

Functional equations and their graphs

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Dedicated
to our coauthor
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We consider equations which are:

- **Functional** (there is at least one functional variable)
- **On quasigroups** (functional variables are interpreted as quasigroups)
- **Generalized** (each functional variable have single occurrence)
- **Quadratic** (object variables have exactly two occurrences).

Balanced (permutational) equations

There are also two important special cases:

- **Balanced (permutational) equations**
(object variables have exactly two occurrences, once on each side of the equality sign)
- **Balanced equations of the first kind**
(the order of occurrence of object variables is the same on both sides of the equality sign).

Generalized associativity and bisymmetry

The most important paper in the field:

J. Aczél, V. D. Belousov, M. Hosszú:

Generalized associativity and bisymmetry on quasigroups,
Acta Math. Acad. Sci. Hungar. **11** (1960), 127–136.

The following result is proved:

Generalized associativity and bisymmetry

Theorem

All quasigroups satisfying *generalized associativity*:

$$A(B(x, y), z) = E(x, F(y, z)),$$

(resp. *generalized bisymmetry*:

$$A(B(x, y), C(u, v)) = E(F(x, u), G(y, v)))$$

are isotopic to the same group (resp. Abelian group).

Balanced equations of the 1st kind

A. Sade:

Entropie demosienne de multigroupoides et de quasigroupes,
Ann. Soc. Scient. Bruxelles 73/3 (1959), 302–309.

V. D. Belousov:

Balanced identities in quasigroups (Russian),
Matem. Sb. t. 70 (112), no. 1 (1966), 55–97.

B. Alimpić:
Balanced laws on quasigroups (Serbian),
Mat. Vesnik 9(24) (1972), 249–255.

Quadratic equations were introduced in:

A. Krapež:

Strictly quadratic functional equations on quasigroups I,
Publ. Inst. Math. (Beograd) (N.S.) 29 (43), (1981), 125–138.

Above paper also gives a general solution
when all operations from the equation are mutually isotrophic
(see below).

Definition

Let Φ be the set of all operational symbols of a quadratic equation Eq and let $F, G \in \Phi$.

- $F \sim G$ iff Eq implies **isostrophy** of F and G .
- $F \approx G$ ($F \leftrightarrow G$) iff this isostrophy is **even** (**odd**)
($F \approx G$ ($F \leftrightarrow G$) iff F^α is isotopic to G
and α is an even (odd) permutation of S_3).

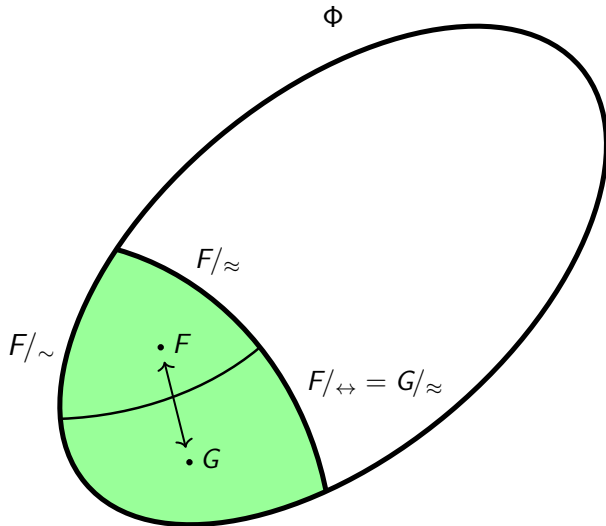
Lemma

Relations \sim and \approx are equivalence relations.

Define $F/\leftrightarrow = \{G \in \Phi \mid F \leftrightarrow G\}$. Then:

- $F/\sim = F/\approx \cup F/\leftrightarrow$
- *Either $F/\approx \cap F/\leftrightarrow = \emptyset$ or $F/\approx = F/\leftrightarrow$.*

Quadratic equations



Also possible:

F/\leftrightarrow is empty

$F/\leftrightarrow = F/\approx$

In his PhD thesis S. Krstić proved:

Theorem

All quasigroups from F/\sim are isotrophic to the same loop \bullet .

If $|F/\sim| > 2$ then \bullet is a group.

