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# STRUCTURE OF TRIABELIAN QUASIGROUPS Tomáš KEPKA, Praha

Abstract: A quasigroup is called triabelian if every its subquasigroup which is generated by at most three elements is abelian. In the present paper, some basic structural theorems on triabelian quasigroups are proved.

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As it is well known, the class of distributive quasigroups has a large number of nice algebraic properties. It
is the purpose of this paper to show that the structure of
triabelian quasigroups is very similar to that of distributive quasigroups. In certain sense, this paper is a continuation of the last section from [1]. First we recall some definitions. A quasigroup Q is called an RF-quasigroup (LFquasigroup) if it satisfies the identity bc.a. = bf(a).ca
(a.bc = ab.e(a)c), where f(a) and e(a) is the left and the
right local unit of a, resp. It is called an F-quasigroup
if it is both an LF and RF-quasigroup. Further, a quasigroup Q is said to be a WA-quasigroup if aa.bc = ab.ac and
bc.aa = ba.ca for all a,b,c & Q. If moreover ab.ca = ac.ba
then we shall say that Q is a WAD-quasigroup. Finally, an

abelian quasigroup is a quasigroup satisfying the identity ab.cd = ac.bd. Let Q be a quasigroup and  $x \in Q$ . Then  $L_x$ and  $R_{\chi}$  is the left and the right translation by x, resp. If Q is a commutative Moufang loop, then j is the identity of Q, N(Q) is the nucleous of Q and a mapping g of Q into Q is said to be nuclear if  $x^{-1} \cdot g(x) \in N(Q)$  for each  $x \in Q$ .

The following lemma is implicitly contained in [2].

Lemma 1. Let Q be a commutative loop and h be a mapping of Q into Q. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) (a.h(a))(bc) = (ab)(h(a)c) for all a,b,c ∈ Q.
- Q is a Moufang loop and h is nuclear. (ii)

Theorem 1. The following conditions are equivalent for every quasigroup Q:

- Q is a WA-quasigroup and there exists as Q such that ab.ca = ac.ba for all b,c∈Q.
- Q is a WA-quasigroup and Q is isotopic to a commutative Moufang loop.
- Q is a WA-quasigroup and Q is isotopic to a Moufang (iii)
- (iv) There are a commutative Moufang lopp Q(o), g,h e  $\in$  Aut Q(o) and  $x \in Q$  such that gh = hg, gh<sup>-1</sup> is nuclear and  $ab = (g(a) \circ h(b)) \circ x \text{ for all } a, b \in Q.$
- (v) Q is a WAD-quasigroup.

<u>Proof.</u> (i) implies (ii). If  $b,c \in Q$  then (aa.ab)(ac.aa) = = (aa.ab)(aa.ca) = (aa.aa)(ab.ca) = (aa.aa)(ac.ba) =

- = (aa.ac)(aa.ba) = (aa.ac)(ab.aa). Hence (aa.x)(y.aa) =
- = (aa.y)(x.aa) for all x,yeQ and we can use[1, Proposition 4.8] and Lemma 1.

(iii) implies (iv). Let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $a \circ b = \mathbb{R}_{XX}^{-1}(a) \cdot L_{XX}^{-1}(b)$  for all  $a,b \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

As it is proved in [1], Propositions 4.1 and 4.8, Q(o) is a CI-loop. However, Q(o) is a Moufang loop, and hence it is commutative. The rest follows from [1, Proposition 4.8 and Theorem 4.9].

(iv) implies (v). Since  $gh^{-1}$  is a nuclear mapping and gh = hg,  $g^2h^{-2} = gh^{-1}gh^{-1}$  is nuclear. According to Lemma 1, ab.ca =  $(((g^2(a) \circ gh(b)) \circ g(x)) \circ ((hg(c) \circ h^2(a)) \circ h(x))) \circ x =$  =  $(((g^2(a) \circ gh(b))) \circ (gh(c) \circ h^2(a))) \circ (g(x) \circ h(x))) \circ x =$  =  $(((g^2(a) \circ gh(c))) \circ g(x)) \circ ((hg(b) \circ h^2(a)) \circ h(x))) \circ x =$  = ac.ba for all  $a,b,c \in Q$ .

