

## ON ORDERING OF AG-GROUPOIDS

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**Abstract:** Total ordering plays an important role in the theory of semigroups. In this study we extend this characteristic to  $AG^*$ -groupoids as: If  $S$  is an  $M$ -torsion free and cancellative  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$  with quotient group  $T$ , then  $S$  admits a total order compatible with its operation if and only if  $T$  has a total order.

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## 1. Introduction

Following Denes and Keedwell [1], a groupoid  $S$  is said to be Abel-Grassmann's groupoid (AG-groupoid) if for all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $(ab)c = (cb)a$ . This structure is also known as left almost semigroup (abbreviated as LA-semigroup), a generalized form of a commutative semigroup (see [4]). It is known that in an AG-groupoid  $S$  the medial property (i.e.  $(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd)$ , for all  $a, b, c, d \in S$ ) holds. By [4], an AG-groupoid  $S$  is said to be a weak associative AG-groupoid, denoted  $AG^*$ -groupoid if it satisfies one of the equivalent conditions: (i)  $(ab)c = b(ca)$ ; (ii)  $(ab)c = b(ac)$ , for all  $a, b, c \in S$ . An AG-groupoid  $S$  is said to be a locally associative if  $(aa)a = a(aa)$  for all  $a \in S$ , see [6]. It is fairly easy to see that every  $AG^*$ -groupoid is locally associative. In an AG-groupoid  $S$  with left identity  $e$ , if  $ab = cd$ , then  $ba = dc$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in S$  (cf. [7, Theorem 2.7]).

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Inspiration by the usefulness of totally ordered semigroups, in this study we extend it to the  $AG^*$ -groupoids with left identity  $e$  and established that: An  $M$ -torsion free and cancellative  $AG^*$ -groupoid  $S$  with quotient group  $T$ , admits a total order compatible with its operation if and only if  $T$  has a total order.

The techniques we used in this paper are mainly inspired by [2].

## 2. Main Results

We begin initially by the following theorem which is a generalization of [2, Theorem 1.2].

**Theorem 1.** *If  $S$  is an  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$  and  $C$  is a left cancellative sub $AG^*$ -groupoid of  $S$ , then there exists an embedding  $\phi : S \rightarrow T$ , where  $T$  is an Abelian monoid such that:*

- (1)  $\phi(c)$  has an inverse  $(\phi(c))^{-1}$  in  $T$  for all  $c \in C$  and
- (2)  $T = \{(\phi(c))^{-1}\phi(s) : s \in S, c \in C\}$ .

*If  $S = C$ , then monoid  $T$  is an Abelian group.*

*Proof.* Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $A = C \times S$  by  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)$  if and only if  $c_1s_2 = c_2s_1$ . We claim that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation. Indeed, the relation  $\sim$  is reflexive, as  $cs = cs$  implies  $(c, s) = (c, s)$ . Clearly  $\sim$  is symmetric as  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)$  implies  $c_1s_2 = c_2s_1$ , i.e.  $c_2s_1 = c_1s_2$  and hence  $(c_2, s_2) \sim (c_1, s_1)$ . Now suppose  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)$  and  $(c_2, s_2) \sim (c_3, s_3)$ . This implies  $c_1s_2 = c_2s_1$  and  $c_2s_3 = c_3s_2$ . Now using [6, Lemma 4], we have  $c_2(c_1s_3) = c_1(c_2s_3) = c_1(c_3s_2) = c_3(c_1s_2) = c_3(c_2s_1) = c_2(c_3s_1)$ . This implies that  $c_1s_3 = c_3s_1$  and hence  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_3, s_3)$  and therefore  $\sim$  is transitive. If  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)$ , then  $c_1s_2 = c_2s_1$ . By [7, Theorem 2.7], it implies that  $s_2c_1 = s_1c_2$ . Now  $(c_3s_4)(s_2c_1) = (c_3s_4)(s_1c_2)$  implies  $(c_3s_2)(s_4c_1) = (c_3s_1)(s_4c_2)$  and so  $(c_3s_2, s_4c_2) \sim (c_3s_1, s_4c_1)$  or  $(c_3, s_4)(c_2, s_2) \sim (c_3, s_4)(c_1, s_1)$  or  $(c_3, s_4)(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_3, s_4)(c_2, s_2)$ . This implies  $\sim$  is left compatible. Again if  $(c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)$ , then  $c_1s_2 = c_2s_1$  and by [7, Theorem 2.7],  $s_2c_1 = s_1c_2$ . Now  $(s_2c_1)(c_3s_4) = (s_1c_2)(c_3s_4)$ , using medial law we have  $(s_2c_3)(c_1s_4) = (s_1c_3)(c_2s_4)$  and so  $(c_1s_4)(s_2c_3) = (c_2s_4)(s_1c_3)$ . This implies,  $(c_1s_4, s_1c_3) \sim (c_2s_4, s_2c_3)$  or  $(c_1, s_1)(c_3, s_4) \sim (c_2, s_2)(c_3, s_4)$ . Hence  $\sim$  is right compatible. Thus  $\sim$  is compatible. Now  $T = C \times S / \sim = \{[c, s] : c \in C, s \in S\}$  is the set of all equivalence classes of  $C \times S$  under " $\sim$ ".  $T$  is a commutative monoid under the binary operation " $*$ " defined by

