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TERNARY HALFGROUPOIDS AND COORDINATIZATION

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§ 1. Definition 1.1. A ternary halfgroupoid is a couple  $(S, \tau)$  where  $S$  is a set with  $\text{card } S \geq 2$  and  $\tau$  is a mapping of some nonempty set  $\text{Domain } \tau \subseteq S \times S \times S$  into  $S$ . If  $\text{Domain } \tau = S \times S \times S$  we get a ternary groupoid.

Definition 1.1.a. Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  and  $T' = (S', \tau')$  be ternary halfgroupoids. An isotopism  $\sigma: T \rightarrow T'$  is a quadruple  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4)$  such that  $\sigma_i: S \rightarrow S'$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) is a bijection,  $\{(a^{\sigma_1}, b^{\sigma_2}, c^{\sigma_3}) \mid (a, b, c) \in \text{Domain } \tau\} = \text{Domain } \tau'$  and  $\tau'(a^{\sigma_1}, b^{\sigma_2}, c^{\sigma_3}) = (\tau(a, b, c))^{\sigma_4}$  for all  $(a, b, c) \in \text{Domain } \tau$ . For  $T = T'$  we get an autotopism. For  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = \sigma_4$  we obtain an isomorphism which becomes an automorphism if  $T = T'$ .

Definition 1.2. A g.p. presystem<sup>1</sup> is a quadruple  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, //)$  where (i)  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are nonempty sets of elements called the points and the lines respectively, (ii)  $I$  is a binary relation between  $\mathcal{P}$

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and  $\mathcal{L}$  such that for each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  ( $l \in \mathcal{L}$ ) there exists a line  $l$  (a point  $p$ ) with  $p \in l$  and (iii)  $\parallel$  is a decomposition of  $\mathcal{L}$  with members  $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that, for each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  there is at most one line  $l \in L$  with  $p \in l$ .

**Definition 1.2. a.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, \parallel)$  and  $P' = (\mathcal{P}', \mathcal{L}', I', \parallel')$  be g.p. presystems.

An isomorphism  $\rho: P \rightarrow P'$  is a couple  $(\rho_1, \rho_2)$  of bijections  $\rho_1: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}'$ ,  $\rho_2: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'$  satisfying the following two properties: (i)  $p \in l$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\rho_1(p) \in \rho_2(l)$  and (ii)  $l, m$  belong to a common member of  $\parallel$  if  $\rho_2(l), \rho_2(m)$  belong to a common member of  $\parallel'$ . If  $P = P'$ , we get an automorphism.

**Definition 1.3.** A g.p. system is a triple  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, \parallel)$  where  $\mathcal{P}$  is a nonempty set of elements called the points,  $\mathcal{L}$  is a nonempty set of distinguished nonempty subsets of  $\mathcal{P}$  called the lines and  $\parallel = (L_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \text{Domain } \parallel}$  is a family of nonempty subsets in  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{Domain } \parallel} L_\alpha = \mathcal{L}$  and each member of  $\parallel$  is a decomposition in  $\mathcal{P}$ . If  $L_\alpha \cap L_\beta = \emptyset$  whenever  $\alpha \neq \beta$  we get a parallel system.

**Definition 1.3. a.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, \parallel)$  and  $P' = (\mathcal{P}', \mathcal{L}', \parallel')$  be g.p. systems. An isomorphism  $\rho: P \rightarrow P'$  is a bijection  $\rho: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}'$  having the following properties: (i) if  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  then  $\rho(l) \in \mathcal{L}'$  and if  $l' \in \mathcal{L}'$  then there is a line  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  with  $\rho(l) = l'$ ; (ii)  $l, m$  belong to a common member of  $\parallel$  if  $\rho(l), \rho(m)$  belong to a common member of  $\parallel'$ .

If  $P = P'$  we get an automorphism.