Let Q be a WAD-quasigroup. A tetrad (Q(o),g,h,x) is called an arithmetical form of Q if the condition (iv) from Theorem 1 is satisfied.

The following lemma is implicitly proved in [1], Theorem 4.9.

Lemma 2. Let Q be a WAD-quasigroup and  $x \in Q$ . Then there exists an arithemtical form (Q(o),g,h,y) of Q such that xx.xx = j.

Lemma 3. Let Q be a WAD-quasigroup with an arithmetical form (Q(o),g,h,x). Then  $x \in N(Q(o))$  and  $a \circ g(a)$ ,  $a \circ h(a) \in N(Q(o))$  for every  $a \in Q$ , provided at least one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) Q is an LF-quasigroup.
- (ii) Q is an RF-quasigroup.
- (iii) (a.aa)(bc) = (ab)(aa.c) for all a,b,c e Q.
- (iv) (bc)(aa.a) = (b.aa)(ca) for all a,b,c  $\in \mathbb{Q}$ .

<u>Proof.</u> (i) As it is easy to see,  $he(a) = (a \circ x^{-1}) \circ g(a^{-1})$  for each as Q. Since Q is an LF-quasigroup,  $(g(a) \circ ((hg(b) \circ h^{2}(c)) \circ h(x))) \circ x = a.bc = ab.e(a)c = (a)c =$ 

=  $(((g^2(a) \circ gh(b)) \circ g(x)) \circ ((((g(a) \circ g(x^{-1}))) \circ g^2(a^{-1}))) \circ g^2(a^{-1})) \circ g^2(a^{-1})) \circ g^2(a^{-1})) \circ g^2(a^{-1})$ 

and hence

(1)  $a \circ ((b \circ e) \circ h(x)) = ((g(a) \circ b) \circ g(x)) \circ ((((a \circ g(x^{-1})) \circ g(a^{-1})) \circ c) \circ h(x))$ 

for all  $a,b,c, \in Q$ . If we substitute a = j in (1), we obtain the equality

 $h(x) \circ (b \circ c) = (b \circ g(x)) \circ ((c \circ g(x^{-1})) \circ h(x)).$ Multiplying the last equality by  $h(x^{-1}) \circ g(x)$  and taking into account that this element belongs to  $N(Q(\circ))$  (since gh = 0 is nuclear), we get the equality  $(b \circ c) \circ g(x) = 0$  the goal gh is nuclear), we get the equality  $(b \circ c) \circ g(x) = 0$  thus  $g(x) \circ N(Q(\circ))$ , and consequently h(x),  $x \in N(Q(\circ))$ . Now the equality (1) yields  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (g(a) \circ b) \circ ((a \circ g(a^{-1})) \circ c)$  and  $(a \circ b) \circ ((a^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(a)) \circ c) = g^{-1}(a) \circ (b \circ c) = 0$  is a commutative  $(b \circ c) \circ (b \circ$ 

#### (ii) Similarly as for (i).

(iii) After some arrangements (using Lemma 1 and the fact that gh<sup>-1</sup> is nuclear), we can write the identity

(a.aa)(bc) = (ab)(aa.c) as (ach((achg^{-1}(a)) og(x))) o o (bcc) = (acb) o (h((achg^{-1}(a)) og(x)) oc).

If a = j then hg(x) o (bcc) = bo (hg(x) oc), and hence  $x \in N(Q(c))$ . Then (ach(a)ohg^{-1}(a))) o (bcc) = (acb) o ((h(achg^{-1}(a) oc) and a^{-1}oh(achg^{-1}(a)) \in N(Q(c))) by Lemma 1. However, gh<sup>-1</sup> is nuclear, therefore hg<sup>-1</sup> is so and h(achg^{-1}(a^{-1})) \in N(Q(c)). Thus  $a^{-1}ch(aca) \in N(Q(c))$ . Finally,  $h(a^{-1}ca^{-1}ca^{-1}) \in N(Q(c))$ , so that ach(a)  $\in N(Q(c))$ . Similarly as in the proof of (i), we can show that  $acg(a) \in N(Q(c))$ .

(iv) Similarly as for (iii).