If $F/\approx = F/\leftrightarrow$ then \bullet is an Abelian group.

Loops pertaining to \sim -classes have a common unit, but otherwise are independent of each other.

Theorem

Generalized quadratic quasigroup functional equation Eq is *parastrophically uncancellable* (i.e. $\sim = \square$)
iff
 $Krstić$ graph $K(Eq)$ is *3-connected*.

Also:

Theorem

*Quadratic quasigroup Eq and Eq' are **parastrophically equivalent** iff their Krstić graphs $K(Eq)$ and $K(Eq')$ are **isomorphic**.*

Parastrophic equivalence is defined by example:

Functional equations of generalized associativity:

$$A(B(x, y), z) = E(x, F(y, z))$$

and generalized transitivity:

$$A(B(x, y), C(y, u)) = E(x, u)$$

are **parastrophically equivalent** because $F = C^{-1}$
i.e. they are parastrophes of each other.

Krstić graphs are finite nonempty connected cubic multigraphs.

For a generalized quadratic equation Eq , the Krstić graph $K(Eq)$ is given by:

- The **vertices** of $K(Eq)$ are **operation symbols** from Eq
- The **edges** of $K(Eq)$ are **subterms** of Eq
- If $F(s, t)$ is a subterm of Eq then the vertex F is **incident** to edges $s, t, F(s, t)$ and no others.

Definition

$F \equiv G$ iff F and G are 3-connected in $K(Eq)$.

Theorem

Let Eq be a generalized quadratic quasigroup functional equation with operation symbols F and G .

$F \sim G$ in Eq iff $F \equiv G$ in $K(Eq)$.

$|F/\sim| > 2$ (group case)

iff tetrahedron K_4

is homeomorphically embeddable in $K(Eq)$ within F/\equiv .

$F/\approx = F/\leftrightarrow$ (Abelian group case)

iff subgraph F/\equiv is not planar

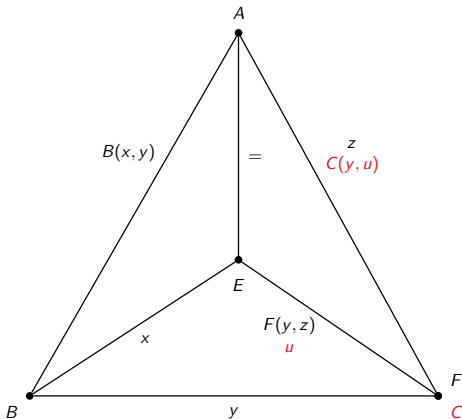
iff the complete bipartite graph $K_{3,3}$

is homeomorphically embeddable in $K(Eq)$ within F/\equiv .

Example

$$A(B(x, y), z) = E(x, F(y, z))$$

$$A(B(x, y), C(y, u)) = E(x, u)$$



Example

There are exactly 100 generalized quadratic equations parastrophically equivalent to generalized associativity.

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We need to augment properties of Krstić graphs so that such graph uniquely defines corresponding equation.

An **Eq-graph** is a structure $\Gamma = (V, E; I, \mathbf{d}, \chi, \omega)$ where:

- (1) the triple $G = (V, E; I)$
is an underlying **Krstić (multi)graph** of Γ ;
- (2) $\mathbf{d} \in E$ is the unique **designated edge**;
- (3) $\chi : V \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$ is a **vertex (bi)coloring**;
- (4) ω is a **bidirection of edges** defined below.

Bidirection is a mapping $\omega : uv \mapsto \{(u, \lambda), (v, \mu)\}$ where $\lambda, \mu \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. The numbers correspond to direction of edges at each end: the "incoming" direction (0), and two "outcomming" directions (1,2).

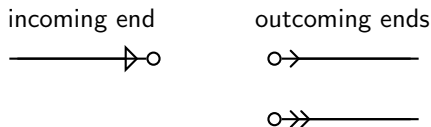
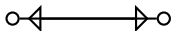


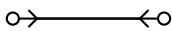
Figure: Incoming and outcoming ends of edges.

Bidirection

extraverted edge



introverted edges



directed edges

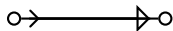


Figure: Different types of bidirected edges.