**Construction 1.1.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a ternary halfgroupoid. First we introduce some denotations:

$\text{Domain}_{i,j} \tau$  ( $\text{Domain}_k \tau$ ) is the projection of  $\text{Domain} \tau$  obtained by the omission of the components with prescribed indices  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  or  $k = 1, 2, 3$  respectively.  $\text{Image}_u \tau$  is the set of all  $\tau(x, y, u)$  such that  $(x, y, u) \in \text{Domain} \tau$  with a fixed  $u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau$ .  $\Lambda_\tau$  is the set of all  $(u, v) \in S \times S$  with  $u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau$  and  $v \in \text{Image}_u \tau$ . Now put  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Domain}_{1,2} \tau$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \Lambda_\tau$ , and define  $I \subseteq \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{L}$  by  $(x, y)I(u, v) \Leftrightarrow \tau(x, u, u) = v$  for all admissible  $(x, y, u) \in \text{Domain} \tau, v \in \text{Image}_u \tau$ . Further, set  $L_u = \{(u, v) \in \Lambda_\tau \mid v \in \text{Image}_u \tau\}$  for every  $u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau$  and  $\parallel = \{L_u \mid u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau\}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, \parallel)$  is a g.p. presystem which is canonically determined by  $T$  and will be denoted by  $\overline{\mathbb{P}}(T)$ .

**Construction 1.2.** Let a ternary halfgroupoid  $T = (S, \tau)$  be given. Put  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Domain}_{1,2} \tau$ ,  $l_{u,v} = \{(x, y) \in \text{Domain}_{1,2} \tau \mid \tau(x, y, u) = v\}$  for each  $(u, v) \in \Lambda_\tau$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \{l_{u,v} \mid (u, v) \in \Lambda_\tau\}$ ,  $L_u = \{l_{u,v} \mid v \in \text{Image}_u \tau\}$  for each  $u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau$ ,  $\parallel = \{L_u \mid u \in \text{Domain}_3 \tau\}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, \parallel)$  is a g.p. system which is canonically determined by  $T$ . This g.p. system shall be denoted by  $\overline{\mathbb{P}}(T)$ .

**Construction 1.3.** Let a g.p. presystem  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, //)$  be given where  $P \subseteq S \times S$  for a sufficiently large set  $S$ . Then we can choose injections  $\alpha : // \rightarrow S$  and  $\beta_L : L \rightarrow S$  (for  $L \in //$ ) and define  $\tau$  by  $\tau(x, y, \mu) = v \iff (x, y) \in \beta_{\alpha^{-1}(\mu)}^{-1}(v)$  for all admissible  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mu \in \alpha(//)$  and  $v \in \beta_{\alpha^{-1}(\mu)}(\alpha^{-1}(\mu))$ . This  $\tau$  is well-defined on a certain subset of  $S \times S \times S$  so that a ternary halfgroupoid  $(S, \tau)$  is obtained. It is canonically determined by  $P, \alpha$  and  $(\beta_L)_{L \in //}$ , and it will be denoted by  $\mathbb{T}(P, \alpha, (\beta_L)_{L \in //})$ .

**Construction 1.4.** Let a g.p. system  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  be given with  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq S \times S$ ,  $S$  being a sufficiently large set. Then we can choose injections  $\alpha : \text{Domain } // \rightarrow S$  and  $\beta_L : L \rightarrow S$  (for  $L \in \text{Domain } //$ ) and define  $\tau$  by  $\tau(x, y, \mu) = v \iff (x, y) \in \beta_{\alpha^{-1}(\mu)}^{-1}(v)$  for all admissible  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mu \in \alpha(//)$ ,  $v \in \beta_{\alpha^{-1}(\mu)}(\alpha^{-1}(\mu))$ . We obtain, as in Construction 1.3, a ternary halfgroupoid  $(S, \tau)$  which is canonically determined by  $P, \alpha$ ,  $(\beta_L)_{L \in \text{Domain } //}$ , and which will be denoted by  $\mathbb{T}(P, \alpha, (\beta_L)_{L \in \text{Domain } //})$ .

**Construction 1.5.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, //)$  be a g.p. presystem. Put  $\bar{l} = \{r \in \mathcal{P} \mid r \in l\}$  for each  $l \in \mathcal{L}$ . Define  $\bar{\mathcal{L}}$  as the set  $\{\bar{l} \mid l \in \mathcal{L}\}$ . Further choose a bijection  $\alpha : J \rightarrow //$  where  $J$  is a convenient index set. Now let  $\bar{//}$  denote the family  $(\bar{\alpha}(i))_{i \in J}$  where  $\bar{\alpha}(i) = \{\bar{l} \mid l \in \alpha(i)\}$  for all  $i \in J$ . Then  $(\mathcal{P}, \bar{\mathcal{L}}, \bar{//})$  is a g.p. system which

is canonically determined by  $P$  and  $\alpha$ . This g.p. system will be denoted by  $\widehat{P}(P)$ .

