

## THE QUOTIENT ULTRA-GROUPS

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**Abstract.** The main purpose of this paper is to construct the quotient ultra-groups, which are based on congruences. By these means we can present fundamental theorem and Lagrange theorem for the ultra-groups. Also, we show not necessary that the order of each element of the ultra-group divided by the order of the ultra-group.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of congruence was first introduced by Karl Fredrich Gauss in the beginning of the nineteenth century. Congruence is a special type of equivalence relation which plays a vital role in the study of quotient structures of different algebraic structures (see [6]). In this paper we study the quotient structure of ultra-group by using the notion of congruence in ultra-group and study some interesting properties ultra-groups homomorphism. The notion of ultra-group over a group was introduced in [4]. In fact an ultra-group is an algebraic structure whose underlying set is depend on a group and its subgroup. Moreover, an abelian ultra-group is equivalence to quasigroup and finite loop (see [5]). We present now some basic definitions and results about ultra-groups. Let  $H$  be a subgroup in group  $G$ . A subset  $M$  of group  $G$  is called a (right) transversal to  $H$  in  $G$  if  $G = \bigcup_{m \in M} Hm$ . Therefore, the pair  $(H, M)$  is a (right) transversal if and only if

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the subset  $M$  of the group  $G$  obtained by selecting one and only one member from each right coset of  $G$  modulo subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Throughout the paper, a right (left) transversal will be assumed to contain the identity of the group (see [1]). For the group  $G$ , which satisfies the above conditions, we have  $MH \subseteq G = HM$ , and subset  $M$  of  $G$  is called (right unitary) complementary set with respect to subgroup  $H$ . This notion was introduced by Kurosh in [3] which is the base of the concept of an ultra-group. Therefore, for every element  $mh \in MH$  there exists unique  $h' \in H$  and  $m' \in M$  such that  $mh = h'm'$ . We denote  $h'$  and  $m'$  by  ${}^m h$  and  $m^h$ , respectively. Similarly, for any elements  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ , there exists unique elements  $[m_1, m_2] \in M$  and  $(m_1, m_2) \in H$  such that  $m_1 m_2 = (m_1, m_2)[m_1, m_2]$ . Similarly for every element  $a \in M$ , there exists  $a^{-1}$  belonging to  $G$ . As  $G = HM$ , there is  $a^{(-1)} \in H$  and  $a^{[-1]} \in M$  such that  $a^{-1} = a^{(-1)} a^{[-1]}$ . Now, we are ready to define an ultra-group.

**Definition 1.1** A (right) ultra-group  ${}_H M$  is a complementary set of  $H$  over group  $G$  with a binary operation  $\alpha : {}_H M \times_H M \rightarrow_H M$  and unary operation  $\beta_h : {}_H M \rightarrow_H M$  defined by  $\alpha((m_1, m_2)) := [m_1, m_2]$  and  $\beta_h(m) := m^h$  for all  $h \in H$ .

It is easy to see that every group is an ultra-group. The following example is an ultra-group which is not a group.

**Example 1.2** Let  $G = S_3$ . Then  $H = \{(1), (13)\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . By  $H \setminus G = \{(1), (13)\}, \{(23), (123)\}, \{(12), (132)\}$  we have four possibility for set  $M$ . For example let  $M = \{(1), (12), (23)\}$ , then  $M$  is an ultra-group with the following maps :

$\alpha$	(1)	(23)	(12)	$\beta$	(1)	(13)
(1)	(1)	(23)	(12)	(1)	(1)	(1)
(23)	(23)	(1)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(12)
(12)	(12)	(12)	(1)	(12)	(12)	(23)

**Example 1.3** Let  $G = C^*$  and  $H = U$ , where  $C^*$  be the set of complex numbers without zero and  $U = \{z \in C^* : |z| = 1\}$ . The set  $C^*$  under Multiplication is an infinite abelian group and  $U \leq C^*$ . The set  $U \setminus C^*$  consists of concentric circles. So, an obvious (left or right) ultra-group for  $U$  in  $C^*$  is positive real numbers  $R^+$ , which is even a subgroup of  $U \setminus C^*$ . Another (left or right) ultra-group for  $U$  in  $C^*$  is  $R^- = \{x : x < 0\}$ , which is not a subgroup of  $C^*$ .

Notice that there are many other choices of ultra-groups are available.