Lemma 4. Let a WAD-quasigroup Q have an arithmetical form (Q(o),g,h,x) such that  $x \in N(Q(o))$  and  $a \circ g(a)$ ,  $a \circ h(a) \in N(Q(o))$  for every  $a \in Q$ . Then

- (i) Q is an F-quasigroup.
- (ii) If  $a,b,c,d \in Q$  and ab.cd = ac.bd then ab.(c(dd.dd)) = ac.(b(dd.dd)).

Proof. (i) It is an easy exercise.

- (ii) Since ab.cd = ac.bd and  $x \in N(Q(o))$ ,
- (2)  $(g^2(a) \circ gh(b)) \circ (hg(c) \circ h^2(d)) = (g^2(a) \circ gh(c)) \circ (hg(b) \circ h^2(d)).$

Put  $u = (g^2(d) \circ h^2(d)) \circ (hg(d) \circ hg(d))$ . We shall prove that  $d^{-1} \circ u \in N(Q(\circ))$ . Indeed,  $d^{-1} \circ g(d^{-1})$ ,  $g(d) \circ gh(d)$ ,  $g(d) \circ g^2(d)$ ,  $d^{-1} \circ h(d^{-1})$  and  $h(d) \circ h^2(d)$  belong to  $N(Q(\circ))$ . Hence  $d^{-1} \circ g^2(d)$ ,  $d^{-1} \circ gh(d)$  and  $d^{-1} \circ h^2(d)$  are contained in  $N(Q(\circ))$ . Since  $d \circ d \circ d \in N(Q(\circ))$ ,  $d \circ (gh(d) \circ gh(d)) \in N(Q(\circ))$ . However,  $d^{-1} \circ ((d \circ d) \circ (gh(d) \circ gh(d))) = 0$  and  $d \circ (gh(d) \circ gh(d))$  by the diassociativity of  $Q(\circ)$  and

 $d^{-1} \circ g^2(d)$ ,  $d^{-1} \circ h^2(d) \in N(Q(o))$ . Thus  $d^{-1} \circ u \in N(Q(o))$ , and so  $h^2(d^{-1} \circ u) \in N(Q(o))$ . Multiplying (2) by  $h^2(d^{-1} \circ u)$ , we obtain the equality  $(g^2(a) \circ gh(b)) \circ (hg(c) \circ h^2(u)) = (g^2(a) \circ gh(c)) \circ (hg(b) \circ h^2(u))$ , and it is not so difficult to see that  $ab \cdot c(c(dd \cdot dd)) = ac \cdot (b(dd \cdot dd))$ .

<u>Lemma 5</u>. Let Q be an LF-quasigroup (RF-quasigroup) and  $x,a,b \in Q$ . Then

- (i) ef(x) = fe(x),
- (ii)  $L_b R_a = R_a L_b$  iff e(b) = f(a). Proof. (i) x(ef(x).e(x)) = f(x)x.ef(x) e(x) = f(x).xe(x) = x = xe(x).
- (ii) If  $L_bR_a = R_aL$  then ba =  $R_aL_b(e(b)) = L_bR_a(e(b)) =$  = b.e(b)a. Conversely, if e(b) = f(a) then b.ya = by.e(b)a = by.a for each  $y \in Q$ .

Lemma 6. Let Q be an F-quasigroup and a, b  $\in$  Q. Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}_b \mathbf{R}_a = \mathbf{R}_a \mathbf{L}_b$  and  $\mathbf{R}_a^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{L}_b^{-1}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{R}_a^{-1}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{L}_b^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Q}$ . Then Q is a WAD-quasigroup.