**Construction 1.6.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a ternary halfgroupoid satisfying the middle cancellation law: if  $\tau(x, y_1, u) = \tau(x, y_2, u)$  for  $(x, y_1, u), (x, y_2, u) \in \text{Domain } \tau$  then  $y_1 = y_2$ . Define  $\tau^*$  by  $\tau^*(x, u, v) = y \Leftrightarrow \tau(x, y, u) = v$  for all  $(x, y, u) \in \text{Domain } \tau$ . Then  $\tau^*$  is well-defined on some uniquely determined subset of  $S \times S \times S$  and  $T^* = (S, \tau^*)$  is a ternary halfgroupoid satisfying the right cancellation law: if  $\tau^*(x, u, v_1) = \tau^*(x, u, v_2)$  for  $(x, u, v_1), (x, u, v_2) \in \text{Domain } \tau^*$  then  $v_1 = v_2$ . Conversely, if  $T = (S, \tau)$  is a ternary halfgroupoid satisfying the right cancellation law, we may define  $\widehat{\tau}$  by  $\widehat{\tau}(x, y, u) = v \Leftrightarrow \tau(x, u, v) = y$  for all  $(x, u, v) \in \text{Domain } \tau$ . Such  $\widehat{\tau}$  is well-defined on some uniquely determined subset of  $S \times S \times S$  and the obtained ternary halfgroupoid  $\widehat{T} = (S, \widehat{\tau})$  satisfies the middle cancellation law.

**Remarks.** If  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, //)$  is a g.p. system then  $\widehat{P}(T(P, \alpha, (\beta_L)_{L \in //}))$  is isomorphic to  $P$ . If  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  is a g.p. system then  $\widehat{P}(T(P, \alpha, (\beta_L)_{L \in \text{Domain } //})) = P$ . If  $P$  and  $P'$  are isomorphic g.p. pre-systems then also  $\widehat{P}(P), \widehat{P}(P')$  are isomorphic. If  $T = (S, \tau)$  is a ternary halfgroupoid satisfying the middle cancellation law then define  $\tau^*$  by  $\tau^*(u, v, x) = y \Leftrightarrow \tau(x, u, v) = y$

for all  $(x, u, v) \in \text{Domain } \tau^*$ . The obtained halfgroupoid  $\mathbb{T}^* = (S, \tau^*)$  is said to be dual to  $\mathbb{T}$  (and also  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}(\mathbb{T}), \overline{\mathbb{T}}(\mathbb{T}^*)$  or  $\overline{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{T}), \overline{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbb{T}^*)$  respectively can be said to be mutually dual). Clearly  $(\mathbb{T}^*)^* = \mathbb{T}$ .

§ 2. Proposition 2.1. Let  $\sigma$  be an autotopism of a given ternary halfgroupoid  $\mathbb{T} = (S, \tau)$ . Then the mappings  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x^{\sigma_1}, y^{\sigma_2})$  for  $(x, y) \in \text{Domain}_{1,2} \tau$  and  $(u, v) \rightarrow (u^{\sigma_3}, v^{\sigma_4})$  for  $(u, v) \in \Lambda_\tau$  define an automorphism of  $\overline{\mathbb{T}}(\mathbb{T})$ .

