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1. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$  be a system of sets and  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$  a system of certain subsets  $f \subset X_\alpha \times X_\beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in A$ ). We can consider these subsets as multivalued partial mappings among sets of  $X$  which form the following operations on  $\mathcal{F}$ : a partial binary operation (the composition of relations  $\circ : f, g \rightarrow f \circ g = \{(x, z); (x, y) \in g, (y, z) \in f\}$ ) and an unary one (the inverse relation  $^{-1} : f \rightarrow f^{-1} = \{(x, y); (y, x) \in f\}$ ).  $\mathcal{F}$  with these operations forms an algebra called an algebraization of the system of sets and relations.

On the other hand: We have an algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  with a partial binary operation  $\cdot$  and a unary operation  $^{-1}$  and we try to find a system of sets and partial mappings whose algebraization is the algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . We call such system of sets and mappings a representation of the algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ .

It is well known that an algebraization of a system

of mappings of a single set closed under the composition of mappings (the composition of mappings, the identity mapping and the inverse mapping, resp.) is a semigroup (group, resp.). Representations are given by the well-known Cayley's theorem. The problem of algebraizations and representations of categories has been solved by P. Freyd (see [3]). Similar representations of certain algebras are given in [4], too.

An algebraization of a system of all 1-1 partial mappings of a single set (including the empty mapping) is called an inverse semigroup; its representation was given in [1],[2]. In this paper, we solve a more general question of the algebraization of systems of 1-1 partial non-empty mappings closed under the inverse partial mappings and under the non-empty composition of partial mappings. (The exclusion of empty mappings is not substantial. We use it in order to simplify representations.) We give in this paper representations of algebras of 1-1 partial non-empty mappings among a set of sets, a class of sets, resp. (Theorem 1.2 resp.). In the second case we use the axiom of choice. In each of these cases we give a different representation. The correspondence between them is formulated in Theorem 3 - in fact, it is the matter of factorization.

2. Denote in this paper by  $\underline{G} = (G, \cdot, {}^{-1})$  an algebra on a class  $\mathcal{G}$ , consisting of a partial binary operation  $\cdot$  and a total unary operation  ${}^{-1}$ . Furthermore, if  $X = \{X_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$  is a system of sets,  $F$  will always denote

a system of some non-empty 1-1 partial mappings among sets from  $X$  which is closed under the inverse partial mappings and under the composition of partial mappings.

Theorem 1. Let  $G, A$  be sets; let  $\cdot$  ( $^{-1}$  resp.) be a partial binary (total unary, resp.) operation on  $G$ . Then  $\underline{G}$  is an algebraization of the system  $(X, F)$  if and only if the following conditions for any  $a, b, c \in G$  hold:

- (1)  $(ab)c$  is defined if and only if  $a(bc)$  is defined; then  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ ;
- (2)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ ;
- (3)  $ab$  is defined if and only if  $b^{-1}a^{-1}$  is defined and then  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ ;
- (4)  $aa^{-1}a$  is defined and  $aa^{-1}a = a$ ;
- (5)  $(aa^{-1})(bb^{-1}) = (bb^{-1})(aa^{-1})$  whenever one of these two expressions is defined.

Remark. It is easy to see that in the case of a total binary operation we obtain precisely the inverse semigroup axioms.

Proof of Theorem 1. Obviously, the algebraization of any system  $(X, F)$  satisfies conditions (1) - (5). On the other hand, from (1) - (5) for an algebra  $\underline{G}$ , further conditions follow:

(A) If  $ab$  is defined, then  $a^{-1}ab, abb^{-1}$  are also defined. ( $(ab)^{-1}ab, ab(ab)^{-1}$  are defined (see (4)), hence from (3) and (1)  $b^{-1}(a^{-1}ab), (abb^{-1})a^{-1}$  are defined.)

(B) If we denote  $J = \{aa^{-1}; a \in G\}$ , then for any  $\dot{j}_1, \dot{j}_2, \dot{j}_3 \in J$ , equations  $\dot{j}_1\dot{j}_2 = \dot{j}_2, \dot{j}_2\dot{j}_3 = \dot{j}_3$  imply

$\dot{j}_1 \dot{j}_3 = \dot{j}_3$ . (We have  $\dot{j}_3 = \dot{j}_2 \dot{j}_3 = (\dot{j}_1 \dot{j}_2) \dot{j}_3 = \dot{j}_1 (\dot{j}_2 \dot{j}_3) = \dot{j}_1 \dot{j}_3$ .)

