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# SUBDIRECTLY IRREDUCIBLE NON-IDEMPOTENT LEFT SYMMETRIC LEFT DISTRIBUTIVE GROUPOIDS\*

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#### Abstract

We study groupoids satisfying the identities  $x \cdot xy = y$  and  $x \cdot yz = xy \cdot xz$ . Particularly, we focus our attention at subdirectly irreducible ones, find a description and characterize small ones.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A *left symmetric left distributive groupoid* (shortly an *LSLD groupoid*) is a non-empty set equipped with a binary operation (usually denoted multiplicatively) satisfying the equations:

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(left symmetry)	$x \cdot xy = y$
(left distributivity)	$x \cdot yz = xy \cdot xz$

An LSLDI groupoid is an idempotent LSLD groupoid, i.e., an LSLD groupoid satisfying the equation xx = x. For example, given a group G, the derived operation  $x * y = xy^{-1}x$ , usually called the *core* of G, is left symmetric, left distributive and idempotent. LSLDI groupoids were introduced in [10] and they (and their applications) were studied by several authors mainly in 1970's and 1980's. A reader is referred to the survey [8] for details. For a long time, it seemed that the non-idempotent case did not play any significant role in self-distributive structures (whether symmetric or not). This was certainly true for the two-sided case, but recently, due to the book [2] of P. Dehornoy, one-sided non-idempotent selfdistributive groupoids enjoyed certain attention. The purpose of the present note is to continue the investigations of non-idempotent LSLD groupoids started in [4] and, in particular, to get a better insight into the structure of subdirectly irreducible ones. Our main results are Theorems 4.2, 4.3 and 5.9.

As far as we know, the only papers concerning non-idempotent LSLD groupoids are [4] and [9]. Subdirectly irreducible idempotent left symmetric medial groupoids were characterized by B. Roszkowska [7] and simple idempotent LSLD groupoids by D. Joyce [3].

Our notation is rather standard and usually follows the book [1]. A reader can look at [5] for various notions concerning groupoids (i.e., sets with a single binary operation).

Let G be a groupoid. For every  $a \in G$ , we denote  $L_a$  the selfmapping of G defined by  $L_a(x) = ax$  for all  $x \in G$  and call it the *left translation by* a in G. By an *involution* we mean a permutation of order two.

Lemma 1.1. Let G be a groupoid. Then

- 1. G is LSLD, iff every left translation in G is either the identity, or an involutive automorphism of G;
- 2. if G is LSLD, then  $L_{\varphi(a)} = \varphi L_a \varphi^{-1}$  for every  $a \in G$  and every automorphism  $\varphi$  of G;
- 3. if G is LSLD, then the mapping  $\lambda : a \mapsto L_a$  is a homomorphism of G into the core of the symmetric group over G.

**Proof.** (1) Left symmetry says that every left translation  $L_a$  satisfies  $L_a^2 = id_G$ . Left distributivity says that every  $L_a$  is an endomorphism.

(2) Since  $\varphi L_a(b) = \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b) = L_{\varphi(a)}\varphi(b)$  for every  $a, b \in G$ , we have  $\varphi L_a = L_{\varphi(a)}\varphi$  and thus  $L_{\varphi(a)} = \varphi L_a \varphi^{-1}$ .

(3) It follows from (2) for  $\varphi = L_a$  that  $L_{ab} = L_a L_b L_a^{-1} = L_a L_b L_a$ .

**Example.** The following are all (up to an isomorphism) two-element LSLD groupoids (one idempotent, the other not).

$\mathbf{S}$	0	1	Т	0	1
0	0	1	0	õ	0
1	0	1	$\widetilde{0}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0

**Example.** The following are all (up to an isomorphism) three-element idempotent LSLD groupoids.  $\mathbf{S}_1$  is a right zero groupoid,  $\mathbf{S}_2$  is a dual differential groupoid and  $\mathbf{S}_3$  is a commutative distributive quasigroup and it forms the smallest Steiner triple system.  $\mathbf{S}_3$  is simple and  $\mathbf{S}_2$  is subdirectly irreducible.

$\mathbf{S}_1$	0	1	2		$\mathbf{S}_2$	0	1	2	$\mathbf{S}_3$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2	-	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
1	0	1	2		1	0	1	2	1	2	1	0
2	0	1	2		2	0	1	2	2	1	0	2

**Example.** The following are all (up to an isomorphism) three-element non-idempotent LSLD groupoids. Both are subdirectly irreducible.

$\mathbf{T}_1$	e	0	$\widetilde{0}$	$\mathbf{T}_2$	e	0	$\widetilde{0}$
e	e	0	$\widetilde{0}$	e	e	$\widetilde{0}$	0
$0,\widetilde{0}$	e	$\widetilde{0}$	0	$0,\widetilde{0}$	e	$\widetilde{0}$	0

**Example.** We define an operation  $\circ$  on the Prüfer 2-group  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{\infty}}(+)$  by  $x \circ y = 2x - y + a$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{\infty}}$  is an element satisfying  $a \neq 0 = 2a$ . The groupoid  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{\infty}}(\circ)$  is an infinite subdirectly irreducible idempotent-free LSLD groupoid.

A non-empty subset J of a groupoid G is called a *left ideal* of G, if  $ab \in J$  for every  $a \in G$  and  $b \in J$ . Note that the set consisting of all left ideals in a left symmetric groupoid and the empty set is closed under intersection, union and complements. If  $\{a\}$  is a left ideal of G, we call the element a right zero.

Let G be an LSLD groupoid. We put

$$Id_G = \{x \in G : xx = x\}$$
 and  $K_G = \{x \in G : xx \neq x\}.$ 

Each of  $Id_G$  and  $K_G$  is either empty or a left ideal of G. Further, we define relations

$$p_G = \{(x, y) \in G \times G : L_x = L_y\}$$
$$q_G = \{(a, b) \in Id_G \times Id_G : L_a|_{K_G} = L_b|_{K_G}\} \cup id_G$$
$$ip_G = \{(x, xx) : x \in G\} \cup id_G$$

and a mapping  $o_G: G \to G$  by  $o_G(x) = xx$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid. Then

- 1.  $p_G$  and  $q_G$  are congruences of G and  $ip_G \subseteq p_G$ ;
- 2.  $ip_G$  is a congruence of G,  $G/ip_G$  is idempotent and  $ip_G$  is the smallest congruence such that the corresponding factor is idempotent; moreover, every non-trivial block of  $ip_G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{T}$ ;
- 3.  $o_G$  is either the identity, or an involutive automorphism of G.

**Proof.** (1) The relation  $p_G$  is the kernel of the homomorphism  $\lambda$  from Lemma 1.1(3), hence it is a congruence.

The relation  $q_G$  is an equivalence, so consider  $a, b \in Id_G$  such that  $L_a|_{K_G} = L_b|_{K_G}$ . Then  $L_{az}|_{K_G} = L_{bz}|_{K_G}$  for all  $z \in G$ , since for every  $k \in K_G$  we have  $az \cdot k = a(z \cdot ak) = a(z \cdot bk) = b(z \cdot bk) = bz \cdot k$  (because  $z \cdot bk \in K_G$ ). And also  $L_{za}|_{K_G} = L_{zb}|_{K_G}$  for all  $z \in G$ , because for every  $k \in K_G$  we have  $za \cdot k = z(a \cdot zk) = z(b \cdot zk) = zb \cdot k$  (because  $zk \in K_G$ ). Consequently,  $q_G$  is a congruence.

