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# **On Further Study of CA-AG-groupoids**

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Abstract: An AG-groupoid that satisfies the identity a(bc) = c(ab) is called a CA-AG-groupoid [1]. In this article various properties of CA-AG-groupoids are explored and their relations with various other known subclasses of AG-groupoids and with some other algebraic structures are established. We proved that in CA-AG-groupoid left alternativity implies right alternativity and vice versa. We also proved that a CA-AG-groupoid having a right cancellative element is a T<sup>1</sup>, a T<sup>3</sup> and an alternative AG-groupoid. We provided a partial solution to an open problem of right cancellative element of an AG-groupoid. Further, we proved that a CA-AG-groupoid having left identity is a commutative semigroup and investigated that the direct product of any two CA-AG-groupoids is again cyclic associative. Moreover, we investigated relation among CA, AG\* and Stein AG-groupoids.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

A groupoid satisfying the "left invertive law" is called an Abel-Grassmann's groupoid (or simply AGgroupoid [2]). In literature different names like "left almost semigroup" (LA-semigroup) [3], left invertive groupoid [4] and right modular groupoid [5] has been used by different authors for the said structure. Many properties of AG-groupoids have been studied in [6,7]. Various aspects of AG-groupoids have been studied in [2,8 – 14]. In [1,15], we introduced CA-AG-groupoid as a new subclass of AGgroupoid and studies some fundamental properties of it. In the same paper we introduced CA-test for the verification of cyclic associativity for an arbitrary AG-groupoid. We also enumerated CA-AG-groupoids up to order 6 and further classified it into different subclasses.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A groupoid  $(G, \cdot)$  or simply *G* satisfying the "left invertive law [3]:  $(ab)c = (cb)a \forall a, b, c \in G$ " is called an Abel-Grassmann's groupoid (or simply AG-groupoid [2]). Through out the article we will denote an AG-groupoid simply by *S* otherwise stated else. *S* always satisfies the "medial law: (ab)(cd) =(ac)(bd) [16, Lemma 1.1(*i*)], while *S* with left identity *e* is called an AG-monoid and it always satisfies the paramedial law: (ab)(cd) = (db)(ca) [16, Lemma 1.2(*ii*)]". A groupoid *G* is called right AGgroupoid or right almost semigroup (RA-semigroup) [3] if  $\forall a, b, c \in G$ , a(bc) = c(ba). An AGgroupoid *S* is called:

- i. cyclic associative AG-groupoid (CA-AG-groupoid) [15]; if  $a(bc) = c(ab) \forall a, b, c \in S$ .
- ii.  $AG^*[8]; if (ab)c = b(ac).$
- iii. AG\*\* [9]; if a(bc) = b(ac).
- iv.  $T^{1}$ -AG-groupoid [10] if  $\forall a, b, c, d \in S$ , ab = cd implies ba = dc.

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- vi. left T<sup>3</sup>-AG-groupoid ( $T_l^3$ -AG-groupoid) if  $\forall a, b, c \in S$ , ab = ac implies ba = ca.
- vii. right T<sup>3</sup>-AG-groupoid ( $T_r^3$ -AG-groupoid) if ba = ca implies ab = ac.
- viii.  $T^3$ -AG-groupoid [10] if it is  $T_1^3$  as well as  $T_r^3$ .
- ix. transitively commutative if ab = ba and bc = cb implies  $ac = ca \forall a, b, c \in S$ .
- x. Bol\*-AG-groupoid [17] if it satisfies the identity  $a(bc \cdot d) = (ab \cdot c)d \forall a, b, c, d \in S$ .
- xi. left alternative if  $\forall a, b \in S$ , (aa)b = a(ab) and is called right alternative if b(aa) = (ba)a. S is called alternative [10], if it is both left alternative and right alternative.
- xii. An element  $a \in S$  is left cancellative (resp. right cancellative) [17] if  $\forall w, y \in S$ ,  $aw = ax \Rightarrow w = x$  ( $wa = xa \Rightarrow w = x$ ).
- xiii. An element  $a \in S$  is cancellative if it is both left and right cancellative. S is left cancellative (resp. right cancellative, cancellative) if every element of S is left cancellative (right cancellative, cancellative).
- xiv. left commutative (resp. right commutative) if  $\forall a, b, c \in S$ , (ab)c = (ba)c (a(bc) = a(cb)). S is called bi-commutative AG-groupoid [18], if it is left and right commutative.
- xv. Stein-AG-groupoid [18], if  $a(bc) = (bc)a \forall a, b, c \in S$ .
- xvi. An element  $a \in S$  is called idempotent if  $a^2 = a$  and an AG-groupoid having each element as idempotent, is called AG-2-band (or simply AG-band) [12].
- xvii. A groupoid in which (ab)c = a(bc),  $\forall a, b, c \in S$  holds is called a semigroup. If a semigroup contains the identity element e such that ea = a = ae, then it is called monoid.