Denote  $R$  the following binary relation on  $G$ : for  $a, b \in G$  there is  $(a, b) \in R$  if and only if  $ab^{-1}$  is defined in  $G$ . Denote  $\approx$  the equivalence generated by  $R$ . Now we can define the system  $(X, F)$ . Putting  $X = \{X_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$ , where  $X_\alpha$  are just different classes of the equivalence  $\approx$ , we shall take for  $F$  a system of mappings  $f_a$  of sets  $X_\alpha$  indexed by elements of  $G$ , where  $f_a$  are defined as follows:

for  $x \in G$ ,  $f_a(x)$  is defined if and only if  $xa$  is defined and  $xaa^{-1} = x$ . Then we put  $f_a(x) = xa$ . Clearly,  $f_a(aa^{-1})$  is always defined. Moreover,  $f_a(x) = f_a(y)$  implies  $xa = ya$  and  $xaa^{-1} = x$ ,  $yaa^{-1} = y$ , hence  $x = y$ . If  $f_a(x), f_a(y)$  are defined, we have  $x \approx y$  and  $f_a(x) \approx f_a(y)$ . We can see that  $f_a$  are suitable non-empty one-to-one partial mappings and it remains to prove that  $(X, F)$  is a representation of  $\underline{G}$ .

(a) For any  $a, b \in G$  we have  $f_b \circ f_a = f_{ab}$ .

Whenever  $f_{ab}(x)$  and  $(f_b \circ f_a)(x)$  are defined, we find  $f_b(f_a(x)) = (xa)b = x(ab) = f_{ab}(x)$ . If  $f_{ab}(x)$  is defined, we get  $x(ab)(ab)^{-1} = x$ . Thus  $xa$  is defined and from (B), (5),  $(ab)(ab)^{-1}aa^{-1} = ab(ab)^{-1}$ ,  $x^{-1}x(ab)(ab)^{-1} = x^{-1}x$  we can deduce  $x^{-1}xaa^{-1} = x^{-1}x$ . Thus  $xaa^{-1} = x$ , i.e.  $f_a(x)$  is defined. Furthermore,  $(xa)b$  is always defined and  $xab \cdot b^{-1}a^{-1} = x$  implies that  $xabb^{-1} = xa$ , i.e.  $(f_b \circ f_a)(x)$  is defined, too.

If  $(f_b \circ f_a)(x)$  is defined, we have  $xaa^{-1} = x$ ,

$xa b b^{-1} = xa$ . Thus  $x(ab)(ab)^{-1} = xaa^{-1} = x$  and  $f_{ab}(x)$  is also defined.

(b) For every  $a \in G$ ,  $f_a$  and  $f_{a^{-1}}$  are mutually inverse. We have  $f_a \circ f_{a^{-1}} = f_{a^{-1}a}$ ,  $f_{a^{-1}} \circ f_a = f_{aa^{-1}}$ ;  $f_{a^{-1}a}(x) = xa^{-1}a = x$ ,  $f_{aa^{-1}}(y) = yaa^{-1} = y$ , whenever  $f_{a^{-1}}(x)$ ,  $f_a(y)$  are defined.

(c) For  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \neq b$  implies  $f_a \neq f_b$ .

If  $f_a = f_b$ , then  $f_a(aa^{-1}) = f_b(aa^{-1})$  and  $f_a(bb^{-1}) = f_b(bb^{-1})$ . Hence  $aa^{-1} = aa^{-1}bb^{-1} = bb^{-1}aa^{-1} = bb^{-1}$  and  $a = aa^{-1}b = bb^{-1}b = b$ .