Finally,  $xy = x(x \cdot xy) = xx \cdot (x \cdot xy) = xx \cdot y$  for every  $x, y \in G$  and thus  $ip_G \subseteq p_G$ .

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(2) Since  $xx \cdot xx = x \cdot xx = x$  for every  $x \in G$ , the relation  $ip_G$  is symmetric and transitive and every non-trivial block of  $ip_G$  consists of two elements and thus is isomorphic to **T**. Further,  $xz = xx \cdot z$  for every  $z \in G$  due to (1) and  $(zx, z \cdot xx) \in ip_G$  because  $z \cdot xx = zx \cdot zx$ ; hence  $ip_G$  is a congruence. Clearly,  $G/ip_G$  is idempotent and  $ip_G$  is the smallest congruence with this property.

(3)  $o_G$  is an involution (or the identity) according to (2) and  $o_G(xy) = xy \cdot xy = x \cdot yy = xx \cdot yy = o_G(x)o_G(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Corollary 1.3. T** *is the only (up to an isomorphism) simple non-idempotent LSLD groupoid.* 

Let G be a groupoid,  $e \notin G$  and  $\varphi : G \to G$ . We denote  $G[\varphi]$  the groupoid defined on the set  $G \cup \{e\}$  so that G is a subgroupoid of  $G[\varphi]$ , e is a right zero and  $ex = \varphi(x)$  for every  $x \in G$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid,  $e \notin G$  and  $\varphi : G \to G$ . Then

- 1.  $G[\varphi]$  is an LSLD groupoid, iff  $\varphi = id_G$  or  $\varphi$  is an involutive automorphism of G with  $L_x = L_{\varphi(x)}$  for all  $x \in G$ ;
- 2.  $G[id_G]$  and  $G[o_G]$  are LSLD groupoids and  $G[o_G][id_{G[o_G]}]$ ,  $G[id_G]$  $[o_{G[id_G]}]$  are isomorphic.

**Proof.** This is a straightforward calculation.

Note that the three-element non-idempotent LSLD groupoids are isomorphic to  $\mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}]$  and  $\mathbf{T}[o_{\mathbf{T}}]$ , respectively. One can check that  $(\mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}])[o_{\mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}]}]$  is the only four-element subdirectly irreducible non-idempotent LSLD groupoid.

The following technical lemmas become useful later.

**Lemma 1.5.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid and  $\varphi \in \{id_G, o_G\}$ . Then the set  $A_{\varphi} = \{a \in G : L_a = \varphi\}$  is either empty, or a left ideal of G.

**Proof.** Let  $a \in A_{\varphi}$ . By Lemma 1.1  $L_{xa} = L_x L_a L_x$  for every  $x \in G$ . If  $L_a = \varphi = id_G$ , then  $L_{xa} = L_x L_x = id_G = \varphi$ . If  $L_a = \varphi = o_G$ , then  $L_{xa}(y) = xo_G(xy) = x(xy \cdot xy) = x(x \cdot yy) = o_G(y)$  for every  $y \in G$  and thus  $L_{xa} = o_G = L_a$ . Hence  $A_{\varphi}$  is a left ideal.

**Lemma 1.6.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid and J a left ideal of G. Then the relation  $\rho_J = ((ip_G)|_J) \cup id_G$  is a congruence of G.

**Proof.** The claim follows from Lemma 1.2.

**Lemma 1.7.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid and  $a \in G$  a right zero. Then

- 1.  $x \cdot ay = a \cdot xy$  and  $xy = ax \cdot y$  for all  $x, y \in G$ ;
- 2. the relation  $\nu_a = \{(x, ax) : x \in G\} \cup id_G \text{ is a congruence of } G;$ moreover, every non-trivial block of  $\nu_a$  has two elements.

**Proof.** (1) is calculated as follows:  $x \cdot ay = xa \cdot xy = a \cdot xy$  and  $ax \cdot y = (ax)(a \cdot ay) = a(x \cdot ay) = a(a \cdot xy) = xy$ . (2) Clearly,  $\nu_a$  is both reflexive and symmetric and it follows from (1) that  $\nu_a$  is compatible with the multiplication of G. We show that  $\nu_a$  is transitive. If  $(x, y) \in \nu_a$ ,  $(y, z) \in \nu_a, x \neq y \neq z$ , then y = ax and  $z = ay = a \cdot ax = x$  and thus  $(x, z) \in \nu_a$ . The rest becomes clear now.

**Lemma 1.8.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid and let  $\rho$  be a congruence of  $K_G$ such that  $(u, v) \in \rho$  implies  $(au, av) \in \rho$  and  $(ua \cdot z, va \cdot z) \in \rho$  for all  $a \in Id_G$ and  $z \in K_G$ . Define a relation  $\sigma$  on  $Id_G$  by  $(a, b) \in \sigma$  iff  $(au, bv) \in \rho$  for every pair  $(u, v) \in \rho$ . Then  $\rho \cup \sigma$  is a congruence of G.

**Proof.** This straightforward calculation is omitted.

2. Basic facts about subdirectly irreducible LSLD groupoids

It is well known that a groupoid G is subdirectly irreducible (shortly SI), if and only if G possesses a smallest non-trivial congruence (called the *monolith* of G), i.e., a congruence  $\mu_G \neq id_G$  such that  $\mu_G \subseteq \nu$  for every congruence  $\nu \neq id_G$  on G.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid. Then

- 1. if  $J \subseteq K_G$  is a left ideal, then  $J = K_G$ ;
- 2.  $ip_G$  is the monolith of G;

- 3.  $L_a|_{K_G} \neq L_b|_{K_G}$  for every  $a, b \in Id_G$  with  $a \neq b$ ; in other words,  $q_G = id_G$ ;
- 4.  $\varphi|_{K_G} \neq \psi|_{K_G}$  for all automorphisms  $\varphi, \psi$  of G with  $\varphi \neq \psi$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $J \subset K_G$  be a left ideal. Then  $J' = K_G \setminus J$  is a left ideal too and  $\rho_J, \rho_{J'}$  are non-trivial congruences, since both J and J' contain at least two elements. However,  $\rho_J \cap \rho_{J'} = id_G$  yields a contradiction with subdirect irreducibility of G.

(2) We have  $\mu_G \subseteq ip_G$ . Put  $J = \{u \in K_G : (u, uu) \in \mu_G\}$ . Then J is a left ideal, because  $\mu_G$  is a congruence, and thus  $J = K_G$  and  $\mu_G = ip_G$ .

(3) According to Lemma 1.2(1),  $q_G$  is a congruence. It is trivial, because  $q_G \cap ip_G = id_G$ .