**Example 1.4** Let  $G$  be the symmetric group of order 4. This group contains three subgroups  $H_i$  of order 8 where  $i = 1, 2, 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (12), (34), (1324), (1423)\}; \\
 H_2 &= \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (13), (24), (1234), (1432)\}; \\
 H_3 &= \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (14), (23), (1243), (1342)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Every  $H_i/S_4$  has three elements for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . It is not hard to show that any subgroup  $H_i$  has 64 (right) complementary sets  $M$ . Therefore ultra-group of order 3 in  $S_4$  are 192.

A (*left*) *ultra-group*  $M_H$  is defined similarly via (left unitary) complementary set. From now on, unless specified otherwise, ultra-group means right ultra group. Although every element in right ultra-groups do not have right inverse, but they have left inverse with respect to the first binary operation  $\alpha$ . The first binary operation of an ultra-group  $M$  has the right cancellation. We observe that we have not left cancellation for right ultra-groups. A subset  $S \subseteq {}_H M$  which contains  $e$ , is called a *subultra-group* of  $H$  over  $G$ , if  $S$  is closed under the operations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_h$  in the Definition 1.1. It is obvious that  $\{e\}$  is a trivial subultra-group for all ultra-groups  ${}_H M$  where  $e$  is the identity element of  $H$ . A subultra-group  $N$  of  ${}_H M$  is called *normal* if  $[a, [N, b]] = [N, [a, b]]$ , for all  $a, b \in {}_H M$ . In addition  $[N, S]$  is a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ , where  $S$  is a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ . Moreover,  $[N, S]$  is a normal subultra-group of  ${}_H M$  if  $S$  is also normal subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ . Suppose  $A, B$  are two subsets of the ultra-group  ${}_H M$ . Moreover we use the notation  $[A, B]$  for the set of all  $[a, b]$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . If  $B$  is a singleton  $\{b\}$ , then we denote  $[A, B]$  by  $[A, b]$ .

**Definition 1.5** Suppose  ${}_{H_i} M_i$  is ultra-group of  $H_i$  over group  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . A function  $f : {}_{H_1} M_1 \longrightarrow {}_{H_2} M_2$  is an ultra-group homomorphism provided that for all  $m, m_1, m_2 \in {}_{H_1} M_1$  and  $h \in H_1$ .

- (i)  $f([m_1, m_2]) = [f(m_1), f(m_2)]$ ,
- (ii)  $(f(m))^{\varphi(h)} = f(m^h)$ ,  
where  $\varphi$  is a group homomorphism between two subgroups  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .

If  $f$  is a surjective and injective ultra-group homomorphism, we call it isomorphism and denote it by  ${}_{H_1} M_1 \cong {}_{H_2} M_2$ .

Now, some properties of the ultra-group homomorphism as many algebras reviews.

**Theorem 1.6** Let  $f : {}_{H_1} M_1 \longrightarrow {}_{H_2} M_2$  be an ultra-group homomorphism. Then

- (i)  $f(e_{{}_{H_1} M_1}) = e_{{}_{H_2} M_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $f(a^{[-1]}) = (f(a))^{[-1]}$  for all  $a \in {}_{H_1} M_1$ .

**Proof.** The assertion follows immediately from the first binary operation  $\alpha$  of an ultra-group has the right cancellation and Definition 1.5. ■

**Definition 1.7** Let  $f : {}_{H_1} M_1 \rightarrow {}_{H_2} M_2$  be ultra-groups homomorphism. Then  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is defined by

$$\{(m_1, m_2) \in {}_{H_1} M_1 \times {}_{H_1} M_1 : f(m_1) = f(m_2)\}.$$

In other words, if  $(m_1, m_2) \in \text{Ker}(f)$  then  $f([m_1^{(m_2)^{(-1)}}, m_2^{[-1]}]) = f(e)$ . Therefore  $([m_1^{(m_2)^{(-1)}}, m_2^{[-1]}], e) \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . We can consider  $\text{Ker}(f)$  as a subset of the  ${}_H M$  defined the following

$$\text{Ker}(f) = \{m \in {}_{H_1} M_1 : f(m) = e\}.$$

Congruence is a special type of equivalence relation which plays a vital role in the study of quotient structures of different algebraic structures (see [2]).

## 2. Main result

The structure of an ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over the group  $G$  is revealed by its subultra-groups and homomorphisms into other ultra-groups.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $S$  be a subultra-group of ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over the group  $G$  and  $a, b \in {}_H M$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $a \in [S, b]$ ,
- (ii)  $[S, a] = [S, b]$ ,
- (iii)  $[a^{(b^{(-1)})}, b^{[-1]}] \in S$ .