Proof. Put  $x \circ y = R_a^{-1}(x) \cdot L_b^{-1}(y)$ . Clearly,  $Q(\circ)$  is a commutative loop. Let  $k(x) = R_a R_{f(a)} R_a^{-1}(x)$  and  $t(x) = L_b L_{e(b)} L_b^{-1}(x)$  for every  $x \in Q$ . As it is easy to see,  $R_a(x \circ y) = R_{f(a)} R_a^{-1}(x) \cdot R_a L_b^{-1}(y) = k(x) \circ R_a(y)$  and  $L_b(x \circ y) = L_b(x) \circ t(y)$  for all  $x, y \in Q$ . Hence  $k(x \circ y) \circ R_a(j) = k(x) \circ (k(y) \circ R_a(j))$  and  $L_b(j) \circ t(x \circ y) = (L_b(j) \circ t(x)) \circ t(y)$ . Now we can write  $R_a(x) \circ (L_b R_a(y) \circ t L_b(z)) = R_a(x) \circ (L_b R_a(y) \circ t L_b(z)) = x \cdot yz = xy \cdot e(x)z = R_a(R_a(x) \circ L_b(y)) \circ (L_b R_a(e(x)) \circ L_b(z)) = (kR_a(x) \circ R_a L_b(y)) \circ (L_b R_a(e(x)) \circ t L_b(z))$ 

for all  $x,y,z \in Q$ . Hence

 $\begin{array}{l} {\tt x \circ (y \circ z) = (k(x) \circ y) \circ (L_b R_a e(R_a^{-1}(x)) \circ z),} \\ \\ {\tt (x \circ y) \circ (L_b R_a e R_a^{-1} k^{-1}(x) \circ z) = k^{-1}(x) \circ (y \circ z),} \\ \\ {\tt k^{-1}(x) = x \circ L_b R_a e R_a^{-1} k^{-1}(x)} \end{array}$ 

for all x,y,z∈Q. According to Lemma 1, Q(0) is a commutative Moufang loop,  $L_b R_a e R_a^{-1} k^{-1}(x) = x^{-1} e^{-1}(x)$  and  $x^{-1}$  o  $x^{-1}$  o  $k^{-1}(x) \in N(Q(\circ))$ . Therefore  $x \circ k^{-1}(x) \in N(Q(\circ))$ for every  $x \in Q$ . Similarly we can prove that  $x \circ t^{-1}(x) \in$  $\in N(Q(o))$  for every  $x \in Q$ . Further,  $k(x) \circ R_{\underline{a}}(y) = R_{\underline{a}}(x \circ y) =$ =  $R_{a}(y \circ x) = k(y) \circ R_{a}(x)$ ,  $x \circ R_{a}k^{-1}(y) = y \circ R_{a}k^{-1}(x)$  and  $R_{a}(j) =$ =  $k(j) \circ R_a(j)$ . Hence k(j) = j,  $R_a k^{-1}$  is a middle regular permutation of Q(o) and  $R_a(j) = R_a k^{-1}(j) \in N(Q(o))$ . Similarly,  $L_b(j) \in N(Q(o))$ . Now it is obvious that both k and t are automorphisms of Q(c) and xy = (k(x) c t(y)) c (R<sub>a</sub>(j) co  $I_h(j)$ ) for all x,y  $\in Q$ . Since  $x^{-1}$  o  $k(x^{-1})$ , k(x) o  $kt^{-1}(x)$   $\in$ € N(Q(○)) for every x ∈ Q, kt<sup>-1</sup> is a nuclear mapping. Finally,  $tk(x) \circ tR_a(j) \circ L_b(j) = tR_a(x) \circ L_b(j) = L_bR_a(x) =$ =  $R_a L_b(x)$  =  $kt(x) \circ kL_b(j) \circ R_a(j)$ . Thus  $tR_a(j) \circ L_b(j)$  = =  $kL_b(j) \circ R_a(j)$  and tk = kt. An application of Theorem 1 completes the proof.

Theorem 2. The following conditions are equivalent for every quasigroup Q:

- (i) Q is a WAD-quasigroup and Q is an LF-quasigroup.
- (ii) Q is a WAD-quasigroup and Q is an RF-quasigroup.
- (iii) Q is a WAD-quasigroup and Q is an F-quasigroup.
- (iv) Q is a WAD-quasigroup and (a.aa)(bc) = (ab)(aa.c) for all a,b,c  $\in$  Q.
- (v) Q is a WAD-quasigroup and (bc)(aa.a) = (b.aa)(ca) for all  $a,b,c \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

(vi) There are a commutative Moufang loop Q(o),  $g,h \in Aut Q(o)$  and  $x \in N(Q(o))$  such that gh = hg,  $a \circ g(a)$ ,  $a \circ h(a) \in N(Q(o))$  and  $ab = (g(a) \circ h(b)) \circ x$  for all  $a,b \in Q$ . (vii) If  $a,b,c,d \in Q$  and  $ab \cdot cd = ac \cdot bd$ , then the subquasigroup generated by these elements is abelian.