(4) Assume that  $\varphi|_{K_G} = \psi|_{K_G}$  and we show that  $\varphi|_{Id_G} = \psi|_{Id_G}$  too. Observe that  $\varphi|_{K_G} = \psi|_{K_G}$  iff  $\varphi^{-1}|_{K_G} = \psi^{-1}|_{K_G}$ , because every automorphism of G maps  $K_G$  onto itself. Now, given  $a \in Id_G$  and  $u \in K_G$ , we have  $\varphi(a)u = \varphi(a)\varphi\varphi^{-1}(u) = \varphi(a\varphi^{-1}(u))$  and, because  $a\varphi^{-1}(u) =$  $a\psi^{-1}(u) \in K_G$ , we have also  $\varphi(a\varphi^{-1}(u)) = \psi(a\psi^{-1}(u)) = \psi(a)u$ . Thus  $L_{\varphi(a)}|_{K_G} = L_{\psi(a)}|_{K_G}$  and, by (3),  $\varphi(a) = \psi(a)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let G be a non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and H a subgroupoid of G such that  $K_G \subseteq H$ . Assume that H is subdirectly irreducible. Then G is subdirectly irreducible, iff  $q_G = id_G$ .

**Proof.** The direct implication was proved in Lemma 2.1(3). So assume  $q_G = id_G$  and let  $\rho$  be a non-trivial congruence on G. If  $\rho|_H \neq id_H$ , then  $ip_H \subseteq \rho|_H$ . But  $ip_G = ip_H \cup id_G$  and thus  $ip_G \subseteq \rho$ . Hence assume that  $\rho|_H = id_H$ . If  $(a,b) \in \rho$  for some  $a, b \in Id_G$ ,  $a \neq b$ , then  $au \neq bu$  for some  $u \in K_G$  because  $q_G = id_G$  and we have  $(au, bu) \in \rho|_{K_G} = id_{K_G}$ , a contradiction. If  $(a, u) \in \rho$  for some  $a \in Id_G$  and  $u \in K_G$ , then  $(a, uu) = (aa, uu) \in \rho$  and, again,  $(u, uu) \in \rho|_{K_G} = id_{K_G}$ , a contradiction. Consequently, G is subdirectly irreducible.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let G be a non-idempotent LSLD groupoid such that  $K_G$  is subdirectly irreducible. Then G is subdirectly irreducible, iff  $q_G = id_G$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and  $a, b \in G$  right zeros. Then

- 1.  $L_a \in \{id_G, o_G\};$
- 2. a = b, iff  $L_a = L_b$ ;
- 3. G contains at most two right zeros.

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\nu_a$  be the congruence from Lemma 1.7. If  $\nu_a = id_G$ , then  $L_a = id_G$ . If  $\nu_a \neq id_G$ , then  $\mu_G = ip_G \subseteq \nu_a$  and thus  $L_a|_{K_G} = o_G|_{K_G}$ . Hence  $L_a = o_G$  according to Lemma 2.1(4).

The statement (2) follows from Lemma 2.1(3) and (3) is an immediate consequence of (1) and (2).

**Lemma 2.5.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and let  $a \in G$  be a right zero. Then  $H = G \setminus \{a\}$  is an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and it contains no right zero b with  $L_b = L_a|_H$ .

**Proof.** Clearly, H is a left ideal of G and thus a subgroupoid of G. Moreover, if  $\rho$  is a non-trivial congruence of H, then  $\sigma = \rho \cup \{(a, a)\}$  is a (non-trivial) congruence of G (because  $L_a \in \{id_G, o_G\}$ ) and thus  $ip_G = \mu_G \subseteq \sigma$ . So  $ip_H \subseteq \rho$  and H is subdirectly irreducible. Finally, if b is a right zero in H, then it is also a right zero in G and so  $L_b \neq L_a|_H$  by Lemma 2.4.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and  $\varphi \in \{id_G, o_G\}$ . Then  $G[\varphi]$  is subdirectly irreducible, iff G contains no right zero a with  $L_a = \varphi$ .

**Proof.** The direct implication follows from Lemma 2.5. On the contrary, if G contains no right zero a with  $L_a = \varphi$ , then  $A_{\varphi} = \emptyset$  (by Lemmas 1.5 and 2.1(3)  $|A_{\varphi}| \leq 1$ , hence any element b with  $L_b = \varphi$  is a right zero), so  $q_{G[\varphi]} = id$  and Proposition 2.2 applies.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid with no right zero. Then

 $G, G[id_G], G[o_G] and G[id_G][o_{G[id_G]}]$ 

are pairwise non-isomorphic SI LSLD groupoids.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid and let A be the set of right zeros in G. Then  $|A| \leq 2$ ,  $H = G \setminus A$  is a left ideal of G, H is an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid with no right zero and G is isomorphic to exactly one of

 $H, H[id_H], H[o_H] and H[id_H][o_{H[id_H]}].$ 

#### 3. Groupoids of involutions

Let  $\varepsilon$  be a binary relation on a non-empty set X. We denote  $\operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$  the set of all permutations  $\varphi$  of X such that  $\varphi^2 = id_X$  and  $(x, y) \in \varepsilon$  implies  $(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \in \varepsilon$ . It is easy to see that  $\operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$  is a subgroupoid of the core of the symmetric group over X and thus it is an idempotent LSLD groupoid.

An equivalence  $\varepsilon$  is called a *pairing* (a *semipairing*, resp.), if every block of  $\varepsilon$  consists of (at most, resp.) two elements. Let  $\alpha(m) = |\text{Inv}(m, \varepsilon)|$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is a pairing on a cardinal number m ( $\alpha(m)$  is defined for even and infinite cardinals only).

**Proposition 3.1.**  $\alpha(2) = 2$ ,  $\alpha(4) = 6$  and  $\alpha(m) = 2\alpha(m-2) + (m-2)$  $\alpha(m-4)$  for every even  $6 \le m < \omega$ . Further,  $\alpha(m) = 2^m$  for every infinite m.

**Proof.** Assume that m is finite even and the blocks of  $\varepsilon$  are the sets  $\{2k, 2k + 1\}^2$ ,  $k = 0, \ldots, \frac{m}{2} - 1$ . The claim is trivial for  $m \in \{2, 4\}$ , so assume  $m \ge 6$ . Let  $I_k = \{\varphi \in \operatorname{Inv}(m, \varepsilon) : \varphi(0) = k\}$  for  $0 \le k \le m - 1$ . Then  $\operatorname{Inv}(m, \varepsilon) = \bigcup_{k=0}^{m-1} I_k$  and  $I_k$ 's are pairwise disjoint. If  $\varphi \in I_0$ , then  $\varphi(1) = 1$ . If  $\varphi \in I_1$ , then  $\varphi(1) = 0$ . Consequently,  $|I_0| = |I_1| = \alpha(m-2)$ . On the other hand, if  $\varphi \in I_k$  for  $k \ge 2$ , then  $\varphi(1) = k'$ , where  $k' \ne k$  is such that  $(k, k') \in \varepsilon$ , and thus  $\varphi(k) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(k') = 1$ . Hence  $|I_k| = \alpha(m-4)$  and  $|\operatorname{Inv}(m, \varepsilon)| = 2\alpha(m-2) + (m-2)\alpha(m-4)$ .

If *m* is infinite, consider all involutions of the form  $(x_1 \ y_1)(x_2 \ y_2) \dots$ , where  $\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots$  are pairwise different blocks of  $\varepsilon$ . They belong to  $\text{Inv}(m, \varepsilon)$  and thus  $\alpha(m) \ge 2^m$ . Hence  $\alpha(m) = 2^m$ .