Proposition 2.2. Let a g.p. presystem  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, I, //)$  be given where  $\mathcal{P} = S_1 \times S_2$  for some sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  with  $\text{card } S_1 \geq 2, \text{card } S_2 \geq 2$ . Let  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  be arbitrary sets such that there is a bijection  $\alpha : // \rightarrow S_3$  and there are injections  $\beta_L : L \rightarrow S_4$  (for  $L \in //$ ) with  $\bigcup_{L \in //} \beta_L(L) = S$  and with  $\beta_L(L) \cap \beta_M(M) = \emptyset$  whenever  $L, M$  are distinct members of  $//$ . Then each coordinate automorphism<sup>2</sup>  $\rho : P \rightarrow P$  induces an autotopism of  $\mathbb{T}(P, \alpha, (\beta_L)_{L \in //})$ . If, moreover,  $X \in //$  with  $\beta_X(x(l)) = l$  for  $l \in S_2$  then  $\sigma_4 |_{S_2} = \sigma_2$  and  $0^{\sigma_3} = 0$  for  $0 = \alpha(X)$ .

2 i.e., an automorphism of  $P$  preserving  $X$  as well as  $Y$  where (and also in the following)

$$X = \{(x, y) \in S_1 \times S_2 \mid y = l \mid l \in S_2\}, \quad Y = \{(x, y) \in S_1 \times S_2 \mid x = a \mid a \in S_1\}.$$

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  be a parallel system with  $// = (L_\ell)_{\ell \in S}$  and with  $\mathcal{P} = S \times S$  for a certain set  $S$ ,  $\text{card } S \geq 2$ . Let  $X = L_0$  for some element  $0 \in S$  and  $\text{card } (\eta(0) \cap \ell) = 1$  for each  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then there is a  $T = \mathbb{T}(P, \text{identity}, (\beta_\ell)_{\ell \in S})$  such that every coordinate automorphism  $\rho : P \rightarrow P$  induces an autotopism  $\sigma$  of  $T$  with  $0^\sigma = 0$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_4$ . Conversely, each autotopism  $\sigma$  of  $T$  with  $0^\sigma = 0$  induces a coordinate automorphism of  $P$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  be a parallel system with  $// = (L_\ell)_{\ell \in S}$  and with (i)  $\mathcal{P} = S \times S$  where  $S$  is a set,  $\text{card } S \geq 2$ , (ii)  $X = L_0$  for some element  $0 \in S$ , (iii)  $\text{card } (\eta(0) \cap \ell) = 1$  for all  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ , (iv)  $d = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid x = y\} \in L_1$  for some element  $1 \in S$  and (v) each point of  $\eta(1)$  is contained in a unique line through  $(0, 0)$  and each line through  $(0, 0)$  intersects  $\eta(1)$  in exactly one point. Then there is a  $T = \mathbb{T}(P, \alpha, (\beta_\ell)_{\ell \in S})$  such that every coordinate automorphism of  $P$  fixing  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$  induces an automorphism of  $T$  fixing  $0$  (and  $1$ ). Conversely, every automorphism of  $T$  preserving  $0$  induces a coordinate automorphism of  $P$  fixing  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ .

§ 3. **Definition 3.1.** A parallel system  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  is said to be natural if

- (a)  $\mathcal{P} = S \times S$  for a set  $S$ ,  $\text{card } S \geq 2$ ,
- (b) Domain  $// = S$ , i.e.  $// = (L_\ell)_{\ell \in S}$ ,



- (c)  $X = L_0$  for some element  $0 \in S$ ,  
 (d)  $\text{card}(x(a) \cap l) = \text{card}(y(a) \cap l) = 1$  for  
 all  $a \in S$  and  $l \in \mathcal{L} \setminus (X \cup Y)$  and  
 (e)  $d = \{(x, y) \in S \times S \mid x \in y\} \in \mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A ternary groupoid  $T = (S, \tau)$  is said to be natural if  $(1^\tau)$  for  $u_1, u_2, v \in S$  with  $u_1 \neq u_2$  there exist  $x, y_1, y_2 \in S$  with  $y_1 \neq y_2$  such that  $\tau(x, y_1, u_1) \neq \tau(x, y_2, u_2)$ ,  $(2^\tau)$  the equation  $\tau(x, y, u) = v$  has a unique solution  $x \in S$  ( $y \in S$ ) for any given  $y, u, v \in S$  with  $u \neq 0$  ( $x, u, v \in S$ ),  $(3^\tau)$  there is an element  $0 \in S$  with  $\tau(a, b, 0) = \tau(0, b, a) = b$  for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $(4^\tau)$  there is an element  $1 \in S$  such that  $\tau(a, a, 1) = 0$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $T = (S, \tau)$  is a natural ternary groupoid then (A)  $0 \neq 1$ , (B) from  $\tau(x, y, u_1) = v_1 \Leftrightarrow \tau(x, y, u_2) = v_2$  for fixed  $(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2) \in S \times S$  it follows  $(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2)$  and (C)  $T^*$  is characterized by the following conditions:

- $(5^{\tau^*})$  for  $u_1, u_2, v \in S$  with  $u_1 \neq u_2$  there is an  $x \in S$  such that  $\tau^*(x, u_1, v) \neq \tau^*(x, u_2, v)$ ,  
 $(6^{\tau^*})$  the equation  $\tau^*(x, u, v) = y$  has a unique solution  $x \in S$  ( $v \in S$ ) for any given  $u, v, y \in S$  with  $u \neq 0$  ( $x, y, u \in S$ ),  
 $(7^{\tau^*})$  there is an element  $0 \in S$  such that  $\tau^*(a, 0, b) = \tau^*(0, a, b)$  for all  $a, b \in S$  and  
 $(8^{\tau^*})$  there is an element  $1 \in S$  such that

$\tau^*(a, 1, 0) = a$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $T = (S, \tau)$  is a natural ternary groupoid then  $\overline{P}(T)$  is a natural parallel system. If  $P = (P, \mathcal{L}, //)$  is a natural parallel system then there is a  $T = \mathbb{T}(P, \alpha, (\beta_i)_{i \in S})$  which is natural.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a natural ternary groupoid. Define the derived binary operations  $\tilde{+}, \tilde{\cdot}$  by  $a \tilde{+} b = \tau^*(a, 1, b), a \cdot b = \tau^*(a, b, 0)$ . Then  $(S, \tilde{+})$  is a loop and  $(S \setminus \{0\}, \tilde{\cdot})$  is a groupoid having the right unity and admitting the division from left; further it holds  $a \tilde{\cdot} 0 = 0 = 0 \tilde{\cdot} a = 0$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a ternary groupoid satisfying  $(7^{\tau^*})$  and  $(8^{\tau^*})$ . Let the linearity property  $(9^{\tau^*})$   $\tau^*(a, b, c) = a \tilde{\cdot} b \tilde{+} c$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$  be valid. Then  $T$  is natural iff  $(S, \tilde{+})$  is a loop,  $(S \setminus \{0\}, \tilde{\cdot})$  is a groupoid with the right unity and with the division from left and, for  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ , the right multiplications  $R_{\mu_1}: x \rightarrow x \tilde{\cdot} \mu_1, R_{\mu_2}: x \rightarrow x \tilde{\cdot} \mu_2$  are distinct.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $(S, +)$  be a loop with  $\text{card } S \geq 2$ . Then each natural ternary groupoid  $T = (S, \tau)$  with  $\tilde{+} = +$  and with  $(9^{\tau^*})$  may be constructed as follows: Choose an injection  $f: S \rightarrow S^S$  such that  $S^{f(0)} = \{0\}$ ,  $f(a): S \rightarrow S$  is a bijection for each  $a \in S \setminus \{0\}$  and  $f(1): S \rightarrow S$

is the identity mapping. Define the binary operation  $\cdot$  by  $x \cdot y = x^{f(y)}$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $\tau$  is determined by  $\tau' = \cdot$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a natural ternary groupoid.  $T$  satisfies  $(9^{\tau'})$  and  $(S, \tau')$  is a group iff there is a group of translations  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $P = \overline{P}(T)$  acting transitively on  $\eta(0)$ .

**§ 4. Definition 4.1.** Let  $T' = (S, \tau')$  be a ternary groupoid satisfying  $(6^{\tau'})$ ,  $(7^{\tau'})$  and  $(8^{\tau'})$ .  $T'$  is said to be ordered if there is an ordering  $<$  on  $S$  such that

$(10^{\tau'})$   $v_1 < v_2 \Rightarrow \tau'(x, \mu, v_1) < \tau'(x, \mu, v_2)$  and

$(11^{\tau'})$  if  $x_0, \mu_1, v_1, \mu_2, v_2 \in S$  satisfy

$\mu_1 < \mu_2$  and  $\tau'(x_0, \mu_1, v_1) = \tau'(x_0, \mu_2, v_2)$

then  $x \geq x_0 \Rightarrow \tau'(x, \mu_1, v_1) \leq \tau'(x, \mu_2, v_2)$ .

