

ON SOME PROBLEMS OF J. SŁOMIŃSKI
CONCERNING EQUATIONS IN QUASI-ALGEBRAS

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In this paper we give a solution of problems 5 and 6 of Słomiński [5].

All needed definitions which are not given in this paper can be found in [2]-[5].

Let $P^\alpha(G)$ be the Peano-algebra of type G generated by the set $X = (x_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$ considered as the set of distinct variables. The pairs $\langle p, q \rangle$, where p and q belong to $P^\alpha(G)$, are called α -ary equations of type G , or, to be short, simply *equations*. If $\langle p, q \rangle$ is an α -ary equation of type G , then it will also be denoted by $\lceil p = q \rceil$. Let $\lceil p = q \rceil$ be an arbitrary α -ary equation of type G and let A be an arbitrary quasi-algebra of type G .

Słomiński [5] has given three concepts of validity of equations for quasi-algebras.

Definition 1. Equation $\lceil p = q \rceil$ is said to be *weakly valid in the quasi-algebra A* if for all sequences $\mathbf{a} = (a_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$ in A^α we have ${}_A p(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha) = {}_A q(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$ provided $\mathbf{a} \in D({}_A p) \cap D({}_A q)$.

Definition 2. Equation $\lceil p = q \rceil$ is said to be *valid in quasi-algebra A* if $D({}_A p) = D({}_A q)$ and ${}_A p(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha) = {}_A q(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$ for each sequence $(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$ in $D({}_A p) = D({}_A q)$.

Definition 3. Equation $\lceil p = q \rceil$ is said to be *strongly valid in the quasi-algebra A* if we have $p \sim_{\mathbf{a}} q$ for each sequence \mathbf{a} in A^α , where $\sim_{\mathbf{a}}$ denotes the least congruence relation \sim of the Peano algebra $P^\alpha(G)$ such that for all p and q in $P^\alpha(G)$ we have

$$(s) \quad p \sim q \text{ if } \mathbf{a} \in D({}_A p) \cap D({}_A q) \text{ and } {}_A p(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha) = {}_A q(\mathbf{a}_\xi, \xi < \alpha) \text{ (}^1\text{)}.$$

All three concepts of validity of equations in quasi-algebras are equivalent in the case of algebras.

⁽¹⁾ In [5], p. 17, in condition (b₉) there is a misprint. Obviously (b₉) should have the form (s).

Let E_0 be any set of equations of type G . Denote by $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ the set of all consequences of E_0 . By $\text{wG}(E_0)$, $\text{wG}(\text{Cn}(E_0))$, $\text{G}(E_0)$, $\text{G}(\text{Cn}(E_0))$, $\text{sG}(E_0)$, $\text{sG}(\text{Cn}(E_0))$ and $\text{G}^*(E_0)$ we denote the classes of all weak E_0 -quasi-algebras, weak $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-algebras, E_0 -quasi-algebras, $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-algebras, strong E_0 -quasi-algebras, strong $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-algebras and E_0 -algebras, respectively. A quasi-algebra A is said to be a (*weak, strong*) E_0 -quasi-algebra if all the equations belonging to E_0 are (*weakly strongly*) valid in the quasi-algebra A .

In what follows we give a characterization of those sets E_0 of equations for which we have

- (1) $\text{G}(\text{Cn}(E_0)) = \text{wG}(E_0)$ (Problem 5 in [5]),
- (2) $\text{G}(E_0) = \text{wG}(E_0)$ (Problem 6 in [5]).

The following relations are obvious:

$$\text{G}^*(E_0) \subset \text{G}(\text{Cn}(E_0)) \subset \text{G}(E_0) \subset \text{wG}(E_0).$$

Moreover, let us observe that there does not exist any set E_0 , for which $\text{G}^*(E_0) = \text{wG}(E_0)$ (Słomiński [5]), and that for every set E_0 of equations we have $\text{G}^*(\text{Cn}(E_0)) = \text{G}^*(E_0)$.

The last observation is trivial.

THEOREM 1. *Let E_0 be an arbitrary set of equations of type G . Then each weak E_0 -quasi-algebra A , where $\bar{A} \geq 2$, is E_0 -quasi-algebra (problem (2)) if and only if the set E_0 is empty, or E_0 contains only equations of the form $\ulcorner p = p \urcorner$.*

Proof. The sufficiency is trivial.