	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
$\alpha(m)$	2	6	20	76	312	1384	6512	32400	168992	921184

For every semipairing  $\varepsilon$  on X there is a unique mapping  $o_{\varepsilon} \in \operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$  such that  $(x, o_{\varepsilon}(x)) \in \varepsilon$  and  $o_{\varepsilon}(x) = x$  iff  $\{x\}$  is a one-element block of  $\varepsilon$ . It is easy to see that  $id_X$  and  $o_{\varepsilon}$  are right zeros in  $\operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$  and that  $id_X * \varphi = \varphi$  and  $o_{\varepsilon} * \varphi = \varphi$  for every  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$ . Let  $\operatorname{Inv}^-(X, \varepsilon) = \operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon) \setminus \{id_X, o_{\varepsilon}\}$ . Clearly, it is either empty, or a left ideal of  $\operatorname{Inv}(X, \varepsilon)$ .

Finally, let  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(G) = \{\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(G) : \varphi^2 = id\}$ . If G is an LSLD groupoid, then  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(G)$  is a subgroupoid of  $\operatorname{Inv}(G, ip_G), L_x \in \operatorname{Aut}_2(G)$ for every  $x \in G$  and the mapping  $x \mapsto L_x$  is a homomorphism of G into  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(G)$ . Let  $\operatorname{Aut}_2^-(G) = \operatorname{Aut}_2(G) \cap \operatorname{Inv}^-(G, ip_G)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid with at least one idempotent element. Then the mapping

$$\eta: Id_G \to \operatorname{Aut}_2(K_G), \qquad a \mapsto L_a|_{K_G}$$

is an injective homomorphism.

**Proof.** It follows from Lemmas 1.1 and 2.1(3).

**Corollary 3.3.** Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = m \neq 0$ . Then

$$|Id_G| \le \alpha(m)$$
 and  $|G| \le \alpha(m) + m$ .

It will be shown in the next section that the upper bound on  $|Id_G|$  is best possible.

4. A description of subdirectly irreducible LSLD groupoids

**Lemma 4.1.** Let K be an idempotent-free LSLD groupoid and I a subgroupoid of  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$ . Put  $G = I \cup K$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. The operations of I and K can be extended onto G so that G becomes an LSLD groupoid with  $\varphi \cdot u = \varphi(u)$  for all  $\varphi \in I$ ,  $u \in K$ .
- 2.  $L_u \varphi L_u \in I$  for all  $\varphi \in I$ ,  $u \in K$ .

Moreover, if the conditions are satisfied, the operation of G is uniquely determined and  $u \cdot \varphi = L_u \varphi L_u$  for all  $\varphi \in I$ ,  $u \in K$ .

**Proof.** Clearly,  $u\varphi \in I = Id_G$  for every  $u \in K$ ,  $\varphi \in I$ . Since  $u(\varphi v) = (u\varphi)(uv)$  for every  $u, v \in K$ ,  $\varphi \in I$ , we have  $L_u(\varphi(v)) = (u\varphi)(L_u(v))$  and thus  $u\varphi = L_u\varphi(L_u)^{-1} = L_u\varphi L_u$ . Indeed, this is possible, iff  $L_u\varphi L_u \in I$  for all  $\varphi \in I$ ,  $u \in K$ . We omit the straightforward calculation showing that the resulting groupoid G is LSLD.

The groupoid G from Lemma 4.1 will be denoted by  $I \sqcup K$ . The groupoid  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K) \sqcup K$  will be called the *full extension* of K and denoted  $\operatorname{Full}(K)$ .

$I \sqcup K$	$\psi$	v
$\varphi$	$\varphi\psi\varphi$	$\varphi(v)$
u	$L_u \psi L_u$	uv

**Theorem 4.2.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid. Then there exists an injective homomorphism  $\eta: G \to \operatorname{Full}(K_G)$  such that

 $\eta(u) = u$  for every  $u \in K_G$  and  $\eta(a) = L_a|_{K_G}$  for every  $a \in Id_G$ .

Thus G is isomorphic (via  $\eta$ ) to the subgroupoid  $\eta(Id_G) \sqcup K_G$  of Full( $K_G$ ).

**Proof.** It is straightforward to check that  $\eta$  is a homomorphism and it is injective according to Proposition 3.2.

**Remark.** Let K be an idempotent-free LSLD groupoid and assume the set S of SI subgroupoids G of Full(K) with  $K_G = K$ . The set S is non-empty, iff Full $(K) \in S$ ; in this case, the set S has minimal elements, say  $H_1, \ldots, H_k$ , and it follows from Proposition 2.2 that  $G \in S$ , iff G is a subgroupoid of Full(K) and  $H_i \subseteq G$  for at least one  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** The following conditions are equivalent for an idempotentfree LSLD groupoid K:

- 1. There exists an SI LSLD groupoid G with  $K_G = K$ .
- 2. The groupoid  $\operatorname{Full}(K)$  is SI.

- 3. The groupoid  $\operatorname{Full}^{-}(K)$  is SI.
- 4. If  $\rho$  is a non-trivial Aut<sub>2</sub>(K)-invariant congruence of K, then  $ip_K \subseteq \rho$ .

**Proof.** The implication  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  follows from Proposition 2.2,  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  follows from Lemma 2.5 and  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  is trivial.

Now, assume that (4) is true and let  $\sigma$  be a non-trivial congruence of Full(K). If  $\sigma|_K \neq id_K$ , then  $ip_K \subseteq \sigma$  by (4) and thus Full(K) is SI. So assume that  $\rho = \sigma|_K = id_K$ . If  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \sigma$  for some  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Aut}_2(K)$ ,  $\varphi \neq \psi$ , then there is at least one  $u \in K$  with  $\varphi(u) \neq \psi(u)$  and we have  $(\varphi(u), \psi(u)) \in \rho$ , a contradiction. Thus  $(\varphi, u) \in \sigma$  for some  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}_2(K)$ ,  $u \in K$ . In this case,  $(\varphi, uu) \in \sigma$  and so  $(u, uu) \in \rho$ , a contradiction again.

Finally, assume (2) and consider a non-trivial  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$ -invariant congruence  $\rho$  of K. Define a relation  $\sigma$  on  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$  by  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \sigma$  iff  $(\varphi(u), \psi(v)) \in \rho$ for every pair  $(u, v) \in \rho$ . According to Lemma 1.8,  $\rho \cup \sigma$  is a congruence of Full(K) and so  $ip_K \subseteq \rho$ .

A groupoid K satisfying the conditions of Theorem 4.3 will be called *pre-SI*.

**Example.** Let  $\varepsilon$  be a pairing on a non-empty set K. We equip the set K with an operation such that  $L_u = o_{\varepsilon}$  for every  $u \in K$ . Clearly, K is an idempotent-free LSLD groupoid and  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K) = \operatorname{Inv}(K, \varepsilon)$ . Using Theorem 4.3, we prove that K is pre-SI and thus  $G = \operatorname{Full}(K)$  is an SI LSLD groupoid of size  $\alpha(|K_G|) + |K_G|$  (cf. Corollary 3.3).