**Proof.** It follows that from the Definition of subultra-group. ■

By Lemma 2.1 we have  $[S, a] = [S, b]$  or  $[S, a] \cap [S, b] = \emptyset$ , which implies  ${}_H M = \cup_{a \in {}_H M} [S, a]$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *For the ultra-group homomorphism  $f$  between two ultra groups  ${}_{H_1} M_1$  and  ${}_{H_2} M_2$  with kernel  $K$ , we deduce that  $f(m_1) = f(m_2)$  is equivalent to the fact  $m_1 = [k, m_2]$  for some  $k \in K$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f(m_1) = f(m_2)$ , so we have  $[(f(m_1))^{(f(m_2))^{(-1)}}, (f(m_2))^{[-1]}] = f([m_1^{m_2^{(-1)}}, m_2^{[-1]}]) = e$ . This means that  $[m_1^{m_2^{(-1)}}, m_2^{[-1]}] \in K$ , thus  $m_1 = [k, m_2]$  for some  $k \in K$ . Conversely  $f(m_1) = f([k, m_2]) = [f(k), f(m_2)] = f(m_2)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.3** (see [4]) *Suppose the same notations in the Definition 1.7. Then  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is a congruence on  ${}_{H_1} M_1$  and it is a subultra-group of  ${}_{H_1} M_1$ .*

In the following establish a connection between congruence on an ultra-group and a normal subultra-group.

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $S$  be a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$  and  $\theta$  be a relation on  ${}_H M$  defined by  $a\theta b$  if and only if there is  $s \in S$  such that  $a = [s, b]$ . Then  $\theta$  is an equivalence relation.*

**Proof.** The assertion follows immediately from Lemma 2.1. ■

From now on, we use the notation  $\theta$  for the equivalence relation which is satisfied in the Lemma 2.4. For instance, we denote the equivalence class of  $e$  with respect to the equivalence relation of  $\theta$  in the Lemma 2.4 by  $[e]_\theta = S$  is a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ .

**Theorem 2.5** *If  $S$  is a subultra-group of ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over the group  $G$ , then the equivalence relation  $\theta$  is a congruence if and only if  $S$  is a normal subultra-group  ${}_H M$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\theta$  be a congruence. For every  $b \in {}_H M$  by definition of  $\theta$  we have  $[s, b] \theta b$  for every  $s \in S$ . By  $\theta$  is a congruence we have  $[a, [s, b]] \theta [a, b]$ . Therefore  $[a, [s, b]] = [s', [a, b]]$  for some  $s' \in S$ . Thus  $S$  is a normal subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ . For converse, let  $a\theta b$  and  $a'\theta b'$ , where  $a, b, a', b' \in {}_H M$ . Then by the definition of normal subultra-group we have  $[a, a'] = [[n, b], [n', b]] = [n'', [b, b']]$ . This means  $[a, a'] \theta [b, b']$ , for  $n, n', n'' \in N$ . For compatibility of the second operation of the ultra-group, assume  $a\theta b$ . Thus  $a^h = [n', b^h]$  and the definition of  $\theta$  implies  $a^h \theta b^h$ , for all  $h \in H$ . ■

A right coset of subultra-group  $S$  in ultra-group  ${}_H M$  is a subset of the form  $[S, a] = \{[s, a] : s \in S\}$ . By two right cosets are either equal or disjoint. The set of right cosets of subultra-group  $S$  in ultra-group  ${}_H M$  is denoted  $M/\theta$ .

**Theorem 2.6** *All right cosets of subultra-group  $S$  of the ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over group  $G$  have the same cardinality.*

**Proof.** Define a mapping  $f : [S, a] \rightarrow [S, b]$  by  $f(x) = [[x^{a(-1)}, a^{[-1]}], b]$ .  $f$  is a mapping one-to-one and onto. ■

This observation is the key to the very important theorem Lagrange theorem for ultra-groups.

**Theorem 2.7** (Lagrange's theorem) *If  $S$  is a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ , then the cardinality of  $S$  divides the cardinality of  ${}_H M$ .*

**Proof.** The distinct right cosets of  $S$  are mutually disjoint by Theorem 2.1 and each has the same size by Theorem 2.6. Since the union of the right cosets is  ${}_H M$ , the cardinality of  ${}_H M$  is the cardinality of  $S$  times the number of distinct right cosets of  $S$ . ■

**Definition 2.8** An element  $a$  of an ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over group  $G$  is an idempotent element, if  $\alpha(a, a) = a$  where  $\alpha$  is its first binary operation over it.

