

## ON MULTISSET RELATIONS AND FACTOR MULTIGROUPS

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**Abstract:** Crisp congruence relations on groups are very well known. This paper attempts to define factor multigroups by using the proposed multiset relations in this study and prove some basic properties.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of multisets was formulated by N. G. Bruijn in a private communication to Knuth [19] as a mathematical structure that violates basic set conditions. It is a collection of objects in which repetition is significant. Since then, multisets have been applied to various fields of mathematics and computer science. Nazmul et al. [20] introduced the concept of multigroups with multiset settings different from the earlier definitions given by [3] and [21] and obtained equivalents of some basic results in group theory. This has been investigated further by [1],[2],[4],[5],[6],[7],[8],[9],[10],[11],[16],[17] and [18]. In [22], a new fashion of multigroups was developed with some properties considered. The concept of multiset relations on set was defined by Girish and John [12]. They have also generalized the concept by considering multiset relations on multisets and developed multiset topologies (see [13]). In [14], multiset relations are applied to consider rough multiset relations.

Since multigroups are a generalization of groups and there exist close relationships between the normal subgroups and the relation of congruency in a group, we have been motivated to define factor multigroups using the proposed multiset relations in this paper and derive some basic results.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we review briefly some definitions and results that are required in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [15] *A multiset  $\mathcal{A}$  is a countable set  $\xi$  together with a function  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} : \xi \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  that defines the multiplicity of the elements of  $\xi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

The usual set operations can be carried over to multisets. Let  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  be multisets over  $\xi$ . Then

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$  if  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_1}(a) \leq \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_2}(a)$ .
- (ii) Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1 \cap \mathcal{A}_2$  such that  $\forall a \in \xi, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a) = \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_1}(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_2}(a)$ .
- (ii) Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \mathcal{A}_2$  such that  $\forall a \in \xi, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a) = \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_1}(a) \vee \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}_2}(a)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [12] *A submultiset  $R$  of  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a multiset relation on  $\mathcal{A}$  if every member of  $R$  has a multiplicity  $\mathcal{M}_1(a, b) \cdot \mathcal{M}_2(a, b)$ .*

**Definition 2.3.** [20] *Let  $G$  be any group. By a multigroup we mean a multiset  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $G$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(ab) \geq \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(b) = \min\{\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a), \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(b)\}, \forall a, b \in G,$
- (ii)  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a^{-1}) \geq \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a), \forall a \in G.$

It is immediate from the definition that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(e) \geq \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a^{-1}) = \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(a)$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [20] *A multigroup  $H$  over  $G$  is called a normal multigroup if  $\mathcal{M}_H(ab) = \mathcal{M}_H(ba), \forall a, b \in G.$*

**Definition 2.5.** [20] *If a multiset is a multigroup over  $G/H$ , then it is called factor multigroup. Analogously, if it is a normal multigroup over  $G/H$ , then it is called normal factor multigroup.*

## 3. Multiset relation and multiset congruence

In this section, we define the proposed multiset relations and outline some results.

**Definition 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a normal multigroup over  $G$ . A*

multiset relation  $\eta$  can be defined on  $G$  by

$$\mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) = \begin{cases} \geq \mathcal{M}_H(e), & \text{if } a = b = e, \\ \mathcal{M}_H(e), & \text{if } a = b, \\ \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b), & \text{if } a \neq b, \forall a, b \in G. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  be multiset relations on  $G$ . Then the composition  $\eta_1 \circ \eta_2$  is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\eta_1 \circ \eta_2}(a, c) = \bigvee_{b \in G} \{\mathcal{M}_{\eta_1}(a, b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_{\eta_2}(b, c)\}$$

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a group. A binary function  $\mathcal{M}_\eta : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is called a multiset congruence on  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied for all  $a, b, c, d \in G$ :

$$(C1) \quad \mathcal{M}_\eta(e, e) \geq \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, a)$$

$$(C2) \quad \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) = \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, a)$$

$$(C3) \quad \mathcal{M}_{\eta \circ \eta}(a, c) \leq \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, c)$$

$$(C4) \quad \mathcal{M}_\eta(ac, bd) \geq \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(c, d)$$

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a normal multigroup over  $G$ . Then the multiset relation  $\eta$  defined on  $G$  is a multiset congruence.

**Proof.** Let  $a, b, c, d \in G$ .

$$(C1): \quad \mathcal{M}_\eta(e, e) \geq \mathcal{M}_H(e) = \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, a).$$

(C2):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) &= \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(a) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, a) \end{aligned}$$

(C3):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_{\eta \circ \eta}(a, c) &= \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, c) \} \\
&= \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ (\mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(c)) \} \\
&\leq \left( \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b) \} \right) \wedge \left( \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(c) \} \right) \\
&\leq \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_H(a) \} \wedge \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_H(c) \} \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(c) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, c)
\end{aligned}$$

(C4):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_\eta(ac, bd) &= \mathcal{M}_H(ac) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(bd) \\
&\geq (\mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(c)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(d)) \\
&= (\mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(c) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(d)) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(c, d)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\eta$  is a multiset congruence on  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a normal multigroup over  $G$ , then the function  $\mathcal{M}_E : G/H \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}_E(aH) = \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, h) \forall h \in H$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_H(h) > \mathcal{M}_H(a) \forall a \neq e \in G$  is a factor multigroup over  $G/H$ .*

