

THE EQUIVALENCE OF GYROCOMMUTATIVE GYROGROUPS AND K-LOOPS

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ABSTRACT. It is known that gyrocommutative gyrogroups and K-loops are equivalent. This is a self-contained paper that presents the equivalence.

1. Introduction

Both gyrocommutative gyrogroups and K-loops are non-commutative nor non-associative generalization of commutative groups. In [4], Sabinin, Sabinina and Sbitneva show that every gyrocommutative gyrogroup is just a left Bol loop with Bruck identity. It is well known that a left Bol loop is a K-loop if and only if it has the Bruck property. The paper [4] requires some knowledge of left Bol loops.

There is a possibility that these algebraic systems are defined by a way different depending on literatures. In this paper, the definition of gyrogroup is in accordance with [9] and of K-loop is in accordance with [3]. In section 2, we describe the definitions and some properties of gyrogroups and K-loops for the proof. The descriptions of gyrogroups are in accordance with [9] and of K-loops are in accordance with [3]. In section 3, we prove that K-loops and gyrocommutative gyrogroups are equivalent. The main part of the proof is in accordance with [4].

This paper is self-contained and a patchwork of [3], [9], [4]. The equivalence of these algebraic systems is a fundamental and important fact for who will study gyrogroup or K-loop theory. This paper would be instructive for them.

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“For the theory of K-loops readers may consult with Kiechle’s book [3]. Not unexpectedly, according to Kiechle [3, pp. 169-170], the term “K-loop” with K named after Karzel was coined by Ungar in 1989 [8] to describe the algebraic structure that later became known as a gyrocommutative gyrogroup. For different purposes, the term “K-loop” was already in use earlier by Sołkis, in 1970 [6] and later, but independently, by Basarab, in 1992 [1]. Unlike the term “K-loop” that Ungar

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coined, the “K” in each of the terms “K-loop” coined by Sołkis and by Basarab does not refer to “Karzel”. The early history of K-loops with “K” named after Karzel is unfolded in [5, p. 142].”

2. Definitions and some notations

A magma (S, \circ) is a set with binary operation $\circ : S \times S \rightarrow S$; $(a, b) \mapsto a \circ b$. An automorphism φ of a magma (S, \circ) is a bijective self-map of S , $\varphi : S \rightarrow S$, which preserves its magma operation, $\varphi(a \circ b) = \varphi(a) \circ \varphi(b)$ for any $a, b \in S$. A magma (S, \circ) is called a groupoid if it contains an identity element e , that is $a \circ e = e \circ a = a$ for any $a \in S$. Such an element is necessarily unique. Let a be an element of a groupoid (S, \circ) . An element $b \in S$ is called a left (right) inverse of a if $b \circ a = e$ ($a \circ b = e$). If b is the uniquely determined left and right inverse of a , then b is called the inverse of a . Note that if b is the inverse of a , then a is the inverse of b .

Let (S, \circ) be a magma, then for each $a \in S$, the map

$$\lambda_a : S \rightarrow S; x \mapsto a \circ x$$

is called the left translation, and the map

$$\varrho_a : S \rightarrow S; y \mapsto y \circ a$$

is called the right translation.

Definition 2.1 (K-loop). A groupoid $(L, +)$ is a K-loop if it satisfies the following axioms.

- (K1) For any $a, b \in L$, the equation $a + x = b$ has the unique solution $x \in L$.
- (K2) For any $a, b \in L$, the equation $y + a = b$ has the unique solution $y \in L$.
- (K3) $a + (b + (a + c)) = (a + (b + a)) + c$ for any $a, b, c \in L$.
- (K4) Any element a of L has the inverse $-a$ and

$$-(a + b) = (-a) + (-b)$$

for any $a, b \in L$.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $(L, +)$ be a groupoid.*

- *The condition (K1) is equivalent to the following condition (K1)'.
(K1)' Any left translation λ_a is bijective.*
- *The condition (K2) is equivalent to the following condition (K2)'.
(K2)' Any right translation ϱ_a is bijective.*
- *The condition (K3) is equivalent to the both conditions (K3)' and (K3)''.*
(K3)' $\lambda_a \lambda_b \lambda_a = \lambda_{a+(b+a)}$ for any $a, b \in L$.
(K3)'' $\lambda_a \varrho_{a+c} = \varrho_c \lambda_a \varrho_a$ for any $a, b \in L$.