Due to non-associativity of AG-groupoid, left identity does not imply right identity and so the identity.

For two AG-groupoids  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , the set  $\{(a, b) | a \in S_1, b \in S_2\}$  with the "binary operation defined by  $(a_1, b_1)$   $(a_2, b_2) = (a_1a_2, b_1b_2)$  is called the direct product of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , denoted by  $S_1 \times S_2$ ", in this case we say that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the direct factors of  $S_1 \times S_2$ .

## 3. VARIOUS PROPERTIES OF CA-AG-GROUPOIDS

In the following, it is observed that the subclass of CA-AG-groupoid is distinct from that of  $T^1$  and  $T^3$ -AG-groupoids. We provide a counter example to show that a CA-AG-groupoid is not a  $T^1$ -AG-groupoid, however, a CA-AG-groupoid with a right cancellative element is (*i*)  $T^1$ -AG-groupoid and (*ii*)  $T^3$ -AG-groupoid.

**Example 1.** Table 1 represents a CA-AG-groupoid of order 4. As  $4 \cdot 3 = 2 = 3 \cdot 3$  but  $3 \cdot 4 \neq 3 \cdot 3$ , thus it is not a T<sup>1</sup>-AG-groupoid.

•	1	2	3	4
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	2	1
4	1	1	2	2

**Table 1.** CA-AG-groupoid that is not  $T^{1}$ .

However, we have the following;

**Theorem 1.** Every CA-AG-groupoid having a right cancellative element is a  $T^{1}$ -AG-groupoid.

Proof. Let *S* be a CA-AG-groupoid having a right cancellative element *z* and *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*  $\in$  *S*. Let *ab* = *cd*, then by cyclic associativity, left invertive law and right cancellativity, we have;

$$z^{2}(ba) = a(z^{2}b) = a(zz \cdot b) = a(bz \cdot z) = z(a \cdot bz)$$
$$= z(z \cdot ab) = z(z \cdot cd) = z(d \cdot zc) = z(c \cdot dz)$$
$$= (dz)(zc) = c(dz \cdot z) = c(z^{2}d) = d(cz^{2}) = z^{2}(dc)$$
$$\Rightarrow z^{2}(ba) = z^{2}(dc) \Rightarrow (ba \cdot z)z = (dc \cdot z)z$$
$$\Rightarrow ba \cdot z = dc \cdot z \Rightarrow ba = dc.$$

Hence, S is a T<sup>1</sup>-AG-groupoid.

Since a  $T^{1}$ -AG-groupoid is (*i*) a  $T^{3}$ -AG-groupoid [10], and (*ii*) an AG\*\*-groupoid [11]. Thus, we immediately have the following corollary.

Corollary 1. Every cancellative CA-AG-groupoid or simply having a right cancellative element is

(ii) an AG\*\*-groupoid.

#### Lemma 1. Every left cancellative CA-AG-groupoid S is transitively commutative.

Proof. Let S be a left cancellative CA-AG-groupoid and  $a, b, c \in S$  such that ab = ba and bc = cb. We have to show that ac = ca. Using cyclic associativity and the assumption, we have  $b(ac) = c(ba) = c(ab) = b(ca) \Rightarrow b(ac) = b(ca)$ , which by left cancellativity imply ac = ca. Hence S is transitively commutative.