(viii) Q is a triabelian quasigroup.

- (ix) Every subgroupoid of Q which is generated by at most three elements is abelian.
- (x) Q is an F-quasigroup and there exists  $z \in Q$  such that  $f(z)a.be^{2}(z) = f(z)b.ae^{2}(z)$  for all  $a, b \in Q$ .
- (xi) Q is an F-quasigroup and there exists  $z \in Q$  such that  $f^2(z)a.be(z) = f^2(z)b.ae(z)$  for all  $a,b \in Q$ .

<u>Proof.</u> The implications (i) implies (vi), (ii) implies (vi), (iii) implies (vi), (iv) implies (vi) and (v) implies (vi) follow from Lemma 3 and Theorem 1.

(vi) implies (vii). As it is easy to see,  $gh^{-1}$  is a nuclear mapping. By Theorem 1 and Lemma 4, Q is an F-quasigroup and a WAD-quasigroup. With respect to Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, we may assume that j = dd.dd. Then (by Lemma 4(ii)) ab.cj = = ac.bj and  $(g^2(a) \circ gh(b)) \circ gh(c) = (g^2(a) \circ gh(c)) \circ gh(b)$ . Let  $G(\circ)$  be the subloop of  $Q(\circ)$  generated by  $N(Q(\circ)) \circ gh(b)$ . Let  $G(\circ)$  be the subloop of  $Q(\circ)$  generated by  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  be the subloop of  $G(\circ)$  generated by  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  is an abelian group. Since  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  is an abelian group in  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$ . Thus  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$ . Thus  $G(\circ)$  and  $G(\circ)$ 

(vii) implies (viii). This implication is obvious, since ab.bc = ab.bc. The implications (viii) implies (ix) and (ix) implies (iv), (v) are trivial and the implication (vi) implies (i), (ii), (iii) follows from Theorem 1 and Lemma 4(i).

(x) implies (i). Put x = fe(z) and  $y = e^2(z)$ . By Lemma 5, e(x) = f(y) and  $R_y L_x = L_x R_y$ . According to the hypothesis,  $f(z)R_y^{-1}(a) \cdot b = f(z)R_y^{-1}(b) \cdot a$  for all  $a, b \in Q$ . Hence  $R_y^{-1}(a) \cdot L_x^{-1}(b) = L_{f(z)}^{-1}(f(z)R_y^{-1}(a) \cdot b) = R_y^{-1}(b) \cdot L_x^{-1}(a)$  and we can use Lemma 6.

Similarly we can prove that (xi) implies (i).

The remaining implication (viii) implies (x),(xi) is trivial.

Corollary 1. A quasigroup Q is triabelian iff it satisfies the identity ((aa.bc)(xy.zz))((uv.wu)((r.rr)(st))) = ((ab.ac)(xz.yz))((uw.vu)((rs)(rr.t))) for all a,b,c,x,y,z,u,v,w,r,s,t \( \in Q. \)

Corollary 2. Triabelian quasigroups are finitely based.

Corollary 3. Every commutative F-quasigroup is triabe-

<u>Proof.</u> Let Q be a commutative F-quasigroup and  $z \in Q$ . Then  $f(z)a.be^2(z) = e(z)a.e^2(z)b = e(z).ab = e(z).ba = = f(z)b.ae^2(z)$  for all  $a,b \in Q$ .

Corollary 4. Every triabelian quasigroup is isotopic to a totally symmetric triabelian quasigroup with at least one idempotent element.

Corollary 5. Every totally symmetric quasigroup isotopic to a Moufang loop is triabelian.