Let  $\rho$  be a non-trivial  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$ -invariant congruence on K. We claim that  $ip_K = o_{\varepsilon} \subseteq \rho$ . Indeed, if  $(u, o_K(u)) \in \rho$  for some  $u \in K$ , then for every  $v \in K$  the involution  $\varphi = (u \ v)(o_K(u) \ o_K(v))$  belongs to  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$ and thus  $(v, o_K(v)) \in \rho$ . Thus  $ip_K \subseteq \rho$ . On the other hand, if  $(u, v) \in \rho$ ,  $u \neq v \neq o_K(u)$ , then the involution  $\psi = (v \ o_K(v))$  belongs to  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$  and thus  $(u, o(v)) = (\psi(u), \psi(v)) \in \rho$  and so  $(v, o(v)) \in \rho$ .

**Example.** Consider the following four-element groupoid K.

One can check that K is an LSLD groupoid,  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K) = \{id_K, (0 \ \widetilde{0}), (1 \ \widetilde{1}), (0 \ \widetilde{0})(1 \ \widetilde{1})\}$  and the relation  $\rho = \{(0, \widetilde{0}), (\widetilde{0}, 0)\} \cup id_K$  is an  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(K)$ -invariant congruence of K. However,  $ip_K \not\subseteq \rho$  and thus K is not pre-SI.

#### 5. Few idempotent elements

In this section, let G be a finite SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid with  $Id_G \neq \emptyset$  and  $r, s, \alpha, \beta$  will denote non-negative integers.

Let  $n = |Id_G|$  and  $2m = |K_G|$ . We put  $K_1(a) = \{u \in K_G : au = u\}, K_2(a) = \{u \in K_G : au = uu\}$  and  $K_3(a) = K_G \setminus (K_1(a) \cup K_2(a))$  for every  $a \in Id_G$ .

**Lemma 5.1.**  $|K_1(a)|$ ,  $|K_2(a)|$  are even numbers and  $|K_3(a)|$  is divisible by 4.

**Proof.**  $|K_1(a)|$  is even, because  $u \in K_1(a)$ , iff  $uu \in K_1(a)$  (and analogously for  $|K_2(a)|$ ). Furthermore, the sets  $\{v, vv, av, a \cdot vv\}, v \in K_3(a)$ , are fourelement and pairwise disjoint.

Let  $r(a) = \frac{1}{2}|K_1(a)|$  and  $s(a) = \frac{1}{2}|K_2(a)|$ . Hence m - r(a) - s(a) is a (non-negative) even number.

**Lemma 5.2.** r(xa) = r(a) and s(xa) = s(a) for all  $a \in Id_G$ ,  $x \in G$ .

**Proof.** If  $v \in K_1(a)$ , then  $xa \cdot xv = x \cdot av = xv$  and so  $xv \in K_1(xa)$ . Conversely, if  $w \in K_1(xa)$ , then  $xw = x(xa \cdot w) = (x \cdot xa)(xw) = a \cdot xw$ and so  $xw \in K_1(a)$ . Thus  $L_x$  maps bijectively  $K_1(a)$  onto  $K_1(xa)$  and, in particular,  $r(a) = |K_1(a)| = |K_1(xa)| = r(xa)$ . Analogously, s(a) = s(xa).

Let  $I(r,s) = \{a \in Id_G : r(a) = r, s(a) = s\}$ . Indeed, if  $I(r,s) \neq \emptyset$ , then m - r - s is a non-negative even number. It follows from Lemma 5.2 that I(r,s) is either empty, or a left ideal of G.

#### Lemma 5.3.

- 1. If  $r \ge m$  and  $I(r, s) \ne \emptyset$ , then r = m, s = 0 and |I(r, s)| = 1.
- 2. If  $s \ge m$  and  $I(r, s) \ne \emptyset$ , then r = 0, s = m and |I(r, s)| = 1.

**Proof.** (1) Since  $m \ge r + s$ , we have r = m and s = 0. Consequently,  $I(r,s) = I(m,0) = \{a \in Id_G : au = u \text{ for every } u \in K_G\}$ , and hence |I(r,s)| = 1 by Lemma 2.1(3). (2) is analogous.

Let  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta)$  be the set of all  $u \in K_G$  such that  $|\{a \in I(r, s) : u \in K_1(a)\}| = \alpha$  and  $|\{a \in I(r, s) : u \in K_2(a)\}| = \beta$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** Either  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = \emptyset$ , or  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = K_G$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $J = K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) \neq \emptyset$ . We prove that J is a left ideal. Since  $a \cdot xu = xu$  iff  $xa \cdot u = u$  for every  $u \in J$ ,  $x \in G$ ,  $a \in Id_G$ , we have  $L_x(\{b \in I(r,s) : b \cdot xu = xu\}) = \{c \in I(r,s) : cu = u\}$  (use the fact that I(r,s) is a left ideal) and, in particular,  $|\{b \in I(r,s) : xu \in K_1(b)\}| = \alpha$ . Similarly,  $|\{b \in I(r,s) : xu \in K_2(b)\}| = \beta$  and thus  $xu \in J$ . Consequently,  $J = K_G$  by Lemma 2.1(1).

Consequently, for every r, s there is a unique pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = K_G$  and  $K(r, s, \alpha', \beta') = \emptyset$  for all  $(\alpha', \beta') \neq (\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Lemma 5.5.** If  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = K_G$ , then  $\alpha m = rt$  and  $\beta m = st$ , where t = |I(r, s)|.

**Proof.** Since  $|\{a \in I(r,s) : au = u\}| = \alpha$  and  $|\{a \in I(r,s) : au = uu\}| = \beta$ for every  $u \in K_G$ , we have  $|L| = 2\alpha m$ , where  $L = \{(a, u) \in I(r, s) \times K_G : au = u\}$ . On the other hand, |L| = 2rt by the definition of I(r, s). Thus  $\alpha m = rt$ . Considering the set  $\{(a, u) \in I(r, s) \times K_G : au = uu\}$ , a similar proof yields  $\beta m = st$ .

**Lemma 5.6.** If  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = K_G$ ,  $I(r, s) \neq \emptyset$  and the numbers m and t = |I(r, s)| are relatively prime, then just one of the following cases takes place:

- 1.  $r = s = \alpha = \beta = 0$ .
- 2. r = m, s = 0,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0$  and t = 1.
- 3.  $r = 0, s = m, \alpha = 0, \beta = 1 \text{ and } t = 1.$

**Proof.** By Lemma 5.5,  $\alpha m = rt$  and  $\beta m = st$ . If r = s = 0, then obviously  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ . If  $r \ge 1$ , then m divides r and thus  $r \ge m$ . If  $s \ge 1$ , then m divides s and thus  $s \ge m$ . In both cases, Lemma 5.3 applies.

**Proposition 5.7.** If  $I(r,s) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $r+s \ge 1$  and the numbers m and t = |I(r,s)| are relatively prime, then G contains a right zero.

**Proof.** Choose  $\alpha, \beta$  such that  $K(r, s, \alpha, \beta) = K_G$ . It follows from Lemma 5.6 that t = 1 and thus I(r, s) consists of a right zero.

**Proposition 5.8.** If m is not divisible by any prime number  $p \in \{2, ..., n-2, n\}$ , then either G contains a right zero, or n = 3, m is even and  $u \neq au \neq uu$  for all  $a \in Id_G$ ,  $u \in K_G$ .

**Proof.** If n = 1, then  $Id_G = \{a\}$  and a is a right zero; so we may assume that  $n \geq 2$ . Obviously, if  $I(r, s) = \emptyset$  for all r, s with  $r + s \geq 1$ , then  $u \neq au \neq uu$  for all  $a \in Id_G$ ,  $u \in K_G$ , and thus m is divisible by 2 according to Lemma 5.1. Consequently, 2 = n - 1 and thus n = 3.