Now, we discuss an open problem given in [17] and provide a partial solution to that open problem. To this end, we first restate the following [17, Theorem 26].

## *Theorem 2.* "Every right cancellative element of an AG-groupoid S is (left) cancellative."

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general. In 2012, M. Shah proposed an open Problem in his Ph.D thesis [17]: "Prove or disprove that in an AG-groupoid, without left identity, every left cancellative element is right cancellative". In [17], the open problem have been partially resolved by the proposer himself, that is: (a) "An AG-groupoid, a left cancellative element is right cancellative, if either S is cancellative or if S has left identity [17, Theorem 28]", (b) "In an AG-groupoid, a left cancellative element x is right cancellative if any of the following holds: (i) If x is idempotent (ii) If  $x^2$  is left cancellative (iii) If there exists a left nuclear left cancellative element in S". The converse of the problem has also been proved for AG\*-groupoid, AG\*\*-groupoid and self-dual AG-groupoid i.e. (i) "every left cancellative element of an AG\*-groupoid is right cancellative [17] (ii) every left cancellative element of self-dual AG-groupoid is right cancellative [17]. We claim that the converse of Theorem 2 also holds for CA-AG-groupoids and verify the claim in the following theorem.

## *Theorem 3.* Every left cancellative element of a CA-AG-groupoid is right cancellative.

Proof. Let *a* be a left cancellative element of a CA-AG-groupoid *S*. To show that *a* is right cancellative, let xa = ya for all  $x, y \in S$ . Then, by cyclic associativity, medial law and assumption, we have

$$a(a \cdot ax) = (ax)(aa) = (aa)(xa) = (aa)(ya)$$
$$= (ay)(aa) = a(ay \cdot a) = a(a \cdot ay)$$
$$\Rightarrow a(a \cdot ax) = a(a \cdot ay).$$

This by repeated use of the left cancellativity of a implies that x = y. Hence a is right cancellative.

Next we prove that any cancellative element of a CA-AG-groupoid can be written as the product of its two cancellative elements.

**Theorem 4.** Every cancellative element of a CA-AG-groupoid can be written as the product of its two cancellative elements.

Proof. Let *a* be an arbitrary cancellative element of a CA-AG-groupoid *S*. Suppose  $a = c_1c_2$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are any arbitrary elements of *S*. We have to show that  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are cancellative. Consider  $xc_1 = yc_1$ , then by cyclic associativity we have

$$xa = x(c_1c_2) = c_2(xc_1) = c_2(yc_1) = c_1(c_2y) = y(c_1c_2) = ya \Rightarrow xa = ya.$$

Which by the right cancellativity of a implies x = y. Thus  $c_1$  is right cancellative and hence cancellative by Theorem 2. Now let  $c_2x = c_2y$ . Then

$$xa = x(c_1c_2) = c_2(xc_1) = c_1(c_2x) = c_1(c_2y) = y(c_1c_2) = ya$$

this by the right cancellativity of *a* implies that x = y. Thus  $c_2$  is left cancellative and thus cancellative by Theorem 3. Hence the result follows.

**Example 2.** Table 2 represent a CA-AG-groupoid having 1 and 3 as cancellative elements, while 2 as non-cancellative element. 1 and 3 are the product to two cancellative elements.

•	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	2	2	2
3	3	2	1

 Table 2. CA-AG-groupoid with two cancellative elements.

**Theorem 5.** Let k be a fixed element of a CA-AG-groupoid S such that ak = ka and bk = kb for some a, b in S. If k is left or right cancellative then a, b commute.

Proof. First assume that k is left cancellative. Then, using cyclic associativity and given condition,

k(ab) = b(ka) = a(bk) = a(kb) = b(ak) = k(ba)

which by left cancellativity of k implies that ab = ba.

Now, let k is right cancellative, then by Theorem 2, k is left cancellative and hence the result follows.

**Theorem 6.** Every CA-AG-groupoid is paramedial [1].

Next attention is paid towards alternative AG-groupoids. The following example shows that left alternative and right alternative are distinct subclasses of AG-groupoids.