Proof. Let Q be a totally symmetric quasigroup isoto-

pic to a Moufang loop,  $z \in Q$ ,  $g = L_z$  and  $a \circ b = g(a) \cdot g(b)$  for all  $a,b \in Q$ . Then Q(o) is a commutative Moufang loop Q(o) is clearly commutative and every loop isotopic to a Moufang loop is Moufang) and  $h(a) \circ h(h(a) \circ h(b)) = b$  for all  $a,b \in Q$  and  $h = g^{-1}$ . For a = g(j) we obtain the equality  $h^2(b) = b$ . Hence  $h(a) \circ h^2(a) = h(a) \circ a = h(a) \circ h(h(a) \circ h(y)) = y$  for all  $a \in Q$  and y = g(j). Thus  $h(a) = y \circ a^{-1}$  and we can write  $x \circ (a^{-1} \circ (x^{-1} \circ (a \circ b))) = a \cdot ab = b$  for all  $a,b \in Q$  and  $x = y \circ y$ . Now it is visible that  $a^{-1} \circ (x^{-1} \circ (a \circ b)) = x^{-1} \circ (a^{-1} \circ (a \circ b))$  and  $x^{-1} \in N(Q(o))$ . Consequently  $x \in N(Q(o))$  and we can use Theorem Q(v).

Let Q be a quasigroup. A mapping g of Q into Q is called left regular if there is a mapping h such that g(xy) = h(x).y for all  $x,y \in Q$ .

Theorem 3. Let Q be a triabelian quasigroup. Define a binary relation r on Q by a r b iff a = t(b) for some left regular mapping t. Then

- (i) If (Q(o), g,h,x) is an arithmetical form of Q and a, b  $\in Q$  then a r b iff b = acy for some  $y \in N(Q(o))$ .
- (ii) r is a normal congruence relation of Q.
- (iii) The factorquasigroup Q/r is an idempotent totally symmetric triabelian quasigroup.
- (iv) The set  $\{z \mid z r a\}$  is an abelian subquasigroup in Q for every  $a \in Q$ .

<u>Proof.</u> (i) Let a = t(b) for a left regular mapping t. Then there is a mapping s such that  $t((g(c) \circ h(d) \circ x) = (gs(c) \circ h(d)) \circ x$  for all c,deQ. Substituting  $h^{-1}(x^{-1})$  for d we obtain the equality tg(c) = gs(c). Hence  $t((c \circ d) \circ x) = (c \circ d) \circ x$ 

=  $(t(c) \circ d) \circ x$  for all  $c,d \in Q$ , so that  $t(c \circ x) = t(c) \circ x$ . Consequently  $t(d) = t(j) \circ d$  and  $t(j) \in N(Q(o))$ . The rest is obvious.

(ii) can be proved easily using (i).

(iii) Let (Q(o),g,h,x) be an arithmetical form of Q and  $a \in Q$ . Then (Lemma 3)  $a \circ g(a)$ ,  $a \circ h(a)$ ,  $x \in N(Q(o))$ . Hence the elements  $a^{-3}c$  (( $a \circ g(a)$ )  $\circ$  ( $a \circ h(a)$ )) =  $a^{-3}o$  (( $a \circ a$ )  $\circ$  ( $g(a) \circ g(a)$ )) =  $a^{-1}o$  ( $g(a) \circ h(a)$ ) and  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  and  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  and  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  belong to  $g(a) \circ g(a)$ . Further,  $g(a) \circ g(a) \circ g(a)$  and  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  are as  $g(a) \circ g(a)$ . Thus  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  is an idempotent quasigroup. The rest is an easy consequence of the fact that  $g(a) \circ g(a)$  for every  $g(a) \circ g(a)$ .

(iv) follows from (i), (iii) and Lemma' 2.

Corollary 6. Every simple triabelian quasigroup is abe-

<u>Proof.</u> Let Q be a simple triabelian quasigroup with an arithmetical form (Q(o),g,h,x). Consider the normal congruence relation r defined in Theorem 3. If  $r = Q \times Q$ , then Q is abelian by Theorem 3(iv). Let  $r \neq Q \times Q$ . Then r is the identical relation (since Q is simple) and Q is idempotent and totally symmetric as it follows from Theorem 3(iii). In this case,  $g(a) = h(a) = a^{-1}$  for every a and x = j. It is easy to see that every congruence of Q(c) is a congruence of Q, and consequently Q(c) is simple. However, every simple commutative Moufang loop is a group.

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