Theorem 2. Let  $G$  be a class, let  $X$  be a system of sets. Then an algebra  $\underline{G}$  is the algebraization of a system  $(X, F)$  if and only if  $\underline{G}$  satisfies:

(1) - (5) from Theorem 1;

(6) if we put  $\tilde{G} = \{x \in G; xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x\}$  and define  $a \approx b$  if and only if there exist  $a_0, \dots, a_m \in \tilde{G}$ ,  $a_0 = a, a_m = b$  such that  $a_i a_{i+1}$  is defined for  $i = 0, \dots, m-1$ , then  $\{x \in \tilde{G}; x \approx a\}$  is a set for every  $a \in \tilde{G}$ .

It is evident that the algebraization of any system  $F$  satisfies conditions (1) - (6). The sufficiency will result from the following three lemmas.

Lemma 1.  $M(a) = \{x \in G; xx^{-1} = aa^{-1} \text{ and } x^{-1}x = a^{-1}a\}$  is a set for every  $a \in G$ .

Proof.  $g(x) = a^{-1}x$  defines a mapping  $g$  from  $M(a)$  into  $\tilde{G}$ . Obviously,  $a^{-1}x$  is always defined and  $g(x)[g(x)]^{-1} = a^{-1}xx^{-1}a = a^{-1}aa^{-1}a = x^{-1}xx^{-1}x =$

$= x^{-1} a a^{-1} x = [g(x)]^{-1} g(x)$ . Moreover,  $g$  is injective (if  $g(x) = g(y)$ , then  $a a^{-1} x = a a^{-1} y$ ; hence  $x x^{-1} x = y y^{-1} y$  and  $x = y$ ) and  $g(x) \approx g(y)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}(a)$ . Condition (6) finishes the proof.

**Lemma 2.** Denote  $d(a) = a a^{-1}$ ,  $\kappa(a) = a^{-1} a$  for every  $a \in G$ . Then there is a mapping  $K: G \rightarrow G$  with the following properties:

- (I)  $d[K(a)] = \kappa(a)$ ,  $\kappa[K(a)] = d(a)$  for every  $a \in G$ ;
- (II)  $[K(a)]^{-1} = K(a^{-1})$  for every  $a \in G$ ;
- (III) if  $\kappa(a) = d(b)$ , then  $K(b)K(a)$  is defined and  $K(ab) = K(b) \cdot K(a)$ ;
- (IV) if  $\kappa(a) = \kappa(b)$  and  $d(a) = d(b)$ , then  $K(a) = K(b)$ .

**Proof.** We denote  $J = \{a a^{-1}; a \in G\}$ . We can define  $(a, b) \in S$  if and only if  $\kappa(a) = d(b)$  and denote  $\sim$  the equivalence generated by the binary relation  $S$ . Now, we can consider only classes of this equivalence. Let  $C$  be such a class and let  $a \in C$ . In view of  $a a^{-1} \in J \cap C$ , the class  $J \cap C$  is non-empty and we can define  $x_C \in J \cap C$  using the axiom of choice.  $M(x) = \{a \in G; d(a) = x_C, \kappa(a) = x\}$  is a non-empty set for every  $x \in J \cap C$  according to the definition of  $\sim$  and Lemma 1; so we can select  $\bar{x} \in M(x)$ . Now, we put  $K(a) = [\overline{\kappa(a)}]^{-1} \overline{d(a)}$  for every  $a \in G$ . If  $a \in C$ , then  $d(\overline{\kappa(a)})^{-1} = \kappa(a)$ ,  $\kappa(\overline{\kappa(a)})^{-1} = d(\overline{d(a)}) = x_C$ ,  $\kappa(\overline{d(a)}) = d(a)$ ,  $\kappa(K(a)) = d(a)$ ,  $d(K(a)) =$

$$= (\overline{\kappa(a)})^{-1} \overline{d(a)} (\overline{d(a)})^{-1} \overline{\kappa(a)} = (\overline{\kappa(a)})^{-1} \overline{d(\overline{\kappa(a)})} \overline{\kappa(a)} = \kappa(a).$$

Thus the definition of  $K$  is correct and (I) is proved.

From  $d(a) = \kappa(a^{-1})$ ,  $\kappa(a) = d(a^{-1})$  it follows (II).