Proposition 2.2. *Let $(L, +)$ be a K -loop. Then $\lambda_a^{-1} = \lambda_{-a}$ for any $a \in L$. That is $-a + (a + x) = x$ for any $a, x \in L$.*

Proof. Since Proposition 2.1, $(L, +)$ satisfies the condition (K3)'. Therefore we have $\lambda_a \lambda_{-a} \lambda_a = \lambda_{a+(-a+a)} = \lambda_a$. Thus $\lambda_a \lambda_{-a}$ is the identity map on L and hence $\lambda_a^{-1} = \lambda_{-a}$. \square

Definition 2.2 (autotopism). Let $(L, +)$ be a groupoid and α, β, γ be bijections of L . A triple (α, β, γ) is called an autotopism if

$$\alpha(x) + \beta(y) = \gamma(x + y)$$

for any $x, y \in L$. $\text{Top } L$ denotes the set of all autotopisms of L .

Proposition 2.3. *Let $(L, +)$ be a groupoid with the identity e .*

• *If*

$$(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \circ (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) = (\alpha_1 \alpha_2, \beta_1 \beta_2, \gamma_1 \gamma_2)$$

for any $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in \text{Top } L$, then $(\text{Top } L, \circ)$ is a group with the identity (id_L, id_L, id_L) and the inverse

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)^{-1} = (\alpha^{-1}, \beta^{-1}, \gamma^{-1})$$

of $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Top } L$.

• *If $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Top } L$ and $\alpha = \gamma$, then*

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\lambda_{\alpha(e)} \beta, \beta, \lambda_{\alpha(e)} \beta).$$

Proof. It is clear that $(\text{Top } L, \circ)$ is a group. Let $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Top } L$ and $\alpha = \gamma$. By the definition of an autotopism, we have

$$\alpha(e) + \beta(y) = \gamma(e + y) = \gamma(y)$$

for any $y \in L$. Hence

$$\alpha(y) = \gamma(y) = \lambda_{\alpha(e)} \beta(y)$$

for any $y \in L$. \square

Definition 2.3 ((gyrocommutative) gyrogroup). A magma (G, \oplus) is a gyrogroup if it satisfies the following axioms.

(G1) There is a left identity $0 \in G$, that is $0 \oplus a = a$ for any $a \in G$.

(G2) There is a left identity $0^* \in G$ such that every $a \in G$ has an element $\ominus a \in G$ satisfying $\ominus a \oplus a = 0^*$.

(G3) For any $a, b, c \in G$, there is a unique element $\text{gyr}[a, b]c \in G$ such that

$$a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus \text{gyr}[a, b]c.$$

(G4) For any $a, b \in G$, the map $\text{gyr}[a, b], c \mapsto \text{gyr}[a, b]c$, is an automorphism of (G, \oplus) .

(G5) $\text{gyr}[a \oplus b, b] = \text{gyr}[a, b]$ for any $a, b \in G$.

A gyrogroup (G, \oplus) is gyrocommutative if the following (G6) is also satisfied.

(G6) $a \oplus b = \text{gyr}[a, b](b \oplus a)$ for any $a, b \in G$.

Proposition 2.4. *Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrogroup. For any elements $a, b, c \in G$, we have:*

(g1) $a \oplus b = a \oplus c \Leftrightarrow b = c$.

(g2) $\text{gyr}[0, a] = id_G$ for any left identity 0 .

(g3) $\text{gyr}[\ominus a, a] = id_G$.

(g4) 0^* is the identity of (G, \oplus) .

(g5) A left identity is necessarily unique.

(g6) $\ominus a$ is a right inverse of a .

(g7) $\ominus a$ is the (unique left and right) inverse of a .

(g8) $\ominus(\ominus a) = a$.

(g9) $\ominus a \oplus (a \oplus b) = b$ (the left cancellation law).

(g10) $\lambda_a^{-1} = \lambda_{\ominus a}$.

(g11) $\text{gyr}[a, b]c = \ominus(a \oplus b) \oplus \{a \oplus (b \oplus c)\}$, that is,

$$\text{gyr}[a, b] = \lambda_{(a \oplus b)}^{-1} \lambda_a \lambda_b.$$

(g12) $\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus c) = \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]c$.