**Example 3.** Left alternative AG-groupoid of order 4 given in Table 3 is not right alternative because,  $a(bb) \neq (ab)b$ .

•	а	b	С	d
а	С	С	d	d
b	d	b	d	d
С	d	d	d	d
d	d	d	d	d

Table 3. Left alternative AG-groupoid that is not right alternative.

The right alternative AG-groupoid of order 3 represented in Table 4 is not a left alternative AG-groupoid since  $(1 \cdot 1)2 \neq 1(1 \cdot 2)$ .

•	1	2	3
1	3	2	3
2	1	3	3
3	3	3	3

**Table 4.** Right alternative AG-groupoid that is not left alternative.

However, if an AG-groupoid is cyclic associative then left alternativity implies right alternativity and vice versa, as proved in the next theorem.

*Theorem 7.* Let *S* be a CA-AG-groupoid, then *S* is left alternative if and only if *S* is right alternative.

Proof. Assume first that S is a left alternative CA-AG-groupoid, then for any a, b in S

$$b \cdot aa = a \cdot ba = a \cdot ab = aa \cdot b = ba \cdot a$$
  
 $\Rightarrow b \cdot aa = ba \cdot a.$ 

Conversely, assume that *S* is right alternative, then

$$aa \cdot b = ba \cdot a = b \cdot aa = a \cdot ba = a \cdot ab$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $aa \cdot b = a \cdot ab$ .

Hence the theorem is proved.

In the following example it is shown that the class of CA-AG-groupoid is distinct from the class of alternative AG-groupoids.

**Example 4.** CA-AG-groupoid of order 4, presented in Table 5, is neither a left alternative nor a right alternative because  $(4 \cdot 4)4 \neq 4(4 \cdot 4)$ .

•	1	2	3	4
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	2	3

**Table 5.** CA-AG-groupoid that is not alternative AG-groupoid.

However, if a CA-AG-groupoid contains element either as a left or as a right cancellative then, it becomes an alternative AG-groupoid, as established in the following result.

*Theorem 8.* A CA-AG-groupoid with a left cancellative element is an alternative AG-groupoid.

Proof. Let *S* be a CA-AG-groupoid having a left cancellative (and hence a cancellative) element *x* and  $a, b \in S$ . Then by cyclic associativity and left invertive law:

$$x(aa \cdot b) = b(x \cdot aa) = b(a \cdot xa) = (xa)(ba)$$
$$= a(xa \cdot b) = a(ba \cdot x) = x(a \cdot ba) = x(a \cdot ab),$$

which by left cancellativity of x implies (aa)b = a(ab). Thus S is left alternative AG-groupoid. By virtue of Theorem 7, S is also right alternative. Hence S is alternative.

The following example suggests that neither every cancellative AG-groupoid nor every alternative AG-groupoid is CA.

**Example 5.** Table 6, represents a cancellative AG-groupoid of order 3. As  $3(2 \cdot 1) \neq 1(3 \cdot 2)$ , hence it is not cyclic associative.

	0 1		U
•	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	3	1	2
3	2	3	1

Table 6. Cancellative AG-groupoid that is not CA-AG-groupoid.

Table 7 represents an alternative AG-groupoid of order 4, which is not cyclic associative since  $a(ba) \neq a(ab)$ .

-		2	,		8
	•	а	b	С	d
	а	С	С	С	b
	b	d	С	С	С
	С	С	С	С	С
	d	С	а	С	С

Table 7. Alternative AG-groupoid that is not CA-AG-groupoid.

Now, we demonstrate that the class of CA-AG-groupoid is distinct from the class of Stein AG-groupoid. To begin with, consider the following:

**Example 6.** CA-AG-groupoid of order 4, represented in Table 8, is not a Stein AG-groupoid as:  $(1 \cdot 1)1 \neq 1(1 \cdot 1)$ . While a Stein AG-groupoid of order 4, presented in Table 9, is not a CA-AG-groupoid since  $1(1 \cdot 2) \neq 2(1 \cdot 1)$ .

•	1	2	3	4
1	2	3	3	3
2	4	3	3	3
3	3	3	3	3
4	3	3	3	3

Table 8. CA-AG-groupoid that is not Stein AG-groupoid.