Bidirected graphs were defined first in:

J. Edmonds, E. L. Johnson:

Matching: A Well-Solved Class of Integer Linear Programs,
in the book:

M. Junger, G. Reinelt, G. Rinaldi (eds.):

Combinatorial Optimization Eureka, You Shrink!,

Lecture Notes in Computer Science 2570,

Springer

Berlin, Heidelberg

(2003)

but we have edges with two different types of outcomming ends.

With such definition, at every vertex we have situation like this:

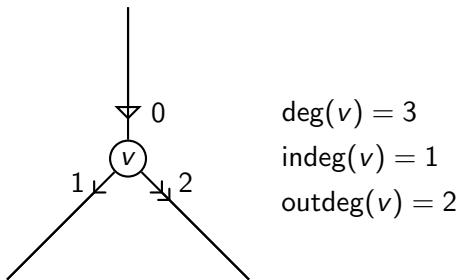
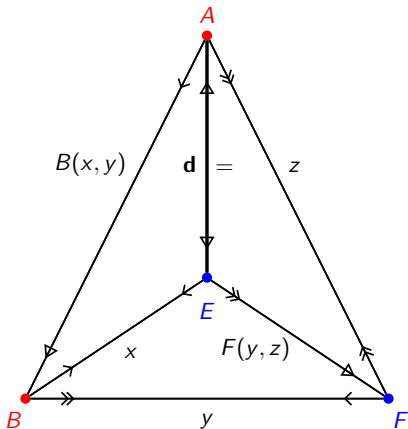


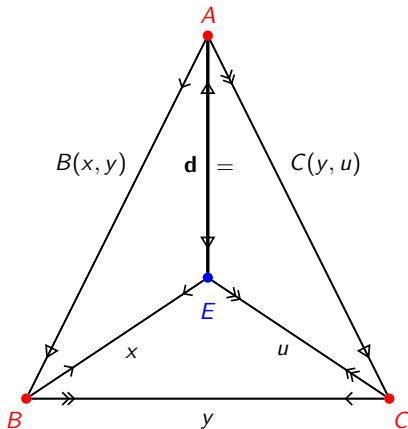
Figure: The degrees of a vertex.

Example

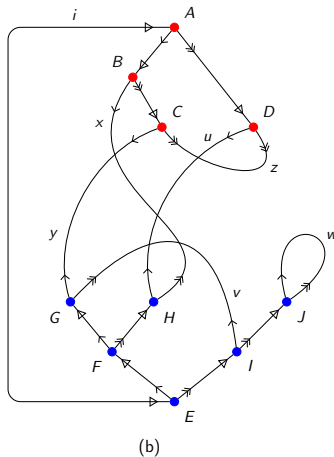
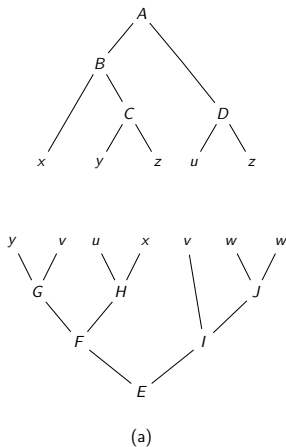
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Example: Eq -graph of an equation



(a) The trees of terms s and t of the equation $s = t$

(b) The graph $\Gamma(s = t)$ of the equation $s = t$

The structure $\Gamma = (V, E; I, \mathbf{d}, \chi, \omega)$ is an *Eq*-graph if:

- 1 The multigraph $(V, E; I)$ is a Krstić graph (finite nonempty connected cubic graph);
- 2 Every vertex has indegree 1 and outdegree 2;
- 3 All loops are either directed or introverted;
- 4 The designated edge \mathbf{d} is either extraverted or directed;
- 5 An extraverted edge, if it exists, is equal to \mathbf{d} ;
- 6 If \mathbf{d} is directed then Γ is monochromatic;
- 7 If \mathbf{d} is extraverted then the end vertices of \mathbf{d} are of different colour;
- 8 End vertices of a directed edge are of the same colour.

Theorem

Generalized quadratic quasigroup functional equations Eq and Eq' are logically equivalent iff their Eq -graphs $\Gamma(Eq)$ and $\Gamma(Eq')$ are isomorphic.