Proof. (g1): Since $\text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]$ is a bijection, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \oplus b &= a \oplus c \\ \Leftrightarrow \ominus a \oplus (a \oplus b) &= \ominus a \oplus (a \oplus c) \\ \Leftrightarrow (\ominus a \oplus a) \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]b &= (\ominus a \oplus a) \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]c \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]b &= \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]c \\ \Leftrightarrow b &= c. \end{aligned}$$

(g2): For any $x \in G$, we have

$$a \oplus x = (0 \oplus a) \oplus x = 0 \oplus (a \oplus \text{gyr}[0, a]x) = a \oplus \text{gyr}[0, a]x.$$

By (g1), we have $x = \text{gyr}[0, a]x$ and hence $\text{gyr}[0, a] = id_G$.

(g3): Since the condition (G5), we have

$$\text{gyr}[\ominus a, a] = \text{gyr}[\ominus a \oplus a, a] = \text{gyr}[0, a] = id_G.$$

(g4): For any $x \in G$, by (g3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\ominus x \oplus (x \oplus 0^*) &= (\ominus x \oplus x) \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus x, x]0^* \\
&= 0^* \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus x, x]0^* \\
&= 0^* \oplus 0^* \\
&= 0^* \\
&= \ominus x \oplus x.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (g1), $x \oplus 0^* = x$ for any $x \in G$. Thus,

$$x \oplus 0^* = 0^* \oplus x = 0^*.$$

(g5): For any left identity 0 , we have $0 = 0 + 0^* = 0^*$.

(g6): By (g3) and 0 is the identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\ominus a \oplus (a \oplus (\ominus a)) &= (\ominus a \oplus a) \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a](\ominus a) \\
&= 0 \oplus (\ominus a) \\
&= \ominus a \\
&= \ominus a \oplus 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By (g1), $(a \oplus (\ominus a)) = 0$.

(g7): Suppose x and y are left inverses of a . Since (g6), x and y are also right inverses of a , $a \oplus x = 0 = a \oplus y$. By (g1), we have $x = y$.

(g8): It is clear since $\ominus x$ is the inverse of x for any $x \in G$.

(g9): By (g3), we have

$$\ominus a \oplus (a \oplus b) = (\ominus a \oplus a) \oplus \text{gyr}[\ominus a, a]b = b.$$

(g10): By (g8) and (g9), $\lambda_{\ominus a}\lambda_a = \lambda_a\lambda_{\ominus a} = id_G$.

(g11): By (G3) and (g9), we have

$$\text{gyr}[a, b]c = \ominus(a \oplus b) \oplus \{a \oplus (b \oplus c)\}.$$

Hence, by (g10),

$$\text{gyr}[a, b] = \lambda_{\ominus(a \oplus b)}\lambda_a\lambda_b = \lambda_{a \oplus b}^{-1}\lambda_a\lambda_b.$$

(g12): Since $\text{gyr}[a, b]$ is an automorphism of (G, \oplus) ,

$$\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus c) \oplus \text{gyr}[a, b](c) = \text{gyr}[a, b]0 = 0$$

Hence, $\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus c) = \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]c$. □

Lemma 2.1. *Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrogroup. Then*

$$\text{gyr}[a, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b] = id_G.$$

for any $a, b \in G$.

Proof. For any $x \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& a \oplus \text{gyr}[a \oplus b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b]x \\
&= (a \oplus (b \ominus b)) \oplus \text{gyr}[a \oplus b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b]x \\
&= ((a \oplus b) \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b) \oplus \text{gyr}[a \oplus b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b]x \\
&= (a \oplus b) \oplus (\ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b \oplus \text{gyr}[a, b]x) \\
&= (a \oplus b) \oplus \text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus b \oplus x) \\
&= a \oplus (b \oplus (\ominus b \oplus x)) \\
&= a \oplus x.
\end{aligned}$$

It implies that

$$\text{gyr}[a \oplus b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b] = id_G$$

by (g1). Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
id_G &= \text{gyr}[a \oplus b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b] \\
&= \text{gyr}[(a \oplus b) \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b] \\
&= \text{gyr}[a \oplus (b \ominus b), \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b] \\
&= \text{gyr}[a, \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b]b] \text{gyr}[a, b]
\end{aligned}$$

by (G5), (G3) and (g12). □

Proposition 2.5. *Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrogroup. Then for any $a, b \in G$, we have:*

- (LL) *The equation $a \oplus x = b$ has a unique solution $x = \ominus a \oplus b$.*
- (RL) *The equation $y \oplus a = b$ has a unique solution $y = b \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a$.*

Proof. (LL): Let $x = \ominus a \oplus b$. By (g9), we have

$$a \oplus x = a \oplus (\ominus a \oplus b) = b.$$

Hence x is a solution of the equation $a \oplus x = b$. If $x' \in G$ satisfies the equation $a \oplus x' = b$, then

$$a \oplus x = a \oplus x'$$

and hence $x = x'$ by (g1).