Table 9. Stein AG-groupoid that is not CA-AG-groupoid.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	3	3	4	5	5
2	4	4	5	5	5
3	4	5	5	5	5
4	5	5	5	5	5
5	5	5	5	5	5

Further, the following example establish that neither every AG\*-groupoid is Stein, nor every Stein AG-groupoid is AG\*.

**Example 7.** Table 10, represents an AG\*-groupoid of order 6. As  $1(1 \cdot 2) \neq (1 \cdot 2)1$ , hence it is not a Stein AG-groupoid. A Stein AG-groupoid of order 5 given in Table 9 of Example 6 is not an AG\*-groupoid as  $(1 \cdot 1)2 \neq 1(1 \cdot 2)$ .

•	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	3	4	5	5	5	5
2	3	4	6	6	5	5
3	5	5	5	5	5	5
4	6	6	5	5	5	5
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	5	5	5	5	5	5

**Table 10.** AG\*-groupoid that is not Stein AG-groupoid.

However, by coupling any two from CA, Stein and AG\*-groupoids, we get the third one. As proved in the following;

*Theorem 9.* Let *S* be an *AG*-groupoid then, any two of the following implies the third one.

(*i*) *S* is *CA*.

(*ii*) S is AG\*.

(iii) S is Stein.

Proof. Let *S* be an AG-groupoid and  $a, b, c \in S$ .

(*i*) and (*ii*) implies (*iii*): Using the properties of cyclic associativity, definition of AG\* and the left invertive law, a(bc) = c(ab) = b(ca) = (cb)a = (ab)c = b(ac) = c(ba) = (bc)a. Hence S is a Stein AG-groupoid.

<u>(*ii*) and (*iii*) implies (*i*):</u> Using the properties of Stein AG-groupoid, the left invertive law and AG\*, a(bc) = (bc)a = (ac)b = c(ab). Hence S is a CA-AG-groupoid.

<u>(*iii*) and (*i*) implies (*ii*):</u> Using the definition of Stein AG-groupoid, the left invertive law and the cyclic associativity we have, (ab)c = (cb)a = a(cb) = b(ac). Hence S is an AG\*-groupoid.

Next we provide some counter examples to verify that (i) a Stein AG-groupoid is neither a left commutative nor a right commutative, and (ii) a bi-commutative AG-groupoid is not a Stein AG-groupoid.

**Example 8.** Table 9 of Example 6 represents a Stein AG-groupoid of order 5. As  $(1 \cdot 2)1 \neq (2 \cdot 1)1$ , hence it is not left commutative. Also, as  $1(1 \cdot 2) \neq 1(2 \cdot 1)$ , hence it is also not a right commutative. While Table 11, represents a bi-commutative AG-groupoid of size 3, that is not a Stein AG-groupoid as,  $a(aa) \neq (aa)a$ .

•	а	b	С
а	b	b	b
b	С	С	С
С	С	С	С

**Table 11**. Bi-commutative AG-groupoid that is not Stein AG-groupoid.

However, we have the following;

Theorem 10. A Stein AG-groupoid S is CA, if any of the following hold.

(*i*) S is left commutative.

(*ii*) S is right commutative.

(iii) S is bi-commutative.

Proof. (i) Let S be a left commutative Stein AG-groupoid and  $a, b, c \in S$ . Then a(bc) = (bc)a = (cb)a = (ab)c = c(ab). Hence S is CA-AG-groupoid.

(*ii*) Let S be a right commutative Stein AG-groupoid and  $a, b, c \in S$ . Then a(bc) = a(cb) = (cb)a = (ab)c = c(ab). Hence S is CA-AG-groupoid.

(iii) Obvious.

*Lemma 2.* Every Stein CA-AG-groupoid is a semigroup.

Proof. Let S be a Stein CA-AG-groupoid and  $a, b, c \in S$ , then a(bc) = c(ab) = (ab)c. Hence S is a semigroup.

## Stein CA-AG-groupoid

**Example 9.** Table 12, represent a non-commutative Stein CA-AG-groupoid of order 4, where  $3 \cdot 4 \neq 4 \cdot 3$ .

