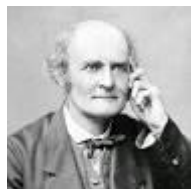


Cayley Monoids

Cayley meets Church



Definition: A Cayley monoid K is a structure $(M, *, i, a, b, A, B)$

where

(1) $(M, *, i)$ is a monoid

(2) $a, b : M$

(3) $A : M \rightarrow M$ and $B : M \rightarrow M$ such that for all $x, y, z : M$

(i) $A(a * B(x)) = A(x)$

(ii) $A(b * B(x)) = B(x)$

(iii) $A(i * B(x)) = x$

(iv) $A(x * y * B(z)) = A(x * B(A(y * B(z))))$

Notation: Let K be a Cayley monoid. For each $x:M$ we can define

$X : M \rightarrow M$ by $X(u) = A(x * B(u))$.

Example 1: For any monoid M there is always the trivial Cayley monoid $A(x) = B(x) = x$, $a = b = i$. Here $X(u) = x * u$.

Let O be a subset of M

Definition: The Cayley monoid K is said to have an autonomous commutator relative to O if there exists $c : M$ such that whenever x and y are distinct members of O we have

$$\forall x, y \in O \quad A(A(c * B(x)) * B(y)) = A(y * B(x)).$$

Example 1 continued: Let M be the group of quaternions

$$\{p, q, r, -p, -q, -r, i, -i\}$$

We have used the letters 'p', 'q', 'r' for the usual 'i', 'j', 'k'.

Let $O = \{p, q, r\}$. We have the autonomous commutator property for $c = -i$

Example 2: If g belongs to the group of a monoid M with inverse

g^{-1} then we can set $b := g$, $a := g^{-1}$, $A(x) = a^{-1} * x$ and $B(x) = a * x$.

Just as in example 1 we get a Cayley monoid K . K generally does not have an autonomous commutator for K . A concrete example is given

the "almost" isometries. If u, v are vectors in the plane $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ let

$E(u, v)$ be the Euclidian distance of v from u . $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

is said to be an almost isometry if there exists ϵ in \mathbb{R} such that

(1) $| E(f(u), f(v)) - E(u, v) | < \epsilon$, and

(2) For each v there exists u s.t. $E(f(u), v) < \epsilon$.

The almost isometries form a monoid under composition of maps. Now

set $b(u) = 2u$, $a(u) = 1/2 u$, $B(f) = 2f$ and $A(f) = 1/2 f$ so we have a Cayley monoid K . But, K has no autonomous commutator.

Example 3: Let M be the monoid of all functions from the set of all non negative reals into itself. As in example 2, let $g(x) := k + x$ for k a positive integer and let

$$f_{\{n\}}(x) := n - e^{-x}.$$

We set $O = \{ f_{\{n\}} \mid n \text{ a positive integer} \}$. Now c is defined as follows:

Input x

$$\text{solve } x = n - e^{-y} - k$$

$$\text{solve } y = (m - e^{-z}) + k$$

Output

$$n - e^{\{ m - e^{-z} + k \}} = k$$

Definition : In a Cayley monoid K we say that B is an endo if

$$\text{For all } x,y:K \text{ we have } B(x*y) = B(x)*B(y).$$

That is, B is a semigroup endomorphism.

Example 4:

The Freyd-Heller monoid has been rediscovered many times

It is the positive part of Thompson's group F ,

and can be presented with the infinite set of generators $b_{\{n\}}$

for natural numbers n and the relations

$$b_{\{n+1\}} * b_{\{k\}} = b_{\{k\}} * b_{\{n\}}$$

for $k < n$. This is also a presentation of a monoid. Here we

wish to add left inverses $a_{\{n\}}$ satisfying $a_{\{n\}}*b_{\{n\}} = i$

and

$$a_{\{k\}} * b_{\{n+1\}} = b_{\{n\}} * a_{\{k\}}$$

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for $k < n+1$. This is not yet the group F but another monoid M .

Now define

$$B(b_{\{n\}}) = b_{\{n+1\}}$$

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then B extends to an endomorphism

$$B(x * y) = B(x) * B(y).$$

So, given these relations each element can be written in the normal form

$$B(d) * b^{\{k\}} * a^{\{l\}}.$$

Proposition: Normal forms are unique.

Corollary 1 : M has a Cayley monoid structure where B is as above and A is defined by

$$A(B(d) * b^{\{k\}} * a^{\{l\}}) = d.$$

Corollary 2 : In the Freyd-Heller Cayley monoid

$$x * y = A(A(b * B(x)) * B(y))$$

Proof: $A(A(b * B(x)) * B(y)) = A(B(x) * B(y))$
 $= A(B(x * y))$
 $= x * y.$

Theorem: Every monoid can be embedded into a Cayley
Monoid with an autonomous commutator.

Proof: We embed M into the lambda calculus using the
Hindley-Rosen Theorem.