If  $\kappa(a) = d(b)$ , then  $\kappa(ab) = \kappa(b)$ ,  $d(ab) = d(b)$  and  $K(ab) = (\overline{\kappa(b)})^{-1} \overline{d(a)} = (\overline{\kappa(b)})^{-1} \overline{d(b)} (\overline{d(b)})^{-1} \overline{d(a)} = K(b)K(a)$ ,

i.e. (III) holds. Obviously, (IV) holds, too.

Lemma 3. Let  $K$  be a mapping from Lemma 2. Then for every  $a \in G$   $K(aa^{-1}) = aa^{-1}$ .

Proof.  $K(aa^{-1}) = K(a^{-1})K(a) = \kappa[K(a)] = d(a) = aa^{-1}$ .

Now, we can prove Theorem 2. The relation  $\approx$  from (6) is clearly an equivalence. We can define the system  $(X, F)$  in this way:  $X$  is a system of all the classes of the equivalence  $\approx$  (which are sets according to (6)).  $F$  is a system of all the mappings  $\tilde{F}_a$  ( $a \in G$ ) defined  $\tilde{F}_a(x) = K(xa)xa$  whenever  $xaa^{-1} = x$ .

If  $\tilde{F}_a(x)$ ,  $\tilde{F}_a(y)$  are defined, then  $x \approx y$  ( $a_0 = x$ ,  $a_1 = aa^{-1}$ ,  $a_2 = y$ ,  $a_i a_{i+1}$  are defined for  $i = 0, 1$ ); we have also  $\tilde{F}_a(x) \approx \tilde{F}_a(y)$  ( $a'_0 = \tilde{F}_a(x)$ ,  $a'_1 = a^{-1}a$ ,  $a'_2 = \tilde{F}_a(y)$ ). Obviously  $\tilde{F}_a(aa^{-1})$  is always defined. If  $\tilde{F}_a(x) = \tilde{F}_a(y)$ , then  $K(xa)xaa^{-1} = K(ya)ya a^{-1}$ , i.e.  $K(xa)x = K(ya)y$ .

From Lemma 3 it follows that  $d(a^{-1}x^{-1}x) = d(a^{-1}y^{-1}y)$  and  $\kappa(a^{-1}x^{-1}x) = \kappa(a^{-1}y^{-1}y)$ . This fact implies  $\kappa(xa) = \kappa(ya)$ ,  $\kappa(x) = \kappa(y) = d(y) = d(x)$  and  $d(xa) = d(ya)$ . Then  $K(xa) = K(ya)$ ,  $K(a^{-1}x^{-1})K(xa)x = K(a^{-1}y^{-1})K(ya)y$ ,



$K(xaa^{-1}x^{-1})x = K(yaa^{-1}y^{-1})y$  and  $x = y$ . Thus  $\tilde{F}_a$  are suitable non-empty one-to-one partial mappings.

Now we prove that  $\tilde{F}_b \circ \tilde{F}_a = \tilde{F}_{ab}$  for any  $a, b \in G$ . If  $(\tilde{F}_b \circ \tilde{F}_a)(x)$  is defined, then  $K(a^{-1}x^{-1})K(xa)xab b^{-1} = K(a^{-1}x^{-1})K(xa)xa$  and from Lemmas 2 and 3 it follows that  $xab b^{-1}a^{-1} = xaa^{-1} = x$ , i.e.  $\tilde{F}_{ab}(x)$  is defined. If  $\tilde{F}_{ab}(x)$  is defined, then  $x = xab b^{-1}a^{-1} = x(x^{-1}x)(aa^{-1})ab b^{-1}a^{-1} = x(aa^{-1})(x^{-1}x)ab b^{-1}a^{-1} = x(aa^{-1})(x^{-1}x) = xaa^{-1}$ , i.e.  $\tilde{F}_a(x)$  is defined. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} K(xa)xa &= K(xa)xa(bb^{-1})(a^{-1}a) = K(xa)xa(a^{-1}a)(bb^{-1}) = \\ &= K(xa)xab b^{-1}, \text{ hence } (\tilde{F}_b \circ \tilde{F}_a)(x) \text{ is defined, too.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Finally, } (\tilde{F}_b \circ \tilde{F}_a)(x) &= K[K(xa)xab]K(xa)xab = \\ &= K(a^{-1}x^{-1}xab)K(xa)xab = K(xab)xab = \tilde{F}_{ab}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously  $\tilde{F}_{aa^{-1}}(x)$  is defined if and only if  $\tilde{F}_a(x)$  is defined; we have  $\tilde{F}_{aa^{-1}}(x) = K(xaa^{-1})xaa^{-1} = K(x)x = x$ .