•	1	2	3	4
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	2	1
4	1	1	2	2

 Table 12. Non-commutative Stein CA-AG-groupod.

As clear from Example 8 that a Stein AG-groupoid need not to be a bi-commutative AG-groupoid. However, we have the following.

Theorem 11. Every Stein CA-AG-groupoid is bi-commutative.

Proof. Let S be a Stein CA-AG-groupoid and  $x, y, z \in S$ . Then (xy)z = (zy)x = x(zy) = y(xz) = z(yx) = (yx)z. Hence S is left commutative. Again, using the given properties we have, x(yz) = (yz)x = (xz)y = y(xz) = z(yx) = x(zy). Thus S is also right commutative. Hence the result follows.

Here we provide a counter example to verify that a bi-commutative CA-AG-groupoid is not necessarily a Stein AG-groupoid.

**Example 10.** Bi-commutative CA-AG-groupoid of order 4 presented in Table 13, is not a Stein AG-groupoid as  $(1 \cdot 1)1 \neq 1(1 \cdot 1)$ .

•	1	2	3	4
1	2	3	3	3
2	4	3	3	3
3	3	3	3	3
4	3	3	3	3

Table 13. Bi-commutative CA-AG-groupoid that is not Stein.

**Remark 1.** Let *S* be a Stein AG-groupoid, then for all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $a(bc) = (bc)a = (ac)b = b(ac) \Rightarrow a(bc) = b(ac)$ . Thus, every Stein AG-groupoid is an AG\*\*. It is also proved that "every AG\*\* is Bol\* [17, Lemma 8] and that each Bol\* is paramedial [17, Lemma 9]". Hence every Stein AG-groupoid is paramedial.

**Example 11.** In Table 9 of Example 6, represent a Stein AG-groupoid, which is not cyclic associative. Table 14 represents an AG-band of order 4, which is not CA as  $1(2 \cdot 1) \neq 1(1 \cdot 2)$ .

•	1	2	3	4
1	1	3	4	2
2	4	2	1	3
3	2	4	3	1
4	3	1	2	4

Table 14. AG-band that is not cyclic associative.

However, we have the following;

*Theorem 12.* A Stein AG-groupoid is CA if it is an AG-band.

Proof. Let S be a Stein AG-band and  $a, b, c \in S$ , then using the definition of a Stein AG-groupoid, the left invertive law, definition of AG-band, Remark 1 and the medial law we have,

$$a(bc) = (bc)a = (ac)b = b(ac) = (bb)(ac)$$
$$= (cb)(ab) = (ab \cdot b)c = c(ab \cdot b) = c(bb \cdot a)$$
$$= c(ba) = (cc)(ba) = (cb)(ca) = (ab)(cc)$$
$$= (ab)c = c(ab) \Rightarrow a(bc) = c(ab).$$

Equivalently, *S* is a CA-AG-groupoid.

However, a Stein CA-AG-groupoid is not necessarily an AG-band, as clear from the following example.

**Example 12.** Table 15 represents a Stein CA-AG-groupoid of order 3. As  $1.1 \neq 1$ , hence it is not an AG-band.

·	1	2	3
1	2	1	1
2	1	2	2
3	1	2	2

**Table 15.** Stein AG-groupoid that is not AG-band.

As every CA-AG-band is commutative semigroup [1, Theorem 2], thus the following corollary is obvious.

#### Corollary 2. Every CA-AG-band is Stein AG-groupoid.

Now, we discuss role of the (left/right) identity in CA-AG-groupoids. As proved in [6, Theorem 2.3] that "in AG-groupoids the right identity element is always a left identity, while left identity does not imply right identity". Here, we prove that in CA-AG-groupoid the phenomenon is somewhat different, and prove that in CA a left identity becomes the identity, and in this case a CA-AG-groupoid becomes a commutative semigroup.

Lemma 3. If a CA-AG-groupoid S contains the left identity, then it is also the right identity of S.

Proof. Let S be a CA-AG-groupoid with the left identity e. Then ae = e(ae) = e(ea) = ea = a. Hence e is the right identity.