$$[(c_1, s_1)] * [(c_2, s_2)] = [(c_1c_2, s_2s_1)] \in T.$$

Clearly  $T$  is closed. Now we show that  $(T, *)$  is an  $AG$ -groupoid. For this consider

$$([(c_1, s_1)] * [(c_2, s_2)]) * [(c_3, s_3)] = [(c_1c_2, s_2s_1)] * [(c_3, s_3)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [(c_1c_2, s_2s_1)] * [(c_3, s_3)] \\
 &= [((c_1c_2) c_3, s_3 (s_2s_1))] \\
 &= [((c_3c_2) c_1, s_2 (s_3s_1))].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now take

$$\begin{aligned}
 ([c_3, s_3] * [c_2, s_2]) * [c_1, s_1] &= [(c_3c_2, s_2s_3)] * [(c_1, s_1)] \\
 &= [((c_3c_2) c_1, s_1 (s_2s_3))] \\
 &= [((c_3c_2) c_1, s_2 (s_3s_1))].
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[(c_1, s_1)] * [c_2, s_2] * [c_3, s_3] = ([c_3, s_3]) * [(c_2, s_2)] * [(c_1, s_1)]$ . Hence  $(T, *)$  is an AG-groupoid. Let  $[(c_1, s_1)] \in T$ , then consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(c_1, s_1)] * [(c, c)] &= [(c_1c, cs_1)] \\
 &= \{(c_2, s_2) \in A : (c_1c, cs_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)\} \\
 &= \{(c_2, s_2) \in A : (c_1c) s_2 = c_2 (cs_1)\} \\
 &= \{(c_2, s_2) \in A : c (c_1s_2) = c (c_2s_1)\} \\
 &= \{(c_2, s_2) \in A : c_1s_2 = c_2s_1\} \\
 &= \{(c_2, s_2) \in A : (c_1, s_1) \sim (c_2, s_2)\} \\
 &= [(c_1, s_1)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[(c, c)]$  is a right identity in  $T$  for all  $c \in C$ . Now since  $T$  is an AG-groupoid therefore by [7, Theorem 2.4] it becomes a commutative monoid. Now define  $\phi : S \rightarrow T$  by  $\phi(s) = [(c, cs)]$  for all  $s \in S$ . Let  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that  $s_1 = s_2$ . It is easy to verify that  $\phi$  is well-defined. Let  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(s_1s_2) &= [(c, c(s_1s_2))] \\
 &= [((c_2c_1), (c_2c_1)(s_1s_2))], \text{ where } c = c_2c_1 \in C. \\
 &= [((c_2c_1), (c_2s_1)(c_1s_2))] = [((c_2c_1), (c_2s_1)(c_1s_2))] [(e, e)] \\
 &= [((c_2c_1) e, e((c_2s_1)(c_1s_2)))] = [((c_2c_1) e, e((c_2s_1)(c_1s_2)))] \\
 &= [(ec_1) c_2, (c_2s_1)(c_1s_2)] = [(c_1, c_1s_2)][(c_2, c_2s_1)] \\
 &= [(c_2, c_2s_1)][(c_1, c_1s_2)] = [(c_1s_1, c_1)][(c_2s_2, c_2)] \\
 &= \phi(s_1) \phi(s_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ker}\phi &= \{s \in S : \phi(s) \text{ is the identity of } T\} \\
 &= \{s \in S : \phi(s) = [(c, c)]\} \\
 &= \{s \in S : [(c, cs)] = [(c, c)]\} \\
 &= \{s \in S : (c, cs) \sim (c, c)\} = \{s \in S : cc = c(cs)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{s \in S : cc = (cc)s\} = \{s \in S : e = s\} \\
&= \{s \in S : s = e\} = \{e\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi$  is one-one. Thus  $\phi : S \rightarrow T$  is an embedding. Now if  $c \in C$ , then  $\phi(c) = [(c, c^2)]$  has an inverse  $(\phi(c))^{-1} = [(c^2, c)] \in T$ . Indeed,  $\phi(c)(\phi(c))^{-1} = [c, c^2] [(c^2, c)] = [(c.c^2, c.c^2)] = [(c_1, c_1)]$ , where  $c_1 = c.c^2 \in C$  and  $[(c_1, c_1)]$  is an identity in  $T$ . Now an arbitrary element  $[(s, c)]$  in  $T$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
(\phi(c))^{-1} \phi(s) &= [(c, cs)] [(c^2, c)] = [(cc^2, c(cs))] = [(cc^2, (cc) s)] \\
&= [(cc^2, c^2 s)] = [(c, s)] [(c^2, c^2)] = [(c, s)].
\end{aligned}$$