(RL): Let y be a solution of $y \oplus a = b$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= y \oplus (a \ominus a) \\
&= (y \oplus a) \ominus \text{gyr}[y, a]a \\
&= (y \oplus a) \ominus \text{gyr}[y \oplus a, a]a \\
&= b \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a.
\end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if $y = b \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
b &= b \oplus (\ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a \oplus \text{gyr}[b, a]a) \\
&= (b \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a) \oplus \text{gyr}[b, \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]] \text{gyr}[b, a]a \\
&= (b \ominus \text{gyr}[b, a]a) \oplus a \\
&= y \oplus a
\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.1. □

Lemma 2.2. *Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrogroup. Then*

$$\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus b \ominus a) = \ominus(a \oplus b)$$

for any $a, b \in G$.

Proof. By (g11) and (g9), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus b \ominus a) &= \ominus(a \oplus b) \oplus (a \oplus (b \oplus (\ominus b \ominus a))) \\
&= \ominus(a \oplus b).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 2.6. *Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrogroup. Then (G, \oplus) is gyrocommutative if and only if it possesses the automorphic inverse property,*

$$(G5)' \quad \ominus(a \oplus b) = \ominus a \ominus b \text{ for any } a, b \in G.$$

Proof. If (G, \oplus) is gyrocommutative, then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus(\ominus b \ominus a)) &= \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus b \ominus a) \\
&= a \oplus b \\
&= \text{gyr}[a, b](b \oplus a)
\end{aligned}$$

for any $a, b \in G$, by (g12) and Lemma 2.2. It implies that $\ominus(b \oplus a) = \ominus b \ominus a$.

Conversely, if (G, \oplus) possesses the automorphic inverse property, then

$$\begin{aligned}
a \oplus b &= \ominus \text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus b \ominus a) \\
&= \text{gyr}[a, b](\ominus(\ominus b \ominus a)) \\
&= \text{gyr}[a, b](b \oplus a)
\end{aligned}$$

for any $a, b \in G$, by Lemma 2.2 and (g12). □

3. Equivalence of gyrocommutative gyrogroups and K-loops

Theorem 3.1. *A magma is a gyrocommutative gyrogroup if and only if it is a K-loop.*

Proof. First, we show that a gyrocommutative gyrogroup is a K-loop. Let (G, \oplus) be a gyrocommutative gyrogroup.

(K1): By (LL) of Proposition 2.5.

(K2): By (RL) of Proposition 2.5.

(K3): Let $a, b \in G$. Put $w = a \oplus b$ and $q = \ominus a$ then the map $(a, b) \mapsto (w, q)$ is a bijective self-map of $G \times G$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gyr}[a \oplus b, b] = \text{gyr}[a, b] &\iff \lambda_{(a \oplus b) \oplus b}^{-1} \lambda_{a \oplus b} \lambda_b = \lambda_{a \oplus b}^{-1} \lambda_a \lambda_b \\ &\iff \lambda_{(a \oplus b) \oplus b}^{-1} = \lambda_{a \oplus b}^{-1} \lambda_a \lambda_{a \oplus b}^{-1} \\ &\iff \lambda_{(a \oplus b) \oplus b} = \lambda_{a \oplus b} \lambda_{\ominus a} \lambda_{a \oplus b} \\ &\iff \lambda_{w \oplus (q \oplus w)} = \lambda_w \lambda_q \lambda_w. \end{aligned}$$

By the condition (G5), (G, \oplus) satisfies the condition (K3)'. Hence (G, \oplus) satisfies the condition (K3) by Proposition 2.1.

(K4): By Proposition 2.4, any $a \in G$ has the inverse $\ominus a$. By Proposition 2.6, we have

$$\ominus(a \oplus b) = (\ominus a) \oplus (\ominus b)$$

for any $a, b \in G$.