A similar consideration shows that  $\tilde{F}_{a^{-1}a}(y) = y$ , if  $\tilde{F}_{a^{-1}}(y)$  is defined. Thus  $\tilde{F}_a$  and  $\tilde{F}_{a^{-1}}$  are mutually inverse.

Finally we have to prove that  $a \neq b$  implies  $\tilde{F}_a \neq \tilde{F}_b$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{F}_a = \tilde{F}_b$ . In the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1 we can prove that  $aa^{-1} = bb^{-1}$ , which implies  $K(aa^{-1}a)aa^{-1}a = K(bb^{-1}b)bb^{-1}b$ , i.e.  $K(a)a = K(b)b$  and  $a^{-1}a = b^{-1}b$ . Thus  $K(a) = K(b)$  and  $K(a^{-1})K(a)a = K(b^{-1})K(b)b$ , i.e.  $a = b$ .

Theorem 3. Let  $\langle G, \cdot, {}^{-1} \rangle$  be an algebra from Theo-

rem 1, i.e. let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a set. Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}$  resp. be systems of sets and some of their partial mappings which are the representations of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  in the sense of Theorem 1, 2 resp. Then  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a factorization of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Proof. Let us put  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = \{a \in \mathcal{G}; aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a\}$ . For certain sets  $\bar{\mathcal{U}}, \bar{\mathcal{E}}$  we have  $\mathcal{U} = \langle \{0_p; p \in \bar{\mathcal{U}}\}, \{f_a; a \in \mathcal{G}\} \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{Z} = \langle \{0'_q; q \in \bar{\mathcal{E}}\}, \{f'_a; a \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}\} \rangle$ . (The definition of sets  $\bar{\mathcal{U}}, \bar{\mathcal{E}}$  and of mappings  $f_a, f'_a$  follows clearly from Theorems 1 and 2.)

We define  $h: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  as  $h(x) = K(x) \cdot x$  and we shall show that  $h$  is the required factorization.

(a)  $h(x)(h(x))^{-1} = K(x)xx^{-1}[K(x)]^{-1} = K(x)K(xx^{-1})K(x^{-1}) = x^{-1}x = x^{-1}K(xx^{-1})x = (h(x))^{-1} \cdot h(x)$ , i.e.  $h(x) \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ . Putting  $\tilde{y} = K(y^{-1})y$  for  $y \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ , we get  $h(\tilde{y}) = K(\tilde{y})\tilde{y} = K(y)K(y^{-1})y = y$ .

(b) For every  $p \in \bar{\mathcal{U}}$  there exists  $q \in \bar{\mathcal{E}}$  such that  $h(0_p) \subset 0'_q$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $(x, y) \in R$  implies  $h(x) \approx h(y)$ . If we denote  $a_0 = h(x)$ ,  $a_1 = y^{-1}K(y^{-1})$ ,  $a_2 = h(y)$ , we can easily see that  $a_i a_{i+1}$  is defined for  $i = 0, 1$ , i.e.  $h(x) \approx h(y)$ .

(c) For every  $q \in \bar{\mathcal{E}}$  there exists  $p \in \bar{\mathcal{U}}$  such that  $h^{-1}(0'_q) \subset 0_p$ . We have to prove that for any  $x, y \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}$   $xy^{-1}$  is defined, whenever  $xy$  is defined. We have  $xy = xy y^{-1}y = x y^{-1} y y$  and  $xy^{-1}$  is defined, too.

(d) Finally, if  $f_a(x)$  is defined, then  $f'_a(h(x)) = h(f_a(x))$ . We have  $h(x)aa^{-1} = K(x)xaa^{-1} = K(x)x = h(x)$  and  $f'_a(h(x))$  is defined. Moreover, we get  $f'_a(h(x)) =$

$$= K(K(x)xa)K(x)xa = K(x^{-1}xa)K(x)xa = K(xa)xa = h(xa) = h(x_a(x))$$

and Theorem 3 is proved.

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