As  $T$  is commutative, so  $(\phi(c))^{-1} \phi(s) = \phi(s)(\phi(c))^{-1} = [(c, s)]$ . If  $S = C$ , then every element of  $T$  is invertible. Consider  $[(c, s)] [(s, c)] = [(cs, cs)] = [(c^2, c^2)] = [(c_1.c_1)]$ , which is an identity in  $T$ . Hence  $T$  is an Abelian group.  $\square$

By [8], a semigroup  $S$  is said to be  $M$ -torsion free if for all  $x, y \in S$  there exists  $1 \leq m \in M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $x^m = y^m$ , then  $x = y$  (see [8, p. 332]).

Now in the following we extend [8, p. 332] for an  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $(S, *)$  be an  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$ , then  $S$  is said to be  $M$ -torsion free if for all  $x, y \in S$  there exist  $1 \leq m \in M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $x^m = y^m$ , then  $x = y$ .

**Example 1.** Take  $AG^*$ -groupoid  $(Q^+, *)$ , with left identity 1 in which the binary operation  $*$  defined as  $a * b = b.a^{-1}$ .  $(Q^+, *)$  is an  $O$ -torsion free, where  $O$  is the set of odd positive integers. In particular for  $m = 3$ , take  $x^3 = y^3$  and by locally associative property we have  $x^2 * x = y^2 * y$ . Now as for all  $x \in Q^+$ ,  $x^2 = 1$ , so  $1 * x = 1 * y$ . This implies  $x = y$ . Hence  $(Q^+, *)$  is  $O$ -torsion free  $AG^*$ -groupoid. Similarly  $(\mathbb{Z}, \circ)$  is an  $O$ -torsion free, where  $O$  is the set of odd positive integers,  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity 0 defined as  $a \circ b = b - a$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(S, *)$  be an  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$ . If  $\leq$  is total order on  $S$  compatible with  $*$ , then  $S$  is  $M$ -torsion free and cancellative.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in S$  and say  $a < b$  (that is  $a < b$  and  $a \neq b$ ). If  $a < b$ , this implies  $a * x < b * x$  for all  $x \in S$ . Since  $\leq$  is compatible with respect to  $*$ , this implies  $S$  is cancellative.

Now if  $a < b$ , then  $a * a < a * b \dots$  (1) and  $a * b < b * b \dots$  (2). It further implies that  $a * a < a * b < b * b$ . From (1), we have  $(a * a) * a < (a * b) * a$  and from (2), we can say  $(a * b) * b < (b * b) * b$ . Now for  $a < b$ , the compatibility of  $*$  implies that  $(a * b) * a < (a * b) * b$  and hence  $(a * a) * a < (a * b) * b < (b * b) * b$ .

Continuing this process for  $m$ -times, where  $m$  is minimal in the set  $M$ , we have  $a^m < \dots < b^m$ . This implies  $a^m < b^m$  for some  $m \in M$ . Hence  $(S, *)$  is  $M$ -torsion free.  $\square$

The following theorem establishes a relation between an  $AG^*$ -groupoid and its quotient group.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $T$  be the quotient group of a cancellative  $AG^*$ -groupoid  $S$  with left identity  $e$ . Then  $T$  is  $M$ -torsion free if and only if for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $x^n = y^n$  implies  $x = y$ , where  $n \in M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$ .*

Suppose  $T = C \times S / \sim$  is torsion free. This implies  $[(x, x)]$  is only element of  $C \times S / \sim$  of finite order. So,  $[(x, x)]^n = [(x, x)]$ . Assume that  $x^n = y^n$ , where  $n \in M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $x.x^n = x.y^n$ . So by power associativity of  $S$ , we have  $x^{1+n} = x.y^n$  or  $x^n.x = x.y^n$ . This implies  $(x^n, y^n) \sim (x, x)$  or  $[(x, y)]^n = [(x, x)]$  and hence it implies  $x = y$ . Now conversely suppose that for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $x^n = y^n$  implies  $x = y$ . Let  $[x, y] \in C \times S / \sim$  such that  $[(x, y)]^n = [(x, x)]$ . This implies  $(x^n, y^n) \sim (x, x)$  and therefore  $x^n.x = x.y^n$ . So by power associativity in  $S$ ,  $x^{n+1} = x.y^n$  or  $x.x^n = x.y^n$ . This implies  $x^n = y^n$  and so  $x = y$ . Thus  $[(x, x)]^n = [(x, x)]$  and hence  $T = C \times S / \sim$  is  $M$ -torsion free.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $S$  be a  $M$ -torsion free cancellative  $AG^*$ -groupoid with left identity  $e$  with quotient group  $T$ . Then  $S$  admits a total order compatible with its operation if and only if  $T$  has a total order.*