**Corollary 2.9** *The only idempotent element in ultra-group  ${}_H M$  is  $e_{{}_H M}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $a$  is idempotent element in ultra-group  ${}_H M$ . By  $a.a = (a, a)[a, a]$  and  $a = (a, a)$  we have  $a \in {}_H M \cap H$ . ■

**Corollary 2.10** *Every subultra-group of order 2 of ultra-group  ${}_H M$  is a group.*

**Proof.** This follows immediately from  $[a, a] = e$ , where  $a$  of ultra-group  ${}_H M$  over group  $G$ . ■

**Example 2.11** Suppose  $M = \{e, a, a^5b, a^3, a^4, a^2b\}$  is an ultra-group over sub-group  $H = \{e, ab\}$  arise from group

$$G = \{a^i b^j \mid a^6 = b^2 = e, a^i b = b a^{6-i}, i = 0, \dots, 5, j = 0, 1\}.$$

Then, the only subultra-groups of ultra-group  $M$  are

$$N_1 = \{e\}, N_2 = \{e, a^3\}, N_3 = \{e, a^5b\}, N_4 = \{e, a^2b\}, N_5 = \{e, a^4, a^5b\} N_6 = G.$$

Although we have an associativity property for the groups, but this property is not valid for the binary operation  $\alpha$  of the ultra-groups. Therefore, we convent  $\alpha(a, a, a) = \alpha(\alpha(a, a), a) = \alpha^3(a)$  where  $a$  is the element of the ultra-group  $M$  and  $\alpha$  is its first binary operation over it.

**Definition 2.12** The order of  $a \in_H M$  is the smallest positive power  $k$  such that  $\alpha^k(a) = e$ .

In group theory, the order of any element of a finite group divides the order of the group. In this case, with following example we show that this is not established in ultra-groups.

**Example 2.13** Let  $M = \{e, ab, a^2b\}$  be an ultra-group of order 3 arise from subgroup  $H = \langle a^3, b \rangle = \{e, a^3, a^6, b, a^3b, a^6b\}$  over group  $D_9$ . Then the order of element  $ab$  is 2 with following table :

$\alpha$	$e$	$a^2b$	$ab$
$e$	$e$	$a^2b$	$ab$
$a^2b$	$a^2b$	$e$	$a^2b$
$ab$	$ab$	$ab$	$e$

### 3. Quotient ultra-groups and homomorphism theorems

As respects, in some algebraic structure can be defined the quotient algebra with congruence, we also define the quotient ultra-group.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $M$  be an ultra-group over subgroup  $H_1$  of group  $G$  and  $\theta$  be a congruence over  $M$ . The set  $M/\theta = \{[m]_\theta; m \in M\}$  with the operations  $\alpha_\theta$  and  $\beta_{\theta_h}$ ,

- (i)  $\alpha_\theta([m]_\theta, [m']_\theta) = [\alpha(m, m')]_\theta,$
- (ii)  $\beta_{\theta_h}([m]_\theta) = [\beta_h(m)]_\theta,$

is an ultra-group of  $H_2$  over the group  $G$ , where  $H_1 \leq H_2 \leq G$ . This ultra-group is called a *quotient ultra-group*.

Any ultra-group homomorphism  $f :_{H_1} M_1 \rightarrow_{H_2} M_2$  induces an isomorphism from a quotient of  $_{H_1}M_1$  to a subgroup of  $_{H_2}M_2$ . More precisely, we have the following.

**Theorem 3.2** (*First isomorphism theorem for ultra-groups*) Let  $f$  be a surjective ultra-group homomorphism between two ultra-groups  $_{H_1}M_1$  and  $_{H_2}M_2$  and  $\theta$  a congruence over  $_{H_1}M_1$  such that  $\theta \subseteq \text{Ker}(f)$ . If  $\pi :_{H_1} M_1 \rightarrow_{H_1} M_1/\theta$  is the natural ultra-group homomorphism, then there exists a homomorphism  $g$  so that  $g\pi = f$ .