The following corollary is now obvious.

**Corollary 3.** In a CA-AG-groupoid *S*, the following results are equivalent.

- (*i*) *e* is the left identity of *S*.
- (*ii*) *e* is the right identity of *S*.
- (*iii*) *e* is the identity of *S*.
- (*iv*) S is a monoid.
- (v) S is commutative.

We provide an example to verify that an AG-groupoid having a left identity is not necessarily a CA-AG-groupoid. In other words, any AG-monoid is not a CA-AG-groupoid.

**Example 13.** Table 16, represents an AG-monoid of order 3. As  $a * (b * c) \neq c * (a * b)$ , hence it is not a CA-AG-groupoid.

*	а	b	С
а	а	b	С
b	С	а	b
С	b	С	а

Table 16. AG-monoid that is not cyclic associative.

However, the following is obvious.

Corollary 4. Every monoid is CA-AG-groupoid.

It has been proved in [7] that locally associative AG-groupoids have associative powers. Here, we characterize CA-AG-groupoid by the powers of its elements.

*Lemma 4.* In CA-AG-groupoid S,  $(ab)^2 = (ba)^2 \forall a, b \in S$ .

Proof. Let *S* be a CA-AG-groupoid, then  $\forall a, b \in S$ .

$$(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = (aa)(bb) = b(aa \cdot b)$$
  
=  $b(b \cdot aa) = b(a \cdot ba) = (ba)(ba) = (ba)^2$ .

As, by medial law in AG-groupoid S, for all  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = (aa)(bb) = a^2b^2.$$

Thus by using this result and Lemma 4, we immediately have that squares of elements commute with each other in CA.

**Corollary 5.** In CA-AG-groupoid *S*,  $a^2b^2 = b^2a^2$ ,  $\forall a, b \in S$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let S be a CA-AG-groupoid. Then if for all x in S there exist a in S such that (a) ax = x or (b) xa = x, then

- (*i*)  $ax^2 = x^2$ .
- (*ii*)  $x^2 a = x^2$ .
- (*iii*)  $ax^2 = x^2 a$ .

Proof. (*a*). (*i*) By cyclic associativity and the given condition ax = x,

$$ax^2 = a(xx) = x(ax) = xx = x^2 \Rightarrow ax^2 = x^2.$$

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(*ii*) By left invertive law and by the given condition

$$x^{2}a = (xx)a = (ax)x = xx = x^{2} \Rightarrow x^{2}a = x^{2}.$$

(*iii*) By (*i*) and (*ii*).

(b). (i) By cyclic associativity and given condition xa = x

$$ax^2 = a(xx) = x(ax) = x(xa) = xx = x^2 \Rightarrow ax^2 = x^2.$$

(ii) By left invertive law, given condition and cyclic associativity

$$x^{2}a = (xx)a = (ax)x = (ax)(xa) = a(ax \cdot x)$$
$$= x(a \cdot ax) = x(x \cdot aa) = x(a \cdot xa) = x(ax)$$
$$= x(xa) = xx = x^{2} \Rightarrow x^{2}a = x^{2}.$$

(*iii*) By (*i*) and (*ii*).

Now, we prove that the direct product of two CA-AG-groupoids with same binary operation is cyclic associative and will generalize this idea to two CA-AG-groupoids having arbitrary binary operations.

**Theorem 13.** The direct product  $S_1 \times S_2$  of two CA-AG-groupoids with same binary operation  $(S_1, \cdot)$  and  $(S_2, \cdot)$  is a CA-AG-groupoid.