*Proof.* If  $T$  is totally ordered under  $\leq$ , then the relation  $\leq$  induces a total order on  $S$  compatible with the  $AG^*$ -groupoid operation. Conversely, if  $S$  is totally ordered under  $\leq$ , then we define a relation  $\sim$  on  $T$  as follows:

each element of  $T$  is expressible in the form  $c's$  for some  $c, s \in S$  and  $c'$  is inverse of  $c$ . Now for  $t_1 = c'_1s_1$  and  $t_2 = c'_3s_3$  in  $T$ , we define  $t_1 \sim t_2$  by  $c'_1s_1 \leq c'_3s_3$ . Now  $c'_1s_1 \leq c'_3s_3$  and by def. of  $AG^*$ -groupoid,  $c_1(c'_1s_1) \leq c_1(c'_3s_3) \implies (c'_1c_1)s_1 \leq (c'_3c_1)s_3$ . It follows that  $s_1 \leq (c'_3c_1)s_3$  and  $c_3s_1 \leq c_3((c'_3c_1)s_3)$ , so by [6, Lemma 4]  $c_3s_1 \leq (c'_3c_1)(c_3s_3) \implies c_3s_1 \leq (c'_3c_3)(c_1s_3)$  or  $c_3s_1 \leq e(c_1s_3)$  or  $c_3s_1 \leq c_1s_3$ .

Then  $\sim$  is a well defined relation of total order on  $T$  that is consistent with the group operation on  $T$  and for the restriction of the relation  $\leq$  on  $S$ , we just to verify that  $\sim$  is well defined and that it agrees with the relation  $\leq$  on  $S$ .

Thus, if  $t_1 = c'_1s_1 = c'_2s_2$  and  $t_2 = c'_3s_3 = c'_4s_4$ , where  $c_3s_1 \leq c_1s_3$ , then

$$(c_3s_1)(c_2s_4) \leq (c_1s_3)(c_2s_4). \quad (1)$$

Now for the values of  $c_2$  and  $s_4$ , we consider  $c'_1s_1 = c'_2s_2$ , then by cancellativity we have  $(c'_1s_1)s'_2 = (c'_2s_2)s'_2 = (s'_2s_2)c'_2 = ec'_2$ . So,  $(c'_1s_1)s'_2 = c'_2$  and  $((c'_1s_1)s'_2)' = (c'_2)'$  implies that  $(c_1s_1)s_2 = c_2$ . Now for  $s_4$ , consider  $c'_3s_3 = c'_4s_4$ . Then  $c_4(c'_3s_3) = c_4(c'_4s_4)$  and by [6, Lemma 4], we have  $c_4(c'_3s_3) = (c'_4c_4)s_4 = s_4$ . Now by repeated use of definitions of  $AG$ -groupoid,  $AG^*$ -groupoid and medial law in (1), it can be easily verified that if  $(c_3s_1)(c_2s_4) \leq (c_1s_3)(c_2s_4)$ , then  $(c_4s_2) \leq (c_2s_4)$  and hence  $\sim$  is well defined. Define  $\phi : S \rightarrow T$  by  $\phi(s) = c'(cs)$ , where  $c'$  is inverse of  $c \in S$ . Then  $\phi$  is an embedding. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(s_1 s_2) &= c'(c(s_1 s_2)) = (cc')(s_1 s_2) = e(s_1 s_2) = s_1 s_2 \\ &= [(cc')_{s_1}][(cc')_{s_2}] = [c'(cs_1)][c'(cs_2)] = \phi(s_1)\phi(s_2).\end{aligned}$$

Now let  $\phi(s_1) = \phi(s_2)$ . This implies that  $[c'(cs_1)] = [c'(cs_2)]$  or  $(cc')_{s_1} = (cc')_{s_2}$  and hence  $s_1 = s_2$ .

Hence for  $s, t \in S$ , we have  $s \sim t$  if and only if  $c(cs) \leq c(ct)$  if and only if  $s \leq t$ .  $\square$

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