Denotation:  $(S, \tau', <)$ ; conditions  $(6^{\tau'})$  to  $(8^{\tau'})$  are here required automatically.

<sup>3</sup> i.e., of coordinate automorphisms of  $P$  which preserve each  $\eta(a)$ ,  $a \in S$ .

<sup>4</sup> An ordering on a set  $S$  is meant here as a binary relation  $<$  on  $S$  such that  $a < b \Rightarrow a \neq b$ ;  $a < b$  and  $b < c \Rightarrow a < c$ ;  $a \neq b \Rightarrow a < b$  or  $b < a$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $T = (S, \tau, <)$  be an ordered ternary groupoid. Then  $(5^{\tau'})$  is valid, and the elements  $0, 1$  from  $(7^{\tau'})$  and  $(8^{\tau'})$  respectively are determined uniquely.

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $T = (S, \tau)$  be a ternary groupoid with  $(6^{\tau'})$  to  $(9^{\tau'})$  and such that  $(S \setminus \{0\}, \tau)$  is a group. If  $<$  is an ordering on  $S$  then  $(10^{\tau'})$  is equivalent to

$$(12_{1,2}^{\tau'}) a < b \Rightarrow a \tau c < b \tau c, c \tau a < c \tau b$$

and  $(11^{\tau'})$  is equivalent to

$$(13^{\tau'}) \text{ for } \mu_2 < \mu_1, \text{ the mapping } x \rightarrow \tau x \tau \mu_2 \tau x \tau \mu_1 \text{ is monotonically increasing.}$$

**Proposition 4.3.** There exists a ternary groupoid  $(S, \tau)$  with  $(6^{\tau'})$  to  $(9^{\tau'})$  and with an ordering  $<$  on  $S$  such that  $(S \setminus \{0\}, \tau)$  is not a loop and that one of the following three alternatives takes place:

- (i)  $(10^{\tau'})$ ,  $(12_1^{\tau'})$  are valid;  $(12_2^{\tau'})$  is not valid,
- (ii)  $(10^{\tau'})$ ,  $(12_{1,2}^{\tau'})$  are valid;  $(11^{\tau'})$  is not valid,
- (iii)  $(10^{\tau'})$ ,  $(11^{\tau'})$  are valid.

Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  be a natural parallel system. By  $Q_{(c,d)}$ , we denote the set  $\{l \in \mathcal{L} \setminus \mathcal{Y} \mid (c,d) \in l\}$  for  $(c,d) \in S \times S$ . Each ordering  $<$  on  $S$  determines naturally the induced ordering on every  $\eta(a)$ ,  $a \in S$  on every  $Q \in // \setminus \{\mathcal{Y}\}$  and on every  $Q_{(c,d)}$ ,  $(c,d) \in S \times S$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $P = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, //)$  be a natural parallel system.  $P$  is said to be ordered if there is an ordering  $<$  on  $S$  such that (i) each mapping  $Q \rightarrow \eta(a)$  defined by  $l \rightarrow l \cap \eta(a)$  for

$Q \in // \setminus \{Y\}$ ,  $a \in S$  preserves the induced ordering, (ii) each mapping  $Q_{(c,d)} \rightarrow y(a)$  defined by  $l \rightarrow l \cap y(a)$  for  $(c,d) \in S \times S$ ,  $a \in S$ ,  $a < d$  preserves the induced ordering and (iii) each mapping  $Q_{(c,d)} \rightarrow y(a)$  defined by  $l \rightarrow l \cap y(a)$  for  $(c,d) \in S \times S$ ,  $a \in S$ ,  $a > d$  reverses the induced ordering.

**Proposition 4.4.** If  $T' = (S, \tau', <)$  is an ordered ternary groupoid then  $\overline{P}(T')$  is ordered by  $<$ . If  $P = (S \times S, \mathcal{L}, //, <)$  is an ordered natural parallel system then  $(\overline{P}(P))'$  is ordered by  $<$ .

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