So assume that there are r, s such that  $r + s \ge 1$  and  $t = |I(r, s)| \ge 1$ . If m and t are relatively prime, then Lemma 5.7 yields the result. If p is a prime dividing both m and t, then  $p \le t \le n$ , and therefore p = n - 1, t = n - 1 and the only  $a \in Id_G \smallsetminus I(r, s)$  is a right zero.

**Theorem 5.9.** Let G be a finite SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 2m \ge 4$  and let p be the least prime divisor of m. If  $|Id_G| < p$ , then either  $Id_G$  contains precisely three elements which are not right zeros, or every element of  $Id_G$  is a right zero and thus  $|Id_G| \le 2$  and  $K_G$  is subdirectly irreducible.

**Proof.** Let  $H = G \setminus A$ , where A is the set of all right zeros of G. According to Corollary 2.8, H is an SI LSLD groupoid with no right zeros. However, if  $Id_H \neq \emptyset$ , then H contains a right zero by Proposition 5.8, a contradiction. The rest follows from Corollary 2.8 too.

### 6. Small subdirectly irreducible LSLD groupoids

In this section we apply the theory developed above to search for small SI non-idempotent LSLD groupoids. The procedure for finding all SI LSLD groupoids G with m > 0 non-idempotent elements follows.

- 1. We find all  $\frac{m}{2}$ -element LSLDI groupoids.
- 2. We find all *m*-element idempotent-free LSLD groupoids by extending groupoids found in the first step and check which of them are pre-SI (using Theorem 4.3).

- 3. For each pre-SI groupoid K found in the second step, we characterize subgroupoids I of  $\operatorname{Aut}_2^- K$  with the property 4.1(2) and check which  $I \sqcup K$  are subdirectly irreducible.
- 4. Each SI LSLD groupoid found in the third step can be extended by  $id_G$ ,  $o_G$ , none or both (see Corollary 2.7).

**Two non-idempotents.** Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 2$ . Then  $K_G \simeq \mathbf{T}$  and  $Id_G$  is either empty, or isomorphic to a subgroupoid of  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(\mathbf{T}) = \operatorname{Inv}(\mathbf{T}, ip_{\mathbf{T}}) = \{id_{\mathbf{T}}, o_{\mathbf{T}}\}$ . Hence

 $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}], \mathbf{T}[o_{\mathbf{T}}] \text{ and } \mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}][o_{\mathbf{T}[id_{\mathbf{T}}]}]$ 

are the only (up to an isomorphism) SI LSLD groupoids with two non-idempotent elements.

Four non-idempotents. Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 4$ . Then  $K_G/ip_{K_G}$  is isomorphic to **S**, the only two-element LSLDI groupoid. Clearly, the following groupoids  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$  are the only (up to an isomorphism) 4-element idempotent-free LSLD groupoids:

$K_1$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	$K_2$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	$K_3$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ
$0,\widetilde{0}$	õ	0	ĩ	1	$0,\widetilde{0}$	õ	0	1	ĩ	 $0,\widetilde{0}$	õ	0	ĩ	1
$1,\widetilde{1}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0	$\widetilde{1}$	1	$1,\widetilde{1}$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	$\widetilde{1}$	1	$1,\widetilde{1}$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	$\widetilde{1}$	1

 $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are pre-SI,  $K_3$  is not (see the last example in the fourth section). Hence  $K_G$  is isomorphic to one of  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ . Now, we designate  $a = (0 \ \widetilde{0})$ ,  $b = (1 \ \widetilde{1}), c = (0 \ 1)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{1}), d = (0 \ \widetilde{1})(\widetilde{0} \ 1)$  the elements of  $I = \operatorname{Aut}_2^-(K_1) = \operatorname{Aut}_2^-(K_2)$ . The multiplication table of I is

Ι	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	d	c
b	a	b	d	c
c	b	a	c	d
d	b	a	c	d

Thus I contains three non-trivial subgroupoids  $I_1 = \{a, b\}, I_2 = \{c, d\}$  and  $I_3 = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Neither  $K_1$  nor  $K_2$  is SI. Since both  $I_1 \sqcup K_1, I_1 \sqcup K_2$  contain the left ideal  $\{0, \tilde{0}\}$ , they are not SI. In  $I_2 \sqcup K_1$ , the element c is a right zero, because  $L_x = o_{K_1}$  for every  $x \in K_1$ , and thus  $L_x c L_x = c$ ; so  $I_2 \sqcup K_1$  is not SI by Corollary 2.8. On the other hand, it is easy to check that  $I_2 \sqcup K_2$ ,  $I_3 \sqcup K_1$  and  $I_3 \sqcup K_2$  are SI.

**Proposition 6.1.** There are 12 (up to an isomorphism) SI LSLD groupoids with four non-idempotent elements:

$$I_3 \sqcup K_1, I_2 \sqcup K_2, I_3 \sqcup K_2$$

and their extensions by right zeros.

**Six non-idempotents.** Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 6$ . Then  $K_G/ip_{K_G}$  is isomorphic to one of  $\mathbf{S}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_3$  (see the list of threeelement LSLDI groupoids in the introduction).  $\mathbf{S}_2$  cannot be isomorphic to  $K_G/ip_{K_G}$ , because the  $ip_{K_G}$ -block corresponding to the element 0 of  $\mathbf{S}_2$  is always a proper left ideal inside  $K_G$  (every automorphism of G preserves this block), a contradiction with Lemma 2.1(1). Now, one can check that the following groupoids  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_6$ ,  $K_7$  are the only (up to an isomorphism) 6-element idempotent-free LSLD groupoids such that their factorgroupoid over ip is one of  $\mathbf{S}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_3$ .

$K_4$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	2	$\widetilde{2}$		$K_5$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	2	$\widetilde{2}$
$0,\widetilde{0}$	õ	0	ĩ	1	$\widetilde{2}$	2	-	$0,\widetilde{0}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0	1	ĩ	2	$\widetilde{2}$
$1,\widetilde{1}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0	$\widetilde{1}$	1	$\widetilde{2}$	2		$1,\widetilde{1}$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	ĩ	1	2	$\widetilde{2}$
$2,\widetilde{2}$	õ	0	ĩ	1	$\widetilde{2}$	2		$2,\widetilde{2}$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	$\widetilde{2}$	2
$K_6$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	$\tilde{1}$	2	$\widetilde{2}$		$K_7$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	2	$\widetilde{2}$
$\frac{K_6}{0,\widetilde{0}}$	0 õ	0 0	1 ĩ	ĩ 1	2	$\widetilde{2}$ $\widetilde{2}$	-	$\frac{K_7}{0,\widetilde{0}}$	$0$ $\widetilde{0}$	0 0	$\frac{1}{\widetilde{2}}$	$\widetilde{1}$	$2$ $\widetilde{1}$	$\frac{\widetilde{2}}{1}$
$ \begin{array}{c} K_6 \\ 0, \widetilde{0} \\ 1, \widetilde{1} \end{array} $	0 Õ 0	$\widetilde{0}$ 0 $\widetilde{0}$	1 Ĩ Ĩ	Ĩ 1 1	$2$ $2$ $\widetilde{2}$	$\widetilde{2}$ $\widetilde{2}$ 2	-	$\begin{array}{c} K_7\\ \hline 0, \widetilde{0}\\ 1, \widetilde{1} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \widetilde{0} \\ \widetilde{2} \end{array}$	0 0 2	$\frac{1}{\widetilde{2}}$ $\widetilde{1}$	$\widetilde{1}$ 2 1	$\begin{array}{c} 2\\ \widetilde{1}\\ \widetilde{0} \end{array}$	$\widetilde{2}$ $1$ $0$