**Proof.** It is enough to define the map  $g :_{H_1} M_1/\theta \longrightarrow_{H_2} M_2$  by  $g([m]_\theta) = f(m)$ . Since  $[m_1]_\theta = [m_2]_\theta \Leftrightarrow m_1 \theta m_2$ , by the hypothesis  $\theta \subseteq \text{Ker}(f)$  we have  $f(m_1) = f(m_2)$  which implies  $g$  is well-defined. The map  $g$  preserves the first operation  $\alpha_\theta$  and the unary operation  $\beta_{\theta_h}$ . Thus we can conclude that  $g$  is an ultra homomorphism. The map  $g$  preserve the first operation  $\alpha_\theta$  as follows,  $g(\alpha_\theta([m_1]_\theta, [m_2]_\theta)) = g([[m_1, m_2]]_\theta) = [f(m_1), f(m_2)] = [g([m_1]_\theta), g([m_2]_\theta)]$ . For the second operation  $\beta_{\theta_h}$  we have,  $g(\beta_{\theta_h}([m]_\theta)) = g([m^h]_\theta) = f(m^h) = (f(m))^{\varphi(h)} = \beta_{\varphi(h)}(g([m]_\theta))$ . ■

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $\gamma$  be a congruence on  ${}_H M$  and  $\theta$  be a relation on  ${}_H M$  defined by  $a\theta b$  if and only if there is  $s \in S$  such that  $a = [s, b]$  where  $S = [e]_\gamma$ . Then  $\gamma$  and  $\theta$  are equivalent.*

**Proof.** By congruence definition and right cancellation property we conclude,

$$\begin{aligned} a \gamma b &\iff a^{b^{(-1)}} \gamma b^{b^{(-1)}} &\iff [a^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]}] \gamma [b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]}] \\ &\iff [a^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]}] \gamma e &\iff [a^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]}] \in S \\ &\iff a \theta b. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4** (see [4]) *If  $\gamma$  is a congruence on the ultra-group  ${}_H M$  and  $[e]_\gamma = N$ , then  ${}_H M/\theta \cong_{{}_H} M/N$ .*

If  $\gamma, \theta$  are congruences on  ${}_H M$  and  $\theta \subseteq \gamma$ , then clearly  $\gamma/\theta = \{(a/\theta, b/\theta) \in ({}_H M/\theta)^2 : (a, b) \in \gamma\}$  is a congruence on  ${}_H M/\theta$ . Recall that two sets  $S$  and  $T$  have the same cardinality if and only if there is a one-to-one mapping from one set onto the other.

**Theorem 3.5** (Second isomorphism theorem of ultra-groups) *If  $N', N$  are normal subultra-groups of ultra-group  ${}_H M$  such that  $N \subseteq N'$ , then  $\frac{{}_H M}{\frac{N'}{N}} \cong \frac{{}_H M}{N}$ .*

**Proof.** By the argument before the theorem  $N'/N$  is a normal subultra-group of  ${}_H M/N$ . The map  $\psi :_{{}_H} M/N/N'/N \longrightarrow M/N'$  is a homomorphism with  $N'/N \subseteq \text{Ker}(\psi)$  so the result follows by the first isomorphism theorem. ■

The third isomorphism theorem [2, Theorem 2.6.18] which is valid for any algebra can be translate for ultra-groups. Although, we can prove the third isomorphism theorem for ultra-groups by the same method of the proof of the first isomorphism theorem. We need Lemma 3.6 in order to mimic the proof of Theorem 2.6.18 in [2].

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $B$  be a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$  and  $\theta$  a congruence on  ${}_H M$ . Then*

(i)  $B^2 \cap \theta = (B \cap N)^2$ ,

(ii)  $B^\theta = [N, B]$ ,

where  $N$  is  $[e]_\theta$ .

**Proof.** (i) With some basic properties of the congruence in hand, we have:

$$B^2 \cap \theta = \{(b_1, b_2) : b_1, b_2 \in B \text{ and } b_1 \theta b_2\} = \{(b_1, b_2) : b_1, b_2 \in N\} = B^2 \cap N^2.$$

(ii) By [2, Definition 2.6.16] we deduce  $B^\theta = \{a \in {}_H M : \exists b \in B, a \theta b\} = \{a \in {}_H M : \exists b \in B, a = [n, b] \text{ for some } n \in N\} \subseteq [N, B]$ . The rest is clear. ■

**Theorem 3.7** (Third isomorphism theorem) *If  $B$  is a subultra-group of  ${}_H M$  and  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of  ${}_H M$ , then  $\frac{B}{B \cap N} \cong \frac{[N, B]}{N}$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $[e]_\theta = B \cap N$  the proof is straightforward. ■

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