}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}), x, o, \overset{2}{c_1^{m-2}}, a_1^{m-2}, d_1^{n-2}) \\
&\quad [ : 5_1), 5_2), \text{Proposition 1., Remark 1., Proposition 3., (a), (o)} ].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
6) T(x, \overset{2}{o}, \overset{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) \\
&= A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, o)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)) \\
&= A(-^1A(o, a_1^{m-2}, o), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)) \\
&= A(\mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)) = -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, o) \\
&= -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, \mathbf{O}(\overset{m-2}{o})) = x; -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, \mathbf{O}(\overset{m-2}{o})) = z \Leftrightarrow \\
&A(z, \overset{m-2}{o}, \mathbf{O}(\overset{m-2}{o})) = x \Leftrightarrow z = x \\
&\quad [ : (o), (a), \text{Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1., Proposition 6.} ].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
7) T(\overset{2}{o}, x, \overset{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) \\
&= A(-^1A(M(o, b_1^{n-2}, x), a_1^{m-2}, M(o, b_1^{n-2}, x)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(o, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)) \\
&= A(\mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(o, \overset{m-2}{o}, o)) = -^1A(o, \overset{m-2}{o}, o) = \mathbf{O}(\overset{m-2}{o}) = o \\
&\quad [ : (o), \text{Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1., Proposition 6.} ].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
8) T(\overset{2}{x}, y, \overset{2}{a_1^{m-2}}, \overset{m-2}{o}, b_1^{n-2}) \\
&= A(-^1A(M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y), a_1^{m-2}, M(x, b_1^{n-2}, y)), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, x)) \\
&= A(\mathbf{O}(a_1^{m-2}), a_1^{m-2}, -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, x)) = -^1A(x, \overset{m-2}{o}, x) = \mathbf{O}(\overset{m-2}{o}) = o \\
&\quad [ : (o), \text{Proposition 3., Proposition 1., Remark 1., Proposition 6.} ]. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.** *The operation  $\mathbf{O}$  has been described in Theorem 2. by using only the operation  $T$ . Bearing in mind Proposition 6., (1) from Theorem 2., as well as the convention that  $a_1^\circ = \emptyset$ , we find that for each  $x, y, c_1^{n-2} \in Q$ , (1) reduces to the following equality*

$$(m) \quad o = T(x, x, y, c_1^{n-2}).$$

Hence, bearing in mind Theorem 2., we find out that in  $(2, n)$ -rings the operations  $A, {}^{-1}A, -$  and  $M$  can also be described by using just one  $(n+1)$ -ary operation. In addition, in the case  $m = 2$ , the constant  $o \in Q$  can be eliminated from equalities (6)–(8) in Theorem 2. by using (m).

In [11] rings  $[(2, 2)$ -rings] have been described as 3-groupoids with one law.

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