 $K_4$  and  $K_5$  are pre-SI,  $K_6$  and  $K_7$  aren't. Hence  $K_G$  is isomorphic to one of  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ . One can compute that  $I = \text{Inv}^-(K_4, ip_{K_4}) = \text{Aut}_2^-(K_4) =$  $\text{Aut}_2^-(K_5)$  contains the following non-trivial subgroupoids:

 $I_1 = \{ (x \ \widetilde{x}) : x = 0, 1, 2 \},\$ 

 $I_2 = \{ (x \ \widetilde{x})(y \ \widetilde{y}) : x, y = 0, 1, 2, \ x \neq y \},\$ 

$$I_{3,1} = \{ (x \ y)(\tilde{x} \ \tilde{y}) : x, y = 0, 1, 2, \ x \neq y \},\$$

$$I_{3,2} = \{ (0 \ \widetilde{1})(\widetilde{0} \ 1), (0 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{0} \ 2), (1 \ 2)(\widetilde{1} \ \widetilde{2}) \},\$$

$$I_{3,3} = \{ (0 \ \widetilde{1})(\widetilde{0} \ 1), (1 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{1} \ 2), (0 \ 2)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{2}) \},\$$

 $I_{3,4} = \{ (0 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{0} \ 2), (1 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{1} \ 2), (0 \ 1)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{1}) \},\$ 

$$I_3 = \{ (x \ y)(\widetilde{x} \ \widetilde{y}), (x \ \widetilde{y})(\widetilde{x} \ y) : x, y = 0, 1, 2, \ x \neq y \} = I_{3,1} \cup I_{3,2} \cup I_{3,3} \cup I_{3,4}, X = 0 \}$$

$$I_{4,1} = \{ (x \ \widetilde{y})(\widetilde{x} \ y)(z \ \widetilde{z}) : \{x, y, z\} = \{0, 1, 2\} \},\$$

$$I_{4,2} = \{ (0 \ 1)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{1})(2 \ \widetilde{2}), (0 \ 2)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{2})(1 \ \widetilde{1}), (1 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{1} \ 2)(0 \ \widetilde{0}) \},\$$

$$I_{4,3} = \{ (0 \ 1)(\widetilde{0} \ \widetilde{1})(2 \ \widetilde{2}), (1 \ 2)(\widetilde{1} \ \widetilde{2})(0 \ \widetilde{0}), (0 \ \widetilde{2})(\widetilde{0} \ 2)(1 \ \widetilde{1}) \},\$$

$$I_{4,4} = \{ (0\ 2)(\widetilde{0}\ \widetilde{2})(1\ \widetilde{1}), (1\ 2)(\widetilde{1}\ \widetilde{2})(0\ \widetilde{0}), (0\ \widetilde{1})(\widetilde{0}\ 1)(2\ \widetilde{2}) \},\$$

$$I_4 = \{ (x \ \tilde{y})(\tilde{x} \ y)(z \ \tilde{z}), (x \ y)(\tilde{x} \ \tilde{y})(z \ \tilde{z}) \colon \{x, y, z\} = \{0, 1, 2\} \} = I_{4,1} \cup \dots \cup I_{4,4},$$

$$I_{3,i} \cup I_{4,i}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4,$$

all unions of  $I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4$ .

Clearly,  $|I_1| = |I_2| = |I_{3,i}| = |I_{4,i}| = 3$ , i = 1, ..., 4 and  $|I_3| = |I_4| = 6$ . Now, none of  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$  is SI. The following table shows, which of  $J \sqcup K_4$ ,  $J \sqcup K_5$ (J a subgroupoid of I) are subdirectly irreducible. (An empty space means it does not satisfy the condition 4.1(2).)

	$I_1$	$I_2$	$I_{3,1}$	$I_{3,2}, I_{3,3}, I_{3,4}$	$I_3$	$I_{4,1}$	$I_{4,2}, I_{4,3}, I_{4,4}$	$I_4$
$K_4$	-	_	_	_	+	_	_	+
$K_5$	-	—			+			+

Ш	$I_{3,1} \cup I_{4,1}$	$I_{3,i} \cup I_{4,i}$	$I_1 \cup I_2$	$I_i \cup I_j$	$I_i \cup I_j \cup I_k$	Ι
		i=2,3,4		$i \neq j, \ \{i,j\} \neq \{1,2\}$	$i \neq j \neq k \neq i$	
$K_4$	_	_	_	+	+	+
$K_5$			_	+	+	+

**Proposition 6.2.** There are 96 (up to an isomorphism) SI LSLD groupoids with six non-idempotent elements: the 24 without right zeros described in the table above and their extensions by right zeros.

The following table displays the number of SI LSLD groupoids with 2, 4 and 6 non-idempotent elements and a respective number of idempotent elements.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	2	1																		
0	0	1	<b>2</b>	3	4	2														
0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	4	8	16	8	6	12	6	4	8	4	2	4	2

# More non-idempotents.

**Lemma 6.3.** Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 8$ . Then  $K_G/ip_{K_G}$  is isomorphic to one of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ .

$R_1$	0	1	2	3	$R_2$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	3	2
1	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	3	2
2	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	2	3
3	0	1	2	3	3	1	0	2	3

**Proof.** For every  $u \in K_G$ , let t(u) be the number of  $v \in K_G$  such that  $uv \in \{v, vv\}$ . We have t(u) = t(xu) for every  $x \in G$  (because  $xy \cdot z = z$  iff  $y \cdot xz = xz$ ), hence the set  $\{u \in K_G : t(u) = t\}$  is a left ideal of G for every t. Consequently, there is t such that t(u) = t for every  $u \in K_G$  (see Lemma 2.1(1)) and thus all left translations in  $R = K_G/ip_{K_G}$  have the same number  $\frac{t}{2}$  of fixed points. Let us denote the elements of R by 0,1,2,3. Clearly,  $\frac{t}{2} \geq 1$  is an even number. If  $\frac{t}{2} = 4$ , then R is the right zero band  $R_1$ . Otherwise  $\frac{t}{2} = 2$  and we may assume that 0, 1 are the only fix points of  $L_0$ , i.e.,  $L_0 = (2 \ 3)$ . Then  $1 \cdot 0 = (0 \cdot 1)(0 \cdot 0) = 0(1 \cdot 0)$  (left distributivity) and hence  $1 \cdot 0$  is a fix point of  $L_0$ . Therefore  $1 \cdot 0 = 0$  and so  $L_1 = L_0$ . Now,  $L_{2\cdot0} = L_2L_0L_2 = L_2L_1L_2 = L_{2\cdot1}$ . Since  $L_2(0), L_2(1) \neq 2$  and  $L_0 = L_1 \neq L_3$  (because  $L_0(3) \neq L_3(3)$ ), we have  $\{2 \cdot 0, 2 \cdot 1\} = \{0, 1\}$ . Hence  $L_2 = (0 \ 1)$ , because it has two fixed points. Analogously also  $L_3 = (0 \ 1)$ .