Necessity. Let E_0 be an arbitrary set of equations and let $\ulcorner p = q \urcorner \in E_0$, where $p \neq q$ and p, q are not the variables at the same time. We show that there is a weak E_0 -quasi-algebra which is not E_0 -quasi-algebra. Let P_0 denote the set of the terms which are in the equations belonging to E_0 (i.e. if $\ulcorner r = s \urcorner \in E_0$, then $r, s \in P_0$). The set P_0 is not empty, because $p, q \in P_0$. The set P_0 contains the minimal elements (with respect to the relation of partial order "to be subterm" in the algebra $\mathbf{P}^\alpha(G)$). Let p_0 be a minimal element belonging to P_0 . If P_0 contains variables, then let p_0 denote a variable, else — an arbitrary minimal term. For to prove the existence of the quasi-algebra in which the equations with the set E_0 there are only weak valid, it suffices to show that there is a quasi-algebra A of type G in which $D(Ap_0) \neq \emptyset$ and for each term $q \in P_0$, where $p_0 \neq q$ and q is not a variable (term q is not, obviously, subterm of the term p_0), we have $D(Aq) = \emptyset$.

Such a quasi-algebra is, for instance, the following relative subquasi-algebra $\mathbf{P}(p_0)$ of the Peano-algebra $\mathbf{P}^\alpha(G)$:

1° $X \subset P(p_0)$, where X denotes the set of generators of the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$.

2° Moreover, the set $P(p_0)$ contains only the term p_0 and each sub-term of the term p_0 .

Because each term $p \in P^\alpha(G)$ may be reckoned as a value of the operation $P^\alpha(G)p$ (induced by the term p in the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$) for the argument $\mathbf{x} = (x_\xi, \xi < \alpha)$, for which each element in X occurs once and only once, so $\mathbf{x} \in D_{(P(p_0))p_0}$ and $D_{(P(p_0))q} = \emptyset$, where p_0 and q are the terms described above. Since each term $p \in P^\alpha(G)$ may be, for some set E_0 of equations, the minimal term, we must prove that a quasi-algebra $P(p)$ always exists.

Let P_1 denote the set of terms $p \in P^\alpha(G)$ for which the corresponding quasi-algebra $P(p)$ exists. We prove, by induction, that $P_1 = P^\alpha(G)$, namely we show that P_1 contains X and P_1 is a subalgebra of the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$.

1° For each $x \in X, x \in P_1$, because the corresponding quasi-algebra $P(x)$ always exists. This is, for instance, the relative subquasi-algebra of the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$ such that $P(x) = X$.

2° Let $p_\sigma \in P_1, \sigma < n(g) (g \in G)$. We denote by $P(p_\sigma), \sigma < n(g)$, the corresponding quasi-algebras and set $p = g_{P^\alpha(G)}(p_\sigma, \sigma < n(g))$.

We define $P(p)$ as a relative subquasi-algebra of the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$, where

$$P(p) = \bigcup_{\sigma < n(g)} P(p_\sigma) \cup \{p\}.$$

Obviously, $\mathbf{x} \in D_{(P(p))p}$ and $D_{(P(p))q} = \emptyset$ for every term q which is not a subterm of the term p .

Thus P_1 is the subalgebra of the Peano-algebra $P^\alpha(G)$ and $X \subset P_1$. Therefore $P_1 = P^\alpha(G)$. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *Each weak E_0 -quasi-algebra is a $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-algebra (problem (1)) if and only if the set E_0 of equations is empty or contains only equations of the form $\lceil p = p \rceil$.*

Proof. The sufficiency is obvious.

Necessity. If E_0 contains an equation $\lceil p = q \rceil$, where $p \neq q$, then:

1° If E_0 does not contain the equation $\lceil x = y \rceil$, where x and y are distinct variables, then it follows from Theorem 1 that there exist a weak E_0 -quasi-algebra which is not an E_0 -quasi-algebra. Thus it is not a $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-algebra.

2° If $\lceil x = y \rceil \in E_0$, where x and y are variables (obviously distinct), then the one-element discrete quasi-algebra $\{\mathbf{a}\}_a$ of type G determined by any set $\{a\}$ is a weak E_0 -quasi-algebra, but it is not a $\text{Cn}(E_0)$ -quasi-

algebra, because for any $g \in G$ the expression on the right-hand side of equation $\lceil x = g_{P\alpha(G)}(x_\sigma, \sigma < n(g)) \rceil$ is not defined for any sequence $(a_\sigma, \sigma < n(g))$, where $a_\sigma = a$, $\sigma < n(g)$.

Theorem 2 is thus proved.

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