Next, we show that a K-loop is a gyrocommutative gyrogroup. Let $(L, +)$ be a K-loop.

(G1): Since $(L, +)$ is a groupoid, $(L, +)$ has the identity e .

(G2): By the condition (K4), any $a \in L$ has the inverse $-a$.

(G3): Let $a, b, c \in L$. By the condition (K1), the equation $(a + b) + x = a + (b + c)$ has a unique solution x . Let $\delta[a, b] = \lambda_{a+b}^{-1} \lambda_a \lambda_b$. Then we have $\lambda_{a+b} \delta[a, b] = \lambda_a \lambda_b$. Hence $(a + b) + \delta[a, b](c) = a + (b + c)$. Thus $x = \delta[a, b](c)$ is the unique solution of $(a + b) + x = a + (b + c)$.

(G4): Let $a, x, y \in L$. Put $v = -x$ and $w = x + y$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_a \varrho_a(x) + \lambda_a^{-1}(y) &= \lambda_a \varrho_a(-v) + \lambda_a^{-1}(v + w) \\ &= \{a + (-v + a)\} + \lambda_a^{-1}(v + w) \\ &= a + \{-v + (a + \lambda_a^{-1}(v + w))\} \\ &= \lambda_a(w) \\ &= \lambda_a(x + y) \end{aligned}$$

by the condition (K3). It implies that $\tau_a = (\lambda_a \varrho_a, \lambda_a^{-1}, \lambda_a) \in \text{Top } L$ for any $a \in L$. Therefore $\tau_{a+b} \circ \tau_a^{-1} \circ \tau_b^{-1} \in \text{Top } L$ for any $a, b \in L$ by Proposition 2.3. Put $\alpha =$

$\lambda_{a+b}\lambda_a^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1}$. The first component of $\tau_{a+b} \circ \tau_a^{-1} \circ \tau_b^{-1}$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lambda_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}(\lambda_a\varrho_a)^{-1}(\lambda_b\varrho_b)^{-1} \\
&= \lambda_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}\varrho_a^{-1}\lambda_a^{-1}\varrho_b^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} \\
&= \lambda_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}(\varrho_b\lambda_a\varrho_a)^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} \\
&= \lambda_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}(\lambda_a\varrho_{a+b})^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} \\
&= \lambda_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}\varrho_{a+b}^{-1}\lambda_a^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} \\
&= \lambda_{a+b}\lambda_a^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} \\
&= \alpha
\end{aligned}$$

by (K3)'. The second component is $\lambda_{a+b}^{-1}\lambda_a\lambda_b = \delta[a, b]$. The third component is $\lambda_{a+b}\lambda_a^{-1}\lambda_b^{-1} = \alpha$. Thus, we have $(\alpha, \delta[a, b], \alpha) \in \text{Top } L$. We have

$$\alpha(e) = (a + b) + (-a + (-b + e)) = (a + b) + (-a - b) = e$$

by the condition (K4). Hence $(\delta[a, b], \delta[a, b], \delta[a, b]) \in \text{Top } L$ by Proposition 2.3. It implies that $\delta[a, b]$ is an automorphism of $(L, +)$.

(G5): Let $a, b \in L$. Put $x = -b$ and $y = b + a$ then the map $(a, b) \mapsto (x, y)$ is a bijective self-map of $G \times G$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{a+(b+a)} = \lambda_a\lambda_b\lambda_a &\iff \lambda_{(x+y)+y} = \lambda_{(x+y)}\lambda_{-x}\lambda_{(x+y)} \\
&\iff \lambda_{(x+y)+y}^{-1} = \lambda_{(x+y)}^{-1}\lambda_x\lambda_{(x+y)}^{-1} \\
&\iff \lambda_{(x+y)+y}^{-1}\lambda_{(x+y)}\lambda_y = \lambda_{(x+y)}^{-1}\lambda_x\lambda_y \\
&\iff \delta[x + y, y] = \delta[x, y].
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(L, +)$ satisfies the condition (K3)', we have $\delta[x+y, y] = \delta[x, y]$ for any $x, y \in L$.

(G6): Since $(L, +)$ satisfies the conditions (G1) to (G5), $(L, +)$ is a gyrogroup. Since $(L, +)$ satisfies the condition (K4), Proposition 2.6 asserts that $(L, +)$ satisfies the condition (G6). \square

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