**Proposition 6.4.** There is no SI idempotent-free LSLD groupoid with 8 elements.

**Proof.** Since both  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  contain proper left ideals, so does any 8-element SI idempotent-free LSLD groupoid, a contradiction with Lemma 2.1(1).

**Lemma 6.5.** Let G be an SI LSLD groupoid with  $|K_G| = 10$ . Then  $K_G/ip_{K_G}$  is isomorphic to one of  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ .

$R_3$	0	1	2	3	4		$R_4$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4		0	0	2	1	4	3
1	0	1	2	3	4		1	3	1	4	0	2
2	0	1	2	3	4		2	4	3	2	1	0
3	0	1	2	3	4		3	2	4	0	3	1
4	0	1	2	3	4		4	1	0	3	2	4

**Proof.** Proceed similarly as in the proof of Lemma 6.3.

**Proposition 6.6.** There is no SI idempotent-free LSLD groupoid with 10 elements.

**Proof.** Assume that  $K = \{0, 0, 1, \tilde{1}, 2, \tilde{2}, 3, \tilde{3}, 4, \tilde{4}\}$  is an idempotent-free LSLD groupoid, where blocks of  $ip_K$  are the sets  $\{k, \tilde{k}\}$  for every  $k = 0, \ldots, 4$ . Then  $K/ip_K \simeq R_4$  and without loss of generality we put  $0 \cdot 1 = \tilde{2}, 0 \cdot 3 = \tilde{4}, 1 \cdot 2 = \tilde{4}, 1 \cdot 0 = \tilde{3}$ . Then  $\tilde{1} \cdot \tilde{0} = 3, \tilde{1} \cdot \tilde{2} = 4$  and thus  $2 \cdot 0 = \tilde{4}, 2 \cdot 1 = \tilde{3}$ , because  $L_0$  is an automorphism. Also  $3 \cdot 0 = \tilde{2}, 2 \cdot 1 = \tilde{4}, 4 \cdot 0 = \tilde{1}, 4 \cdot 2 = \tilde{3}$ , because  $L_2$  is an automorphism, and the operation on K is determined. We see that  $\rho = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}^2 \cup \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \tilde{3}, \tilde{4}\}^2$  is a congruence on K and  $\rho \cap ip_K = id_K$ . Hence K is not subdirectly irreducible.

**Proposition 6.7.** The following groupoid is the smallest SI idempotent-free LSLD groupoid with more than two elements.

$K_8$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	1	ĩ	2	$\widetilde{2}$	3	$\widetilde{3}$	4	$\widetilde{4}$	5	$\widetilde{5}$
$0,\widetilde{0}$	õ	0	1	ĩ	$\widetilde{4}$	4	$\widetilde{5}$	5	$\widetilde{2}$	2	$\widetilde{3}$	3
$1,\widetilde{1}$	0	$\widetilde{0}$	ĩ	1	$\widetilde{5}$	5	$\widetilde{4}$	4	$\widetilde{3}$	3	$\widetilde{2}$	2
$2,\widetilde{2}$	$\widetilde{4}$	4	$\widetilde{5}$	5	$\widetilde{2}$	2	3	$\widetilde{3}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0	ĩ	1
$3,\widetilde{3}$	5	$\widetilde{5}$	4	$\widetilde{4}$	2	$\widetilde{2}$	$\widetilde{3}$	3	1	ĩ	0	$\widetilde{0}$
$4,\widetilde{4}$	$\widetilde{2}$	2	3	$\widetilde{3}$	$\widetilde{0}$	0	1	ĩ	$\widetilde{4}$	4	5	$\widetilde{5}$
$5,\widetilde{5}$	3	$\widetilde{3}$	$\widetilde{2}$	2	ĩ	1	0	$\widetilde{0}$	4	$\widetilde{4}$	$\widetilde{5}$	5

**Proof.** Subdirect irreducibility of  $K_8$  can be checked easily from the multiplication table and non-existence of a smaller one was proved above.

#### 7. The group generated by left translations

In the last section, we find another criterion for recognizing that a groupoid is not SI or pre-SI.

Let G be an LSLD groupoid. We denote L(G) the subgroup of Aut(G) generated by all left translations in G. For a subset N of L(G) we define a relation  $\rho_N$  by  $(x, y) \in \rho_N$ , iff there exists  $\varphi \in N$  such that  $\varphi(x) = y$ .

**Lemma 7.1.** Let G be an LSLD groupoid and N a normal subgroup of L(G). Then  $\rho_N$  is a congruence of G.

**Proof.** Clearly,  $\rho_N$  is an equivalence on G. Let  $(x, y) \in \rho_N$  and  $z \in G$ . We have  $yz = \varphi(x)z = L_{\varphi(x)}L_x(xz) = \varphi L_x \varphi^{-1}L_x(xz)$ , and so  $(xz, yz) \in \rho_N$ via the automorphism  $\varphi L_x \varphi^{-1}L_x \in N$ . Further,  $zy = z\varphi(x) = z\varphi(z \cdot zx) = L_z \varphi L_z(zx)$ , and so  $(zx, zy) \in \rho_N$  via the automorphism  $L_z \varphi L_z \in N$ .

**Proposition 7.2.** Let G be an SI non-idempotent or a pre-SI idempotentfree LSLD groupoid and let N be a non-trivial normal subgroup of L(G). Then for every  $u \in G$  there exists  $\varphi \in N$  such that  $\varphi(u) = uu$ .

**Proof.** If G is SI non-idempotent, then  $ip_G \subseteq \rho_N$ , because  $\rho_N$  is a nontrivial congruence. If G is pre-SI idempotent-free, one must check (in a view of Theorem 4.3) that  $\rho_N$  is also  $\operatorname{Aut}_2(G)$ -invariant. If  $(x, y) \in \rho_N$ ,  $\varphi(x) = y$ , and  $\psi \in \operatorname{Aut}_2(G)$ , then  $(\psi \varphi \psi^{-1})(\psi(x)) = \psi \varphi(x) = \psi(y)$ , and thus  $(\psi(x), \psi(y)) \in \rho_N$  via the automorphism  $\psi \varphi \psi^{-1} \in N$ .

**Example.** Recall the groupoid  $K_3$  from the previous section. It is easy to calculate that  $L(K_3) = \{id, (0 \ \widetilde{0}), (1 \ \widetilde{1}), (0 \ \widetilde{0})(1 \ \widetilde{1})\}$ , and thus  $N = \{id, (0 \ \widetilde{0})\}$  is a normal subgroup. However, there is no  $\varphi \in N$  such that  $\varphi(1) = \widetilde{1}$ , hence  $K_3$  is not pre-SI by Proposition 7.2.

**Remark.** Let G be a simple LSLD groupoid. Then the subgroup of L(G) generated by all  $L_xL_y$ ,  $x, y \in G$ , is a smallest non-trivial normal subgroup of L(G) and thus L(G) is subdirectly irreducible. This is a result of H. Nagao [6] and it can be proved similarly. However, due to Corollary 1.3, it is interesting in the idempotent case only.

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