Proof. Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be two CA-AG-groupoids with same binary operation "·", then  $S_1 \times S_2$  is also an AG-groupoid by [13]. To prove that  $S_1 \times S_2$  is CA, let  $(a_1, b_1)$ ,  $(a_2, b_2)$ ,  $(a_3, b_3) \in S_1 \times S_2$ , where  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in S_1$  and  $b_1, b_2, b_3 \in S_2$ . Then

$$(a_1, b_1) ((a_2, b_2) (a_3, b_3)) = (a_1, b_1) (a_2 a_3, b_2 b_3)$$
  
=  $(a_1 \cdot a_2 a_3, b_1 \cdot b_2 b_3) = (a_3 \cdot a_1 a_2, b_3 \cdot b_1 b_2)$   
=  $(a_3, b_3)(a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2) = (a_3, b_3)((a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2))$   
 $\Rightarrow (a_1, b_1)((a_2, b_2) (a_3, b_3)) = (a_3, b_3) ((a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2)).$ 

Hence the direct product of two CA-AG-groupoids is cyclic associative.

As proved in [17, Theorem 32] that the direct product of two cancellative AG-groupoids is cancellative. Hence we have the following.

**Corollary 6.** The direct product  $S_1 \times S_2$  of two cancellative CA-AG-groupoids  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  is cancellative CA-AG-groupoid.

Next, we generalize the idea of direct product of CA-AG-groupoids with same binary operation to two arbitrary binary operations and prove that the direct product of any two CA-AG-groupoids is again a CA-AG-groupoid.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $(S_1, \alpha_1)$  and  $(S_2, \alpha_2)$  be two CA-AG-groupoids with  $\alpha_i$  binary operations defined on each  $S_i$  for i = 1, 2. The direct product of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  denoted by  $S = S_1 \times S_2 = \{(a, b) | a \in S_1, b \in S_2\}$  by component wise multiplication on S, then S becomes a CA-AG-groupoid.

Proof. As  $(S_1, \alpha_1)$  and  $(S_2, \alpha_2)$  are CA-AG-groupoids with binary operations  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . If  $a = (a_1, b_1)$ ,  $b = (a_2, b_2) \in S_1 \times S_2$ , where  $a_1, a_2 \in S_1$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in S_2$ , define \* on S as follows;  $a * b = \{(a_1\alpha_1a_2, b_1\alpha_2b_2)\}$ . Clearly,  $a * b \in S$ . Hence S is a groupoid.

To prove that  $S = S_1 \times S_2$  is an AG-groupoid, let  $c = (a_3, b_3) \in S_1 \times S_2$ , where  $a_3 \in S_1$  and  $b_3 \in S_2$ . Then

$$(a * b) * c = ((a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2)) (a_3, b_3)$$
$$= (a_1 a_1 a_2, b_1 a_2 b_2) (a_3, b_3)$$

$$= ((a_1\alpha_1a_2)\alpha_1a_3, (b_1\alpha_2b_2)\alpha_2b_3)$$
  
=  $((a_3\alpha_1a_2)\alpha_1a_1, (b_3\alpha_2b_2)\alpha_2b_1)$   
=  $(a_3\alpha_1a_2, b_3\alpha_2b_2) (a_1, b_1)$   
=  $((a_3, b_3) (a_2, b_2)) (a_1, b_1)$   
 $\Rightarrow (a * b) * c = (c * b) * a.$ 

Hence S is an AG-groupoid. Now to prove that  $S = S_1 \times S_2$  is CA, consider

$$a * (b * c) = (a_1, b_1) ((a_2, b_2) (a_3, b_3))$$
  
=  $(a_1, b_1) (a_2 \alpha_1 a_3, b_2 \alpha_2 b_3)$   
=  $(a_1 \alpha_1 (a_2 \alpha_1 a_3), b_1 \alpha_2 (b_2 \alpha_2 b_3))$   
=  $(a_3 \alpha_1 (a_1 \alpha_1 a_2), b_3 \alpha_2 (b_1 \alpha_2 b_2))$   
=  $(a_3, b_3) (a_1 \alpha_1 a_2, b_1 \alpha_2 b_2)$   
=  $(a_3, b_3) ((a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2))$   
 $\Rightarrow a * (b * c) = c * (a * b).$ 

Hence S is a CA-AG-groupoid.

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#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

We precisely discussed some fundamental characteristics of CA-AG-groupoids and established their relations with some other subclasses of AG-groupoids and with semigroup, monoid etc. We used the modern techniques of GAP, Prover-9 and Mace-4 to produce counterexamples and provide several other examples to improve the standard of this research work.

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