**Proof.** For every  $aH, bH \in G/H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) &= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ab, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ab) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ab) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b) \\
&= (\mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h)) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, h) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bH)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_E(a^{-1}H) &= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a^{-1}, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a^{-1}) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_H(a) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, h) = \mathcal{M}_E(aH)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E$  is a factor multigroup over  $G/H$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The function  $\mathcal{M}_E : G/H \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}_E(aH) = \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, h) \forall h \in H$  with  $\mathcal{M}_H(h) > \mathcal{M}_H(a) \forall a \neq e \in G$  is a normal factor multigroup over  $G/H$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $H$  is a multigroup over  $G$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_E(aH, bH) &= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ab, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ab) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ab) = \mathcal{M}_H(ba) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ba) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ba, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(bH, aH)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $E$  is a normal factor multigroup over  $G/H$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $E$  is a factor multigroup over  $G/H$  and  $\mathcal{M}_H(h) > \mathcal{M}_H(a) \forall a \neq e \in G$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_E(a^n H) \geq \mathcal{M}_E(aH)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $aH \in G/H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_E(a^n H) &= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a^n, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a^{n-1}a) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a^{n-1}a) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_H(a^{n-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(a) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_H(a) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(a) \bigwedge \dots \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(a) \quad (\text{by recursion})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(a) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(a, h) = \mathcal{M}_E(aH)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $E$  be a factor multigroup over  $G/H$  and let  $aH \in G/H$  with  $\mathcal{M}_H(h) > \mathcal{M}_H(a) \forall a \neq e \in G$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) = \mathcal{M}_E(bH) \forall bH \in G/H$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}_E(aH) = \mathcal{M}_E(H)$ .*

**Proof.** If  $\mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) = \mathcal{M}_E(bH) \forall bH \in G/H$ , then  $bH = H$ .

Conversely, assume  $\mathcal{M}_E(aH) = \mathcal{M}_E(H)$ . Since  $E$  is a multigroup over  $G/H$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) &\geq \mathcal{M}_E(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bH) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(H) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bH) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(e, h) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(h) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(b) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h)) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(h) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(b) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(b, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(bH)
\end{aligned}$$

and, on the other hand,  $\mathcal{M}_E(bH) \geq \mathcal{M}_E(H) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bH) = \mathcal{M}_E(aHbH)$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two normal factor multigroups over  $G/H$ . Then  $E \cap F$  is a normal factor multigroup over  $G/H$ .*

**Proof.** For every  $aH, bH \in G/H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(aHbH) &= \mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(aHbH) \\
&\geq (\mathcal{M}_E(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bH)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_F(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(bH)) \\
&= (\mathcal{M}_E(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(aH)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_E(bH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(bH)) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(bH)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(a^{-1}H) &= \mathcal{M}_E(a^{-1}H) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(a^{-1}H) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_E(aH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(aH) = \mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(aH)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $E \cap F$  is a multigroup over  $G/H$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(aHbH) &= \mathcal{M}_E(aHbH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(aHbH) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_E(bHaH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_F(bHaH) = \mathcal{M}_{E \cap F}(bHaH) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E \cap F$  is a normal multigroup over  $G/H$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $E$  be a normal factor multigroup over  $G/H$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_H(h) > \mathcal{M}_H(a) \forall a \neq e \in G$ . Then the function  $\mathcal{M}_\delta : G/H \times G/H$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, bH) = \mathcal{M}_E(aHb^{-1}H)$  is a multiset congruence on  $G/H$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $aH, bH \in G/H$ . Then

$$(C1): \mathcal{M}_\delta(eH, eH) \geq \mathcal{M}_E(H) = \mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, aH)$$

(C2):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, bH) &= \mathcal{M}_E(aHb^{-1}H) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_E((ba^{-1})^{-1}H) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_E(ba^{-1}H) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_E(bHa^{-1}H) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_\delta(bH, aH) \end{aligned}$$

(C3):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\delta \circ \delta}(aH, bH) &= \bigvee_{b \in G/H} \{ \mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, bH) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\delta(bH, cH) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in G/H} \{ \mathcal{M}_E(aHb^{-1}H) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bHc^{-1}H) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in G/H} \{ \mathcal{M}_E(ab^{-1}H) \wedge \mathcal{M}_E(bc^{-1}H) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_\eta(ab^{-1}, h) \wedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(bc^{-1}, h) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ (\mathcal{M}_H(ab^{-1}) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h)) \wedge (\mathcal{M}_H(bc^{-1}) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h)) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ (\mathcal{M}_H(ab^{-1}) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(bc^{-1})) \wedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bigvee_{b \in G} \left( \mathcal{M}_H(ab^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(bc^{-1}) \right) \\
&\leq \bigvee_{b \in G} \{ \mathcal{M}_H(ac^{-1}) \} \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ac^{-1}) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ac^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ac^{-1}, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(aHc^{-1}H) = \mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, cH)
\end{aligned}$$

(C4):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_\delta(acH, bdH) &= \mathcal{M}_E(ac(bd)^{-1}H) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ac(bd)^{-1}, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ac(bd)^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(acd^{-1}b^{-1}) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(b^{-1}acd^{-1}) \\
&\geq \mathcal{M}_H(b^{-1}a) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(cd^{-1}) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_H(ab^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(cd^{-1}) \\
&= \left( \mathcal{M}_H(ab^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \right) \bigwedge \left( \mathcal{M}_H(cd^{-1}) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_H(h) \right) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\eta(ab^{-1}, h) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_\eta(cd^{-1}, h) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(ab^{-1}H) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_E(cd^{-1}H) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_E(aHb^{-1}H) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_E(cHd^{-1}H) \\
&= \mathcal{M}_\delta(aH, bH) \bigwedge \mathcal{M}_\delta(cH, dH)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\delta$  is a multiset congruence on  $G/H$ .

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